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No sideline for Ford; one-liner from Lou

United Press International
Mike Ford has to lug an 18-pound cast around on his leg these days, but that isn't the reason he plans to stay away from the sidelines for the rest of the year.

"I was on the sidelines for our game with Tulane last Saturday and it was tough," said Ford, the Southern Methodist quarterback who will have to sit out the season with a knee injury.

"I don't want to do that again. It isn't any fun when I can't do anything but yell and scream and raise hell."

But even if Ford plans to watch the action from the stands the rest of the year, he is willing to give out some advice following the Mustangs' setback against Tulane.

"I'm not a coach and I'm not a player right now," said Ford, "but I think they ought to let Jim (quarterback Jim Bob Taylor) throw the ball 35 times a game."

"If he throws 10 interceptions they should still let him throw a lot. We need to open the offense some and he hasn't thrown an interception yet."

Ford also had a theory on why some of the Mustangs talented receivers, including senior Emanuel Tolbert, are having a hard time holding onto the ball this year.

"When we worked out this fall we concentrated on the running game," said Ford. "We knew we had to go down to the end of the field and just work among ourselves on the passing game. I think that lack of work is showing up."

Elsewhere around the Southwest Conference Monday, Texas coach Fred Akers was about as happy as he could be with his team's showing in Missouri last weekend, Texas Tech coach Rex Dockery made some lineup changes and Arkansas coach Lou Holtz came up with a one-liner that may not set well with TCU fans.

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Dallas eyeing Eagles

United Press International
DALLAS — Of all the results which drifted in from around the National Football League last Sunday, the one that caught the attention of the Dallas Cowboys was the one that read:

Philadelphia 17, Pittsburgh 14.
Not only did the Eagles keep pace with Washington and Dallas in the NFC East, but they gained a leg up by knocking off the defending Super Bowl champions — a team both the Redskins and Cowboys must meet later in the season.

"We are going to have a dogfight all year," running back Tony Dorsett said Monday. "I thought Philadelphia would be tough all the way and I thought they would give us the most problems in our division. This just shows it."

"Anybody who beats Pittsburgh has an excellent football team."
But the Cowboys might be coming around to being an excellent football team themselves, thanks in part to the continued improvement of Dorsett.

It has been a slow process for Dorsett this year, having to come back from a broken toe. Then, the

first time he gained 100 yards this year he fumbled three times.

But last Sunday in Dallas' 38-13 victory over Cincinnati, Dorsett showed his old form. He threatened to break for a touchdown almost every time he touched the ball and wound up gaining 119 yards on 20 carries without a bobble.

"We played pretty close to our potential against Cincinnati," said Dorsett. "We're not far away from a peak. We played an excellent football game and now we just need to eliminate some of the penalties we have been getting."

"If we can do that we're going to explode."

Even though Dallas' victory came over a team that has not won a game all year, Dorsett felt the manner in which the win was achieved was important.

"After our loss on Monday night I thought that game and our next game (next Sunday against Minnesota) would be important to see how we bounced back. But we practiced with a lot of intensity. We have some pride and we wanted to come back."

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| 2. Alabama (11) (3-0) 562 | 5. Nebraska (1) (3-0) 454 | 14. LSU (2-1) 97 |
| 3. Oklahoma (3-0) 517 | 6. Houston (3-0) 344 | 15. N. Carolina St. (4-0) 70 |
| | 7. Washington (4-0) 289 | 16. North Carolina (3-0) 62 |
| | 8. Ohio St. (4-0) 261 | 17. Missouri (3-1) 54 |
| | 9. Notre Dame (2-1) 259 | 18. Michigan St. (3-1) 29 |
| | 10. Florida St. (4-0) 232 | 19. Tennessee (3-0) 27 |
| | 11. Arkansas (3-0) 185 | 20. Brigham Young (3-0) 24 |
| | 12. Michigan (3-1) 170 | |
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