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# Franklin, Walton lead Philadelphia past Pokes

United Press International  
DALLAS — Backup quarterback John Walton threw for his second touchdown in his four-year career and Texas A&M-ex Tony Franklin kicked the second-longest field goal in NFL history — all in the space of 36 seconds Monday night — to help the Philadelphia Eagles to a 21-10 upset of the Dallas Cowboys. Philadelphia's victory broke a 10-game Dallas winning streak and the Eagles left the Cowboys with a 1-10 record in the NFC East over the Eagles in the Washington Redskins.

Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski, who suffered a sprained wrist late in the first half, hit 6-foot-8 flanker Tom Carmichael with a 32-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter and returned to throw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Carmichael in the second quarter.

Although the Eagles dominated almost all night, a Dallas rally in the game in doubt until the late Wilbert Montgomery, on a 4-and-2 situation, ran 37 yards for a touchdown with 1:01 remaining in the game.

But it was the heroics of Walton and Franklin in the final seconds of the first half that ignited the Eagles, who lost their previous three games and were in danger of falling out of

the division race.

The game was tied 7-7 when, with 1:35 to play in the half, Jaworski fell under defensive end Harvey Martin. Jaworski, in obvious pain, was helped off the field and went to the locker room for X-rays on his wrist. In came Walton, a seldom-used quarterback from Elizabeth City State in New Jersey, who promptly took advantage of a fumbled punt and threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Charles Smith that gave the Eagles the lead.

On the first play following the kickoff, Dallas quarterback Danny White, briefly filling in for a slightly injured Roger Staubach, was intercepted by Philadelphia's Randy Logan.

Philadelphia went nowhere in three plays but Franklin — holder of 19 NCAA kicking records, came in to try a 59-yard field goal. The ball rocketed off Franklin's foot and just carried over the crossbar.

The kick was second only to the 63-yarder by Tom Dempsey in 1970 while with the New Orleans Saints.

Dallas' only scores came on Staubach-to-Tony Hill touchdown passes, the first of them being of 48 yards on the third play of the game and the second being 75-yards in the fourth quarter after the issue had been decided.

# SWC has impressive record

United Press International  
DALLAS — The victory by Southern Methodist over Wichita State last Saturday boosted the Southwest Conference inter-sectional record this season to 18-8-1 and SWC officials said Monday that was the best mark in three decades.

This year's winning percentage is .685 (with bowl games still to go) and the last time the SWC had that good a showing was in 1950, when the conference teams had a

21-9 record, or a .700 percentage. Post-season competition will be counted into this year's inter-sectional record, but even if the SWC should go 0-4 in bowl games this year's percentage would still be the best since 1950.

In addition, the results from the current decade reverse a trend that has been followed since the first SWC season in 1915. In every decade since the conference was founded, the league's non-conference record

has gotten progressively worse. That has been brought about by the improved quality of opposition, the conference replacing such opponents as Meridian, Daniel Baker and Henry Kendall with such teams as Oklahoma, Alabama, USC, Nebraska, Notre Dame and Michigan.

In the 20's the SWC's inter-sectional percentage was .750. It was .689 in the 30's, .643 in the 40's, .610 in the 50's, .533 in the 60's and now, with the 70's drawing to

a close, the conference's won-loss percentage is .574.

During the 70's the SWC experienced only one losing season, a .391 mark in 1971, compared to four losing years in the 60's.

Among the eight teams to defeat SWC clubs this year have been Alabama, USC, Brigham Young, LSU and Alabama. Among the 18 victims have been Oklahoma, UCLA, Missouri and Penn State.

# Little, Hatchett Longhorn heroes

United Press International  
AUSTIN — A week ago Texas quarterback Donnie Little was benched in favor of two freshmen because Fred Akers said the Longhorn signal caller "got rattled" against Texas Tech.

But Little redeemed himself in a 21-13 victory over Texas Tech, and Akers named the Dickinson sophomore the team's outstanding offensive player of the game.

"That was a pressure-packed ball game," Akers said of the victory that propelled Texas back into a share of the Southwest Conference lead and knocked Houston from the list of unbeaten teams.

"It required execution, which he provided; it required leadership

which he provided," Akers said. "His running was good, his execution was good and his passing was good, and the result was on the scoreboard."

Akers called the victory over Houston the "most complete game we've played."

"It involved big plays on offense, big plays on defense and big plays in the kicking game," he said. "There were a lot of obstacles to overcome, and we had to come from behind twice."

Akers said the Longhorn coaching staff had seen no indication in its scouting of Houston that would indicate Texas would be able to block two Cougar punts, and said Texas had a return called when Kenneth Sims blocked the first one.

"After the first one, we called several blocks," Akers said, including the play on which Conny Hatch blocked a punt that set up a Texas touchdown.

Cornerback Derrick Hatchett, who had two interceptions and broke

up three passes against the Cougars, was selected by the Longhorn coaches as the team's outstanding defensive player of the game, even though he was burned in the first half on a 51-yard pass from Delrick Brown to Lonnell Phea.

Texas, now 7-1 for the year, faces TCU Saturday, and Akers emphasized the Horned Frogs no longer are playing like the conference doormat they have been in recent years.

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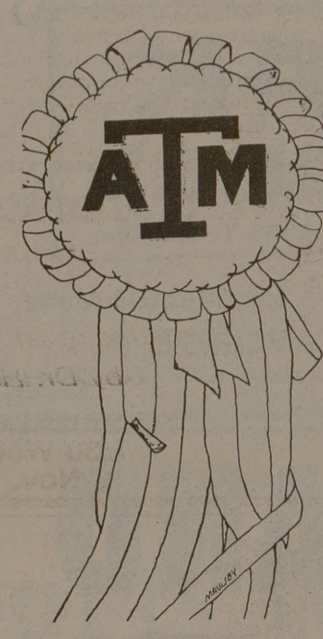
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