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# Pokes, 'Skins tangle Sunday

United Press International  
DALLAS — Washington and Dallas — the best of enemies in the place — will have it all on the next Sunday in Texas Stadium. The Redskins haven't taken long this week to get the previous meeting between the two teams become a popular event.

At the end of the Redskins- Cowboys meeting last month, Washington — with an 11-point lead — called time out in order to let the field goal was kicked and it left a bad taste in the mouths of the Cowboys players.

The coach of the Redskins said on Tuesday he was only trying to

help his team's cause should points become the determining factor in deciding a playoff berth.

"I think it's been proven every week since then," said Washington coach Jack Pardee. "We still don't have a playoff spot wrapped up. It could easily come down to the point differential."

"We certainly don't have any big cushion in any category. I don't consider winning a ball game by 14 points to be any big deal. I don't think we were running up the score."

"We've been in a position the last two weeks to run up the score (against Green Bay and Cincinnati)

and we haven't (although points scored against either team would have benefited Washington just as much as those scored against Dallas). I don't consider a win by 14 points to be running it up."

"Actually I'm critical of the tie-breaker procedure that involves points and running up the score. I think when we played Green Bay we were playing a demoralized team. We probably could have scored on them again. But anything that involves running up a score on someone that is demoralized late in the game, well, I don't like it."

Dallas coach Tom Landry said that although his team has played

much better since its loss to Washington, he didn't think the field goal had so much to do with it as the fact the Cowboys were thoroughly beaten in the game.

"When you are a team returning from the Super Bowl as we are and everybody expects you to do so well and then you start to skid, you have to reach a certain low level before you tend to turn it around."

"I think we reached that level after we lost games to Philadelphia and Washington. If we were going to do anything this year we had to turn it around."

"I don't think that (field goal) had a big effect on us any more than the defeat itself. The field goal might have added more to it in the eyes of some of the players, but I think it was just the way we lost."

"Sometimes you have to have that kind of defeat to make you realize you are not playing quite as well as you thought you were and that things might not work out quite as well as you thought they would in the end. When you come to that realization, then you get one of two choices. You either quit or you start playing."

## Rushing title to be decided on Sunday

United Press International  
ST. LOUIS — Ottis Anderson, the St. Louis Cardinals' prize rookie, has a three-yard lead over Houston's Earl Campbell in the race for the NFL rushing crown.

Campbell needed 112 yards in Monday's night win over Pittsburgh to tie Anderson's total but finished with 109 yards in 33 carries.

Anderson's 140-yard performance in Sunday's victory over the New York Giants pushed his season total to 1,566 yards.

Anderson has said the Cardinals' season finale in Chicago next Sunday will be "Showdown City" with the Bears' Walter Payton, who is third among rushing leaders with 1,453 yards.

There will be a similar showdown in Houston when Campbell, the defending league rushing champion, tries to regain his crown against the Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles' Wilbert Montgomery, fourth in rushing statistics with 1,452 yards, also has a shot at the title.

Anderson leads the top four rushers in average gain per carry with 4.9 yards. Campbell and Montgomery are averaging 4.4 yards per carry, and Payton is at 4.3 yards.

# Bum keeps mum on call

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Houston Oilers coach Bum Phillips would not say today whether an official's ruling against the Pittsburgh Steelers on a critical onside kick was correct or incorrect.

Using sarcasm to answer reporters' questions, Phillips said, "Those are the same officials who decided it wasn't pass interference against Pittsburgh on two plays or that they (Pittsburgh's defenders) didn't hit Earl (Campbell) when he was out of bounds on three occasions."

"Hell, if they were right all those times, they've got to be right on the onside kick."

Houston beat the Steelers 20-17 but Pittsburgh appeared to regain possession of the ball at midfield with a minute to play Monday when the Steelers Larry Anderson caught

a bouncing onside kick.

Side judge Willie Spencer made the Steelers kick again, however, when he ruled the ball was touched by Anderson before it had gone the required 10 yards.

Phillips said films showed Anderson was straddling the 50-yard line when he caught the ball.

"Where your back foot is when you touch the ball is where the ball is," he said.

Houston recovered the rekick and Pittsburgh never threatened to score again.

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# Bears beat McMurry

United Press International  
WACO — Terry Teagle scored 28 points and Mike Battle added 26 points Sunday night to lead Baylor to its second win of the season, an 83-69 victory over McMurry College.

Teagle's 28 points were a college career high and he also had 15 rebounds while Battle captured 17 rebounds to give the Bears their first win in five outings.

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# Basketball Top 20

United Press International  
NEW YORK — The United Press International Board of Coaches top college basketball ratings for the week of Dec. 10, with first-place teams and records in parentheses:

Indiana (38) (3-0)	626
Duke (2) (5-0)	547
Ohio State (1) (2-0)	485
Notre Dame (4-0)	423
Kentucky (4-1)	357
UCLA (3-0)	332
Louisiana State (3-0)	286
North Carolina (3-1)	276
Purdue (4-0)	268
DePaul (1-0)	177
Syracuse (4-0)	167
Oregon State (5-0)	150
Louisville (3-0)	133
Iowa (4-0)	111
St. John's (3-1)	96
Georgetown (3-0)	90
Virginia (4-0)	84
Brigham Young (3-1)	53
Arkansas (4-0)	38
Southern Cal (4-0)	30

Note: By agreement with the American Basketball Coaches Association, teams on probation by the NCAA are ineligible for the top 20 and national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches. Those teams currently on probation for 1979-80 are: Alaska-Anchorage, Auburn, Cincinnati, East Carolina, Memphis State, San Francisco.

# Colts pick up Jim Krahl

United Press International  
BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Colts signed free-agent tackle Jim Krahl Tuesday and placed linebacker Mike Ozdowski on injured reserve for the final game of the year against the New York Giants.

Krahl, a 6-5, 252-pound second-year man from Texas Tech, played with the Colts in 1978 before he was released prior to this season.

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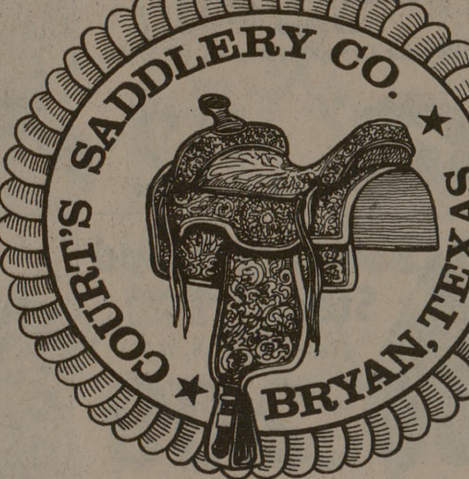
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