

Many schoolboy finals remain Jefferson, Permian win

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Port Arthur Jefferson has rolled merrily through the playoffs until it now has the opportunity to win its second state football championship.

A 20-7 winner over Highland Park in 1944 and a 21-9 loser to it in 1957, Jefferson missed out on a rematch with the Dallas school in Saturday's Class 5A final through the efforts of a feisty Odessa Permian team.

Permian waltzed past Highland Park in the semifinals Saturday, 21-3.

Jefferson's other trips to the championship ended in a tie in 1929 and a loss in 1928. Permian has played in state championships five times since 1965, collecting two titles.

Though Jefferson enters the game at No. 2, four notches higher in state rankings than its Odessa opponent, Permian coach John Wilkins thinks it's time his team got a little recognition, too.

"I want to say this," he said. "We play some good football in West Texas. Highland Park had talked about the teams they've played. Well, we've played some good ones, too—people like Midland Lee and Abilene Cooper. There's some good football out there."

Permian and Jefferson will meet Saturday in Texas Stadium with the winner capturing the most coveted high school championship in the state.

Jefferson applied its normal offensive crusher in its semifinal date with San Antonio Holmes, running away with a 34-7 decision. The victory was spiced by a controversial call that erased a 56-yard run to the Jefferson one-yard line by Holmes quarterback Rene Maldonado.

An inadvertent whistle caused the play to be brought back, with Holmes trailing by a only a 13-0 score at the time.

"It could have been a different game without that call," said Jefferson coach Ronnie Thompson. "I don't think they ever recovered from that."

Jefferson quarterback Todd Dodge threw for 198 yards to run his season total to 2,935. He needs only 47 more to break the career passing standard held by Tommy Kramer.

Two champions were crowned last weekend—Huntsville grabbing the Class 4A crown with a 19-0 victory over Paris and Valley View nipping Rankin, 7-6 for the Class 1A title.

The Class 3A championship will be decided Friday night between Pittsburg and Van Vleck at Kyle Field in College Station and on the same evening Pilot Point will play Tidehaven for the Class 2A crown in Temple.

Huntsville won its first state title since 1953. Current coach Joe Clements quarterbacked that team.

The Hornets captured this year's crown on the running of Nick Fontana and the kicking of Mark Shupak, who hit on two 35-yard field goal tries. The first of them came with eight seconds left in the first half to put Huntsville in front, 3-0.

Fontana scored early in the third quarter on a 1-yard plunge and then sprinted 24 yards for a score with 4:38 to play in the game and wrap up the victory.

Valley View won its first state championship on a fourth quarter 26-yard pass from Allan Kaffen to Danny Windle. The winning drive was set up by an intercepted pass with 7:29 to go in the game.

Rankin had owned a 6-0 lead since early in the second quarter, that touchdown coming on a 14-yard run by fullback Dennis Black, who gained 113 yards on 31 carries. But the point after was missed.

Pittsburg reached the 3A finals with a 35-0 decision over Stamford and Van Fleck routed West, 31-0.

In Class 2A the semifinal games had Pilot Point shutting out Rotan, 14-0, and Tidehaven defeating Forney, 10-0.

Of the four teams in the Class 3A and 2A finals, only Tidehaven has made it to a state title game before. Tidehaven won the Class 1A crown in 1967.

Cards, Brewers head trade action

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Here's a list of player transactions made at the 1980 baseball winter meetings. The San Francisco Giants, St. Louis Cardinals, Milwaukee Brewers, Chicago Cubs, California Angels and Houston Astros improved their clubs in the most active trading session since 1975. In all, 17 deals were made and 58 players on the major league level changed uniforms. There also were six minor league players involved in deals:

Dec. 8 — San Francisco traded pitcher Bob Knepper and outfielder Chris Bourjos to Houston for third baseman Enos Cabell and a player to be named later.

St. Louis traded catchers Terry Kennedy and Steve Swisher, infielder Mike Phillips and pitchers Al Olmsted, Kim Seaman, John Littlefield and John Urea to San Diego for relief pitcher Rollie Fingers, catcher Gene Tenace, pitcher Bob Shirley and catcher Bob Geren.

Minnesota traded outfielder Dave Edwards to San Diego for infielder Chuck Baker.

Dec. 9 — St. Louis traded third baseman Ken Reitz, outfielder-first baseman Leon Durham and a player to be named later to the Chicago Cubs for relief pitcher Bruce Sutter.

Cleveland traded pitchers Victor Cruz, Bob Owchinko and Rafael Vasquez and catcher Gary Alexander to Pittsburgh for pitcher Bert Blyleven and catcher Manny Sanguillen.

Dec. 10 — Detroit traded shortstop Mark Wagner to Texas for pitcher Kevin Saucier.

California traded third baseman Carney Lansford, outfielder Rick Miller and relief pitcher Mark Clear to Boston for shortstop Rick Burleson and third baseman Butch Hobson.

Dec. 11 — The Chicago Cubs traded catcher-infielder Cliff Johnson and minor league in-fielder Keith Drumright to Oakland for pitcher Mike King.

Dec. 12 — Seattle traded pitcher Byron McLaughlin to Minnesota for outfielder Willie Norwood.

San Francisco traded pitcher John Montefusco and outfielder Craig Landis to Atlanta for Doyle Alexander.

The Chicago Cubs traded outfielders Jerry Martin and Jesus Figueroa and a player to be named later to San Francisco for pitcher Phil Nastu and infielder Joe Strain.

Cincinnati traded outfielder Hector Cruz to the Chicago Cubs for outfielder Mike Vail.

Milwaukee traded outfielder Sixto Lezcano, pitcher Lary Sorenson, minor league outfielder David Green and minor league pitcher David LaPointe to St. Louis for catcher Ted Simmons and pitchers Rollie Fingers and Pete Vuckovich.

Oakland traded shortstop Mario Guerrero to Seattle for a player to be named later.

Montreal traded utility infielder Tony Bernazard to the Chicago White Sox for pitcher Rich Wortham.

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — Earl Campbell rushed for 181 yards and two touchdowns Sunday and set a personal single-season rushing mark, hit 18 punts and led the Oilers to a 22-3 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

Campbell scored on runs of one yard and 24 yards and carried 36 times to surpass his total of 1,697 rushing yards last season.

The win left Houston with a 10-5 record. Green Bay slipped to 5-9-1.

Kickers Chester Marcol of the Oilers and Jan Stenerud of the Packers each kicked 27-yard field goals late in the first half and Houston added another touchdown on the final play of the game when John Corker picked up a Lynn Dickey fumble and ran 45 yards to the end zone.

Stenerud's field goal ended the Houston defense's streak of seven scoreless quarters. The Oilers have one 10 successive quarters without allowing a touchdown.

The game was close until Campbell scored on his 24-yard run with

3:27 left. He ran seven times and gained 58 yards in the drive from the Oiler 34.

The Packers committed four costly turnovers — three interceptions and two fumbles. Two of the interceptions and one fumble halted drives deep in Oiler territory.

Green Bay threatened the first time it had the ball, but safety Vernon Perry stopped a drive from the Packers 18, intercepting a Dickey pass on the Houston nine.

Packers linebacker Paul Rudzinski intercepted a Ken Stabler pass with 8:40 left, but three plays later Oilers linebacker J.C. Wilson intercepted a Dickey pass on the Houston 34.

Gerry Ellis' fumble, which was recovered by Houston's Ted Washington on the Oilers' 12, broke up a fourth quarter drive.

Houston held a 9-3 halftime lead on Campbell's one-yard run and Marcol's field goal. Marcol, a former Packer, was signed by the Oilers Saturday to replace the injured Toni Fritsch.

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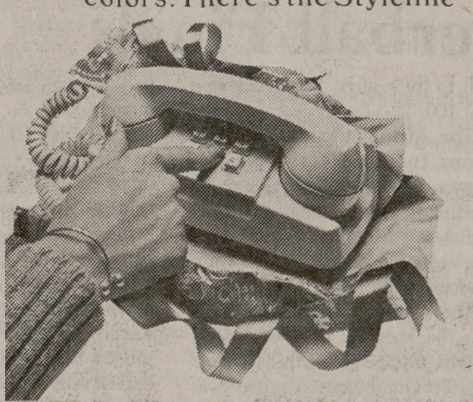
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