

Sports

Although complains to league office

Wilson not using refs as excuse

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Head coach Tom Wilson continued his criticism of officiating in Saturday's 19-17 loss to

Baylor but offered no excuses for his team's performance. "Without question Baylor played its best game of the year. But, I

felt that they won the game because of our inability to hang on to the ball," Wilson said Monday in his weekly press conference.

The Aggies fumbled six times, losing three.

Wilson also said the officiating had a lot to do with the outcome of the game:

"We have not made any excuses and we will not, but the inconsistencies with the officiating played a major role in the game. It was the worst I've ever seen."

Although nothing can be done Wilson said he called the Southwest Conference office Monday to complain about the officiating, particularly on four crucial plays.

One particular play prevented an A&M touchdown. Split end Mike Whitwell caught Gary Kubiak's pass and turned upfield toward the goal, apparently heading for a touchdown. However, one official blew his whistle signaling that he had run out of bounds. Whitwell remained in bounds. Realizing his mistake, the official apologized to the A&M bench, but since the whistle stopped the action the play was dead.

Another play involved safety Billy Cannon. Baylor's quarterback Mike Brannon went deep for Gerald McNeil in the third quarter. As the ball was nearing the outstretched hands of McNeil Cannon came over top and knocked the ball away. However, the official ruled pass interference, giving the Bears the ball at the A&M 17. Four plays later Marty Jimmerson kicked the third of his four field goals to narrow the Aggie lead to 17-16.

Another questionable call involved Thomas Sander's fourth quarter fumble at the Baylor 24. Sander appeared to have recovered the ball, holding it between his arm and chest. However, Baylor linebacker Kevin Hancock landed on top of Sander and Baylor was given the ball at their own 28.

However, the play that was the most controversial and directly influenced the outcome of the game was Dennis Gentry's plunge into the A&M defensive line with about a minute left in the contest at the A&M 13.

The game films show Gentry was hit hard by defensive end Fred Caldwell causing the ball to pop into the air, which linebacker Mike Little caught, apparently ending the Baylor threat.

The officials ruled Gentry was down, much to the disbelief of the

Aggie players and coaches.

"I'm sure that they (the officials) call them the way they see them," Wilson said.

He also said that there were several things that should have been called, on both sides, but weren't.

"We've got two defensive tackles with torn jerseys from being held and tackled by the Baylor offense. A lot of tackling and clipping and nothing was called," he said. "The officiating was very inconsistent."

Asked if he thought it was any one official's inconsistencies, Wilson replied: "I didn't like any of them. I wish they would put only one official in the game, just to make sure the teams are on-side, and let them play."

The conference office said that while Wilson can complain the only thing that could happen would be the future use of the officials.

"There is an observer (from the conference office) at each game to grade the officials," Bill Morgan, information director for the conference office, said. "The next morning he gets together with the officials and go over mechanical errors. There's not much you can do about judgement calls."

Morgan said that if an official grades poorly he won't be hired back next year.

Wilson refused to put the blame entirely on the officials, saying that his team didn't play well enough to win.

"I felt that the outcome of the ballgame resulted from our inability to hold on to the ball," he said.

"Defensively, we didn't play as well as we are capable of playing. I have to give Baylor credit for that."

"It's a very disappointing loss because with a win we could have jumped out ahead in the Southwest Conference race."

LA beats Expos, heads for Series

United Press International
MONTREAL — Fernando Valenzuela, whose talent and calm not seem appropriate in 200 pounds of baby fat, and Rick Monday, a scar-tissue veteran, are heroes today after a day of storybook baseball.

Valenzuela, gritty beyond his 20 years, tossed a three-hitter for 2-3 innings and the forgotten Dodger outfielder clubbed a two-out ninth-inning homer Monday to give Los Angeles a 2-1 triumph over the Montreal Expos and the National League Championship.

The Dodgers meet the New York Yankees tonight at Yankee Stadium to open the World Series. Ron Guidry faces Jerry Reuss in the 11th meeting of baseball's most illustrious World Series rivalry, while the Expos wonder if what happened to them will be believed by their grandchildren.

They were beaten on a brutally cold day in baseball's only French-speaking city by a Mexican rookie for whom snow is a foreign substance and, by a 35-year-old part-time outfielder, who thinking of retirement and is still not sure he saw the ball he hit as left the park. All this after they had taken a 2-1 lead in the series.

Just too much. The Dodger-blue platitudes, hard enough to listen to at any time, were rolling in streams along with the champagne in the locker room.

"This is the greatest comeback ever by a major league team," said Dodger Manager Tommy Lasorda, who may be forgiven for the exaggeration.

Valenzuela allowed three hits, struck out six and walked three before getting relief help from Bob Welch on the final out.

Valenzuela, unused to Dodger emotion, said the experience was "nice."

"I feel very glad that in my first major league season I have done well," he said. "I feel nice to have started on opening day for the Dodgers and started the All-Star game and now be going to the World Series."

Monday, in his 14th season, has a medical record almost as long as his playing days, having battled shoulder, leg, back, and groin injuries since 1977.

He had been thinking he would retire at the end of the season to take up a career in broadcasting. But Steve Rogers, who started the night after eight innings by Ray Burris, threw a hanging slider and suddenly Monday was rethinking his plans, even as he turned the bases.

The Dodger veteran drove a solo shot through the power alley at right center on a 3-1 count.

"When I hit it, I did not know where it had gone until I saw the outfielders at the wall," he said.

"I don't know why I did it, I admit that it sounds a bit ridiculous, but it flashed through my mind that I have a big decision to make when the World Series is over — whether to play ball or go into broadcasting."

"This may change things a little." The loss marred Rogers' splendid October record of four straight wins, including three in the playoffs.

"I think the fact that we have now won a division championship will help smooth over the loss," Rogers said. "I don't think it will have any lasting affect, but right now it seems like Death Valley."

Expos' manager Jim Fanning took the loss graciously.

"I have a terrible feeling for Steve Rogers," Fanning said. "He carried this club. He has now gained a reputation as a big money pitcher. By that I mean he wins when the chips are down."

Fanning's personal feelings, after taking the team from a 1 1/2 game deficit on Sept. 8 to the best finish in its 13-year history, were simple ones.

Montreal seemed to have Valenzuela reeling in the first inning when Tim Lincecum doubled leading off. Raines then beat the throw to third as Valenzuela chose to try for the lead runner on Rodney Scott's sacrifice bunt to the mound.

Scott invited, and eluded, a rundown between first and second in an effort to shake the rookie. The Dodgers started their bullpen. But Valenzuela got Andre Dawson to hit into a double play and Gary Carter lofted a routine flyball to center.

Lasorda said the Dodgers succeeded by shackling the Expos speed at the top of the lineup.

"Those three big guns, we kept them off the bases and kept them from stealing and that is what beat the Expos. We kept Andre Dawson from doing any damage to us. I feel badly for him, though a lot of people don't realize what a great ballplayer he is."

Pearson listed as doubtful for Sunday's Miami game

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DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Drew Pearson has been placed on the doubtful list for next Sunday's meeting with the Miami Dolphins.

The veteran wide receiver was hospitalized Monday with blurred vision in his right eye.

Pearson was involved in a violent collision late in the third quarter of Sunday night's Dallas-Los Angeles game and at the time doctors said the receiver caught a finger in his eye.

Pearson complained of blurred vision Monday when he reported to the Cowboys' training facility and he was initially listed as "questionable" for the Miami game.

But after further examination it was reported he had developed "inner ocular pressure," and he was placed in a hospital for observation.

Among those listed as probable was quarterback Danny White, who suffered a sprain at the point where the left collarbone and breastbone connect.

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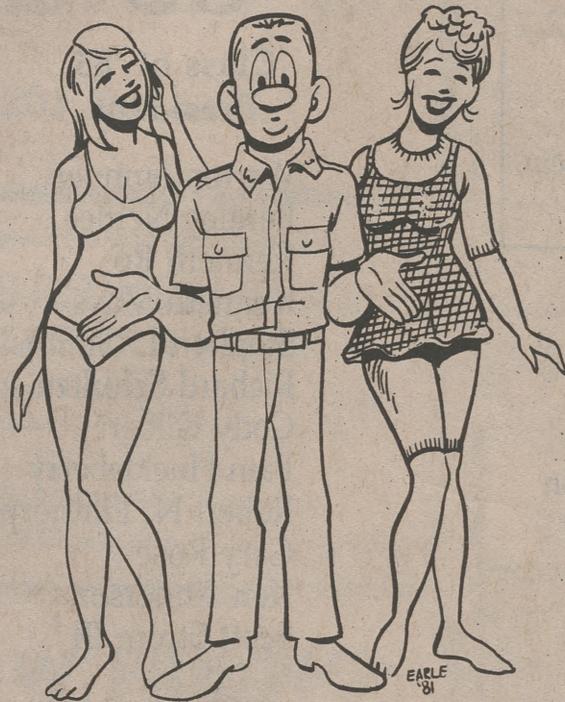
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