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Cowboys beat 'Skins 24-10 as Eagles lose

United Press International
IRVING — Usually at some point fairly late in the season the Dallas Cowboys' alarm clock suddenly clangs to life.

It did so in the fourth quarter Sunday, just in time to kick the Redskins into a high enough gear to win the Washington Redskins and win the kind of game they have a history of losing.

With Washington lurking just behind and working the worst defense in the AFC, the Cowboys pushed the Redskins to "Get Serious."

Over the next few minutes that ranking defense held the Redskins to minus two yards over three possessions and eventually called off the kind of play that Dallas coach Tom Landry is known for.

A trick maneuver that surprised all Redskins and led to a clinching touchdown with 52 seconds left.

The result was a 24-10 Dallas victory that ensured the Cowboys their 16th consecutive winning season, pushed them to within a hair of the playoffs and put the pressure on the Philadelphia Eagles, with whom Dallas is now tied for the NFC East lead.

Over the next two weeks, between their showdown in Texas Stadium, Dallas hosts Chicago (on Thanksgiving Day) and visits Baltimore while Philadelphia must travel to Miami and Washington.

Eagles and Cowboys both had 9-3 while the Redskins are in severe trouble where

the playoffs are concerned.

Although the Dallas-Washington rivalry has faded somewhat the past few years, Sunday's game was worthy of their more hateful days. It was a tough contest that was in question until the final minutes and was perhaps settled not so much by the touchdowns and field goals as by an injury.

The Redskins' Joe Washington, who had accumulated 84 yards on the ground and 47 more in the air during the first half, was knocked out of the game late in the second quarter with damage to a rib cartilage. A key weapon, the most successful one the Redskins had had, was lost for the day and perhaps longer.

Without Washington, the Redskins still had fought to a 10-10 tie through the early portion of the third quarter. Dallas had scored on a 28-yard pass from Danny White to Butch Johnson and a 25-yard field goal by Rafael Septien, while the Redskins had countered on a 7-yard throw from Joe Theismann to Nick Ciacinto (in for Washington) and a field goal of 26 yards by Mark Moseley.

Then, with a drive that took up 5:13 of the third period, Dallas went 80 yards and scored on a 10-yard throw from White to Doug Cosbie — a play that was originally designed for Johnson.

It did not figure that the seven-point lead would be enough, but Washington could not threaten in

the final quarter until Dallas had scored in the final minute on a 1-yard run by Ron Springs.

"We did a good job of stopping a high octane offense that had been playing good ball and scoring 27 or 28 points a game," said Landry. Dallas, which had been allowing an average of 375 yards per game, surrendered 256 to the Redskins while gaining 470 itself. Tony Dorsett picked up 115 yards, but lost his NFL rushing lead and also lost a fumble late in the game just as the Cowboys seemed ready to wrap things up sooner than they did.

Theismann hit on 14 of 34 passes for 158 yards and one poor toss in the first half resulted in an easy interception for Charlie Waters, an NFL leading 29th for Dallas this year.

Swim team strokes past Horned Frogs

By GAYE DENLEY
Battalion Staff
The Texas A&M men's and women's swim teams recovered from convincing defeats Friday at the hands of top-rated SMU to win 21 of 26 events in Saturday's meet against TGU.

Rick Walker posted a time of 4:33.3 for the Aggies to take the 500-yard freestyle competition from the Horned Frogs, almost three full seconds faster than his 4:36.3 that won him second place in the SMU meet.

Walker's 4:33 is competitive with the second-fastest times reported nationally this year, coach Mel Nash said. Steve Lundquist of SMU, the number one-ranked swimmer in the country, had a 4:35.8 to beat Walker at SMU.

"We swam real well the whole meet, but SMU just had a lot more strength than we did," Nash said.

Though they lost the overall competition, the women set a new Texas A&M record in the 400-yard medley relay at SMU. Tracy Johnston, Debbie Scheider, Dee Ann Fowler and Susan Marks stroked a 4:01.05, smashing the old record of 4:07.8 by more than six seconds.

The men outswam SMU in the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, with a time of 3:09.6 that Nash said should rank the Aggies in the national top ten.

Another Texas A&M record fell as the women thumped TCU 73-40, winning nine of 13 events. Marks, Scheider, Beth Henry and Eileen Doull swam a 1:52.34 for the 200-yard medley relay, replacing the old record of 1:53.1.

The men thrashed the Frogs 82-31, with Walker winning the 200-yard medley in addition to the 500-yard freestyle.

"The big thing about the men's meet is that TCU tied us at the conference meet last year," Nash said. "This was our way of saying, 'We'll put you in your place.'"

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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

Four SWC teams in bowl action

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The 1981 season was hardly over for the Southern Methodist Mustangs than they began to think about 1982.

"We are hoping to take this as a building step," said Ron Meyer. "When we talk to recruits we'll show them the Holiday Bowl last season, the Southwest Conference championship this season and then ask, 'what about the national championship?'"

"We'll ask them if they want to be part of it."

But, for the time being at least, the spotlight will fade from the Mustangs and focus on those who are eligible to continue playing during the bowl season.

SMU's probation will keep the Mustangs, who finished 10-1, out of post-season competition this year. But Texas, Arkansas, Texas A&M and Houston will add another game to their schedule this year, the fifth straight year the Southwest Conference will have at least four bowl competitors.

Texas A&M will be the first in action, meeting Oklahoma State in the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., on Dec. 12.

The Aggies, who face rival Texas on Thanksgiving Day, earned their bid with a 37-7 blasting of TCU last Saturday.

Next will come Houston, which takes on Oklahoma in the Sun Bowl on Dec. 26. The Cougars were going to get a Sun Bowl bid win or lose against Texas Tech and for a while it looked like a loss.

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Soccer team places 8th in NCAA finals

The newest women's varsity sport Texas A&M, soccer, showed its past weekend in Chapel Hill, North Carolina that it will be competitive at the national level as well as the state level.

The team finished eighth in the ever NCAA women's national soccer championships.

The Aggie ladies were seeded eighth going into the 12 team tournament. The Aggies stopped number seven seed, University of Cincinnati, 2-1 Thursday to advance to the winner's bracket.

The Aggies scored a goal from

Carol Smith five minutes into the second half after trailing early. Twenty-five minutes later, Carol Gettinger scored the winner on an assist from Smith.

On Friday, the Ags were edged by the number two seed, University of Missouri at St. Louis, 2-0. Missouri had scored 90 goals in the year and had given up only five.

A&M dropped the next game to Harvard and finally were beaten again by the University of Massachusetts 2-0 Sunday morning.

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