

# QB problems

## Oilers' Biles says Nielsen still his No. 1 man

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HOUSTON — There are no hard feelings between the Houston Oilers quarterbacks. Coach Ed Biles' only problem is finding the one who will produce.

"I think it would be safe to say the quarterback play was spotty," he said of Sunday's 24-10 loss to Pittsburgh.

Fifth-year Oiler Gifford Nielsen completed 17 of 39 passes with three interceptions. His only success passing came when he threw to Dave Casper repeatedly on the Oilers' only touch-down drive.

Archie Manning, a season acquisition from the New Orleans Saints, had four of his five passes go uncaught while playing the fourth quarter.

Biles said Nielsen remains the starter but that 12-year pro

Manning will continue to play.

"That's again a play-it-by-ear situation," he said. "Gifford is our starter right now. We feel comfortable with each other and they feel comfortable with each other."

Nielsen said he and Manning got along well and supported each other.

"Let me tell you this — any time Archie Manning is on the field, I'm going to be on the sidelines supporting him," Nielsen said. "I'm going to do all I can to help him as a quarterback, and he does the same for me."

Biles defended his decision to bench Nielsen with a minute left in the third quarter, saying he felt Manning's freshness might provide a big play against the tired Steelers.

However, Manning fumbled

on his second play, and the mistake led to the Steelers breaking a 10-10 tie.

"The fumble magnifies the whole thing completely out of proportion," Biles said at his regular Monday news conference. "It was a tough decision to make with the score tied, but since it was in our game plan (to play both), we decided to stick with it. We felt with Manning fresh, we might have gotten a couple of big plays," he said. In other NFL news, the league's player association has postponed until a later date its vote on the new contract reached with management.

The 1,500-member Players Association was originally supposed to vote on the agreement today, but Ed Garvey, executive director of the NFLPA, has sum-

moned the player representatives to Washington to discuss the agreement before putting it to a vote of the Association.

"The representatives will be meeting in Washington (today) at 9 a.m.," said Frank Woschitz, a spokesman for the NFLPA. "The whole contract will be explained, then they will go back and decide on a date for voting. We still have to get 1,560 copies of the contract printed."

Ed Garvey, executive director of the NFLPA, said he was not certain if the contract would be accepted by the players.

"I have no idea how the players will vote on the proposal," said Garvey. "I don't consider this thing over either way. There's a good chance it'll fail in ratification. If it does, then the issues are narrowed and we can pick up from there."

"If it passes, then the people involved can't lose sight that they have a commitment to build the strength of the union."

### TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



## Ladies

(continued from page 11) she said. "It's a much-improved team over last year. I think one of the favorable things about this year's team is that the variety of players we have allows us to use a variety of offenses."

"We've got the fast break going, even though it's a bit wild at times."

Rapp said the Aggie Ladies must use their tough pre-conference schedule to prepare for this year's first-ever Southwest Conference race, in which Texas, Arkansas and Houston are favored.

"We're looking at these games as experience toward the important aspect of the season, which is conference play," she said. "Two areas we need to work on

are rebounding and utilizing the opportunity to get our fast break going after rebounds. The players also need to learn where they are on the court and where everybody else is on the court."

"We were very pleased with the play we got from (Kelli) Harned off the bench. Janet Duckham has been our most consistent player so far. Our biggest problem tonight was our cool shooting."

The Aggie Ladies will host the University of Texas-San Antonio Monday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7 p.m.

The Texas A&M men's cross country team, participating in the 10,000-meter NCAA meet in Bloomington, Ind., placed 20th in the nation with 589 points. The Aggies had qual-

ified for the meet after placing second in the District VI meet held in Georgetown. The Arkansas Razorbacks won the district meet.

This marked the first time since 1961 that a full Aggie men's cross country team has qualified for nationals.

Wisconsin was a runaway winner with 59 points, while Providence was second with 138.

For Texas A&M, Vince Stan led the way with a time of 32:32 for 130th place. Other Aggie finishes include Jimmy Sterling, 32:38, 132nd; Aaron Ramirez, 32:55, 149th; Andy Elliott, 33:00, 151st, and Jim Bollens, 34:00, 170th.

Aggie coach Ted Nelson said he was pleased with the Aggie season.

## Aggies

(continued from page 11) Panther team will play the SMU Mustangs in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1, would rather enjoy the game than make a prediction about it: "You've got a team that's going to run (SMU) and a team

that's going to put the ball in the air (Pitt), so it should be a game. I'm going to sit in the stands and enjoy it. I'll be watching one team that I built and one team that I've played against."

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