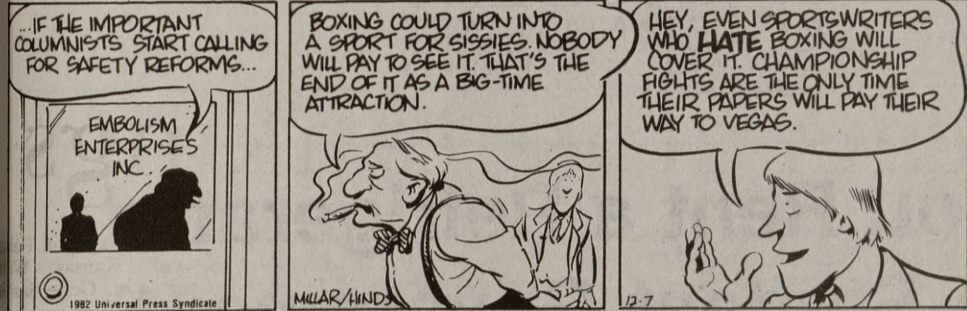


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# Biles says diversification key to Houston offense

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HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers have an 8-13 record card since former NFL rushing leader Earl Campbell became just one of many tools in their offensive game plan, but Head Coach Ed Biles said it is too early to grade his plan.

With the Dallas Cowboys coming to town, offensive "diversification" is still in at the Oilers camp while the days of Campbell carrying the offense are still out, Biles said Monday.

In fact, the team couldn't go back to the successful scheme that ex-Oilers head coach Bum Phillips used because the offensive line is not geared now to do little else but bludgeon defenses up the middle.

"As far as where we're at right now," Biles said, "we're certainly not going to change the direction that we're going. We're going to continue to try to diversify the offense, to utilize Earl the best we possibly can. The diversification is going to pay off dividends in the long run."

His next step in the program started in 1981 is to use rookie running backs Donnie Craft of Louisville, Stanley Edwards of Michigan and Gary Allen of Hawaii in place of Campbell and

fullback Adger Armstrong. "The next step is that the other backs have got to carry the ball," he said.

The Oilers latest loss was 17-14 to the New York Giants Sunday — a game in which Campbell rushed 23 times for 66 yards.

Under Phillips, Campbell carried as many as 39 times in a game behind offensive line personnel obtained to block for his straight-ahead running.

Biles, the defensive coordinator who replaced Phillips in 1981, Monday called that style of play "18th Century."

"The game is changing to where teams use backs for situations," Biles said. He used the Cowboys as an example of a team which substituted many running backs successfully.

"The day of one back carrying 30 times a game is almost nonexistent," he said.

He made his comments to reporters at his regular weekly news conference.

Asked if his philosophy made obsolete the talents of one of the toughest and most durable runners in NFL history, he said, "No, no, no."

"He's involved in a different role and he accepts it. You have got to stay up with the times and

the trends. You can't still play in the 18th Century."

Asked if it was possible that Campbell might run better if utilized more, Biles said, "That's not a concern."

In five games this season, Campbell is averaging 21 carries and 3.8 yards per carry.

Edwards has four carries, Craft two and Allen none.

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ment the past spring, said he couldn't have been more proud of the performance of Oglesby and Briggs.

"I thought we were the best team there, but when you're playing best ball, it's difficult, because there's a lot of luck involved," Ellis said. "If someone gets in a hot streak, then just about anything can happen."

"Fortunately, our guys were hot and played as good as — or even better than — they've played all semester. And also, when one player doesn't do well on a hole, you've got to be able to have his partner back him up. That's exactly what Paul and Danny did — they just teamed real well."

The Aggie coach also said he and his players are pleased to reach their preseason goal.

"We really wanted to play the regular tournaments better, because last year, we played well at conference and at the national tournament, but we didn't play well during the regular season," Ellis said. "We knew we were capable of winning every tournament we played in this semester, and I think we did very well."

So the Aggies' fall went according to plan?

"Very much so," Ellis said, "because we've played in good fields and done very well. Everyone's excited about the spring, but we have to be ready for some tough competition. I told the fellows to enjoy the holidays, but to really keep in contact with the game, because it's going to be a tough spring."

"We're going to have to work very hard. We have the talent to be very, very competitive in the spring, but we have a very tough conference, too."

In the tournament, Texas finished fourth at 210, TCU was ninth at 212, Arkansas was 15th at 217 and Rice and Baylor tied for 16th at 219. During the spring, the Longhorns wound up sixth in the nation and the UCLA Bruins were seventh.

In the same tournament, the Aggie women's golf team finished 10th. Shirley Furlong and Pat Gonzales carded scores of 70, 77 and 69 in the three-day event.

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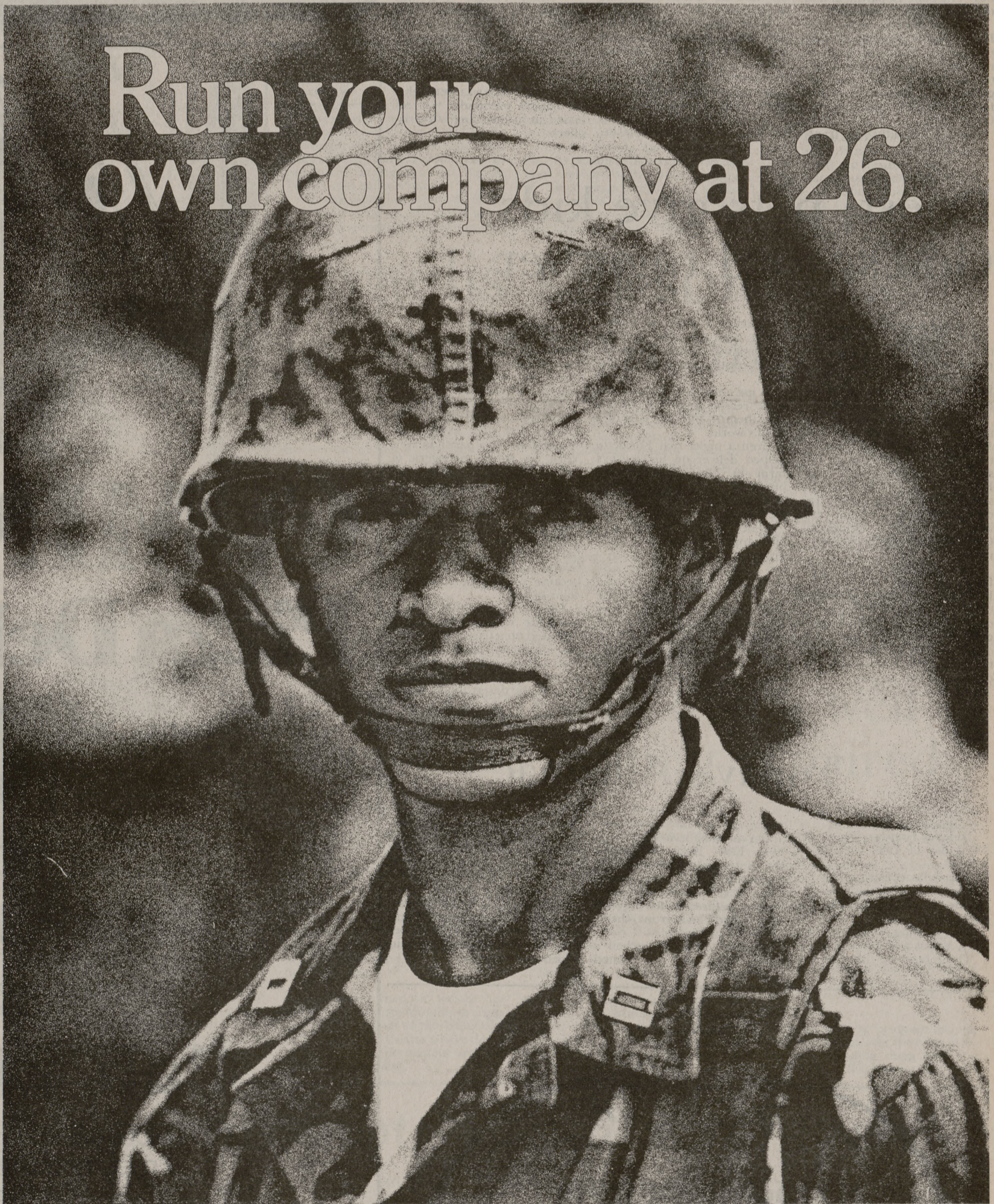
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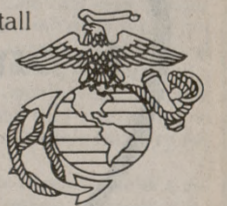
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