

Cowboy-Oiler war offers chance to get 'physical'

Warning! The Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers will tangle on national television Monday night.

Why the warning? Consider the following flashback to an incident that could have happened during the two teams' last meeting.

Fred is a senior horizontal engineering major from Dallas. Alan is a junior party planning major from Houston. Both live in the same dorm, the same room and both are watching the same television set.

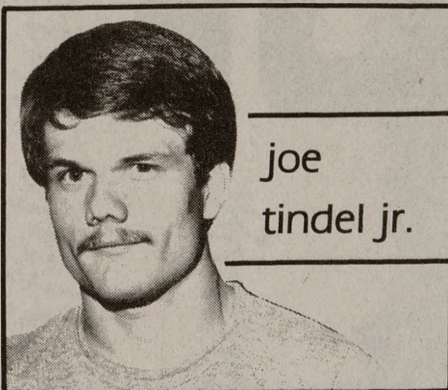
War is imminent. At the end of the game, beer's all over the floor, and so are Fred and Alan. Total destruction.

You'd think a bunch of mature college guys could get together and watch a football game without coming to blows. Some can and some can't. If a particular group in front of a TV Monday night contains both die-hard Cowboys fans and die-hard Oilers fans, chances are good that some sort of mental regression will take place.

Don't take any chances. Dress like the guys on the TV screen if you're in one of these groups. Cowboys fans shouldn't pay any attention to Howard Cosell.

So much for the warning. Now for some soap on this year's war.

Dallas is 4-1, tied with Green Bay and Washington for the NFC lead. Turn the Cowboys' record around and you have the Oilers' story. Although Oiler back Earl Campbell became the 10th most productive



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ground gainer in NFL history during last week's game against the New York Giants, he's averaging only 3.8 yards per carry this year.

Campbell has 393 yards on 104 carries. It seems safe to assume that the Cowboys can safely key on Campbell in the rushing department since the second-place rusher on the team is quarterback Archie Manning, with only six carries for 44 yards.

Manning's passing, on the other hand is a bright spot. The former New Orleans Saints' quarterback has completed 35 of 58 passes (60 percent) for 443 yards. Manning took over Gifford Nielsen's starting spot

during the Oilers' loss to Pittsburgh in the first post-strike game.

A key target for Manning will be tight end Dave Casper, who has caught 17 passes for 248 yards since play resumed after the strike.

Defensively, linebacker Daryl Hunt leads the Oilers with 32 unassisted tackles. Linebacker Gregg Bingham is second with 27 unassisted tackles. Defensive end Jesse Baker has five quarterback sacks and Robert Brazile has four.

The Cowboys' complex offensive attack is looking as sharp as ever. In the passing department, quarterback Danny White has completed 67 percent of his passes for 1,202 yards and 10 touchdowns. His favorite target is Tony Hill, who has caught 25 passes for 405 yards and a touchdown. Wide receiver Drew Pearson has 265 yards on 18 receptions, with three of those being TD receptions.

On the ground for the Cowboys, Tony Dorsett, like Campbell, is only averaging 3.8 yards a carry. But back Ron Springs, who has 34 carries for 178 yards, is averaging 5.2 yards on each tote.

On defense, the Cowboys have a much improved secondary and a pass rush that abused Washington all day in a 24-10 Dallas victory. Defensive back Everson Walls is tied for the NFC lead in interceptions with four. Michael Downs, Dennis Thurman and Dextor Clinkscale have also bolstered the secondary this season.

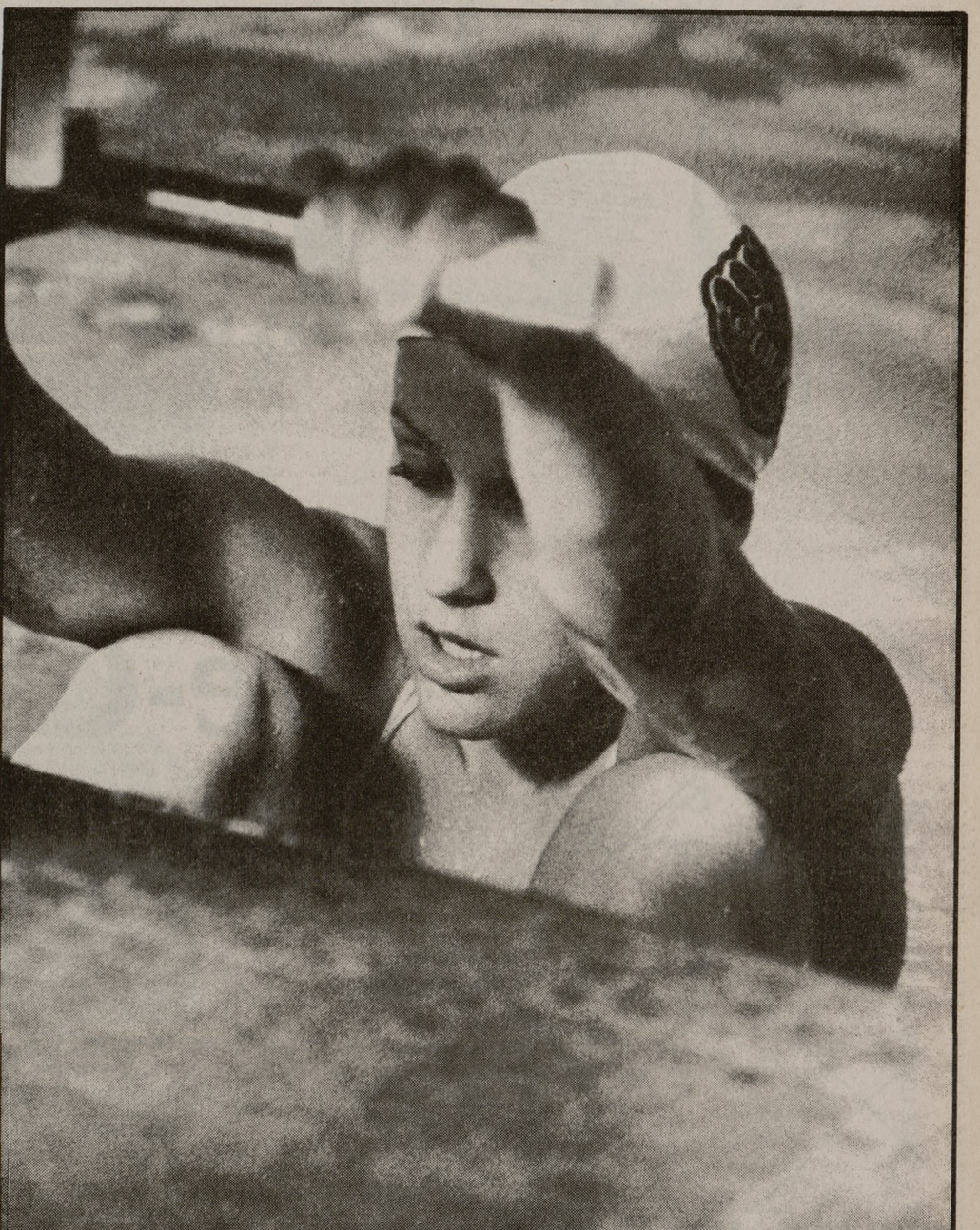


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Ready ... set ...

Eileen Doull, a sophomore member of the Aggie women's swim team, concentrates while in her start position before the 50-yard backstroke. Doull's efforts

helped Texas A&M finish fifth at the Southwest Conference Invitational meet the past weekend in P.L. Downs Natatorium.

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U-6) and 73-67 in 1980 (when the Aggies finished 26-8). Michael Brooks, who plays for the San Diego Clippers, played on the Explorers during the game in 1980 ... LaSalle, despite having a current enrollment of only 3,700, has enjoyed tremendous

success in basketball. Playing in the East Coast Conference, the Explorers finished 16-13 overall in 1981-82, and have a 52-35 record in three years under Coach Dave "Lefty" Ervin. LaSalle lost only three lettermen from last year's squad ... Brown and Marshall, the other

two Marshall Memorial Tournament participants, each return nine lettermen from last year's teams. Marshall, nicknamed the "Thundering Herd," finished 16-11 under Coach Bob Zuffelato, while the Brown Bruins were only 5-21 under Coach Mike Cingiser. Odds are good

that if the Aggies defeat LaSalle, they'll play Marshall in the championship game Saturday night at 8 ... Marshall's starting lineup includes 6-4 forward LaVerne Evans, 6-5 forward Barry Kinkaid, 6-8 low post Charles Jones, 6-5 high post David Wade and 6-foot guard Sam Henry. The Herd has defeated St. Francis (N.Y.) and Brooklyn College and has lost to West Virginia.

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Nebraska center Rimington wins Lombardi

United Press International
HOUSTON — All-America center Dave Rimington of Nebraska has added the Lombardi Award to an already crowded trophy room.

Rimington, 22, of Omaha, Neb., who had won two Outland trophies previously, was named the outstanding lineman in college football Thursday night.

As he raised the 40-pound, block-of-granite trophy listing the 12 previous winners, the 290-pound Rimington said: "Of all the years of weight training, this is probably the most important 40 pounds I've ever lifted."

Rimington's blocking helped the No. 3-ranked Cornhuskers become the top rushing team in America this past season. Nebraska won 11 of 12 games and earned an Orange Bowl berth as champion of the Big Eight Conference. His last game for Nebraska is New Year's Day against Louisiana State.

Also honored at the dinner for the four Lombardi finalists were Arkansas defensive tackle Billy Ray Smith, Southern California nose guard George Achica and Arizona State linebacker Vernon Maxwell.

Rimington was the second Nebraska player to win the Lombardi. In 1972, Cornhusker nose guard Rich Glover won it. No school has ever had three winners.

Rimington was only the third offensive player the Lombardi Award committee has ever honored. He gained so much attention this year that Smith, the son of former Baltimore Colts all-pro Billy Ray Smith, failed to win the Lombardi despite becoming a finalist for the second straight year.

Oddly, Rimington was not among the top 12 vote getters for the Lombardi in 1981 despite winning the Outland Trophy, which goes to an interior lineman. (The Lombardi considers linemen, linebackers and tight ends).

The Lombardi Award is named in honor of the late Vince Lombardi, a former coach of the Green Bay Packers and Washington Redskins, who died of cancer in 1970.

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