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know.' I guess I was more or less feeling sorry for myself, and he told me, 'You can sit there at home and gripe about what happened to you, or you can turn around and get back up here and prove to people what you're capable of doing.'

That's always stuck in my mind. I got in my car that day and I drove up here, and ever since that day I made up my mind that I was going to work my butt off and prove to people that I could play and that I could be a leader on the field. I guess that's what kept me going the past two years and more or less turned my football career around and got me back on the right foot.

It happens to a lot of athletes, especially in college. Everybody that comes here is a stud out of high school — used to getting the good treatment — and then all the sudden there's going to be somebody better than you. And if you don't have enough inside of you to keep working until your turn comes to play, your going to end up falling off the wayside.

Q. What was your most memorable moment as a quarterback at Texas A&M?

A. There's not really a particular one. We had the days when we threw six touchdowns, and those will always be remembered. I feel like I was a part of the turn-around when Coach Sherrill came in. I see the direc-

tion that the program is heading, and knowing that I was a senior the year that it kind of started, that means something to me. And I think being a part of Coach Sherrill and the great coaching staff he's assembled here has been more of a highlight to me than anything I've ever done on the football field.

I do have one regret that I'll always have. I've always dreamed of playing Texas on a Thanksgiving day for the right to go to the Cotton Bowl.

Q. If you had picked another school — one with a pass-oriented team at that time — do you think you would have been more visible to the pro scouts by now?

A. Whether it would've happened or not, we'll never know. But if I had it to do over again, I'd do the same thing, because I got a quality education, and playing for Coach (Tom) Wilson and getting a chance to play for Jackie Sherrill for one year has done more for me than maybe any other school could have done.

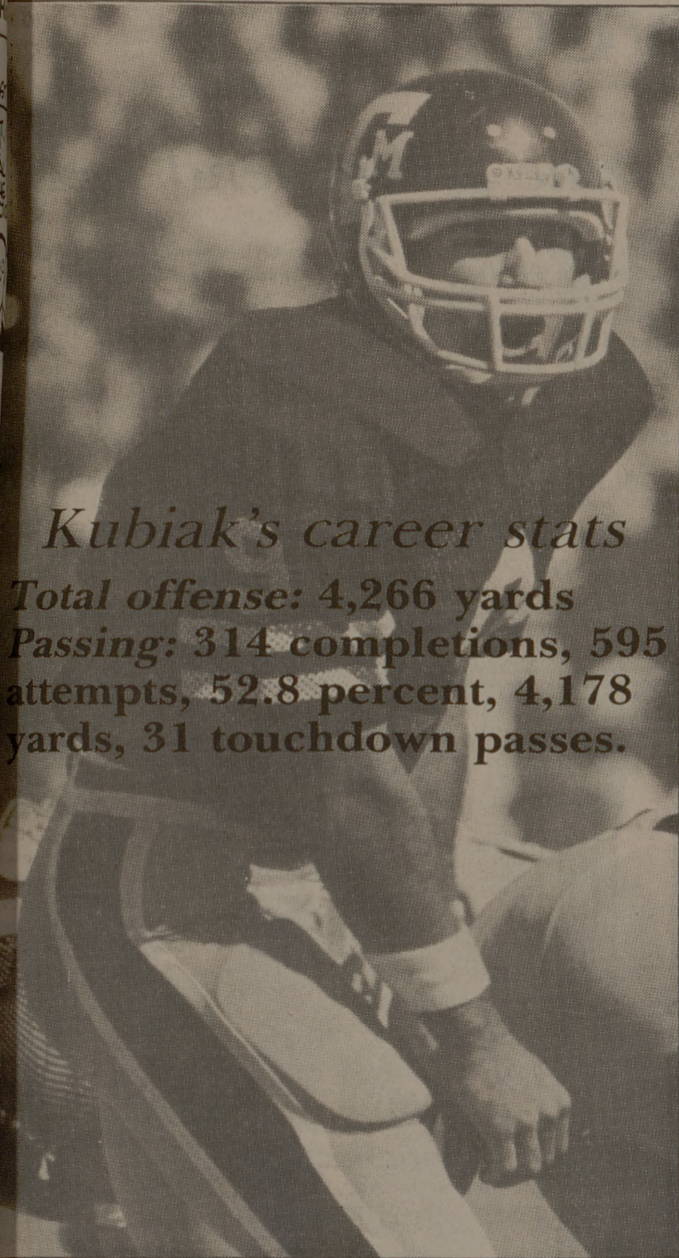
A year ago I would never have dreamed I was going to get a chance to be in Hawaii playing in the Hula Bowl and in the Blue-Gray game. And I think that had a lot to do with Coach Sherrill's influence.

Q. How much importance do you place on playing pro ball?

A. I never have counted on it. I'm just about through with

school, and I've always wanted to go into coaching. That's what I had planned on — staying around here and working with the team next year and finishing up school. But now that I feel like maybe I have the chance, I don't want to cut myself short. I don't want to start doing something else and think back, 'Could I have played?' I want to give

myself a shot, and if it doesn't work out, it doesn't work out. It won't bother me. I'm just going to kind of go with that attitude and get in shape and give it my best shot.



Kubiak's career stats

Total offense: 4,266 yards
Passing: 314 completions, 595 attempts, 52.8 percent, 4,178 yards, 31 touchdown passes.

Super Bowl week opens

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — Although both clubs claim they haven't received their due attention, the Washington Redskins and Miami Dolphins will be subjected to a severe case of media warm for the rest of the week.

The AFC champion Dolphins have been through three previous Super Bowls with Coach Don Shula, winning two and losing one, but the Redskins are making their first appearance in the league's showcase game in a decade.

Both clubs arrived in California late Monday night, due to transportation delays, and the Dolphins were received enthusiastically when their bus pulled up at the Newport Beach hotel. Shula, noted as a disciplinarian, stressed the lighter side of Super Bowl week.

"The important thing is the players enjoy it and not get uptight about it," Shula said. "We have a lot of young players who haven't experienced the increased media attention. I told them to try and give as much time as they can to the media without letting it take their attention away from the game."

The NFC champions, with George Allen at the helm, lost to Miami 14-7 in Super Bowl VII as the Dolphins completed the only perfect season in NFL history. This season, with Joe Gibbs a consensus choice as Coach of the Year, the Redskins have lost just once in 12 games and enter Sunday's matchup in the Rose Bowl with seven straight victories — and underdog status.

The Dolphins, 10-2, have been established as 3-point favorites behind their "Killer Bee" defense that blanketed the New York Jets, 14-0, in the conference championship game.

"We're one of the best defenses in the NFL and it's a shame we haven't gotten the credit we're due," says linebacker A.J. Duhe, who intercepted three Richard Todd passes, returning one for a 35-yard score. "Maybe we'll be noticed after we win the Super Bowl."

The Redskins like to link themselves to the Rodney Dangerfield "No Respect" image, too.

"Other people can make decisions on how good we are," Gibbs says. "I'd be kidding if I said we didn't feel slighted so far."

Washington ranked second to Miami in total yardage allowed, but the Redskins actually yielded fewer points

than Miami during the regular season and they shut down the Dallas attack Saturday in a 31-17 triumph in the NFC title game.

The victory was a typical one for the Redskins, in which John Riggins bulled for 140 yards, special teams set up two touchdowns and the defense applied the clincher with consecutive fourth-quarter interceptions.

"We did what we had to do to win," says center Jeff Bostic.

who helped cave in the Cowboys' interior defensive line on Riggins' thrusts up the middle.

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