

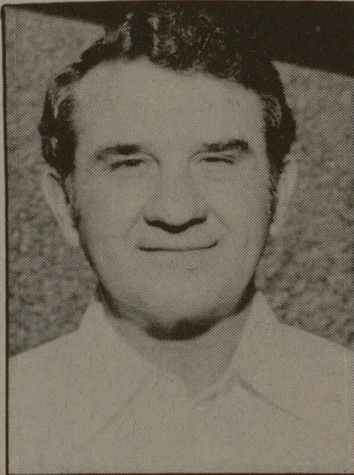
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Loss to Bucs scares Oiler coach Studley

United Press International
HOUSTON — Houston Oilers interim head coach Chuck Studley said Monday the team's latest loss has all but removed him from consideration as the Oilers full-time head coach after this season.



Houston's Studley says he won't be rehired

Over several weeks, Dallas Cowboys assistant coach Gene Stallings has been mentioned in published reports most often in connection with the Oilers head coaching job.

Studley was elevated from defensive coordinator when Ed Biles resigned as head coach Oct. 10. The team's 33-24 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Sunday in a game matching teams with 1-11 records dropped Studley's record as interim head coach to 1-5.

The Oilers have three games remaining this season against Miami, Cleveland and Baltimore.

Studley, at his regularly scheduled news conference, said he went into the Tampa Bay game with "slim and none" chances of becoming the permanent head coach.

"Now there's just one of those alternatives left," he said.

Studley said a head coach's job is to get his players ready psychologically to play, and he has failed to do that. He described himself as "despondent" about the events since he became a National Football

League head coach for the first time.

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"It's hard when you work 30 years in a profession and you get an opportunity — limited as it might be. It's very difficult to watch that opportunity dissipate before your eyes like a wisp of smoke. It's not an easy thing to accept," he said.

"That's the way it is. I'm a realist. I understand," he added.

The game last Sunday was derogatorily labeled the "Repus" bowl by the media because the two teams had two wins between them. That name refer-

red to Super Bowl spelled backward.

Studley said an Oiler win was "pivotal" to his retaining the job.

In the game, the Oilers committed four turnovers and were unable to stop a Bucs' offense that had been held scoreless in the nine previous quarters.

Oilers General Manager and Executive Vice President Ladd Herzog maintained a six-week silence about the team's future head coach.

"We said at the time Ed resigned that we were not going to make any decisions or any comments until the season is over, and that still is our position," Herzog said.

With a 1-12 record, the Oilers have the inside track to the No. 1 choice in the next NFL draft. That possibility gave Studley no solace.

Studley was asked near the end of the news conference why he seemed to be talking as if his tenure as interim head coach was in the past tense.

"I've spent a lot of time thinking about this, as anyone does thinking about his future — someone who's in my position when the clock is running," he said. "I know a decision is going to be made after the season. I sort of felt this game was pivotal. Maybe it isn't. I'm speculating. I won't be a party when the decision is made."

Marino throws 3 TD passes

Miami beats Bengals, 38-14

United Press International
MIAMI — Rookie Dan Marino drilled three touchdown passes, two to Mark Duper, Monday night to lead the Miami Dolphins to a 38-14 rout of the Cincinnati Bengals.

The victory was especially satisfying for Miami coach Don Shula, who only a few hours earlier announced he had signed a multi-year, multi-million dollar contract with owner Joe Robbie. Shula's previous contract was set to expire in February.

Miami's sixth victory in seven games raised the Dolphins to 9-4 and gave them a two-game edge on Buffalo in the AFC East with just three games remaining. Cincinnati suffered its second loss in the last six games and dropped to 5-8, ending any playoff hopes.

Marino, who has led the Dolphins to a 6-2 record since taking over as a starter Oct. 9, completed

18-of-29 passes for 217 yards.

He opened the scoring with a 7-yard flip to Duper, a speedy second-year receiver and then added a 15-yarder to Duper and a 3-yard scoring toss to tight end Dan Johnson. Tony Nathan, whose 22-yard halfback option pass to Bruce Hardy set up Johnson's TD, scored Miami's second touchdown from a yard out in the second quarter. Uwe von Schamann added a 47-yard field goal and Andra Franklin closed the scoring on a 5-yard run with 6:02 left.

Cincinnati's first score came early in the second quarter on an 80-yard pass from Ken Anderson to Isaac Curtis. Pete Johnson plunged over from a yard out with 17 seconds left in the half to make it 17-14 at intermission.

The final 30 minutes belonged to the Dolphins. The second-half scores by Duper and Johnson

were both set up by Cincinnati mistakes.

Duper's 15-yarder came after Cincinnati punter Pat McNally shanked a 20-yarder, giving the Dolphins possession on the Bengals' 42. Johnson's score was set up when William Judson intercepted an Anderson pass on the Cincinnati 38. Franklin's 5-yard score came one play after Marino found Joe Rose for a 37-yard gain.

The Dolphins took a 7-0 lead with 6:16 left in the opening quarter when Marino escaped from pressure, rolled to his left and hit Duper in the left corner of the endzone for a 7-yard touchdown. Miami began the drive on the Cincinnati 44 when Mark Clayton returned a punt for 15 yards and then fumbled the ball ahead for 14 more, with Robert Sowell recovering for the Dolphins.

The Dolphins made it 14-0 after safety Glenn Blackwood reco-

vered a fumble by Johnson at the Bengals' 37. Six plays later, Nathan crashed over from a yard out for the score 11 seconds into the second period.

On the first play from scrimmage following the ensuing kickoff, Anderson found Curtis down the left sidelines for a TD bomb that pulled the Bengals within 14-7. Curtis caught the ball past the Dolphins' secondary and raced untouched into the end zone.

Von Schamann's 47-yarder made it 17-7 with 4:11 left in the half after Marino fired a 43-yard strike to Duper, but the Bengals answered just 17 seconds from intermission.

Johnson's 1-yard plunge made it 17-14 three plays after a 48-yard completion from Anderson to Cris Collinsworth, who made a spectacular diving catch on the Miami 6-yard line.

UT volleyball team begins NCAA play against Lamar

United Press International
AUSTIN — The 10th-ranked University of Texas women's volleyball team will host Lamar University in the first round of the NCAA women's volleyball championships Saturday.

The top seed in the south regionals, No. 1 Hawaii, has a buy in the first round. No. 6 Kentucky, the second seed in the region, hosts North Carolina, while No. 13 Tennessee travels to Metro champ Florida State in first round matches.

Hawaii will meet the winner of the Tennessee-Florida State match, while the Texas-Lamar winner faces the Kentucky-North Carolina winner.

The semi-final meetings are scheduled for Dec. 10 in Austin, with finals the following day. The regional winner will advance to the Final Four in Lexington, Kentucky, Dec. 17 and 19.

Texas, 32-8 on the year, was the Southwest Conference champion for the second consecutive year.

Texas A&M, which finished second to Texas in the SWC race,

did not receive an at-large bid to the tournament following its defeats in the LSU Invitational last weekend. The Aggies were hoping an upset win at the tournament would propel them into the NCAA tournament, but lost that chance when they went 1-3 in Baton Rouge, La.

Bradshaw

Steelers' quarterback's comeback called 'premature' by Coach Noll

United Press International
PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers Monday termed "premature" reports that veteran quarterback Terry Bradshaw would be reactivated.

Bradshaw returned to Pittsburgh Monday following 10 days of special medical treatment designed to ease the pain that has bedeviled him all year following elbow surgery last March.

The Shreveport (La.) Journal reported in a copyright story that the treatments could allow Bradshaw to return to action as early as Sunday and quoted members of the medical staff that treated Bradshaw as saying he was now pain-free.

"I think as I told those people (journal reporters) that report is premature," said Steelers publicist Joe Gordan. "When Bradshaw left to go to Louisiana last week it was with the understanding that he would return after 10 days, and the 10 days are up now."

"As far as evaluating him, Coach Chuck Noll's position all along has been that when he can throw, he can help us."

Bradshaw and Noll have been the center of controversy during the past two weeks in Pittsburgh with numerous reports of a rift between them.

Noll reportedly said he didn't want Bradshaw on the sidelines or in the pressbox during games and

that if Bradshaw couldn't throw he was of no use to the team. Bradshaw reportedly responded by calling Noll "impossible," and complaining he no longer felt a part of the team he led to four Super Bowl championships.

However, Noll said Monday he did not think there was a rift until he "read it in the paper."

"We have normal operation — he's trying to get well, we want him to get well and he's not well yet," Noll said.

Asked if Bradshaw would have a place on the team when he recovers, he said this question or next, Noll replied, "No question about it."

Longtime backup Cliff Stoudt has been at quarterback all season, with the team winning nine of its first 11 games despite an inconsistent offense. The Steelers were upset the past two weeks due to injuries to key offensive players, which led to a total breakdown.

Stoudt has thrown 17 interceptions, including three in the 45-3 loss to the Detroit Tigers — the Steelers' worst loss in 36 years. Stoudt aggravated a back problem in the game and spent two nights in the hospital, but Gordan said Stoudt was expected to be ready for Sunday's home game with Cincinnati.

In Shreveport, Bradshaw was treated with a device that alters the electric activity of cells to reduce pain. The Journal said Brad-

shaw spent Saturday throwing footballs with members of the medical staff treating him.

"If he wants to play he can," said R.C. McCoy, a member of the medical staff. "He cannot injure himself by throwing."

"(He) was throwing bullets. He was blistering my hand and I had him throwing against the wind from about 50 yards."

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SMU surges past SU Pirates, 90-71

United Press International
DALLAS — Sophomore guard Carl Wright touched off an SMU surge early in the second half with an alley-oop slam dunk Monday night that carried the Mustangs to a 90-71 win over Southwestern.

SMU, a consensus pick to finish behind powerhouses Houston and Arkansas, was outbounded by the smaller Pirates in the first half led by just four at intermission, 36-32.

The Mustangs still led by just four after the two teams had exchanged two baskets each to start the second half.

But then Wright took a pass

from Butch Moore and slammed it to start the Mustangs on their way to a 15-2 streak. Wright added two baskets and a free throw during that stretch in addition to feeding Larry Davis for another dunk.

SMU won its second game in as many starts while the Pirates slipped to 3-3.

Davis led the Mustangs with 22 points while seven-foot center John Koncak had 17. Moore scored 13 and Wright finished with nine.

Southwestern, now 3-3, was led by the 16 points of guard Andra Higgs.

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