

# Lomax riddles Dallas in offensive barrage

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 IRVING — The St. Louis Cardinals were filled with hope and promise when the season began and on a bright, mild Sunday at Texas Stadium they displayed every bit of it.

With Neil Lomax and Roy Green riddling the Dallas secondary, the Cardinals posted a rare road win over the Cowboys. And they did it with style.

St. Louis piled up 477 yards total offense and Lomax threw for 354 of them — completing third-quarter touchdown passes of 70 and 45 yards to Green to secure a 30-21 victory.

It was only the second time the Cardinals had ever won at Texas Stadium and the first time in seven years.

In so doing St. Louis evened its record at 3-3 and moved to within a game of the NFC lead, which the Cowboys share with a 4-2 mark.

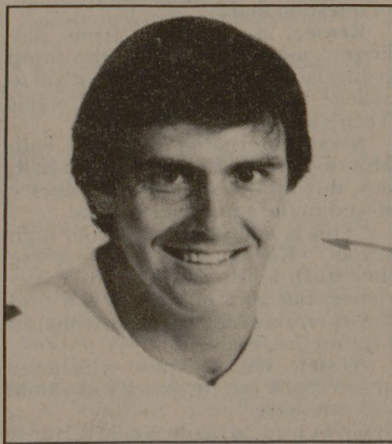
"We know that to compete with Dallas and Washington and the other great teams, we have to beat them sometimes," said Lomax.

"We haven't done that for six or seven years. This team worked hard during the offseason for games like this. This just shows what we can do when I get some time to throw. Roy is going to get open."

St. Louis not only moved the ball all day but frustrated the Cowboys' offense to the point where Dallas coach Tom Landry replaced quarterback Gary Hogeboom with Danny White.

White came in with his team trailing by 18 points and marched the Cowboys 98 yards to a touchdown.

The Cardinals owned a 14-13 halftime lead, which they added to



Cowboys' Danny White

in the third period with a 22-yard field goal by Neil O'Donoghue.

Then, on St. Louis' next possession, Lomax caught Dallas on a blitz, hitting Green on the dead run. Green broke a tackle by Victor Scott and completed a 70-yard play.

Green caught his 45-yarder with 1:39 to play in the third quarter two plays after Tony Dorsett fumbled the ball away, for the Cowboys' third turnover of the day.

St. Louis also scored on its first possession of the day on a 20-yard throw from Lomax to tight end Doug Marsh and struck again in the second quarter on a 3-yard run by Stump Mitchell — a score set up by a 44-yard Lomax-to-Green pass.

Lomax, coming off what coach Jim Hanifan said was his best game as a pro against Miami last week, set the stage early with a 25-yard completion to Pat Tilley on the game's

third play and consistently burned the Cowboys on third down.

Green finished the day with eight catches for 189 yards, averaging 23.6 yards per catch.

St. Louis' one point halftime lead might have been larger had some of the trickery the Cardinals tried during the first two quarters paid off. But three attempts at surprise plays by St. Louis failed.

The first came midway through the first quarter when, on third-and-1 from the Cardinals' 44, Lomax tried to catch Dallas off guard with a deep pass.

Instead of playing a short-yardage defense, however, the Cowboys' secondary was in a deep zone, and Lomax wound up throwing an incomple-

tion. Then, on the next play, St. Louis faked a punt with Mitchell taking a short snap from center only to run into Dallas safety Michael Downs for a four-yard loss.

In the second quarter with the game tied, St. Louis lined up for what appeared to be a 52-yard field goal try only to have holder Benny Perrin throw a shovel pass to tight end Greg LaFleur. St. Louis needed three yards for the first down but lost a yard on the play.

Two St. Louis mistakes late in the first half also allowed Dallas to get into position for Septien's second field goal of the game.

With 45 seconds left in the half, Hogeboom hit Mike Renfro with a 30-yard pass that carried to the St. Louis 42, after which 15 yards was added for a personal foul penalty called against the Cardinals' Leonard Smith.

# Bengals bumble their way to victory over sad sack Oilers

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CINCINNATI — Rookie Boomer Esiason, making his first NFL start, scored the game's only touchdown on a 3-yard quarterback draw Sunday to lead the previously winless Cincinnati Bengals to a 13-3 victory over the still winless Houston Oilers.

It marked the first NFL victory for rookie Cincinnati head coach Sam Wyche, whose Bengals are now 1-5. Houston's record dropped to 0-6 and the Oilers' NFL record for consecutive road losses was extended to 21 games.

Esiason, a former star at the University of Maryland, completed 13-of-24 passes for 159 yards and had two interceptions in playing the entire game in place of the slightly injured Ken Anderson.

Esiason's touchdown came in the third quarter. Jim Breech kicked a 33-yard field goal for Cincinnati in the second period and then sealed the victory with a 22-yard field goal with only two minutes left in the game.

The only score Houston could manage was a 24-yard field goal by Florian Kempf in the third quarter.

The first half was filled with missed opportunities and would have been scoreless had Breech not managed to kick a 33-yard field goal just three seconds before halftime.

Only two minutes into the game, Cincinnati's Charles Alexander fumbled away a pass reception at midfield but all Houston could do was run three plays and punt.

Cincinnati's second position ended on a desperate note when Esiason had to throw the ball away from his own end zone to avoid being tackled for a safety.

The Oilers took the biggest gamble of the game late in the first period — and lost. On a fourth and goal at the one, Houston went for a touchdown but Stan Edwards was thrown for a loss by the entire left side of the Bengals' line.

Midway through the second quarter, Cincinnati's Mike Martin returned a punt 55 yards to the Houston 38 but the Bengals could not mount a drive. A 51-yard field goal try by Breech was blocked by Mike Stensrud.

A few minutes later, Cincinnati had a first down at the Houston 19 but an Esiason pass was intercepted

by Willie Tullis at the Houston six.

The lone scoring drive of the first half began with just 69 seconds left. Highlighted by Esiason's passes of 27 yards to Cris Collinsworth and 13 and 10 yards to M.L. Harris. The Bengals moved 53 yards in seven plays to set up a 33-yard field goal by Breech with just three seconds to go.

Carl Roaches returned the second half kickoff 49 yards to the Cincinnati 47 to set up a 24-yard field goal by Kempf that tied the game 3-3. Houston had a first and goal at the five on the drive, but lost two yards on the next three plays and had to settle for the field goal.

Cincinnati then drove 70 yards in 10 plays for the only touchdown of the game with 3:01 left in the third period. The key play in the drive came on a first-and-15 at the Houston 32 when Esiason lofted a 26-yard pass to Stanford Jennings. Two plays later, Esiason went into the end zone untouched on a three-yard draw play to give Cincinnati a 10-3 lead.

The Bengals' victory was sealed when Breech kicked his 22-yard field goal with two minutes left in the game.

# Payton gains 12,313th yard; breaks all-time NFL record

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CHICAGO — Chicago Bear running back Walter Payton broke Jim Brown's NFL career record rushing mark Sunday against the New Orleans Saints, surpassing the former Cleveland Brown running back's mark early in the second half.

Payton went past Brown on his 17th carry with 14:03 remaining in

the third quarter on a pitch from quarterback Jim McMahon. Payton ran around left end and was brought down at the Chicgao 27 to break Brown's mark of 12,312 yards.

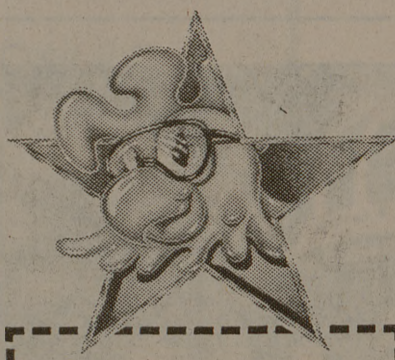
A sellout crowd at Soldiers Field gave Payton a standing ovation. National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle issued a congratulatory statement from Buffalo.

Payton's record run came on the

2,795th attempt of his career.

Brown, in nine seasons with the Cleveland Browns, gained 12,312 yards in 2,359 carries. Entering Sunday's game with New Orleans, Payton had 12,246.

Payton's 154 yards on 32 carries and one touchdown Sunday brought his total yardage to 12,400 in 2,809 carries. The Bears defeated the Saints, 20-7.



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