

Cowboys hope for White magic

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IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys and Indianapolis Colts meet Sunday with Danny White returning as quarterback for Dallas. The two teams meet to determine, among other things, which of them has any witchcraft left over from their magical wins of a week ago.

Dallas is a 10-point favorite, although the Cowboys have beaten only one team by that many points all year.

"Every game we play is a tough game," said Dallas Coach Tom Landry, whose team managed to complete the first half season tied for the NFC East lead. "It doesn't make any difference who we play. We are not scoring touchdowns and therefore we are in a battle every week."

"Indianapolis runs the ball very tough and we haven't stopped the run for three weeks," Landry said.

The Cowboys inability to stop the run helped the New Orleans Saints roll to a 21-point advantage going into the fourth quarter last Sunday night. Somehow, Dallas rallied to tie the game and eventually win it in overtime.

The Colts had to come from almost as far down as Dallas did last weekend to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers. But they did so in a much more spectacular fashion.

Pittsburgh was in front by 16 points entering the last quarter, but

the Colts stormed back with the winning touchdown. It came on a deflected pass that Ray Butler picked off and carried in for a touchdown with 34 seconds to play.

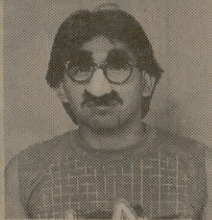



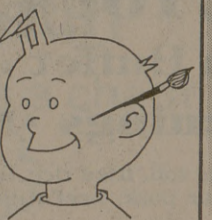
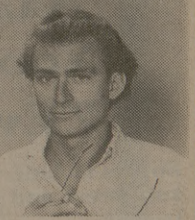
Dallas enters the game tied with Washington and St. Louis at 5-3 for first place. Indianapolis is 3-5 and in need of a string of victories if it hopes to have a chance at the playoffs in the Colts first year in their new home.

The game also marks the first start of the year for White, who was deposed as the Cowboys starting quarterback at the beginning of the season. General ineffectiveness by Gary Hogeboom, plus a bang on the wrist Hogeboom suffered during the Cowboys' comeback win over New Orleans, combined to give White a chance this week.

White helped lead the three-touchdown rally against the Saints, although much of the work was done by the Cowboys' defense and special teams.

"We have to use the quarterback we are comfortable with," Landry said. "Danny was part of a good thing the other night (against the Saints) and I hope it carries over."

"I've tried to explain it all year that we have to use our two quarterbacks if we are going to win this season."

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Indianapolis at Dallas	Cowboys by "11" again	Cowboys by 1	Cowboys by 1	Pokes by a White	Cowboys by 7	Cowboys by 7	Cowboys by 14
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Eighth Week Totals	Overall: 66-30, Pct. — .688	Overall: 64-32, Pct. — .666	Overall: 63-33, Pct. — .656	Overall: 62-34, Pct. — .645	Overall: 60-36, Pct. — .625	Overall: 59-37, Pct. — .614	

Oilers pray for win against Bengals

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HOUSTON — There's optimism in the Oilers camp.

Just three weeks ago the Oilers lost 13-3 to the Cincinnati Bengals. The 0-8 Oilers will host the 2-6 Bengals Sunday to start the second half of the NFL season.

In between, the Oilers have shown marked improvement against two of the best teams in the league.

The big hope in players, coaches and fans is that this week will see the

Oilers win. Even the public relations office is throwing caution to the wind in its releases.

"All systems are 'GO' for the second half of the NFL season for the Houston Oilers," the latest release says. "The Oilers have dropped back-to-back games to the Miami Dolphins and the San Francisco 49ers the past two weeks but in so doing proved to themselves that they can play with anyone in the NFL."

One of the improvements has

been in quarterback Warren Moon, in his first NFL season after leading the Edmonton Eskimos to five Canadian Football League championships.

"He's hit 72 percent of his passes in the last two games — that's higher than anybody in the league," Coach Hugh Campbell said Thursday.

Campbell admitted that there has been some pressure from manage-


ment because of the Oilers' dismal record.

"It's tough, but on the other hand I'd rather be coaching a team like this that's young and getting better every week, than a team that's 4-4 and should be better," he said.

Campbell said coaches and players see a light at the end of the tunnel and when they reach it, they will enjoy it more because of the struggle it took to get there.

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