

# Oilers win at last

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It took 11 weeks but Houston finally struck oil on the Moon.

Warren Moon, the \$6 million quarterback of the Oilers, rushed for one touchdown and passed for 180 yards and another score in a 17-16 victory Sunday over the Kansas City Chiefs, thus ending Houston's NFL record string of 23 consecutive road losses.

It was Houston's first road win since a 9-3 triumph over the Cleveland Browns Sept. 13, 1981 and its first victory after 10 straight losses this season. It also snapped an overall 11-game losing streak dating back to the 15th game of the 1983 season when the Oilers beat Cleveland, 34-27.

"This win will help us more than it would most teams," Moon said.

"It's a confidence builder for a very young football team. Most of the guys here are in their first and second years and this proves to us we can win with this coaching staff, with this quarterback and with this football team."

Nick Lowery kicked a field goal in each of the first three quarters to stake the Chiefs to a 9-7 lead. But Houston nose tackle Mike Stensrud recovered a fumbled snap from center by K.C. quarterback Todd Blackledge at the Oiler 45 with 62 seconds left in the third period.

Moon capitalized by driving the Oilers 55 yards in eight plays for a 14-9 lead with his 1-yard touchdown run. Moon scored one play after beating a full Kansas City blitz with a lob pass over the head of cornerback Greg Hill to Tim Smith for a 25-yard gain.

Joe Cooper closed out the scoring for the Oilers with a 44-yard field goal with 1:34 left in the game to give Houston a 17-9 lead. That enabled Houston to absorb a 4-yard touchdown pass from Blackledge to Henry Marshall with 26 seconds left in the game.

Moon threw his touchdown pass to tight end Jamie Williams in the second quarter and finished the day 19-of-26 as the Oilers gave Coach Hugh Campbell his first NFL victory.

"I think this one will really help Warren," Smith said. "Whenever he has played a good game in the past, it was still a loss. None of us could feel real good about any of our previous performances because we didn't win the game. But he can savor this one. We can all savor it."

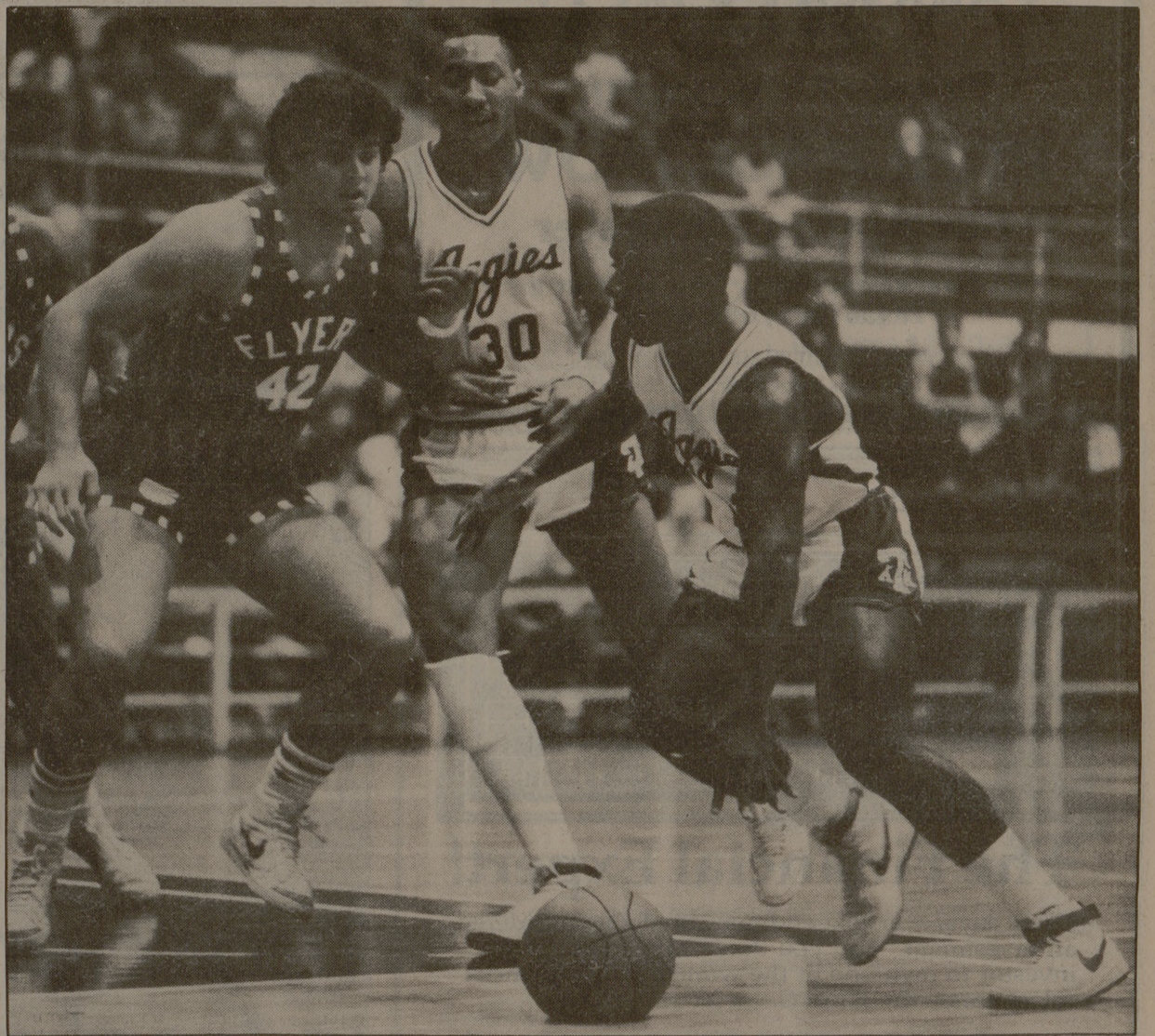


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Texas A&M guard Todd Holloway drives the lane, while center Jimmie Gilbert (30) fights for position inside with Houston

AAU Flyer Nick Cucinella (42). The Aggies won their exhibition opener with the Flyers Saturday night in G. Rollie White, 95-89.

# Dallas snatches critical win from shuffling Cards

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ST. LOUIS — Gary Hogeboom fired a 26-yard touchdown pass to running back Ron Springs midway through the final period Sunday to give the Dallas Cowboys a 24-17 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The win gave Dallas a 7-4 record and a share of first place in the NFC East with the Washington Redskins. St. Louis fell to 6-5 with the loss and is a long shot for even a wildcard berth in the playoffs.

Dallas broke a 17-17 deadlock after cornerback Victor Scott inter-

cepted a Neil Lomax pass that bounced off Cardinal wide receiver Roy Green. Dallas took over at the St. Louis 37 and Hogeboom found Springs three plays later.

Hogeboom finished with 12 completions in 32 attempts for 147 yards and two touchdowns and two interceptions. Lomax was 27 of 54 for 387 yards also with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

St. Louis came back from a 17-7 halftime deficit to tie it at 17-17 midway through the third quarter on a 30-yard field goal by Neil O'Donoghue.

The big play in the 56-yard drive was a 28-yard pass from Lomax to tight end Doug Marsh.

The Cardinals took the second-half kickoff and marched to a touchdown to cut the Cowboys' lead to 17-14. Lomax hit Green at the 1 with a 24-yard pass, and on the next play threw to Randy Love in the end zone for the score.

Dallas capitalized on a blocked field goal and a fumble recovery for two touchdowns in the first half.

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