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## Redskins bake Poke turnovers

United Press International

IRVING — Washington turned four Dallas turnovers into 17 points during the third quarter Sunday and produced the game winning score on a 1-yard touchdown run by John Riggins to beat the Cowboys, 30-28, and take the lead in the NFC East.

The Redskins failed to sew up a post-season berth, despite their 10-6 record, but would clinch the division title next Sunday with a win over the fast charging St. Louis Cardinals.

Dallas, meanwhile, found itself in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for the first time since 1974. To make the post-season chase, the Cowboys (9-6) would have to beat the Miami Dolphins while both the Cardinals and Los Angeles Rams would have to lose.

Dallas jumped to a 21-6 halftime lead on a series of big passing plays from Danny White, but Washington's Darrell Green intercepted a White pass in the opening moments of the third quarter and ran it back 32 yards for a score.

That play ignited the Redskins, who promptly recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and converted it into a 22-yard touchdown pass from Joe Theismann to Calvin Muhammad.

A 21-yard field goal by Mark Moseley late in the third quarter following a fumble by Dallas' Timmy Newsome put the Redskins in front for the first time all day at 23-21. After the Cowboys briefly seized the lead 28-23, Washington won the game on Riggins' 1-yard scoring run with 6:34 to play.

The only Washington points during the Dallas dominated first half came on field goals of 31 and 34 yards by Moseley.

The Cowboys fell despite a 327-yard passing day from White and eight quarterback sacks recorded by the Dallas defense.

White threw touchdown passes of 6 yards to Doug Donley, 2 yards to Doug Cosbie and 60 yards to Mike Renfro in the first half and then, after Washington had taken its first lead, completed a 43-yarder to Tony Hill for another score.

After Riggins scored his touchdown, the Cowboys moved the ball to midfield, but, needing only a field goal to win, they could not manage another first down.

Dallas also gained possession at its own 28 with 1:58 to play, but again the Cowboys failed to move the ball, and their last hope faded when White's pass to Ron Springs sailed behind the intended receiver.

Theismann completed 17 of 31

passes for 205 yards, while White was good on 22 of 42 passes for 327 yards.

Riggins went over the 100 yard mark for the fifth time this year, a personal high. It was the 22nd time he had surpassed the 100-yard plateau as a Redskin, setting a club record.

The first half turned out to be the best 30 minutes of football the Cowboys had played all year with both the offense and defense turning in big plays to build the Dallas lead.

White completed 13 of 18 passes during the opening two quarters for 212 yards and drove the Cowboys 80, 77 and 80 yards for their first-half touchdowns.

The key play in the opening touchdown drive was an 11-yard throw to Newsome on a 3rd-and-8 situation from the Redskins' 28. Newsome held onto the ball despite being blasted by two Washington defenders.

On Dallas' second touchdown drive, the Cowboys struck for back-to-back big gainers — a 39-yard screen pass to Tony Dorsett followed by a 30-yard run by Newsome to the Redskins' 8.

Dallas' third touchdown was its most startling with Renfro, one of the slower receivers in the NFL, beating Green, a world-class speedster, for the score.

Renfro put a move on Green at midfield and quickly opened a 5-yard gap. Renfro caught the ball at the 25, shook off Green's would-be tackle and then loped into the end zone.

The Cowboys' defense, meanwhile, continually put pressure on Theismann and the Redskins were fortunate they did not lose the ball deep in their own end of the field in the final moments of the second quarter.

Theismann fumbled the ball at his own 20 with a minute to play in the half after being sacked by Ed Jones, but Washington guard Russ Grimm outfought a number of Cowboys for the ball.

On the next play Joe Washington fumbled, but the ball rolled right to Theismann, who fell on it at the 16.

The Redskins also were fortunate early in the third period when Dallas' Bill Bates dropped an interception which he could have turned into a touchdown.

Washington was forced to punt after that play, and three plays later, Green scored his touchdown with an interception that sparked the Washington comeback.

## Rams' Dickerson romps over Oilers

United Press International

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Eric Dickerson romped for 215 yards and two touchdowns Sunday, breaking O.J. Simpson's NFL single-season rushing record with his finest pro performance in leading the Los Angeles Rams to a 27-16 victory over the Houston Oilers.

Dickerson, in his second year out of Southern Methodist, needed 212 yards entering the game to surpass the 11-year-old mark set by Simpson in a 14-game season with the Buffalo Bills. Dickerson picked up 106 yards in the first half and 41 more in the third quarter.

With 3:12 left in the game, he took a handoff from Jeff Kemp — his 353rd carry of the season compared to the 332 Simpson needed to get 2,003 yards — and followed a block by tackle Bill Bain and picked up nine yards and the record.

The fans erupted in celebration and Dickerson's teammates swarmed onto the field to congratulate him. He left the game at that point and sat on the bench, clutching the ball he carried to the record.

It was Dickerson's 12th 100-yard-plus game of the year, also surpassing the NFL record. That mark of 11 was held by Simpson and Earl Campbell.

The win left the Rams with a 10-5 record and in solid position for an NFC wildcard playoff berth. Houston fell to 3-12.

Dickerson scored on runs of 7 and 6 yards and the Rams' first TD came

on a 57-yard pass from Kemp to Drew Hill. They added field goals of 35 and 19 yards from Mike Lansford. Houston's points came on a 4-yard TD run by Larry Moriarty and field goals of 21, 42 and 18 yards by Joe Cooper.

Trailing 20-13, the Oilers took the second-half kickoff and drove to the Los Angeles 3. But Houston was stopped on three running plays and settled for an 18-yard field goal by Cooper that made the score 20-16.

But Dickerson's 6-yard TD scamper gave the Rams a 27-16 lead and, in the closing minutes, Vince Newsome intercepted a Warren Moon pass that killed a Houston drive and gave Dickerson the chance to set the record.

The Rams were without defensive end Jack Youngblood, whose 201-game playing streak, the fifth-longest in NFL history, ended because of a pinched nerve in his back. He had started in 180 consecutive games.

Los Angeles jumped out to a 7-0 lead just 1:52 into the game when Kemp hooked up with Hill for the 57-yard TD pass, but Houston cut the deficit to 7-3 midway through the opening period on Cooper's 21-yard field goal.

Dickerson scored on a 7-yard run with 4:28 left in the quarter, boosting the Rams' lead to 14-3. After recovering a Moon fumble, the Rams increased their lead to 17-3 on Lansford's club-record 12th consecutive field goal — a 35-yarder.

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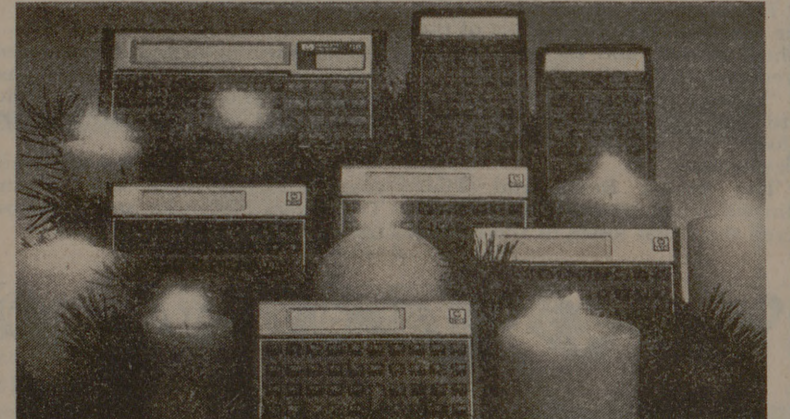
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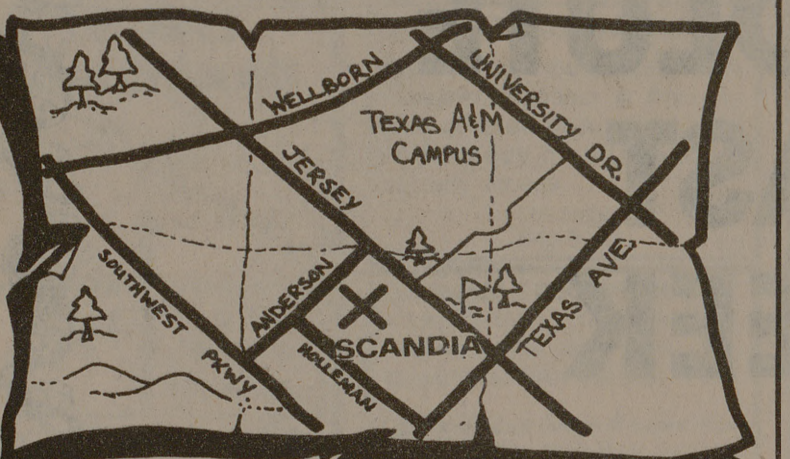
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