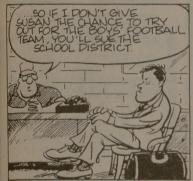
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Newcomers, holdouts smiling over Oilers' win

newcomers, late-reporting holdouts and quarterback Warren Moon's lecturing skills all received partial credit Monday for the team's surprising season opening upset of the Miami Dolphins.

Moon, a quiet leader on and off the field last season, decided last Friday it was time to get vocal and spoke out at a team meeting about positive thinking and encouraged the Oilers to believe in themselves.

Houston lost 10 straight games last season and finished 3-13. The Oilers were 1-4 in preseason games this season, but Moon got his point

The Oilers beat the Dolphins 26-23 in their National Football League opener Sunday

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"I felt we had too many players from winning college programs not to have a positive attitude about our-selves," Moon said. "I think I got my point across. Collecting a paycheck isn't what it's all about around here."

The Houston running game showed new sparkle with newcomers Butch Woolfolk and Mike Rozier, and the return of training camp holdout fullback Larry Moriarty.

Wide receiver Drew Hill, obtained



added speed to the lineup and took pressure off steady receiver Tim Smith.

First-round draft choice Ray Childress started his first pro game at de-fensive end and was in Miami quarterback Dan Marino's face in the first series, deflecting one pass.
Woolfolk, obtained from the New

York Giants in the off-season, caught an 80-yard touchdown bomb from Moon and Rozier, who spent the past two seasons in the United States Football League, scored his first two NFL touchdowns.

They shared playing time and said they liked it that way.

"The running game was successful the way we did it today and if that hadn't worked, we've got other op"I'm not worried about playing time. If we win the game, that's what's important.

Rozier, who isn't in a starting role for the first time as a pro, said "I'm comfortable when we win and uncomfortable when we lose. That's the difference.

Houston Coach Hugh Campbell thinks it's a good system that he doesn't plan to change.

'We had a lot of offense and it was easy to keep them happy," Campbell said. "I know both of them are better when Larry's in there than if they were in the game at the same time."

It will be rare to see all three run-

ners in the game, Campbell said. "I don't know how to get them both in there with Larry unless we run the wishbone," Campbell said. Campbell said the victory was im-

portant because the Oilers proved to themselves that they could come back and win. Houston recovered from a 13-0 deficit in the first half and fought back after trailing 23-19 late in the game.

Moon thought the victory doubly

"We played so hard in our opener last season for three quarters and ended up losing," Moon said. "I think that had an effect on the rest of our season.'

Shocker: A&M spikers lose to Sam Houston

In an upset similar to the Dallas Cowboys 30-point victory over the Washington Redskins, the Texas A&M volleyball team lost its first game of the season Monday night. An even greater shock was the fact that the loss came at the hands

of Sam Houston State 18-16, 17-15

Terry Condon's team was expected to easily defeat the Bearkats, but on the first game day found itself with a 0-1 record.

The Aggies, who lost only three

games all of last season, will not have much time to regroup before traveling to Illinois Friday for the Southern Illinois Tournament.

A&M will get another shot at Sam Houston on Sept. 24, the Aggies' first home game of the season.

1985 A&M Football Schedule

Sept. 14 — at Alabama (Birmingham, Legion Field) — 6:45 p.m.

Sept. 21 - NORTHEAST LOUISIANA - 6 p.m.

Sept. 28 - TULSA -- 6 p.m.

Oct. 5 — at Texas Tech (Lubbock, Jones Stadium) — 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 12 - HOUSTON - 2 p.m.

Oct. 19 — at Baylor (Waco, Baylor Stadium) — 7:00 p.m

Oct. 26 — at Rice (Houston, Rice Stadium) — 2 p.m.

Nov. 2 - SMU - 2 p.m.

Nov. 16 - ARKANSAS - 2 p.m.

Nov. 23 — at TCU (Fort Worth — Amon Carter Stadium) — 2 p.m.

(All game dates and times subject to change for TV)





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