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Cowboys stifle Steelers with 'patented' Dorsett

Associated Press

IRVING — Tony Dorsett idolized the black and gold of the Pittsburgh Steelers when he was a kid, but the Dallas Cowboys' running back made National Football League history against his childhood heroes Sunday.

Dorsett joined the 10,000-yard career rushing club Sunday, leading the Cowboys to a 27-13 victory by rushing for 113 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

He capped the day with 5:27 left to play when he reversed his field and scored on a 35-yard run.

"It was a patented Dorsett move," Dorsett said. "They tried to cut me off so I just cut back across the field — even Danny White threw a block."

"It's a thrill to reach 10,000 yards, particularly against the Steelers," he said. "I followed the black and gold when I was young and, if I had to write a script, I would write it getting the mark against them."

Dorsett grew up in Aliquippa, Pa., just 30 miles from Pittsburgh.

Dallas Coach Tom Landry said, "It was just a tremendous accomplishment. I was glad to see him do it in the fashion he did it. He made some amazing plays out there. And he made a great catch on the touchdown pass from Danny. Nobody seems to know he is also a good receiver."

Dorsett called his 56-yard touchdown pass reception from White "my secret weapon. Coach Landry told me to go deep and not hook back like I usually do on that play. It worked."

Pittsburgh Coach Chuck Noll said, "Dorsett had a great day and he's to be congratulated for reaching such a milestone."

The Cowboys' first victory over the Steelers since 1972 increased their NFC East Division-leading record to 5-1, while the Steelers of the AFC Central dropped to 2-4. Dallas has a two-game lead in the East.

Dorsett joined Walter Payton, Jim Brown, Franco Harris, O.J. Simpson and John Riggins in the exclusive 10,000-yard club on a 19-yard run with 6:16 left in the third period.

The former Heisman Trophy winner from the University of

Other Sunday NFL scores:

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Pittsburgh accepted the applause of the sellout crowd of 62,932 and his teammates then handed the ball to Dorsett and shook his hand.

Dorsett, who carried 21 times, finished the game with a career total of 10,102 yards. Although he was held to only three yards on nine carries in the first half, he made the Steelers pay in another way.

He slipped behind linebacker David Little, caught a White pass over the shoulder at the Steeler 30, and completed a 56-yard pass-and-run play for a touchdown.

The second-quarter play erased a 3-0 Steeler lead which came on Gary Anderson's 48-yard field goal.

Browns 21, Oilers 6

HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers pressured Cleveland rookie quarterback Bernie Kosar through two quarters of his National Football League regular season debut, holding him to three pass completions.

Then it was Kosar's turn. On his first pass of the third quarter, Kosar scrambled out of the pocket and hit Clarence Weathers with a 68-yard touchdown bomb that rallied the Browns to a 21-6 victory over the Houston Oilers Sunday.

After struggling with three completions in 12 attempts for 44 yards in the first half, Kosar, substituting for injured Gary Danielson, hit five of seven passes for 164 yards in the second half.

"I was looking forward to this game," Kosar said. "Our game plan was the same throughout the game. We just executed better the second half."

The touchdown bomb loosened up the Oilers, Kosar said.

"I felt the touchdown pass took the pressure off the whole team and gave us all a lift," he said. "Once they knew we could go deep, they couldn't stop our running game."

Weathers was his favorite target, catching three passes for 146 yards.

"He was so wide open, I just didn't want to overthrow him," he said. "They line up in a blitz, but got out of it into a zone. I gave Clarence the signal and we executed the play."

Weathers said his touchdown came after an earlier attempt to run the same play.

"Bernie had called the play earlier but I couldn't run it," Weathers said. "But he felt like I could do it. The pass was perfect and they may have misjudged my speed."

The Oilers, plagued by lack of quarterback protection this season, allowed only two sacks in the first half before the dilemma returned.

Oiler quarterbacks Warren Moon and Mike Moroski were dumped seven times for 41 yards in losses.

Cardinals run over Dodgers

St. Louis loses Coleman in bizarre accident

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals, shocked by a bizarre runaway tarpaulin accident that felled Vince Coleman, rebounded with a record-setting 12-2 victory over Los Angeles Sunday night behind the pitching of John Tudor. The victory evened the National League playoffs at two games apiece.

Tito Landrum, Coleman's replacement in left field, had a record-tying four singles and drove in three runs in his first start in the playoffs.

Landrum, a playoff hero for Baltimore in 1983, and Jack Clark set league playoff records with two hits apiece in the Cardinals' nine-run second inning, and Terry Pendleton drove in three runs in the inning. The Cardinals had eight hits in the inning, all singles, and sent 14 men to the plate.

The Cardinals wound up with 15 hits that included the four by Landrum, three more by Clark and two apiece by Ozzie Smith and Cesar Cedeño. Clark also scored three times.

Tudor, the loser in Game 1 at Los Angeles, retired the first 14 Dodgers batters and had a no-hitter going until Steve Sax doubled to lead off the sixth. Tudor, 21-8 during the season, allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out five through seven innings. He lost his shutout when Bill Madlock led off the seventh with a home run.

The Cardinals, meanwhile, dispensed with Dodgers starter Jerry Reuss in their big second inning, the second straight playoff game the Dodgers failed to get a starting pitcher past the third inning.

The Cardinals kayoed Bob Welch in the third inning Saturday as they beat the Dodgers 4-2 in Game 3.

The Cardinals will send Bob Forsch, 9-6, against Game 1 winner Fernando Valenzuela, 17-10, in Game 5 here on Monday. The best-of-7 series shifts to Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Coleman, who stole 110 bases during the season and is a key element in the Cards' breakaway offense, was injured about two hours before the game. The accident occurred as the grounds crew prepared to cover the field in a light rain, using an automatic, retractable system that rolls the tarp over the infield on a long metal cylinder.

Coleman had trotted in from the outfield on his way to the dugout, then turned to throw his glove to a teammate when the mechanism was raised from below ground level on the first-base side of homeplate. The metal cylinder apparently rolled up behind Coleman while he wasn't looking, knocked him down and ran up his left leg, causing scrapes and bruises.

Team Dr. Stan London said X-rays showed no breaks, and the injury, while excruciatingly painful, was not considered serious.

Royals shutout Jays to stay alive

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Danny Jackson, starting for the first time in 10 days, scattered eight hits and the Kansas City Royals scrambled to a 2-0 victory over Toronto that trimmed the Blue Jays' lead in the American League playoffs to 3-2.

The best-of-seven series shifts back to Toronto for Game 6 Tuesday night, with the Blue Jays still needing one more victory to bring the World Series to Canada for the first time.

Jackson, who last started on Oct. 3 and mopped up with one scoreless inning in Game 1, was far from perfect. But the left-hander, who struck out six and walked one, was good enough when he had to be in keeping the explosive Blue Jays off the scoreboard.

Toronto put runners on second and third with no outs in the fifth and loaded the bases with two outs in the sixth. Both times, Jackson was equal to the challenge.

The Royals, meanwhile, came out attacking against Jimmy Key, who was hit hard in Game 2 and wound up with a no-decision in a game Toronto eventually won in 10 innings.

Kansas City scored once in the first inning on George Brett's groundout, and got their second run in the second on a sacrifice fly by Darryl Motley. Some adventuresome baserunning helped the Royals score both times.

Jackson had relatively little trouble through the first three innings. He gave up a two-out double to George Bell in the first, struck out the side in the second and yielded a one-out single in the third to Tony Fernandez.

The middle three innings were a different story for the 24-year-old Jackson.

Bell led off the fourth with a single and Cliff Johnson followed with a single to left. Bell tried to take third on the play as left fielder Lonnie Smith had to wait for a high hop, but Smith's throw to third got Bell.

The play was a close one, and Toronto Manager Bobby Cox, who has seen several tough calls go against his team, argued the decision with umpire Dale Ford.

In the fifth, Garth Iorg opened with a single and Ernie Whitt pulled a double into the right-field corner that sent Iorg to third. Jackson managed to squirm out of trouble by getting Tony Fernandez on a grounder, Damaso Garcia on a popout and Lloyd Moseby on a groundout to second.

The Blue Jays tried to rally again in the sixth after there were two outs. Singles by Jesse Barfield and Willie Upshaw and a walk to Iorg on a full-count pitch loaded the bases.

Kansas City pitching coach Gary Blaylock then visited the mound, and the trip may have settled down Jackson, who got Whitt on a weak grounder to second on the first pitch.

The Royals, determined not to go down without a fight, got on the scoreboard early with help from three unlikely sources and one familiar one.

Smith, just 1-for-14 in the playoffs, led off the game for Kansas City with a double to left, the first of his three hits. Then, with Willie Wilson at the plate, Smith took off for third and stole it with a head-first slide.

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