



Tech recruit regrets being lured easily

Pryor says blue chips should only take advice

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — One-time Texas Tech football recruit Chris Pryor, courted by college recruiters from four institutions, says the temptations and pressures sidelined his life.

Pryor, who is at the center of a recruitment inquiry at Tech, has advice for other high school seniors who could be lured with promises of cars, money and other benefits.

"If I could tell those kids something, I'd tell them to take nothing but advice," Pryor told *The Dallas Morning News*. "I'd tell them to listen to the warnings and not let the money and the good times get to you."

Pryor, 19, now works for \$4 an hour loading soft-drink trucks.

The former standout running back at Converse Judson High School claimed that Rodney Allison, an assistant coach at Texas Tech, fought his way to the inside track. Pryor, then 17, also got contacts from Baylor, the University of Houston and the University of Texas.

Allison, now an assistant coach at Duke University, refused to discuss his recruitment of Pryor. Texas Tech officials have asked the NCAA to investigate the events surrounding Pryor's signing.

"I really blame myself," Pryor said. "People warned me, but I wouldn't listen. I never told any adult about the money or the cars because I didn't want to get Tech or Allison in trouble. Besides, you get used to the fun."

He said that he and his best friend, Chip Lambert, another Judson running back, visited Allison in his hotel room in San Antonio.

"We didn't ask for anything, he just gave us some money," Pryor said. "It was about \$100 each."

Pryor claimed that, during the next few weeks, Allison gave both men cash, free use of a rental car, food, drinks and the use of his hotel room for parties.

Pryor and Lambert signed letters of intent in February 1984 to play with Tech. Pryor lost his Tech scholarship after failing to graduate with his high school class.

UT's Akers questions Oklahoma TD plays

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AUSTIN — Texas Coach Fred Akers on Monday questioned both Oklahoma touchdown plays in the Sooners' 14-7 victory, but said OU deserved to win because UT made too many mistakes.

Akers was asked if he could tell from the game film whether OU halfback Patrick Collins had stepped on the sideline on a 45-yard touchdown run.

"It looked like he did, but to say it's conclusive, no. . . . What happened on that is the official fell down and he couldn't see it," Akers said.

Akers was told that several Longhorn players thought Lydell Carr failed to score on a third-and-goal from the Texas 1-yard line.

"Well, here again, from where we were, I didn't think so. And from where I was, was the same angle the

camera was. The only way you can see those things is just right on the goal line. That's deceiving, it really is deceiving."

Oklahoma held Texas to a net 70 yards, the lowest offensive output in Akers' nine years at Texas.

"It was not a good performance," Akers said.

UT's coaches rate a grade of 80 percent as winning football, and Akers told his weekly news conference that OU was "too good a defensive team to run an offense at them with 70 percent execution."

Asked if his offensive team had graded only 70, he said, "If that high."

Split end Everett Gay, who had two pass receptions for 49 yards, was the automatic winner of the Texas coaches' Most Valuable Player award on offense because he was the only player nominated. End James McK-

inney, with 16 tackles, was the MVP on defense.

Despite Texas' low grades on offense, Akers said, "It was an excellent performance by our entire defense. We gave up one big play in the first half and one in the second."

He referred to tight end Keith Jackson's 43-yard pass reception on OU's 80-yard scoring drive in the first half and Collin's scoring run in the fourth quarter.

Akers also said his team is "about as healthy" coming out of the OU game as it has ever been. McKinney has a hurt shoulder and freshman tailback Eric Metcalf has a thigh bruise.

Texas, 3-1, resumes Southwest Conference play Saturday against Arkansas, 5-0, in Fayetteville, Ark., with a televised game starting at 2:30 p.m. on ABC.

NFL Extremes

Bears becoming pro ball's newest dynasty

Associated Press

The Chicago Bears are the NFL's newest dynasty. Forget that they've won nothing more than last year's NFC Central title; forget that the Los Angeles Rams also are 6-0.

Remember only that the Bears humbled the NFL's designated dynasty, the San Francisco 49ers, 26-10 Sunday — on the 49ers' own turf at Candlestick Park. They were the challengers knocking off the champ and if the champions aren't champion anymore, then the Bears must be.

For one week, at least. "They're the best team in the league right now," San Francisco cornerback Eric Wright said after the Bears avenged the 23-0 defeat administered by the 49ers in the NFC title game last year. "They have a quarterback that pumps them up and a cornerback that keeps the pressure on."

49ers Coach Bill Walsh added, "We were a great team last year. They (the Bears) were a great team on Sunday." Indeed, the Bears were dominant.

Oilers listening to those familiar boos again

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The sack masks are back in the Astrodome, along with a familiar string of Houston Oilers' losses that even has some players agreeing with the boos they heard following Sunday's 21-6 loss to Cleveland.

"Yeah, I'm tired of rebuilding, tired of losing and tired of excuses," Oilers wide receiver Tim Smith said. "There's going to be some heavy soul-searching around here this week."

The Oilers used a conservative, time-consuming ground game that netted boos from the Astrodome crowd despite a 6-0 halftime lead.

When the Browns roared back in the second half to hand the Oilers their fifth straight loss, fans streamed to the exits and the fans who stayed gave the Oiler offense heavy boos each time it took the field.

"I agree with everybody that's disappointed that we didn't move the

They scored on their first four possessions — a touchdown and three field goals — to take a 16-0 lead that San Francisco could never overcome.

They more than doubled the 49ers' total yardage — 372 to 183 — almost the exact reverse of the 387-186 in the game last year, when Steve Fuller was at quarterback for the Bears in place of the injured Jim McMahon.

They had seven sacks of Joe Montana by six different players and they rattled the 49ers into numerous illegal procedure and motion penalties — San Francisco drew 13 flags in all.

And they rubbed it in by letting their 314-pound rookie defensive tackle, William "The Refrigerator" Perry, carry the ball on the game's last two plays.

"They played a near-perfect ball game," said 49ers safety Carlton Williamson, who did what his team's offense couldn't do — score a touchdown on Chicago's one imperfect play, an interception when McMahon should have eaten the ball.

football better in the second half," Houston Coach Hugh Campbell said Monday. "I also feel very strongly about the direction where the football team is going."

The Oilers defeated Miami in the season opener before dropping their next five in a row. The Oilers lost 10 games in a row last season and finished the season 3-13.

Campbell said the boos should be directed at him because he formulated the ball-control game plan that eventually backfired.

"To pull something like that off, you've got to make as many big plays as you give up," Campbell said.

The Browns sacked Houston quarterbacks Warren Moon and Mike Moroski seven times for 41 yards in losses. The Oilers have been sacked 23 times in three games, leaving Moon battered and watching the end of the last two games from the sidelines.

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