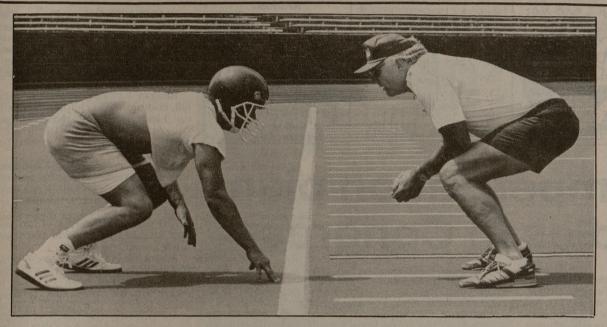
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Texas A&M tight end coach Bob Boyd works with a freshman football player during Thursday's af-ternoon practice at Kyle Field. Freshmen and Photo by Jay Janner

transfers reported for practice Monday. Return-ing players will report for August 8.

Oilers bounce Bills in preseason game

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's Tony Zendejas kicked second-half field goals of 37 and 22 yards, rally-ing the Oilers to a 13-9 NFL exhibition victory over Buffalo in their first exhibition game of the season Thursday night.

Zendejas's 37-yarder with 2:42 to go in the third quarter gave the Oilers a 10-9 lead, ending a drive led by backup quarterback Brent Pease.

Pease is in a battle with former Baylor Bear Cody Carlson for the

second-string quarterback position behind starter Warren Moon. Oiler linebacker Al Smith's inter-

X-rays on Reich's left shoulder were negative but Bills officials weren't sure when he would return

ception of a Stan Gilbaugh pass set up the go-ahead kick. Gilbaugh is Buffalo's third-string quarterback. Buffalo starter Jim Kelly didn't suit up for the game because of an ankle injury sustained while at a chority furgeting and the start of the start

Moon led the Oilers to a touchcharity function. Kelly's backup down on their first drive of the

Sugar Ray to comeback for 5th title

WASHINGTON (AP) — A smil-ing Sugar Ray Leonard, saying, "I will never retire again," signed a contract Thursday for his third comeback fight in 54 months.

"This fight is kind of a continuation of my lifestyle," Leonard said at a news conference for his double title bout against Donnie Lalonde during the last week of October or first two weeks of November.

A site is not set, but Las Vegas, Nev., seems to be in the lead. There

Square Garden in New York and Atlantic City, N.J., according to Mike Trainer, Leonard's attorney.

"I told you guys some time ago I was going to try to retire," said Leonard, who announced his retirement from professional boxing for the third time after he became a triple champion by upsetting Marvelous Marvin Hagler for the WBC middle-weight title April 6, 1987. "I tried," Leonard said. "It didn't

work.

also have been expressions of inter-est from Japan, China, Madison At stake will be the WBC light heavyweight championship held by

Lalonde and the vacant WBC super middleweight title. The super middleweight title has a 168-pound limit, which is seven pounds under the light-heavyweight limit. A victory would mean Leonard

will have won five titles, something no fighter has ever accomplished.

Trainer said Leonard will make his biggest paycheck. He made \$12 million when he beat Thomas Hearns for the welterweight title in 1981 and \$12 million for his victory over Hagler.

Dallas defensive greats performed in wrong era

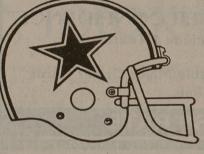
THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) Try to envision Randy White as the first player drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1961.

Fourteen years later, a guy named

Fourteen years later, a guy named Bob Lilly would come along. Through the Cowboys' fledgling years, White would thrive by using the head slap and by bulldozing through the 235-pound guards. Af-ter years of losing the big one, White would finally smoke the big cigar af-ter Dallas wins Super Bowl VI ter Dallas wins Super Bowl VI

Against the bigger 18-wheeling linemen of his era, Lilly would use his deceiving quickness to slide through the slower and less agile blockers. He and Harvey Martin would be co-Most Valuable Players in Super Bowl XII.

"If Randy could have played in the days of Lilly, he would have been even more effective than he's been in his time, because he would have



used the head slap," defensive coor-dinator Ernie Stautner said. "I couldn't get Lilly to ever use the

head slap, even though it was legal. "If Lilly had played in Randy's time, he would have been better suited for this time. Lilly is big and tall enough to get around the bigger guys. I don't think the bigger guys would have slowed him down. Lilly's way of playing was more suited to to-day's game. Randy was better suited for Lilly's time."

Standing on the sideline recently during a Cowboys' afternoon practice in summer camp, Lilly could see himself in White's body.

Standing in the middle of the field, White was coaching younger players instead of playing because of

a degenerating disc in his neck. "My career ended for the same reason," Lilly said. "It doesn't affect your body so much. But it just hurts when you hit anybody with your head. It's a strong pain. I can see why Ernie wants to put him outside (at end). Otherwise, he would be fighting off spasms all of the time."

Except for the 1975 and 1976 seasons, when White played linebacker, the Cowboys defensive right tackle spot has been manned by no one other than White and Lilly. Larry Cole and Bill Gregory played right tackle during the interim years.

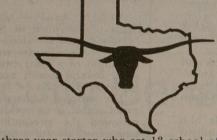
This summer, the torch is being passed to Danny Noonan, a secondyear man who was given the job be-cause of White's condition. No one knows if White can make it through the season.

Having someone new playing right tackle is like taking the star off the helmet.

"You do get a little sentimental seeing Bob stand over on the sideline, and then seeing Randy winding down his career," Cowboys coach Tom Landry said.

Metcalf, Hager keys to Horns' success in '88

AUSTIN (AP) — A running back with see-ing-is-believing moves and a linebacker who leveled more opponents in a single season last year than anyone in Longhorn history should lead the University of Texas football team in its quest for success in 1988. Senior tailback Eric Metcalf is being touted



to miss the season. Linebacker Mical Padgett and safety Waymond Wesley also had knee operations.

But McWilliams said in an interview "the rensive secondary where we lost three starters."

Despite the 5-9, 178-pounder's talent, Mc-Williams said, "We're not going to be able just to turn around and give it to Eric on a sprint draw and expect him to be the savior for a game.

Between them, there have been 19 Pro Bowls. Lilly was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame during his first eligible year in 1980. White is a good bet to gain entry five years after his retirement.

Cowboys president Tex Schramm was asked which player had made a bigger contribution to the team.

I would say Lilly, because he was the leader during the lean years, and he set the tone into the championship years," he said.

"This is not to depreciate White. But he came into a proven football team, and now he's had to take the downside in the latter years."

Nothing is making Stautner more sad than to see White in the final

stages of his career. "It was one of the saddest things that ever happened to me to see Bob retire," Stautner said. "Even though I think Randy can still contribute to this team, his time is winding down. And that is very sad." What will it be like during the

Noonan years?

Noonan's style is closer to White's. They are almost identical in body structure. Both are slightly under 6-4 and weigh 270 pounds. Both like to use their strength, although White better uses his quickness. At 6-5, Lilly looked more like a

defensive end in his prime.

"Both Bob and Randy had strength and quickness," Stautner said. "But Randy used his speed a little better.

When he looks at Noonan, Lilly can see White.

"With those gigantic linemen that are playing, you have to have great balance," Lilly said. "That's what Noonan has. He needs to use his quickness a little more. You would have to depend more on your quickness in this age. I don't think the offensive linemen are quite as agile. Today, they just shove and push."

Time planning new magazine for children

NEW YORK (AP) — Sports Il-lustrated announced Thursday it is launching a new magazine for children, with the first edition planned for January. Sports Illustrated for Kids will

be targeted to children age 8 and older and has two aims, the announcement said.

"The editorial purpose will be to emphasize the enjoyment that exists in all sports, whether the

the Bills' 1-yard line.

After Pease was sacked for a 13-yard loss by Buffalo's Steve Ham-mond, Zendejas kicked his 37-yarder, giving Houston the lead.

Oiler safety Sonny Brown blocked a 30-yard field goal attempt by Brady with 6:45 left in the game.

of the game, completing all three of his passes for 62 yards. Rozier had runs of nine and 11

yards in the drive and Moon hit third-year reserve running back Allen Pinkett on a 43-yard pass play to

The Oilers regained the lead in the third quarter behind Pease, who completed passes of 11 and 13 yards to Willie Drewrey and 22 yards to Haywood Jeffires.

for the Heisman Trophy, senior middle line-backer Britt Hager for the Butkus Award.

David McWilliams guided Texas to a tie for second in the Southwest Conference in his initial season as coach, behind champion Texas A&M, and No. 2 is generally where the Longhorns are rated in the preseason this year.

McWilliams calls the high rating "questionable," with these questions yet to be answered: — Can little-used senior quarterback Shannon Kelley complete enough passes to keep

defenses from keying on Metcalf? — Will several players regain their aca-demic eligibility or come back from injuries? - Will quality newcomers be found to join sophomore free safety Stanley Richard in the defensive secondary?

'I feel good about Shannon," McWilliams said of the replacement for Bret Stafford, a _

three-year starter who set 13 school offense records. "He had a good spring." McWilliams said the 6-foot-1, 170-pound

Kelley has a stronger arm than Stafford and showed he could handle pressure last year by playing a solid game against Texas Christian after throwing three interceptions for touch-downs in a 60-40 loss to Houston.

Backup quarterback Donovan Forbes has improved his grades and will re-enter school, McWilliams said, but at least five players are in a second summer session to satisfy NCAA class requirements

Starting tackle Ed Cunningham, 6-7 and 295, had a knee operation that will force him

A former walk-on wide receiver, John Powell, finished the spring as a starter at one cor-nerback, and freshman redshirt Irish Lewis was at the other corner. Senior Tex Mercer, a former linebacker, starts this fall at strong safety.

"The four (defensive backs) have to work as a unit — we need three to work with Stan-ley," McWilliams said.

Hager, however, is the key on defense, Metcalf on offense.

Metcalf, a second-team All-American, was third in the nation in 1987 in all-purpose yardage — 1,925 — as he rushed for 1,161 yards, caught passes for 238 and returned punts and kickoffs for 526 yards.

"We've got to be able to throw the ball and make it look pass, and set it up for him."

To keep teams from punting away from Metcalf, freshman recruit Willie Mack Garza may join him on returns, McWilliams said. Garza ran back three punts for touchdowns as a high school senior.

Hager, 6-1 and 229, set a school season re-cord last year with 187 tackles, including 27 against A&M and 26 against TCU, and was first team All-SWC.

"He doesn't even know how to spell 'quit,' " defensive coordinator Paul Jette said. "If you took a poll of coaches on what they look for in a player, and what their definition of a winner is, you'd come up with Britt Hager." McWilliams said, "If there is a better line-

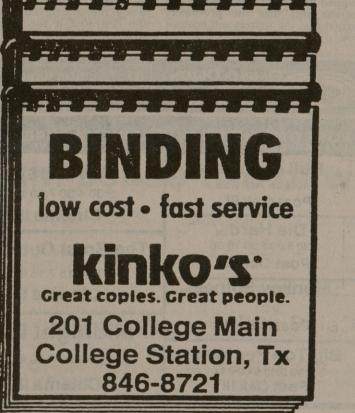
backer in the nation, I haven't seen him."

reader is a participant or specta-tor," said Mark Mulvoy, manag-ing editor. "In the process, it will improve reading, learning and socialization skills."

The magazine's initial circula-tion of 500,000 will be equally divided between paid home sub-scriptions and distribution to 2,500 schools participating in the Sports Illustrated for Kids literacy program, the announcement said.

Sports Illustrated, published by Time Inc., said it has lined up 20 of a hoped-for 36 corporate sponsors. Each sponsor will make an annual commitment of \$250,000 and receive 10 pages of advertising and participation in the literacy program.





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