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## I'm tired of seeing the Cowboys lose; Leave Sweeney in the game next week

have found him in the form of Kevin Sweeney

Oh yeah, the Cowboys dropped their sixth straight game, but that isn't really any news. The news is that there was finally a spark of life in the team, particuliarly in the offense. The Dallas signal callers,

an anchor of any team, have been weak at best this fall. Sunday afternoon is a time when average college students must bear up to the reality that, after a lazy weekend, they have 40 hours of studying to accomplish in 10 hours or rationalize the need to watch

If you're like me, the football and television have a

strong pull. The problem this Sunday was that my favorite team, the Cowboys, were playing the Giants. Watching the Cowboys' games this season has been torture at best.

They lose, lose, and lose some more. I pondered on whether that political science book should be opened or whether I should subject myself to the frustration of watching Steve Pelluer bumble his

way through the Meadowlands. Of course I chose the football game.

I usually have given Dallas a fighting chance of grabbing my attention this season before turning off

After all, it's difficult to admit and accept that the Cowboys are not a sterling team anymore. It's distressing to want to cover your eyes everytime the ball is snapped.

Pelluer did fumble-bumble his way through the first half with me wincing and cringing as he went. Pelluer just doesn't have what it takes—he has proved that if

I must admit that I haven't been able to watch a



Cray **Pixley** Sports Editor

complete Cowboy game the entire year because of the poor play. I've always had to escape the trauma at

some point or return only for the last painful minutes After falling 26-0 against the Giants in the first half, I don't know why I kept watching Sunday. Cowboy fans are getting more apathetic about their team each

But still we watch.

Maybe it was the shots of Sweeney on the sidelines and the speculation of Terry Bradshaw and Verne Lundquist that Pelluer would be pulled.

Pelluer pulled?

Please oh please, I prayed. I was hoping to get a chance to see what that scab quarterback could do in a real season of pro football. There must be some hope beyond Pelluer. Sweeney had shined during the strike, but what could he do today?

A whole lot. Sweeney set the second half on fire, and the Giants players admitted that they expected the Conductor down and die a quiet death in the final to

Die is not in Sweeney's vocabulary. He kept striking and scrambling until the any time left to scramble. Three touchdowns second half were cemented with Sweeney

Pelluer's miscues had set up two of the Gian

Pelluer is definitely not what Tom Landry Pelluer even had the gall to say in a post-game interview that he felt he could come out into

In the words of a Valley Girl: "I'm so sure Pelluer couldn't have found the endzone

anything. He could barely keep his handso Sweeney seems to have that presence to Dallas has been missing for three years or m caught my attention and definitely has given

for the Cowboys' future The announcers, Bradshaw and Lundquist added plus to Sweeney's season debut as the up my feelings about Sweeney's appearance

Bradshaw said, "Does Sweeney have the pro ball? Yes. Does he have the heart? Yes, Does he have the uh..., give me a word Veme

Yes, Terry, I agree with you. Finally a Dallas has found a quarterbackwith spirit and determination. I'm so tired of the so efforts of Danny White and Pelleur. This sea washout but Sweeney is a strong pillar to reb Sweeney has arrived, and I can only hope lar give him the the reins

Come next week, I hope the Minnesota Vik a strong dose of Sweeney - the Cowboys'

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### Sweeney has to wait to see if he will start

IRVING (AP) — Kevin Sweeney, the hero of a near NFL miracle in the Meadowlands, will have to wait until at least Tuesday to learn whether he is the new starting quarterback for the Dallas Cow-

Sweeney threw three touchdown passes in the second half against the New York Giants on Sunday but Dallas fell short 29-21 for the Cowboys' sixth con-

The Cowboys haven't lost six games in a row since their expansion year of

Dallas coach Tom Landry said he didn't want to speculate yet whether Steve Pelluer would retain his starting ob for Sunday night's game against the Minnesota Vikings. "I don't know what will happen right now," said Landry, who usually an-

nounces all lineup changes at his weekly Tuesday press luncheon. "We were a different team with Sweeney out there. Sweeney fueled the fire. Sweeney was the hero of the NFL

strike replacement games for Dallas last year, winning both games he started. However, he had never played in a regular game until Sunday.

"I know who everybody wants to be the starter," Landry said. "He (Swee-

ney) was about the only exciting part of what happened against the Giants Sweeney started the third period with

Landry is in a quandary not to destroy Pelluer's confidence. Only last week he predicted that Pelluer "will blossom

Dallas trailing 26-0. Sweeney hit 19 of 37 passes for 189 yards.

out" and become an efficient quar-

Even Pelluer admitted what Sweeney did "was exciting and awesome."

"I made some poor decisions in the first half but I felt I could come back in the second half," Pelluer said. "It was coach Landry's decision, and I'll respect

Sweeney wasn't pushing Landry to

"I feel like I deserve to play, but I will have patience," Sweeney said. "I've learned a lot in the last two years on the sidelines. If I sit down, I'll just wait my

"I'm sure the Giants didn't know what to expect. I didn't know.'

Sweeney took the Cowboys on touchdown drives of 70, 59, and 80 yards. Two of his touchdown passes came on

"He just wouldn't accept a defeat," Landry said. "If we don't have a defensive back fall down on a long pass play and the Giants get a field goal then we are driving for the winning touchdown at the end. That would have beer

Sweeney finished his Fresno State career as the most prolific passer in NCAA history with 10,623 yards. He had 31 games of 200 yards or more pasing.

Jim Sweeney, Kevin's father and the head coach at Fresno State, said "Kevir has a great deal of confidence and is hard to intimidate. I'm going to have to get a tape of that game. It must have beer something.

# Oilers smother Browns, Kosar

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Rozier and Alonzo Highsmith led a rugged ground game with touchdown runs, and the Houston defense contained Cleveland quarterback Bernie Kosar, leading the Oilers to a 24-17 victory Monday night.

The victory ended five years of winless frustration for the Oilers, who snapped a seven-game losing streak against the Browns and won their 15th home game in their last 16 non-strike contests.

It left the Oilers with a 6-3 record, a game behind Cincinnati in the AFC Central. The Browns fell to third in the division with a 6-4 record.

Houston quarterback Warren Moon, who had lost to the Browns seven times, hit Ernest Givins with an eight-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, extending the Oilers' lead to 21-3. But the Browns fought back with a 20-yard double reverse by Reggie

Langhorne for a touchdown and a four-yard touchdown pass from Ko-sar to tight end Ozzie Newsome with 7:26 left in the game. The reception was the 600th of Newsome's NFL ca-

The Oilers struck quickly in the third quarter after Johnny Meads blocked a punt by Cleveland's Max

Runager at the Browns' 30.

On the third play, Moon scrambled out of the pocket and hit Givins in the

end zone with just 1:54 gone is second half.

Givins started on the left side zig-zagged his way to the end zont make the diving touchdown catch front of Browns safety Felix Wright

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Houston's Doug Smith received a legal use of hands penalty that en an intercpetion by cornerback Path

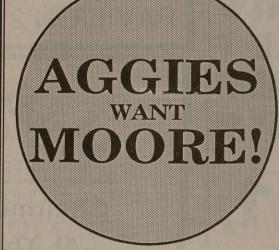
After Cleveland drew within 17, Moon completed a 42-yard pon third down to Leonard Harris, w caught the ball between de Mark Harper and Brian Washin and was tackled at the Browns' 3 That set up Tony Zendejas' yard field goal with 1:44 left.

Highsmith's first touchdown of season, on a one-yard run in the ond quarter, gave the Oilers a lead after a defense dominated fi

Moon hit passes of 22 yards to vins and 24 yards to Drew Hill then the Oilers ran six straight with Highsmith scoring on the fir

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