

0-7 Cowboys happy just to beat spread

IRVING (AP) — The winless Dallas Cowboys at last could take consolation in something on Monday. They had finally beaten the point spread.

By losing 36-28 to the Kansas City Chiefs Sunday, the Cowboys snapped a six-week spell of falling harder than the oddsmakers predicted.

The Cowboys' special teams were the bright spot in the loss to the Chiefs as James Dixon ran a kickoff back 97 yards, first for Dallas since 1977.

Also, Paul Palmer, making his debut, ran 63 yards for a touchdown. It was Dallas' longest run since Herschel Walker went 84 yards against Philadelphia in 1986.

"Out of the 47 players, 24 of them are new, so we expect some mistakes," Johnson said. "But we shouldn't be making as many as we are."

Palmer had a fumble but I think he showed he could help us. Dixon and Shepard also showed why we like them."

Although Dallas remained the only team in the NFL without a victory, Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer said the Cowboys could become a dangerous team.

"I didn't sense on the sidelines that Dallas was playing poorly," he said. "They did some things well. They'll get better."

"But the only thing that matters in this business is winning."

Johnson, who won 52 games at the University of Miami including a national championship before being left for professional football, said "We knew this was to be a long haul. But it's frustrating."

The Cowboys play host to the Phoenix Cardinals on Sunday noon to close out the first half of their season.

They are only three losses away from the worst start of any team in franchise history.

Rookie quarterback Steve Watson hit 14 of 29 passes for 116 yards and one touchdown but only had 10 yards passing after three quarters against the tough Kansas City defense.

Dallas may have its other quarterback, Troy Aikman, available for limited duty on Sunday.

Aikman had the pins taken out of his broken index finger on his passing hand.

The Cowboys said it was doubtful Aikman would play although he would work all week and be available.

Aikman's injury was in such a spot that it made him difficult to take a snap from center.

Phoenix was an early two and a half point favorite over the Cowboys.

Tagliabue tabbed as favorite for NFL post

CLEVELAND (AP) — The four-month deadlock that has kept Pete Rozelle hostage while the owners bicker over a new commissioner, may finally be broken this week by Paul Tagliabue, an NFL insider who has been chosen as the candidate of the outsiders.

While there are no guarantees that the worst impasse among the owners since it took 23 ballots to elect Rozelle nearly 30 years ago can be ended this week, signs are increasing that enough owners are willing to compromise to provide Tagliabue with the 19 votes he needs to become commissioner.

If that happens, it would allow Rozelle, who announced his retirement 217 days ago at the winter meetings in Palm Desert, Calif., to move from the New York hotel where he has been staying since the season began and join his wife Carrie in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., near San Diego.

"I think the time is ripe now to do something," said Mike Lynn of the Minnesota Vikings, one of the leaders of the so-called "New Guard" revolt that denied Jim Finks, the president of the New Orleans Saints, the votes he needed July 6, when he was expected to be elected.

The last time the owners met, two weeks ago at Grapevine, Texas, Finks and Tagliabue each got 13 votes with two abstentions.

So far, there have been six ballots in 28 hours of meetings, with Finks' 16 on the first ballot, the high-water mark for any candidate.

They belonged to Dan Rooney of Pittsburgh and Al Davis of the Los Angeles Raiders. Each was originally a Finks supporter and each was on one of the selection committees — Rooney on the all-"Old Guard" committee that chose Finks and only Finks; Davis on the second, or compromise committee, that came up with candidates, most prominent among them Finks and Tagliabue.

Both Rooney and Davis shifted to Grapevine, both willing to compromise while others of the older owners balked — not so much at Tagliabue but at the idea of giving the owners like Seattle's Kenneth Behring, Dallas' Jerry Jones and New England's Victor Kiam, none of whom has been in the league more than a year.

Each reportedly would be willing to shift to Tagliabue if that's what it takes to get a commissioner.

In fact, Rooney was considered a compromise candidate until he disavowed any interest in the job.

Moreover, Rozelle has been working by telephone the past two weeks urging compromise, something Tagliabue seems to be going the way of the year-old Tagliabue, the Washington lawyer and former Georgetown basketball player who has been one of the commissioner's closest advisers the past 10 years.

While owners like Wellington Mara of the New York Giants, Lamar Hunt of Kansas City and Tom Modell of Cleveland, who continue to insist, "I want a football man," holding out for Finks, none has an overwhelming objection to Tagliabue, with whom they all have worked closely. Other teams, like the Cardinals, Chargers and Falcons, may also be ready to switch, joining the Lions, who went from Finks to Tagliabue in Texas.

Still, nothing is certain — the Finks bloc may not have enough votes to elect its man but it might be able to muster the 10 necessary block anyone else, particularly if a third candidate is introduced.

Snake bite doesn't slow Oilers' Glanville

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston coach Jerry Glanville survived a snake bite on Saturday, Pittsburgh on Sunday and Monday was ready to tackle new odds.

The Oilers haven't lost two games in a row since the 1987 season but they haven't won three games in a row since 1985.

Playing in the AFC Central Division isn't conducive to long winning streaks but the Oilers will try for three in a row Sunday at Cleveland.

"The Houston Oilers are the only team in the NFL that hasn't lost two games in a row since 1987," Glanville said. "We're kind of proud of that."

The Oilers beat Chicago 33-28 two weeks ago and registered their first shutout since 1980 with a 27-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Sunday.

The Steelers were flat after an emotional victory over Cleveland a week earlier. Glanville saw Pittsburgh's performance as another example of life in the AFC Central.

"I think Pittsburgh felt the Cleveland game," Glanville said. "When you play a couple of AFCs in a row they take a toll."

"Now we've got to go take on another AFC Central on the road so we've got to muster up and get as good as we can."

The Oilers were almost flawless against the Steelers. The defense allowed 132 total yards and Warren Moon threw three first half touch-down passes to put the Steelers early.

"I can't remember ever seeing a yardage situation like that at the level I've coached," Glanville said. "They really did such a good job."

Glanville and Steelers coach Chuck Noll continued their post-game not shaking hands at midfield after the game.

The coaches have feuded since 1987 when Noll accused Glanville of using dirty tactics.

Glanville was complimentary of the Steelers effort, however.

"When you play Pittsburgh, you don't like to give them a lot of credit but their players, defensively, never quit trying to play hard," Glanville said. "Somebody up there is doing a good job. It must be Joe Greene (Steelers assistant coach)."

Glanville said his snake bite incident was a close call.

"You've got to be the luckiest alive when you get bit by a snake that's just finished eating," Glanville said.

Glanville was bitten on the right foot by a poisonous moccasin Saturday afternoon in a neighborhood while walking through grass at a home under construction.

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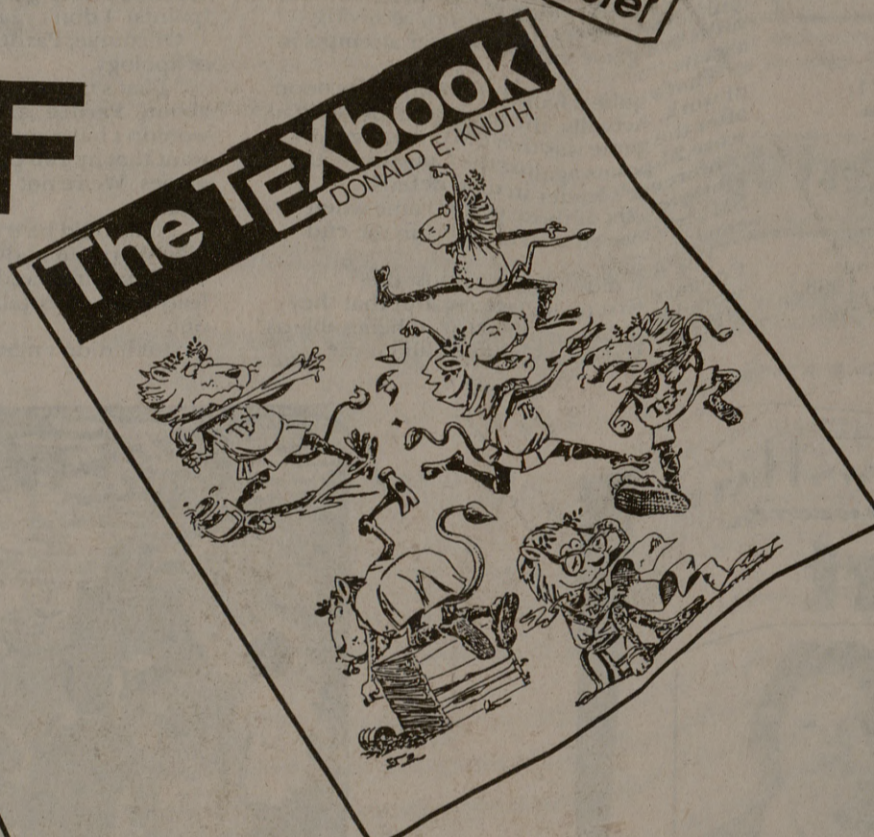
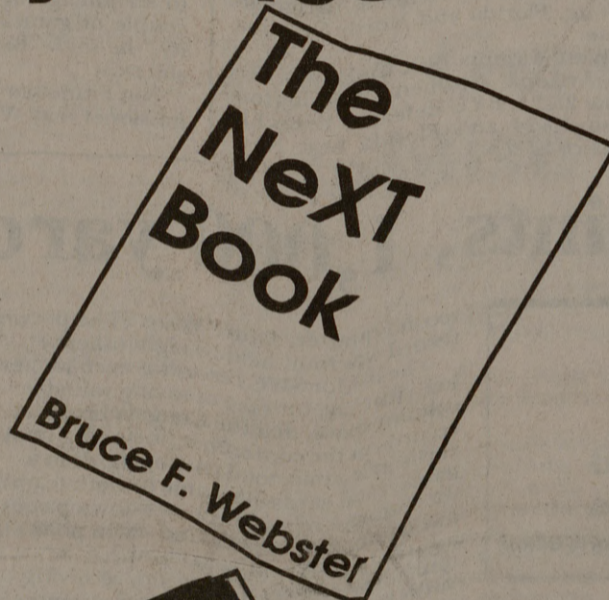
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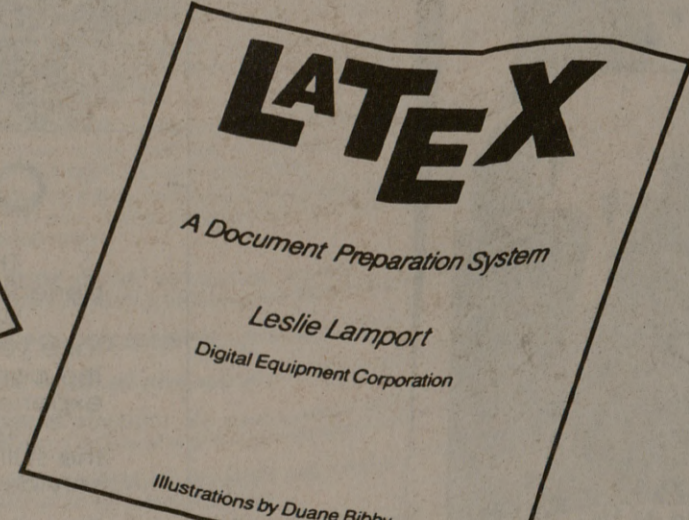
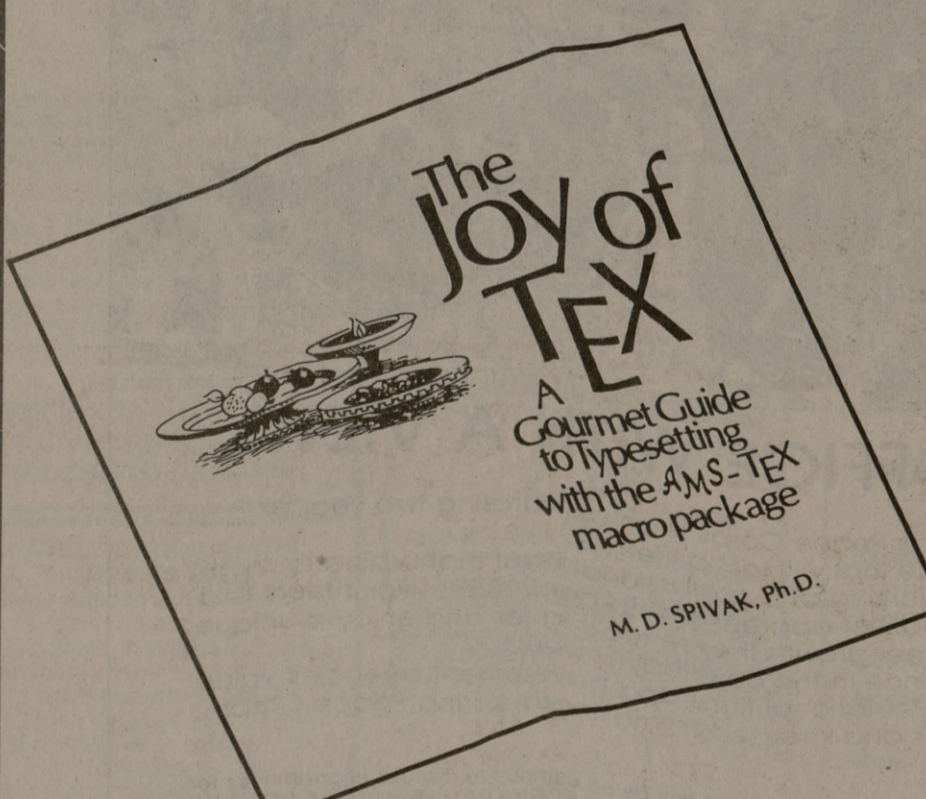
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