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Pro Bowl just turning into a big Pro Hype

Let's just scrap the Pro Bowl. Without the football's top talent, what good is it?

Like baseball's All-Star Game, the Pro Bowl is supposed to be a showcase for the best players in the game.

Everybody wins. The fans get to see the league's best and the players are honored by their peers by being selected to play.

It works well for baseball, providing a mid-season break for the players and fantasy matchups for the fans. Where else can you see Mike Scott face Jose Canseco?

However, the Pro Bowl is a failure in that regard. At least six of the NFL's top athletes — including four of the top quarterbacks — won't play in Sunday's game: Joe Montana, John Elway, Don Majkowski, Boomer Esiason, John Taylor and Karl Mecklenberg.

Why? After the 55-10 Super-dubbing last Sunday, AFC players should be hot for revenge and NFC players should try to continue their post-season dominance.

But, that's not the case. In fact, Esiason stated a month ago that he wouldn't play in the Pro Bowl because of poor blocking. Mecklenberg and Taylor are injured, Montana and Elway claim injuries and Majkowski listed personal reasons.

Hey, can you blame them? Football is a rough game, much more so than

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Ags maul hapless Red Raiders

Milton scores 25 as Thornton wins for second time

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Tony Milton scored 25 points for Texas A&M as the Aggies stifled a Texas Tech

Team	SWC Record
Arkansas	9-0
Texas	7-2
Houston	6-3
A&M	4-4
Rice	4-4
Baylor	3-5
TCU	3-5
SMU	2-6
Texas Tech	0-9

Wednesday's results
Baylor 66, SMU 63; Texas A&M 101, Texas Tech 85; Arkansas 70, Rice 66.

Saturday's schedule
SMU at TCU, noon (Raycom); Baylor at A&M, 7:30 p.m.; Missouri-Kansas City at Rice, 7:35 p.m.

comeback attempt Wednesday night and won 101-85, sending Tech to its 10th-straight defeat.

A&M improved to 11-11 overall and 4-4 in the Southwest Conference.

The Red Raiders equaled a school record for consecutive losses in dropping to 5-14 overall and 0-9 in the conference.

Texas Tech opened the second half down, 56-35.

The Raiders narrowed the Aggies' lead to 10 points four times, but couldn't come closer.

Will Flemons blocked seven shots, a single-game record for Tech.

Freddie Ricks scored 23 points for the Aggies, and Lynn Suber and Daren Rhea each scored 19.

Derek Butts led the Raiders with 14 points. Flemons scored 14, Steve Miles scored 12, and J.D. Sanders and Cleveland Phelps added 11 each.

A&M slowly pulled away the rest of the first half.

After intermission, Texas Tech began shooting better, improving its field goal percentage from 35 percent in the first half to 45 percent in the second half.

A&M, which shot 50 percent in the first half, shot just 35 percent in the second half.

Texas Tech finished with 54 rebounds, and 37 of those were in the second half.



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A&M junior guard Lynn Suber, shown here pulling down a rebound against Arkansas, scored 19 points Wednesday night as the Aggies pounded Texas Tech, 101-85 in Lubbock. A&M meets Baylor Saturday.

"A&M came out and hit the buckets early, and did a good job defensively against us, to jump out to that big lead early," Tech coach Gerald Myers said.

"We had to play catch-up after that, and we scrambled around and got back into it a little."

A&M interim coach John Thornton, who owns a 2-1 record since Shelby Metcalf left Jan. 22, said: "The thing that encouraged me the most was that when things weren't going our way in the second half, our guys

pulled together and no one started pointing fingers.

"Then we came back and made the plays and put it away."

Myers said he was disappointed that the Raiders were flat at the beginning.

"In the second half we got after it a little better, but we were scrambling from behind," Myers said.

Cowboys to use draft picks from Walker trade

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys Wednesday exercised their rights to eight draft picks in the Herschel Walker trade and offered the Minnesota Vikings two mid-round picks for linebackers Solomon, David Howard and cornerback Issiac Holt.

Coach Jimmy Johnson also announced that veterans Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Everson Walls and Tom Rafferty will be left unprotected when the roster of 37 protected players is sent to the NFL office on Thursday.

"We have exercised our rights in the Minnesota trade for Walker and the Vikings in their court," Johnson said. "The Vikings have until noon Thursday to decide on Solomon, Holt, and Howard will become agents."

Dallas now has Minnesota's first-round pick for the upcoming draft, first-round picks in 1991 and 1992, three second-round picks, one third-round choice and a sixth-round selection.

The trade with the Vikings stipulated that Holt, Solomon, and Howard must be released by Feb. 1 in order for the Cowboys to receive all the draft choices from the Vikings.

The Cowboys plan to leave those players unprotected unless they hear from the Vikings when they send the list to New York on Thursday.

"We've done our deal with the Vikings," Johnson said. "We'd love to have all the players because they are quality but we love to have the draft picks."

The Cowboys lost their first-round pick by taking quarterback Steve Walsh in a supplemental draft last year.

Walsh is on the trading block. "Several teams have expressed interest and we had discussions but nothing concrete," Johnson said.

The trading season begins on Monday.

Johnson said not protecting Walls, a cornerback, Jones, a defensive end, and Rafferty, a center, didn't mean that he doesn't want them back. The players have until April 1 to test their value on the free agent market.

Johnson had a run-in with Walls during the Cowboys' 1-15 season but Johnson said

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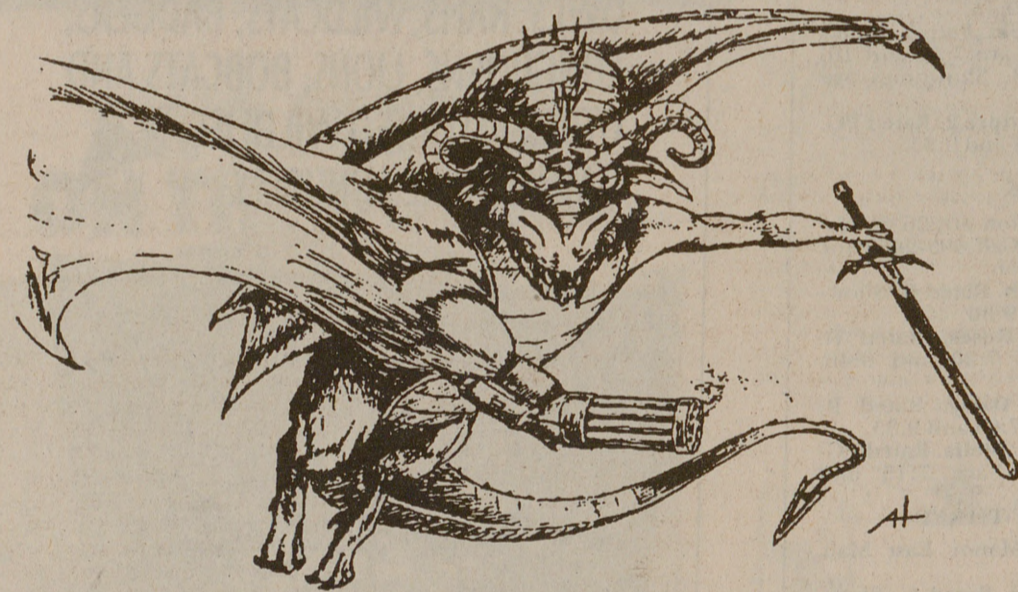
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