

Aggies beware of unheralded Horns lurking in shadows

Longhorns, UT, T-sips — these very words are enough to get any maroon-blooded Aggie all riled up and nasty.



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And with good reason. Both Texas A&M and Texas lay claim to being THE University of Texas and every year that right is fought for in competition of any kind, whether it be sports or trivia games on ESPN.

Over the course of this century the Longhorns have dominated the Aggies in this heated rivalry.

In basketball, Texas holds a 76-95 edge, but then we've been pretty stagnant over the last few years in this area while the Longhorns played to within one game of the Final Four last year.

In baseball, where the Longhorns have won or shared in 60 conference titles over the years, they hold an 87-150-5 advantage over our beloved Aggies. Albeit, this is a situation that is turning fast in the opposite direction.

The most intense part of this rivalry revolves around A&M-UT football games — a series dominated of late by the Aggies.

Since the teams' first meeting in 1894, Texas holds a distinct edge with 63 victories compared to only 28 for the Aggies.

Of course, the Longhorns haven't beaten A&M since most of this year's freshman were entering junior high school.

During this time the Aggies have out scored Texas 164-72 and the Longhorns haven't won the conference title since 1983, the last year they beat A&M.

Now I know saying anything good about Texas may be considered lynching material, but after witnessing the Longhorns nearly upset the Colorado Buffaloes last Saturday, I feel the need to let everyone know these 'Horns are

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Cowboys ship Walsh to Saints

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints, with one quarterback a no-show and another struggling, traded three draft picks Tuesday for Dallas quarterback Steve Walsh.

"I think he's a winner, but time will tell," Saints president and general manager Jim Finks said. "If we didn't like him we wouldn't have made the trade."

"He's a good young player," said Saints coach Jim Mora. "He proved it in college. He was one of the top players in the country coming out of college. We think, because we made the trade, he has a chance to be an outstanding player in the National Football League."

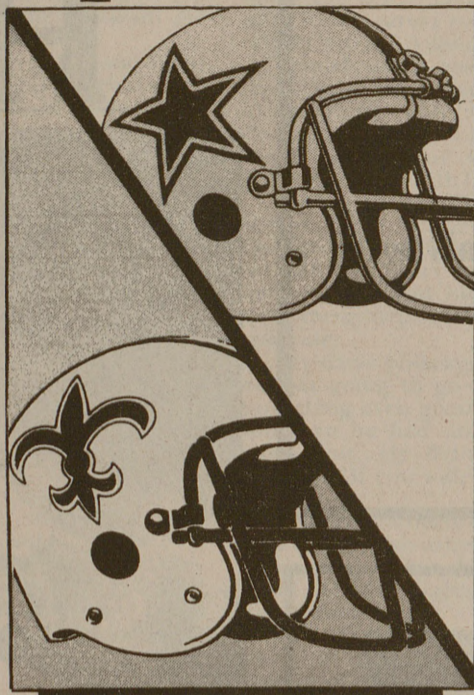
To make room for Walsh on the roster, the Saints cut second-string quarterback Tommy Kramer, signed during training camp in August after the Minnesota Vikings left him unprotected under Plan B.

The Saints gave Dallas their No. 1 and No. 3 choices in 1991 and a No. 2 pick in 1992 for Walsh. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said, depending on how well Walsh plays, the No. 2 pick could be upgraded to a No. 1.

The deal didn't involve holdout quarterback Bobby Hebert, who has consistently said he wants to be traded.

"I'm happy and excited," Walsh said after the trade was announced. "I have a great opportunity and chance to make my career."

Walsh will be competing for a starting spot with John Fourcade — currently the



lowest rated quarterback in the NFL. The third-string quarterback is rookie Mike Buck from Maine.

"I hope he doesn't think he's just going to come in and get the job because I have

something to say about that," Fourcade said. "Obviously I'm threatened. He's not a running back, he's a quarterback and a former No.1. They're going to want him to play because they paid a lot of money for him. It's my job to keep him off the field."

Mora said Fourcade will remain No. 1 on the depth chart until and unless Walsh beats him out for the starting job. He said the coaching staff will start working with Walsh Wednesday and Walsh will work with the team when they return from three days off on Friday.

The Saints and other teams in the NFC West have Sunday off. Mora said he believed Walsh could be ready to play by the time play resumes against Atlanta on Oct. 7, but added that learning the Saints' system won't be easy.

Mora said he didn't believe the Saints needed another quarterback and noted that Fourcade improved last Sunday.

After two losses, the Saints defeated Phoenix 28-7 on Sunday. Fourcade's efficiency rating rose 11 points during that game to 28.4, still the worst in the league. The Saints didn't score a touchdown in their first two games.

"We haven't gotten the play at quarterback we'd like, and yet it's been getting better. We saw an opportunity to go out and get a good young quarterback and we did it," Mora said.

Walsh, a first round draft choice in the supplemental draft last year, backed-up the Cowboys other No. 1 pick Troy Aikman.

Foreman continues return with quick Round 1 knockout

LONDON (AP) — Former heavy-weight champion George Foreman, still hoping for a title bout, scored the 24th consecutive victory of his comeback on Tuesday with a first-round knockout of Terry Anderson.

Foreman, who weighed in at 259 pounds, hit Anderson with a left jab and then clubbed him with a right with six seconds left in the first round. Anderson was counted out and stayed on the canvas for about a minute, then got up to hug Foreman.

The knockout in the scheduled 10-rounder at the London Arena was Foreman's 65th and improved his record to 69-2 overall. He has won all 24 of his fights since beginning his comeback three years ago.

Foreman, 42, said he hopes to challenge the winner of next month's world title fight between champion James "Buster" Douglas and Evander Holyfield.

He came into the fight six pounds lighter than expected, but said he's hitting harder than ever.

"The guy ran right into a straight right hand," Foreman said. "That was the hardest right hand I've ever thrown."

"My power is back. I thought I had lost it to Muhammad Ali and now I feel as strong as I did as a teen-ager."

Hall, Welch named AP top players

LUBBOCK (AP) — Facing fourth-and-18 with his team trailing and only seconds remaining in the game, Texas Tech backup quarterback Robert Hall looked to San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana for inspiration.

With defeat one play away against New Mexico Saturday, Hall recalled Montana completing two late-in-the-game passes to set up a winning field goal in the 49ers season-opening victory against New Orleans.

"We were going backwards," Hall said of two consecutive sacks preceding the fourth-down play. "But I thought of Montana completing those two big passes to get (the 49ers) in field goal range and then I got right back into the game."

Hall hit wide receiver Lloyd Hill with a 33-yard pass on fourth down and followed with a 31-yard strike to Hill that eventually

set up a last-second 37-yard field goal by Lin Elliott. Tech (1-2) escaped with a 34-32 victory over the Lobos (1-3).

Hall, who was 15 of 31 for 316 yards and two touchdowns in relief of injured starter Jamie Gill, was selected The Associated Press Offensive Player of the Week.

Baylor safety Mike Welch, who had 10 tackles (four unassisted) and two interceptions in the Bears 13-9 come-from-behind victory over Sam Houston State, earned The AP's defensive honors.

Welch's first pickoff halted a third-quarter Sam Houston State drive at the Baylor 46 and resulted in a field goal which put the Bears on top for good, 10-9.

His second interception halted Sam Houston State's final drive late in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

Welch's performance was overshadowed

by the death of redshirt freshman John Karkoska 10 minutes before the game. Karkoska, of Houston, died from complications of viral gastroenteritis, according to doctors.

Team members attended a memorial service Tuesday.

Baylor (1-2) plays at Tech Saturday night.

Hall, who was recruited out of Dallas Carter High School by colleges wanting him to be an option quarterback, took his chances at Tech as a walk-on.

Hall, a 6-0, 160-pound redshirt freshman, said he is eager to prove he can play big-time college football.

"Some people thought I should play defensive back," Hall said. "They said I was too small to play quarterback. That just gives me more incentive to prove I can play

quarterback."

Tech coach Spike Dykes said he didn't want to expose Hall to such a pressure-packed situation at this stage of his career.

"That's the last thing we wanted to happen," Dykes said. "We were trying to guard against that because it puts such undue pressure on a young player and can really rattle them. But Robert handled it beautifully and everything worked out fine."

Hall will start in Tech's homecoming game against Baylor. But coaches say Gill, who suffered a knee injury in the second quarter against New Mexico, will be the starter when he returns.

Hall said he doesn't mind. But he is not going to waste an opportunity to show his talent.

"I just hope to improve from week to week," Hall said.

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