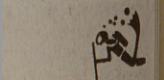




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Oilers give Browns the blues; Cowboys hammer Rams

Cleveland left Moonstruck, 35-23

CLEVELAND (AP) — Warren Moon isn't getting older, he's getting better. Moon turned 34 Sunday and celebrated by throwing for 322 yards and five touchdowns, putting on a run-and-shoot clinic as the Houston Oilers beat the stumbling Cleveland Browns 35-23.

Moon generously distributed the touchdown passes among five different receivers. "I think I showed I've got a few more games left in me," he said.

Cleveland's secondary was ill-prepared for Houston's four-receiver attack, because Pro Bowl cornerback Frank Minnifield was sidelined by a sore heel. His replacement on the left side of the defense, Stefon Adams, had been used mostly as a punt returner this year.

"We really weren't trying to pick on Stefon Adams," Moon said. "We know he wasn't the natural corner out there. But I think it has more to do with the fact that I'm

right-handed, and I felt more comfortable going to that side."

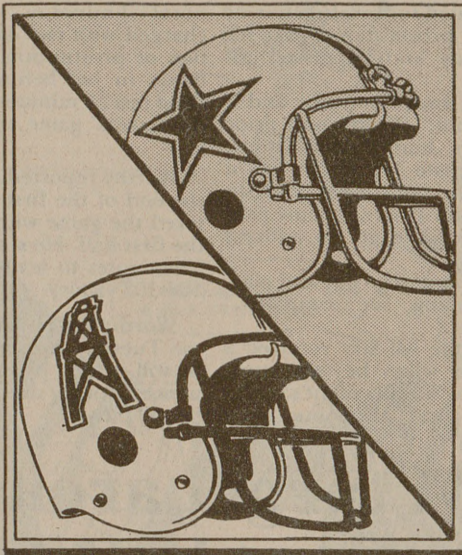
Moon threw three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, beating Adams with a 37-yarder to Curtis Duncan and a 23-yarder to Tony Jones.

"We were going to keep going to that side until they did something to stop us," Jones said. "If something's working, why stop doing it?"

Moon finished off with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Ernest Givins, capitalizing on the second of Bernie Kosar's two interceptions and giving the Oilers a 35-16 lead with five minutes left. The Browns scored a late touchdown on Kosar's 4-yard pass to Reggie Langhorne.

Moon completed 24-of-32 passes, without an interception, but he was sacked five

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Dallas offense comes alive, 24-21

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, especially Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith, were frustrated with their struggling offense.

But after two games without scoring a touchdown, Aikman, Smith and the rest of the Cowboys were feeling better after the offense clicked in a 24-21 victory over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday.

Aikman, taking advantage of the Rams' porous pass defense, completed 17 of 32 for 303 yards and three touchdowns. Smith accounted for 117 yards on four receptions and 54 on 21 carries.

Ken Willis provided the winning points for the Cowboys with a 23-yard field goal to snap a 21-21 tie with 4:24 remaining.

The victory put the Cowboys at 4-7, assuring them of their best season since they went 7-8 in 1987. The Rams dropped to 3-7.

"Hopefully some of those things can be

put to rest now and we can go on and just play football," Aikman said of the questions and frustrations surrounding the lack of offense. "I've still got a lot of learning to do; this hasn't been a spectacular year for me."

"Our offense played outstanding the way we were able to come back, score points and take the lead again after they tied it," Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said.

"This is the way we've got to play all year," Smith said. "We're capable of putting a lot of points on the board. We haven't done that so far, but we can."

The game matched the NFL's 27th-ranked pass offense, the Cowboys, against the league's 27th-ranked pass defense, the Rams.

"I don't think they're a bad defensive team; they're just having some troubles

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Darren Lewis scampers in for A&M's first touchdown on a controversial play in the second quarter. Replays were unclear whether

Bucky Richardson's pitch to Lewis on the option went forward or sideways. □ Lewis on Kodak All-American team, page 10.

Ags bog Hogs down, log rare 20-16 Fayetteville win

A&M rambles behind Richardson, Wilson

By NADJA SABAWALA
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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — In preseason polls, it seemed Texas A&M drew the short end of the stick to become the Southwest Conference defender.

Two-time conference champion Arkansas donned a black hat when it chose to leave the SWC in 1991, and the Aggies were picked to be the team to stop the Razorbacks from making a mockery of Texas football during their farewell tour.

But predictions are taking a backseat to Razorback reality this season. Arkansas is floundering at the bottom of the conference keg — tied with perennial-door-mat Southern Methodist.

This season, one that many Hog fans would like to forget, marks the first time Arkansas has gone winless against conference opponents since 1894. A&M (7-2-1, 4-1-1 in the SWC) added its two-wins worth by tying up the Hogs, 20-16, Saturday in Arkansas' last home stand.

The partial Razorback crowd of 46,418 watched their 0-7 team hold A&M tailback Darren Lewis, the SWC's all-time rushing leader, to 89 yards. He still moved up to tenth place in the NCAA career-rushing list with 4,749 career-yards.

Lewis needs 251 to become a member of the exclusive 5,000-yard club. Only four running

backs in NCAA history have rushed for more than 5,000 yards — Charles White (Southern Cal), Archie Griffin (Ohio State), Herschel Walker (Georgia) and Tony Dorsett (Pittsburgh). All four are Heisman Trophy winners.

Fullback Robert Wilson commanded the backfield Saturday, rushing for 115 yards on 18 carries. A fourth-quarter fumble by Wilson brought Arkansas within reach of a win, but the Aggie defense held on.

Junior quarterback Bucky Richardson's 91 rushing yards put him atop the A&M career rushing list by a quarterback. Richardson's 1,482 yards broke the previous mark held by Mike Mosely (1977-80), who rushed for 1,396 yards.

Richardson had an impressive first half, hitting seven-of-10 passes for 73 yards and leading the offense to 209 total yards. His favorite target for the afternoon turned out to be senior wide receiver Gary Oliver, who caught eight passes on his way to racking up a career-high 101 yards.

A&M coach R.C. Slocum said he was pleased with both Richardson's and Oliver's performance.

"We tried to throw some quick stuff and (Bucky) was outstanding running the ball," Slocum said. "Gary did an excellent job catching the ball."

Even Lewis marked Oliver as his favorite receiver. On second-and-15 from the A&M 48 in the



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Derrick Frazier (3) wraps up Arkansas' Quinn Grovey (4) in the third quarter of A&M's 20-16 win. Frazier had three tackles.

second quarter, the tailback ran left and hit Oliver open on the 26-yard line. On the next play, Richardson kept and scrambled right for 12 yards, and set up A&M on the Arkansas 14 with a first-and-10. A four-yard run by Wilson put the Aggies closer to scoring, but it was the next play that nabbed the game for A&M.

On second-and-six, Richardson ran up the right end, as he was about to be tackled, pitched to Lewis, who was running up on the right sideline and went in for the score. Replays left the call

questionable as to whether the ball actually was pitched forward.

"I don't think it was controversial," Lewis said. "Bucky was on the ground and he pitched it backward to me. I heard some fans booing, but I think (the officials) made the right call."

Richardson said he was unsure if the pitch went forward or sideways, but the call was up to the official and fortunately, he saw it as a lateral.

"It was just one of those things where a defender was on me and we started going toward the side-

line," Richardson said. "I saw Darren coming up behind me and I shoveled it to him and he got in the endzone."

Kicker Layne Talbot hit the extra point, putting the Aggies on top, 7-0.

Arkansas came back and quarterback Quinn Grovey put together a three-minute scoring drive, driving the Razorbacks 60 yards in nine plays and capping it off with a 29-yard field goal by kicker Todd Wright.

On the ensuing kickoff return, the Aggies looked like they were headed for a quick six when Randy Simmons received the kick and returned it 38 yards, setting up A&M on its own 43.

A&M methodically moved the ball, but couldn't get the final 10 yards. The Aggies settled for a Talbot field goal to put the score at 10-3, with :49 remaining in the half.

On the opening drive of the second half, the Aggies took the ball to the Arkansas nine and faced a third-and-seven. Again, The Razorback defense stiffened, and A&M had to settle for three points from Talbot.

Arkansas linebacker Mick Thomas caught the Aggies for two crucial tackles in the drive and contributed to A&M's missing out on a touchdown.

"We stopped the big play all day," Thomas said. "We kept coming back. They were inside our 10 twice and we turned them back. That's a great accomplishment against a team that good."

And the Razorbacks again came back. Grovey commanded another scoring drive,

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A&M closes exhibitions with 92-72 win

By DOUGLAS PILS
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The Texas A&M men's basketball team exploded for 61 second-half points to defeat the New Zealand Select Team, 92-72, Friday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

After making a dismal 35 percent of their shots in the first half, the Aggies went into halftime down 35-31. Head coach Kermit Davis Jr.



Kermit Davis Jr.

said he was appalled at the team's performance in the half, citing a lack of offensive motion as the main problem.

"I was totally embarrassed over the first half," Davis said. "It was unlike the things we try to do in practice. We played selfish offensively, trying to shoot it on one pass. On the other end we gave up about 10 points in transition."

Davis was so upset at his team's performance in the first half that with 8:07 remaining, he put in four Sixth Man walkons and sophomore center Chris Finley. Davis said he made the move to serve as a wake up call to his regular rotation.

"I had taken some guys out, gotten onto them and I didn't think they responded very well, so I went to the Sixth Man guys," he said. "They played more effectively than any other group we had. Maybe they didn't score as many baskets, but I thought they played like we try to play."

Such a drastic move was needed, Davis said, because a fine line exists between whether A&M wins this year or gets blown out.

"We're not Oklahoma and we're not Arkansas," Davis said. "We can't go out and not do the things we need to do and still beat people."

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Agassi tops No. 1 Edberg in four sets

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Andre Agassi, playing the best tennis of his career, beat top-ranked Stefan Edberg in four sets Sunday to win the ATP World Championships.

In avenging an earlier defeat to Edberg during the round-robin portion of the tournament, Agassi earned \$600,000 for his 5-7, 7-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory. In all, Agassi collected \$950,000 from the \$2 million purse in the eight-player tournament.

After winning the second-set tie-breaker, Agassi dominated the match and broke the Swede three times in the last set to win in three hours, 15 minutes.

Agassi became the first American to capture the season-ending championship since John McEnroe in 1985, when the event was called the Masters.

"There is no question that this is the high point of my career," the 20-year-old American said. "Stefan has been playing the best tennis all year and the pressure wasn't on me."

It was the fourth title for Agassi in seven finals this year and his first victory over Edberg on carpet. The Swede leads the series 3-2, but was beaten once by Agassi earlier this year, at Key Biscayne, Fla.

Edberg had beaten Agassi in three close sets during the round-robin. Agassi tossed his racket into the stands after converting his first match point when Edberg sent a backhand into the net.

Agassi beat Boris Becker, ranked No. 2 in the world, on Saturday to reach the final, while Edberg eliminated Ivan Lendl, the No. 3 seed.