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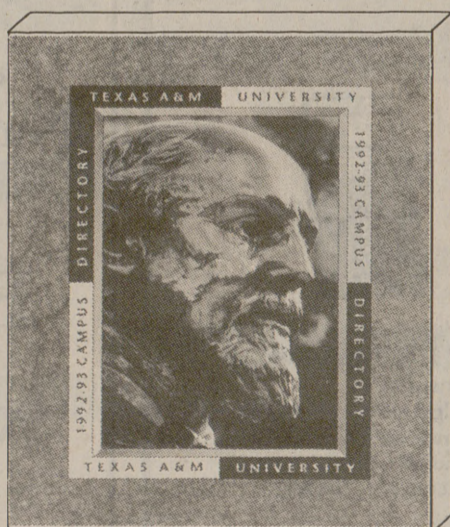
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'92-93 CAMPUS DIRECTORY

UT's Dodds denies move to PAC 10

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN— University of Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Monday the school has no plans to leave the Southwest Conference, responding to a published report that Texas is an expansion target of the Pacific-10 Conference.

In a copyright story, The Dallas Morning News quoted two Pac 10 officials as saying the chief executive officers of the league discussed plans to bring in the University of Colorado and Texas at an Oct. 20 meeting in Seattle.

"First of all, we did not know they had a meeting," Dodds said. "Second, we haven't been contacted. Third, our position has not changed. We are a member of the Southwest Conference and are working for its improvement."

The Morning News reported in Monday editions that the Pac 10 plans to expand to 12 teams, with Colorado to become its 11th member and Texas the 12th.

"They're approaching Colorado first because they think it's ready to go and Texas is not," said one official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "Texas is the more important one."

Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said he has been instructed not to comment on expansion.

"I won't confirm or deny anything," Hansen said. "Once you start down that path, you never stop."

Colorado athletic director Bill Marolt said he had no knowledge of the Pac-10's discussion.

"Well, there are all sorts of rumors about all sorts of schools," Marolt said. "I really don't have anything to say."

An official within the Pac-10 told the newspaper "in the next few weeks and months, there will be movement at the presidential level" regarding Colorado. He said the Pac-10 presidents had been "careful" not to take a vote on the issue.

Texas Chancellor William Cunningham was out of town Monday and did not return a phone call from The Associated Press.

Season forces Dykes to change goals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK— Entering this season, the Texas Tech Red Raiders were optimistic about getting their first Cotton Bowl berth. Now they'll be happy to finish .500.

Head coach Spike Dykes admits his team's 3-5 overall record, 2-2 in Southwest Conference play, has forced him to lower his goals. The important thing, he says, is to keep some goal in mind.

"You've got to decide exactly where you're headed," Dykes said Monday. "If you're not careful, it's easy to pack it in."

Tech, beaten by the Texas Longhorns 44-33 on Saturday, now must win its final games — Rice, TCU and at home against Houston — to finish above .500.

"It's highly important that we get our heads up and get ready to play this week," Dykes said. "There's still a lot to play for. A winning season, an outside chance for a bowl bid and pride come to mind pretty quickly."

Dykes had predicted better for his team. Then came a heart-breaking 19-17 loss to Texas A&M and Saturday's defeat, which all but eliminated the Red Raiders' hopes of a bowl invitation.

"Going into the season we thought we had a chance to be highly competitive in the conference, to be a contending factor," Dykes said. "But when we've come right up to the lip of the cup in the conference we haven't been able to win the close games."

"Against Texas, when they had

to go to the well, it worked," he said. "When we had to do it, it didn't."

The Longhorns, who have beaten Tech in three out of the last four years, won despite being stopped on 13 third-down attempts. Texas didn't secure the victory, however, until Pete Gardere ran for an 11-yard touchdown with 3:29 left.

Tech also helped the Longhorns' cause by losing four fumbles in the first half.

"Texas made several big plays," Dykes said. "We had flashes defensively, but Texas made the plays they had to in order to win. We just didn't play well enough to beat a good team. You can't make the mistakes we made and expect to win."

Cowboys enjoying NFL's best record for first time since 1983

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING— The Dallas Cowboys, making the long climb from a 1-15 start under Jimmy Johnson in 1989, have reached a plateau that even their most veteran players don't recognize.

The Cowboys, at 7-1, own the NFL's best record halfway through the season.

"It's a good feeling but we have a big task in the next eight games," said defensive end Jim Jeffcoat, a 10-year veteran. "I don't remember the last time we've been two games up in the NFC East."

The last time the Cowboys had the best record in the NFL was after 10 weeks in 1983, when they were 9-1. Dallas hasn't had a two-game lead in the NFC East since the sixth week of the 1985 season, when it was 5-1.

Entering the second half, Washington and Philadelphia are 5-3, two games behind Dallas. That's a sharp contrast to an 0-8 start in 1989.

"Our start this year is about as far away from a couple of years ago as you can get," said center Mark Stepnoski.

The Cowboys were riding especially high at Valley Ranch Monday following their 20-10 revenge whipping of the Philadelphia Eagles, who had defeated them 31-7 four weeks earlier.

"The coaches told us we could have through Monday to celebrate, then we'd have to cut it off," said fullback Daryl Johnston.

The fact that Dallas plays the Detroit Lions on

Sunday in the Silverdome is sure to be sobering. The Lions twice beat the Cowboys at home last year, 3-10 in the regular season and 38-6 in the playoffs.

"We have enough tape on those two games to keep our guys from walking around with big heads," said defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt, whose team replaced the Eagles as the NFL's best total defense.

"We owe them (the Lions) one," said defensive tackle Tony Casillas.

Emmitt Smith notched another milestone on Sunday, when he became the first runner to crack the 100-yard barrier against the Eagles in 54 games. Smith carried 30 times for 163 yards.

"We were pounding them," said offensive line man Nate Newton.

Added Stepnoski, "They hadn't given up 10 yards to a running back forever so it had to happen eventually. Why not to us? Emmitt was great."

Smith, the NFL's leading rusher last year, said, "It was the biggest high I've had, getting over 100 yards against those guys. You want to have a 100-yard game, but you don't count on it."

Smith had averaged 59 yards against the Eagles until Sunday.

"It's quite an accomplishment," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. "But there is still more to do. We have a tough game in Detroit and we haven't played well up there the last two times."

Odds makers made the Cowboys seven-point favorites for Sunday's meeting with the Lions.

Johnson decides to retire again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INGLEWOOD, Calif.— Because some people didn't want to play against him, Magic Johnson won't play again after all.

Johnson retired again Monday, mainly because his return prompted several NBA players to say they felt at risk by competing against someone who has the AIDS virus.

"It has become obvious that the various controversies surrounding my return are taking away from both basketball as a sport and the larger issue of living with HIV for me and the many people affected," Johnson said in a statement.

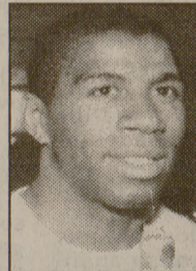
After talking it over with his wife, Cookie, and his family, Johnson said, "I decided I will retire from the Lakers."

Dr. Michael Mellman, Johnson's personal physician and the Lakers' team doctor, said Johnson was physically fit to play.

"This is not based on his doctor's advice," Dr. Mellman said. "It's his lifestyle decision."

Several NBA stars, including fellow Dream Team member Karl Malone, said they were concerned about playing with Johnson for health reasons.

One NBA general manager,



Johnson

speaking on the condition that he not be identified, was quoted in a story published Sunday in The New York Times as saying that Johnson should step aside to avoid any controversy.

Malone was quoted in the story as saying, "Just because he came back doesn't mean nothing to me. It may be good for basketball, but you have to look far beyond that."

Contacted Monday, Malone added: "Look at the cuts and scratches I get now. All of a sudden, the last second of the game, and here comes Magic to the basket. It's the same as, what if I had the virus as a player and what if a Buck Williams or a Charles Barkley comes in?"

"It is a physical game and you do get kicked and scratched," Malone added. "I do have concerns, just like anybody would have. It's not a thing of kicking a man when he's down."

Johnson, the NBA's career leader in assists with 9,921, made his announcement four days before the beginning of the 1992-93 season.

The 33-year-old had shocked the sports world last Nov. 7 when he announced his retirement after testing HIV positive.

A source close to Johnson, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the retirement was tied to the controversy surrounding the player's comeback and not his health.

Another source familiar with the situation, who also declined to be identified, said Johnson "prob-

ably thought he would be about any kind of controversy because he's Magic. But he discovered the wasn't going to happen."

It was only Friday night, after the Lakers' final exhibition game, that Johnson had said he and the team were ready for the upcoming season. Johnson made only 10 of 10 field-goal attempts while scoring eight points in the Lakers' 103-92 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers at Chapel Hill, N.C. He played 28 minutes and had five assists.

He sat out a few minutes in the first quarter of that game when he got a scratch on his right arm. The scratch required a bandage, which he covered with a sweatband.

Johnson played in five of the Lakers' eight preseason games, averaging 10.4 points and nearly 12 assists a game. The Lakers were 4-1 with Johnson in the lineup.

"I've come to realize that simply isn't possible to return to playing in the NBA and still continue to be involved in all the things I want to do," Johnson said. "Although my family has given me their support to return to the Lakers, I feel that it is more important to spend my time with them as well as continuing with HIV and AIDS education projects than in the competitive and time-consuming world of the NBA."

After leading Michigan State to the 1979 NCAA championship, Johnson went on to average 19.1 in 12 seasons for the Lakers, leading them to five NBA championships.

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Histry should have shown the Oilers that playing for the last-minute field goal, to quote a certain, well-known conservative, just wouldn't be prudent at that juncture. Del Grek had more than the outcome of one game on his shoulders. He also had the legacy of so many kickers before him that had folded in the same situation. That was too much pressure for a kicker who hadn't attempted a field goal since the first drive of the game, and was now facing a stiff, cold, Three Rivers breeze.

Three words for Pardee to consider - play-action pass. It works, and it would have

worked to perfection when Carlson handed off to White with 19 seconds left in the game. The Steelers knew that Houston would hand off, and they packed the middle of the line of scrimmage to stop it. At the very least, a pass after a play-action fake could have resulted in better field position for Del Grek. Ideally, it would have resulted in a touchdown. But, of course, that would be too risky.

Perhaps Pardee should take notes from New Orleans head coach Jim Mora. In the past, Mora's play calling was more conservative than a tent revival led by Pat Buchanan and Rush Limbaugh.

But this year, Mora has opened his mind and the New Orleans offense. He's taking chances for a change, a shift in thinking that was essential to

the Saints' 23-21 comeback win over Tampa Bay Sunday. That win put the Saints at 6-2 and in the driver's seat of the NFC West title race.

To save the rest of Houston's season, and maybe even to save his own job, Pardee might want to consider a few left-wing advisors. How about Darrell "Mouse" Davis, the inventor of the run-and-shoot and a former assistant of Pardee's. Or maybe Atlanta assistant June Jones, the former Houston quarterbacks coach who might be growing weary of Jerry Glanville's sideshow in the Georgia Dome. Heck, why not John Jenkins? The Walter Mondale of offensive coaches might just be ready to hit the big time.

Whatever the choice, Pardee needs to open things up. The last thing Houston needs is a kinder, gentler football team.