

# Super celebration falls flat

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DALLAS — Ho-hum. By last year's standards, this city's Super Bowl hangover was a bummer. Maybe a mild headache. An upset tummy. A sore throat or two. Buffalo breath, at the worst. Hangover XXVIII was only a mere shadow of Hangover XXVII. A year ago, after the Cowboys crushed the Bills 52-17, diehard Dallas fans partied hard and partied late, then returned the next morning to revisit the "hair of the dog" that bit them.

"I called in dead this morning," a sales representative named Dan Wiskoski confessed last year as he clutched a cold beer at the Addison Point, a popular north side sports bar.

"I didn't wake up today. I came to," said his buddy, Craig Shaffer.

After Sunday's victory, it was more like the hair of the puppy. "It just wasn't that frenzied," said Casey Gotcher, who surfaced at the Point shortly before noon Monday. "Last year, everybody went crazy. This year, it was more subdued.

"It's really kind of bizarre."

Police made only a couple of arrests for drunkenness Sunday

## Dallas fans subdued, confident of Cowboy super three-peat

night. There were no reports of injuries and only a few rowdy incidents.

Police did rebuke some 27 screaming and shouting fans packed into an El Camino creeping through the historic downtown West End entertainment complex, which was a madhouse last year.

Anticipating another wild celebration, 312 extra officers were scattered around the city's hot spots, almost half of them in the West End.

But there was more honking and hollering than brawling.

Monday morning, nobody showed up at the West End's Outback Pub, the scene of one of the city's biggest Super Bowl bashes Sunday.

"They got their partying done last night," laughed general manager Donnie Mixon. "We were packed to the gills, but they were a lot calmer than last year.

"A year ago, it was just mayhem."

With the 'Boys trailing by a touchdown at halftime, the mood

across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex was a mite subdued, but not gloomy.

"Our group had a feeling something good was going to happen in the second half," Mixon said. "And sure enough it did."

The Outback crowd "hit the rafters" when James Washington returned Thurman Thomas' fumble for a touchdown early in the third quarter.

Everything was downhill from then on.

"The first half and second half were like two different ball-games," said Gotcher, the Addison Point regular. "I don't know if the Dallas dynasty's back. But we proved one thing — last year was not a fluke."

Gotcher and bartender Anita Joyce insisted that no one's actually blasé over the Cowboys, it's just that the 1993 Super Bowl victory was the perfect end to a magical season.

"We're just getting a little cocky and arrogant, but that's the way it should be, because we're

the Dallas Cowboys," Gotcher said.

Said Ms. Joyce, obviously a believer in Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson:

"I think we're going to go back a third time and set a record. Why not? Jimmy's going to do it just to hack off everybody in the NFL."

Butch Weatherby, a regular at the Scoreboard in nearby Fort Worth, was one Cowboy fan just content with Sunday's verdict.

"My financial future and the harmony of my household were in jeopardy most of the night," he confessed. He was one of the many who bet the 'Boys, giving 101/2 points.

At the half, with Buffalo leading 13-6, he trailed by 171/2 points.

"I had to suffer through all that," he said, sipping a suds and chomping on Scoreboard leftovers: "We had enough food last night to feed the Somalians."

"We're still eatin' it today."

The Scoreboard party might have been a little rowdier than most. A reporter called Monday to inquire and Rex Hill, a professional golfer, answered the phone.

"There's a guy here that can't breathe," Hill said. "You want to talk to him? He's lying on the bar."

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## Super Bowl MVP takes trip, offers advice to Bills' Thomas

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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Emmitt Smith, making the perennial Super Bowl MVP visit to Walt Disney World on Monday, said he gave words of encouragement to his friend and Buffalo counterpart Thurman Thomas after the Dallas' victory.

"I just wished the man well," Smith said. "I told him I loved him ... to go away, have fun, relax and continue to work hard and perhaps he would be there again someday and they'll win."

Thomas' two fumbles led to 10 Dallas points, while Smith led the Cowboys to their second consecutive Super Bowl win against Buffalo.

Despite only one hour's sleep, Smith was energetic, shaking hands with Mickey Mouse and jumping on the back of a fire engine for a parade down the Magic Kingdom's main street.

When the vehicle's engine died, it was no problem for the running back. He sat among a crush of fans, smiling, waving, signing autographs and chatting with Mickey before the fire engine was restarted and the parade headed for Cinderella's Castle.

Smith was named most valuable player for his two-touchdown, 132-rushing-yard effort in the Cowboy's 30-13 triumph. He later spent more than two hours answering reporters' questions at another Disney park, Epcot Center.

## McGinnis

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McGinnis is a 6-foot-7 junior at S. R. Butler High School who is already being recruited by many college basketball programs.

"A lot of kids in my neighborhood had a lot of ability, and they just gave up," Tony McGinnis said. "I try to teach my brothers that working hard can get you somewhere."

"I am an example for that. It isn't going to guarantee you success, but without hard work, you will not stand a chance."

Whenever he can not get in touch with his family, he spends time talking to his

roommate, Edwards, who is also from out of state.

"We talk a lot about a lot of different things," McGinnis said. "We argue, but it is nothing personal."

"We get on each other to help pick each other up."

"That fills some of the void of not having family close by. Anything you can have somebody pick you up, that helps."

Edwards agrees.

"Sometimes we just sit down and talk about how we miss home," Edwards said. "We just tell each other to keep our heads up."

But if Edwards or McGinnis get a call from their parents, they share the call.

"We just complain," Edwards said, "about each other to the other one's parents."

## Aggies

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cially the 85-84 victory over UT. You can't imagine the types of pain I endured trying to remain impartial and not cheer while sitting at the press table.

You see, there's this code of impartial behavior journalists have to live by when reporting from the press box/booth.

I couldn't resist a little partiality, however. A writer for the Daily Texan (UT's student newspaper) was next to me and I couldn't help but crack him a gloating smile after the game.

That game was probably one

of the most exciting basketball games I can remember in my lifetime.

And it is not the only come-from-behind victory the Aggies have pulled out this season. UNLV, Rice, Montana State and Loyola Marymount all succumbed to A&M tenacity.

Last year the comebacks fell just a little short, but this year the Aggies are pulling them out.

One reason the Aggies are coming back to defeat opponents is the stingy A&M defense. Through 16 games this year, A&M has allowed opponents only 41.8 percent shooting and 69.6 points per game.

Defense, however, is only a part of the Aggies' success. A balanced offense in which four

players are averaging double figures is helping A&M win.

Guards David Edwards (11.4 points per game) and Tony McGinnis (10.6 ppg) lead the starting backcourt in scoring, while forward Damon Johnson (12.1 ppg) leads the starting front court.

However, it is reserve junior forward Joe Wilbert that leads the team in scoring with 13.5 ppg coming off of the bench.

Edwards, McGinnis and Johnson were all expected to perform well this season, but the surprise of the team has to be Wilbert.

He transferred from Tyler Junior College and has already made a huge impact on the team.

His block of Texas guard B.J. Tyler on the final shot of the

Texas game is probably one of the biggest plays of the year.

If Wilbert does not get the Conference Newcomer of the Year Award, there is no justice in the world or at least no justice in the SWC.

With his recruits and transfer acquisitions, Barone has led the A&M basketball team back from the wasteland.

Two years ago A&M was 6-22. Now we're on the way up. I wouldn't say we're ready for the final four, but at this rate, just give us a few years.

Hey, the Cowboys were 1-15 a couple of seasons ago and they just won their second consecutive Super Bowl.

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