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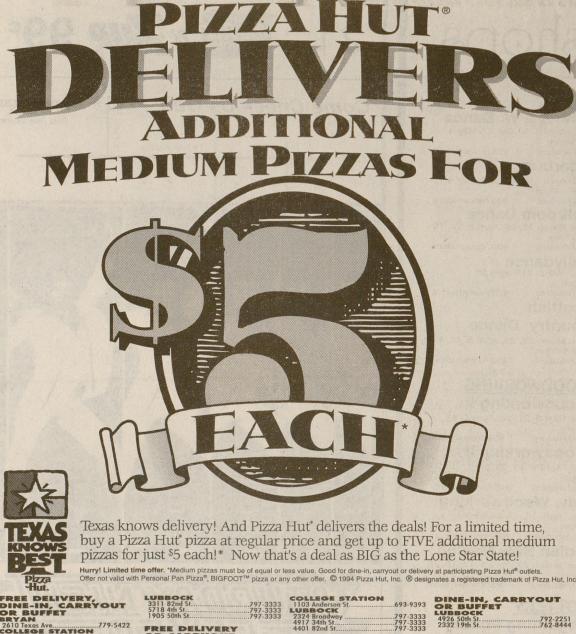


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Cowboys' soap opera continues... Jones, Johnson showdown

IRVING - On a hot July morning three years ago, a heavily sweating, 300-pound man wearing shorts timidly approached Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson at the Cowboys training camp in Austin.

'Jerry Jones sent me to you coach Johnson. He thought I might be able to help the team," said the fat man.

Johnson the unathletic appearing prospect and a s k e d :
"Where'd you
meet him?"

Johnson "At a watering hole last night," said the obese one. "He said you

might give me a tryout. Johnson told the man: "Run

from here to that tree. Halfway to the tree the man grabbed his side. End of tryout.

Hickey is as worried about the

"The thing that concerns me is

size of Purdue's guards as anything

that they're bigger when you add in

their forwards and guards, and that

leads to problems rebounding," she

their size and their ability to play a power game, the Boilermakers do

"They try to go inside," he said.
"They have a number of 6-4 and 6-5 girls. They're just big."

But where the Aggies really excel over the Boilermakers according to

Lichonczack, is at the guard posi-

be a key to any Aggie victory, par-

'They have a lot of turnovers during a game and we need to take advantage of that," Hickey said.

Lichonczack added that the Ag-

"For the most part they (Purdue)

gies can maintain a more frenetic

ticularly in the form of turnovers.

Lichonczack said that because of

Lady Ags

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are not a running team," he said.

Lichonczack believes that A&M

has a chance against Purdue, but he also expects Stanford to win its game against Colorado. That would mean that for the Lady Aggies to reach the Final Four, They would have to beat Stanford on their home floor, a prospect that Lichonczack said would be a monumental achievement.

You would have to beat Stanford at their home-court and that's going to be pretty hard," Lichoncza-Hickey has two goals for her

"First, we want to win this tour-

nament. Second, we want to prove we belong here," she said.

Lichonczack made it clear that the Boilermakers are an intimidating presence on the court.

"The way the kids are acting right now, I don't see the intimidation factor at all," Hickey said, "In fact, Purdue is a very young team and this is the first time they have "Purdue's guards are good but that's not a strength of their team," he said. "A&M's guards are better Hickey said that guard play will been away from home in the tournament, so they would be as sucseptible as us.

Lichonczack added that if the Lady Aggies keep their cool and play their type of game, they could be successful. Or at least more successful than the Lady Highlanders were.

We were in the game until about the time the National Anthem was over," Lichonczack laughed.

The sensitive and simmering relationship between the coach and owner of the Super Bowl champion Cowboys hit the headlines again this week at the NFL owners meeting in Orlando.

"That," Johnson said, "is a perfect example of what I have to put

up with around here

This time Johnson didn't laugh off his owner's bar episode like he did three years ago.

In fact, by all accounts, Johnson was as upset as he's ever been with Jones, his former roommate at the University of Arkansas who hired him to replace Tom Landry five years ago.

Johnson was told by close friend and Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt, who heard it all in the Orlando bar, that Jones had threatened to fire him for a perceived snub and replace Johnson with former Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer. The "snub" came when Jones wasn't invited to join Johnson at a table that included Wannstedt and Norv Turner, who was the Cowboys offensive coordinator until he left to join the Washington Redskins.

Kicking

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The standard practice for oal attempts is for the hold line up about seven yards be the line of scrimmage. This the kick enough distance to get borne before it can be blocked.

In essence, this rule change to away seven yards from a team misses a field goal. For instance, say the line of scrimmage is the The holder lines up at the 27 missed kick would result in the being placed at the 27 rather the 20, as has been done before

All of these rule changes has one common denominator. It level of entertainment that is provided. Recently, the NFL come under attack as being bl stodgy and mechanical. The ga follow a much too predictable

tern.
While the players are certain more talented, they are not nearly charismatic. The "Hollywoo Hendersons and the Oakla Raiders of the 1970s (Matuszak, S bler, Hendricks, etc.) are nowali torical footnote

The owners cannot help the la of colorful players, but they change the way the game is player This they have accomplished. though it's still immensely popu the NFL needed a tactical facelift. two-point conversion and more turned kickoffs can only add mon electricity to the sport.

Besides all of this, the Phoenic

Cardinals are now the Arizona Ca dinals (how about renaming team the Arizona Phoenix? Ča nals are not indigenous to the des Southwest.) The Fox network w be televising NFC games starting

In 1995, franchises in Jac sonville and Charlotte will be After years of inactivity, NFL is finally growing and charging with the times. Here's to prosperous future.

Gretzky breaks Howe's record, notches 802 goals

The Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Ways Gretzky scored his 802nd ca-

reer goal Wednesday night, overtak-Gordie Howe as the greatest goal-scorer in NHL history The 33-yearold Los Angeles

center beat Vancouver goal-tender Kirk McLean with a wrist shot from

base of the left circle with 5:13 left in the second period. Gretzky took a cross-ice pass fro McSorley, his old teammate from

legendary Edmonton Oiler days. M. Sorley had pulled McLean out of po sition before passing to Gretzky, who skated in from the left circle. Gretzky raised his arms in trium

as the Kings rushed off the bench engulf him in a sea of black and sil jerseys. The game was held up for brief ceremony as Gretzky addres the crowd.

Gretzky's feat elevates him to level reached by a select few who the standard in their sports: baseba Hank Aaron (755 home runs), fo ball's Walter Payton (16,726 yard and basketball's Kareem Abdul-labb

(38,387 points).
Howe, who retired in 198 scored 801 goals in 1,767 game over 26 seasons. Gretzky set th record playing in his 1,117th care game over 15 seasons.

Baseball

and certainly faster

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Granger flat-out dominated on the mound, posting a 15-3 record with a 2.62 ERA while leaving for the pro's as A&M's all-time strikeout leader.

As a staff, the Aggies posted a 3.40 ERA while holding opposing teams to a meager .228 average at the plate.

Offensively the Aggies boasted a .315 batting average while pounding-out an amazing 75 home runs. While Johnson and his squad re-

alize that seasons like that are as rare as smiling face during final exams, die-hard Aggie baseball fans may

not.

The A&M skipper explained that his team is still trying to adjust and find a winning chemistry.

Pre-season All-America pitchers Trey Moore and Chris Clemmons have combined for a mediocre 5-6 record this season despite possessing ERAs of 2.70 and 3.22 respectively. One night the pitching is hot but

the bats are cold and one night the opposite may occur.

In addition to inconstencies at

the plate and on the mound, miscues in the field have figured into a fair share of Aggie losses as well. The Aggies have been plagued with 61 errors this season as opposed to a total of 97 last year.

Despite being mired in such a slump, Johnson said that he cannot help but be proud of the way his team has handled their recent adver-

sity.
"I'm pleased with the guys attitudes," Johnson said. "They are really working hard although they are

The problem we are having now is that that we are working too

hard to make things happen.' Johnson believes that many of the players are trying to carry too much of the burden instead of remaining patient and allowing things to work themselves out.

Maybe Tuesday's "W" is the spark needed to restart the Aggie's engine. Their next test on the road to a second consecutive SWC title comes this weekend at Rice in a three-game series.

Although Johnson refused to say that the Rice series is the most important of the season based on A&M's recent ill-fortunes, I'll put my foot down and tell you that it is.

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