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The Boys are Back in Town

The Cowboys rocked the Steelers 27-17 in Super Bowl XXX.

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Those limo-riding glamour boys from Dallas backed up their bluster, but barely.

And they can thank one of their best glamorous players, Larry Brown, for their third Super Bowl victory in four years.

The Cowboys beat Pittsburgh 27-17 Sunday to extend the NFC's streak of victories in the NFL's showcase game to an even dozen.

And while Troy, Emmitt and Michael all had their moments, the biggest moment was reserved for Brown, the right cornerback overshadowed by the spotlight on left corner, a guy named Deion Sanders.

Brown came up with two interceptions at moments when Pittsburgh was just about to take control of the game and was named the Super Bowl's most valuable player.

His 44-yard return in the third quarter of Neil O'Donnell's pass set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Emmitt Smith that put Dallas up 20-7 after Pittsburgh, which fell behind 13-0, seemed ready to take the lead.

Then, after Pittsburgh had closed to 21-17 and had the ball with four minutes left, Brown, just as he did to seal the NFC title game with Green Bay, made another interception, returning it 34 yards to set up another Smith TD run, this one of four yards.

Only then did the Cowboys and coach Barry Switzer celebrate a struggling Super Bowl victory that capped a struggling season. And the hugs in the end zone reflected relief more than the "in-your-face" braggadocio with which the Cowboys faced Super Bowl week.

Dallas controlled the first half, with help from O'Donnell, the Pittsburgh quarterback who was high and outside most of the time, even on his completions.

But while they scored on their first two possessions, they could convert

those only into 13 points, leaving the Steelers within striking range, even with O'Donnell struggling so much.

Then the Steelers, as they have so often, scored in the last two minutes, turning it into a 13-7 game.

But while the Dallas offense fizzled, the defense did not, particularly Brown, who joined Miami's Jake Scott 13 years ago as the only other defensive back to win a Super Bowl MVP trophy. And that was enough for the Cowboys to join San Francisco as only teams to win five Super Bowls.

Pittsburgh, which won four Super Bowls during the 1970s, lost for the first time in five appearances.

Dallas' victory also bailed out Switzer, who took over from Jimmy

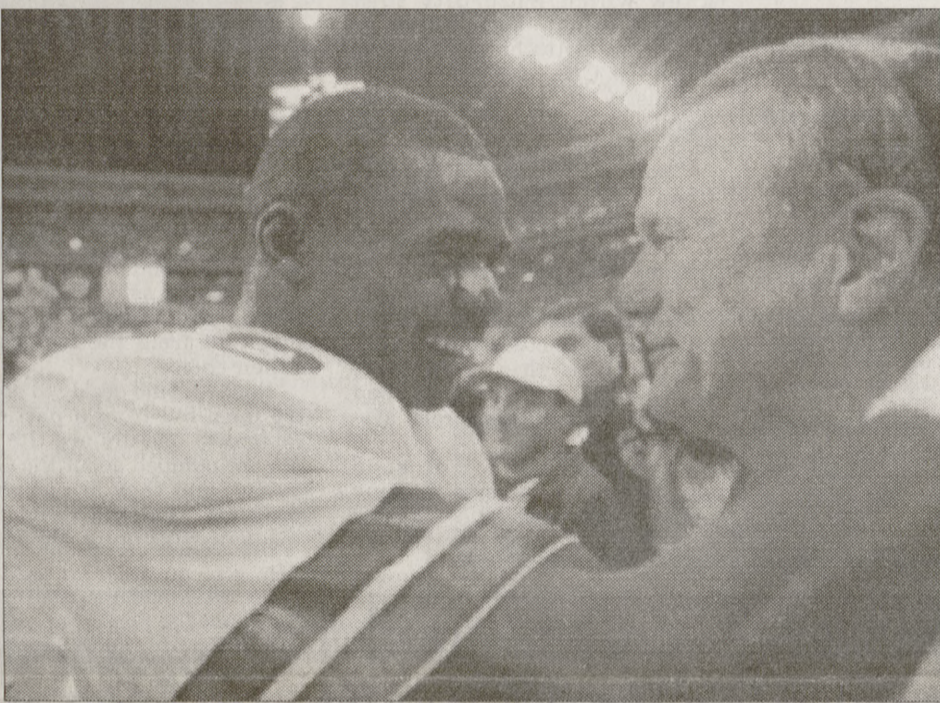
Johnson last season after Johnson and Dallas owner Jerry Jones had their well-publicized divorce. Switzer thus joined Johnson as the only coaches to win both college and pro championships despite a season of gaffes that left him labeled "Bozo the Coach."

The Cowboys were favored by 13 1/2 points, but after the narrow win even the trophy celebration was subdued.

"This ball game represents the kind of season we've had," Jones said in accepting the Vince Lombardi Trophy from commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who had bitterly attacked Jones on national television earlier in the day.

"This was a struggle," said Jones,

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Michael Irvin celebrates with coach Barry Switzer after the Cowboys beat the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Championship game Jan. 14 in Irving. The team went on to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17 in Super Bowl XXX Sunday.

AP Photo

Queen of Virtue



Sterling Hayman, THE BATTALION

Eleanor Colvin, a senior journalism major, is the 1996 Miss Black and Gold.

Miss Black and Gold crowned Saturday

The new queen said she does not fit the typical pageant winner image.

By Tara Wilkinson THE BATTALION

Eleanor Colvin, a Texas A&M senior journalism major, was named 1996 Miss Black & Gold Saturday night, receiving a crown and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Ten women, "queens of virtue," competed in the Pi Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant held in Rudder Theatre.

Arlishia Cronist, a senior construction science major, was named first runner up, and January Edward, a freshman general studies major, was named second runner up.

Contestants participated in introductory, modeling, talent and question-and-answer segments.

For the talent segment, the majority of pageant contestants per-

formed dramatic monologues, two contestants danced and one sang.

Marcus Jackson, a pageant judge and academic adviser at A&M, said the five Miss Black and Gold judges established criteria to help them make their difficult decision.

"We looked for sincerity, personality, poise and their future plans in the African-American society," Jackson said.

The judges said they were impressed with Colvin's goal of becoming an editor of a major African-American magazine.

Becky Pettitt, a pageant judge and A&M coordinator of diversity education for residence life, said Colvin was selected, in part, because of her sincerity.

"She exemplified the character, inner beauty and sophistication of a black woman," Pettitt said. "Being a black woman in America is very challenging, and she is able to do it with poise."

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A&M campus pays tribute to Challenger team

Flags will fly at half mast today in memory of the shuttle crew members who died 10 years ago.

By Johanna Henry THE BATTALION

The 57 members of Texas A&M's Squadron "Challenger" 17 gathered on the Quad Sunday night in honor of the seven crew members who died Jan. 28, 1986, when the Challenger 7 space shuttle exploded.

Cadets read former President Ronald Reagan's Jan. 28, 1986, speech, and the outfit prayed together.

Two members of the Aggie Band played "Echo Taps," a special rendition of Taps.

Mike Harvard, a senior politi-

cal science major and Squadron 17 commanding officer, said the ceremony offered a chance to reflect on priorities.

"It brings it all into perspective," Harvard said. "You forget all your petty arguments and remember what they did for their country. It's a day to remember those who died."

Former members of the outfit came from as far as Dallas and San Antonio to observe the ceremony.

Mike Diezi, a Squadron 17 member and senior agricultural economics major, said the ceremony never grows old, offering new perspectives each year.

"For us as seniors, it is a good time to reflect," he said. "Even though it is our fourth time, when it's done right, it is special every time."

Today the entire Corps will

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Gwendolyn Struve, THE BATTALION

The Students for the Exploration and Development of Space placed a wreath next to the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross Friday. A photograph of the seven-member crew, an ode to them and a quote from former President George Bush accompanied the wreath.

MBA students compete to prove worth to potential employers

The annual competition increased dramatically from last year's competition.

By Danielle Pontiff THE BATTALION

Texas A&M MBA students had a chance this weekend to prove they could analyze problems and think under pressure.

The MBA/LAW Symposium Committee hosted its 19th annual Chevron Corp. Case Competition Friday in the Wehner Building.

Bob Bird, competition coordinator, said this year's event was significant be-

cause 22 teams of students competed, a dramatic increase from last year's four-team competition.

"This is the largest competition we've had since we began in 1977," Bird said. "The first-year MBA/MS (master of science) students were particularly enthusiastic about this event. They made up 16 of the teams."

Each team of four students received an informational packet Tuesday night about a software company called Novell. They had two days to prepare a presentation with recommendations for solving the company's problems.

"The participants were free to choose the focus of their presentation," Bird said. "The judges looked for realistic recommendations that extended logically

from each team's analysis."

First-year MBA students Mike Mancuso, David Vassar, Kyla Dodson and Jamie Collins won first place in the competition and \$300 each.

Bird said many of the second-year students were surprised that the younger team won.

Vassar said his group spent every moment of its free time working on the case presentation.

"We did a lot of research and worked hard to come up with a strategic plan to implement for Novell," Vassar said. "The only breaks we had were when we had to go to classes."

Cash prizes were also awarded to the

second, third and fourth-place teams.

Sixteen representatives of major corporations in Texas, including Chevron Corp., Texas Instruments and Exxon Corp., judged the event.

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MBA program assistant director

Elissa Ellis, assistant director of the MBA program, said the competition allowed students to showcase their talents to potential employers.

"Recruiters establish a relationship

with the MBA students in the competition," Ellis said. "As they see how each group analyzes the case, the recruiters get more personal insight to the students than they would in a cold job interview."

Tim Papa, MBA/MS Association president, said the students' presentations were impressive and showed their ability to handle competition.

"The presentations were exciting to watch," Papa said. "It's a competitive environment, yet the teams have given each other advice throughout the past couple of days. There's a lot of camaraderie between all the teams."

Bird said he hopes the competition will expand within the next few years to include other universities.