

Steelers find new rival in Oilers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers have spent nearly a year looking for a rival to replace the Cleveland Browns. They may have found it in their own division: the Houston Oilers.

Even as the Steelers (3-1) began practicing Wednesday for Monday night's game against the Kansas City Chiefs (4-1) — one of the AFC's top games this season — they wouldn't stop talking about their Oct. 20 rematch in Houston.

It's a return bout that promises to be considerably more compelling than Mike Tomczak vs. Bruce Seldon.

Oilers defensive backs Darryll Lewis and Marcus Robertson and Steelers rookie punter Shayne Edge were ejected from Pittsburgh's fight-filled 30-16 victory Sunday. Several more players face disciplinary action by the NFL for a fourth-quarter dispute that spilled off the field and into the stands.

Steelers linebackers Chad Brown and Jerry Orosco also complained of frequent cutting by the Oilers linemen, prompting Houston cornerback Cris Dishman to call them "bums."

Sounds like the old days of the Steelers-Oilers rivalry in the 1970s, when Oakland al-

legedly slicked up its uniforms with Vaseline and wrote derogatory messages to the Steelers on the game balls.

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher seemed amused by all the yapping, and even encouraged his players during his post-game talk to begin spreading what he called "The party line: It's the start of a good rivalry."

But, Brown said Wednesday, there's nothing good if a player caught up in the heat of the moment ends another's career with a deliberate, knee-high block from behind.

"Chop blocks are a part of football, I understand that," Brown said Wednesday. "But do it face-to-face. Don't do it from behind me. Guys get hurt and guys' careers end by cut blocks from behind. Don't cheap-shot me."

The Oilers' response? "He's a crybaby," wide receiver Derek

Russell said. "He cried the whole game. I don't do it (cut block) to cornerbacks. He's a good player, but you have to cut a linebacker who weighs 40 pounds more than you do."

Even Cowher agreed cut blocks have a place in football, as long as they aren't intended to cause injury.

"That's part of the game," he said. "Obviously, there are times when it's accepted. Other times, it's not. Some players don't like it. ... I don't like all the taxes we have to pay. I really don't. But what are you going to do about it? Nothing."

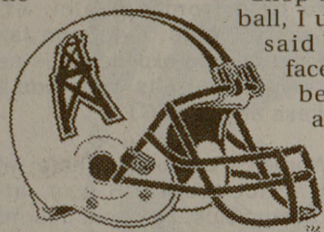
Cowher said the verbal byplay is useful only if it proves a helpful motivator for the Steelers' return date in Houston.

"Anybody who's a proud person, a competitive person, can take exception to some things that might be said," Cowher said. "There's no reason at all for us to be involved in that type of verbiage. To me, just don't talk about it, just do it. ... When it comes down to it, just look up at the scoreboard. That's the greatest message you can send."

The Steelers hope to send another one Monday in a matchup that was expected to occur in the AFC championship game in January. Instead, Pittsburgh wound up playing the Indianapolis Colts after they upset the Chiefs in Kansas City.

The Chiefs are slightly favored, and Steelers quarterback Mike Tomczak would be surprised only if they weren't.

"The Steelers still don't necessarily get the respect we deserve, but that's all right," he said. "It gives us a chip on our shoulder when we go out on the field and try to win."



New stadium comes with strings attached

HOUSTON (AP) — A partnership that has conditionally agreed to buy and develop land for a downtown baseball stadium has the option of later buying back the site, the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

The agreement regarding a retractable-roof stadium for the Houston Astros is outlined in a letter of intent signed last month by the City of Houston, Harris County, the Astros and the Houston Sports Facilities Partnership.

If voters approve a financing plan in a Nov. 5 referendum, the partnership — headed by Enron Corp. Chairman Ken Lay — will

donate land for the stadium to Harris County.

But according to the letter, in exchange for paying about \$15 million for the land and \$18 million on development costs, the investment group will have the right to buy back the stadium land at its original 1996 price, the newspaper reported.

John Watson, a lawyer representing Lay's group, said the in-

vestors would do so near the end of the stadium's life.

Other details in the letter give partnership members first right to negotiate with the Astros on the name of the stadium, concessions, advertising and other services.

Also, they will get first choice, after the team, on luxury suites and the expected 42,000 seats.

Astros owner Drayton McLane has said that without revenue from a stadium better than the 31-year-old Astrodome, he will have to sell or move the team.

City officials announced Sept. 14 plans to build the \$265 million stadium, pending voter en-

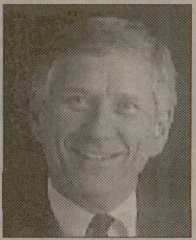
dorsement of the ballot issue next month.

The vaguely worded referendum only asks voters to authorize Harris County to create and operate new or renovated sports stadiums, with the understanding no property taxes be used.

Lack of details about the stadium plan may worry voters.

City and county officials, for example, say they still aren't even sure of the identity of the investors putting up the \$33 million.

Lay won't disclose their names, although he says so far there are eight or nine investors and he hopes to get about a dozen more.

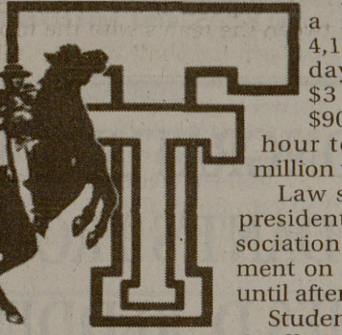


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Texas Tech Student Bar delays arena election results

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The Texas Tech Student Bar Association, claiming procedural violations in a referendum over a proposed basketball arena, has delayed until Thursday the release of the election's results.

The association had several objections, including the distances some law students had to walk to cast their votes Tuesday. The organization forced a Wednesday night hearing by the student Election Commission.



In addition to choosing a homecoming queen, 4,132 students voted Tuesday whether to designate \$3 of the approximately \$90 they pay per semester hour toward a proposed \$40 million to \$45 million arena.

Law student Bill Exley, vice president of the Student Bar Association, said he'd reserve comment on his organization's gripes until after the hearing.

Student Association president Geoff Wayne, a staunch backer of

the arena, said the bar association's move frustrated him.

"We followed procedures to a 'T,'" he said.

The arena will be built with or without student support, school officials have said, though lack of student fee support could push completion beyond the November 1998 target time.

To sweeten the pot, the school promised 3,600 guaranteed seats for students, many at court-side, if the referendum passed.

The planned United Spirit Arena, which already has attracted millions of dollars in corporate donations, is proposed to replace the outdated Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

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"We've played some good competition," Starks said. "Being able to play Baylor and USL has helped us."

Despite the fact that the Bulldogs are playing a 1-3 team in A&M, Crowton is conscious not to underestimate the Aggies.

"We've got a lot of respect for A&M and Coach (R.C.) Slocum," Crowton said. "The losses they've had were due to turnovers, but we know that they're good."

A&M has turned the ball over 16 times this year, including four lost fumbles to the University of Colorado last week.

Starks said turnovers always influence a game, but his team cannot count on free gifts from the Aggies.

"I feel that turnovers are just something that happens during the course of a game," Starks said. "Usually they are a factor, and hopefully we'll end up on the positive side of that."

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Bulldogs junior safety

Crowton said the team is trying to dismiss pressures associated with playing A&M.

"We want to relax, go out and play hard and have fun," Crowton said. "We've got to execute offensively and defensively and hope [the Aggies] don't."

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