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## Teague ejected for roughness

IRVING (AP) — George Teague knows it was probably the wrong thing to do. Still, he would do it again.

The Dallas safety said Monday that his revenge hit on San Francisco's Terrell Owens was not only about the 49ers receiver's second touchdown celebration at midfield, but also a culmination of what has been a frustrating season for the Cowboys (1-3).

"No matter how negative this is, the game and the action that happened, it all comes from having pride and getting our butts kicked over and over," Teague said. "I think it will help us in the long run to be able to not feel that way and not want to feel that way anymore."

Owens was suspended for one game and fined a week's salary by 49ers coach Steve Mariucci on Monday. Teague had not received any disciplinary action as of Monday, although he assumed a fine would be forthcoming from the NFL.

After both of his TD catches Sunday in the 49ers' 41-24 victory, Owens celebrated on the Cowboys' star logo in the middle of Texas Stadium.

Emmitt Smith responded to Owens' first outburst with his own midfield celebration, running to the logo with his helmet off and slam-

ming the ball down in the middle of the star after his 1-yard TD run just before halftime.

After Owens' second TD catch, with 4:05 left, he again sprinted to

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midfield. This time, Teague followed Owens and leveled him as he reached the logo.

Teague, who said the move was instinctive and not premeditated, was immediately ejected from the game.

Cowboys coach Dave Campo stopped short of publicly approving what Teague did.

"I like people that are willing to fight for their territory," Campo Monday. "Unfortunately, there's no place for that in the game. It shouldn't happen. I just look at it from a standpoint that frustration is something that we've got to avoid."

"We have got to look at the things that are going to make us better. Frustration that tears things sometimes."

The loss to San Francisco just six days after Dallas' emotional charge 27-21 in Washington. Linebacker Hambrick's pregame trash talk to the Redskins led to a scuffle that seemed to ignite the Cowboys.

"It's a little different than the Washington game," Teague said. "We started that early. This has just so much of a lot of frustration at the end of the game, not playing the way we expected to play."

Dallas cornerback Darren

son also was ejected, minutes after Teague was thrown out of the game. Woodson, upset that referees called a penalty when 49ers center Jeremy Newberry stepped on his back after the whistle blew, kicked and then threw his helmet.

## UT offense plagued by questions

AUSTIN (AP) — Hodges Mitchell says everything is OK, but he can't hide the frustration on his face and in his voice.

Even after a 48-0 win over Houston, Mitchell and the No. 13 Texas Longhorns (2-1) find themselves in the unusual situation of trying to stay positive in the face of questions about a struggling offense.

After two seasons with a Heisman Trophy winner and one of the country's best overall attacks, the Longhorns have seemed downright sluggish with the ball lately.

The running game ranks near the bottom of the NCAA and the offense has not scored in the first quarter for six straight games.

"We know we had some bad games, but we know we can produce in tough situations," Mitchell said Monday. "Last year the running game didn't open until the fourth game. I think that's what is going to happen this year."

Some of the numbers are solid enough — even stellar — to suggest that everything is fine. The Longhorns rank fourth nationally, passing the ball with 366.5 yards per

game and eighth in scoring with 41.33 points per game. Major Applewhite has six touchdown passes already.

So what is to complain about?

For starters, the rushing game is ranked 106th in 114 Division I-A teams.

And the slow starts are frustrating. Against Houston, the Longhorns offense managed just one yard in the first quarter. Thanks to a dominating defensive performance, they led 10-0 in the second after a blocked field goal.

Dakarai Pearson's interception return, despite gaining six total yards up to that point.

When the score was 41-0, the defense had scored the points on two interception returns and a fumble recovery for a touchdown.

"We're improving each week, but we're still not where we want to be," said coach Mack Brown. "We did absolutely nothing in the first quarter. It was as bad a quarter as we've had offensively since we've been here."

Texas will try to turn it up a notch this week at Houston Saturday.

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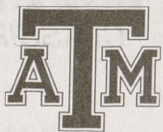
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