

## UH'S YEOMAN: 'OUR BEST GAME'

# Pros Got Brezina, Nikirk; Little Roland Got Trophy

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Halfback Bobby Brezina and tackle Pete Nikirk signed professional football contracts here Saturday immediately after completing their Houston careers in the Tangerine Bowl.

Brezina, the 210-pound UH rushing leader from Louise, was signed by Lewis Anderson for the Green Bay Packers.

**NEWKIRK, THE** 235-pound tackle from Alvord, was signed by Vic Schwvenk for the Los Angeles Rams and Elroy Hirsch was hurried with the Cougars' Ken Chancelor, the center, over the possibility of joining Kikirk at LA. Chancelor also is scheduled to talk with the Dallas Cowboys.

All three had excellent days against Miami of Ohio in the Tangerine. Brezina, in fact, so impressed the Packers they immediately upped their ante.

"I can't say what I got," Brezina grinned after the signing, "but I'm satisfied with it. They even added some to it after watching the game today. They must've liked it."

**BREZINA IS** scheduled to play in the All-America Bowl in Tucson Dec 29 and the Crusade Bowl in Baltimore Jan 6. Both Chancelor and Nikirk have been picked for the Crusade Bowl. Byron Beaver,

the senior safety, has been chosen to play for the South in Mobile's Senior Bowl. There is a possibility other Cougars may join the bowl parade.

Nikirk said the Rams are interested in him as either an offensive guard or defensive end. Brezina said the Packers wanted him for halfback work behind Paul Hournung. The Cowboys have indicated an interest in Chancelor as an offensive center.

For UH's Billy Roland, the dandy little quarterback whose size hurts his professional potential, there were no pro scouts waiting after the game Saturday. But Billy didn't come home empty handed. He was lugging the huge MATS trophy emblematic of the best player on the Tangerine field Saturday.

**ROLAND TOOK** his honor with becoming modesty. "I never saw receivers so open like they were all day today," he chuckled. Then Billy tapped his head with his forefinger and winked. "That's Coach Yeoman for you. A real smart man. He knew what would work."

Roland didn't see the end result of one of his best aerial efforts Saturday. He pitched a perfect pass to Brezina which went as a 44-yard touchdown play. "I never saw Bobby after I threw the ball, though," Roland laughed. "I

got knocked down. What made our sweeps work so well? Good blocking, that's what."

Bill Yeoman was quick to agree. "This has to be our best offensive game of the season," he nodded, "although you won't see a better half than the one we played against Cincinnati. There's no question speed was a determining factor today. That was obvious."

"**I DON'T KNOW** what got into Billy Roland today. His running on some of those sweeps was fantastic. And the way he blocked people, well, I'd say he did as good a job of blocking today as anybody. He really disjointed their Number 22 (Scott Tyler) a couple of times."

Yeoman smiled a smile of fond recollection. "We were able to get men open for the pass so well today because they were in a two-deep defensive setup and were trying to cover a halfback with a linebacker."

**LINE COACH J. D. Roberts** said UH linemen did their best blocking jobs of the season. "The blocking at point of attack held up well and the downfield blocking was great," Roberts smiled. "Gerald Dean played the best game of his career at tackle

today and Bill Van Osdal and Horst Paul and Clem Bearu and Milton Perkins, the ends, were really going downfield and hitting people."

"Our fullbacks," Yeoman said, "had to be blocking well for our sweeps to go so good. We weren't running into any 'garbage' at the line. And Perkins was doing a fine job on the play, too. Miami hadn't worked against a short slot before and we were giving Milt about a two yard running start to lay his block. He really moved that big tackle, Tom Nomina, out of there."