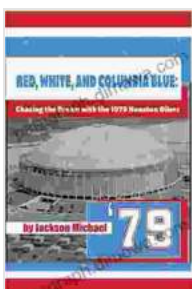


# Chasing the Dream with the 1979 Houston Oilers

The 1979 Houston Oilers were a team on the rise. Led by quarterback Dan Pastorini and running back Earl Campbell, the Oilers had a high-powered offense that was the envy of the NFL. But despite their success on the field, the Oilers were also a team in turmoil. Head coach Bum Phillips was a volatile and unpredictable figure, and his relationship with his players was often strained.

In *Chasing the Dream*, author John McClain tells the inside story of the 1979 Oilers, a team that had the potential to be great but ultimately fell short of its goals. McClain draws on interviews with players, coaches, and team officials to provide a vivid and unforgettable portrait of one of the most fascinating teams in NFL history.

The Oilers' season began with great promise. They won their first four games, including a 30-14 victory over the defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers. But the team's success was short-lived. They lost four of their next five games, and Phillips' relationship with his players began to deteriorate.



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Phillips was a demanding coach who often pushed his players to the breaking point. He was also known for his volatile temper, and he often berated his players in front of the media. Several players, including Campbell, clashed with Phillips, and the team's locker room became divided.

Despite the turmoil, the Oilers managed to finish the season with a 9-7 record. They missed the playoffs, but they had shown enough potential to be considered a contender in 1980.

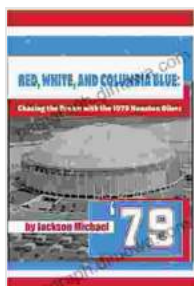
However, the Oilers' hopes for a championship were dashed in 1980. The team started the season 1-5, and Phillips was fired after a Week 6 loss to the New York Jets. Ed Biles took over as head coach, but the Oilers struggled to find their footing. They finished the season with a 7-9 record, and they missed the playoffs again.

The 1979 Oilers were a team with a lot of potential, but they never reached their full potential. They were a team divided, and they were led by a coach who was more interested in winning than in building relationships. In *Chasing the Dream*, John McClain tells the inside story of the 1979 Oilers, a team that had the potential to be great but ultimately fell short of its goals.

Chasing the Dream is a must-read for any fan of the Houston Oilers or NFL history. McClain's vivid writing and insightful interviews bring the 1979 Oilers to life, and he provides a fascinating look at one of the most enigmatic teams in NFL history.

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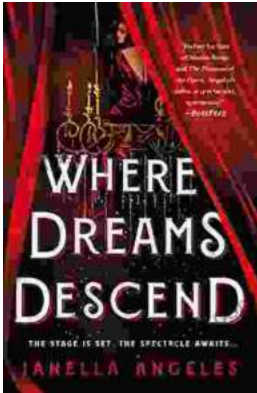
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