



Superbowl XVIII

Raiders -vs- 'Skins

Los Angeles

Washington



by Mike Huggler

And just who gave Washington 3½ points in the Super Bowl?

Obviously, someone who is ignorant to that awesome team, the bad guys, the Raiders.

That the Redskins beat the Raiders during the season matters not. The Raiders had 8 turnovers and still only lost by two points. That game is insignificant, because neither team played well.

Forget regular season play. What really counts now is the playoffs. Oakland . . . er, uh . . . L.A. walked all over Pittsburgh (who was just a fluke anyway), and as for the team that beat the Raiders twice in one season, the Seahawks were too scared to play after Lyle Alzado threatened to tear their heads off. Meanwhile, the Redskins squeaked by the 49ers.

Offensively, the Raiders now, are hot, and at their worst, still very good. Marcus Allen is doing great, but he might have a costly turnover. Passing behind the most powerful line in the league is the NFL's most underrated quarterback, Jim Plunkett. So maybe his head is too big for his helmet, still, he showed in the Seattle game his keen ability to read defenses, plus some scrambling, running, and even some blocking.

He'll be throwing to Malcolm Barnwell, Cliff Branch, and the league's top receiver, tight end and poet, Todd Christenson.

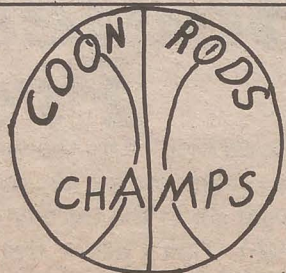
Defensively, the Raiders are the best. They are mean, ugly intimidating, powerful. The defensive line, which lead the conference in sacks, boasts Youngsters Howie Long and Greg Townsend along with veterans Ted Hendricks and, of course, Lyle Alzado. Along with Matt Millen and superstar Rod Martin for linebackers the defense faces the toughest challenge, shutting down Riggins. And they will.

And after Riggins is put to rest, the game is over, for the Raiders have the best secondary anywhere, something the Skins are far from.

Raiders' safeties Mike Davis and Vann McElroy are good, but even more promising are the finest cornerbacks in the league, Mike Haynes and Lester Hayes.

The Redskins are a fine team, but unlike the media would have one believe, they can be beat. And the Raiders will beat them. The Raiders put away Seattle and Pittsburgh before halftime, but this time, the Redskins will take longer, let's say 5 minutes into the fourth quarter.

The score? Raiders 31. Redskins 20.



Intramurals

by Anthony Terry

Intramural play came to a close this season with the crowning of a new champion of basketball.

The Coon Rods nip the Jammers 53-52. The game went back and forth all night. The lead changed hands twenty-two times.

The game was decided when Tim Boyk sank two free throws with fourteen seconds left in the game, to give the Coon Rods a 53-50 lead.

Steve Lewandowski led the Coon Rods with 24 points and Tim Boyk followed with 23. The Jammers were led by Eric Groff with 19 points.

In the beginning of the second half the Jammers ran off seven points to jump to a 30-22 lead. That lead lasted for only a minute as the Coon Rods ran off ten points of their own. Three of their baskets came off fast breaks.

The first half the Coon Rods took a 20-16 lead and took a 26-18 lead at the half time.

The Coon Rods went through the intramural season undefeated.

by John Loflin

Jimmy the Greek gave the Washington Redskins 3½ points in the Superbowl. This along with Kanda the Gorilla and every bookie in the country. These sports psychics make their living by choosing who will win and by how much. Without their ability to accurately predict the outcomes of sporting events, these men wouldn't be able to put bread on their families' tables. Because of their past records and their driving need to feed their families, I usually pay heed to what they have to say.

The point spread could be 50 points for all I care. Winning the Superbowl still amounts to one thing, and that is the championship of the world, no matter how many points are in the spread. The same applies to the Redskins defeat of the L.A. Raiders in regular season play. Who cares if the Redskins won by "only" two points? The Redskins still chalked up a win and the Raiders still took a loss.

Before we can discuss the power of the Washington team, lets make a mockery of the Raiders. First, where are these guys going to call home? The Oakland team was a powerful and fun team; the new L.A. team has no place to call home. Most people still refer to the Raiders as Oakland. The Campus Update's own sports gypsy, "Bodie" referred to the team as Oakland in the Christmas issue of this paper. I have little respect for a team whose fans can't even remember from where they hail.

Alzado is a bum. He was a failure when he played second fiddle to Denver's Randy Gradishar. His brief retirement from pro ball witnessed an attempt at entrepreneurship when he disappointed the palates of critics at his mile high restaurant, Alzado's. His return to pro football has been equally disappointing.

And Mr. Huggler, the men who underrated Jim Plunkett did so based on his performance.

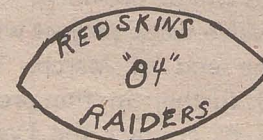
The names of the Redskins players stand for themselves. Theisman, Riggins, Washington, Brown, Butz, and Green (destined for Rookie of the Year).

Joe Theisman is an entity. The man is all over the field. He can throw a 60 yard pass without thinking twice. He can fake and run. He is an extraordinary athlete who enjoys running reverses so he can block out a linebacker. If you're still not sold, he is one of People magazine's most intriguing people of 1983.

The Redskins are a fun team to watch. The offensive line, affectionately referred to as "Hogs" boasts an average size of over 280 pounds. Dave Butz huge 300 pound frame certainly aids the defense. John Riggins heads the backfield, "Riggo's Rangers", while Charlie Brown leads the receivers' "Fun Bunch" in their touchdown rituals. The Redskins secondary has reportedly taken on the handle of "Pearl Harbor Team" led by Darrell Green because, "Everybody keeps throwing bombs at us!"

Fans also must remember that the Redskins are made up primarily of free agents and trades. Most of their trades were troublemakers for the teams they played for, and now playing for the Skins, remain thorns in their old teams' sides. John Riggins was probably the most radical when he wore his hair in the mohawk style when he played for the New York Jets.

Let's face facts: The Washington Redskins team is made up of mongrels. But we must remember that there is no beast more faithful and eager to please than the mongrel. The Washington Redskins will not let their fans down this year. They will hold the title of World Superbowl Champions for yet another year.



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The new intramural sports season will begin January 23rd instead of January 16th so that new students have time to sign up teams.

Team and individual signups will be taken at the Student Affairs Office until Friday, January 20th. Teams include basketball, bowling, and volleyball.

Everyone has a special someone. Why not let that person know you care on Valentines Day. Fill out this special tear-off with your message and submit it to the Campus Update mailbox in room 100, Van Lare Hall by January 26.
