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Super Bowl Sunday:
Everything you need to know about Sunday's matchup.

Fight suspends players
By Ryan Miller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the college baseball season starts today, two members of Cal Poly's team are unable to play. Pitcher Tanner Trosper and outfielder Kyle Albright have been suspended from play. Trosper is suspended for eight games, Albright is suspended for three.

"They have been suspended for violation of team rules," said John McCutcheon, Cal Poly's athletic director.

Suspension and other official reprimands are decided by the head coach, John Price, the provost, and McCutcheon.

"We look at every particular situation and get as much information as we can," McCutcheon said. "If we feel suspension or other types of action are necessary, we determine which actions are appropriate and act accordingly."

According to eyewitnesses, Trosper and Albright were both involved in a fight with other party-goers at a baseball party at 831 Meineke Ave. on Friday, Dec. 3.

Price declined comment.

Group marches through SLO for global peace
By Kimberly Tahsuda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Participants of the Global Peace Walk 2000 gathered in the Cal Poly University Union Thursday in hopes of collecting messages of peace and recruiting walkers to join the journey to New York.

"We're concerned about life," said 4 Winds, a 22-year-old participant from San Francisco. "We're concerned about the generations to come and what we are going to leave behind for them. We're here to give our lives back to our creator, Mother Earth."

The Global Peace Walk 2000 started in San Francisco on January 15, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The purpose of the walk is to gather messages of peace from different communities and deliver them to the United Nations in New York City on Oct. 24, 2000. The walkers will hand deliver the "Message of Peace" to world government leaders and help mark the United Nations' theme for the next 10 years, "Creating a Culture of Peace for the 21st Century."

"The walkers are going to help inaugurate this year and decade to create a culture of peace," said Dia McAfee, San Luis Obispo coordinator of Global Peace Walk events. "We will deliver messages from communities across the United States in support of all people together resolving for global peace now."

The Global Peace Walkers carried petitions and information to educate people on issues such as nuclear weapons and power, war, genocide, pollution and deforestation. They will also collect messages from environmental, religious, peace and community leaders as they walk through each community.

"We're concerned about our future generations, and we're concerned about life," McAfee said.

The walkers started off the day with a ceremony for world peace at Camp San Luis Obispo, followed by the walk through Cal Poly and the UU. The walkers then arrived at San Luis Obispo Government Center.

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Studying abroad at home
By Jayson Rowley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every region of the United States has its own unique culture and identity. The National Student Exchange (NSE) allows students to study in a different state and experience its local culture—without having to pay the high cost of out-of-state tuition.

NSE was founded in 1968. Marilyn York, who died suddenly of cancer in 1999, was one of those recognized for the program's success.

"They have gone to some very prestigious schools," Perkins said. "Other schools may have specific classes that their present school doesn't have."

Some of the most popular campuses include University of Massachusetts at Boston, University of Washington and University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

A few requirements to be eligible for NSE include full-time enrollment at the home campus, a 2.5 grade point average and no incomplete grades. Students can participate in the exchange for up to one year.

Twenty-five students from Cal Poly are going to school in other states this year, and 25 students from various schools around the nation are now attending Cal Poly.

"Students can go to some very prestigious schools," Perkins said. "Other schools may have specific classes that their present school doesn't have."

"Ideally, this award is for students to recognize female faculty or staff members who have affected their lives," said Suzanne Kelley, adviser of Women's Programs.

The application describes the ideal nominee as a role model who has exceeded the standards of her professional position.

"I think of all the faculty and staff to do a great job at Cal Poly," Harris said, "but some of them go above and beyond the call of duty."

Harris said students in the past have nominated faculty for their ability to always remember students' names, extra time spent assisting students and their constant support.

Although only two women actually wrote the award, Harris said all of the women nominated are recognized at the annual Women of the Year luncheon, which will be held March 7.

Meggie Boragine, Associated Students Inc. club services technician, was one of those recognized last year.

"I was totally surprised and shocked," said Boragine of her nomination.

Steve Morris, who graduated in 1998, was one of the nominees.

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Poly searches for women of 2000
By Kerri Holden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Women's Programs is looking for nominations of super women at Cal Poly—cape and Spanx leotard are not required.

The program will award two women—one faculty and one staff member the title of "Woman of the Year for their service as role models to students and their improvement of the campus climate for women."

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June with a kinesiology degree, nominated because her "kindness and direction depicts WOMEN because 'she had never had a sick year's staff winner, Camille Filardo was honored for her leadership and dedication as adviser to the Society of Women Engineers." Kelley said the Student Lite office prides itself on being a role model for other student advocacy groups on campus, such as the African Student Union and the Asian Pacific Coalition, to create solidarity on campus.

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The walk began in San Francisco with only a group of 23 participants, but McAfee said the group is expected to grow as large as 1,000 people by the time it arrives in New York. "Almost every culture is represented in this group of 23 people, and they are so harmonious together," McAfee said. "It is so diverse it can almost represent the world." The walk is sponsored by the Yucca Foundation though most of the funds are donated, McAfee said. However, a lack of funds will not stop the group from trekking across the country.

"This is a call to all the people of the world who want Global Peace Walk to have a worldwide summit and create a United Nations that is unified by our spiritual understanding of the sacredness of all life," McAfee said. Anyone can join the Global Peace Walk on its quest for peace across the country, McAfee said.

UCCLA remembers hate crime victim at vigil

(LWIRE) LOS ANGELES - Killed four years ago by a white supremacist, UCLA graduate Thien Nguyen's death continues to influence people who didn't know him.

To commemorate the anniversary of the death of Ly, who was 24 when he was killed, the Vietnamese Student Union is holding a candlelight vigil tonight to preserve his memory and raise awareness of hate crimes.

Ly, who was the 1992-93 VSU chair, graduated from UCLA in 1994. While rollerblading at Tustin High School, Ly was approached by George J. Lindberg and his accomplice. Lindberg stabbed him 23 times and kicked his face afterwards. Lindberg was convicted and sentenced to death and his accomplice is serving a sentence of 25 years to life.

Ly's death created a movement among student groups to raise awareness about hate crimes. "I never knew hate crimes were so close to my community, the Vietnamese community, until a tragedy happened," said VSU Webmaster historian Andran Nguyen. "I didn't know (Ly) personally but his story still touched me."

VSU Crowd Hop Tran said the group is currently cooperating with the undergraduate student government to increase awareness about racially motivated crimes.

"The main goal of this vigil is to bring awareness to the intention of people that hate crimes exist," Tran said. "This is important because when most people hear about hate crimes, they think about African Americans or Chicano and Latinos, but the thing is, Asian people are also victims of hate crimes." At the candlelight vigil, speakers such as Undergraduate Students Association Council President Mike De Rocha will discuss hate crimes in hopes of preventing incidents similar to Ly's death.

VSU has also invited the members of other student advocacy groups on campus, such as the African Student Union and the Asian Pacific Coalition, to create solidarity on campus.

"It could sound very idealistic, but the ultimate goal is to stop hate crimes to cease existing," Tran said. "The reason why we're inviting all of these people is because we want people to realize that we are all victims of the same crime." Tran said the scariest part of the crime was that it occurred in Orange County, which is home to a large Vietnamese community.

VSU External Vice President Kim Le Pham, who was a junior at Tustin High School the year Ly was killed, said the whole incident worried her and her parents because it occurred so close to home and involved someone who was Vietnamese. "I knew people who played tennis and had to play on the courts where he was killed," Pham said. "You don't expect things like that to happen because you would think those things have been eradicated by now."

But Tran said he is proud of VSU's efforts against hate crimes so far, though he is aware there is a long road ahead. "There really isn't a set standard in how we judge ourselves, but personally I think I've been enlightened by this event," Tran said. "I know what we do is effective but it's not enough until hate crimes no longer happen."

In addition to tonight's vigil, VSU is raising money to create a scholarship fund in memory of Ly. The scholarship will be awarded to incoming freshmen who demonstrate academic excellence, financial need and leadership abilities. Candidates will be screened by the Southeast Asian Campus Learning and Retention program. "I think the important thing to get out of this is that we don't want (Ly) to have died in vain," Tran said. "From what I have heard from those who knew him, Ly was always someone who wanted to help others, to lead them and help them succeed in life. I think it's only fair to let him continue doing that even with his death," Tran continued.

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By Kathryn Tschumper

Students don't have to travel all the way to Europe to see a magnificent castle.

Less than an hour's drive, past breathtaking views of the rugged cliffs and rolling green hills, is Hearst Castle. It has drawn over 30 million visitors since 1938. The castle's stunning hallways and unique design combine ancient treasures from around the world with various architectural styles.

Across from Hearst Castle is Piedras Blancas, a beach where elephant seals arrive during the months of January and February to give birth and wean their pups.

"It is one of the most amazing sights for elephant seals," said Dan Eller, a park and recreation specialist who has worked at the castle for eight years. "They establish a portion of the hilltop, they are taken there to watch the amazement in the eyes of people when they get into these fights it is just really amazing."

Getting too close to a two-and-a-half-ton male is dangerous, so Eller recommends observing the seals from afar.

"There are elephant seal vista points that are marked just north of Hearst Castle where there are uniformed docents who are taking people along the bluffs and the males fight over the females."

Visitors can observe the natural history along the beachfront and then head up to Hearst Castle to see the art and architectural wonders. The first licensed female architect, Julia Morgan, built Hearst Castle over a 28-year period, from 1919 to 1947.

"This is the most expensive private home ever built in America," Eller said. "It was never finished because it was an ongoing project for Hearst and he never intended to finish it. He enjoyed the creation of Hearst Castle. It was fun for him and he always wanted to continue to add to it. He just ran out of time, out of money."

Hearst passed away from heart failure in 1951 at age 94. The castle has been open to the general public since June 1958.

Visitors have a choice of four tours, which all lead past the swimming pools. Neptune pool is a Greco-Roman outdoor pool with spectacular views. The Roman pool is found indoors lined with Venetian glass and gold.

"Visitors get to see the large social rooms, but I would say my favorite aspect of the tour would be the swimming pools, especially Neptune pool. When people are first taken to the hallways, they are taken there to watch the amazement in the eyes of people and what they are going to be experiencing is truly enjoyable."

Visitors can experience Hearst Castle in a whole new light with the living history program during the evening tours starting April 3.

"It is another way to experience the castle," Eller said. "There is very little outdoor lighting, so the indoor art collection is highly illuminated. Everything stands out a little bit more in the evening since the only light provided is artistic."

"They portray guests of William Randolph Hearst, recreating a feeling of the estate back in the 1930s, when Hearst was in residence," he said.

Heading back outdoors, visitors can spend the night in the nearby campground of San Simeon Creek. It is another way to experience the castle, Eller said. "There are more things here to do than most of us have time for," Eller said.

"There are more things here to do than most of us have time for," Eller said. "You walk right along the creek, you're on the beach, you're in the campground. Everything stands out a little bit more in the evening since the only light provided is artistic."

"You visit the outer fringes of the property, you get to see all of the point as there is no nice warm fireplace to run to. You just can't believe that anybody would want to."

"You can get out of the castle and be right across from the castle entrance."}

**Jason Schaller, chemistry junior, writes a weekly column for Get Out.**

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Internet voting is a sign of our times

Most inventions occur with one goal in mind: making life easier. The wheel made it easier to get places, the light bulb made it easier to see places and the Internet made it possible to go places and see things without actually going anywhere.

Online voting for Associated Student Inc. is a new way to make our hectic human lives even easier.

We must face it — with only 7.5 percent of students voting in last April's ASI election, a change is in order.

Is it that students don't care, or is everyone just too lazy and busy to get to the polls? I think it's an equal mix of both.

If you're a student at Cal Poly, you're probably very busy. Many teachers hand out readings and assignments as if their class were the only one you were enrolled in. When and if we have spare time, we would rather enjoy a hobby or take a nap.

Convenience, my friends, is important to students today. And nothing is more convenient than the Internet.

I foresee that there will be people who are anti-online-voting. Those old-fashioned people are going to have to realize that the Internet is growing more everyday. Move with the times, sit against them.

Of course, with every new idea, there is bound to be a few glitches. Will we still have voting privacy? Will candidates find new, sly ways of persuading voters? These questions, among others, must be addressed and dealt with by the Election Committee.

As time moves on, traditional acts that were once done on site will be done on a Web site. Instead of going to Wal-Mart to buy a new lamp, we will log on to e-bay.com, type in a credit card number and double-click that lamp right to our doorstep.

Five years ago, this idea sounded absurd, but many people are doing this now. I think voting will follow this trend.

If the goal is to increase awareness and inform students about candidates and campus issues, online is the place to do it. We can access class availability online, buy books online, and read the newspaper online. Voting online should be the next step.

Candidates can design their own web sites to let us know where they stand on issues and basic information about themselves. They could then have a link on the site connecting the student voter directly to the online polls. Once connected to the voting site, the voter will have the election issues fresh in their heads, so they can cast as accurate a vote as possible.

In addition, ASI could send out a campus e-mail to all students the day before voting begins. When students check their e-mail, they will already be online to cast their vote.

Online voting will draw more attention to the election itself. It gives ASI a whole new way to inform students (i.e., e-mail, Web sites, etc.) about election details. If ASI elections are moved online, I think it will produce an increase in voter numbers and fair, accurate results.

Jayson Rowley is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Voting online only perpetuates laziness

Back in the good old days, people used to flock to red, white- and blue-striped booths, armed with information about the political party they would be voting for and ready to make a difference for the future of their country. The process of choosing from a list of prospective candidates was regarded with utmost importance and after each ballot was carefully filled in, citizens would accept their "I voted" sticker with pride.

Welcome to the year 2000. The quaint practice of voting at a poll booth is quickly becoming overrun by a phenomenon that is spreading even faster than tract housing: electronic voting.

At a school where most people don't even bother to figure out what "ASI" means, much less understand the massive role of student government, the voter turnout for spring elections usually falls below 10 percent.

So, in a last effort to save the school from political misery, Associated Students Inc. may be adding online voting to the list of things one can accomplish without even moving an eye from the computer screen. This time, it's gone too far.

The first major problem that seems to be blatantly obvious is the issue of security. After pondering this question for quite awhile, I cannot figure out what could possibly stop people from voting irresponsible. For example, if there was a front-of-campus on campus that had a member running for president, that candidate could have his entire fraternity sit down at a computer and take turns voting for himself. This situation could also happen in clubs or campus groups.

What if Campus Crusade for Christ (there's around 300 of them) decided to vote for one person at one of its meetings? Not only is this influencing the vote, but it's defeating the whole point of elections: letting people think for themselves.

But let's just pretend for a moment that students at Cal Poly are honest and have minds of their own. The types of students who will vote online are the uninformed students who would have been filtered out through the poll booth voting method. They're the kinds of students who are just playing around on the Internet and know that with a random click of their mouse, they can vote for someone they have never even heard of. They haven't bothered to research who "Paul Trosky" is or what "Sally Ky" has to say. They will just choose the person with the most interesting last name for the sheet fan of it (Trosky, in this case). Sure, the number of voters may rise, but the vote will be less justified.

This brings me to the ever-encrusted time issue. We live in America, a society based purely on the chlice, "So much to do, so little time." Online voting will cut the estimated five minutes it takes to vote at the poll booth down to one minute, but the loss of four minutes exemplifies the deterioration of the political process at Cal Poly. If students can't even take this little time out of their day to vote for the people who are making all their decisions, then the vote is a joke anyway.

Electronic voting isn't going to better the election process; it's going to reduce it to shambles.

Once again, the Internet age is nearing its ugly head. A time-honored tradition gone bad on a computer screen could cause more harm at Cal Poly than the time it saves. The votes may go up, but would you feel justified winning an election based on quantity and not quality?

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Letters to the editor

Campus journalists handled issues well Editors.

When both of my students received notices to appear at an "informational session" with the campus Judicial Affairs office con­cerning their outstanding team involvement in the alleged rape drug, Rohypnol, I was under­standably concerned. I thought they might be asked to reveal the name of a source in their report, an alleged victim, who asked not to be identified. That would be a violation of a long-held tenet of journalistic ethics — protect your sources. Something we had discussed in class.

Using an anonymous source is a journalist's tool of last resort. We want people to fully "own" the record because that makes them more accountable for their state­ments. It's an incentive to tell the truth.

But sometimes a story cannot be fully or fairly constructed without the use of an anonymous source. Consider Watergate's "Deep Throat." Yet when two of my students or an anonymous source put them­selves at risk by verifying the truth of what that person is saying with their own reputation and sometimes-free­dom. This month the editor and sources. Something we had discussed journalistic ethics — protect your journalist's tool of last resort. We want people to fully "own" the record because that makes them more accountable for their statements. It's an incentive to tell the truth.

Additionally, the editors and reporters of the Mustang Daily should be proud of themselves for what can sometimes be a difficult proposition in the journalism busi­ness — restraint. Wanting to run your story on this incident until you had all of the information demonstr­ated to me an admirable degree of editorial maturity.

Kevin Sites is a broadcast journalism lecturer.

Tolerate all views — pro-choice and pro-life, Editor.

Like many, I am tired of hearing arguments about the issue of abor­tion. After reading Alain Vaugn's recent letters (Jan. 24 and 26), how­ever, I wanted to respond to his extremist views concerning abortion.

First off, I am an also pro-choice and find it contradictory when an argument that abortion is the root of all evil is at best far-fetched. It is even more ridiculous, however, when liberals try to portray abortion in a positive light. In taking a pessimistic and cynical view on life, Vaugn argues that abortion is acceptable because it can prevent a child who might suffer in life by never allowing the life to begin. If we are to accept this pre­tense, does it follow that suicide is an acceptable means to end misery encountered in life? This is ridicu­lous. I'm sure we can all think of people who have suffered in their childhood and have gone on to make a positive impact in the world.

Vaugn then states that those who "whine about the sanctity of life" are the same ones who bomb abortion clinics. To put the millions of Americans — both pro-choice and pro-life — who promote the sanctity of life in the same category as those suicide bombers who bomb abor­tion clinics is an ignorant stereotype and a ridiculous generalization.

In another letter, he says that the "old, white males" who run this country are the ones who try to tell women what to do with their bodies. This is another stereotype that is not merited. Pro-life advocates come from all walks of life (Alan Keyes, Clarence Thomas, Catholic Latinos, etc.). And wasn't it, old, white males who ruled in Roe v. Wade? We should advocate abortion rights for women and encourage abortion itself. Abortion is not a means for controlling overpopulation or pre­venting the misery of a child. We can enact policies that encourage adoption as an alternative to abor­tion, as well as other policies designed to reduce the number of abortions. Whether pro-life or pro­choice, we need to be tolerable of the differing views on the sensitive issue of abortion without resorting to the type of irrational and illogical reasoning Vaugn uses. To be sure, pro-choice supporters are not baby killers and pro-lifers are not abortion clinic bombers.

Jeremy Kyler is a political science junior.

We need entire picture of abortion issue Editor.

If a woman is raped, she has a right to get an abortion. Abortion is a contro­versial issue, but I wonder if everyone really understands the entire picture. Our society promotes sex through television and the movies. It is a hot commodity.

As soon as people begin to real­ize that teenage pregnancy has risen, sex becomes a sin. One major problem stemming from abortion is the lack of education young people have about the issue. This is where the schools should play an important role.

High school should have health education taught on a regular basis. I don't mean by just showing a col­ored group of teenagers how women get pregnant; I mean by showing that video 20 years ago when I was in high school.

The school health offices should offer free counseling and birth control methods for all of their students. I have a 15-year-old daughter, and I know several teenagers who have unprotected sex.

The abortion crisis isn't going to get any better unless we educate the young and offer prevention methods.

Nancy E. Kapp is a political science sophomore.

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Economic situation in America is the epitome of discrepancy

The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer, accord­ing to the most recent Federal Reserve survey released Tuesday.

The survey, conducted every three years, is the government's most com­prehensive study of family wealth. The results are good news to some, and depressing to others. Here are some of the data found.

The typical family's net worth rose to $71,600 in 1998, up from a net worth of $60,900 in 1995.

Commentary

Net worth represents a family's assets.

On the other end of the spectrum, families earning less than $23,000 a year watched their median net worth drop. The poorest families suffered a drop of 25 percent.

The economy, we all know, is booming. Stocks have been climbing to new records and home values have been steadily increasing.

From the looks of things, it seems all families should be benefiting. But they're not.

Why is there such a huge gap between family incomes? It has to do with education. In 1998, families headed by someone without a high school diploma had a net worth of only $20,200. In 1989 it was $30,200, showing that a good education is important.

Families headed by a college gradu­ate had an increase of 32 percent, up to $46,400. That is a dif­ference of $26,200.

Growing up, many of us are continu­ously told how important it is to get a college education. And sure enough, here are the numbers to prove it.

But not everyone has the luxury of getting a college education. Many people have to start working during high school to help support their families, and the idea of college is not feasible. It is not necessarily because they aren't academically capable, it's because of economics. Those who come from a family with money have the opportunity to continue their education. On the other hand, people come from lower-income families are not given that opportunity.

Income is not the only factor that influences a person's choice. According to Albert Bandura's social learning theory, people tend to model their behavior by simply watching others. My point is, if someone's parents went to college, that person is more likely to go to college as well. On the flipside, if someone's parents began working during or after high school, he is less likely to follow in those footsteps. In addition, if a person's peers choose to go to college, they are more likely to be influenced by their peers' actions and class standing. They can be mailed, faxed, delivered or e-mailed to oped@mustangdaily.com.
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Where are the Super QBs?

ATLANTA (AP) — Super Bowls often are defined by their quarterback matchups. Montana vs. Esiason. Favre vs. Elway. Montana vs. Aikman.

But McNair vs. Warner? While both are about to finish their first season for the Tennessee Titans and St. Louis Rams, neither is expected to take the Titans this far.

He's an NFL rookie free agent who started only once in college.

He's not an All-Pro quarterback who cracked the lineup only after the starter was injured.

He's the NFL's second-leading rusher this season.


McNair is the third-string running back for the Titans. In the opener against Jacksonville, he needed back surgery. Warner is the NFL Europe refugee. Warner is the fourth-string quarterback for the Rams. His only start was in 1988 game — he still isn't anything special at this time.

McNair said of the October 31 contest, "I think players like Kurt Warner appreciate their opportunities and are more likely to take advantage of those opportunities if they are given enough to do it."

Warner is on the Rams, who also have a solid defense to go with all that offensive talent that have a magical season.

"I thought long and hard before I got to point this game," Warner said. "I didn't think much at the time." Warner's two gambles wined him the game against Jacksonville last week.

"We barely hung on," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said of the October 31 contest. "Our biggest challenge Sunday afternoon. Enjoy those comments."

"We've been around a player that has matured as quickly," coach Dick Vermeil said. "I don't think he's ever thought about it as quickly as Kurt Warner has done it."

"I think player like Kurt Warner appreciate their opportunities and are more likely to take advantage of those opportunities if they are given enough to do it."

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No fear for Titans

Quite simply, the Titans have nothing to fear when facing the Rams on Sunday in the Super Bowl. The Titans are riding the momentum of last week's win over the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship Game. They have the top two teams in the AFC, rather soundly, and they walk into Atlanta to face a team that they have already defeated earlier in the season.

After seeing the Lamb's (err ... Rams) plus last week against Tampa Bay, suddenly their high-scoring offense doesn't quite strike the same fear into the Titans' stingy defense. Their offense was completely swept last week. I've watched high school offense be more effective. Granted, Tampa Bay's defense was great, but the Titans' defense is good as well.

Matt Sterling

Tennessee breakdown

TITANS OFFENSE — Finished 13th in rushing, passing and overall offense. Tennessee scored 16 points in the decisive third quarter at Jacksonville to win the AFC championship. They gained 172 yards on the ground. Quarterback Steve McNair had 91 yards rushing on nine carries, with two one-yard touchdown runs. He was 14 for 23 for 112 yards, with one touchdown pass. Running back Eddie George had 23 carries for 86 yards. Wide receiver Yancy Thigpen had two catches, including a nine-yard touchdown grab, but left game with a broken toe. He is doubtful for Sunday's game.

TITANS DEFENSE — Finished 13th in rushing, 27th in passing and 17th overall. They allowed 560 total yards and 144 rushing to Jacksonville last week. Tennessee allowed 96.9 yards rushing during the regular season. The team is a fortified five families last week as well. Linebacker Eddie Robinson had six tackles and two forced fumbles. Safety Blaine Bishop had five tackles and one sack. Defensive Lineman Jason Fink and Josh Evans combined on a sack in the end zone for a safety against the Rams that is the NFC championship. Robinson was named NFC player of the week.

Rams not lambs in Super Bowl

The clock strikes midnight at about 6:20 p.m. in Atlanta Sunday. That's when Cinderella's slipper comes off. But it won't just come off, it will be yanked off and smashed by the strongest, most physical Rams.

In fact, Marshall Faulk can practically "juke" the Titans right out of that slipper. Destiny's team will meet reality as the Tennessee Titans, of the "Music City Miracle" fame, try to tame the vaunted St. Louis Rams offense (and I still can't believe I'm saying that).

All the signs point to a St. Louis victory. The game is in the Georgia Dome. The Rams have played virtual­ly the entire season on the carpet and are no strangers to loud domes. The Rams averaged 37.9 points in their 15 games on artificial turf this season and averaged 58.4 in the 13 games they have played in domes. Also, the Rams scored 41 points in their other game this season, a 41-13 victory at Atlanta on Oct. 17. Injuries have cost the Titans some key players.

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Sports

Tubing XXIII

ATLANTA — A 201 pick to win the Super Bowl at the start of the season, the NFC champion St. Louis Rams are one win away from completing a four-tailed Hooded Lasso script with the most improbable NFC MVP in league history. Standing in the way in Super Bowl XXXIV are the Tennessee Titans, who man feel destiny is on their side after a miraculous win at home, followed by two road victories as an underdog.

Sunday's meeting between the transplant franchises at the Georgia Dome will result in a future Super Bowl winner. "It's not about getting hit, it's about winning," said Rams defensive back and NFL MVP Kurt Warner. "It's not finished yet."

The Rams' young offensive line started the year with 22 yards against the Titans at the Georgia Dome, 22 yards against the 49ers last week. In the decisive third quarter, the Rams scored 17 points and had three touchdowns. The Rams are the only team in the NFC with a chance to win the Super Bowl.

In fact, the franchise moved from Tennessee three years ago and changed its nickname to Titans before the 1999 season. On Sunday, the Rams hope to become the third wild card team to win a Super Bowl, following the 1980 Oakland Raiders and the 1997 Denver Broncos. Tennessee is the top wild card team to advance to the Super Bowl.

Super Bowl XXXIV

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2000
Atlanta, Ga.

TV: 1:20 p.m., ABC
Opening line: Rams by 7.5
Record vs. spread: Titans 13-3, Rams 14-4
Series record: Rams lead 5-3

Last meeting: Tennessee beat St. Louis 24-21 on Oct. 31 at Tennessee.


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The Titans' story takes a back seat to that of the Rams. They are virtual unknowns from the Arena League and NFL Europe. Warner was pressed into a starting role when the team's starting quarterback Trent Green suffered torn knee ligaments in the preseason and enjoyed one of the most successful seasons by a quarterback in NFL history. The Rams went from worst to first and Warner became the Rams' starting quarterback two years ago.

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Bo Jackson is the former Los Angeles Raider who rushed for 221 yards on his Monday Night Football debut. Congrats Adam Eng!

Today's Question:
Name the three different quarterbacks to win Super Bowls with the Washington Redskins?

Briefs

Patriots hire Belichick

REXBURG, Maine (AP) — Bill Belichick was hired Thursday as coach of the New England Patriots after New York Jets boss Bill Parcells made a last-ditch phone call to mend fences and grab New England's top pick in this year's draft.

The call Wednesday night provoked Patriots owner Bob Kraft to pay the first-round draft choice Parcells had demanded as compensation for letting Belichick out of his contract with New York.

"For a No. 1 draft choice we can bring in a man that I feel certain can do something, rather than the uncertainty of a draft choice," Kraft said Thursday after shaking hands with Belichick on a five-year contract. "And it wasn't even close when I thought about it that way."

It took 24 days for the Patriots and Jets to agree on compensation for Belichick and a couple hours for Kraft and his coach to be able to reach an agreement somewhere off the highway between Boston and New York.

The Patriots will give New York their No. 1 pick this year, a fourth-round pick in 2001 and seventh-round pick in 2002. The Jets gave the Patriots a first round in 2001 and a seventh round in 2002.

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  at Mott Gym

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  at Pacific

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・ Men's volleyball vs. Western Oregon 
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・ Women's volleyball vs. Arizona State 
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  サロスタジアム
  ペイジントン
  スタートメント

・男子テニス vs. ウエストモンタナ
  ウエストモンタナ

・女子テニス vs. テキサスクリスチャン
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