VIKINGS AND RAIDERS OUSTED

Broncos meet Cowboys in Super Bowl

Cowboys thump Vikings —old friend is next

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys defeated their Super Bowl opponents 14-7 two weeks ago but they know they will face a brasher brand of Denver Broncos on Jan. 15 in the Superdome at New Orleans.

The Cowboys beat Minnesota Vikings 23-6 Sunday to charge into their fourth Super Bowl to face a team enjoying its first National Football League playoff in the Broncos' 18-year history.

We know they (Denver) were just going through the motions and preparing for the playoffs when we beat them," said Dallas safety Charlie Waters. "It was no way indicative of the kind of team they will have in the Super Bowl.

"I was glad Denver beat Oakland (20-17). We want to play against (quarterback) Craig Morton. I enjoy going against Craig because he played for us six years. We were disappointed we couldn't go against him the last time."

Morton played one series in the Dallas season-ending victory as the Cowboys and Denver finished the year with the best NFL records, 12-2.

"It's hard not to love Craig," said Waters. "I guess you noticed the fans cheered when they heard Denver won. We'll take advantage of what we know about him and he'll take advantage of what he knows about us. It should be interesting.

'A GREAT PLAYER'

"We were 5-0 against Craig when he was with the New York Giants. But we know that's when he was with an inferior team. He's a great player."

Dallas used a bristling defence headed by end Harvey Martin, who recovered two fumbles, to paralyze Minnesota and milked enough offence out of quarterback Roger Staubach and rookie Tony Dorsett to win the National Conference title.

"We were a little sloppy on offence," said Staubach. "But our defence played well and we just got a little conservative."

Dallas wasn't so conservative it didn't spring a new play on the Vikings. It was a fake quick screen which hoodwinked safety Paul Krause.

"Krause took the fake (to Drew Pearson) and Golden Richards was wide open," said Staubach, who winged a 32-yard scoring pass to Richards early in the first quarter.

Robert Newhouse ran five yards for a touchdown, and Efren Herrera kicked a 21-yard field goal as Dallas rolled to a 16-6 halftime lead. The Vikings' only offence was field goals of 32 and 37 yards by the retiring Fred Cox.

Dorsett's 11-yard scoring run out of the shotgun offence in the fourth quarter put the game away.

New Orleans is the site of Dallas's only Super Bowl victory in 1971 against Miami.

Football spectator set ablaze

IRVING, Texas (AP) — There still was no official comment Monday from investigating agencies on how a spectator caught fire during the National Football Conference championship game between Dallas Cowboys and Minnesota Vikings.

Meanwhile, Dan Yoder, the snowman who became a human torch at the National Football League playoff game, remained in fair condition at Parkland Hospital with second-degree burns on his legs and neck.

Yoder, 24, was clad in a snowman costume he rented for a New Year's Eve celebration. As he started down an aisle Sunday, his costume suddenly caught fire.

The source of the blaze was believed to have come from a can of jell-like fuel used by a vendor to heat food.



REVELSTOKE BRUINS' netminder Steve Abbott reaches up to grab a shot during Sunday's BCJHL game at the Civic Arena. Abbott, the individual star of the game, blocked 44 shots as Bruins whipped Vernon Vikings 7-2. Waiting for the rebound, that never came, are John Neeld (17) and Dale Sious (44). (Daily News Photo)

Denver's also-rans beat defending champs

DENVER (AP) — Nobody took them seriously, this band of perennial also-rans who never seemed able to beat a powerhouse like Oakland Raiders in a crucial game.

Denver Broncos had spent 17 previous National Football League playoffs in front of their TV sets watching other teams run off with the glory and the loot. On Sunday, they earned some for themselves.

"Super Bowl," the Denver players kept repeating in the locker room after their 20-17 victory over Oakland in the American Football Conference championship game, vaulting Denver into the Super Bowl on Jan. 15 in New Orleans against Dallas Cowboys.

For some, the real meaning of the words hadn't sunk in.

"It's unreal," said wide receiver Haven Moses, who caught two touchdown passes in what he admitted was "the greatest game of my 10-year career."

'GREATEST THING'

"It's probably the greatest thing that ever happened to me," said quarterback Craig Morton, whose painfully swollen left hip made it difficult for him even to stand up near the end of the game.

"If I'm dreaming, they'll wake me up," said veteran defensive tackle Paul Smith, the only man to play 20 seasons for the Broncos.

"I can't believe we're going, but we are . . . we're going to the big one," said rookie head coach Red Miller of the Broncos.

In many ways it was an uncharacteristic victory for the Broncos. All season long, against highly-regarded opponents, the Broncos had almost methodically capitalized on scoring opportunities. On Sunday, they squandered one after another.

Old reliable placekicker Jim Turner missed field goals from 40, 31 and 44 yards out. Early in the fourth quarter, with a chance to ice the victory after moving to the Raider 20-yard line, Morton threw his only interception.

"It was especially nice to beat the defending world champions," said Miller. "The game went just about the way we hoped. We didn't give up the ball in our end. We scored fast and played great defence. Our line did a terrific job, easily the best of the year.

"They said this team was too young, too this or too that. I wonder if they believe we're for real now. It's time for the Denver Broncos."

Oakland coach John Madden said the Raiders simply "came up three points short."

"Give Denver credit," he said. "They have a fine defence, and their offence does just enough, getting a touchdown here and there. The Broncos are from our division, so we'll be rooting for them in the Super Bowl."

Top rookies named in NFL

DALLAS (AP) — Defensive end A.J. Duhe of Miami Dolphins and running back Tony Dorsett of Dallas Cowboys were honored Saturday as National Football League Rookies of the Year.

Duhe named the top rookie in the American Football Conference, played an integral part in the reconstruction of the Dolphins defence. A first-round draft choice out of Louisiana State, Duhe led Miami with seven quarterback sacks. He was credited with 83 tackles, blocked a punt, recovered two fumbles and forced two others.

Vikings back in cellar after loss to Revelstoke

How can a hockey team completely dominate a game for 60 minutes, but still end up on the short end of a 7-2 score against a last-place club? Vernon Vikings found a way to do just that on Sunday afternoon at the Civic Arena.

Vikings got the best of Revelstoke Bruins in every department except the one that counted — the scoreboard. The loss leaves Vernon tied with Bruins for the B.C. Junior Hockey League cellar.

Vikings, fresh off a convincing Friday night win over Kamloops Chiefs, were demoralized after the loss to Revelstoke. And they deserved to be.

In the first period, they played well, but still trailed 3-1. In the second, the locals were brilliant. They peppered Revelstoke goalie Steve Abbott with 22 shots, but were held scoreless. After 40 minutes, they were down 5-1.

In the third period, Vikings again outshot Bruins, but were outscored 2-1.

STARTED HUGI

Vernon Coach Hank Wensley started Rick Hugi in goal and that could have been a mistake. Hugi looked shaky on at least one of the first period goals and Wensley pulled the rookie early in the second period. Darrell Morin, who was brilliant on Friday, was cold coming off the bench and didn't make the big saves.

Evan Williams led the Revelstoke attack with two goals while Al Grave, John Butler, Randy Zinn, Andy Bigiolli, and Vernon minor hockey product George Crookshank added singles.

Dale Sious and Darcy Wilkinson were the only Vikings able to beat Abbott.

Abbott, who has seen more rubber this year than a tire repairman, made 44 saves while Hugi and Morin combined to block 26 shots.

SLOUS GREAT

Slous was probably the best player on the ice for Vernon. Besides scoring a goal, he showed an unusual desire to mix things up in the corners, throwing several good bodychecks.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye was frustrated with the outcome. Dye said: "You don't mind losing some on the road, out you have to win at home. Especially games like this — there is no way we should have lost this one. We sure didn't get any bounces."

Vikings and Bruins each have 14 points, nine back of fourth-place Kamloops Chiefs.

VEES WIN

In other weekend action, Penticton edged Kelowna Buckaroos 3-2, Merritt Centennials thumped Kamloops 10-1, and Abbotsford Flyers beat Nanaimo Clippers 5-2.

Ross Fitzpatrick scored at 3:48 of sudden-death overtime to give Vees the victory and keep them one point ahead of Merritt.

Kelly Ferner scored four goals to lead Cents past Kamloops. Merritt fired 63 shots on goal.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TOROS WIN

Bob Stein scored two goals to lead Toros to a 4-1 victory over Firefighters in a hard-hitting Pleasant Valley Hockey League game on Monday night. There was a total of 19 minor penalties assessed. In another game, Kinsmen fought to a 4-4 deadlock with Vernon Canucks. Canucks led 3-1 at the end of the first period, but Kinsmen led 4-3 after the second.

FINAL DAY

Today is the final day for registrations into the Vernon Combination Volleyball League. Any churches or companies are invited to enter men's teams in the loop. Games will be played at Bealrsto School, on Wednesday nights, starting Jan. 11. Registration fee, of $50 per team, is payable at the Recreation Complex.

FLYWEIGHT CHAMP WINS

TOKYO (AP) — Guty Espadas of Mexico started Japan's Kimio Furesawa bleeding in the second round, knocked him down once in the fourth and knocked him out in the seventh to retain his World Boxing Association flyweight title Monday night. It was Espadas's fourth defence of the 112-pound division title he won from Alfonso Lopez of Panama in 1976.

AUSSIES TAKE CUP

SYDNEY Australia (AP) — Davis Cup veterans Tony Roche and John Newcombe beat New Zealander Chris Lewis and Tim Gullikson of the United States respectively to win the Ampol Challenge Cup series 4-0. It was the fourth successive time Australia has won the cup.

NAME SWITCHERS

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Cuban track and field star Alberto Juantorena, Austrian Formula 1 driver Nikki Lauda and Italian cycling ace Francesco Moser, all world champions, were named "Supermen in sports for 1977" in a survey by the Milan daily Il Giorno.

SURGERY SUCCESSFUL

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Surgery performed on veteran Bill Traver's pitching arm was successful and the Milwaukee Brewers hurler should be able to pitch by May, the American League baseball club said Saturday. A surgical team headed by Dr. Frank Jobe repositioned the ulnar nerve in Traver's arm and removed previously undisclosed calcium deposits during an operation Friday in Los Angeles, a Brewers spokesman said.

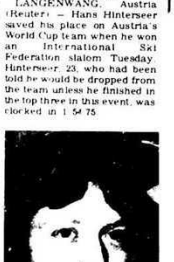
AUSTIN WINS

PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y. (AP) — Fifteen-year-old Tracy Austin of the U.S. continued her domination of teen-age tennis by winning the girls 18-years-and-under division title in the International Junior Tennis Championships Sunday. Austin, a women's quarterfinalist in the U.S. Open last September, beat Hana Strachanova of Czechoslovakia 7-6, 7-5 in the finals. Per Hjerquist of Sweden won the boys 18-year division title, defeating Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

AUSTRIAN SKIER WINS

LANGENWANG, Austria (Reuter) — Hans Hinterseer saved his place on Austria's World Cup team when he won an International Ski Federation slalom Tuesday. Hinterseer, 23, who had been told he would be dropped from the team unless he finished in the top three in the event, was clocked in 1:54.75.





BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

This week's top bowlers in the Meyer-Lee Monday 7-10 p.m. mixed league and Stuart Motors Tuesday 9-11 p.m. ladies' league are Monday's Bill Meyer and Tuesday's Lorraine Stuart.

Meyer rolled a 733 triple, 205 plus over her 177 average. Guiel had a 630 threesome, 168 pins better than his 154 average.

Miss Stuart had a 702 triple, 201 plus over her 167 average.

League-leader records victory

Bernie Smithson's shot from the point, with less than four minutes remaining in the third period, paced Grindrod Elks to a 4-2 victory over Vernon Sport Cougars in North Okanagan Hockey League action Sunday night at the Civic Arena.

The victory gives league-leading Elks 18 points, five more than second-place Cougars and Westside Packers. In another weekend game, Packers edged last-place Winfield Raiders 5-4.

INSURANCE GOAL

Smithson's shot, through a maze of players, broke open a 2-2 tie. At 19:42, Rick Harris added an insurance goal when he outraced defenceman Bruce Green for a loose puck and fired it into the empty net with goalie Mike Smithson on the Vernon bench in favor of an extra attacker.

Jeff Collins put Grindrod in front late in the first period. Marty Stein evened the score, on a power play, at 1:47 of the second period.

Guy Davidson put Elks back in front at 2:01 of the final frame, but again Cougars came back and tied the game at 11:05 on a beautiful individual effort by Harvey Dodds.

Harris, who leads the six-team loop in scoring, had two assists to go with his goal — giving him 41 points in 15 games.

GREAT NETMINDING

Highlight of the night was the superb goaltending Grindrod's Ed Forslund, who has played a couple sub-par games in recent weeks, was at his best. He blocked 32 shots, several from point-blank range. In the other end, Smithson made 27 saves, including 12 in the final 20 minutes.

Cougars picked up 13 of 25 minor penalties.

League play resumes Saturday night when Cougars are in Kelowna to battle Moisons and Vernon Canadians meet the Raiders in Winfield.



BERNIE SMITHSON
. . . scores winner

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Tiremen win midget tourney

Peter's Tirecraft edged Lumby 7-6 in the championship game of the recent Vernon Midget-Juvenile House League Tournament.

The clubs battled to a 6-6 tie and went scoreless through an overtime period. The outcome was decided in a showdown competition, with Darrell Hoover scoring the winner.

In semi-final games, Lumby doubled Credit Union 6-3 and Peter's Tirecraft clobbered Royal Bank 14-7.

Meanwhile, Midget-Juvenile league standings, excluding games with Lumby, were released this week. The standings are:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Roy's Tire	6	4	0	2	10
Credit Union	7	3	1	3	9
Peter's Tirecraft	7	3	3	1	7
Kinsmen	9	3	5	1	7
Royal Bank	7	0	4	3	3

TOP SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	Pts
Sparrow, Cr. Union		7	7	14
Melbourne, Roy's Tire		7	6	13
Page, Roy's Tire		8	4	12
Proctor, Kinsmen		4	8	12
Howard, Royal		7	4	11
C. Klim, Roy's Tire		7	3	10
Poirier, Roy's Tire		2	8	10
Kashuba, Cr. Union		7	2	9
Popichak, Royal		6	3	9
Hodnaruk, Roy's Tire		6	3	9
Astle, Cr. Union		5	4	9
Stenberg, Cr. Union		5	4	9
Tudley, Kinsmen		4	5	9

REMEMBER WHEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Joe Louis, retired heavyweight boxing champion of the world, fought his third comeback bout 27 years ago tonight — in 1951 — and beat Freddie Beshore by a technical knockout in the fourth round at Detroit. The Brown Bomber held the crown undefeated from 1937 to 1949 and fought his last bout Oct. 26, 1951.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JANUARY, 1973

Kelly Kaneda scored four goals to lead first place NOCA Dairy past OK Tire 8-1 in Bantam House League action.

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