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chise in three decades against the Raiders.

The Chiefs dominated the Raiders and won their second division crown in the last three years. With a win and a Steelers loss, the Chiefs can clinch home field advantage throughout the playoffs. As fans of the NFL know, the Chiefs don't loose at Arrowhead Stadium.

No team in the NFC, not even the Cowboys, have secured themselves a place in the playoffs. The Cowboys will be there, along with the 49ers, but to say a team like the Chiefs does not have a legitimate chance to win a Super Bowl is ludicrous.

Kansas City has a quarterback who knows the offensive system, a dominating defense,

one of the best running games in the league and the best turnover ratio in the NFL at +13. If the Chiefs can get by the Steelers in the playoffs they will go to the big dance and give Dallas or San Francisco a run for their money.

Critics say that Steve Bono isn't a Super Bowl-caliber quarterback, but neither was Mark Rypien or Jeff Hostetler, both of whom are Super Bowl champions.

Now that I have used my clout at the *Rebel Yell* to set some things straight, I will comment on some other aspects of this NFL season:

- The Steelers are making a late season surge, winning their last six. They have already clinched their division but they have a tough schedule to finish off the season. Pittsburgh must play the Raiders and the Packers on

the road, both of which will be tough games.

- Speaking of the Packers, they look like the only team in the NFC that can give the Cowboys or the 49ers a serious run for their money in the playoffs. The Packers will only go as far as superstar quarterback Brett Favre will take them. The Pack is now 9-4 and should clinch a playoff spot soon.

- The Packers NFC Central counterparts, the Lions, are making a late-season surge as well. Detroit has won five of their last six and the team is looking to save coach Wayne Fontes, who is a player's coach, job.

- The AFC East race will go down to the wire. Three teams are neck-to-neck for the division championship. Buffalo, Indianapolis and Miami are only separated by one game.

Miami started off the season as the clear favorite but last weekend's one-point victory over the Falcons snapped a three-game losing streak that may have put a crimp in their playoff hopes. The Dolphin's final three opponents have a combined record of 26-13. Rumor has it that if the Dolphins do not make the playoffs Coach Don Shula will be sent to the front office and replaced with new blood. The Dolphins' demise is not all Shula's fault, he has a weak coaching staff and unmotivated players.

- Philadelphia is looking good after benching former Rebel Randall Cunningham in favor of Rodney Peete. The Eagles should make the playoffs and Cunningham looks to be out after the season. If Buddy Ryan gets fired from Arizona, it might be time for Cunningham to retire. Ryan is the only coach in the league that will touch him for the kind of money he will be asking for.

- The Carolina Panthers have a realistic chance of making the playoffs. They are a surprising 6-7 and could actually win the division with three wins and three 49ers losses

(yeah, right). The Panthers, in all likelihood, will have to wait a couple years for the playoffs.

Whoever makes the playoffs, it should be a wild ride. I will be looking forward to seeing the Chiefs in the Super Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. Although San Francisco and Dallas are powerful, the AFC is long overdue for a Super Bowl win and the NFC-style Chiefs are just the team to do it.

Bench

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single "The Eye of the Tiger," by Survivor. Maybe the song will spur the guys to play a strong 40 minutes instead of five minutes. If it help Rocky beat Clubber Lang in *Rocky III* then it could help the Rebels.

- Barry Barto, UNLV Soccer Coach: A large punching bag so the next time he wants to show his displeasure with the Kickin' Rebels giving a game-winning goal with less than two minutes to play, he won't take it out on that poor Gatorade jug on the end of the bench.

- UNLV Golf Coaching Staff: A book containing politically correct phrases so that the next time they want to talk to David Lee or any other

UNLV golfer they will have the right phrases to use.

- Charley Hoffman, UNLV Golfer: Another 3-pak of those seeing-eye golf balls he used in the IGT/UNLV Rebel Classic. Hopefully with those he can sink some more 84-foot putts.

- Mike Tyson: (I know he's not a UNLV student, but he is a Las Vegas resident.) "George Foreman Boxing" for the Sega Genesis System so "Iron" Mike can remember what it's like to fight some real fighters.

- Buster Mathis Jr.: (Because I felt sorry for him.) Free consultation with any insurance company that sells life insurance, as well as the numbers to some good funeral homes.

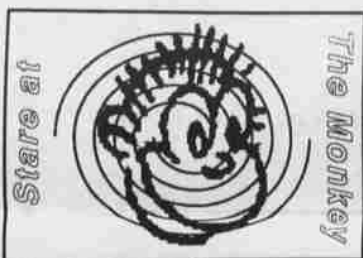
- UNLV Student Body: (Unlike student government, I didn't forget about you.) A giant playpen to keep all the

kids in student government in. This way we know exactly what they are doing at all times.

Also, a student government that is actually there for the students. (That would be a change here at UNLV, wouldn't it?)

- Teresa Hinds, Editor of *The Rebel Yell*: An issue in which the sports section's copy is in on time.

—Michael Melissa is the Sports Editor at *The Rebel Yell*.



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