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1988 NFL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

By William Ramirez

The regular season is completed, the wildcard games have been played and it's now time for the big boys to play.

Here is a preview to this weekend's games:

Minnesota at San Francisco—The 49ers are a 10½ point favorite in Saturday's divisional playoff game against Minnesota. After last Sunday's NFC Wildcard game, the bookies might have to make a change. The Minnesota Vikings victory over New Orleans was the biggest blowout in an NFL wildcard game. The Vikings were impressive in every offensive and defensive category. Minnesota has won their past two contests against San Francisco, both were considered major upsets. The 49ers are everyone's pick for the Super Bowl this year. San Francisco boasts the league's best record. This game's outcome will depend on one man—Joe Montana. If he is hot, they'll win; if Minnesota's defense can hold him back, the Vikings will head to the NFC Championship.

Washington at Chicago—This

game could possibly preview the 1988 NFC Representative for the Super Bowl. The clash between the division champions will be a grudge match for the Bears. Chicago was upset by Washington 27-13 in last year's playoffs. Chicago will have their "leader" Jim McMahon at QB, last year (against Washington) he missed the game. The Redskins will counter with their two top notch quarterbacks: Doug Williams and Jay Shroeder. If Washington can hold back Chicago's passing game, they'll earn their trip to the NFC Championship game against the winner of the San Francisco/Minnesota game.

Houston at Denver—The Houston Oilers pulled out a 23-20 overtime victory, over Seattle, last Sunday to advance into the AFC divisional playoff game this coming Sunday against Denver. The Broncos are a 9-point favorite and the Oilers will do all they can to construct their 10th upset of the year. Houston has been favored in one game this year. The Oilers will have to contain Denver QB John Elway to even have a chance at winning. The Broncos should overwhelm

Houston. The Indianapolis Colts/Cleveland Browns game will produce a strong contender for the Super Bowl but Denver isn't going to give up that easy. The defending AFC Champion Broncos should make a return appearance in Super Bowl XXIII Indianapolis at Cleveland—Like the Washington Redskins/Chicago Bears game this game could preview the 1988 representative for the Super Bowl, for the AFC. The two teams met earlier in the season, in Cleveland, with the Colts squeaking out a 9-7 victory. In that matchup, the Colts defense stymied Cleveland QB Bernie Kosar. If Indianapolis stages a repeat performance, the Colts will meet the Houston/Denver winner for the AFC title. Indianapolis will be faced with the disadvantage of playing on frozen ground. The Colts play their home games in the Hoosier Dome. Cleveland won its final three games and won the AFC Central Division title with help from QB Bernie Kosar. The biggest boost to the much improved Colts is the mid-season acquisition of running back Eric Dickerson. The Colts make their first playoff appearance in 11 years Saturday.

KING ANNOUNCES RADIO COVERAGE OF TYSON VS HOLMES FIGHT

Don King Productions announced today that National Black Network sports will have the exclusive English language radio rights to broadcast the world heavyweight championship bout between reigning champ Mike Tyson and former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes.

The fight will be broadcast on January 22, live from Atlantic City's Convention Center, and will be beamed by satellite to NBN's 125 affiliates across the country.

In making the announcement, promoter Don King said, "The time has arrived

for radio to reclaim the glory of yesteryear. I am totally committed and dedicated to being a part of the return of the fascinating, informative, exciting, and entertaining medium of radio.

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National Black Network was the nation's first Black owned and operated line-connected radio network in the U.S. and has its headquarters at 10 Columbus Circle in New York City.

If quitting the habit of smoking or chewing tobacco is one of your New Year's Resolutions... The American Cancer Society can help you keep your resolution. Our stop smoking "Fresh Start" program is offered free to the public at the American Cancer Society Education Center, 1325 E. Harmon.

The next session is Jan. 4-7 (noon-1:00 PM or 5:30-6:30 PM) one hour for four days. For further information and class registration call 798-6877 Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30 PM. Give yourself the present of longer life, start the year with a "Fresh Start."



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Dell Robison Community School Activities BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The City of Las Vegas Dell Robison Community School is taking registration for their men's "over 30" basketball league. Play will be Tuesday evenings at the Community School, 825 Marion Drive.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for January 12 at 7:00 p.m. or you can call 459-0201 for more information.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

A women's volleyball league is being organized for the

1988 winter-spring session by the City of Las Vegas Dell Robison Community School, 825 Marion Drive. Those interested can attend an organizational meeting, Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. or call the school at 459-0201.

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