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## Sports Profile

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### UNLV No. 1 Rusher Marvin Eastman Returns After Injury

By Bob Rodgers  
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Marvin Eastman, a physical, punishing runner, has finally returned to the squad.

Playing both fullback and runningback, Eastman, UNLV's leading rusher, had his season cut short in 1989 after suffering a bad knee injury seven games into the season. The injury was so serious that doctors believed that it would be the end of his football career. But Marvin made a great recovery and his rehabilitation was so far ahead of schedule that he is already banging away at his opponents each week.



Marvin Eastman

A JUCO All-American at Merced Jr. College, Eastman rushed for 1,165 yards in only 7 games.

As a prepster, he was named 2nd team All-American, as well as All-State, All-Northern California, All League and All Conference.

Marvin was also an All-

American wrestler, and won the California State Championship at 191 pounds while compiling a record of 42-0-1.

The Criminal Justice major hopes to become a probation officer.

### Banks, Carbajal, Cook, Olson and Tapia All Winners at Bally's

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Top Rank Boxing at Bally's is where you can watch some of the best, little fighters put on one great show.

Johnny Tapia (20-0-1) defended his USBA Super-flyweight championship after earning a 12th round decision. His win was very impressive.

Michael Carbajal (16-0) retained his IBF championship with a 3rd round TKO. It is rumored that Carbajal (112 lbs.) may take on Tapia (115 lbs.) at a later date. Tapia beat Carbajal 6 years ago as an amateur.

Kelcie Banks (14-1) was too much for Rodney Wilson (9-1-2) who got tired after 6 rounds. It was Wilson's first loss.

"Fast" Eddie Cook (9-0, 9 KOs) was just too fast for his opponent who he TKO'd in the first round. Cook connected with a right, and it was lights out.

Finnaly, Scotty "Bulldog" Olson (7-0) beat his opponent by giving him a broken jaw in the second round.

The next Top Rank card will be held at Bally's on October 11th.

### The Top Ten Teams in the Sheridan Poll of Black College Football

	Record
1. Grambling St.	3-0-0
2. Central St., Ohio	2-0-0
3. Virginia Union	4-0-0
4. Tuskegee	4-0-0
5. Howard U.	3-0-0
6. Texas Southern	4-0-0
7. North Carolina A&T	4-0-0
8. Norfolk St.	4-0-0
9. Jackson St.	3-1-0
10. Ark.-Pine Bluff	4-0-0

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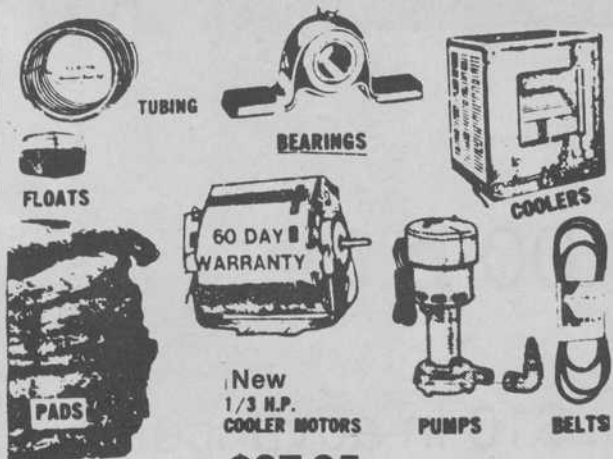
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### Realignment in the NFL

The National Football League recently announced that it will expand by two teams in 1993 and begin realignment in 1992. Complete realignment would take place in 1994. I am in favor of these moves, but I think more must be done by the powers that be in the NFL to hold teams in place once the realignment has occurred.

Realignment — a reorganization of the divisions and conferences — would be done along geographical boundaries and hopefully would have several benefits. First, it would solve the dilemma of teams like the Phoenix Cardinals who play in the NFC East Division, despite the fact that they are three time zones away from most of the division, and the Atlanta Falcons who are in the NFC West, clear across the country from their time zone. That makes for some hard road trips.

Realignment also would, ideally, create some natural rivalries that should exist now and don't because of current alignment. It would be great to see teams like the Houston Oilers and the Dallas Cowboys in the same division. Right now they aren't even in the same conference and rarely play a regular season game. Their annual preseason games are always great, with the winner promised "the bragging rights to Texas." Regular division play between these two teams could create one of the hottest rivalries in football. The same situation exists with the Miami Dolphins and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers who rarely see each other during the regular season.

But a true rivalry is built on more than geographical location; it is built on great players playing against each other year after year. One of the great rivalries of all time is the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears. I was lucky to be playing for Chicago and feel what that rivalry was like during its heyday. Players like Dick Butkus, Bart Starr, Ray Nitzsche and Paul Hornung lived for football and great competition. Fans want to hang their hats on players, and it's tough these days with everyone jumping from team to team. Great football traditions are built on guys like Walter Payton. I couldn't imagine Payton pulling the business that some players do, always looking for a better deal somewhere else.

Some team owners are even worse. Guys like Cardinals owner Bill Bidwell, who pulled out of St. Louis for Phoenix, and Robert Irsay, who left Baltimore for Indianapolis, will cause problems for realignment if they are allowed to pull up stakes at any time. Again, rivalries are not built on greed, but love for the game, and a city and a team that stick together. The NFL must, when studying realignment, find a way to better control an owner's right to move a team. There has to be a commitment to NFL cities. Without a lasting commitment, the game will be in trouble, and realignment will have been for nothing. lol

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

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