

A Sporting Look At 1992

WASHINGTON AND "THE POSSE" CAPTURED THE NFL JEWEL



1992 SUPER BOWL MVP - MARK RYPIEN



RICKY ERVINS

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For the next five weeks we will be taking a look back into the sports world during 1992. From football to basketball - from the Olympics to baseball - a change in the heavyweight division of boxing, and finally, a look back at what happened right here in Las Vegas. (This week - Pro Football)

As the Washington Redskins defeated the Buffalo Bills 37-24 and captured their third Super Bowl in ten years, they also ran the NFC's streak to eight straight Super Bowl victories over the baffled AFC.

QB Mark Rypien completed 18 of 33 passes for 292 yards and two touchdowns while leading his Redskins to victory, and capturing the MVP trophy.

Redskins receivers-Gary Clark, Art Monk and Ricky Sanders-a.k.a. "the Posse," led a scoring explosion of 17 points in 5:45 of the 2nd quarter.

Clark had 7 receptions for 114 yards and 1 TD while Monk, who broke Steve Largent's all-time career reception record, also completed 7 receptions for 113 yards and had a touchdown called back in the 1st quarter.

Washington gained a mere 125 yards on the ground, carrying the ball 40 times.

Las Vegas' Bonanza High School graduate Gerald Riggs, carried the ball 5 times for 7 yards but scored two, short-yardage, touchdowns.

After a scoreless 1st quarter, the Redskins began their assault. Sanders caught a 41-yard pass, setting up the first score of the game, a 34-yard field goal by Chip Lohmiller.

After a pair of receptions by Clark and Monk, Ernest Byner caught a 10-yard TD pass for the Redskins' first TD.

On their next possession, Clark caught a 34-yard pass, positioning the ball for a 1-yard TD run by Riggs.

The Bills hadn't put any points on the board until 3:01 into the 2nd half when Scott Norwood booted a 21-yard field goal.

Buffalo added a touchdown to close the gap at 24-10 when Thurman Thomas drove in from the 1-yard line.

As the Bills drew closer, the Redskins went further as they (Washington) built their lead to 37-10, making Buffalo's two late

scores meaningless.

MVP Rypien commented on the game, saying "We (the 'Skins) can strut around for the next four or five months with the idea that we're the best in the game.

"For me, there were 45 MVPs today," added Rypien.

Now that the 1992-93 season is winding down, it seems as if there will be a new champion in the NFL. The Redskins have fallen from their pedestal and there are a number of teams that are ready to climb upon it.

Traditional powerhouse teams like Dallas and Pittsburgh may

have the inside track towards the Super Bowl, while the San Francisco 49ers and Buffalo Bills strive to continue their winning ways. Recent powerhouses, such as: Washington, the Chicago Bears, the N.Y. Giants, and the Denver Broncos are slowly slipping into the darkness while uprising teams like: Kansas City, New Orleans, San Diego, and Philadelphia are making their way into the spotlight.

(Next week: Pro and College Basketball - "The two-timing teams: Chicago and Duke").

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