

# NFL PLAYOFFS SET TO KICKOFF SATURDAY

Well, the time has come for the big boys to do battle, and battle they will.

The NFL playoffs commence this Saturday in San Diego, where the Chargers will host Kansas City, and in Minnesota, as the Washington Redskins visit the Vikings.

On Sunday the wildcard games continue in New Orleans, as the Philadelphia Eagles come marching in to meet the Saints, and in Buffalo, as the Houston Oilers and Bills meet each other for the second straight week.

Saturday's contests present interesting matchups between highly regarded defensive teams. In San Diego, the Chiefs will be faced with the AFC's top defensive squad, not to mention the hottest team in the league. The Chargers, who began the season 0-4, finished the season with an 11-5 mark, winning eleven out of twelve games. Charger QB Jay Humphries is listed as questionable for the game but could see action. As for the Redskins-Vikings matchup, we have a situation where the defending Super Bowl champs could very well see an early departure from the playoffs. Head handicapper of the Colorado Sports Advisors, Brandon Link, who appears weekly on a syndicated handicapping show, has issued a warning by saying, "watch out for the San Diego Chargers in the AFC."

Rookie head coach Dennis Green has guided

his Vikings to the NFC Central title over the likes of defending division champs Detroit, the Bears and the upstart Green Bay Packers. This will definitely be a test for the Vikings, but better yet, a turning point for Washington. The Redskins are still a good team, but there doesn't seem to be any hunger or drive, something the Vikings have.

Last Sunday, the Oilers dismantled the Bills 27-3, in the Astrodome in the final regular season game for both teams. The scenery changes this week as the two teams will be in Rich Stadium in below freezing weather conditions. If the Oilers can maintain some warmth on the sidelines, they should be able to take advantage of the Jim Kelly-less Bills and advance to the second round.

Finally, it'll be jammed packed on Bourbon Street as Randall Cunningham and Co. hope that the Saints will be their creole meal. Philadelphia, who absolutely dominated the first half of their schedule, seemed to slip during the course of the season. Head Coach Rich Kotite stirred some controversy when he shifted reserve QB Jim McMahon into the lineup in the middle of the season. Cunningham was back in the lineup the following week and has guided the Eagles to the postseason.

Philadelphia could return to their early season dominance as they face New Orleans who has struggled in big games in the Superdome.

## SATURDAY January 2, 1993

WASHINGTON  
VS  
MINNESOTA

KANSAS CITY  
VS  
SAN DIEGO



## SUNDAY January 3, 1993

HOUSTON  
VS  
BUFFALO

PHILADELPHIA  
VS  
NEW ORLEANS

### THE FINALISTS ARE IN VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE UNLV 1992 AFRICAN-AMERICAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> -Henry Bailey - football   | <input type="checkbox"/> -Teresa Jackson- basketball      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> -Danny Barber - soccer     | <input type="checkbox"/> -Sharon Hargrove- basketball     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> -Evrice Gray - basketball  | <input type="checkbox"/> -Shunta Rose - track & field     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> -Shannon McLean - football | <input type="checkbox"/> -Trevia Williams - track & field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> -J.R. Rider - basketball   | <input type="checkbox"/> -Crystal Irving - track & field  |

These ten outstanding athletes for UNLV have been named as finalists for UNLV's African-American Athlete Of The Year for 1992. Please fill out your ballot and drop off or mail to: Athlete Of The Year, 1201 S. Eastern, L.V. Nev. 89104.

Winners will be announced January 14, 1993

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FINAL RECORD FOR '92 (44-36-3)  
55% WINNERS  
Best Bets  
21-14 - 60%  
Upset Specials  
23-22-3 - 51%

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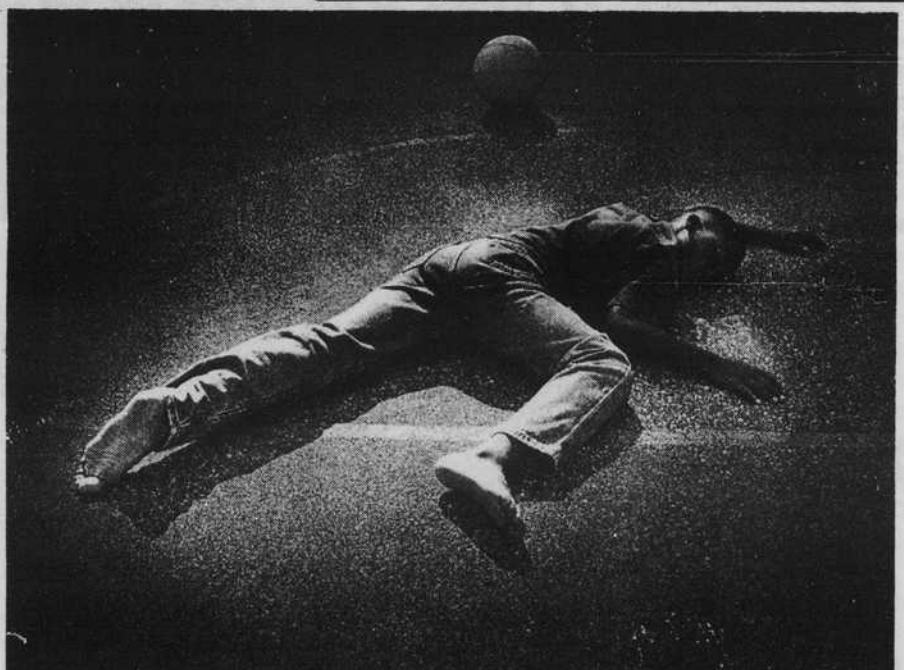
S.F. 49ers	EVEN
Dallas Cowboys	7-5
Pitt. Steelers	6-1
Miami Dolphins	8-1
Minn. Vikings	8-1
Buffalo Bills	10-1
N.O. Saints	12-1
S.D. Chargers	12-1
K. C. Chiefs	20-1
Phil. Eagles	20-1
Houston Oilers	20-1
Wash. Redskins	25-1

**Willie Will's BEST BETS**  
NFL PLAYOFFS  
Saturday January 2, 1993  
VIKINGS -3, (36') Washington  
SAN DIEGO -3, (36') Kansas City  
Sunday January 3, 1993  
BUFFALO -3, (36) Houston  
SAINTS -3, (35) Philadelphia

Certainly an interesting week of playoff games, as the wild-card games kick-off Saturday in Minnesota and San Diego. The Washington Redskins have proven that they can still be the tough football team they've been in the past. The only problem is that the Vikings have more of the momentum and will be able to cover the point in this crucial matchup. Plain and simple, the San Diego Chargers are the best team in the AFC right now and will be able to get by Kansas City and cover the three. **Saturday take both home favorites: Minnesota and San Diego.**

Sunday brings us a week-old rematch and a tough defensive struggle for two strong NFC teams. The Oilers really didn't need to beat Buffalo the way they did last week, yet the Bills could've used the victory. This week the scenery is changed but the scenario remains the same. In a low scoring contest, I expect to see Houston cover as the road dog as Buffalo will play without the services of Jim Kelly. In New Orleans, the Saints are a very tough team that can play solid football. The only problem is that they've done better on the road this season than they have at home. I think Randall will ignite the early season Eagles that dominated the league in September and October, this Sunday. **Sunday afternoon, take both road dogs: the Oilers and Eagles.**

*Good luck and don't let the "dogs" bite you.*



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