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## L.A. RAIDERS AT BUFFALO ★ ★ ★ K.C. CHIEFS AT HOUSTON

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# AFC PLAYOFFS SET FOR BIG REMATCHES

### LOS ANGELES RAIDERS v.s. BUFFALO BILLS

Line: Bills -6 • 38  
Previous Meeting: Raiders 25  
Bills 24

**OVERVIEW:** This game will be the commencement of four exciting NFL playoff games. It'll be a rematch of a December 5 clash that saw the Raiders invade Buffalo and escape with a 25-24 victory. Wide receiver Tim Brown returns with a stimulated Raiders squad, that is finally looking like legitimate AFC contenders. Last week's upending of Denver, in Mile High Stadium, showed that their five victories, in their last six games, is no fluke. The Raiders should be

able to expose the talents of their passing game, even though the weather outlook is for cold weather. Quarterback Jeff Hostetler had his way with the Broncos last week, finding Tim Brown, Alexander Wright and James Jett consistently. Buffalo must be prepared for the deep ball. The Raiders' running game saw signs of hope against Denver, but won't be that effective against a tough Bills defense. Buffalo's Thurman Thomas should have a big day at home, and will probably be expected to come up with the big plays. Quarterback Jim Kelly is still

banged up and could be ineffective if the game comes down towards the end. The Raiders legitimately have a good shot at knocking off the AFC's three-time defending champions, pending the performance done on Thomas and the succession of Hostetler and Co.

**KEY:** The Raiders won't be able to pull off the big plays they did against Denver. As they were on December 5, the Bills won't be caught off guard and will be prepared for whatever the Raiders throw at them. This game could come down to the end, possibly overtime. The Bills should escape with the victory -



To be most effective on Sunday, Marcus Allen will have to utilize his finesse skills against an aggressive Oilers defense, but will not cover!!  
FINAL SCORE: Buffalo 26 L.A. Raiders 23

### AFC Playoffs at a glance

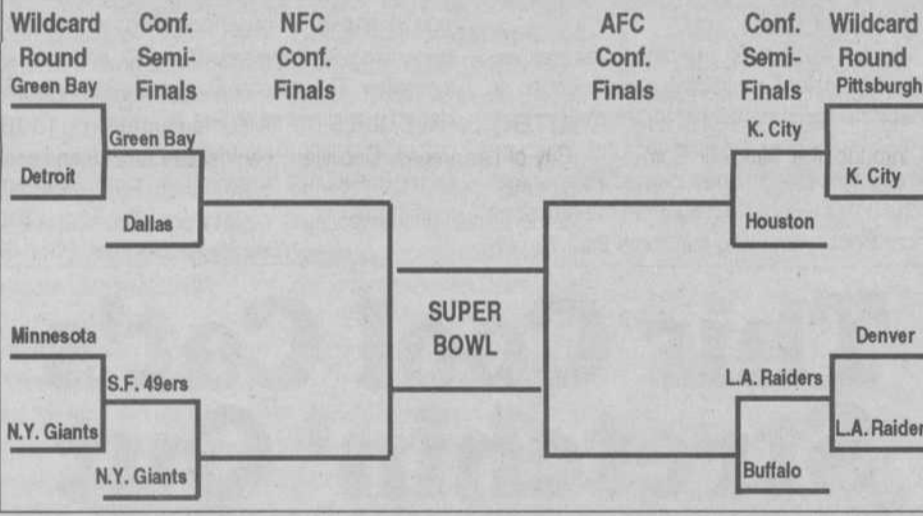
Saturday  
Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo  
9:30 a.m. PST (NBC)  
Sunday  
Kansas City at Houston 1:00  
p.m. PST (NBC)

line to pressure Moon into forcing a lot of his passes. The thing that K.C. will have to focus upon, is manipulating the clock. If they can pound away at Houston's D, Montana can pick and choose when and where he'll be throwing. The off-field controversy with Buddy Ryan will probably spark the Oilers' defense before distraction sets in. His warriors will be ready to destroy the Chiefs, the question is: Will the Chiefs be ready to counter-attack?

**KEY:** Houston's defense will be the main outline of this game. They will need to shut down the secondary completely from the opening kickoff on. Montana, who has always been productive against Ryan's defense (in Philly), must not feel he is in control one bit if Houston wants to escape unscathed! A defensive collapse by the Oilers will end their season.

FINAL SCORE: Houston 31  
Kansas City 27

## THE ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS v.s. HOUSTON OILERS

Line: Oilers -7 • 42  
Previous Meeting: Oilers 30  
Chiefs 0

**OVERVIEW:** Undoubtedly, the Chiefs head into the home of the hottest team in the NFL. Houston comes into this game with great motivation and will be able to hold their early-season victory over K.C. as a chip on their shoulder. The only problem: On September 12, Joe Montana was not present and accounted for.

definitely have a legitimate shot

at winning this game outright. Veteran running back Marcus Allen will be relied upon to pick up the slack if the passing game isn't in any type of groove. If LB Derrick Thomas has Warren Moon intimidated by the time the teams return to the field for the second half - you can expect to see a very tight game. The Chiefs' secondary is banged up and will need help from the front

## DALLAS FAVORED TO REPEAT AS SUPER BOWL CHAMPS

### Sentinel-Voice

According to oddsmakers, it'll be the Dallas Cowboys that will win Super Bowl XXVIII. At press time the Cowboys were listed at EVEN money to win the January 30 matchup.

The San Francisco 49ers are directly behind the Cowboys, listed at 3-2 odds. The next

three teams in line - Houston, Buffalo and Kansas City - may give the inclination that someone thinks the AFC has a legitimate shot at the NFL championship.

Houston is 3-1; Buffalo is 5-1; and, Kansas City is 6-1.

The surprising longshot, and possibly the team with the best

value, as far as futures go, is the New York Giants.

The Giants came close to topping the Cowboys, and capturing the NFC East, but fell short in overtime 16-13. New York has what it takes to escape Candlestick Park with the win.

Scraping the barrel are the L.A. Raiders and Green Bay

Packers, listed as 15-1 and 25-1 longshots, respectively.

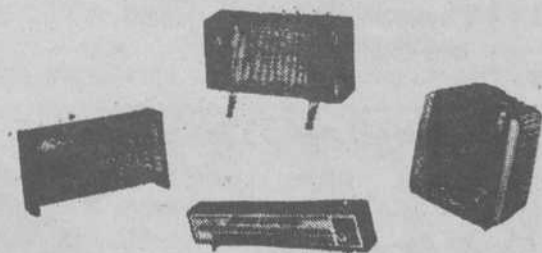
Las Vegas Hilton Race & Sports Book vice-president of operations Art Manteris says a rematch of Super Bowl XXVII - Dallas v.s. Buffalo - is highly possible, along with an "all-Texas" clash between the Oilers and Cowboys.

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L.A. Raiders +6' v. Buffalo

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Kansas City -8 v. Pittsburgh

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Green Bay v. Detroit

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