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Novacek for quick-toss plays. Its an effective game plan to move the ball up-field, control the clock, and knock the defense out of sync. If the defense begins to put double coverage on the strong side, which is where Novacek will be, Dallas can pull their guard to the weak side and send Smith directly behind his blockers.

Fuffalo is going to come into

this game very aggressive and Dallas doesn't want to try and get fancy right away. If the Cowboys try to make a spectacle of the Bills and implement a tricky game plan that fails, it could work in Buffalo's favor.

On defense, it should be the same as last year-get Jim Kelly!!! The man still forces passes under pressure and its the best way to gain interceptions. Last year the defense was masterminded by Dave Wannstedt, now head coach for the Chicago Bears, but hopefully his traits were left behind.

Russell Maryland and Charles Haley should be able to spark the Cowboys' line and produce some sacks. The main objective for the linebackers will be to read the play before the ball is snapped. They must be able to read tendencies by Thurman

Thomas is a dangerous offensive player. He can actually take over a game like no other player in the league. His style of play is unmatched, and can beat you from the run or pass. If

Thomas is shut down from the backfield, the defense must not let up. They have to expect him to act as a blocker for a split second, then break into the middle or towards the sidelines for quick five yard gains. If LB Ken Norton can get a grip on Thomas, it'll be a long day for the

THEKEYSFORDALLASTO WIN THIS GAME:

1. Troy Aikman must be 100% mentally prepared for this game. He must not even let last week's occurrence enter his mind. If it does it'll alter his passing ability. If Aikman comes into this game confident and determined, receiver Alvin Harper and Michael Irvin will be busy all day.

2. Jay Novacek. His performance is key this year. With the Bills coming into this game full of animosity, it'll be Novacek's job to knock all the confidence out of certain Bills. His blocking, receiving and leadership will be key for the 'Boys.

3. Emmitt Smith is going to have to do a lot of moving in order to keep Buffalo off of that shoulder. You'll see Emmitt going to the outside a lot, leaving him the option to head out of bounds, avoiding any contact. Novacek will be a big part of

Smith's running game - WATCH AND SEE!!!

4. Jimmy Johnson can't allow last year's thumping of Buffalo, or last week's thrashing of 'Frisco, to take over mentally. His jubilation last week after the clinching win gave an inclination that he might have been celebrating a bit too early. You still have one more to go Jimmy!!!

5. Dallas' defense must shut down Thurman Thomas. Thomas has to be an ineffective part of Buffalo's game if Dallas wants to keep the Bills far from the lead. If Thomas has 'just' a decent day, Buffalo will survive and make it close.

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ceiver can break away for an easy reception.

THE KEYS FOR BUFFALO TO WIN THIS GAME:

1. Thurman Thomas will have to be on top of his game all day. Last year the game was in Pasadena, California which has natural grass. Thomas just may be more effective on artificial turf, which is what the Georgia Dome has. If he gets the right blocks, he'll have a good day.

2. Buffalo's offensive line needs to come through for the passing game to be effective. Kelly won't be the factor as much as his coverage will be. Bottom line is this: The OL will dictate Kelly's performance.

3. Any intimidation factor that can be implored by Buffalo's defense on Aikman. The Bills' D might also find it easier to grab a hold of Emmitt Smith, who has been nursing a shoulder injury for the past four weeks. Defensive Intimidation - that is the name of the game.

4. TURNOVERS!!! Last year the Bills gave away a dismal nine tumovers and cannot duplicate that statistic. The Bills need to be more patient on offense.

5. Mary Levy. He is an intelligent man and has the know-how to win the big one. He just needs to pound into his players' heads that they can beat the Dallas Cowboys. It's all "mental psychological warfare."

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