

# Sports

## Tennis Open To Be Held

by: Cathy Clayton

The first annual Methodist College Tennis Open will be held on Saturday, February 27th and Sunday, February 28th at the Methodist College tennis center. Events planned include men's singles & men's doubles and women's singles & women's doubles. Trophies will be awarded to all winners and finalists.

This tournament is USTA sanctioned and all USTA rules apply. Entry forms

ule. Each player will be responsible for checking his or her schedule after the tournament begins. Tournament play will begin February 27th at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Warrell welcomes student participation for this event and also encourages students to come out and watch. Local tennis pros will be participating in this tournament. Don't miss it!

can be picked up in Dr. Theresa Warrell's office in the Golf and Tennis Management building. Tournament fees are \$14 for singles and \$20 for doubles. The last day to enter the tournament is February 22nd.

Players must call 630-7147 on Thursday, February 25th after 12 noon to determine their first-round playing sched-

## Monarch Player Named To All-American Team

by: Sports Information Office

Rich Jinnette graduated in December 1992 with a 2.8 grade point average and a degree in Business. Prior to his graduation Jinnette played his senior year of football under the direction of 1st year Head Coach Jim Sypult. His individual performance on the football field was a definite bright spot for the 0-10 Monarchs. As a punt returner, Jinnette finished 2nd in the nation averaging 34.2 yards per return. Jinnette also finished in the top five in kickoff returns averaging 18.2 yards per kickoff return. These individual efforts allowed Jinnette to place the team in the top five of both of these categories. His hard work, dedication, and never-ending spirit landed the senior on the Champion All-American NCAA Division III football team. This selection marked the first for the Methodist Football Program.

Coach Sypult commented: "Rich was a great weapon to have on our football team. Great return man, outstanding receiver, and excellent blocker. His secret of success in returning kicks was his great courage (he has no fear) and his knack for setting up the defense. Rich had a great experience during his senior year and played to his potential. His desire to succeed and his work ethic are characteristics that helped our younger players. He was a great example to our team."

Currently Rich and his wife Michelle, also a Methodist College graduate, reside in Sanford, NC where Rich is in the managerial program at Wal-Mart. The couple is expecting their first child.

## Bills Fall On Yet Another Sunday

by Derek Tang

Wipeout! Blowout! No-contest! One-sided affair! Absolute mismatch! All the available superlatives were exhausted on Monday, the 1st of February, as football fans all over the country reeled from the Dallas Cowboys' 52-17 trashing of the Buffalo Bills, who went home empty-handed from the Super Bowl for an unprecedented third straight year.

To be brutally frank, "trashing" would be a relatively mild description of what transpired at the Rose Bowl on the Sunday of January the 31st, 1993, most certainly a date in history that many in Buffalo will want to forget quickly--if ever they are allowed to forget.

Bills fans were given a false sense of anticipation early in the first quarter, when a blocked punt, a defensive penalty, and a Thurman Thomas run gave Buffalo a 7-0 lead, which turned out to be the only time they held the lead throughout the game. After that, one unfortunate event lead to another, and suddenly, the Cowboys were more than back in the game--they were taking it over.

Jim Kelly's two interceptions and one fumble in the first quarter sounded the alarm bells in the Buffalo ranks. For Kelly, the final bell tolled when Ken Norton broke through the Bills offensive line and practically threw himself on Kelly's knee, the same injured knee that he had barely recovered from. It hurt simply

watching it on television, especially after watching it several times on slow-motion replay, and viewers could see from the look on Kelly's face as he was stretchered out that he was hurting--not only from the knee, but also from the awareness that the "window of opportunity" the Bills had been talking about all week was starting to shut on them.

Enter Frank Reich, the architect of that now infamous comeback against the Houston Oilers in the wild-card playoff match--The Greatest Comeback in NFL History. "Houston was Houston. We're talking about the Cowboys here," said the guy sitting next to me. All too true. Even with the entrance of "The Clutch Man," as another guy called him, that foreboding sense of doom for the Bills still hung over the game.

Half time came, and the contrast was all too clear. The Cowboys players trooped gingerly off the field, while the Bills players retreated with their heads hung low. 31-10 was the score. And there were still 30 minutes left in the game.

After the Michael Jackson extravaganza at half-time, the teams re-entered the field to square off again. Right off the bat, Troy Aikman, later named the game's MVP, led Dallas all the way down the field for another score--38-10. Then, during the kick-off, Buffalo fumbled, and Dallas scored yet again--45-10.

Were the Cowboys going to be stopped? Apparently, Reich still had something to say about that, and a 45-yard throw to Andre Reed narrowed the score to 45-17. But it was too little, too late. Only diehard Bills fans were cheering that touchdown.

So it did not matter too much that Dallas ran in yet another fumble for a touchdown to make it 52-10. In fact, it could have been 50-10, but for a case of showboating and a tremendous hustle by Don Beebe to prevent one final score.

If it was any consolation, the Bills are now the co-record holders for having competed in the highest scoring Super Bowl to date (69 points), but unfortunately, they are also the holders of the dubious record of being the team with the most turnovers in a Super Bowl with 9--yes, 9!--turnovers.

Third time UN-lucky, Bills. All week, talk was rife that Buffalo was going to break the drought, that Buffalo was finally going to prove themselves a winning team. Sadly for those who believed, none of those happened. If anything became apparent at all after the game, it was the fact that America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys, had erased the ghosts of that disastrous 1-15 season of 1989. Barring a disaster, the Cowboys certainly look to be the team to watch for a few more years.



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