

Cincy Freezes San Diego— 49's Stop Dallas In NFC

By Larry Barber
Twenty-six teams have now been eliminated from the National Football League's regular, playoff, and championship season; leaving two shining stars to battle for the world championship in Super Bowl XVI.

In Sunday's American Football Conference title game, the Cincinnati Bengals roared by the San Diego Chargers 27-7, and the San Francisco 49ers ended Dallas' hopes with a 28-27 National Football Conference championship victory. The first game was a frosted "cake walk", while the other was a fiery "barn-burner".

It is not always appropriate to say "I told you so", but if you read this writer's article last week, you know that he favored both victors. The prediction did have its flaws, however; where Cincy was thought to be only three points better (27-24), the Chargers were 20 points worse, and Frisco, given a wider margin (24-20), had to win in the last few seconds by one.

The two games were contrasts in futility. San Diego committed four turnovers, two lost fumbles, two interceptions, and lost big; while Frisco overcame three intercepted passes and three lost fumbles to win.

At kickoff time in Cincinnati, the temperature was minus nine degrees, but the Bengals heated things up in the first quarter on a 31-yard Jim Breech field goal, and an eight-yard touchdown pass from Ken Anderson to M.L. Harris. The Chargers came back with a 33-yard scoring toss from Dan Fouts to Kellen Winslow in the second period, but Cincy matched that with a one-

yard Pete Johnson plunge.

SF scored on its first possession against the Cowboys, but Dallas dampened the 49er spirit and led 10-7 after one quarter of action. The home team came back with another TD in the second, but opportunistic Dallas also reached the end zone again, and led 17-14 at halftime. In the seesaw affair, SF regained the lead with a TD in the third, only to see Dallas score ten more points in the fourth and lead 27-21 with five minutes to play.

That set the stage for a miraculous 49er comeback. Starting on his own eleven yard line, quarterback Joe Montana picked Dallas apart using short passing strikes and timely running plays. With inside a

minute left, SF had the ball third down and three yards for a first down on the Cowboy six yard stripe. Montana sprinted to his right, and found a leaping Dwight Clark in the back of the end zone for the tying score, and Ray Wersching kicked the extra point. The 49er defense preserved the gem, when Lawrence Pillers sacked Danny White, causing a fumble, which was recovered by Jim Stuckey.

San Francisco, now 15-3 (best in the NFL), will meet Cincinnati, 14-4 (second best record), in the Super Bowl. The game is set for a 4 p.m. start in Pontiac, Michigan's Silverdome on January 24.

Check this newspaper next week for a team-by-team analysis, and more predictions.



Tony Dorsett, has been named UPI NFC Player of the Year. Dorsett enjoyed his finest year in the NFL, gaining over 1,600 yards rushing and leading the Dallas Cowboys to the playoffs. Dallas lost the San Francisco in the NCF championship.

Independent Schools In Close Race For Cup

Close races are developing between four high schools in the N.C. Independent Schools Athletic Association (NCISSA) in statewide Wachovia Cup competition. At the end of the fall sports season, Charlotte Latin leads Charlotte Country Day by five points, while Durham Academy and Forsyth Country Day follow closely, tied for third place.

The first-annual NCISAA, recognizes the private school by Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and the NCISSA, recognizes the private school in North Carolina which has the best overall athletic program in the Association. Schools receive points

based on participation and performance in state championship and playoff events.

In a neck-and-neck race between two Charlotte private schools, Charlotte Latin has 135 points, while Charlotte Day follows closely with 130 points. Durham Academy and Forsyth Country Day have 105 points each.

Tied for fifth place is Bishop McGuinness in Winston-Salem and Asheville School, with 70 points each. Pender Academy in Rocky Point is in seventh place with 65 points, and Greensboro Day is in eighth place with 62½ points.

In 1981-82 sports, Charlotte Latin finished

first in girls tennis, seventh in cross country, and advanced to the semifinals in volleyball and the quarterfinals in soccer. Charlotte Latin also received 10 points for participating in the football state championship games.

Charlotte Country Day won the state NCISAA football championship, and finished fourth in girls tennis, eighth in cross country and advanced to the quarterfinals in volleyball. The school also received ten points for participating in state championship soccer games.

Durham Academy finished first in the NCISAA in soccer, second in cross country and advanced to the quarterfinals in volleyball. The school

also received ten points for participating in state championship soccer games.

For playoff events, including soccer, football, volleyball, baseball, softball, and boys and girls basketball, points are awarded in the following manner: champion, 50 points; runner-up, 45 points; semi-finals losers, 35 points; and quarterfinals losers, 20 points.

Points are awarded in the following manner for sports in which the rankings are determined by team standings in state championship events (sports in this category include cross country, golf, track and boys and girls tennis): -50 points for the champion, 45 for second place, 40 for third place, 35 for fourth place, 30 for fifth place,

25 for sixth place, 20 for seventh place, and 15 points for eighth place.

Only teams in the preceding group which actually score points in a state championship event are eligible for Wachovia Cup points in the team standings placements. However, in all sports, ten points are given to a team which is represented in a state championship or playoff event, but does not otherwise receive Wachovia Cup points for that event.

Hillside Gets

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JV's also slipped past Broughton 55-38.

Coach Al Eubanks says he's optimistic that his squad will finish first in regular season action, provided they continue to play team basketball.

McKinstry In SBN All-Star Game

In a special tribute to black college graduates for their numerous contributions to America, Sheridan Broadcasting Network, Inc., (SBN) proudly presents "Black College Alumni Homecoming Weekend", featuring the second Annual Sheridan Black Col-

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We again call upon the N.C. General Assembly to declare this day a state holiday and urge the N.C. Congressional delegation to support pending legislation to declare January 15 a national holiday.

Durham High Rips Millbrook Wildcats

Coach Jimmy Graves' Durham High Bulldogs slaughtered Raleigh Millbrook last Saturday 73-55.

Durham High, now 12-1 in non-conference action, was led in scoring against Millbrook by senior guard David Clinton with 20 points. Big freshman Bryan Carrington slammed in 12 points and Tom Parker added 10 for the Bulldogs.

The Lady Bulldogs dropped their seventh straight game to Millbrook 66-47. Durham's Lisa Richmond let all scorers with 19 points and Earnestine Davis totaled 11. The Lady Bulldogs will go after their first win this season Monday against crosstown rival, Hillside.

lege All-Star Football Game in Jackson, Mississippi, Saturday, January 16.

This year's Game will feature all-star talent from traditional black colleges throughout the country. Area players include Chris McKinstry, linebacker from NCCU, Ralph Eagleton, quarterback, James Hamilton, defensive tackle, Gary Sneed, running back all from ECSU, Charles Sutton, running back from N. C. A&T, and Barry Traynham, center from WSSU.

Irv Cross of NFL Today and from Philadelphia Eagle, and Willie Wood, former Green Bay Packer will coach the East and West Teams respectively.

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