

NFL Report: Free agency to make things exciting

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Due to the large number of talented rookies coming into the league, I feel this year's NFL season will be one of the best the league has seen in a long time.

Already these top-named rookies have jumped into the spotlight.

The University of Alabama's Antonio Langham has been named the starting left cornerback for the Cleveland Browns, while *USA Today* was quoted stating, "the biggest surprise of the Los Angeles Raiders training camp has been the play of rookie Rob Holmberg who has lead or tied for the lead in tackles in two of four preseason games."

But the biggest reason this season will be great is because of the large number of teams that made free agent acquisitions and picked up big name players in the off season.

Because of these big transactions, some teams are ready to

make a serious run at the Superbowl.

One of these teams is the Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings were able to trade some first and second round draft picks in exchange for Houston's veteran quarterback, Warren Moon.

Another team to look out for is the New Orleans Saints. Acquiring former Atlanta Falcons' wide-out Michael Haynes will already make the Saints one of the better and faster teams in the league, but then they added former Los Angeles Rams quarterback, Jim Everett, so the Saints' passing game can not do anything but be improved.

Yet another team to watch out for is the Arizona Cardinals. The Cardinals picked up a lot of big-name free agents such as Jim McMahon

and Shawn Moore.

In addition, new head coach (and defensive specialist) Buddy Ryan has attracted two defensive stand outs from Philadelphia, Seth Joyner and Clyde Simmons.

And let's not forget that there is one big-name free agent still available. The "Primetime Stakes," as they have been dubbed, is well underway to see who can sign multi-talented, two-sport athlete Deion Sanders.

Free agency is going to be a big part of the success or failure of this year's NFL season. The teams that were able to attract big-name players and remain under the salary cap can not help but make it an exciting season.

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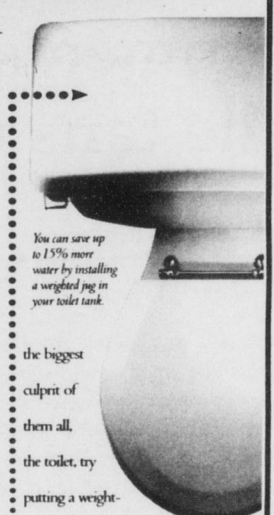
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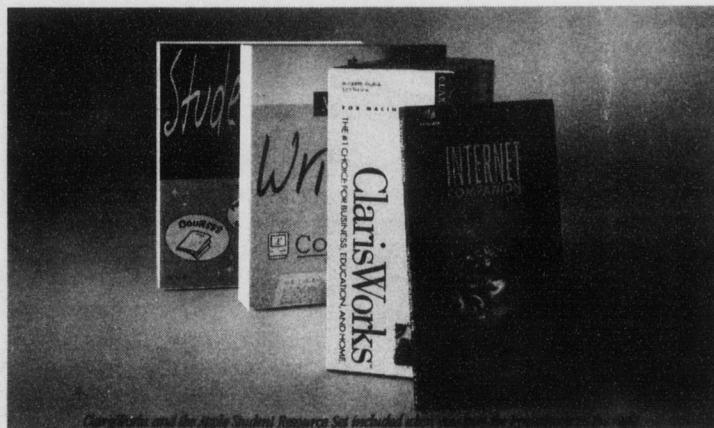


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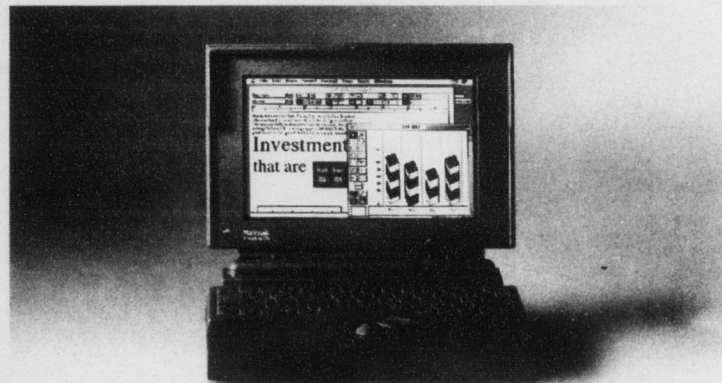
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