

Dallas falls to 49ers

Switzer can't do it

by Josh Lucas
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The San Francisco 49ers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 38-28 last Sunday to win the N.F.C. Championship in front of a record 69,125 fans at soggy Candlestick Stadium.

The 49ers defense made things difficult for the Cowboys' offense all day. Dallas quarterback, Troy Aikman was intercepted three times; Emmitt Smith was held to 74 yards; and Dallas turned the ball over two other times on fumbles.

The Dallas mistakes started on their first possession of the game when San Fran defensive back, Eric Davis, returned a 44 yard interception into a touchdown.

On Dallas' next possession, Davis starred again as he forced Cowboy receiver, Michael Irvin, to fumble, and five plays later 49ers quarterback, Steve Young, connected on a 29-yard pass to

Ricky Watters.

After Cowboys wide receiver, Kevin Williams, fumbled the ball and San Fran recovered at the Cowboy 35. Steve Young then marched his troops down the field on a seven play drive as running back, William Floyd, scored on a one yard run to give the 49ers an early 21-0 lead in the first quarter.

Dallas answered right back, as Aikman hooked up with Irvin on a 44-yard touchdown bomb to cut the San Fran lead 21-7 at the end of the first quarter.

After a San Francisco field goal, Emmitt Smith cut the 49ers lead to 24-14 on a four-yard touchdown run.

With eight seconds left in the first half, Young threw a 28-yard pass to Jerry Rice for a touchdown to give San Fran a 31-14 halftime advantage.

Dallas came out in the third quarter and cut the 49ers lead to 31-21 with a one yard touchdown run by Smith. But Young and

the 49ers answered back with a three-yard quarterback scramble for a touchdown to give San Fran a comfortable 38-21 lead with one quarter left to play.

The lone score of the fourth quarter came when Dallas' Irvin caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Aikman.

However, the 49ers defense prevailed as they held on for a ten point victory and a trip to Super Bowl XXIX.

Young shined as he was 13-29 passing for 155 yards, two touchdowns, no interceptions, and rushed for 47 yards including a touchdown.

The 49ers can set a Super Bowl record with a victory over the Chargers. They would be the only team ever to be 5-0 in Super Bowls.

Super Bowl XXIX will feature two Californian teams battling it out in Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium on January 29 at 6p.m.

Wilson spiked

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Behrend Head Women's Volleyball coach Jan Wilson was dismissed from her duties as both coach and physical education teacher. Wilson's dismissal is effective June 1995.

"I just couldn't believe it," was Wilson's first reaction to hearing of her dismissal. "After coaching and teaching for 23 years and to be fired now, I just can't believe it. Volleyball coaching is only part of my job, I am a teacher too."

Behrend Athletic Director Herb Lauffer did not give specific details on the situation involving Wilson. "It was a personnel decision and in those matters I cannot make public comment."

Lauffer continued, "I have not spoken to any specific candidates for the position but we will advertise the opening at a time to be determined."

Wilson's former players were very surprised to hear the news of her dismissal. "I was shocked and disappointed," said sophomore Jen Taylor. "We had a great season because she has worked hard and brought in many talented recruits," she added. Freshman Angie Georg echoed

Taylor's comments. "I didn't expect it, especially after the season we had."

Wilson's 1994 team compiled a 27-14 record, which set a Behrend record for victories in one season. Her career coaching record is 312-320, which is one the best in NCAA Division III.

Wilson's former players are not the only ones surprised about her firing. Marge Walker, a professor of physical education and the former women's athletic director and women's volleyball coach at Westminster College, had strong comments about the firing of Wilson.

"She has been always highly respected by her coaching peers. I think Behrend is losing one of the most dedicated individuals in the area. This is just a real blow to athletics," stated Walker.

Walker is not the only coach to give praise to Wilson. Kellie Jordan, an assistant coach at Mt. Union College and a former Behrend volleyball player, stated her shock about the dismissal.

"She has recruited very well. She is a dedicated coach both on and off the court," stated Jordan.

Wilson is currently pursuing possible legal options regarding her dismissal.

Steelers sent packing

by Brian Stadler
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The city of Pittsburgh had not been in such an euphoria about football since the glory days of the 'Steel Curtain'. They had said the steel curtain had been resurrected as the steel trap and Blitzburgh. They had said the faces and names had changed, but the style of play had not. Comparing those two very different teams is enough to make the late Art Rooney roll over in his grave.

This past Sunday the 8-1/2 point underdog San Diego Chargers came into Blitzburgh and stole a win 17-13. The Chargers were fired up by the Steelers who had started to make preparations for a Super Bowl rap video. The Steelers had expected the Chargers to lie down for them. The Chargers wanted respect, and they wanted it more than the Steelers. This will cause an uproar amongst Steeler

fans, but the Chargers worked hard all week on a game plan to win. What was the game plan?

They had to stop the run. They couldn't allow the Steelers to run for 238 yds. like they did the previous week versus Cleveland. This they did like no one could believe. The game totals: Barry Foster 20 carries for 47 yards, Bam Morris 2 carries, 2 yards, and John L. Williams 3 carries for 16 yards. Offensive coordinator Ron Erhardt gave up on the running game at the end of the first half. His offensive line was being pushed around and he knew it. So what does he do?

He lets quarterback Neil O'Donnell throw and throw and throw the ball. In all, O'Donnell threw the ball 54 times and completed 32 for 349 yards. I thought that was Terry Bradshaw out there and not Neil! Neil O'Donnell shut up his critics, like me, who beriddled him all year. The guy came up three yards short of being a savior.

The last drive was a thing of beauty up until the last four play selections. My hats off to our QB!

The defense played exactly like they had done for the previous 16 weeks, superb. Except for two big plays. They held Natrone Means to a poultry 69 yards on 20 carries. They held Stan Humphries to a chart of 11 completions in 22 attempts for 165 yards, 2 touchdowns and an interception.

So why did the Steelers lose? The two big plays that I mentioned were a 43-yard touchdown pass to Alfred Pupunu who had somehow got so wide open that even Vinny Testaverde could have completed it. Cornell Lake was responsible for Pupunu and said, "When the tight end down blocks and the guard and tackle pull around, that's about as run read as you can get." Lake was coming up to fill the gap in the line.

The other big play was in the

fourth quarter with the Steelers still winning and clinging to a 13-10 count.

It was 3rd down and 14 at the Steelers 43. Tony Martin got behind the veteran Tim McKyer and caught a 43-yard touchdown pass. McKyer got no help from his safety rookie Myron Bell. Rod Woodson stuck up for his teammate, "Timmy just had a bad read, he lost his guy and Stan just threw the ball a mile in the air," said Woodson. McKyer had to be helped off the field by two police officers after the game. He was emotionally a mess!

San Diego came in and earned some respect from me. They blocked out the 61,000 terrible towel waving fans and got a win. They kept focused all week and we the Steelers did not.

As for the Steelers, it was a crushing blow to the city, players and organization as a whole. It had waited a long time for a fifth Super Bowl try and win. They do have a young team and have

most of their big-time players signed to long-term deals. This loss hurts bad, real bad, but they need to refocus and regroup. The fans need to support them and have a few Iron Cities to soothe the pain.

Cornerback Deon Figures said, "They [Chargers] didn't earn it... we gave it to them." Rod Woodson declined to say they lost to the better. Said Woodson, "I have no doubt in my mind we are the better team. All the stats show it, for the most part we dominated." While I agree with both Figures and Woodson, I do not want to do what Cleveland did last week and not give credit where credit was due. By not saying the Steelers were better than themselves (Browns players) they only made themselves look foolish! The Chargers won and we lost and you can watch the Super Bowl if you want. But I have better things to do than to watch a mass slaughtering by the 49ers.

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