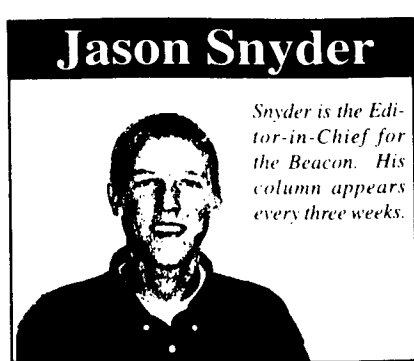


Out of Bounds

Chaos and confusion in the NFL

The Rams are 7-2. The Colts, Titans, and Seahawks...also 7-2. Detroit, without Barry...6-3. The Super Bowl Champs...3-6. The Packers and 49ers...a combined 7-11. The second to last team in the AFC East standings...7-3. Hell, the Browns just beat the Steelers. And me? I'm confused.



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The days for actually making a realistic Super Bowl prediction are over. It slowly started last season with the Atlanta Falcons shocking the NFC, and the trend has exploded this season. Three years ago, I could say with confidence that the Green Bay Packers were the team to beat. Four years ago, I could bet on San Francisco. And earlier this decade, I just figured the Bills would make it to the show, and lose.

You see Tennessee hand the Rams their first loss, then lose to Miami the

following week. The Dolphins then lose to the Bills after that. Yes, the same Bills that are tied for fourth in their division, with a 7-3 record.

Then there's the NFC. The Cowboys lose to the Colts, beat the Redskins and Packers, but just can't get past Philadelphia. Minnesota is the only team that is actually playing to their expectations. But they still trail the Lions in the NFC Central. No Packers. No Bucs. Just the Lions that couldn't win with Barry Sanders, but beat the Rams without him. The same Rams that have the whole package of an offense and a defense. Yet they don't have any players that had big names entering the season.

It might just be that the NFL wants a new look going into the new millennium. And with the quarterbacks that are leading teams right now, that might be the case. Huard, Manning,

Couch, Kitna, Graham, Warner, Johnson, Batch, and Lucas. These names don't quite seem to stand up to the Elways, Youngs, Favres, Cunninghams, Aikmans and Marinos of years past, but this might be a completely new era in the NFL.

Every week last season, football fans waited for the Atlanta Falcons to fall apart. After all, there's always a team that starts the season with a surprising record, then collapses when the pressure gets to be too much. When the NFC Championship game rolled around and the Falcons were still flying high, I began to wonder. And when they advanced to the Super Bowl, I gave in, making them my Super Bowl prediction. Much to my dismay, that was the week the Falcons took their nose dive.

So when are the Rams, Lions, Titans, Colts and Seahawks going to

fall? I refuse to pick the Rams as a Super Bowl contender and I surely won't pick the Seahawks as the team to beat in the AFC. But who do you choose?

In other sports, it's easy. There is always that team that knows how to win. They find ways to win when it looks like they won't. The Yankees are notorious for being clutch, so when the Yanks put together a good team, you can bet they are going to the Series. When the Chicago Bulls resigned all their players in 1996 and 1997, it was easy to say they would find a way to win. Even when the Packers entered the 1996-97 season, people saw the potential. Favre and his offense were a gutsy squad combined with the defense Reggie White ministered to.

you just disregard the big name teams that are strangely struggling now, and make that switch to teams like the Rams? Or do you continue to wait for those teams to fall apart? Either way, don't hold your breath, because the NFL is headed in a new direction. The expansion teams that are entering the league continue to stretch the talent throughout the league. This does lessen the overall talent of teams, but it does make for a confusing and chaotic league, where your guess is as good as mine as to who will be on top when January rolls around. This week, it looks like the Rams and Seahawks. Next week? Maybe the Lions and Colts. I won't fall into that trap of small-name teams in the big time game. It's going to be the Vikings and Jaguars. I think.

So how do you pick them? Do

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

National Sports

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BCS

NFL

1999-2000 Men's Basketball Schedule

1999-2000 Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 20	Hilbert	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 23	@ Washington & Jeff.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Elmira	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	@ Grove City	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	D'Youville	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	La Roche	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	@ Penn State Altoona	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 27-28	@ Lady of Magic Tourney	TBA
Jan. 4	Daytona, FL	
Jan. 4	Grove City	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Thiel	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	Fredonia	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Pitt-Bradford	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	@ Thiel	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Frostburg	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	@ Pitt-Greensburg	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	Lake Erie	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	@ La Roche	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Penn State Altoona	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	@ Pitt-Bradford	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	@ St. John Fisher	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	@ Frostburg	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Pitt-Greensburg	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	@ Lake Erie	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 23,25,26	AMCC Tournament	TBA

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 19-20	Penn State Behrend Tournament	6/8, 1/3 p.m.
Nov. 23	@ Bethany	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 27-28	@ Marietta Tournament	6/8, 1/3 p.m.
Dec. 1	@ Washington & Jeff.	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 3-4	Penn State Behrend Tournament	6/8, 1/3 p.m.
Dec. 8	La Roche	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	@ Penn State Altoona	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	@ Juniata	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	Grove City	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	Waynesburg	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Pitt-Bradford	6:00 p.m.
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Bowl Championship Series Ratings

Team	Rankings	Record
1. Florida State	(10-0)	
2. Virginia Tech	(9-0)	
3. Nebraska	(9-1)	
4. Florida	(9-1)	
5. Tennessee	(7-2)	
6. Alabama	(8-2)	
7. Wisconsin	(9-2)	
8. Kansas State	(9-1)	
9. Texas	(9-2)	
10. Michigan	(8-2)	
11. Penn State	(9-2)	
12. Michigan State	(8-2)	
13. Georgia Tech	(7-2)	
14. Marshall	(10-0)	
15. Mississippi State	(8-1)	

AFC East

Team	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Miami	7	2	0	.778	192	166
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778	250	181
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	181	146
New England	6	3	0	.673	208	174
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	150	167

NHL

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa	12	6	1	26
Toronto	11	7	3	26
Boston	8	6	5	21
Buffalo	7	10	2	16
Montreal	5	13	1	12

NFC East

Team	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556	157	165
Washington	5	4	0	.556	287	257
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	226	169
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	115	181
Philadelphia	3	7	0	.300	149	212

CROSS COUNTRY

NCAA Mideast Regional

Men's Cross Country

21st of 30 teams - 578 points

Name	Time	Rank
Mark Surovic	27:28.9	49th
Dennis Halaszynski	28:17.3	91st
Tyler Travis	29:09.0	130th
Greg Cooper	30:11.7	168th
Carl Alberico	30:26.0	177th
Erik Vollbrecht	31:09.9	193rd
Clint Altman	31:14.9	195th

Women's Cross Country

24th of 32 teams - 739 points

Name	Time	Rank
Kathy Perry	21:38.4	117th
Elizabeth Voight	21:39.1	119th
Jen Smialek	22:20.3	165th
Jessie Coe	22:28.6	169th
Keri Lowman	23:25.3	200th
Kristine DiMarzo	25:33.0	221st
Tina Rubay	25:45.1	224th

This is the highest team finish ever for the women's cross country team at the NCAA Mideast Regionals

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Detroit	12	4	3	28
St. Louis	11	6	1	23
Nashville	6	9	1	14
Chicago	4	10	4	13

NBA

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Miami	7	2	.778	--
Boston	5	3	.625	1.5
New York	5	5	.500	2.5
Orlando	4	5	.444	3
Philadelphia	4	5	.444	3
New Jersey	1	7	.125	5.5
Washington	1	7	.125	5.5

WEEK 10 RESULTS

Sunday, November 14

Buffalo 23, Miami 3

Tampa Bay 17, Kansas City 10

New Orleans 24, San Francisco 6

Tennessee 24, Cincinnati 14

Cleveland 16, Pittsburgh 15

St. Louis 35, Carolina 10

Indianapolis 27, N.Y. Giants 19

Philadelphia 28, Washington 28

Minnesota 27, Chicago 24 OT

Jacksonville 6, Baltimore 3

Oakland 28, San Diego 9

Arizona 23, Detroit 19

Dallas 27, Green Bay 13

Seattle 20, Denver 17

Monday, November 15

N.Y. Jets 24, New England 17

WEEK 10 SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 21

New England @ Miami 1:00 p.m.

Buffalo @ N.Y. Jets 1:00 p.m.

Pittsburgh @ Tennessee 1:00 p.m.

Seattle @ Kansas City 1:00 p.m.

Indianapolis @ Philadelphia 1:00 p.m.

Detroit @ Green Bay 1:00 p.m.

Atlanta @ Tampa Bay 1:00 p.m.

Carolina @ Cleveland 1:00 p.m.

Baltimore @ Cincinnati 4:05 p.m.

Dallas @ Arizona 4:15 p.m.

N.Y. Giants @ Washington 4:15 p.m.

Chicago @ San Diego 4:15 p.m.

St. Louis @ San Francisco 4:15 p.m.

New Orleans @ Jacksonville 8:20 p.m.

BYE: Minnesota

Monday, November 22

Oakland @ Denver 9:00 p.m.

GAME OF THE WEEK

"GIANT GAME IN NFC EAST"

GIANTS VS. REDSKINS

Name	Rank
Craig Hazelwood	17-16
Jason Snyder	42-35
Matt Wiertel	31-17
Katie Galley	49-4

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