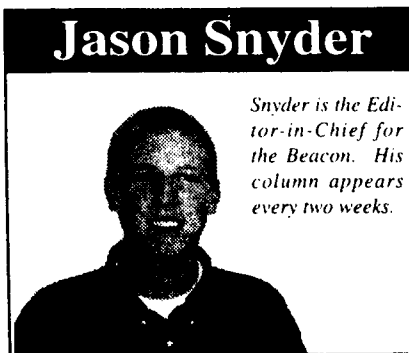


Out of Bounds

Commercials outdone by fantastic finish

How disappointing that the days of the Budweiser frogs and their rival lizards are gone. How disappointing that this year's Super Bowl commercials were a showcase of, www.i don't give a crap what's on these websites.com, internet sites. And how disappointing for those of you who actually cared.

The football critics, all week, laughed every time they heard the names of the Titans and Rams associated with the greatest sporting event of the year, Super Bowl XXXIV. And once again, we heard the overused line of, "oh, I hope the commercials are good," as if some know-it-all football "fan" thought they were cracking a joke no one ever heard before. And while they waited to be entertained by a bunch of lame computer corporate guys that think stupidity equals laughter, I found the



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time "between the commercials" to be so much more enjoyable.

All week leading up to the Super Bowl, I hoped that the game would give me something to blast those critics with. I hoped that the game between these two "undeserving" teams would give true football fans something to remember. So when the first half was highlighted by mistakes and field goals and even mistakes within the field goals, I knew that glorify-

ing this Super Bowl might not be justifiably right. A 16-0 deficit further hurt my cause, turning the game from a low scoring battle to a potential blowout.

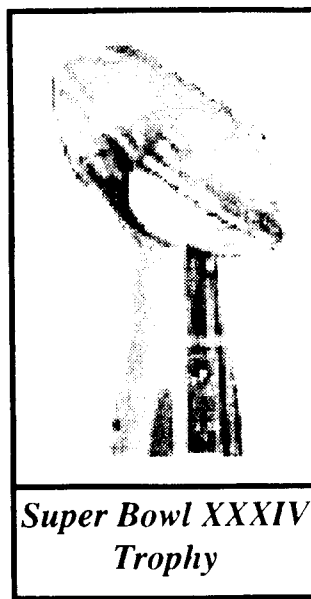
And it was then, when fans began to criticize the biggest spectacle in sports, that the Tennessee Titans decided to explode. The methodical fourth quarter comeback not only put the game in a 16-16 tie with only minutes remaining, but began to give fans a sense that this could be one of those classic Super Bowl moments.

The Rams took full advantage of the moment as Kurt Warner ended his dream season with a 74-yard strike to Isaac Bruce to take a seven-point lead. The play seemed so symbolic for the way the Rams had turned their franchise around. The entire concept of this year's Rams team was that they went from nobodies to Super Bowl

Champs in the blink of an eye. And in the blink of an eye, they would end the Titans' hopes with a play they ran more often than Mark McGwire hits homeruns.

With that pass, Warner went from being remembered as a supermarket stock boy to a Super Bowl hero, throwing for nearly 100 more yards than any quarterback ever has in Super Bowl history. That includes names such as Bart Starr, Joe Namath, Troy Aikman and even Joe Montana.

But the best of Super Bowl XXXIV had yet to come. It wasn't Warner's heroic end to a dream season or the Titans' final march down the field that will be played in high-light reels for years to come. It was the final play. The perfect pass from Steve McNair to Kevin Dyson and the stretch to the endzone. The Ti-



Super Bowl XXXIV Trophy

forever be remembered in Super Bowl history. The moment will match memories such as Lynn Swann's acrobatic catch in Super Bowl XXIII, Joe Montana's march against the Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII, Scott Norwood's kick that sailed right in Super Bowl XXV, and John Elway's helicopter ride in Super Bowl XXXII.

Super Bowl XXXIV proved to everyone that the names of the teams in the show aren't nearly as important as the indelible mark that two teams with a little bit of luck and whole lot of heart can leave.

Maybe the Ravens and Bears next year? Maybe it's a stretch. But maybe that's all it takes.

tans didn't lose Super Bowl XXXIV by the score of 23-16. They lost the biggest game of their lives by a yard. The image of Dyson's stretch will

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL (17-2)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (15-5)

Penn State Behrend	8-0	17-2
Pitt-Bradford	5-1	11-6
Pitt-Greensburg	5-2	12-6
La Roche	3-4	4-11
Lake Erie	2-5	3-16
Frostburg	1-6	5-14
Penn State Altoona	1-6	2-14

Behrend	84	Lake Erie	61
Behrend	36	48	84
Lake Erie	25	36	61

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Henderson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Lawrence	6-10	2-4	0-0	14
McKinney	0-2	0-2	2-2	2
Berchtold	3-4	1-1	0-0	7
Dunn	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Orris	0-2	0-1	0-0	0
Dubyak	1-1	1-1	2-2	5
Wilson	6-9	0-0	2-2	14
Hughes	9-11	0-0	5-8	23
Keith	4-12	4-10	0-0	12
Park	3-6	0-1	1-2	7
Totals	32-57	8-20	12-16	84

Assists: 20, Rebounds: 47, Blocks: 1, Steals: 2, TO: 16

Behrend	76	Penn State Altoona	59
Behrend	44	32	76
P.S. Altoona	30	29	59

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Henderson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0
Lawrence	4-12	0-5	0-0	8
McKinney	0-3	0-2	3-6	3
Merrill	0-1	0-1	0-0	0
Berchtold	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Dunn	4-6	1-1	0-0	9
Orris	3-4	1-2	1-3	8
Dubyak	0-1	0-1	0-2	0
Wilson	2-6	0-0	2-3	6
Hughes	9-11	0-0	7-9	25
Keith	6-11	5-10	0-0	17
Park	0-1	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	28-57	7-23	13-23	76

Assists: 8, Rebounds: 28, Blocks: 3, Steals: 3, TO: 14

Behrend	78	La Roche	63
Behrend	32	46	78
La Roche	34	29	63

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Lawrence	4-7	2-4	3-5	13
McKinney	1-1	1-1	0-0	3
Berchtold	3-5	2-3	2-2	10
Orris	3-6	1-2	1-2	8
Wilson	2-3	0-0	8-8	12
Hughes	6-16	0-0	8-9	20
Keith	2-4	2-4	0-0	6
Park	3-6	0-0	0-0	6
Totals	24-48	8-14	22-26	78

Assists: 13, Rebounds: 26, Blocks: 0, Steals: 4, TO: 8

Penn State Behrend	8-0	15-5
Frostburg	5-2	10-7
Penn State Altoona	5-3	8-10
Pitt-Bradford	3-3	7-10
La Roche	3-4	7-10
Pitt-Greensburg	1-6	5-12
Lake Erie	0-7	5-12

Behrend	52	Lake Erie	39
Behrend	30	22	52
Lake Erie	13	26	39

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Buck	2-10	2-8	0-0	6
Nestor	1-2	0-0	0-0	2
Weigold	0-4	0-3	0-0	0
Mauser	1-2	0-0	0-1	2
Tanner	0-1	0-0	2-2	2
Janiuk	0-1	0-1	0-0	0
Jackson	3-6	0-0	0-0	6
Costanzo	2-5	0-2	2-2	6
Phillips	3-4	0-0	11-12	17
Sanders	0-7	0-5	2-2	2
O'Lare	4-9	0-0	1-2	9
Totals	16-51	2-19	18-21	52

Assists: 12, Rebounds: 40, Blocks: 2, Steals: 11, TO: 13

Behrend	75	La Roche	59
Behrend	30	45	75
La Roche	36	23	59

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Buck	1-1	1-1	0-0	3
Nestor	1-3	1-1	5-8	8
Weigold	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Jackson	6-8	0-0	5-6	17
Costanzo	2-5	1-3	1-1	6
Phillips	8-13	0-1	2-4	18
Sanders	3-5	0-2	0-0	6
O'Lare	6-19	0-0	5-7	17
Totals	27-54	3-8	18-26	75

Assists: 18, Rebounds: 29, Blocks: 1, Steals: 4, TO: 13

Behrend	75	La Roche	59
Behrend	30	45	75
La Roche	36	23	59

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Davis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Havrilla	6-13	5-7	2-2	19
Hiben	5-12	1-2	0-0	11
McCurdy	0-1	0-0	4-4	4
Alton	1-6	1-4	0-0	3
Stuart	2-8	0-4	0-0	4
Swiatek	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Ballbach	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Cousins	1-5	1-2	0-0	3
Payne	0-2	0-2	0-0	0
Naberezny	0-1	0-0	0-1	0
Grill	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Rosser	0-1	0-0	0-0	0
Pencak	7-12	0-0	1-2	15
Totals	22-61	8-21	7-9	59

Assists: 9, Rebounds: 15, Blocks: 5, Steals: 5, TO: 11

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Be there when an era comes to an end
A chapter of Behrend sports history will come to a close on **February 16** when the final regular season games are played under the lights at Erie Hall. Cheer on the Lions when they play a double header against Pitt-Greensburg. Tip off will be at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Visit the Beacon Spirit Station!
The Beacon will be runing havoc in the Wintergarden on February 16 in preparation for the basketball games later that night. Meet the Beacon staff and talk with the silent Behrend Lion!!

National Sports

MEN'S TOP 25

1. Cincinnati 20-1
2. Stanford 17-1
3. Duke 16-2
4. Syracuse 18-0
5. Arizona 17-4
6. Michigan State 16-5
7. Connecticut 16-4
8. Ohio State 15-3
9. Tennessee 18-3
10. Auburn 18-3
11. Indiana 16-3
12. Florida 16-4
13. Texas 14-6
14. Oklahoma State 17-2
15. Kansas 16-4
16. Tulsa 20-2
17. (tie)Kentucky 16-5
17. (tie)Oklahoma 17-3
19. Utah 17-3
20. Temple 15-4
21. Maryland 15-6
22. North Carolina State 15-4
23. Vanderbilt 14-4
24. Iowa State 19-3
25. LSU 16-4

WOMEN'S TOP 25

1. Connecticut 19-1
2. Georgia 21-2
3. Louisiana Tech 15-2
4. Tennessee 17-3
5. Notre Dame 18-2
6. Penn State 18-3
7. Texas Tech 16-2
8. North Carolina State 16-4
9. Iowa State 16-3
10. Duke 18-3
11. LSU 17-3
12. Rutgers 14-4
13. Auburn 16-4
14. UC -Santa Barbara 17-3
15. Arizona 16-3
16. Old Dominion 14-4
17. UCLA 12-5
17. Boston College 18-4
19. Mississippi State 16-3
20. Purdue 14-5
21. Illinois 16-7
22. Tulane 18-2
23. Virginia 16-5
24. Kansas 15-5
25. Oklahoma 18-3