

# Fiegelman hopes Denver has it copped

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Post Guest Writer

Super Bowl XXII, which kicks off on Jan. 31, at Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego, promises to be an exciting affair if you are a Redskins or Broncos fan. Most of us in this area who lament that the Jets, or Giants, or Eagles did not make it, will be more difficult to impress. Kingston businessman William Robbins, an avowed Redskins fan, thinks that this Super Bowl will be a game full of surprises. On offense, he sees a ball control game with some passing. On defense, he believes that the Redskins will go with their young, fast linebackers, and that this will give them a decided advantage. Mr. Robbins predicts that the Redskins will be ahead 24-10 when the final gun sounds. One of the beauties of sport is that everyone is entitled an opinion without the risk of your house being burned down. I disagree with Mr. Robbins' prediction. The reason: John Elway.

In a position by position analysis, I will begin with the quarterbacks. John Elway versus Doug Williams. Williams is a leader, a seasoned veteran, and a strong-armed quarterback. He is also not John Elway. Elway is a phenomenal talent, who has waited a whole year since his humiliation at the hands of the Giants in Super Bowl XXI. Elway has already been sized for his ring, he wants this game badly. To his advantage, the Redskins are not the team that the 1987 Giants were. Elway has the experience of being there before. Edge: Broncos.

Denver's running game centers around Sammy Winder, Washington's around George Rogers, the former Heisman Trophy winner from South Carolina. Kelvin Bryant adds talent and depth, but he is often a receiver. Both Winder and Rogers can grind it out, but if the game wallows in ground control the advantage would go to the Redskins. The edge is slight however.

Wide receiver is a tough one to call. On one side of the field there will be Ricky Nattiel, Steve Watson, and Steve Sewell. (Denver) On the Redskin sideline will be Gary Clark, Art Monk (back from an injury), and Ricky Sanders. Any one of these fellows is good for a quick six. Just on a hunch, and a good one with Elway pulling the trigger, the receiving and tight end edge goes to Denver.

On the offensive line the advantage will have to go to the Hogs. The Redskin line is big, powerful, experienced, and they have played together for some years. Williams will probably get some time in the pocket, but Elway's mobility negates this advantage.

Collectively, the defenses match up very well. On the defensive line, I'm calling a draw. Both teams play well against the run, and do their share of harassing quarterbacks. Dexter Manley of Washington, and Rulon Jones of Denver are the "name" players, but everyone in the trenches can play.

Linebacker is very likely along with quarterback to be where this game is decided. As in the Minnesota playoff game, Washington is likely to give its less experienced linebackers some playing time. These include Ravin Caldwell and Kur Gouveia, who will join with old pros such as Neal Olkewicz. Denver counters with Ricky Hunley and Mr. All Over the Field, Karl Mecklenburg. Washington's kids will either disrupt or get burned. Edge: Broncos.

As in any game, the secondary can smell like roses or burning tires. The edge here goes to the "Skins because of Darrell Green, the All-Pro who held Anthony Carter to 85 yards in the Minnesota game.

Special teams is a facet of football that is hard to predict. Both Coach Dan Reeves of Denver, and Coach Joe Gibbs of Washington teach hard-nosed football. Let's call this one even and see where the ball rolls.

Rich Karlis gets a decided edge over the erratic Ali Haji-Sheikh in the kicking department, while barring any catastrophe the punting game is virtually even. Edge: Broncos.

Joe Gibbs and Dan Reeves are both highly respected men in their profession. Both have had great success over the past few years. Gibbs may be the best of them all. Edge: Redskins.

Washington probably has an edge in depth, and Denver wants to redeem last year's performance. These two highlight the intangible category. The odds are that the weather will be delightful at kickoff time, but being that both these teams are used to snow bowls, it probably would not be a factor anyway. The advantage tally stands at 4-4-2. Denver remembers that second half collapse in last year's Super Bowl, and now are on a mission. Put the house on it, Elway will get his ring. Broncos 27, Redskins 21.

# Dallas takes two from Tech and Hoban

Dallas Mountaineers won their two meets this week easily defeating West Side Tech 66-6 Saturday and downing Bishop Hoban Wednesday 53-12.

Despite their big wins, Dallas mat coach Larry Schuler is not looking ahead to his team's meets with some of the league powerhouses but just taking one match at a time.

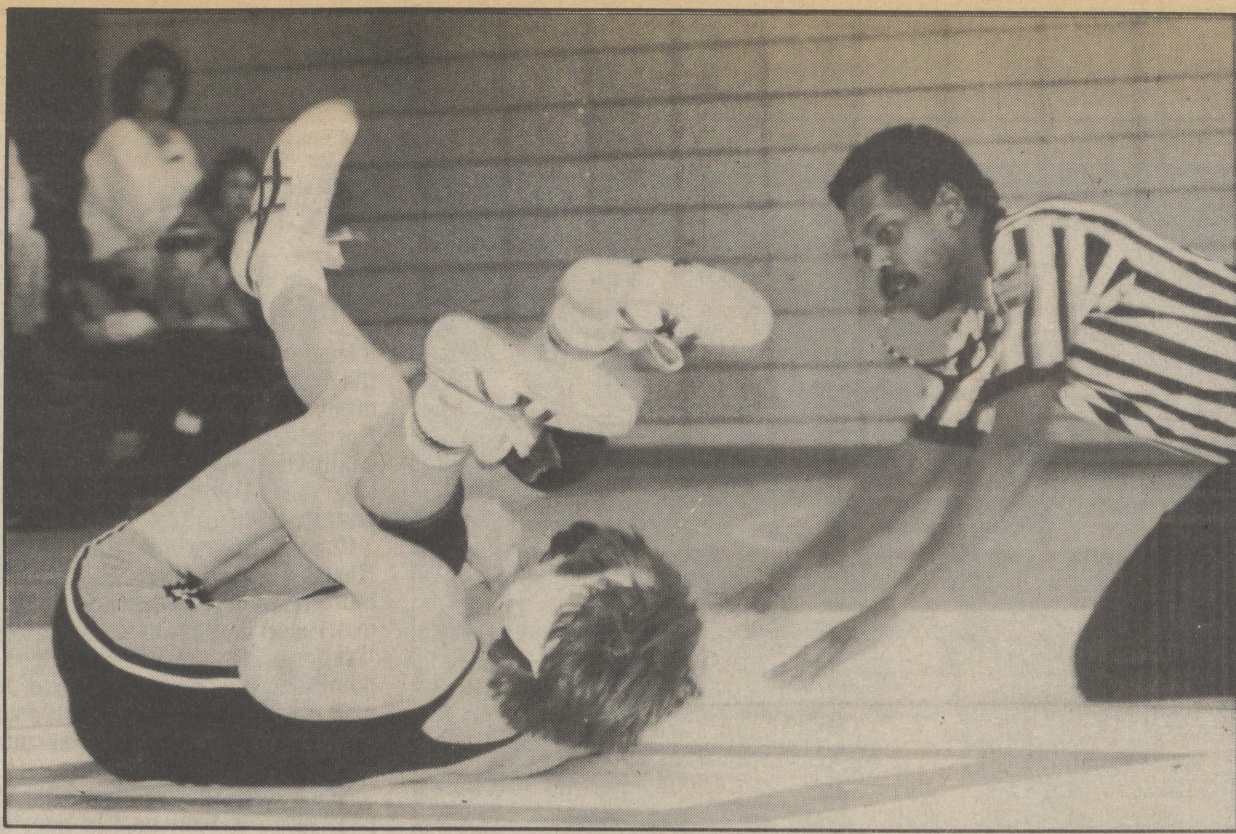
Schuler expressed his satisfaction with the manner in which some of his younger kids wrestled. He also said that though he was pleased with the bouts he saw some mistakes that need work.

The Mountaineers, 4-1-1 in the league, used four pins and had

three forfeits in taking the win over the West Side Titans, whose only win was a forfeit at 105-lbs.

119-lb. Eric Olsen and 155-lb. Gene Faulks won on forfeits from the Titans to continue undefeated in the league.

98-lb. Rick Hoyes gave Dallas six points on a technical fall over Johnson in 3:31 and 112-lb. Balberchak won by forfeit for six points. After 119-lb. Olsen's win by forfeit, 126-lb. J. O'Donnell added six points on a technical fall over Matello in 4:41 and 132-lb. K. Graham won on a technical fall over Aaron in 5:20.



## Going for the pin

Dallas Mountaineers try to go for a pin, but the rolls weren't in the team's favor. Hope our boys in blue and white can get it together and win their next meet.

# Knights lose one to undefeated Spartans

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Coach Ed Ladamus' wrestlers dropped their record to 3-3 last week by losing 56-3 to the undefeated Spartans Saturday night and bowling 40-26 to Hazleton Wednesday. Coach Herman thought his lightweights might have some trouble but they soon erased the worry as they won the first five bouts before the Knights won their only bout of the meet when 132-lb. Matt Reinert took an 8-1 win from Dan Swanek.

98-lb. Tom Moravinski pinned Knight Chris Smith in 1:15, 105-lb. Dino Cesarini flattened Tony Monaco in 4:48, 112-lb. Joe Taylor decisioned Jason Clancy 4-2, 119-lb. Joe McLaughlin flattened Tom Duffy in 3:03 and 126-lb. Shawn Brown moved the score to 24-0 with a technical fall over Mark Rogowski in 5:28.

After Reinert picked up three points for the Knights, the Spartans 138-lb. Joe Krokowski took a major 15-5 decision from P.J. Goodwin and 145-lb. Damian Cavuto flattened Ed Higgins in 2:05. 155-lb. Jim Rittinger won on a forfeit, then 167-lb. John Andaloro took a 9-4 bout from Tim Bernick. 185-lb. Ron Giza flattened Ed Kelley in 2:44 and Hwt. Andy Watkins gave the Spartans their final four points with a major decision over J.J. Konigus.

The Hazleton Mountaineers put together three pins and two forfeits to take a 40-26 win from the Knights.

98-lb. Chris Smith put his Knights on the board 5-0 with a superior 14-0 decision over Mike Alarney but Mountaineer Randy Slank made it 6-5 when he took a technical fall over Tony Monaco. The Hazleton team moved to 12-5 on 112-lb. Paul Avilon's 4:55 pin over Jason Clancy.

119-lb. Tony DeBian won by forfeit for Hazleton. The Knights added three to their score on 126-lb. Mark Rogowski's 4-2 decision over Alex Glassberg and 132-lb. Matt Reinert gave them six more by flattening Hazleton's Bob Drummond in 3:52.

Hazleton's 138-lb. Jack Schneider pinned P.J. Goodwin in 1:36 and 145-lb. John Gilmore upended Ed Higgins in 1:02 and 155-lb. Mike Herbinko won by forfeit over the Knights.

## PSU to host

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre baseball team will play host as the Phillie Caravan comes to the Wyoming Valley February 2. Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Northeastern Baseball are co-sponsoring the "Meet the Phillies" dinner at the Woodlands Inn and Resort at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited. Tickets are \$17.50 for adults, \$14.00 for children.

All proceeds from the dinner will benefit Penn State Wilkes-Barre's baseball program, according to Frank Orloski, caravan chairman.

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their indomitable spirit carried man to the exploration of new and mysterious frontiers. Although today's sled dogs are better trained and better fed and while technology may have improved sled design a bit, the basic elements of this pioneer art form remain unchanged, a reminder of another time: the bond between man and dog, the unspoken communication, the courage and instinct of these remarkable animals, the challenge of overcoming conditions that try the souls of even the hardest of men. This is the way it has always been.

Sled dog racing, which is enjoying something of a rebirth in the United States and Canada, has its formal beginnings as a sport with the running of the first All Alaska Sweepstakes, a 408-mile race from Nome to Candle and back, in 1908. But modern usage of the sled dog actually goes back to 1873, when the Royal Canadian Mounted Police started using sled teams to help bring order to the northern frontier. Later, sled dogs enabled explorers such as Byrd and Peary and Amundsen to traverse the polar ice caps.

The endurance, the bravery and the intelligence of the North American sled dog is legend. One of the most incredible events in their storied history occurred in the winter of 1925 when 22 native and U.S. Mail sled dog teams were hastily organized to rush life-saving toxin from Anchorage to Nome, a distance of 600 cruel miles, to help combat an outbreak of dreaded diphtheria.

The time of the dog team as a means of transportation in the frozen north has passed; modern aircraft and snowmobiles are faster and more efficient. However, even today, sled dog teams occasionally are used in emergency situations when severe weather conditions render these other forms of transportation useless.

In place of the survival tasks undertaken by his ancestors, the modern sled dog's skills and wondrous athletic - yes, athletic - abilities are channeled into racing. They are bred and trained for only one purpose: to cover the greatest distance in the fastest possible time, to race against the wind, to run and run and run until they can run no more, to prove each time that their heritage is intact.

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