

Sports

49'ers Tame Bengals

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The San Francisco 49'ers answered any questioning critics in a big way Sunday, defeating the Cincinnati Bengals 20-16 in Super Bowl XXIII at Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium.

Wide receiver John Taylor caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Joe Montana with 34 seconds remaining to snatch the victory from the jaws of the Bengals.

The pass was the culmination of a well executed two-minute drill by Montana and his dynamic duo of Jerry Rice and Roger Craig, who combined for over 370 yards of total offense.

The game began on a bitter note for both sides, as San Francisco offensive tackle Steve Wallace fractured his ankle, on the fourth play of the game, and Cincinnati's nose tackle Tim Krumrie broke his leg, on the fourteenth play.

The first half saw the two teams trade field goals for a three to three tie, the lowest halftime score since Super Bowl IX where Pittsburgh led Minnesota two to nothing. The Niners' Mike Cofer connected first with a 41-yarder in the first quarter. Jim Breech tied the score with a 34-yard boot in the second quarter.

A spectacular, one handed, Jerry Rice catch set up a second field goal but Cofer's kick failed after a bad snap by Niners' center Randy Cross.

The Bengals went ahead in the third quarter when Breech hit a 43-yard field goal capping off a 12 play, nine minute Cincinnati drive highlighted by a diving catch by Chris Collinsworth.

San Francisco linebacker Bill Romanowski intercepted a Boomer Esiason pass setting up

another Cofer kick, tying the score at six.

On the ensuing kickoff, Bengals' return man Stanford Jennings rambled 93 yards for a score and a 13-6 lead.

The following possession saw the Montana, Rice and Craig show take control again. The drive ended with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Montana to Rice knotting the score at 13. A key play in the 85-yard drive came when Bengals' cornerback Lewis Billips dropped an apparent interception.

Cincinnati took the lead for the last time on Breech's third field goal of the game. Breech nailed the 40-yarded making the score 16-13.

The 49'ers' game winning drive started on their own eight-yard line with under three minutes to go. Montana completed eight of nine passes in the drive, the key play being second and 20-yard strike to Rice. Finally, with time running out, the 49'ers struck gold as Montana found Taylor in the end zone.

For the game, Montana completed 23 of 36 passes for a record 357 yards and two touchdowns. Rice took MVP honors, pulling down 11 passes for a record 222 yards. This total surpassed Washington's Rickey Sanders total of 193 yards in Super Bowl XXII. Craig, the Niners' all-purpose back, added over 100 yards of his own giving San Francisco 454 yards of total offense. Defensive backs David Fulcher (Bengals) and Ronnie Lott (49'ers) received acclaim as the defensive standouts.

Many a critic counted out San Francisco after a meager 6-5 start but there is no doubt in anyone's mind who is number one. The victory was the 49'ers third championship this decade.

Lady Lions' Deep Slump Continues

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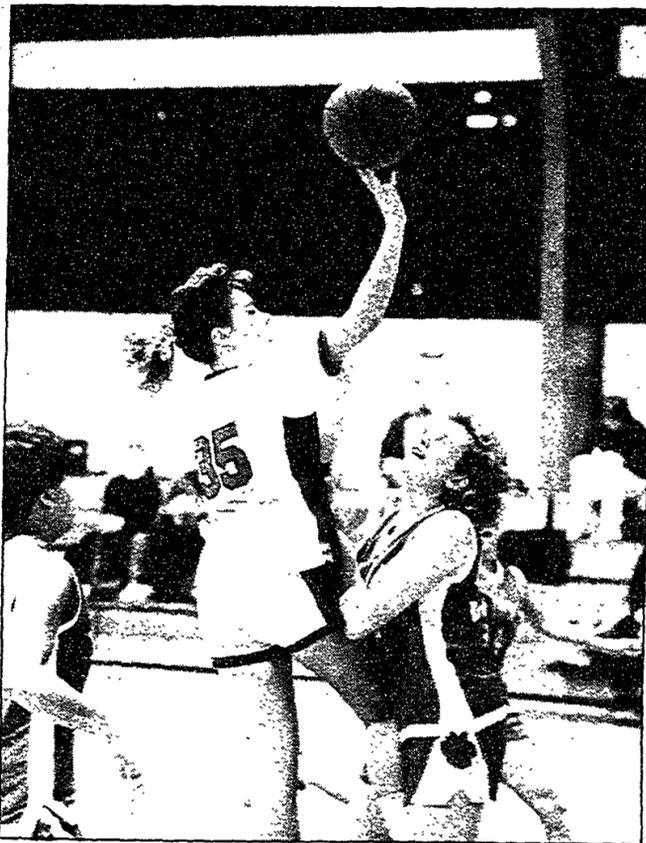


photo by Rick Brooks
Lady Lions' forward Michelle Madison gets a leg up on a Hiram defender.

"There just isn't enough pizzazz ...," said Lady Lions' Head Coach Jenepher Banker in defense of the women's basketball team's lack of victories.

The Lady Cagers most recent victory was on Dec. 10, a 52-51 squeaker over Grove City.

After a months rest, the Lady Lions came back to reality with a 78-58 loss to Pitt-Bradford. This defeat was the first in a string of five straight losses.

On January 14, they traveled to Theil and were blown out 73-51. On the 17th the hosted Hiram and again were beaten 72-59.

On January 19, the Lady Lions traveled to Geneva where they stayed in the game but lost a heartbreaker 55-53.

Most recently, the team was brutally beaten at home by St. John Fisher 74-47.

This leaves the Lady Cagers at a disappointing 3-10 for the first half of the season. Banker believes the team suffers from exhaustion which has given way to too many mental errors.

The excuses or reasons for defeat could go on forever. For now, the Lady Lions can only look ahead and hope the future is a little brighter.

On Jan. 23, the Ladies lost to Suny-Brockport 69-67

Nebraska Legislature Seeks Damages from NCAA

CPS The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) would have to pay colleges that lose money because the NCAA penalizes a school in their conference, if a bill proposed in

the Nebraska legislature Jan. 12 becomes law.

The legislature were angry about reports that recent penalties levied against the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University football teams - including being banned from tv and bowl appearances - would cost other colleges about \$4.5 million in lost tv revenue.

Losing that much money, of course, could cripple some programs.

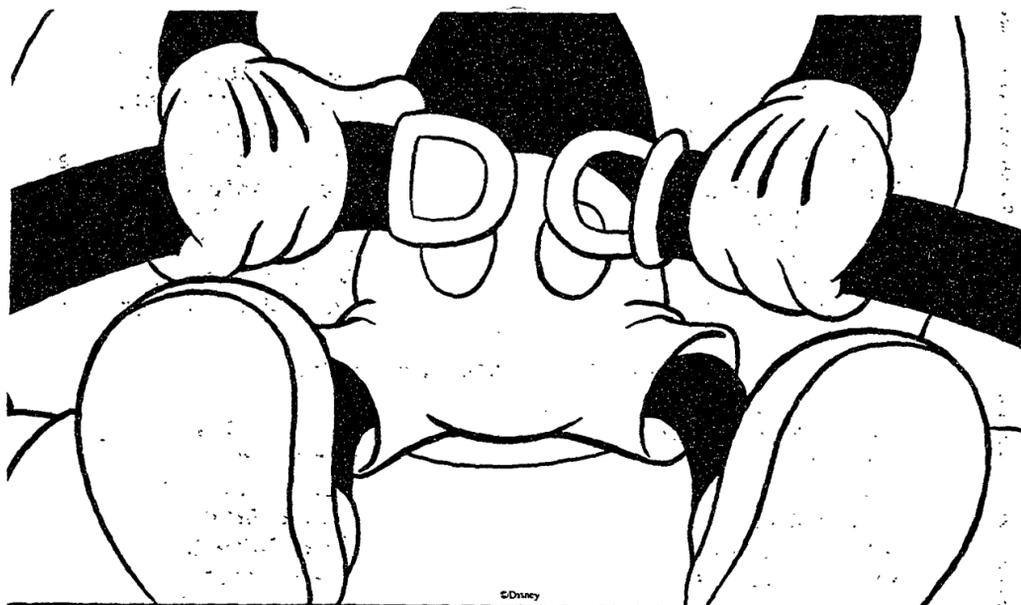
"I think some recent cases have made people wake up and realize that when the NCAA punishes one school, it can result in many other schools being punished as well," said bill co-sponsor Sen. Ernie Chambers, a long-time college sports reform

advocate who in the past has introduced legislation requiring colleges to pay their athletes.

Big Eight conference teams - which include Nebraska, Iowa State, Colorado, Missouri, Kansas State, Kansas and two Oklahoma universities - share tv money earned when one of them appears in a bowl game, and split revenues when they play each other.

Oklahoma, of course, is a perennial bowl participant, and Oklahoma State's program has emerged as a national power.

Chambers' proposal, if approved, would give the University of Nebraska a means to take the NCAA to court if it imposes sanctions.



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