

It's 'Dallas Week' in Washington

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They call it "Dallas Week" in Washington, the closest thing to a traditional rivalry the National Football League has these days. And the Cowboys are arriving at RFK Stadium Sunday at just the right time for the Redskins.

"I think I feel better about this team than at any time this season," said coach Joe Gibbs, whose team has won four of its last five games following a 1-3 start. That leaves the Redskins just a game behind the Cowboys and New York Giants, tied at the top of the NFC East with 6-3 records.

The Redskins would rather forget the first Dallas Week. The Cowboys beat them 44-14 on 1985's first Monday night, intercepting Joe Theismann five times and Jay Schroeder once.

But in their four most recent wins — interrupted by a 17-3 loss to the Giants — the Redskins have looked like the Super Bowl teams of 1982 and 1983, outscoring St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland and Atlanta, 109-30. Last week, with John Riggins on the bench with a sore back, Keith Griffin and George Rogers combined for 288 rushing yards in a 44-10 rout of Atlanta.

"You'd like to have a great start and then coast, but we can't seem to do that," said guard Russ Grimm. "We have to be down. We have to be kicked a bit and get pushed against a wall before we respond."

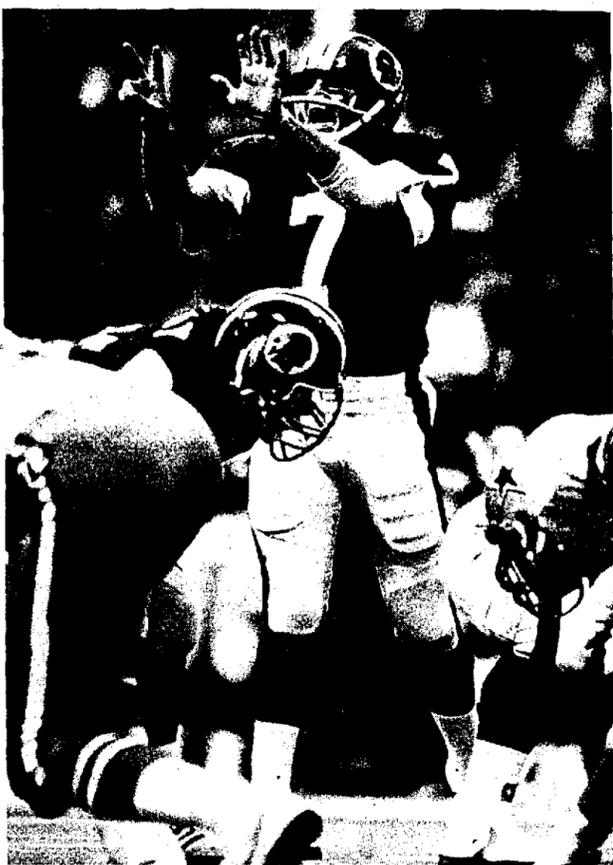
Dallas was upset, 21-10, at St. Louis last Monday and fell into a tie with the Giants, as the Cards moved back into what could become another mad division scramble.

"We really evened the division up. We made the other NFC teams happy," said Cowboys coach Tom Landry. "It's a mental game now in the league, much more mental than physical and Washington has its confidence back. I'm sure Washington hasn't forgotten what we did to them in the Monday night game."

The Giants, meanwhile, will be home, trying to win their fourth straight, against the once-beaten Los Angeles Rams. Their New York-New Jersey neighbors, the Jets, will be at Miami, trying to write the obituary on the Dolphins' chances of returning to the Super Bowl.

The Chicago Bears are home trying to run their unbeaten streak to

NFL roundup



Quarterback Joe Theismann (7) leads the surging Washington Redskins against the Dallas Cowboys today at RFK Stadium.

10 games against the Detroit Lions, one of two teams with a minimal chance of catching them in the NFC Central. And San Francisco, beginning to again look like a Super Bowl team, will be at Denver Monday night looking for its third straight victory.

In other Sunday games, Atlanta is at Philadelphia, Cleveland at Cincinnati, Green Bay at Minnesota, Houston at Buffalo, Indianapolis at New England, Pittsburgh at Kansas City, St. Louis at Tampa Bay, Seattle at New Orleans, and the Raiders at San Diego.

New York Jets (7-2) at Miami (5-4)
This may be it for the third-place Dolphins, who have spent a good part of the week denying rumors that quarterback Dan Marino, who has a bruised thigh, had been involved in

late-night, off-the-field shenanigans. In fact, Marino's biggest problem, as the Dolphins have lost three of four, has been the absence of injured receivers Mark Dupre, Nat Moore and Vince Heflin. That's made Marino, who tore up the NFL record book last year in passing, an ordinary quarterback, ninth in the AFC with just 13 touchdown passes compared with 27 at this time last season.

But Jets Coach Joe Walton, whose team started the Dolphins on their slide with a 23-7 victory a month ago and leads New England by a game in the AFC East, doesn't believe the negative hype.

"The Miami newspapers are writing off the Dolphins," he said. "They are saying the Jets have a chance to wrap it up. What I'm going to tell them is that the Miami Dolphins are going to be coming out of the ground. It's going to be the toughest game of the season."

Rams (8-1) at Giants (6-3)
The Rams lead the 49ers by three games in the NFC West and will have Jeff Kemp at quarterback in place of Dieter Brock, who underwent minor surgery for removal of a kidney stone. Kemp was at quarterback last January, when the Giants beat the Rams at Anaheim 16-13 in the NFL wild-card game. In that contest, New York concentrated on

stopping running back Eric Dickerson and dared Kemp to pass. Dickerson had his best game in two months last week, 108 yards in 23 carries in a 28-10 victory over New Orleans before leaving with a sprained ankle. He is expected to be ready Sunday.

The Giants squeezed by winless Tampa Bay 22-20 as Joe Morris rushed for a career-high 132 yards and newly signed Eric Schubert kicked five field goals. But New York, which leads the NFL in defense, generally plays up — or down — to the level of the competition.

San Francisco (5-4) at Denver (6-3) (Monday night)
Joe Montana probably will be back at quarterback for San Francisco after Matt Cavanaugh directed last week's 24-13 victory over Philadelphia. The 49ers have put two good games for the first time this season, trailing the Rams by three games. They'll need a few more in a row to guarantee a playoff game.

Denver, tied with the Raiders for AFC West lead, was routed 30-10 at San Diego last week, but no one's panicking. "We want to win before San Diego, and I don't think losing one game is a sign we need to make drastic changes," said Coach Dan Reeves.

Detroit (5-4) at Chicago (9-0)
The Bears are in cruise control, four games in front in the NFC Central and looking ahead a week toward Gary Anderson's return to the way to an unbeaten season.

Despite Detroit's record, which includes victories over Dallas, San Francisco and Miami, Coach Darryl Rogers says he wants to make a lot of personnel changes next season. The Lions are 4-0 in the Silverdome, 1-4 on the road, and the major suspension in this one may be whether to start linebacker William "The Refrigerator" Perry, who has rushed for a touchdown and caught a TD pass, will complete the circle by throwing a pass.

Raiders (6-3) at San Diego (4-5)
The Raiders beat the Chargers 34-21 at Los Angeles two weeks ago and it wasn't really that close. Then, last Sunday, they turned the ball over four times, had a field goal blocked and allowed six sacks in a 33-3 loss in Seattle.

"We can't dwell on it," Coach Tom Flores said of the letdown. "It was almost like a nightmare. We just put it behind us and go on." San Diego got 116 yards rushing from recent signing rookie linebacker William "The Refrigerator" Perry, who has rushed for a touchdown and caught a TD pass, will complete the circle by throwing a pass.

Cleveland (4-5) at Cincinnati (4-5)
Barring a tie, this game will provide the AFC Central with four teams one 4-5, with at least one 500 yards in passing.

It looks now like Bernie Kosar will be at quarterback from here on for the Browns — Gary Danielson probably won't make it back from shoulder injury. The Cleveland defense, which has been stingy except when it counts, was deflated by Boomer Esiason, the AFC's leading passer, at Cincinnati.

Pats (6-3) at New England (6-3)
The Pats are 4-0 since Steve Grogan took over for Tony Eason at quarterback and could move into a tie for the AFC East lead if the Dolphins beat the Jets. They've also been in a tie for the AFC East lead since they lost to the Colts last week and used 295-pound tackle Steve Moore at fullback.

The Colts are tough sporadically and at home. They're 0-4 on the road.

Houston (4-5) at Buffalo (1-8)
The Oilers have won three straight and are starting to think seriously about a title in a division where 500 yards in passing will let the other guys knock themselves out of it, said quarterback Warren Moon, who has been sacked only four times in those three victories after going down 20 times in the first nine games.

The Bills have been more competitive in the four games that Hank Bullough has coached, but have blown early leads in the last two.

Seattle (5-4) at New Orleans (3-6)
The Seahawks finally began forcing turnovers like last year in their rout of the Raiders. The test now is whether they can perform consistently well against a team that's lost four straight and has 10 players on injured reserve. Richard Todd replaced Dave Wilson at quarterback for the Saints late in last week's 28-10 loss to the Rams, but Wilson probably will be back at quarterback this week.

Pittsburgh (4-5) at Kansas City (3-6)
Another chance at 500 and at least a share of the division lead for the Steelers, who beat the Browns last week on Gary Anderson's last-minute field goal. The Chiefs, expected to be a contender, now have lost five in a row and appear to be playing for a shot at a blue-chip draft pick.

St. Louis (4-5) at Tampa Bay (0-9)
A dangerous game for the Cards, who finally snapped out of a slump in Monday night's 21-10 victory over Dallas and who can remain in contention in the NFC East if they play as well as they are capable. The Bucs, who have lost by a total of 17 points to four teams with a combined record of 28-9, won't keep losing forever, but they have to get out of the habit of sinking in the second half.

Atlanta (1-8) at Philadelphia (4-5)
The Eagles, who lack the offense to be consistent, barely got by Buffalo two weeks ago, then lost to San Francisco last week, indicating their surge into contention may be over. Atlanta, 44-10 losers to Washington last Sunday, probably is the worst team in the league now.

Green Bay (3-6) at Minnesota (5-4)
The Vikings, who won an important game over Detroit last week, have a legitimate shot at a wild-card playoff spot — their schedule from now on is one of the NFL's safest. But they need this one over a team that's lost three straight — two in vicious contests with the Bears.

Lipps, Stallworth concern Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — As head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs, John Mackovic has had Louis Lipps and John Stallworth on his mind.

Stopping those two Pittsburgh receivers today will probably be crucial to the Chiefs' chances of beating the Steelers in their National Football League game.

"Lipps was a player we thought would be taken very high," Mackovic said of the second-year wide receiver. Lipps was taken in the first round just two players after the Chiefs took offensive tackle John Alt.

"We knew he'd be an outstanding return man quickly, but we had J.T. Smith at the time and had other holes to address. Pittsburgh went after the best receiver they could get at the time and it was Lipps," Mackovic said. "He came around quicker than most people thought. He has good speed and the ability to run good routes."

"Speed can overcome a lot of ills," Mackovic added. "He can pick a hole and accelerate, which makes him a real threat."

Stallworth, a veteran all-pro, is having one of his greatest years. "Even by his own standards, he's having an outstanding season," said Mackovic. "They complement each other very well. It's hard to double-cover both of them all the time."

Lipps comes into the game with 36 receptions for 672 yards and eight touchdowns. Stallworth's 47 catches have netted 530 yards and

three touchdowns. The Chiefs, saddled with a five-game losing streak and weakened by injury, were installed as two-point favorites in the 12:01 p.m. CST kickoff.

The Steelers, in a stunning example of NFL parity, are tied for first and last place with every other team in the AFC Central Division. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Houston all stand 4-5.

The Chiefs, in sole possession of first place in the AFC West after a 3-1 getaway, now occupy the cellar with a 3-6 mark following last week's 23-20 loss to Houston.

The Steelers, 0-4 on the road and 4-1 at home, will be looking for their first road victory.

"We've got to finish one game better than everyone else," said Steelers Coach Chuck Noll. "With the tie-breakers, we would be eliminated. So we've got to finish one game better than everybody. It comes down to a seven-game season for us."

David Woodley will start at quarterback for the Steelers in place of Mark Malone, who's been out two weeks. The Chiefs downed the Steelers in the '84 opener 37-27, even though Lipps had an all-pro day against Chiefs rookie cornerback Kevin Ross with six catches for a career-high 183 yards, including touchdown plays of 80 and 21 yards.

"Kevin was introduced to the NFL as rudely as anyone. To his credit, he has steadily improved since that time," said Mackovic.

Prep football pairings announced

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Of the 64 schools matched up in this year's state high school football playoffs, 40 are repeaters from last year, four are defending state champions, 20 are undefeated and 10 have at least four losses.

Bi-district play for Classes 4A, 3A, 2-1A and Eight-Man Division II be-

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gins Tuesday at 7:30. Regional action for Classes 6A, 5A and Eight-Man Division I will be contested Friday at 7:30.

Regional play for bi-district winners will be Saturday at 7:30 with sub-state action for all classes to be played Nov. 22. State championships in all classes will be settled Nov. 30. Classes 6A, 3A, and 2-1A title games will be played in KSU Stadium in Manhattan. The Class 6A and 4A championship contests will be played in KU's Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. The Eight-Man title games

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ran back the returns," Welch said. "But I hate they got that much practice."

The only remaining bright spot on the day for the Coyotes was the school pass receiving record set by split end David Harris. The junior speedster from Dallas caught two passes for 42 yards against the Braves to run his season's receiving yardage to 658. The old record of 633 yards was set by R.Z. Sims in 1963.

But Johnson's kick returns and Harris' school record were easily overshadowed by KW's turnovers.

Wesleyan's final two fumbles led to Ottawa touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The Braves needed only three plays to score after Coyote quarterback Jason Boyd coughed up the ball at the KW 14. Larry Collins' 1-yard run and Lowe's kick made it 31-12 with 9:38 remaining.

The victory was Ottawa's fifth in its last six outings and improved the Braves' record to 5-3 in the KCAC.

The defeat dropped Wesleyan to 2-6 in the KCAC and 2-7 overall. The Coyotes close out their season on the road next Saturday when they meet the Tabor Bluejays in Hillsboro.

will be played at Russell High School. In 6A, defending champion Lawrence opens with surprising Kansas City Washington, which is 4-5 on the season. The Wildcats backed into the playoffs after Olathe North upset unbeaten Olathe South.

Defending 5A state champ Paola is in this year's 4A playoff bracket, but last year's 5A runner-up, Wichita Kapoun, is ranked No. 1 and favored to return to the top. The Crusaders open at Valley Center.

Salina Central is making its first state appearance in four years. The Mustangs will play Wichita Carroll in Salina Stadium.

Class 4A will have a new champ this season as Andover was ousted by Augusta in District 11. Runner-up Maur Hill is back but is an underdog when it opens at unbeaten Marysville.

Unbeaten and fifth-ranked Beloit is at home to face Clay Center for the second time this season. Beloit beat the Tigers, 10-0, earlier this season.

Top-ranked Norton opens at Goodland, which upset previously unbeaten Colby, 12-0, Friday night.

In 3A, No. 1-ranked Clifton-Clyde opens at home against Southeast of Saline. Defending champ Silver Lake is absent this season, but '84 runner-up Medicine Lodge is still alive with a 5-4 record. The Indians play at Hillsboro Tuesday.

In a battle of Mid-Continent League teams, WaKeeney will play at

Plainville. Top-ranked Pittsburg-Colgan is the favorite to win Class 2-1A. The Panthers beat Clafin to win the 2A title last season. Clafin, ranked second, opens at home against Moundridge.

Victoria is the third Mid-Continent team to make the playoffs. The Knights beat MCL foe Osborne to reach post-season play and will open at Dighton.

Eight-Man I will have a new champion this season as Midway-Denton is ranked No. 1 and favored in Eight-Man II. Defending Eight-Man II champ Ingalls failed to make the playoffs.

Unbeaten Mankato opens at Otis-Bison in Eight-Man I. The Cougars were unbeaten into last year's playoffs before losing to Midway-Denton in sub-state. Top-ranked Coldwater will be at home against Pretty Prairie.

In Eight-Man II, Midway plays at unbeaten Wakefield. The winner of that game will play the North Central-Glasco game. Those two teams are newcomers to the playoffs this season.

Two other newcomers — Lenora and Brewster — open against each other. Grinnell, which reached last year's semifinals in Eight-Man I, will open at home against Bazine.

Tescott is also back in the playoffs this season and will test its spottless record against Dexter at home Tuesday.

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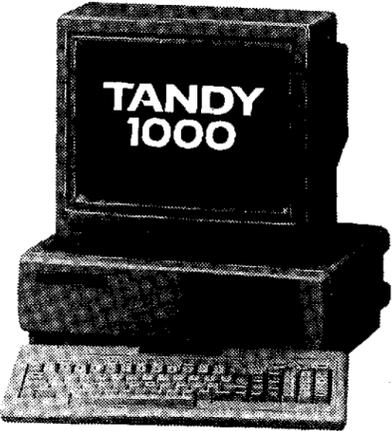
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