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A preview of Super Sunday

by Bernie Poitras

"I can't think of any (Super Bowls) that are more appealing."
—Don Shula, Miami Dolphins head coach

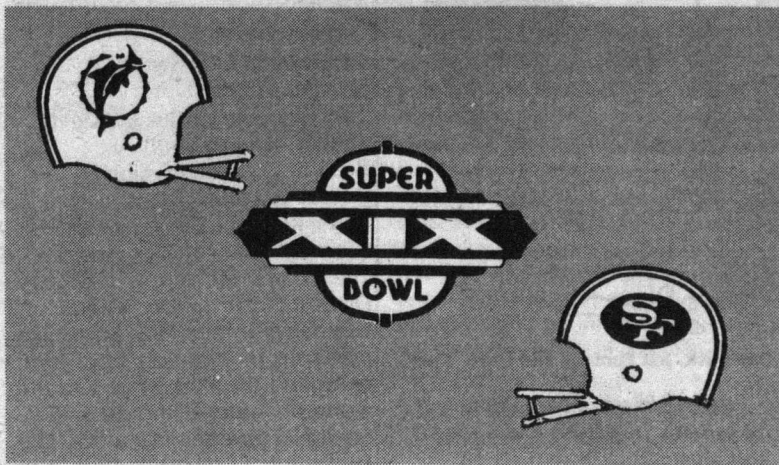
Neither can I, nor can a lot of other people. As most football experts, such as ex-coach John Madden and broadcaster Pat Summerall have agreed by now, this Sunday's upcoming Super Bowl, pitting the Miami Dolphins against the San Francisco Forty-Niners, could turn out to be the best ever.

Take note: over the past 18 weeks these two teams have been playing somewhere near the stratosphere. In other words, near perfect football. They made a mockery of their respective divisional and conference playoff races and boast a combined record of 33-3 (including playoffs). San Francisco rolled up a 17-1 slate and the Dolphins finished at 16-2; it just doesn't get much better than that.

It is, among other things, a tale of two quarterbacks: Dan Marino of the Dolphins and the Forty-Niner's Joe Montana.

Marino—the confident, quick-release type QB who has thrown for more touchdowns, more yardage and more often than anyone else in NFL history. All this after last year saying to coach Shula "I just want to be the best QB in the NFL." Just past his second season as a pro, he may accomplish it, too.

Montana—the cool, strong-armed pivot remains unflappable whether he stays in the pocket or rolls out to find his



receivers. As CBS football analyst John Madden puts it, he's the perfect roll-out passer.

At the other end of the passes thrown by these golden arms of the gridiron are the receivers. In Miami, the deep threats are known as Marino's Magical Markers. They

are wide receivers Mark Duper and Mark Clayton.

By the Bay, the Forty-Niners boast a mixed bag of pass catchers to complement their short yardage passing game. There is an ex-hurdler, an ex-Dolphin and an ex-playoff hero: respectively they are

Renaldo Nehemiah, Freddie Solomon and Dwight Clark.

Then there are the two coaches: Miami's Don Shula and Forty-Niner's Bill Walsh.

Shula, who paces the sideline like an expectant father, will be making a record sixth Bowl appearance. He'll also be looking for his third Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Compared to Shula, Walsh is a relative rookie to Super Bowls with only one appearance (in Super Bowl XVI). More importantly though, he has a championship ring to prove he was there. Walsh will also be returning to familiar grounds, Stanford Stadium, where he coached the varsity football squad, the Stanford Cardinals.

So now this football Armageddon is just 72 hours away and the match-ups are set: Marino versus Montana, Shula versus Walsh, flash versus panache.

Intramural hockey final

by Dave Boyd

The Super Bowl is being hyped as a dream match-up this year. The 15-1 Forty-Niners vs. the 14-2 Dolphins; Shula vs. Walsh; Montana vs. Marino. Going unnoticed, however, was another clash between two titans in the Division One Intramural Hockey final—the Recreation A's and the Phys-Ed B's.

Recreation earned its spot in the final after cruising through the

regular season undefeated, outscoring their opposition by a 33-10 margin. The semi-final game against Business A was a blow-out as Recreation recorded a 9-4 victory.

Phys-Ed's season was even more incredible. During the regular season they compiled a 5-0 record and their explosive offence averaged over eight goals per game. Phys-Ed's fire-power was evident in their 10-3 semi-final romp over the Wrecking Crew.

With two high-powered offences meeting in the final, it was safe to predict a high-scoring affair. It turned out, however, to be a defensive struggle. It was the lowest scoring game of the year. Phys-Ed took the title with a 2-0 victory.

Phys-Ed's Micheal Fontaine's goal in the first period turned out to be the winner. With an assist from Fontaine, Dan Skrobot later added a third period insurance marker. Goalie Brad Wickware made some key saves en route to the shutout.

Swimming wrap-up

Coming off a rigorous ten day training camp, the University of Alberta Swim Team battled three other teams this past weekend and came away with mixed results.

On January 11, the team travelled to Vancouver to face the University of British Columbia in a head-to-head dual meet. UBC, however, dominated on both the men's and women's side.

Despite strong swimming performances from Bear stalwarts Jeff Riddle and Tim Salpeter the team was defeated 75-36.

Although losing 72-39, the Panda swimmers did receive CIAU qualifying performances from Mary Jo Clark, Barb Henning, Elaine LeBuke, Barbara Jickling, Jan Meunier, and Debbie Sigaty.

On January 12, the team participated in a tri-meet against Simon Fraser University and the University of Oregon.

SFU took a 82-10 pounding from the men and lost 49-45 to the women.

The Bears, unfortunately, could not continue their success against Oregon and found themselves on the short end of a 67-28 final tally.

The outcome of the Panda-Duckette meet was so close it could not be decided until the final relay. Oregon, though, came out on top, 54-41.

The team next heads to Calgary to participate in this weekend's Provincial Championships.

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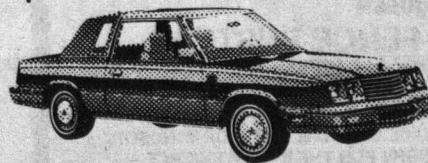
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