

We've come to the halfway point of the NFL season; it's a point at which many teams sit down and assess what they've accomplished (or what they've failed to accomplish), and make some decisions regarding their goals for the remainder of the season. So, in keeping with that trend, here's a capsulized review of the NFL season to date, along with a revised long-range outlook for the second half of the season:

#### MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENTS'

Cincinnati Bengals (2-6) - A lot of people, including myself, picked this team to be in contention for a division title right down to the wire. Obviously, the internal problems this club has had have made a bigger impact than what was originally forecasted. They could turn it around - but don't bet the farm on it.

New York Jets (3-5) - One of the major quetions being asked by football fans everwhere is "What's wrong with the Jets?" Almost everbody picked them to go to Tampa Bay this coming January, but they have not produced. Is it coaching? (They switched head coaches this year) Is it media pressure? (In 1980, they were picked to do big things and went out and won 4 games.) Still, they're only 2 games back of the division leader - but time is running out.

San Diego Chargers (3-5) - Has Air Coryell "bombed" out? Injuries have hurt the Chargers, but injuries are a fact of life in the NFL. This will probably be the first time since 1978 that we won't see this bunch in the play-offs.

#### PLEASANT SURPRISES:

Baltimore colts (4-4) - a welcome relief to long-suffering Colts' fans, this team is a bettor's nightmare. they've won twice as many games in half a season as they did in the previous two.

New England Patriots (4-4) - Another hard team to figure out; they've beaten some big teams (Pittsburgh, the Jets, Buffalo) but they've lost twice to Baltimore. Still, they've been in most of the games they've lost, with the exception being the San Francisco contest a few weeks ago.

Buffalo Bills (5-3) - A surprise, yes. A real contender? don't think so. They have a tough second half with games against the Raiders, the Rams, San Francisco and New Orleans, to name a few.

Time now for some peerless predictions for the final eight games:

# On the road again

Both field hockey Red Sticks and soccer Red Shirts are on the road this weekend, and both have an excellent chance of bringing home Atlantic Universities Athletic Association championships. The Sticks travel to Halifax as the only undeafeated team in the conference, chalking up 10 victories and one tie in 11 starts. They will face competition from host Dalhousie, Moncton Blue Angels and Memorial Beothuks. Regardless of the outcome, UNB will be hosting the Canadian Interuniversities Athletic Union championship beginning November 3.

The soccer Red Shirts, meanwhile, will be in Charlottetown to battle UPEI Panthers, St. F.X. and Dalhouise. The Shirts finished the season with a 7-4-1 slate and at one time ranked No. 1 in the country by the CIAU. Added incentive for the Shirts is the fact they dropped two games to UPEI at Charlottetwon earlier thus year, both by a onegoal margin. The winner of the AUAA championship travels west for the national semi-final.

### **UNB/STU FIGURE SKATING CLUB ICE SCHEDULE - FALL 1983** A.U.C.

Tuesday	Monday	Monday
Oct. 18	Nov. 14	Nov. 28
4:00-4:45 p.m.	4:15-5:15 p.m.	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Friday	Friday
Oct. 20	Nov. 18	Dec. 2
4:00-4:45 p.m.	4:15-5:15 p.m.	4:15-5:15 p.m.
Monday	Monday	Monday
Oct. 24	Nov. 21	Dec. 5
4:15-5:15 p.m.	4:15-5:15 p.m.	4:15-5:15 p.m.
Thursday	the state of the s	C has begun
Oct. 27	for the season and are look- ing for new members. Anyone interested in joining the club is advised to be at the rink by 4:00 p.m. on the specified days or phone	
4:15-5:15 p.m.		
Wednesday		
Nov. 2		
4:15-5:15 p.m.		
Monday		
Nov. 7	Anne McKinley at 455-5623	
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the Jets WILL make the play-offs (as a wild card) -Tampa Bay or Houston WILL win a game (they play each other Nov. 27.)

-the Giants will NOT solve their quarterback dilemma -Green Bay WILL manage to win 2 games in a row at least once this season

-Pete Rozelle will NOT jump to the USFL (at least one of these will be correct)

This Week:

**PHILADELPHIA** over Baltimore by 3 Dallas over NY GIANTS by 7 **CHICAGO** over Detroit by 2 Green Bay over CINCINNATI by 5 **CLEVELAND** over Houston by 6 Kansas City over DENVER by 3 MIAMI over L.A. Rams by 1 ST. LOUIS over Minnesota by 4 **ATLANTA over New England by 5** New Orleans over BUFFALO by 4 NY Jets over SAN FRANCISCO by 2 **RAIDERS** over Seattle by 7 **PITTSBURGH** over Tampa Bay by 9 Washington over SAN DIEGO by 8 Record:

Last Week: 8-5-1 (.615): vs. the spread: Overall: 58-53-1 (.523); vs. the spread:

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