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Redskins beware: The Dolphins are read

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WHAT A BETTER WAY TO START OFF '83

The New York Jets had kick-ed off to the Miami Dolphins to

Then Laakso's Sunday's rain-soaked, mud-caked contest in the Orange Bowl, and after Fulton Miami's offensive right tackle, it Walker, their speedy little puntreturn specialist from Martins-burg, W.Va., brought the ball back to Miami's 23, the Dol-phins' offensive unit trooped would be Laakso's primary job to keep Gastineau off quarter-back David Woodley's back all day.

Gastineau, who's like one of out onto the field and went into

Eric Laakso, the Dolphins' fifth-year pro and only player in only a few yards away and nod-the NFL of Finnish descent, ded at him amiably. Laakso nodstood up in the huddle so he ded back. He didn't say a word, could look over the way the Jets but he was letting Gastineau

were lining up defensively. He and the rest of the Dolphins had heard some of the see whether they were starting him quite well. or not. Lyons and Buttle were,

and Klecko would come in Jets in the Dolphins' 14-0

Then Laakso's eye caught Mark Gastineau, the Jets' uninwould be Laakso's primary job

those big friendly St. Bernards, noticed Laakso giving him the once-over through his facemask know he was ready for him.

And he was. The Jets' highly emotional, Jets' defenders, fellows like Joe inordinately strong extrovert Klecko, Marty Lyons and Greg did manage to sack Woodley Buttle, were still nursing in-juries, and Laakso was trying to determined Laakso contained

And like so many of his fellow

triumph, Gastineau did not have one of his better days.

Next Sunday, the Washington Redskins meet the Dolphins in Super Bowl XVII in Pasadena, Calif. Many of the Redskins were watching the game in Miami Sunday on TV, but none of them saw that little exchange between Laakso and Gastineau, because of the commercial that came on during the timeout.

The Redskins are hot, maybe hotter than the Dolphins. Of course, they've just taken care of America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys, and seem capable of beating anyone, with Joe Theismann throwing the ball and John Riggins carrying it.

They should take heed, though, of that silent message Eric Laakso was delivering to Mark Gastineau. The Dolphins are ready - not only for the

Washington has an excellent ans on this dub-defense, one of the best you'll Kuechenberg, Vernden see, but it still can't compare with and Don Strock - we Miami's, which has less give in it than the Great China Wall.

The Dolphins' defenders have a right to go around beating their chests and to think maybe they can stop anyone.

"Are you guys starting to feel you're invincible?" one radio man tried putting words in the mouth of Don McNeal, one of the Dolphins' feather-footed aggressive cornerbacks.

McNeal smiled. He's a relatively little fellow who makes the

big play but doesn't talk big.
"I'm the kind of guy who doesn't like to brag, but we are getting to feel pretty good about ourselves," he said. "We feel we can play with anybody.'

For the Dolphins, this will make their fourth trip to the Super Bowl, their last one nine ous underfooting ben

Rockets drop Nets; fine

114-111 'positive' victor

What most people like about the Dolph way they adjust to an Nothing seems to ge hinged, no matter who credit for that has to

Shula and his assist Playing in the mud Sunday in the Orang anything but a day att

Jets' quarterback i Todd had his worst to seeing five of his passarl cepted. Woodley had esur his tosses picked off av they didn't prove any as damaging to the De Todd's did to the Jets. seemed to adjust to the

only four points, said he coming off the bench to

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James Bailey, who replaced Elvin Hayes in the starting lineup, and Allen Leavell put in SCHULMAN

United Press International HOUSTON — The negative publicity the Houston Rockets

received recently apparently had a positive effect in their game against the New Jersey Nets.

Joe Bryant scored a season high 28 points in Tuesday night's 114-111 victory, while

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"I was hoping our players would respond in a positive way to a problem that shouldn't have become public, and tonight they did," said Houston coach Del Harris, referring to Tuesday's published remarks by Hayes that the coach was ineffective.

Hayes, the longest playing player in NBA history, was told Monday he would not be in the starting lineup Tuesday for the first time in his 15-year career.

In a story in the Houston Chronicle Tuesday, Hayes criticized the coach and said the team could not improve with

Harris, however, said he believed the comments stemmed from his decision to remove Hayes from the starting lineup to give Bailey, a young forward,

more playing time.

However, following Tuesday's game, Hayes, who scored

and they've got some ers on their team,"

Jersey coach Larry Br

Bryant in hospita with chest pains

United Press International TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Hos-pital officials said former Uni-versity of Alabama head football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant was

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Bryant, also a former A&M coach, was reported resting comfortably early Dustin Hoffman 'TOOTSIE" (PG) 7:25-9:40

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