

# Renewed rivalry

## Chiefs-Raiders game spurs thoughts of AFL

**United Press International**  
For Los Angeles Raiders' coach Tom Flores, one of the greatest rivalries pro football has ever known is now merely a fond memory.

The Kansas City Chiefs and the Raiders, the AFL's first two Super Bowl representatives, had many memorable matchups in the late 1960s and early '70s as Len Dawson tried to outpass Daryle "Mad Bomber" Lamoniaca and Jan Stenerud and George Blanda duelled from the kicking tee.

When the Raiders and Chiefs meet Sunday in Arrowhead Stadium, Los Angeles, 6-3, will still be playing for high stakes. Kansas City, 4-5, will be playing for survival.

"I remember it real well," Flores says of the Chiefs-Raiders battles. "We had some games back then. I like to remember the rivalry, but I'm afraid it's not what it used to be. The players today don't remember it. They were just pups. Most of them probably think the AFL is a union."

The Raiders, who lead the AFC in scoring, are field goal favorites to post their second triumph over the Chiefs in four weeks. On Oct. 9, Los Angeles edged Kansas City 21-20 when Marcus Allen recovered a fourth-quarter fumble in the

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— Raiders' coach Tom Flores on the AFC title race.

end zone. Linebacker Ted Hendricks secured the win in the final seconds by blocking Nick Lowery's field goal attempt.

Los Angeles is tied with surprising Denver atop the AFC West while the Chiefs must avoid a loss to have any realistic post-season hopes. The Raiders have been hurt by the turnover in their losses but Flores thinks Los Angeles fans are guilty of fumbling their affections.

"It's crazy," Flores says. "We're 6-3 and tied for the division lead and people are wondering what's wrong with us. Denver's 6-3 and the people there are thrilled to death with the team. We're still 6-3. There's no crisis. This is no time to panic. It's going to be a fight right down to the end. It always is."

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The Broncos have won four straight and are tied with Miami for fewest points allowed in the league. Steve DeBerg comes off a career-best 350-yard effort against the Chiefs while Seattle capitalized on five turnovers to beat the Raiders. Rookie Curt Warner paces AFC rushers with 755 yards, but the Seahawks are last in AFC offense and next-to-last in defense.

Miami, 6-3, is tied with Buffalo atop the AFC East and the Dolphins have beaten the 49ers in all three previous meetings. Miami rookie Dan Marino is the top-rated passer in the AFC and has been intercepted just once in his last 110 pass attempts. The 49ers, 6-3, come off a 27-13 loss to the Jets and gained a season-long 312 yards.

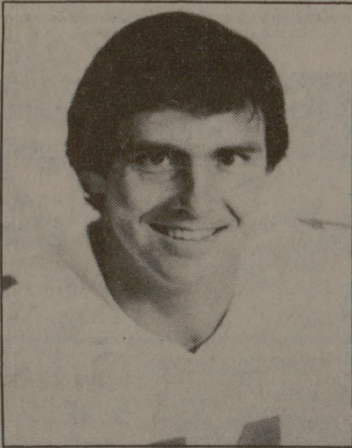


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### Key NFL weekend

## UPI says Pokes to win

by Joe Carnicelli  
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Danny White is expected to lead Pokes to 9-1 mark.

**NEW YORK** — Weekend football picks:

**Sunday**  
Las 38, Philadelphia 10 — Cowboys back on winning track after first loss and Eagles fading fast with three straight losses and defeats in all home games.

Miami 24, San Francisco 17 — Rookie QB Dan Marino has been producing for Dolphins as Miami has the defense to lead the 49ers in check.

Seattle 20, Denver 17 — Opportunistic Seahawks forcing turnovers and scoring points. Broncos have won four straight but have had problems with offense last couple of years.

Los Angeles Raiders 27, Kansas City 14 — Raiders have been winning games away on turnovers. Great of losing division lead could snap them back to life.

Washington 31, St. Louis 17 — Redskins got a big scare from San Diego Monday night and they won't be easing up on offense. They don't want Dallas coming any more ground.

## Injuries may hurt Hogs

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**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** — Receivers Mark Mittlester and Keith Kidd and offensive guard Ron Weems will play Saturday against Baylor, but Arkansas cornerback Bert Zinamon remains on the questionable list.

Head coach Lou Holtz said a decision on whether Zinamon will play will not be made until

shortly before the 1 p.m. kickoff at Fayetteville. Zinamon, the Hogs' leading tackler, is suffering from a sprained knee.

Holtz also said tailback Bobby Joe Edmonds remains on the questionable list with a sprained ankle.

"We'll see a lot of people this Saturday," Holtz said as the Hogs wrapped up drills for the Hogs' annual homecoming

game. "Injuries have forced our hand."

"They will play a lot," he said, "not because of injuries, but because they've had a good week."

"It's been a good week of practice, but it's been a long week because of the injuries. A lot of people have missed valuable practice time. I think we have it all down. It's just a matter of doing it."

Atlanta 24, New Orleans 20 — Falcons send high-flying offense against Saints' No. 1 rated defense in NFC. Atlanta seems to have more weapons and is playing well.

Green Bay 27, Cleveland 20 — Packers have worst defense in NFL but QB Lynn Dickey should generate enough offense to hold off Browns.

Los Angeles Rams 31, Chicago 24 — Duel between two great runners, rookie Eric Dickerson of Rams and veteran Walter Payton of Bears. Dickerson has better supporting cast.

Houston 20, Cincinnati 19 — Oilers appear ready to end 16-game losing streak. Home field and recent solid efforts may push them over the top.

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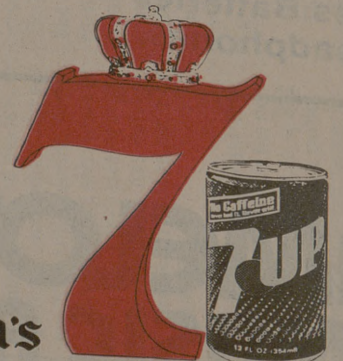
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