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## Dallas will root for its enemies

United Press International

DALLAS — San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana has done his share of damage to the Dallas Cowboys over the years and the Washington Redskins are not very high on coach Tom Landry's list of favorites. But in the complicated world of playoff tiebreakers, there will be some strange bedfellows next weekend.

It is of benefit to the Cowboys for Montana and his San Francisco 49ers to beat the Los Angeles Rams Friday night and it might well be to Dallas' benefit as well for Washington to down the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It's hard to become a Joe Montana fan," Landry said with a smile Tuesday, "but I guess I will be one. I'll root for anybody that gives us a chance to get in the playoffs. Even the Redskins."

A loss by the Rams and a win by Dallas Monday night over the Miami Dolphins would put the Cowboys into the Super Bowl derby. Dallas could also make the playoffs with a win over Miami and wins by Washington over St. Louis and New Orleans over the New York Giants.

Because of all that, San Francisco coach Bill Walsh and Miami coach Don Shula have made it clear they intend to do everything in their power to make sure their teams perform well, even though their teams have clinched division championships.

"If the game doesn't mean anything to us, but does have a factor on the NFC East, I have an obligation to other teams and other coaches to do the best job we can to win the football game," Shula said.

That is all well and good, Landry said, but sometimes it is hard to convince the players.

"The coaches don't have to play," Landry said. "The player in that position will usually go out and play

well, but he won't play with the same intensity as he will when the playoffs are on the line.

"When we have been in that position (of having clinched a playoff spot) we have usually performed pretty well. If you are sitting there with a 14-1 record, it is hard to go out and play bad. But if it comes down to putting a little extra on it to win the game, that is a little harder to do."

The Cowboys' 30-28 loss to Washington Sunday was a bitter blow for Landry to take and it still showed Tuesday.

"The Washington game has to rate as one of the big disappointments we've had through the years," he said. "It doesn't rate with the Ice Bowl (the NFL championship game loss to Green Bay at the end of the 1967 season) or something like that. But it was disappointing because we played so hard."

"The only thing we can do is tee it up again Monday night and try to play a good game. You don't know what the outcome of the games will be over the weekend, but you have to get ready now if you are going to play a good game. You can't wait until you see if it means anything."

"Both the Rams and Dallas have their work cut out for them. Even though they are going against teams that are in the playoffs already, they are the top teams in the league and you have got to meet them in their home park," Landry said.

"If you capable of winning games like those, you will probably go into the playoffs and do something. If you are not, you probably shouldn't be there anyway."

## Flutie's miracle raises NFL stock

United Press International

NEW YORK — The final play of the Miami game has replaced size as the topic people first bring up when they meet Doug Flutie.

The play was the 48-yard touchdown strike with no time left that lifted Boston College to a 47-45 victory over Miami Nov. 23. In fairness to Flutie, that play did not earn him the Heisman Trophy or any individual honors — he had them all locked up long before.

But that pass to roommate Gerard Phelan displayed all the qualities that put the magic in Flutie's college football career. The 5-foot-9 inch quarterback scrambled away from pressure, found an open receiver amid chaos and threw the ball 65 yards on the money to win a game that appeared lost when the Eagles fell behind with 28 seconds left and no timeouts.

That combination, along with Flutie's glowing statistics, earned him UPI Player of the Year honors. Flutie was the overwhelming choice among 78 sports writers and broadcasters around the country, receiving 56 votes to six for second-place Ohio State tailback Keith Byars.

"I've always been able to reach down deep in the big situation in the big game," Flutie said, summing up his four years at Boston College.

Flutie finishes his career in the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl against Houston but already has passed for 10,579 yards and generated 11,317 yards in total offense — both major college records.

Along with being the All-America

quarterback, Flutie is an academic All-America and has the personality to match.

"I'll tell you something you won't believe — he's a better kid than he is player," Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell said. "He's got our whole team convinced the Heisman is a team award. Those guys all played their hardest every game to win the award for Doug."

After responding to challenges for four years, Flutie's biggest test lies in the future. Few quarterbacks his size have made it in the NFL but many pro scouts feel Flutie is worth using a first-round draft choice on.

If there's not enough interest among the NFL team that drafts him, he'll take millions from the USFL's New Jersey Generals. He prefers the challenge of the NFL, however, and Bicknell sees no reason why he can't make it in the established league.

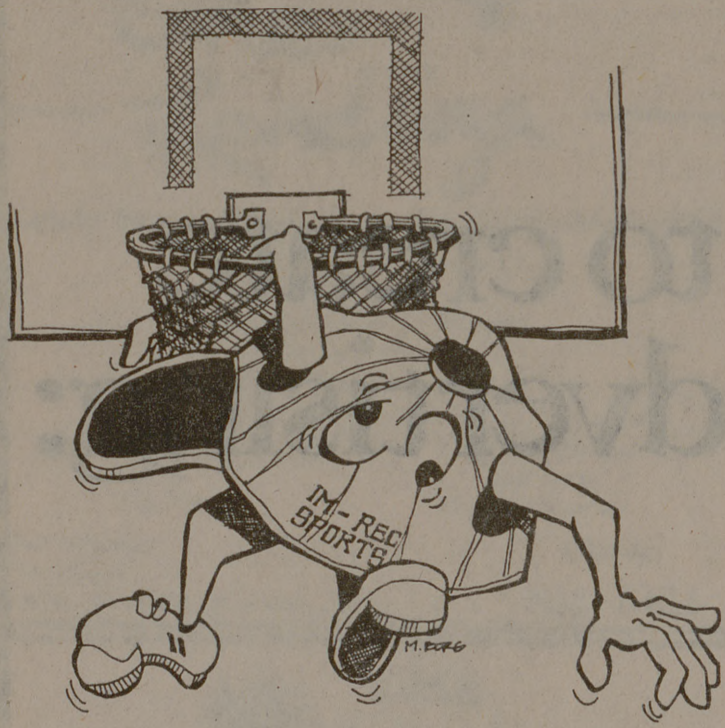
"If the pros want to know if he can throw, he can throw," Bicknell said. "He can gun the ball, throw the ball long, feather it, whatever you have to do."

"He's captured the imagination of a lot of people."

Flutie tries to keep it all in perspective.

"If I never play another play, I'd consider myself a success as a football player," he said.

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