

Sports

Reporters will try anything for a new Super Bowl angle

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It seems the latest fad among sports journalists is to denounce all the hype given to Super Bowl Sunday — which is exactly why there are over 2500 members of the print and electronic media waiting patiently in Anaheim, Calif., for the Denver Broncos-New York Giants matchup.

Viewpoint

For all of you applied math majors that works out to roughly 28 journalists for each one of the 90 players who will suit up for football's grand — oops, Super — finale.

According to which paper you subscribe to and which of the illustrious press members you place your faith in (having trouble placing your finger on such a name?), there are a number of players that undoubtedly hold the key to this grand — oops, Super — contest.

The obvious names such as John Elway, Rulon Jones and Vance Johnson of the Broncos or the Giant's Joe Morris, Lawrence Taylor and Phil Simms have already been discussed,

digested and regurgitated more times than Mike Ditka has warned the "The Refrigerator" to slim down.

So obviously, as any good reporter will tell you, the next thing sports-writers look for is a new angle or that unheralded player who, thanks to that Super Bowl hype, is no longer an unknown Joe, but that special Super Bowl someone.

Look for a special edition on ball boys and kicking-tee holders coming out in a Saturday paper somewhere. Or possibly an exclusive interview by John Madden with that infamous Gatorade cooler that somehow loses its contents on the backside of Giants Head Coach Bill Parcells.

I wonder what Vince Lombardi would have done when his short-sleeve, white oxford turned a bright shade of orange?

Speaking of orange, there is a multitude of writers who say the Broncos don't stand a chance against the ferocious Giants defense. Personally, I'm going to wait to place my bets until I hear the verdict from Jimmy (yes, I did pick the St. Louis

Cardinals to win it all this year) the Greek.

Scanning yet another sports page brings me back to those new angles we were discussing earlier. Don't for a minute think that every fact, figure or statistic has been left unnoticed over the last two weeks. Deceased relatives, previous jobs, old love affairs, drug problems and former players have all found their way into questions asked by the sportswriters vacationing in sunny California. It's no wonder Jim McMahon acts like he does.

So bad is the Superbowl media hype that players scurry around like Elvis Presley fighting a post-concert crowd of women in Palm Beach. The only other thing I've seen that can match the speed with which reporters chase the players is watching three cars race for an empty parking space in the Zachry parking lot on Monday morning at 7:58.

Well, that's more than enough hype from this sportswriter. Besides, you couldn't get me to go all the way to California to be just another run-of-the-mill Super Bowl fan, unless of course, you threw in a press pass.

Septien charged with sexual assault, may face life imprisonment if convicted

DENTON (AP) — Veteran Dallas Cowboys kicker Rafael Septien posted \$10,000 bond after being indicted Thursday on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl, authorities said.

The indictment returned by a Denton County grand jury alleges the child was molested Dec. 28, District Attorney Jerry Cobb said.

If convicted, Septien could be sentenced to up to life imprisonment and fined \$2,000, Cobb said.

Septien posted the bond at the

Denton County Jail about 5 p.m. Thursday, said Capt. Jim Neal, detention director.

"We are planning on entering a plea of not guilty, because he is not guilty of these charges," said Septien's attorney, Jay Ethington.

Septien, 33, joined the Cowboys in 1978 after attending Southwest Louisiana, and is the team's all-time leading scorer.

Police from The Colony, a suburb in Denton County where Septien lives, brought the case to the district attorney's office last week. Cobb said he declined to issue an

arrest warrant until the grand jurors heard the case.

"We now have investigated the case and feel confident about it," he said.

"Obviously this type of charge is offensive to us," Cowboys president Tex Schramm said. "But we also believe that every man is entitled to his day in court, so we'll wait."

"It's kind of hard to comment on something the grand jury has said," Cowboys Head Coach Tom Landry said. "I feel bad for Rafael, but there's really nothing I can comment on."

Mowatt, Mobley reunited in Pasadena

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — They were a fearsome tight-end combination at Florida State, one the ferocious blocker and the other a sure-handed receiver. Since then, Zeke Mowatt and Orson Mobley have taken different paths to get to the same place, the Super Bowl.

Mowatt is the New York Giants' backup tight end, having lost his starting position to Mark Bavaro after suffering a knee injury in 1985. Mobley is the Denver Broncos' rookie who plays at tight end and who has become one of John Elway's favorite targets.

They played together for two years (1981-82) at Florida State. The 6-foot-3, 240-pound Mowatt was the starter, although Mobley insists they alternated a lot.

By his own admission, Mowatt was "strictly a blocker in college. I didn't have the receiving stats. I knew if I

wanted to play in the pros that I had to work on catching the ball."

Signed as a free agent in 1983, Mowatt not only made the Giants' roster but became a starter. A severe knee injury sidelined him for all of the 1985 season, and except for Bavaro's standout play, Mowatt might be the starter yet today. Mowatt caught 10 passes and two touchdowns this season.

Mobley was a sixth-round draft choice out of tiny Salem (W.Va.) College last spring. Because of academic problems at FSU, he transferred to Salem, where he caught the attention of scouts willing to overlook his lack of major-college competition the last two years.

At 6-5 and 260-plus pounds, Mobley represents an inviting target for Elway, and he also possesses perhaps the best hands on the team.

Given more playing time in the last six games of the regular season,

Mobley caught 20 passes for 309 yards. He has caught five passes for 105 yards in the playoffs. He's not just a meat-and-potatoes kind of tight end either; he can go deep, as his receptions for 49, 32 (twice) and 25 (twice) prove.

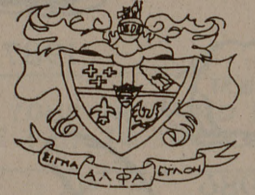
"What I remember about Orson is a guy who's 6-6 and 260 who runs a 4.65 in the 40," Mowatt said. "He had some awesome physical skills. He was a good baseball player, too, and I was amazed to see what he could do on the basketball court."

"If he works in the off-season and dedicates himself, he could be one of the best tight ends to ever play in the NFL."

Mobley appreciates the assessment.

"He's a good guy, a good friend," Mobley said Thursday. "He was a great blocker in college and he was a pass threat, too."

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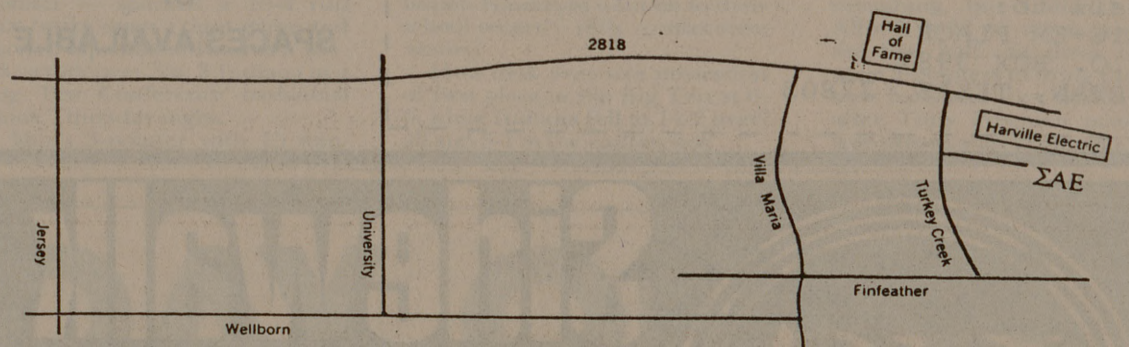
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