

Bengals, 49ers prepare for clash

Teams' styles similar

MIAMI (AP) — Eric Thomas looks at Eddie Brown and sees Jerry Rice. Jeff Fuller looks at Roger Craig and sees Ickey Woods.

More specifically, as the San Francisco and Cincinnati defenses get ready for Sunday's Super Bowl, they see the other team's offense reflected in their own.

That was the consensus on Tuesday's "Picture Day," the first of the three hour-long sessions the players must spend with the more than 1,000 reporters and camera crews in town for the game.

The focus was on the two offenses, which ranked 1-2 in the NFL with Cincinnati averaging almost 379 yards per game and San Francisco almost 370.

The 49ers were first in rushing, the Bengals first in passing, but both have been run-oriented during the playoffs.

"They want to run the ball first, then throw it; we want to run the ball first, then throw it," said Thomas. Cincinnati's left cornerback, who was burned twice by Rice for touchdowns in the Bengals' 27-26 loss to the 49ers last season.

One was a 22-yard TD pass on the final play of the game.

"But it's more than that. They have Roger Craig at running back, we have Ickey Woods and James Brooks. They have a great quarterback, we have a great quarterback. They have Jerry Rice, we have Eddie Brown."

Both offenses are stacked with talent at the same positions.

It starts with two of the best quarterbacks in the game — Joe Montana, the 49ers' two-time Super Bowl MVP, vs. Boomer Esiason, the NFL MVP this season.

Esiason is younger, left-handed and more mobile, but each is capable of winning a game by himself.

It continues with the running games — Craig, who led the NFC in rushing with 1,502 yards, vs. Brooks as well as Woods, who had 1,066 for a 5.3 average as a rookie.

For more of the sameness, there are Rice and Brown, the two long-ball receivers.

Brown was the offensive rookie of the year that season but has been overshadowed since by Rice, who last year set an NFL record with 22 touchdown catches in 12 non-strike games.

"I don't say everyone is similar, but the weapons are the same," said David Fulcher, Bengal strong safety.

"Montana? The guy reads defenses. He doesn't panic. If he sees somebody coming he'll get rid of it or get down. Boomer's a fullback wearing No. 7 and playing quarterback. He doesn't mind being hit. He'll go down."

Fuller, the 49ers' equivalent of Fulcher as an oversized (225 to 228-pound) strong safety, also sees the similarities. "We have a lot of weapons and so do they," he said. "That's why defenses will probably decide the game."

"We'd like to stay off the field," Fulcher said. "We'd like to see the offense control the ball to keep their offense from getting the ball."

Rice's sprained ankle may alter 49er plans

MIAMI (AP) — Jerry Rice couldn't move right or cut left in Joe Robbie Stadium on Tuesday, even when matched up against the media.

Rice walked gingerly into an interview session, favoring a taped-up, sprained right ankle he said needs more rest and more ice before Sunday's Super Bowl.

"It's really sore, but I still have four days to rest," said Rice, vowing to be ready. "I don't know how strong it's going to be, but if there's any way possible I'm going to be out there."

"I think just with my presence out there, they've got some respect for me," he said.

San Francisco coach Bill Walsh showed no sense of alarm about the Rice injury, including a false report that Rice was carried off the practice field after it occurred.

He said it was too soon to judge its severity, although Rice will be held out of practice until Thursday or Friday.

"We'll see what happens," Walsh said.

Mike Wilson and John Taylor would be the 49ers' main downfield receivers in Rice's absence, with starting tight end John Frank also likely a more frequent target along with reserve wide receiver Terry Greer.

"Jerry's been Mr. Touchdown for us, so that's some very large shoes to fill," said Wilson, an eight-year veteran who caught 33 passes for three TDs and a 12.3-

yard average. "But if Joe (Montana) can come out and play the way he's played the last couple of weeks, it should be a very happy Sunday."

Taylor caught 14 passes, two for touchdowns, this season and made his mark as an All-Pro return specialist by running back two punts for scores.

Frank, who missed half the season with a broken hand, had 16 receptions for three TDs, while former Canadian Football League star Greer caught eight passes.

Rice, who was troubled by a hip injury early in the season, hurt the ankle on Oct. 16 when cornerback Jerry Gray of the Los Angeles Rams hauled him down by the face mask after a long gain. He did not miss any games, but caught just one touchdown pass in the next four games, becoming less a primary receiver and more of a decoy.

Rice said he wasn't that surprised when he felt the ankle give as he made a cut on the practice field Monday.

"My ankle's been hurting all year long," he said. "Now it's back to where it was when I first hurt it."

"I played three or four games when I didn't have lateral movement and couldn't bump-and-run. You just have to block it out."

Super Bowl city's image hurt by riots

MIAMI (AP) — A shooting death that triggered a disturbance in a Miami neighborhood also damaged a \$2 million effort to improve the city's image during Super Bowl week, several officials conceded Tuesday.

The fatal shooting of a black motorcyclist by a white policeman in an area near downtown sparked violence that involved at least 200 people and included gunfire and arson.

"I think all of Miami is embarrassed," said Tom Ferguson, president of the Beacon Council, which

promotes Dade County for new business development.

Miami's Superhost Committee is spending \$2 million to make a good impression on visitors in town for Sunday's game. Officials met Tuesday to discuss the unexpected public relations setback.

The outbreak of violence is likely to receive extensive publicity, since by week's end more than 1,500 reporters are expected in Miami.

Ferguson said this additional media coverage will determine the long-term impact on the city's image.

"If the media on a national basis keeps the thing in perspective, it may not (do) that much damage," he said. "I think people will consider it more as a local disturbance, as opposed to a race riot, which absolutely it was not."

At least one out-of-town reporter, Houston Post sports writer Ray Buck, saw the disturbance at close range. Buck and his wife had their car windshield shattered when they happened to drive through the area on their way elsewhere.

Buck said publicity about the vio-

lence will negate Miami's hospitality this week.

"Unfortunately I think a lot of good effort was ruined in one short three or four hour period," he said. "A year of hard work went down the drain."

New York Daily News sports writer Mike Lupica was not so sure.

"To say, 'Here goes Miami going crazy again,' I really don't think that's fair," Lupica said.

Mellowing McEnroe has new view of tennis

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Though he wants another Grand Slam title, John McEnroe isn't sure he wants to be No. 1 again.

"When I was No. 1, I didn't handle it very well," McEnroe said Tuesday after beating Michael Westphal of West Germany 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 in the first round of the Australian Open.

"The pressure was so great, I really didn't enjoy it the way I should have. It seemed I was always looking

over my shoulder. I'd rather not be No. 1 if that's the way it would be again. Of course, if I could handle it in a positive manner, it would be a different story."

During his last Australian Open appearance in 1985, an agitated McEnroe pushed a journalist, spat at a cameraman and left in disgust after losing a five-set quarterfinal to Slobodan Zivojinovic.

A lot has changed since then. Getting married to actress Tatum

O'Neal, having two sons and falling out of the top 10 has altered McEnroe's perspective on the sport.

"There's a lot more to life than tennis," he said. "Losing a match is not the end of the world."

McEnroe, seeded seventh here, is pushing to regain the form that made him the world's best player in the early 1980s. But the three-time Wimbledon and four-time U.S.

Open champion knows he still has a way to go.

The only losing seed was No. 8 Yannick Noah, who was ousted by Australian Mark Woodforde 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-7 (7-9), 6-4 in a four-hour match that didn't end until early Wednesday morning.

In women's play, second-seeded Martina Navratilova, No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini and No. 4 Pam Shriver won their opening matches in straight sets.

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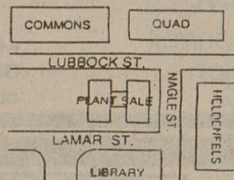
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