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Super Bowl XXV set: Giants kick their way to Tampa

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Lawrence Taylor promised the New York Giants would find a way to finally beat the San Francisco 49ers, and he did it.

Taylor, the Giants' superstar linebacker and undisputed leader, recovered a fumble by Roger Craig to set up Matt Bahr's 42-yard field goal as time expired Sunday to give the Giants a 15-13 victory and ruin the 49ers' bid for an unprecedented third straight Super Bowl championship.

Bahr's fifth field goal of the game, tying a playoff record, gave the Giants their second NFC championship in five years and sent them into next Sunday's Super Bowl against the Buffalo Bills, 51-3 conquerors of the Los Angeles Raiders for the AFC championship.

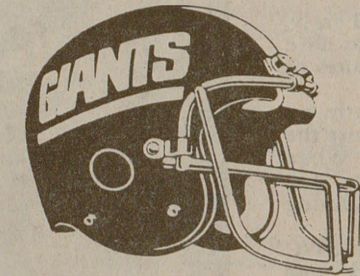
The Giants spent most of the game trying without success to get into the 49ers' end zone. Thanks to Taylor, they never had to.

It happened with 2:36 left, the 49ers leading 13-12 with second-and-four and quarterback Joe Montana out of the game with a bruised sternum. As Craig ran into the line, Giants nose tackle Erik Howard poked the ball loose and Taylor

caught it in the air at the New York 43.

Seven plays later, from the 24, Bahr kicked the winning field goal just inside the left upright and kicked the 49ers out of the history books.

The Giants had been frustrated by the 49ers, losing their last four



regular-season games to them, including a 7-3 loss in San Francisco on Dec. 3.

"It's time for the Giants to find a way to win," Taylor said last week.

He found it for them when he found the ball popping out of Craig's grasp.

After the recovery, Jeff Hostetler, who completed 15 of 27 for 176 yards, hit tight end Mark Bavaro for 19 yards to the San Francisco 38 at the 2-minute warning.

The Giants ran onto the field and the crowd of 65,750 — the second-largest in 49ers history — sat stunned as their dreams of "threepeat" ended.

The Giants (15-3) became only the second team in a decade to win the NFL title on the road. The other was the 49ers two years ago, when they won in Chicago.

The Giants had to do it without their starting quarterback, Phil Simms, who has been out five weeks with a foot injury.

"They kept on telling me I can't," Hostetler said, "but we're going to the Super Bowl."

It was bitter loss for the 49ers, who were aiming for a record fifth Super Bowl championship.

"This is a loss that will linger for a while," said 49ers coach George Seifert.

The meeting between the Giants and Buffalo will be their second this year. The Bills (15-3) won the first game 17-13 at Giants Stadium and were installed Sunday night as early 5-point favorites for the Super Bowl.

Marinovich arrested

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Southern Cal's Todd Marinovich, one of the nation's top college quarterbacks, was arrested Sunday for investigation of cocaine possession.

Marinovich, 21, was carrying about a gram of the drug when he was arrested at 4:15 a.m. while walking down a street in this coastal city 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles, police spokesman Mike McDonough said.

He was booked and released at 11:10 a.m. on his own recognizance pending an arraignment at Harbor Municipal Court, McDonough said.

Marinovich was kicked off the Southern Cal team on Jan. 11 for missing a mandatory players meeting and failing to register for classes before the start of the spring semester.

There has been widespread speculation that the sophomore will enter the NFL draft.

"I was shocked to hear this news," Southern California coach Larry Smith said. "I haven't talked to Todd yet, but I'm trying to get a hold of him. We really feel badly for Todd and his family. A week ago Todd was suspended indefinitely from our football program, but that suspension was not related to this problem."

The quarterback had an erratic sophomore season after an impressive freshman year in which he led the Trojans to the Pac-10 title and a Rose Bowl victory over Michigan.

He completed 196 of 322 passes for 2,423 yards and 13 touchdowns last season, but had sub-par performances in losses to Washington, Arizona, Notre Dame and Michigan State.

Ags' Thomas leads AFC in Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Alabama's Gary Hollingsworth engineered three first-quarter scoring drives that gave the AFC an early lead never relinquished in a 38-28 victory over the NFC in Saturday's Senior Bowl.

Texas A&M's William Thomas caused and recovered a fumble at the NFC 21 yardline when he sacked Brett Favre. Thomas also blocked a 35-yard field goal try by Iowa State's Jeff Shudak that could have sliced the lead to seven points with 2:50 remaining.

The AFC led by 10 or more points throughout the game after building a 17-0 lead.

Hollingsworth threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to LSU's Harvey Williams late in the opening period after his passing set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Penn State's Gary Brown and a 28-yard field goal by Alabama's Philip Doyle.

Two other AFC quarterbacks also threw for touchdowns as the trio outdid two potential first-round draft choices for the NFC — Dan McGwire of San Diego State and Favre of Southern Mississippi.

Rice's Donald Hollis hit Tennessee's Alvin Harper on a 54-yard scoring pass in the second quarter and Louisville's Browning Nagle connected with Harper on a 38-yard scoring pass.

The NFC's scoring came on a 2-yard run by Auburn's Stacy Danley and McGwire's 7-yard pass to Miami's Randal Hill in the second quarter, on a 1-yard run by Ricky Watters of Notre Dame in the third quarter and McGwire's 15-yard pass to Oklahoma's Adrian Cooper with 5:54 to play.

Bills perfect as they maul Raiders

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills had the no-huddle and the Los Angeles Raiders had no chance.

The Bills, seemingly unable to wait to get to Tampa for their first Super Bowl, didn't huddle, didn't try to eat up the clock and didn't take one step backward Sunday in a record-setting 51-3 rout of the Los Angeles Raiders for the AFC Championship.

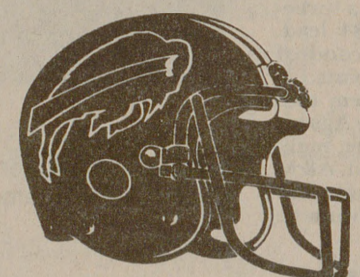
The Bills (15-3) used an awesome array of offensive precision and defensive power in running up the most points in an AFL or NFL playoff game since the San Diego Chargers beat the Boston Patriots 51-10 in 1964. They overwhelmed the Raiders from the beginning, scoring a record 41 points in the first half, operating almost exclusively from the no-huddle attack and the shotgun.

Thurman Thomas ran over, around and through the befuddled Raiders as the Bills piled up 503 total yards.

Thomas showed exactly why he led the NFL in total yardage with 170 yards in the opening half. He

finished with 138 rushing, five receptions for 61 yards and scored the second touchdown on a 12-yard run, untouched after the Bills' line opened a massive hole.

The only time Thomas wasn't doing damage to the usually staunch LA defense was when Kenneth Davis was running in for scores of 1



and 3 yards. Or when James Lofton, cut by the Raiders in 1989, was catching TD passes of 13 and 8 yards from Jim Kelly, who wound up 17-of-23 for 300 yards.

The Bills' other score in the opening half, when they surpassed the re-

cord 38 points scored by Washington against the Rams in 1983, came on Darryl Talley's 27-yard interception return.

Davis also had a 1-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

It was the Bills' first championship since winning the AFL title in 1965, the year before the first Super Bowl. They lost in the 1966 and 1988 conference championship games.

The Raiders (12-5) lost at Rich Stadium 38-24 in the regular season when Buffalo scored 24 points in the fourth quarter. This time, in their first AFC title game since the '83 season, the Raiders were out of it in the second quarter.

Raiders quarterback Jay Schroeder's was 8-for-20 for 100 yards with two interceptions in the decisive first half. He also began the second half by throwing two more interceptions, and finished just 13 of 31 for 150 yards.

The five interceptions tied the AFC playoff record by the Houston Oilers' Dan Pastorini against the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1979 and by the New York Jets' Richard Todd against the Miami Dolphins in 1983.

Bosox pitcher Clemens arrested for assaulting officer outside nightclub

HOUSTON (AP) — An agent for Boston Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens said a fracas involving Clemens, his brother, Gary, and a police officer at a Houston nightclub was "an unfortunate misunderstanding."

Clemens, 28, and his 39-year-old brother, each remained free on \$2,000 bond Sunday after being arrested for aggravated assault on a police officer during a Saturday morning disturbance at the Bayou Mama's nightclub here.

An initial appearance hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday in Harris County state district court, the district attorney's office said. Harris County Assistant District Attorney Henry Lawrence said if convicted of the third-degree felony charges, the two brothers face two to 10 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Houston police spokesman Dan Turner said the pair were involved in a shouting match with other nightclub patrons. When on-duty Officer L. Oviedo, who was working as a club security guard, attempted to break up the group starting with Roger Clemens, the brothers allegedly got into a wrestling match with the officer.

"Gary pushed the officer at that time, and the officer had to take his attention from the group. He attempted to arrest Gary Clemens and Roger Clemens attempted to defend his brother," Turner said.

Sgt. C.J. Grysen said that as Oviedo tried to arrest Gary, Roger apparently "jumped on the officer's back and choked the officer." Grysen said three more officers — another off-duty officer and two uniformed patrol officers — joined the

fray before the brothers were subdued.

But Alan Hendricks, one of the pitcher's agents, questioned the report.

"There's no question Roger's denying that he was involved in any chokehold of an officer," Hendricks said. "What I heard was when the officer was scuffling with Roger's brother, Roger patted him on the back and tried to resolve it that way, to try to get the officer to resist this confrontation."

"It was all an unfortunate misunderstanding, and it will all be resolved quickly. We have a number of witnesses that have said they will testify on Roger's behalf that he never did anything but tap the officer on the shoulder and pat him on the back, so we are certain it will be brought to a powerful and proper resolution."

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