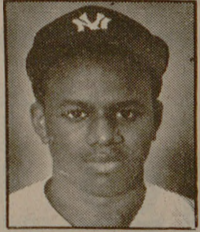


Super Bowl matchup should thrill and amaze

I'm as happy as a man leaving the dentist to see Super Bowl XXV come down to the team from my hometown, the New York Giants, and another team from the state, the Buffalo Bills.



Craig Wilson
Sports Writer

Finally, after several years of the same old teams winning the divisions and conferences, some relatively new faces are on the scene.

This should be quite an entertaining show in the sunny (and extra-safe) confines of Tampa Stadium.

Within the state of New York, though, this game will continue what has quickly become an interstate, interconference rivalry that unfortunately can't be played twice a year like the Cowboys and Redskins.

In New York City, Giants fans will be quick to point out that Buffalo was, for years and years, an obsolete franchise.

Like the rotary telephone, an outdated mechanism that pops up in a few homes every now and then, the Bills popped up every millenium in the playoffs and were readily disposed of each time.

In Buffalo, Bills fans will be quick to point out that Giants fans are bogus and harsh, ripping the team apart if they're not successful every season. They explain it as an uncouth, yet typical New York City behavior.

But both Giants Stadium and Rich Stadium consistently have 75,000-plus fans to support them, so fan loyalty has never been a problem.

It's sad, but true, the only thing most football fans remember when they think Bills is not Joe Ferguson, or even "the Juice," but the faithful Bills fans that go shirtless on those ice-cold, Buffalo blizzard Sundays.

The Giants, until their 1986 Super Bowl destruction of the Denver Broncos, were almost solely remembered for their game-losing fumble in the closing seconds of a Philadelphia Eagles game in 1979.

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Lady Ags face No.12 Arkansas

By STEVE O'BRIEN
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If ever there was a time for the A&M women's basketball team to pull off a major upset, it's tonight.

"We've played hard enough and we've played good enough competition," A&M head coach Lynn Hickey said, "that we're due to upset someone."

The Lady Ags take a three game Southwest Conference win streak into Barnhill Arena to clash with the 12th ranked Arkansas Razorbacks in Fayetteville.

Tipoff is at 7:00 p.m.

Arkansas tops the Southwest Conference standings at 6-0 with a 15-2 overall record. The Aggies are 3-2 in conference play and 8-7 overall.

Even with having to play on the road, Hickey remains confident about her team's chances.

"If you want to go to Arkansas, you want to go there with this frame of mind," Hickey said.

The Aggies haven't beaten Arkansas since the 1988 Southwest Conference tournament and have managed a dismal two victories in the teams' twenty-game series over ten years.

But after their come from behind win over Baylor Friday night, the players are confident and ready to play, Hickey said.

Injuries continue to plague the Aggies, however.

Junior center Vanessa Edwards, who doesn't have cartilage damage in her knee as originally feared, is questionable for the game. Junior guard Tish Basha is suffering from shin splints and is also not expected to play.

Prior to their injuries, both Edwards and Basha were starters.

Senior guard Yvonne Hill leads the Aggies in scoring averaging 16.2 points per game and junior forward Dena Russo is second in scoring with 13.8 points per game.

Hill has scored 20 points or more in three consecutive games.

The game tonight also has an added flavor because it's the last time for the Aggies to play in Fayetteville as the Razorbacks become part of the Southeastern Conference next season.

The Lady Aggies continue their road trip with a 7:00 p.m. tipoff against Rice Saturday night and return home next Wednesday to play Houston.



RICHARD S. JAMES/The Battalion

Freshman Lady Aggie Forward Beth Burket pulls down a rebound in A&M's 91-75 win over Baylor Friday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Rangers stop at Post Oak Mall today

The Texas Rangers will be passing through town today as part of their winter caravan tour. Rangers players will be making appearances at Post Oak Mall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

First baseman Raphael Palmeiro, shortstop Jeff Huson and pitcher Kenny Rogers are scheduled to attend. Eric Nadel, Rangers' radio announcer, is also traveling with the trio.

Palmeiro is coming off of a great 1990 season. He wielded the Rangers' hottest left-handed bat last year, hitting .319 with 14 home runs and 89 runs batted in.

Palmeiro battled for the American League batting title all season finishing third behind George Brett (.328) and Ricky Henderson (.325).

Despite his success, Palmeiro is still suffering through contract problems, as he and the Rangers will go to arbitration soon. Texas is offering \$1.15 million and Palmeiro is asking \$1.625 million.

Huson, acquired before last season from the Montreal Expos, played a big role for the Rangers in 1990.

Although his average fell to .240 after a late-season slump, Huson showed flashes of brilliance early in the season and obviously impressed Bobby Valentine with his head-up play.

Rogers is a left-hander reliever who took over the stopper's role last season when Jeff Russell went down with bone spurs in his elbow. Although Rogers pitched well, his control was shaky at times.

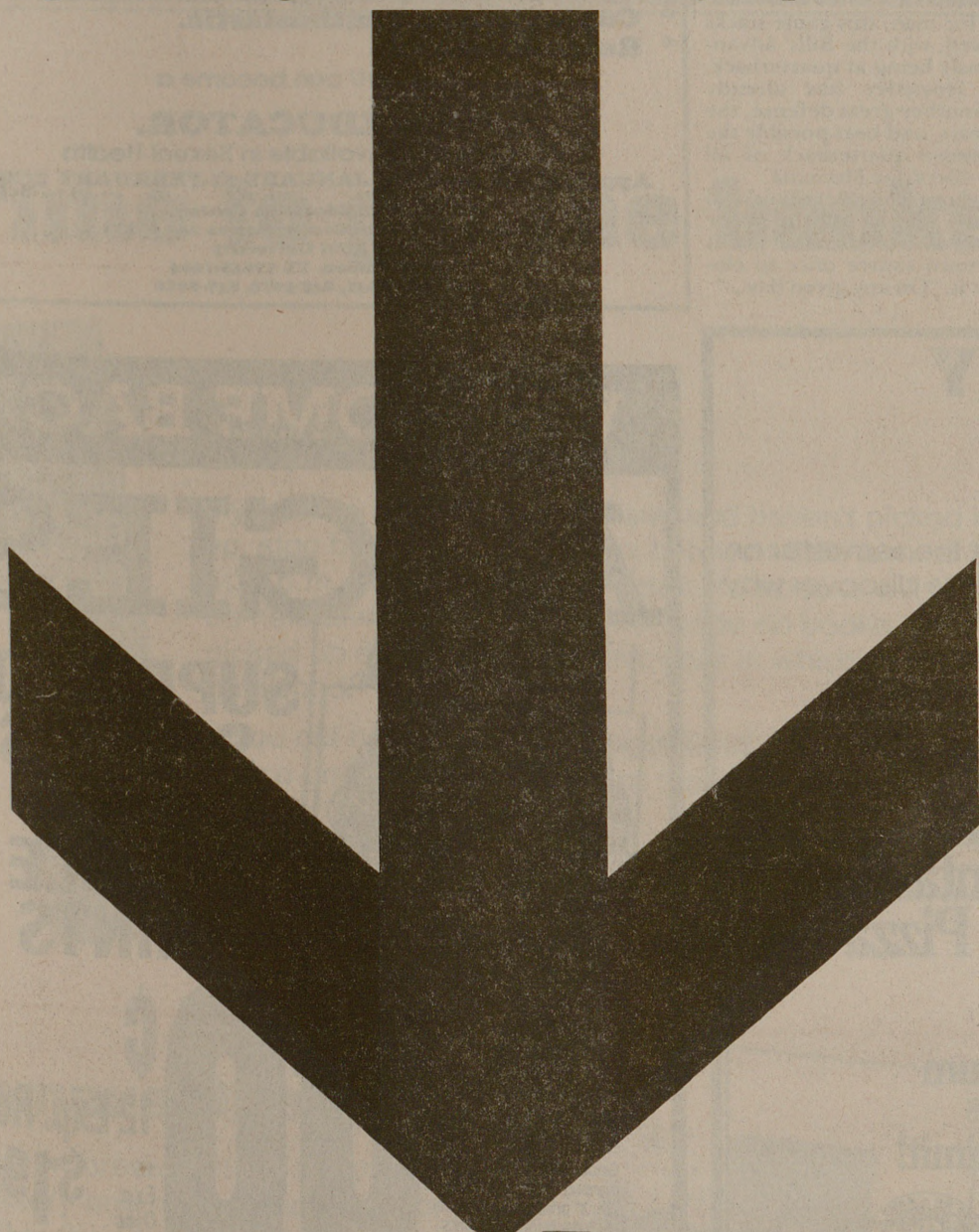
Nadel does color commentary on Rangers' radio broadcasts with partner Mark Holtz. The pair are regarded as one of the best radio teams in baseball.

Palmeiro is not the only Ranger seeking arbitration. Rightfielder Ruben Sierra is seeking \$3.1 million while Texas is offering \$2 million. Leftfielder Pete Incaviglia is asking for \$2.1 million while the Rangers counter with an offer of \$1.35 million.

There should be plenty of excitement in store for Rangers' fans this season. The team features 300-game winner Nolan Ryan, who also holds the mark for the most strikeouts in major-league history with 5,308.

The 44-year old fireballer recently authorized a pictorial book about his career. Nolan Ryan: The Authorized Pictorial History, should be available by Christmas.

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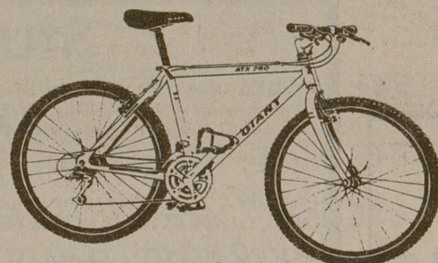
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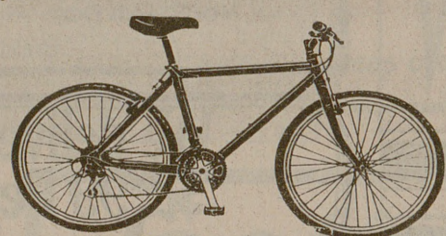
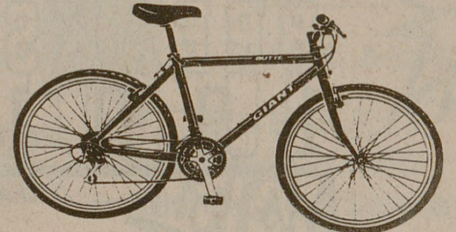


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