

# Despite winning Super Bowl Giants could suffer shake-up

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Bill Parcells almost surely will be back as coach of the New York Giants next season.

Ottis Anderson almost surely will be exposed to Plan B for the third straight season despite his Super Bowl MVP award.

And the Giants hope they won't repeat the mistakes they made after they won their last Super Bowl, which led to their only losing season in eight years.

Parcells, who won his second Super Bowl when the Giants beat the Buffalo Bills 20-19 on Sunday, didn't exactly say he would return to the Giants.

But he signed off this way on Monday:

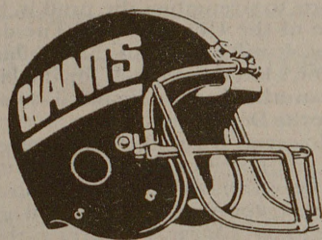
"To you New York writers, I'll see you in training camp next summer."

After the Giants won their first Super Bowl in 1987, Parcells was offered the job as Atlanta Falcons general manager and coach.

There has been speculation that he would resign after this game to take the same position with the Tampa Bay Bucs.

"Everything that's been written about me is a fabrication," he said. "There's no truth to any of those rumors. I haven't talked to anyone about anything."

"Last time after we won this thing I didn't give my owners or George Young (the general manager) any time to savor the victory. That's not going to happen this time."



The hedge came when Parcells, who has one year left on a contract that will pay him \$900,000 for the 1991 season, added:

"Just like every year, I'll sit down and evaluate where I am and what I want to do."

Parcells then talked about his plans for the next few weeks.

He will be making up his list of Plan B players; attending the pre-draft scouting combine in Indianapolis; and revamping his coaching staff, which has already lost receivers coach Tom Coughlin, the new head coach at Boston College.

It also could lose defensive coordinator Bill Belichick to a head coaching job with the Cleveland Browns or Tampa, and running backs coach Ray Handley, who has been accepted at George Washington Law School.

Belichick and Handley would have been the two most likely candidates to succeed Parcells had he decided to leave.

As for Plan B, one of those on the Giants' unprotected list will undoubtedly be Anderson, who has been on it the last two years.

"I should be on it," said the 33-year-old running back, who won the MVP after rushing for 102 yards on 21 carries in Sunday's game.

Anderson was instrumental in the Giants last drive, when he carried several times while New York ran out the clock.

The Giants have a stable of young running backs headed by rookie Rodney Hampton, who had moved ahead of Anderson until breaking his leg in the playoff victory over the Chicago Bears; all-purpose back Dave Meggett and second-year man Lewis Tillman.

Like most successful teams, the Giants tend to expose older players and protect younger talent.

Parcells also said that as far as he's concerned, there's no quarterback controversy for next season.

Jeff Hostetler, the 29-year-old who is 7-0 as a starter, led the Giants to three playoff victories in place of 35-year-old Phil Simms, who injured his foot Dec. 15 against Buffalo.

"I'll let you know at the start of camp next year," Parcells said. "Phillip was 10-0 as a starter and that's not too bad."

# Bills take Super Bowl loss valiantly

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — In the hour of their most devastating defeat, the Buffalo Bills may have actually validated their greatest triumph of the 1990 season.

The Bills swore all season that the "Bickering Bills" of 1989 were history, but it was a statement made in the euphoria of a 13-3 season.

"Winning solves everything," said Jim Kelly. The flip side wasn't addressed often, but more than a few skeptics wondered whether the stress of a big loss would destroy the chemistry and camaraderie forged in the course of this Super Bowl season.

In the face of the most adverse conditions, the Bills backed up all that team talk with the poise of champions.

The Bills were remarkably composed as their season faded into the Florida night with Scott Norwood's kick.

Many held hands along the sideline, a familiar sight to those who watched them do that in last year's playoff game against the Cleveland Browns when another last-minute drive ended unsuccessfully.

The players, and owner Ralph Wilson, said they were convinced Norwood was going to win the Super Bowl for them.

"You give that kick to him 10 more times, he'll probably hit 10 of them," Pike said. "In my mind, I never thought we'd lose."

"That's the way it's been all year. The whole year I just knew if we had the ball last, we were going to win the football game."

"I thought we were going to win it," said Wilson. "But fate didn't quite blow our way last night."

When it was over, there was no finger-pointing, no angry locker-room confrontations, no crying about what could have been and no laying of blame beyond their collective responsibility in the loss.

As they left Tampa, only coach Marv Levy declined to answer questions.

"I just don't have anything more to add," Levy said. "I talked myself blue in the face last night."

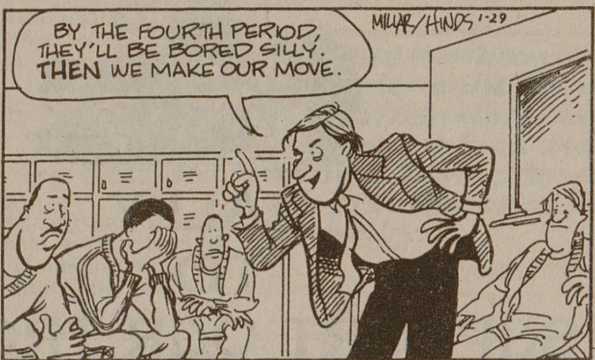
Several Bills promised they'd be back next year.

Others said they wouldn't make that kind of prediction.

It was the first time in the history of the Buffalo franchise that the team had been to the Super Bowl.

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# Hoss must still win Giants' No. 1 QB spot

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Now that Jeff Hostetler has led the New York Giants to the Super Bowl championship, all he has to do is win the job as No. 1 quarterback.

Hostetler, who played his college ball at West Virginia, has been trying for seven years to take over for Phil Simms and the only way he managed was when Simms suffered a sprained right foot on Dec. 15, which sidelined him for the season.

That made Hostetler the Giants' quarterback.

And he certainly made the most of his chances.

He led the Giants to victories in the final two regular-season games, before guiding them through the playoffs and a 20-19 victory over the Buffalo Bills in Sunday's Super Bowl.

It all leaves coach Bill Parcells with a headache when training camp opens.

Does he give the starting job back to Simms, the 35-year-old MVP of the 1987 Super Bowl, or does he let Hostetler, who will be 30 in a couple of months, keep it?

"Every year we go to camp I tell the guys the same thing," Parcells said Monday. "Whoever plays best will play."

That would seem to leave the job open.

However, Parcells left the job up for grabs after last season, too, and Hostetler really never seemed to get a fair chance at winning the job.

Parcells is going to have to give him the chance next season.

Hostetler, who had started just two games entering the season, did not throw an interception or turn the ball over in his five-game season.

He was 45 of 76 for 510 yards and three touchdowns in the playoffs.

In the Super Bowl win Sunday, Hostetler completed 20 of 32 for 222 yards and a touchdown.

His biggest play of the game may have been the one on which he was sacked for a safety to give Buffalo a 12-3 lead.

As Hostetler was falling, Buffalo defensive end Bruce Smith grabbed Hostetler's ball hand and tried to strip the ball. But Hostetler tucked the ball under and fell to the ground, giving Buffalo two points, but avoiding a possible Bills touchdown.

"I have no idea what's going to happen," Hostetler said Monday before taking a team charter for a return to New Jersey. "I don't know. I'm just thinking about the game. What happens, happens."

Hostetler and Simms offer the Giants different quarterbacking styles.

Simms is a pocket passer, with a good arm and tremendous experience.

Hostetler is less experienced, but he makes up for it with a good arm and great mobility.

"They were so concerned about the rollouts at one point, that they were not getting to the run," Parcells said.

Giants offensive coordinator Ron Erhardt said there would be no room for two No. 1 quarterbacks next season.

One of the raps against Hostetler has been that his scrambling style would test his durability in a 16-game season.

But he proved his toughness on Sunday, taking several big hits from Bruce Smith, Leon Seals and Cornelius Bennett.

Hostetler did get hit a little more and Monday he said he still had a headache, a sore knee and sore right elbow.

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