

Sports

Super Bowl Wrap Up

By DAVID READ

Well, at two o'clock last Sunday, seventy or eighty million Americans began turning on their televisions to mark the beginning of the end of one of the biggest advertising attacks ever endured by man. "Super," that simple word that means less and less every day; "Bowl" that word we heard plenty of in the wake of all those New Year's libations. "Bowl" has come to denote any kind of championship-ish football game. "Bore" means dull and that's just what Sunday's game between the Redskins and the Dolphins was. Don't misunderstand me. The game wasn't entirely without excitement. There was the snap to the punter that never happened. There were the two long passes, one to Paul Warfield, one that counted for six points, and one to Howard Twilley that didn't because someone flinched back at the line of scrimmage. Billy Kilmer's long passes weren't too exciting because he had been failing on the important plays all day and there was no reason to expect a change. There was Larry Csonka's fifty yard run through center, as stimulating as a bullfight with rookie matadors vs. the Super Bull. Jake Scott did some crazy things under punts and stole two of Kilmer's passes to earn the title "Superest Super Bowler." All these things happen, and much more, in the average football game.

There was one exception, however, one play that came close to redeeming the Super Bowl. That cute little cravat craftsman from Cyprus, Garo Yepremian, acted out what must be his wildest fantasy and threw a forward pass. One of those big football hulks was in his way though, and the ball bounced back to him. Not to have his first pass fall to the turf, Garo battled it into the air and then Mike Bass came along to ruin his fun by stealing the ball and running fifty yards for the Redskin's only score. That play didn't quite make the game worth watching because I'll have plenty of chances to see it again,

like next Super Sunday when they go over all the old classics again.

So you switched on the tube around two and found Curt and Joe Willy go over all the stuff that had been exhausted in the media since Christmas. Since we know all football fans guzzle beer, they should have had a good buzz on by the time they finally got to see the inside of the Los Angeles Coliseum, around a quarter to four. Somewhat of a three-ring circus was being conducted on the painted grass and we were treated to the finale. An honest-to-gosh spaceship was wheeled around the field followed by three real live astronauts, Captains Cernan, Evans, and Dr. Schmidt, the last Americans to visit the moon. In keeping with the Super theme, this was the astronauts first public appearance since returning to earth. They weren't there just to get a round of applause, though, they were there to lead all us football fans in the pledge of allegiance; not to the NFL rules as may be apt at a football game, but to the American flag. That wasn't too far out, though, as the NFL shield, emblazoned on the middle of the field, bears striking similarity to the American crest. The astronauts, so perfect in space, had trouble with their cue cards and only got synchronized after a couple false starts. Then Sister Lorraine's Little Angels sang to us and a championship (Super) VFW Color Guard strolled onto the field. The final pre-game highlight was Redskins' Guru Tom Skinner leading the 'Skins in prayer. You remember Guru Skinner; he's the guy that thanked God for making the Redskins the greatest and prayed for humility over national T.V. two weeks ago after Washington beat Dallas.

Just before four o'clock Eastern time, the Super Bowl got underway. After all the pre-game build up, it was a super bore.

I'll bet ya George Allen didn't get to eat breakfast with Dick Nixon Mon.

Port City Tournament Action



Bucaneer center Jimmy Howard attempts to deflect puck past Hamilton High goalie during recent Port City hockey tournament. Oswego High defeated Hamilton High 3-2, and was subsequently runnerup to Cazenovia. Howard was named to all tournament team.

Buffalo Invades Romney Saturday



Great Lakers Doc Allanson stickhandles away from Colby's Bill Callahan during clash in Hamilton College Tournament, won by SUNY Oswego, despite giving up surprise 7-7 tie to Colby in opening game.

Coach Herb Hammond has brought his Laker hockey team through a motley first-half schedule with an over-all record of nine wins, two losses and a tie. It's hard to determine just what that record is worth, though, as three of those dozen games were actually exhibitions and four were against non-Division II teams. Their Division II record is almost perfect, four wins and the tie, which came in the Hamilton Tourney against Colby after a two week lay-off. Last weekend they split in Montreal, beating MacDonald 4-3 on Glenn Sisman's third period goal, and losing to Loyola's J.V.'s by the same score on Ted Hansio's shorthanded goal with thirty seconds left.

The first half was leisure compared to what's coming up. In the next five and a half weeks they'll play fifteen games, twelve of them against Division II teams, including three weekend road trips. With such a tough road schedule, eight games altogether, the Laker's record at Romney had better be kept unblemished if they are to make the play offs which they undoubtedly should.

The Lakers begin to bite into the real meat of the schedule Saturday when last year's Division II runners-up Buffalo pay their only visit of the season to Romney Fieldhouse. The game is a continuation of an established rivalry that can always be counted upon to produce a close, exciting hockey game.

The Lakers will be in tip-top shape for the Buffalo game as Randy Scarfe is back in action after breaking his ankle in the Ithaca game Dec. 10. Coach Hammond took advantage of the Loyola game to play frosh goalie Paul Berghorn as well as give a lot of ice time to the fourth line. Both played well, with Berghorn making over thirty saves and Jim Leonard netting one of the Oswego goals. With this proven depth, the Lakers haven't got any real

weaknesses and we've all got some good hockey in store.

COUNTY SPORTS CARD

Tuesday, 1/16, SUCO at St. Lawrence, basketball.
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 Wednesday, 1/17, Pulaski at OCHS, girls basketball, 4:00
 Friday, 1/19, Pulaski at OCHS, basketball 8:00.
 Friday, 1/19, OHS at Liverpool, basketball 7:00
 Friday, 1/19, OHS at New Hartford, Swimming, 9:00
 Saturday, 1/20, Oswego YMCA at Fulton, swimming, 1:00
 Saturday, 1/20, OHS vs. Hamilton at Romney, hockey, 4:00
 Saturday, 1/20, OHS at Cornell Invitational Indoor Track.
 Saturday, 1/20, Buffalo at SUCO, hockey, at 7:00
 Saturday, 1/20, SUCO at Roberts Wesleyan, Basketball.
 Saturday, 1/20, RIT, King's at SUCO Wrestling, 3:00
 Monday, 1/22, Hannibal at OCHS, girls basketball, 4:00

OSWEGO CHESS CLUB

With the recent interest in Chess, a number of individuals, including myself, have decided to establish a Chess Club in Oswego for those who know, and are interested in playing the game. We've arranged an organizational meeting for Sunday, January 21st at 7:30. The meeting will be held at my apartment, 7 Hamilton Homes, (South). Those interested are asked to call 323-4944 for information if they are unable to attend. Those who come to the meeting are requested to bring a chess set and board, if possible.