

News Digest

By The Associated Press

'Midway Monsters'

Bears maul Patriots to claim first title since '63

NEW ORLEANS — The Chicago Bears completed one of the most dominating NFL seasons ever with the most dominating Super Bowl, crushing New England 46-10 Sunday behind the clutch quarterbacking of Jim McMahon and an overpowering defense that turned the Patriots' offense into a retreat.

McMahon, whose sore buttock and off-the-field antics dominated the week before the game, scored on two short runs and completed 12 of 20 attempts for 256 yards before leaving the game in the third quarter with a sprained left wrist.

And William "The Refrigerator" Perry, the 300-pound lineman, ran for a touchdown after being sacked in his first pro passing attempt.

The score might point to an offensive game. But it was the defense, with seven sacks and a safety, that brought the Bears their first NFL title since 1963.

Led by ends Dan Hampton and Most Valuable Player Richard Dent, the "46" alignment that often puts eight men on the line of scrimmage limited New England to minus-19 yards in the first half,

as the Bears moved to a 23-3 lead on three field goals by Kevin Butler and TD runs by McMahon and running back Matt Suhey.

The Patriots gained yardage on only one of their first 16 plays from scrimmage, and failed to complete a pass for 25 minutes or get a first down for 26 as Chicago registered six sacks.

In fact, New England didn't raise its net yardage total above zero until Chicago was far ahead. The Bears had opened it to 44-3 by the end of the third quarter on one-yard TD runs by McMahon and Perry and Reggie Phillips' 28-yard interception return. A safety by Henny Waechter, tackling Pats' quarter Steve Grogan in the end zone as he tried to pass, capped the scoring.

That was the major factor in Super Bowl records for most points and largest margin of victory. And the Patriots' 123 total yards were the fewest in a Super Bowl since the Oakland Raiders allowed Minnesota 119 in 1977.

So Chicago won the NFL title with 18 victories in 19 games, including three playoff victories in which they beat the New York Giants, Los Angeles Rams

and the Patriots by an aggregate of 101-10.

The Miami Dolphins won the Super Bowl in 1973 to cap an unbeaten season. But perhaps no other team — not the four-time Super Bowl-champion Pittsburgh Steelers, not the Green Bay Packers, not the 18-1 San Francisco 49ers last year — ever had such a dominant season as this year's Bears.

Excluding their only loss, a 38-24 decision in Miami, the Bears won eight games against teams with records of 10-6 or better by a total of 245-40.

About New England's only consolation was that it became the first team to score on Chicago in the playoffs, on Tony Franklin's 36-yard field goal following a fumble recovery 1:19 into the game and an 8-yard pass from Grogan to Irving Fryar early in the fourth quarter.

Just about everything else went right for the Bears. They even got points on what the league admitted was a mistake by Red Cashion's officiating crew, which allowed the Bears to kick a field goal after they were penalized at the end of the first half. Art McNally, the NFL supervisor of officials, said the half should have been allowed to expire.

Super Bowl observed by Reagan and rest of nation

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, suited up to watch the Super Bowl along with millions of other Americans Sunday, said he wished there could be less gambling on football because it leads to "too much temptation to try and fix things."

Reagan, wearing a red sweater as he prepared to view the telecast game from the residential quarters of the White House, was interviewed by NBC newsman Tom Brokaw as part of the network's pre-game programming.

Asked if he had a preference between the Chicago Bears and the New England Patriots in the

game, the president said, "I think they're both great teams."

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— Reagan

When Brokaw noted estimates that as much as \$2 billion might be wagered on the game, most of it illegally, and asked the president if that bothered him, Reagan said:

"I wish that it could be without, because I think when it gets up to that kind of money then there is too much temptation to try and fix things. And, human nature being what it is, we know from past history that sometimes they get away with that."

Reagan, who played guard on the Eureka College football team in his youth said Super Bowl Sunday found him "remembering football much more vividly than you normally do."

"It all comes back and you find yourself kind of remembering what the cleats felt like under your shoes," he said.

Experts to testify on whether journalism is a 'profession'

CONCORD, N.H. — Experts in newspaper reporting and production are set to testify this week in a federal trial about overtime pay that has come to revolve around the question of whether or not journalism is a profession.

Lawyers for the Concord Monitor plan to call witnesses including Malcolm Mallette of the American Press Institute to show that newspaper reporters, editors and photographers fit the federal definition of professional employees, who are exempt from wage and hour regulations.

The U.S. Department of Labor has brought suit against the Monitor, an award-winning newspaper with a circulation of 21,500, charging it owes \$45,893.97 in overtime pay to 54 current and former employees who worked at the paper from February 1978 to January 1980.

In an opening statement last week, Labor Department lawyer John Casler charged that the newspaper's management encouraged employees to work overtime without filing for the extra pay.

The newspaper contends it paid for what overtime was filed — some \$31,000 during the period — and is challenging the Labor Department's classification of newsroom employees.

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, a federal statute covering 60 million workers, employers must pay overtime or give compensatory time off within the work week to employees who work more than 40 hours a week. But the law exempts administrative, supervisory, outside sales and "professional" employees.

Professionals, as defined by federal regulation, have special education or training, like doctors, lawyers and teachers, or possess "creative" skills such as actors, dancers and painters. Federal rules exclude newspaper workers from this classification, denying that special education or creativity is necessary in most newsroom jobs.

In three days of testimony last week before U.S. District Judge Shane Devine, six former Monitor reporters and Kenneth Williams, who still works at the paper as a photographer, said they were warned about filing for overtime.

"It was my understanding that overtime was frowned upon and that we should not put in for all the time we worked," testified Paul Carrier, a former statehouse reporter who worked at the Monitor from 1977 to 1981.

Carrier acknowledged that no one in management told him he could not file for overtime and that he received over \$2,200 in overtime pay during a two-year period.

In Brief

Libyan students stage U.S. protest

TRIPOLI, Libya — Libyan political science students massed Sunday outside the Belgian Embassy, which represents U.S. interest in Libya, and chanted "Down, down U.S.A!"

The hundreds of students shouted themselves hoarse, calling on "the aggressor Reagan" to go home and yelling anti-American slogans.

Before their demonstration, the students met for two hours Sunday with Western reporters in a classroom at Tripoli University and discussed what the students called "American imperialist threats" such as the current U.S. 6th Fleet naval and air exercises off of Libya.

"The Libyan people are ready for death," student leader Ahmed el-Hadi, 22, told reporters. "We are prepared to fight back against American aggression even though we know America is a superpower. We are prepared to die for our cause."

Arafat, Hussein plan talks

AMMAN, Jordan — King Hussein and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, both under pressure to advance Middle East peace efforts, met twice Sunday behind closed doors and planned additional talks, a PLO spokesman said.

Arafat and nine top Palestine Liberation Organization officials had lunch with Hussein at his hilltop palace in Amman. After a two-hour break, Arafat returned for a one-on-one session with the monarch, according to palace sources.

Neither the PLO nor the official Jordanian news media commented on the talks, but the PLO spokesman said a third session was set for today.

Jordan has asked the PLO to endorse U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which call for peace with Israel in return for an Israeli withdrawal from land captured in the 1967 Middle East War. The resolutions also confirm Israel's right to exist, but do not refer to the Palestinian demand for a state.

CIA mum on Soviet defector

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee has been told nothing about a senior KGB major-general who, according to published accounts, defected to the United States last year and was in CIA custody, Sen. Patrick Leahy, vice chairman of the panel, said Sunday.

Leahy, D-Vt., said CIA officials continued to tell him as late as Sunday morning that no such defector existed. "They are denying it today," he said.

However, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., said he had received a "preliminary report" on the alleged Soviet defector. He declined to comment further until he received a more thorough briefing on the case and said he was "not yet sure about the information."

CIA spokeswoman Kathy Pherson declined comment on the report Sunday, saying only, "We don't comment on defectors."

The alleged defection was first reported in U.S. News and World Report, which said the Soviet officer "was smuggled out of East Germany in late April or early May by helicopter and debriefed at a U.S. base in West Germany." The report said the defection was kept secret "to prevent press leaks that might have upstaged the Geneva summit in Geneva."

Marcos orders pre-vote shutdown

MANILA, Philippines — President Ferdinand Marcos on Sunday ordered schools closed nationwide 10 days before the Feb. 7 presidential election, an unusual move that opponents charged could be for some "sinister" purpose.

A presidential palace announcement said suspension of classes "at all levels" would let students return to their hometowns to vote and give authorities time to prepare the schools for use as election precincts.

Polling places are generally located in schools and teachers act as poll officials. In past elections, Marcos suspended classes one or two days before the vote.

The palace said a caucus of Marcos' party, the New Society Movement, on Sunday discussed measures "to protect the sanctity of the ballot" and that Marcos reiterated his pledge to hold "a clean, free and honest election."

Baby Boomers 'anxiety ridden'

HADDON HEIGHTS, N.J. — Kathleen Casey Wilkins, "America's original baby boomer," said Sunday that she was part of "an anxiety-ridden generation."

Wilkins was born in Philadelphia, one second after midnight Jan. 1, 1946, and her arrival was listed in local newspapers as the city's first of the year.

"Though no one knew it at the time, it was also the first of the baby boom," according to a story in Monday's issue of Money magazine, which looks at baby boomers and their finances as the first of the boomers reach age 40. "After that, the life of America's original baby boomer replicated that of millions of women of her era."

The magazine said 76 million people were born during the baby boom, from 1946 to 1964.

Wilkins, 40, said she fit some of the stereotypes attributed to her generation.

She works out three days a week, plays tennis, drives a 1985 Mercedes-Benz, avoids red meat, travels to Europe, owns a food processor and is working toward a master's degree in business administration.

However, she said she objected to the obsession with material things that is reported to be in vogue among some of her contemporaries.

Ugandan rebel leader speaks

NAIROBI, Kenya — The commander of the Ugandan rebel army said Sunday he had replaced the 6-month-old ruling military council with one of his own and promised to form a broad-based government and punish criminals from previous regimes.

Yoweri Museveni outlined his plans during a speech on the government-owned radio Sunday afternoon, a day after his National Resistance Army captured the capital, Kampala, and sent thousands of government soldiers fleeing.

Deserting army troops were robbing and beating civilians and looting as they retreated, said a group of evacuees who reached Nairobi late Sunday afternoon from Northern Uganda.

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