



# Bomb Squad breaks through

## BOMB SQUAD 46, SANDY'S TIGHT ENDS 43

# 1996

In the league's tenth anniversary season, the remaining charter franchise that had previously been denied finally put their (new, fifth) name in the ring of honor. The Bomb Squad (formerly Bray's Bombers, Doc's Miracle Workers, the Ballbusters, the

Dittoheads) reunited original owner Andy Bray with long-time owner Dan Sloan. Their thrilling three-point victory denied Sandy Adzger's Tight Ends, who had hoped that their third Fantasy Bowl appearance might finally be the charm.

### EXCERPTS FROM SEASON FINALE UPDATE

It was a season of the good, the bad, the ugly, the ugly, the bad and the good. It came full circle for the Bomb Squad in Fantasy Bowl X. They became the AWWFL's tenth champion in their tenth season in the league, surviving two straight weeks of Monday-night nail-biting to claim the football world's most coveted prize — the missing AWWFL traveling trophy that has not been seen in public since 1993. Oh, and first place was good for over \$1,500 from the playoff pot, plus bonuses for a division title, a weekly high score and a player of the week. The total take: over \$1,700.

The Bomb Squad entered Fantasy Bowl X weekend as a decided underdog to Sandy's Tight Ends. The Tight Ends finished the regular season as the #4 team in scoring (525/37.5), while the Bombers finished #8 (487/34.8). The Tight Ends had not been outscored by the Bombers for five consecutive weeks leading up to FB-X.

When the Tight Ends scored 29 points in a Week #15 wild card win, the Bombers scored a league-low 17 points (on their bye week, resting their regulars). When the Tight Ends smashed the then-favored Death Campers, 45-17, in the semifinals, the Bomb Squad squeaked to a 20-18 win over the Chiefs, getting just enough points to make their way to the big game.

The Bomb Squad entered FB-X with a 5-0-1 record over its previous six contests, but their last loss had come at the hands of the Tight Ends, 35-22, in week #9.

Experts pointed to the fact that the Tight Ends would be in their third Fantasy Bowl, a game in which they had the second-highest losing score ever (31 in 1991). The Bombers would be in their first Fantasy Bowl, in only their third playoff appearance in ten seasons. Trends... recent performance... experience... the Vegas odds



were overwhelming. Four out of five experts agreed: the Bomb Squad would be shot down.

But as the smoke of the most competitive, high scoring Fantasy Bowl game began to clear on Sunday night, the Bomb Squad had defied the odds and held a precarious 46-40 lead. The flip side was that their lineup was spent. The Tight Ends still had Brent Jones and the 49ers Defense going on Monday night, needing six points to win the title. (The Tight Ends had a 14-4 lead on the bench should overtime have been necessary.)

It looked like the Tight Ends might carry the day when the 49ers sacked Detroit's Scott Mitchell on both of the first two plays of the game. Four points to go. The game was barely one minute old.

Still quite early in the game, Brent Jones took in a pass and headed for the end zone where it would be all over ... but he was pushed out of bounds at the one yard line. The TD came a play later, and yes, it was a pass to the tight end ... Ted Popson. Popson was hurt on the play, which turned out to be his last play of the year. Jones never got closer to the end zone, and the defense could muster just one more sack and no turnovers the remainder of the night.

Bomb Squad co-owners Dan Sloan and Andy Bray sucked Chivas and Maalox on the rocks while waiting for the axe to fall for three grueling hours. They passed the time by calling Tight Ends' owner Sandy Adzgery and baiting her with questions like, "how's the game going?" as if they were too busy to watch. (The Bomb Squad's Sloan later complained to the commissioners' office about Adzgery's surly demeanor and "bad attitude"

during the game. The twinkle in Sloan's eye was gleaming through the phone.)

### Full Circle

The Bomb Squad had indeed come full circle in one season. They streaked to a league-record-tying 5-0 start, and looked like the odds-on favorite to win the title.

Then, a Week #6 loss to the Chiefs, and the Chiefs became the darlings of the oddsmakers as they won nine of their first ten. When the Chiefs began to run out of gas, K.C.'s Rough Writers looked like the frontrunner when they culminated an eight-game winning streak with a league-record-tying, 77-point game. That game was their last hurrah, and the Roughies flunked out with two straight losses.

Meanwhile, the Death Campers closed the season with five of six, earning the #1 seed by sweeping their division, and scoring a ton of points over the season's final weeks and the first week of the playoffs (when they were on their bye). But, as all previous frontrunners before them, the Campers also faltered. They were smoked by the Tight Ends, whose steady rise to the Fantasy Bowl captured the fancy of the oddsmakers, who installed them as the team to beat.

But who was left standing when the final gun sounded? None other than the team that most experts



agreed back in September would win it all — the Bomb Squad. Once again, the experts were right — and wrong.

The 89 points scored in FB-X makes it the second-highest scoring Fantasy Bowl game ever. Ironically, the Tight Ends also lost the highest-scoring championship game, 63-31, to the Cowboys in 1991.

The 46 points scored by the Bomb Squad is the second-highest score ever in Fantasy Bowl competition. Unfortunately for the Tight Ends, their 43 is the third highest Fantasy Bowl score ever, and ranks as the highest losing score ever. Other Fantasy Bowl record book entries include:

Most FB losses: 3, Sandy's Tight Ends, ties McRockers; Most FB appearances, 3, Sandy's Tight Ends ties Death Campers for second (McRockers with 4). Most FB appearances without a win, 3, Sandy's Tight Ends; Most total FB points, 94, Sandy's Tight Ends (second to McRockers, 96); Highest FB scoring average: 46 ppg, Bomb Squad; Closest championship game: 3 pts (second to 2-point game in 1992);

**All-AWFFL QB Brett Favre led the Bomb Squad to the league championship.**



# PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WK	PLAYER	PTS	TEAM	PRIZE
1	SAN DIEGO KICKER	19	Bomb Squad	20.00
2	S.F. 49ers DEFENSE	19	Sandy's Tight Ends	20.00
3	CURTIS MARTIN	20	K.C.'s Rough Writers	10.00
3	PACKER DEFENSE	20	Chiefs (bench)	5.00
4	SCOTT MITCHELL	21	Chiefs	12.50
4	TONY MARTIN	21	Chiefs	12.50
5	49ers KICKER	21	Stu Bruisers	20.00
6	SHANNON SHARPE	21	Jalapeños	10.00
6	JAMAL ANDERSON	21	Rough Writers (bench)	5.00
7	CAROLINA DEFENSE	20	Stu Bruisers	25.00
8	IRVING FRYAR	27	Sandy's Tight Ends	20.00
9	N.Y. GIANTS DEFENSE	22	Free Agent	
10	DARICK HOLMES	21	Free Agent	
11	BOOMER ESIASON	21	Free Agent	
12	TERRELL DAVIS	21	Sandy's Tight Ends	26.66
12	DALLAS KICKER	21	Sandy's Tight Ends	26.66
12	JEFF GRAHAM	21	Stu Bruisers	26.66
13	CARL PICKENS	21	Death Campers	20.00
14	NEW ENGLAND DEF.	24	Jalapeños	20.00
15	ANTONIO FREEMAN	21	Death Campers	20.00
16	EDDIE KENNISON	24	Chiefs (bench)	10.00
17	MICHAEL JACKSON	21	Rough Writers	30.00

## 1996 Weekly Winners

1.	Bomb Squad	54
2.	Sandy's Tight Ends	55
3.	K.C.'s Rough Writers	45
4.	Chiefs	69
5.	Stu Bruisers	68
6.	Jalapeños	53
7.	McRockers	68
8.	Sandy's Tight Ends	67
9.	Melba Toast	55
10.	McRockers	54
11.	Melba Toast	70
12.	Stu Bruisers	60
13.	K.C.'s Rough Writers	77
14.	Death Campers	53
15.	Death Campers	46
16.	Sandy's Tight Ends	45
17.	K.C.'s Rough Writers	65



# 1996 ALL-AWFFL

## FIRST TEAM

Bret Favre	Bomb Squad	137
Terry Allen	Melba Toast	141
Terrell Davis	Sandy's Tight Ends	111
Michael Jackson	K.C.'s Rough Writers	100
Tony Martin	Chiefs	96
Carl Pickens	Death Campers	83
Carolina (Kasay)	Melba Toast	148
Carolina Defense	Stu Bruisers	136

## SECOND TEAM

Vinny Testaverde	Sandy's Tight Ends	134
Curtis Martin	K.C.'s Rough Writers	110
Emmitt Smith	McRockers	102
Irving Fryar	Sandy's Tight Ends	78
Eddie Kennison	Chiefs	75
Herman Moore	Stu Bruisers	71
Indy (Blanchard)	McRockers	140
Pittsburgh Def.	Tim's Raiders	121

## 1996 FIRST ROUND PICKS

1	Curtis Martin	K.C.'s Rough Writers
2	Emmitt Smith	McRockers
3	Jerry Rice	Cowboys
4	Chris Warren	Stu Bruisers
5	Brett Favre	Bomb Squad
6	Herman Moore	Tim's Raiders
7	Barry Sanders	Melba Toast
8	Steve Young	Averitt's Favorites
9	Marshall Faulk	Chiefs
10	Ricky Watters	Death Campers
11	KiJana Carter	Jalapeños
12	Robert Brooks	Sandy's Tight Ends
13	Terrell Davis	Sandy's Tight Ends

Team 2 (Raiders) and Team 6 (McRockers) traded first and second round picks.

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Scoreboard O.T. Sports Bar

# 1996 FANTASY BOWL X

		TOP	TD	Pass	Rush	Rcv	XP	PG	Int	Fum	Sk	Stm	Pts.	
<b>BOMB SQUAD</b>														
QB	FAVRE, BRET	GB	3	202	10								9	
RB	HOARD, LEROY	MIN			41	46							0	
RB	JABBAR, KARIM	MIA	1	102	06								9	
WR	BROWN, TIM	OAK				63							0	
WR	EARLY, QUINN	BUF	1		29	35							6	
WR	GLENN, TERRI	NE	1		-2	124							9	
K	SAN DIEGO KICKER	SD					2	3					11	
DE	ST. LOUIS DEFENSE	STL							0	1	1	0	2	
													Score	46



QB	HOSTETLER, JEFF	OAK											0	
RB	CENTERS, LARRY	AZ			28	43							0	
RB	HAMPTON, RODNEY	NYG			00								0	
RB	SALAMI RASH	CHI			35	08							0	
WR	JEFFERSON, SH	NE				22							0	
DE	BUFFALO DEF	BUF							2	1	1	0	4	
													Score	4



		P-TD	TD	Pass	Rush	Rcv	XP	PG	Int	Fum	Sk	Stm	Pts.	
<b>SANDY'S TIGHT ENDS</b>														
QB	TESTAVERDE, VIN	BAL	3	307	35								12	
RB	DAVIS, TERRELL	DEN	1		21	09							6	
RB	LEVENS, DORSEY	GB	2		73	08							12	
WR	FRYAR, IRVING	PHI				48							0	
TE	JONES, BRENT	SF				28							0	
TE	WALLS, WESLEY	CAR	1			43							6	
K	DALLAS KICKER	DAL					1	1					4	
DE	SAN FRAN DEF	SF							0	0	3	0	3	
													Score	43

RB	CRAVER, AARON	DEN				32							0	
WR	BROOKS, ROBERT	GB				00							0	
WR	CALLOWAY, CHRIS	NYG				21							0	
WR	HASTINGS, ANDRE	PIT	1		37	54							6	
TE	WYCHECK, FRANK	HOU				20							0	
K	BUFFALO KICKER	BUF					2	2					8	
													Score	14

