

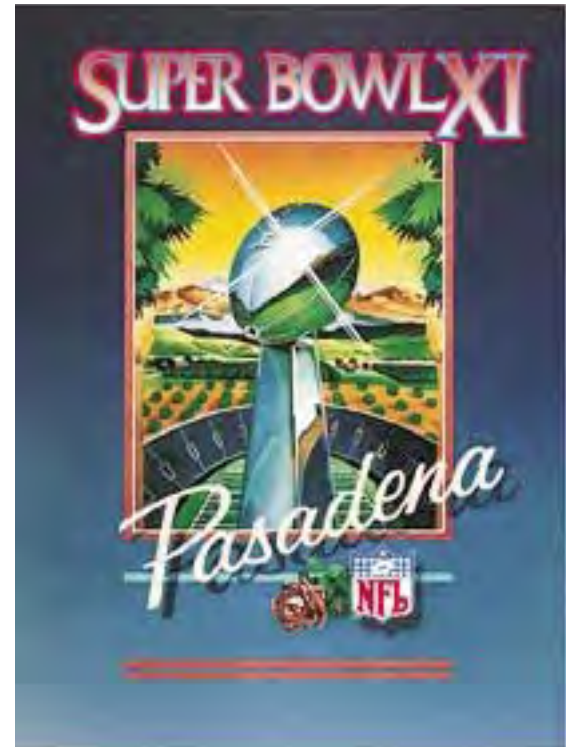


Melba is the Toast of the town

MELBA TOAST 20, BOMB SQUAD 18

1997

The Toast became the eleventh different champion in the league's 11 seasons. They overcame a 16-0 deficit to take a thriller from the Bomb Squad, with two defensive points late in the fourth quarter of the season's last game on Monday Night. Both teams led their divisions for most of the season, but the Toast were forced into an Elimination Round game when they lost their season finale, 78-24, to Sandy's Tight Ends. The Tight Ends set a new league scoring record in that game, slipping the division title right through the Toast's hands. The Toast got revenge, however; in beating the Death Campers, 71-24, they set a new league playoff scoring record. Then, in the semifinals, they paid back the Tight Ends, 34-31, to set up the opportunity to deny the Bomb Squad their second straight crown. Despite the high-scoring antics of both teams, Fantasy Bowl XI was the lowest scoring championship in league history.



EXCERPTS FROM SEASON FINALE UPDATE

❑ **Melba Toast** set a new playoff single-game scoring mark in their 71-24 win over the **Death Campers** in the elimination round. That broke the record of 67 points, set by **K.C.'s Rough Writers** in the league's first season, 1986. The amazing thing about that 67 is that there were no yardage bonus points or Team Defense points that season, just TDs and kicking points.

❑ Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Stu Bruiser** (a/k/a **Jay** and **Holly Moylan**), who both graduated from the University of Houston with Bachelor's Degrees a couple of weeks ago.

❑ **Sandy's Tight Ends** scored a league record 78 points in Week #14 to take the Division #2 title away from **Melba Toast**, a feat akin to **Mike Scott's** 1986 no-hitter for the Astros. Had they lost that game, the Tight Ends would not have made the playoffs. Their previous high score was 67, set in 1996.

❑ **Melba Toast** never allowed 40 points in a game until Week #11, when they beat the **Rough Writers**, 51-41. After beating the **Chiefs** 37-27, the following week, they faced the league's highest

scoring team in each of the last two games, allowing 132 points (54 to the **McRockers**, 78 to the Tight Ends).

❑ The **Death Campers** tied for the Division #1 lead, but lost the title to the **Bomb Squad** on a tiebreaker, having lost to them 49-16 in Week #3. In only one other game did the Campers fail to score at least 31 points.

❑ The **Tight Ends** won the season scoring crown (572 points, 40.86 ppg.) with that 78-point finale, which was the second-highest game score in the 13-year history of the 20th Century Scoring System. The 572 points was the fifth-best scoring season ever.

❑ In the season's first 12 games, the McRockers scored more than 40 points only twice (44, 41). In their last two games they scored 54 and 52, and then scored 55, 30 and 56 during the playoffs — but they weren't in them.

❑ The **Bomb Squad** led the league with games in which they scored more than 40 points, doing it eight times. In a seven-week span from Week #7 to Week #13, they did it five times.

1997 Weekly Winners

1. Tim's Raiders64
2. Jalapeños41
3. Cowboys.....53
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16. K.C.'s Rough Writers.....52
17. McRockers56

AWFFL 1997 WINNINGS

Team	WW	POW	DIV	PO	GROSS	FEES	NET
Melba Toast	225	74		1,455	1,754	45	1,709
Bombers	25	10	100	485	620	40	580
Tight Ends	125	63	100	194	482	45	437
Faves				291	291	65	226
Cowboys	100	29	100		229	65	164
McRockers	150	27			177	75	102
Roughies	100	20			120	150	(30)
Raiders	100	15			115	35	80
Bruisers	50	45		495	95	40	55
Jalapeños	75	17			92	85	7
Campers	50	30			80	65	15
Chiefs		10			10	55	(45)

Net amounts based on payment of entry fee in full.

1997 ALL-AWFFL TEAM

QB	KORDELL STEWART	Melba Toast*	Steelers	136
RB	BARRY SANDERS	McRockers	Lions	135
RB	TERRELL DAVIS	Death Campers	Broncos	132
WR	CRIS CARTER	Averitt's Favorites	Ravens	96
WR	ROD SMITH	McRockers	Broncos	90
WR	ANTONIO FREEMAN	Rough Writers	Packers	81
WR	JOEY GALLOWAY	Stu Bruisers	Seahawkss	81
K	JACKSONVILLE KICK	Jalapeños	M. Hollis	136
D	KANSAS CITY DEF	McRockers	Chiefs	140

PLAYERS of the WEEK

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|----|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Tim Brown.....21t | Bomb Squad |\$10.00 |
| 1 | Larry Phillips21t | Cowboys..... | \$10.00 |
| 2 | Jacksonville Kicker | 16 Chiefs (bench) | ..\$10.00 |
| 3 | Oakland Defense16 | Tim's Raiders (bench) | \$15.00 |
| 4 | Antowain Smith21 | Jalapeños (bench) | \$17.50 |
| 5 | Anthony Miller21 | Cowboys (bench) | \$18.75 |
| 6 | Kordell Stewart21 | Melba Toast |\$38.75 |
| 7 | James Stewart.....33 | Death Campers | \$20.00 |
| 8 | Karim Abdul-Jabbar | 21 Melba Toast |\$20.00 |
| 9 | Warren Moon21t | McRockers (bench) | \$5.00 |
| 9 | Joey Galloway21t | Stu Bruisers (bench) | \$5.00 |
| 10 | Fred Lane21 | Free Agent..... | |
| 11 | Denver Defense.....30 | Sandy's Tight Ends | \$50.00 |
| 12 | Harvey Williams24 | Free Agent..... | |
| 13 | Barry Sanders18t | McRockers |\$10.00 |
| 13 | Karim Abdul-Jabbar..18t | Melba Toast |\$10.00 |
| 13 | Terrell Davis18t | Death Campers | \$10.00 |
| 13 | Patriots Defense18t | Melba Toast (bench) | \$5.00 |
| 14 | Barry Sanders21 | McRockers |\$12.50 |
| 14 | Jerome Bettis.....21 | Sandy's Tight Ends | \$12.50 |
| 15 | Corey Dillon30 | Rough Writers..... | \$20.00 |
| 16 | N.Y. Jets Defense ..28 | Free Agent..... | |
| 17 | Washington Defense ..21 | Stu Bruisers |\$40.00 |

1997 FIRST ROUND PICKS

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|----|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Emmitt Smith | Stu Bruisers |
| 2 | Brett Favre | Bomb Squad |
| 3 | Terrell Davis | Death Campers |
| 4 | Curtis Martin | Averitt's Favorites |
| 5 | Barry Sanders | McRockers |
| 6 | Jerome Bettis | Sandy's Tight Ends |
| 7 | Ricky Watters | Melba Toast |
| 8 | Jerry Rice | Chiefs |
| 9 | Terry Allen | Jalapeños |
| 10 | Herman Moore | Tim's Raiders |
| 11 | Carl Pickens | K.C.'s Rough Writers |
| 12 | John Elway | Cowboys |
| 13 | Marshall Faulk | Cowboys |

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1997 FANTASY BOWL XI



The Bomb Squad held the early lead. Favre (6), the Giants (7) and Tim Brown (3) made it 16-0 for the Squad.

Rob Moore of Arizona finally put the Toast on the board with a TD near the end of the 3:00 games. On Sunday night, Terrell Owens went scoreless for the Squad, but SF Kicker Gary Anderson booted three field goals to bring the Toast to within 16-15 going into Monday night action.

The squad had NE Kicker Adam Vinatieri, while the Toast had NFL TD leader Karim Abdul Jabbar and the New England Defense.

Two sacks in the first half gave the Toast a 17-16 lead. The Squad tied it back up at 17 with an extra point halfway through the third quarter, and took an 18-17 lead three minutes into the fourth. They were 12 minutes away from back-to-back titles. A field goal would do it.

With eight minutes left, another Patriots' sack tied the game back up.

Jabbar scored a two-point conver-

97 MELBA TOAST											
QB	STEWART, KORDELL	PIT		97	20					0	
RB	ABDUL-JABBAR, KARIM	MIA			33	60				0	
RB	WATTERS, RICKY	PHI			30					0	
WR	BROOKS, ROBERT	GB				93				0	
WR	MOORE, ROB	AZ	1			91				6	
WR	SMITH, JIMMY	JAC				33				0	
K	SAN FRAN KICKER	SF						3		9	
DE	PATRIOTS DEFENSE	NE							1	4	5
									Score	20	

RB	GARNER, CHARLIE	PHI	2		115						15
RB	HEBRON, VAUGHN	DEN			47	41					0
RB	ZELLARS, RAY	NO			47						0
WR	ENGRAM, BOBBY	CHI				12					0
TE	SHARPE, SHANNON	DEN	1			162					9
K	NY JETS KICKER	NYJ						1	1		4
									Score	28	

97 BOMB SQUAD												
P-TD	TD	Pass	Rush	Rcv	XP	PG	Int	Rum	Sk	Sht	Pts	
QB	FAVRE, BRETT	GB	2	196	-1							6
RB	KAUFMAN, NAPOLEAN	OAK			94	11						0
RB	LANE, FRED	CAR			78							0
WR	BROWN, TIM	OAK				164						3
WR	OWENS, TERRELL	SF				37						0
WR	THIGPEN, YANCEY	PIT				94						0
K	NEW ENGLAND KICKER	NE						2				2
DE	NY GIANTS DEFENSE	NYG							1	2	4	7
									Score	18		

QB	GRBAC, ELVIS	KC		51	18							0
RB	LEE, AMP	STL			10	37						0
WR	McDUFFIE, OJ	MIA				49						0
TE	CHMURA, MARK	GB				17						0
TE	WALLS, WESLEY	CAR				0						0
DE	SAN DIEGO DEFENSE	SD							1			1
									Score	1		

sion with 3:46 left that would have given the Toast a two-point lead, but also would have tied the NFL game. If tied, the Patriots would attempt to drive down for the game-winning field goal that would give the Squad their back-to-backer. But the two-pointer was negated by a holding penalty. The Dolphins went for two again, from the 18-yard line, and failed.

The Pats led, 14-12, and all they

had to do was to kill the clock to win the game, and leave the Fantasy Bowl tied at 18. But they gave the ball back to the Dolphins. They recorded a sack at 1:18, and an interception on the next play, to give the Toast the winning margin. The Pats were in field goal range, but had the lead. As Vinatieri watched helplessly from the sidelines, Drew Bledsoe took a knee twice, and the Toast had survived.