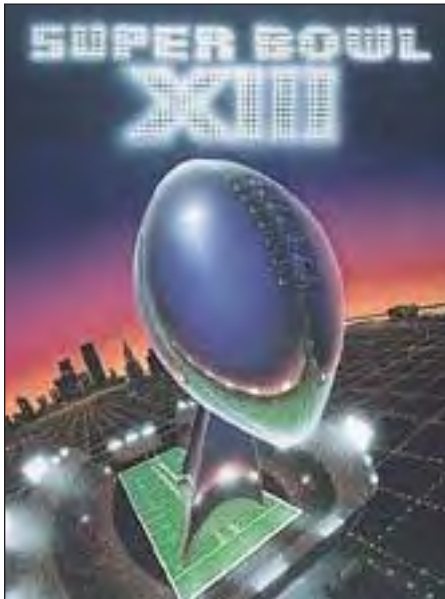




Raiders stun the world, Melba

TIM'S RAIDERS 45, MELBA TOAST 37

1999



Tim's Raiders became the second team to win a second championship, pulling the upset of the century when they knocked off Melba Toast, who entered the championship game as the first undefeated team in league history.

EXCERPTS FROM WEEK #14 UPDATE

Last week it was written that the Toast needed 57 points to break the single season scoring record of 630 points. The fact is, they needed 65, because the record was actually 638. We say "was," because the record is now 648, thanks to Melba's 75-point explosion in their last tune-up before they take a week off to rest for the semifinal round of the playoffs.

The Toast became the first team to ever complete a regular season undefeated, and their legacy is assured now that they have broken the four-year old scoring mark of the 1995 champion **Stu Bruisers** (who finished that season 11-3).

The Toast also set a league record by winning the high score prize in seven of 14 weeks.

They have the league's longest winning streak — still going — the best record of all time (regular season), and the most points in a season.

The only real milestone left for the Toast to achieve is to become the league's first undefeated champion, which requires only two more wins, in weeks #16 and #17.

One roadblock to that ultimate accomplishment could be the team whose record the Toast hopes to break — **Tim's Raiders**. The Raiders are the only other team in league history to have beaten every other team in the league in the same year, though they had to avenge a season loss in the playoffs to accomplish it. They finished 13-1 in 1988 and then won both of their playoff games to take the championship at 15-1 overall.

The Raiders have the #2 playoff seed, which means that

if both teams win in week #16, they would meet in the ultimate game.

"I don't care at this point if they equal my 15-1 record," says Tim Burnside. "I just want to be the only 15-1 *champion*." Fittingly, the Raiders might well wind up having the last opportunity to derail the Melba express and keep their own record from being broken.

The Toast goes into the Final Four as the only undefeated team ever to go into the playoffs. They also had the league's easiest schedule, though it didn't make much difference. Had they played the league's toughest schedule (that of the Cowboys), they would have finished 12-2, with an eleven game winning streak to finish the regular season.

If anyone is going to knock off the Toast, they are going to have to score a lot of points. To post their league record 46.3 ppg average, they scored 40 or more points in eleven of their fourteen games.



According to our twelve year history, the #2 seed and the #4 seed have won half of the league's championships (three apiece).

The #2 seed, Tim's Raiders, coasted to an easy Moe Division crown, clinching it with a 51-48 thriller over their closest competitor, the **Jalapeños**, in week #12. They did finish the season with a two-game losing streak, scoring less than 30 points in each game, and lost three of their last four. Their record was assisted by having the second easiest schedule in the league. Had the Raiders played the Cowboys' schedule, they would have finished 6-8.

The Raiders ranked #6 in total scoring, #4 on the top and #8 on the bottom.

The Raiders are led by QB **Peyton Manning** (94 pts., #3), who hopes to become the first QB to win the Fantasy Bowl in each of his first two seasons in the league.

Thanks to Manning, the Raiders are #2 in QB scoring and the position accounted for 20% of their scoring, the second-highest share by one player in the league.

If omens mean anything, the Raiders are in a good spot to challenge for their second title. Not only are they the #2 seed, which has won three times, but they are also the only AWFFL team to win the title in years divisible by 11 (88, 99?).

The biggest incentive for them is protect their eleven year-old league record of a 15-1 championship. The Toast could equal that record, but fall short of the championship season record of the Raiders, if the Raiders beat them in the big show.

**EXCERPT FROM
SEASON FINALE
UPDATE**

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In the four weeks leading up to the big game, the Toast was warming up with a total of 250 points — an average of 62.5 ppg. The Raiders averaged 28.75 ppg during those same four weeks leading to the big shootout.

When the show-down began, however, the Toast was shooting blanks — **Edgerrin James** was pulled as the Colts struggled in a meaningless game; **Isaac Bruce** rested for the playoffs, and **Eddie**

George got only eight carries as he was also rested. **Joey Galloway** was a non-factor as the Seahawks got creamed by the Jets. Despite **Steve Beuerlein's** 18 points, which nailed down his spot as the second-team ALL-AWWFL QB ahead of the Raiders' **Payton Manning**, the Toast were only able to get 37

points, their lowest score since posting 36 three months ago in week #5 — against, ironically, Tim's Raiders in a 36-28 win.

It was an upset of stunning proportions, one that has reportedly bankrupted a number of bookies who take on action the AWWFL.

In the 16 weeks leading up to this game, the Raiders had scored

SEASON FINALE UPDATE



ST. LOUIS DEFENSE - 158

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WEEK #17

WEEKLY WINNER: TIGHT ENDS - 56 POINTS

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RAIDERS FEAST ON SOGGY TOAST

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Harry S. Burnside, proud father of Raiders' owner Tim Burnside, gets the last laugh.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 15

Moo Muhammed
Jalapeños win 27.50

Marcus Robinson
Campers win 13.75 (bench)
21 points each

Week 16

Edgerrin James
21 points

Melba Toast wins 33.75

Week 17

Dorsey Levens
21 points

Tight Ends win 20.00

more than 37 points only three times. Interestingly, The Raiders outscored the Toast only three times over the course of the entire season and playoffs.

But when it counted most, the Raiders came to play — in a big way.

They won both of their playoff games despite getting no points in



either game from Manning, who had scored in 28 consecutive games. It turned out that Manning did not need to score, because when the Raiders' namesakes took the field in their afternoon game at Kansas City, they had three studs in their lineup — **Ricky Dudley**, who had a solid game but did not score; **Tyrone Wheatley**, who scored two second-half TDs, and the **Raiders Defense**, which put the ball in the end-zone and finished with eight points.

In the early games, **Leroy Hoard** scored a TD and **Keenan McCardell** had nine points to get the Raiders off to a good start.

Each team's kicker accounted for seven points. It was at a position that the Toast had dominated all season that was their downfall. The Raiders' Hoard and Wheatley outscored the Toast's benchwarmers 18-0.

It is said in the NFL that "on any given week..." That adage obviously holds true in the AWWFL. No matter how big Goliath gets, there can always be a David waiting in the weeds with a slingshot. The prediction was that the Toast could only lose if they had an off-week, and their opponent had an above-average performance. It happened.

The Raiders had the league's highest score twice during the season — with 42 in week #3, and with 51 in week #11. The Toast outscored the league in eight of the

first 16 weeks before stumbling below 40 for the first time in eight weeks.

Having star players resting for the NFL playoffs is an annual hazard for teams in the Final Four. Tim's Raiders knew that Oakland was going to do whatever it would take to knock their Kansas City rivals out of the NFL playoffs. The Toast, however, were stabbed in the heart by their own dominance. Many of their players performed so well during the season that their teams were no longer in a position to need a win.

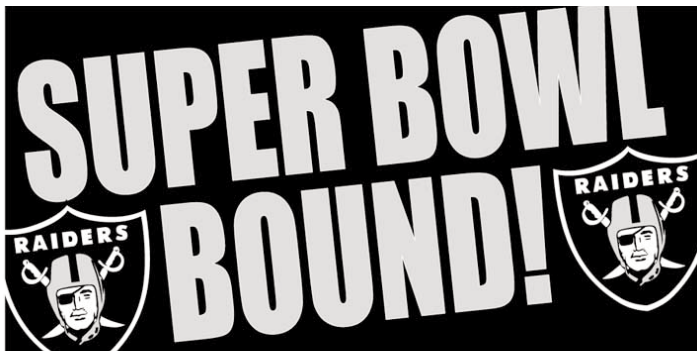


The sweetest part of the victory — aside from their total winnings of \$1,646.00, of course — was that the Raiders prevented the undefeated Toast from becoming the league champion with the best record. That honor still remains with the Raiders' 1988 team, which, like this year's Toast, finished 15-1 and beat every team in the league.



The Toast's records of scoring the most points and establishing the league's longest winning streak, of finishing the regular season unbeaten, will remain. And, because of their dominance during the season, they took home total winnings of \$1,105.75 — \$482 for finishing second, and \$623.75 for winning their division, eight weekly high scores, and shares of four POW prizes.

The three big weekly high score prizes (\$100 during each of the three weeks of the playoffs) went to the Jalapeños (66 in week #15), the Toast (61 in week #16) and Tight Ends (56 in week #17).



1999 P.O.W.s

1. ED McCAFFERY21
.....**Death Campers** win \$20
2. MARVIN HARRISON21
.....**Bomb Squad** wins \$10
2. STEPHEN DAVIS (bench)21
.....**Rough Writers** win \$5
3. SEAHAWKS DEFENSE19
.....**Chiefs** win \$25
4. TSHIMANGA BIAKABUTUKA21
.....**McRockers** win \$20
5. ISAAC BRUCE27
.....**Melba Toast** wins \$20
6. PATRIOTS DEFENSE23
.....**Chiefs** win \$10
7. DERRICK MAYES15
.....**Melba Toast** wins \$10
7. TERRY ALLEN15
.....**Stu Bruisers** win \$10.00
7. KANSAS CITY DEFENSE15
.....**Jalapeños** win \$10
8. KANSAS CITY DEF. (bench)19
.....**Jalapeños** win \$10
9. DENVER KICKER16
.....**Tight Ends** win \$15
10. CRIS CARTER21
.....**Jalapeños** win \$17.50
10. ST. LOUIS DEFENSE21
.....**Rough Writers** win \$17.50
11. EDGERRIN JAMES21
.....**Melba Toast** wins \$10
11. RICKY WATTERS21
.....**Averitt's Favorites** wins \$10
12. KANSAS CITY DEF. (bench)20
.....**Jalapeños** win \$10
13. AMANI TOOMER21
.....**Free Agent**
13. DETROIT DEFENSE21
.....**Ave's Faves** win \$15.00
14. QUADRY ISMAIL24
.....**Free Agent**
15. MUHSIN MUHAMMED21
.....**Jalapeños** win \$27.50
15. MARCUS ROBINSON21
.....**Death Campers** win \$13.75
16. EDGERRIN JAMES21
.....**Melba Toast** wins \$33.75
17. DORSEY LEVENS27
.....**Tight Ends** win \$20

1999 ALL-AWFFL TEAM

QB	KURT WARNER	Tight Ends	Rams	157
RB	EDGERRIN JAMES	Melba Toast	Colts	132
RB	STEPHEN DAVIS	Rough Writers	Redskins	122
WR	MARVIN HARRISON	Bomb Squad	Colts	101
WR	RANDY MOSS	Melba Toast	Vikings	93
WR	CRIS CARTER	Jalapeños	Vikings	93
K	MIAMI KICK	Jalapeños	O Mare	147
D	ST. LOUIS DEFENSE	Rough Writers	Rams	158



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2. Death Campers46
3. Tim's Raiders42
4. Melba Toast51
5. McRockers43
5. Rough Writers43
6. Melba Toast57
7. Melba Toast52
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12. Tim's Raiders51
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14. Melba Toast75
15. Jalapeños66
16. Melba Toast63
17. Tight Ends56

1999 FIRST ROUND PICKS

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|----|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Terrell Davis | Chiefs |
| 2 | Fred Taylor | Death Campers |
| 3 | Randy Moss | Melba Toast |
| 4 | Brett Favre | Bomb Squad |
| 5 | Emmitt Smith | Cowboys |
| 6 | Jamal Anderson | McRockers |
| 7 | Eddie George | Stu Bruisers |
| 8 | Antonio Freeman | K.C's Rough Writers |
| 9 | Terrell Owens | Tim's Raiders |
| 10 | Curtis Martin | Jalapeños |
| 11 | Dorsey Levens | Sandy's Tight Ends |
| 12 | Marshall Faulk | Averitt's Favorites |
| 13 | Mark Brunel | Averitt's Favorites |

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1999 AWWFL FINAL STANDINGS

Larry Division

Franchise											Div		
	W	L	T	Pct	GB	Strk	PF	Avg PF	PA	Avg PA	W	L	T
Melba Toast	14	0	0	1.000	0.0	W14	648	46.3	376	26.9	6	0	0
Death Campers	8	6	0	.571	6.0	L1	469	33.5	487	34.8	3	3	0
Chiefs	5	9	0	.357	9.0	L2	463	33.1	520	37.1	2	4	0
Bomb Squad	4	9	1	.321	9.5	W1	483	34.5	513	36.6	1	5	0

Curly Division

Franchise											Div		
	W	L	T	Pct	GB	Strk	PF	Avg PF	PA	Avg PA	W	L	T
K.C.'s Rough Writers	9	5	0	.643	0.0	W2	520	37.1	474	33.9	5	1	0
McRockers	6	8	0	.429	3.0	W1	418	29.9	508	36.3	2	4	0
Stu Bruisers	5	9	0	.357	4.0	L2	453	32.4	501	35.8	3	3	0
Cowboys	5	9	0	.357	4.0	L1	514	36.7	531	37.9	2	4	0

Moe Division

Franchise											Div		
	W	L	T	Pct	GB	Strk	PF	Avg PF	PA	Avg PA	W	L	T
Tim's Raiders	9	4	1	.679	0.0	L2	478	34.1	424	30.3	4	2	0
Jalapeños	7	7	0	.500	2.5	L4	494	35.3	495	35.4	2	4	0
Averitt's Favorites	6	8	0	.429	3.5	W4	428	30.6	459	32.8	4	2	0
Tight Ends	5	9	0	.357	4.5	W2	404	28.9	484	34.6	2	4	0

WEEK 15 ELIMINATIONS

Jalapeños 66, Averitt's Favorites 21
Rough Writers 22, Death Campers 18

OTHERS:

Melba Toast 61, Tight Ends 48, Stu Bruisers 42, Bomb Squad 32, Tim's Raiders 28, Chiefs 26, Cowboys 23, McRockers 15

WEEK 16 SEMIFINALS

Melba Toast 63, Jalapeños 25
Tim's Raiders 30, Rough Writers 24

OTHERS:

Death Campers 49, Cowboys 49, Stu Bruisers 45, Chiefs 29, Tight Ends 24, Bomb Squad 23, McRockers 21, Averitt's Favorites 18

WEEK 17 BOWLS

FANTASY BOWL

Tim's Raiders 45, Melba Toast 37

CONSOLATION

Jalapeños 33, K.C.'S Rough Writers 26

OTHERS:

Tight Ends 56, Death Campers 51, Averitt's Favorites 42, Stu Bruisers 41, Cowboys 38, McRockers 23, Bomb Squad 20, Chiefs 14



GROSS PRIZE WINNINGS

	Div.	Weekly	POW	Playoffs	Total
Tim's Raiders	100.00	100.00		1,446.00	1,646.00
Melba Toast	100.00	450.00	73.75	482.00	1,105.75
Jalapeños		150.00	75.00	289.00	514.00
Rough Writers	100.00	75.00	22.50	193.00	275.50
Tight Ends		100.00	35.00		135.00
Chiefs		50.00	35.00		85.00
Death Campers		50.00	33.75		83.75
McRockers		25.00	20.00		45.00
Favorites			25.00		25.00
Stu Bruisers			10.00		10.00
Bomb Squad			10.00		10.00
Cowboys					0