# AFRO Sports

## Steelers vs. Rams looms as Super Bowl matchup

By Sam Lacy

There is no inclination at this desk to discredit either Oakland or Dallas, but both seem destined to fill also-ran roles in the drive for Super Bowl 10.

The expectancy here is that Pittsburgh will defeat Oakland in Sunday's American Conference title clash in Pittsburgh, and that Los Angeles will subdue Dallas a few hours later in Los Angeles.

The Steelers whipped an ambitious young Baltimore team last Saturday to qualify for the ensuing AFC showdown with a Raiders aggregation that was hard pressed to withstand Cincinnati the following day.

Meanwhile, the Rams, even without full strength, reduced the explosive St. Louis Cardinals to a mere zephyr to earn the right to meet the Dallas Cowboys — winners with a last-second stroke over the Minnesota Vikings — for the NFC crown.

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The conviction at the AFRO sports desk is that Pittsburgh is the best team in pro football at the moment — and, if not the best, no worse than level with Los Angeles for that No. 1 accolade.

GETS RAMS' CALL — Because he appears to have recovered from the shoulder injury which caused him to miss the tre last three games, James Harris was listed as the likely starter at quarterback for Los Angeles, when the Rams meet the Dallas Cowdays in Sunday's final for the NFC title. That is the ward from LA coach Chuck Knox.

The Steelers have solid strength in an offense led by Franco Harris, Terry Bradshaw and a talented corps of blocke.s. They have an impregnable defense in both the line and secondary — with three linebackers who are All-Pro picks — and they will have a huge assortment of rabid fans to accentuate their home-field advantage.

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The Rams, os the other hand, are as near to being counterparts of the Steelers as one can visualize. They have similar strengths, the same kind of powerful ground game, woven around Lawrence McCutcheon, and a defense that is every bit as formidable as Pittsburgh's.

And LA has another thing going. She has been here before, but no cigar. The guys are determined to correct that.

## Morgan and Howard bow in Kiwanis cage event

To the disappointment of their fans and themselves, the basketball teams of Morgan State and Howard universities could do no better than second and fourth, respectively, in the 4-team Kiwanis Club Christmas Classic, concluded Tuesday at the Civic Center.

Morgan reached the final, as expected, but could not handle Drexel University which scored a 62-54 victory.

And Howard, a Monday victim of the Philadelphia five, bowed to Randolph-Macon in the consolation game, 71-63.

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A midpoint collapse by each proved the undoing in the two Tuesday night contests.

The Bears suffered a letdown after tying her tormentors of a year ago at 45-all. They were outscored 10-2 in the ensuing minutes and could not match their rivals' aggressiveness the rest of the way.

Nat Frazier
'they played better'

"We just didn't play as well as they did," said Morgan coach Nat Frazier later.

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The defeat marked the second time in two years that Morgan had been denied a tournament bid by Drexel. The Pennsylvania five upended the local club, 64-60, in last year's NCAA regional.

Howard, like Morgan, fell behind in the middle stages in her battle with the Ashland (Va.) aggregation.

She rallied courageously to close within four points — at 70-66 — but could not prevent Randolph-Macon from gaining a third place finish.

## No eyes of blue, kids love 6-foot-2 guy, Drew

DALLAS (UPI) — The youngsters in Drew Pearson's neighborhood were at work soon after their hero caught "that pass" in the Dallas' 17-14 win over Minnesota Sunday.

And by the time Pearson had returned home Sunday night the work had been completed.

Posters were taped all over Pearson's home and as part of their labors, the boys had prepared a sign that ran across the length of the roof of Pearson's house. The sign read:

"Six-foot-two, dressed in blue;

"Hands of glue, it's our boy Drew"

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Pearson, who has been catching fewer passes this season and enjoying it not much at all, was the subject of attention again. And that was fine with him.

"I don't really want to be known as a big play man," said Pearson Tuesday. "I would rather be known as a consistent receiver.

"When you make the big plays you are just lucky. It's wonderful to be a part of a big play, but when you are it just means you were at the right spot at the right time."

But like it or not Pearson is once again heralded as the biggest of the big play people for the Dallas Cowboys.

It was two yars ago, as a rookie free agent, that Pearson caught an 83-yard, late-game pass from Roger Staubach that clinched a first-round playoff victory over Los Angeles.

And last year it was Pearson who flagged down a 50-yard bomb from back-up quarterback Clint Longley on Thanksgiving Day to give Dallas a win over Washington.

Skip Wise
a lucky fall

## NBA Warriors get Skip Wise

Former Baltimore Dunbar High School whiz Skip Wise appears, at long last, to have fallen in luck.

Wise, who forsook a college career at Clemson to sign a professional basketball contract, had the misfortune of being acquired by the Baltimore Claws of the ABA, which promptly folded.

He then went to the San (ABA) Antonio spurs, only to be dropped after two games.

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On Tuesday, Wise was drafted on the third round of available ABA players by the NBA's Golden State Warriors, a fact which brightened his future prospects considerably.

Warriors' coach Al Attles has a firm policy of giving every one on his squad a chance to perform.

High-priced Moses Malone of Petersburg, Va., was also involved in the NBA Tuesday draft. He was taken by the New Orleans Jazz, which had first pick.

Malone, a $3-million-dollar signee two years ago, business available when his team, the Utah Stars, went into bankruptcy.

WASHINGTON — Herbert A. Scurlock has been named civil rights staff director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

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## Mackey calls grid ruling 'a victory for everyone'

According to one-time football star John Mackey, the federal judge who kicked out the controversial "Rozelle Rule," on the Tuesday, "scored a touchdown for every American."

His reaction stemmed from a ruling by U.S. District Judge Earl Larson in Minneapolis to the effect that the rule permitting The National Football League's commissioner (Pete Rozelle) to order compensation to a team losing a disgruntled player, violates federal anti-trust laws.

Inasmuch as it was Mackey who first challenged the commissioner's power to dictate where and for whom an athlete works, the "Rozelle Rule" may give way in football history to the "Mackey Ruling."

John started the fight against the restrictive clause when he was serving as president of the National Football League Players Association.

A star tight end for the Baltimore Colts — and later at San Diego — Mackey declared from his home in Los Angeles that the court's finding is "more than fitting to kick off the second year of the nation's bicentennial.

"It proves that truth, justice and freedom still prevail," Mackey said. "It not only was a touchdown for football players but a touchdown for every American because it reaffirms the rights of every individual."

Mackey said the decision "means that ballplayers will be treated with more dignity by owners — not that all owners are bad. But they will just have to treat the players differently.

"Now the ballplayers can play out their option and go wherever they want to go," he said.

John Mackey
started in his name

Mackye was drafted by the Colts and played with them from 1963 through 1971. He finished his career with the Chargers in 1972.

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Fourteen former and current players followed Mackey's lead in filing suit against the NFL and the commissioner. The actions were presented in two counts.

The six "Count I" plaintiffs seeking only injunctive relief were Mackey, Ken Bowman, Bill Curry, Kermit Alexander, Tom Keating and Alan Page.

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"Count II" plaintiffs seeking monetary damages were Ocie Austin, Marlin Briscoe, Dick Gordon, John Henderson, Clint Jones, Gene Washington (former Minnesota Vikings), Charlie West, John Williams and Nate Wright.

All of the 15 are retired with the exceptions of Page and Wright, who play for the Minnesota Vikings, Briscoe and West, who are members of the Detroit Lions, and Williams, a Los Angeles Rams' offensive lineman.

Alexander, a former San Francisco 49er, is now president of the players association.

## MEAC week's nod to Bears' Evans

Morgan State University's sophomore center Eric Evans on Tuesday was named player of the week in the mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

Evans, a 6-9 youngster from Clinton, N.C., was recruited by Bears coach Nat Frazier to fill the vacancy left when Marvin "Human Eraser" Webster was graduated.

Webster was a frequent choice for the weekly MEAC nod.

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## Football on TV

The following chart is offered for use by AFRO readers who may wish to identify players in whom they may have special interest in NFL games of the upcoming weekend.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

OAKLAND AT PITTSBURGH

| Raiders | | | Steelers | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Cliff Branch | WR | 24 | J. T. Thomas | CB |
| 24 | Willie Brown | CB | 27 | Glen Edwards | S |
| 26 | Alonzo Thomas | CB | 32 | Franco Harris | RB |
| 28 | Clarence Davis | RB | 33 | John Fuqua | RB |
| 32 | Jack Tatum | S | 43 | Frank Lewis | WR |
| 33 | Louis Carter | RB | 44 | Mike Collier | RB |
| 34 | Harold Hart | RB | 45 | Jim Allen | CB |
| 35 | Jess Phillips | RB | 46 | Reggie Harrison | RB |
| 43 | George Atkinson | S | 47 | Mel Blount | CB |
| 45 | Neal Colzie | S | 57 | Sam Davis | G |
| 47 | Charlie Phillips | CB-S | 63 | Ernie Holmes | DT |
| 60 | Otis Sistrunk | DT | 68 | L. C. Greenwood | DE |
| 63 | Gene Upshaw | G | 75 | Joe Greene | DT |
| 70 | Henry Lawrence | T | 78 | Dwight White | DE |
| 78 | Art Shell | T | 82 | John Stallworth | WR |
| 82 | Horace Jones | DE | 86 | Reggie Garrett | WR |
| 86 | Gerald Irons | LB | 88 | Lynn Swann | WR |

DALLAS AT LOS ANGELES

| Cowboys | | | Rams | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | Mel Renfro | CB | 12 | James Harris | QB |
| 21 | Doug Dennison | RB | 24 | Willie McGee | WR |
| 26 | Preston Pearson | KR | 29 | Harold Jackson | WR |
| 30 | Charlie Young | RB | 30 | Laurence McCutcheon | RB |
| 31 | Benny Barnes | CB | | | |
| 44 | Robert Newhouse | RB | 32 | Cullen Bryant | RB |
| 46 | Mark Washington | CB | 36 | Ken Geddes | LB |
| 56 | Tom Henderson | LB | 39 | Rod Phillips | RB |
| 68 | Herb Scott | G | 41 | Eddie McMillan | CB |
| 70 | Rayfield Wright | T | 44 | Al Clark | CB |
| 72 | Ed Jones | DE | 58 | Isiah Robertson | LB |
| 75 | Jethro Pugh | DT | 73 | Charlie Cowan | G |
| 77 | Bill Gregory | DT | 75 | John Williams | G |
| 79 | Harvey Martin | DE | 76 | Cody Jones | T |
| 81 | Percy Howard | WR | 77 | Doug France | T |
| 84 | Jean Fugett | WR | 81 | Ron Jessie | WR |
| 87 | Ron Howard | TE | 83 | Terry Nelson | TE |
| 88 | Drew Pearson | WR | 90 | Larry Brooks | DT |
| 89 | Billy DuPree | TE | | | |

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## Townsfolk ring out the old . . . and ring in the new

The W.N.M.'s hosted an elegant evening last Friday at Emerald Gardens. The group of women wer celebrating their 25th anniversary. Members from left are: Norma Maiden, Ivy Harris, Hortense Perkins, secretary; Nickl Randolph, vice president; Jimmy LaForest, president; Helen Glover Odum, Kay Carter, Robbie Chissell, Ellsworth Rhetta, Merita Stokes. Not shown is member Gwendolyn Carter who was out-of-town.

Photo by Moss

The CONTINENTAL Society of Baltimore, Inc. hosted its annual Christmas fund-raising activity last Saturday night at a Dogwood Rd. hall. Pictured are Dr. and Mrs. Cylburn Soven.

Among those happy guests at the Continental Society of Baltimore, Inc. fund-raiser were from left: Mrs. Ernestine Wright, Wendell Wright and Ms. Joy Carter.

### Happy New Year

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Sharing the holiday spirit with the Monumental Medical Society recently were from left: Mrs. Milton Foxx, Dr. Shirley Clinton Dr. H. Garland Chissell, and Milton Foxx. The affair was hosted at the Hilton Inn, Pikesville.

Reflections photos by Benjamin M. Phillips IV

Stepping into the Hilton Hotel last week to enjoy the evening hosted by the Monumental Medical Society were Robert Chissell and Miss Cathy Allen.

## Community calendar

JAN. 13
The Baltimore Association for the Talented and Gifted meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rognel Heights Methodist Church, 801, Walnut Ave. at Colbourne Rd.

JAN. 14
Women's Association of the Baltimore Symphony, Evergreen House, 4545 North Charles St., Mary Aiello, guest soloist and speaker, 10:30 a.m.

JAN. 15
Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial Breakfast sponsored by the Baltimore Area YMCA, 7:15 a.m., Hilton Hotel downtown, guest speaker is Benjamin L. Hooks, commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

JAN. 18
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Zeta Chapter, Founders' Day Observance featuring the Morgan State University Concert Choir, McKeldin Student Center Ballroom, Hillen Rd. at East Cold Spring Lane. Ms. Mary E. Fields, basileus.

JAN. 24
Hutzler's Spring 1976 Bridal Fashion Show, Hilton Inn, Pikesville, Preakness Ballroom, Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Fashion show, 1:30 p.m.

JAN. 30-31
YWCA to sponsor a ski trip to Binghampton, New York. For information call 685-1460, International Division.
More coming

## Quiche Lorraine

Do complications beset you even before you lift a spatula when it comes to a foreign recipe and especially now, during the holidays?

It need not be so, especially when the dish is Quiche Lorraine (pronounced keesh lorem) because that's simply a Swiss cheese-bacon-and-cream tart that's perfectly delicious sliced in a small wedges for an appetizer or larger pieces as a main dish.

Like many simple things, It's also elegant. Start with a nine-inch unbaked pastry shell, your own or purchased. Into it place six slices of cooked, crumbled bacon, two cups or eight ounces of shredded Swiss cheese.

Next, combine three slightly beaten eggs with one and one-half cups of half and half and one-half teaspoon of salt and pour into the shell.

Drizzle one tablespoon of melted butter over the top and bake 35-40 minutes in a preheated 375 degree oven.

It's baked when a knife inserted in the quiche comes out clean. Let it set for about 10 minutes after baking to settle, then serve as an appetizer or an entree. With a green bean salad and fruit for dessert, milk to drink, you have a complete meal! Easy, isn't it?

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