



# Southern California Viking Club

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Club Members,

## **The Basics:**

We went into the bye week on a tough loss where the offense looked like they were pulling it all together. We just couldn't get past our mistakes. So you would think the bye week would pretty much be uneventful – not this year. Can you say Bumetanide? And yes the loss of Karl Kassulke.

First a few words on Karl Kassulke. I never met Karl, but respected his play. Although, I do have a flavor of what type of person he was. During the winter of 1978 my then wife had car trouble coming home from work – yes we lived in Minneapolis at the time and I do believe this was the winter we set records for the most consecutive days below freezing as a high temperature (got the picture). Now car trouble wasn't that surprising – in those days the kind of cars we owned was a little different and I was the only mechanic I could afford. (I'm thinking our problem started with the car; not the mechanic skills, I'll let you judge.) Well, as my Ex was wondering what she would do a car pulled up behind her and asked if she needed any help. She asked for a lift home and the gentleman said sure. She jumped into the car and off they went. For those of you that know the city suburbs, the car was just on the South side of the Mendota Bridge and we lived in Eagan and worked in Bloomington. Because of the need to cross the Minnesota River you tend to find yourself a ways from home, but close to a well known bridge. So this Good Samaritan drove her to the front door of the apartment complex we lived in – making sure she got home safely. This Good Samaritan was Karl Kassulke. My Ex didn't know who he was; but he told her to ask me, he said I probably knew who he was – I did. And yes – I spent the rest of the evening dealing with a car issue.

As a club I would like to take this opportunity to pass our prayers and love to the Kassulke family. God Bless you Karl.

A few thoughts on the latest news: My biggest concern with everything involving Pat and Kevin is the story. The fact that somebody leaked this story – in my opinion, is nothing but bad news for Viking fans. As of now the league has to deal with current and future perceptions of the pending process. Let's take an example: let's say for argument purposes that the William's duo did everything right. They checked every source, they confirmed with an independent lab, they literally dotted every "I" and crossed every "T", but the company making the supplement screwed up (as being stated in the one law suit in process). Given the caliber of players we're talking about – these are reasonable assumptions. Now if the process was confidential – the league could make a decision based on facts. The league has in the past agreed with the appeals process – after reviewing the facts. Now I believe the league will base their decision on facts and perceived problems that could arise. That new variable upsets me – I've seen decisions made based on perceived backlash. Whoever leaked this story is no longer able to become a SCVC member – new rule; I will find the name of this individual.

With that said – let's get back to business of supporting our team as they go out there and win this division.



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## A little Football Trivia from “Football Freddie”:

**Who are we?** And the clues are:

- 1) In the 1980’s we played with the Miami Dolphins.
- 2) The quarterback who threw most of the passes to us was Dan Marino.
- 3) We were known as the Marks Brothers.

Answer at the end of Newsletter.

## Club Information:

Seeing how I went long above – we’ll save you now.

Can food drive November 16<sup>th</sup> – the Tampa Bay game. Please start collecting your cans now. The Orange County Food Bank shelves are as bare as they’ve ever been. Please help support this wonderful cause.

We scored a couple of Life Magazines – the original Vikings on the cover. These will be showing up at sometime during the season in one of our drawings.

## Viking History:

**FIRST ALL-PRO** — In 1963 RB Tommy Mason, who was the team’s first ever draft choice, was the first Vikings player to earn All-Pro recognition. He was a consensus pick after rushing for 763 yards and 7 touchdowns on 166 carries (4.6 avg.).

## Players Corner:

Ben Leber

Birth Date	Dec 7, 1978
Birth Place	Council Bluffs Iowa
Position	Linebacker
Height	6’ 3”
Weight	244
College	Kansas State

Chris Kluwe

Birth Date	Dec 24, 1981
Birth Place	Philadelphia Pennsylvania
Position	Punter
Height	6’ 4”
Weight	214
College	UCLA

Go Vikes,  
Wm. R. Martin  
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**Answer to Whom are we:** The Miami Dolphins wide receiver duo of Mark Clayton and Mark Duper.