



Southern California Viking Club

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Club Members,

The Basics:

We have good news and bad news. First the good news – our guys put together two consecutive games where we didn't have to sweat out the finish by beating the Jaguars by 18 points and the Bears by 20. The defenses' goal line stand followed by the 99 yard pass against the Bear's is probably the best 5 consecutive plays I've seen – ever. What this teamed showed with those five plays will go down in history. I like how Leslie Frazier described the defense "Our guys really believe if you give them a blade of grass, they feel like they can defend it". This team is smoking hot – now the bad news. The Williams Wall is suspended for the last 4 games of the regular season. I said earlier that I was concerned when the possible suspension information leaked out. The information leak created a different set of concerns for the league and I for one believe if Pat and Kevin's cases could have been heard privately – the league could have (and probably would have) understood the players position. The supplier of the supplements violated FDA regulations, the league got boxed into a corner based on their hard stance of personal accountability and now our guys are watching the next 4 games.

When you visit Winter Park you get to see the meeting rooms and in those meeting rooms you get to see what this team believes. The defensive meeting room has a sign titled "Characteristics of Great Defense". Among the characteristics listed are these:

- Deny Explosion Plays
 - Make them go through our goal line.
- They Have Quality Back-Ups
 - The standard does not change.
 - If you are in the huddle, you are a starter for that play.

We saw the first part of those character traits last week – next week we will see the second set of character traits. I'll see all of you at the club as our team establish themselves as a "Great Defense" - again.

Football Freddie's been up to his old tricks:

Trivia Question: Who am I?

- 1) In 1979 I played in the Pro Bowl.
- 2) The game was played in the LA Memorial Coliseum.
- 3) The NFC beat the AFC 13-7.
- 4) I was selected Player of the game.

Answer at the end of Newsletter.



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Club Information:

We are starting the “Helmets for the Holiday” drawings this week. Once again Fran Tarkenton and Alan Page were kind enough to support our club by autographing authentic Riddell Full Size Helmets.

I want to announce that the club will not be having a California dinner this year. The primary reason for the cancellation is the higher costs we encountered at last year’s dinner – not because our support from you is down. With the revenues we raised we will be able to support our charities and we’ll look to next year as a possibility. For those that miss this event – I truly understand, it’s my favorite event also. We will be having a dinner when we go back for training camp in August. If you have time commitments that prevent you from participating in all our Minnesota events – you may want to visit friends or relatives and make this one event. We encourage you to participate in everything the Vikings do for us when we’re back, but, it’s not a requirement – just a thought.

Viking History:

Randall McDaniel - Started 12 consecutive Pro Bowls (1989-2000) setting an NFL record. He earned a spot on Pro Football Hall of Fame’s Team of the Decade for the 1990’s. Randall was selected with the 19th overall pick in the 1988 NFL Draft and was inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor on December 17, 2006.

Players Corner:

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Position:	Tight End	Birth Date:	June 18, 1980
Height:	6’4”	Birth Place:	Laurel, MD
Weight:	250	College:	Morgan State

Cedric Griffin

Position:	Cornerback	Birth Date:	Nov 11, 1982
Height:	6’ 0”	Birth Place:	Natchez, MS
Weight:	203	College:	Texas

Go Vikes,

Wm. R. Martin

President
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Answer to who am I: Ahmad Rashad.