



Southern California Viking Club

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October 14, 2008

Club Members,

The Basics:

Two consecutive wins and all I've read is negative press. What's going on here? A great quote came after the Monday night game with the Saints – from an old Bud Grant article “You never have to apologize for a win.” *Bud Grant*. I think we all fall into the trap of needing to dominate every game, but I caution you. If my recollection is correct; at this time last year the Patriots we're unstoppable and the Giants were almost written off. May I remind you who the current reigning champion is - the New York Giants!

The one observation I have (that I didn't find in the press – go figure): this team didn't quit – at all. It takes a team of character to fight for 60 minutes, get past mistakes (which are fixable I might add), stop the opponent when needed, move the ball when needed and score points with virtually no time on the clock and win. I personally like this quality – good work guys. Six sacks in the Lion's game – four from Kevin Williams and a safety by Jared Allen, not a bad defensive effort. The passing game was close to 300 yards and Bernard Berrian had his second consecutive 100 day – this is nothing but good news for Adrian who also rushed for 100 yards against the Lions (and he looks ready to explode).

Next week the Bears and we'll come after them – see you all at the club on Sunday before our one week football withdrawal.

“Football Freddie” is back with more Trivia Fun?

Who am I? And the clues are:

1. I hold the record for most 100 yard rushing games in a season.
2. I was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 2004.
3. I gained 2,053 yards in 1997.

Answer at the end of Newsletter.

Club Information:

Our Jim Marshall for the Hall of Fame campaign is ongoing. To help eliminate any timing confusion I thought it best to divide our letter writing campaign into alphabetical order. So here's the schedule using your last name and the month your letter is requested:

Last Name	Month	Last Name	Month
A-C	October & November	P	March
D-F	November	Q & R	April
G-I	December	S	May
J-L	January	T & U	June
M-O	February	V-Z	July



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We are still searching for group "Purple People Eaters" pictures - please let me know if you have one we can scan for our website.

We are looking for 2 – 3 copies of the Viking update "Summer 2008" edition. This issue has a wonderful article about Gary Anderson. It's Gary's family that requested these issues. For those of you that remember Lauren and Harry (Gary's sister and brother in-law) were club members and still stay in contact from time to time. I would like to know before the bye week if anyone has this issue so we can arrange to have this shortly after the bye week – thanks in advance for your help.

Can food drive announcement: We'll be having our can food drive November 16th – 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.

Viking History:

Ragnar-Team Mascot: Ragnar has been working for the Minnesota Vikings since 1994-he holds the current world record for fastest time shaving a beard with an axe. Ragnar drives onto the field at the beginning of games, dressed as a Viking, on a motorcycle or a snowmobile.

Players Corner:

Antoine Winfield

Birth Date	Jun 24, 1977	Age 31
Birth Place	Akron Ohio	
Position	Corner Back	
Height	5' 9"	
Weight	180	
College	Ohio State	

Anthony Herra

Birth Date	Jun 14, 1980	Age 28
Birth Place	Trinidad	
Position	Offensive Guard	
Height	6' 2"	
Weight	315	
College	Tennessee	

Go Vikes,
Wm. R. Martin
President
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Answer to Who AM I Trivia: One of the most exciting runners of all time "**Barry Sanders**". Barry had twelve 100 yard games in 1997.