

Hot teams, players part of NFL trends

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So let's hear it for Earnest Jackson, Louis Lipps, Bobby Johnson, Gerald Riggs, Pat Ryan, Mike Pagel, Jeff Kemp. For the New York Jets and Giants and the Chicago Bears, all of whom have defied conventional wisdom.

For Lawrence Taylor, Dan Marino and Walter Payton, who haven't.

And for the entire AFC Central, which has proved that parity doesn't live everywhere in the National Football League.

In case you haven't looked, the NFL season is a quarter over, too early to say anything definitive, early enough for some patterns to emerge.

So... some things of note.

BEST TEAMS: Miami Dolphins and Los Angeles Raiders.

So what else is new?

BIGGEST SURPRISES: The Jets and Giants, the Bears, the Denver Broncos.

The two New York teams, who some people didn't think would win six games between them all season, each have started 3-1, although the Jets' three victims have one win among them.

Taylor has been a defense unto himself for the Giants and Mark Gastineau has been ditto for the Jets. Phil Simms and his unknown soldiers — Byron Williams, Zeke Mowatt and Johnson — have given the Giants an air arm for the first time in

a decade and the Jets' Freeman McNeil leads the AFC in rushing. The Bears won their first three games allowing only 21 points, then were routed 38-9 in Seattle when an offense minus injured quarterback Jim McMahon handed the Seahawks 24 points. Assuming McMahon gets back soon, they should cruise through the NFC Central.

Denver is 3-1 on the strength of a revived Orange Crush defense even minus Orange Crushers such as Randy Gradishar and Bob Swenson.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENTS: The entire AFC Central, the television ratings.

Nine teams by themselves have as many as, or more wins than, the AFC Central, whose four teams have managed a grand total of three. Pittsburgh, with two of them, leads the division; Cleveland's only win is over Pittsburgh, and Houston and Cincinnati are two of the NFL's three winless aggregations.

Television ratings, down last year, are down again — 15 percent on CBS, 10 percent on ABC and 9 percent on NBC after three games. Commissioner Pete Rozelle says it's the result of saturation, the United States Football League and wall-to-wall football on Saturday in college football's court-imposed everyone-for-himself free market.

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Marino al-

ready has thrown 12 touchdown passes Tor Miami, a pace that if continued would give him a record 48. Also of note: Marino's favorite receiver, Mark Duper, who has six TD catches already. And Cris Collinsworth of Cincinnati, who is headed Tor the USFL next year, but is playing like anything but a lame duck for a winless team.

In the NFC, cheers for Riggs, who's replaced the injured William Andrews for Atlanta and is leading the NFL with 483 yards in four games; for Payton, 221 yards and counting from Jim Brown's all-time rushing record; for Riggs' teammate Steve Bartkowski, for the ever-young John Riggins and for the Giants' revived Simms, who missed the past 2½ years with injuries.

DEFENSE: Taylor, the NFL's defensive player of the year in two of his three seasons, is, if anything, even better now, with eight sacks that have been the major factor in two of the Giants' three wins. Plus Dan Hampton and Mike Singletary, the blocks around whom the Bears defense is constructed and Lester Hayes and Mike Haynes, the Raiders' impregnable cornerbacks.

ROOKIES: The Steelers' Lipps, who has caught 16 passes for an average of 21.1 yards per catch and four touchdowns and returned 16 punts an average of 9.9 yards. Plus two other receivers — Ron

Brown, the Rams' Olympic sprinter and the Giants' Bobby Johnson and Kansas City's Bill Maa, a terror at nose tackle.

OUT OF NOWHERE: Jackson, who gained 39 yards as a rookie last year for San Diego, has 365 yards for a 5.2 average, second in the AFC. His route to the starting lineup — the drug troubles of Chuck Muncie and the trade of an over-weight Pete Johnson to the Dolphins.

Johnson, a rookie from Kansas, was signed by the Giants as a free agent after walking out of the training camp or the USFL's Philadelphia Stars and has caught 16 passes for an average of 19.7 yards and four touchdowns.

Plus Mark Brown, a second-year line-backer who as a sub for the injured A.J. Duhe has become the latest "Killer B" in Miami.

UNSUNG QUARTERBACKS: There must be something about the air in the Hcosier Dome, because Pagel is completing 60 percent of his passes for the transplanted Colts after two years in the 40s in Baltimore.

Kemp or the Rams, who replaced the injured Vince Ferragamo and outdid him; Ryan of the Jets, a five-year backup to Richard Todd, who has helped the Jets by playing within the limits of his limited ability.

Now they all have 12 games to keep it up.

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PAT, and Curtis Butts dashed off an 86-yard ma with Emanuele Pimbino booting in the PAT in the first quarter for SHAPE.

In the second period, Fatten ran in from the IS for a TD. halfback Allan Ford scored from the 22. cornerback Robby Oacka tallied on a 32-yard tcajdchdown innterooptioa, and wide receiver Neil Begley scored on a 65-yard pass from Ftison. Pimbino kicked all extra points, missing only on Begley's toticttdown.

SHAPE had 379 ground yards, with Butts and halfback Everett Grant gaining 86, Ford and Oaken 68, and Faiaon 52. Bonn's leading rusher was fullback Henry SietofTwithM.

The Spartans' Faiaon completed 9 of 14 passes for 119 yards and the Crusaders' Doug Bearer completed three of 17 for 59 yards with three mtereceptions.

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ZWEIBRUECKEN — Halfback Steve Moore ran only seven times. But with those seven runs he scored four Zweibneicken touchdowns and gained 253 yards.

He got help from halfback Darius Gallegos, who didn't score in his 19 runs, but gained 125 yards.

Sting downs Whitecaps to gain Soccer Bowl finals

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Sting moved into the Final round of the North American Soccer League playoffs by defeating the Vancouver Whitecaps, 4-3. Friday night in the third game of the semirtnal series.

The Sting will have the homefield advantage against the Toronto Blizzard in the best-of-three Soccer Bowl series, which begins Monday.

The first game of the series will be played Monday in Chicago's Comttkey Sft, and the second Wednesday in Toronto. A third game, if necessary, will be played in Comttkey Park next Sunday.

Vancouver scored first Friday in record time. Bob Louvrdtizi headed one in attbe 46-tcoond mark, establishing a new record for the quickest goal in an NASL game.

in the first quarter Moore ran in from 7 yards out, and fullback Chuck Porche scored from the 2, with Henry Christian running in the PAT.

Moore scored on a 24-yard run in the second.

In the third quarter, quarterback Jarvis Anderson scored on a 27-yard run with Bill Thompson kicking in the point after.

Anderson passed to Gene Connors from the 32 for another TD. Anderson ran in that extra point attempt.

In the final period Moore scored on runs of 90 and 47 yards.

Zweibneicken gained 398 yards on the ground, and 67 on Anderson passes.

Patch, which didn't bring many players, rushed for 41 yards, and collected 71 on passes by Tom Borgfaton.

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BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Bill Adams retained a punt 65 yards for a touchdown and intercepted three passes to lead the Barons over the Bucs.

Adams, a senior safety, took his TD punt in the sexxwd quarter, broke two tackles and sped down the right sideline.

Bitburg attend the next three touchdowns for a 26-0 lead.

Halfback Charles Byrd tallied twice, once on a 28-yard run and again on a 6-yard pass from Jeff Suggle.

The Barons' defense jumped into the TD act in the fourth quarter. Pat McGurl blocked a punt and Jeff Bruggeman recovered in the end zone.

BaumhoWer finally scored when Kelvin Scott hauled in a 63-yard pass from Magerald Wilson.

Wilson hit on 11 of 26 passes for 94 yards, but he threw four interceptions. The Bucs rushed for only 30 yards against a Bitburg defense led by linebacker McGurl, who had five tackles and an interception.

Bitburg rushed for 226 yards and passed for 12.

VU'seck32, Munich 12

MUNICH — The Falcons were down 12-8, but went on a fourth-quarter 24-Int scoring spree to lift them over the Mustangs.

Munich scored on the opening kickoff with an 80-yard return by freshman John Kindell, and in the second quarter on a 10-yard run by fullback Steve Berry.

Vitsek's only tally before the fourth quarter came on a 1-yard dive by running back Kenney Byrd in the second period, with Rodney Brazier running in the PAT.

Things opened up for the Falcons in the

fourth. Byrd scored on a 25-yard dash. Then Byrd ran in from the 9 after a fumble recovery.

Adrian Williams intercepted a Derck Willis pass on the 40 and scored. Brazier followed with another TD interception on the 20.

Brazier led the Falcon defense with seven solo tackles and two interceptions, while Mustang nose guard Mike Arlinsky had 10 tackles, including three sacks.

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WIESBADEN — Tailback Rick Fields bore the burden of winning as he scored four touchdowns to lift the Warriors over the Wolves.

The only Wuerzburg score came on a fourth-quarter field goal by Trey Hicks.

Fields scored in the first from the 1 to cap a 66-yard drive.

In the second he ran in from the 2 — twice, and in the fourth he scored from the 5.

Then the Warriors lost the ball because of a bad snap on a punt attempt, and after a seven-play goal-line stand, Hicks booted in the Wolves' field goal.

Wuerzburg drops to 0-2, while Wiesbaden improved to 1-1.

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ANSBACH, Germany — Fullback Charlie Calloway burst 2 yards for the go-ahead touchdown, and the Cougars went on to beat the Marauders.

Calloway's touchdown came with eight minutes left in the third quarter and boosted Ansbach ahead 10-6.

Ansbach cornerback Robbie Phillips set up the TD by intercepting a pass at the Ulm 20 and returning it to the 12. Calloway scored three plays le'-r.

The Cougars added to their lead in the last three minutes. Quarterback Larry Meinke found wide receiver Tony Klump for a 22-yard TD strike.

Ulm jumped ahead 6-0 in the first quarter. A bad snap helped give the Marauders possession at Ansbach's 38-yard line. Fullback Leon Cooper made it count with a 19-yard run.

Ansbach cut its deficit to 6-3 on Eric Thompson's 35-yard field goal with 38 seconds left in the first half.

Ansbach outrushed Ulm 154-127 and outpassed the Marauders 77-43. Tailback Tony Redman led Ansbach with 107 yards in 19 carries. Cooper rushed 15 times for 55 yards to pace Ulm.

Safeties Meinke and Harold Lester were in on 32 tackles. Cornerback Cooper and linebacker Dale Russet were in on 20

tackles.

Kaiseislaulern 40, Frankfurt 21

FRANKFURT — Quarterback Darren Davis ran for two touchdowns and passed Tor two others to pace the Red Raiders over the Eagles.

Davis' touchdown runs covered 3 and 1 yards.

He hit Anthony Harris for both TD tosses, one for 17 yards and the second for 16.

Freddie McSears' two touchdown passes to Leroy Chisolm fired Frankfurt to a 21-6 lead in the second quarter.

Davit countered with his onslaught to charge Kaiserslautern toward its first victory. The Red Raiders opened the week before with a tie.

K-Town's Mike Blann led nil rushers with 136 yards in 18 carries. Chisolm caught three passes for 105 yards for the Eagles.

Frankfurt's Marc Cisncros kicked field goals of 34 and 21 yards.

Baasherg 20, Augsburg 14

AUGSBURG, Germany — Some days nothing seems to go right.

Augsburg had already fallen behind 3-0 on a Mark Collins field goal in the first quarter. In the second period, Augsburg was about to punt. Only the Apaches never kicked the ball. An Augsburg lineman backed up and the punter kicked him instead.

Bamberg recovered the non-punt and three plays later had a touchdown, with Dante Brown running in from the 6.

Later in the period the Barons' Jim Erbach sacked Apache quarterback Brian Taylor in the end zone for a safety.

Augsburg came back with an Andre Snell run from the 1 to cap a 75-yard, 11-play drive.

Then Dusty Boyces gave the Apaches another touchdown in the third quarter. He had caught a 13-yard scoring pass from Taylor, who passed to Andre Nelson for the PAT and a 14-12 Augsburg lead.

But Kevin Davenport look a 42-yard pass from Baron QB Rod Harrell to bring the Barons up 18-14.

Six plays later and in the final minute, Davenport tackled a scrambling Taylor in the end zone to put the game out of Augsburg's reach.

Brown led Bamberg rushing with 90 of the Barons' 198 yards. Snell ted the Apaches with 42 of their 80.

Harrell completed four or eight passes for 89 Barons yards, while Taylor hit nine of 19 for 80.