# **Huskies thinking Rose Bowl**

By George Tibbits

SEATTLE - Two days after he strummed air guitar while his players danced with roses in their teeth, Washington coach Rick Neuheisel is trying to tone down this Rose Bowl talk.

'We are excited about the position we find ourselves in," Neuheisel said Monday, opting for understatement instead of the jubilation that followed Saturday's 33-25 victory over Arizona.

After the game, Husky fans in the Wildcats' stadium chanted "Rose Bowl" and handed out roses that some players stuck in their mouths. The cheerleaders danced. So did Neuheisel, playing a phantom guitar.

A man must carry on, he told his Monday news conference.

"When you're fortunate enough to get victory, you need to live it up," the first-year coach said.

The Huskies (6-3, 5-1 Pac-10) entered The Associated Press poll at No. 23 this week and are atop the conference standings. The last time Washington was ranked was October 1998.

If Washington beats UCLA at Pasadena on Saturday and Washington State at home Nov. 20, it will be on to the Rose Bowl on

UCLA (3-6,1-5) is coming off a bye week, a welcome rest after dropping three games in a row for the first time since 1994. The Bruins were pounded 33-7 by Arizona on Oct. 30.

Coach Bob Toledo says it's the most frustrating year in the four he's been at UCLA.

"We have a young, inexperienced team that's now a beat-up

football team," he said Monday.
Thirteen UCLA seniors will play their final game Saturday in the Rose Bowl, and the Bruins will want to make it memorable, Neuheisel said.

"Given the pride of that program they will be playing their best game.

UCLA is "going to look at this as a bowl game in and of itself," he said.

Last Saturday, when the Huskies finally made it to the locker room after the post-game shindig, the roses were quickly and pointedly tossed in the trash, Neuheisel said, a reminder not to get too cocky.

'We're not going to play a bigger game than this particular weekend," he said.

Once again at Arizona, Husky

quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo was the star, completing 16-of-28 passes for 208 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. The week before when Washington beat Stanford, he passed for 302 yards and rushed for 207, becoming the first Division I player ever to pass for 300 yards and rush for 200 in a game.

Tuiasosopo, a junior, couldn't practice all last week because of a badly bruised hip. He "came out of the game none the worse for wear" and should be able to practice as usual this week, Neuheisel said.

Wide receiver Gerald Harris is questionable for Saturday with a sore thigh he aggravated against Arizona. Also questionable are offensive tackle Keith Connell with a sprained ankle; outside linebacker Jafar Williams with a strained abdominal muscle; and backup quarterback Cody Pickett with a sore back.

Tuiasosopo's leadership has inspired the rest of the team, Neuheisel said. Players have started to think they "may have a chance at something special and we are going to make darn sure they aren't going to miss it," he

## Dallas injuries allow Vikings' comeback win

By Dave Goldberg

MINNEAPOLIS - Some of the Minnesota Vikings claimed they barely knew that Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith were both injured and out of the game. Instead, they took credit for the 27 straight points that gave them a 27-17 win over the Cowboys on Monday night.

But with due respect to the Vikings, this was all about Dallas' stars — or the lack of them. Michael Irvin, the third of the Cowboys' offensive triplets, also sat out his fourth straight game because of a neck injury.

"Injuries are part of the National Football League and that's just the way it is," Minnesota coach Dennis Green said. "I think it's unfortunate that they had injuries, but it was that kind of game. A very physical game. We're not big so we have to hit

That's essentially what Dallas coach Chan Gailey said, but he also took note of his stars' absences in the second half, when Minnesota (5-4) held the ball for 21 minutes and 2 seconds of the

"Yeah, you have injuries, that's part of the game," Gailey said. "But you can't lose Emmitt Smith and Troy Aikman and expect to be exactly the same."

Aikman suffered a mild concussion and is expected to miss next week's game against Green Bay. Smith broke his right hand and is expected to be out three

Dallas (4-4) dominated the first half as Smith scored twice within 18 seconds on runs of 63 and 24 yards. Smith gained 140 yards on 13 carries in just 21 minutes as the Cowboys ran up a 17-0 lead and held Minnesota without a pass completion until 5:30 was left in the half.

But then Smith left, and a 4yard touchdown pass from Jeff George to Randy Moss cut it to 17-7 by halftime.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7
— Today is a mixed bag. Secrets vie with a compulsion to tell the truth. If you don't want your secrets revealed, keep quiet. Instead, get other people to talk about theirs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Today you might feel antsy, and you could want to take a risk. Unfortunately, that is not a good idea. Just about everything — sports, love, money — looks too shaky to bet on. Keep your money in your pocket and wait for a better time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 —
Something interesting is brewing. There could
be a surprise, too, from a person you know
well: Ask a few questions, and you could find
out something you never suspected. Meanwhile, keep quiet about your own secrets if you

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 —A breakdown at work could occur today, but it might be to your benefit. The work routine's disrupted, but this might be an improvement. Be careful of what you talk about and keep private things private.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Romance looks good although there may be a change in plans. A person you've known for years might throw you a curve. This is not necessarily bad, but it's bound to be pretty interesting. Also, watch out for breakage at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Your romantic relationship should be going

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 5 — You are expanding your viewpoint, maybe without even meaning to. You thought things were one way, but it turns out they're another. about money. Might as well learn. It could help you grow rich.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8

All kinds of changes are taking place. You'll be more communicative soon, especially about things that have happened before. You may feel compelled to confess, which might cause a problem. Think about it carefully, first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Although you're confident, you should also be careful. Keep your secrets to yourself awhile longer. You don't like to do that, but it's wise. If you need to confess, go to a priest. Otherwise, wait

7 — Mixed conditions are in effect. Ask ques-tions, and you might learn all sorts of interest-ing things. Although you don't want to give away too much, you do want to gather informa-tion now. Mainly, just watch and listen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5
— The problem you're most likely facing involves your friends and work. You're probably being watched. It could be for a promotion, but it could also be for cutbacks. Do the best job you can to tip the scales in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8
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