

New league may be more Xciting than NFL



OUT IN LEFT FIELD

ADAM JUDE

About 130 million people watched the Super Bowl XXXV last Sunday.

Poor, mortal souls. What a waste of four hours.

The Super Bowl was, by all accounts, as advertised: a defensive battle, highlighted by one of the greatest defenses of all time in the Baltimore Ravens.

But exciting? Thrilling? Emotion-

ally gripping?

A Super Bowl record 21 punts — are you kidding me? — were executed Sunday. That alone proves how uneventful the "sporting event of the year" was.

I was more excited by watching Bob Dole walking along the beach in the Pepsi (yuck!) commercial. And I was too enthralled by wondering who was going to get booted off "Survivor" to even remember who won the football game.

Enter the XFL. The Xtremely Xciting version of traditional football — at least that's what they say.

Vince McMahon has already stolen the spotlight from Monday Night Football with his increasingly popular World Wrestling Federation "Raw is War" program, and he's looking to drop kick the NFL with

his XFL premiere Saturday.

With Minnesota Gov. Jesse "The Body" Ventura, a former WWF star, in the broadcasting booth, the XFL will air its first game at 5 p.m. Saturday on NBC (which is half owner). The contest will feature the Las Vegas Outlaws and the New York/New Jersey Hitmen (sounds pretty tough, huh?).

"The NFL has forgotten about the fan," McMahon recently told the Associated Press. "Middle-class America can't afford to go to an NFL game, which is what brought us to the dance."

Ticket prices are Xtremely economical; a seat at the 50-yard line costs just \$25.

The talent level is, of course, not going to be the same as it is in the NFL, but that doesn't mean the ac-

tion will be any less. College football's talent level is obviously inferior to the NFL, but I've always thought that the student athletes play a much more exciting game.

By incorporating some rules from the college game — such as needing just one foot inbounds for a catch — the XFL should prove to evoke more emotion than your typical Sunday.

And what about that obnoxious punt, the one we saw way too often last weekend?

"You can be sure that no fan will get a drink or go to the bathroom during an XFL punt," said XFL President Basil V. DeVito, Jr. "When the punter lets fly, anything can happen. The strategic possibilities are endless."

That's because the XFL has banned the fair catch rule, and any

punted ball that travels more than 25 yards will be a live ball, recoverable by either team.

If you need some incentive to turn on the tube for the new league (as if the NFL is not enough), see if you can find former Oregon players Saladin McCullough (running back) and Josh Wilcox (tight end) on the Los Angeles Xtreme team.

If nothing else, then maybe four months of the XFL will force us to appreciate what America's traditional football league has to offer when the summer is over.

I figure it couldn't hurt to at least give big Vince a chance, and see if we can get some more Xhilaration in our weekend.

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North Carolina prevails in storied rivalry with Duke

DURHAM, N.C. — Brendan Haywood had a lot on his mind when he stepped to the free-throw line with 1.2 seconds left Thursday night.

The game between No. 2 North Carolina and No. 4 Duke was tied 83-83. Haywood is one of the poorest

Tar Heels free-throw shooters.

When he was a freshman, he missed two free throws late and Duke beat the Tar Heels by two points. He was also thinking of Duke's recent remarkable comeback win over Maryland.

The 7-foot senior, who entered shooting 48 percent from the line, got the last laugh this time as he made both and the Tar Heels beat the Blue Devils 85-83 in the latest chapter of one of the greatest rivalries in college basketball.

The Tar Heels (18-2, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 15th straight game and snapped Duke's five-game winning streak in the series.

The loss also snapped the nine-game overall winning streak for

Duke (19-2, 7-1), which shot 13-for-27 from the free-throw line. The Blue Devils entered shooting 72 percent from the line, the second-best mark in the league.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 2). Career and family are in conflict this year. Look at options in February; make up your mind in March. You could increase love in your life, but that could decrease money. Get organized in May, and you'll have plenty of both. Reassess and make corrections, in July if necessary. Dominate in October. Follow a friend's crazy scheme in December.

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 — You can't have everything, not yet anyway. Don't give up; educate yourself instead. You could master a new subject faster than you think and find new opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Schedule a nice luncheon with a favorite friend. You don't usually splurge like this, but make an exception. It will be worth the money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You're getting stronger, luckier and more creative. You've always been creative, but may have had a dry spell lately. Don't worry, the fog's about to clear. Get moving.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Clean out your closets. You might find a treasure you'd forgotten all about. Don't plan a busy night. Talk your sweetheart into snuggling at home instead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You've been banging your head against a brick wall that is starting to crumble. Maybe it wasn't bricks after all. Your friends help you through. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — You want to spend time with your sweetheart, but don't schedule a date. More work is proba-

bly coming in. Your love life could get back to normal by Monday. Relax since you know that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're getting luckier in love. Travel gets easier soon, too. You'll know when that happens. If it's before quitting time, make arrangements. Don't get in trouble playing hooky.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — Watch out for an argument with a loved one about money. This doesn't have to be fatal, just another problem to work through. You're encouraged to take action, which could be quite effective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You're prepared to be successful in an argument. Don't get tongue-tied because your opponent is charming, witty and attractive. And don't stop, even if you stumble. If romance is involved, you win even if you lose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — A loved one's support helps you through a trying phase. You're trying, but you don't seem to be getting anywhere! Actually, your efforts could be profitable. Don't give up until the end, even if it takes all weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You're getting stronger as the day goes on. You'll be absolutely awesome this weekend, lucky in games and romance, especially if there are children around, or if you're acting like one. You'll get plenty of good ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You're almost ready to accept a new challenge. Where are the opportunities? Don't forget to return your phone messages; a friend needs to discuss a private matter.

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