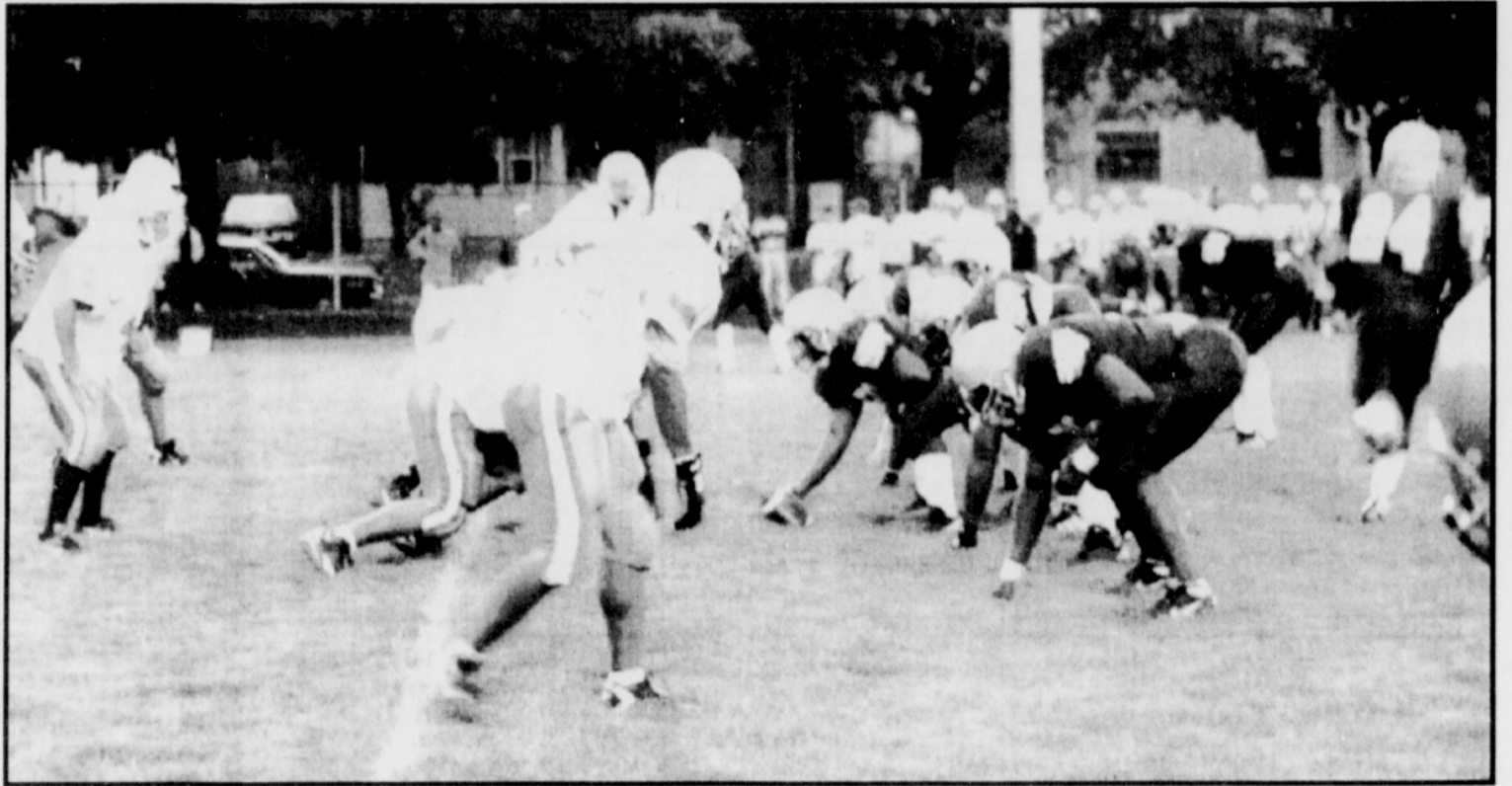
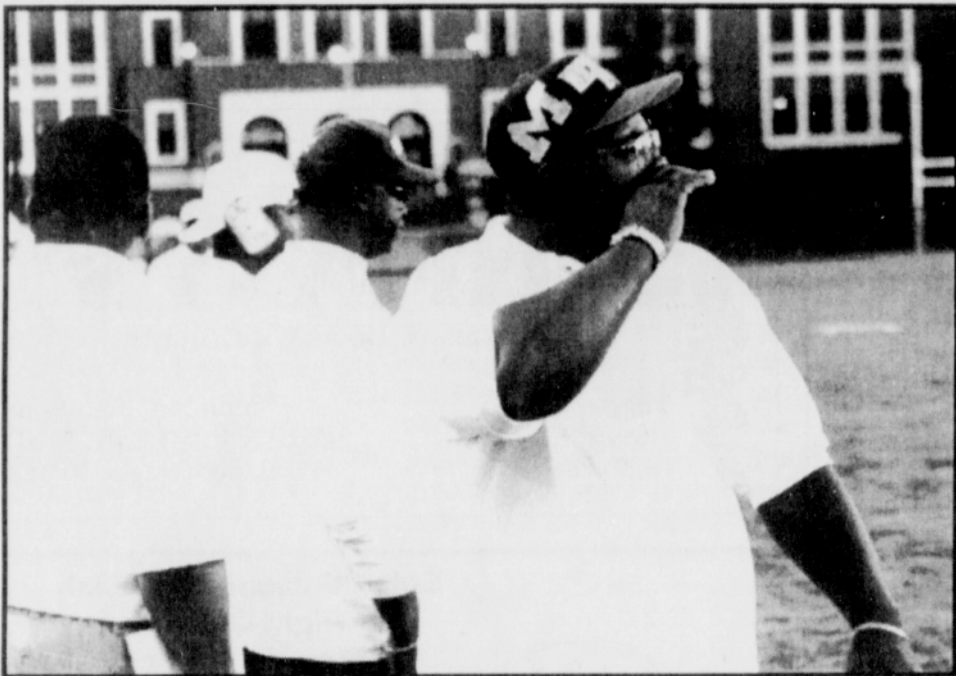


## SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

## Benson Overruns Jefferson 27-6.



Jefferson Varsity Football Coach Tim Price sends out instructions while his team gets set on offense in a Friday game against eighth-ranked Benson on the Democrats home field. Benson went on to win the contest 27-6. (Photos by Mark Washington)

## The Dallas Cowboys defeat Philadelphia Eagles 21-20

The Dallas Cowboys staged an improbable rally in the final minute and then escaped what appeared to be certain defeat again at the gun to down the Philadelphia Eagles 21-20 in a wild Monday night finish.

Troy Aikman tossed a go-ahead touchdown pass with 51 seconds left and then watched from the sidelines as Eagles punter Tommy Hutton botched the hold on a 20-yard "gimme" field goal try as time expired in the topsy-turvy game.

"Even though it was ugly, the way the team hung in there for 60 minutes was something," said Aikman.

Aikman's 14-yard touchdown pass off a scramble went through a defender's hands into Anthony Miller's grasp with just 51 seconds left to give the Cowboys their first lead of the game, 21-20.

The Eagles started the final drive on their own 10 with 47 seconds remaining. Quarterback Ty Detmer found Freddie Solomon for a 27-yard gain and hit Michael Timpson with a 13-yard pass to get the Eagles to midfield with 16 seconds left.

On the next play, Detmer hit a

wide-open Solomon over the middle around the 30 and he ran toward the right side, reaching the Dallas 4-yard line. Philadelphia called timeout with four seconds left, setting up a potential game-winning 20-yard field goal by former Cowboy kicker Chris Boniol.

The snap was good, but Hutton bobbled the ball to throw off the timing with Boniol. Hutton regained control and tried to run it into the end zone. He ran left carrying the ball in one hand but dropped it before making his move toward the goal line and was tackled at the 5 with time run out.

"I feel bad for letting my team down, but I'll bounce back. It is nobody's fault but mine," Hutton said. "When you get a 20-yard chip shot, everything's got to be perfect."

Joked Cowboys defensive back/wide receiver Deion Sanders: "Someone better check that holder's locker. He may have a suitcase in there with a lot of money."

The Cowboys scored their first offensive touchdown in two games after Aikman ran the two-minute drill and moved them 62 yards before

finding Miller in the back of the end zone.

"I scrambled out and Anthony ad-libbed and made a great catch," said Aikman. "We struggled all game long but when we had to, we made the play."

The Cowboys improved to 2-1. The Eagles (1-2) lost for the 10th time in their last 12 meetings with Dallas, despite leading 17-6 at the half and getting 106 rushing yards from Ricky Watters.

Aikman completed 17-of-36 passes for 205 yards and hit Michael Irvin, who left the game with leg cramps, four times for 73 yards. Emmitt Smith rushed for 91 yards on 27 carries but has yet to score a touchdown this season.

A pair of sacks by cornerback Bobby Taylor forced two fumbles by Aikman, leading to 10 points for Philadelphia in the first quarter.

"I thought that our guys gave a great effort tonight," said Eagles coach Ray Rhodes. "However, all of the errors that we had wasted that effort. "This is the most frustrating loss of my career."

## BASEBALL

### Ken Griffey Jr. hits 51st homer

Ken Griffey Jr. ended an eight-day home run drought by hitting his 51st homer in the first inning Monday night for the Seattle Mariners against Toronto.

After Monday night, the Mariners have 11 games left in Griffey's bid to break the major league home run record of 61 set by Roger Maris in 1961.

Griffey, who hit his 50th homer in the fourth inning at Minnesota Sept. 7, hit a 2-2 pitch by Woody Williams 404 feet into the Kingdome's right-field second deck.

It came after a leadoff single by Joey Cora and gave the Mariners a 2-0 lead.

Griffey's homer gave him a share of the major league home-run lead with Mark McGwire of St. Louis, who hit his 51st Sunday.

Griffey became the sixth major league player to hit 100 or more home runs over two consecutive seasons, matching a feat accomplished by McGwire on Sunday. Griffey hit 49 homers last season.

Griffey's two-run homer increased his major league-leading RBI total to 138, two shy of his career high set last season.

## Pete Rose back in baseball?

Lawyers for Pete Rose and major league baseball have discussed reinstating the game's hitting king after this season.

The talks were the first step in Rose's plan to remove the lifetime ban imposed eight years ago for his gambling and make him eligible for the Hall of Fame. The two sides plan to meet again in two weeks.

"A representative of Rose's met with one of our lawyers in the last week," major league spokesman Rich Levin said today. He added the discussion was preliminary, and he would not elaborate.

Rose, who spent 24 years in the majors and managed the Cincinnati Reds, accepted a ban imposed by

then commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti in 1989. Rose contends he never bet on baseball.

The following year, the Hall of Fame's board voted to exclude banned players from the writers' ballots.

Rose's lawyer, Gary Spicer, told The Cincinnati Post he has dealt exclusively with Robert Dupuy, lawyer for baseball's ruling executive council.

"We discussed the current status of Pete's business and personal relationships and his desire to get back into the game," Spicer said. "We reviewed the present state of the leadership of the game. We also discussed the current procedure and

## Tiger Woods Name Sake Dies in Concentration Camp

Col. Tiger Phong, the Vietnamese soldier whom Tiger Woods was named after, died in a political re-education camp eight months after the golfer was born, Golf Digest reports.

Phong, a battlefield friend of Tiger Woods' father, Earl, lived barely a year after the fall of Saigon, dying Sept. 9, 1976, in the squalor of a Communist camp, the magazine says. Woods was born Dec. 30, 1975.

The story, in the October issue of Golf Digest, is by Tom Callahan, who has written more than two dozen cover stories for Time magazine. Feigning an interest in the growth of golf in Vietnam to gain access, Callahan defied government censors in tracking Phong.

Callahan also found that Phong's widow, Lythi Bich Van, has lived in Tacoma, Wash., since 1994, that she barely spoke English and that she had never heard of Tiger Woods.

Earl Woods, his wife Kultida and Tiger Woods met with Lythi Bich Van, now 61, and two of her children in an emotional reunion Sept. 11 at the Woods' home in Cypress, Calif.

"It was very sweet," Callahan said. "They just sat on the couch and talked for hours. Tiger was very much into it."

Earl Woods, a former Green Beret with two tours of duty in Vietnam, had long told people that his

son Eldrick was named for Phong, who was called Tiger by Earl because of his bravery in battle.

Woods, who lost contact with Phong after the fall of South Vietnam, said he hoped that Phong would hear of Tiger Woods, figure out that it was Earl Woods' son and get in touch with him.

"Earl said he cried for a couple of days after he learned that Phong had died," said Callahan.

"Earl said it was like losing a relative and that Tiger was his shoulder to cry on," Callahan said. "It kills him that Phong starved."

Determined to track down the man for whom Tiger Woods was named, Callahan was thwarted by faulty memories, uncooperative government officials and incomplete official records.

After traveling from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi, appearing on TV and taking out newspaper ads using an old photo of Earl and Tiger - all the while being discouraged and at times subtly threatened by officials - Callahan made contact with Phong's oldest son, who told him his father was dead.

"I never knew him as Tiger Phong," Tiger Woods explained at the reunion. "He was Tiger One - the first Tiger."

Both father and son said that Tiger Woods was told stories about Tiger Phong from birth.

"He was very young, too young to understand," Earl Woods said. "It

grew up in him, evolved in him."

Saigon fell on April 30, 1975, and for 39 days Phong hid out in the village of his birth, Trang Bang, Callahan discovered. As the Communists closed in, Phong slipped back into Saigon to be with his family one last time. He surrendered on June 15.

Lythi Bich Van followed her husband from camp to camp but never caught up with him. His letters came home for a year, slowly over time becoming focused on his favorite foods. The family read the letters and wept.

Official records said Phong died of a heart attack. He was 47 years old and it was 10 years later before his family was told of his death.

The family found a marker for his grave in the jungle and brought his bones home for burial.

"The effect of finding out about his death was stronger than I can explain," Tiger Woods said. "From all I've heard, the three of us are alike."

"I'm more hot tempered than my father is now. But he used to be like me - and so was Tiger One."

"We are perfectionists who wear our emotions on our sleeves," Woods said.

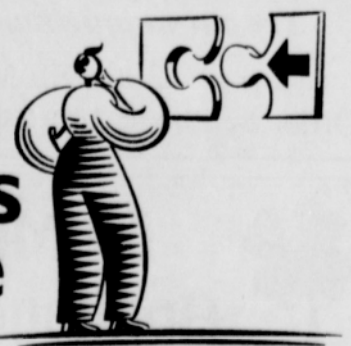
Vong Don Phuoc, Tiger Phong's 28-year-old son, translated for his mother as she shared tears with Earl Woods.

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