

SPORTS

Seahawks off to flying Start !

■ Moon fooled the Redskins badly on a misdirection play for Seattle's second touchdown of the quarter.

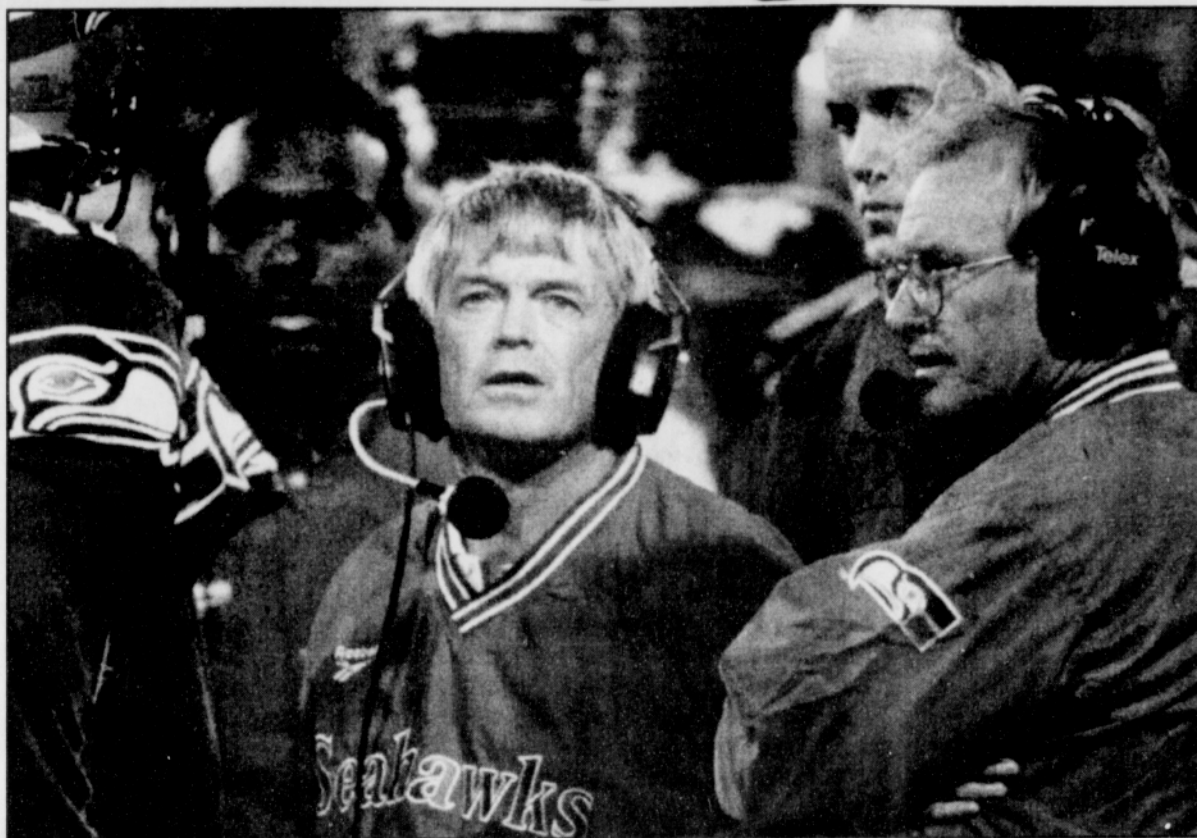
SEATTLE - Steve Broussard got the unbeaten Seattle Seahawks off to a perfect start. Then their defense kept their record perfect against the winless Washington Redskins.

Game notes: NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue attended Sunday's game. He said he was in Seattle to get updated over the plans for the team's new outdoor stadium. ... Seahawks wide receiver Joey Galloway sprained an ankle, while linebacker Chad Brown and defensive end Phillip Daniels had concussions. Erickson said he expected all three to play in Seattle's next game at Pittsburgh next Sunday. ... The Redskins' Twaun Russell suffered a sprained toe in his left foot. Washington guard Joe Patton and safety safety Jesse Campbell had sprained right knees. ... Top draft choice Anthony Simmons made his debut with the Seahawks at outside linebacker after Brown went out with his concussion in the third quarter. ... The Seahawks are a plus-8 in turnover ratio, while the Redskins are minus-8. ... Moon hasn't thrown an interception this year. Broussard ran back the game's opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and the Seahawks ran their record to 3-0 - their first since 1986 - with a 24-14 victory over the Redskins on Sunday.

"It was blocked perfectly," Broussard said. "I ran through a hole as big as a truck."

The Seahawks also took advantage of three turnovers on a day when their offense came up short statistically.

"Our goal every game is to get three turnovers," safety Jay Bellamy



Steve Erickson and Seahawks coaching staff guide the team to a 3-0 start. Their next contest is against the Pittsburgh Steelers

said. "There's nothing like taking the ball away to deflate your opponent."

Ricky Watters had his second straight 100-yard rushing game and scored his first touchdown for the Seahawks, who also got Warren Moon's sixth TD pass of the season. The Redskins (0-3) are off to their worst start since 1981, when they dropped their first five games.

"There's no question our team is as frustrated as you can be," down-cast Redskins coach Norv Turner said. "When you start the game out with a kick return for a touchdown, that really hurts."

Said Washington linebacker Ken Harvey: "It would be easy to give up. But we have 13 games left and we

have to believe we can win all 13 games."

Washington lost despite getting a 300-yard passing game from Trent Green. Green was 27-of-54 for 383 yards and two touchdowns. The Redskins had 27 first downs to Seattle's 16 and 465 yards to the Seahawks' 299.

"Stats are stats," Seattle coach Dennis Erickson said. "But the scoreboard is the scoreboard. That's what it's all about."

"We had a lot of good performances, but we still didn't win," said Green, Washington's starter the past two weeks. Watters ran 24 times for 146 yards and one touchdown, while Moon was 16-for-33 for 141 yards and one touchdown with no

interceptions. The Seahawks intercepted two passes by Green and also recovered a fumble that cost the Redskins a chance for a second touchdown. Seattle's defense had three sacks, giving it 19 in three games. The Seahawks have outscored their first three opponents 95-28.

Broussard, 31, gave the Seahawks a 7-0 lead 15 seconds into the game when he took David Akers' kickoff at the 10 and sprinted 90 yards untouched for a touchdown. Leading 10-7 at halftime, the Seahawks scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to take a 24-7 lead.

Watters scored on a 13-yard run with 2:22 gone in the second half after Darrin Smith intercepted a pass by Green on the Washington 19.

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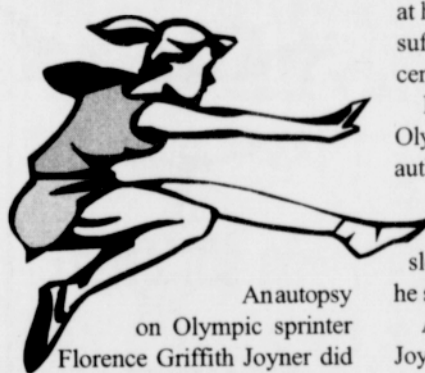
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Griffith Joyner autopsy inconclusive



An autopsy on Olympic sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner did not immediately determine the cause of death, a sheriff's spokesman said Tuesday.

"It could take a few days or a few weeks" before a cause is determined, said Lt. Hector Rivera of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Rivera said the coroner started the autopsy Monday at 1 p.m. PDT, but didn't know how long the procedure took.

The coroner conducted a series of standard tests, including toxicology, done when the cause of death is unknown, Rivera said.

The stylish 38-year-old athlete, the world record holder in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, died early Monday

at her Mission Viejo home. She had suffered from heart problems in recent years.

Her husband, Al Joyner, the 1984 Olympic triple jump champion, called authorities after finding her "unresponsive and not breathing," Rivera said. "She died in her sleep sometime during the night," he said.

A decade ago this week, Griffith Joyner won three gold medals at the Seoul Olympics, where her sister-in-law, six-time Olympic medalist and world heptathlon record-holder Jackie Joyner-Kersey, also starred. In an NBC interview Tuesday, Joyner-Kersey praised her as "a woman of substance."

Griffith Joyner, or FloJo, as she was known, still holds world records in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. She set the 100 mark of 10.49 seconds in the quarterfinals of the 1988 Olympic trials at Indianapolis, and since then, no one has even broken 10.60. At Seoul, she won the gold medal in a wind-aided 10.54.

Griffith Joyner then smashed the

world 200 record in the Olympic final, clocking 21.34. American Marion Jones, with a 21.62 at the World Cup in South Africa this month, is the only other woman to run the 200 in under 21.70.

Griffith Joyner also won a gold medal in the 400 relay and just missed a fourth gold medal when the U.S. team finished second in the 1,600 relay, which Griffith Joyner anchored.

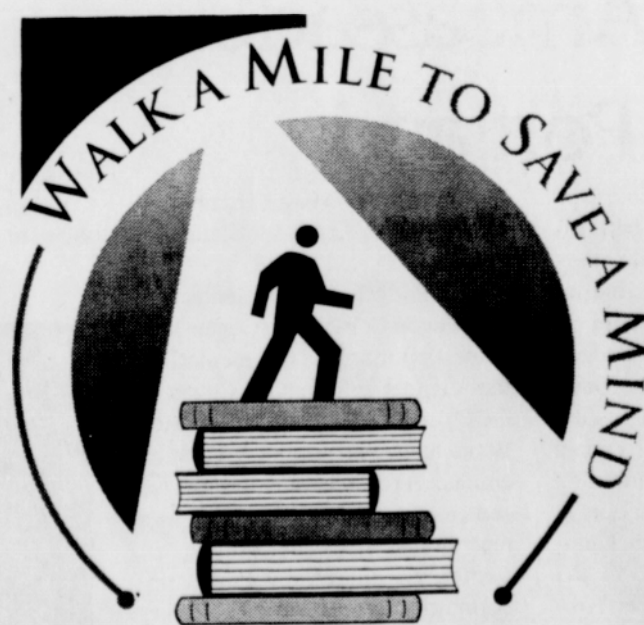
"It's an amazing legacy. Many have tried and all have failed in terms of her records," said nine-time Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis. "Her death is something that impacts the sport when the sport is hurting very, very bad."

Track and field had never produced such an exotic creature. At the 1988 trials, she stunned fans and competitors by running in a purple bodysuit with a turquoise bikini brief over it, but nothing on her left leg.

"She proved a beautiful woman could go out and be a phenomenal athlete," said Dwight Stones, a two-time Olympic bronze medalist in the high jump. "We won't know for a long time how many female athletes

she inspired by being her own person."

"She was very, very determined," said Jeanette Bolden, a former Olympic teammate and head women's track and field coach at UCLA. "There was no impossibility to anything. She really tried to live that."



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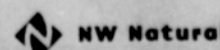
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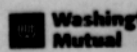
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