

## SPORTS

## Packers Best Steelers in Super Bowl

The Green Bay Packers completed a memorable run through the NFL playoffs by claiming their fourth Super Bowl title with a 31-25 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday in Dallas, Texas.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw for three touchdowns and the Packers' defense forced three turnovers on the way to winning their

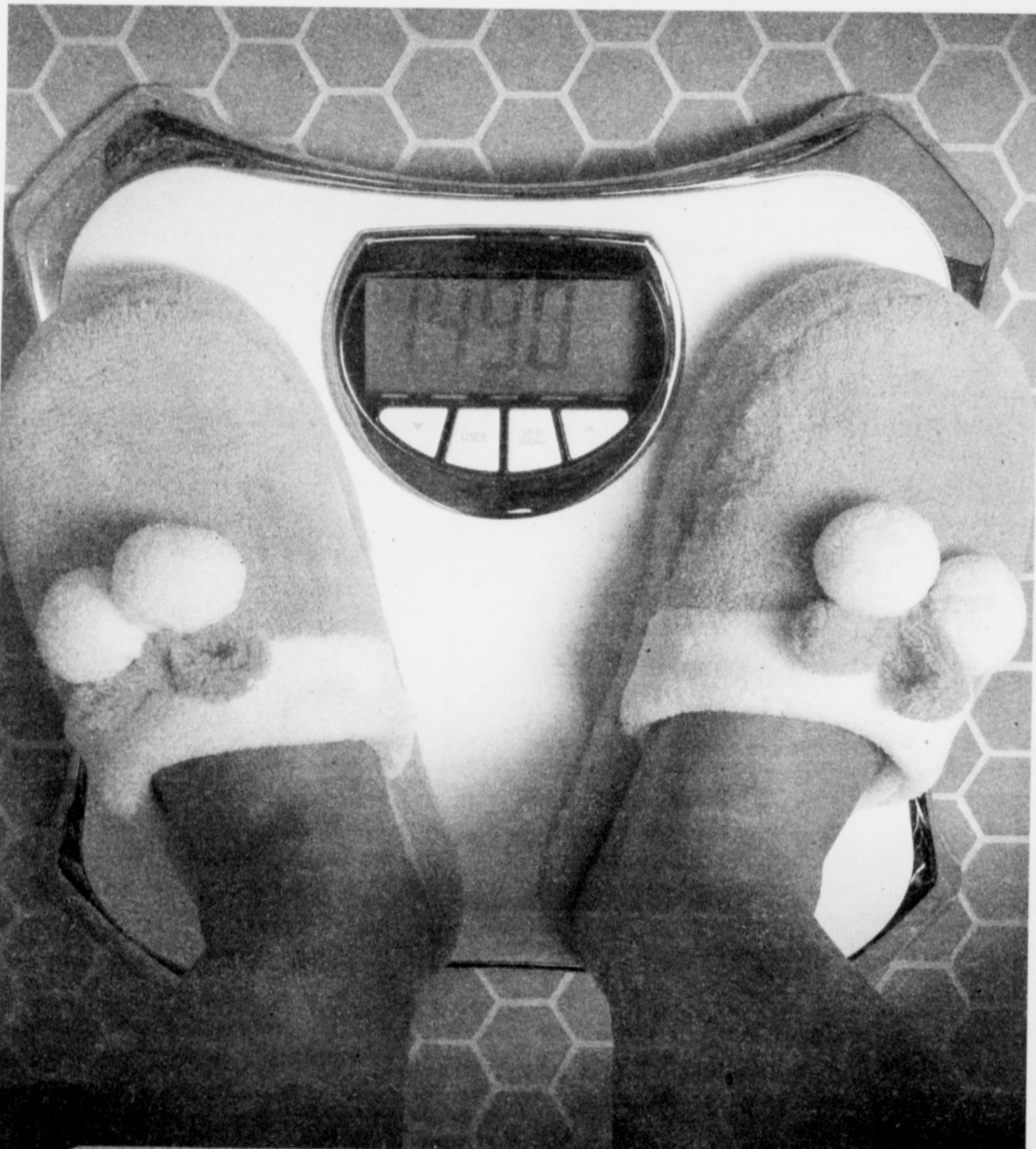
fourth playoff game.

Rodgers, who completed 24 of 39 passes for 304 yards, was voted Super Bowl MVP. Safety Nick Collins sparked the defense by returning a first-half interception for a touchdown to help the Packers to a 21-3 lead.

Green Bay needed a win on the final day of the regular season just

to reach the playoffs, then won four playoff games away from its home at Lambeau Field.

Ratings for the game put it as the most watched program in television history, with 111 million viewers – eclipsing last year's game by 4.5 million. Also, estimates for viewers who saw at least part of the game were for nearly 163 million – more



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Green Bay Packers' Aaron Rodgers holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Packers' 31-25 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in the NFL Super Bowl XLV football game.

than half the U.S. population.

Next up for the league is the challenge of securing a new collective

bargaining agreement between owners and the NFL Players Association prior to next season.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

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### Key PIL Girls Battle

The Class 4A girls basketball teams from Roosevelt and Marshall are scheduled to play one another Wednesday, Feb. 9 at Roosevelt with their season-long streaks on the line. Roosevelt enters the game at 0-16, while Marshall is 0-14. The teams play at Marshall on Friday, Feb. 18.

### Cheerleading Finals

The OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires Cheerleading state championships are scheduled Saturday, Feb. 12 at Memorial Coliseum beginning at 9 a.m. Clackamas is the defending champion in the Class 6A

large group, having upended perennial champion Westview last season. Among the local teams in the 6A large bracket are David Douglas, Grant, Gresham, Reynolds and Wilson. Cleveland and Milwaukie are among the Class 5A small teams and Marshall is among the Class 4A small group schools.

### Pins Set to Fall

The state high school bowling tournament for Portland area teams is set for Sunday at AMF 20th Century Lanes, 5505 N.E. Sacramento. The tournament is one of seven district tournaments held across the state leading into the Oregon championships, Feb. 25-27 in Medford.

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