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The enclosed file...documents one of my finest psi-force demonstrations, ever.

To recap: at the very beginning of this 1985 USFL pro football season my UFOs instructed me to attack the Tampa Bay Bandits pro football team and stop them from winning the USFL superbowl this year. This was a formidable undertaking, because the Bandits were the best and winningest team in the USFL. In a few games they ranked at the top of the USFL teams. So my work was cut out for me to stop them and take them apart.

Game by game, as I watched them on TV, I soaked the team and the coach in attack psi-force. In the games that were not on TV here I had to depend on the psi-force put onto them from the games that I controlled. The object was not to make them lose this or that game...but to cause the entire team to fall apart as the season wore on so that at superbowl time they could not win it. Also I was after three key players. Reaves, the quarterback; Truvillion, the brilliant receiver, and Anderson, their brilliant runner.

Slowly, as happened in years past when I used the same techniques, the psi-force attack took form and shape. In the course of the games psi-force was used to cause fumbles, dropped passes, missed passes, missed kicks and freak turnovers against the Bandits. The psi-force has the property of building up, game to game, among the players...cumulative effect.

Nearing the end of the regular season...Truvillion had become injured and been fired from the team. Anderson was injured and playing under capacity. The owner, Bassett, had developed two brain tumors and was in hospital. The coach, Rauch, a top coach, was fired or resigned. The last four games I had on TV here, using my techniques, I had little difficulty in beating the Bandits...even using two of the worst teams in the USFL to do it...Portland and Orlando. Then came the playoff game prior to the Superbowl. My UFOs gave me several new techniques to use against the Bandits on TV...and you can read the results in the enclosed file. The Bandits were beaten...one expert claimed that the team was 'jinxed'. The game was called 'bizarre' and freakish. A key happening in the game was the Bandits kicker, trying for a point after a touchdown. He made the kick in spite of the special tool given me to use by my UFOs...but it was called back. He made the second kick...but it was called back. He missed his last, and final try...and the Bandits were sunk.

My UFOs wanted to find out if I still had my psi-force 'combat' punch. They found out. I have. And it is more powerful by far than in years past.

Finally, the Bandits, alone of all the USFL teams, have been wiped out as a team, completely. See the file. That...is what psi-force does...either on a small scale, such as pro football...or on a large scale. Remember, psi-force merely has to be applied to an IDEA...and 'mass' is irrelevant and immaterial.

P.S. I sent Scarfone
(herein) a file
early on and
warned him what
was coming.
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It gives me great pleasure to tell you that I have made an extraordinary discovery! A discovery that adds an entirely new dimension to the working of the human mind...heretofore completely unknown to science in particular and mankind in general. Am working with it, and experimenting further with it, daily.

You have been reading for some time, in the newspapers, of "mysterious" fires and explosions occurring everywhere. These are not accidental fires and explosions, or man-caused fires and explosions...but are a direct result of my UFOs 'Sun Attack' and the issuance of destructive powers from the ancient Egyptian entity, still very much alive. In order to make my point, see the enclosed newsclip re the many fires now taking place in the Galapagos Islands... a 16-island group 680 miles off the coast of Ecuador. And not on just one island, but on the islands of Isabel, Santa Cruz and San Cristobal. Now, understand...recently there were fires all over the State of Florida. Tourists were blamed for starting them. The same thing has occurred in other parts of the U.S., always with people being blamed for starting them, either by accident or with malicious intent. Then, explain to me how tourists or humans could set fires 680 miles off the coast of Ecuador...not only on one island but on various islands. (And why.)

See the newsclip, appended..."Mysterious cloud covers hemisphere." "A huge cloud covering half of the world has mysteriously appeared all of a sudden..." Not so mysterious at all. I informed you some time ago that I work daily telepathing to four huge UFOs stationed around our world...each one larger than our own Earth. One of them, for whatever reason, has been spotted. They are other-dimensional and without substance.

I am brushing up on my "psi-combat" techniques...doing further research and experimentation by utilizing psi-force on live pro football games. Tampa Bay is my target this football season.* The objective is to make them lose games... keep them from winning the USFL Superbowl...and eliminate key players in order to further bolster the desired result. Recently, when Tampa Bay played Houston and with my using psi-combat techniques over TV...the coach of Tampa Bay, Spurrier, became so exasperated and frustrated that he got down on his knees and actually pounded his head on the ground...all live on national TV. You will recall that in the past I dismantled the Philadelphia Eagles team and the owner went bankrupt. I dismantled the Baltimore Colts and Rosenbloom traded his team for the Los Angeles Rams, then Rosenbloom mysteriously drowned. I dismantled the pro basketball team in Norfolk, Virginia (Virginia Squires) and the owner went bankrupt. I put it to you that it is logical that I must have enormous knowledge of the application of psi-force in order to obtain result.

Appended is an interesting newsclip pertinent to my UFOs Sun Attack...stating that "a major new report issued Thursday by the National Academy of Sciences says that the approaching warming of the Earth known as the greenhouse effect is "cause for concern".

* As it was last year.

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Novo Bojovic's 23-yard field goal as time expired gave Oakland a 30-27 victory over Tampa Bay in a bizarre USFL playoff game that may be the Bandits' last — ever.

By TOM FORD
Tribune Sports Writer

T. Bay Bandits PK
T.B. Trib 6/30/85

OAKLAND — The Bandits had come to expect the unusual during a season none of them is likely to forget.

So it may have been fitting that their final game of 1985 — and quite possibly the last game the team will ever play — followed the pattern of the bizarre.

The Bandits were beaten 30-27 on Sunday when Novo Bojovic kicked a 23-yard field goal as time expired. The first round USFL playoff game viewed by 19,346 fans at Oakland Alameda County Coliseum was marked by strange occurrences and, as had become customary, the Bandits seemed the jinxed team.

The reason the score was tied 27-27 was that Bandits place-kicker Zenon Andrusyshyn missed an extra point following a touchdown at 9:41 of the final quarter.

Not your normal PAT, mind you. Andrusyshyn was true on his first try. There would be three because two penalties were called. Andrusyshyn hit his second attempt from 25 yards. The third try, from 35 yards, failed.

"The guard and tackle were

called for interlocking legs on the first one," said Coach Steve Spurrier. "Reggie Smith (one of the players involved) said he'd been doing that for 20 games and it'd never been called.

"After that, Greg Boone was called for sticking his leg out. He said he'd been doing that for 20 games, too."

The Bandits would not approach the Invaders' goal-line again. Instead, it was Bojovic who had the chance to win the game, and do that he did, despite the fact the Invaders almost saw the clock run out on them.

Oakland let the time creep below double digits and apparently thought the referee had heeded a request to stop it near the 5-second mark. But quarterback Bobby Hebert had to rush back on the field to get time to stand still and fortunately for the Invaders, the clock froze at ".02."

To the contrary, time marches on for the Bandits, who are unsure what the future holds for them.

"We knew this game meant sudden death for us — terminally," said linebacker Keith Clark. "This is such a funny feeling. No one on this team has ever experienced a situation like this."

The Bandits outplayed the 14-4-1 Invaders in some categories. Tampa outgained Oakland 418 yards to 344 and had an opportunity to win in the fourth quarter despite five turnovers.

"We didn't appreciate the fact they thought they were going to dominate us," said linebacker James Harrell. "We did everything we could possibly do to win the game. But we lost."

The third season in Bandits' history ended with the team hardly better than .500. Tampa was 9-3 at one point, but lost six of its last seven games.

"They go on," said Clark of the Invaders, who will play at Memphis Saturday. "For us, it's like the end of the whole league; it's like there is nothing more."

At least, said quarterback John Reaves, who passed for three touchdowns and 315 yards, "We went out with our heads held high."

It did not seem that would be the case early on. As they did a week before in the regular-season finale at

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Tom McEwen

The Morning
After



Bandits' failings led to merciful end

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Even Yogi Berra would acknowledge it's over for the Bandits.

Perhaps, it is merciful.

Clearly the Bandits of these times are not capable of brinkmanship offensive play.

That failing has been demonstrated steadily down this fateful stretch that ended 3,000 miles from home on Sunday.

It was demonstrated once more at the Oakland Alameda County Coliseum when Oakland won 30-27 on a 23-yard field goal by Novo Bojovic, who had earlier missed one of 31 to give the Bandits a chance to win it by perhaps the manner in which the Invaders would, eventually. But, quarterback John Reaves was twice sacked, meaning Oakland would have the ball in good field position to advance for the marginal field goal.

The Invaders did just that, causing Bojovic to declare Oakland won "because the Lord was on our side."

Well, maybe, but it had appeared moments before that someone up there liked the Bandits quite well, too, when Novo had missed his short field goal to give Tampa Bay an opportunity at a stirring win. But what would be proven quickly thereafter was the Bandits Sunday were once again the Bandits of these final games of this bizarre season.

Perhaps a series in this Sunday game earlier was more appropriate to the Bandit modus operandi of late. With the score tied 27-27, part-time sports writer Zenon Andrusyshyn kicked the extra point for a precious 28-27 lead with about six minutes left in the game. But wait, there was a yellow flag. Illegal formation was the call. Officials said the guard and tackle "locked legs," which is illegal. What happened was their legs overlapped when they took positions. Doubtless, it was simply a misjudgment.

A five-yard penalty was assessed and Andrusyshyn kicked again. Good.

But, wait, another yellow flag was thrown. Blocking back Greg Boone was charged with tripping, another very rare call. But, this one was for 15 yards. It meant the go-ahead point kick now would be for 35 yards. Already Zenon had missed a 28-yard field goal that would have made it 17-10 in the second quarter, right after Steve Carter dropped a touchdown pass that would have made it 21-10.

Zenon kicked a knuckleball for the 35-yard extra point. It was low and right and the Bandits did not have a 28-27 lead, but a 27-27 tie, before losing 30-27.



Bandits vs. Invaders

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Tom McEwen

The Morning After



Banditball will live in memory

file 6/30/85

When what surely appears to have been the last flight of the Tampa Bay Bandits was finally over — 6½ hours of it — coaches assembled at the Bandit Hideaway an hour after black Sunday and commiserated over their fate well into Monday morning.

"We thought of a hundred ways we could have beaten Oakland," said Charlie Lyle, secondary coach now headed for an administrative assistant's job with Head Coach Joe Morrison of the University of South Carolina. "We played hard, but we blew some big plays."

"So here we sat," said Lyle Monday noonish, he and defensive coordinator Barry Wilson sharing thoughts with each other, with other coaches stopping by, with telephone callers, with their boss, Steve Spurrier. "Now here we are again, still unable to change the outcome," that was 30-27 Oakland and The End.

On the blackboard unerased was the Saturday message Wilson had written: "Nobody else believes we can beat Oakland, but I do."

"Should have, too," he added.

Spurrier was still puzzled over successive calls of interlocking legs and tripping that wiped away good extra-point tries that would have given the Bandits a 28-27 lead instead of a 27-27 tie with some four minutes left.

"Never, ever heard of interlocking legs being called. I wonder if, in a playoff game with the score tied, it would have been called in the big leagues?" he asked.

Then he was back in his office wondering about the future, too.

Wife Jeri came in and said how "strange this all is. I mean you can take a team to a bowl game in college, play and know you are losing your seniors. But how about losing your whole team? Strange."

Bandit management is seeking to sell or merge the club with another, and there has been one slight indication of interest by one limited partner in trying to keep the Bandits intact, in Tampa and in the United States Football League even if the USFL does indeed go to the fall in 1986.

Nothing definite there, not by a long shot.

"It has been a tremendous learning experience for me personally," said Spurrier. "I have had three years as head coach, thanks to Mr. (John) Bassett and the Bandits, and believe me I have learned. I guess I am even learning now, with this experience still going on."

He said he'll wait a bit before looking for another job. He is still under contract.

Told a strong Georgia booster called the Tribune and said if Vince Dooley does indeed resign as Bulldog head coach, he's for Spurrier.

"Well, I don't know if I'd be too popular a candidate for that job," said Spurrier, the Heisman Trophy winner for Florida and former Georgia Tech assistant.

"We'll wait. Things are still up in the air."

It was clear the coaches and other staffers about were working hard at keeping the stiff upper lip.

"It's a facade," said one. "We're dying inside."

"Nice of Gary Anderson, eh?" said Spurrier, holding a handmade flyer inviting

players, coaches, staffers and their families to the home of the premier Bandit running back Monday afternoon for food and games.

"Gary's got this place out on Erlich Road, with a full basketball court in the back. He's good at that, too. Might have been able to play in the NBA."

The flyer said there would be hotdogs, chicken and hamburgers, "horseshoes, badminton and bingo." It was all on Gary.

Over at the Bandit offices on Himes Avenue, across from Tampa Stadium, a skeleton staff was at work. The force has been reduced drastically, though all have been invited to use the facilities to seek employment.

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"We become normal humanoids again.... We go home, get jobs, cut grass, just like normal people."

— Defensive end James Ramey

Players prepare for return to real world

By TOM FORD
Tribune Sports Writer

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Twenty-four hours earlier, they were a select group: Pro football players, a prime cut above the weekend warrior, men who earned a living by commanding their bodies to do what most people only dream of accomplishing.

Monday morning, the Bandits began re-entering the real world. "We become normal humanoids again," said James Ramey, who played defensive end for three years and often philosophized as if from another world. "We go home, get jobs, cut grass, just like normal people."

Sunday's 30-27 playoff loss at Oakland was almost certainly the Bandits' final game. The franchise created by owner John Bassett may survive in some form, but it is

Some have a future in football, some do not.

unlikely the majority of players who made the round trip to California will be listed on the same lineup card again.

"It's been fun," said Ramey. "It may sound corny, but 'all the fun the law allows' says it all."

Despite recent problems, which included late delivery of paychecks, Ramey and his teammates remained patient with the crumbling Bandits organization. Privately, some players grumbled about not receiving their salary. Publicly, they refused to criticize.

"They always shot straight from the

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Tribune photo by DAN McDUFFIE
Center Chris Foote knows he will never see many of his Bandit teammates again.

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Colon Surgery Set Friday For Reagan

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan will have a benign growth removed from his colon on Friday, and doctors will perform a thorough examination of the president's large intestine to search for and remove any other polyps that may exist, a White House spokesman announced today.

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan would undergo the procedures at Bethesda Naval Hospital just outside Washington and plans to remain there overnight.

The polyp, a fleshy growth that generally causes no discomfort but sometimes may become cancerous if not removed, was discovered during a physical examination in March. A similar polyp was found a year earlier, and part of it was removed for microscopic examination, which showed the growth was benign, Speakes said at the time.

Speakes said the polypectomy, or removal of the polyp, and a colonoscopy, which involves the use of a special instrument to examine the full length of the colon, are to be performed in the hospital's outpatient unit, although the 74-year-old Reagan will remain at the hospital overnight.

He will travel to Camp David the following day to spend a restful weekend at the presidential retreat.

The spokesman said if more polyps are discovered during the examination, they probably will be removed at that time. The colonoscope, a long, flexible instrument that enables physicians to visually examine the inside of the intestinal wall, is equipped with a tiny wire snare that can excise polyps as they are discovered.



AP photo

Bandits' Coach Steve Spurrier, right, and backup quarterback Jimmy Jordan don't like the looks of what happened on the field during Sunday's playoff game against Oakland.

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Steve Spurrier was amazed at some of the calls that contributed to his team's playoff loss.

Tribune photo

T.B. Bandits PR

Suit against Bandits on docket today



Lee Scarfone

Feb. 7/11/85
Limited partners are seeking an injunction on the calling in of promissory notes.

• State USFL coaches won't pick winner — 11C

By NICK PUGLIESE
Tribune Sports Writer

Two more plaintiffs may enjoin the civil suit filed by 15 of the Bandits' limited partners against the troubled United States Football League team when the case comes before Circuit Court Judge Morton Hanlon this afternoon.

The suit, which will be heard today at 4 p.m., seeks a temporary injunction against the \$200,000 promissory notes called in by NCNB National Bank of Florida three weeks ago. The upset limited partners also have requested a full accounting of the team's finances, and they are seeking damages in excess of \$5,000 each for "fraudulent conspiracy" on the part of the Bandits.

Tampa architect Lee Scarfone, one of the limited partners involved in the suit who also happens to be trying to put together a group to keep the Bandits in town, said the outcome of today's case depends on the

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judge and the presentation of attorney George Phillips.

"I know we sound like a bunch of poor losers," Scarfone said. "It's not a loss of money, but the manner in which it was called and the way it was handled. It's a little embarrassing being involved with an organization where people haven't been getting paid. We had a winner here and we became a loser."

More and more unpaid Bandit bills are surfacing daily. "Ralph Campbell (the team's director of business operations) may be a nice guy, but he must have done something wrong to get this kind of response (from the limited partners)," Scarfone noted. "Something must be amiss."

"A bunch of vendors haven't been paid and the players haven't been paid. The manner in which management has handled this situation has been less than desirable."

Regarding the USFL Players Association's grievance against the Bandits for failing to pay the players the final week of the regular season, Scarfone sympathized with the players.

"The problem is that management says 'We had some costs we didn't anticipate and some revenues we didn't collect,' " he said. "Any intelligent businessman knows you're

supposed to anticipate all these things. You just don't throw up your hands and say you don't know what happened."

Besides Scarfone, other limited partners involved in the suit are Donald Dizney (who also owns the Orlando Renegades), Dr. John Petrakis, Jack Bertoglio, Joseph Capitano, Joseph DiGerlando, Andrea Castellano, Dr. Felix LoCicero, Dr. Lawrence Kahana, James English, Concessions Inc. (two partners), John Provenzano, Cheryl Levenstein and Randolph McKean. Only seven of them — Scarfone, Dizney, Petrakis, Capitano, DiGerlando, English and Concessions Inc. — own full limited shares. The rest own part shares.

The Bandits, whose weekly player payroll was approximately \$300,000, aren't the only team in the league that has the USFLPA up in arms. The players union also has filed grievances against the Portland Breakers and the Houston Gamblers. The Breakers failed to meet their payroll the final week of the season while the Gamblers are two games in arrears.

Also, an arbitrator should rule today on a previous grievance against the San Antonio Gunslingers, who have missed four payments.

When Coach Steve Spurrier talked about a "cash-flow problem" at his final press conference, he apparently was speaking for a lot of teams in the league.

Bandits' investors sue team, bank over \$200,000 note

By NICK PUGLIESE
and TOM McEWEN 7/4/85
Tribune Sports Writers

Fifteen of the Bandits' limited partners have filed suit against the Tampa Bay franchise and NCNB National Bank of Florida seeking a temporary injunction against the \$200,000 promissory notes the bank called in two weeks ago.

The plaintiffs also are seeking damages in excess of \$5,000 each for "fraudulent conspiracy" on the part of the Bandits, and have requested a full accounting of the team's finances.

The suit, filed Wednesday in Hillsborough County Circuit Court, will be heard by Circuit Court Judge Morton Hanlon on July 11 at 4 p.m. It names Football Partners Limited, Tampa Sports Incorporated and Sunshine State Football Incorporated (three companies that own the Bandits), NCNB, general partner Steve Arky, director of business operations Ralph Campbell and managing general partner John Bassett as the defendants.

The plaintiffs are Donald Dizney, Lee Scarfone, Dr. John Petrakis, Jack Bertoglio, Joseph Capitano, Joseph DiGerlando, Andrea Castellano, Dr. Felix LoCicero, Dr. Lawrence Kahana, James English, Conces-

sions Inc. (two partners), John Provenzano, Cheryl Levenstein and Randolph McKean.

Ironically, one of the items mentioned in the suit concerns the lack of territorial rights payments from the Jacksonville Bulls and Orlando Renegades, the latter which is owned by Dizney. In fact, at the United States Football League owners' meeting in New York Tuesday, Commissioner Harry Usher said he favored a Bandits-Renegades merger.

Also, another plaintiff, Scarfone, is involved with a group of limited partners who would like to keep the Bandits in Tampa for the fall 1986 season. Scarfone, a Tampa architect, accompanied Campbell to New York on Tuesday.

"We're simply making an inquiry as to how some of the funds were used," said Scarfone. "We want an accounting. Everybody loves John Bassett, but you can't get access to him for any information. Ralph Campbell is just an employee of the company. He doesn't have any power to act in his own behalf and, besides, he has enough problems."

Campbell, who has been running the team while Bassett undergoes radiation treatment in Toronto for two brain tumors, had no comment on the suit.

"At this point, I haven't seen anything,"

Campbell said. "We're trying our best to hold this thing together. I'm not sure what this does to us. We're trying to do what we can to come out with as much value in this franchise as possible."

Bassett, who is totally divorced from John Bassett Enterprises, will undergo another CATscan on July 11 to determine the progress of the radiation treatments. He told the Tribune he was feeling fine. However, he did not watch the team's playoff loss to the Oakland Invaders on doctor's orders.

Bassett probably feels as bad as anyone about what happened to the limited partners. Each investor has lost \$300,000, their original \$100,000 investment and the \$200,000 promissory notes that were called in by NCNB two weeks ago. Many are upset, which led to Wednesday's suit.

The first count of the suit seeks "action for injunction, accounting, damages and other relief accrued in Hillsborough County." The second count asks for the \$5,000 in damages.

Among the items listed under the first count was the charge that the defendants mismanaged and wasted the assets of the partnership by:

- Issuing no financial statements since Sept. 30, 1984 despite frequent and constant requests.

- Borrowing \$4.75 million from the bank since May 24, 1983 on the strength of the credit standing of the plaintiffs — without any accounting of the funds.

- Not obtaining franchise fees from the other Florida teams (Jacksonville and Orlando).

- Making "improper loans" to players and potential players, including wide receiver Cris Collinsworth, who received a loan in excess of \$500,000 that was payable in the year 2010 with no interest.

- Entering into "unrealistic contracts" with players inconsistent with the proposed budget of the Bandits.

- Making public statements that the USFL "would not survive as a league entity with the effect that the morale of the Bandits was ruined, affecting the performance of the team on the field and affecting the revenues received by the partnership."

- Failing to pay rental fees for Tampa Stadium to the Tampa Sports Authority, as well as player compensation when due per contract.

Scarfone made it clear the suit had nothing to do with his efforts to keep the Bandits in Tampa.

"I have an interest in keeping the Ban-

bits alive and in the Tampa community," he said. "If there is any way possible, I'd love to do it."

"After attending the meeting in New York, I'm very impressed with the strength of the league, although I realize there are some serious decisions to be made. The demise of the Bandits has been disheartening not only to the investors but to a lot of other people, such as the fans."

Scarfone said the franchise faces four options: remaining in Tampa with a new group of owners, relocating to another city, merging with Jacksonville or Orlando, or folding. He said he preferred the first option. "I'm personally convinced the league is going to survive and I want to try to keep the Bandits as an entity," he said.

The Florida Times-Union reported Wednesday that the Bandits, Renegades and Bulls all would merge and play in the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville in 1986. Campbell wouldn't confirm the report, but said the Bandits were pursuing all options.

"Folks all have an opinion as to how they think this thing should be done," he said. "Obviously that would take a lot of thought and negotiating. But it would make for a pretty strong team, I guess."

By NICK PUGLIESE
Tribune Sports Writer

It all began on May 11, 1982, and, for all intents and purposes, came to an end Sunday afternoon when the Oakland Invaders defeated the Tampa Bay Bandits 30-27 to eliminate them from the United States Football League playoffs.

In between those dates, there have been plenty of highs and, unfortunately for the franchise, quite a few lows.

The highs included turning into the model team of the USFL, both on the field and off it. Of course, the lowest points have come this season as owner John Bassett was stricken with two inoperable brain tumors, the Bandits fell out of favor with the rest of the league, the team ended up on the market, the fans started staying away and there were losses in six of the last seven games.

Spring football may have been a joke in many parts of the country, but there's no doubt it worked in Tampa — for a while.

Rauch tosses barbs at Bandits, Bassett

T.B. Bandits PK
Tribune Wires 7/4/85

The United States Football League faces certain extinction if it proceeds with a planned shift to the fall, the former director of football operations for the Bandits told UPI Wednesday.

John Rauch, a former NFL head coach with the Buffalo Bills and Raiders, resigned from his Bandits' post May 9 after a dispute with principal owner John Bassett concerning who owns the club's player contracts. Bassett claimed the contracts belonged to the Bandits while Rauch indicated the USFL had control.

"I don't see how the league can survive under the fall format," said Rauch Wednesday. "Knowing how much in debt certain clubs are, I don't see anyone pouring money into them to help the franchises continue. It doesn't appear to me anyone wants the league to play in the fall. ... I can't see anybody in his right mind pouring money down the drain to carry an insecure franchise."

Rauch is waiting at home for a call from an NFL team inviting him to return to his first love — coaching. He needs one more season in the NFL to reach the 15-year plateau, a level that will increase his pension significantly.

"My first two years with the Bandits I was extremely happy to the point of being ecstatic," said Rauch, who served as an assistant coach and director of scouting in his first two seasons with Tampa Bay. "My mistake was letting myself get into this position of director of football operations, which is just doing what other people tell you to do. It just wasn't my bag. I'm a football man. I should have been smart enough to avoid being a secretary for Mr. Bassett and Steve (General Partner Steve Arky)."

Bassett, confined to Toronto the past two months for treatment of two brain tumors, has turned over control of the Bandits to director of business operations Ralph Campbell and his plans for a multi-sport league beginning in the spring of 1986 have been shelved.

Rauch said those plans were bogus, anyway.

"That thing of his about a world sports league comes from Mars," Rauch said. "You don't have to be too smart to realize it's a con job."

The United States Football League Players Association has filed a grievance against the Bandits, who haven't paid their players for the final week of the regular season.

Approximately 45 of the team's 50 players, who received their 17th paycheck a few days late, have been waiting for their 18th and final regular-season paycheck since June 25.

On Tuesday, The Orlando Sentinel reported the Orlando Renegades have sent a written request to the league office about a possible merger with the Bandits. However, Ralph Campbell, Bandits director of business operations, said he has not seen any such proposal and he knew nothing about it.

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USFL Players Association files claim against Bandits

T.B. Bandits PK
Most of the team's players have not been paid for the final week of the season.

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By TOM FORD
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OAKLAND — The end had never been accompanied by such an air of finality. For the 43 Bandits who made the long and fruitless trip here, Sunday's 30-27 playoff loss to the Oakland Invaders was not just the final episode of a soap opera season; it signalled the end of an era.

The Tampa Bay franchise, once the standard-bearer of the United States Football League, will not exist in its current form much longer. Owner John Bassett, who lost more than \$1 million in personal funds, could not devote time to saving his team. Afflicted with two brain tumors, Bassett's biggest concern is to fight for his life.

The Bandits may move to a city with a USFL vacancy or merge with a team in need of an infusion, a team like the Orlando Renegades. It is a longshot that the Bandits will remain in Tampa under new ownership.

"Like I told the guys," Bandits Coach Steve Spurrier said after the last-second defeat, "I enjoyed coaching them. I don't know if I'll ever coach them again, but I enjoyed the time we had together."

The fate of the men who played the game is unknown. All that is certain is this: If a buyer is not found by Aug. 1, the team must release at least 15 players.

The USFL plans to play in the fall of 1986 and the collective bargaining agreement between the players' union and league management calls for a reduction in roster size from 50 to 35 during the waiting period.

The 35 players who are retained by each team will be paid 30 percent of their salaries until training camps open a year from now. Teams may keep fewer than 35, however, and one Bandits player said last week a management official told him only 10 may be frozen.

The minimum 15 players released by each team will become free agents and, with most National Football League camps opening in mid-July, will have ample opportunity to find jobs in the NFL.

Whatever happens, it is obvious the team football fans in Tampa supported in record numbers for three years — the Bandits were overall attendance leaders in the league's brief springtime history — will have an almost entirely different

look in whatever form it survives.

For that reason, the manner of Sunday's loss was something the Bandits were proud of.

"You have to respect every guy on this team," said defensive end Mike Clark. "Nobody knows where we're going or what the future holds.

"Nobody in their right mind would say they weren't concerned."

Apparently, all but six Bandits are currently under contract to the USFL for at least one more year. Offensive tackle Dan Fike, linebacker James Harrell, offensive guard Chuck Pitcock, safety Doug Beaudoin, defensive end James Ramey and wide receiver Spencer Jackson are free agents.

Fike has signed a three-year contract with the Cleveland Browns of the NFL and will report for preseason drills on July 15. Harrell may return to Detroit and play for the Lions, while Pitcock said three NFL teams have indicated they could use him.

"Detroit holds my rights and has expressed a strong interest," said Harrell, who spent five seasons with the Lions.

Pitcock played three seasons in the USFL after unsuccessful attempts to earn a spot with two NFL teams, and is ready to try again in the established league.

Beaudoin will retire, unless something unexpected develops. Ramey and Jackson probably will wind up somewhere in the USFL.

"I still think I can play," said Beaudoin, 31, and a veteran of nine pro seasons. "I'll probably go into brokerage. If somebody called from either league, though, I'd listen."

There may soon be one more free agent to add to the list. Quarterback John Reaves, 35, has a year remaining on his contract. But there is a stipulation that the Bandits must pay Reaves a \$25,000 roster bonus within 14 days if they want to retain him. Reaves says he has been told they will not exercise that option.

Reaves, who indicated "five or six" NFL teams are interested in him, put the tentativeness of the situation in perspective when he remarked, "Like Coach Spurrier said, we'll all be free agents, the way it's looking now."

The player with the most star potential, running back Gary Anderson, has one season remaining on his original four-year deal. There were reports recently that Anderson might escape his

contract because he was obligated to play only "spring" football.

However, Doug Allen, executive director of the USFL Players Association, has said the union had voted approval of an owners' request that contracts encompass the fall season.

Allen added that he anticipated some legal action in which players would nonetheless attempt to prove their contracts invalid.

Defensive end Mike Butler, who is committed to the USFL through 1987, may try to return to the Green Bay Packers. Possibly, Butler could buy out his contract, a transaction free safety Marcus Quinn has hinted may also free him.

Quinn said after Sunday's game that the Bandits have owed him a \$50,000 bonus since May 15.

"I'm going to have to look and see what's available to me," said Quinn.

It does not appear the majority of the Bandits will be in as enviable a situation. Twenty-eight of Sunday's 50 rostered Bandits (seven were deactivated for the game) came to the USFL from the NFL or Canadian Football League.

Only Harrell and Butler had a choice in the matter. They played out their options and signed with the Bandits for more money.

The other 26 had been branded inferior, either physically or intellectually, and for most of them, the USFL was the last opportunity to make a living playing football.

In many instances, the detractors have been proven wrong. Tight end Marvin Harvey, a former member of the Kansas City Chiefs, showed he could play in any league.

Larry Brodsky, a wide receiver considered too slow, blossomed into one of the most dependable pass catchers in the game. He, too, had been overlooked by the NFL.

Brodsky's play pleased the Bandits so much that they gave him a contract extension earlier this season through 1989. Shortly thereafter, the Bucs, unaware of Brodsky's commitment, inquired about his availability.

"When I signed, the whole idea was to play for Mr. Bassett, here in the state, near my family (in the Miami area). Money was secondary," said Brodsky.

But for most of the players who shared the camaraderie of a locker room for the final time as a group Sunday, home always will be in Tampa. And Tampa will always mean the Bandits.

College ranks lie ahead for most of the team's coaching staff

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On the day after a football game, Bandits Coach Steve Spurrier usually dissects films with the rest of his coaches. However, Spurrier played golf with his son Monday morning before facing the media at his weekly press conference.

Such is the life of the football coach in limbo — or until the Bandits' future becomes clearer than it is right now.

"I guess I'll get out the fishing poles and golf clubs or whatever guys do in the off-season," Spurrier said when asked what his immediate plans were following Tampa Bay's quick exit from the playoffs via the Oakland Invaders' 30-27 victory.

"I'll wait around and see what happens," he said. "Realistically, all our coaches are looking for a job down the road. There are no jobs right now. December and January, that's when the coaching jobs open up."

One member of Spurrier's staff, secondary coach Charlie Lyle, already has found employment elsewhere. Lyle, one of the first coaches Spurrier hired, will become an administrative assistant for South Carolina head football coach Joe Morrison.

Lyle said when Morrison first offered him the job, he told Lyle to take his time getting to Gamecock Country. But Morrison was on the telephone Monday looking for his new coach. Lyle spent the better part of the day saying farewell to his former players.

"What makes it all worthwhile is when all your players come in to say goodbye," Lyle said.

Most of the other Tampa Bay coaches probably will end up in the college ranks also, although offensive line coach Rich McGeorge may return to the Birmingham Stallions, or even follow Coach Rolie Dotsch to the National Football League.

Spurrier said all the assistant coaches have been paid through the season, although

**Marketing
Director Jim
McVay will wait
before making
any decisions.**



the last two paychecks have been late and should be coming in soon. "As everyone knows, the cash flow's been a little short," Spurrier said. "We're all sort of in a holding pattern."

That's not the case with most of the front-office employees, who have received their severance pay. Many of them already have found other jobs, too.

One who is still with the franchise is

Marketing Director Jim McVay, who has taken a wait-and-see attitude.

"I'm waiting to see what takes place with the franchise," said McVay, alluding to a possible merger or relocation of the Bandits. "Many options are being explored. There are too many unanswered questions to come up with concrete plans."

Thanks to Tampa Bay's successful promotions and marketing, McVay has been very much in demand. "We are very visible around the country," he said. "There are a million opportunities out there for all our marketing people. We are proud of what we've done here."

Dave Jovanovic, the Bandits' director of media and public relations the last two seasons, said he would look for a job in the same field. In the meantime, he said he'll help his wife, Shirley, with her "Sunshine Classroom," a state-wide teachers exchange newspaper.

"I'm just going to fade into the sunset

like an old Western hero," Jovanovic said. "We've produced a good product here. Everybody worked well together. It's kind of like a family breaking up."

Trainer Jim Russ probably could beat out a lot of his peers, but he said he may just chunk being the trainer of a pro football team for something new.

Two other members of the Bandits' family, who happen to be husband-wife, also think they'll land on their feet. For three years, Tim Sain has been the team's equipment manager while his wife, Nancy, has been the secretary/receptionist for the coaching staff.

"We're going to concentrate on Tim's career," said Nancy.

"Every day, you knew it was getting closer and closer to the end," she said. "We've been delighted to be a part of it. It's the first time I ever did something like this. It was a real good experience even if it had to end this way."

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In the ticket office, clerks were preparing to send back to season ticket-holders deposits sent for the playoffs that would not be held in Tampa Stadium.

Ralph Campbell, general manager, was at his desk sorting out bills, messages, suggestions, plans. It simply is a down time for the Tampa Bay Bandits as we have known them.

The great pity is that the Bandits in their three-year life contributed so much to so many people in so many ways.

The single, great, regrettable downside is that the partners lost their investments, and for the limited partners who put up \$300,000, surely it is hard to see much good in it all.

That is the single, great, regrettable downside presuming all other Bandit debts will be paid.

"We will do all in our power to see that happen," said Campbell.

It has been the John Bassett reputation throughout his sports adventures to pay all debts, even at great personal loss. Bassett is, however, not now attending his businesses. His trustees are, as he fights the brain tumors that slowed him so.

I mean the Bandits produced \$3.6 million in gross profit to the Tampa Sports Authority over three seasons, generated more than \$30,000 for the United Way. They produced jobs, new business, provided an entertaining spring and summer recreation, a new sports tie for the unattached (and some attached).

They brought Burt Reynolds and entourage to town repeatedly, developed Smokey and The Bandit, a Jerry Reed song, "Banditball." They provided new souvenirs, gave away some cars and paid some mortgages, got tackle Dan Fike a job with the Cleveland Browns (by his performance), gave Spurrier a chance as a head coach, presented quarterback John Reaves a new beginning, turned up E.T. Truivillion and Greg Boone, or "Eeeeeee....Tttttttt," and "Boooooooooone."

They developed the biggest Christian Chapel in the USFL, gave Jimmy Jordan another chance, and Larry Brodsky, and Fred Nordgren and Martin Harvey and so many more.

They gave us the only mascot to strike, and thereafter be replaced, a hurry-up offense, many more wins than losses, the impressive Bandit logo and cheerleaders, fireworks, a locker room in which there has been little to no profanity.

They gave us Bassett himself and his vast financial investments in the area, none of which has been withdrawn, contrary to some reports, though in time there may be position and purpose chances depending on his health.

The club was Spurrier's Banditball, not as productive in winning as all involved would have hoped, but always daredevilish and fan-appealing, and its overall attitude was fan-oriented.

The cold hard fact is that the Bandits needed more defense from the start, but the concentration was on offense from that start and hardly varied. Now, not even that would have mattered had the USFL not decided to go to the fall.

They gave us untold national (and international) publicity, focusing attention on Tampa Bay once more, and in a good light because of their attitude and style, because of managing general partner Bassett (and tennis playing daughter Carling), because of the USFL title game being played here, because the media look with great favor on the Bandits and Tampa Bay.

They gave us a tremendously rending story, this one that continues to develop, the one that began when Red Lowry brought Bassett and Campbell to the Tribune sports department on Feb. 9, 1982, to advise that the plans were in the works for what would become the Tampa Bay-based Bandits, the United States Football League. They were born on May 11, 1982, with an announcement in the 21 Club in New York City. And unless there is to be breath breathed into them from a resurrecting source not now known, the Bandits died with that woeful loss in faraway Oakland Sunday afternoon.

"I think we gave the people a show," said Spurrier. "I hope so. I hope they'll remember us as a good time."

"I don't think," said Lyle, a coach for the defense, "anyone will ever forget Banditball."

Campbell

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was one existing the league allowed to be moved to Miami, then to Orlando.

"That is one source of income we consider when we talk of receivables," said Campbell. Another is television money from ABC, which ABC is contesting and about which the USFL has filed a lawsuit in a Tampa circuit court. No hearing date has been set. ABC is contesting the amount because of major franchises that failed or moved from Chicago, Detroit, Washington and other big cities.

"About the only thing that has happened different is that the season is over for us," said Campbell. "Our kids played hard but lost. Now we can devote full time to settling the team's future."

Campbell reaffirmed that Bassett Enterprises is out of the football business.

Called in previously were payments of \$200,000 from limited partners. That money goes to the bank in repayment of a loan. The loan money has been spent.

The Bandits have reduced their office staff considerably and "we have sought to place all of our people," said Campbell. "It is all very amicable. They understand, I think."

The Bandits and Bandit coaches are behind one payday only. The

league was responsible for payment for the playoff game lost in Oakland 30-27 Sunday.

All Bandit coaches' contracts, including that of Head Coach Steve Spurrier, end with the end of this current season.

"These are sad times for us," said Campbell. "No one wanted it to end like this."

In Toronto, Bassett reportedly continues in his fight against brain tumors.

Point-after calls irritate Spurrier

Bandits Coach Steve Spurrier termed the back-to-back penalties that cost his team a crucial point after touchdown "minor league."

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Ever since the Bandits took on the United States Football League earlier this season, Coach Steve Spurrier has worried about a crucial call going against his team.

Sunday, Spurrier's worst fears may have been realized in Tampa Bay's 30-27 playoff loss to the Oakland Invaders, which ended the season and perhaps the existence of the Bandits. One flag in particular bothered Spurrier so much that he called the USFL a minor league Monday at his final press conference of the season.

The disputed call came on the extra-point attempt following John Reaves' 15-yard touchdown pass to Willie Gillespie that tied the score at 27-27 with 9:41 left. The Bandits were penalized for having two offensive linemen lock legs as the first kick sailed through the uprights. On the second try for one point, Greg Boone was nailed for tripping. Facing what amounted to a 35-yard field goal instead of a simple PAT, Zenon Andrusyshyn hit a knuckleball that missed the mark and left the contest tied.

Monday afternoon, it was Spurrier who was fit to be tied.

"The only thing about yesterday's game that irritated me was the call on the extra-point," Spurrier said. "I really wonder if it was an NFL playoff game with the score tied at 27-all and two teams going after each other, if they could flip a little flag in there for two guys locking legs. That's a call that's sometimes made in an exhibition game when a team is two or three touchdowns ahead.

"In a crucial playoff game like that, I can't understand how the guy could pitch it in there. I'm not saying it cost us the game, but it was a big factor at the time."

When asked about a possible conspiracy by the league against the Bandits, who threatened to pull out

of the USFL but are now looking at a possible merger or relocation within the league, Spurrier shrugged it off.

"We had a lot of chances," he said. "I just wonder if that would have happened in the big leagues. To me, calls like that hurt the league on a whole. That was a minor-league call.

"When things are going bad for you, you get a tough time getting the judgment calls," he added. "But we had some good calls yesterday. It wasn't like they all went against us."

However, enough things went against the Bandits so that instead of preparing for the next round of the playoffs, coaches and players spent Monday saying goodbyes and packing.

For instance, there was the blocked punt on the team's first series. While the Invaders turned the ball right back on James Harrell's interception, the turnover set the tone for the Bandits.

"Somebody came up the middle," Spurrier said. "I haven't seen the film yet. I don't know where our fullback went."

There also was Gary Anderson's apparent 54-yard TD run in the second quarter, which was shortened to 40 yards when the officials ruled he stepped out of bounds at the Oakland 14-yard line. Spurrier challenged the call, but there was no instant replay available as ABC had broken away to cover the hostages' release.

"I don't think he stepped out of bounds and Gary said he didn't step out," he said. "There was just no replay available."

Spurrier said the flight home from the West Coast was subdued at first. Then, the loss set in and the players and coaches came to life.

"It was kind of quiet for a while," he said. "But when it's over, it's over. You can't get it back. The guys get along well with each other. A few guys were shaking hands and saying they enjoyed playing with each other and playing for their coach."

Reaves

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The Bandits are for sale. They could merge with the Orlando Renegades, be moved to another city, remain in Tampa under new ownership, or the players might be placed in a dispersal draft. The only certainty is that John Bassett Enterprises will not own the team after this season.

If the Bandits are not sold by Aug. 1, the team must release at least 15 of the players on the current roster, which stands at 50.

The collective bargaining agreement between management and the USFL players' association maintains that 35 players may be protected and that those players will receive 30 percent of their salary until camp opens

for the 1986 fall season.

It seems doubtful Reaves will be one of the players protected, despite the fact he has helped lead the team to consecutive playoff berths.

The uncertainty surrounding the franchise and the worth of Reaves' contract (reported at \$450,000 with incentives and bonuses over this season and next) make it seem likely he will be moving on.

Reaves, 35, missed the first three days of training camp this season over a contract dispute. His agent at the time, Don Dalbosco, insisted the second year of the agreement be guaranteed. It was not, but Reaves decided to sign anyway.

If Reaves does not stay with the Bandits, the only veteran will be Jimmy Jordan, who came to the team with Reaves in 1983.

'Z' checks out before writing final chapter

By TOM FORD
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OAKLAND — "Im sorry ... I can't do it."

Zenon Andrusyshyn's journalistic career came to a sudden end on Sunday.

Andrusyshyn, who for six days wrote a playoff diary for the Tribune, spoke those words as he walked to the locker room at Oakland Alameda County Coliseum.

The Bandits were beaten 30-27 by the Oakland Invaders on a 23-yard Novo Bojovic field goal as time expired.

It had been the opposite kind of day for Andrusyshyn, who had a punt blocked, missed a 28-yard field goal attempt in the first half and failed on an extra-point try late in the fourth period that would have given the Bandits a 28-27 lead.

That point-after kick, however, was anything but automatic.

Two consecutive penalties re-

sulted in a 35-yard attempt by Andrusyshyn.

"In all the years I have been playing football," said Andrusyshyn, who concluded his 15th professional season, "I have never seen so many calls on PATs."

Earlier, a penalty forced Bojovic to convert a point-after from 25 yards. He made it.

"I had to try what amounted to a 35-yard extra point," said Andrusyshyn. "I hit the ball with the side of my foot. I just didn't get a good hit on it."

And that was all. There would be none of the descriptive elaboration that had marked Andrusyshyn's short-lived journalistic career.

"He's really down," said Bandits quarterback John Reaves. "He has no reason to be. 'Z' is a great man. He has done a great job for us for three years."

"I know how he felt. I've felt that way before. He has nothing to be ashamed of."

Temporarily out of service. When Anderson took off on a 40-yard run in the second quarter, Coach Steve Spurrier asked for a replay because he felt Anderson did not step out of bounds at the Invaders' 14-yard line.

There was one problem. Because ABC had broken away for coverage of the hostages' release, no replay capabilities were available.

"Twice this year I've called for a replay and they said they accidentally didn't have one," said Spurrier.

Anderson got credit for the 40-yard gallop, second-longest in USFL playoff history to a 54-yard run by Kelvin Bryant of the then-Philadelphia Stars.

The Bandits failed to score on the possession. Wide receiver Steve Carter, free in the right corner of the end zone, dropped Reaves' pass attempt from the 14. Then Zenon Andrusyshyn missed wide right on a 28-yard field goal try with 57 seconds remaining.

It was a tough day for the Z-man. When his first-quarter punt was blocked, it marked only the second time in 1,551 attempts that had happened. It had never happened during his three years with the Bandits.

Coach Steve Spurrier.

An Andrusyshyn punt was blocked in the first series of downs, after a first down effort was nixed by a Spencer Jackson illegal motion. Running back Gary Anderson, who had a brilliant day, fumbled on the second possession and Oakland turned that into a 3-0 lead. Reaves was intercepted at the Oakland two on the next possession. But, the Bandits rallied for a 14-10 lead, then one of 17-14, also led 21-20, then shared the lead at 27-27 before losing.

"We had a lot of chances to score a lot of points," said Spurrier. The Bandits should have led 21-10 at one point, but didn't.

"It was too many bad plays that stopped us," Spurrier emphasized.

And then came the final opportunity, the game tied at 27-27, Tampa in possession at its own 20 after Oakland's missed chipshot field goal, a little more than four

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And there were other Bandit failings. That, coupled with the good passing of Invader quarterback Bobby Herbert and the great receiving of his pass-catchers, was simply too much for a team on the downslide.

It probably can be said that the Bandits played about as well as they could, with what they now have to play, with their future so uncertain, and the haunting inability to come from behind with the marginal points.

That circumstance detracts from the several good individual efforts for Tampa Sunday and causes this sad season to end particularly sadly. Appropriate, sure, but sad, perhaps even cruel.

Moreover, there seems to be something wrong with a system in which the team that won the game won before only 19,000 fans and that was proudly announced as "the fourth largest of the season."

Bandits quarterback John Reaves said of his team, "Our guys are very disappointed but they played as hard as they could."

But, hard was not good enough, and has seldom been lately.

"We came out stumbling and turning it over," said

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minutes left in the game. Victory was a field goal away, victory and an advance in the United States Football League playoffs, and, another

payday for the players.

Greg Boone got three yards to the left.

Reaves was sacked back to the 14.

Reaves was sacked back to the 4. He had been sacked one other time all day.

Andrusyshyn punted to the 40.

Oakland carefully worked the ball to field goal range and victory belonged to the Invaders, 30-27.

"We had the ball with the game tied," said Spurrier, "and we went backwards."

It was a course on which the Bandits have been for some time.

In New Jersey, perhaps Yogi

turned the channel and said to his wife, "It's over."

Somewhere else the fat lady sang.

The Bandits are no more this year.

Probably forever.

Sigh.

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T. Bay Bandits P.K.
Baltimore, the Bandits turned the ball over three times in the first quarter. But the previous opponent took advantage of their graciousness and scored 14 points. The Invaders got only three.

"This time there couldn't be a letdown by the defense," said end Mike Clark. "We knew we had to put out the effort because there wouldn't be a next time."

The Bandits had to punt the first time they had the ball because a motion penalty on wide receiver Spencer Jackson nullified a two-yard gain by Anderson on fourth-and-one from the Tampa 44.

Andrusyshyn's punt was blocked by John Sullivan. The Bandits' Alonzo Johnson recovered at the 24, where he was downed.

The Bandits got the ball right back when Harrell, running at an angle to the goal posts, intercepted Hebert's pass at the 2. Although Harrell's momentum carried him into the end zone, the ball was inexplicably marked at the 2 instead of the 20, as it would have been had officials ruled a touchback.

"The referee told me when you intercept the ball inside the 5-yard line and go into the end zone like I did, the ball comes out to the 5," said Harrell.

But the ball was marked at the 2, which prompted safety Marcus Quinn to say of the officials, "They just blew it, man, plain and simple."

The poor field position was to the

Invaders' advantage, because on third-and-one at the 11, a low hand-off exchange resulted in a fumble by Gary Anderson and recovery at the 14 by cornerback Vito McKeever.

The Invaders were set back to the 29 due to a roughness call on safety David Greenwood. Seven plays and a mere nine yards later, Bojovic put Oakland ahead 3-0 with a 37-yard field goal.

Seemingly ready to take the lead after moving from their 32 to the Oakland 21 following the kickoff, the Bandits, suffered turnover No. 3 of the quarter when Reaves' pass intended for Willie Gillespie was intercepted by cornerback Oliver Davis at the 6. Gillespie slipped making a move for the ball, Davis picked it off and returned 12 yards to the Oakland 18.

"We gave them some opportunities to get way ahead," said Spurrier, who would watch his defense hold the Invaders again, "but they didn't take advantage of them."

The Bandits went the distance on their next possession, travelling 69 yards in seven plays. Anderson's 28-yard run and a 23-yard reception by Gillespie keyed a drive that ended when Reaves passed five yards to Jackson. The Bandits led 7-3 with 10:58 left in the half.

Jackson would have one of his best games of the season, catching five passes for 87 yards, and said the knowledge that this might be the last game ever for the Bandits brought out the best in most players.

"It was either do or die," he said, "so we had no choice but to keep coming back."

A third-down blitz and sack of Hebert for a 12-yard loss by tackle

Ken Times forced a punt and gave the Bandits the ball at their 27 with 8:31 left in the half.

Times was playing more than usually because Mike Butler left the game for good in the first quarter due to a broken middle finger on his left hand.

"We figured if we got a good pass rush, Hebert might throw the ball just about anywhere, because he tends to do that," said Mike Clark. "With Butler out of there it was clear we'd have to pull together and have great effort."

The sack put the ball back in the Bandits' hands and gave Anderson a chance to show off. On the first play, he outran linebacker Ray Bentley down the left sideline, caught Reaves' perfectly thrown pass near the Oakland 40 and ran away from his pursuers to complete a 73-yard scoring play, longest in league play-off history.

Hebert's 25-yard touchdown pass to Derek Holloway ended an eight-play, 80-yard drive that cut the Invaders' deficit to 14-10 with 3:30 remaining in the half.

A 40-yard run by Anderson moved the Bandits into position for another score before the half, but Steve Carter dropped Reaves' pass in the end zone and Andrusyshyn's 28-yard field goal attempt was wide right.

Still, the Bandits led by four at the half and, "that had us all fired-up in the locker room," said Mike Clark.

Oakland went ahead 17-14 at 12:30 of the third quarter when Hebert hit back-to-back completions for 39 yards to Gordon Banks and 40 to Anthony Carter, the latter for the

touchdown.

Interceptions on three consecutive series followed: McKeever stole one from Reaves, cornerback Mike Thurman made an over-the-head catch of an Hebert throw into the endzone, and Oliver Davis made his second off Reaves at the Oakland 39.

Bojovic's 52-yard field goal put Oakland ahead 20-14 with 5:22 left in the third quarter, but the Bandits regained the lead 21-20 on Reaves' 6-yard run — his first running TD in 10 years. A 35-yard reception by Larry Brodsky aided the drive that ended at the 2:28 mark.

The Invaders came back, bolstered by a 41-yard catch by Holloway that put the ball on the 1-yard line. Fullback Tom Newton scored on the next play, making it 26-21, and Oakland went for two. Hebert hit Mike Shumann, but the conversion was nullified by a hold. Bojovic kicked a 30-yard extra point for the 27-21 lead.

Carter's team-record 54-yard kickoff return got the Bandits headed toward the tying touchdown, which occurred when Reaves passed 15 yards to Gillespie with 9:41 left. The episode involving the extra-point followed and it ended with the game still tied.

Bojovic would miss a 30-yard field goal attempt with 5:14 left, but consecutive sacks of Reaves forced a punt and the Invaders used the final 2:54 to move from the Bandits 40 to the 5, which is where the ball rested when Bojovic came in to win the game.

His kick was a perfect ending for the Invaders. It may have been the end, period, for the Bandits.

General manager trying to strike deal for team

By TOM McEWEN
Tribune Sports Editor

7/2/85

The season ended for his team, General Manager Ralph Campbell headed for New York City Monday night in search of a buyer, a merger, anything but the nothing that could mean death of the Tampa Bay Bandits as a team.

United States Football League owners meet in New York the next couple of days.

Campbell has an appointment with USFL President Harry Usher, who recognizes the Bandits still as a member of the league and therefore saleable or merger bait.

Campbell left with one Bandit payday missed — that prior to the last regular-season game — and his office staff being disassembled. He left with money still to be collected, he said, and money still to be paid to debtors.

He left with a glimmer of hope that a Tampa coalition might seek to keep the team as Bandits, in Tampa.

"I can't comment on that," he said. "But, it is a slight alternative."

More likely, he feels, is a sale and move of the Bandits intact to Chicago, where Eddie Einhorn hopes to put a team for the 1986 fall season the USFL hopes to play. And

Ralph Campbell is in New York, where he will try to salvage something for the franchise.

a possibility still is a merger of the Bandits with an existing team. Orlando has been mentioned as a possibility, but owner Don Dizney cancelled appointments with Campbell to discuss the idea and has had no further formal contact. Jacksonville was mentioned as a merger possibility but owner Fred Bullard is not rolling in money accumulated from his ownership of the Bul team.

Both Bullard and Dizney owe the Bandits money for franchise rights, in the minds of Campbell. Managing General Partner John Bassett, ill in Toronto and no longer involved in negotiations, had the USFL right to Florida. Ostensibly, Jacksonville and Orlando had to pay him to play in the USFL. Bullard has not contested the fee but has not paid all the Bandits say they have coming. Dizney is contesting the fee, saying his team

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T. Bay Bandits PK Dizney 'Very Interested' In Merging Bandits, 'Gades'

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TAMPA (AP) — Orlando Renegades managing partner Don Dizney says while he's not made an offer to buy the Tampa Bay Bandits, he's "very interested" in merging the two USFL clubs and moving the Bandits to Orlando.

Dizney confirmed Monday that he has had financial discussions with Ralph Campbell, the Bandits' business operations director who is running the team in the absence of ailing managing partner John Bassett.

Campbell has said that the Bandits will be sold or merged with another United States Football League team because Bassett's health has forced his plans for a new spring league to be placed on hold.

Bassett wanted to form a new league because he opposes the USFL's move to the fall. He's in Toronto being treated for brain tumors.

Tampa is 10-7 and headed for the playoffs as a wild card team. Orlando is 4-13.

The Renegades play their final game of the season Friday, hosting the Los Angeles Express. Game time is 8 p.m.

Campbell has said that three groups, including Dizney's, have reached the point of specific negotiations with the Bandits.

T. Bay Bandits PK Reaves May Be A Free Agent

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TAMPA (AP) — Tampa Bay Bandits quarterback John Reaves says he expects to become a free agent after the United States Football League playoffs.

Reaves said Thursday his contract stipulates that if the Bandits want to keep him they have to pay him a \$25,000 roster bonus within 14 days of the team's final game.

The Bandits play at Oakland Sunday in a first-round USFL playoff game. The league championship game is scheduled for July 14.

Reaves said he's been told that Bandits' owner John Bassett will not exercise an option to keep him.

"My agent talked with Mr. Bassett the other day and he said they weren't going to exercise their option," Reaves said. "That would make me a free agent."

T. Bay Bandits PK

Teammates and coaches with the Bandits often kid place-kicker Zenon Andrusyshyn about being the "official team spokesman." All joking aside, few people know as much about what makes the Bandits tick as the man called "Z." He is a charter member of the team and in the days leading to this weekend's playoff game — and in the wake of Sunday's 38-10 loss to the Baltimore Stars — Andrusyshyn will share his impressions with Tribune readers.)

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Leaving Baltimore Sunday, personally my feelings — and I'm sure a lot of players would echo them — was one of extreme disappointment.

But that was the atmosphere on the plane ride back for only a while. Pretty soon, people began communicating.

I was sitting next to John Reaves and I said, "John, if you had a statement to describe this year, what would you say?" He said, "Very, very sad."

I asked him why and he talked about our owner John Bassett and his illness, the demise of the team, the demise of the league, and the way the team has played as far as being so inconsistent.

I said, "Why don't we look at some positive things?" I meant the last three years, how well the Bandits have done, being in the playoffs, and the fact that a guy like myself and a guy like John didn't have much chance of playing football three years ago.

John Reaves expects to become a free agent following the Bandits' season.



Bandits won't exercise option to keep Reaves

T. Bay Bandits PK

The quarterback says several NFL teams have expressed an interest in his services.

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By TOM FORD
Tribune Sports Writer

Quarterback John Reaves expects to become a free agent two weeks after the Bandits' season ends because he said he has been told the team will not exercise its option to keep him.

Reaves said Thursday his contract stipulates that if the Bandits want to retain his services they must pay him a \$25,000 roster bonus within 14 days of the team's final game.

The Bandits have a first-round USFL playoff game at Oakland on Sunday. The league champion-

ship will be decided on July 14.

"My agent talked with (Bandits' owner) Mr. (John) Bassett the other day and he (Bassett) said they weren't going to exercise their option," said Reaves, who is represented by Jim Neader. "That would make me a free agent and several NFL teams have expressed an interest in me."

(Coach) Steve Spurrier and the Tampa Bay Bandits, but when Mr. Bassett informed us they were not going to exercise their option on me we had no choice but to talk to other teams."

Bassett is being treated for two brain tumors in Toronto. Bandits General Manager Ralph Campbell, who is heading operations in his absence, said he had not talked to Bassett or Reaves about the roster bonus clause.

"Obviously, it is important and needs to be taken care of," said Campbell, "but I have not gotten to it yet."

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T. Bay Bandits PK *T. Bay Trib. 6/17/85*

The Bandits' "mission" is on again. Of course, it was never canceled, according to free safety Marcus Quinn.

Despite Tampa Bay's four straight losses and growing off-the-field problems, many of the players never lost faith that the team would turn things around and make the playoffs.

Not only did those things happen Saturday night at muggy Tampa Stadium, but they came at the expense of a team that has owned the Bandits in the recent past. Final score: Tampa Bay 17, Birmingham Stallions 14.

"No one in here is a loser," said Quinn, who picked off a pair of passes to help the Bandits qualify for post-season play for the second-straight season. "During the four-game drought, we were playing hard, but a play here or there was beating us. Tonight, we didn't beat ourselves."

"We still have a mission. It's never been off."

Quinn would have to admit the mission was put on hold while Tampa Bay turned "Banditball" into "Blunderball" the last four weeks. Saturday night, it was the Eastern Conference-leading Stallions who turned the ball over time after time as they fell to 12-5.

"Turnovers were the big thing," Coach

Nick Pugliese



Steve Spurrier said of the Bandits' five interceptions. The head coach, smiling in the post-game locker room for the first time in a month, added that his team played with a lot of emotion.

The Bandits also went out and kicked the Stallions' butts. Written on a blackboard in the winning locker room was the following pre-game message: "Break and Kick A-."

"We beat a team that really intimidated us the last time we played them," said inside linebacker Kelly Kirchbaum, referring to Birmingham's 30-3 victory two months ago at Legion Field. Kirchbaum hadn't played in recent weeks due to a nagging calf injury, but he said nothing was going to keep him out of the rematch with the Stallions.

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T. Bay Bandits PK *T. Trib 6/24/85*

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Inadvertently, offensive guard Nathaniel Newton has made the Bandits a candidate to appear on the TV version of Ripley's Believe It Or Not.

Climbing the grass terrace leading to the Bandits' locker room at Byrd Stadium Sunday, Newton said to no one in particular, "We've got a playoff game ... believe it or not."

It is hard to believe, considering how the Bandits played Sunday, considering how they have played for most of the last six weeks, a period during which they have lost five of six games.

There may be no team in the United States Football League that wants to claim a championship more than the Bandits. There also may be no playoff team with more problems to overcome.

John Bassett Jr., son of the Bandits owner who is undergoing treatment in Canada for two brain tumors, said after Sunday's loss that, "I have a feeling he (his father) will be at the championship game if they're there," referring to the Bandits.

"But that's up to them," he said, pointing toward the visitors' locker room.

The Bandits had just been humiliated by a team they had handled easily on April 28. The

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Breakers hand Bandits fourth consecutive loss

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Matt Robinson threw for two touchdowns, and running back Buford Jordan rushed for two more to lead the Portland Breakers (5-11) to a 27-24 victory over the Tampa Bay Bandits late Saturday night.

Robinson threw touchdown passes of 24 and 39 yards to wide receiver Nolan Franz in the first quarter. Jordan added two touchdown runs, each of 5 yards, in the third quarter.

Tampa could have earned a playoff berth with a victory but instead fell to 9-7, losing for the fourth game in a row.

Bandits quarterback John Reaves, forced to pass frequently, connected for three touchdowns passes — a 21-yard pass to wide receiver Larry Brodsky in the

third quarter, a 26-yarder to wide receiver Willie Gillespie and a 32-yarder to Brodsky in the fourth quarter.

Tampa Bay kicker Zenon Andrusyshyn missed a 37-yard field goal attempt in the second quarter but connected on a 25-yarder 18 seconds before halftime.

Tampa Bay Coach Steve Spurrier was upset by the turnovers. "We just didn't play very sharp. We had a lot of chances, but we even gave them one touchdown," Spurrier said. "I don't know what happened, we just got beat."

"Toward the end of the game when we began to score, we really didn't change anything, we just got lucky. They have been running against us for three years but we acted like we'd never seen them before. We'll come back and play hard."

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Bandits Deactivate Receiver

TAMPA (AP) — The Tampa Bay Bandits deactivated wide receiver Eric Truvillion because he had become a disruptive force on the United States Football League team, Coach Steve Spurrier said.

"I felt like he had lost his respect for me and the other coaches," Spurrier said Thursday after benching Truvillion for Saturday night's game against Birmingham, and possibly the regular season finale at Baltimore.

"Obviously, he was not happy here," the coach added, "He had run-ins with teammates and coaches and we felt like it would be better for him to go to another team." *O.S.B. 6/14/85*

Tampa Bay Bandits PK

Bandits Told To Go Job Hunting

TAMPA (AP) — Administrative personnel with the United States Football League's Tampa Bay Bandits have been advised to explore the job market because of uncertainty surrounding the franchise's future, the Tampa Tribune reported Friday.

The newspaper said Ralph Campbell, director of business operations, met with employees on Wednesday and informed them he "could not absolutely guarantee where they will be next year."

Bandits owner John Bassett announced on April 22 that Tampa Bay would withdraw from the USFL later this year because of the league's plans to switch to a fall playing schedule in 1986. *O.S.B. 6/8/85*

Tampa Bay Holds Off Birmingham For 17-14 Victory

T. Bay Bandits PK
TAMPA (AP) — The scoreboard read 7-7,

but Tampa Bay Coach Steve Spurrier had positive feelings about the Bandits' chances of upsetting the Birmingham Stallions midway through their United States Football League game.

What defensive coordinator Barry Wilson told him at halftime didn't hurt.

"Coach, you don't have to score every time on offense because we're gonna stop 'em," Wilson assured Spurrier Saturday night. "I've got a feeling about it. The guys are really ready to play."

Birmingham had dominated statistically

to that point, and continued to do so after intermission. The Tampa Bay defense, however, intercepted five passes and stopped a pair of threats that resulted in missed field goals as the Bandits held on for a 17-14 victory.

"I think this is the first time in three years we beat a good team and we didn't play well on offense," Spurrier said. "I think this will give us some momentum."

The triumph clinched a playoff berth for the 11-7 Bandits, who would have qualified anyway as a result of Jacksonville's 31-0 loss

to the Memphis Showboats.

Birmingham saw a five-game winning streak end, dropped to 12-5, and missed out on an opportunity to clinch the Eastern Conference championship. A victory over Tampa Bay, combined with New Jersey's 34-29 loss to Oakland, would have given Coach Rolfe Dotsch the title.

"It was very simple. Their offense played better than our offense. Their defense played better than our defense. Their kicker kicked better than our kicker," Dotsch said. "As a result, we lost."

Stallions quarterback Cliff Stoudt tossed a

first-quarter touchdown pass to Jim Smith, but went on to throw four interceptions before being benched late in the third quarter. Backup Bob Lane was intercepted once, and also threw a scoring strike to Smith — a 7-yarder with just 13 seconds left in the game. Smith caught 11 passes for 139 yards and has 20 TDs this season.

Place-kicker Danny Miller, however, missed field goal attempts of 38 and 40 yards, and Birmingham failed to take advantage of outgaining the Bandits 416 yards to 253.

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Bandits Still Have Shot At Playoff Berth

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TAMPA (AP) — The Tampa Bay Bandits have lost four games in a row but still have an excellent shot at making the United States Football League playoffs.

"We ain't dead yet," Coach Steve Spurrier said Monday. "We still have two games left."

Actually, the Bandits — who owned the league's best record just four weeks ago — can still squeeze into post-season action, and possibly host a playoff contest, even if they lose their last two regular season games.

But Spurrier is counting on turning things around against Eastern Conference-leading Birmingham, which will lug a 12-4 record into Tampa Stadium Saturday night.

"They've clinched about everything,"

Spurrier said during his weekly news conference. "I'm sure they're going to play hard ... but maybe this is a good time to catch them."

While a loss to the first-place Stallions would strike a blow to the 9-7 Bandits' playoff hopes, it would not eliminate them from contention.

A triumph at Baltimore on June 23 would assure Tampa Bay a berth, as would two Jacksonville losses in the Bulls' last three games.

"Like I was saying ... we're not dead yet," Spurrier repeated.

The Bandits' four-game slide has included losses to Orlando and Portland, a pair of teams that have a combined record of 9-23.

Spurrier called last Saturday night's 27-

24 loss to the Breakers "disappointing," and said "two or three" of Tampa Bay's players were guilty of giving less than 100 percent during the upset.

"I don't blame them," the coach said, though. "I blame myself because they're the same guys who have been doing it around here for a long time and we've put up with it."

Spurrier declined to name names, and tried to downplay the importance of their not playing "full-speed enough for us."

"They're not why we lost," he said, while nevertheless suggesting that their playing time would be affected Saturday.

"It's been going on a long time," he added. "But when you're winning, you tend to overlook things like that."

The Bandits' problems the past month

have centered around an inability to get maximum point production out of drives that reach the opposition's 20-yard line, Spurrier said.

"We're still going up and down the field on offense, but we're not coming away with touchdowns," he said.

"Defensively, we were stopping them after long drives," Spurrier added. "Now they (opponents) are getting down there and scoring."

Tampa Bay outgained 419 yards to 286, but fell behind 13-0 in the first quarter and were able to recover. A 14-point fourth-quarter made things close.

"We're going to have to play better than we've been playing," Spurrier said. "We just can't overcome bad plays and beat people."

Collier Passes For Three TD's

By BUD CRUSSELL *0. SB 6/2/85*
Sports Editor

ORLANDO — A funny thing happened on the way to the game Saturday night — somebody forgot to tell the Orlando Renegades they were supposed to lose to the Tampa Bay Bandits in what was supposed to be a mismatch of a United States Football League game.

Or, someone failed to tell the Bandits they were supposed to win and by at least 20 points.

It turned out to be a mismatch all right, but not in the way the prognosticators said it would be. The Renegades did the impossible and that was to upset the highly-favored Bandits by a 37-7 score in Orlando Stadium.

The victory was only Orlando's fourth against 11 losses and it dropped Tampa Bay to a 10-5 mark on the season.

No one in the crowd of 26,147 would have given the Renegades much of a chance of even staying close to the Bandits much less see the team completely dominate the contest from start to finish.

In the end, the Renegades showed mercy by run-

ning out the clock with 2:52 remaining after gaining possession of the ball after intercepting a Bandit pass at the visitor's 33-yard line.

The question remains: Were the Renegades that good on this particular night, or were the Bandits just that lousy?

A lot of takers would probably say the latter although you have to give the Renegades credit for an explosive offense and a heads-up defense.

"We got beat, beat soundly. They outcoached, outplayed, and whipped us in about every phase of the game. We played stupid again. We can't hold on to the football." said Tampa Bay coach Steve Spurrier.

"We're going to keep playing, practice hard, try to get better and go out and play Portland next week," he added.

In the other lockerroom, Renegade defensive back Lupe Sanchez was a happy man.

Sanchez intercepted a pass late in the game and ran it back 88 yards for the final Orlando score.

"We've had so many games when we let up in the third quarter — we told ourselves, 'no way.' The defensive line did a great job. I've got to give credit to the whole team, especially, the offense. They kept marching the ball downfield. Our best defense is our offense," Sanchez said.

Orlando jumped out to a 20-0 lead before Tampa Bay could get anything going.

The game was only a little over seven minutes old when the Renegades drew first blood.

It came on a 16-yard pass play from Collier to Jerry Parrish, who raced behind the defender in the end zone. Jeff Brockhaus kicked the extra point to put the Renegades up 7-0 with 8:42 left in the first period.

The touchdown came at the end of an eight-play, 51-yard drive. Collier passed six times for 47 yards in the march.

Orlando went up 14-0 with 12:47 left in the second quarter when Collier raced into the end zone from five yards out. The drive covered 73 yards on 12 plays, with Orlando mainly keeping the ball on the ground.

With Orlando on top 14-0, Bandits' coach Steve Spurrier sent in former Florida State quarterback Jimmy Jordan to replace John Reaves.

But Jordan's tenure came to an abrupt end when Victor Jackson intercepted the former Seminoles' pass at the Orlando 30-yard line and returned it 27 yards.

Three plays later, Orlando scored again when Collier hit Joey Walters with a 21-yard TD pass. Walters made a leaping catch over the defender for the score. Brockhaus missed the extra point attempt to leave the score at 20-0.

Following the kickoff, Tampa Bay, behind the brilliant passing of Reaves, marched 75 yards on five plays for the touchdown.

Turnovers help inspired Stars smack Bandits

Coach Steve Spurrier said his playoff-bound team acted like it wanted to get the season over with in the 38-10 defeat.

By TOM FORD
Tribune Sports Writer

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Two-minute-warning labels may have to be applied to the Bandits' helmets in view of their self-destructive performance Sunday against the Baltimore Stars.

Warning: This team is prone to turnovers every two minutes.

Warning: Three lost fumbles and three interceptions can be hazardous to a team's health.

Turnovers were the difference Sunday at Byrd Stadium, as the Bandits made a half-hearted effort of preparing for the United States Football League playoffs by being humiliated 38-10 by the Stars, who will enter post-season play with their heads held higher.

"You guys up here are probably wondering how we got in the playoffs," Coach Steve Spurrier said to East Coast writers following the Bandits' fifth loss in six games. "We acted like we wanted to get the season over with."

Actually, they had no choice in the matter. Sunday's game before a crowd of 12,647 was the Bandits' last of 18 during the regular season. They will open the playoffs next weekend either at Oakland or Birmingham.

The pairings revolve around tonight's Houston-Oakland game. If Houston wins, the Bandits, 10-8, will play Eastern Conference champion Birmingham, 13-5, on Saturday afternoon. An Oakland victory would set up a Sunday afternoon meeting between the Bandits and Invaders, 12-4-1 entering their season finale.

Defending champion Baltimore, 10-7-1, will play at New Jersey or Oakland, depending on the outcome of tonight's game. If the Stars get as much help in the playoffs as they did from the Bandits, they could go a long way.

Playoff picture

If Oakland beats Houston tonight:

Tampa Bay at Oakland, Sunday, 2:45 p.m.

Houston at Birmingham, Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

Denver at Memphis, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

Baltimore at New Jersey, Monday, 9 p.m.

If Houston beats Oakland tonight:

Tampa Bay at Birmingham, Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

Baltimore at Oakland, Sunday, 2:45 p.m.

Houston at Memphis, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

Denver at New Jersey, Monday, 9 p.m.

"I've never seen a team that can get behind so fast," said Spurrier. "I've never seen a team that can make three turnovers in three straight plays."

That happened to the Bandits in the first half. Actually, they committed four turnovers in a span of 8:06 — nearly one every two minutes — and those miscues caused them to fall behind 17-0.

"It's something we can't seem to totally get rid of," said tailback Gary Anderson, referring to the Bandits' turnovers problems that often come in bunches. "This week it hit us again. Hopefully, next week we'll get rid of it, whatever it is."

The strange series of events in the first half buckled the Bandits, like a punch to the stomach:

- On third-and-one at the Stars'

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Nick Pugliese



T.B. Bandits P.K. Bandits simply ran out of time

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PORTLAND, Ore. — For three quarters Saturday night, the Bandits played like a team that couldn't wait for this long season to end.

It was as if the Tampa Bay players put up a "Gone Fishing" sign over their lockers and merely were playing out the string before the club is disbanded, moved to Chicago, or ends up in a spring league with the Mexico City Matadors and the Juneau Junkmen.

Then, the fourth quarter started at Civic Stadium, and the Bandits woke up from a two-game slumber. Let the record show they still lost to the Portland Breakers 27-24 for a team-record fourth straight defeat. But also let the record show the team did not quit.

"In the first half, we moved the ball effectively and we got down there near the goal line a couple of times, but only got three points out of that," quarterback John Reaves said. "The guys played hard. We didn't give up. We just ran out of time."

Reaves, who was 29 of 47 for 330 yards and three touchdowns, was right. The Bandits moved the ball all night, but didn't find the end zone until it was too late. They outgained the Breakers, 419 to 286 yards, even with a bunch of starters missing due to injuries and suspension.

There's no doubt if the game had gone a few more minutes, the Bandits just about would have clinched a playoff berth. Instead, they have to be wondering if they are going to let the gold ring flush down the toilet.

But, just like the horse player who says his entry would have won the race had it been 100 yards longer, Tampa Bay will never get the Portland game back. For a while Saturday night, it looked like the Bandits were going to give it away to another team that came in more emotionally prepared.

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T. Bay Bandits P.K. 0.58 Dark Day For Tampa Bay Bandits

For the Bandits, this must surely rank as their darkest hour.

The Bandits played as though they had other things on their mind — and may well have.

The dark cloud of tackle Dan Fike's defection to the NFL's Cleveland Browns, the move of the USFL to a fall schedule, leaving the Bandits without a home, and owner John Bassett's threat to form a new league, could well have been contributing factors to Saturday night's blowout.

Tampa Bay must regroup quickly for this week's meeting with the Portland Breakers.

"We're going to keep playing," said Spurrier. "We'll practice hard and try to get better and go out and play Portland next week."

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Portland scored on two of its first three possessions to break to a 13-0 lead. The Breakers could have had a third score after linebacker Ben Needham recovered an errant center snap on the Bandits' first play from scrimmage at the Tampa 30-yard line. But they returned the favor when tailback Buford Jordan fumbled on first down and nose guard Mike Morgan recovered.

Still, the Breakers drove 65 and 70 yards to score on its next two possessions and made the Bandits do something they have never done well — come from behind to win. Apparently, when "Banditball" was formed, someone forgot to put a rally program in the system.

Both of Portland's early touchdowns — a 24-yard pass from Matt Robinson to Nolan Franz and a 39-yard hookup between the same duo off a flea-flicker — came as the result of breakdowns in the Tampa Bay secondary. Marcus Quinn, playing strong safety at the time instead of his normal free safety, took the blame for both mistakes.

"On the first one, we were in man-to-man coverage and I was beaten on a post-corner route," said Quinn, who suffered a thigh bruise late in the third quarter and did not return. "On No. 2, it was a trick play that we had seen all week. I came up to help out on the run and left my zone and got beat again."

After Zenon Andrusyshyn kicked a 25-yard field goal right before the half to cut the score to 13-3, the Breakers eventually upped their lead to 27-10 with 13:51 left in the game. Jordan amended for his early fumble and scored on a pair of 5-yard runs sandwiched around Reaves' 21-yard TD pass to Larry Brodsky.

With Tampa Bay down by 17 early in the final quarter, ex-Bandit center Bob Van Dwyne, who lives in Seattle and watched the game from the sidelines, said he noticed a sudden fire in his old teammates' eyes. It also was about the same time Coury might have gotten a little conservative.

Whatever the reason, Tampa Bay stormed back to score twice in an eight-minute span as Reaves

hooked up with Willie Gillespie (25 yards) and Brodsky (32).

In between those two scores, Portland even blew a chance to ice the game.

The Breakers' opportunity came when Reaves' pass from the Portland 7 was batted in the air and caught by defensive end Frankie Wilson, who had been signed only hours before the game. Wilson chugged down the sideline until Brodsky overhauled him at the Tampa Bay 23.

The Bandits' defense tightened, and Tim Mazzetti was called upon for a 34-yard field goal. Nose guard Ron Simmons, who had blocked Mazzetti's second extra-point attempt, came up with another stuff, which Dwayne Anderson picked up and advanced to midfield.

However, just as the Breakers blew a sure score, the Bandits blew another game to fall to 9-7 when Portland was able to run out the clock, thanks to some fine running by backup fullback Louis Jackson.

Depending on what happens tonight when the Jacksonville Bulls meet the New Jersey Generals, the Bandits probably will have to win at least one of their final two games to make the postseason shindig. Only four weeks ago, they had the best record in the United States Football League.

That final win won't come easy. The Bandits' next opponent, the Birmingham Stallions Saturday night at Tampa Stadium, owns the best record in the league (12-4) and destroyed Tampa Bay earlier this year. The season finale is against the Baltimore Stars in College Park, Md. The Stars traditionally have given the Bandits trouble.

Players in the losing locker room insisted the Bandits aren't choking their playoff chances away. "I'd like to think since we fought back so well in this game only to come up short that we are ready to put it all together," said tailback Gary Anderson, who played about three-fourths of the first half and sat out the second with assorted injuries. "We might have lost on the scoreboard, but I think we really won."

"We have lost four in a row, but it's not a panic situation," Reaves said. "This is a good team and we'll all rally together."

Funny, that's what they have been saying for four weeks.

Flutie works magic on Bandits

by NICK PUGLIESE
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If anyone still doubts the magic of Doug Flutie, they don't have to look any farther than the Bandits' locker room late Sunday afternoon.

Inside that unusually quiet chamber under the sunbaked Tampa Stadium stands, the Tampa Bay players were reflecting on the New Jersey Generals' 30-24 overtime victory.

They kept talking about Flutie, despite the fact that holder Rick Partridge was the one who bobbled the snap on a field-goal attempt, then picked up the ball and scored the winning touchdown on a 9-yard run 3:53 into the fifth quarter.

They kept praising Flutie, despite a great tailback duel between New Jersey's Herschel Walker (3 TDs, 166 rushing yards) and Tampa Bay's Gary Anderson (2 TDs, 189 total yards).

They kept marveling at Flutie, despite his 11-for-16, 161-yard, 0-TDs statistics.

Nonetheless, the 5-foot-9 rookie quarterback from Boston College was instrumental in leading the Generals over the Bandits for the second time this season. The Bandits' second-straight loss dropped

Although place-kick holder Rick Partridge scored the winning TD, it was Generals quarterback Doug Flutie that keyed a 30-24 overtime win over the Bandits.

them to 9-5, a half-game behind the Birmingham Stallions, who play host to the Orlando Renegades tonight, and into a second-place tie with the Generals in the Eastern Conference.

In the first meeting this season between New Jersey and Tampa Bay, Flutie rallied his team to a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns and a 28-24 win. Sunday, he took the Generals 51 yards in 1:32 with no timeouts left to Roger Ruzek's game-tying 40-yard field goal with four seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

Flutie then hit Clarence Collins with a 49-yard bomb in the extra period to set up the winning score, which came as Ruzek

lined up for a 27-yard field goal and Partridge, the team's punter, ended up racing the Bandits to the end-zone flag as a stunned audience of 35,000 (estimated) looked on.

"I'd rather just punt the ball," Partridge said. "I don't like getting touched by anybody. I saw the ball, picked it up, ran and just fell in the end zone."

The loss hit Bandits Coach Steve Spurrier hard.

"It was a tough one. We had a lot of guys play their hearts out," Spurrier said. "The ball didn't bounce well enough for us."

"The big play was the long pass they threw over our defensive backs and our turnovers (three interceptions, one fumble). Flutie must have done something right. He completed them in the fourth quarter again."

Flutie's magic wand didn't only boost his teammates and blitz the Bandits Sunday, it apparently even blinded the officials.

On the big play to Collins, which came after Tampa Bay had been forced to punt on its first possession of OT, the two officials on the scene — field judge James An-

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Game Notes

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Rick Partridge's 9-yard touchdown run Sunday was the final thrill in a taut game between the Bandits and Generals, but there is only one problem: The game probably should have been over by then, with the Bandits winning.

Some apparent impatience on the part of the game officials resulted in New Jersey getting to keep a timeout it should have been docked, a timeout that proved critical in the Generals' late regulation heroics to send the game into overtime, where they won, 30-24.

With 12:16 left in the regulation and the score tied 21-all, John Reaves tried a pass that was off the mark. New Jersey safety John Preston picked it up on one bounce and, in a performance that fooled only New Jersey Coach Walt Michaels, started running like he had an interception.

The field officials promptly whistled back the attempt at chicanery, but Michaels utilized his option and called for a replay. He had successfully challenged a call in the first quarter, and probably figured he was on a roll.

Referee Wesley Ward dutifully trotted to the sidelines to confer with review official Cal Lepore, the USFL head of officials. After a few moments, Ward returned to the field and announced that no replay was available, so Michaels couldn't be charged with a timeout.

The extra timeout enabled New Jersey to stop the clock with 1:44 to go and the Bandits trying to run it out on third down before their field goal attempt that gave them a 24-21 lead. The call probably saved the Generals 45 seconds at least, which was critical in a close game — as anyone witnessing the last Doug Flutie-led drive in regulation would attest. With 13 seconds left, a Flutie pass finally got the Generals in field-goal position, which Roger Ruzek capitalized on with a 40-yarder to send the game into overtime.

ABC makes the replays available to the league at games it televises, and network officials were at a loss to explain why the league would make the call it did.

Lepore told the Bandits that the replay hadn't run by the time a decision had to be made, and thus the non-call. But it had run before Ward could get back to mid-field and make his announcement.

Against all odds, Brett Ladd of Dunwoody, Ga., was the contestant in the halftime promotion where a fan tries a 42-yard field goal for \$97,000.

The Crowder Insurance Company, which underwrites the gimmick, estimates the odds are 16-million-to-1 against a successful kick from that distance, so it isn't real worried about a payoff. Except that Ladd's kick had plenty of leg and only at the last moment drifted slightly to the left and hit the uprights. Ladd got a T-shirt.

ET stay out. Bandits receiver Eric Truvillion was listed as probable before Sunday's game, but did not play. The official reason given was that Truvillion's right knee wasn't up to the test. Linebacker Kelly Kirchbauer was out with a calf injury, despite being listed as a start. Bandits defensive back Dwayne Anderson also missed the second half with an injury to his right hip.

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The New Jersey Generals are accused of being a one-dimensional team. Herschel left, Herschel right, Flutie dump pass to Herschel. Right?

Wrong.

Ask Rick Partridge, the Generals' punter, place-kick holder and newest offensive threat. "Herschel who?" Partridge asked Sunday.

"Herschel Partridge now," Partridge, a 6-foot-2, 175-pound NFL cast-off, who once threw a touchdown pass against the Atlanta Falcons, scored on a 9-yard run with 11:07 left in overtime to give the Generals a come-from-behind 30-24 win over Tampa Bay.

"And a star is born," said Partridge, a 3-year starter at New Jersey. "I guess you could say I'm an offensive threat now."

The Bandits didn't think so. With 11:07 left in overtime and New Jersey place-kicker Roger Ruzek lining up the potential winning field goal, Tampa Bay defenders were not thinking of Partridge. Then Partridge fumbled the snap.

"I ran for a step and I noticed that their end was looking up in the air," Partridge said. "I guess he thought we were kicking. I couldn't jump on the ball right there, and we wouldn't have just kicked again. But then I saw the end zone."

Partridge picked up the ball, and with the grace of a Southern Cal tailback, ran a perfect sweep around left end, nine yards past an unsuspecting defense and some New Jersey Generals as well. Partridge, who played college

ball at the University of Utah, loped around a fallen player or two and dove toward the corner of the end zone with the winning touchdown.

Ruzek was on the field, aghast. He didn't see Partridge's score. In fact, Ruzek was hoping his 27-yard field-goal attempt would make him the hero. Walker, who gained more than 100 yards for the eighth straight game, was simply praying.

"I saw that ball on the ground and said 'Oh my God,'" said Walker. "I wasn't worried when I saw the ball on the ground. All of a sudden, he (Partridge) got up and started running. Then I got worried."

Partridge's play came on a second down, so if he had simply fallen on the ball, New Jersey would have had another shot at the field goal. In fact, just before the play, the Generals' coaching staff reminded Partridge to do just that.

"I guess I should've fallen on it," he said, "but I looked up and saw an opening, so I tried to get the extra yards so the attempt would be shorter. Then it happened. I saw the end zone, decided I could make it and went for it."

New Jersey Coach Walt Micheals just smiled and shook his head afterward.

"If you hang together as a team some strange things will happen," he said. "If you had told me that the place-kick holder would score a touchdown to win the game, I would have said you were crazy."

Added Walker: "Sometimes those plays happen. A lot of people say we're a conservative team, but we can be explosive, too." And maybe just a little lucky.

Defense's solid effort spoiled in the end

By JIM SELMAN
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Bandit Coach Steve Spurrier's eyes moistened, then reddened and he very nearly became emotional.

What he had just seen and felt Sunday at Tampa Stadium had affected his team identically, particularly the defense which held together very well except on the final two offensive series of the game by the New Jersey Generals.

Through most of four quarters, the Bandits had permitted Generals' quarterback Doug Flutie to complete just five passes for 68 yards. They had jammed up the middle well enough with a four-man line to make it quite sticky for both Flutie and running back Herschel Walker.

But then, with 1:31 to play and a 24-21 lead to protect, the Bandits went to a three-man rush with more people in coverage. Flutie, despite having no timeouts, hit five passes for 44 yards to set up Roger Ruzek's tying 40-yard field goal with four seconds left in regulation.

Then came a galling 49-yard Flutie completion to Clarence Collins — he caught only two balls in the game and had not been playing well lately — in overtime. That led to a crazy, winning 9-yard touchdown run by kick-holder Rick Partridge on a busted play from field goal formation.

In the final analysis, some Bandits defensive players said, "We didn't execute and they did."

But, there also was the key time factor. On the Bandits' final series in regulation, Spurrier decided to pass on third down at the New Jersey 12-

yard line rather than take more time off the clock with a running play. The pass was nearly intercepted and fell incomplete, stopping the clock. On the next play, Zenon Andrusyshyn booted a 29-yard field goal that could have won the game 24-21.

Had Spurrier gone with a time-consuming run, the Generals might not have had enough time to kick a field goal. That's conjecture, of course.

In essence, Collins' 49-yard catch won the game, but it was a puzzling play because Bandits free safety Marcus Quinn said neither of the two nearest officials knew whether the ball had been caught. Quinn didn't think it was and they asked him. "I saw the ball on the ground," he said later.

At first, offensive pass interference was ruled, but the decision was changed to defense and the Generals declined the penalty.

Cornerback Warren Hanna, the other Bandit involved, would not comment.

Collins said it couldn't have been interference because "I was ahead of them."

Flutie said, "I thought it was a legal catch. I couldn't believe it when the flag went down."

The Bandits, who lost nose tackle Fred Nordgren two weeks ago, went to a four-man line to move Mike Butler inside to tackle from end. They've also had some success with that alignment in previous games against the Generals.

Butler and other Bandits had difficulty explaining how the Generals drove 51 and 80 yards in their final

*
TV announcer
Sat. 5/25/85
during Bandit
Game:
"This team
(Bandits) has
got to think
it's a jinxed."
Lott Anderson
out
* Lynn Swann

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derson and back judge Bill Lange — couldn't agree on what happened.

One referee ruled offensive pass interference, then changed his mind to defensive pass interference against cornerback Warren Hanna. The second referee said it was a catch, but he didn't see any interference. In the meantime, Bandits free safety Marcus Quinn said Collins never caught the ball and pulled a Houdini to make the referees think he had.

"I take my hat off to Doug Flutie, but at the same time, I thought the big play (to Collins) was an incomplete pass," Quinn said. "Neither referee saw the ball caught. I saw the ball hit the ground and the receiver roll over with the ball in his lap and his back to the referees like he caught it.

"The first referee didn't know if it was offensive or defensive interference. He asked the other official, 'What was it?' The other guy said, 'You threw the flag.' It was a real mess."

Flutie, who fell to his knees when it appeared Collins was going to be flagged for offensive pass interference, said he thought it was a legitimate catch.

"I couldn't believe it when the flag went up," he said. "I've always looked for the tight end. This was the first time that I've been able to look up field. Normally, I would throw it short, but I looked deep and saw Collins and let it go."

Head referee Wesley Ward, who refused to name the two officials in question, backed their final judgment, which put the ball at the Tampa Bay 18-yard line.

"The play was ruled pass interference, there was a catch by the offense, the penalty was declined," Ward said.

However, Bandits outside linebacker James Harrell said the home team got the shaft. "That was a controversial call," Harrell said. "I thought it was offensive pass interference."

Harrell also shared part of the blame for the loss, which makes the Bandits 1-1 in overtime games.

"When we needed to make the big play, we didn't come up with them," he said. "I didn't think the guy (Flutie) would have the poise to move them late in the game. But he has great composure and he pulled it out. I thought we could stop them."

Actually, the Bandits had pretty much controlled Flutie in the physical game. It was Walker, the United States Football League's leading rusher, who did all the earlier damage to keep the Generals in the contest.

The score was 14-all at halftime as Walker (12 and 4 yards) matched Anderson (8-yard pass from John Reaves, 1-yard leap) for scores.

The Bandits went ahead 21-14 when Reaves, who

passed for 323 yards, tossed a 21-yard TD to tight end Marvin Harvey midway through the third quarter. But Walker scored on a 2-yard run early in the fourth quarter to knot the score again.

Tampa Bay staged an 11-play, 63-yard drive that ended when Zenon Andrusyshyn booted a 29-yard field goal for a 24-21 lead with 1:36 to play. Though New Jersey was out of timeouts, there was still plenty of magic left in Flutie.

"They came through at the end. It's too bad we didn't stop them," said Reaves. "They hit a Hail Mary pass at the end to set up a Hail Mary field goal when the guy picked up the ball and carried it in.

"We tried to eat up as much time as we could on our last drive, but we had to settle for the field goal. They just kept making those first downs to stop the clock and the guy made the kick to send it into overtime. We gave a great effort, but it just wasn't good enough. Too bad we didn't win it."

Merger possible for Bulls, Bandits

T. Bay Bandits PK

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JACKSONVILLE — A merger among the United States Football League franchises in Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa Bay appears unlikely, but a Jacksonville-Tampa Bay hook-up is still a possibility, Bulls Owner Fred Bullard said Saturday.

Bullard confirmed that the three-way merger was discussed at the USFL owners' meeting Tuesday in Teaneck, N.J., but he indicated Orlando Renegades Owner Donald Disney believed taking his team out of the Orlando would hurt his credibility with the city.

"He liked the idea, but felt he had a commitment to his community," Bullard said.

But Bullard said he had received "a favorable reaction from the Tampa group" concerning a possible merger of the two teams that showed the best attendance in the USFL during the past two years.

The Bandits are looking to merge with another USFL team because of conflicts in Tampa with the Buccaneers of the National Football League, Bandit officials said earlier this year.

"The obvious advantage for me would be that it would bring an additional group of investors," Bullard said. "Plus, we would be involved with a celebrity like Burt Reynolds."

Reynolds is part owner of the Bandits, along with John Bassett and Stephen Arky.

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SCIENTISTS

Have made yet another important discovery through my work and research. The reason why humans dream. And the answer has absolutely nothing to do with the explanations given in modern psychology and/or psychiatry. There is a slight analogy...wherein males "fall in love" with certain females after viewing their form (and vice versa, of course. Female to male).

On Wednesday evening, April 10, 1985, my UFOs telepathd and instructed me to cooperate with them in using psi-force to attack the space shuttle Discovery. I phoned Wayne Grover, former NASA weather scientist for years who lives in Lantana, Florida, and warned him that my UFOs planned a "disaster or wipeout" for Discovery. You may read the results of the psi-force attack in the enclosed newsclips. (Note "Discovery's hard luck journey".) And of course, the Discovery's loss of the \$85 million Syncom communications satellite was the disaster...among other things. Note in one clip that "the switch (on the satellite) had indeed deployed properly and that SOMETHING ELSE HAD CAUSED THE POWER FAILURE." Note the "mysteriously non-functioning satellite."

Next my UFOs telepathd and instructed me to similarly use psi-force on the space shuttle Challenger. See enclosed newsclips re. the results. Animal feces as well as human urine spewed throughout the shuttle and many other things went wrong with the flight. I was greatly relieved when both shuttles landed safely. I do not wish to cause loss of life. My UFOs are much rougher in that regard, but they do respect my wishes.

Now we get to my psi-force work in attacking the Tampa Bay Bandits pro football team along with its major owner, Bassett, and Burt Reynolds, part owner. Reynolds has had a health-collapse...has been in and out of the hospital...and has been rendered unable to work for several years. Bassett has suddenly discovered that he has "two apparent brain tumors". Bassett had a Catscan done, as I did in Spokane. Then, Rauch, Bassett's ace director of operations who took the NFL's Oakland Raiders to Superbowl II, quit Bassett. Next, Bassett announced that the Tampa Bay Bandits would no longer exist after this season. Thus, a total wipe-out for the psi-force. There is just one final step for my work...to stop the Bandits from winning the USFL Superbowl by neutralizing Reaves, the quarterback, and Gary Anderson, the ace runner. That should do it. We shall see.

Next, read about fish rotting on a gigantic scale in the southeast. Also the "mystery" of Salmonella now ongoing on a tremendous scale. Now, I do not know whether I notified you some time ago that my UFOs were going to attack the milk that humans drink, because my wife got my records all scrambled up and I have trouble checking back...but I did notify my son Beau of their intention. You can check your files on it, if you so wish. Scientists are baffled as to how it has contaminated milk...even pasteurized milk.

And of course...the Sun Attack is causing fires, storms, tornadoes and other weather aberrations at a high level of intensity. See enclosed clips. Also the Sun Attack is wiping out water supplies virtually everywhere, even here in Florida.

See clip on the printing press of the Ocala Star-Banner breaking down and crippling their operations temporarily. (Remember my recent demonstration of psi-force on that building wherein I knocked out their telephones and computers time and again for days?)

See clip on severe drought which has struck India. Now both Africa and India are