

# BCSP Profile

**50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50**



**A DAY-BY-DAY, SUPER BOWL-BY-SUPER BOWL LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON SUPER BOWLS I THRU 49 AS WE COUNT DOWN THE 50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50**

DAY 23 - Tuesday, January 12

## SUPER BOWL XXIII

San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 16

January 22, 1989 - Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami

Seven (7) Black College Players

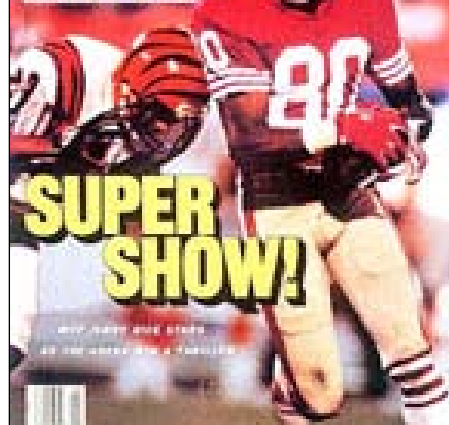


### Cincinnati Bengals (2)

Barney Bussey DB South Carolina State  
Curtis Maxey DE Grambling

### San Francisco 49ers (5)

Dwaine Board DE North Carolina A&T  
Terry Greer WR Alabama State  
Calvin Nicholas WR Grambling  
Jerry Rice WR Mississippi Valley State  
John Taylor WR Delaware State



**ICONIC PHOTO:** Super Bowl XXIII MVP San Francisco wide receiver **Jerry Rice** graces the cover of *Sports Illustrated* after his outstanding performance.

**STORYLINE:** San Francisco wide receiver **John Taylor (Delaware State)** caught a 10-yard touchdown pass with :34 seconds left to give the 49ers a thrilling 20-16 win over Cincinnati in Super Bowl XXIII at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami. Taylor and fellow receiver **Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State)**, eventually named MVP, accounted for 61 yards of the 92-yard game-winning drive. San Francisco QB Joe Montana finished 23 of 36 for 357 yards for two TDs without an interception, including 11 receptions for 215 yards and one TD to Rice.

### San Francisco

#### Jerry Rice, WR (Mississippi Valley State)

Finished with 11 receptions for Super Bowl record 215 yards and one 14-yard touchdown pass and one run for 5 yards in win over Cincinnati.

- Ran a reverse for 5 yards on first play from scrimmage.
- Hauls in 12-yard pass on left side from Montana.
- Catches 16-yard pass down right sideline late in first quarter. Two plays later, catches 30-yard pass deep down right sideline.
- Catches 12 -yard pass on left in first third quarter drive.
- Catches 5-yard pass over the middle later in third quarter. Two plays later, Cofer kicks 32-yard field goal to tie the game at 6 (:50). On kickoff, Jennings returns 93 yards for TD to put Cincy up 13-6.
- Catches 31-yard pass on last play of third quarter
- Catches 14-yard pass to the left for touchdown on third play of fourth quarter to tie the game at 13 (14:03).
- In fourth-quarter drive beginning with 11:03 to play, catches 44-yard deep right pass on first down. Four plays later, Cofer misses 49-yard field goal. On ensuing possession, Cincy goes up 16-13 on Jim Breech 40-yard field goal (3:20).
- Catches 7-yard pass to the right on third play of game-winning drive. Catches 17-yard pass on left side three plays later. Three plays later catches 27-yard pass over the middle down to Cincy 18.

#### John Taylor, WR (Delaware State)

Taylor had only one reception, the game-winning TD from 10 yards out with 34 seconds left. Also returned one kickoff for 13 yards and three punts for 69 yards including a 45-yarder in win over Cincinnati.

- Returns first Cincinnati punt 11 yards.
- Returns next Cincinnati punt, a 63-yarder, 45 yards to Cincy 46.
- Fair catches next Cincy punt.
- Returns kickoff late in third quarter for 13 yards.
- Fumbled fourth-quarter punt. Recovered by Darryl Pollard.
- Catches game-winning 10-yard touchdown pass over the middle with :34 seconds left.



### Cincinnati

#### Barney Bussey, DB (South Carolina State)

Two tackles and one pass break-up in loss to San Francisco.

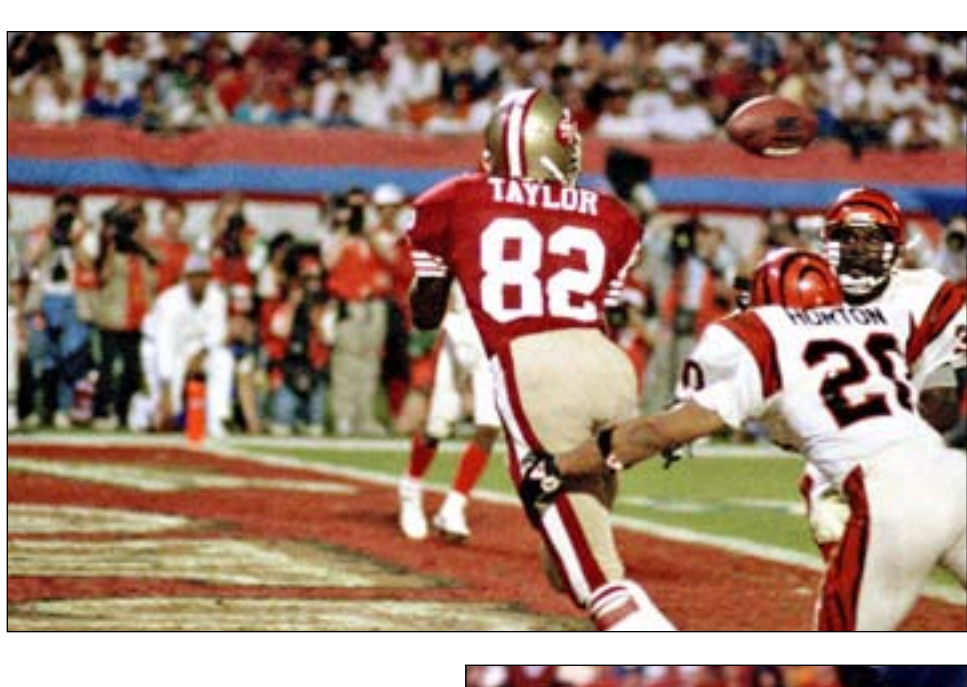
- Tackles Roger Craig after 10-yard pass from QB Joe Montana on third play of the game.
- Stops FB Tom Rathman after 11-yard run up the middle in last minute of first half.
- Penalized for holding on second-half kickoff.
- Breaks up third-quarter pass intended for Craig.



### MVP: Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State), WR, San Francisco

Rice caught 11 passes for a SB record 215 yards and one TD, a 14-yarder to open fourth quarter scoring and begin a Niners comeback. He also had a 31-yard reception in the drive leading to his TD catch. Rice also had three catches for 51 yards in the game-winning 92-yard drive culminating in the 10-yard game-winning touchdown reception by teammate and fellow black college product **John Taylor (Delaware State)**. Rice and Taylor accounted for 61 of the 92 yards in the game-winning drive. Rice becomes third black college product to win MVP award after Chicago defensive end **Richard Dent (Tennessee State)** (Super Bowl XX) and Washington quarterback **Doug Williams (Grambling)** (Super Bowl XXII). Rice and Williams were back-to-back black college Super Bowl MVPs.

**KEY FACTS:** San Francisco sacked Cincinnati quarterback Boomer Esiason five times, two by DE Charles Haley, and limited him to 11 completions in 25 attempts for just 144 yards.



### GAME-WINNER FROM ALL ANGLES

(LEFT - From the back) San Francisco wide receiver **John Taylor (#82, Delaware State)** beats Cincinnati defensive back Ray Horton (#20) as this 10-yard game-winning touchdown pass from quarterback Joe Montana reaches him with :34 seconds left in Super Bowl XXIII.

(RIGHT - From the front) An in-your-face view of **John Taylor's** 10-yard scoring reception from QB Joe Montana with :34 seconds left in Super Bowl XXIII.



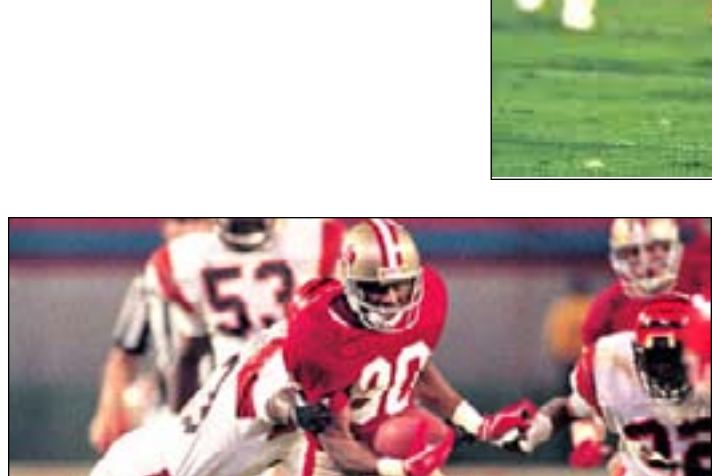
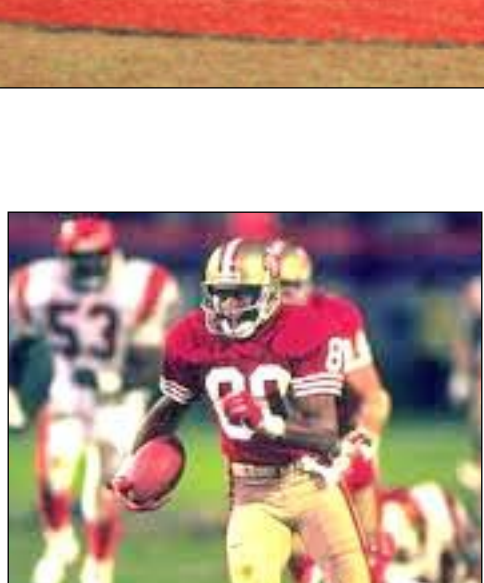
BELOW - The completion) **John Taylor** secures the game-winning TD reception in Super Bowl XXIII.



### SPRINT TO THE PYLON

(LEFT) - San Francisco wide receiver **Jerry Rice (#80, Mississippi Valley State)** beats Cincinnati defensive back Lewis Billups (#24) to the left sideline after hauling in a pass from quarterback Joe Montana.

(BELOW) - Rice reaches out to get the ball past the pylon and score on 14-yard pass from quarterback Joe Montana in the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XXIII in Miami.



**M-V-P** - San Francisco 49ers receiver **Jerry Rice (#80, Mississippi Valley State)** goes off again, and again and again vs. Cincinnati in Super Bowl XXIII, finishing with 11 catches for 215 yards and one touchdown.