

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 25 - Thursday, January 14

SUPER BOWL XXV New York Giants 20, Buffalo 19 January 27, 1991 - Tampa (FL) Stadium

Seven (7) Black College Players



Buffalo Bills (4)

Howard Ballard	OT	Alabama A&M
Jeff Hunter	DE	Albany State
Larry Kinnebrew	RB	Tennessee State
Leon Seals	DE	Jackson State

New York Giants (3)

Troy Kyles	WR	Howard
Lewis Tillman	RB	Jackson State
Everson Walls	DB	Grambling



ICONIC PHOTO: New York Giants' defensive back **Everson Walls (Grambling)** exults after his team's win in Super Bowl XXV.

STORYLINE: Buffalo Bills' defensive end **Leon Seals (Jackson State)** and New York Giants' defensive back **Everson Walls (Grambling)** were among the defensive stand-outs in one of the most competitive and close Super Bowls to date. The Giants and Bills battled until the final seconds before Buffalo placekicker Scott Norwood missed a potential game-winning 47-yard field goal wide right with :04 seconds left.

Dallas

Everson Walls, DB (Grambling)

Four-and-a-half tackles, one pass break-up in win over Buffalo.

- Tackles James Lofton after 61-yard reception deep down the left side of the field in Buffalo's second first-quarter possession. Three plays later breaks up pass intended for RB Thurman Thomas at the goal line. On next play, Norwood ties the score at 3 on a 23-yard field goal (5:51).

- Teams with DB Mark Collins in bringing down WR Andre Reed after 20-yard gain. First quarter ends on next play.

- Teams with Perry Williams to stop Thomas after 14-yard run to the left.

- Teams with safety Greg Jackson to stop Thomas after 9-yard run up the middle in Denver's first third-quarter possession.

- Joins with LB Gary Reasons to stop 4-yard screen pass on left to running back Kenneth Davis.

- Stops Thomas after 22-yard draw play up the middle then left in final drive. Six plays later, Norwood missed game-winner from 47 yards out, wide right.

Troy Kyles, WR (Howard)

Had one pass thrown his way in win over Buffalo.

- Pass intended for him incomplete because of pressure from DE Seals in second quarter.



Buffalo

Howard Ballard, OT (Alabama A&M)

Started at left tackle for Bills in loss to NY Giants.

Leon Seals, LDE (Jackson State)

Four-and-a-half tackles, one quarterback pressure, one pass batted down in loss to New York Giants.

- In New York's first possession, stopped Giants quarterback Jeff Hostetler for 1-yard gain on rollout to the right. Two plays later Bahr kicked 28-yard field goal to put Giants up 3-0 (7:14).

- Tackles RB Ottis Anderson after 4-yard run up the middle in first quarter.

- Hits Hostetler as he makes second-quarter throw, causing incompleteness.

- Bats down Hostetler pass at the line on third down forcing a punt in second quarter.

- Teams with LB Ray Bentley to stop Anderson after a 5-yard run up the middle in first possession of third quarter.

- Tackles Anderson after 3-yard run up the middle to open the fourth quarter.

- Stops Hostetler after 1-yard run up the middle on QB draw from shotgun formation. Bills call 2nd time out with 2:22 left, down 20-19.



MVP: Ottis Anderson, RB, NY Giants - 21 carries, 102 yards, 1 TD

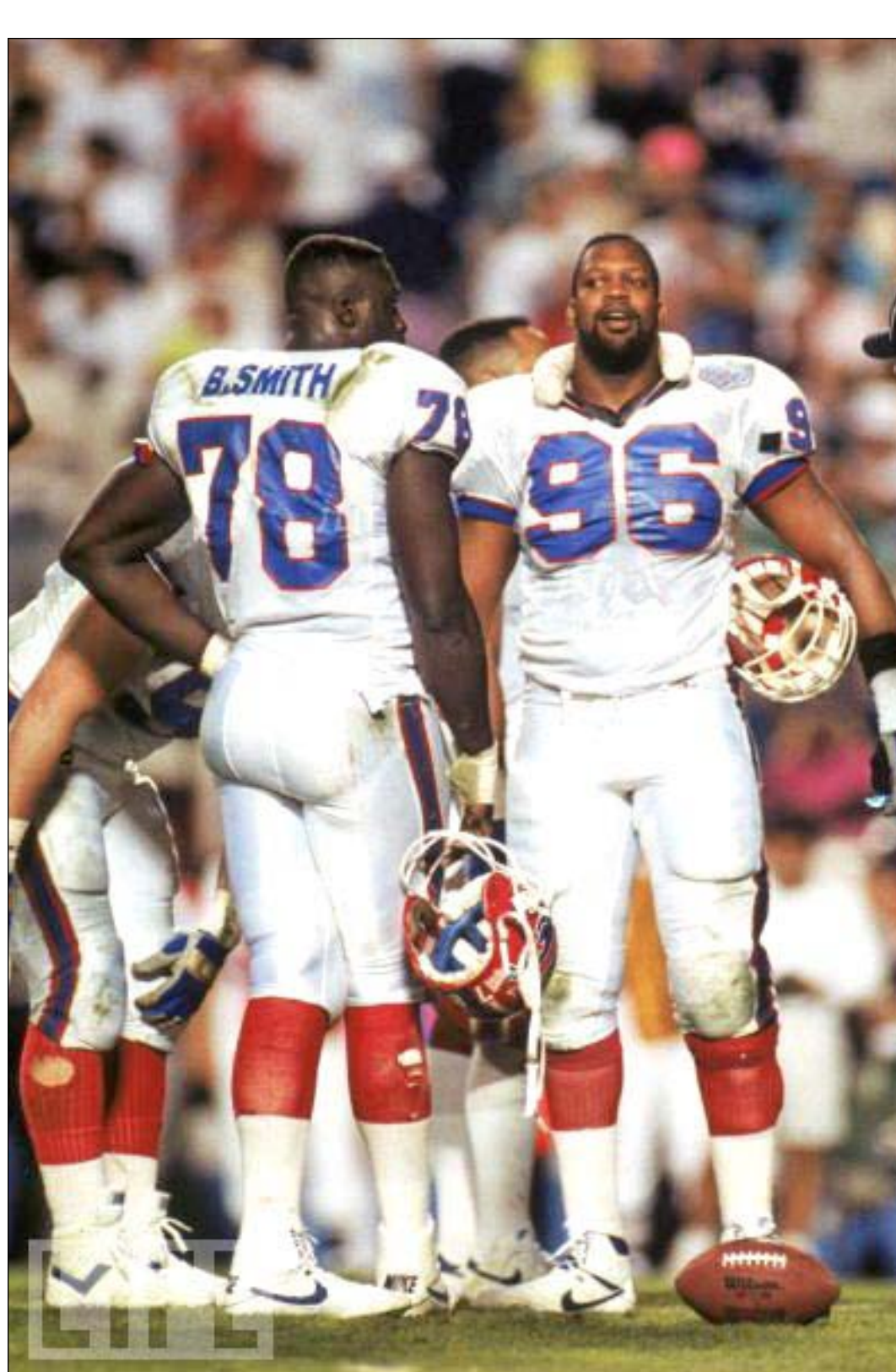
KEY FACTS: As a testament to the closeness of Super Bowl XXV, Buffalo totaled 371 yards and New York had 388. The Bills rushed for 166 yards and the Giants had 172. Buffalo passed for 205 and New York passed for 214. There were no turnovers, no interceptions and no fumbles that changed hands.



JUMP BALL: New York Giants defensive back **Everson Walls (#28, Grambling)** defends Buffalo Bills receiver James Lofton (80) after a 61-yard pass during Super Bowl XXV at Tampa Stadium. The Giants defeated the Bills 20-19.



SEAL HUG: Buffalo Bills defensive end **Leon Seals (#96, Jackson State)** hits New York Giants quarterback Jeff Hostetler (15) causing an incompleteness during Super Bowl XXV at Tampa Stadium.



DEFENSIVE BEGINNINGS: Defensive ends Bruce Smith (#78) and **Leon Seals (#96, Jackson State)** of the Buffalo Bills share a moment as they wait for play to resume against the New York Giants during Super Bowl XXV.