



October 8, 2009

Club Members,

Team News:

A 4 and 0 start – does it get any better than this. We're starting to see a balanced offense – Green Bay did a real good job of stopping Adrian, but Brett and company took control through the air. It appears we may have told the league – pick your poison, stop the run and we'll beat you through the air. I also noticed that the offensive line put together a great pass blocking game against the Packers. This will be huge as they continue to gel - as they showed on Monday. The blocked kick in the 49'rs game put us on our heels a bit, but oh what a finish. Can anyone doubt what this team is capable of after beating the 49'rs in such a way!

And I could continue to discuss the offense, but, it's only fair to say the defense looks great. Jared had a fantastic game against the Pack; 4-1/2 sacks, now that's production. The defense didn't allow a third down conversion in the 49'rs game; that's incredibly rare in this league. And I have to mention the goal line stand – OMG, what an effort. We're 25% through the regular season and this team and their fans are at fever pitch; this is becoming an E ticket ride.

Aside: how about those throwback uniforms – I like them, the grey facemask, striped pants and even the colors and if Allen is going to play like he did on Monday, if he's going to play like a Purple People Eater, he might just as well dress like one. I'll quickly change my position on wardrobe when he starts teeing off on the Rams, but that's for another newsletter.

Club News:

Arizona Game: The Cardinal's only have around 300 tickets left for this game – it will most likely be sold out by next week. If you want a ticket - now's the time to act. If you have any questions; call or email me, we'll work something out.

For all you game goers – we're looking to see SCVC banners in the stands. A play on the word FOX, a purple or white jersey (maybe a club tee shirt) a hat with horns and pigtails – how could you not get on TV. Give everyone left at the club something to shout about.

Laurie Kjar will be heading our Arizona game details - tailgating, lodging, parking and altogether all the fun stuff. Laurie can be reached at dezmiirelda@aol.com. Laurie's email will not be posted on our website – too many creepy crawly Google search engine type stuff to give her enough spam to shut down her computer. The message being – if you need to reach her, here's her contact information. As Laurie gets more information – we'll post it on the site. If you haven't been on our site in a while – you can find the game information right on top.

We have a special treat this Sunday – Purple Reign Racing (the official racing team of the Southern California Viking Club) will have their car at the club on Sunday. Maybe we can get them to fire it up and rattle a few windows. I'm attaching a picture of the car to this email. Also – I would like to personally thank Randy Wold for the nice word, regarding the club, in the Orange County Register (Randy is one of Purple Reign racing team members).

We still have some club tees available and a couple of Fran Tarkenton autographed books remaining. Stop by our shopper's corner at your next visit.

For you club members that have a long travel to get to us – the club face lift is almost complete. All the TV's are in – not a bad seat in the house. Virtually everything is new – this is clearly the best place we've ever been able to assemble at.

Players Corner:

Jared Allen Number 69 Defensive End

Height: 6'-6" Weight: 270 lbs Age: 27

Born: 4/3/1982 Dallas , TX

College: Idaho State

Heath Farwell | #59 | LB

Height: 6'-0" Weight: 235 lbs Age: 27

Born: 12/31/1981 Fontana , CA

College: San Diego State

NFL Hall of Famers:

Jackie Smith, a 6-4, 235-pound tight end, was a fixture for 15 years with the St. Louis Cardinals from 1963 to 1977. At the time of his retirement, he ranked as the all-time receiver among tight ends with 480 receptions for 7,918 yards and 40 touchdowns.

Smith was a talented receiver, a punishing blocker, a fierce competitor and an excellent runner after he caught the ball. He even handled the Cardinals' punting chores his first three seasons.

Smith became the Cardinals' starting tight end during his 1963 rookie season and remained a fixture at that spot the rest of his tenure in St. Louis.

He played in 121 straight games starting with his first NFL contest and continuing until a knee injury sidelined him in his ninth season in 1971.

Smith played in five straight Pro Bowls from 1967 through 1971, and was named All-NFL in 1967 and 1969.

Fun Facts and Quotes:

(Football Freddie makes an appearance in spite of all are efforts to contain him).

Do you know your Vikings?

He played for the Gophers

He was in the Navy

He played Canadian football

He was given a pro basketball contract

He is in the Hall of Fame

If you said Bud Grant – you're right.

See you all at Northwood,

Wm. R. Martin

President