RAMS LET THE BIG ONE GET AWAY, 23-20



WINNER—Minnesota quarterback Joe Kapp shouts encouragement to defensive team as Saturday's game with Rams nears end. Moments later Vikings intercepted a pass to end Los Angeles drive.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL—On a cold winter afternoon, the Rams played about as well as they can play
but lost the Western championship by the margin of a
missed field goal here Saturday, 22-20.
Artistically it was a standoff between two clever
quarterbacks—Roman Gabriel, who drove Los Angeles
into a 177-halftime lead, and los Kapp, who wen it for
Minnesota with a second-half rally.
This was a game, however, in which some of the big
plays in the third and fourth quarters were made by the

on noir pays air went against the flams in the second half.

A clipping penalty against Bob Brown, pass interference against Jimmy Nettles and a piling-on infraction by Jack Pardee helped the Vikings in the hird period. And a Viking safety (when Carl Eller tackled Gabriel in the fourth quarter) also was a judgment call.

Minnesou coach Bud Grant, commenting on the officiating afterward, exclaimed: "It was excellent, just fricating afterward, exclaimed: "It was excellent, just a point to keep passing judgment on Gabriel.

"He was the outstanding player on the field," the Viking coach said, "Gabriel dispelled the last doubt Please Travia, Pages 1.

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OVER THE TOP—There's nothing wrong in being backward as far as Minnesota back Dave Osborn is concerned as he sails over heads

of Ram players for first Viking touchdown in Saturday's NFL playof aame in Minneapolis, Osborn's dive into end zone tied game at 7-7.

JIM MURRAY

Slue-Footed Joe Puts Kapper on The Rams

The Los Angeles Rams lost a football game Saturday in this suburb of Sweden on a day you could have gone to the beach. They masterfully earned their way into the Playoff Bowl, a so-what contest known in the locker rooms as test known in the locker rooms as the "Go-Stand-in-a-Corner" Bowl or other times as the "Get Lost" Bowl. They played themselves right onto Page 3.

right onto Page 3.

Tom Mack, who plays the left offensive guard for the Ra ma, removed whatever chance his team had of winning by doing something nobody else has ever been able to do with as much success — knock-ing Alan Page out of the play.

Alan Page plays right was the success and the success was the success was

ing Alan Page out of the play, Alan Page plays right tackle for Minnesota and he has eaten so many quarterbacks this season he has numbers on his teeth. But, with the game running out and the Rams trying to get in position for a tying field goal, Alan Page couldn't get close enough to Roman Gabriel, the quarterback, to wave. He got knocked so far out of the play, in fact, Gabe thought he was a receiver.

eceiver. Turned out he was, as a matter of receiver.

Turned out he was, as a matter of fact. That, it so happens, was the first pass Alan Page had ever caught in his life—from anybody. Defensive tackles only get the football with quarterbacks attached, but this was one time Alan Page could reach up and take it without peeling a guy off it first. He caught it on the Minnesota 45 and, a half hour later, he had gone clear to the Ram 26, He may have gone clear to the Super Bowl.

The Rams played 40 minutes of broken-nosed football. Then, they tried to smuggle the game into the clubhouse. It was like trying to smuggle an elephant through cus-

good a football team as the good a football team as the Vikings, which is some praise, indeed. They led the first 53 minutes and 30 seconds of the game. They made Minnesota's vaunted defense look like the Seven Panes of Glass. They were so far ahead at halftime, I think they spent most of it icing the cham-pagne.

spent most of it leing the champagne.

They got beat on a run by Joseph Robert Kapp. Now, before you throw that line away, let me tell you that this is like getting set on fire by Smokey the Bear, getting your diamond returned by Zsa Zsa Gabor or getting your pocket picked by J. Edgar Hoover.

Which is to say, he can keep well ahead of a glacier. Joe Kapp is, you might say, glacier fast. Sap runs faster than he can. Yet, in the championship game, he and Roman Gabriel were the day's leading ground-gainers. Cabriel averaged 6.5 yards on 4 carries and Kapp averaged 6 yards on 7 carries.

When you get beat by a Joe Kapp run, you're entitled to a new deck.

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When you get beat by a Joe Kapp
run, you're entitled to a new deck.
To tell you the truth, you shouldn't
get beat by a Kapp ANYTHING. It
is a rule of thumb in the National
Football League that you have 3.5
seconds to get rid of a pass. It takes
Joe Kapp that long to turn his back
and start to the pocket.

His passes look like a wounded
airplane looking for a place to land
—in the dark. He played his college
football at the University of California and he got drafted so low
that the team that picked him sent
him a bill for a season tick.

He went to Canada where they
watched him drop back to pass and
decided he was too slow to play
anything but p in oc hle. They
thought they could use him on the
kickoff teams until they found that
Joe couldn't get downfield under
any kick that didn't come down
with snow or a stamp on it. He
made the tackle once on the
opening kickoff, but the score was
14-7 by the time he made it.

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The Viking Method: RAM DRESSING ROOM

Do It as a Team

BY JOHN WIEBUSCH

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL — The

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL — The chalk that made a sideline on the chalk that the

your bite?"
Kapp turned down the Vikings'
Most Valuable Player Award two
weeks ago, telling a banquet audience: "There ain't no red-nosed
reindeer, there ain't no Santa Claus
—and there ain't no most valuable
player (on the Vikings)."

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Win or Lose, They No Tears, Just Stunned Silence

BY MAL FLORENCE
Times statt were:
MINNEAPOLISS ST. PAUL
BOB Brown extended his long arms
to allow Dr. Jules Rasinski to cut the
blood-soaked bandages away from
his hands. His knuckles were raw
where stitches had been torn loose
in the violent combat of the Western
Difference of the soul-and her
pain—one of the soul-and he
reflected the attitude of the entire
Rams team when he whispered:
"Six months, seven days and a few
hours work and it all goes down the
drain. Right now I've never felt so
bad in my entire life."

There were no tears . . . no
excuses . . . Just stunned unbelieving silence in the dressing room as
players and alumped on benches
statting hill pain.

Wasn't Enough

Wasn't Enough
They had fought the good fight but
it wasn't enough. For the second
time in three years the Rams had
been eliminated in a Western title

time in three years the Rams had been eliminated in a Western title game.

Saturday's 22-20 loss to Minnesota was more furstrating because of the closeness of the score. Green Bay soundly defeated the Rams. 28-7, in the 1967 playoff game in Milwaukee . . a result that didn't en cours ge as many self-doubts or what-might-have-beens.

George Allen was remarkably the defeat. His Rams have one of profootball's most gittering records in the past three years but despite their success they have not been able to advance beyond the conference title game in post-season "What hurst," said George as he twisted his neck in an unconscious effort to alleviate pressure, "is that everything was right on the button. We were mentally and physically prepared for the game. We were sure we'd win. gas were the better taam . . . but only three points better. I cant single out any one Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 2

ANOTHER UCLA ROMP

Bruins, Princeton Reach Finals of Classic

BY DWIGHT CHAPIN

The UCLA Bruins have won 98 of

The UCLA Bruins have won 98 of their last 100 games.
One of the losses didn't come Saturday night.
The Bruins were expected to be lousy hosts in their own tournament at Pauley Pavilion and they admirably lived up to that role, removing the sting from the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets early and then coasting to a 121-90 victory before 11,142.

With the triumph, UCLA advanced into the finals of the Bruin Classic Monday night against Prince-ton, an 82-76 winner over Indiana in Saturday night's first game. Coach John Wooden's Bruins took a 62-36 halfitime lead on some fine-shooting 163-5% from the floor!, Four of the five Bruin starters—John Vallely, Sidney Wicks, Curtis Rowe and Henry Bibby — were indouble figures by the intermission. UCLA seemed to lose interest after that and was listless through much of the second half, but never was in

danger of losing its unbeaten string (which is now six this season). Bibby, the sophomore guard, answered nearly every attempted flight by the Yellow Jackets, with 15 second-half points. Left hander Rick Yunkus, Georgia Tech's 6-9½ All-America prospect, gave the Brinis more trouble than any center they've faced this year Steve Patterson to fool out, with 7% minutes left in the game.

Forward Bob Seeme helped out

ER—Dejected Ram quarterback Roman Gabriel leaves field head bowed after Minnesota's Alan Page intercepted one of passes at game's end to stop the Rams' hopes of a comeback.

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Mudders May Help Browns

Ruin Cowboys DALLAS IF — The Cleveland Browns have one of the best "mudders" in the National Football League in slippery Leroy Kelly and he could become a deadly weenon against place for an hour—too dejected and tired to move. Kelly and he could become a deadly weapon against Dallas if it rains today in Eastern Conference championship game in the Cotton Bowl. move.

"This is the second time for me (title game defeat)," he said softly. "And I've got a lot of thinking to do."

Gabe Dejected
Roman Gabriel, the
NFL's Most Valuable
Player who played like to
Saturday, patiently answered questions as he
leaned back against his
locker. He sat in the same
place for an hour—too

Bad Position

Cotton Bowl.

The weather was cloudy Saturday but the Weather Bureau said there was a possibility it would rain today.

Dallas is a touchdown favorite to gain revenge for a 1968 playoff loss to the Browns, who won 31-20.

I've got a lot of thinking to do."

Someone incredulously asked him if he was contemplating retirement at the peak of his career.

I admit I'm not will be a lot of thinking to do."

Gabriel said the game plan wasn't altered at a laiftime. Nor did he believe that he took a conserva 11 ve a pproach while protecting the 10-point lead and, later, a 6-point advantage (20-14) in the final quarter.

Bad Position The footing was poor in Cleveland for the last game and Kelly scored for the last game and Kelly scored for the last game and Kelly scored for the half and the other just after the second half began—to stun the Cowboys.

The Dallas offense is built around multiple sets and puts a good deal of emphasis on speed, It's no secret the Cowboys like a dry field.

Rosters for the game,



SECOND QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER
7 Gossett, 20-yard
field goal at 11:27.
65-yard drive, 13 plays. Key
gains—Gabriel, 13, run; L.
Smith, 13, pass from Gabriel.
Key play—Josephson, 12 pass
from Gabriel on 3rd-and-10
from Vikings' 34.

HOW THEY SCORED

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INJURED RAM—Halfback Tommy Mason of the Rams grimaces with pain as he raises arm for first aid after being injured during Saturday's Viking game and the same of t

ond half. The Rams rumbling effectively on the ground with a 10-point lead, had a first down on their own 48. But offensive tackle Bob

Brown was cited for clip-ping on a two-yard run-ning gain—unusual cir-cumstances for this infrac-

head in disgust when this penalty was mentioned. "I don't think I've clipped five times in my entire career," said the six-year veteran. "I know I was in the neutral zone and that's legal."

where Bob was," said Tomemphatically.

The Rams then surrendered field position and were obliged to punt—their first of the game—to the Vikings.

Minn e sota promptly surged 72 yards for a touchdown on a penalty-aided drive. On first down Jimmy Nettles was charged with pass Interference while covering John Henderson, a penalty that provided Minnesota with a first down at its own 42.

threw a bit more in the final half."
Statistics support him. Gabriel threw 14 passes in the opening half compared to the first two duarters as rookie Larry Smith, Lester Josephson and Willie Ellison were primarily responsible for the 100 yards gained rushries. But they attempted only eight rushing plays in the final half for a the first two they are proposed to the control of th ing on 22 cumulative carries. But they attempted only eight rushing plays in the final half for a summer of the football.

They were just blowing off the football.

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own 42.

"Nettlee made a great defensive play", said Al-lein "He was going for the ball and knocked it down."

"I came inside of him Henderson) and hit the ball," said the soft-spoken cornerback." I didn't touch him at all, When they dropped that flag I had no idea what was going.on."

Three plays later Joe

wide receiver at the Ram 12. But Washington got up 12. But Washington got up 12. But Washington got up 14. But for Larry States.
game.
"I didn't even see him,"
admitted Gabriel.
Page revealed that he
got a "poor pass rush" and
simply threw up his arms
when Gabriel unloaded.
The ball stuck in his hands.

Larry Smith, who played like a veteran (60 yards net rushing, 5.5 average and six receptions for 36 yards), was disconsolate. He had dropped a short Gabriel pass on the pre-ceding play.

"It was right in my hands but I couldn't hold on to it," said the rookie who could barely breathe through blood - logged mostrlis. His nose, which has been broken twice this

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into the end zone for a safety.

"He (Eller) just wanted to come in," said Gabriel.
"I planted myself on about the 1½-yard line and that's where he hit me. But the field was slick down there and he just skidded me into the end zone."

zone."

The safety obviously didn't help the Rams' cause but a field goal still would have tied the game and possibly sent it into a sudden death over-

Billy Truax, who made several exception at cathes in the game, could only talk about the ball that he couldn't hold. This was the first down pass on the Minnesota 10 preceding Gossett's last field goal. "arl Kassulke grabbed my arm," said the steady tight end, "but I still should have had it."

Game of Breaks
It was that type of ga
a break here and the

It was that type of game—a break here and there u11 imately determining the result between two, evenly matched teams. For example: On the Vikings' next-to-last series, Kapp was belted by Coy Bacon and fumbled. Deacon Jones, who said he was double-teamed most of the afternoon, was in the Minnesota backfield but couldn't retrieve the lost ball. If he had secured path of the said of the afternoon, was in the Minnesota backfield but couldn't retrieve the lost ball. If he had secured path of the said of the sa

off."

These were the little things that Allen was talking about and, when strung together, they added up to an undesired trip to Miami next Satur-

ay for the so-what Play-ff Bowl game against the

The Rams suffered in other ways, too. Haifback Tommy Mason dislocated his shoulder on his first rushing try in the first Laif and Maxte Baughan treet to play on a sprained the state of th









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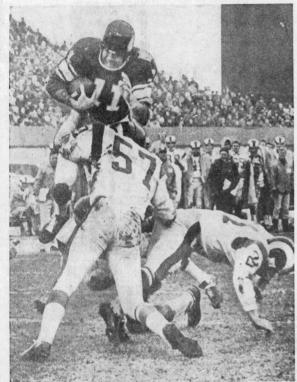
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CAUGHT IN BLITZ—Roman Gabriel is blitzed

Brown (76) and wraps arms around the Ram quar-

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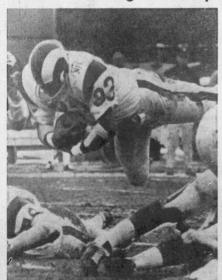
SACKED FOR SAFETY — Eller's charge brings Gabriel down behind goal line and officials ruled it a safety. This extended Minnesota's lead to

23-20. The Rams questioned the ruling, claim ing that Eller had forced Gabriel into the end zone. The play had started on Ram 12-yard line



HIGH STEPPER-Viking quarterback Joe Kapp

goal line in fourth quarter to score Minnesota's third TD which tied NFL playoff game at 20-20.



KERPLUNK!—Willie Ellison of the Rams is about to make a belly-flop of a landing after plunging for a first down early in the playoff battle when the Pages designed all the Minescele Later stop, the initiative pattern and 2000.



RAMS' FINEST MOMENT—The Rams boasted a commandin

Roman Gabriel after eluding Earsell Mackbee (right). At this point L.A. looked like a winner in the Western Division playoff.

ntinued from First Page

Two-Yard Run for Six

at fast. "I don't." he said.
The former University
California quarterback
mpleted four passes for
yards on the drive to
the Vikings' first touchwn, one pass for 41 yards
the second and three
r 40 yards on the third, tut there were mistakes,
o, and the mistakes were
stify.

costly.

Minnesota moved within 17-14 early in the third quarter and they began from their own 39 after a punt minutes after that. Five plays brought the Vikings to the Ram 11 but a pass was intercented by a pass was intercepted by Eddie Meador and the bid was thwarted, "Now that really made me mad," said Kapp.

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The Rams could do
sthing again and the ball
ent back to the Vikings
a punt. On the third
lay of the series, Kapp's
ass was picked off by
ichie Petition, who rermed it four yards to the
iking 36.

Viking 36.

"At this point I was fuming," said Kapp, "and when the Rams got a field goal out of it (making their lead 20-14) I knew that unless we started cutting it everything was over."

"The nice thing would be seen that the field was perfect. It was just ideal conditions. It was championship football."

The Vikings won with their passing game and the men who made it go were the long-legged re-

No Changes

No Changes

The Vikings' coach, Bud
Grant, was dressed in gray
underwear and heavy yellow boots—the kind that
Minnesota ice fishermen
use—and he was asked
what he had told his team
at intermission.

Twould like ton tell you
was something protown was something prodid not make any changes
in the second half—on
offense or defense—it was
simply a question of our
getting the ball for a share
of the time."

of the time."

The Rams finished with a total advantage of 65-50 in total plays but it was 36-21 in the first half and 29-29 in the last 30 minutes.

"We had the ball for nine plays from scrimmage in

"We had the ball for nine plays from scrimmage in the second quarter," said Grant. "That's not the formula we used to win 12 games this year. The fi-nish was highly emotional. . I don't know if vou could write a script like that." Gabriel 'Best'

Gabriel 'Best'

The coach shook his head.

"I thought there was no question that Roman Gabriel proved today that he's the Most Valuable Player in this league. He did a marelous job 122 completions in 32 attempts for 150 yards and but he had been so that the completions of the room, in the corner of the room, in the corner of the room, in the corner where the men who play defense for the Vikings dress, Carl Eller, the 250-pound end, and that that I at tened Gabriel and yave the Vikings a safety that increased a one-point lead to three.

"I didn't know what I'd done," said Eller, "until the rest of the guys todd when the said to the corner of the that just about made sure that we'd get a tie and the worst that could be was sudden death."

Eller was asked if he

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think the Rams were. They were going for their short passes and thinking three points instead of seven."

three points instead of severa."

Alan Page, a 255-pound actick, was the man who delivered the final, crushing blow, intercepting a Gabriel pass on the Minnesota 45 and returning it 29 yards to the Ram 26. "It was the first interception I've ever made." It was the first interception I've ever made. The stand Page, "but it couldn't as the page of the pa

Rams Let the Big One Get Away, 23-20

Continued from First Page that he is the most valuable player in the Jeague. Grant won with the better team. He has now defeated the Rams twice this month—first ending their 11-week winning streak and then ending their Super Bowl dream. But the whole point of Saturday's game is that Gabriel was beating Grant and Kapp when the Rams suddenly blew up.

All year, they have been alternately a blip-play and a big-mistake team, leading the league in touch-down passes and also in penalties.

Not in Minnesota
The Rams can do that
and outscore Dallas. Gabriel is not quite good
enough to do it and win
from a better team when
that team is playing before
a friendly crowd on its
own field in the dead of

And so, after starting the season with I consecutive wins, coach George Allen's fourth Los Angeles edition closed unhappily with its fourth straight setback. Kapp's courage and talent prevalled again as the Vikings won for the 13th time in 15 weeks to 15th time in 15 weeks to 15th time in 15 weeks to 25th time in 15 wee

Summery Play
In fact, by turns, Kapp
and Gabriel marched as if
it were a summer day,
Gabriel earned a pair of
touchdowns on drives of
45 and 66 yards and a pair
of
65 and 63 yards and
Kapp, who led the Vikings in ground gaining
with 42 yards forward—
and almost that many up
on high-jump scrambles—
carned three touchdowns
on drives measuring 75, 71
and 65.

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They were still on top in the fourth quarter, 17-14, and they were on the Minnesota 20-yard line—third down, six to go—when the game got away from them. Were several The re-wise several constant, with its was the last. Gabriel fired a straight pass to Truax for what was going to be a first down on the 10-yard line if Billy had held the ball.

ball.

Bringing it down, he dropped it.

This was the one play of This was the one puer the afternoon that may have been clearly influenced by the cold weather. If so, that is reason enough for profootball to cease playing its big games in this climate. Six-Point Lead

Six-Point Lead
Truax normally is surehanded when he gets 10
fingers on a fast ball above
his head. He couldn't cling
to this one, and Los Angeles was obliged to settle
for a Gossett field goal and
a 20-14 lead instead of a
touchdown try for a 24-14
lead that could have been
decisive.

lead that could have been decisive.

Kapp is a man who knows what to do with opportunity. Likewise he had the resources (the hest backs and ends on the field) to capitalize on an opportunity. Down only six points—instead of the 10 that tight the second of the 10 that tight the

Rolls Out for TD

Rolls Out for TD
Then Kapp was scrambling and clawing and hurdling once more, for 12 yards this time, and on the last of the 10 winning plays he rolled two yards into the end zone.
The final Ram mistake The final Ram mistake The final Ram mistake to the control of the rolled two yards to force him inside. Baughan is a signal caller who habitually takes care to prevent such a lapse, but Baughan, by then, was in a sweatsuit on the sideline, rendered helples by a bad knee.

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same way. He had reached midfield again when a partial did what the Vikings could not.

Nettles' interference and Pardee's piling on constituted the penalty turning point.

Odds With Rams

The odds right then were that the Rams could contain Kapp at the 29, or thereabouts. The y h ad turned him back throughout the second quarter, a first down until the last 15 seconds of the half.

But on his first play after the Ram punt, a penalty promoted Kapp to midfield. This was a call against Nettles, the Ram cornerback, who was charged for interference against flanker John Henderson.

Nettles appeared to be

against flanker John Henderson.

Nettles appeared to be going for the ball as Henderson reached for it. The infraction, if any, was not flagrant. On the contrary, it was another marginal interpretation.

Kapp, however, took it, and promptly delivered to Gene Washington for 41 varies to the Dem 12 to Dem 20.

Kapp, however, took it, and promptly delivered to Gene Washington for 41 yards to the Ram 12. There, Nettles got a hand on Washington's ankle. Wash in ngton stumbled, fell, and immediately got up, whereupon Jack Pardee tackled him.

The officials moved in The expension of the Ram 12 the Rams half the distance to the goal for piling on. Jack simply tackled a man who seemed to he running for a touchdown. Later, the Vikings appeared to be guilty of kellow the seement of the running for a touchdown. Later, the Vikings appeared to be guilty of kellow the seement of the Rams six-yard line, Kapp had easy pickings. He got himself back in the game on obsouris one-yard soor-ing buck. 17-14.

Odds With Rams

tuted the penalty turning point.

In the fourth quarter, the officials were to get one last chance to make an arg in a 1 and a general to a general

The question is whether the impetus that put him in the end zone was his own or Eller's. A man holding a football cannot commit a safety if he is pushed into the end zone. The point is that the call was close—and that the Vikings batted 1,000 on the four close calls that destroyed the call was close—and that the Vikings batted 1,000 on the four close calls that destroyed the call was close—and that the Vikings batted 1,000 on the four close calls that destroyed the call was considered to the call of the c





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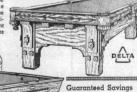




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RAMS LOSE, 23-20

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Ram 15—instead of from
midfield, where Bacon
earned the turnover that
was not turned over.
Gabriel marched gamely
out from the Ram 15. With
two minutes left, he
picked up seven yards on
fourth and three, tiny
the tropic of the processor of the
two minutes left, he
picked up seven yards on
fourth and three, throwing to Truax.

But a successful 85-yard
drive, against the leagues'
best defense, was not in
the cards. It ended in a
last-minute interception
that ended the Ram season—save for the Losser's
Bowl game next Saturday
in Miami.

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Two indice pulses by Eddie Middle Middle Nether Petithon on necessive series in the third quarter stopped one Kapp drive and set up the last Ram field goal. Had Los Angeles taken a 24-14 lead after Petithon's interception (instead of the 20-14 lead of the series of th

and Wendell Tucker caught only three.

Short Shots

The longest play on the two Ram to uc ho own drives measured only 13 yards, and that was a Gabriel scramble.

The difference between the two halves, for the Rams, was this: In the Rams, was this: In the Rams, was this: In the Gabriel's scramble.

The difference for thousy and played errorless football. In the second half, they drop pe d the ball and fouled the Vikings.

Moreover, they never had field position after the third-down drop that pre-eded their fourth quarter.

Gabriel commenced his last two series from the Ram Is and 15. Had the Rams been lucky enough to get a penalty when Ron Smith was jumped on at the 13, Gabriel would have

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started this series from the 28—and the safety play would have been unlikely. If Jones had seen

play would have been unlikely. If Jones had seen Kapp's fourth-quarter fumble, Los Angeles might have started its last series from midfield.

Series from midfield.

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The series from the first didn't count. The entire Minnesota line was offside and overwhelmed the R am quarterback on the first play of the afternoon when Eller intercepted and made a practice touch-down run.

Gabriel's last pass, also intercepted by a Viking of the series of the series

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