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Sports Section

From the Sports Editor –

Dog races coming

After my embarrassingly wrong NFL playoff predictions in the first round of the playoffs I decided to take a week off and return to Interior Alaska in order to “clear” my head of the “city” life here in Anchorage. I am sure that that was the the problem in my not being able to see who the winners were going to be. So after returning from my venture to the “homefront” I am fresh and ready to pick the upcoming weekends victors as the Playoffs continue.

Houston at Pittsburgh has had a very impressive season enroute to the NFL's best regular season record (14-2) and have the home-field advantage in this game and this spells trouble for the Oilers, Pittsburgh 27, Houston 24.

Dallas at Los Angeles the Rams have always had a powerful football team compiling one of the best records in the past 10 years. However, the Rams have been unable to make it to the Super Bowl. The Rams impressive win over the Vikings and the Cowboys hard fought decision over Atlanta point toward a real battle in the NFL Title game. This corner picks the Rams as the hungrier team, 23-21.

On to more serious matters, not to mention a little closer to home I was very glad this week to see dog racing activities begin at Tudor Track because I realize that the Fur Rondy is only a matter of weeks away. Through the years Alaskans have enjoyed many exciting races and this year's version of the Rondy should be no exception. I am looking forward to providing race reports on a wider scale during the next few months and sincerely hope to see our readers at the tracks.

Not long after the Rondy attention focuses on the long trail from Anchorage to Home as the Iditarod Trail Race begins on February 24 this year and judging from the recently completed 120 mile race at Knik the field looks very competitive and a very fine race this should be.

In closing, the high school basketball team of your choice will be getting back into action this weekend following the Holiday break so get out to the gym and give them your support as they are preparing for the Regional Tourneys later this month.

Happy New Year.

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