

Fitness & Sports

Swami concedes defeat to 'Aldo the Geek'

By the Swami

Pigskin Prognosticator

You've heard it first, right here in *The Airlift Dispatch*. The Swami has conceded.

After the Monday night game between Tampa Bay and St. Louis, The Swami has graciously (and mathematically) been defeated. Week 16 was a pretty rough week for most everyone, including The Swami. "Who would have thought all those scrubs (especially Indianapolis) would win," irked the Swami. The Swami was really disappointed in Miami's performance. "They just stunk it up and if there is a way they won't make it to the playoffs, the Swami is rooting for that," said The Swami.

The rumors running around Charleston AFB are that Dennis Ingold, a.k.a. "Aldo the Geek" has been declared the winner of The Swami Cup.

"Wait a minute," says the Swami. The only rumor the Swami knows of is that Ingold should change his name to "Aldo the Chicken." He was one of the few leaders who did not turn in picks for week 16. Like the Swami said in last week's paper, "If you're scared, say you're scared."

Apparently, Ingold is scared, or just plain chicken! After tallying the picks, Ingold appears to have a comfortable lead going into the final week. There will be a recount of the picks. Remember the Florida recount? Well, now we have the Swami recount. It ain't over till what's her name sings. The winner of week 16 was Ron Desautels, with an un-impressive 11-4 record. Desautels is the first

two-time winner this year, having won week three also. Desautels has been a trooper all year. The Swami wants to commend him for playing every single week (unlike Aldo). Nice job Ron, but you will end up behind the Swami in the final standings.

Speaking of final standings, there are still some good playoff races going on. It should be an exciting week to see who gets into the playoffs. Look for the results in the first issue in January. The Swami wishes you a happy holiday season!

Here is a synopsis from the Swami for each team:

AFC:

MIAMI—Need Marino back--won't go far in playoffs

INDIANAPOLIS—Young and dumb--two more years--might be good

NY JETS—Vinny saving it for the playoffs

BUFFALO—Too much QB controversy, Flutie's the man

NEW ENGLAND—Maybe next year (they say that every year)

TENNESSEE—Look out for George and McNair--

nice combo

BALTIMORE—Put a sock in Sharpe's mouth--out in first round

PITTSBURGH—Get on the "Bus" and go home
JACKSONVILLE—Pre-season favorites--post season losers

CINCINNATI—Would you want to play there?

CLEVELAND—Maybe they'll get another #1 pick and still stink

OAKLAND—Left-footed kicker carries them through playoffs

DENVER—Can't win without Davis's mother, makes bad batch of soup, out in 1st round

KANSAS CITY—Too little, too late--see ya

SEATTLE—Get Holmgren back to Green Bay

SAN DIEGO—First team in the minor league football league

NFC:

NY GIANTS—Collins is cleaned up and poise--lookout!

PHILADELPHIA—Surprise of the year--good luck!

WASHINGTON—Nothing

to say about this waste of a team

DALLAS—Bring back Tom, Roger and Tony--(Swami might even pick them)

ARIZONA—Playing too much golf--not enough football

MINNESOTA—Swami likes their chances

TAMPA BAY—Keyshaun who? No threat to anyone

DETROIT—Good team, beat the Jets--that's like winning the Superbowl

GREEN BAY—At least they beat the Vikings twice this year--that's it!

CHICAGO—The Swami misses the "Fridge"--so do the Bears

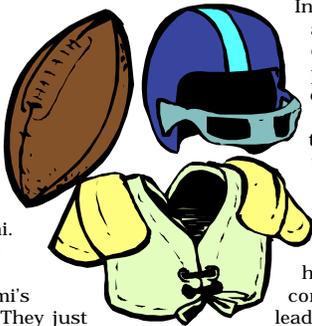
NEW ORLEANS—The "Ain'ts" aren't going far--nice year though

ST. LOUIS—Warner can't carry them anymore--need some defense

CAROLINA—Siefert has losing year--wish they kept Collins

SAN FRAN—Rice wants senior citizen discounts--hang em' up Jerry!

ATLANTA—Best end zone dance, "The Dirtybird"--just didn't get there enough



Hoopin' it up with youth basketball

By Tech. Sgt. Dan Murphy
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The 2001 Youth Basketball season kicked off this week with practices at both the Youth Center and the Base Fitness Center.

The regular season games are scheduled to begin after the Christmas break with the 13-14-year-old girls tipping it off Jan. 4, 7 p.m. at the Globemaster Gym. All other teams will follow on Jan. 6.

"If you're still looking to get in on the action, contact Youth Programs," said Denise John, 437th Services Squadron, acting sports coordinator

"The Youth Programs Basketball League is a recreational program designed to teach the basic skills, techniques and fundamentals of basketball," said John. "Our goal is to develop a sense of competency, usefulness and one of belonging."

The coaches, youths and the parents are all required to sign a Code of Ethics from the National Youth Sports Coaches Association, said John. This ensures the players all act responsibly, and the coaches and parents provide the

best possible experience for the youth involved. The coaches are volunteers and are certified by the NYSCA.

"All teams will practice twice a week until the season starts," said John.

The league has a basketball commissioner this year.

"Our commissioner is Ronnie Davis and he will oversee the program and help the coaches get certified," said John. "He will be able to answer any questions or concerns."

The Youth Basketball Program will have over 180 participants for the 2001 season. For further information please contact the Youth Center at 963-5684.



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Cardio Theater

The wall between Raquetball Courts One and Two at the Health and Fitness Center has down and construction is pressing on towards the new Cardio Theater. Workers hit a minor set-back when they discovered extra support for the ceiling would be needed. The fitness staff hopes to hold a grand opening in April or May.