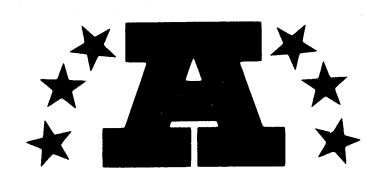


Ravens, Giants to get answers Sunday



2000 RESULTS		
Preseason		
Aug. 5	Philadelphia	16-13
Aug. 12	New York Jets	10-0
Aug. 18	at Carolina	24-13
Aug. 25	at New York Giants	24-17
Regular Season		
Sept. 3	at Pittsburgh	16-0
Sept. 10	Jacksonville	39-36
Sept. 17	at Miami	6-19
Sept. 24	Cincinnati	37-0
Oct. 1	at Cleveland	12-0
Oct. 8	at Jacksonville	15-10
Oct. 15	at Washington	3-10
Oct. 22	Tennessee	6-14
Oct. 29	Pittsburgh	6-9
Nov. 5	at Cincinnati	27-7
Nov. 12	at Tennessee	24-23
Nov. 19	Dallas	27-0
Nov. 26	Cleveland	44-7
Dec. 3	Open Date	
Dec. 10	San Diego	24-3
Dec. 17	at Arizona	13-7
Dec. 24	New York Jets	34-20



By Eddie Pells
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TAMPA, Fla. — Three months ago, the Baltimore Ravens went five games without scoring a touchdown. Last season, two New York Giants ripped the coach and the offense.

These are chemistry-killing events that tend to shout “meltdown” more than “Super Bowl.” But these are two teams that survived the storms — actually got stronger because of them — and now find themselves playing for all the marbles when they kick off at 4:25 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday.

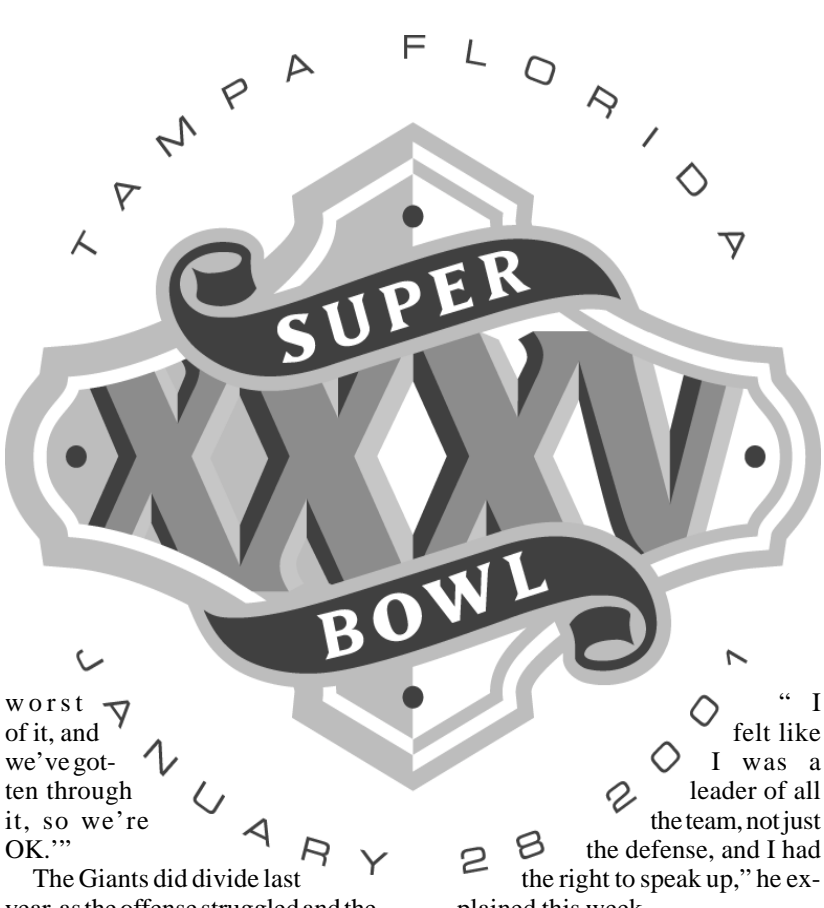
“It never turned into us versus them, it never got cliquish,” Ravens receiver Qadry Ismail said.

A key theme to this Super Bowl week is how the Ravens survived their five weeks without getting into the end zone. That’s an amazing stretch of ineptitude that failed to sink Baltimore’s season only because the defense was good enough to win the first two games.

But three straight losses followed, and that’s normally when locker rooms begin to divide and relationships start to strain.

Coach Brian Billick says the Ravens ignored the outside forces — media and fans — and the conventional wisdom that seemed to dictate that failure always brings about fissures.

“This team did not crack, as much as people were trying to get them to do it,” Billick said. “They didn’t turn on one another. And once they were able to step away from the abyss they said, ‘You know what, we’ve stared at the



worst of it, and we’ve gotten through it, so we’re OK.”

The Giants did divide last year, as the offense struggled and the defense scored the winning points in two games in the first half of the season. After a loss to Washington with the division lead on the line, linebacker Jessie Armstead said the defense couldn’t do it alone. Coach Jim Fassel called Armstead to his office and told him to quiet down. Armstead, the vocal leader of the team, suddenly seemed sullen and distant.

“I felt like I was a leader of all the team, not just the defense, and I had the right to speak up,” he explained this week.

The whole scene freaked out defensive lineman Michael Strahan, who made an unsolicited trip into the media room to vent his frustrations.

In the middle of it all, Fassel’s mother died, and he went to California for the funeral.

New York lost its final three games and finished 7-9, and Fassel knew changes were needed. None of them,

however, involved getting rid of Strahan or Armstead.

Instead, he revamped his lineup on offense, started promoting more of a group atmosphere — offseason boating trips, golf tournaments, bowling nights — and opened up more effective lines of communication with his stars.

“He explained what he was trying to do, the type of player he was going to bring in and the offense he wanted to run,” Strahan said. “When that happened, I think we both said, ‘Hey, let’s get on the same wagon with him and try to ride it out and see what happens.’ We gave it a shot and it worked out.”

Strahan believes the players’ stamp of approval means a lot in football, a game of teams within teams, where small groups of players spend portions of each week working separate from the others before everyone comes together on Sundays.

It’s hard to tell whether harmony begat winning for these teams, or visa versa, but no longer do the Giants or Ravens worry about tension.

“A leader should be able to speak up, that’s what you bring them in for,” veteran Giants tackle Lomas Brown said. “You’re in the locker room, you’re telling people what you’re hearing from the locker room. That’s supposed to be a positive thing.”

Even better is never hearing any complaints at all.

“I’ve heard about teams who had great defenses and their offenses aren’t so great and it tears them apart,” Ismail said. “Not one time has that been done on our team.”



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Sept. 3	Arizona	21-16
Sept. 10	at Philadelphia	33-18
Sept. 17	at Chicago	14-7
Sept. 24	Washington	6-16
Oct. 1	at Tennessee	14-28
Oct. 8	at Atlanta	13-6
Oct. 15	Dallas	19-14
Oct. 22	Open Date	
Oct. 29	Philadelphia	24-7
Nov. 5	at Cleveland	24-3
Nov. 12	St. Louis	24-38
Nov. 19	Detroit	21-31
Nov. 26	at Arizona	31-7
Dec. 3	at Washington	9-7
Dec. 10	Pittsburgh	30-10
Dec. 17	at Dallas	17-13
Dec. 23	Jacksonville	28-25



BALTIMORE RAVENS NEW YORK GIANTS

NUMERICAL ROSTER									
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College	How Acq.	
3	Matt Stover	K	5-11	178	32	11	Louisiana Tech	PB(NYG)-'91	
5	Kyle Richardson	P	6-2	210	27	4	Arkansas State	FA-'98	
7	Chris Redman	QB	6-3	223	22	R	Louisville	D3-'00	
8	Trent Diller	QB	6-4	229	28	7	Fresno State	UFA(TB)-'00	
11	Marcus Nash	WR	6-3	195	24	3	Tennessee	FA-'00	
12	Tony Banks	QB	6-4	230	26	5	Michigan State	T(STL)-'99	
20	Kim Herring	S	5-11	200	24	4	Penn State	D2b-'97	
21	Chris McAllister	CB	6-1	206	22	2	Arizona	D1-'99	
22	Duane Starks	CB	5-10	170	25	3	Miami	D1-'98	
25	Clarence Love	CB	5-10	181	23	2	Toledo	FA-'99	
26	Rod Woodson	S	6-0	205	35	14	Purdue	FA-'98	
29	Chuck Evans	FB	6-1	245	33	8	Clark Atlanta	FA-'00	
31	Jamal Lewis	RB	5-11	231	20	R	Tennessee	D1a-'00	
32	Sam Gash	FB	6-0	240	31	9	Penn State	FA-'00	
33	Priest Holmes	RB	5-9	205	26	4	Texas	FA-'97	
35	Robert Bailey	CB	5-10	182	31	10	Miami	UFA(Det)-'00	
38	James Trapp	CB	6-0	190	31	8	Clemson	UFA(Oak)-'99	
42	Anthony Mitchell	S	6-1	211	26	1	Tuskegee	FA-'99	
43	Anthony Poindexter	S	6-0	220	23	2	Virginia	D7-'99	
45	Corey Harris	S	5-11	200	30	9	Vanderbilt	FA-'98	
50	Brad Jackson	LB	6-0	230	25	2	Cincinnati	FA-'98	
51	Cornell Brown	LB	6-0	245	25	4	Virginia Tech	D6-'97	
52	Ray Lewis	LB	6-1	245	24	5	Miami	D1b-'96	
55	Jamie Sharper	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Virginia	D2a-'97	
56	Anthony Davis	LB	6-0	231	31	7	Utah	FA-'00	
57	O.J. Brigrance	LB	6-0	236	30	5	Rice	UFA(Mia)-'00	
58	Peter Boulware	LB	6-4	255	26	4	Florida State	D1-'97	
60	Jeff Mitchell	C	6-4	300	26	4	Florida	D5-'97	
62	Mike Flynn	G-C	6-3	300	25	3	Maine	FA-'97	
64	Edwin Mulitalo	G	6-3	340	25	2	Arizona	D4b-'99	
66	John Hudson	LS-C	6-2	270	32	11	Auburn	FA-'00	
70	Harry Swayne	T	6-5	300	35	14	Rutgers	UFA(Den)-'99	
71	Spencer Folau	T	6-5	315	26	4	Idaho	FA-'96	
72	Sammy Williams	T	6-5	318	26	3	Oklahoma	FA-'99	
74	Orlando Bobo	G	6-3	320	26	4	Northeast Louisiana	FA-'00	
75	Jonathan Ogden	T	6-8	340	25	5	UCLA	D1a-'96	
77	Kipp Vickers	G	6-2	300	30	6	Miami	UFA(Wash)-'00	
79	Larry Webster	DT	6-5	288	31	8	Maryland	FA-'95	
80	Brandon Stokley	WR	5-11	197	23	2	Southwestern Louisiana	D4a-'99	
81	Ben Coates	TE	6-5	245	30	10	Livingstone College	FA-'00	
82	Shannon Sharpe	TE	6-2	232	31	11	Savannah State	UFA(Den)-'00	
83	Patrick Johnson	WR	5-10	180	23	3	Oregon	D2-'98	
84	Jermaine Lewis	WR	5-7	180	25	5	Maryland	D5-'96	
85	John Jones	TE	6-4	255	25	R	Indiana, Pa.	FA-'00	
86	Billy Davis	WR	6-1	205	27	6	Pittsburgh	FA-'99	
87	Qadry Ismail	WR	6-0	200	29	8	Syracuse	FA-'99	
90	Rob Burnett	DE	6-4	270	32	11	Syracuse	D5-'90	
91	Lionel Dalton	DT	6-1	309	25	3	Eastern Michigan	FA-'97	
93	Keith Washington	DE	6-4	275	28	6	Nevada-Las Vegas	FA-'98	
95	Sam Adams	DT	6-3	330	26	7	Texas A&M	UFA(Sea)-'00	
96	Adalius Thomas	DE	6-2	270	22	R	Southern Mississippi	D6a-'00	
98	Tony Siragusa	DT	6-3	340	32	11	Pittsburgh	UFA(Ind)-'97	
99	Michael McCrary	DE	6-4	260	29	8	Wake Forest	UFA(Sea)-'97	

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College	How Acq.	
2	Jaret Holmes	K	6-0	203	24	2	Auburn	FA-'00	
3	Brad Daluiso	K	6-2	210	32	10	UCLA	FA-'93	
5	Kerry Collins	QB	6-5	245	28	6	Penn State	UFA(NO)-'99	
9	Brad Maynard	P	6-1	190	26	4	Ball State	D3-'97	
17	Jason Garrett	QB	6-2	200	34	8	Princeton	UFA(Dall)-'00	
18	Mike Cherry	QB	6-4	225	27	4	Murray State	D6-'97	
20	Sam Garnes	S	6-3	225	26	4	Cincinnati	D5-'97	
21	Tiki Barber	RB	5-10	200	25	4	Virginia	D2-'97	
23	Omar Stoutmire	S	5-11	198	26	4	Fresno State	FA-'00	
25	Ramos McDonald	CB	5-11	202	24	3	New Mexico	FA-'00	
26	Emmanuel McDaniel	CB	5-9	180	28	5	East Carolina	FA-'99	
27	Ron Dayne	RB	5-10	253	22	R	Wisconsin	D1-'00	
28	Reggie Stephens	CB	5-9	200	25	1	Rutgers	FA-'99	
29	Damon Washington	RB	5-11	193	23	1	Colorado State	FA-'00	
31	Jason Sehorn	CB	6-2	215	29	7	Southern California	D2-'94	
33	Joe Montgomery	RB	5-10	230	24	2	Ohio State	D2-'99	
34	Greg Cornella	FB	6-1	248	25	3	Stanford	FA-'98	
36	Shaun Williams	S	6-2	215	24	3	UCLA	D1-'98	
37	Lyle West	S	6-0	215	24	2	San Jose State	D6a-'99	
41	Dave Thomas	CB	6-3	218	32	8	Tennessee	FA-'00	
45	Craig Walendy	FB	6-1	245	23	1	UCLA	FA-'00	
51	Pete Monty	LB	6-2	250	26	4	Wisconsin	D4-'97	
52	Dusty Zeigler	C	6-5	305	27	5	Notre Dame	UFA(Butt)-'00	
53	Brandon Short	LB	6-3	255	23	R	Penn State	D4-'00	
58	Mike Barrow	LB	6-2	240	30	8	Miami	FA-'00	
59	Kevin Lewis	LB	6-1	230	22	R	Duke	FA-'00	
62	Glenn Parker	G	6-5	312	34	11	Arizona	FA-'00	
65	Ron Stone	G	6-5	320	29	8	Boston College	RFA(Dall)-'96	
66	Jason Whittle	G	6-4	305	25	2	Southwestern Missouri State	FA-'98	
67	Chris Bober	T	6-5	305	24	R	Nebraska-Omaha	FA-'00	
69	Derek Engler	C	6-5	300	26	4	Wisconsin	FA-'00	
75	Keith Hamilton	DT	6-6	295	29	9	Pittsburgh	D4-'92	
76	Lomas Brown	T	6-4	280	37	16	Florida	UFA(Cle)-'00	
77	Luke Pettigout	G-T	6-6	310	24	2	Notre Dame	D1-'99	
78	Mike Rosenthal	G-T	6-7	315	23	2	Notre Dame	D5-'99	
79	Jeremiah Parker	DE	6-5	250	23	R	California	D7-'00	
81	Amani Toomer	WR	6-3	208	26	5	Michigan	D2-'96	
82	Thabiti Davis	WR	6-2	205	25	1	Wake Forest	FA-'00	
83	Pete Mitchell	TE	6-2	248	29	6	Boston College	UFA(Jax)-'99	
84	Joe Jurevicius	WR	6-5	230	26	3	Penn State	D2-'98	
86	Rqn Dixon	WR	6-0	190	24	R	Lambuth	D3-'00	
87	Howard Cross	TE	6-5	270	33	12	Alabama	D6-'89	
88	Ike Hilliard	WR	5-11	195	24	4	Florida	D1-'97	
89	Dan Campbell	TE	6-5	260	24	R	Texas A&M	D3-'99	
90	Jack Golden	LB	6-1	240	23	2	Oklahoma State	FA-'00	
91	Ryan Phillips	LB	6-4	252	26	4	Idaho	D3-'97	
92	Michael Strahan	DE	6-5	275	29	8	Texas Southern	D2-'93	
93	Ryan Hale	DT	6-4	300	25	2	Arkansas	D7a-'99	
94	Cedric Jones	DE	6-4	270	26	5	Oklahoma	D1-'96	
96	George Williams	DT-DE	6-3	295	25	3	North Carolina State	FA-'98	
97	Cornelius Griffin	DT-DE	6-3	300	24	R	Alabama	D2-'00	
98	Jessie Armstead	LB	6-1	240	30	8	Miami	D8-'93	
99	Christian Peter	DT	6-3	300	28	4	Nebraska	FA-'97	

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6-0	203	24	2	Auburn	FA-'00
6-2	210	32	10	UCLA	FA-'93
6-5	245	28	6	Penn State	UFA(NO)-'99
6-1	190	26	4	Ball State	D3-'97
6-2	200	34	8	Princeton	UFA(Dall)-'00
6-4	225	27	4	Murray State	D6-'97
6-3	225	26	4	Cincinnati	D5-'97
5-10	200	25	4	Virginia	D2-'97
5-11	198	26	4	Fresno State	FA-'00
5-11	202	24	3	New Mexico	FA-'00
5-9	180	28	5	East Carolina	FA-'99
5-10	253	22	R	Wisconsin	D1-'00
5-9	200	25	1	Rutgers	FA-'99
5-11	193	23	1	Colorado State	FA-'00
6-2	215	29	7	Southern California	D2-'94
5-10	230	24	2	Ohio State	D2-'99
6-1	248	25	3	Stanford	FA-'98
6-2	215	24	3	UCLA	D1-'98
6-0	215	24	2	San Jose State	D6a-'99
6-3	218	32	8	Tennessee	FA-'00
6-1	245	23	1	UCLA	FA-'00
6-2	250	26	4	Wisconsin	D4-'97
6-5	305	27	5	Notre Dame	UFA(Butt)-'00
6-3	255	23	R	Penn State	D4-'00
6-2	240	30	R	Miami	FA-'00
6-1	230	22	R	Duke	FA-'00
6-5	312	34	11	Arizona	FA-'00
6-5	320	29	8	Boston College	RFA(Dall)-'96
6-4	305	25	2	Southwestern Missouri State	FA-'98
6-5	305	24	R	Nebraska-Omaha	FA-'00
6-5	300	26	4	Wisconsin	FA-'00
6-6	295	29	9	Pittsburgh	D4-'92
6-4	280	37	16	Florida	UFA(Cle)-'00
6-6	310	24	2	Notre Dame	D1-'99
6-7	315	23	2	Notre Dame	D5-'99
6-5	250	23	R	California	D7-'00
6-3	208	26	5	Michigan	D2-'96
6-2	205	25	1	Wake Forest	FA-'00
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6-4	252	26	4	Idaho	D3-'97
6-5	275	29	8	Texas Southern	D2-'93
6-4	300	25	2	Arkansas	D7a-'99
6-4	270	26	5	Oklahoma	D1-'96
6-3	295	25	3	North Carolina State	FA-'98
6-3	300	24	R	Alabama	D2-'00
6-1	240	30	8	Miami	D8-'93
6-3	300	28	4	Nebraska	FA-'97