

Ravens defense holds Giants

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — All of those boasts and predictions of shutouts no longer sound like so much bravado. If the Baltimore Ravens want to claim they own the greatest defense in NFL history, well, let them.

"People who said we couldn't do this or that and we couldn't ride this defense, well, look now," Ray Lewis said after the Ravens' 34-7 dismantling of the New York Giants in Sunday's Super Bowl. "We rode all the way to the Super Bowl championship."

"If we're not called the greatest defense ever now, we never will be," the game's most valuable player added.

The evidence is impressive, punctuated by Baltimore's overwhelming postseason performance. The Ravens allowed just 165 points this season, easily a 16-game record. They surrendered 23 in the playoffs and the Super Bowl. Had Ron Dixon not run back a kickoff 97 yards for a third-quarter touchdown — the middle of three successive plays for TDs — they probably would have gotten the first shutout in 35 Super Bowls.

New York, which won 41-0 and gained 518 yards against Minnesota in the NFC championship game, managed an embarrassing 152. Collins was intercepted a record-tying four times and sacked four more.

Rarely has a Super Bowl been so one-sided, and this is a game with a history of routs.

Sure, it was just 10-0 at halftime, but only because Baltimore, which won its 11th in a row, doesn't have much of an offense.

But oh, what a defense! "This is what we do," said defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis, who probably will wind up as head coach in Cleveland or Buffalo. "This is how we've played defense for the last five years. This is our group, our family."

Maybe not the kind of family you would invite over for dinner. Nobody wants to see this bunch on any given Sunday.

Certainly not the Giants, whose seven-game winning streak snapped like a twig.

While there was no denying New

York earned its way here, there also was no question which team was superior.

"They had a great game plan for us today," Giants receiver Ike Hilliard said. "I don't like to compare teams, but when it came to the big game, they definitely were better than we were."

Beginning with Ray Lewis, the league's top defender this season. A year ago, Lewis wound up in jail, charged in a murder case. He subsequently pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of obstructing justice.

"If you put this in a storybook, nobody would believe it," he said. "We didn't just break records, we shattered them. We dominated literally. This is what you work your whole life for."

It's what Art Modell has waited 37 years for. In 1964, his Cleveland Browns won the NFL title. But he'd never been to a Super Bowl, and he was chastised throughout the league for moving the franchise to Baltimore in 1996.

He also was up against his close friend, Giants owner Wellington Mara,

who told Modell before the game that the loser would call the winner on Monday. Modell shot back, "Do you have my number?"

"It's been a long time coming," Modell said. "There's a lot of chemistry in this organization and a lot of love for each other."

The game itself was impossible to love if you prefer efficient offenses. Although Trent Dilfer found backup wideout Brandon Stokley behind Jason Sehorn for a 38-yard touchdown in the first quarter, Dilfer also was scatter-armed. One second-quarter pass went directly to Giants linebacker Jessie Armstead, who ran it into the end zone. But the Giants' Keith Hamilton was called for holding, negating the game-tying interception TD.

Baltimore's two receivers beat Sehorn deep, but either Dilfer's pass missed or the ball was dropped. There were 21 punts, six more than the previous record.

And although rookie Jamal Lewis rushed for 102 yards, few came when the issue was in doubt.

'Dawgs nip Cougars

Brewster played host to the Cheylin Cougars Friday night a Western Kansas Liberty League rivalry, but rather poorly. The Bulldogs sent their guests home with a 79-52 defeat.

The 'Dawgs, still recovering from illness, began the game in a zone defense with both teams trading baskets at the start. It wasn't long until the Bulldogs went to their pressure defense and started to pull ahead of Cheylin, however. At the end of the first quarter, Brewster led 18-11.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs added 25 more points to the scoreboard, while allowing Cheylin only 13. Brewster took the 43-24 lead to the locker room at the half.

The third quarter was more of the same, with Brewster's press creating havoc for the visiting Cheylin players. Once again, the Bulldogs held the Cougars to only 13 points with Brewster leading at the end of

the eight-minute period, 66-37.

The Bulldogs' bench came in and played well in the fourth quarter with Brewster winning the game, 79-52.

Senior, Clint Horinek led the Bulldogs with 27 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, and an assist in the league game.

Brett Arnberger tossed in 16 points, 5 rebounds, 9 steals, and dished out 7 assists on the night. Jay Reid scored 14 points, 2 rebounds, 5 steals, and handed out 5 assists in the game. Justin Jamison had 6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, and one assist, while P.J. Crumbaker added 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, and was credited with 4 assists. Jacob Falcon added 5 points, J.R. Baird 3, Bobby Tubbs 3, and Travis Dixon hit a trey for 3 points.

Brewster will travel to the east end of the county when they play the Golden Plains Bulldogs on Tuesday night in Rexford. Expect a real dogfight.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 30—JH G BB (H) Scott City 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31—Screening Mtg. 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1—JV BB Tourney @ Colby, "C" BB Tourney (H) 3:00 p.m.

JH G BB @ Atwood 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2—JV-V WR @ St. Francis 5:30 p.m.

JV-V BB St. Francis (H) 5:30 p.m.

Regional Scholars Bowl

North Parent Lunch

Saturday, Feb. 3—Girls C-BB Tourney @ Atwood 9:00 a.m.

9-10 WR Tourney (H) 8:30 p.m.

JV-V BB @ Hays High 6:00 p.m.

Regional Piano Festival

Sunday, Feb. 4—BB Open Gym 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 5—JV-BB Tourney (H) 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6—JH G BB (H) Burlington 4:00 p.m.

JH WR Cheyenne Wells Tourney 2:00 p.m.

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Cowgirls won third place in Colby's Orange & Black Classic for just the third time ever. Cowgirls are (from left): kneeling -- Cody Pettibone, Kendra Brack, Ashley Hallagin, Jara McKee, Lindsay Custer; standing -- assistant Don Smith and ReNae Farr, StevieLee Raymer, Erica Mann, Danielle Hellerud, Hayley Jarmin, Anny McCoy, Lacey Brenner, Jayci Stone and head coach Connie Livengood.

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