

# BCSP Profile

50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50



A DAY-BY-DAY, SUPER BOWL-BY-SUPER BOWL LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON SUPER BOWLS I THRU 49 AS WE COUNT DOWN THE 50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50

DAY 27 - Saturday, January 16

## SUPER BOWL XXVII Dallas 52, Buffalo 17 January 31, 1993 - Rose Bowl, Pasadena

Seven (7) Black College Players



### Buffalo Bills (1)

Howard Ballard OT Alabama A&M

### Dallas Cowboys (6)

Derrick Gainer RB Florida A&M  
Kenneth Gant DB Albany State  
Issiac Holt DB Alcorn State  
Nate Newton OG Florida A&M  
Jimmy Smith WR Jackson State  
Erik Williams OT Central State



ICONIC PHOTO: Michael Jackson headlined the Super Bowl XXVII halftime show. Not much of a show on the field, a 52-17 blowout of Buffalo by Dallas.

**Storyline:** The Dallas defense got a Super Bowl record nine turnovers, picking off two passes each from Buffalo quarterbacks Jim Kelly and Frank Reich, getting five Buffalo fumbles, two returned for touchdowns, in the Cowboys' 52-17 rout in Super Bowl XXVII. Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman completed 22 of 30 passes for 273 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions.

### Dallas

#### Kenneth Gant, DB (Albany State)

Two-and-a half tackles, one on special teams, one hit on the quarterback in win over Buffalo.

- Teams with tackle Russell Maryland to stop running back Thurman Thomas for 2-yard loss in Buffalo's second possession.

- Hit Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly on pass to Metzelaars that was intercepted by safety James Washington in first quarter.

- Tackled Brad Lamb after 33-yard punt return causing fumble in first quarter.

- Tackles Davis after 7-yard run up the middle late in fourth quarter.

#### Derrick Gainer, RB (Florida A&M)

One special teams' tackle in win over Buffalo.

- Tackles Kenneth Davis on 21-yard third-quarter kickoff return.

- Fumbles during handoff from QB Steve Beuerlein recovered by Buffalo in fourth quarter.

#### Issiac Holt, DB (Alcorn State)

- Tackles Davis after 8-yard run to the right late in fourth quarter.

#### Erik Williams, RT (Central State)

Starting right tackle in win over Buffalo.

#### Nate Newton, RG (Florida A&M)

- Started at right guard in win over Buffalo.



### Buffalo

#### Howard Ballard, RT (Alabama A&M)

Started at right tackle in loss to Dallas.

MVP: Troy Aikman, QB, Dallas - 22 of 30, 273 yards, 4 TDs.

**KEY FACTS:** Dallaas starting tackle **Erik Williams (Central State)** and starting guard **Nate Newton (Florida A&M)** opened holes for Emmitt Smith to rush for 108 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown and helped protect quarterback Troy Aikman, who was sacked just one time in the game. Buffalo offensive tackle **Howard Ballard (#75, Alabama A&M)** played and started in his third straight Super Bowl.



**STOP THIEF!** Dallas defensive tackle Jimmie Jones (#97) leaps over Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly (#12) after recovering a fumble and going over for a 2-yard return and touchdown in the first quarter of Super Bowl XXVII. The score put Dallas up 14-7. Bills' tackle **Howard Ballard (#75, Alabama A&M)** is on the right.



**NOT SO FAST:** Buffalo Bills defensive end Bruce Smith (#78) leaps to block a pass from Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman (#8) in Super Bowl XXVII as Cowboys' guard **Nate Newton (#61, Florida A&M)** and running back Emmitt Smith (#22) look on.