

Rams get their second title at home as the Bengals bungle the game



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In the 56th version of the grandest spectacle in sports, it was ultimately the home team, the Los Angeles Rams, hoisting the trophy that all 32 teams fight for and will begin a fight for once again in the Fall.

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A Superbowl Overview

By Brady Penn
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Coming into Sunday Night, it was going to be either Joe Burrow, in year two, or Matthew Stafford, in year thirteen, that earned their first championship ring.

Obviously the gap in experience alludes to different career paths for the two quarterbacks.

Burrow just came into the NFL last season, and after tearing his ACL last November, led his team to the Big Game in just his second stint.

For Stafford, he spent twelve years in the league's wasteland that is known as Detroit. Stafford got to play with some great players with the Lions (Calvin Johnson, Ndamukong Suh, etc.), but overall, the organization never was able to field a roster and coaching staff that could win a championship around Stafford.

After wins in the Conference Championship over the Chiefs and 49ers, respectively, the Bengals and Rams were set to face off in Super Bowl LVI at the Rams' home stadium of SoFi, in Inglewood, CA.

An interesting note is that in the first 54 years of the Super Bowl, no team had ever played a Super Bowl in their home stadium, let alone won one.

Then, last season in Super Bowl LV, Tom Brady and the Buccaneers became the first team to both play and win a Super Bowl in their home stadium.

Head Coach Sean McVay and the Rams had their sights set on becoming the second team to do so in three years.

It was going to be a tall task, but this Rams Roster had the talent to do it. The Rams have world-class players on both sides of the ball.

There's Wideout Cooper Kupp (more on him later), who won the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year last Thursday night. There's Jalen Ramsey, widely known as the NFL's premier Defensive Back.

Then, there's two monsters on the D line. Von Miller, who was acquired in November from Denver, where he had already won a Super Bowl and Super Bowl MVP.

Then, there's Aaron Donald, three time Defensive Player of the Year, who may have staked his claim to being the greatest defender the NFL has ever seen last night.

This being said, the Rams knew they had the talent to pull a championship off. The question was, could they execute?

After a Hollywood-sized introduction by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, it was time for toe to meet leather.

Following a scoreless drive for each team, the fireworks began to start. Nearly ten minutes into the opening quarter, Matthew Stafford saw a mismatch. On a fade route, Odell Beckham Jr. had a one on one matchup against Mike Hilton.

Stafford threw it up to Beckham, who hauled it in, scoring the first touchdown of the ballgame, and giving the Rams a 7-0 lead.

After a Evan McPherson field goal put Cincinnati on the board, the Rams found paydirt once more.

Stafford found Kupp wide open in the back right corner of the end zone, and opened up a 13-3 Rams lead after a botched point after attempt.

Joe Burrow and the Bengals responded immediately, however. In a twelve play drive, the Bengals methodically marched down the field on the vaunted Rams D.

On a trick play, running back Joe Mixon got the ball on a toss to the right side, reared back, and threw the football to a wide open Tee Higgins in the back right corner of the end zone.

With 5:47 to go, the Rams lead was cut down to 13-10. After a Stafford interception to safety Jessie Bates, the Bengals and Rams exchanged punts to close out the first half.

The halftime show was a 90's baby's dream. Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre performed in front of the Inglewood crowd. A surprise appearance by 50 cent shook the fans, and was followed up by Mary J. Blige, Kendrick Lamar and Eminem.

The show was such a blockbuster that Bengals kicker Evan McPherson stayed out on the field to watch it.

On the first play on offense in the second half for the Bengals, they were able to score once again. Burrow heaved a pass downfield in the direction of Jalen Ramsey. Tee Higgins got under the ball, got away clutching on Ramsey's facemask, and hauled it in, taking it all the way for a touchdown.

Cincy had their first lead of the night, by a tally of 17-13. On the Rams first play of the second half, it was another favorable result for the Bengals, as Stafford threw his second interception of the ballgame, this time off of a deflection to Chidobe Awuzie.

The Bengals managed only three points off of the turnover, and found themselves up a touchdown early on in the third quarter.

L.A responded with a kick of their own, halfway through the third, and the game stood at 20-16. The game stalled for a while after this,

with seven straight punts from the two squads.

It was shades of Super Bowl LIII for McVay and the Rams, where they had nine punts and only managed to score three points.

After what ended up as the Bengals last punt, and the last punt of the game, it was time for a drive for Stafford and Co.

On a fifteen play drive, Stafford found Kupp four times, the last of which being a back shoulder fade to Kupp in the end zone over Eli Apple.

Kupp had his second touchdown catch of the game, and the Rams had the lead with under two minutes to go.

There was still time for Joe Burrow to make a move, though. Burrow had been sacked seven times by the ferocious Rams pass rush, but was ready for his chance to have a storybook ending.

It was looking good to begin with. Burrow found Ja'Marr Chase for seventeen yards, and then Tyler Boyd for nine, getting the Bengals to midfield with over a minute left, needing only three points to tie the game up.

What happened next can be simply put as a defensive clinic by the Rams. Defensive Coordinator Raheem Morris dialed up three plays that made the Rams Super Bowl Champions.

On second down and one yard to go, Burrow had nowhere to go, and threw up a long ball out of bounds to nobody. On third and one, Samaje Perine ran the ball and was stuffed for no gain.

This was it. Fourth down. Midfield. Fourth quarter. Super Bowl. The ball was snapped, and notably without pro bowl Running Back Joe Mixon absent from the play as he was on the previous play.

Burrow was rushed by Donald up the middle. He tried to get rid of the football as he spun around, but the ball fell harmlessly to the turf, and the fate of both squads was sealed. The Rams had their second Lombardi Trophy in franchise history.

Aaron Donald ran to the end zone pointing at his ring finger yelling the words "Ring me!" similar to the way he did after sealing the NFC Championship with an extremely similar play.

As the two coaches and quarterbacks met at midfield and shook hands, while the clock hit triple zero, it started to sink in. For the second time ever, and the first time since 1999, the Rams were NFL Champions.

After 12 years without winning in Detroit, Stafford finally had a playoff win.

Valentine's Day Playlist

1. "Skinny Dipping" by Sabrina Carpenter
2. "Love Story- Pop mix" by Taylor Swift and Nathan Chapman
3. "Once Upon a Dream" by Evyenne Hollens and Peter Hollens
4. "A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri and Steve Kazee
5. "Tongue Tied" by Grouplove
6. "Home" by Edith Whiskers
7. "Pierre" by Ryn Weaver
8. "Love Me Like You Do" by Ellie Goulding
9. "Marry Me" by Once Jameson
10. "What A Man Gotta Do" by Jonas Brothers
11. "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran
12. "Take A Chance On Me" by Mama Mia Cast
13. "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars
14. "Dear Future Husband" by Meghan Trainor
15. "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" by the Lion King Cast
16. "Hey There Delilah" by Plain White T's
17. "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry
18. "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen
19. "Stand By You" by Rachel Platten
20. "Secrets" by OneRepublic

What is your love language?

By Anna Ervin
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What is your love language? How do we give and receive love from those who care about us? Sometimes it can be hard to communicate what you need, especially when it feels like some things should just be understood.

When words of affirmation are how you receive love, you flourish on praise and compliments. You want encouragement from those around you, and you have a tendency to hold onto negative criticisms.

When words of affirmation are how you give love, you try your best to make sure to tell the people you love that you love them. You are not shy with encouragement and compliments; you understand the power that words can have on someone.

Your love can also be received in acts of service. If you like to receive this, you enjoy it when your partner willingly does something to ease your workload. This can be simple things, like vacuuming your floor, being surprised with breakfast or even folding someone's laundry for them.

If you give acts of service, you are always willing to give a helping hand to the people you love. You don't break promises, and you pay attention to your partner's schedule and what they need.

If you like to receive things, you receive love through gifts. Thoughtful surprises tell you that you are loved and special. When you receive a generic gift, you may feel like that person

doesn't understand you.

If you give gifts as your love language, you see things that remind you of that person and give it to them. You like putting thought into big gifts and small ones, like getting your partner their favorite snack after a hard day.

When quality time is your love language, you like to receive undivided attention. For you, having that person be with you and be truly present is enough. It doesn't necessarily matter what you are doing.

When you give quality time, you listen to your partner one on one. You make time in your schedule specifically for your partner, even if your days are very busy.

The final love language is physical touch. If you receive love through physical touch, things like hugs, kisses, hand holding in public and more make you feel appreciated. You like the warmth that another person can bring through touch.

If you give physical touch, you show it through exactly what it says. You enjoy being near your partner, and like to have a point of sustained contact. You also may enjoy showing affection in public like putting your arm around your partner or holding hands.

None of the love languages are bad, but it can help build communication within your relationships to understand how your partner gives and receives love.

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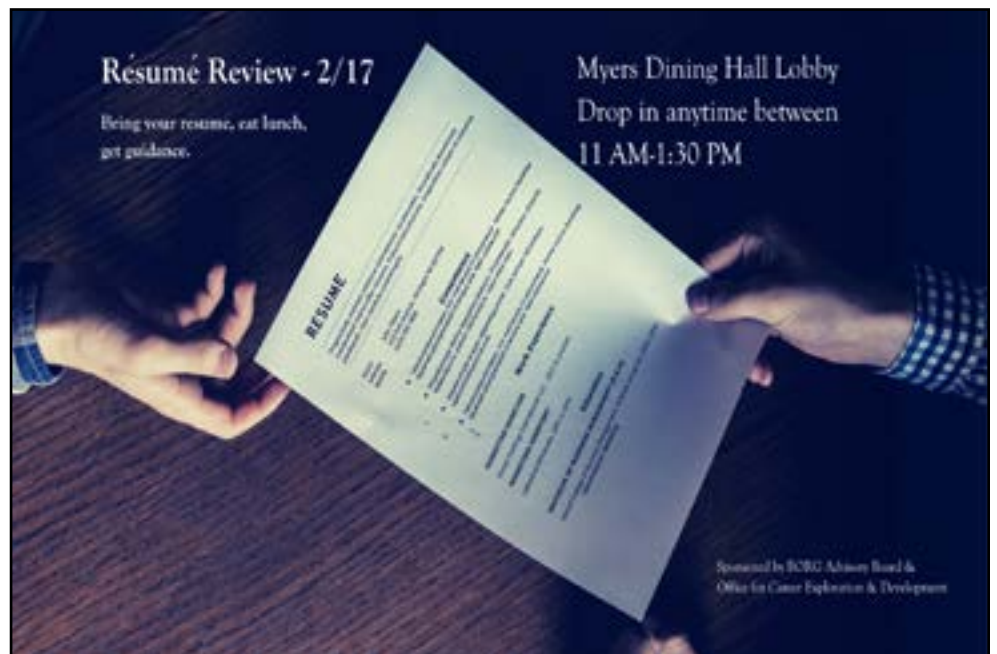
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Obituary

Remembering Jeff Llewellyn

By Jennifer Frick-Ruppert
Contributor

Dr. Jeffrey B. Llewellyn, Professor Emeritus of Biology and Ecology at Brevard College, died on Feb. 3, 2022, in Asheville, North Carolina, at the age of 75.

Dr. Jeff Llewellyn was a biology professor at Brevard College from 1990 to 2017. I was hired in 1997, so I spent 20 years working alongside him. He was a mentor to me as I developed from an adjunct faculty member to an assistant, associate, full professor and division chair, and he was a friend with whom to share common biological interests.

Jeff began his Brevard College career as the Science division chair and professor of biology and ecology. He taught me about scheduling classes, planning coursework, managing a division, and developing a major, and he coordinated the Ecology major before passing it off to me.

He taught students several courses in biology, but is probably best known for teaching BIO 110: Introduction to Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. His scientific training was in ecological field work in the Nevada desert, specifically in the distribution of small mammals.

Not many people appreciate how hard it is to differentiate between a white-footed mouse and a deer mouse; although their common names are different, their scientific names and morphology are very similar. But Jeff and I spent time looking at mice to evaluate whether their tails were “distinctly bicolored and well-haired with a noticeable tuft of hairs at the tip, and slightly longer than the head and body” or other than that.

Yes, pretty detailed. Most people don’t really care which species it is that is eating the Cheetos in the pantry, but Jeff could tell you which one we collected from the field near the track.

In addition to teaching and service, Jeff supported the college in other ways, even donating his personal live traps that he used in his graduate research to the BC Science division. How many people own research-



Jeff Llewellyn

grade, aluminum, Sherman live traps?

We use them for surveying the populations of small mammals on the Brevard College campus, and right now, in fact, the traps are loaded with peanut butter and cotton balls to use in BIO 282 as soon as the weather warms up. The traps effectively capture the animals without harming them, so the animals can be marked and released without affecting the existing population.

Jeff told me that he had a favorite mouse that he caught 10 different times before his graduate project ended, perhaps because the mouse learned where it could always find a snack of peanut butter.

While most graduate students fund their graduate years by working as either teaching or research assistants, or perhaps by including a few odd jobs waiting tables or something similar, Jeff funded his graduate studies by dealing blackjack tables in Reno, Nevada, where he was attending graduate school. Jeff is the only person I’ve ever met who simultaneously earned a Ph.D. and a dealer’s gambling license. Seems like a potential for supplemental retirement income there.

Shortly before he retired, Jeff and I spent an afternoon together identifying the calls of tree frogs left behind on a phone message from a curious person who wondered what kind of bird they were hearing. We swapped stories of birds we identified, especially along Florida’s east coast, Everglades, and Keys.

When the Clarion interviewed him prior to retirement, he reported that he was looking forward to watching birds somewhere so warm that he only needed to own T-shirts and shorts. He hadn’t decided whether that would be Florida or Nevada.

Jeff was also willing to share some of his interesting personal history. He was born before there was a vaccine against polio and contracted the virus as a boy. He spent several weeks in an iron lung, unable to breathe on his own.

For his entire adult life, he managed compromised lung and heart capacity along with diminished musculature in his legs. He told me that his experience as a child, unsure whether he would live or die while trapped inside a machine that breathed for him, prevented him from worrying too much about his future as an adult.

Instead, he focused on how sweet it is to draw a breath of air, whether cool and damp in an Appalachian spring, or hot and dry in the desert southwest. For me, who appreciated his mentorship, his biological curiosity, and even his Sherman live traps, his admonition that each breath is a gift, easy to ignore but precious in the extreme, remains his most significant legacy.

Dr. Jennifer Frick-Ruppert is a professor of biology and environmental science and chair of the Science and Mathematics Division.

Services for Dr. Jeff Llewellyn will be announced at a later date. To leave an online tribute or memory, visit his obituary on Legacy.com, <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/jeffrey-llewellyn-obituary?id=32970837>.

Clothes, Fashion, Shoes

By Cat Keenan
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Fashion is a very personal thing. To each person, fashion will have a completely different meaning. For some, it doesn't matter, it's just about comfortability, which isn't necessarily a bad thing at all. For others, it is the way they express themselves, which also isn't a bad thing.

A lot of people (myself included) find themselves stuck in a routine of wearing the same things everyday and there comes a moment in time when we decide we want to switch it up. But how? Here are a few tips on how to step out of your fashion bubble-affordably.

To begin with, you should always go look back at your old clothes. Perhaps the things shoved away in the back of your closet you thought were hideous a few years ago could really match your new shoes. You never know what you might like now or the ways you can change old things to make yourself like them better.

For shirts, it can be pretty easy. There's the option of cropping old T-shirts, tying the straps

of tank tops and of course layering. There's even the choice of ironing on some cool designs you find online.

For pants, it can be a bit tougher. There's a lot of ways to go wrong with your bottoms. An easy way to start is putting rips in the knees of a pair of straight legs; this can be done with just a pair of scissors. If you are feeling a bit more adventurous, there's also options of ironing on designs, painting designs, stamping, and sewing on patches.

Fashion is all about what you want to do. There's no correct way to dress nor is there a handbook of what you can and can't do. It's important to remember that there is never anything wrong with dressing basic. Although it has a negative connotation these days online, if you like it, just wear it. When stepping out of your comfort zone, it's important to start slow. Start with what you are comfortable with and move forward from there.

Clarion Survey

The Clarion has created a Google form that I hope our readers fill out to get opinions from people from all different spectrums. Please help us to gather information by filling out this survey (online at <https://forms.gle/SbJVHEnf2XKfkWdw8>, or scan the QR code below).



A history of Valentine's Day

By Caroline Hoy
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Have you ever heard of Lupercal? It was like Valentine's Day before Valentine's Day. In Ancient Rome, men used to run through the streets naked and whip women with animal skins.

Sounds just like Valentine's Day, right? Valentine's Day now is all about giving chocolates and flowers, especially roses. Many dread Valentine's Day, but it could be worse. At least chocolate is always on sale after Valentine's Day on Feb. 14.

Now for now let's go back to the original Valentine's Day. Lupercal's originals are not fully known, but historians think it is related to the founding story of Rome. In case anyone doesn't know, two babies were abandoned, and were raised by a lupa or she wolf and then they founded Rome. That is a very short summary.

From that story, you should notice the word lupa looks a lot like Lupercal. It is thought that Lupercal is honoring the wolf that raised the two boys.

Now how do we get from scarifying goats

and whipping women with animal skins turned into hearts, flowers and chocolates. During the feat, men and women were paired together. Sometimes they would stay together til the end of the festival and sometimes they would fall in love.

Now this was a long long time between now and that fetival and things have changed. It's all thanks to a guy named Valentine, who, according to some historians, probably didn't exist. According to myth, on Feb. 14 Saint Valentine executed the Roman Emperor Claudius II after the Emperor refused to let people for being Christian and helped marry Christians in the name of love.

That is just one of many myths around Saint Valentine and it is guessed to be just a myth not real. But in the 5th century, a guy named Pope Gelasius declared that from then on Lupericallia was no more and from then on Feb. 14 would be considered a day of remembrance for Saint Valentine and the love that came from what he did.

That is a brief history of Valentine's Day. I hope everyone out there had a wonderful Valentine's Day and many more to come.



"The Triumph of Saint Valentine," by Valentin Metzinger, c. 1733. It can be found in the Franciscan Church of the Annunciation in Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia.

Boba Fett's story draws to a close in recent episodes on Disney+

By Kellen McGeorge
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With the success of "The Mandalorian," "Star Wars" began looking to another character to make a show out of, and who better to make a show about than a well known bounty hunter who has been with the series since the beginning and whose story seemed to be begging to be told: "The Book of Boba Fett."

Boba's hold on Mos Espa is under threat, despite his work in gathering allies, and the syndicate has decided to hire a former enemy to help them secure their control on Tatooine. Now Boba and his allies must hold out and

show they are here to stay on Tatooine. Can Boba hold out and make it clear he isn't going anywhere? Watch the new episodes to find out.

"The Book of Boba Fett" is very good for people who have been following the "Star Wars" TV shows for a while. There are plenty of references to "The Clone Wars," "Rebels," and even a reference to episode three of the movie series. The action is well directed and well designed through practical effects and shows that the current direction of the series is working for appeasing fans.

I've enjoyed watching the series, and

though I'm sad to see it ending, I'm happy with where it has decided to end and what it shows will be arriving in the future for the different shows coming to "Star Wars." If you have been following "Star Wars" for a while now, you will enjoy all that they have brought into this to connect it all together.

If you are just looking for something fun to watch, you will still enjoy this series and enjoy these last two episodes.

All episodes of "The Book of Boba Fett" are now available on the Disney+ streaming service.

Valentines from our readers!

I love you.
-Marie

They say "love is in the air" ...I hold my breath
-DeBria

Valentine's day
Love is in the air!
Or is that rather, the feeling of despair?
A reminder that I'm single, alone forever.
What a wretched time of year!
But then I remember:
My family, my friends, my daughter.
How blessed I truly am -
To love and be loved
By those I hold most dear!
Valentine's day,
What a wonderful time of year.
- Chris Condrey

Happy Valentine's Day
Scotty! Thank you for always making me laugh. I'm glad I got to meet you in acting class. I love you!
-Emma

At least the candy will be on sale
-C. Marie

To the moon and back bay bay.
-Anna