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PARTING SHOTS

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The last crunch - at last!

At 8:30 p.m. last June 27, on a sultry summer evening in Lubbock, Texas, the cameras flicked on and Jim O'Brien of the University of Cincinnati kicked off for the East in the Coaches All-America football game. Shortly thereafter TV addicts coast to coast were savoring their first crucial third down of the 1970-71 season. Summer mellowed into autumn and autumn raged into winter and promised "great halftime shows" came and went unwept. It will all be over - finally - next Sunday, Jan. 24, after the Pro Bowl all-star game in Los Angeles. Between June and January the three major networks gave us about 500 hours of televised football - as many hours as an average man puts in on the job in 12 weeks. Artist Jack Davis, as sturdy and faithful a fan as exists among the tens of millions, here offers Parting Shots his musings on the season as it passed . . . and passed . . . and ran . . . and passed.

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