If Sanders holds true to his word, the NFL will be losing arguably its best corner to the diamond.

SPORT: How can the Falcons get rid of their losing image?

SANDERS: They’re only a couple players away from being a very good team. First, they need a great pass rusher, a guy like Rickey Jackson, who’s available [through free agency]. We were [27th] against the [defensive backs] but because we had no pass rush. We had only 20-something sacks [27]. If you give the quarterback all day to throw, I don’t care who you are, how good a corner man you are, sooner or later they’re gonna beat you.

SPORT: What about the Falcons’ offense?


SPORT: If that’s true, why do we keep hearing about San Francisco’s Jerry Rice and John Taylor or Dallas’ Michael Irvin and Alvin Harper?

SANDERS: Because [the Falcons] use the run-and-shoot and it’s not respected. It’s not traditional. I love it, though. It generates points. It’s like running a fast break [in basketball] all day. If I come back to foot-