

## ACTION STILL

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*after a football action photo  
in the St. Paul Pioneer Press*

T. Williamson floats on the stadium air,  
his arms high extended, his fingers aflare.  
The NFL football hangs plump as a peach  
just ripe for the plucking and well within reach.

Poteat, the defender, is fully laid out  
a foot off the turf, he's thinking (no doubt):  
"I've got a good grip on T. Williamson's knee  
but, damn, that's the goal line ablur under me."

And in the same photo, a sideline tableau:  
Two fans mouthing "Yes" and one mouthing "No;"  
three cheerleaders, breasts in a heaving upswing;  
the ref in position to judge the whole thing.

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