

1972 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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1972 National Football League

1972 AFC	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
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Eastern Division

Miami Dolphins	14	0	0	1.000	385	171
New York Jets	7	7	0	.500	367	324
Baltimore Colts	5	9	0	.429	235	252
Buffalo Bills	4	9	1	.321	257	377
New England Patriots	3	11	0	.214	192	446

Central Division

Pittsburgh Steelers	11	3	0	.786	343	175
Cleveland Browns *	10	4	0	.714	268	249
Cincinnati Bengals	8	6	0	.571	299	229
Houston Oilers	1	13	0	.071	164	380

Western Division

Oakland Raiders	10	3	1	.750	365	248
Kansas City Chiefs	8	6	0	.571	287	254
Denver Broncos	5	9	0	.357	325	350
San Diego Chargers	4	9	1	.321	264	344

1972 NFC	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
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Eastern Division

Washington Redskins	11	3	0	.786	336	218
Dallas Cowboys *	10	4	0	.714	319	240
New York Giants	8	6	0	.571	331	247
St. Louis Cardinals	4	9	1	.321	193	303
Philadelphia Eagles	2	11	1	.179	145	352

Central Division

Green Bay Packers	10	4	0	.714	304	226
Detroit Lions	8	5	1	.607	339	290
Minnesota Vikings	7	7	0	.500	301	252
Chicago Bears	4	9	1	.321	225	275

Western Division

San Francisco 49ers	8	5	1	.607	353	249
Atlanta Falcons	7	7	0	.500	269	274
Los Angeles Rams	6	7	1	.464	291	286
New Orleans Saints	2	11	1	.179	215	361

*Wild Card qualifier for playoffs

AFC Divisional Playoffs
Pittsburgh 13, Oakland 7
Miami 20, Cleveland 14

NFC Divisional Playoffs
Dallas 30, San Francisco 28
Washington 16, Green Bay 3

AFC Championship: Miami 21, Pittsburgh 17
NFC Championship: Washington 26, Dallas 3

Super Bowl V II: Miami (AFC) 14, Washington (NFC) 7

FIRST WEEK

Atlanta 37, Chicago 21
Sunday, September 17

At Soldier Field, attendance 55,701.

Bill Bell's first of three field goals broke a 7-7 first period tie, then Atlanta erupted for 21 points in the second period for a commanding 31-7 halftime lead. Bob Berry threw a pair of touchdown passes, including a 57-yarder to running back Art Malone, who also rushed for 77 yards.

Atlanta	10	21	3	3	-	37
Chicago	7	0	7	7	-	21
Atl-Zook 26 fumble recovery return (Bell kick)						
Chi-Parsons 6 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)						
Atl-FG Bell 22						
Atl-Burrow 32 pass from Berry (Bell kick)						
Atl-Berry 1 run (Bell kick)						
Atl-Malone 57 pass from Berry (Bell kick)						
Chi-Thomas 38 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)						
Atl-FG Bell 39						
Chi-Harrison 1 run (Percival kick)						
Atl-FG Bell 36						

Cincinnati 31, New England 7

Sunday, September 17

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,999.

Highlighted by 246 yards of rushing and TDs by Essex Johnson and Jesse Phillips, the Bengals won their fourth opening game in their five year history. Lemar Parrish returned a punt 51 yards to score and Ken Anderson connected with Bob Trumpy on a touchdown pass. New England scoring was limited to a 45-yard run by Larry Carwell on a blocked field goal.

Cincinnati	7	3	7	14	-	31
New England	0	7	0	0	-	7

Cin-E. Johnson 14 run (Muhlmann kick)
Cin-FG Muhlmann 38
NE-Carwell 45 blocked field goal return (Walker kick)
Cin-Phillips 1 run (Muhlmann kick)
Cin-Parrish 51 punt return (Muhlmann kick)
Cin-Trumpy 11 pass from Anderson (Muhlmann kick)

Green Bay 26, Cleveland 10

Sunday, September 17

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 75,771.

Rookie kicker Chester Marcol connected with four field goals to give the Packers impetus in their opening victory over Cleveland. Scott Hunter threw a pair of TD passes to TE Rich McGeorge. Clarence Scott tallied for the Browns on a 55-yard runback of a blocked field goal for his first points as a professional.

Green Bay	7	10	3	6	-	26
Cleveland	3	7	0	0	-	10

GB-McGeorge 23 pass from Hunter (Marcol kick)
Cle-FG Cockroft 21
Cle-C. Scott 55 blocked field goal return (Cockroft kick)
GB-FG Marcol 41
GB-McGeorge 2 pass from Hunter (Marcol kick)
GB-FG Marcol 19
GB-FG Marcol 49
GB-FG Marcol 17

Denver 30, Houston 17

Sunday, September 17

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 51,656.

The Broncos withstood a fourth quarter Houston bid to preserve an opening victory and move to the forefront in the AFC Western Division. The Broncos front-four sacked Oiler quarterbacks seven times. Steve Ramsey scored on a short run and passed to Billy Masters for another TD and Billy Van Heusen wound up the game with a 66-yard run from punt formation for a TD while attempting to run out the clock. Dan Pastorini threw TD passes to Ken Burrough and Jim Beirne.

Houston	0	10	0	7	-	17
Denver	10	7	6	7	-	30

Den-FG J. Turner 45
Den-Ramsey 3 run (J. Turner kick)
Den-Masters 25 pass from Ramsey (J. Turner kick)
Hous-Burrough 57 pass from Pastorini (Moseley kick)
Hous-FG Moseley 20
Den-FG J. Turner 29
Den-FG J. Turner 40

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Hous-Beirne 18 pass from Pastorini (Moseley kick)
Den-Van Heusen 66 run (J. Turner kick)

Miami 20, Kansas City 10 Sunday, September 17

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 79,829.

Larry Csonka's 118 yards helped pace defending AFC Champion Miami to a 20-10 victory over Kansas City in a rematch of the 1971 AFC Divisional Playoff, pro football's longest game in which the Dolphins defeated the Chiefs after 22 minutes and 40 seconds of sudden-death overtime. The Dolphins victory, which marked the first regular season game played in the new stadium, was aided by the key interceptions of Jake Scott and Mike Kolen that set up two of Miami's scores.

Miami	7	10	3	0	-	20
Kansas City	0	0	3	7	-	10

Mia-Briscoe 14 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 47

Mia-Csonka 2 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 15

KC-FG Stenerud 40

KC-Frazier 4 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

Los Angeles 34, New Orleans 14 Sunday, September 17

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 66,303.

With running backs Willie Ellison and Les Josephson injured, second-year man Bob Thomas moved into the Rams starting lineup and rushed for 144 yards on 18 carries, including touchdowns from the 1 and 38-yard lines. It marked the first time Thomas ever had carried the ball from scrimmage in the NFL. Los Angeles' first two scores were field goals by David Ray and the Rams went on to a 34-7 halftime lead.

New Orleans	0	7	0	7	-	14
Los Angeles	13	21	0	0	-	34

LA -FG Ray 36

LA -FG Ray 28

LA -Thomas 1 run (Ray kick)

LA -Snow 31 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)

LA -Smith 4 run (Ray kick)

LA -Thomas 38 run (Ray kick)

NO Newland 42 pass from Manning (Durkee kick)

NO-Abramowicz 4 pass from Manning (Durkee kick)

Detroit 30, New York Giants 16 Sunday, September 17

At Tiger Stadium, attendance 54,418.

Three touchdown passes by Greg Landry, a trio of field goals by Errol Mann and Steve Owens' 113 rushing yards highlighted the Detroit offense that broke away from a 13-10 halftime lead. New Lions tight end John Hilton, filling for injured Charlie Sanders, caught three passes for 120 yards, including a 66-yard TD play.

New York Giants	0	10	0	6	-	16
Detroit	0	13	7	10	-	30

Det-FG Mann 26

Det-Hilton 66 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

NYG-FG Gogolak 42

Det-FG Mann 20

NYG-Thompson 92 kickoff return (Gogolak kick)

Det-Barnes 8 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

Det-Jessie 11 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

NYG-Tucker 2 pass from Snead (kick failed)

Det-FG Mann 38

New York Jets 41, Buffalo 24 Sunday, September 17

At War Memorial Stadium, attendance 46,206.

Emerson Boozer equaled the Jets record of three TDs in a game, two on runs another on a 12-yard pass from Joe Namath. His running mate John Riggins surpassed 100 yards for first time in his career, 26 for 125 in his first

start as a second-year man. Chris Farasopoulos registered a 65-yard punt return TD, the first by the Jets in almost a decade. Bills' J.D. Hill caught a pair of TD passes, one from Dennis Shaw, another on an option from O.J. Simpson. The option pass from Simpson was his first completion in five tries over three years.

New York Jets	14	14	3	10	-	41
Buffalo	0	7	7	10	-	24

NYJ-Riggins 16 run (Howfield kick)

NYJ-Farasopoulos 65 punt return (Howfield kick)

NYJ-Boozer 12 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

Buff-Hill 38 pass from Shaw (Leypoldt kick)

NYJ-Boozer 15 run (Howfield kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 35

Buff-Hill 21 pass from Simpson (Leypoldt kick)

NYJ-Boozer 1 run (Howfield kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 11

Buff-FG Leypoldt 48

Buff-Moses 25 pass from Shaw (Leypoldt kick)

Pittsburgh 34, Oakland 28 Sunday, September 17

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 51,141.

The Steelers enjoyed a 10-point third quarter and withstood a late charge by Daryle Lamonica, third quarterback used in the game by the Raiders, and won their home opener. Two pass interceptions by S Chuck Beatty and MLB Henry Davis' five-yard blocked punt TD helped Steelers dominate most of first half. Lamonica threw TD passes of 24 and 70 yards to rookie WR Mike Siani and directed another TD drive of 80 yards. Terry Bradshaw, Steelers quarterback, carried seven times and scored twice in this manner. He also passed 57 yards for a TD to Ron Shanklin.

Oakland	0	7	0	21	-	28
Pittsburgh	14	3	10	7	-	34

Pitt-H. Davis 5 blocked punt return (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Bradshaw 20 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 48

Oak-Chester 26 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 8

Pitt-Bradshaw 2 run (Gerela kick)

Oak-Siani 24 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

Pitt-Shanklin 57 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Oak-Highsmith 1 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-Siani 70 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

Dallas 28, Philadelphia 6 Sunday, September 17

At Texas Stadium, attendance 55,850.

Philadelphia took a 6-0 lead on field goals of 30 and 42 yards by Tom Dempsey before Craig Morton connected with Ron Sellers for a 37-yard touchdown that produced a 7-6 lead for Dallas at halftime. The Cowboys pulled away with 21 points in the second half, while holding Philadelphia scoreless. Eagles WR Harold Jackson caught nine passes for 161 yards.

Philadelphia	3	3	0	0	-	6
Dallas	0	7	14	7	-	28

Phil-FG Dempsey 30

Phil-FG Dempsey 42

Dal-Sellers 37 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Alworth 13 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Hill 3 run (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Newhouse 1 run (Fritsch kick)

St. Louis 10, Baltimore 3 Sunday, September 17

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 53,625.

The Colts had the statistics weigh heavily in their favor but lost to the Cardinals in a game in which Jim O'Brien was able to make one of five field goal attempts. Tim Van Galder, starting at quarterback in his first regular NFL game, set up St. Louis' winning TD with a 71-yard third quarter pass to TE Jackie Smith. Donny Anderson took it in from the 4-yard line. Larry Wilson

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intercepted a Johnny Unitas pass on the St. Louis 2-yard line in the fourth quarter to help stave off the Colts, and DT Bob Rowe blocked two field goals.

St. Louis	0	3	7	0	-	10
Baltimore	0	0	3	0	-	3

StL-FG Bakken 41
Balt-FG O'Brien 42
StL-Anderson 4 run (Bakken kick)

San Francisco 34, San Diego 3 Sunday, September 17

At Candlestick Park, attendance 59,438.

San Francisco quarterback John Brodie and wide receiver Gene Washington combined for three touchdown passes in the first half and the 49ers went on to a 34-3 victory. The 49ers, playing without regular running backs Ken Willard and Vic Washington, scored in every period. Brodie completed 11 of 19 for 156 yards while Washington caught eight for 140 yards.

San Diego	3	0	0	0	-	3
San Francisco	7	17	7	3	-	34

SF-G. Washington 13 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)
SD-FG Partee 30
SF-FG Gossett 43
SF-G. Washington 23 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)
SF-G. Washington 45 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)
SF-Thomas 4 run (Gossett kick)
SF-FG Gossett 20

Washington 24, Minnesota 21 Monday Night, September 18

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 47,900.

Reserve wide receiver and special teams player Bill Malinchak blocked a Minnesota punt at the conclusion of the Vikings first offensive series, picked up the ball and ran 16 yards for a touchdown to give Washington a 7-0 lead. Minnesota rebounded to take a 14-10 advantage, but the Redskins scored a pair of touchdowns within 85 seconds at the outset of the final period to achieve the victory. Washington running back Larry Brown ran for 105 yards. It marked the seventh straight opening-game win for George Allen, whose teams never have lost an inaugural.

Washington	7	3	0	14	-	24
Minnesota	0	7	7	7	-	21

Wash-Malinchak 16 blocked punt return (Knight kick)
Min-Jones 1 run (Cox kick)
Wash-FG Knight 30
Min-Gilliam 11 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
Wash-Brown 3 run (Knight kick)
Wash-Harraway 9 run (Knight kick)
Min-B. Brown 4 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

SECOND WEEK

New England 21, Atlanta 20 Sunday, September 24

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,999.

The Patriots, rallying successfully from a 20-7 deficit, blocked one field goal and held for three downs on the 2-yard line, forcing another. The final effort by the Falcons' Bill Bell from 10 yards was wide. Jim Plunkett led a pair of final-period scoring drives, connecting with Randy Vataha for one score, and positioning the ball for a 12-yard TD run by Carl Garrett following a 40-yard toss to Reggie Rucker.

Atlanta	3	3	14	0	-	20
New England	0	7	0	14	-	21

Atl-FG Bell 38
Atl-FG Bell 21
NE-Ashton 4 run (Walker kick)
Atl-Malone 1 run (Bell kick)
Atl-Hampton 1 run (Bell kick)
NE-Vataha 37 pass from Plunkett (Walker kick)
NE-Garrett 12 run (Walker kick)

Cleveland 27, Philadelphia 17 Sunday, September 24

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,720.

Third-year quarterback Mike Phipps, making his second start for Cleveland, threw a 22-yard touchdown toss to Frank Pitts and scored on a four-yard run as the Browns built a 27-3 lead and scored their first victory following an opening day loss and six straight pre-season setbacks.

Cleveland	3	17	7	0	-	27
Philadelphia	0	3	7	7	-	17

Cle-FG Cockroft 10
Phi-FG Dempsey 18
Cle-FG Cockroft 44
Cle-B. Scott 1 run (Cockroft kick)
Cle-Pitts 22 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
Cle-Phipps 4 run (Cockroft kick)
Phi-Jackson 20 pass from Reaves (Dempsey kick)
Phi-Reeves 1 run (Dempsey kick)

Dallas 23, New York Giants 14 Sunday, September 24

At Yankee Stadium, attendance 62,725.

Three field goals by Austrian soccer-style kicker Toni Fritsch, including one of 54 yards for a Dallas club record, lifted the Cowboys to their 12th straight regular season/championship series victory. New York had closed to within 16-14 as Norman Snead connected on a 94-yard TD pass to Rich Houston (they combined on a 55-yard score earlier), but Dallas marched 80 yards to clinch the victory on a three-yard TD loss from Craig Morton to Lance Alworth.

Dallas	7	3	3	10	-	23
New York Giants	0	7	0	7	-	14

Dal-Garrison 1 run (Fritsch kick)
Dal-FG Fritsch 54
NYG-Houston 55 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
Dal-FG Fritsch 13
Dal-FG Fritsch 8
NYG-Houston 94 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
Dal-Alworth 3 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

San Diego 37, Denver 14 Sunday, September 24

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 49,048.

The Chargers registered their first victory with a strong defensive effort against Denver in which six Bronco passes were intercepted, three by Joe Beauchamp who had been moved the previous week from CB to FS. Denver got off to a fast start when Randy Montgomery returned the opening kickoff 94 yards for a TD, but the Denver running attack was limited to eight yards in the first half. Broncos Jim Turner failed to kick a successful field goal for first time in 39 games.

Denver	7	0	0	7	-	14
San Diego	13	21	0	3	-	37

Den-Montgomery 94 kickoff return (J. Turner kick)
SD-FG Partee 45
SD-FG Partee 11
SD-Garrett 41 run (Partee kick)
SD-Garrison 9 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)
SD-Williams 31 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)
SD-Beauchamp 47 interception return (Partee kick)
Den-Ramsey 8 run (J. Turner kick)
SD-FG McClard 47

Miami 34, Houston 13 Sunday, September 24

At Orange Bowl, attendance 77,821.

Four running TDs spread among four carriers, including QB Bob Griese, gave the Dolphins a powerful impetus toward victory over the Oilers. Oiler passer Dan Pastorini connected with Charlie Joiner on a 82-yard scoring play and rookie RB Willie Rodgers scored on a short run after Miami had

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built a 27-0 lead. A tipped ball caused Garo Yepremian to miss his first conversion in 76 attempts.

Houston	0	0	13	0	-	13
Miami	13	7	7	7	-	34

Mia-Kiick 1 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-Morris 2 run (kick blocked)
 Mia-Csonka 4 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-Griese 2 run (Yepremian kick)
 Hous-Joiner 82 pass from Pastorini (kick failed)
 Hous-Rodgers 1 run (Butler kick)
 Mia-Kiick 6 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Los Angeles 13, Chicago 13

Sunday, September 24

At Soldier Field, attendance 55,701.

The defensive units of both teams set up or scored all of the points in this game. Rams cornerback Gene Howard opened the scoring with a 24-yard touchdown return of an interception. Dave Elmendorf and Mike LaHood recovered fumbles that preceded a pair of David Ray field goals. Chicago's Earl Thomas took a 30-yard TD pass from Bobby Douglass after Garry Lyle's interception, and Mac Percival's two FGs followed a fumble recovery by Ross Brupbacher and an interception by Charlie Ford. Roman Gabriel's streak of starting 89 straight games for Los Angeles was broken due to tendonitis in his right elbow.

Los Angeles	7	3	3	0	-	13
Chicago	0	0	3	10	-	13

LA-Howard 24 interception return (Ray kick)
 LA-FG Ray 20
 Chi-FG Percival 19
 LA-FG Ray 45
 Chi-Thomas 30 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)
 Chi-FG Percival 45

Minnesota 34, Detroit 10

Sunday, September 24

At Tiger Stadium, attendance 54,418.

The Vikings converted three of four pass interceptions into third period scores and Dave Osborn scored three touchdowns as Minnesota scored its ninth straight victory over the Lions since 1968. John Gilliam caught four passes from Fran Tarkenton for 109 yards, including a 30-yard TD pass.

Minnesota	3	14	17	0	-	34
Detroit	3	0	0	7	-	10

Del-FG Mann 36
 Minn-FG Cox 35
 Minn-Osborn 14 run (Cox kick)
 Minn-Gilliam 40 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 Minn-FG Cox 37
 Minn-Osborn 1 run (Cox kick)
 Minn-Osborn 13 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 Det-Taylor 3 run (Mann kick)

New York Jets 44, Baltimore 34

Sunday, September 24

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 56,626.

Joe Namath completed 15 of 28 attempts for six touchdowns and 496 yards, third-best aerial yardage performance in NFL history. Three of his TD passes were caught by Rich Caster, who had six receptions for 204 yards, the first time since 1969 that an AFC receiver had topped 200. Ed Bell caught seven for 197. John Unitas completed 26 of 45 for 376 yards and it marked the 27th time he had achieved 300-or-better figures. Don McCauley scored twice for the Colts, following a 93-yard kickoff return with a 1-yard run.

New York Jets	6	21	3	14	-	44
Baltimore	7	13	0	14	-	34

NYJ-Bell 65 pass from Namath (kick failed)
 Balt-Havrillak 40 pass from Unitas (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-FG O'Brien 14
 Balt-FG O'Brien 32
 NYJ-Riggins 67 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

Balt-McCauley 93 kickoff return (O'Brien kick)
 NYJ-Maynard 28 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-Caster 10 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-FG Howfield 14
 Balt-McCauley 1 run (O'Brien kick)
 NYJ-Caster 79 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
 Balt-Matte 21 pass from Unitas (O'Brien kick)
 NYJ-Caster 80 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

Oakland 20, Green Bay 14

Sunday, September 24

At Lambeau Field, attendance 56,263.

Raider safety Jack Tatum scooped up a ball fumbled by Packer MacArthur Lane into the end zone and raced 104 yards for a record touchdown and a pass interference penalty set up Charlie Smith's one-yard winning TD in this interconference game. Tatum's fumble return erased the oldest record in the NFL, 98 yards with a fumble by George Halas, owner of the Chicago Bears, who did it vs. Marion (OH) on November 4, 1923.

Oakland	10	0	10	0	-	20
Green Bay	7	7	0	0	-	14

Oak-FG Blanda 43
 GB-Brockington 1 run (Marcol kick)
 Oak-Tatum 104 fumble recovery return (Blanda kick)
 GB-Brockington 1 run (Marcol kick)
 Oak-FG Blanda 14
 Oak-Smith 1 run (Blanda kick)

Cincinnati 15, Pittsburgh 10

Sunday, September 24

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 54,292.

Horst Muhlmann made good on all five FG attempts to lead the Bengals into the AFC Central Division lead. The Bengals blunted the Steelers attack with three fumble recoveries and two partial blocks of FG tries. The game's lone TD by Terry Bradshaw on a 12-yard dash up the middle came after LB Andy Russell's fumble recovery at the Bengal 45 set the stage.

Pittsburgh	0	10	0	0	-	10
Cincinnati	3	0	6	6	-	15

Cin-FG Muhlmann 41
 Pitt-Bradshaw 12 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-FG Gerela 17
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 32
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 20
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 32
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 34

Washington 24, St. Louis 10

Sunday, September 24

At R.F.K. Stadium, attendance 53,039.

Redskin running back Larry Brown's 148 yards marked his 14th trip over the 100-yard mark and lifted his career rushing total to 3,214 yards, a new Washington club record. Tight end Jerry Smith caught his first two passes of the season, both for touchdowns from the 5 and 6-yard lines. Mike Bass raced 32 yards for a TD when he picked up the ball after Verlon Biggs blocked a St. Louis field goal attempt.

St. Louis	0	3	7	0	-	10
Washington	7	10	7	0	-	24

Wash-Smith 6 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 Wash-Bass 32 blocked field goal return (Knight kick)
 STL-FG Bakken 41
 Wash-FG Knight 31
 Wash-Smith 5 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 STL-Burns 1 run (Bakken kick)

Buffalo 27, San Francisco 20

Sunday, September 24

At War Memorial Stadium, attendance 45,845.

O.J. Simpson enjoyed his biggest rushing day, 29 carries for 138 yards, to set the pace for a Bills victory. Jim Braxton scored a pair of fourth-period TDs

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to give the Bills their edge. Steve Spurrier replaced veteran San Francisco QB John Brodie when Brodie injured his left wrist after five minutes of play.

San Francisco	3	7	3	7	-	20
Buffalo	0	6	7	14	-	27

SF-FG Gossett 47
 Buff-FG Leypoldt 32
 Buff-FG Leypoldt 22
 SF-Kwalick 20 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 SF-FG Gossett 20
 Buff-White 17 pass from Shaw (Leypoldt kick)
 SF-Schreiber 2 run (Gossett kick)
 Buff-Braxton 2 run (Leypoldt kick)
 Buff-Braxton 1 run (Leypoldt kick)

Kansas City 20, New Orleans 17 Monday Night, September 25

At Tulane Stadium, attendance 70,793.

Jan Stenerud kicked a 22-yard field goal with 1:21 remaining to give Kansas City its only lead of the game and the victory. New Orleans recovered three fumbles and intercepted one Chiefs pass to halt earlier KC threats. The Saints had taken a 17-10 lead into the final period after Archie Manning hit Dave Parks for an eight-yard touchdown.

Kansas City	0	10	0	10	-	20
New Orleans	0	10	7	0	-	17

NO-FG Durkee 31
 KC-FG Stenerud 12
 NO-Wyatt 35 fumble recovery return (Durkee kick)
 KC-Frazier 4 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)
 NO-Parks 8 pass from Manning (Durkee kick)
 KC-Taylor 21 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 22

THIRD WEEK

Baltimore 17, Buffalo 0 Sunday, October 1

At War Memorial Stadium, attendance 46,206.

Baltimore shut out the Bills a third straight time, limiting Buffalo to 13 yards of total offense in the first half. Don Nottingham had his best day with 78 yards rushing and 63 yards receiving for the Colts.

Baltimore	10	7	0	0	-	17
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	-	0

Balt-T. Mitchell 27 pass from Unitas (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-FG O'Brien 30
 Balt-Havrilak 12 run (O'Brien kick)

Cleveland 27, Cincinnati 6 Sunday, October 1

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 81,564.

Leroy Kelly rushed for 83 yards in 22 carries and moved into fifth place on the all-time NFL ball-carrying list. It represented a move from 10th place at the start of the 1971 season. The Browns' Frank Pitts caught four passes for 105 yards including a 68-yard TD pass from Mike Phipps.

Cincinnati	0	3	0	3	-	6
Cleveland	10	0	3	14	-	27

Cle-Kelly 2 run (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 31
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 26
 Cle-FG Cockroft 30
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 14
 Cle-Pitts 68 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Briggs 11 fumble recovery return (Cockroft kick)

Green Bay 16, Dallas 13 Sunday, October 1

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 47,103.

In snapping NFL Champion Dallas' winning streak at 12, Green Bay's defense continued to provide opportunities for the offense, intercepting three

passes (two by Al Matthews) and recovering two fumbles. Just before halftime, the Packers held the Cowboys for three downs on the 1-yard line, forcing Dallas to settle for a field goal. Rookie kicker Chester Marcol's three field goals for Green Bay proved the difference.

Dallas	3	3	7	0	-	13
Green Bay	3	7	3	3	-	16

Dal-FG Fritsch 46
 GB-FG Marcol 44
 GB-Brockington 2 run (Marcol kick)
 Dal-FG Fritsch 9
 Dal-Garrison 10 run (Fritsch kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 26
 GB-FG Marcol 22

Detroit 38, Chicago 24 Sunday, October 1

At Soldier Field, attendance 55,701.

The Lions took the opening kickoff and marched 78 yards for a touchdown on a three-yard pass from quarterback Greg Landry to tight end Craig Cotton. Landry later scored three TDs on runs of 10, 6 and 13 yards, while rushing for a total of 87 yards.

Detroit	7	14	7	10	-	38
Chicago	0	10	0	14	-	24

Det-Cotton 3 pass from Landry (Mann kick)
 Chi-Douglass 4 run (Percival kick)
 Det-Landry 10 run (Mann kick)
 Chi-FG Percival 15
 Det-Owens 1 run (Mann kick)
 Det-Landry 6 run (Mann kick)
 Chi-Pinder 11 run (Percival kick)
 Det-FG Mann 35
 Chi-Harrison 17 run (Percival kick)
 Det-Landry 13 run (Mann kick)

Kansas City 45, Denver 24 Sunday, October 1

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 51,656.

QB Mike Livingston replaced an injured Len Dawson in the second half and threw three TD passes to help roll up Kansas City's highest score in four seasons. S Jim Kearney returned a pair of interceptions 43 and 32 yards to equal the record for TD interceptions in a game. The victory put the Chiefs into the lead in the AFC's Western Division.

Kansas City	3	7	14	21	-	45
Denver	7	3	7	7	-	24

Den-Little 35 pass from Ramsey (J. Turner kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 11
 KC-Kinney 1 run (Stenerud kick)
 Den-FG J. Turner 16
 KC-Frazier 16 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 Den-Anderson 15 run (J. Turner kick)
 KC-Homan 9 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 KC-Taylor 29 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 KC-Kearney 43 interception return (Stenerud kick)
 Den-Little 1 run (J. Turner kick)
 KC-Kearney 32 interception return (Stenerud kick)

Atlanta 31, Los Angeles 3 Sunday, October 1

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 57,122.

The Falcons set two club records -- most yards rushing, 297, and most passes intercepted, six -- in scoring their first victory ever over the Rams in 12 games. Dave Hampton rushed for 161 yards and Art Malone ran for 103. Tom Hayes had two of the interceptions and linebacker Tommy Nobis returned a steal 29 yards for a TD.

Los Angeles	0	0	3	0	-	3
Atlanta	10	7	7	7	-	31

Atl-FG Bell 41
 Atl-Burrow 38 pass from Berry (Bell kick)

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All-Hampton 56 run (Bell kick)
 LA-FG Ray 22
 Atl-Nobis 29 interception return (Bell kick)
 Atl-Hampton 1 run (Bell kick)

Miami 16, Minnesota 14

Sunday, October 1

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 47,900.

Dolphins quarterback Bob Griese passed three yards to tight end Jim Mandich for the decisive touchdown with 88 seconds remaining. Key plays in Miami's final TD drive were a 12-yard run by Mercury Morris and a 17-yard Griese-to-Howard Twilley pass to the 3. Kicker Garo Yepremian kicked field goals of 38, 42 and 51 yards, the last one with 4:15 left.

Miami	0	0	6	10	-	16
Minnesota	7	0	0	7	-	14

Minn-Gilliam 56 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 38

Mia-FG Yepremian 42

Minn-B. Brown 1 run (Cox kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 51

Mia-Mandich 3 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Houston 26, New York Jets 20

Sunday, October 1

At Astrodome, attendance 51,423.

Dan Pastorini passed the Oilers to their first victory, and Skip Butler kicked four FGs to turn back the favored Jets in a game in which the Oilers beat a team with a winning record for the first time at home since 1965. Joe Namath had his 19th 300-or-more yards game, moving him into a third place tie in that category on the all-time NFL list with George Blanda.

New York Jets	10	3	0	7	-	20
Houston	0	14	9	3	-	26

NYJ-Barkum 25 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 8

Hous-Rodgers 1 run (Butler kick)

Hous-Burrough 52 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 32

Hous-FG Butler 12

Hous-FG Butler 20

Hous-FG Butler 20

NYJ-Caster 4 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

Hous-FG Butler 12

Pittsburgh 25, St. Louis 19

Sunday, October 1

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 49,140.

Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw hit Frank Lewis with a 38-yard touchdown pass with 66 seconds remaining to climax a decisive seven-play, 80-yard drive. St. Louis had taken a 19-18 lead, with 3:03 remaining, as Norm Thompson blocked a Pittsburgh punt, recovered the ball and raced eight yards for the TD.

Pittsburgh	3	12	0	10	-	25
St. Louis	0	6	6	7	-	19

Pitt-FG Gerela 17

Pitt-FG Gerela 20

StL-FG Bakken 19

Pitt-Bradshaw 1 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Safety, D. Anderson tackled by R. Anderson in end zone

StL-FG Bakken 44

StL-Anderson 8 run (kick failed)

Pitt-FG Gerela 15

StL-Thompson 8 blocked punt return (Bakken kick)

Pitt-Lewis 38 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

San Diego 17, Oakland 17

Sunday, October 1

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 53,455.

San Diego overcame a 14-0 deficit in the first quarter to tie in a game in

which Cid Edwards rushed for 97 yards and caught six passes for 100 in his Charger debut. George Blanda kicked the tying 40-yard FG in the fourth quarter but missed with a try for the winning one in the last two minutes.

San Diego	0	7	0	10	-	17
Oakland	14	0	0	3	-	17

Oak-Chester 23 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

Oak-Hubbard 1 run (Blanda kick)

SD-Edwards 1 run (Partee kick)

SD-Mauck fumble recovery in end zone (Partee kick)

SD-FG Partee 41

Oak-FG Blanda 40

San Francisco 37, New Orleans 2

Sunday, October 1

At Tulane Stadium attendance 69,840.

San Francisco's defense permitted New Orleans 84 yards, including only seven rushing for the fewest ever allowed by the 49ers in an NFL game, and intercepted four passes. John Brodie completed 19 of 26 for 179 yards and two touchdowns.

San Francisco	0	10	10	17	-	37
New Orleans	0	0	2	0	-	2

SF-V. Washington 4 run (Gossett kick)

SF-FG Gossett 14

NO-Safety, Owens blocked punt through end zone

SF-FG Gossett 36

SF-G. Washington 6 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)

SF-Kwalick 5 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)

SF-FG Gossett 27

SF-Simpson 32 interception return (Gossett kick)

New England 24, Washington 23

Sunday, October 1

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,999.

The Patriots achieved a victory over an NFC rival for the second successive week by a one-point margin. Washington kicked the tying 32-yard FG in the last two minutes but decided to take the penalty when the Patriots ran into the kicker, Curt Knight. Three attempts picked up only one yard and this time Knight was wide from the 27. Washington subsequently picked up two points on a safety when Patriots' Pat Studstill's punt was blocked through the end zone. Washington's final gasp was a 50-yard attempt by Knight following Speedy Duncan's 19-yard return of New England's free kick. Rookie RB Josh Ashton scored twice for New England and had 108 yards on 23 carries.

Washington	0	14	0	9	-	23
New England	0	7	10	7	-	24

Wash-C. Taylor 30 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Wash-C. Taylor 4 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

NE-Ashton 2 run (Gogolak kick)

NE-Rucker 11 pass from Plunkett (Gogolak kick)

NE-FG Gogolak 42

Wash-Smith 9 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

NE-Ashton 24 pass from Plunkett (Gogolak kick)

Wash-Safety, Malinchak blocked punt through end zone

New York Giants 27, Philadelphia 12

Monday Night, October 2

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,720.

New York's Ron Johnson became the first player in the Giants' 47-year history to score four touchdowns in one game, running over from the 5, and catching TD passes of 16, 9 and 15 yards from Norman Snead. In rushing 36 times for 124 yards and catching five passes for 60 more, Johnson set an NFL record for most offensive plays, 41, in a game. Philadelphia rookie quarterback John Reaves started his first game and completed 14 of 26 for 241 yards, one TD. Harold Jackson caught nine passes for 138 yards, marking his third straight game over 100 yards.

New York Giants	7	14	0	6	-	27
Philadelphia	3	3	6	0	-	12

NYG-Ron Johnson 16 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)

Phil-FG Dempsey 27

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NYG-Ron Johnson 5 run (Gogolak kick)
 Phil-FG Dempsey 15
 NYG-Ron Johnson 9 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
 Phil-James 5 pass from Reaves (kick failed)
 NYG-Ron Johnson 15 pass from Snead (kick failed)

FOURTH WEEK

Green Bay 20, Chicago 17
Sunday, October 8

At Lambeau Field, attendance 56,263.

Rookie Chester Marcol kicked a 37-yard field goal with 30 seconds remaining for the victory. Green Bay began the decisive drive on its own 27-yard line and Scott Hunter had three of his 15 completions to spark the march.

Chicago	0	3	7	7	-	17
Green Bay	7	10	0	3	-	20

GB-C. Williams 21 fumble recovery return (Marcol kick)
 Chi-FG Percival 12
 GB-Staggers 48 pass from Hunter (Marcol kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 26
 Chi-Pinder 2 run (Percival kick)
 Chi-Douglass 2 run (Percival kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 37

Cincinnati 21, Denver 10
Sunday, October 8

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 55,812.

Rookie S Tommy Casanova's punt returns scored one TD and set up another as the Bengals came from behind and broke a string of nine periods without a TD. The Cincinnati defense got to the Broncos' QB six times, including three times by DT Mike Reid.

Denver	7	3	0	0	-	10
Cincinnati	0	7	7	7	-	21

Den-Little 7 run (J. Turner kick)
 Den-FG J. Turner 38
 Cin-E. Johnson 1 run (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-Casanova 66 punt return (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-Myers 12 pass from Anderson (Muhlmann kick)

Detroit 26, Atlanta 23
Sunday, October 8

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 58,850.

After Bill Bell's third field goal had given Atlanta a 23-20 lead with 2:52 remaining, Detroit, aided by a pass interference penalty, marched to the Falcons' 3-yard line. With 34 seconds remaining, Steve Owens covered the final yards for the winning touchdown. Earlier, Greg Landry completed the longest pass of his career, and 82-yard TD to Ron Jessie.

Detroit	3	10	7	6	-	26
Atlanta	3	0	7	13	-	23

Det-FG Mann 39
 Atl-FG Bell 22
 Det-FG Mann 37
 Det-Owens 8 run (Mann kick)
 Atl-Malone 10 run (Bell kick)
 Det-Jessie 82 pass from Landry (Mann kick)
 Atl-Malone 2 pass from Berry (Bell kick)
 Atl-FG Bell 32
 Atl-FG Bell 12
 Det-Owens 3 run (kick blocked)

Kansas City 31, Cleveland 7
Sunday, October 8

At Municipal Stadium attendance 83,819.

For the second straight week QB Mike Livingston, replacing an injured Len Dawson, threw three TD passes within one half for an easy Chiefs victory. Second-year RB Mike Adamle carried 20 times for 88 yards and caught three passes. The victory kept Kansas City in the lead in the AFC's Western

Division.

Kansas City	7	14	7	3	-	31
Cleveland	0	7	0	0	-	7

KC-Frazier 3 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 KC-Stroud 8 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 Cle-Hooker 16 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 KC-Taylor 34 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 KC-Adamle 1 run (Stenerud kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 34

Miami 27, New York Jets 17
Sunday, October 8

At Shea Stadium, attendance 63,841.

Miami continued as the only unbeaten team in the NFL with a victory over the Jets highlighted by two TDs by Jim Kiick and the running of his teammate Larry Csonka, whose 102 yards marked the eighth time he had a 100-yard game. Howard Twilley caught four passes for 62 yards, including a 16-yard TD pass from Bob Griese which enabled the Dolphins to nullify an early Jets lead.

Miami	0	14	3	10	-	27
New York Jets	7	0	3	7	-	17

NYJ-Rasmussen fumble recovery in end zone (Howfield kick)
 Mia-Twilley 16 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-Kiick 6 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-FG Yepremian 27
 NYJ-FG Howfield 18
 Mia-Kiick 3 run (Yepremian kick)
 NYJ-Boozler 1 run (Howfield kick)
 Mia-FG Yepremian 43

Buffalo 38, New England 14
Sunday, October 8

At War Memorial Stadium, attendance 41,749.

Jim Braxton scored twice in Buffalo's victory over the Patriots while Dennis Shaw passed for TDs to Bob Chandler and J. D. Hill. New England QB Jim Plunkett departed with 9:00 left to miss a Patriot offensive sequence for the first time in his NFL career. His replacement, Brian Dowling, scored New England's final touchdown.

New England	7	0	0	7	-	14
Buffalo	3	28	7	0	-	38

NE-Ashton 1 run (Gogolak kick)
 Buff-FG Leypoldt 11
 Buff-Braxton 1 run (Leypoldt kick)
 Buff-Hill 36 pass from Shaw (Leypoldt kick)
 Buff-Braxton 1 run (Leypoldt kick)
 Buff-Simpson 11 run (Leypoldt kick)
 Buff-B. Chandler 43 pass from Shaw (Leypoldt kick)
 NE-Dowling 1 run (Gogolak kick)

New York Giants 45, New Orleans 21
Sunday, October 8

At Yankee Stadium, attendance 62,507.

New York turned four interceptions and two fumble recoveries into five scoring plays. Charlie Evans rushed for 87 yards and scored three touchdowns, while Norman Snead's 12 completions included a trio of TD passes.

New Orleans	0	7	0	14	-	21
New York Giants	17	14	14	0	-	45

NYG-Evans 10 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-FG Gogolak 17
 NYG-Evans 24 run (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-Ron Johnson 3 run (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-Evans 8 run (Gogolak kick)
 NO-Parks 66 pass from Manning (Durkee kick)
 NYG-Herrmann 14 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-Grim 15 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
 NO-Abramowicz 16 pass from Manning (Durkee kick)
 NO-Parks 25 pass from Manning (Durkee kick)

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Washington 14, Philadelphia 0

Sunday, October 8

At R.F.K. Stadium, attendance 53,039.

Playing his first complete game since suffering a shoulder injury in a 1971 pre-season game, Washington quarterback Sonny Jurgensen overcame three interceptions in a first half that ended 0-0 to hit all seven of his second-half passes, including a 36-yard touchdown toss to Roy Jefferson. Jurgensen completed 14 of 24 for 237 yards.

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	-	0
Washington	0	0	14	0	-	14

Wash-Brown 2 run (Knight kick)

Wash-Jefferson 36 pass from Jurgensen (Knight kick)

Dallas 17, Pittsburgh 13

Sunday, October 8

At Texas Stadium, attendance 65,682.

Falling behind 3-13 after Pittsburgh's Mel Blount grabbed a Bob Hayes fumble and ran 35 yards for a touchdown, Dallas pulled to within 10-13 with a 57-yard second period drive. Then, in the third period, on first down at the Dallas 45, running back Calvin Hill faked a sweep and threw a 55-yard scoring pass to Ron Sellers. Hill rushed for 108 yards and caught four passes for 27, in addition to throwing his TD pass.

Pittsburgh	6	7	0	0	-	13
Dallas	3	7	7	0	-	17

Pitt-FG Gerela 39

Dal-FG Fritsch 40

Pitt-FG Gerela 39

Pitt-Blount 35 fumble recovery return (Gerela kick)

Dal-Hill 1 run (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Sellers 55 pass from Hill (Fritsch kick)

St. Louis 19, Minnesota 17

Sunday, October 8

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 49,687.

Quarterback Gary Cuozzo, traded by Minnesota to St. Louis in the off-season, threw a pair of 24-yard touchdown passes to rookie wide receiver Bobby Moore. The decisive Cuozzo-to-Moore TD came with 1:38 to play and climaxed a six-play-70-yard drive in 66 seconds. Viking Fred Cox's 26-yard field goal attempt for victory with four seconds left hit the right upright.

St. Louis	3	3	6	7	-	19
Minnesota	0	7	0	10	-	17

StL-FG Bakken 27

StL-FG Bakken 13

Minn-Jones 4 run (Cox kick)

StL-Moore 24 pass from Cuozzo (kick failed)

Minn-Washington 4 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-FG Cox 37

StL-Moore 24 pass from Cuozzo (Bakken kick)

San Diego 23, Baltimore 20

Sunday, October 8

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 55,459.

Dennis Partee kicked three FGs in as many attempts and his last, coming on the final play, produced the first road victory for the Chargers in two seasons. An opening 51-yarder was a Charger record, breaking his own by one yard. Mike Garrett carried 27 times for 132 yards and two TDs after setting a Chargers record with 29 carries the previous week vs. Oakland. Don Nottingham also scored twice for the Colts.

San Diego	7	3	0	13	-	23
Baltimore	0	3	17	0	-	20

SD-Garrett 1 run (Partee kick)

Balt-FG O'Brien 22

SD-FG Partee 51

Balt-Nottingham 13 run (O'Brien kick)

Balt-FG O'Brien 20

Balt-Nottingham 3 run (O'Brien kick)

SD-Garrett 2 run (Partee kick)

SD-FG Partee 40

SD-FG Partee 28

Los Angeles 31, San Francisco 7

Sunday, October 8

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 77,382.

Returning to the starting lineup for the first time since his 144-yard production on opening day, Bob Thomas rushed for 142 as the Rams ran for 302 (best by LA since 1958) in a total offense of 520 yards. Quarterback Roman Gabriel, nursing tendonitis in his right elbow, had his best day, completing 12 of 23 for 225 yards and a pair of touchdown passes of 45 and 57 yards to Jack Snow.

San Francisco	0	7	0	0	-	7
Los Angeles	0	14	10	7	-	31

LA-Snow 45 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)

SF-Brodie 1 run (Gossett kick)

LA-Ellison 1 run (Ray kick)

LA-FG Ray 15

LA-Snow 57 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)

LA-Smith 1 run (Ray kick)

Oakland 34, Houston 0

Monday Night, October 9

At Astrodome, attendance 51,378.

Five Oakland interceptions, including pair by defensive tackles Art Thoms and Otis Sistrunk, limited Houston to 89 yards total offense, lowest in Oiler history. Thoms also blocked two FG attempts. Daryle Lamonica threw pair of TD passes and Clarence Davis, making his debut for the season, ran 14 yards for a score.

Oakland	3	7	3	21	-	34
Houston	0	0	0	0	-	0

Oak-FG Blanda 46

Oak-Biletnikoff 16 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

Oak-FG Blanda 35

Oak-Siani 27 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

Oak-Davis 14 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-Moore 1 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

FIFTH WEEK

Atlanta 21, New Orleans 14

Sunday, October 15

At Tulane Stadium, attendance 66,294.

Atlanta's Bob Berry threw three touchdown passes, including a 23-yard score to Ken Burrow in the final period, as the Falcons overcame a 0-14 deficit and five lost fumbles to defeat the Saints. New Orleans' rookie cornerback Ernie Jackson scored on an 85-yard run after picking up one of the Atlanta fumbles.

Atlanta	7	0	7	7	-	21
New Orleans	14	0	0	0	-	14

NO-Jackson 85 fumble recovery return (Durkee kick)

NO-Manning 3 run (Durkee kick)

Atl-Mitchell 10 pass from Berry (Bell kick)

Atl-Mitchell 5 pass from Berry (Bell kick)

Atl-Burrow 23 pass from Berry (Bell kick)

Oakland 28, Buffalo 16

Sunday, October 15

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 53,501.

RB Clarence Davis scored twice in the last three minutes to rally the Raiders to a victory over the Bills. O. J. Simpson had his best rushing day for Buffalo with 28 carries for 144 yards.

Buffalo	3	10	0	3	-	16
Oakland	0	0	7	21	-	28

Buff-FG Leypoldt 32

Buff-FG Leypoldt 31

Buff-Hill 39 pass from Shaw (Leypoldt kick)

Oak-Chester 55 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

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Buff-FG Leypoldt 22
 Oak-Hubbard 1 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Davis 7 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Davis 20 run (Blanda kick)

Chicago 17, Cleveland 0

Sunday, October 15

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 72,339.

Chicago won its first game of 72 on the running and passing of QB Bobby Douglass. He carried 11 times for 117 yards and a TD, and passed for another TD to TE Earl Thomas. The victory ended a Bears nine-game losing streak, extending over two seasons.

Chicago	7	0	3	7	-	17
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	-	0

Chi-Thomas 41 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)
 Chi-FG Percival 8
 Chi-Douglass 57 run (Percival kick)

Cincinnati 23, Kansas City 16

Sunday, October 15

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 79,068.

Tommy Casanova's fourth-period interception set up a seven-yard TD pass from Ken Anderson to Speedy Thomas to move Cincinnati to a 23-16 victory over the Chiefs. Kansas City reserve QB Mike Livingston started but had to leave when he pulled up with a hamstring, and was replaced by veteran Len Dawson. It was the first time in 11 starts that Livingston failed to win. WR Otis Taylor caught 10 passes for 149 yards for the Chiefs.

Cincinnati	3	0	7	13	-	23
Kansas City	0	3	10	3	-	16

Cin-FG Muhlmann 46
 KC-FG Stenerud 39
 KC-Taylor 14 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)
 Cin-E. Johnson 65 pass from Anderson (Muhlmann kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 32
 Cin-Thomas 7 pass from Anderson (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 12
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 16
 KC-FG Stenerud 43

Dallas 21, Baltimore 0

Sunday, October 15

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 58,992.

Dallas stayed atop the NFC's Eastern Division with a victory highlighted by Craig Morton's effort of 22 completions in 30 attempts for 279 yards and two TDs. It was the first time the Colts had been shut out since 1965 and the last game in which Don McCafferty served as head coach. He was replaced the next day by John Sandusky, the Colts' defensive line coach.

Dallas	0	7	7	7	-	21
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	-	0

Dal-Hill 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Dal-Hill 16 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)
 Dal-Sellers 44 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Pittsburgh 24, Houston 7

Sunday, October 15

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 42,929.

Rookie RB Franco Harris gained 115 yards on 19 carries to help Pittsburgh to an AFC Central Division victory over the Oilers. QB Terry Bradshaw rushed seven times for 34 yards including an eight-yard TD. It was Bradshaw's fifth TD, equaling his 1971 high.

Houston	7	0	0	0	-	7
Pittsburgh	0	10	7	7	-	24

Hous-Blocked punt recovered by Walsh in end zone (Butler kick)
 Pitt-FG Gerela 28
 Pitt-Harris 1 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Lewis 11 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Bradshaw 8 run (Gerela kick)

Los Angeles 34, Philadelphia 3

Sunday, October 15

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,720.

The Rams forced five turnovers and converted three of them into a pair of touchdowns and a field goal, while their defense trapped Eagles passers seven times for 68 yards. Roman Gabriel completed 11 passes for 147 yards, including a 19-yard scoring toss to John Love.

Los Angeles	3	14	10	7	-	34
Philadelphia	0	3	0	0	-	3

LA-FG Ray 42
 LA-Ellison 1 run (Ray kick)
 LA-Thomas 2 run (Ray kick)
 Phil-FG Dempsey 52
 LA-FG Ray 16
 LA-Love 19 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)
 LA-Bertelsen 6 run (Ray kick)

Minnesota 23, Denver 20

Sunday, October 15

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 51,656.

Fran Tarkenton's 31-yard pass to Gene Washington with 17 seconds left gave the Vikings a victory after the Broncos had apparently clinched it 36 seconds previously. Floyd Little scored three TDs for Denver, and carried for 100 yards, his 12th 100-or-more career effort.

Minnesota	3	3	10	7	-	23
Denver	0	7	0	13	-	20

Minn-FG Cox 40
 Minn-FG Cox 9
 Den-Little 36 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)
 Minn-FG Cox 30
 Minn-B. Brown 1 run (Cox kick)
 Den-Little 27 run (J. Turner kick)
 Den-Little 2 run (run failed)
 Minn-Washington 31 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

New York Giants 23, San Francisco 17

Sunday, October 15

At Candlestick Park, attendance 58,606.

New York cornerback Pete Athas intercepted a pair of passes – the first setting up the Giants' final and decisive touchdown drive that climaxed with Charley Evans scoring from the 4 with 1:31 left, and the second in the end zone to close the game. It was New York's third straight victory – best streak in the NFC thus far.

New York Giants	0	13	0	10	-	23
San Francisco	3	7	0	7	-	17

SF-FG Gossett 21
 NYG-FG Gogolak 15
 NYG-Ron Johnson 8 run (Gogolak kick)
 SF-G. Washington 10 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)
 NYG-FG Gogolak 11
 SF-G. Washington 4 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)
 NYG-FG Gogolak 19
 NYG-Evans 4 run (Gogolak kick)

New York Jets 41, New England 13

Sunday, October 15

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,999.

RBs John Riggins and Emerson Boozer became the first pair ever to have 150 or more yards each in an NFL game while the Jets set a club record of 333 yards rushing. Riggins carried 32 times for 168 yards and Boozer 18 for 150. Boozer also scored three rushing TDs. The Jets set a club record of fewest passes attempted, nine.

New York Jets	7	14	0	20	-	41
New England	0	6	7	0	-	13

NYJ-Riggins 6 run (Howfield kick)
 NE-FG Gogolak 36
 NE-FG Gogolak 25
 NYJ-Boozer 37 run (Howfield kick)

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NYJ-Caster 27 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
 NE-Garrett 41 run (Gogolak kick)
 NYJ-FG Howfield 37
 NYJ-Boozer 23 run (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-Boozer 8 run (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-FG Howfield 37

Miami 24, San Diego 10 Sunday, October 15

At Orange Bowl, attendance 80,010.

Veteran QB Earl Morrall replaced Bob Griese in the first period and directed the Dolphins to their fifth straight victory. Griese suffered a fractured right leg and a dislocated ankle. The 38-year old Morrall had previously thrown only one pass all season. He connected on TD efforts to Paul Warfield and Howard Twilley.

San Diego	3	0	0	7	-	10
Miami	3	14	7	0	-	24

Mia-FG Yepremian 37

SD-FG Partee 12

Mia-Anderson 35 fumble recovery return (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Twilley 18 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Warfield 19 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

SD-Edwards 3 pass from Hadl (McClard kick)

Washington 33, St. Louis 3 Sunday, October 15

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 50,454.

Redskin Larry Brown rushed for 110 yards to achieve his fourth 100-yard day of the season and 16th of his career and his running mate, Charley Harraway, scored a pair of touchdowns as Washington completed a season-sweep of the Cardinals. Kicker Curt Knight snapped a slump by making four field goals in four attempts.

Washington	3	7	6	17	-	33
St. Louis	0	0	3	0	-	3

Wash-FG Knight 30

Wash-Harraway 1 run (Knight kick)

StL-FG Bakken 46

Wash-FG Knight 8

Wash-FG Knight 42

Wash-FG Knight 36

Wash-Harraway 4 run (Knight kick)

Wash-Brunet 2 run (Knight kick)

Green Bay 24, Detroit 23 Monday Night, October 16

At Tiger Stadium, attendance 54,418.

After trailing 0-17, the Packers scored at the end of an 82-yard march, on a 34-yard field goal by Chester Marcol, and an 80-yard punt return by Ken Ellis to pull within 17-23 of Detroit. Then a 15-yard TD pass from Scott Hunter to Leland Glass and Marcol's conversion climaxed an 84-yard march and provided the victory with 1:54 remaining. The win gave Green Bay possession of first place in the NFC Central Division.

Green Bay	0	7	10	7	-	24
Detroit	7	10	3	3	-	23

Det-Landry 2 run (Mann kick)

Det-FG Mann 12

Det-Taylor 1 run (Mann kick)

GB-Hunter 1 run (Marcol kick)

Det-FG Mann 45

GB-FG Marcol 34

GB-Ellis 80 punt return (Marcol kick)

Det-FG Mann 51

GB-Glass 15 pass from Hunter (Marcol kick)

SIXTH WEEK

Atlanta 10, Green Bay 9 Sunday, October 22

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 47,967.

Packers had taken a 9-0 lead on three field goals by rookie Chester Marcol, but Falcons reduced their deficit to 9-7 when Art Malone scored at conclusion of 86-yard, 13-play march just before halftime. Bill Bell's 24-yard FG in third period was the winning difference. Atlanta ran 71 plays to Green Bay's 45. Marcol missed a 39-yard attempt in final minutes on rain-soaked field.

Atlanta	0	7	3	0	-	10
Green Bay	6	3	0	0	-	9

GB-FG Marcol 44

GB-FG Marcol 32

GB-FG Marcol 35

Atl-Malone 1 run (Bell kick)

Atl-FG Bell 24

New York Jets 24, Baltimore 20 Sunday, October 22

At Shea Stadium, attendance 62,948.

A last-minute pass play from QB Joe Namath to WR Eddie Bell covered 83 yards and provided the winning margin which spoiled John Sandusky's debut as Baltimore head coach and Marty Domres' as Colts starting QB. Prior to this winning play Baltimore had gone ahead on a Domres pass to Jim O'Brien who had to double as a WR and kicker because of injuries. The winning pass was tipped into Bell's hands by Charlie Stukes attempting an interception. On the last play of the game TE John Mosier caught a Domres pass from the Colts' 45 to the Jets' 2.

Baltimore	3	7	3	7	-	20
New York Jets	14	3	0	7	-	24

NYJ-Riggins 32 run (Howfield kick)

Balt-FG O'Brien 22

NYJ-Boozer 49 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

Balt-Nottingham 1 run (O'Brien kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 29

Balt-FG O'Brien 28

Balt-O'Brien 13 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)

NYJ-Bell 83 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

Miami 24, Buffalo 23 Sunday, October 22

At Orange Bowl, attendance 80,010.

Larry Csonka had his third 100-or-more game of the season and Garo Yepremian kicked a club record 54-yard FG as the Dolphins managed to beat Buffalo by one point and remain the only unbeaten team in the NFL. Mercury Morris scored twice on runs of five and 15 yards, and Jim Braxton was the Bills' offensive leader with nine carries for 75 yards and a pair of receptions, including a TD pass from Mike Taliaferro.

Buffalo	0	13	0	10	-	23
Miami	7	0	10	7	-	24

Mia-Morris 5 run (Yepremian kick)

Buff-FG Leypoldt 35

Buff-Lee 16 interception return (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-FG Leypoldt 34

Mia-Csonka 10 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 54

Buff-FG Leypoldt 45

Mia-Morris 15 run (Yepremian kick)

Buff-Braxton 6 pass from Taliaferro (Leypoldt kick)

Los Angeles 15, Cincinnati 12 Sunday, October 22

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 73,385.

After Cincinnati kicker Horst Muhlmann missed three field goal attempts from 21, 17 and 26 yards, Los Angeles kicker David Ray kicked a 32-yard FG as time elapsed for the victory. The Rams moved from their own 13-yard line, with 21 seconds remaining, on two rushes for 30 yards by Willie Ellison, a 17-yard pass from Roman Gabriel to Lance Rentzel, and a personal foul penalty against Cincinnati.

1972 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Cincinnati	0	0	10	2	-	12
Los Angeles	7	3	2	3	-	15

LA-Ellison 1 run (Ray kick)

LA-FG Ray 37

LA-Safety, Craig tackled by Sweet in end zone

Cin-Trumpy 25 pass from Carter (Muhlmann kick)

Cin-FG Muhlmann 25

Cin-Safety, Gabriel tackled by White in end zone

LA-FG Ray 32

Cleveland 23, Houston 17

Sunday, October 22

At Astrodome attendance 38113

Mike Phipps directed the Browns to victory over Houston after Dan Pastorini had scored twice on long TD passes to Charlie Joiner (51 yds.) and Ken Burrough (80 yds.). Phipps tallied on a one-yard plunge in the final four minutes climaxing an 80-yard drive on a dozen plays in which his 43-yard pass to Fair Hooker played a key role.

Cleveland	0	13	3	7	-	23
Houston	7	0	7	3	-	17

Hous-Joiner 51 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 33

Cle-FG Cockroft 33

Cle-Pitts 27 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)

Hous-Burrough 80 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 26

Hous-FG Butler 46

Cle-Phipps 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Washington 24, Dallas 20

Sunday, October 22

At R. F. K. Stadium, attendance 53,039.

Charley Harraway's 13-yard touchdown run around left end climaxed an 80-yard fourth period drive that brought the Redskins victory and first place in the NFC East. Washington wiped out a 20-7 Dallas lead. Larry Brown rushed 26 times for 95 yards and caught seven passes for 100 more. Brown scored two TDs.

Dallas	10	3	7	0	-	20
Washington	0	7	10	7	-	24

Dal-FG Fritsch 13

Dal-Sellers 39 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 12

Wash-Brown 19 pass from Jurgensen (Knight kick)

Dal-Garrison 1 run (Fritsch kick)

Wash-Brown 34 run (Knight kick)

Wash-FG Knight 42

Wash-Harraway 13 run (Knight kick)

Denver 30, Oakland 23

Sunday, October 22

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 53,551.

Charley Johnson included a pair of TD passes in his 361 yards against the Raiders to give the Broncos a 30-23 victory. RB Floyd Little caught one TD, and passed to WR Jerry Simmons for another, and Jim Turner kicked three FGs to pass Don Hutson into ninth place on the all-time NFL scoring list.

Denver	7	17	0	6	-	30
Oakland	0	3	10	10	-	23

Den-Masters 21 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)

Oak-FG Blanda 32

Den-Little 37 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)

Den-Simmons 35 pass from Little (J. Turner kick)

Den-FG J. Turner 44

Oak-FG Blanda 35

Oak-Smith 1 run (Blanda kick)

Den-FG J. Turner 8

Oak-Siani 4 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Den-FG J. Turner 27

Oak-FG Blanda 40

Pittsburgh 33, New England 3

Sunday, October 22

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 46,081.

The Steelers sacked New England's QBs seven times and ran their string up to nine quarters in which the defense hadn't given up a TD. Their four victories in their first six games marked the best Steeler start since 1957. Roy Gerela's four FGs tied the club record and John Fuqua's 17 carries netted him 111 yards rushing.

New England	0	0	3	0	-	3
Pittsburgh	10	7	13	3	-	33

Pitt-FG Gerela 19

Pitt-Ham 32 interception return (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Shanklin 30 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 22

NE-FG Gogolak 16

Pitt-Steve Davis 28 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 35

Pitt-FG Gerela 33

New Orleans 20, San Francisco 20

Sunday, October 22

At Candlestick Park, attendance 59,167.

Bruce Gossett's 36-yard field goal with one second remaining permitted San Francisco to tie. New Orleans had taken a 20-17 lead on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Archie Manning to Dave Parks with 1:54 left to play. Steve Spurrier, at quarterback for injured John Brodie, then completed three passes to move the 49ers into FG range.

New Orleans	7	0	3	10	-	20
San Francisco	7	10	0	3	-	20

SF-Kwalick 81 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)

NO-Parks 46 pass from Manning (Linhart kick)

SF-FG Gossett 41

SF-Isenbarger 21 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)

NO-FG Linhart 11

NO-FG Linhart 20

NO-Parks 30 pass from Manning (Linhart kick)

SF-FG Gossett 36

Philadelphia 21, Kansas City 20

Sunday, October 22

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 78,389.

Pete Liske ended Philadelphia's nine-game losing streak with three long TD passes, two to WR Harold Jackson. It marked the third straight home setback for the Chiefs who had won all three road games. The Eagles had a 21-0 edge in the first half on 254 total yards and the Chiefs fell short in their drive to overtake them.

Philadelphia	14	7	0	0	-	21
Kansas City	0	6	7	7	-	20

Phil-Hawkins 67 pass from Liske (Dempsey kick)

Phil-Jackson 36 pass from Liske (Dempsey kick)

Phil-Jackson 41 pass from Liske (Dempsey kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 31

KC-FG Stenerud 37

KC-Podolak 11 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-Frazier 20 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

New York Giants 27, St. Louis 21

Sunday, October 22

At Yankee Stadium, attendance 62,756.

Trailing 7-21 at halftime the Giants rebounded for two touchdowns within 62 seconds to tie the count early in the third period. Two plays after Pat Hughes recovered a fumble at the Cardinals' 19, Norman Snead hit Don Herrmann with a 16-yard TD pass. Then Carl Lockhart intercepted a pass and dashed 29 yards for another score. The deciding points were provided by Pete Gogolak on field goals from the 16 and 43-yard lines.

St. Louis	0	21	0	0	-	21
New York Giants	0	7	14	6	-	27

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StL-Anderson 8 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 NYG-Evans 1 run (Gogolak kick)
 StL-Roland 5 run (Bakken kick)
 StL-Roland 1 run (Bakken kick)
 NYG-Herrmann 16 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-Lockhart 29 interception return (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-FG Gogolak 16
 NYG-FG Gogolak 43

Detroit 34, San Diego 20

Sunday, October 22

At Tiger Stadium, attendance 54,371.

The Lions rolled up a 34-6 lead and coasted to the victory which regained them a share of first place in the NFC Central Division. Mel Farr, making his first start in two years in place of injured Steve Owens, rushed for 96 yards and scored two touchdowns. Tight end Charlie Sanders, recovered from a shoulder separation, caught three passes for 50 yards.

San Diego	6	0	0	14	-	20
Detroit	6	7	14	7	-	34

Det-FG Mann 25
 SD-Edwards 1 run (kick blocked)
 Det-FG Mann 41
 Det-Farr 1 run (Mann kick)
 Det-Farr 2 run (Mann kick)
 Det-L. Walton 24 pass from Landry (Mann kick)
 Det-Landry 5 run (Mann kick)
 SD-Garrison 15 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)
 SD-Garrison 5 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)

Chicago 13, Minnesota 10

Monday Night, October 23

At Soldier Field, attendance 55,701.

A fumble recovery and interception by Chicago linebacker Dick Butkus set up the Bears' touchdown and the second of Mac Percival's two field goals. Chicago executed 42 offensive ball control plays to Minnesota's nine while taking a 10-7 halftime lead. A five-yard pass from Fran Tarkenton to John Beasley for the apparent go-ahead TD with 20 seconds remaining was erased when an illegal receiver was detected in the end zone. Two plays later Fred Cox's 27-yard FG attempt for a tie was wide.

Minnesota	7	0	3	0	-	10
Chicago	0	10	0	3	-	13

Minn-Gilliam 44 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 Chi-FG Percival 21
 Chi-Harrison 4 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)
 Minn-FG Cox 21
 Chi-FG Percival 20

SEVENTH WEEK

Chicago 27, St. Louis 10

Sunday, October 29

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 50,464.

A 91-yard kickoff return touchdown play that began with Ron Smith receiving the ball at Chicago's 9-yard line and handing off to Earl Thomas at the 18 opened the Bears' scoring in their third straight victory. Chicago quarterback Bobby Douglass completed eight of nine passes for 182 yards, including a 73-yard scoring connection to George Farmer, who caught five for 141 yards.

Chicago	0	17	0	10	-	27
St. Louis	0	3	7	0	-	10

StL-FG Bakken 15
 Chi-Thomas 82 lateral from Smith 9 kickoff return (Percival kick)
 Chi-Farmer 73 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)
 Chi-FG Percival 12
 StL-Anderson 7 pass from Van Galder (Bakken kick)
 Chi-Douglass 5 run (Percival kick)
 Chi-FG Percival 32

Cleveland 27, Denver 20

Sunday, October 29

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 51,656.

Mike Phipps threw two TD passes and carried for a final six-pointer in the last three minutes for a Cleveland victory. Don Cockroft's 57-yard FG was the second longest in NFL history, topped only by Tom Dempsey's 63-yarder in 1970 for New Orleans vs. Detroit.

Cleveland	3	7	3	14	-	27
Denver	10	0	7	3	-	20

Cle-FG Cockroft 27
 Den-Anderson 28 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)
 Den-FG J. Turner 32
 Cle-Morin 2 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 Den-Little 19 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 57
 Cle-Staroba 19 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 Den-FG J. Turner 43
 Cle-Phipps 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Cincinnati 30, Houston 7

Sunday, October 29

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 59,409.

RBs Doug Dressler and Essex Johnson each rushed for more than 100 yards, a first in Cincinnati history, as Bengals defeated Oilers 30-7. Dressler had 110 yards, Johnson 103. Cincinnati also set a team record with 29 first downs.

Houston	0	0	0	7	-	7
Cincinnati	10	3	7	10	-	30

Cin-Dressler 4 run (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 10
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 42
 Cin-E. Johnson 17 run (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-Anderson 6 run (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 33
 Hous-Robinson 6 run (Butler kick)

Kansas City 26, San Diego 14

Sunday, October 29

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 54,533.

The Chiefs erupted for 23 points in the second half to defeat the Chargers, with Jan Stenerud kicking four of five FGs including a 50-yarder. San Diego kickers missed five FGs and had one called back.

Kansas City	0	3	10	13	-	26
San Diego	0	7	0	7	-	14

KC-FG Stenerud 33
 SD-Garrett 27 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 50
 KC-Podolak 6 run (Stenerud kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 15
 SD-Garrett 3 run (Partee kick)
 KC-West 8 fumble recovery return (Stenerud kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 37

Oakland 45, Los Angeles 17

Sunday, October 29

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 54,660.

Six Raiders tallied on TDs and the Oakland defense tied a club record of six interceptions in beating Los Angeles. The Raiders scored three times during a first-period interval in which the Rams handled the ball five times. Phil Villapiano's 82-yard TD interception was the second longest in Raiders history.

Los Angeles	0	3	7	7	-	17
Oakland	28	7	0	10	-	45

Oak-Smith 4 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Davis 8 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Biletnikoff 30 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Chester 27 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Siani 31 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)
 LA-FG Ray 21

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LA-Gordon 6 pass from Beathard (Ray kick)
 Oak-Villapiano 82 interception return (Blanda kick)
 LA-Rentzel 9 run (Ray kick)
 Oak-FG Blanda 30

Miami 23, Baltimore 0
Sunday, October 29

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 60,000.

Larry Csonka scored twice as the Dolphins ran their winning streak to eight and remained the only unbeaten club in the NFL. The Dolphin defense prevented Baltimore from getting closer than the 28-yard line. It was the third straight home loss for the Colts and their second shutout.

Miami	7	9	7	0	-	23
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	-	0

Mia-Csonka 1 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-Csonka 1 run (kick blocked)
 Mia-FG Yepremian 24
 Mia-Morris 7 run (Yepremian kick)

Minnesota 27, Green Bay 13
Sunday, October 29

At Lambeau Field, attendance 56,263.

After falling behind 0-10, Minnesota pulled even at 13-13 in the third period. Then Vikings free safety Paul Krause intercepted the 55th pass of his career and dashed 32 yards for the tie-breaking touchdown in the final quarter. Linebacker Wally Hilgenberg also stole a Green Bay pass for a touchdown. Viking rookie Ed Marinaro rushed for 80 yards, best by a Minnesota runner, in his first start.

Minnesota	0	3	7	17	-	27
Green Bay	10	0	3	0	-	13

GB-FG Marcol 41
 GB-Dale 6 pass from Hunter (Marcol kick)
 Minn-FG Cox 22
 Minn-B. Brown 1 run (Cox kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 34
 Minn-FG Cox 32
 Minn-Krause 32 interception return (Cox kick)
 Minn-Hilgenberg 14 interception return (Cox kick)

New York Jets 34, New England 10
Sunday, October 29

At Shea Stadium, attendance 62,867.

Emerson Boozer scored three TDs for the third time in the season, all on runs. The Jets season point total soared to 221, more than they had scored during the entire 1971 campaign.

New England	3	0	0	7	-	10
New York Jets	3	14	10	7	-	34

NE-FG Gogolak 20
 NYJ-FG Howfield 21
 NYJ-Boozer 5 run (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-Boozer 12 run (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-Boozer 19 run (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-FG Howfield 31
 NYJ-Caster 14 pass from Davis (Howfield kick)
 NE-Dowling 1 run (Gogolak kick)

New Orleans 21, Philadelphia 3
Sunday, October 29

At Tulane Stadium, attendance 65,664.

The Saints marched 66 yards for a touchdown, a 27-yard pass from Archie Manning to Danny Abramowicz, after receiving the opening kickoff and never were headed in winning their first game of the season. Manning and Abramowicz also connected on a 10-yard TD pass play. The victory marked the first time New Orleans had not permitted its opponent to score a touchdown in the Saints' six-year NFL history.

Philadelphia	0	3	0	0	-	3
New Orleans	7	0	7	7	-	21

NO-Abramowicz 27 pass from Manning (Linhart kick)

Phil-FG Dempsey 17
 NO-Abramowicz 10 pass from Manning (Linhart kick)
 NO-Gresham 1 run (Linhart kick)

Pittsburgh 38, Buffalo 21
Sunday, October 29

At War Memorial Stadium, attendance 45,882.

The Steelers won three in a row for the first time since 1962, and rookie RB Franco Harris went over 100 yards (15 for 138) for the second time in three weeks. Terry Bradshaw's sixth rushing TD brought him to within two of club record, and the 38 points proved the most scored by a Chuck Noll-coached team. O. J. Simpson had the best rushing day of his career with 189 yards on 22 carries for the Bills.

Pittsburgh	0	17	7	14	-	38
Buffalo	0	0	7	14	-	21

Pitt-Harris 2 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Bradshaw 1 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-FG Gerela 29
 Buff-Simpson 94 run (Leyboldt kick)
 Pitt-Harris 18 run (Gerela kick)
 Buff-B. Chandler 11 pass from Shaw (Leyboldt kick)
 Pitt-Harris 17 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Buff-B. Chandler 4 pass from Shaw (Leyboldt kick)
 Pitt-Fuqua 4 run (Gerela kick)

San Francisco 49, Atlanta 14
Sunday, October 29

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 58,850.

Steve Spurrier, subbing for injured John Brodie, threw three touchdown passes as the 49ers registered their highest point total since the opening game of the 1965 season. San Francisco rushed for 189 yards, including 56 by Vic Washington, who scored a touchdown on a 98-yard return of the opening kickoff.

San Francisco	14	7	14	14	-	49
Atlanta	7	7	0	0	-	14

SF-V. Washington 98 kickoff return (Gossett kick)
 Atl-Malone 2 run (Bell kick)
 SF-Kwalick 10 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 SF-Willard 1 run (Gossett kick)
 Atl-Mitchell 40 pass from Berry (Bell kick)
 SF-G. Washington 43 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 SF-Riley 28 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 SF-Vanderbundt 37 interception return (Gossett kick)
 SF-V. Washington 2 run (Gossett kick)

Washington 23, New York Giants 16
Sunday, October 29

At Yankee Stadium, attendance 62,878.

With the score tied 9-9 in the third period, Washington linebacker Chris Hanburger stole the ball from Giants running back Ron Johnson at the New York 38-yard line. On the next play, Larry Brown raced for his second touchdown. Brown set a Washington club record for one game rushing, 191 yards, and lifted his season total to 841 yards with his fifth 100-yard performance. The Redskins lost Sonny Jurgensen for the season as he suffered a torn Achilles tendon. Billy Kilmer replaced Jurgensen in the first half.

Washington	3	6	7	7	-	23
New York Giants	0	6	3	7	-	16

Wash-FG Knight 41
 NYG-FG Gogolak 43
 Wash-Brown 7 pass from Kilmer (kick failed)
 NYG-FG Gogolak 14
 NYG-FG Gogolak 22
 Wash-Brown 38 run (Knight kick)
 Wash-Smith 5 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 NYG-Tucker 10 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)

Dallas 28, Detroit 24

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Monday Night, October 30

At Texas Stadium, attendance 65,378.

The Cowboys jumped into a 14-0 lead as Craig Morton, who threw three touchdown passes and set up another with his completions, hit Billy Parks and Calvin Hill to climax scoring drives on Dallas' first two possessions. A 27-yard screen pass to Mike Montgomery preceded the running back's one-yard TD plunge, and Montgomery also was on the receiving end of Morton's final TD pass.

Detroit	0	14	3	7	-	24
Dallas	14	7	0	7	-	28

Dal-Parks 38 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Hill 33 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Det-Landry 2 run (Mann kick)

Dal-Montgomery 1 run (Fritsch kick)

Det-Taylor 40 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

Det-FG Mann 17

Dal-Montgomery 15 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Det-L. Walton 21 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

EIGHTH WEEK

Los Angeles 20, Atlanta 7

Sunday, November 5

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 75,018.

The Rams combined a solid ground game and a strong pass rush to gain a season split with the Falcons. Willie Ellison rushed for 114 yards and rookie Jim Bertelsen added 71 more to pace the attack, while Merlin Olsen led the defense, which sacked Atlanta passers six times. The victory increased the Rams' NFC West lead to 1½ games over the Falcons.

Atlanta	0	7	0	0	-	7
Los Angeles	7	3	7	3	-	20

LA-Ellison 1 run (Ray kick)

LA-FG Ray 36

Atl-Hampton 4 pass from Berry (Bell kick)

LA-Bertelsen 7 run (Ray kick)

LA-FG Ray 15

Detroit 14, Chicago 0

Sunday, November 5

At Tiger Stadium, attendance 54,418.

The Lions scored a pair of first-half touchdowns on one-yard bursts by Steve Owens and Greg Landry and the defense held the Bears scoreless for Detroit's first shutout since the final game of 1970. Chicago quarterback Bobby Douglass rushed for 52 yards to lift his season total to 556, a total which erased Landry's old rushing record for quarterbacks, 530, set in 1971.

Chicago	0	0	0	0	-	0
Detroit	7	7	0	0	-	14

Det-Owens 1 run (Mann kick)

Det-Landry 1 run (Zofko pass from Landry)

Pittsburgh 40, Cincinnati 17

Sunday, November 5

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,350.

The Steelers put together their fourth straight 200-or-more game rushing and moved to the top in the AFC Central Division race. QB Terry Bradshaw threw three TD passes and Franco Harris carried 15 times for 101 yards, his third 100-or-more effort in four games.

Cincinnati	0	0	14	3	-	17
Pittsburgh	10	16	7	7	-	40

Pitt-Fuqua 7 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 15

Pitt-FG Gerela 22

Pitt-Lewis 28 pass from Bradshaw (kick failed)

Pitt-Brown 13 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Cin-Carter 1 run (Muhlmann kick)

Pitt-Lewis 34 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Cin-Myers 2 pass from Carter (Muhlmann kick)

Pitt-Harris 2 run (Gerela kick)

Cin-FG Muhlmann 37

Dallas 34, San Diego 28

Sunday, November 5

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 54,476.

Dallas ran up a 31-0 edge and then held on in face of a four-TD passing flurry by QB John Hadl in the last 19 minutes. Hadl hit Chuck Dicus twice, Dave Williams and Gary Garrison. Cowboy QB Craig Morton passed for a TD and ran for another and other Dallas scores came from Mike Montgomery, who picked up a fumble and ran 54 yards, and Walt Garrison.

Dallas	10	14	7	3	-	34
San Diego	0	0	7	21	-	28

Dal-Montgomery 54 fumble recovery return (Fritsch kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 25

Dal-Garrison 9 run (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Ditka 1 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Morton 7 run (Fritsch kick)

SD-Dicus 46 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)

SD-Garrison 42 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)

SD-Dicus 20 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 31

SD-Williams 47 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)

New York Giants 29, Denver 17

Sunday, November 5

At Yankee Stadium, attendance 62,689.

The Giants scored two touchdowns in 35 seconds toward the close of the first half on Joe Orduna's one-yard plunge and linebacker Jim Files' 37-yard return with an interception to open a 19-0 New York lead. Orduna had replaced running back Charley Evans, who suffered a broken leg. Denver's Floyd Little rushed for 124 yards.

Denver	0	0	10	7	-	17
New York Giants	6	13	0	10	-	29

NYG-Tucker 13 run (kick blocked)

NYG-Orduna 1 run (Gogolak kick)

NYG-Files 37 interception return (kick failed)

Den-Odoms 14 pass from Anderson (J. Turner kick)

Den-FG J. Turner 40

NYG-Ron Johnson 11 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)

Den-Little 55 run (J. Turner kick)

NYG-FG Gogolak 27

Cleveland 20, Houston 0

Sunday, November 5

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 61,985.

RB Leroy Kelly's two TDs and a pair of FGs by Don Cockroft helped the Browns to their first shutout of the season and enabled them to remain only a game out of first place in the AFC's Central Division.

Houston	0	0	0	0	-	0
Cleveland	3	0	3	14	-	20

Cle-FG Cockroft 19

Cle-FG Cockroft 32

Cle-Kelly 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Kelly 14 run (Cockroft kick)

Miami 30, Buffalo 16

Sunday, November 5

At War Memorial Stadium, attendance 46,206.

Miami won its eighth straight, beating the Bills on a brace of TDs by Mercury Morris plus three FGs by Garo Yepremian. Morris carried 11 times for 106 yards, marking the second time in his career he topped 100 yards.

Miami	10	6	7	7	-	30
Buffalo	6	7	3	0	-	16

Mia-FG Yepremian 33

Buff-Jackson 13 pass from Shaw (kick blocked)

Mia-Morris 22 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 17

Mia-FG Yepremian 16

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Buff-Green 39 interception return (Leyboldt kick)
 Mia-Fleming 7 pass from Morrall (Yeapremian kick)
 Buff-FG Leyboldt 28
 Mia-Morris 4 run (Yeapremian kick)

Minnesota 37, New Orleans 6

Sunday, November 5

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 49,784.

The Vikings' point total (37) was their highest since the final game of the 1970 season. Oscar Reed paced the offense, rushing for 93 yards, while Fran Tarkenton threw two touchdown passes. Cornerback Jeff Wright, making his first NFL start, intercepted two New Orleans passes.

New Orleans	0	0	3	3	-	6
Minnesota	7	13	7	10	-	37

Minn-Reed 1 run (Cox kick)

Minn-FG Cox 29

Minn-Beasley 9 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-FG Cox 32

NO-FG Durkee 14

Minn-B. Brown 3 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

NO-FG Durkee 36

Minn-FG Cox 45

Minn-Gilliam 2 pass from Lee (Cox kick)

Kansas City 27, Oakland 14

Sunday, November 5

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 82,094.

The Chiefs wrested the AFC's Western Division lead from Oakland in a game in which Ed Podolak carried 27 times for 115 yards and caught a pair of passes, one for a TD. The Chiefs built an early 20-0 lead. Raiders QB Daryle Lamonica suffered an ankle injury in the third quarter and was replaced by Ken Stabler.

Oakland	0	0	7	7	-	14
Kansas City	0	17	3	7	-	27

KC-Hayes 29 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

KC-West 42 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 31

KC-FG Stenerud 40

Oak-Hubbard 4 run (Blanda kick)

KC-Podolak 27 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

Oak-Chester 13 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 6

Sunday, November 5

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,720.

Kickers Jim Bakken of St. Louis and Tom Dempsey of Philadelphia provided all of the points, but each missed a field goal attempt in the closing minutes. Dempsey failed to make a 45-yard effort, with less than five minutes remaining. Bakken's miss was from the 27 with only 17 seconds left.

St. Louis	0	6	0	0	-	6
Philadelphia	3	0	0	3	-	6

Phil-FG Dempsey 11

StL-FG Bakken 9

StL-FG Bakken 32

Phil-FG Dempsey 30

Green Bay 34, San Francisco 24

Sunday, November 5

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 47,897.

John Brockington of the Packers rushed for 133 yards and scored three touchdowns as Green Bay held off a late San Francisco rally sparked by the passing of Steve Spurrier, who completed 19 passes for 315 yards, including a pair of scoring passes to wide receiver Gene Washington. Cornerback Ken Ellis' 35-yard interception return for a TD thwarted the 49ers' last-minute bid.

San Francisco	7	0	3	14	-	24
Green Bay	7	7	10	10	-	34

GB-Brockington 48 pass from Hunter (Marcol kick)

SF-V. Washington 2 run (Gossett kick)

GB-Brockington 30 run (Marcol kick)

GB-Brockington 14 run (Marcol kick)

GB-FG Marcol 35

SF-FG Gossett 50

SF-G. Washington 62 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)

GB-FG Marcol 40

SF-G. Washington 34 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)

GB-Ellis 35 interception return (Marcol kick)

Washington 35, New York Jets 17

Sunday, November 5

At Shea Stadium, attendance 62,692.

The Redskins powerful defense nullified the Jets offense and Washington remained atop the Eastern Division race in the NFC in a game marked by New York mistakes. Joe Namath was sacked three times. Three interceptions were executed by Washington, including a 41-yard TD by LB Chris Hanburger. A Namath fumble was recovered by ex-Jet DE Verlon Biggs for another TD. The pace-setting RB Larry Brown was limited to 48 yards rushing but took a screen pass from Billy Kilmer and went 89 yards.

Washington	7	14	7	7	-	35
New York Jets	7	3	0	7	-	17

Wash-Jefferson 45 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

NYJ-Riggins 1 run (Howfield kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 13

Wash-C. Taylor 70 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Wash-Hanburger 41 interception return (Knight kick)

Wash-Brown 89 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

NYJ-Maynard 15 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

Wash-Biggs 16 fumble recovery return (Knight kick)

Baltimore 24, New England 17

Monday Night, November 6

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,999.

Bruce Laird set up a pair of third-period TDs with a fumble recovery and a 73-yard kickoff return as Baltimore's four-game losing streak came to an end. Marty Domres connected on a TD pass to TE Tom Mitchell and WR Sam Havrilak scored on an end-around. For the Patriots, Jim Plunkett carried for his first pro TD. A pair of Plunkett's passes were intercepted by safeties Jerry Logan and Rick Volk in New England's late bid to overtake the Colts.

Baltimore	7	3	14	0	-	24
New England	3	0	7	7	-	17

NE-FG Gogolak 36

Balt-Havrilak 32 run (O'Brien kick)

Balt-FG O'Brien 9

Balt-T. Mitchell 17 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)

NE-Plunkett 2 run (Gogolak kick)

Balt-Bulaich 1 run (O'Brien kick)

NE-Garrett 1 run (Gogolak kick)

NINTH WEEK

San Francisco 24, Baltimore 21

Sunday, November 12

At Candlestick Park, attendance 61,214.

When John Unitas relieved a shaken-up Marty Domres in the fourth period, San Francisco's defense forced the veteran quarterback to fumble on his first play and 49ers Bob Hoskins recovered on Baltimore's 39-yard line. Five plays later, Steve Spurrier threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to tight end Ted Kwalick to give San Francisco a 24-21 win.

Baltimore	7	0	0	14	-	21
San Francisco	7	7	3	7	-	24

SF-Willard 7 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)

Balt-Munsey 3 fumble recovery return (O'Brien kick)

SF-Schreiber 8 run (Gossett kick)

SF-FG Gossett 44

Balt-McCauley 4 run (Shlapak kick)

SF-Kwalick 25 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)

Balt-Havrilak 62 pass from Domres (Shlapak kick)

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New York Jets 41, Buffalo 3

Sunday, November 12

At Shea Stadium, attendance 62,853.

The Jets registered their largest winning margin since 1966, limiting Buffalo to a first-period field goal. They also got to the Bills passers seven times. RB Emerson Boozer scored twice, boosting his season TD total to 13.

Buffalo	3	0	0	0	-	3
New York Jets	7	17	7	10	-	41

NYJ-Riggins 1 run (Howfield kick)

Buff-FG Leypoldt 9

NYJ-Boozer 1 run (Howfield kick)

NYJ-Boozer 4 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 26

NYJ-Caster 26 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 25

NYJ-Barkum 9 pass from Davis (Howfield kick)

Denver 16, Los Angeles 10

Sunday, November 12

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 65,398.

Denver veteran Jim Turner kicked three field goals from 38, 12 and 36 yards – the final one with 47 seconds remaining after the Rams gambled and failed on a fourth-down play – to pace the Broncos' third victory and lift them out of the AFC West's cellar. The loss sliced Los Angeles' NFC West lead to one-half game over Atlanta.

Denver	0	7	0	9	-	16
Los Angeles	0	0	10	0	-	10

Den-Simmons 7 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)

LA-Snow 4 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)

LA-FG Ray 12

Den-FG J. Turner 38

Den-FG J. Turner 12

Den-FG J. Turner 36

Minnesota 16, Detroit 14

Sunday, November 12

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 49,784.

After fumbling the ball away twice within the Lions' 5-yard line, the Vikings came back to score their 10th straight victory over Detroit. Linebacker Roy Winston picked up a fumble by Charlie Sanders and raced 19 yards to Detroit's 19. Four plays later, Fred Cox kicked a 23-yard field goal (his third of the game) to provide the winning margin. Viking cornerback Bobby Bryant blocked a 33-yard FG attempt by Detroit's Errol Mann on the final play of the game.

Detroit	0	0	14	0	-	14
Minnesota	3	0	7	6	-	16

Minn-FG Cox 41

Minn-Reed 20 run (Cox kick)

Det-L. Walton 48 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

Det-L. Walton 20 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

Minn-FG Cox 18

Minn-FG Cox 23

Green Bay 23, Chicago 17

Sunday, November 12

At Soldier Field, attendance 55,701.

The Packers, who gained only 59 yards and did not throw a pass in the first half, nevertheless, took a 17-7 intermission lead. Chicago failed to get off a punt in the first period and this set up a 12-yard touchdown by RB John Brockington. Six minutes later, Ike Thomas returned a kickoff 89 yards to precede a one-yard TD sneak by quarterback Scott Hunter. Green Bay rookie Chester Marcol kicked three field goals to establish a team record of 20 for the season. The victory and Detroit's loss to Minnesota gave the Packers sole possession of first place in the NFC Central Division.

Green Bay	14	3	3	3	-	23
Chicago	7	0	3	7	-	17

GB-Brockington 12 run (Marcol kick)

Chi-Pinder 4 run (Percival kick)

GB-Hunter 1 run (Marcol kick)

GB-FG Marcol 51

Chi-FG Percival 38

GB-FG Marcol 21

Chi-Douglass 1 run (Percival kick)

GB-FG Marcol 21

Pittsburgh 16, Kansas City 7

Sunday, November 12

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,350.

A pair of fourth-period fumble recoveries by LB Jack Ham helped the Steelers generate a late attack which added to their lead in the AFC Central Division race. Franco Harris topped 100 yards rushing for the fourth time in five games and Roy Gerela kicked three FGs. Chiefs Jim Kearney's 65-yard interception return gave him his third TD in this fashion this season which set a KC record.

Kansas City	0	7	0	0	-	7
Pittsburgh	0	0	3	13	-	16

KC-Kearney 65 interception return (Stenerud kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 25

Pitt-FG Gerela 10

Pitt-FG Gerela 49

Pitt-Harris 7 run (Gerela kick)

Miami 52, New England 0

Sunday, November 12

At Orange Bowl, attendance 80,010.

Mercury Morris scored three rushing TDs in Miami's most one-sided victory in club history. Seven TDs included a pair by rookie left-handed QB Jim Del Gaizo. The victory ran Miami's record to 9-0, and gave Don Shula his 100th regular season triumph as a head coach.

New England	0	0	0	0	-	0
Miami	17	14	7	14	-	52

Mia-Morris 4 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Morris 4 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 16

Mia-Csonka 3 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Morris 6 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Briscoe 16 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Briscoe 51 pass from Del Gaizo (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Mandich 39 pass from Del Gaizo (Yepremian kick)

Atlanta 36, New Orleans 20

Sunday, November 12

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 58,850.

The Falcons moved into a 33-3 lead in the third period and went on to their seventh straight victory over the Saints. Bob Berry passed for one touchdown and scored one, while RBs Dave Hampton and Art Malone each tallied once while combining for 137 rushing yards. The victory moved Atlanta within a half-game of NFC West leader Los Angeles.

New Orleans	3	0	10	7	-	20
Atlanta	7	19	7	3	-	36

Atl-Malone 1 run (Bell kick)

NO-FG Feller 19

Atl-Hampton 16 run (Bell kick)

Atl-Safety, Manning tackled by Lewis in end zone

Atl-Berry 2 run (Bell kick)

Atl-FG Bell 37

Atl-Burrow 15 pass from Berry (Bell kick)

NO-FG Feller 25

NO-Gresham 1 run (Feller kick)

Atl-FG Bell 32

NO-Brown 2 pass from Manning (Feller kick)

Washington 27, New York Giants 13

Sunday, November 12

At R. F. K. Stadium, attendance 53,039.

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Following Pete Gogolak's field goal that brought New York even at 13-13 with 3:51 remaining, Washington drove 67 yards for a five-yard go-ahead touchdown by Larry Brown, with 1:03 left. Ted Vactor's interception set up a closing TD by Brown from four yards, with seconds remaining. Brown rushed for 106 yards, marking his sixth 100-yard game of the season.

New York Giants	0	7	3	3	-	13
Washington	0	6	7	14	-	27

NYG-Ron Johnson 1 run (Gogolak kick)

Wash-Smith 18 pass from Kilmer (kick blocked)

NYG-FG Gogolak 12

Wash-Harraway 1 run (Knight kick)

NYG-FG Gogolak 23

Wash-Brown 5 run (Knight kick)

Wash-Brown 4 run (Knight kick)

Oakland 20, Cincinnati 14

Sunday, November 12

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 59,485.

Oakland regained the lead in the AFC's Western Division beating Cincinnati on the offensive efforts of RBs Charley Smith and Clarence Davis and the outstanding defensive work of DT Art Thoms who blocked one FG attempt by himself, shared in another, and deflected a pass. Smith's 146 yards in 25 carries was his best in four seasons.

Oakland	0	3	7	10	-	20
Cincinnati	0	7	0	7	-	14

Cin-Dressler 1 run (Muhlmann kick)

Oak-FG Blanda 24

Oak-Smith 8 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-FG Blanda 22

Oak-Davis 1 run (Blanda kick)

Cin-Myers 39 pass from Anderson (Muhlmann kick)

Philadelphia 18, Houston 17

Sunday, November 12

At Astrodome, attendance 34,175.

Tom Dempsey kicked an Eagles record of six FGs to shade Houston and offset a pair of second-half Oiler TDs. He had one miss from 22 yards. QB Dan Pastorini and RB Paul Robinson registered running TDs in the second half but a 43-yard FG attempt by Skip Butler with 16 seconds left was wide.

Philadelphia	6	9	0	3	-	18
Houston	0	3	7	7	-	17

Phil-FG Dempsey 33

Phil-FG Dempsey 52

Hous-FG Butler 38

Phil-FG Dempsey 22

Phil-FG Dempsey 12

Phil-FG Dempsey 38

Hous-Pastorini 1 run (Butler kick)

Phil-FG Dempsey 20

Hous-Robinson 30 run (Butler kick)

Dallas 33, St. Louis 24

Sunday, November 12

At Texas Stadium, attendance 65,218.

The Cowboys rolled for 427 yards in their best offensive effort of the season, Toni Fritsch kicked four field goals, and cornerback Charlie Waters had a pair of interceptions, including one he returned 28 yards for a touchdown. Dallas' defense continued to sag, however, and the Cardinals total pushed the Cowboys' point yield to 100 in the last four games.

St. Louis	0	10	7	7	-	24
Dallas	10	13	7	3	-	33

Dal-FG Fritsch 27

Dal-Sellers 41 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Hill 6 run (Fritsch kick)

StL-Smith 68 pass from Cuozzo (Bakken kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 14

Dal-FG Fritsch 50

StL-FG Bakken 34

Dal-Waters 28 interception return (Fritsch kick)

StL-Roland 12 pass from Cuozzo (Bakken kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 38

StL-Hayden 1 run (Bakken kick)

Cleveland 21, San Diego 17

Monday Night, November 13

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 54,205.

Cleveland won its fourth straight in an exchange of last-minute TDs, with the winning one coming on a 38-yard end zone pass from Mike Phipps to WR Frank Pitts. Phipps also tallied on a QB sneak. Prior to the winning score Mike Garrett had tallied 20 seconds earlier for San Diego on a three-yard run.

Cleveland	0	7	0	14	-	21
San Diego	0	3	7	7	-	17

SD-FG Partee 26

Cle-Phipps 1 run (Cockroft kick)

SD-Edwards 4 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)

Cle-Brown 2 run (Cockroft kick)

SD-Garrett 3 run (Partee kick)

Cle-Pitts 38 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)

TENTH WEEK

Baltimore 20, Cincinnati 19

Sunday, November 19

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 49,512.

Jim O'Brien kicked a winning 26-yard FG on the last play of the game for a Baltimore victory. The winning margin was made possible by LB Ted Hendricks blocking an extra point attempt on the final Cincinnati TD by Doug Dressler. Rookie RB Lydell Mitchell scored his first TD for the Colts on the first play during which he handled the ball as a runner.

Baltimore	0	10	0	10	-	20
Cincinnati	7	3	3	6	-	19

Cin-Anderson 9 run (Muhlmann kick)

Balt-FG O'Brien 31

Balt-O'Brien 40 pass from Domres (Shlapak kick)

Cin-FG Muhlmann 40

Cin-FG Muhlmann 25

Balt-L. Mitchell 11 run (O'Brien kick)

Cin-Dressler 1 run (kick blocked)

Balt-FG O'Brien 26

Buffalo 27, New England 24

Sunday, November 19

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,999.

A last-minute interception by rookie S Maurice Tyler set up a winning 45-yard FG by John Leyboldt in the final five seconds for a Buffalo victory over New England. O. J. Simpson carried 22 times for 103 yards for the Bills. The game marked the debut of Phil Bengtson as Patriots' head coach.

Buffalo	0	17	0	10	-	27
New England	7	0	14	3	-	24

NE-Vataha 32 pass from Plunkett (Walker kick)

Buff-Simpson 13 run (Leyboldt kick)

Buff-FG Leyboldt 44

Buff-Patrick 7 pass from Shaw (Leyboldt kick)

NE-Windsor 2 pass from Plunkett (Walker kick)

NE-Tarver 1 run (Walker kick)

NE-FG Walker 36

Buff-B. Chandler 42 pass from Shaw (Leyboldt kick)

Buff-FG Leyboldt 45

Dallas 28, Philadelphia 7

Sunday, November 19

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,720.

The Cowboys defense, which had allowed 100 points in its previous four games, got together and permitted Philadelphia a single touchdown - the Eagles' first in 15 periods - and only 126 yards total offense. Dallas

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defenders sacked Philadelphia passers nine times for losses of 79 yards and left the Eagles with a net passing gain of six yards. Calvin Hill rushed for 100 yards for Dallas. The Cowboys were handed a pair of safeties when the Philadelphia center twice snapped the ball poorly into the end zone in punt formation.

Dallas	2	10	7	9	-	28
Philadelphia	7	0	0	0	-	7

Dal-Safety, Bradley tackled by Washington in end zone
 Phil-Watkins 15 run (Dempsey kick)
 Dal-Garrison 3 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)
 Dal-FG Fritsch 42
 Dal-Niland fumble recovery in end zone (Fritsch kick)
 Dal-Safety, ball centered out of end zone
 Dal-Hill 6 run (Fritsch kick)

Green Bay 23, Houston 10 Sunday, November 19

At Astrodome, attendance 41,752.

Jon Stagers returned a punt 85 yards for a TD and punter Ron Widby threw a 68-yard TD pass to Dave Davis out of punt formation as Green Bay continued in first place in the NFC Central Division. MacArthur Lane carried 16 times for the Packers for 126 yards.

Green Bay	0	14	0	9	-	23
Houston	0	7	0	3	-	10

GB-Stagers 85 punt return (Marcol kick)
 Hous-Robinson 1 run (Butler kick)
 GB-Davis 68 pass from Widby (Marcol kick)
 Hous-FG Butler 13
 GB-Lane 36 run (Marcol kick)
 GB-Safety, Pastorini tackled by Brown in end zone

Minnesota 45, Los Angeles 41 Sunday, November 19

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 77,982.

In the highest-scoring game during the first 10 weeks of the NFL season, Viking Veterans Fran Tarkenton and Bill Brown enjoyed their most productive days of the current campaign. Tarkenton passed for four touchdowns and totaled 319 yards with 14 completions. Brown caught five passes for 116 yards, including scoring tosses of five and 76 yards. WR John Gilliam caught four passes for 105 and a TD for the Vikings. Roman Gabriel's 25 pass completions were the second highest game total for the Los Angeles quarterback.

Minnesota	3	7	14	21	-	45
Los Angeles	7	13	7	14	-	41

LA-Bertelsen 1 run (Ray kick)
 Minn-FG Cox 37
 LA-FG Ray 33
 LA-Gabriel 1 run (Ray kick)
 Minn-B. Brown 1 run (Cox kick)
 LA-FG Ray 34
 Minn-Krause 30 fumble recovery return (Cox kick)
 Minn-B. Brown 76 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 LA-Bertelsen 1 run (Ray kick)
 Minn-Henderson 70 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 Minn-B. Brown 5 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 LA-Ellison 7 run (Ray kick)
 Minn-Gilliam 66 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 LA-Sweet 17 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)

Detroit 27, New Orleans 14 Sunday, November 19

At Tiger Stadium, attendance 53,752.

Greg Landry picked apart the New Orleans secondary for 11 completions in 15 pass attempts in the first half, including a pair of touchdowns, and kicker Errol Mann booted field goals from the 35 and 33-yard lines as the Lions fired into a 20-0 lead and went on to victory. Cornerback Lem Barney had two interceptions for Detroit. Archie Manning and Danny Abramowicz combined for both of New Orleans' touchdowns.

New Orleans	0	0	0	14	-	14
Detroit	7	7	3	10	-	27

Det-Taylor 13 pass from Landry (Mann kick)
 Det-L. Walton 14 pass from Landry (Mann kick)
 Det-FG Mann 35
 Det-FG Mann 33
 NO-Abramowicz 13 pass from Manning (Feller kick)
 Det-Farr 1 run (Mann kick)
 NO-Abramowicz 48 pass from Manning (Feller kick)

New York Giants 13, St. Louis 7 Sunday, November 19

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 48,014.

Giants quarterback Norman Snead connected twice with tight end Bob Tucker for passing gains of 22 and 20 yards to place the ball on the Cardinals' 1-yard line and Ron Johnson ran over for the deciding score with 4:42 remaining. Johnson rushed for 134 yards. Kicker Pete Gogolak had a pair of field goals and an extra point to lift his career point total to 489, a new Giants club record.

New York Giants	0	3	0	10	-	13
St. Louis	0	7	0	0	-	7

StL-Roland 13 pass from Cuozzo (Bakken kick)
 NYG-FG Gogolak 40
 NYG-FG Gogolak 21
 NYG-Ron Johnson 1 run (Gogolak kick)

Miami 28, New York Jets 24 Sunday, November 19

At Orange Bowl, attendance 80,010.

Miami won its 10th straight and clinched Eastern Division AFC honors, winning on a fourth-period TD run of 14 yards by Mercury Morris, his second of the game. Morris rushed for 107 yards on 23 carries while Earl Morrall passed to Howard Twilley for one TD, and carried 31 yards for another.

New York Jets	7	10	7	0	-	24
Miami	7	7	7	7	-	28

Mia-Twilley 9 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)
 NYJ-Riggins 1 run (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-Caster 29 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
 NYJ-FG Howfield 33
 Mia-Morris 1 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-Morrall 31 run (Yepremian kick)
 NYJ-Stewart 4 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
 Mia-Morris 14 run (Yepremian kick)

Oakland 37, Denver 20 Sunday, November 19

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 51,656.

Daryle Lamonica connected with a pair of TD passes to Fred Biletnikoff and George Blanda kicked three FGs as Oakland built up its Western Division AFC lead to 1½ games. Floyd Little, the NFL's rushing leader in 1971, suffered a knee injury and didn't play in the second half, winding up with a mark of 10 carries for 14 yards.

Oakland	7	13	3	14	-	37
Denver	10	3	0	7	-	20

Oak-Hubbard 3 run (Blanda kick)
 Den-FG J. Turner 49
 Den-Sherman 23 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)
 Oak-Biletnikoff 27 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)
 Oak-FG Blanda 38
 Oak-FG Blanda 23
 Den-FG J. Turner 45
 Oak-FG Blanda 44
 Oak-Smith 5 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Biletnikoff 7 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)
 Den-Masters 3 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)

Cleveland 26, Pittsburgh 24 Sunday, November 19

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At Municipal Stadium, attendance 83,009.

Cleveland won its fifth straight and moved into a first-place tie with Pittsburgh in the AFC's Central Division competition. Don Cockroft kicked a 26-yard FG with eight seconds remaining to give the Browns their edge. Steeler rookie RB Franco Harris carried 12 times for 136 yards, including a 75-yard TD, for his fourth straight 100-yard game, and his fifth in six outings.

Pittsburgh	3	7	7	7	-	24
Cleveland	10	10	3	3	-	26

Pitt-FG Gerela 39
 Cle-FG Cockroft 26
 Cle-Phipps 1 run (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 38
 Cle-Pitts 17 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 Pitt-Mullins 3 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 12
 Pitt-Fuqua 1 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Harris 75 run (Gerela kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 26

San Diego 27, Kansas City 17

Sunday, November 19

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 79,011.

The Chargers scored 17 points in the second quarter behind the running of Cid Edwards and the passing of John Hadl. Mike Livingston replaced veteran Kansas City QB Len Dawson in the second half and threw a 36-yard TD pass to rookie WR Bob West. Hadl ran for one TD, passed to Gary Garrison for another.

San Diego	7	17	3	0	-	27
Kansas City	7	0	3	7	-	17

SD-Garrett 3 run (Partee kick)
 KC-Hayes 4 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)
 SD-FG Partee 46
 SD-Hadl 1 run (Partee kick)
 SD-Garrison 20 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)
 SD-FG Partee 24
 KC-FG Stenerud 28
 KC-West 36 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)

San Francisco 34, Chicago 31

Sunday, November 19

At Soldier Field, attendance 55,701.

Steve Spurrier tied a San Francisco club record by throwing five touchdown passes, including a pair to tight end Ted Kwalick, as the 49ers pushed their record above .500. Since taking over for injured John Brodie, Spurrier has led the 49ers to three victories and one tie in five games. He completed 17 of 27 passes for 275 yards vs. the Bears. Gene Washington caught four for 114 yards, one TD.

San Francisco	7	7	13	7	-	34
Chicago	0	0	14	7	-	21

SF-Kwalick 2 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 SF-Kwalick 16 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 SF-G. Washington 43 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 Chi-Douglass 2 run (Percival kick)
 SF-V. Washington 9 pass from Spurrier (kick failed)
 Chi-Farmer 85 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)
 Chi-Seymour 35 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)
 SF-Schreiber 64 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)

Washington 24, Atlanta 13

Monday Night, November 20

At R. F. K. Stadium, attendance 53,039.

After falling behind 0-10, the Redskins converted four Falcons turnovers into two touchdowns and a field goal and added another TD at the conclusion of an 89-yard march to run their winning streak to seven and maintain a one-game lead over the Cowboys in the NFC East. Washington's Larry Brown ran for 82 yards and lifted his 1972 rushing total to 1,077 yards in 10 games. His 50-game career rushing total reached 4,038, placing him alongside Jim Brown (5,055) and Cookie Gilchrist (4,010) as the only players ever to rush

for 4,000 yards in their first four seasons.

Atlanta	7	3	0	3	-	13
Washington	0	7	14	3	-	24

Atl-Mitchell 36 pass from Berry (Bell kick)
 Atl-FG Bell 33
 Wash-Brown 1 run (Knight kick)
 Wash-Brown 18 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 Wash-Smith 12 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 Atl-FG Bell 17
 Wash-FG Knight 37

ELEVENTH WEEK

Detroit 37, New York Jets 20

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving)

At Tiger Stadium, attendance 54,418.

Errol Mann's third field goal, a 37-yard success, broke a 20-20 tie early in the final period and the Lions went on to score two more touchdowns in winning their ninth straight game against AFC teams. Detroit's Altie Taylor rushed for 123 yards and New York's Cliff McClain 121 and John Riggins 105, marking the second time in NFL history that three players rushed for more than 100 yards in a single game.

New York Jets	0	10	10	0	-	20
Detroit	3	17	0	17	-	37

Det-FG Mann 15
 NYJ-Riggins 1 run (Howfield kick)
 Det-L. Walton 34 pass from Landry (Mann kick)
 Det-Landry 1 run (Mann kick)
 NYJ-FG Howfield 13
 Det-FG Mann 21
 NYJ-FG Howfield 20
 NYJ-Caster 33 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
 Det-FG Mann 37
 Det-Landry 6 run (Mann kick)
 Det-Taylor 38 run (Mann kick)

San Francisco 31, Dallas 10

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving)

At Texas Stadium, attendance 65,124.

Trailing 0-7, with Dallas again threatening at its 7 yard line, San Francisco evened the score when linebacker Dave Wilcox's tackle jarred the ball loose from Craig Morton and 49er Skip Vanderbundt picked up the fumble and dashed 73 yards for a touchdown. On Dallas' next series, 49ers cornerback Bruce Taylor intercepted a Morton pass to set up San Francisco's go-ahead touchdown. Vanderbundt also scored SF's final TD, returning an interception 21 yards in the fourth period. The victory lifted the 49ers into first place in the NFC Western Division.

San Francisco	0	14	7	10	-	31
Dallas	7	3	0	0	-	10

Dal-Garrison 7 run (Fritsch kick)
 SF-Vanderbundt 73 fumble recovery return (Gossett kick)
 SF-Willard 1 run (Gossett kick)
 Dal-FG Fritsch 23
 SF-Kwalick 12 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 SF-FG Gossett 18
 SF-Vanderbundt 21 interception return (Gossett kick)

Cleveland 27, Buffalo 10

Sunday, November 26

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 70,104.

The Browns won their sixth straight after spotting Buffalo a 10-point lead and continued in a tie with Pittsburgh for the AFC Central Division lead. O. J. Simpson became the first AFC runner to reach the 1,000 mark in '72, his 93 yards on 27 carries moving him over the top. Browns DE Nick Roman grabbed an interception and sped 36 yards for a TD.

Buffalo	10	0	0	0	-	10
Cleveland	0	10	7	10	-	27

Buff-Simpson 6 run (Leyboldt kick)

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Buff-FG Leypoldt 38
 Cle-FG Cockroft 33
 Cle-Kelly 13 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Brown 1 run (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Roman 36 interception return (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 49

Cincinnati 13, Chicago 3 Sunday, November 26

At Soldier Field, attendance 55,701.

Making his first start of the season, quarterback Virgil Carter, who was traded to Cincinnati by Chicago three seasons ago, passed 26 yards to Essex Johnson for the Bengals' touchdown and directed drives that set up a pair of field goals by Horst Muhlmann.

Cincinnati	0	10	0	3	-	13
Chicago	0	0	3	0	-	3

Cin-E. Johnson 26 pass from Carter (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 14
 Chi-FG Percival 9
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 39

Atlanta 23, Denver 20 Sunday, November 26

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 58,850.

After falling behind 0-13, Atlanta DE Claude Humphrey aroused the Falcons with a safety-producing tackle of Denver quarterback Charley Johnson in the end zone and the Falcons offense responded with a pair of drives that climaxed both times with one-yard TD bursts by Art Malone. Dave Hampton rushed for 66 yards to set a new Atlanta one-season record of 783 yards.

Denver	10	3	0	7	-	20
Atlanta	0	16	7	0	-	23

Den-Dawkins 1 run (J. Turner kick)
 Den-FG J. Turner 13
 Den-FG J. Turner 38
 Atl-Safety, Johnson tackled by Humphrey in end zone
 Atl-Malone 1 run (Bell kick)
 Atl-Malone 1 run (Bell kick)
 Atl-Chesson 27 pass from Berry (Bell kick)
 Den-Sherman 34 pass from Ramsey (J. Turner kick)

Washington 21, Green Bay 16 Sunday, November 26

At R. F. K. Stadium, attendance 53,039.

The Redskins ran their victory streak to eight and clinched a spot in the NFC Divisional Playoffs as Pat Fischer's interception set up a two-yard touchdown run by Larry Brown that erased a 3-0 Green Bay lead. When the Packers closed the Washington lead to 14-13 early in the fourth period, Billy Kilmer completed five passes for 61 yards in a 78-yard drive that produced the clinching touchdown.

Green Bay	3	3	0	10	-	16
Washington	0	14	0	7	-	21

GB-FG Marcol 51
 Wash-Brown 2 run (Knight kick)
 Wash-Smith 25 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 37
 GB-Lane 6 run (Marcol kick)
 Wash-C. Taylor 5 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 39

San Diego 34, Houston 20 Sunday, November 26

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 46,289.

Mike Garrett carried 17 times for 102 yards in San Diego's convincing victory over Houston. RB Cid Edwards scored twice, and Houston came up with a pair of late TD passes, one by Dan Pastorini, the other by Kent Nix.

Houston	0	3	0	17	-	20
San Diego	10	10	7	7	-	34

SD-Taylor blocked punt recovery in end zone (Partee kick)

SD-FG Partee 31
 Hous-FG Butler 49
 SD-FG Partee 11
 SD-Edwards 1 run (Partee kick)
 SD-Edwards 31 run (Partee kick)
 Hous-FG Butler 47
 SD-Williams 3 pass from Hadl (Partee kick)
 Hous-Dawson 3 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)
 Hous-Willis 7 pass from Nix (Butler kick)

Oakland 26, Kansas City 3 Sunday, November 26

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 54,801.

Daryle Lamonica completed nine of 10 passes in Raider TD drives of 80 and 59 yards in the second quarter in a reversal of an earlier decision in AFC Western Division competition. K. C.'s point total was its lowest since 1963.

Kansas City	0	3	0	0	-	3
Oakland	10	13	0	3	-	26

Oak-Smith 2 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-FG Blanda 27
 KC-FG Stenerud 40
 Oak-Biletnikoff 14 pass from Lamonica (kick failed)
 Oak-Chester 19 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)
 Oak-FG Blanda 25

New Orleans 19, Los Angeles 16 Sunday, November 26

At Tulane Stadium, attendance 64,325.

Happy Feller, who earlier had a field goal and extra point attempt blocked, kicked a 33-yard field goal with three seconds remaining for the Saints victory. When the Rams could not make a first down following Julian Fagan's 71-yard punt, Los Angeles was forced to punt. Putting the ball in play at the LA 48, New Orleans moved to the 26 in three plays to set up the winning field goal.

Los Angeles	3	3	7	3	-	16
New Orleans	0	7	9	3	-	19

LA-FG Ray 48
 NO-Manning 5 run (Feller kick)
 LA-FG Ray 31
 NO-FG Feller 46
 LA-Bertelsen 5 run (Ray kick)
 NO-Newland 23 pass from Manning (kick blocked)
 LA-FG Ray 24
 NO-FG Feller 33

Pittsburgh 23, Minnesota 10 Sunday, November 26

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,348.

RB Franco Harris rushed for 100 or more yards in his fifth straight game to lead the Steelers to a 23-10 inter-conference victory over Minnesota. Harris carried 17 times for 128 yards and a TD. Harris' tally, his seventh, moved him to within one of the club TD record, and he was joined by QB Terry Bradshaw who also rushed for No. 7.

Minnesota	3	0	0	7	-	10
Pittsburgh	7	0	3	13	-	23

Minn-FG Cox 24
 Pitt-Harris 12 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-FG Gerela 17
 Minn-Voigt 5 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 Pitt-Bradshaw 1 run (kick blocked)
 Pitt-Lewis 17 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Baltimore 31, New England 0 Sunday, November 26

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 54,907.

Marty Domres' no-interception streak ended after 128 attempts but the Colts QB threw three TD passes, two to Sam Havrilak. MLB Mike Curtis' 22-yard TD interception return was the second in his career.

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New England	0	0	0	0	-	0
Baltimore	0	17	14	0	-	31

Balt-Havrilak 40 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-Havrilak 3 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-FG O'Brien 40
 Balt-T. Mitchell 3 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-Curtis 22 interception return (Shlapak kick)

New York Giants 62, Philadelphia 10 Sunday, November 26

At Yankee Stadium, attendance 62,586.

Norman Snead threw three touchdown passes and Ron Johnson scored two TDs as the Giants rolled up their highest point total ever. New York scored on the first play of its first two offensive series and rolled on from there. Johnson rushed for 123 yards before leaving in the third period. Receivers Bob Tucker and Don Herrmann also scored twice for the Giants.

Philadelphia	3	7	0	0	-	10
New York Giants	14	24	10	14	-	62

NYG-Tucker 15 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-Ron Johnson 35 run (Gogolak kick)
 Phil-FG Dempsey 13
 NYG-Orduna 5 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-FG Gogolak 25
 NYG-Tucker 29 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)
 Phil-Jackson 77 pass from Reaves (Dempsey kick)
 NYG-Ron Johnson 1 run (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-FG Gogolak 29
 NYG-Herrmann 32 pass from Randy Johnson (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-Herrmann 63 pass from Randy Johnson (Gogolak kick)
 NYG-Randy Johnson 2 run (Gogolak kick)

Miami 31, St. Louis 10

Monday Night, November 27

At Orange Bowl, attendance 80,010.

Larry Csonka carried 16 times for 114 yards, his fourth 100-or-more game of the season, as the Dolphins ran their winning streak to 11. Miami WR Otto Stowe caught six passes for 140 yards, including two TDs. Lloyd Mumphord's 28-yard TD interception return was the Dolphins' first of the season.

St. Louis	0	3	0	7	-	10
Miami	7	3	14	7	-	31

Mia-Kiick 2 run (Yeapremian kick)
 StL-FG Bakken 49
 Mia-FG Yeapremian 25
 Mia-Stowe 37 pass from Morrall (Yeapremian kick)
 Mia-Mumphord 28 interception return (Yeapremian kick)
 StL-Burns 2 run (Bakken kick)
 Mia-Stowe 27 pass from Morrall (Yeapremian kick)

TWELFTH WEEK

Baltimore 35, Buffalo 7

Sunday, December 3

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 55,390.

Marty Domres threw three TD passes, ran for another but suffered a muscle pull as veteran QB John Unitas replaced him and registered with a fourth TD pass to give the Colts a third straight victory. Although Buffalo's O. J. Simpson was limited to 26 yards on 14 carries he remained the AFC's leading rusher.

Buffalo	0	0	0	7	-	7
Baltimore	14	0	7	14	-	35

Balt-McCauley 29 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-L. Mitchell 17 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-McCauley 9 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-Domres 15 run (O'Brien kick)
 Balt-E. Hinton 63 pass from Unitas (O'Brien kick)
 Buff-Simpson 1 run (Leyboldt kick)

Minnesota 23, Chicago 10

Sunday, December 3

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 49,784.

In sub-zero temperature, with a wind-chill factor of 26-below, the Vikings defense limited the Bears to 91 yards total offense – including a Minnesota club record low yield of one yard net passing – and cornerback Bobby Bryant ran 24 yards for a touchdown with a recovered fumble and intercepted a pass in the end zone. John Gilliam caught five passes for 111 yards – his fifth 100-yard day of the season – and set a Minnesota receiving yardage record of 930 for the season.

Chicago	0	3	0	7	-	10
Minnesota	3	10	7	3	-	23

Minn-FG Cox 19
 Minn-FG Cox 24
 Minn-Henderson 15 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 Chi-FG Percival 27
 Minn-Bryant 24 fumble recovery return (Cox kick)
 Minn-FG Cox 14
 Chi-Kosins 7 pass from Douglass (Percival kick)

Pittsburgh 30, Cleveland 0

Sunday, December 3

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,350.

Franco Harris rushed for his sixth straight 100-yard game (20 carries, 102 yards) and tied Jim Brown's record in that category as the Steelers reversed an earlier decision by the Browns. Harris also tallied twice and another rookie, TE John McMakin, caught his first TD pass.

Cleveland	0	0	0	0	-	0
Pittsburgh	3	7	7	13	-	30

Pitt-FG Gerela 36
 Pitt-Harris 1 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Harris 11 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-McMakin 78 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-FG Gerela 44
 Pitt-FG Gerela 37

Dallas 27, St. Louis 6

Sunday, December 3

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 49,787.

Running back Walt Garrison scored three touchdowns and his backfield partner, Calvin Hill, rushed for 120 yards. Dallas recovered four of St. Louis' seven fumbles.

Dallas	3	7	7	10	-	27
St. Louis	0	0	6	0	-	6

Dal-FG Fritsch 29
 Dal-Garrison 18 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)
 Dal-Garrison 3 run (Fritsch kick)
 StL-Smith 3 pass from Hart (kick blocked)
 Dal-Garrison 26 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)
 Dal-FG Fritsch 42

Kansas City 24, Denver 21

Sunday, December 3

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 66,725.

The Chiefs came up with a couple of TD interceptions, one by LB Bobby Bell, the other by S Jim Kearney in beating Denver. Kearney's, his fourth this season, tied an NFL record held by Houston's Ken Houston.

Denver	7	7	0	7	-	21
Kansas City	0	10	14	0	-	24

Den-Little 2 run (J. Turner kick)
 KC-Kearney 29 interception return (Stenerud kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 41
 Den-Moses 1 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)
 KC-Podolak 1 run (Stenerud kick)
 KC-Bell 61 interception return (Stenerud kick)
 Den-Lynch 8 run (J. Turner kick)

Green Bay 33, Detroit 7

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Sunday, December 3

At Lambeau Field, attendance 56,263.

Cornerback Ken Ellis intercepted two passes to set up a pair of John Brockington touchdowns as the Packers forced six turnovers by the Lions in the first half and converted four of them into scores while building a 23-0 halftime lead. Detroit was unable to advance beyond its own 32-yard line in the first two periods.

Detroit	0	0	0	7	-	7
Green Bay	9	14	7	3	-	33

GB-FG Marcol 24

GB-FG Marcol 42

GB-FG Marcol 26

GB-Brockington 1 run (Marcol kick)

GB-Hunter 9 run (Marcol kick)

GB-Brockington 8 run (Marcol kick)

GB-FG Marcol 36

Det-Jessie 29 pass from Munson (Mann kick)

Atlanta 20, Houston 10

Sunday, December 3

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 58,850.

The Falcons intercepted five passes, including two by Ray Brown, and Dave Hampton and Art Malone again powered the attack, with 88 and 62 rushing yards, respectively. Hampton scored twice. This victory, coupled with San Francisco's loss the following night, advanced Atlanta into first place in the NFC West.

Houston	0	0	10	0	-	10
Atlanta	10	3	7	0	-	20

Atl-Hampton 3 run (Bell Kick)

Atl-FG Bell 27

Atl-FG Bell 16

Hous-FG Butler 37

Atl-Hampton 4 run (Bell kick)

Hous-Pastorini 9 run (Butler kick)

Miami 37, New England 21

Sunday, December 3

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,999.

Larry Csonka topped the 1,000-yard mark rushing for the second straight year and the Dolphins boosted the NFL seasonal first down rushing record to 151, moving to their 12th straight victory. Mercury Morris topped 100 yards rushing (15 for 113) for the fourth time in 1972.

Miami	3	10	17	7	-	37
New England	0	7	0	14	-	21

Mia-FG Yepremian 36

Mia-FG Yepremian 10

Mia-Kick 1 run (Yepremian kick)

NE-T. Reynolds 36 pass from Plunkett (Walker kick)

Mia-Mandich 3 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 18

Mia-Briscoe 14 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Ginn 8 run (Yepremian kick)

NE-Tarver 8 pass from Dowling (Walker kick)

NE-Dowling 1 run (Walker kick)

New York Jets 18, New Orleans 17

Sunday, December 3

At Shea Stadium, attendance 62,496.

Bobby Howfield's six successful FGs in seven tries, the last coming on a 42-yarder as time ran out, enabled the Jets to keep their playoff hopes alive. Howfield moved to the front as the NFL scoring leader and it marked the first time in their history that the Jets had won a game solely on kicking.

New Orleans	3	7	0	7	-	17
New York Jets	3	3	3	9	-	18

NYJ-FG Howfield 30

NO-FG Feller 31

NO-Gresham 3 run (Feller kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 39

NYJ-FG Howfield 31

NO-Butler 8 pass from Manning (Feller kick)

NYJ-FG Howfield 23

NYJ-FG Howfield 33

NYJ-FG Howfield 42

Cincinnati 13, New York Giants 10

Sunday, December 3

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 59,523.

Ken Anderson returned as the Bengals starting QB and passed Cincinnati to a 13-10 victory over the Giants, keeping his club's hope alive for a playoff berth. RB Ron Johnson of the Giants carried 119 yards in 19 carries to top 1,000 yards.

New York Giants	0	3	0	7	-	10
Cincinnati	3	3	7	0	-	13

Cin-FG Muhlmann 27

Cin-FG Muhlmann 18

NYG-FG Gogolak 15

Cin-Coslet 3 pass from Anderson (Muhlmann kick)

NYG-Herrmann 8 pass from Randy Johnson (Gogolak kick)

Oakland 21, San Diego 19

Sunday, December 3

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 54,611.

Oakland clinched its fifth AFC Western crown in six years on a final-minute TD by Charlie Smith. San Diego missed a final chance for victory when Dennis Partee's 51-yard FG attempt fell short. Mike Garrett rushed for 145 yards on 28 carries, his fourth 100-yard game of the season.

Oakland	7	7	0	7	-	21
San Diego	0	10	6	3	-	19

Oak-Chester 16 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

SD-FG Partee 15

SD-Edwards 1 run (Partee kick)

Oak-Biletnikoff 36 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

SD-Garrison 52 pass from Hadl (kick blocked)

SD-FG Partee 18

Oak-Smith 9 run (Blanda kick)

Washington 23, Philadelphia 7

Sunday, December 3

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,720.

The Redskins clinched the NFC Eastern Division title – their first since 1945 – and tied a club record with their ninth straight victory. This 11th win also was the most ever in one season by a Washington team. RBs Charlie Harraway rushed for 77 yards and Larry Brown 70, marking the first time in 15 games that Brown had been out-rushed by a teammate.

Washington	3	7	3	10	-	23
Philadelphia	7	0	0	0	-	7

Wash-FG Knight 9

Phil-Carmichael 10 pass from Reaves (Dempsey kick)

Wash-Harraway 1 run (Knight kick)

Wash-FG Knight 14

Wash-FG Knight 46

Wash-C. Taylor 2 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Los Angeles 26, San Francisco 16

Monday Night, December 4

At Candlestick Park, attendance 61,214.

The Rams had a 13-point second period to erase a 3-6 deficit and used three interceptions and a good rushing attack to hold off the 49ers and remain in the three-way race for the NFC Western Division title. Roman Gabriel had touchdown passes to Bob Klein and Willie Ellison among his 11 completions for 175 yards. Ellison also rushed for 78 yards while Jimmy Nettles had a pair of interceptions for the Rams.

Los Angeles	3	13	7	3	-	26
San Francisco	6	3	7	0	-	16

LA-FG Ray 32

SF-Kwalick 6 pass from Spurrier (kick failed)

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SF-FG Gossett 31
 LA-Klein 26 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)
 LA-FG Ray 12
 LA-FG Ray 19
 LA-Ellison 39 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)
 SF-G. Washington 8 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick)
 LA-FG Ray 42

THIRTEENTH WEEK

Cleveland 27, Cincinnati 24

Saturday, December 9

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 59,524.

A goal-line interception by LB Billy Andrews in the last half-minute prevented the Bengals from overtaking or tying the Browns and eliminated Cincinnati from play-off contention. QB Mike Phipps threw a pair of TD passes and Leroy Kelly scored on a five-yard run in a 12-for-42 effort which brought his lifetime rushing yardage total to 6,807 and gave him fourth place on the all-time NFL list behind Jim Brown, Jim Taylor and Joe Perry. WR Chip Myers caught eight passes and racked up 116 yards for the Bengals.

Cleveland	0	14	10	3	-	27
Cincinnati	0	10	14	0	-	24

Cle-Pitts 50 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Kelly 5 run (Cockroft kick)

Cin-Carter 8 run (Muhlmann kick)

Cin-FG Muhlmann 31

Cin-E. Johnson 9 run (Muhlmann kick)

Cle-Hooker 20 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 27

Cin-Dressler 1 run (Muhlmann kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 27

Dallas 34, Washington 24

Saturday, December 9

At Texas Stadium, attendance 65,136.

The Cowboys scored three touchdowns before the Redskins got on the scoreboard and went on to a victory which clinched for Dallas the "wild card" spot in the NFC Divisional Playoffs. It marked the seventh straight season that Dallas has been in the playoffs. Calvin Hill rushed for 111 yards and set a Cowboys season record for rushing, 1,010, making him Dallas' first 1,000-yard rusher. Walt Garrison had his best day ever, 121 yards on 10 carries. NFC rushing leader Larry Brown of Washington did not play because of a bruised right knee.

Washington	0	3	7	14	-	24
Dallas	14	14	3	3	-	34

Dal-Hill 10 run (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Hill 26 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Garrison 25 run (Fritsch kick)

Wash-FG Knight 16

Dal-Morton 12 run (Fritsch kick)

Wash-C. Taylor 10 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 36

Wash-Jefferson 10 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Wash-C. Taylor 6 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 26

San Francisco 20, Atlanta 0

Sunday, December 10

At Candlestick Park, attendance 61,214.

The Falcons, knowing that a victory would assure them of their first title and a place in the NFC Divisional Playoffs as Western champion, were stifled by the 49ers defense, which had an interception and three fumble recoveries. San Francisco's runners, meanwhile, rushed for 210 yards, including a pair of one-yard touchdown bursts by Ken Willard. The victory enabled the 49ers to regain first place in the West, a half-game ahead of Atlanta and one game up on Los Angeles.

Atlanta	0	0	0	0	-	0
San Francisco	3	3	0	14	-	20

SF-FG Gossett 41
 SF-FG Gossett 19
 SF-Willard 1 run (Gossett kick)
 SF-Willard 1 run (Gossett kick)

Kansas City 24, Baltimore 10

Sunday, December 10

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 44,175.

RB Wendell Hayes rushed for 104 yards, first time he topped 100 as a Chief, and S Mike Sensibaugh made his seventh interception in Kansas City's victory which put the Chiefs over the .500 mark. Baltimore's loss ended a three-game winning streak.

Baltimore	0	10	0	0	-	10
Kansas City	3	7	7	7	-	24

KC-FG Stenerud 31

Balt-FG O'Brien 22

Balt-T. Mitchell 5 pass from Domres (O'Brien kick)

KC-Hayes 13 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

KC-Taylor 25 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

KC-Podolak 5 run (Stenerud kick)

Chicago 21, Philadelphia 12

Sunday, December 10

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,720.

Bears quarterback Bobby Douglass ran 19 and 32 yards for touchdowns and his only completion for 44 yards in nine attempts set up Chicago's third TD. Douglass' 15 rushing attempts produced 75 yards and boosted his season ground total to 841 yards.

Chicago	7	0	7	7	-	21
Philadelphia	0	12	0	0	-	12

Chi-Douglass 19 run (Percival kick)

Phil-Kramer 16 pass from Reaves (Dempsey kick)

Phil-FG Dempsey 33

Phil-Safety, Green tackled by Coleman in end zone

Chi-Lawson 1 run (Percival kick)

Chi-Douglass 32 run (Butkus pass from Douglass)

Buffalo 21, Detroit 11

Sunday, December 10

At War Memorial Stadium, attendance 41,583.

O. J. Simpson carried 27 times for 116 yards, bringing his total to 1,150 and breaking Cookie Gilchrist's 10-year-old club record of 1,096 in Buffalo's farewell appearance in War Memorial Stadium. WR J. D. Hill caught eight passes from Dennis Shaw for 129 yards. For Detroit, eliminated from playoff contention by the tie, Greg Landry threw three TD passes.

Detroit	0	7	7	7	-	21
Buffalo	0	7	7	7	-	21

Det-McCullouch 9 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

Buff-Hill 58 pass from Shaw (Leyboldt kick)

Buff-B. Chandler 39 pass from Shaw (Leyboldt kick)

Det-Eddy 36 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

Buff-White 2 pass from Shaw (Leyboldt kick)

Det-Jessie 37 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

Green Bay 23, Minnesota 7

Sunday, December 10

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 49,784.

Trailing 0-7 at halftime, the Packers took the second-half kickoff and marched for the first of three Chester Marcol field goals. The next four times Minnesota had the ball, Green Bay forced turnovers - a fumble recovery by Fred Carr, two interceptions by Willie Buchanon and another pass steal by Ken Ellis - and produced a pair of touchdowns and two more Marcol field goals. Green Bay scored on all five of its second half productions to clinch the NFC Central Division title and assure its first playoff berth since 1967's Super Bowl II champions. John Brockington rushed for 114 yards and thus became the first man in NFL history to rush for over 1,000 yards in each of his first two seasons.

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Green Bay	0	0	17	6	-	23
Minnesota	0	7	0	0	-	7

Minn-Voigt 1 run (Cox kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 36
 GB-Hunter 1 run (Marcol kick)
 GB-Lane 3 run (Marcol kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 42
 GB-FG Marcol 10

St. Louis 24, Los Angeles 14
Sunday, December 10

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 36,873.

Quarterback Jim Hart returned to the Cardinals starting lineup and passed for 201 yards, including a 30-yard touchdown pass to Walker Gillette and a 98-yard non-scoring completion to Bobby Moore which set up another TD. The St. Louis defense stopped Los Angeles' drives at the 1, 2 and 3-yard lines. Despite its loss, Los Angeles remained in the three-way battle for the NFC West title.

Los Angeles	0	0	14	0	-	14
St. Louis	3	14	0	7	-	24

StL-FG Bakken 41
 StL-Anderson 1 run (Bakken kick)
 StL-Thompson 58 fumble recovery return (Bakken kick)
 LA-Josephson 11 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)
 LA-Bertelsen 12 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)
 StL-Gillette 30 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Miami 23, New York Giants 13
Sunday, December 10

At Yankee Stadium, attendance 62,728.

The Dolphins, moving toward the first all-winning season in the NFL since the 1942 Chicago Bears posted an 11-0 record, parlayed Paul Warfield's pass-catching, an opportunistic defense and three Garo Yepremian field goals into their 13th straight victory of the season. New York took a 6-0 lead, but four lost fumbles and two interceptions enabled Miami to overcome this deficit.

Miami	10	7	0	6	-	23
New York Giants	6	7	0	0	-	13

NYG-Ron Johnson 1 run (kick blocked)
 Mia-Morris 12 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-FG Yepremian 37
 Mia-Warfield 34 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)
 NYG-Ron Johnson 1 run (Gogolak kick)
 Mia-FG Yepremian 31
 Mia-FG Yepremian 16

New England 17, New Orleans 10
Sunday, December 10

At Tulane Stadium, attendance 64,889.

Jim Plunkett threw a pair of touchdown passes to Reggie Rucker in the closing minutes of the first half and the Patriots went on to snap a nine-game losing streak. New England's third victory of the season also marked its third win over an NFC opponent, since the Patriots earlier defeated Washington and Atlanta.

New England	0	14	3	0	-	17
New Orleans	3	0	7	0	-	10

NO-FG Feller 30
 NE-Rucker 31 pass from Plunkett (Walker kick)
 NE-Rucker 25 pass from Plunkett (Walker kick)
 NO-Abramowicz 26 pass from Manning (Feller kick)
 NE-FG Walker 36

Pittsburgh 9, Houston 3
Sunday, December 10

At Astrodome, attendance 36,528.

Pittsburgh moved into the playoffs for the first time via the talented toe of Roy Gerela whose three FGs provided all of Pittsburgh's points in moving to victory No. 10, a club record. QB Terry Bradshaw suffered a dislocated finger

on his throwing hand in the second quarter and rookie Joe Gilliam directed the Steelers the rest of the way. DT Joe Greene had four sacks for the Steelers, blocked a FG attempt, recovered a fumble and had six unassisted tackles. Franco Harris' 100-yard-per game streak ended at six when he carried 21 times for 61 yards.

Pittsburgh	3	0	6	0	-	9
Houston	0	3	0	0	-	3

Pitt-FG Gerela 24
 Hous-FG Butler 34
 Pitt-FG Gerela 39
 Pitt-FG Gerela 13

Denver 38, San Diego 13
Sunday, December 10

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 51,478.

The Broncos ended a three-game losing streak with their highest point total of the season. Floyd Little, playing only one half because of a knee injury, rushed nine times for 33 yards and scored a TD, bringing his season figure to 11. Rookie WR Jim Krieg's end-around for 63 yards led the Bronco rushing. For San Diego Bryant Salter made his seventh interception, tying him for the AFC lead.

San Diego	0	3	3	7	-	13
Denver	7	14	17	0	-	38

Den-Little 2 run (J. Turner kick)
 SD-FG McClard 26
 Den-Dawkins 4 run (J. Turner kick)
 Den-Greer 65 punt return (J. Turner kick)
 SD-FG McClard 48
 Den-FG J. Turner 12
 Den-Moses 11 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)
 Den-Moses 7 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)
 SD-Garrison 23 pass from Hadl (McClard kick)

Oakland 24, New York Jets 16
Monday Night, December 11

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 54,843.

The New York Jets were eliminated from AFC playoff contention as a possible No. 4 qualifier but WR Don Maynard, who caught seven of Joe Namath's passes for 131 yards, displaced ex-Colts Raymond Berry as all-time NFL reception leader. Maynard topped the previous mark of 631 catches by one. Namath completed 25 of 46 attempts for 403 yards and went over the 400-yard mark for the second time this season, moving into a tie in this category with Sonny Jurgensen of Philadelphia and George Blanda of Houston, both 1961. Marv Hubbard carried 28 times for 118 yards for a new personal high.

New York Jets	7	6	0	3	-	16
Oakland	3	7	7	7	-	24

Oak-FG Blanda 48
 NYJ-Caster 49 pass from Namath (Howfield kick)
 Oak-Biletnikoff 39 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)
 NYJ-FG Howfield 25
 NYJ-FG Howfield 30
 Oak-Smith 1 run (Blanda kick)
 NYJ-FG Howfield 42
 Oak-Chester 68 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

FOURTEENTH WEEK

Miami 16, Baltimore 0
Saturday, December 16

At Orange Bowl, attendance 80,010.

Miami completed the first all-winning 14-game season in NFL history with its third shutout. The Dolphins' 2,960 team rushing yardage eclipsed the 36-year NFL mark of 2,885 set by the 1936 Detroit Lions. Earl Morrall, who directed the Dolphins from the fifth game on after Bob Griese had been injured, emerged as the AFC passing leader.

Baltimore	0	0	0	0	-	0
Miami	3	7	3	3	-	16

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Mia-FG Yepremian 40
 Mia-Warfield 14 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-FG Yepremian 50
 Mia-FG Yepremian 35

San Francisco 20, Minnesota 17
Saturday, December 16
At Candlestick Park, attendance 61,214.

Quarterback John Brodie, idled by torn ankle ligaments in the 49ers fifth game and a spectator to Steve Spurrier's line play following his recovery, returned to action in the third period as San Francisco trailed 6-17 and led a pair of touchdown drives that lifted the 49ers to their third straight NFC Western Division title and a place in the post-season playoffs. A 24-yard TD pass to Gene Washington closed a 99-yard march, and a two-yard completion for a TD to Dick Witcher, with 25 seconds remaining, clinched the victory and brought Brodie's game production to 10 completions in 15 attempts for 165 yards, two TDs.

Minnesota	7	0	10	0	-	17
San Francisco	0	6	0	14	-	20

Minn-Marinaro 18 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 SF-FG Gossett 14
 SF-FG Gossett 37
 Minn-FG Cox 43
 Minn-Gilliam 31 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 SF-G. Washington 24 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)
 SF-Witcher 2 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)

Buffalo 24, Washington 17
Sunday, December 17
At R. F. K. Stadium, attendance 53,039.

Buffalo linebacker Dale Farley intercepted a Bill Kilmer pass and returned it 42 yards to the Washington 3-yard line and two plays later Jim Braxton ran over for the deciding touchdown with 42 seconds remaining. Bills runner O. J. Simpson carried 26 times for 101 yards to win the NFL rushing title with a total of 1,251 yards. Washington finished with an 11-3 record and entered the NFC Divisional Playoffs as Eastern champion.

Buffalo	10	0	0	14	-	24
Washington	0	7	10	0	-	17

Buff-Wyatt 49 interception return (Leyboldt kick)
 Buff-FG Leyboldt 23
 Wash-Mul-Key 8 run (Knight kick)
 Wash-Brunet 2 run (Knight kick)
 Wash-FG Knight 35
 Buff-Simpson 21 run (Leyboldt kick)
 Buff-Braxton 4 run (Leyboldt kick)

Oakland 28, Chicago 21
Sunday, December 17

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 54,711.

Oakland wrapped up a 10-victory season with a triumph over Chicago in which RB Charlie Smith caught two TD passes, including Daryle Lamonica's 18th of the season. Chicago QB Bobby Douglass picked up 127 yards on 14 carries for a year's total of 968, making him the all-time quarterback rushing champion.

Chicago	7	0	7	7	-	21
Oakland	7	0	7	14	-	28

Chi-Smith 94 kickoff return (Percival kick)
 Oak-Smith 14 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Smith 19 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)
 Chi-Brupbacher blocked punt recovery in end zone (Percival kick)
 Oak-Banaszak 1 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Davis 45 run (Blanda kick)
 Chi-Shy 1 run (Percival kick)

Cincinnati 61, Houston 17
Sunday, December 17
At Astrodome, attendance 32,428.

The Bengals equaled the NFL record with three TD interceptions, two by

Lemar Parrish, the other by Neil Craig, in running up their highest score ever. Doug Dressler rushed for three TDs, and Horst Muhlmann kicked four FGs, including a 51-yarder.

Cincinnati	3	13	17	28	-	61
Houston	3	7	0	7	-	17

Hous-FG Butler 28
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 46
 Hous-Willis 13 pass from Nix (Butler kick)
 Cin-Anderson 3 run (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 24
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 51
 Cin-FG Muhlmann 32
 Cin-Dressler 43 run (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-Dressler 1 run (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-Dressler 20 pass from Anderson (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-Parrish 25 interception return (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-Parrish 33 interception return (Muhlmann kick)
 Cin-Craig 63 interception return (Muhlmann kick)
 Hous-Burrough 3 pass from Nix (Butler kick)

Cleveland 26, New York Jets 10
Sunday, December 17

At Shea Stadium, attendance 62,614.

QB Mike Phipps fired a pair of second-half TD passes to WR Frank Pitts and one of them, an 80-yarder, was the Browns' longest play from scrimmage of the season. The Jets' Bobby Howfield kicked a field goal and an extra point to push his total to 121, best in the AFC, and Emerson Boozer's rushing TD was his 14th score of the season.

Cleveland	7	3	7	9	-	26
New York Jets	7	0	3	0	-	10

Cle-B. Scott 27 run (Cockroft kick)
 NYJ-Boozer 3 run (Howfield kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 8
 NYJ-FG Howfield 19
 Cle-Pitts 80 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Pitts 7 pass from Phipps (kick failed)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 13

Detroit 34, Los Angeles 17
Sunday, December 17

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 71,761.

QB Greg Landry threw a pair of touchdown passes to TE Charlie Sanders while completing 18 of 24 passes for 250 yards and cornerback Rudy Redmond returned an interception 88 yards for another score as the Lions finished with an 8-5-1 record. The Rams 6-7-1 record marked their first losing season since 1965.

Detroit	3	14	7	10	-	34
Los Angeles	3	7	7	0	-	17

Det-FG Mann 48
 LA-FG Ray 30
 LA-Rentzel 14 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)
 Det-Taylor 2 run (Mann kick)
 Det-Redmond 88 interception return (Mann kick)
 LA-Smith 3 pass from Gabriel (Ray kick)
 Det-C. Sanders 8 pass from Landry (Mann kick)
 Det-C. Sanders 3 pass from Landry (Mann kick)
 Det-FG Mann 37

Green Bay 30, New Orleans 20
Sunday, December 17

At Tulane Stadium, attendance 65,881.

Using their regulars sparingly after building a 17-0 lead, the Packers closed out their season as NFC Central Division champions with a 30-20 victory. Kicker Chester Marcol kicked three field goals for a season total of 33 (second most in a season ever) and led all NFL scorers with 128 points. Green Bay advanced from last place in 1971 to the top of the Central in 1972.

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Green Bay 7 10 7 6 - 30

New Orleans 0 7 6 7 - 20

GB-Hunter 1 run (Marcol kick)

GB-FG Marcol 34

GB-Buchanon 48 lateral from C. Williams 9 blocked field goal return (Marcol kick)

NO-Neal recovered blocked punt in end zone (Feller kick)

GB-Tagge 1 run (Marcol kick)

NO-Butler 9 pass from Manning (pass failed)

GB-FG Marcol 35

GB-FG Marcol 34

NO-Parks 10 pass from Manning (Feller kick)

Kansas City 17, Atlanta 14

Sunday, December 17

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 58,860.

QB Len Dawson tossed a seven-yard touchdown pass to running back Ed Podolak with 2:19 remaining to enable the Chiefs to finish with an 8-6 record. The Falcons closed out with a 7-7 record.

Kansas City 0 3 7 7 - 17

Atlanta 0 7 0 7 - 14

KC-FG Stenerud 28

All-Malone 1 run (Bell kick)

KC-Taylor 15 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

All-Burrow 17 pass from Berry (Bell kick)

KC-Podolak 7 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

Denver 45, New England 21

Sunday, December 17

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 51,656.

QB Charley Johnson threw three TD passes and RB Floyd Little ran for two scores as Denver saved third place in the AFC's Western Division. Bronco kicker Jim Turner kicked a 35-yard FG and six conversions to move into eighth place among NFL lifetime scoring leaders with 886 points.

New England 0 7 0 14 - 21

Denver 3 21 7 14 - 45

Den-FG J. Turner 35

Den-Little 3 run (J. Turner kick)

NE-Garrett 1 run (Walker kick)

Den-Sherman 20 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)

Den-Moses 19 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)

Den-Moses 22 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)

NE-Garrett 5 run (Walker kick)

Den-Little 5 run (J. Turner kick)

Den-Lynch 15 run (J. Turner kick)

NE-T. Reynolds 28 pass from Dowling (Walker kick)

New York Giants 23, Dallas 3

Sunday, December 17

At Texas Stadium, attendance 64,602.

Kicker Pete Gogolak had three field goals and Norman Snead passed for a pair of touchdowns while the Giants defense completely dominated the Cowboys, enabling New York to finish with an 8-6 record. Dallas, which went on to the NFC Divisional Playoffs as the "wild card" team, suffered its worst defeat of the season.

New York Giants 6 14 0 3 - 23

Dallas 0 3 0 0 - 3

NYG-FG Gogolak 49

NYG-FG Gogolak 22

Dal-FG Fritsch 43

NYG-Ron Johnson 9 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)

NYG-Houston 12 pass from Snead (Gogolak kick)

NYG-FG Gogolak 26

St. Louis 24, Philadelphia 3

Sunday, December 17

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 34,872.

The Cardinals built a 14-0 lead and held off a late Philadelphia surge to finish

their season with a 4-9-1 record. The Eagles closed at 2-11-1. Quarterback Jim Hart threw a pair of touchdown passes for St. Louis while completing 19 of 30 passes for 334 yards.

Philadelphia 0 6 3 14 - 23

St. Louis 14 0 7 3 - 24

StL-Anderson 1 run (Bakken kick)

StL-Moore 41 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Phil-FG Dempsey 33

Phil-FG Dempsey 41

Phil-FG Dempsey 38

StL-Gillette 65 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Phil-Carmichael 5 pass from Reaves (Dempsey kick)

StL-FG Bakken 20

Phil-Walik 15 pass from Reaves (Dempsey kick)

Pittsburgh 24, San Diego 2

Sunday, December 17

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 52,873.

Pittsburgh's defense denied a rival TD in its seventh game, with the Steelers moving to an all-time team high of 11 victories and the AFC's Central Division championship. It was the first title in the 40-year history of the Pittsburgh club. The Steelers picked off four passes, including one by LB Jack Ham who finished tied for AFC runner-up honors in that category with seven.

Pittsburgh 7 7 3 7 - 24

San Diego 2 0 0 0 - 2

SD-Safety, Bradshaw tackled by Costa in end zone

Pitt-Harris 2 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Fuqua 2 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 26

Pitt-Shanklin 17 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

FIFTEENTH WEEK

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Pittsburgh 13, Oakland 7

Saturday, December 23

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,350.

In one of the wildest, most exciting endings in playoff history, Pittsburgh beat Oakland 13-7 when a desperation pass from Terry Bradshaw bounced off defender Jack Tatum into the hands of Franco Harris who ran 42 yards for the winning score with five seconds to play. After a scoreless first half, the Steelers went out in front on two field goals by Roy Gerela. Ken Stabler, who replaced Daryle Lamonica as Oakland's quarterback in the fourth quarter, ran 30 yards for a touchdown with 1:13 to play for a 7-6 Oakland lead before Harris electrified the sellout crowd by grabbing the deflected pass and running for the decisive touchdown.

Oakland 0 0 0 7 - 7

Pittsburgh 0 0 3 10 - 13

Pitt-FG Gerela 18

Pitt-FG Gerela 29

Oak-Stabler 30 run (Blanda kick)

Pitt-Harris 60 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Dallas 30, San Francisco 28

Saturday, December 23

At Candlestick Park, attendance 61,214.

Roger Staubach came off the bench and led Dallas in a 17-point fourth quarter rally for a 30-28 victory over San Francisco. The 49ers took advantage of five turnovers for a 28-13 edge going into the final period. Vic Washington had returned the opening kickoff 97 yards and Larry Schreiber scored three touchdowns on one-yard plunges to build the lead. The Cowboys had two field goals by Toni Fritsch and one touchdown pass by Craig Morton to Lance Alworth before they started their big comeback. Staubach brought his team within range for Fritsch's third field goal and passed 20 yards for a TD to Billy Parks. Shortly after the onside kick bounced off Preston Riley and was recovered by Mel Renfro on the 50,

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Staubach passed 10 yards to Ron Sellers for the winning score with 52 seconds to play. A final San Francisco threat was blunted by Charlie Waters' interception.

Dallas	3	10	0	17	-	30
San Francisco	7	14	7	0	-	28

SF-V. Washington 97 kickoff return (Gossett kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 37

SF-Schreiber 1 run (Gossett kick)

SF-Schreiber 1 run (Gossett kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 45

Dal-Alworth 28 pass from Morton (Fritsch kick)

SF-Schreiber 1 run (Gossett kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 27

Dal-Parks 20 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Sellers 10 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Miami 20, Cleveland 14

Sunday, December 24

At Orange Bowl, attendance 80,010.

Jim Kiick scored the winning touchdown on an eight-yard run as Miami came from behind in the fourth quarter to nip Cleveland 20-14 for its fifteenth straight victory. The Miami defense intercepted five of Mike Phipps' passes, two each by Doug Swift and Dick Anderson and one by Curtis Johnson. Charles Babb, a rookie, blocked a Don Cockroft punt in the first quarter and carried the ball in for a touchdown. The Dolphins led 10-0 at halftime and 13-7 early in the final period before Phipps hit Fair Hooker with a 27-yard touchdown pass to put Cleveland ahead for the first time. Kiick's winning score climaxed a drive featured by a great catch by Paul Warfield and a costly interference penalty against the Browns. A final Cleveland threat ended with Swift's second interception in the closing seconds.

Cleveland	0	0	7	7	-	14
Miami	10	0	0	10	-	20

Mia-Babb 5 run with blocked punt (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 40

Cle-Phipps 5 run (Cockroft kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 46

Cle-Hooker 27 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)

Mia-Kiick 8 run (Yepremian kick)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Washington 16, Green Bay 3

Sunday, December 24

At R. F. K. Stadium, attendance 53,140.

Curt Knight kicked three field goals and Bill Kilmer threw a touchdown pass to Roy Jefferson to lead Washington into the NFC finals with a 16-3 victory over Green Bay. The Redskins used a five-man defensive line and shut down the Packers' running game, holding John Brockington, a 1,000-yard runner, to nine yards on 13 carries. Larry Brown, who sat out the last two regular season games, carried 25 times for 101 yards, the seventh time he had gained over 100 yards this season. Chester Marcol's 17-yard field goal early in the second quarter put the Packers out front, but the Kilmer-to-Jefferson touchdown pass late in the same period gave the Redskins a lead they never yielded.

Green Bay	0	3	0	0	-	3
Washington	0	10	0	6	-	16

GB-FG Marcol 17

Wash-Jefferson 32 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Wash-FG Knight 42

Wash-FG Knight 35

Wash-FG Knight 46

SIXTEENTH WEEK

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Miami 21, Pittsburgh 17

Sunday, December 31

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,350.

Miami gained its second straight AFC crown in a second-half victory over the Steelers, extending its winning streak to 16 games. The Dolphins evened a 0-7 deficit with a nine-yard TD pass from Earl Morrall to Larry Csonka, set up by a 7-yard run from punt formation by Larry Seiple. Jim Kiick tallied twice on short runs. Pittsburgh QB Terry Bradshaw was injured in the first half on a running play in which he fumbled into the end zone where Gerry Mullins fell on the ball for the opening score. Bradshaw came back in the fourth quarter and directed the Steelers to their other TD on four successive passes, climaxed by a sensational catch by WR Al Young. Roy Gerela kicked a 14-yard FG but had another blocked. Miami intercepted twice in the fourth quarter. Nick Buoniconti had one and LB Mike Kolen's ended the Steelers' hope in the final minute. Morrall directed the Miami attack in the first half, Bob Griese in the second.

Miami	0	7	7	7	-	21
Pittsburgh	7	0	3	7	-	17

Pitt-Mullins fumble recovery in end zone (Gerela kick)

Mia-Csonka 9 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 14

Mia-Kiick 2 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Kiick 3 run (Yepremian kick)

Pitt-Young 12 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Washington 26, Dallas 3

Sunday, December 31

At R. F. K. Stadium, attendance 53,129.

Washington used the passing combination of Bill Kilmer and Charley Taylor, the kicking of Curt Knight and a smothering defense to control Dallas and give the Redskins the NFC championship – their first in 30 years. After Knight had produce a 3-0 lead with the first of his four field goals 5:15 into the second quarter, Washington scored the decisive touchdown on a pair of Kilmer-to-Taylor strikes on the next possession. The first completion covered 51 yards on third-and-10 from Washington's 28 to put the ball on the Dallas 21. Two plays later, Kilmer hit Taylor on a post pattern for a 15-yard score. Two plays into the final quarter, Kilmer and Taylor struck for a 45-yard touchdown. Knight completed the scoring with three fourth-quarter field goals. Kilmer completed 14 of 18 passes for 194 yards and a championship game record percentage of .778. Taylor caught seven passes for 146 yards. The Redskins' defense permitted Dallas RBs Calvin Hill and Walt Garrison just 37 yards and sacked QB Roger Staubach three times.

Dallas	0	3	0	0	-	3
Washington	0	10	0	16	-	26

Wash-FG Knight 18

Wash-Taylor 15 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 35

Wash-Taylor 45 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)

Wash-FG Knight 39

Wash-FG Knight 46

Wash-FG Knight 45

Super Bowl VII

Miami 14, Washington 7

January 14, 1973, Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, CA

Attendance: 90,182

Although the game had arguably the most memorable play in Super Bowl history, many would mark it down as a rather dull affair. But that was only when it's considered in a vacuum. Considering what was happening behind the X's and O's, it was a thriller.

On the NFC side was Coach George Allen's "Over-the-Hill-Gang," sometimes known as the Washington Redskins. Allen had collected a roster of gray-bearded veterans with an aggregate age that looked like a phone number. Despite their proximity to thanks-and-here's-a-gold-watch time, the Gang played with an enthusiasm that would have put an acned teenager to shame, thanks to Allen's weekly fire-and-brimstone

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harangues. They'd lost a mere three games through the 1972 season, but a glance at the calendar suggested that this would be their last chance to write their names in history. They went into Super Bowl VII carrying the hearts and hopes of every football fan old enough to remember Wendell Wilkie.

The AFC presented the cool, collected, precise, workman-like, and -- dammit! -- young (at least by comparison) Miami Dolphins of Don Shula. Their winning persona (again by comparison with the Redskins' frenzy) showed all the fire of an accountant adding up a day's receipts. Starting quarterback Bob Griese even wore glasses on the field! Still, there was no arguing with success, and the Dolphins had been totally successful all season. Sixteen straight wins, counting two in the playoffs. No NFL team had ever gone a whole perfect season. The Fish were one win away.

The Dolphins built up a 14-0 lead at the half. Griese hit Howard Twilley for a 28-yard touchdown just before the first quarter ended. Then in the second period, Jim Kiick went over from a yard out to cap a long Miami drive. Meanwhile, the Miami defense, led by tackle Manny Fernandez, held the Redskins' runners in check and treated quarterback Billy Kilmer shabbily. On the day, Billy would throw three interceptions, be sacked twice, and be harried continuously. Miami defensive back Jake Scott who had two of the interceptions was named game MVP.

Although the Dolphins had dominated the first half, Washington was only a break or two away. They started to come on in the second half as Larry Brown began running for consistent gains and Kilmer connected on several passes. Curt Knight didn't help the cause by missing a 32-yard field goal wide right, but hope sprang eternal in pacemakered hearts as the final quarter began. Surely Washington's geriatric Gang would produce one last ounce of what used-to-be and send those upstart kids back to Miami saddened but wiser?

But the kids hung in, and the geezers couldn't quite get into the end zone. Then with barely more than two minutes left, Miami's Cypriot tie-maker and kicker, Garo Yepremian, trotted onto the field to kick a 42-yard field goal that would ice the game once and for all.

Except the kick was blocked. Except Yepremian picked up the rolling ball. Except he decided to throw a pass. Except he hurled the spheroid six inches up and two feet out. Except Redskins' defensive back Mike Bass gathered in the gift and raced 49 yards for a Washington touchdown. Perhaps a worse pass will someday be thrown in a football game, but odds are the thrower will still have his baby teeth. Officially, Garo's "thing" was ruled a fumble

Down by only a touchdown, the 'Skins had two minutes to produce a whirlwind comeback against what would obviously be a flustered school of Dolphins. Except the Dolphins didn't fluster. They just went back to work like good C.P.A.'s and closed out the first -- and so far -- only seventeen-and-oh season in NFL history.

Miami (AFC)	7	7	0	0	-	14
Washington (NFC).	0	0	0	7	-	7

- Mia - Twilley 28 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)
- Mia - Kiick 1 run (Yepremian kick)
- Was - Bass 49 fumble return (Knight kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	MIA	WASH
First Downs	12	16
Rushing	7	9
Passing	5	7
Penalty	0	0
Total Yardage	253	228
Net rushing yardage	184	141
Net passing yardage	69	87
Passes att.-comp.-had int.	11-8-1	28-14-3

RUSHING

Miami - Csonka 15 for 112; Kiick 12 for 38, 1 TD; Morris 10 for 34.
 Washington - Brown 22 for 72; Harraway 10 for 37; Kilmer 2 for 18; C. Taylor 1 for 8; Smith 1 for 6.

PASSING

Miami - Griese 8 of 11 for 88, 1 TD, 1 int.
 Washington - Kilmer 14 of 28 for 104, 3 int.

RECEIVING

Miami - Warfield 3 for 36; Kiick 2 for 6; Twilley 1 for 28, 1 TD; Mandich 1 for 19; Csonka 1 for -1.
 Washington - Jefferson 5 for 50; Brown 5 for 26; C. Taylor 2 for 20; Smith 1 for 11; Harraway 1 for -3.