

1978 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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1978 National Football League

1978 AFC

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Eastern Division						
New England Patriots	11	5	0	.688	358	286
Miami Dolphins *	11	5	0	.688	372	254
New York Jets	8	8	0	.500	359	364
Buffalo Bills	5	11	0	.313	302	354
Baltimore Colts	5	11	0	.313	239	421

Central Division

Pittsburgh Steelers	14	2	0	.875	356	195
Houston Oilers*	10	6	0	.625	283	298
Cleveland Browns	8	8	0	.500	334	356
Cincinnati Bengals	4	12	0	.250	252	284

Western Division

Denver Broncos	10	6	0	.625	282	198
Oakland Raiders	9	7	0	.563	311	283
Seattle Seahawks	9	7	0	.563	345	358
San Diego Chargers	9	7	0	.563	355	309
Kansas City Chiefs	4	12	0	.250	243	327

1978 NFC

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Eastern Division						
Dallas Cowboys	12	4	0	.750	384	208
Philadelphia Eagles *	9	7	0	.563	270	250
Washington Redskins	8	8	0	.500	273	283
St. Louis Cardinals	6	10	0	.375	248	296
New York Giants	6	10	0	.375	264	298

Central Division

Minnesota Vikings	8	7	1	.531	294	306
Green Bay Packers	8	7	1	.531	249	269
Detroit Lions	7	9	0	.438	290	300
Chicago Bears	7	9	0	.438	253	274
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5	11	0	.313	241	259

Western Division

Los Angeles Rams	12	4	0	.750	316	245
Atlanta Falcons *	9	7	0	.563	240	290
New Orleans Saints	7	9	0	.438	281	298
San Francisco 49ers	2	14	0	.125	219	350

*Wild Card qualifier for playoffs

AFC Wild Card Game: Houston 17, Miami 9
 NFC Wild Card game: Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13
 AFC Divisional Playoffs: Pittsburgh 33, Denver 10
 Houston 31, New England 14
 NFC Divisional Playoffs: Dallas 27, Atlanta 20
 Los Angeles 34, Minnesota 10
 AFC Championship: Pittsburgh 34, Houston 5
 NFC Championship: Dallas 28, Los Angeles 0
 Super Bowl XIII: Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31

FIRST WEEK

New York Giants 19, Tampa Bay 13

Saturday, September 2

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 67,456.

Joe Pisarcik completed 9 of 15 passes for 156 yards to lead the Giants to a victory before the largest regular season crowd ever in Tampa. Pisarcik, who relieved injured starter Jerry Golsteyn in the second quarter, hit Johnny Perkins with a 67-yard touchdown pass in the third period to break a 10-10 tie. Tampa Bay's Neil O'Donoghue reduced the Giants' lead to 16-13 with a 26-yard field goal, but Joe Danelo countered with a 23-yarder with 6:55 left in the game.

New York Giants 7 3 6 3 - 19
 Tampa Bay 7 3 0 3 - 13
 NYG-Jackson 32 pass interception (Danelo kick)
 TB -DuBose 2 run (O'Donoghue kick)
 TB -FG O'Donoghue 34
 NYG-FG Danelo 42
 NYG-Perkins 67 pass from Pisarcik (kick failed)
 TB -FG O'Donoghue 26
 NYG-FG Danelo 23

Green Bay 13, Detroit 7

Sunday, September 3

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 51,187.

A pair of field goals by Chester Marcol and Barty Smith's one-yard touchdown run gave Green Bay a 13-0 lead, but the Packers had to fight off a late rally by the Lions to preserve the victory. The Lions drove 44 yards in eight plays with Dexter Bussey scoring on a five-yard run with less than two minutes left in the third period. However, the Lions failed to capitalize on good field position on its next possession. Rick Kane dropped a pass while all alone at the Green Bay 3 with 10 minutes remaining. Terrell Middleton was the game's leading rusher with 91 yards on 28 carries.

Green Bay 6 0 7 0 - 13
 Detroit 0 0 7 0 - 7

GB-FG Marcol 41
 GB-FG Marcol 23
 GB-Smith 1 run (Marcol kick)
 Det-Bussey 5 run (Ricardo kick)

Atlanta 20, Houston 14

Sunday, September 3

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 57,328.

Tom Moriarty recovered a blocked punt in the end zone and the Falcons' rugged defense recovered two fumbles to set up a pair of second half field goals by Fred Steinfort. June Jones, making his first NFL start, threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Bubba Bean to account for Atlanta's other score. Steinfort's field goals of 30 and 48 yards came after fumble recoveries by Robert Pennywell at the Oilers' 13 and Rolland Lawrence at the Houston 33. Rookie Earl Campbell, the NFL's number one draft choice in 1978, ran 73 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter and rushed for 136 yards in his professional debut.

Houston 7 0 7 0 - 14
 Atlanta 0 14 3 3 - 20

Hou-Campbell 73 run (Fritsch kick)
 Atl -Bean 38 pass from Jones (Steinfort kick)
 Atl -Moriarty recovered blocked punt in end zone (Steinfort kick)
 Hou-Caster 8 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Atl -FG Steinfort 30
 Atl -FG Steinfort 48

Kansas City 24, Cincinnati 23

Sunday, September 3

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 41,810.

Kansas City, employing a wing-T offense, rushed for 267 yards and reeled off a club-record 69 rushing plays to give new coach Marv Levy his first NFL victory. Tony Adams, who replaced injured starter Mike Livingston in the second period, directed scoring drives of 55, 76, and 55 yards. Before Livingston left the game, he guided the Chiefs' ground-oriented attack on an 18-play, 83-yard touchdown drive. The Bengals, trailing 24-9, scored two touchdowns in the final five minutes. Mark Bailey led Chiefs rushers with 106 yards.

Kansas City 7 10 7 0 - 24
 Cincinnati 0 9 0 14 - 23

KC-Reed 1 run (Stenerud kick)
 Cin-Bass fumble recovery in end zone (kick failed)
 KC-McKnight 26 run (Stenerud kick)
 Cin-FG Bahr 42

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KC-FG Stenerud 19
 KC-Morgado 4 run (Stenerud kick)
 Cin-A. Griffin 26 pass from Reaves (Bahr kick)
 Cin-Perry 25 blocked punt return (Bahr kick)

Los Angeles 16, Philadelphia 14 Sunday, September 3

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 64,721.

Rookie Frank Corral kicked three field goals, including a 46-yarder with seven seconds remaining, to give the Rams a 16-14 victory. The Rams were leading 13-0 early in the final period when the Eagles exploded for two touchdowns. The first came on a 24-yard pass from Ron Jaworski to Ken Payne. The other was a 57-yard punt return by Wally Henry with 5:33 left. Los Angeles started the winning drive at its own 12 yard line with less than two minutes remaining.

Los Angeles	3	3	0	10	-	16
Philadelphia	0	0	0	14	-	14

LA -FG Corral 29
 LA -FG Corral 47
 LA -Cromwell recovered blocked punt in end zone (Corral kick)
 Phil-Payne 24 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Phil-Henry 57 punt return (Mike-Mayer kick)
 LA -FG Corral 46

New York Jets 33, Miami 20 Sunday, September 3

At Shea Stadium, attendance 49,598.

Richard Todd threw three touchdown passes, including 47-and 43-yarders to Wesley Walker, and Pat Leahy kicked four field goals as the Jets downed Miami 33-20. Todd finished the day with 17 completions in 25 attempts for 245 yards. Walker had four receptions for 108 yards. Interceptions by Mike Hennigan and Greg Buttle set up Leahy's first two field goals. The Dolphins played without quarterback Bob Griese, who was injured in the preseason and expected to miss at least the first six games of the regular season. Delvin Williams, playing in his first game with the Dolphins, rushed for 119 yards.

Miami	0	6	7	7	-	20
New York Jets	10	10	7	6	-	33

NYJ-Walker 47 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 36
 NYJ-FG Leahy 22
 Mia -Williams 58 run (kick blocked)
 NYJ-Shuler 1 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
 NYJ-Walker 43 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
 Mia -N. Moore 1 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 46
 NYJ-FG Leahy 36
 Mia -McCreary 5 pass from Benjamin (Yepremian kick)

New Orleans 31, Minnesota 24 Sunday, September 3

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 54,187.

Tommy Myers established a Saints' record with three interceptions, including one he returned for a 97-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to give New Orleans a 31-17 lead. The Vikings' Fran Tarkenton completed 28 of 48 passes for 287 yards but threw four interceptions. Chuck Foreman rushed for 122 yards and Rickey Young, playing his first game with the Vikings, set a team single game record with 12 pass receptions.

Minnesota	7	10	0	7	-	24
New Orleans	14	10	0	7	-	31

NO -Muncie 3 run (Szaro kick)
 Minn-Young 7 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 NO -Muncie 7 run (Szaro kick)
 Minn-FG Danmeier 44
 NO -Galbreath 6 run (Szaro kick)
 Minn-Foreman 1 run (Danmeier kick)

NO -FG Szaro 32
 NO -Myers 97 interception return (Szaro kick)
 Minn-Young 10 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Denver 14, Oakland 6 Sunday, September 3

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,904.

Otis Armstrong plunged one yard for a touchdown with 36 seconds remaining to cap Denver's victory over Oakland in a rematch of the 1977 AFC championship game. Larry Canada was the key runner in Denver's clinching drive, carrying five times for 22 yards, including a five-yard run on fourth down at Oakland's 18. It was the Broncos' first regular season home victory over Oakland since 1962 and marked the first time since October 5, 1975 that the Raiders failed to score a touchdown in a game.

Oakland	0	0	3	3	-	6
Denver	0	7	0	7	-	14

Den-Moses 6 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Oak-FG Mann 33
 Oak-FG Mann 22
 Den-Armstrong 1 run (Turner kick)

Pittsburgh 28, Buffalo 17 Sunday, September 3

At Rich Stadium, attendance 64,147.

Terry Bradshaw completed 14 of 19 passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Steelers to 28-17 victory. Bradshaw connected on touchdown passes of 28 yards to John Stallworth and 15 yards to Theo Bell. Franco Harris became the NFL's eighth all-time leading rusher, gaining 96 yards to bring his career total to 6,391.

Pittsburgh	0	14	0	14	-	28
Buffalo	0	0	0	17	-	17

Pitt -Stallworth 28 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt -Harris 1 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt -Thornton 2 run (Gerela kick)
 Buff-Lewis 22 pass from Munson (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-FG Dempsey 32
 Pitt -Bell 15 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Buff-Gant 3 pass from Munson (Dempsey kick)

Chicago 17, St. Louis 10 Sunday, September 3

At Soldier Field, attendance 52,791.

Roland Harper scored on a one-yard run with 1:56 remaining to give rookie head coach Neill Armstrong his first victory and spoil the NFL coaching debut of Bud Wilkinson. The Bears' Walter Payton rushed for 101 yards and tied Gale Sayers' club record of 20 games with at least 100 yards on the ground.

St. Louis	0	3	0	7	-	10
Chicago	3	0	0	14	-	17

Chi-FG Thomas 29
 STL-FG Bakken 33
 Chi-Payton 5 run (Thomas kick)
 STL-Ramson 1 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 Chi-Harper 1 run (Thomas kick)

San Diego 24, Seattle 20 Sunday, September 3

At Kingdome, attendance 55,778.

Dan Fouts threw two touchdown passes to John Jefferson, San Diego's number one pick in the 1978 draft, and defensive tackle Gary Johnson returned an interception 52 yards for a touchdown to pace the Chargers. Rolf Benirschke also added an 18-yard field goal, his thirteenth straight over two seasons. Seattle's Jim Zorn connected on a 33-yard touchdown pass to Steve Largent with six seconds left in the game. Zorn completed 21 of 32 passes for a club record 329 yards.

San Diego	7	3	7	7	-	24
Seattle	6	7	0	7	-	20

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Sea-Smith 64 pass from Zorn (kick failed)
 SD -Jefferson 29 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 SD -FG Benirschke 18
 Sea-Zorn 23 run (Herrera kick)
 SD -Jefferson 6 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 SD -Johnson 52 interception return (Benirschke kick)
 Sea-Largent 33 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Cleveland 24, San Francisco 7

Sunday, September 3

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 68,973.

Rookie Ozzie Newsome, Cleveland's number one draft choice, ran 33 yards in the second quarter for a touchdown on an end-around play to break a 7-7 tie and Brian Sipe hit Reggie Rucker with a 69-yard touchdown pass with 6:03 remaining to clinch the win for the Browns. Greg Pruitt, who rushed for 106 yards, gave the Browns a 7-0 first-period lead on a two-yard touchdown run. O.J. Simpson gained 78 yards rushing in his first regular season appearance with the 49ers.

San Francisco	0	7	0	0	-	7
Cleveland	7	7	0	10	-	24

Cle-G. Pruitt 2 run (Cockroft kick)
 SF -MacAfee 7 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
 Cle-Newsome 33 run (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Rucker 69 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 23

Washington 16, New England 14

Sunday, September 3

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 55,037.

Brad Dusek picked up Horace Ivory's fumble and ran 31 yards for the game-winning touchdown with 2:40 remaining. Steve Grogan had given the Patriots a 14-9 lead on second half touchdown passes to Stanley Morgan and Harold Jackson. Both scores were set up by Ivory, who came off the bench to rush for 89 yards. Washington's Joe Theismann completed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Mike Thomas and set up Mark Moseley's 26-yard field goal with a 63-yard pass to Danny Buggs. Jackson, who joined the Patriots in a preseason trade with Los Angeles, caught seven passes for 124 yards.

Washington	3	0	6	7	-	16
New England	0	0	7	7	-	14

Wash-FG Moseley 26
 NE -Morgan 33 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 Wash-Thomas 15 pass from Theismann (kick failed)
 NE -Jackson 45 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 Wash-Dusek 31 fumble recovery return (Moseley kick)

Dallas 38, Baltimore 0

Monday Night, September 4

At Texas Stadium, attendance 64,224.

Super Bowl XII champion Dallas exhibited an awesome display of offensive and defensive power, rolling over the 1977 AFC Eastern Division champion Colts. The Cowboys compiled the second highest offensive yardage total in the club's history (587 yards) and the "Doomsday Defense" limited Baltimore to 181 yards. The Colts were without the services of quarterback Bert Jones, who was injured during the preseason. The Cowboys were led by quarterback Roger Staubach, who threw four touchdown passes, and Tony Dorsett, who rushed for 147 yards and caught three passes for 107 yards and a touchdown.

Baltimore	0	0	0	0	-	0
Dallas	0	21	14	3	-	38

Dall-Dennison 1 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-Dorsett 91 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-DuPree 8 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-D. Pearson 38 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-Saldi 1 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-FG Septien 48

SECOND WEEK

Detroit 15, Tampa Bay 7

Saturday, September 9

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 64,445.

Tampa Bay errors led to all of Detroit's points as the Lions won their first game under head coach Monte Clark. Mike Boryla, making his first start in two years, fumbled on Tampa Bay's second offensive series and Detroit's John Woodcock recovered at the Buccaneers' 29. Four plays later Benny Ricardo kicked a 48-yard field goal. On the ensuing kickoff, the Lions' Leonard Thompson recovered George Ragsdale's fumble at the 12. Three plays later Greg Landry threw a nine-yard touchdown pass to Jessie Thompson. A roughing the passer penalty and a fumble set up Ricardo field goals in the second and fourth quarters.

Detroit	9	3	0	3	-	15
Tampa Bay	7	0	0	0	-	7

TB -Bell 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)
 Det-FG Ricardo 48
 Det-J. Thompson 9 pass from Landry (kick failed)
 Det-FG Ricardo 47
 Det-FG Ricardo 27

Los Angeles 10, Atlanta 0

Sunday, September 10

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 46,201.

The Rams boosted their record to 2-0 and took over sole possession of first place in the NFC West. The only touchdown of the game came in the fourth period when Cullen Bryant scored from the 1 on fourth down. The clinching drive covered 84 yards in 11 plays and included a 52-yard pass from Pat Haden to Willie Miller.

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

LA-FG Corral 19
 LA-Bryant 1 run (Corral kick)

Chicago 16, San Francisco 13

Sunday, September 10

At Candlestick Park, attendance 49,502.

Doug Buffone intercepted his second pass of the game late in the fourth period and lateraled the ball to Virgil Livers, who carried it 17 yards to the 49ers' 35. Nine plays later, Roland Harper scored the winning touchdown on a one-yard run with 3:27 remaining. O.J. Simpson was a workhorse for the 49ers, rushing for 108 yards on 27 carries and catching five passes for 56 yards. He scored San Francisco's only touchdown in the first period on an eight-yard pass from Steve DeBerg.

Chicago	3	3	3	7	-	16
San Francisco	7	3	0	3	-	13

Chi-FG Thomas 32
 SF -Simpson 8 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
 Chi-FG Thomas 44
 SF -FG Wersching 44
 Chi-FG Thomas 38
 SF -FG Wersching 27
 Chi-Harper 1 run (Thomas kick)

Cleveland 13, Cincinnati 10 (OT)

Sunday, September 10

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 72,691.

Don Cockroft kicked a 27-yard field goal 4:30 into overtime to give the Browns their second straight win and a first-place tie with Pittsburgh in the AFC Central. Larry Collins returned the opening kickoff of the overtime 41 yards to the Cleveland 47 and the Browns quickly maneuvered into field goal range. The key play was an 18-yard pass from Brian Sipe to Ozzie Newsome.

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Cincinnati	7	3	0	0	0	-	10
Cleveland	0	0	3	7	3	-	13

Cin-Bass 51 pass from Reaves (Bahr kick)
 Cin-FG Bahr 37
 Cle-FG Cockroft 32
 Cle-Rucker 13 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 27

Dallas 34, New York Giants 24

Sunday, September 10

At Giants Stadium, attendance 73,265.

Roger Staubach threw two touchdown passes and Robert Newhouse scored on one- and two-yard runs as the Cowboys won their eighth consecutive game over two seasons. The Giants trailed 21-7 at the half but scored 10 straight points in the third quarter to close the margin to 21-17. The Cowboys then pulled away by driving 80 yards in 12 plays, scoring on Newhouse's one-yard run.

Dallas	7	14	6	7	-	34
New York Giants	0	7	10	7	-	24

Dall -DuPree 4 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall -Newhouse 2 run (Septien kick)
 NYG-Dixon 4 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)
 Dall -Saldi 2 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 NYG-Hammond 11 run (Danelo kick)
 NYG-FG Danelo 42
 Dall -Newhouse 1 run (kick failed)
 Dall -Dorsett 3 run (Septien kick)
 NYG-Doornink 1 run (Danelo kick)

Houston 20, Kansas City 17

Sunday, September 10

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 40,213.

Earl Campbell scored two fourth quarter touchdowns and rushed for 107 yards – his second consecutive 100-yard performance. He scored on a one-yard run early in the fourth period to cut Kansas City's lead to 17-13. His second touchdown was a two-yard run that capped a 69-yard drive with 1:53 remaining. Tony Reed highlighted the Chiefs' offensive attack by rushing for 141 yards on 16 carries.

Houston	3	3	0	14	-	20
Kansas City	0	10	7	0	-	17

Hou-FG Fritsch 33
 Hou-FG Fritsch 49
 KC -FG Stenerud 41
 KC -McKnight 3 run (Stenerud kick)
 KC -Reed 19 run (Stenerud kick)
 Hou-Campbell 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-Campbell 2 run (Fritsch kick)

Miami 42, Baltimore 0

Sunday, September 10

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 47,730.

Don Strock completed 13 of 20 passes for 151 yards and three touchdowns as the Dolphins evened their record at 1-1. The Colts, who were shut out for the second straight week, dropped to 0-2. Miami's defense intercepted six passes to tie a club record. Norris Thomas returned one interception 53 yards for a touchdown on the Colts' first pass play. Rick Volk also made a big contribution to the Miami secondary by picking off his second and third passes of the season.

Miami	14	14	0	14	-	42
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	-	0

Mia-Thomas 53 pass interception (Yeapremian kick)
 Mia-N. Moore 5 pass from Strock (Yeapremian kick)
 Mia-Hardy 2 pass from Strock (Yeapremian kick)
 Mia-Tillman 14 pass from Strock (Yeapremian kick)
 Mia-Davis 8 run (Yeapremian kick)
 Mia-Malone 5 run (Yeapremian kick)

New England 16, St. Louis 6

Sunday, September 10

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 48,233.

Steve Grogan connected on 13 of 21 passes for 172 yards and a touchdown, and Don Calhoun rushed for 143 yards to lead the Patriots to their first win of 1978. New England finished with 441 yards total offense, including 269 yards on the ground. The Cardinals had trouble moving the ball against a tough Patriots defense that yielded only 57 yards on the ground.

New England	3	13	0	0	-	16
St. Louis	0	0	6	0	-	6

NE-FG Smith 24
 NE-Grogan 5 run (Smith kick)
 NE-Francis 24 pass from Grogan (kick blocked)
 STL-Childs 8 pass from Hart (kick failed)

Green Bay 28, New Orleans 17

Sunday, September 10

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 54,336.

David Whitehurst threw four touchdown passes – three to James Lofton – to give the Packers their second straight victory and best start since the 1969 season. The Whitehurst-to-Lofton combination connected on touchdown passes covering 42, 47, and 18 yards. The Packers' running game was equally effective, gaining 220 yards, including 114 by Terrell Middleton. Archie Manning and Tony Galbreath established Saints single game records in a losing cause, Manning for most pass completions (33) and passes attempted (53), and Galbreath for most pass receptions (14).

New Orleans	3	7	0	7	-	17
Green Bay	7	7	7	7	-	28

GB-Lofton 42 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)
 NO-FG Szaro 37
 NO-Harris 6 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)
 GB-Lofton 47 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)
 GB-Lofton 18 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)
 GB-McGeorge 9 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)
 NO-Strachan 4 run (Szaro kick)

New York Jets 21, Buffalo 20

Sunday, September 10

At Rich Stadium, attendance 40,985.

Richard Todd hit Jerome Barkum with a three-yard touchdown pass with 50 seconds left to give the Jets a 21-20 decision. It was Todd's third touchdown toss of the day and sixth of the season. The victory left the Jets unbeaten after two games and dropped the Bills to 0-2.

New York Jets	0	7	7	7	-	21
Buffalo	0	7	0	13	-	20

Buff -Romes 85 pass interception (Dempsey kick)
 NYJ-Barkum 14 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
 NYJ-Gaffney 36 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
 Buff -Gant 11 pass from Ferguson (kick failed)
 Buff -Walton 32 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)
 NYJ-Barkum 3 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)

Oakland 21, San Diego 20

Sunday, September 10

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 51,653.

Dave Casper fell on a fumble in the end zone on the game's final play and Errol Mann kicked the extra point to give the Raiders their first win of the season. Casper fell on the ball after it was fumbled forward by Ken Stabler, who had pulled the Raiders to within 20-14 when he hit Morris Bradshaw with a 44-yard scoring toss with 8:26 left. Stabler also engineered the winning drive, taking the Raiders 81 yards in eight plays.

Oakland	0	7	0	14	-	21
San Diego	0	13	0	7	-	20

SD-Curran 14 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 Oak-Casper 6 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

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SD -Bauer 1 run (kick failed)
 SD -Bauer 2 run (Benirschke kick)
 Oak-Bradshaw 44 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)
 Oak-Casper fumble recovery in end zone (Mann kick)

Washington 35, Philadelphia 30

Sunday, September 10

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,380.

Joe Theismann threw three touchdown passes and ran for another as the Redskins scored their highest point total since 1976. Theismann's 37-yard touchdown pass to Danny Buggs on a gadget play gave Washington a 35-16 lead early in the fourth period. But the Redskins had to fight off an Eagles rally that was led by Wilbert Montgomery, who scored his third and fourth touchdowns of the game to cut the final margin to 35-30.

Philadelphia	7	3	6	14	-	30
Washington	7	14	7	7	-	35

Phil -Montgomery 34 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Wash-Theismann 4 run (Moseley kick)
 Phil -FG Mike-Mayer 32
 Wash-Fugett 49 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-Fugett 19 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-Green 80 punt return (Moseley kick)
 Phil -Montgomery 10 pass from Jaworski (kick failed)
 Wash-Buggs 37 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Phil -Montgomery 8 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Phil -Montgomery 5 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Pittsburgh 21, Seattle 10

Sunday, September 10

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,277.

Terry Bradshaw threw two second period touchdown passes and Franco Harris scored on a one-yard run early in the final quarter to give the Steelers their second straight win and a tie for first place with Cleveland in the AFC Central. Bradshaw finished the day with 17 completions in 33 attempts for 213 yards.

Seattle	0	7	3	0	-	10
Pittsburgh	0	14	0	7	-	21

Pitt -Swann 4 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt -Thornton 20 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Sea-Sims 1 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-FG Herrera 20
 Pitt -Harris 1 run (Gerela kick)

Minnesota 12, Denver 9 (OT)

Monday Night, September 11

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,508.

Rick Danmeier, who spent the 1977 season on the Vikings' injured reserve list after signing as a free agent, kicked a 44-yard field goal at 2:56 of overtime to give the Vikings their first win of the season. Danmeier's field goals of 24, 46 and 21 yards had given Minnesota a 9-0 lead in the third quarter. Tommy Kramer replaced Fran Tarkenton in the overtime period and took the Vikings 56 yards in 10 plays to set up Danmeier's winning three-pointer. The Broncos tied the game as time ran out in the fourth period on Jim Turner's 25-yard field goal. Substitute quarterback Norris Weese directed the 37-yard drive that led to Turner's tying kick.

Denver	0	0	0	9	0	-	9
Minnesota	3	0	6	0	3	-	12

Minn-FG Danmeier 24
 Minn-FG Danmeier 46
 Minn-FG Danmeier 21
 Den -Keyworth 1 run (kick blocked)
 Den -FG Turner 25
 Minn-FG Danmeier 44

THIRD WEEK

Miami 31, Buffalo 24

Sunday, September 17

At Orange Bowl, attendance 48,373.

Gary Davis ran 65 yards for a third quarter touchdown and Delvin Williams rushed for 135 yards as the Dolphins defeated the Bills for the seventeenth straight time to tie an NFL record. Miami's win over-shadowed an impressive performance by Joe Ferguson, who completed 14 of 24 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns, including a 92-yard bomb to Frank Lewis, the third longest scoring play in Bills history.

Buffalo	0	7	3	14	-	24
Miami	7	7	10	7	-	31

Mia-L. Harris 4 run (Yepremian kick)
 Buff-Miller 1 run (Dempsey kick)
 Mia-Tillman 6 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-FG Yepremian 49
 Buff-FG Dempsey 46
 Mia-Davis 65 run (Yepremian kick)
 Buff-Lewis 92 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)
 Mia-Williams 18 run (Yepremian kick)
 Buff-Hooks 4 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

Chicago 19, Detroit 0

Sunday, September 17

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 65,982.

The Bears exploded for three scores within a span of four minutes in the third quarter to extend their regular season winning streak to nine games. Bob Thomas opened the scoring with a 28-yard field goal at the 10:41 mark, followed by a safety when Greg Landry was tackled in the end zone by Tommy Hart, and a 40-yard touchdown pass from Bob Avellini to James Scott.

Chicago	0	7	12	0	-	19
Detroit	0	0	0	0	-	0

Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)
 Chi-FG Thomas 28
 Chi-Safety, Hart tackled Landry in end zone
 Chi-Scott 40 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)

Cleveland 24, Atlanta 16

Sunday, September 17

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 56,648.

Brian Sipe ran two yards for a touchdown with 1:19 remaining to seal the outcome. With 8:47 remaining, Atlanta had an opportunity to tie the score at 17-17, but Fred Steinfort missed the extra point attempt after a two-yard touchdown run by Ray Strong. Sipe finished the game with 20 completions out of 35 attempts for 219 yards.

Cleveland	0	17	0	7	-	24
Atlanta	3	7	0	6	-	16

Atl -FG Steinfort 24
 Cle-FG Cockroft 43
 Cle-Newsome 2 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Atl -Stanback 15 run (Steinfort kick)
 Cle-Rucker 27 yard pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Atl -Strong 2 run (kick failed)
 Cle-Sipe 2 run (Cockroft kick)

Los Angeles 27, Dallas 14

Sunday, September 17

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 65,749.

Rod Perry intercepted a pass and returned it 43 yards for a score with less than four minutes remaining to clinch the victory for the Rams. It was the Rams' third straight win and snapped the Cowboys nine-game winning streak. Early in the fourth quarter, Pat Haden hit Willie Miller with a 43-yard touchdown pass to give the Rams a 20-14 lead. Tony Dorsett, who had averaged over 100 yards rushing in his first two games, was held to 38 by a rugged Rams defense that also intercepted four Roger Staubach passes.

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Dallas 0 7 0 7 - 14

Los Angeles 7 7 0 13 - 27

LA -Cappelletti 1 run (Corral kick)

Dall-Dupree 14 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

LA -Jessie 21 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

Dall-Hill 18 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

LA -Miller 43 pass from Haden (kick failed)

LA -Perry 43 interception return (Corral kick)

New York Giants 26, Kansas City 10

Sunday, September 17

At Giants Stadium, attendance 70,546.

The Giants took the opening kickoff and marched 71 yards in 11 plays, capped by Joe Pisarcik's six-yard touchdown pass to Bobby Hammond. Later in the first period, Pisarcik connected with Johnny Perkins on a 21-yard touchdown pass. The Chiefs' wing-T offense produced 365 total yards, including 114 on the ground by Tony Reed.

Kansas City 0 7 0 3 - 10

New York Giants 14 6 3 3 - 26

NYG-Hammond 6 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)

NYG-Perkins 21 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)

KC -McKnight 2 run (Stenerud kick)

NYG-Csonka 1 run (kick failed)

NYG-FG Danelo 41

KC -FG Stenerud 24

NYG-FG Danelo 40

Oakland 28, Green Bay 3

Sunday, September 17

At Lambeau Field, attendance 55,903.

Mark van Eeghen rushed for a career-high 151 yards and Arthur Whittington scored on runs of 7 and 10 yards as the Raiders won their second game of the season while the Packers suffered their first defeat. Despite three first half interceptions by Green Bay, the Raiders dominated the game from start to finish. Oakland rolled up 420 total yards, including 348 on the ground.

Oakland 0 14 0 14 - 28

Green Bay 0 3 0 0 - 3

Oak-Casper 11 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

Oak-Robiskie 11 run (Mann kick)

GB -FG Marcol 34

Oak-Whittington 7 run (Mann kick)

Oak-Whittington 10 run (Mann kick)

Philadelphia 24, New Orleans Saints 17

Sunday, September 17

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 49,242.

Ron Jaworski fired two second half touchdown passes to Harold Carmichael to give the Eagles their first victory of the season. It was the eighty-third straight game in which Carmichael caught at least one pass. The Eagles running game got a big boost from Wilbert Montgomery, who rushed for 104 yards.

Philadelphia 0 7 10 7 - 24

New Orleans 7 0 7 3 - 17

NO-Owens 47 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)

Phil-Krepfle 20 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Phil-Carmichael 5 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Phil-FG Mike-Mayer 21

NO-Galbreath 9 run (Szaro kick)

Phil-Carmichael 16 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)

NO-FG Szaro 21

Pittsburgh 28, Cincinnati 3

Sunday, September 17

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 50,260.

Terry Bradshaw completed 14 of 19 passes for 242 yards and directed a Pittsburgh offense that generated 447 total yards as the Steelers won their

third straight game. Rocky Bleier and Franco Harris each scored a touchdown and rushed for 75 and 73 yards respectively. Bradshaw threw two touchdown passes, including one to Bennie Cunningham, who had four receptions for 107 yards.

Pittsburgh 14 7 7 0 - 28

Cincinnati 0 3 0 0 - 3

Pitt-Bleier 5 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Harris 15 run (Gerela kick)

Cin-FG Bahr 33

Pitt-Cunningham 26 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Swann 12 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Denver 27, San Diego 14

Sunday, September 17

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,983.

Rick Upchurch returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown to lead the Broncos to a come-from-behind victory over the Chargers. Upchurch's score came with 3:17 remaining and gave the Broncos, who trailed 14-7 at halftime, a 20-14 lead. Lonnie Perrin added his second touchdown of the game less than two minutes later.

San Diego 0 14 0 0 - 14

Denver 7 0 6 14 - 27

Den-Egloff 2 pass from Weese (Turner kick)

SD -Fouts 3 run (Benirschke kick)

SD -Jefferson 20 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

Den-Perrin 1 run (kick failed)

Den-Upchurch 75 punt return (Turner kick)

Den-Perrin 21 run (Turner kick)

Houston 20, San Francisco 19

Sunday, September 17

At Astrodome, attendance 46,161.

Tom Fritsch kicked a 19-yard field goal with 1:14 remaining to give the Oilers a 20-19 victory. Fritsch's kick capped a 79-yard drive and erased an outstanding second half passing performance by San Francisco's Steve DeBerg, who threw two touchdown passes, including an eight-yarder to Paul Seal that gave the 49ers a 19-17 lead with 7:51 to play.

San Francisco 0 6 6 7 - 19

Houston 7 3 7 3 - 20

Hou-Campbell 4 run (Fritsch kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 38

SF -FG Wersching 26

SF -FG Wersching 19

Hou-Burrough 13 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

SF -Solomon 58 pass from DeBerg (kick failed)

SF -Seal 8 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 19

Seattle 24, New York Jets 17

Sunday, September 17

At Shea Stadium, attendance 46,911.

David Sims, who rushed for 121 yards on 23 carries, swept around right end for a three-yard touchdown that broke a 17-17 tie with 10:20 to play. It was his third touchdown of the game. Jim Zorn set up the winning score when he ran for a first down to the Jets 2 yard line after a fake field goal. Zorn riddled the Jets' secondary, completing 19 of 26 passes for 191 yards. Sims' three touchdowns set a Seahawks game record.

Seattle 0 14 3 7 - 24

New York Jets 7 7 3 0 - 17

NYJ-Gaines 1 run (Leahy kick)

Sea -Sims 3 run (Herrera kick)

NYJ-Gaines 5 run (Leahy kick)

Sea -Sims 2 run (Herrera kick)

Sea -FG Herrera 45

NYJ-FG Leahy 37

Sea -Sims 3 run (Herrera kick)

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Tampa Bay 16, Minnesota 10 Sunday, September 17

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,152.

Doug Williams connected with Morris Owens on a five-yard touchdown pass with 4:26 left in the third quarter to put the Buccaneers ahead 16-7, and the Tampa Bay defense made the lead stand the rest of the way. It was Tampa Bay's first win in three starts, while the Vikings dropped to 1-2.

Tampa Bay	3	6	7	0	-	16
Minnesota	7	0	0	3	-	10

TB -FG O'Donoghue 42

Minn-Rashad 4 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

TB -Bell 2 run (kick failed)

TB -Owens 5 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Minn-FG Danmeier 47

Washington 28, St. Louis 10 Sunday, September 17

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 49,282.

Joe Theismann threw two touchdown passes and Tony Greene returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown as the Redskins defeated the Cardinals for the fifth straight time. Greene's touchdown return was his second in as many weeks and gave the Redskins a 21-3 halftime lead. John Riggins paced the Redskins' ground attack with 108 yards.

Washington	7	14	7	0	-	28
St. Louis	3	0	0	7	-	10

StL -FG Bakken 20

Wash-Green 99 kickoff return (Moseley kick)

Wash-Fugett 14 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Wash-Thomas 9 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Harmon 9 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

StL -Gray 27 run (Bakken kick)

Baltimore 34, New England 27 Monday Night, September 18

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 57,284.

The Colts scored 27 points in the final period. Running back Joe Washington accounted for two of the touchdowns, including 90-yard kickoff return with 1:18 left in the rain-soaked game. New England tied the game when Sam Cunningham scored on a one-yard run with 1:32 remaining, but Washington took the ensuing kickoff for the winning score.

Baltimore	0	7	0	27	-	34
New England	6	7	0	14	-	27

NE -Johnson 1 run (kick failed)

Balt-McCauley 3 run (Linhart kick)

NE -Morgan 62 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

Balt-Carr 54 pass from Washington (Linhart kick)

Balt-Washington 23 pass from Troup (kick failed)

Balt-Carr 67 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)

NE -Grogan 4 run (Smith kick)

NE -Cunningham 1 run (Smith kick)

Balt-Washington 90 kickoff return (Linhart kick)

FOURTH WEEK

Tampa Bay 14, Atlanta 9 Sunday, September 24

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 58,073.

Doug Williams passed 15 yards to Jim Obradovich with 8:01 left in the game to propel the Buccaneers to their second straight victory. The Falcons' defense did not allow Tampa Bay a first down until the third quarter. Blocked kicks resulted in first period points for both teams, while Steve Bartkowski accounted for the only third period score, a five-yard touchdown pass to Alfred Jackson. Williams got the Tampa Bay offense untracked in the fourth quarter, driving 57 yards in eight plays for the winning score.

Atlanta	2	0	7	0	-	9
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Tampa Bay	7	0	0	7	-	14
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Atl-Safety, punt blocked out of end zone

TB-Washington 79 blocked field goal return (O'Donoghue kick)

Atl-A. Jackson 5 pass from Bartkowski (Steinfort kick)

TB-Obradovich 15 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Buffalo 24, Baltimore 17 Sunday, September 24

At Rich Stadium, attendance 55,270.

Curtis Brown scored on a 102-yard kickoff return in the second quarter to break a 14-14 tie and lead the Bills to their first victory of the season. Joe Ferguson completed touchdown passes to Reuben Gant and Frank Lewis for a 14-0 first quarter edge, and Tom Dempsey closed out the first half with a field goal. Second half interceptions by Charles Romes, Tony Greene, and Shane Nelson stopped Colts drives and helped preserve the victory for the Bills.

Baltimore	0	14	3	0	-	17
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Buffalo	14	10	0	0	-	24
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Buff-Gant 19 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

Buff-Lewis 28 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

Balt-Leaks 17 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)

Balt-McCall 5 blocked punt return (Linhart kick)

Buff-Brown 102 kickoff return (Dempsey kick)

Buff-FG Dempsey 21

Balt-FG Linhart 21

Pittsburgh 15, Cleveland 9 (OT) Sunday, September 24

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,573.

Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw finished a nine-play, 79-yard drive with a 37-yard gadget pass to Bennie Cunningham at 3:43 of overtime to knock the Browns from the unbeaten ranks. It was Bradshaw's one-hundredth career scoring pass and decided a game that was a battle of field goals for four periods. Cleveland's Don Cockroft and Pittsburgh's Roy Gerela each kicked three. The Pittsburgh defense sacked quarterback Brian Sipe five times and made two interceptions to help move the Steelers alone atop the AFC Central Division.

Cleveland	0	6	3	0	0	-	9
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Pittsburgh	3	0	0	6	6	-	15
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Pitt-FG Gerela 19

Cle-FG Cockroft 43

Cle-FG Cockroft 30

Cle-FG Cockroft 41

Pitt-FG Gerela 33

Pitt-FG Gerela 36

Pitt-Cunningham 37 pass from Bradshaw (no kick)

Denver 23, Kansas City 17 (OT) Sunday, September 24

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 60,593.

Dave Preston scored from one yard out at 10:28 of overtime to climax the Broncos' come-from-behind victory. The Chiefs won the overtime coin toss but were stopped on fourth-and-two at the Denver 40. Craig Morton then drove the Broncos 60 yards on 13 rushing plays for the winning score. The win moved Denver into sole possession of first place in the AFC Western Division, one game in front of Oakland.

Denver	7	3	7	0	6	-	23
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Kansas City	7	3	7	0	0	-	17
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Den-Odoms 42 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

KC-Livingston 1 run (Stenerud kick)

Den-FG Turner 42

KC -FG Stenerud 46

KC -Reed 15 run (Stenerud kick)

Den-Canada 3 run (Turner kick)

Den-Preston 1 run (no kick)

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Seattle 28, Detroit 16
Sunday, September 24
At Kingdome, attendance 56,781.

Jim Zorn threw fourth period touchdown passes to Steve Largent, Ron Howard, and Sam McCullum in a 28-16 comeback victory. Detroit had built a 16-7 lead before the Seahawks scored on three straight possessions in the fourth quarter. Zorn, who ran for the first touchdown of the game on a five-yard rollout, threw the 12-yard game-winner to McCullum with only 2:30 remaining.

Detroit	3	3	10	0	-	16
Seattle	0	7	0	21	-	28

Det -FG Ricardo 44
 Det -FG Ricardo 35
 Sea-Zorn 5 run (Herrera kick)
 Det -FG Ricardo 29
 Det -Bussey 29 run (Ricardo kick)
 Sea-Largent 40 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Howard 4 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Sea-McCullum 12 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Green Bay 24, San Diego 3
Sunday, September 24

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 42,755.

Willie Buchanan tied an NFL record, intercepting four passes (one for a 77-yard touchdown), as the Packers capitalized on 11 San Diego turnovers (five interceptions, six fumbles) in their interconference victory. Terrell Middleton ran 13 yards for a score after a San Diego fumble and Walter Landers had a 15-yard touch-down return of a blocked punt. The two teams combined to set an NFL record with 18 quarterback sacks. The Chargers tackled David Whitehurst 10 times for 83 yards, and Green Bay sacked Chargers quarterbacks 8 times.

Green Bay	0	7	10	7	-	24
San Diego	0	0	3	0	-	3

GB-Middleton 13 run (Marcol kick)
 GB-Landers 15 blocked punt return (Marcol kick)
 SD-FG Benirschke 43
 GB-FG Marcol 37
 GB-Buchanan 77 interception return (Marcol kick)

Los Angeles 10, Houston 6
Sunday, September 24

At Astrodome, attendance 45,749.

Cullen Bryant scored from three yards on the Rams' first possession of the game and Frank Corral added a 25-yard field goal for a 10-3 halftime edge. Los Angeles controlled the ball for 21 minutes of the second half and converted seven of eight third down plays. Pat Thomas intercepted a Dan Pastorini pass at the Rams' 10 with 7:10 remaining, and the Rams ran out the clock.

Los Angeles	7	3	0	0	-	10
Houston	0	3	0	3	-	6

LA -Bryant 3 run (Corral kick)
 LA -FG Corral 25
 Hou-FG Fritsch 32
 Hou-FG Fritsch 20

Philadelphia 17, Miami 3
Sunday, September 24

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 62,998.

Mike Hogan scored two touchdowns, climaxing drives of 60 and 88 yards, in the 17-3 victory. The Philadelphia offense controlled the ball for 40 minutes, totaling 222 yards rushing, including Wilbert Montgomery's 111 on 25 carries. The defense limited Miami to 143 yards total offense and intercepted three Don Strock passes.

Miami	3	0	0	0	-	3
Philadelphia	0	7	0	10	-	17

Mia-FG Yepremian 47
 Phil-Hogan 4 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Phil-Hogan 5 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Phil-FG Mike-Mayer 34

New England 21, Oakland 14
Sunday, September 24

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,904.

Mike Haynes' interception of a Ken Stabler pass set up a one-yard plunge by Sam Cunningham with 16 seconds remaining to earn the Patriots the win and a share of the AFC Eastern Division lead. Steve Grogan set up the winning score, running 28 yards on a rollout to the Oakland 3. Cunningham followed two plays later with the decisive score. Grogan passed for 219 yards and ran for 65 more, and Russ Francis caught five passes for 126 yards. Oakland led 14-0 before New England's offense got untracked.

New England	0	7	7	7	-	21
Oakland	14	0	0	0	-	14

Oak-Casper 13 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)
 Oak-Whittington 4 run (Mann kick)
 NE -Francis 25 pass from Grogan (Lowery kick)
 NE -Ivory 16 run (Lowery kick)
 NE -Cunningham 1 run (Lowery kick)

New Orleans 20, Cincinnati 18
Sunday, September 24

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 40,455.

John Leyboldt, signed just three days earlier, kicked a 27-yard field goal on the last play of the game to lift the Saints to victory. Mike Strachan kept New Orleans in the game, scoring touchdowns on two five-yard runs. The second capped a 77-yard drive with 5:25 left. Wes Chandler initiated the Saints' winning drive with a 32-yard punt return. Archie Manning connected with Henry Childs on a 20-yard pass play to set up Leyboldt's winning kick.

New Orleans	0	10	0	10	-	20
Cincinnati	3	10	0	5	-	18

Cin-FG Bahr 20
 NO-Strachan 5 run (Leyboldt kick)
 Cin-Bass 12 pass from Reaves (Bahr kick)
 Cin-FG Bahr 22
 NO-FG Leyboldt 39
 Cin-FG Bahr 42
 Cin-Safety, center snap out of end zone
 NO-Strachan 5 run (Leyboldt kick)
 NO-FG Leyboldt 27

Washington 23, New York Jets 3
Sunday, September 24

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,729.

Joe Theismann had the best day of his pro career (21 of 30 for 209 yards), and John Riggins became the twenty-eighth NFL player to rush for over 5,000 career yards (114 yards on 21 carries). New York took a 3-0 lead on Pat Leahy's 31 yard field goal, but Theismann countered by throwing second and third period touchdown passes to John McDaniel and Jean Fugett. Jets quarterback Richard Todd suffered a broken collarbone in the second half.

New York Jets	3	0	0	0	-	3
Washington	0	13	7	3	-	23

NYJ -FG Leahy 31
 Wash-McDaniel 33 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 39
 Wash-FG Moseley 34
 Wash-Fugett 20 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 44

Dallas 21, St. Louis 12
Sunday, September 24

At Texas Stadium, attendance 62,760.

Two fourth quarter touchdowns by Robert Newhouse wiped out a 12-7 St.

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Louis advantage, leading the Cowboys to a 21-12 triumph. The Cardinals opened a 10-point lead before Tony Dorsett's seven-yard touchdown run narrowed the score to 10-7 at the half. After St. Louis blocked a Dallas punt out of the end zone for a safety, Dallas drove 73 yards on nine plays, with Newhouse tallying the winning score. Roger Staubach also hit Newhouse with a touchdown pass later in the fourth period.

St. Louis	7	3	2	0	-	12
Dallas	0	7	0	14	-	21

StL -Gray 9 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL -FG Bakken 23

Dall-Dorsett 7 run (Septien kick)

StL -Safety, Thaxton blocked punt out of end zone

Dall-Newhouse 2 run (Septien kick)

Dall-Newhouse 15 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

New York Giants 27, San Francisco 10 **Sunday, September 24**

At Giants Stadium, attendance 71,536.

Al Dixon and Larry Csonka scored first quarter touchdowns as the Giants coasted to a 27-10 victory. Ray Rhodes' 41-yard interception return set up Joe Pisarcik's touchdown pass to Dixon, and Csonka's score came after he became the sixth player in NFL history to rush for 7,000 yards. Bob Hammond (93 yards on 11 carries) led an offensive charge that amassed a season high 382 yards total offense. Joe Danelo kicked a 52-yard field goal, the longest of his career, as the Giants remained tied with Dallas for second place in the NFC East.

San Francisco	0	3	0	7	-	10
New York Giants	14	3	10	0	-	27

NYG-Dixon 29 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)

NYG-Csonka 1 run (Danelo kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 52

SF -FG Wersching 30

NYG-Spencer 1 run (Danelo kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 28

SF -DeBerg 2 run (Wersching kick)

Minnesota 24, Chicago 20

Monday Night, September 25

At Soldier Field, attendance 53,561.

First quarter touchdowns by wide receiver Sammy White and linebacker Matt Blair gave the Vikings an early lead. White started the scoring on a pass from Fran Tarkenton, and Blair took a lateral from defensive tackle Mark Mullaney, who recovered a Bob Avellini fumble. The Bears narrowed the gap to 14-13 early in the third period, but the Vikings put together a 69-yard drive to extend their lead. Minnesota limited the Chicago offense to just 90 yards rushing as the Bears suffered their first defeat of the season.

Minnesota	14	0	7	3	-	24
Chicago	7	3	3	7	-	20

Minn-White 33 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Minn-Blair 49 return with lateral from Mullaney (Danmeier kick)

Chi -Payton 3 run (Thomas kick)

Chi -FG Thomas 27

Chi -FG Thomas 32

Minn-Foreman 1 run (Danmeier kick)

Minn-FG Danmeier 29

Chi -Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)

FIFTH WEEK

San Francisco 28, Cincinnati 12

Sunday, October 1

At Candlestick Park, attendance 41,107.

San Francisco's defense led the way, intercepting five passes, four of those off Bengals quarterback Ken Anderson, who was making his first start after a preseason hand injury. The 49ers (1-4) built a 21-0 halftime lead on two Steve DeBerg touchdown passes and a 30-yard interception return by

Anthony Leonard. Paul Hofer's 28-yard touchdown run in the final quarter sealed rookie head coach Pete McCulley's first NFL victory.

Cincinnati	0	0	9	3	-	12
San Francisco	7	14	0	7	-	28

SF -Boyd 24 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

SF -Simpson 9 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

SF -Leonard 30 interception return (Wersching kick)

Cin-Safety, Burley tackled DeBerg in end zone

Cin-Brooks 9 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Cin-FG Bahr 46

SF -Hofer 28 run (Wersching kick)

Green Bay 35, Detroit 14

Sunday, October 1

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 54,601.

David Whitehurst passed for two touchdowns and ran for another to lead the Packers over the Lions. Green Bay took a 21-10 halftime lead on one-yard touchdown runs by Whitehurst and Barty Smith and a 43-yard pass from Whitehurst to Aundra Thompson. After a Detroit touchdown in the third quarter, Terrell Middleton scored on a 76-yard touchdown run, the longest by a Packers back in 14 years. Green Bay's offense gained 482 yards, its best effort since 1975.

Detroit	0	0	7	7	-	14
Green Bay	7	14	7	7	-	35

GB-Smith 1 run (Marcol kick)

GB-Whitehurst 1 run (Marcol kick)

GB-Thompson 43 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

Det-Blue 12 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

GB-Middleton 76 run (Marcol kick)

GB-Thompson 19 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

Det-Scott 42 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Houston 16, Cleveland 13

Sunday, October 1

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 72,776.

Toni Fritsch's 19-yard field goal with 14 seconds left decided the game. Dan Pastorini's 44-yard pass to Ken Burrough set up the winning kick. After trailing 10-0 at halftime, Houston came back to take a 13-10 lead on a touchdown pass from Pastorini to Richard Caster and a seven-yard touchdown run by Rob Carpenter. Midway through the fourth quarter Charlie Hall recovered an Oilers fumble, and Don Cockroft kicked a 40-yard field goal that tied the score 13-13.

Houston	0	0	6	10	-	16
Cleveland	3	7	0	3	-	13

Cle -FG Cockroft 41

Cle -Logan 7 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Hou-Caster 41 pass from Pastorini (kick failed)

Hou-Carpenter 7 run (Fritsch kick)

Cle -FG Cockroft 40

Hou-FG Fritsch 19

Buffalo 28, Kansas City 13

Sunday, October 1

At Rich Stadium, attendance 47,310.

Joe Ferguson threw two touchdown passes to Bob Chandler as Buffalo won its second straight game. After trailing 6-0 in the first period, the Bills came back with 21 second quarter points on Ferguson's touchdown passes and an eight-yard touchdown run by rookie Terry Miller. Ferguson, the NFL's leading passer, completed 15 of 18 passes for 210 yards, including seven to Chandler for 116 yards. MacArthur Lane was the Chiefs' offensive standout, rushing for 144 yards on 17 attempts.

Kansas City	6	0	0	7	-	13
Buffalo	0	21	7	0	-	28

KC -FG Stenerud 42

KC -FG Stenerud 27

Buff-Chandler 20 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

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Buff-Miller 8 run (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-Chandler 22 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-Brown 22 run (Dempsey kick)
 KC -McKnight 41 run (Stenerud kick)

Los Angeles 26, New Orleans 20

Sunday, October 1

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 61,654.

Los Angeles converted two turnovers into touchdowns and then held on to defeat New Orleans. Dwight Scales blocked a punt and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown to give Los Angeles a 6-0 lead. Pat Haden threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Willie Miller, and 20 seconds later Rod Perry returned an interception 28 yards to give the Rams a 20-0 lead. Three touchdown passes by Archie Manning cut the Los Angeles lead to three points late in the fourth quarter, but Frank Corral's 39-yard field goal secured the victory.

Los Angeles	6	14	0	6	-	26
New Orleans	0	7	6	7	-	20

LA -Scales 30 blocked punt return (kick failed)
 LA -Miller 20 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 LA -Perry 28 interception return (Corral kick)
 NO-Harris 6 pass from Manning (Leyboldt kick)
 NO-Harris 8 pass from Manning (kick blocked)
 LA -FG Corral 34
 NO-Galbreathe 33 pass from Manning (Leyboldt kick)
 LA -FG Corral 39

Minnesota 24, Tampa Bay 7

Sunday, October 1

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 65,972.

The Minnesota defense intercepted three passes and blocked a punt to lead the Vikings past Tampa Bay. With 29 seconds left in the first half, Fran Tarkenton threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Sammy White to give the Vikings a 17-7 halftime lead. In the second half the only score came in the fourth period, when Fred McNeill picked up a blocked punt and returned it 16 yards for the Vikings' final touchdown. Despite throwing three interceptions, Tampa Bay's Doug Williams set a club record by passing for 311 yards.

Minnesota	7	10	0	7	-	24
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	0	-	7

Minn-Miller 1 run (Danmeier kick)
 Minn-FG Danmeier 36
 TB -Owens 56 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)
 Minn-S. White 21 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 Minn-McNeill 16 blocked punt return (Danmeier kick)

Atlanta 23, New York Giants 20

Sunday, October 1

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 47,765.

Atlanta's fumble of the opening kickoff set up the Giants' first score, and George Martin and Brian Kelly combined to return a blocked field goal 83 yards for a touchdown, giving New York a 14-0 lead. Steve Bartkowski threw for one touchdown and ran for another to put the Falcons ahead 16-14. New York came back with two Joe Danelo field goals before Haskel Stanback's nine-yard touchdown run with 1:52 left gave Atlanta the victory.

New York Giants	14	0	0	6	-	20
Atlanta	0	9	7	7	-	23

NYG-Csonka 6 run (Danelo kick)
 NYG-Martin 11 run after 72 Rhodes run with blocked field goal (Danelo kick)
 Atl -Francis 54 pass from Bartkowski (Steinfort kick)
 Atl -Safety, McClain tackled Pisarcik in end zone
 Atl -Bartkowski 1 run (Steinfort kick)
 NYG-FG Danelo 23
 NYG-FG Danelo 45
 Atl -Stanback 9 run (Steinfort kick)

Oakland 25, Chicago 19 (OT)

Sunday, October 1

At Soldier Field, attendance 52,848.

Neal Colzie's 24-yard interception return set up Art Whittington's one-yard touchdown run, giving Oakland an overtime victory. With 2:36 left in the fourth quarter, Bob Thomas kicked a 24-yard field goal to give the Bears a 19-16 lead. Oakland came back, driving 72 yards to set up a 24-yard field goal by Errol Mann that tied the game with five seconds left in regulation time. In overtime, both teams traded punts before Colzie's key interception. Oakland's Ken Stabler completed 25 of 43 passes for 278 yards, tying his club record for completions in a game.

Oakland	3	3	3	10	6	-	25
Chicago	0	9	0	10	0	-	19

Oak-FG Mann 42
 Chi -FG Thomas 25
 Oak-FG Mann 35
 Chi -Spivey 71 blocked field goal return (kick failed)
 Oak-FG Mann 34
 Chi -Harper 1 run (Thomas kick)
 Oak-Robiske 5 run (Mann kick)
 Chi -FG Thomas 24
 Oak-FG Mann 29
 Oak-Whittington 1 run (no kick)

Philadelphia 17, Baltimore 14

Sunday, October 1

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 50,314.

Wilbert Montgomery rushed for 144 yards and a touchdown as the Eagles registered their third victory of the season. Roosevelt Leaks scored twice to give the Colts a 14-0 lead that lasted until the fourth quarter, when Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski hit Keith Krepfle with a 20-yard touchdown pass on the opening play of the period. A 26-yard field goal by Nick Mike-Mayer and Montgomery's 14-yard scoring run gave the Eagles the victory. It was the first time Philadelphia (3-2) has climbed over the .500 mark since Dick Vermeil became head coach in 1976.

Philadelphia	0	0	0	17	-	17
Baltimore	0	14	0	0	-	14

Balt-Leaks 2 run (Linhart kick)
 Balt-Leaks 4 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)
 Phil-Krepfle 20 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Phil-FG Mike-Mayer 26
 Phil-Montgomery 14 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Pittsburgh 28, New York Jets 17

Sunday, October 1

At Shea Stadium, attendance 52,058.

The 5-0 Steelers, off to the best start in the club's history, defeated the Jets behind the passing of Terry Bradshaw. He threw for one touchdown in each of the first three quarters and Sidney Thornton scored on a one-yard run to account for the Steelers' points. Lynn Swann remained the AFC's leading receiver with seven receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

Pittsburgh	7	7	14	0	-	28
New York Jets	0	10	7	0	-	17

Pitt -Swann 10 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 NYJ-Harper 11 run (Leahy kick)
 Pitt -Stallworth 14 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 47
 Pitt -Swann 26 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt -Thornton 1 run (Gerela kick)
 NYJ-Long 2 run (Leahy kick)

Miami 24, St. Louis 10

Sunday, October 1

At Orange Bowl, attendance 43,882.

Don Strock threw two touchdown passes to lead Miami over winless St. Louis. Strock broke a 10-10 third quarter tie with a 46-yard touchdown pass to Nat Moore. In the fourth quarter Strock hit Duriel Harris with a 17-yard

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pass that set up a one-yard touchdown run by Delvin Williams. Williams ran for 94 yards on 21 carries and remained the AFC's leading rusher.

St. Louis	0	10	0	0	-	10
Miami	10	0	7	7	-	24

Mia-FG Yepremian 34

Mia-N. Moore 2 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)

StL -Thaxton 1 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL -FG Bakken 40

Mia-N. Moore 46 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Williams 1 run (Yepremian kick)

New England 28, San Diego 23

Sunday, October 1

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,781.

Steve Grogan's four-yard touchdown run with 31 seconds left gave New England a victory over San Diego and spoiled Don Coryell's debut as Chargers head coach. Two Grogan touchdown passes wiped out a 13-point San Diego lead, enabling the Patriots to go ahead 21-20 late in the fourth quarter. With 1:55 left Rolf Benirschke kicked a 41-yard field goal to put the Chargers in front 23-21. The Patriots came back, driving 73 yards in seven plays for the final touchdown. Grogan completed 17 of 29 passes for 231 yards and three touchdowns, while San Diego's Dan Fouts hit 14 of 18 passes for 173 yards and three touchdowns.

San Diego	0	13	7	3	-	23
New England	7	0	7	14	-	28

NE-Jackson 30 pass from Grogan (Lowery kick)

SD-Curran 3 pass from Fouts (kick failed)

SD-Jefferson 21 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD-Jefferson 40 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

NE-Jackson 14 pass from Grogan (Lowery kick)

NE-Francis 6 pass from Grogan (Lowery kick)

SD-FG Benirschke 41

NE-Grogan 4 run (Lowery kick)

Denver 28, Seattle 7

Sunday, October 1

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,989.

Norris Weese, making his first NFL start, threw for one touchdown and ran for another as Denver downed Seattle to remain one game ahead of Oakland in the AFC Western Division. Weese gave Denver a 14-0 halftime lead on a six-yard touchdown run and a nine-yard touchdown pass to Jon Keyworth. Fourth quarter interceptions by Steve Foley and Bernard Jackson set up a nine-yard touchdown run by Larry Canada and a four-yard touchdown pass from Craig Penrose to Dave Preston.

Seattle	0	0	7	0	-	7
Denver	7	7	0	14	-	28

Den-Weese 6 run (Turner kick)

Den-Keyworth 9 pass from Weese (Turner kick)

Sea-Sims 6 run (Herrera kick)

Den-Canada 9 run (Turner kick)

Den-Preston 4 pass from Penrose (Turner kick)

Washington 9, Dallas 5

Monday Night, October 2

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 55,031.

Washington took a two-game lead in the NFC East with a 9-5 win over the second-place Cowboys. Mark Moseley accounted for all the Redskins' points on field goals of 52, 42, and 27 yards. Rafael Septien's 19-yard field goal and Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann's safety on the final play of the game produced the Cowboys' five points. Dallas gained 309 yards but failed to score a touchdown in a game for the first time since 1976.

Dallas	0	0	3	2	-	5
Washington	3	3	3	0	-	9

Wash-FG Moseley 52

Wash-FG Moseley 42

Dall -FG Septien 19

Wash-FG Moseley 27

Dall -Safety, White tackled Theismann in end zone

SIXTH WEEK

Pittsburgh 31, Atlanta 7

Sunday, October 8

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,202.

Terry Bradshaw directed the NFL's highest scoring offense on drives of 85, 80, 61, 80, and 71 yards and Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" defense recorded five sacks for the third straight week as the Steelers remained undefeated. Bradshaw, the league's leading passer, completed 13 of 18 passes for 231 yards and one touchdown and also scored on a six-yard keeper. Franco Harris (20 carries for 104 yards) and Rocky Bleier (two touchdowns) helped power a 181-yard rushing attack. Atlanta avoided a shutout with a fourth quarter scoring pass from Steve Bartkowski to Wallace Francis.

Atlanta	0	0	0	7	-	7
Pittsburgh	3	14	7	7	-	31

Pitt-FG Gerela 21

Pitt-Bleier 8 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Bradshaw 6 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Bleier 2 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Stallworth 11 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

All -Francis 11 pass from Bartkowski (Steinfort kick)

Baltimore 30, St. Louis 17

Sunday, October 8

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 47,479.

St. Louis gained 343 yards and recorded 21 first downs but remained winless under Bud Wilkinson as the Colts capitalized on a blocked punt and Lyle Blackwood scored on a 79-yard interception return. Randy Burke's block of Steve Little's punt set up a short plunge by Roosevelt Leaks. Lloyd Mumphord's deflection led to a game-clinching five-yard touchdown run by quarterback Bill Troup. St. Louis also was victimized by two fumbles and four sacks.

Baltimore	7	14	3	6	-	30
St. Louis	3	7	7	0	-	17

StL -FG Bakken 26

Balt-Leaks 1 run (Linhart kick)

StL -Otis 1 run (Bakken kick)

Balt-Alston 10 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)

Balt-Blackwood 79 interception return (Linhart kick)

StL -Morris 9 run (Bakken kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 35

Balt-Troup 5 run (kick blocked)

New York Jets 45, Buffalo 14

Sunday, October 8

At Shea Stadium, attendance 44,545.

The Jets built a 35-7 halftime lead on Kevin Long's three touchdown runs, a 40-yard interception return by Burgess Owens, and Bruce Harper's 82-yard punt return. Long, who carried 13 times for 91 yards, scored twice within 55 seconds after two second period Buffalo miscues. His 16-yard burst was set up by a blocked punt. A fumble on the ensuing kickoff led to a short touchdown drive. Harper's punt return was the second longest in Jets history. Fifteen-year veteran Bill Munson relieved Joe Ferguson and hit Bob Chandler with a 15-yard scoring toss in the final minute.

Buffalo	7	0	0	7	-	14
New York Jets	14	21	10	0	-	45

NYJ-Long 5 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Owens 40 interception return (Leahy kick)

Buff -Gant 16 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

NYJ-Long 16 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Long 3 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Harper 82 punt return (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Gaffney 18 pass from Robinson (Leahy kick)

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NYJ-FG Leahy 38

Buff -Chandler 15 pass from Munson (Dempsey kick)

Green Bay 24, Chicago 14

Sunday, October 8

At Lambeau Field, attendance 56,267.

The Packers, off to their best start since 1966, generated only 166 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown bomb from David Whitehurst to rookie James Lofton, but capitalized on three Chicago turnovers en route to a 17-0 advantage in the third period. Carl Barzilauskas' interception set up a short touchdown run by Terdell Middleton, and Steve Luke scored on a 63-yard interception return. Earlier, Luke recovered a fumble that led to a field goal by Chester Marcol. Bears quarterback Bob Avellini hit James Scott with fourth quarter touchdown passes of 15 and 17 yards.

Chicago	0	0	0	14	-	14
Green Bay	0	3	14	7	-	24

GB-FG Marcol 41

GB-Middleton 2 run (Marcol kick)

GB-Luke 63 interception return (Marcol kick)

Chi-Scott 15 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)

GB-Lofton 58 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

Chi-Scott 17 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)

Cleveland 24, New Orleans 16

Sunday, October 8

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 50,158.

The Browns' ball control offense, led by Cleo Miller (21 carries for 93 yards) and a rejuvenated Calvin Hill, helped snap a two-game losing streak. Hill, signed as a free agent two weeks earlier, contributed 29 yards on Cleveland's initial scoring drive, which ended with Miller's short plunge. The Browns opened up a 14-0 second quarter lead before Archie Manning hit Rich Mauti with a scoring pass and Rich Szaro kicked a field goal to draw the Saints within five at halftime. A third period 14-yard touchdown pass from Brian Sipe to rookie Ozzie Newsome put the contest out of reach. Manning connected with running back Tony Galbreath six times in the Saints' 249-yard aerial attack.

Cleveland	7	7	7	3	-	24
New Orleans	0	9	0	7	-	16

Cle-C. Miller 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Collins 3 run (Cockroft kick)

NO-Mauti 16 pass from Manning (kick failed)

NO-FG Szaro 20

Cle-Newsome 14 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 40

NO-Manning 1 run (Szaro kick)

San Diego 23, Denver 0

Sunday, October 8

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 50,077.

Coach Don Coryell achieved a successful home debut as San Diego scored in every period and held Denver scoreless, the first time the Broncos had been shut out in four years. The Chargers held three different quarterbacks to only eight completions in 30 attempts for 90 yards while forcing three interceptions and two fumbles. Recently acquired Lydell Mitchell (19 carries for 65 yards, nine catches for 51) had his best afternoon as a Charger. Rolf Benirschke's three field goals, Don Woods' one-yard run, and Hank Bauer's 14-yard touchdown reception accounted for San Diego's scoring.

Denver	0	0	0	0	-	0
San Diego	7	7	3	6	-	23

SD-Woods 1 run (Benirschke kick)

SD-Bauer 14 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD-FG Benirschke 28

SD-FG Benirschke 20

SD-FG Benirschke 24

Oakland 21, Houston 17

Sunday, October 8

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,550.

Ken Stabler threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to Dave Casper with 42 seconds remaining to climax an 80-yard, 11-play march as the Raiders won their second consecutive game in the final moments and earned a first place tie with Denver in the AFC West. Stabler completed six of eight passes in the go-ahead drive. With Houston leading 17-7 in the third quarter, Charles Phillips recovered a fumble at the Oakland 4 and returned it 96 yards to draw the Raiders within three. The loss nullified the Oilers' 373-yard offensive performance.

Houston	0	10	7	0	-	17
Oakland	0	7	7	7	-	21

Hou-FG Fritsch 35

Oak-Whittington 4 run (Mann kick)

Hou-Renfro 58 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Hou-Barber 17 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Oak-Phillips 96 fumble recovery return (Mann kick)

Oak-Casper 34 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

Seattle 29, Minnesota 28

Sunday, October 8

At Kingdome, attendance 62,031.

Efren Herrera kicked a 19-yard field goal with :03 remaining in regulation time to climax a 15-play march from the Seattle 29 to the Minnesota 2. Herrera had two conversion attempts blocked prior to his dramatic kick. The victory squared the Seahawks' record at 3-3 and moved them into second place in the AFC Western Division. Jim Zorn ignited the Seahawks' comeback with his second touchdown run, which cut the Vikings' lead to 28-26 with 9:02 to play. The loss offset an outstanding performance by Fran Tarkenton, who completed 27 of 37 passes for 274 yards and two touchdowns.

Minnesota	0	14	14	0	-	28
Seattle	13	6	0	10	-	29

Sea -McCullum 44 pass from Zorn (kick blocked)

Sea -Zorn 12 run (Herrera kick)

Minn-Rashad 2 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Sea -Sims 8 run (kick blocked)

Minn-Tarkenton 1 run (Danmeier kick)

Minn-R. Miller 5 run (Danmeier kick)

Minn-White 9 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Sea -Zorn 22 run (Herrera kick)

Sea -FG Herrera 19

Dallas 24, New York Giants 3

Sunday, October 8

At Texas Stadium, attendance 63,420.

Roger Staubach threw three touchdown passes and recorded the fortieth 200-yard passing effort of his career, and Dallas' defense sacked New York quarterbacks eight times. The sack charge was led by Randy White who had three, and Harvey Martin (two). Tony Hill (seven receptions for 112 yards and two touchdowns) and Billy Joe DuPree each caught a scoring pass as the Cowboys built a 14-3 halftime lead. It was Dallas' ninth consecutive victory over the Giants.

New York Giants	0	3	0	0	-	3
Dallas	7	7	7	3	-	24

Dall -Hill 17 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 37

Dall -DuPree 23 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall -Hill 30 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall -FG Septien 22

New England 24, Philadelphia 14

Sunday, October 8

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 61,016.

The Patriots rolled to their third consecutive victory with a balanced offensive performance and a club record three fumble recoveries by Steve Nelson. Sam Cunningham's 25 carries for 76 yards paced a 205-yard ground attack

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against the NFC's top rushing defense. Steve Grogan passed for 189 yards and one touchdown. Eagles wide receiver Harold Carmichael extended his pass-catching streak to 86 games. The Eagles were held under 300 yards for the first time in five games.

Philadelphia	0	7	7	0	-	14
New England	10	7	7	0	-	24

NE -Calhoun 4 run (Posey kick)

NE -FG Posey 42

NE -Cunningham 1 run (Posey kick)

Phil-Carmichael 28 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)

NE -Morgan 58 pass from Grogan (Posey kick)

Phil-Sciarra 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Los Angeles 27, San Francisco 10

Sunday, October 8

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 59,337.

Los Angeles maintained a perfect record by generating a season-high 404 yards. Contributing to the Rams' 227-yard ground attack were Lawrence McCutcheon with 67 yards, Cullen Bryant, 60, and John Cappelletti, 47. Los Angeles gave up its first rushing touchdown of the year on Greg Boykin's short run in the third quarter. San Francisco's O.J. Simpson gained 18 yards on the drive and finished with 83 yards on 20 carries.

San Francisco	3	0	7	0	-	10
Los Angeles	7	10	7	3	-	27

LA-Cappelletti 3 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

SF-FG Wersching 25

LA-FG Corral 47

LA-Miller 11 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

SF-Boykin 2 run (Wersching kick)

LA-Bryant 10 run (Corral kick)

LA-FG Corral 38

Tampa Bay 30, Kansas City 13

Sunday, October 8

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 38,201.

Tampa Bay exploded for 20 points in the final eight minutes on three short touchdown runs, and the Buccaneers' defense held the NFL's leading rushing attack to 120 yards. With Tampa Bay leading 10-6 midway through the final stanza, Buccaneers rookie Doug Williams (14 of 23 for 226 yards) engineered an 80-yard march capped by Jimmy DuBose's one-yard drive. Moments later, Cedric Brown's interception set up a three-yard touchdown run by Louis Carter. DuBose closed out the scoring on another one-yard burst. Tony Adams connected with Henry Marshall for the Chiefs' first scoring pass of 1978.

Tampa Bay	0	10	0	20	-	30
Kansas City	3	0	0	10	-	13

KC-FG Stenerud 25

TB -FG O'Donoghue 22

TB -Owens 10 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 30

TB -DuBose 1 run (kick failed)

TB -Carter 3 run (O'Donoghue kick)

KC-Marshall 26 pass from Adams (Stenerud kick)

TB -DuBose 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)

Washington 21, Detroit 19

Sunday, October 8

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 60,555.

John McDaniel caught Joe Theismann's 25-yard scoring pass with just 1:24 remaining in regulation time as undefeated Washington opened up a two-game lead over Dallas in the NFC East. McDaniel's reception climaxed a five-play 74-yard drive. Rick Kane had put the Lions ahead 19-14 on a six-yard touchdown run with 5:52 left. Gary Danielson, starting in place of Greg Landry, led Detroit on drives to the Redskins' 5, 3, 7, and 14 yard lines but had to settle for four Benny Ricardo field goals. Washington scored in the second quarter when Gerard Williams recovered a blocked punt in the end

zone.

Washington	0	7	0	14	-	21
Detroit	3	6	3	7	-	19

Det -FG Ricardo 19

Det -FG Ricardo 23

Det -FG Ricardo 31

Wash-Williams recovered blocked punt in end zone (Moseley kick)

Det -FG Ricardo 22

Wash-Fugett 21 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Det -Kane 6 run (Ricardo kick)

Wash-McDaniel 25 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Miami 21, Cincinnati 0

Monday Night, October 9

At Orange Bowl, attendance 54,729.

Delvin Williams, the AFC's leading rusher, carried 24 times for 107 yards to record his third 100-yard plus game of 1978 as the Dolphins blanked winless Cincinnati. Miami posted all 21 points in the first half. Don Strock fired two scoring passes and nose tackle Bob Baumhower returned a fumble 13 yards. The contest marked the return of quarterback Bob Griese, who had missed the first five games because of a preseason knee injury. The NFL's 1977 passing leader completed two of four passes for 22 yards in the final period. Boobie Clark led Bengals rushers with eight carries for 36 yards. He also caught five passes for 35 yards.

Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	-	0
Miami	7	14	0	0	-	21

Mia-D. Harris 3 pass from Strock (Yeapremian kick)

Mia-Cefalo 27 pass from Strock (Yeapremian kick)

Mia-Baumhower 13 fumble recovery return (Yeapremian kick)

SEVENTH WEEK

Houston 17, Buffalo 10

Sunday, October 15

At Astrodome, attendance 47,727.

Rob Carpenter's 18-yard touchdown run in the third period sparked the Oilers' comeback win. Houston had opened a 7-3 lead in the first quarter on Dan Pastorini's four-yard touchdown pass to Rich Caster. The score was set up by Gregg Bingham's fumble recovery at the Buffalo 8. The Bills moved to a 10-7 halftime margin on Keith Moody's 82-yard punt return. Pastorini engineered the Oilers' game-winning drive, which covered 97 yards in 11 plays, by completing three passes for 52 yards, including a 32-yarder to Ken Burrough. Earl Campbell rushed for 105 yards on 19 carries for the Oilers.

Buffalo	3	7	0	0	-	10
Houston	7	0	7	3	-	17

Hou-Caster 4 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Buff-FG Dempsey 33

Buff-Moody 82 punt return (Dempsey kick)

Hou-Carpenter 18 run (Fritsch kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 43

Dallas 24, St. Louis 21 (OT)

Sunday, October 15

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 48,991.

Rafael Septien kicked a 47-yard field goal 3:28 into overtime to give the Cowboys the win and move them to within one game of Washington in the NFC East. Dallas built a 21-14 lead in the third quarter on Roger Staubach's second and third touchdown passes of the day, both to Tony Hill. St. Louis tied the score early in the fourth quarter on Jim Hart's one-yard scoring toss to running back Wayne Morris. Septien and St. Louis place-kicker Jim Bakken both missed field goals in the closing minutes of regulation play. Bakken hit the left upright from 33 yards with 2:54 left and Septien's 49-yarder with two seconds remaining was blocked.

Dallas	0	7	14	0	3	-	24
St. Louis	7	7	0	7	0	-	21

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StL -Otis 2 run (Bakken kick)
 Dall-Newhouse 6 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 StL -Otis 1 run (Bakken kick)
 Dall-Hill 37 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-Hill 6 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 StL -Morris 1 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 Dall-FG Septien 47

Atlanta 14, Detroit 0 Sunday, October 15

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 51,172.

Steve Bartkowski fired a 24-yard touchdown pass to Billy Ryckman and rookie safety Tom Pridemore made two key fourth down plays deep in Falcons territory to help preserve victory. Pridemore stopped Horace King on fourth-and-goal from the Falcons 1 in the third period and sacked Gary Danielson on fourth-and-five from the Atlanta 12 in the final quarter. Bubba Bean's 25-yard run completed the scoring with just 71 seconds remaining. The Atlanta defense allowed a club record of only 22 yards rushing and posted their first home field shutout in 13 years.

Detroit	0	0	0	0	-	0
Atlanta	0	7	0	7	-	14

Atl-Ryckman 24 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl-Bean 25 run (Mazzetti kick)

Oakland 28, Kansas City 6 Sunday, October 15

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 50,759.

Ken Stabler completed 12 of his first 13 passes, including a four-yard touchdown to Dave Casper, as the Raiders coasted to the victory. Mark van Eeghen scored twice on three- and one-yard runs and Charles Phillips went 42 yards with an interception to close the Oakland scoring. Kansas City penetrated the Raiders' 50 yard line only three times and scored with just 1:30 remaining on a 16-yard pass from Tony Adams to Larry Dorsey.

Kansas City	0	0	0	6	-	6
Oakland	7	7	0	14	-	28

Oak-van Eeghen 3 run (Mann kick)
 Oak-Casper 4 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)
 Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (Mann kick)
 Oak-Phillips 42 interception return (Mann kick)
 KC -Dorsey 16 pass from Adams (kick failed)

Los Angeles 34, Minnesota 17 Sunday, October 15

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,551.

Fourth period touchdowns by Lawrence McCutcheon, Isiah Robertson, and John Cappelletti lifted the Rams to a comeback win. Pat Haden's three-yard scoring pass to McCutcheon four seconds into the final period erased a 17-13 Vikings lead. Later in the quarter, Robertson recovered a Mark Kellar fumble and ran 16 yards for a touchdown and Cappelletti followed with a four-yard run to increase the Rams' margin to 34-17. The Los Angeles defense held Minnesota to 42 yards rushing and sacked Fran Tarkenton four times.

Los Angeles	0	13	0	21	-	34
Minnesota	7	3	7	0	-	17

Minn-S. White 5 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 LA -FG Corral 31
 Minn-FG Danmeier 38
 LA -Bryant 6 run (Corral kick)
 LA -FG Corral 40
 Minn-S. White 29 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 LA -McCutcheon 3 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 LA -Robertson 16 fumble recovery return (Corral kick)
 LA -Cappelletti 4 run (Corral kick)

Miami 28, San Diego 21 Sunday, October 15

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 50,637.

Newly acquired Jim Braxton scored two touchdowns and Don Strock and Bob Griese each threw scoring passes in the victory. Braxton scored on two- and one-yard runs and Strock hit Loaird McCreary with a five-yard touchdown pass as the Dolphins converted three San Diego turnovers into a 21-7 halftime advantage. Lydell Mitchell scored twice on one-yard runs in the third quarter to narrow the gap, but Griese hit Nat Moore with a 12-yard scoring pass.

Miami	7	14	7	0	-	28
San Diego	0	7	14	0	-	21

Mia-Braxton 2 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-McCreary 5 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)
 SD -Mitchell 22 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 Mia-Braxton 1 run (Yepremian kick)
 SD -Mitchell 1 run (Benirschke kick)
 Mia-N. Moore 12 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)
 SD -Mitchell 1 run (Benirschke kick)

New England 10, Cincinnati 3 Sunday, October 15

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 48,699.

Sam Cunningham scored from three yards out with 6:56 remaining in the game to break a 3-3 tie and lift New England to the victory. Cincinnati matched the Patriots for three periods on the strength of Chris Bahr's 52-yard field goal. The Bengals' Ken Anderson completed 24 of 42 passes for 223 yards but had three interceptions, two in the final minutes. Steve Grogan marched the Patriots 66 yards in 17 plays and his nine-yard run on third down set up Cunningham's winning touchdown.

New England	3	0	0	7	-	10
Cincinnati	0	3	0	0	-	3

NE-FG Posey 19
 Cin-FG Bahr 52
 NE-Cunningham 3 run (Posey kick)

New Orleans 14, San Francisco 7 Sunday, October 15

At Candlestick Park, attendance 37,671.

Mike Strachan and Ike Harris provided first half touchdowns and the Saints' defense forced six 49ers turnovers on the way to their third win. Joe Campbell's sack of San Francisco quarterback Steve DeBerg caused a fumble that set up a two-yard run by Strachan in the opening quarter. Archie Manning, who had been averaging 33 passes a game, completed only two of four attempts, one a 15-yard touchdown to Harris. The 49ers had a chance to tie the score after DeBerg connected with Freddie Solomon on a 22-yard scoring pass in the fourth quarter, but Elex Price's sack of DeBerg ended any hopes for overtime.

New Orleans	7	7	0	0	-	14
San Francisco	0	0	0	7	-	7

NO-Strachan 2 run (Jurich kick)
 NO-Harris 15 pass from Manning (Jurich kick)
 SF -Solomon 22 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

New York Jets 33, Baltimore 10 Sunday, October 15

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 45,563.

Matt Robinson completed 8 of 13 passes for 215 yards, one a 77-yard touchdown to Wesley Walker, as the Jets coasted to the victory. New York led 20-0 at halftime on two Pat Leahy field goals, Walker's touchdown, and Kevin Long's 10-yard run. Bert Jones started for the Colts but left the game in the first period with a bruised shoulder. Leahy added two more field goals in the second half and Robinson found Mickey Shuler with a three-yard touchdown to complete the scoring. Long led the Jets' rushing game with 136 yards on 26 carries.

New York Jets	10	10	0	13	-	33
Baltimore	0	0	3	7	-	10

NYJ-FG Leahy 23
 NYJ-Walker 77 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)

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NYJ-Long 10 run (Leahy kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 19
 Balt -FG Linhart 27
 NYJ-FG Leahy 30
 Balt -McCauley 3 run (Linhart kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 26
 NYJ-Shuler 3 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)

Pittsburgh 34, Cleveland 14 Sunday, October 15

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 81,302.

Rookie Larry Anderson's 95-yard kickoff return helped build a 13-7 halftime lead and the Steelers clinched the game in the third period with touchdown drives of 69 and 71 yards. The first drive was culminated by Terry Bradshaw's 28-yard pass to Lynn Swann. The other was capped by Rocky Bleier's one-yard plunge. Cleveland committed four turnovers, three of which led to Pittsburgh scores. Franco Harris' 41 yards made him the NFL's seventh all-time leading rusher with 6,824 yards.

Pittsburgh	6	7	14	7	-	34
Cleveland	0	7	0	7	-	14

Pitt-FG Gerela 23
 Pitt-FG Gerela 44
 Cle-Logan 17 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Pitt-L. Anderson 95 kickoff return (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Swann 28 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Bleier 1 run (Gerela kick)
 Cle-Rucker 18 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Pitt-Stallworth 32 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Green Bay 45, Seattle 28 Sunday, October 15

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 52,712.

Steve Odom returned the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown and rookie Terrell Middleton rushed for 121 yards on 23 carries, scoring on runs of 5, 14, 2, and 9 yards to pace the Packers' victory. Odom's return, two touchdowns by Middleton, and a 24-yard scoring pass from David Whitehurst to James Lofton gave the Packers a commanding 28-0 first period lead. Seattle rolled up 483 yards total offense on the passing of Jim Zorn (17 of 31 for 308 yards) but suffered seven turnovers. The interconference win extended Green Bay's lead to three games in the NFC Central Division.

Seattle	0	14	7	7	-	28
Green Bay	28	3	14	0	-	45

GB -Odom 95 kickoff return (Marcol kick)
 GB -Lofton 24 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)
 GB -Middleton 5 run (Marcol kick)
 GB -Middleton 14 run (Marcol kick)
 Sea-Zorn 12 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Largent 48 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 GB -FG Marcol 22
 GB -Middleton 2 run (Marcol kick)
 Sea-Smith 9 run (Herrera kick)
 GB -Middleton 9 run (Marcol kick)
 Sea-Sims 2 run (Herrera kick)

New York Giants 17, Tampa Bay 14 Sunday, October 15

At Giants Stadium, attendance 68,025.

Harry Carson's interception and fumble recovery led to a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns as the Giants posted a come-from-behind victory. Carson, the Giants' starting middle linebacker, intercepted Doug Williams' pass early in the final period and returned it 30 yards to the Tampa Bay 25. Four plays later Larry Csonka ran seven yards for the touchdown that reduced the Buccaneers' lead to 14-9. On the next Tampa Bay offensive series, Carson recovered a fumble at the Buccaneers' 12. Five plays later Csonka ran in from a yard out to give the Giants the deciding touchdown. Tampa Bay led 14-3 at the half on touchdowns by Johnny Davis and Jimmy

DuBose, who became the first Buccaneer to rush for 100 yards in a game (109 yards on 24 carries). The Giants' win was preserved when Neil O'Donoghue missed a 42-yard field goal with 24 seconds left.

Tampa Bay	0	14	0	0	-	14
New York Giants	3	0	0	14	-	17

NYG-FG Danelo 22
 TB -Davis 3 run (O'Donoghue kick)
 TB -DuBose 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)
 NYG-Csonka 7 run (Danelo kick)
 NYG-Csonka 1 run (Danelo kick)

Philadelphia 17, Washington 10 Sunday, October 15

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,722.

Wilbert Montgomery ran 12 yards for a score with 13:30 remaining in the game to break a 10-10 tie and drop the Redskins from the unbeaten ranks. John Sanders returned a Joe Theismann pass 19 yards for a touchdown to give the Eagles a 10-3 halftime edge. John Riggins' three-yard scoring run in the third period tied the game. Jim Betterson returned the ensuing kickoff 44 yards to the Redskins' 47. Four plays later Montgomery scored the game-winner. The loss ended Washington's nine-game regular season win streak and reduced its lead to one game in the NFC East.

Washington	0	3	7	0	-	10
Philadelphia	7	3	0	7	-	17

Phil -Sanders 19 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 49
 Phil -FG Mike-Mayer 29
 Wash-Riggins 3 run (Moseley kick)
 Phil -Montgomery 12 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Denver 16, Chicago 7 Monday Night, October 16

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 75,008.

Craig Morton came off the bench to direct a pair of fourth quarter touchdown drives and lead the Broncos to a 16-7 comeback victory. Denver trailed 7-3 when Morton engineered a 73-yard drive that ended on Jon Keyworth's four-yard touchdown run. Holder Steve Foley kept the march alive by running 14 yards on a fake field goal. Morton came back later in the period to lead the Broncos on a 60-yard drive. His nine-yard touchdown pass to Otis Armstrong ensured Denver's first interconference win of the year and protected its share of the AFC West lead.

Chicago	0	0	7	0	-	7
Denver	3	0	0	13	-	16

Den-FG Turner 45
 Chi -Harper 33 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)
 Den-Keyworth 4 run (Turner kick)
 Den-Armstrong 9 pass from Morton (kick blocked)

EIGHTH WEEK

Atlanta 20, San Francisco 17 Sunday, October 22

At Candlestick Park, attendance 34,133.

Tim Mazzetti's 29-yard field goal with five seconds left in the game gave Atlanta a comeback victory. With Atlanta trailing 17-7 with less than eight minutes left, Steve Bartkowski hit Alfred Jenkins with a 71-yard pass that set up a 21-yard Mazzetti field goal. Four minutes later the Falcons tied the score on a 59-yard pass from Bartkowski to Billy Ryckman. A 23-yard pass from Bartkowski to Jim Mitchell was the key play in the decisive drive.

Atlanta	7	0	0	13	-	20
San Francisco	7	7	0	3	-	17

SF-Simpson 13 run (Wersching kick)
 Atl -Byas 2 blocked punt return (Mazzetti kick)
 SF-Bull 15 run (Wersching kick)
 SF-FG Wersching 35
 Atl -FG Mazzetti 21

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Atl -Ryckman 59 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 29

Tampa Bay 33, Chicago 19

Sunday, October 22

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 68,146.

A record crowd at Tampa Stadium saw Doug Williams pass for two touchdowns and run for another to lead Tampa Bay over Chicago. Roland Harper scored on a two-yard run to give Chicago a 16-13 lead early in the third quarter. Tampa Bay came back with Williams capping a 72-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run, his first as a pro. Midway through the fourth quarter Williams threw his second touchdown pass of the day, hitting Morris Owens with a 40-yard strike. Johnny Davis scored the Buccaneers' final touchdown on a three-yard run that was set up by David Lewis' second interception of the game.

Chicago	0	10	6	3	-	19
Tampa Bay	6	7	6	14	-	33

TB -Bell 1 run (kick failed)

Chi-Scott 34 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)

TB -Obradovich 28 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 21

Chi-Harper 2 run (kick failed)

TB -Williams 1 run (kick failed)

TB -Owens 40 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 27

TB -Davis 3 run (O'Donoghue kick)

Buffalo 5, Cincinnati 0

Sunday, October 22

At Rich Stadium, attendance 47,754.

Buffalo notched its third win – and first shutout – of the season by beating Cincinnati. Tom Dempsey's 20-yard field goal early in the second quarter gave the Bills a 3-0 lead. The Bills' final two points came in the fourth quarter when Dennis Law was tackled in his own end zone on a punt return. Curtis Brown became the first Bills' running back of the season to rush for 100 yards in one game, carrying the ball 18 times for 100 yards. The victory gave Buffalo three straight home wins, while the Bengals suffered their ninth straight loss over two seasons, a club record.

Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	-	0
Buffalo	0	3	0	2	-	5

Buff-FG Dempsey 20

Buff-Safety, Piccone tackled Law in end zone

Kansas City 17, Cleveland 3

Sunday, October 22

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 41,157.

Arnold Morgado ran for two touchdowns to lead Kansas City past Cleveland. The Chiefs broke a second quarter 3-3 tie when Morgado capped an 86-yard drive with an eight-yard touchdown. Late in the fourth quarter Morgado gave the Chiefs an insurance score with a two-yard run. The win snapped a six-game Kansas City losing streak, one short of a club record.

Cleveland	3	0	0	0	-	3
Kansas City	3	7	0	7	-	17

Cle-FG Cockroft 20

KC-FG Stenerud 21

KC -Morgado 8 run (Stenerud kick)

KC -Morgado 2 run (Stenerud kick)

Baltimore 7, Denver 6

Sunday, October 22

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 54,057.

Glen Doughty caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Bill Troup to lift Baltimore past Denver. Trailing 3-0 in second quarter, the Colts took the lead when Denver linebacker Tom Jackson deflected Troup's pass into the arms of Doughty. Denver had a chance to pull the game out but Jim Turner's 27 yard field goal attempt with eight seconds left in the game was blocked by

Colts defensive tackle Mike Barnes.

Denver	3	3	0	0	-	6
Baltimore	0	7	0	0	-	7

Den-FG Turner 33

Balt-Doughty 19 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)

Den-FG Turner 26

Minnesota 21, Green Bay 7

Sunday, October 22

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 47,411.

Fran Tarkenton threw three touchdown passes to lead Minnesota past Green Bay. Tarkenton hit Chuck Foreman with a 16-yard scoring pass to give the Vikings a 7 -0 lead early in the second quarter. After Green Bay's Terrell Middleton tied the game at 7-7 on a three-yard run, Tarkenton completed a four-yard touchdown pass to Ahmad Rashad to give Minnesota a 14-7 halftime lead. The Vikings added an insurance score in the final quarter on a 15-yard pass from Tarkenton to Rashad. Tarkenton completed 26 of 43 passes for 262 yards to become the first NFL player to go over 45,000 career passing yards (45,143).

Green Bay	0	7	0	0	-	7
Minnesota	0	14	0	7	-	21

Minn-Foreman 16 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

GB -Middleton 3 run (Marcol kick)

Minn-Rashad 4 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Minn-Rashad 15 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

New England 33, Miami 24

Sunday, October 22

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,424.

New England took over sole possession of first place in the AFC Eastern Division with a victory over Miami. The Dolphins took a 21-17 lead in the third quarter when Bob Griese, making his first start after a preseason knee injury, hit Andre Tillman with a four-yard scoring pass. On their next possession, the Patriots drove 64 yards with Horace Ivory scoring on a one-yard run. After a Garo Yepremian field goal tied the game 24-24, Ivory scored on a 23-yard run with 3:10 left in the game to give New England a 31-24 margin. Patriots defensive tackle Richard Bishop sealed the victory, tackling Griese in the Dolphins' end zone for a safety. Miami's Delvin Williams, the NFL rushing leader, gained 116 yards on 19 carries. Ivory paced the Patriots' running attack with 113 yards on 15 carries.

Miami	7	7	7	3	-	24
New England	0	17	7	9	-	33

Mia-Williams 1 run (Yepremian kick)

NE -Johnson 1 run (Posey kick)

NE -Cunningham 1 run (Posey kick)

Mia-Moore 9 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

NE -FG Posey 29

Mia-Tillman 4 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

NE -Ivory 1 run (Posey kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 29

NE -Ivory 23 run (Posey kick)

NE -Safety, Bishop tackled Griese in end zone

New Orleans 10, Los Angeles 3

Sunday, October 22

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 47,574.

Archie Manning hit Tony Galbreath with a 19-yard touchdown pass to give New Orleans a win over previously unbeaten Los Angeles. The Saints' touchdown drive started with less than five minutes left in the game when Eric Felton intercepted a pass by Rams' punter Glen Walker. Manning guided the Saints 69 yards in seven plays, completing four of four passes. The opportunistic Saints' defense intercepted three passes, recovered three fumbles, and stopped the Rams on a fourth-and-one at the New Orleans 2 yard line.

New Orleans	0	3	0	7	-	10
Los Angeles	0	3	0	0	-	3

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NO-FG Mike-Mayer 32
 LA -FG Corral 20
 NO-Galbreath 19 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)

Seattle 27, Oakland 7
Sunday, October 22
At Kingdome, attendance 62,529.

Sherman Smith ran for two touchdowns and Seattle's defense intercepted four passes as the Seahawks surprised Oakland. David Sims capped a 10-play, 61-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown plunge that gave Seattle a 7-0 lead. Smith's two touchdown runs and field goals of 32 and 42 yards by Efren Herrera lengthened the Seahawks' lead to 27-0 at the end of the third quarter. The Raiders' lone score came in the fourth quarter on a 22-yard pass from Ken Stabler to Clifford Branch.

Oakland	0	0	0	7	-	7
Seattle	7	14	6	0	-	27

Sea-Sims 2 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Smith 2 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Smith 1 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-FG Herrera 42
 Sea-FG Herrera 32
 Oak-Branch 22 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

Dallas 14, Philadelphia 7
Sunday, October 22
At Texas Stadium, attendance 60,525.

Roger Staubach hit Drew Pearson with an 11-yard touchdown pass and Robert Newhouse scored on a one-yard run to give Dallas a victory over Philadelphia. Both Cowboys touchdowns came in the second quarter, while the lone Philadelphia score came on a 34-yard pass from Ron Jaworski to Keith Krepfle in the third quarter. The victory moved Dallas into a first place tie with Washington in the NFC East and extended its winning streak over the Eagles to eight.

Philadelphia	0	0	7	0	-	7
Dallas	0	14	0	0	-	14

Dall-Newhouse 1 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-D. Pearson 11 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Phil-Krepfle 34 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)

New York Jets 23, St. Louis 10
Sunday, October 22
At Shea Stadium, attendance 49,244.

Scott Dierking ran for two touchdowns and Pat Leahy kicked three field goals as the Jets beat St. Louis. New York broke a 10-10 third quarter tie when Greg Buttle intercepted a lateral to set up Leahy's 38-yard field goal. The Jets added 10 more third quarter points on a 11-yard run by Dierking and Leahy's 45-yard field goal. New York stretched its winning streak to four, longest since 1974, while the Cardinals dropped to 0-8.

St. Louis	7	3	0	0	-	10
New York Jets	3	7	13	0	-	23

StL -Otis 7 run (Bakken kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 20
 NYJ-Dierking 2 run (Leahy kick)
 StL -FG Bakken 41
 NYJ-FG Leahy 38
 NYJ-Dierking 11 run (Leahy kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 45

Detroit 31, San Diego 14
Sunday, October 22
At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 54,031.

Detroit scored on five of its first six possessions. Detroit quarterback Gary Danielson led the first half attack, completing 17 of 23 passes, including three for touchdowns, to give the Lions a 31-7 halftime lead. Detroit recorded its best offensive effort since 1971 by gaining 461 yards. The Lions' defense also had a fine day with four interceptions and six sacks, four of those by

defensive end Al Baker.

San Diego	7	0	0	7	-	14
Detroit	17	14	0	0	-	31

Det-J. Thompson 2 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)
 SD-Mitchell 55 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 Det-FG Ricardo 22
 Det-Gaines 1 run (Ricardo kick)
 Det-Bussey 18 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)
 Det-J. Thompson 6 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)
 SD-Joiner 25 pass from Harris (Benirschke kick)

New York Giants 17, Washington 6
Sunday, October 22

At Giants Stadium, attendance 76,192.

Playing before their largest home crowd ever, the Giants built a 10-0 first quarter lead on a 43-yard touchdown pass from Joe Pisarcik to Jimmy Robinson and a 31-yard field goal by Joe Danelo. New York's final score came on a three-yard run by Pisarcik after he had hit Jimmy Robinson with a 46-yard gadget pass. Mark Moseley accounted for the Redskins' points with field goals of 41 and 35 yards.

Washington	0	6	0	0	-	6
New York Giants	10	7	0	0	-	17

NYG -Robinson 43 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)
 NYG -FG Danelo 31
 Wash-FG Moseley 41
 Wash-FG Moseley 35
 NYG -Pisarcik 3 run (Danelo kick)

Houston 24, Pittsburgh 17
Monday Night, October 23

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,021.

Earl Campbell ran for three touchdowns as Houston handed Pittsburgh its first loss of the season. The Oilers broke a 10-10 third quarter tie when Campbell capped a 70-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run. Campbell's third touchdown of the game came in the fourth quarter on a one-yard run that extended the Oilers' lead to 24-10. A six-yard pass from Terry Bradshaw to Lynn Swann made the score 24-17. The win gave Houston sole possession of second place in the AFC Central and was its first victory in six attempts on Monday night.

Houston	0	10	7	7	-	24
Pittsburgh	0	10	0	7	-	17

Hou-Campbell 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Pitt -Swann 25 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt -FG Gerela 30
 Hou-FG Fritsch 39
 Hou-Campbell 3 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-Campbell 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Pitt -Swann 6 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

NINTH WEEK

Minnesota 21, Dallas 10
Thursday, October 26

At Texas Stadium, attendance 61,848.

Fran Tarkenton, directing a newly installed multiple offense, fired two touchdown passes and the opportunistic Vikings capitalized on two Dallas turnovers as Minnesota upped its record to 5-4 and remained two games behind Green Bay in the NFC Central. Tom Hannon recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff to set up a four-yard Tarkenton-to-Chuck Foreman scoring pass and, just three minutes later, a Tony Dorsett fumble initiated a 37-yard drive culminated by Rickey Young's four-yard touchdown burst. The Vikings established a 21-3 halftime margin on Tarkenton's 12-yard scoring connection to Sammy White. Foreman rushed 22 times for 101 yards, his second 100-yard plus day of 1978, while the Vikings' defense held Cowboys runners to 92 yards. Drew Pearson extended his consecutive game pass catching streak to 54 as Dallas dropped out of a first place tie with

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Washington in the NFC East.

Minnesota	14	7	0	0	-	21
Dallas	0	3	7	0	-	10

Minn-Foreman 4 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Minn-Young 4 run (Danmeier kick)

Dall -FG Septien 25

Minn-White 12 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Dall -Newhouse 1 run (Septien kick)

Miami 26, Baltimore 8

Sunday, October 29

At Orange Bowl, attendance 53,524.

Veteran defensive end Vern Den Herder scored his first NFL touchdown and Bob Griese connected on 14 of 22 passes for 188 yards as Miami completed a two-game sweep of the Colts and moved into second place in the AFC East, one game behind New England. Griese, making his second start since a preseason knee injury, fired a 33-yard touchdown to Nat Moore and a 63-yard scoring toss to Duriel Harris, who had three receptions for 91 yards. Den Herder's touchdown came on a fake field goal attempt when backup quarterback Don Strock, the holder, rolled out and found the eight-year pro with a seven-yard pass. Baltimore's Joe Washington rushed 20 times for 126 yards. The Colts, AFC East champions the last three seasons, played without quarterback Bert Jones and dropped to a 3-6 record.

Baltimore	0	6	0	2	-	8
Miami	2	24	0	0	-	26

Mia-Safety, Bokamper blocked punt out of end zone

Mia-N. Moore 33 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Balt-Doughty 32 pass from Kirkland (kick failed)

Mia-D. Harris 63 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 32

Mia-Den Herder 7 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)

Balt-Safety, Burke forced Roberts out of end zone

Cleveland 41, Buffalo 20

Sunday, October 29

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 51,409.

The pinpoint passing of Brian Sipe and a season-high 309-yard ground attack enabled Cleveland to overpower Buffalo and maintain a second place tie with Houston in the AFC Central. Sipe (12 of 15 for 217 yards and three touchdowns) helped guide the Browns to a 20-7 halftime lead on touchdown passes to Reggie Rucker and Calvin Hill. Mike Pruitt ran for a career-high 173 yards, including a 71-yard touchdown, while Greg Pruitt rushed 13 times for 87 yards. Thom Darden, the AFC's leading interceptor, picked off two passes to run his total to seven. Buffalo's Bob Chandler caught seven passes for 114 yards, his second game over 100 yards in 1978.

Buffalo	0	7	6	7	-	20
Cleveland	7	13	14	7	-	41

Cle -Rucker 16 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle -Hill 15 pass from Sipe (kick failed)

Buff-Miller 2 run (Dempsey kick)

Cle -M. Pruitt 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Cle -Rucker 44 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle -M. Pruitt 71 run (Cockroft kick)

Buff-Johnson 1 run (kick failed)

Cle -Hill 3 pass from M. Miller (Cockroft kick)

Buff-Piccone 5 pass from Mays (Dempsey kick)

Denver 20, Seattle 17 (OT)

Sunday, October 29

At Kingdome, attendance 62,948.

Steve Foley's 30-yard interception return set up an 18-yard field goal by Jim Turner with 2:01 remaining in overtime as Denver earned its sixth victory and sole possession of first place in the AFC West. Lonnie Perrin's scoring run gave the Broncos a 17-14 advantage. Seattle's Eren Herrera kicked a 37-yard field goal with 53 seconds left in regulation play to send Denver into its third overtime contest of 1978. The Broncos alternated five backs in a 278-

yard rushing performance. Sherman Smith paced Seahawks rushers with 73 yards on 17 carries.

Denver	3	7	7	0	3	-	20
Seattle	7	7	0	3	0	-	17

Den-FG Turner 34

Sea-McCullum 44 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea-Zorn 4 run (Herrera kick)

Den-Upchurch 29 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Den-Perrin 1 run (Turner kick)

Sea-FG Herrera 37

Den-FG Turner 18

Detroit 21, Chicago 17

Sunday, October 29

At Soldier Field, attendance 53,378.

Gary Danielson engineered 75-yard scoring marches on Detroit's first two possessions and the defense stymied a pair of fourth quarter Chicago drives as the Lions won their second straight game. Horace King's one-yard plunge climaxed the first march, which gave Detroit a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Danielson, who completed 20 of 32 passes for 190 yards and two touchdowns, finished the second drive with an eight-yard pass to Jesse Thompson. Chicago closed the Detroit margin to 21-17 in the third quarter on Roland Harper's two-yard run, which concluded a six-play, 89-yard drive. Early in the fourth quarter, the Bears drove to the Lions' 14 but Bob Avellini was stopped for no gain on a fourth-and-one play. On its next offensive series, Chicago advanced to the Detroit 28. On fourth down, Walter Payton was thrown for a six-yard loss. Payton, the NFC's leading rusher, carried 18 times for 89 yards.

Detroit	7	14	0	0	-	21
Chicago	3	7	7	0	-	17

Det-King 1 run (Ricardo kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 28

Det-J. Thompson 8 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Chi-Avellini 9 run (Thomas kick)

Det-Hill 2 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Chi-Harper 2 run (Thomas kick)

Cincinnati 28, Houston 13

Sunday, October 29

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 50,532.

Pete Johnson scored on a short plunge as the Bengals registered their first touchdown in over 13 quarters and ended a club-record nine-game losing streak. The running of rookie David Turner (13 carries for 84 yards) and the passing of Ken Anderson (11 of 16 for 268 yards) paced the 436-yard Cincinnati attack. Anderson, rounding into form after a preseason hand injury, connected with Isaac Curtis four times for 130 yards and a touchdown. Bengals defensive end Ross Browner contributed one sack, seven unassisted tackles, and knocked down a pass. Houston's Earl Campbell rushed for 100 yards for the fifth time in 1978, gaining 102 yards on 18 carries.

Houston	0	0	0	13	-	13
Cincinnati	7	0	14	7	-	28

Cin -P. Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)

Cin -Davis 1 run (Bahr kick)

Cin -P. Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)

Hou-Burrough 16 pass from Pastorini (kick failed)

Cin -Curtis 45 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Hou-Renfro 6 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Pittsburgh 27, Kansas City 24

Sunday, October 29

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,185.

The Steelers built a 20-3 halftime advantage behind the running of Franco Harris, but needed a fumble return touchdown by Donnie Shell to ensure the victory and restore their three-game lead in the AFC Central Division. Harris (25 carries for 90 yards) scored on touchdown runs of 1 and 11 yards. Terry

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Bradshaw, the NFL's top-rated passer, had an off day, completing just 7 of 13 passes for 109 yards. Rushing from the wing-T, Kansas City scored twice in less than two minutes to pull within 20-17 late in the third period. Shell's first NFL touchdown came when he scooped up Horace Belton's fumble and ran 17 yards.

Kansas City	3	0	14	7	-	24
Pittsburgh	7	13	7	0	-	27

KC-FG Stenerud 25

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Harris 11 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Stallworth 23 pass from Bradshaw (kick failed)

KC-McKnight 14 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-Reed 16 run (Stenerud kick)

Pitt-Shell 17 fumble recovery return (Gerela kick)

KC-Morgado 2 run (Stenerud kick)

New Orleans 28, New York Giants 17

Sunday, October 29

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 58,806.

New Orleans overcame an early 10-point deficit with three second half touchdowns as the Saints tied a club record with their third straight victory. New York's 17-7 advantage, highlighted by Maurice Tyler's recovery of a blocked punt in the end zone, was erased by two short Archie Manning touchdown passes to tight end Henry Childs and a 20-yard scoring run by Tony Galbreath. Galbreath, the NFC's second leading receiver, added 53 yards on three receptions. The Saints' defensive unit contributed two sacks and three interceptions.

New York Giants	7	10	0	0	-	17
New Orleans	0	7	7	14	-	28

NYG-Tyler recovered blocked punt in end zone (Danelo kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 50

NO -Muncie 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

NYG-Csonka 1 run (Danelo kick)

NO -Childs 1 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)

NO -Galbreath 20 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

NO -Childs 3 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)

New England 55, New York Jets 21

Sunday, October 29

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,585.

New England's offensive unit, statistically the best in the NFL, generated a club record 529 yards and scored touchdowns on its first seven possessions as the Patriots won their sixth straight game. Steve Grogan connected on scoring passes of 11, 28, 30, and 11 yards en route to 281 passing yards in the first half. Harold Jackson (five receptions for 118 yards and two touchdowns) became the only NFL receiver with three 100-yard plus performances this season. Don Calhoun paced New England rushers with 89 yards on 10 carries. The intradivisional victory advanced the Patriots into sole possession of first place in the AFC East.

New York Jets	7	0	0	14	-	21
New England	21	20	7	7	-	55

NE -Jackson 11 pass from Grogan (Posey kick)

NE -Morgan 30 pass from Grogan (Posey kick)

NE -Ivory 7 run (Posey kick)

NYJ-Harper 1 run (Leahy kick)

NE -Ivory 9 run (Posey kick)

NE -Jackson 28 pass (kick failed)

NE -Francis 11 pass from Grogan (Posey kick)

NE -McAlister 1 run (Posey kick)

NYJ-Newton 2 run (Leahy kick)

NE -McAlister 1 run (Posey kick)

NYJ-Newton 3 run (Leahy kick)

St. Louis 16, Philadelphia 10

Sunday, October 29

At Veteran's Stadium, attendance 62,989.

Despite a slight shoulder separation, Jim Hart completed 12 of 24 passes for 260 yards and a game-deciding 55-yard touchdown to Dave Stief as the Cardinals presented head coach Bud Wilkinson with his first professional victory. The Cardinals' defensive unit stopped two fourth quarter Eagles drives to protect the win. Philadelphia failed to advance on four plays from the Cardinals' 30 and a later drive was halted when Ron Jaworski's pass was intercepted by Roger Wehrli in the end zone. The Eagles accumulated 354 yards and wide receiver Harold Carmichael caught seven passes for 126 yards in extending his consecutive game receiving streak to 89.

St. Louis	0	13	0	3	-	16
Philadelphia	0	10	0	0	-	10

Phil-FG Mike-Mayer 25

StL -Otis 7 run (kick failed)

Phil-Carmichael 33 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)

StL -Stief 55 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL-FG Bakken 31

San Diego 27, Oakland 23

Sunday, October 29

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,612.

San Diego scored 10 points in the final 52 seconds in a come-from-behind surprise of the Raiders. The Chargers trailed 23-17 when Dan Fouts hit Greg McCrary with a 29-yard scoring pass that gave San Diego a 24-23 advantage. Rolf Benirschke added an insurance field goal later in the final minute. Oakland utilized a fumble recovery by Mike McCoy and an interception by Charles Phillips to build a 20-7 halftime lead. San Diego closed to within 20-14 on its first possession of the second half. Fouts closed an 11-play, 80-yard drive with a one-yard run. The Raiders (5-4) lost their second straight game for the first time since 1975 but remained only a game behind Denver in the AFC West.

San Diego	7	0	7	13	-	27
Oakland	0	20	0	3	-	23

SD -Bauer 11 run (Benirschke kick)

Oak-Casper 12 pass from Stabler (run failed)

Oak-Whittington 26 run (Mann kick)

Oak-van Eeghen 12 run (Mann kick)

SD -Fouts 1 run (Benirschke kick)

Oak-FG Mann 25

SD -FG Benirschke 27

SD -McCrary 29 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD -FG Benirschke 32

Washington 38, San Francisco 20

Sunday, October 29

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 55,031.

Sixteen-year veteran Billy Kilmer, starting for Joe Theismann, completed 12 of 23 passes for 185 yards as the Redskins overcame an early 10-point deficit and snapped a two-game losing streak. Kilmer's 50-yard touchdown toss to Danny Buggs and John Riggins' one-yard scoring run staked Washington to a 14-13 halftime lead. Steve DeBerg passed for 215 yards but could not prevent San Francisco's eighth loss in nine games and poorest start in 15 years. The Redskins' 296 yard attack was their best offensive day since 1975 and helped them maintain a one-game advantage over Dallas in the NFC East.

San Francisco	7	6	0	7	-	20
Washington	0	14	14	10	-	38

SF -Hofer 2 run (Wersching kick)

SF -FG Wersching 29

Wash-Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Buggs 50 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

SF -FG Wersching 35

Wash-McDaniel 17 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Green 5 run (Moseley kick)

SF -Boykin 2 run (Wersching kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 26

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Green Bay 9, Tampa Bay 7 Sunday, October 29

At Lambeau Field, attendance 55,108.

Chester Marcol's 48-yard field goal with 41 seconds left culminated an 80-yard, 10-play drive as the Packers, off to their best start since 1966, maintained a two-game advantage over Minnesota in NFC Central Division. Green Bay's winning march featured the passing of David Whitehurst, who had completions to James Lofton for 21 yards, Aundra Thompson for 12 yards, and a fourth-down 18-yarder to Steve Odom. The Packers' defense forced two fumbles and one interception as the Buccaneers were limited to 170 yards (72 rushing and 98 passing). Marcol's decisive kick moved the seven-year pro into a fourth place tie with Fred Cone on the Packers' all-time scoring list with 455 points.

Tampa Bay	0	0	7	0	-	7
Green Bay	6	0	0	3	-	9

GB-Middleton 2 run (pass failed)

TB -Bell 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)

GB-FG Marcol 48

Atlanta 15, Los Angeles 7 Monday Night, October 30

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 57,250.

Free agent kicker Tim Mazzetti, signed just three weeks earlier, tied a club-record with five field goals to extend the Falcons' winning streak to three games, their longest since 1973. Mazzetti's 30-yarder, which boosted Atlanta into a 9-7 lead early in the final quarter, came after the Falcons stopped Cullen Bryant on fourth-and-one at midfield. Atlanta's defense also contributed a blocked punt, three interceptions, and a fumble recovery to help erase a 7-6 Los Angeles advantage that was built on a 10-yard Pat Haden-to-Ron Jessie pass. The Falcons moved to within two games of the first-place Rams in the NFC West. Los Angeles lost its second consecutive contest after seven victories.

Los Angeles	0	7	0	0	-	7
Atlanta	0	6	0	9	-	15

LA-Jessie 10 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 21

Atl -FG Mazzetti 37

Atl -FG Mazzetti 30

Atl -FG Mazzetti 26

Atl -FG Mazzetti 37

TENTH WEEK

San Diego 22, Cincinnati 13 Sunday, November 5

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 43,639.

Safety Mike Fuller's 21-yard interception return for a touchdown and Dan Fouts' 16-yard touchdown pass to Bob Klein helped the Chargers build a 19-0 lead on the way to their second straight victory. Lydell Mitchell had his first 100-yard game with the Chargers (101 yards on 28 carries) and became the twelfth player in NFL history to gain 6,000 yards rushing. Mitchell's 101 yards was the best performance by a Chargers back since the 1975 season. The Bengals scored two touchdowns in the final 1:27 to spoil San Diego's shutout bid.

Cincinnati	0	0	0	13	-	13
San Diego	3	3	13	3	-	22

SD-FG Benirschke 26

SD-FG Benirschke 20

SD-Klein 16 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD-Fuller 21 interception return (kick failed)

SD-FG Benirschke 37

Cin-Walker 3 pass from Anderson (kick failed)

Cin-Brooks 19 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Houston 14, Cleveland 10

Sunday, November 5

At Astrodome, attendance 45,827.

Dan Pastorini and Mike Barber teamed up on a 72-yard touchdown pass and Rob Carpenter ran two yards for a score with 7:28 remaining to clinch the Oilers' comeback victory. Houston's defense held the Browns to a club-record low 28 yards rushing and sacked Cleveland's Brian Sipe seven times. The victory marked the sixth time in 1978 that Houston had rebounded from halftime deficits to win.

Cleveland	0	7	3	0	-	10
Houston	0	0	7	7	-	14

Cle -Sipe 2 run (Cockroft kick)

Hou-Barber 72 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Cle -FG Cockroft 40

Hou-Carpenter 2 run (Fritsch kick)

Miami 23, Dallas 16

Sunday, November 5

At Orange Bowl, attendance 69,414.

The Dolphins' defense forced five Dallas turnovers and limited the Cowboys to three field goals in the first three quarters to spark the interconference victory. Bob Griese's pinpoint passing (12 of 18 for 185 yards) led Miami to scores on its first three possessions. Griese directed an opening 73-yard march that was capped by Norm Bulaich's one-yard run. Bob Baumhower's fumble recovery set up Delvin Williams' one-yard run that increased the Miami lead to 14-0, and Garo Yepremian later kicked a 45-yard field goal.

Dallas	0	3	6	7	-	16
Miami	17	3	0	3	-	23

Mia-Bulaich 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Williams 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 45

Dall-FG Septien 30

Mia-FG Yepremian 23

Dall-FG Septien 39

Dall-FG Septien 24

Mia-FG Yepremian 33

Dall-DuPree 9 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Minnesota 17, Detroit 7

Sunday, November 5

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,008.

Fran Tarkenton returned after suffering a cut mouth in the second period to direct two second half drives and lead Minnesota to the win. Fumble recoveries by Matt Blair and Fred McNeill set up the Vikings' second half touchdowns. Tarkenton threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Sammy White in the third quarter and Chuck Foreman scored from one yard in the fourth period. Foreman caught two passes in the game to set a Vikings career pass reception record of 286, eclipsing Bill Brown's previous mark of 284.

Detroit	0	7	0	0	-	7
Minnesota	0	3	7	7	-	17

Minn-FG Danmeier 32

Det -Blue 9 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Minn-S. White 21 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Minn-Foreman 1 run (Danmeier kick)

Philadelphia 10, Green Bay 3

Sunday, November 5

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 64,214.

Versatile John Sciarra replaced quarterback Ron Jaworski and ran two yards on an option-rollout for the winning touchdown after Ray Phillips recovered a fumbled punt snap at the Packers' 2. The Eagles forced five Green Bay turnovers, including Bob Howard's interception that set up Nick Mike-Mayer's third period field goal. Herman Edwards' interception with 1:16 remaining ended the Packers' final drive at the Philadelphia 10.

Green Bay	3	0	0	0	-	3
Philadelphia	0	7	3	0	-	10

GB-FG Marcol 42

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Phil-Sciarra 2 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Phil-FG Mike-Mayer 27

New England 14, Buffalo 10

Sunday, November 5

At Rich Stadium, attendance 44,897.

Horace Ivory scored touchdowns of 19 and 5 yards and rushed for a career-high 128 yards on 16 carries as New England tied a team record of seven straight wins. The Patriots' defense stopped three Buffalo drives with two fumble recoveries and an interception and prevented the Bills from scoring a touchdown until 1:47 remained in the game.

New England	0	7	7	0	-	14
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Buffalo	3	0	0	7	-	10
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Buff-FG Dempsey 21

NE -Ivory 19 run (Posey kick)

NE -Ivory 5 run (Posey kick)

Buff-Chandler 11 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

Pittsburgh 20, New Orleans 14

Sunday, November 5

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,525.

Terry Bradshaw's 24-yard touchdown pass to Rocky Bleier with 1:51 remaining capped a 66-yard drive for the comeback win. New Orleans took the lead early in the final period on Archie Manning's passing (22 of 32 for 344 yards – a career high) and Tony Galbreath's five-yard touchdown run. Franco Harris had 57 yards rushing to become the seventh player in NFL history to rush for 7,000 career yards and only the third (behind Jim Brown and O. J. Simpson) to gain 7,000 yards in his first seven seasons.

New Orleans	0	7	0	7	-	14
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Pittsburgh	3	0	10	7	-	20
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Pitt -FG Gerela 27

NO-Mauti 5 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)

Pitt -Swann 6 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt -FG Gerela 21

NO-Galbreath 5 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Pitt -Bleier 24 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

St. Louis 20, New York Giants 10

Sunday, November 5

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 48,820.

Jim Hart completed 10 of 15 first half passes in directing touchdown drives of 45, 99, and 84 yards as the Cardinals ran up a 20-0 lead. Jim Otis, who ran for 78 yards on 22 carries and scored two touchdowns, became the all-time leading St. Louis rusher, surpassing Johnny Roland. The Cardinals' defense dominated, forcing two fumbles, three interceptions, and sacking Giant quarterbacks four times.

New York Giants	0	0	3	7	-	10
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St. Louis	7	13	0	0	-	20
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StL -Chandler 5 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL -Otis 2 run (Bakken kick)

StL -Otis 1 run (kick blocked)

NYG-FG Danelo 26

NYG-Robinson 52 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)

New York Jets 31, Denver 28

Sunday, November 5

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,983.

Matt Robinson connected on a 75-yard touchdown bomb to Wesley Walker with 5:45 left to climax the Jets' comeback from a 28-7 deficit in the second quarter. Robinson hit Derrick Gaffney with a four-yard touchdown strike and Scott Dierking's three-yard touchdown run followed a Pat Leahy 38-yard field goal and put New York within striking distance. The Jets gained possession at their own 25 after a Broncos punt, and Robinson hit Walker for the game-winner on the first play. Denver's final-minute bid for overtime failed when Jim Turner's 42-yard field goal fell short with eight seconds remaining.

New York Jets	0	17	7	7	-	31
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Denver	14	14	0	0	-	28
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Den -Keyworth 5 run (Turner kick)

Den -Thompson 4 fumble recovery return (Turner kick)

NYJ-Long 4 run (Leahy kick)

Den -Moses 14 pass from Penrose (Turner kick)

Den -T. Jackson 28 interception return (Turner kick)

NYJ-Gaffney 4 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)

NYJ-FG Leahy 38

NYJ-Dierking 3 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Walker 75 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)

Oakland 20, Kansas City 10

Sunday, November 5

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 75,418.

The win made Oakland's John Madden only the second modern-day head coach in NFL history – Don Shula was the first – to record 100 regular season victories in his first 10 years. Art Whittington rushed for 134 yards on 26 carries and Ken Stabler directed fourth quarter drives of 76 and 75 yards for the Raiders, who beat the Chiefs for the eighth straight time. Oakland's Mark van Eeghen gained 43 yards and moved into third place on the club's all-time rushing list behind Clem Daniels and Marv Hubbard.

Oakland	0	7	0	13	-	20
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Kansas City	0	0	3	7	-	10
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Oak-Chester 4 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

KC -FG Stenerud 42

Oak-Whittington 25 run (Mann kick)

KC -Reed 14 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)

Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (kick failed)

Atlanta 21, San Francisco 10

Sunday, November 5

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 55,468.

Steve Bartkowski's one-yard run and 37-yard touchdown pass to Wallace Francis paced the Falcons' victory. Safety Frank Reed set up the final Atlanta touchdown, a one-yard run by Bubba Bean, with a 38-yard interception return. San Francisco's O. J. Simpson left the game five minutes into the second period with a shoulder separation.

San Francisco	3	0	0	7	-	10
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Atlanta	0	7	7	7	-	21
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SF-FG Wersching 19

Atl -Bartkowski 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

Atl -Francis 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Atl -Bean 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

SF-Hofer 3 run (Wersching kick)

Seattle 31, Chicago 29

Sunday, November 5

At Soldier Field, attendance 50,697.

Running back Sherman Smith scored twice and set two club records as the Seahawks won their third interconference game of the season. Smith established team records with 152 yards rushing and a 67-yard run that set up his second touchdown, a six-yard run in the third quarter. Quarterback Jim Zorn completed 13 of 24 passes for 208 yards and directed Seahawks scoring drives of 70, 73, 72 and 73 yards. He had two touchdown passes, both to Steve Largent.

Seattle	7	7	14	3	-	31
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Chicago	0	6	10	13	-	29
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Sea-Smith 1 run (Herrera kick)

Chi -FG Thomas 33

Sea-Largent 26 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Chi -FG Thomas 36

Chi -FG Thomas 39

Sea-Largent 31 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Chi -Harper 20 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

Sea-Smith 6 run (Herrera kick)

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Chi -Payton 7 run (kick failed)
 Sea-FG Herrera 34
 Chi -Harper 2 run (Thomas kick)

Los Angeles 26, Tampa Bay 23 Sunday, November 5

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 55,182.

Frank Corral's fourth field goal of the game, a 27-yarder with three seconds left, enabled the Rams to end a two-game losing streak. After Tampa Bay had tied the score 23-23 with 47 seconds remaining, Pat Haden took the Rams 73 yards to set up the winning kick. Key plays in the drive were passes of 21 and 33 yards from Haden to Willie Miller and Lawrence McCutcheon's 18-yard run. The Los Angeles defense had a spectacular day, recovering two fumbles, intercepting three passes, and sacking Buccaneers quarterback Mike Rae nine times.

Tampa Bay	0	6	3	14	-	23
Los Angeles	3	14	3	6	-	26

LA-FG Corral 29
 LA-Cromwell 16 run (Corral kick)
 TB-FG O'Donoghue 42
 LA-Waddy 68 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 TB-FG O'Donoghue 25
 TB-FG O'Donoghue 30
 LA-FG Corral 27
 TB-Bell 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)
 LA-FG Corral 32
 TB-McKay 23 pass from Rae (O'Donoghue kick)
 LA-FG Corral 27

Baltimore 21, Washington 17 Monday Night, November 6

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 57,631.

Bert Jones' three touchdown passes led the Colts to their second Monday night win of the season. Jones, still suffering from a shoulder separation incurred during the preseason, completed 10 of 19 passes for 191 yards. His 27-yard scoring pass to Roger Carr with 3:08 left in the game gave the Colts their margin of victory. The Redskins' final bid for the win ended with 42 seconds left in the game when Joe Theismann fumbled on fourth down at the Colts' 49 after being sacked by Joe Ehrmann. John Dutton recovered the fumble and Baltimore ran out the clock.

Washington	3	7	7	0	-	17
Baltimore	0	7	7	7	-	21

Wash-FG Moseley 44
 Wash-Thompson 31 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)
 Balt -McCall 19 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)
 Balt -Carr 78 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)
 Wash-Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)
 Balt -Carr 27 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

ELEVENTH WEEK

Atlanta 20, New Orleans 17 Sunday, November 12

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 70,323.

Steve Bartkowski connected with Alfred Jackson on a desperation 57-yard touchdown pass with 10 seconds left to give the Falcons their fourth straight win. The victory boosted Atlanta's record to 7-4 and kept their playoff hopes alive. The Falcons, trailing 17-6 late in the fourth quarter, cut the deficit to 17-13 on Haskel Stanback's one-yard run with one minute left in the game. New Orleans recovered the ensuing onside kick but turned the ball over on downs at the Atlanta 43 with 19 seconds remaining. Bartkowski and Jackson teamed up for the game-winner on the first play.

Atlanta	0	3	3	14	-	20
New Orleans	3	14	0	0	-	17

NO-FG Mike-Mayer 21
 Atl -FG Mazzetti 22

NO-Galbreath 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 NO-Childs 14 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Atl -FG Mazzetti 32
 Atl -Stanback 1 run (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl -Jackson 57 yard pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Baltimore 17, Seattle 14 Sunday, November 12

At Kingdome, attendance 61,905.

Baltimore converted three Seattle turnovers into scores and won for the second straight week. The Colts took a 7-0 first quarter lead when Bert Jones capped an 64-yard drive with a 12-yard touchdown pass to Glen Doughty. Norm Thompson's second quarter fumble recovery set up a 22-yard field goal by Toni Linhart that gave Baltimore a 10-7 halftime lead. In the fourth quarter, Stu O'Dell recovered a Seahawks fumble and Ron Lee scored three plays later on a 14-yard run to give the Colts a 17-7 lead. David Sims' second touchdown run of the game, with 1:05 left, made the final score 17-14.

Baltimore	7	3	0	7	-	17
Seattle	7	0	0	7	-	14

Balt-Doughty 12 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)
 Sea-Sims 44 run (Herrera kick)
 Balt-FG Linhart 22
 Balt-Lee 14 run (Linhart kick)
 Sea-Sims 1 run (Herrera kick)

Minnesota 17, Chicago 14 Sunday, November 12

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 43,286.

Fran Tarkenton completed 24 of 37 passes for 245 yards to lead the Vikings to their fourth straight victory, which improved their record to 7-4. Tarkenton's accurate passing set up Chuck Foreman's two short touchdown runs and Rick Danmeier's 25-yard field goal. The Bears' Walter Payton went over the 1,000-yard rushing mark with 127 yards on 23 carries.

Chicago	7	0	7	0	-	14
Minnesota	7	10	0	0	-	17

Chi -Payton 2 run (Thomas kick)
 Minn-Foreman 1 run (Danmeier kick)
 Minn-Foreman 1 run (Danmeier kick)
 Minn-FG Danmeier 25
 Chi -Payton 19 run (Thomas kick)

Dallas 42, Green Bay 14 Sunday, November 12

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 55,256.

Roger Staubach completed 19 of 31 passes for 200 yards and Tony Dorsett and Robert Newhouse combined for 250 yards rushing as the Cowboys blitzed the Packers. Dallas gained 537 yards, including a team-record 313 rushing. The victory kept Dallas within one game of Washington, the NFC East leader.

Dallas	7	14	14	7	-	42
Green Bay	7	0	0	7	-	14

GB-Smith 1 run (Marcol kick)
 Dall-Newhouse 14 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-Dorsett 9 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-DuPree 8 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-Newhouse 3 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-DuPree 18 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-Dorsett 33 run (Septien kick)
 GB-Odom 18 pass from Douglass (Marcol kick)

Denver 19, Cleveland 7 Sunday, November 12

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 70,856.

Craig Morton's 25-yard touchdown pass to Riley Odoms and Jim Turner's two field goals helped Denver beat the Browns and remain tied with Oakland for first place in the AFC West. Turner's seven points in the game raised his

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career total to 1,350 and moved him past former Cleveland kicking star Lou Groza into fourth place on the all-time NFL scoring list.

Denver	0	7	6	6	-	19
Cleveland	0	0	7	0	-	7

Den-Odoms 25 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den-FG Turner 44
 Cle -M. Pruitt 1 run (Cockroft kick)
 Den-FG Turner 20
 Den-Perrin 2 run (kick failed)

Houston 26, New England 23 Sunday, November 12

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,356.

Dan Pastorini completed 15 of 28 passes for 200 yards to spark the Oilers' comeback from a 23-0 deficit. Pastorini hit Richard Caster with a 10-yard touchdown pass with 2:29 to play to climax the Oilers' dramatic rally. The Patriots opened their 23-0 advantage on David Posey's field goals of 32, 34, and 37 yards and touchdown runs by Horace Ivory and Steve Grogan. After yielding 231 first half yards, the Oilers' defense clamped down and held the Patriots to 43 total yards in the second half.

Houston	0	7	7	12	-	26
New England	6	17	0	0	-	23

NE -FG Posey 32
 NE -FG Posey 34
 NE -Ivory 3 run (Posey kick)
 NE -FG Posey 37
 NE -Grogan 7 run (Posey kick)
 Hou-Carpenter 8 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-Carpenter 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-Campbell 1 run (kick failed)
 Hou-Caster 10 pass from Pastorini (kick failed)

San Diego 29, Kansas City 23 (OT) Sunday, November 12

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 41,395.

Dan Fouts threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to John Jefferson on the final play of overtime to give San Diego its third consecutive victory. Jan Stenerud's 47-yard field goal with two seconds left in regulation, which hit the crossbar and fell through, sent the game into an extra period. The Chargers started their winning drive with two minutes left. They covered 48 yards in seven plays for the deciding score. San Diego's Lydell Mitchell gained 144 yards on 19 carries to become the eleventh all-time leading rusher in NFL history.

Kansas City	0	6	7	10	0	-	23
San Diego	6	7	7	3	6	-	29

SD-Bauer 1 run (kick blocked)
 KC-FG Stenerud 39
 SD-Bauer 1 run (Benirschke kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 20
 KC-Morgado 1 run (Stenerud kick)
 SD-Jefferson 46 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 KC-Morgado 5 run (Stenerud kick)
 SD-FG Benirschke 28
 KC-FG Stenerud 47
 SD-Jefferson 14 pass from Fouts (no kick)

Miami 25, Buffalo 24 Sunday, November 12

At Rich Stadium, attendance 48,623.

Delvin Williams rushed for 144 yards and scored on runs of 25 and 26 yards as the Dolphins beat Buffalo for the eighteenth straight time, an NFL record. The previous record for consecutive victories over one team was held by the Green Bay Packers, who topped the Chicago Cardinals 17 times between 1937-1946. Williams' output put him over the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

Miami	7	15	3	0	-	25
Buffalo	7	10	0	7	-	24

Mia-Williams 25 run (Yepreman kick)
 Buff-Gant 5 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)
 Mia-FG Yepreman 47
 Mia-Williams 26 run (kick failed)
 Buff-Brown 58 run (Dempsey kick)
 Mia-Moore 16 pass from Griese (kick failed)
 Buff-FG Dempsey 33
 Mia-FG Yepreman 24
 Buff-Lewis 14 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

Washington 16, New York Giants 13 (OT) Sunday, November 12

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 55,031.

Mark Moseley, who had missed a 35-yard field goal earlier in the overtime, kicked a 45-yarder 8:32 into the extra period to give Washington its eighth win of the season. New York took a 13-6 lead with nine minutes left in the fourth quarter when defensive tackle Troy Archer returned Joe Theismann's fumble 20 yards for a touchdown. The Redskins tied the game with 1:05 left on Mike Thomas' one-yard run. Washington drove 25 yards to set up Moseley's winning three-pointer.

New York Giants	0	3	3	7	0	-	13
Washington	0	3	3	7	3	-	16

NYG -FG Danelo 32
 Wash-FG Moseley 47
 Wash-FG Moseley 33
 NYG -FG Danelo 29
 NYG -Archer 20 fumble recovery return (Danelo kick)
 Wash-Thomas 1 run (Moseley kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 45

Philadelphia 17, New York Jets 9 Sunday, November 12

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 65,950.

Harold Carmichael caught two touchdown passes and blocked a conversion attempt as the Eagles edged the Jets. Nick Mike-Mayer kicked a 39-yard field goal to give Philadelphia a 10-3 lead in the third quarter. Then with 44 seconds remaining in the period, New York's Kevin Long swept five yards for a touchdown. Pat Leahy tried for the extra point but the 6-foot 8-inch Carmichael jumped high and tipped the ball, which sailed under the crossbar and left the Eagles ahead by one point.

New York Jets	0	3	6	0	-	9
Philadelphia	0	7	3	7	-	17

NYJ-FG Leahy 41
 Phil -Carmichael 18 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Phil -FG Mike-Mayer 39
 NYJ-Long 5 run (kick failed)
 Phil -Carmichael 6 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Los Angeles 10, Pittsburgh 7 Sunday, November 12

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 63,089.

Pat Haden's 10-yard touchdown pass to Willie Miller in the fourth period finished an eight-play, 56-yard drive and gave the Rams the victory. Following a scoreless first half, the Steelers' Terry Bradshaw hit Lynn Swann for a 14-yard score early in the third quarter. Then the Rams closed the gap to 7-3 on a 37-yard field goal by Frank Corral. The teams traded punts until the drive that ended with Miller's decisive touchdown catch.

Pittsburgh	0	0	7	0	-	7
Los Angeles	0	0	3	7	-	10

Pitt-Swann 14 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 LA -FG Corral 37
 LA -Miller 10 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

St. Louis 16, San Francisco 10 Sunday, November 12

At Candlestick Park, attendance 33,155.

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Jim Hart threw two touchdown passes to lead St. Louis to its third straight win. The Cardinals broke a 3-3 second quarter tie when Hart hit Al Chandler with a 15-yard touchdown pass to give St. Louis a 9-3 halftime lead. Hart struck again in the third quarter, connecting with Pat Tilley on a five-yard scoring pass that climaxed a 60-yard drive. The 49ers made it 16-10 early in the final quarter on Bob Ferrell's three-yard run, which was set up by a 48-yard pass from Scott Bull to Kenny Harrison.

St. Louis	3	6	7	0	-	16
San Francisco	3	0	0	7	-	10

SF-FG Wersching 45

StL-FG Bakken 45

StL-Chandler 15 pass from Hart (kick failed)

StL-Tilley 5 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

SF-Ferrell 3 run (Wersching kick)

Detroit 34, Tampa Bay 23

Sunday, November 12

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 60,320.

Gary Danielson threw two touchdown passes and Horace King scored on a 75-yard run to lead Detroit to its third win in four games. Tampa Bay led 10-7 in the second quarter when King scored on the second-longest run of the NFL season and the sixth-longest in Detroit history. The Lions increased the advantage to 21-13 on Danielson's second touchdown pass of the day to tight end David Hill. Neil O'Donoghue kicked three field goals for the Buccaneers, including a club record 49-yarder. Detroit's defense recorded eight sacks, five of those by rookie defensive end Al Baker.

Tampa Bay	0	13	0	10	-	23
Detroit	7	14	7	6	-	34

Det-Hill 2 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

TB -Obradovich 12 pass from Rae (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -FG O'Donoghue 27

Det-King 75 run (Ricardo kick)

TB -FG O'Donoghue 45

Det-Hill 14 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Det-Bussey 1 run (Ricardo kick)

Det-FG Ricardo 38

TB -FG O'Donoghue 28

Det-FG Ricardo 28

TB -Ragsdale 31 pass from Huff (O'Donoghue kick)

Oakland 34, Cincinnati 21

Monday Night, November 13

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 51,374.

Ken Stabler completed three touchdown passes and the Oakland defense forced seven turnovers as the Raider stayed tied with Denver for the AFC West lead. Stabler's third touchdown pass of the game, an 11-yarder to Morris Bradshaw, gave the Raiders a commanding 27-7 lead midway through the third quarter. Ken Anderson threw two fourth quarter touchdown passes to cut the lead to six, but Mark van Eeghen's 11-yard scoring run iced Oakland's victory. Anderson tied his club record of 30 completions, but was bothered by a Raiders defense that intercepted four passes and recovered three fumbles.

Oakland	6	14	7	7	-	34
Cincinnati	0	7	0	14	-	21

Oak-Colzie 32 fumble recovery return (kick failed)

Oak-Chester 5 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

Cin -Johnson 4 run (Bahr kick)

Oak-Casper 25 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

Oak-Bradshaw 11 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

Cin -Curtis 25 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Cin -A. Griffin 10 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Oak-van Eeghen 11 run (Mann kick)

TWELFTH WEEK

Chicago 13, Atlanta 7

Sunday, November 19

At Soldier Field, attendance 46,022.

A steady defensive effort and outstanding special teams play enabled Chicago to snap an eight-game losing streak. Bruce Herron's block of John James' punt set up a short touchdown burst by Walter Payton that overcame a 7-3 halftime deficit. In the second half, the Bears' defense stopped the Falcons at Chicago's 9, 12, and 33 yard lines. Payton moved past Gale Sayers to become the Bears' second all-time leading rusher with 4,974 yards.

Atlanta	0	7	0	0	-	7
Chicago	0	3	10	0	-	13

Atl -Mitchell 7 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 32

Chi-Payton 2 run (Thomas kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 37

Tampa Bay 31, Buffalo 10

Sunday, November 19

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 61,383.

Ricky Bell scored on Tampa Bay's first possession and the Buccaneers turned four Buffalo turnovers into scores, ending a three game losing streak. Mike Rae (7 for 14, 121 yards, two touchdowns) directed a Tampa Bay attack, that rushed for 205 yards, second highest in the club's history. Tampa Bay's defensive unit held Buffalo runners to 79 yards and intercepted four passes. Veteran Bill Munson, in relief of Joe Ferguson, produced the Bills' only touchdown on a nine-yard pass to Bob Chandler.

Buffalo	0	0	3	7	-	10
Tampa Bay	7	3	7	14	-	31

TB -Bell 12 run (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -FG O'Donoghue 28

TB -Owens 22 pass from Rae (O'Donoghue kick)

Buff-FG Dempsey 37

TB -Giles 33 pass from Rae (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -Davis 3 run (O'Donoghue kick)

Buff-Chandler 9 pass from Munson (Dempsey kick)

Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 6

Sunday, November 19

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 47,578.

Rocky Bleier capped a 12-play, 64-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run as Pittsburgh maintained a two-game lead in the AFC Central. Louis Breen's second interception of the game set up Chris Bahr's 48-yard field goal to pull Cincinnati within one. A late drive by the Bengals was stopped at the Steelers' 47 when Jack Ham recovered Ken Anderson's fumble.

Cincinnati	3	3	0	0	-	6
Pittsburgh	0	7	0	0	-	7

Cin-FG Bahr 29

Pitt-Bleier 1 run (Gerela kick)

Cin-FG Bahr 48

Cleveland 45, Baltimore 24

Sunday, November 19

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 45,341.

Cleveland ran up its biggest point total since 1968 and quarterback Brian Sipe had his most productive day as a pro. Sipe (15 for 22, 309 yards, four touchdowns) hit running back Calvin Hill three times, all touchdowns, while Reggie Rucker had six receptions for 123 yards, his second 100-yard effort in 1978. The Browns, faced with an early 10-0 deficit, scored on four straight possessions. Oliver Davis added a 29-yard interception return for a 31-10 third period lead.

Cleveland	0	17	14	14	-	45
Baltimore	7	3	7	7	-	24

Balt-McCauley 2 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 23

Cle-Hill 53 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-M. Pruitt 1 run (Cockroft kick)

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Cle-FG Cockroft 45
 Cle-Hill 37 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Davis 29 interception return (Cockroft kick)
 Balt-Carr 24 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)
 Cle-Hill 23 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Balt-Alston 2 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)
 Cle-Rucker 25 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Oakland 29, Detroit 17 Sunday, November 19

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 44,517.

Mark van Eeghen, the AFC's leading rusher in 1977, registered three touchdowns for the first time in his career and rushed for 98 yards on 25 carries as Oakland overcame a 14-13 halftime deficit to remain in a first place tie with Denver in the AFC West. Van Eeghen scored on two short touchdown runs and recovered wide receiver Clifford Branch's fumble in the end zone for a third score. The Lions scored two touchdowns within a five-minute span in the second quarter - a 42-yard pass from Gary Danielson to Freddie Scott and one-yard run by Horace King.

Detroit	0	14	3	0	-	17
Oakland	6	7	14	2	-	29

Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (kick failed)
 Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (Mann kick)
 Det -Scott 42 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)
 Det -King 1 run (Ricardo kick)
 Oak-van Eeghen recovered fumble in end zone (Mann kick)
 Oak-Casper 2 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)
 Det -FG Ricardo 30
 Oak-Safety, Villapiano tackled Danielson in end zone

Denver 16, Green Bay 3 Sunday, November 19

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,965.

Craig Morton's 14-yard touchdown pass to Haven Moses early in the third period helped the Broncos overcome a 3-0 halftime deficit and remain tied with Oakland for first place in the AFC West. Moses had five receptions for 101 yards and Morton completed 12 of 17 passes. Rob Lytle paced Denver rushers with 110 yards on 16 carries as the Broncos controlled the ball 22:51 of the second half. Punter David Beverly's pass to Aundra Thompson on fourth-and-12 helped set up Green Bay's only score, a first period field goal by Chester Marcol.

Green Bay	3	0	0	0	-	3
Denver	0	0	14	2	-	16

GB -FG Marcol 19
 Den-Moses 14 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den-Lytle 2 run (Turner kick)
 Den-Safety, Alzado tackled Whitehurst in end zone

Los Angeles 31, San Francisco 28 Sunday, November 19

At Candlestick Park, attendance 45,022.

Rookie Frank Corral booted his third game-winning field goal of 1978 with two seconds remaining in regulation time to give Los Angeles its tenth victory. Pat Haden completed five of six passes as he led the Rams 62 yards in eight plays to set up Corral's 24-yard kick. San Francisco rallied from a 28-14 deficit to tie Los Angeles on an 89-yard kickoff return by Dave Williams. San Francisco's Paul Hofer (20 carries for 104 yards and three touchdowns) recorded the first 100-yard game of his NFL career.

Los Angeles	7	7	7	10	-	31
San Francisco	0	7	7	14	-	28

LA-McCutcheon 5 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 SF-Hofer 1 run (Wersching kick)
 LA-Cappelletti 1 run (Corral kick)
 LA-Jessie 47 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 SF-Hofer 1 run (Wersching kick)
 LA-Brudzinski 31 interception return (Corral kick)

SF-Williams 89 kickoff return (Wersching kick)
 SF-Hofer 1 run (Wersching kick)
 LA-FG Corral 24

New England 19, New York Jets 17 Sunday, November 19

At Shea Stadium, attendance 55,568.

David Posey's 24-yard field goal with 2:30 left in the game propelled New England to its ninth victory as the Patriots maintained a one-game lead over Miami in the AFC East. Posey's kick came after Matt Robinson staked New York to a 17-16 advantage with a 56-yard touchdown pass to Wesley Walker early in the fourth period. Sam Cunningham (21 carries for 81 yards) paced a 225-yard Patriots' rushing attack while Horace Ivory scored both of New England's touchdowns on runs of 1 and 11 yards.

New England	0	10	0	9	-	19
New York Jets	7	0	3	7	-	17

NYJ-Long 1 run (Leahy kick)
 NE -FG Posey 47
 NE -Ivory 1 run (Posey kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 45
 NE -Ivory 11 run (kick blocked)
 NYJ-Walker 56 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)
 NE -FG Posey 24

Dallas 27, New Orleans 7 Sunday, November 19

At Texas Stadium, attendance 57,920.

Dallas capitalized on two Saints' errors to overcome a 7-0 deficit. Tony Dorsett, who became the third player ever to rush for over 1,000 yards in his first two NFL seasons (25 carries for 152 yards), scored from two yards after Thomas Henderson's fumble recovery. Larry Cole's interception led to a one-yard touchdown run by Roger Staubach. The victory moved Dallas into a first place tie with Washington in the NFC East.

New Orleans	7	0	0	0	-	7
Dallas	0	14	7	6	-	27

NO-Muncie 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Dall-Dorsett 2 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-Staubach 1 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-DuPree 24 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-FG Septien 24
 Dall-FG Septien 26

Philadelphia 19, New York Giants 17 Sunday, November 19

At Giants Stadium, attendance 70,318.

Cornerback Herman Edwards scooped up a fumble and raced 26 yards with 20 seconds remaining to extend the Eagles' winning streak to three games. The Giants jumped to a 14-0 first period lead as Joe Pisarcik (13 of 23 for 181 yards and two touchdowns) fired scoring passes to Bobby Hammond and Johnny Perkins. A short scoring run by Mike Hogan narrowed the gap to 17-12 with 3:59 left. Philadelphia's Wilbert Montgomery led all rushers with 88 yards on 22 carries.

Philadelphia	0	6	0	13	-	19
New York Giants	14	0	3	0	-	17

NYG-Hammond 19 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)
 NYG-Perkins 30 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)
 Phil -Montgomery 8 run (kick failed)
 NYG-FG Danelo 37
 Phil -Hogan 1 run (kick failed)
 Phil -Edwards 26 fumble recovery return (Michel kick)

St. Louis 27, Washington 17 Sunday, November 19

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 52,460.

Willard Harrell's 70-yard punt return, coupled with Jim Hart's two touchdown passes, helped streaking St. Louis to an early 24-0 advantage on the way to

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its fifth straight victory. Washington narrowed the deficit to 10 points in the third quarter on two scoring passes by Joe Theismann and Mark Moseley's 50-yard field goal. The loss dropped the Redskins into a first place tie with Dallas in the NFC East.

St. Louis	14	10	3	0	-	27
Washington	0	10	7	0	-	17

StL -Harrell 70 punt return (Bakken kick)
 StL -Stief 21 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 StL -Chandler 4 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 StL -FG Bakken 32
 Wash-Thomas 13 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 50
 Wash-McDaniel 42 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 StL -FG Bakken 27

San Diego 13, Minnesota 7 Sunday, November 19

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 38,859.

Dan Fouts hit John Jefferson with a 10-yard scoring toss late in the third period to break a 7-7 deadlock, as improving San Diego registered its fourth straight victory in frigid Bloomington. The Chargers' defense limited Minnesota to 63 rushing yards while recovering two fumbles and intercepting two of Fran Tarkenton's passes. The Vikings, whose four-game winning streak was snapped, remained in a first place tie with Green Bay in the NFC Central.

San Diego	7	0	6	0	-	13
Minnesota	7	0	0	0	-	7

Minn-Young 10 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 SD -Bauer 2 run (Benirschke kick)
 SD -Jefferson 10 pass from Fouts (kick failed)

Seattle 13, Kansas City 10 Sunday, November 19

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 35,252.

Dave Brown's recovery of a Kansas City fumble at the Seahawks' 17 with six seconds left to play enabled Seattle to even its record at 6-6. The Chiefs, who suffered their second straight last-minute defeat, closed to within three points with 10:09 left in the game on Mike Livingston's short touchdown pass to Ted McKnight. Fumble recoveries by Keith Simpson and Keith Butler set up Efen Herrera's 40-yard field goal and David Sims' 10-yard touchdown, which gave Seattle a 10-3 halftime advantage.

Seattle	3	7	3	0	-	13
Kansas City	0	3	0	7	-	10

Sea-FG Herrera 40
 Sea-Sims 10 run (Herrera kick)
 KC -FG Stenerud 20
 Sea-FG Herrera 18
 KC -McKnight 1 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)

Houston 35, Miami 30 Monday Night, November 20 At Astrodome, attendance 50,290.

Earl Campbell ran for 199 yards and four touchdowns to become the NFL's ninth rookie 1,000-yard rusher, and Houston moved within two games of the Steelers in the AFC Central. Miami took a 23-21 lead early in the final period when A. J. Duhe sacked Dan Pastorini in the end zone. Campbell scored twice in the final seven minutes, the second time on a run of 81 yards. Miami's Bob Griese completed 23 of 33 passes for 349 yards for the Dolphins, who remained one game behind New England in the AFC East.

Miami	7	7	7	9	-	30
Houston	7	7	7	14	-	35

Mia -N. Moore 10 pass from Griese (Yepepreman kick)
 Hou-Campbell 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-Barber 15 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Mia -Williams 1 run (Yepepreman kick)
 Hou-Campbell 6 run (Fritsch kick)

Mia -L. Harris 1 run (Yepepreman kick)
 Mia -Safety, Duhe tackled Pastorini in end zone
 Hou-Campbell 12 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-Campbell 81 run (Fritsch kick)
 Mia -Cefalo 11 pass from Griese (Yepepreman kick)

THIRTEENTH WEEK

Detroit 17, Denver 14 Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving) At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 71,785.

Horace King's one-yard touchdown run in the fourth period capped an 11-play, 77-yard drive and gave the Lions the interconference win. Both teams scored on their opening possessions. Rick Kane's two-yard touchdown plunge culminated a 90-yard Detroit drive. Craig Morton followed with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Riley Odoms for a 7-7 halftime deadlock. The Lions' defense sacked Morton six times to increase its NFL lead to 48 sacks. Jim Turner's 51-yard attempt at a tying field goal fell short as time expired.

Denver	7	0	7	0	-	14
Detroit	7	0	3	7	-	17

Det -Kane 2 run (Ricardo kick)
 Den-Odoms 10 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Det -FG Ricardo 19
 Den-Canada 2 run (Turner kick)
 Det -King 1 run (Ricardo kick)

Dallas 37, Washington 10 Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving) At Texas Stadium, attendance 64,905.

Scott Laidlaw rushed for 122 yards and scored twice, Larry Brinson romped 39 yards for a touchdown, and the Dallas defense held Washington to 201 total yards as the Cowboys assumed sole possession of first place in the NFC East. Dallas' potent offense built a 20-0 halftime lead on the way to a 507-yard day.

Washington	0	0	3	7	-	10
Dallas	13	7	10	7	-	37

Dall -FG Septien 33
 Dall -FG Septien 21
 Dall -Laidlaw 1 run (Septien kick)
 Dall -D. Pearson 53 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 48
 Dall -FG Septien 44
 Dall -Laidlaw 2 run (Septien kick)
 Dall -Brinson 39 run (Septien kick)
 Wash-Fugett 16 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Houston 17, Cincinnati 10 Sunday, November 26 At Astrodome, attendance 43,245.

Houston exploded for 14 points in the second period and Earl Campbell rushed for over 100 yards for the seventh time to pace the Oilers to their fourth straight win. Campbell (122 yards in 27 carries) became the NFL's all-time leading rookie rusher, breaking Don Woods' record of 1,162, which was set in 1974. Campbell also set a club rushing mark, finishing the day with a league-leading 1,265 yards. Ronnie Coleman's four-yard touchdown run and Dan Pastorini's 47-yard scoring pass to Rich Caster eclipsed a 10-0 Cincinnati advantage, and the Oilers' defense held the Bengals scoreless in the second half to preserve the victory.

Cincinnati	7	3	0	0	-	10
Houston	0	14	3	0	-	17

Cin -Bass 7 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Cin -FG Bahr 34
 Hou-Coleman 4 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-Caster 47 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-FG Fritsch 38

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Cleveland 30, Los Angeles 19

Sunday, November 26

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 55,158.

Brian Sipe completed 15 of 23 passes for 246 yards and one touchdown and Cleveland's defense intercepted four passes and blocked a field goal. The Browns registered their fourth interconference win of the year and first over the Rams since 1963. Ozzie Newsome's nine-yard scoring run in the first period put the Browns ahead to stay. Sipe threw 31 yards to Reggie Rucker for a score and Mike and Greg Pruitt each added touchdowns, the latter on a 57-yard run that put the game out of reach.

Los Angeles	3	6	0	10	-	19
Cleveland	10	7	7	6	-	30

LA -FG Corral 25

Cle-FG Cockroft 41

Cle-Newsome 9 run (Cockroft kick)

LA -FG Corral 46

Cle-M. Pruitt 1 run (Cockroft kick)

LA -FG Corral 27

Cle-Rucker 31 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

LA -FG Corral 48

Cle-G. Pruitt 57 run (kick blocked)

LA -Jessie 22 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

Minnesota 10, Green Bay 10 (OT)

Sunday, November 26

At Lambeau Field, attendance 51,737.

NFC Central co-leaders Green Bay and Minnesota played the NFL's first tie game since September 19, 1976, when the Rams and Vikings fought to a 10-10 deadlock. The Vikings drove 57 yards in 11 plays in the final 1:50 of regulation for the tying score, Fran Tarkenton's five-yard pass to Ahmad Rashad. Both teams missed field goals in the extra period. Green Bay's Terrell Middleton rushed a club record 39 times for 110 yards to become the fourth player in Packers history to gain 1,000 yards in a season.

Minnesota	3	0	0	7	0	- 10
Green Bay	0	7	0	3	0	- 10

Minn-FG Danmeier 19

GB -Middleton 1 run (Marcol kick)

GB -FG Marcol 19

Minn-Rashad 5 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

New England 35, Baltimore 14

Sunday, November 26

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 42,828.

Stanley Morgan scored on a 75-yard touchdown pass and Mike Haynes returned an interception 36 yards for a score to lead the Patriots to victory. Morgan caught five passes for 170 yards, a club record, and his 37-yard punt return set up Andy Johnson's 11-yard touchdown run. His 38-yard reception preceded Steve Grogan's 23-yard scoring pass to Harold Jackson. The Patriots' defense sacked Baltimore quarterbacks eight times.

New England	14	7	7	7	-	35
Baltimore	7	0	7	0	-	14

NE -Haynes 36 interception return (Posey kick)

Balt-Blackwood 21 interception return (Linhart kick)

NE -Jackson 23 pass from Grogan (Posey kick)

NE -Johnson 11 run (Posey kick)

NE -Morgan 75 pass from Grogan (Posey kick)

Balt-R. Lee 19 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)

NE -Cunningham 4 run (Posey kick)

Buffalo 41, New York Giants 17

Sunday, November 26

At Rich Stadium, attendance 28,496.

Terry Miller rushed for 208 yards on 21 carries and scored twice to highlight a 27-point fourth quarter. Roland Hooks contributed 115 yards on 12 carries to help set a Bills single-game record of 366 yards rushing. Curtis Brown's one-yard plunge with 4:58 elapsed in the final quarter gave the Bills the lead.

Miller followed with scoring runs of 39 and 13 yards. Joe Ferguson also had a nine-yard touchdown pass to Lou Piccone as Buffalo broke a four-game losing streak.

New York Giants	7	3	7	0	-	17
Buffalo	7	0	7	27	-	41

NYG-Dixon 31 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)

Buff -Brown 1 run (Dempsey kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 27

NYG-Kotar 19 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)

Buff -Hooks 1 run (Dempsey kick)

Buff -Brown 1 run (Dempsey kick)

Buff -Piccone 9 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

Buff -Miller 39 run (Dempsey kick)

Buff -Miller 13 run (kick blocked)

New York Jets 24, Miami 13

Sunday, November 26

At Orange Bowl, attendance 49,255.

Darnell Powell and Kevin Long scored third period touchdowns two minutes apart and the Jets' defense intercepted three passes and allowed a season-low 256 yards total offense. Powell's three-yard touchdown run climaxed an 80-yard drive to open the second half, and Long followed shortly thereafter with a one-yard plunge. Matt Robinson completed 17 of 26 passes for 257 yards, including a 33-yard strike to Wesley Walker, to clinch New York's first season sweep of the Dolphins since 1969.

New York Jets	0	3	14	7	-	24
Miami	3	3	0	7	-	13

Mia -FG Yepremian 38

NYJ-FG Leahy 19

Mia -FG Yepremian 46

NYJ-Powell 3 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Long 1 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Walker 33 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)

Mia -Hardy 13 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)

Atlanta 20, New Orleans 17

Sunday, November 26

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 55,121.

Steve Bartkowski's one-yard touchdown pass to Jim Mitchell with just five seconds remaining capped a 72-yard drive and provided the Falcons with a miracle comeback win over the Saints for the second time in three weeks. Tim Mazzetti's 28-yard field goal with 3:07 left cut New Orleans' margin to four points. Atlanta regained possession with just :53 remaining and moved the ball to the Saints' 1-yard line to set up Bartkowski's short toss to Mitchell.

New Orleans	7	7	3	0	-	17
Atlanta	7	3	0	10	-	20

Atl -Stanback 3 run (Mazzetti kick)

NO-Hardy 71 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 39

NO-Muncie 28 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

NO-FG Mike-Mayer 18

Atl -FG Mazzetti 28

Atl -Mitchell 1 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Philadelphia 14, St. Louis 10

Sunday, November 26

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 39,693.

Ron Jaworski directed scoring drives of 62 and 54 yards to lead Philadelphia to its fourth straight win. Jaworski connected with Charles Smith on a 22-yard pass to provide a 7-3 halftime lead. John Sciarra's fourth period 23-yard punt return preceded Jaworski's 48-yard pass to Richard Osborne to the St. Louis 3. Mike Hogan scored three plays later. The victory broke a string of nine straight losses to the Cardinals and kept the Eagles in the playoff picture.

Philadelphia	0	7	0	7	-	14
St. Louis	3	0	0	7	-	10

StL -FG Bakken 32

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Phil-Smith 22 pass from Jaworski (Michel kick)
 Phil-Hogan 2 run (Michel kick)
 StL -Tilley 1 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Kansas City 23, San Diego 0 Sunday, November 26

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 26,248.

Mike Livingston threw scoring passes to Henry Marshall (29 yards) and Larry Dorsey (6 yards) in the final two minutes of the first half. The defense intercepted five passes as the Chiefs posted their first shutout ever at Arrowhead Stadium. Livingston's touchdown strikes and a 32-yard field goal by Jan Stenerud capped a 17-point second quarter. Ted McKnight recorded the first 100-yard performance of his career, rushing 11 times for 104 yards, to help Kansas City break a four-game losing streak.

San Diego	0	0	0	0	-	0
Kansas City	0	17	3	3	-	23

KC-FG Stenerud 32
 KC-Marshall 29 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 KC-Dorsey 6 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 KC-FG Stenerud 37
 KC-FG Stenerud 35

Seattle 17, Oakland 16 Sunday, November 26

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,978.

Efren Herrera kicked a 46-yard field goal with two seconds remaining to spark the Seahawks. Jim Zorn directed scoring drives of 80 and 84 yards, connecting on touchdown passes to Steve Raible and Steve Largent. The Raiders moved ahead 16-14 with 5:29 left when Ken Stabler passed 31 yards to Dave Casper for a score. The conversion failed. Zorn hit on five passes for 51 yards to guide Seattle into position for Herrera's winning effort, as the Seahawks became the first team since the 1965 Buffalo Bills to beat Oakland twice in the same regular season.

Seattle	7	0	0	10	-	17
Oakland	0	10	0	6	-	16

Sea-Raible 38 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Oak-van Eeghen 4 run (Mann kick)
 Oak-FG Mann 26
 Sea-Largent 27 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Oak-Casper 31 pass from Stabler (kick failed)
 Sea-FG Herrera 46

Chicago 14, Tampa Bay 3 Sunday, November 26

At Soldier Field, attendance 42,373.

Walter Payton and Roland Harper became only the second set of Bears running backs to each gain more than 100 yards in the same game, and Chicago's defense held the Buccaneers to 92 yards total offense. Payton and Harper duplicated the feat of Bobby Watkins and Rick Casares, which was set on November 6, 1955. Payton had 105 yards on 27 carries and Harper added 144 yards on 25 attempts - his initial 100-yard performance as a pro. The Chicago defense held Tampa Bay to minus seven yards passing and sacked Mike Rae eight times.

Tampa Bay	0	3	0	0	-	3
Chicago	0	0	7	7	-	14

TB -FG O'Donoghue 44
 Chi-Payton 3 run (Thomas kick)
 Chi-Avellini 3 run (Thomas kick)

Pittsburgh 24, San Francisco 7 Monday Night, November 27

At Candlestick Park, attendance 51,657.

Terry Bradshaw fired three touchdown passes and Lynn Swann had his best day ever as a pro as the Steelers became the first NFL team to qualify for the playoffs. Bradshaw (13 of 21 for 195 yards) hit Swann (eight receptions for 134 yards) on scoring strikes of 22 and 25 yards for a commanding 17-0

halftime lead. He later connected with John Stallworth on an 11-yard touchdown pass. The defense intercepted five passes to ensure Pittsburgh's seventh straight playoff appearance.

Pittsburgh	3	14	0	7	-	24
San Francisco	0	0	7	0	-	7

Pitt-FG Gerela 42
 Pitt-Swann 22 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Swann 25 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 SF -Hofer 2 run (Wersching kick)
 Pitt-Stallworth 11 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

FOURTEENTH WEEK

Cincinnati 37, Atlanta 7 Sunday, December 3

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 25,336.

Scott Perry and Dick Jauron each returned interceptions for touchdowns as Cincinnati ended a four-game losing streak. The interceptions came during an eight-minute span of the third quarter and stretched the Bengals' lead to 23-7. Fourth quarter touchdown runs of 50 yards by Pete Johnson and 32 yards by Tony Davis secured the Bengals' victory. Cincinnati's defense intercepted three passes. Archie Griffin led all rushers with 87 yards on 16 carries.

Atlanta	0	7	0	0	-	7
Cincinnati	3	7	13	14	-	37

Cin-FG Bahr 32
 Atl -Patton 1 run (Mazzetti kick)
 Cin-Johnson 3 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin-Perry 39 interception return (kick failed)
 Cin-Jauron 24 interception return (Bahr kick)
 Cin-P. Johnson 50 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin-Davis 32 run (Bahr kick)

New York Jets 24, Baltimore 16 Sunday, December 3

At Shea Stadium, attendance 50,248.

Matt Robinson and Wesley Walker teamed up on two long touchdown passes to lead the Jets' win. New York erased a 10-7 deficit when Robinson hit Walker with a 48-yard scoring pass with one minute left in the first half. In the third quarter, after Toni Linhart's 22-yard field goal, the Jets took a 21-13 lead when Robinson teamed up with Walker on a 38-yard touchdown pass. Walker's two receptions for 86 yards enabled him to become the first Jets receiver since 1968 to go over 1,000 yards in a season.

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

NYJ-Dierking 2 run (Leahy kick)
 Balt -FG Linhart 30
 Balt -McCaughey 1 run (Linhart kick)
 NYJ-Walker 48 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)
 Balt -FG Linhart 22
 NYJ-Walker 38 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)
 Balt -FG Linhart 41
 NYJ-FG Leahy 22

Kansas City 14, Buffalo 10 Sunday, December 3

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 25,781.

Mike Livingston hit Walter White with a three-yard scoring pass in the third quarter to lead Kansas City to the victory. The Bills took a 10-7 lead on Tom Dempsey's 22-yard field goal. The Chiefs came back later in the third quarter, driving 58 yards in eight plays for the winning score. The Chiefs' defense recovered two Buffalo fumbles and intercepted Joe Ferguson three times.

Buffalo	0	7	3	0	-	10
Kansas City	7	0	7	0	-	14

KC -McKnight 17 run (Stenerud kick)

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Buff-Lewis 40 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-FG Dempsey 22
 KC -White 3 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)

Seattle 47, Cleveland 24

Sunday, December 3

At Kingdome, attendance 62,262.

The Seahawks, led by David Sims' three touchdowns, ran up their second-highest point total ever in recording a club record third straight win. Sims' scores came on runs of 1, 9, and 19 yards and boosted his league-leading touchdown total to 14. Defensive tackle Bill Gregory set up two of the touchdowns with fumble recoveries. Rookie cornerback Keith Simpson scored the Seahawks' final touchdown on a 40-yard interception return.

Cleveland	0	10	7	7	-	24
Seattle	14	9	7	17	-	47

Sea-Smith 1 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Sims 9 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Largent 27 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Safety, Raible tackled Evans out of end zone
 Cle -Logan 7 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Cle -FG Cockroft 40
 Sea-Sims 19 run (Herrera kick)
 Cle -G. Pruitt 26 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Sea-FG Herrera 38
 Sea-Sims 9 run (Herrera kick)
 Cle -Logan 5 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Sea-Simpson 40 interception return (Herrera kick)

Denver 21, Oakland 6

Sunday, December 3

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 53,932.

The victory gave the Broncos sole possession of first place in the AFC West. The Raiders controlled the ball for 19:20 of the first half but registered only two field goals and trailed 7-6. The Broncos increased their margin to 14-6 in the third quarter when Craig Morton capped a 72-yard drive with a 14 yard touchdown pass to Haven Moses. Denver clinched the victory in the fourth quarter on linebacker Randy Gradishar's 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

Denver	0	7	7	7	-	21
Oakland	0	6	0	0	-	6

Oak-FG Mann 27
 Oak-FG Mann 37
 Den-Lytle 2 run (Turner kick)
 Den-Moses 14 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den-Gradishar 30 fumble recovery return (Turner kick)

St. Louis 21, Detroit 14

Sunday, December 3

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 39,200.

Jim Hart and Dave Stief teamed up on a 53-yard touchdown pass midway through the fourth quarter to give St. Louis the victory, its fifth in the last six games. The Lions tied the score 14-14 in the fourth quarter on Gary Danielson's second touchdown pass of the day, a 15-yarder to David Hill. On the ensuing kickoff, Tim Kearney's 22-yard return put the ball on the Cardinals' 47. Two plays later Hart hit Stief with the winning score. The St. Louis defense intercepted five passes, three by Perry Smith.

Detroit	0	0	7	7	-	14
St. Louis	0	7	7	7	-	21

StL-Jones 10 run (Bakken kick)
 Det-Thompson 19 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)
 StL-Otis 1 run (Bakken kick)
 Det-Hill 15 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)
 StL-Stief 53 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Green Bay 17, Tampa Bay 7

Sunday, December 3

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 67,754.

David Whitehurst threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to James Lofton and Barty Smith scored on a one-yard touchdown run to end Green Bay's four-game winless streak. All of the Packers' points came in the first half on touchdown drives of 61 and 60 yards and a 27-yard field goal by Chester Marcol. The Buccaneers' lone score came in the second quarter on George Ragsdale's 14-yard run. Tampa Bay's defense set club records by holding the Packers to 11 first downs and 173 yards total offense.

Green Bay	10	7	0	0	-	17
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	0	-	7

GB-Lofton 10 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 27
 TB -Ragsdale 14 run (O'Donoghue kick)
 GB-Smith 1 run (Marcol kick)

Los Angeles 20, New York Giants 17

Sunday, December 3

At Giants Stadium, attendance 62,629.

Los Angeles took advantage of three New York miscues to beat the Giants and win a record sixth straight division title. Pat Thomas gave the Rams a 17-10 lead midway through the fourth quarter by returning an interception 33 yards for a touchdown. The margin was increased moments later when Dave Elmendorf returned a fumble 39 yards to set up Frank Corral's 35 yard field goal. The Giants scored with 23 seconds left on Willie Spencer's one-yard run.

Los Angeles	3	7	0	10	-	20
New York Giants	0	7	3	7	-	17

LA -FG Corral 27
 LA -Bryant 6 run (Corral kick)
 NYG-Shirk 4 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)
 NYG-FG Danelo 27
 LA -Thomas 33 interception return (Corral kick)
 LA -FG Corral 35
 NYG-Spencer 1 run (Danelo kick)

Miami 16, Washington 0

Sunday, December 3

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 52,860.

The Dolphins' defense intercepted four passes and became the first team in seven years to shut out the Redskins. Miami, leading 6-0 on a pair of Garo Yepremian field goals in the second quarter, drove 94 yards on its first possession of the second half and took a 13-0 lead. Yepremian added a third field goal, his twelfth straight of the season, later in the period.

Miami	0	6	10	0	-	16
Washington	0	0	0	0	-	0

Mia-FG Yepremian 34
 Mia-FG Yepremian 35
 Mia-Cefalo 40 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-FG Yepremian 39

Dallas 17, New England 10

Sunday, December 3

At Texas Stadium, attendance 63,263.

Roger Staubach's 36-yard scoring pass to Billy Joe DuPree in the fourth quarter gave Dallas the win and the NFC East title. Dallas tied the score 10-10 late in the third quarter when Scott Laidlaw faked a run off tackle and lateraled back to Staubach, who hit Tony Hill with a 40-yard touchdown pass. The Cowboys' game-winning score was set up by Harvey Martin's interception of a screen pass early in the fourth quarter. Staubach completed 15 of 27 passes for 243 yards, giving him a club record 218 completions for the season.

New England	7	3	0	0	-	10
Dallas	3	0	7	7	-	17

Dall-FG Septien 26
 NE -Cunningham 52 run (Posey kick)
 NE -FG Posey 30

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Dall-Hill 40 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-DuPree 36 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Minnesota 28, Philadelphia 27

Sunday, December 3

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 38,772.

Fran Tarkenton's 20-yard touchdown pass to Ahmad Rashad gave Minnesota a come-from-behind victory. Ron Jaworski threw three touchdown passes and Wilbert Montgomery scored on a 36-yard touchdown run to give the Eagles a 27-14 lead. The Vikings cut the Eagles' lead to six in the third quarter when Tarkenton hit Rickey Young with a six-yard touchdown pass. Minnesota took the lead with 1:49 left in the game when Tarkenton capped a 90-yard drive with his fourth touchdown pass of the day, a 20-yarder to Ahmad Rashad.

Philadelphia	7	20	0	0	-	27
Minnesota	14	0	7	7	-	28

Minn-S. White 5 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 Phil -Carmichael 56 pass from Jaworski (Michel kick)
 Minn-S. White 9 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 Phil -Carmichael 21 pass from Jaworski (Michel kick)
 Phil -Montgomery 36 run (Michel kick)
 Phil -Smith 27 pass from Jaworski (kick blocked)
 Minn-Young 6 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 Minn-Rashad 20 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Pittsburgh 13, Houston 3

Sunday, December 3

At Astrodome, attendance 54,261.

Roy Gerela kicked two field goals and Terry Bradshaw threw a five-yard touchdown pass to John Stallworth as Pittsburgh clinched its fifth straight AFC Central Division title. Franco Harris broke a 31-yard run to set up Gerela's 23-yard field goal and Pittsburgh led 6-3. The Steelers sealed the victory late in the fourth quarter, driving 80 yards in 11 plays for the winning score. Harris gained 102 yards on 27 carries to go over 1,000 yards for the season and become the fifth leading rusher in NFL history.

Pittsburgh	3	0	3	7	-	13
Houston	0	3	0	0	-	3

Pitt -FG Gerela 41

Hou-FG Fritsch 37

Pitt -FG Gerela 23

Pitt -Stallworth 5 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

New Orleans 24, San Francisco 13

Sunday, December 3

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 50,068.

Wes Chandler caught his first two NFL touchdown passes as New Orleans ended a four-game losing streak. Chandler's first catch – a 58-yarder – helped the Saints build a 17-3 advantage, but a 41-yard touchdown pass from Scott Bull to Paul Hofer and a field goal by Ray Wersching cut the lead to four. In the fourth quarter, Archie Manning iced the game by hitting Chandler with a 12-yard scoring pass. Manning, who completed 22 of 34 passes for 199 yards, set a club record for completions in a season (231).

San Francisco	3	7	3	0	-	13
New Orleans	3	14	0	7	-	24

SF -FG Wersching 45

NO-FG Mike-Mayer 50

NO-Muncie 6 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

NO-Chandler 58 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF -Seal 41 pass from Bull (Wersching kick)

SF -FG Wersching 42

NO-Chandler 12 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)

San Diego 40, Chicago 7

Monday Night, December 4

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 48,492.

The Chargers scored on their first three possessions and built a 23-0

halftime lead. Rookie John Jefferson's 42-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter gave him nine scoring catches for the season, the most by a Chargers receiver in seven years.

Chicago **0** **0** **7** **0** **-** **7**

San Diego **17** **6** **10** **7** **-** **40**

SD-FG Benirschke 32

SD-Mitchell 1 run (Benirschke kick)

SD-Burton 16 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD-Jefferson 42 pass from Fouts (kick failed)

SD-FG Benirschke 44

SD-Bauer 37 run (Benirschke kick)

Chi-Livers 60 interception return (Thomas kick)

SD-Burton 34 pass from Harris (Benirschke kick)

FIFTEENTH WEEK

Pittsburgh 35, Baltimore 13

Saturday, December 9

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 41,957.

Pittsburgh, the AFC Central Division champion, built a 21-7 halftime advantage behind the running of Franco Harris and Terry Bradshaw's accurate passing. Harris scored on touchdown runs of three and two yards and Bradshaw (11 of 18 for 240 yards and three touchdowns) hit John Stallworth with a 31-yard scoring pass. The Colts cut the lead to 21-13 early in the third period when Derrel Luce returned a fumble 44 yards for a touchdown. Larry Anderson ran the ensuing kickoff 57 yards to set up Bradshaw's second scoring pass, a 12-yarder to Randy Grossman.

Baltimore **0** **7** **6** **0** **-** **13**

Pittsburgh **7** **14** **7** **7** **-** **35**

Pitt -Stallworth 31 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt -Harris 3 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt -Harris 2 run (Gerela kick)

Balt-Carr 5 pass from Troup (Linhart kick)

Balt-Luce 44 fumble recovery return (kick failed)

Pitt -Grossman 12 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt -Smith 29 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Detroit 45, Minnesota 14

Saturday, December 9

At Pontiac Superdome, attendance 78,685.

Detroit registered its highest point total in 11 years as Gary Danielson threw an NFL season high and club record five touchdown passes. Danielson, who completed 26 of 33 passes for 352 yards, hit Leonard Thompson five times for 93 yards and three touchdowns. Horace King caught six passes, two for touchdowns. Luther Bradley's 76-yard interception return closed out the Lions' scoring. Fran Tarkenton broke Sonny Jurgensen's all-time record for pass attempts in a season (508). The Vikings' quarterback completed 18 of 34 passes for 231 yards.

Minnesota **0** **7** **7** **0** **-** **14**

Detroit **14** **14** **3** **14** **-** **45**

Det -King 34 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Det -Thompson 5 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Minn-R. Miller 1 run (Danmeier kick)

Det -Thompson 17 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Det -Thompson 45 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Minn-K. Miller 34 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Det -FG Ricardo 30

Det -King 5 pass from Danielson (Ricardo kick)

Det -Bradley 76 interception return (Ricardo kick)

New England 26, Buffalo 24

Sunday, December 10

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 59,598.

New England clinched the AFC Eastern Division championship, its first title in 15 years, on David Posey's 21-yard field goal with eight seconds remaining. Posey's winning kick came after Bills punter Rusty Jackson took an

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intentional safety late in the fourth quarter. Earlier, a Joe Ferguson-to-Frank Lewis scoring pass had given Buffalo a 24-21 advantage. Horace Ivory (16 carries for 91 yards and a touchdown) paced a 249 yard Patriots running attack.

Buffalo	0	10	7	7	-	24
New England	0	7	7	12	-	26

Buff-Hooks 28 run (Dempsey kick)
 NE -Cunningham 4 run (Posey kick)
 Buff-FG Dempsey 26
 Buff-Miller 32 run (Dempsey kick)
 NE -Grogan 4 run (Posey kick)
 NE -Ivory 20 run (Posey kick)
 Buff-Lewis 21 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)
 NE -Safety, Fox ran Jackson out of end zone
 NE -FG Posey 21

Dallas 31, Philadelphia 13 Sunday, December 10

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 64,667.

Scott Laidlaw and Tony Dorsett each scored twice and the Cowboys' defense forced five turnovers as Dallas defeated Philadelphia for the ninth straight time. Laidlaw's one-yard touchdown run and Dorsett's 16-yard scoring reception from Roger Staubach staked Dallas to a first period 14-0 lead. Philadelphia narrowed the deficit to 14-7 at halftime when Mike Hogan capped a 73-yard drive with a one-yard plunge. The Cowboys' defense picked off three passes, recovered two fumbles, and recorded eight sacks.

Dallas	14	0	10	7	-	31
Philadelphia	7	0	0	6	-	13

Dall-Laidlaw 1 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-Dorsett 16 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Phil-Hogan 1 run (Michel kick)
 Dall-Dorsett 23 run (Septien kick)
 Dall-FG Septien 18
 Dall-Laidlaw 44 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Phil-Barnes 4 run (kick failed)

Chicago 14, Green Bay 0 Sunday, December 10

At Soldier Field, attendance 34,306.

Walter Payton's one-yard touchdown run climaxed an 11-play, 83-yard drive with 15 seconds left in the first half to break a scoreless tie. Chicago increased its lead to 14-0 in the third quarter when Mike Phipps hit James Scott with a 35-yard scoring pass after Len Walterscheid recovered a Green Bay fumble. Despite the loss the Packers remained in a first-place tie with Minnesota in the NFC Central Division.

Green Bay	0	0	0	0	-	0
Chicago	0	7	7	0	-	14

Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)
 Chi-Scott 35 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

Houston 17, New Orleans 12 Sunday, December 10

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 63,169.

Dan Pastorini tossed an 80-yard touchdown bomb to rookie Robert Woods to clinch an AFC wild card berth for Houston. The Oilers built a 10-0 halftime lead on Earl Campbell's two-yard scoring run and a 22-yard field goal by Toni Fritsch. New Orleans pulled to within three in the third quarter when Archie Manning hit Tinker Owens with a six-yard touchdown pass. Manning, who completed 25 of 37 passes for 251 yards, went over 3,000 yards passing for the first time in his career.

Houston	7	3	0	7	-	17
New Orleans	0	0	7	5	-	12

Hou-Campbell 2 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-FG Fritsch 22
 NO -Owens 6 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Hou-Woods 80 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

NO -Safety, Campbell ran out of end zone
 NO -FG Mike-Mayer 21

Denver 24, Kansas City 3 Sunday, December 10

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,149.

Craig Morton had his best day as a pro, completing a team-record 19 of 22 passes for 283 yards, as the Broncos captured their second straight AFC Western Division championship. Morton connected on 16 consecutive passes during one stretch. Riley Odoms caught seven passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns. Kansas City's only score came on a 23-yard Jan Stenerud field goal as Denver held its opponent without a touchdown for the second straight week.

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

KC -FG Stenerud 23
 Den-Perrin 4 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den-FG Turner 38
 Den-Odoms 23 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den-Odoms 29 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Cleveland 37, New York Jets 34 (OT) Sunday, December 10

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 36,881.

Don Cockroft kicked a 22-yard field goal with 3:07 elapsed in overtime after Brian Sipe hit Calvin Hill with a 18-yard touchdown pass to tie the game (34-34) with four seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. Kevin Long's one-yard scoring run gave the Jets, who scored three times in the last four minutes, a 34-27 advantage with 1:14 left. Cleveland's Greg Pruitt carried 21 times for 138 yards and Sipe completed 20 of 32 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns.

New York Jets	0	10	0	24	0	-	34
Cleveland	7	10	10	7	3	-	37

Cle -Hill 2 run (Cockroft kick)
 Cle -G. Pruitt 22 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 45
 Cle -FG Cockroft 26
 NYJ-Harper 3 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)
 Cle -FG Cockroft 22
 Cle -Sipe 2 run (Cockroft kick)
 NYJ-Shuler 4 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)
 NYJ-Harper 20 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 39
 NYJ-Long 1 run (Leahy kick)
 Cle -Hill 18 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Cle -FG Cockroft 22

Miami 23, Oakland 6 Sunday, December 10

At Orange Bowl, attendance 73,003.

Larry Gordon led an alert Dolphins defense that forced seven turnovers as Miami clinched a wild card playoff berth, ending a three-year postseason drought. Gordon became the first Miami linebacker to pick off three passes in a game and teammate Gerald Small recorded his first NFL touchdown on a 46-yard interception return. The Dolphins broke a 6-6 tie in the third quarter on Norm Bulaich's five-yard run, which was set up by a 37-yard Bob Griese-to-Nat Moore pass.

Oakland	0	0	6	0	-	6
Miami	3	0	3	17	-	23

Mia -FG Yepremian 35
 Mia -FG Yepremian 27
 Oak-Biletnikoff 16 pass from Stabler (kick blocked)
 Mia -Bulaich 5 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia -FG Yepremian 34
 Mia -Small 46 interception return (Yepremian kick)

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New York Giants 17, St. Louis 0

Sunday, December 10

At Giants Stadium, attendance 52,226.

Randy Dean threw his first NFL touchdown pass and Doug Kotar rushed for a season-high 118 yards on 27 carries as the Giants ended a six-game losing streak. Dean capped a seven-play, 56-yard first quarter drive by hitting Gary Shirk with a six-yard scoring pass. Kotar added a 12-yard touchdown run in the final quarter. New York's defense contributed four fumble recoveries and one interception. The Giants' running game produced 231 yards.

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	-	0
New York Giants	10	0	0	7	-	17

NYG-FG Danelo 30

NYG-Shirk 6 pass from Dean (Danelo kick)

NYG-Kotar 12 run (Danelo kick)

San Diego 37, Seattle 10

Sunday, December 10

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 49,975.

Dan Fouts threw three touchdown passes and San Diego exploded for 17 points in both the second and fourth quarters to give the Chargers a series sweep over Seattle. Fouts (22 of 33 for 279 yards) hit rookie John Jefferson with two touchdown tosses to give the Chargers a 20-10 halftime advantage. Fouts also connected with Larry Burton on a 55-yard scoring play in the final period.

Seattle	7	3	0	0	-	10
San Diego	3	17	0	17	-	37

SD-FG Benirschke 37

Sea-Sims 2 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea-FG Herrera 48

SD-FG Benirschke 26

SD-Jefferson 31 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD-Jefferson 6 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD-Burton 55 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD-Bauer 1 run (Benirschke kick)

SD-FG Benirschke 27

San Francisco 6, Tampa Bay 3

Sunday, December 10

At Candlestick Park, attendance 30,931.

Ray Wersching kicked a 30-yard field goal on the game's final play to end San Francisco's nine-game losing streak. The 49ers' Steve DeBerg, making his first appearance in five weeks, completed six passes in the winning march, which covered 81 yards over a six-minute span. San Francisco's Paul Hofer rushed 17 times for 56 yards and caught seven passes for 65 yards.

Tampa Bay	0	3	0	0	-	3
San Francisco	0	3	0	3	-	6

SF-FG Wersching 28

TB-FG Green 35

SF-FG Wersching 30

Atlanta 20, Washington 17

Sunday, December 10

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 54,178.

Tim Mazzetti's 32-yard field goal on the game's final play provided Atlanta with its fourth last-minute regular season victory of 1978. The Redskins tied the contest 17-17, with 6:58 left on a one-yard touchdown run by Mike Thomas. Safety Rick Byas blocked a Washington punt to set up Bubba Bean's short scoring run in the third period.

Washington	0	10	0	7	-	17
Atlanta	7	3	7	3	-	20

Atl -Stanback 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

Wash-Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 21

Atl -FG Mazzetti 21

Atl -Bean 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

Wash-Thomas 1 run (Moseley kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 32

Cincinnati 20, Los Angeles 19

Monday Night, December 11

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 47,471.

Chris Bahr's 42-yard field goal with 2:58 left capped Cincinnati's come-from-behind victory over Los Angeles, the NFC Western Division champions. The Rams built a 13-0 first quarter lead on two field goals by Frank Corral and a 14-yard tight end reverse by Terry Nelson. Ken Anderson (13 of 27 for 227 yards) ignited the Bengals' rally by hitting Isaac Curtis with a 46-yard scoring pass in the second quarter.

Cincinnati	0	14	3	3	-	20
Los Angeles	13	3	3	0	-	19

LA-FG Corral 37

LA-FG Corral 20

LA-Nelson 14 run (Corral kick)

Cin-Curtis 46 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Cin-Johnson 2 run (Bahr kick)

LA-FG Corral 29

LA-FG Corral 17

Cin-FG Bahr 24

Cin-FG Bahr 42

SIXTEENTH WEEK

Chicago 14, Washington 10

Saturday, December 16

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 49,774.

Steve Schubert returned a punt 73 yards for the deciding score as the Bears eliminated Washington from the playoffs. Walter Payton rushed 16 times for 90 yards, including a 44-yard touchdown, to capture the NFC rushing crown (1,395 yards on 333 carries and 11 touchdowns). Washington's John Riggins finished the season with a career-high 1,014 yards rushing and became only the third Redskins back to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season. (Larry Brown and Mike Thomas were the others).

Chicago	7	0	7	0	-	14
Washington	0	3	0	7	-	10

Chi -Payton 44 run (Thomas kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 33

Chi -Schubert 73 punt return (Thomas kick)

Wash-Fugett 17 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Pittsburgh 21, Denver 17

Saturday, December 16

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,104.

Terry Bradshaw's two touchdown passes and a goal line stand by the defense on the final play of the game helped Pittsburgh to its fifth straight win. The Steelers built a 21-0 halftime lead on Bradshaw's scoring passes of 25 yards to John Stallworth and 10 yards to Jim Smith, plus a one-yard touchdown run by Franco Harris. Norris Weese directed Denver's comeback in the second half, throwing two touchdown passes. Pittsburgh's Jack Lambert and Joe Greene combined to stop Denver's Lonnie Perrin on the game's final play to preserve the victory.

Pittsburgh	7	14	0	0	-	21
Denver	0	0	7	10	-	17

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Stallworth 25 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Smith 10 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Den-Moses 25 pass from Weese (Turner kick)

Den-FG Turner 45

Den-Odoms 30 pass from Weese (Turner kick)

St. Louis 42, Atlanta 21

Sunday, December 17

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 40,022.

Jim Hart paced the Cardinals to their sixth win in eight games. Hart

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completed 22 of 40 passes for 333 yards and three touchdowns and scored twice on runs of two and nine yards. Dave Stief caught nine passes for 183 yards and Pat Tilley added seven receptions for 105 yards. After an 0-8 start the Cardinals rebounded to finish 6-10 in Bud Wilkinson's first year as head coach.

Atlanta	7	7	7	0	-	21
St. Louis	0	28	7	7	-	42

All -Strong 1 run (Mazzetti kick)
 StL-Stief 37 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 StL-Chandler 12 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 All -Pearson 100 kickoff return (Mazzetti kick)
 StL-Tilley 26 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 StL-Hart 2 run (Bakken kick)
 StL-Jones 3 run (Bakken kick)
 All -Patton 8 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 StL-Hart 9 run (Bakken kick)

Buffalo 21, Baltimore 14 Sunday, December 17

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 25,415.

Buffalo's Terry Miller became the tenth rookie in NFL history to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season. Miller gained 123 yards on 15 carries, including a 60-yard touchdown, and finished the season with 1,060 yards. Colts running back Joe Washington kept the game close, throwing a 26-yard touchdown pass to Mike Siani after fumbling a handoff on a sweep. Both teams finished with 5-11 records, but Buffalo finished fourth in the AFC East by virtue of its two victories over Baltimore.

Buffalo	0	7	7	7	-	21
Baltimore	0	7	0	7	-	14

Balt-McCauley 1 run (Linhart kick)
 Buff-Johnson 2 run (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-Lewis 39 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-Miller 60 run (Dempsey kick)
 Balt-Siani 26 pass from Washington (Linhart kick)

Cincinnati 48, Cleveland 16 Sunday, December 17

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 46,985.

Ken Anderson threw two touchdown passes and Pete Johnson rushed for a team record 160 yards as the Bengals erupted for their biggest point total of the season. Cincinnati converted two second quarter fumble recoveries into a 23-yard field goal by Chris Bahr and a 40-yard touchdown pass from Anderson to Don Bass. Greg Pruitt led a mild Cleveland rally with a 70-yard touchdown run on the way to a career high 182-yard day. The Bengals put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter by scoring 24 points. Cincinnati's Pat McNally won his first NFL punting title (431) and Cleveland's Thom Darden posted an NFL-high 10 interceptions for the season.

Cleveland	6	0	10	0	-	16
Cincinnati	0	17	7	24	-	48

Cle-M. Miller 5 run (kick failed)
 Cin-FG Bahr 23
 Cin-Bass 40 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Cin-A. Griffin 6 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Cin-Walker 3 pass from A. Griffin (Bahr kick)
 Cle-G. Pruitt 70 run (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 19
 Cin-Anderson 3 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin-FG Bahr 49
 Cin-P. Johnson 12 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin-Perry 16 interception return (Bahr kick)

Dallas 30, New York Jets 7 Sunday, December 17

At Shea Stadium, attendance 52,532.

Tony Dorsett rushed for 121 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the Cowboys. Dorsett's seven-yard score in the first period capped an 80-yard

drive. In the third quarter, his 54-yard run with Billy Joe DuPree's fumble pushed Dallas' lead to 23-0. New York's Wesley Walker caught two passes for a season total of 48 and an average of 24.4 yards a catch, best in the NFL. Roger Staubach, although sitting out the final regular season game, finished as the NFL's leading passer, completing 231 of 413 passes for 3,190 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Dallas	7	3	13	7	-	30
New York Jets	0	0	0	7	-	7

Dall -Dorsett 7 run (Septien kick)
 Dall -FG Septien 22
 Dall -Newhouse 1 run (Septien kick)
 Dall -Dorsett 54 fumble recovery return (kick failed)
 NYJ-Barkum 9 pass from M. Robinson (Leahy kick)
 Dall -Brinson 8 run (Septien kick)

Los Angeles 31, Green Bay 14 Sunday, December 17

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 42,500.

Cullen Bryant rushed for 121 yards and scored two touchdowns as the Rams clinched the home field advantage for the playoffs and ended the Packers' hopes of reaching the postseason tournament. Bryant scored on runs of one and five yards and helped Los Angeles build a 21-7 third quarter lead. David Whitehurst completed a 22-yard scoring pass to Terdell Middleton to narrow the deficit to 21-14, but Frank Corral's 24-yard field goal and Rod Perry's 44-yard interception return for a touchdown sealed the Rams' victory.

Green Bay	0	0	7	7	-	14
Los Angeles	7	0	14	10	-	31

LA -Bryant 1 run (Corral kick)
 LA -Bryant 5 run (Corral kick)
 GB-Middleton 4 run (Marcol kick)
 LA -Miller 21 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 GB-Middleton 22 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)
 LA -FG Corral 24
 LA -Perry 44 interception return (Corral kick)

Seattle 23, Kansas City 19 Sunday, December 17

At Kingdome, attendance 58,490.

Al Hunter rushed for 133 yards and scored two touchdowns as Seattle became the first third-year team in NFL history to win nine games in a season. Hunter's second touchdown came on a fourth-and-one play and gave the Seahawks a 20-3 lead. Kansas City's Tony Reed followed with a 62-yard run to cut the Seattle lead to 20-17. Reed rushed 11 times for 121 yards and finished the season with 1,053 yards, the most by a Kansas City back since Mike Garrett gained 1,087 in 1967. Seattle's Steve Largent captured the AFC receiving crown with 71 catches for 1,168 yards and eight touchdowns.

Kansas City	3	7	7	2	-	19
Seattle	7	13	0	3	-	23

Sea-Largent 57 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 KC -FG Stenerud 33
 Sea-Hunter 1 run (kick blocked)
 Sea-Hunter 55 run (Herrera kick)
 KC -Morgado 1 run (Stenerud kick)
 KC -Reed 62 run (Stenerud kick)
 Sea-FG Herrera 31
 KC -Safety, Beckman ran Weaver out of end zone

Oakland 27, Minnesota 20 Sunday, December 17

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 44,643.

Fred Biletnikoff and Charles Phillips scored touchdowns 27 seconds apart as Oakland built an early 21-0 lead. Ken Stabler passed 31 yards to Biletnikoff for a score and Phillips ran 31 yards with Chuck Foreman's fumble. Mark van Eeghen rushed 28 times for 92 yards to go over 1,000 yards (1,080) for the third straight year. Van Eeghen is the only Raider ever to reach the mark

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more than once. Despite the loss, Minnesota gained its sixth consecutive playoff appearance, winning the NFC Central title as Green Bay lost to Los Angeles.

Minnesota	0	6	0	14	-	20
Oakland	21	0	3	3	-	27

Oak -Biletnikoff 13 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)
 Oak -Phillips 31 fumble recovery return (Mann kick)
 Oak -van Eeghen 4 run (Mann kick)
 Minn-Rashad 58 pass from Tarkenton (kick failed)
 Oak -FG Mann 30
 Minn-Young 9 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)
 Oak -FG Mann 45
 Minn-Rashad 24 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

New Orleans 17, Tampa Bay 10 **Sunday, December 17**

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 51,207.

Archie Manning completed 25 of 36 passes for 250 yards and the game-winning touchdown as the Saints posted their seventh win of the season, the most in club history. Manning, who finished the season with 291 completions in 471 attempts for 3,416 yards, flipped a one-yard scoring pass to Henry Childs with 10:56 left to ensure the victory. Childs caught six passes to tie with Detroit's David Hill for the top spot among NFC tight ends (53 receptions). Tony Galbreath added five catches to finish the season with 74, breaking Dan Abramowicz's club record of 73.

New Orleans	3	0	7	7	-	17
Tampa Bay	3	0	0	7	-	10

NO-FG Mike-Mayer 32
 TB -FG O'Donoghue 47
 NO-Muncie 21 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 TB -Giles 2 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)
 NO-Childs 1 pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)

Philadelphia 20, New York Giants 3 **Sunday, December 17** **At Veterans Stadium, attendance 58,396.**

Wilbert Montgomery scored touchdowns on runs of two and seven yards in the opening nine minutes and rushed for 100 or more yards for the sixth time in 1978 to help earn the Eagles an NFC wild card playoff berth. Montgomery's 130 yards on 25 carries gave him a season total of 1,220 yards, eclipsing Steve Van Buren's 19-year record of 1,146 yards. Teammate Mike Hogan rushed for 100 yards for the first time this year.

New York Giants	3	0	0	0	-	3
Philadelphia	13	0	0	7	-	20

Phil -Montgomery 2 run (kick failed)
 Phil -Montgomery 7 run (Michel kick)
 NYG-FG Danelo 24
 Phil -LeMaster 9 interception return (Michel kick)

San Diego 45, Houston 24 **Sunday, December 17** **At Astrodome, attendance 49,554.**

The Chargers, behind Dan Fouts' 369 yards passing and four touchdowns, defeated the Oilers to finish 9-7 for the season (8-4 under Don Coryell). John Jefferson caught six passes for 149 yards and two touchdowns and became the first rookie wide receiver since Philadelphia's Harold Jackson (1969) to surpass 1,000 yards in a season. Jefferson had 56 catches for 1,001 yards. Another rookie, Houston's Earl Campbell, captured the NFL rushing title with 1,450 yards on 302 carries. The last rookie to win the rushing crown was Cleveland's Jim Brown in 1957.

San Diego	0	21	10	14	-	45
Houston	0	17	0	7	-	24

SD -Jefferson 33 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 Hou-Woods 21 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-FG Fritsch 43
 SD -McDonald 37 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD -Woods 3 run (Benirschke kick)
 Hou-Coleman 7 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 SD -FG Benirschke 19
 SD -Klein 10 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 Hou-T. Wilson 2 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 SD -Woods 18 run (Benirschke kick)
 SD -Jefferson 36 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

Detroit 33, San Francisco 14 **Sunday, December 17**

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 56,674.

The 49ers used four quarterbacks but failed to mount a threat against the rampaging Lions, who scored 78 points in their final two games. Wide receiver Freddie Solomon, formerly a quarterback at the University of Tampa, replaced injured San Francisco regulars Steve DeBerg and Scott Bull, and defensive back Bruce Threadgill had a cast removed from his right hand in time to replace Solomon. Dexter Bussey – two touchdown runs – and Benny Ricardo – four field goals – paced the Detroit offensive attack. The Lions' defense collected four 49ers fumbles and three interceptions. Detroit's "Silver Rush" defensive line finished the season with a club record 53 sacks. Rookie defensive end Al Baker was the individual leader with 23.

San Francisco	7	0	0	7	-	14
Detroit	3	17	7	6	-	33

Det-FG Ricardo 19
 SF -Steptoe 35 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
 Det-FG Ricardo 40
 Det-Bussey 4 run (Ricardo kick)
 Det-Bussey 1 run (Ricardo kick)
 Det-Allen 64 fumble recovery return (Ricardo kick)
 SF -Solomon 11 run (Wersching kick)
 Det-FG Ricardo 31
 Det-FG Ricardo 22

Miami 23, New England 3 **Monday Night, December 18** **At Orange Bowl, attendance 72,071.**

The win assured the Dolphins of the home field advantage in their AFC wild card game against the Oilers. Bob Griese completed 12 of 13 passes for 171 yards and touchdowns to Nat Moore and Duriel Harris. Miami's defense stopped the Patriots three times inside the Dolphin's 5. New England became the first team in NFL history to have four rushers over 500 yards in a season (Sam Cunningham, 768, Horace Ivory, 693, Andy Johnson, 675, and Steve Grogan, 539) and set an NFL rushing record of 3,165 yards. Miami's Delvin Williams finished the season with a club record 1,258 yards rushing.

New England	0	0	0	3	-	3
Miami	7	6	7	3	-	23

Mia-N. Moore 6 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)
 Mia-D. Harris 17 pass from Griese (kick blocked)
 Mia-Davis 1 run (Yepremian kick)
 NE -FG Posey 35
 Mia-FG Yepremian 30

SEVENTEENTH WEEK

AFC FIRST ROUND PLAYOFF GAME **Houston 17, Miami 9** **Sunday, December 24** **At Orange Bowl, attendance 70,036.**

The Oilers, making their first postseason appearance since 1969, advanced to the divisional playoffs on a brilliant passing performance by Dan Pastorini, who completed 20 of 29 passes for 306 yards and one touchdown. The two AFC wild card teams were locked in a 7-7 tie until midway through the fourth quarter. But Pastorini then completed all four of his passes in a 53-yard drive that set up Toni Fritsch's 35-yard field goal for a 10-7 lead with 7:25 left. One play after the ensuing kickoff, Gregg Bingham intercepted a Bob Griese pass and the Oilers drove 50 yards in 10 plays (9 on the ground) for Earl

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Campbell's clinching touchdown from the 1 yard line. Griese completed 11 of 28 passes. Campbell, the NFL's leading rusher during the regular season with 1,450 yards, gained 84 yards on 26 carries.

Houston	7	0	0	10	-	17
Miami	7	0	0	2	-	9

Mia -Tillman 13 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)
 Hou-T. Wilson 13 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-FG Fritsch 35
 Hou-Campbell 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Mia -Safety, Pastorini ran out of end zone

NFC FIRST ROUND PLAYOFF GAME

Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13

Sunday, December 24

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 49,447.

The year of the miracle continued for the Atlanta Falcons as they held on for a 14-13 victory in the first round of NFC playoffs. The Falcons, who won four games in the final 10 seconds during the regular season, were trailing 13-0 with 8:25 left in the game but came back on Steve Bartkowski's two touchdown passes in the final five minutes. Then, with 13 seconds remaining, the Eagles missed a 34-yard field goal to give Atlanta a victory in its first playoff appearance ever. Bartkowski first connected with Jim Mitchell on a 20-yard touchdown pass with 4:56 left to make the score 13-7 and followed with a 37-yard scoring pass to Wallace Francis with 1:39 left. Ron Jaworski then moved the Eagles into field goal range but Mike Michel's kick sailed wide to the right. Bartkowski finished with 18 completions in 32 attempts for 243 yards. Francis topped the Falcons' receivers with six receptions for 135 yards.

Philadelphia	6	0	7	0	-	13
Atlanta	0	0	0	14	-	14

Phil-Carmichael 13 pass from Jaworski (kick failed)
 Phil-Montgomery 1 run (Michel kick)
 Atl -Mitchell 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl -Francis 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

EIGHTEENTH WEEK

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Pittsburgh 33, Denver 10

Saturday, December 30

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,921.

The Steelers moved into the AFC Championship Game for the fourth time in the last five seasons by eliminating the defending champion Broncos. Pittsburgh quarterback Terry Bradshaw completed 16 of 29 passes for a personal postseason career-high 272 yards and two touchdowns as the Steelers broke open the 19-10 game with two touchdowns 14 seconds apart in the fourth quarter. Wide receiver John Stallworth, who set an NFL Divisional Playoff record with a career-high 10 catches for 156 yards, caught a 45-yard touchdown pass with 3:49 elapsed in the final period. Denver's Rick Upchurch fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Pittsburgh linebacker Dennis Winston recovered at the Broncos' 29 yard line. After an incomplete pass and a penalty, Bradshaw connected with wide receiver Lynn Swann on the goal line for a 38-yard score and a 33-10 lead. Running back Franco Harris gained 105 yards on 24 carries, his fifth 100-yard postseason game (an NFL record), and his two first-half touchdown runs (1 and 18 yards) raised his career total to 12, the most by any player in NFL postseason history. Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" defense, which permitted an NFL low 195 points during the regular season, held its opponent to under 100 yards rushing for the sixth straight game. The Steelers sacked Denver's starting quarterback Craig Morton and backup Norris Weese, who relieved Morton in the second quarter, six times overall and shut out the Broncos with 97 total yards in the final 30 minutes.

Denver	3	7	0	0	-	10
Pittsburgh	6	13	0	14	-	33

Den-FG Turner 37
 Pitt -Harris 1 run (kick failed)
 Pitt -Harris 18 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt -FG Gerela 24
 Den-Preston 3 run (Turner kick)
 Pitt -FG Gerela 27
 Pitt -Stallworth 45 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt -Swann 38 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Dallas 27, Atlanta 20

Saturday, December 30

At Texas Stadium, attendance 60,338.

Dallas used strong second-half efforts by its defense and backup quarterback Danny White to capture a 27-20 Divisional Playoff victory over Atlanta on a cloudy, 30-degree day. The defending Super Bowl XII champion Cowboys thus advanced to the NFC Championship Game for the ninth time in the last 13 years in quest of their fifth title in their 19-year history. White relieved starter Roger Staubach, who suffered a concussion, with 38 seconds to go in the first half and the Falcons holding a 20-13 lead. White rallied Dallas to two second-half touchdowns while the Cowboys' defense shut off the Falcons' attack, allowing only 85 net yards in the final half. In the third quarter, White directed a seven-play, 54-yard drive, capped by tight end Jackie Smith's two-yard touchdown catch, to tie the score at 20-20. The Dallas defense then allowed Atlanta only one first down in the third period. The Cowboys' winning touchdown drive began after Dallas pressured Falcons punter John James, causing a 10-yard punt that gave the Cowboys possession at the Atlanta 30. Five plays later, fullback Scott Laidlaw bulled over from the 1 with 9:46 remaining in the contest. White completed 10 of 20 for 127 yards (one touchdown, one interception) as the Cowboys collected 369 total yards, 242 of them in the second half. Tight end Billy Joe DuPree caught five passes for 59 yards, while wide receiver Drew Pearson grabbed four for 75 yards. Laidlaw topped Cowboys rushers with 66 yards on 17 carries and two touchdowns. Running back Tony Dorsett contributed 65 yards on 14 attempts. Staubach completed 7 of 17 passes for 105 yards. The Dallas defense picked up five quarterback sacks, led by defensive end Ed Jones and defensive tackle Larry Cole with two each.

Atlanta	7	13	0	0	-	20
Dallas	10	3	7	7	-	27

Dall-FG Septien 34
 Atl -Bean 14 run (Mazzetti kick)
 Dall-Laidlaw 13 run (Septien kick)
 Atl -FG Mazzetti 42
 Dall-FG Septien 48
 Atl -Francis 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Atl -FG Mazzetti 22
 Dall-Smith 2 pass from D. White (Septien kick)
 Dall-Laidlaw 1 run (Septien kick)

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Houston 31, New England 14

Sunday, December 31

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,881.

Houston captured its second straight postseason road victory and advanced into its first AFC Championship Game with an impressive win over New England, the AFC Eastern champion. The Oilers would play the Steelers in Pittsburgh for the AFC title in a rematch of Central Division rivals. Houston quarterback Dan Pastorini completed 10 of 13 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns as the Oilers jumped to a 21-0 halftime lead. After a scoreless first period, Pastorini hit wide receiver Ken Burrough on a 71-yard touchdown pass and connected with tight end Mike Barber on 19- and 13-yard touchdown strikes. New England narrowed the gap to 24-14 early in the final quarter on two scoring passes - a 24-yard option toss from running back Andy Johnson to wide receiver Harold Jackson and another 24-yarder from number two quarterback Tom Owen to tight end Russ Francis. Linebacker Gregg Bingham's 19-yard interception return to New England's 18 yard line with 5:07 remaining stopped the Patriots' rally and set up running back Earl Campbell's two-yard touchdown run three plays later. Campbell, the 1978 NFL rushing champion with 1,450 yards in his rookie year, had 27 carries for

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118 yards and Barber topped Houston's receivers with five catches for 83 yards. Owen (12 of 22 for 144 yards, one touchdown, one interception) replaced Steve Grogan late in the first half. The Oilers converted eight of nine third-down situations in rolling up their 21-0 halftime lead. Safety Mike Reinfeldt set up two of those scores with interceptions.

Houston	0	21	3	7	-	31
New England	0	0	7	7	-	14

Hou-Burrough 71 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Hou-Barber 19 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Hou-Barber 13 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 30

NE -Jackson 24 pass from Johnson (Posey kick)

NE -Francis 24 pass from Owen (Posey kick)

Hou-Campbell 2 run (Fritsch kick)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Los Angeles 34, Minnesota 10

Sunday, December 31

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 69,631.

Los Angeles quarterback Pat Haden threw two touchdown passes and running back Cullen Bryant rushed for 100 yards on 27 carries to lead the Rams to a Divisional Playoff win over Minnesota on a sunny 66-degree afternoon. The Los Angeles win broke a four-game losing streak in postseason play against the Vikings. The victory retained the Rams' home-field advantage for the NFC Championship Game in Los Angeles' quest for its first Super Bowl berth. In recent years, the Rams have lost two NFC title games to Minnesota (14-10 in 1974 and 24-13 in 1976) and one to Dallas (37-7 in 1975). Haden sparked the Rams from a 10-10 halftime score to 24 second half points, while Los Angeles' defense held Minnesota to only 58 second half yards. On the day, Haden completed 15 of 29 for 209 yards, including touchdown tosses of 9 yards to wide receiver Willie Miller and 27 yards to Ron Jessie, who caught six passes for 108 yards. Bryant gave the Rams a 17-10 lead 7:38 into the third quarter on a three-yard run. Rookie Frank Corral added field goals of 43 and 28 yards. Reserve running back Jim Jodat scored the Rams' final touchdown with 1:52 to go on a three-yard run. In the first quarter, safety Bill Simpson halted two Minnesota drives with interceptions at the Rams' 13 yard line and in the Los Angeles end zone. The Rams' balanced offense generated 409 yards (200 rushing, 209 passing). Los Angeles held a decisive 25-12 margin in first downs. However, the first half was evenly played with the Vikings gaining 196 yards to the Rams' 175. The Rams had excellent field position most of the game, with the scoring drives covering 59, 55, 44, 60, 43, and 78 yards.

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

Minn-FG Danmeier 42

LA -Miller 9 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

LA -FG Corral 43

Minn-Rashad 1 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

LA -Bryant 3 run (Corral kick)

LA -Jessie 27 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

LA -FG Corral 28

LA -Jodat 3 run (Corral kick)

NINETEENTH WEEK

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Pittsburgh 34, Houston 5

Sunday, January 7

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,417.

The Steelers, striking through a cold, steady rain for 31 first-half points, won their third AFC Championship in five years behind their usual solid defense and spectacular performances by Terry Bradshaw and Lynn Swann. Seventeen of the points, breaking open the game, came during a 48-second span in the last minute of the half as Pittsburgh capitalized on two fumbles by Ronnie Coleman and one by Johnnie Dirden. Despite the playing conditions that contributed to a postseason record 12 fumbles, Bradshaw completed 11

of 19 passes for 200 yards and touchdowns to John Stallworth and Swann, who caught four for 98 yards. Both touchdown passes and one of Roy Gerela's two field goals made up the 17-point burst between 14:08 and 14:56 of the second quarter after Pittsburgh had built a 14-3 lead on scoring runs by Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier. The Steelers' defense - combined with the elements - limited Houston's offense to 142 yards and intercepted Dan Pastorini five times. Rookie Earl Campbell gained only 26 yards in 15 first half carries and finished with 62 yards on 22 carries.

Houston	0	3	2	0	-	5
Pittsburgh	14	17	3	0	-	34

Pitt -Harris 7 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt -Bleier 15 run (Gerela kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 19

Pitt -Swann 29 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt -Stallworth 17 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt -FG Gerela 37

Pitt -FG Gerela 22

Hou-Safety, Washington tackled Bleier in end zone

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Dallas 28, Los Angeles 0

Sunday, January 7

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 67,470.

Dallas used a hard-nosed defense and an opportunistic offense to down Los Angeles for the Cowboys' second straight NFC Championship on an overcast 66-degree day. The first half was a balanced game with the Cowboys and Rams having scoring opportunities that produced no points. In the second half, the Cowboys took control of the game when free safety Charlie Waters set up two touchdowns with interceptions. The first came when Waters returned an interception to the Rams' 10. Five plays later running back Tony Dorsett, who led all rushers with 101 yards on 17 carries, raced around right end for the game's first touchdown. With 1:52 to go in the third quarter, Waters again picked off a Pat Haden pass and returned it 29 yards to the Rams' 20. Quarterback Roger Staubach, who completed 13 of 25 for 126 yards, hit Laidlaw for a four-yard touchdown 58 seconds into the final period to put the Cowboys ahead 14-0. Los Angeles had a good chance to get back into the game between Waters' two interceptions. The Rams had excellent field position via a 23-yard punt return by Jackie Wallace to the Cowboys' 23. But on a fourth-and-one at the Dallas 14, the Cowboys' defense stiffened and stopped the Rams for no gain. Backup quarterback Vince Ferragamo replaced the injured Haden (broken thumb) and the Rams had to play catch-up football in the fourth quarter. The Cowboys' defense again halted a Los Angeles threat at the Dallas 10 when defensive end Harvey Martin recovered another Rams' fumble. Seven plays later, Staubach found tight end Billy Joe DuPree in the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown. The Cowboys' final tally came with only 1:19 remaining when linebacker Thomas Henderson returned an interception 68 yards for a score.

Dallas	0	0	7	21	-	28
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	-	0

Dall-Dorsett 5 run (Septien kick)

Dall-Laidlaw 4 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall-DuPree 11 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall-Henderson 68 interception return (Septien kick)

SUPER BOWL XIII

Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31

Sunday, January 21, 1979

At Orange Bowl, Miami, FL, attendance 79,484

This was more than just the first rematch in Super Bowl history; it re-staged what many still consider the most enjoyable and dramatic Super Bowl battle to that point, X.

Opportunity -- recognizing it and capitalizing on it -- was the theme of the day. Failure to embrace it would play a hand, too.

There were moments when Dallas appeared ready to control the game. The Cowboys took a 14-7 lead in the second quarter when linebacker Mike Hegman simply took the ball away from Steelers quarterback Terry

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Bradshaw and ran 37 yards to score. And in the third quarter, trailing 21-14, Dallas marched from its 42 to the Steelers' 10. On third and three, Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach saw tight end Jackie Smith alone in the end zone. Smith slipped and fell reaching for Staubach's pass and couldn't hold it. Rafael Septien kicked a 27-yard field goal.

Pittsburgh scored two touchdowns early in the fourth quarter -- a 22-yard run by Franco Harris and an 18-yard pass from Bradshaw to Swann. Harris' score followed a pass interference call against Dallas cornerback Benny Barnes, covering Swann. The mistake cost the Cowboys 33 yards.

Frantically, albeit courageously, Dallas scored touchdowns with 2:23 and :22 to play, on passes from Staubach to tight end Billy Joe DuPree and Butch Johnson.

Said Steelers running back Rocky Bleier: "I give credit to Dallas because they didn't quit out there today. They kept our defense on the field during the fourth quarter. Man, they really gave us a scare!"

With the victory, the Steelers became the first team to win three Super Bowls, and head coach Chuck Noll the first to pull it off. The teams set a Super Bowl record for points scored.

Pittsburgh (AFC)	7	14	0	14	-	35
Dallas (NFC)	7	7	3	14	-	31

Pitt - Stallworth 28 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Dall - Hill 39 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall - Hegman 37 fumble recovery return (Septien kick)

Pitt - Stallworth 75 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt - Bleier 7 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Dall - FG Septien 27

Pitt - Harris 22 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt - Swann 18 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Dall - DuPree 7 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall - B. Johnson 4 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	DALL
First Downs	19	21
Rushing	2	6
Passing	15	13
Penalty	2	2
Total Yardage	357	330
Net rushing yardage	66	154
Net passing yardage	291	176
Passes att.-comp.-had int.	30-17-1	30-17-1

RUSHING

Pittsburgh - Harris 20 for 68, 1 TD; Bleier 2 for 3; Bradshaw 2 for -5.

Dallas - Dorsett 16 for 96; Staubach 4 for 37; Laidlaw 3 for 12; P. Pearson 1 for 6; Newhouse 8 for 3.

PASSING

Pittsburgh - Bradshaw 17 of 30 for 318, 4 TDs, 1 int.

Dallas - Staubach 17 of 30 for 228, 3 TDs, 1 int.

RECEIVING

Pittsburgh - Swann 7 for 124, 1 TD; Stallworth 3 for 115, 2 TDs; Grossman 3 for 29; Bell 2 for 21; Harris 1 for 22; Bleier 1 for 7, 1 TD.

Dallas - Dorsett 5 for 44; D. Pearson 4 for 73; Hill 2 for 49, 1 TD; Johnson 2 for 30, 1 TD; DuPree 2 for 17, 1 TD; P. Pearson 2 for 15.