

1979 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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1979 AFC	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Eastern Division						
Miami Dolphins	10	6	0	.625	341	257
New England Patriots	9	7	0	.563	411	326
New York Jets	8	8	0	.500	337	383
Buffalo Bills	7	9	0	.438	268	279
Baltimore Colts	5	11	0	.313	271	351

Central Division						
Pittsburgh Steelers	12	4	0	.750	416	262
Houston Oilers*	11	5	0	.688	362	331
Cleveland Browns	9	7	0	.563	359	352
Cincinnati Bengals	4	12	0	.250	337	421

Western Division						
San Diego Chargers	12	4	0	.750	411	246
Denver Broncos*	10	6	0	.625	289	262
Seattle Seahawks	9	7	0	.563	378	372
Oakland Raiders	9	7	0	.563	365	337
Kansas City Chiefs	7	9	0	.438	238	262

1979 NFC	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Eastern Division						
Dallas Cowboys	11	5	0	.688	371	313
Philadelphia Eagles*	11	5	0	.688	339	282
Washington Redskins	10	6	0	.625	348	295
New York Giants	6	10	0	.375	237	323
St. Louis Cardinals	5	11	0	.313	307	358

Central Division						
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	10	6	0	.625	273	237
Chicago Bears*	10	6	0	.625	306	249
Minnesota Vikings	7	9	0	.438	259	337
Green Bay Packers	5	11	0	.313	246	316
Detroit Lions	2	14	0	.125	219	365

Western Division						
Los Angeles Rams	9	7	0	.563	323	309
New Orleans Saints	8	8	0	.500	370	360
Atlanta Falcons	6	10	0	.375	300	388
San Francisco 49ers	2	14	0	.125	308	416

*Wild Card qualifier for playoffs

AFC Wild Card Game: Houston 13, Denver 7
 NFC Wild Card game: Philadelphia 27, Chicago 17
 AFC Divisional Playoffs: Houston 17, San Diego 14
 Pittsburgh 34, Miami 14
 NFC Divisional Playoffs: Tampa Bay 24, Philadelphia 17
 Los Angeles 21, Dallas 19
 AFC Championship: Pittsburgh 27, Houston 13
 NFC Championship: Los Angeles 9, Tampa Bay 0
Super Bowl XIV:
Pittsburgh (AFC) 31, Los Angeles (NFC) 19

FIRST WEEK

Tampa Bay 31, Detroit 16
Saturday, September 1

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 68,225.

Rookie Jerry Eckwood rushed for a club record 121 yards on 20 carries to lead Tampa Bay to its first-ever season-opening win. Tampa Bay built a 10-0 lead in the first quarter on Neil O'Donoghue's 31-yard field goal and a 29-yard fumble recovery return by defensive end Lee Roy Selmon. After Ricky Bell scored on a seven-yard run, quarterback Doug Williams improved the Buccaneers' margin to 24-7 at halftime with a touchdown pass of 66 yards to Jimmie Giles. He had another of two yards to Jim Obradovich. The victory

was Tampa Bay's first ever over Detroit.

Detroit	0	7	0	9	-	16
Tampa Bay	10	14	0	7	-	31

TB -FG O'Donoghue 31

TB -L. Selmon 29 fumble recovery return (O'Donoghue kick)

Det-Hill 11 pass from Reed (Ricardo kick)

TB -Bell 7 run (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -Giles 66 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -Obradovich 2 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Det-Kane 3 run (Ricardo kick)

Det-Safety, English tackled Rae in end zone

Atlanta 40, New Orleans 34 (OT)

Sunday, September 2

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 70,940.

Rookie James Mayberry intercepted a pass by New Orleans punter Russell Erxleben and returned it six yards for a touchdown to give Atlanta an overtime victory. Atlanta's winning score came 8:22 into overtime when a snap from center sailed over Erxleben's head and landed inside New Orleans' 5 yard line. Erxleben recovered the ball and tried a desperation pass that was intercepted by Mayberry. Atlanta quarterback Steve Bartkowski completed 22 of 38 passes for a club record 312 yards and three touchdowns.

Atlanta	0	20	7	7	6	-	40
New Orleans	7	21	3	3	0	-	34

NO-Harris 5 pass from Manning (Erxleben kick)

NO-Chandler 40 pass from Muncie (Erxleben kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 27

Atl -Jenkins 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

NO-Muncie 69 run (Erxleben kick)

Atl -Francis 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

NO-Muncie 4 run (Erxleben kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 43

NO-FG Erxleben 37

Atl -Francis 21 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Atl -Andrews 4 run (Mazzetti kick)

NO-FG Erxleben 38

Atl -Mayberry 6 interception return

Kansas City 14, Baltimore 0

Sunday, September 2

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 50,442.

Ted McKnight ran for two touchdowns to lead Kansas City past Baltimore. Gary Green's 57-yard interception return set up McKnight's first touchdown, a one-yard run in the second quarter. His second came with eight minutes left in the game on a 70-yard run. Bob Grupp set a Kansas City record with 11 punts for a 46.4-yard average.

Baltimore	0	0	0	0	-	0
Kansas City	0	7	0	7	-	14

KC-McKnight 1 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-McKnight 70 run (Stenerud kick)

Denver 10, Cincinnati 0

Sunday, September 2

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,788.

The passing of Norris Weese (13 of 20 for 207 yards and one touchdown) and a tenacious defense combined to give Denver an opening day win. Weese completed passes of 7, 20, and 22 yards in a second-quarter drive that set up Jim Turner's 37-yard field goal. The Broncos took a 10-0 lead in the third quarter when Weese capped an 88-yard drive with a six-yard touchdown pass to Dave Preston. The key defensive play came midway through the final quarter when Denver's Louis Wright stopped Cincinnati's Deacon Turner on fourth-and-one at the Denver 1 yard line.

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

Den-FG Turner 37

Den-Preston 6 pass from Weese (Turner kick)

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Cleveland 25, New York Jets 22 (OT)

Sunday, September 2

At Shea Stadium, attendance 18,472.

Don Cockroft's fourth field goal of the game, a 27-yarder with 15 seconds left in overtime, enabled Cleveland to win its fourth straight season opener. Cockroft sent the game into overtime with a 35-yard field goal that came four seconds before the final gun. The field goal came after the Browns had driven 52 yards on one play - a 37-yard pass from Brian Sipe to Dave Logan and a roughing the passer penalty. Cleveland's winning score was set up by a 33-yard interception return by Oliver Davis and a 21-yard Sipe-to-Logan pass.

Cleveland	7	3	9	3	3	-	25
New York Jets	3	7	3	9	0	-	22

NYJ-FG Leahy 34

Cle -G. Pruitt 12 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

NYJ-Robinson 1 run (Leahy kick)

Cle -FG Cockroft 31

Cle -Newsome 17 pass from Sipe (kick failed)

NYJ-FG Leahy 24

Cle -FG Cockroft 36

NYJ-Long 5 run (kick failed)

NYJ-FG Leahy 21

Cle -FG Cockroft 35

Cle -FG Cockroft 27

Dallas 22, St. Louis 21

Sunday, September 2

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 50,855.

Rafael Septien's 27-yard field goal with 1:15 left lilted Dallas to an NFL record fifteenth straight opening day win. Dallas took a 19-14 lead in the fourth quarter on a 30-yard touchdown pass from running back Ron Springs to wide receiver Tony Hill. St. Louis regained the lead nine minutes later when rookie Ottis Anderson, who rushed for 193 yards on 21 carries, scored on a 76-yard run. Wade Manning returned the ensuing kickoff 47 yards to the St. Louis 48, where Dallas started its winning drive.

Dallas	3	7	3	9	-	22
St. Louis	0	7	7	7	-	21

Dall-FG Septien 37

Dall-Newhouse 4 run (Septien kick)

StL -Chandler 2 pass from Hart (Wood kick)

Dall-FG Septien 24

StL -Tilley 18 pass from Hart (Wood kick)

Dall-Hill 30 pass from Springs (kick failed)

StL -Anderson 76 run (Wood kick)

Dall-FG Septien 27

Chicago 6, Green Bay 3

Sunday, September 2

At Soldier Field, attendance 56,515.

Walter Payton rushed for 125 yards on 36 carries and Bob Thomas kicked two field goals as Chicago defeated Green Bay. The Bears' defense limited Green Bay to 149 yards total offense and recorded six sacks. Virgil Livers made the key defensive play when he blocked Chester Marcol's tying field goal attempt in the third quarter. Payton led the Bears' attack with his twenty-sixth career 100-yard plus game, while Chicago quarterback Mike Phipps completed 15 of 25 passes for 117 yards.

Green Bay	0	0	3	0	-	3
Chicago	0	6	0	0	-	6

Chi-FG Thomas 25

Chi-FG Thomas 19

GB-FG Marcol 28

Houston 29, Washington 27

Sunday, September 2

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,582.

Earl Campbell's three-yard touchdown run capped a 16-point fourth-quarter rally that gave Houston a come-from-behind victory. Trailing 27-13 early in the fourth quarter, Houston began the comeback on a 14-yard touchdown

pass from Dan Pastorini to Billy (White Shoes) Johnson. After Toni Fritsch's 26-yard field goal trimmed Washington's lead to 27-22, safety Bill Currier recovered a fumble at the Redskins' 29 to set up Houston's winning drive. Campbell had a career high 32 carries for 166 yards and two touchdowns.

Houston	6	0	7	16	-	29
Washington	0	17	7	3	-	27

Hou -FG Fritsch 41

Hou -FG Fritsch 46

Wash-FG Moseley 27

Wash-Fugett 8 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Wash-Malone 1 run (Moseley kick)

Hou -Campbell 13 run (Fritsch kick)

Wash-Fugett 30 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 39

Hou -Johnson 14 pass from Pastorini (kick failed)

Hou -FG Fritsch 26

Hou -Campbell 3 run (Fritsch kick)

Miami 9, Buffalo 7

Sunday, September 2

At Rich Stadium, attendance 69,441.

Larry Csonka's one-yard touchdown run enabled Miami to extend its winning streak over Buffalo to 19 games. Buffalo took a 7-0 second-quarter lead when Sherman White blocked a field goal attempt and Charles Romes returned it 76 yards for a touchdown. The Dolphins went ahead with 6:29 left in the game on a 77-yard scoring drive in which Csonka rushed seven times for 45 yards. With four seconds left Buffalo missed its last chance for victory when Tom Dempsey's 34-yard field goal attempt sailed wide. Csonka gained 87 yards on 16 carries to move into sixth place on the all-time NFL rushing list.

Miami	0	0	3	6	-	9
Buffalo	0	7	0	0	-	7

Buff-Romes 76 blocked field goal return (Dempsey kick)

Atl -FG von Schamann 34

Atl -Csonka 1 run (kick failed)

Philadelphia 23, New York Giants 17

Sunday, September 2

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 67,366.

Philadelphia scored all its points in the second quarter and then held off a late New York rally to record its seventh straight win over the Giants. Philadelphia's second-quarter scoring spree started with a one-yard touchdown run by Billy Campfield. Ron Jaworski, who completed 12 of 21 passes for 186 yards, hit Harold Carmichael with touchdown passes of 7 and 41 yards and Tony Franklin kicked a 46-yard field goal to give the Eagles a 23-3 halftime lead. In the second half, New York's Joe Pisarcik (20 of 40 for 274 yards) completed two touchdown passes to Johnny Perkins. With less than three minutes left in the game, New York drove inside the Eagles' 25 but Brenard Wilson's interception secured the Philadelphia victory.

New York Giants	3	0	7	7	-	17
Philadelphia	0	23	0	0	-	23

NYG-FG Danelo 27

Phil -Campfield 1 run (Franklin kick)

Phil -Carmichael 7 pass from Jaworski (kick failed)

Phil -Carmichael 41 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Phil -FG Franklin 46

NYG-Perkins 15 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)

NYG-Perkins 38 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick)

Oakland 24, Los Angeles 17

Sunday, September 2

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 59,000.

Ken Stabler threw three touchdown passes to lead Oakland over west Coast rival Los Angeles. The Raiders wiped out a 17-10 Los Angeles lead in the third quarter on 4- and 27-yard touchdown passes from Stabler to tight end Raymond Chester. The opportunistic Oakland defense had three interceptions, a fumble recovery, and a blocked punt. The victory was Oakland's seventeenth in its last 18 interconference games.

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Oakland	0	10	14	0	-	24
Los Angeles	7	10	0	0	-	17

LA -Tyler 1 run (Corral kick)
 LA -Miller 17 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 Oak-FG Breech 38
 Oak-Ramsey 1 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)
 LA -FG Corral 46
 Oak-Chester 27 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)
 Oak-Chester 4 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

San Diego 33, Seattle 16

Sunday, September 2

At Kingdome, attendance 62,287.

Clarence Williams ran for two touchdowns and Rolf Benirschke kicked four field goals as San Diego downed Seattle. San Diego's defense set up four of the seven Chargers' scores with three interceptions and three fumble recoveries. Seattle's Sherman Smith had both Seahawks touchdowns on runs of four and six yards.

San Diego	0	13	10	10	-	33
Seattle	3	7	0	6	-	16

Sea-FG Herrera 34
 SD -C. Williams 1 run (Benirschke kick)
 SD -FG Benirschke 31
 Sea-Smith 4 run (Herrera kick)
 SD -FG Benirschke 42
 SD -FG Benirschke 22
 SD -C. Williams 13 run (Benirschke kick)
 SD -Thomas 8 run (Benirschke kick)
 SD -FG Benirschke 23
 Sea-Smith 6 run (kick blocked)

Minnesota 28, San Francisco 22

Sunday, September 2

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,539.

Ahmad Rashad caught a club-record four touchdown passes from Tommy Kramer, including the game winner of 25 yards with 17 seconds left, to give the Vikings the win. Kramer completed 21 of 34 passes for 297 yards. San Francisco took a 22-21 lead late in the game on Lenvil Elliott's four-yard touchdown run. Kramer then took the Vikings 56 yards in nine plays for the winning score. Rashad finished with seven receptions for 152 yards.

San Francisco	0	6	3	13	-	22
Minnesota	0	0	14	14	-	28

SF -FG Wersching 37
 SF -FG Wersching 22
 SF -FG Wersching 44
 Minn-Rashad 52 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
 Minn-Rashad 32 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
 Minn-Rashad 8 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
 SF -Solomon 44 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
 SF -Elliott 4 run (kick blocked)
 Minn-Rashad 25 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Pittsburgh 16, New England 13 (OT)

Monday Night, September 3

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,978.

Matt Bahr's 41-yard field goal 5:01 into overtime gave Pittsburgh the victory. New England snapped Pittsburgh's streak of 16 regular season games without allowing a first-quarter touchdown when Steve Grogan threw a four-yard scoring pass to Russ Francis. The Patriots held the lead until Terry Bradshaw hit Sidney Thornton with a 21-yard touchdown pass with 4:09 left in regulation time to tie the score at 13-13. In overtime, New England received the kickoff, but was forced to punt after three plays. Pittsburgh then drove 45 yards in seven plays for the winning score.

Pittsburgh	0	6	0	7	-	16
New England	7	6	0	0	-	13

NE-Francis 4 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 Pitt -Thornton 2 run (kick failed)
 NE-FG Smith 31

NE-FG Smith 32
 Pitt -Thornton 21 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)
 Pitt -FG Bahr 41

SECOND WEEK

Los Angeles 13, Denver 9

Thursday, September 6

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,884.

Jack Reynolds returned a Craig Morton fumble four yards for a touchdown with 9:04 remaining to give the Rams their first victory of 1979. Reynolds led a Rams defense that sacked Denver quarterbacks six times and held the Broncos to 179 yards total offense. Los Angeles's Frank Corral kicked field goals of 30 and 34 yards to give the Rams a 6-2 halftime lead. The Broncos points came when Rams guard John Williams was caught holding in the end zone, an automatic safety. Morton, in relief of starter Norris Weese, led the Broncos to their only touchdown of the game, a seven-yard run by Dave Preston in the third quarter. Reynolds' deciding touchdown came after Dave Elmendorf shook the ball loose from Morton on a safety blitz.

Los Angeles	6	0	0	7	-	13
Denver	0	2	7	0	-	9

LA -FG Corral 30
 LA -FG Corral 34
 Den-Safety, Williams penalized for holding in end zone
 Den-Preston 7 run (Turner kick)
 LA -Reynolds 4 fumble recovery return (Corral kick)

Buffalo 51, Cincinnati 24

Sunday, September 9

At Rich Stadium, attendance 43,504.

The Bills exploded for 41 second-half points to post their initial win of the season. Running back Roland Hooks carried the ball four times in the second half and scored all four times – on runs of 3, 4, 28, and 32 yards – as the Bills had the second-highest scoring game in their history. Buffalo's offense, which compiled 455 yards, was led by Hooks (70 yards rushing and 60 yards on three pass receptions), quarterback Joe Ferguson (16 of 21 for 282 yards), and rookie wide receiver Jerry Butler (seven receptions for 116 yards). Linebackers Isiah Robertson and Lucius Sanford scored Buffalo touchdowns, Robertson on a 23-yard interception return and Sanford on a three-yard return of a blocked punt.

Cincinnati	0	10	7	7	-	24
Buffalo	0	10	21	20	-	51

Buff-FG Dempsey 18
 Cin -Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)
 Buff-Miller 2 run (Dempsey kick)
 Cin -FG Bahr 24
 Buff-Hooks 3 run (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-Robertson 23 interception return (Dempsey kick)
 Cin -Brooks 73 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Buff-Hooks 32 run (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-Hooks 4 run (Dempsey kick)
 Buff-Hooks 28 run (kick blocked)
 Buff-Sanford 3 blocked punt return (Dempsey kick)
 Cin -Thompson 5 run (Bahr kick)

Cleveland 27, Kansas City 24

Sunday, September 9

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 42,181.

Brian Sipe's third touchdown pass of the game, a 21-yarder to Reggie Rucker with 52 seconds remaining, led the Browns to their second victory. Cleveland built a 20-0 third quarter lead on two field goals by Don Cockroft and Sipe's touchdown passes of 17 yards to Rucker and 20 yards to Ozzie Newsome. Kansas City rookie quarterback Steve Fuller led a rally that put the Chiefs ahead 24-20 in the fourth quarter. Fuller (14 of 25 for 148 yards) completed a 17-yard touchdown pass to J. T. Smith and directed an 85-yard drive that was capped by Tony Reed's nine-yard run. Moments after Reed's touchdown, the Chiefs' Gary Barbaro recovered a Browns fumble to set up a one-yard touchdown by Ted McKnight. Jan Stenerud added a 30-yard field

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goal before Sipe engineered the winning touchdown drive.

Cleveland	10	7	3	7	-	27
Kansas City	0	0	7	17	-	24
Cle-FG Cockroft 27						
Cle-Rucker 17 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)						
Cle-Newsome 20 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)						
Cle-FG Cockroft 32						
KC-Smith 17 pass from Fuller (Stenerud kick)						
KC-Reed 9 run (Stenerud kick)						
KC-McKnight 1 run (Stenerud kick)						
KC-FG Stenerud 30						
Cle-Rucker 21 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)						

Dallas 21, San Francisco 13 Sunday, September 9

At Candlestick Park, attendance 56,728.

Roger Staubach threw two touchdown passes in the second half to give the Cowboys a come-from-behind victory. Staubach completed 20 passes for the second straight week and Tony Dorsett, back after a six-week absence, rushed for 54 yards to lead the Cowboys.

Dallas	3	3	7	8	-	21
San Francisco	3	7	0	3	-	13
SF -FG Wersching 30						
Dall-FG Septien 23						
Dall-FG Septien 51						
SF -Simpson 1 run (Wersching kick)						
Dall-D. Pearson 22 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)						
Dall-Dupree 13 pass from Staubach (kick failed)						
SF -FG Wersching 44						
Dall-Safety, Martin tackled DeBerg in end zone						

Pittsburgh 38, Houston 7 Sunday, September 9

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,792.

Terry Bradshaw threw two touchdown passes, Sidney Thornton scored twice, and the Steelers' defense scored or set up 24 points as Pittsburgh rolled over Houston. Pittsburgh built a 24-0 third-quarter lead on Bradshaw's touchdown passes to Thornton (16 yards) and Jim Smith (18 yards) and scoring runs of one and eight yards by Thornton and Greg Hawthorne. The "Steel Curtain" defense, led by Mike Wagner's two interceptions and Tom Beasley's 11 unassisted tackles (most in Steelers history), allowed the Oilers just 124 net yards and held Earl Campbell to a career-low 38 yards rushing. Houston avoided a shutout when Gifford Nielsen, who entered the game in the third period for the injured Dan Pastorini, threw a nine-yard touchdown pass to Guido Merkens with eight seconds left.

Houston	0	0	0	7	-	7
Pittsburgh	7	3	14	14	-	38
Pitt -Thornton 1 run (Bahr kick)						
Pitt -FG Bahr 45						
Pitt -Thornton 16 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)						
Pitt -Hawthorne 8 run (Bahr kick)						
Pitt -Smith 18 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)						
Pitt -Winston 41 interception return (Bahr kick)						
Hou-Merkens 9 pass from Neilsen (Fritsch kick)						

Chicago 26, Minnesota 7 Sunday, September 9

At Soldier Field, attendance 53,231.

Substitute quarterback Vince Evans threw a 56-yard touchdown pass to James Scott and Walter Payton rushed for 182 yards on 23 carries and scored twice as the Bears improved their record to 2-0. Minnesota opened the scoring in the second quarter on a two-yard run by quarterback Tommy Kramer. Chicago countered with Bob Thomas' 34-yard field goal and Evans' scoring pass to Scott to take a 10-7 halftime lead. Minnesota's Ted Brown fumbled the opening kickoff of the second half out of the end zone for a safety and Payton ran 43 yards for a touchdown following the ensuing punt to give Chicago a 19-7 lead. Payton, who ran for 141 yards in the second half, added a 26-yard fourth quarter touchdown to complete the scoring.

Minnesota	0	7	0	0	-	7
Chicago	0	10	9	7	-	26
Minn-Kramer 2 run (Danmeier kick)						
Chi -FG Thomas 34						
Chi -Scott 56 pass from Evans (Thomas kick)						
Chi -Safety, Brown fumbled kickoff out of end zone						
Chi -Payton 43 run (Thomas kick)						
Chi -Payton 26 run (Thomas kick)						

Green Bay 28, New Orleans 19 Sunday, September 9

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 53,184.

Rookie Steve Atkins rushed for 110 yards on 12 carries, scored once, and set up another touchdown on a 60-yard run as the Packers posted a come-from-behind win. The Packers, who were trailing 12-0 at halftime, used an onside kick to start the second half and spark their rally. Barty Smith's one-yard run capped a 51-yard drive following the onside kick recovery. Short touchdown runs by quarterback David Whitehurst and Atkins gave the Packers a 21-12 third-quarter lead. The Saints narrowed the deficit to 21-19 early in the fourth quarter when Mike Strachan capped a 76-yard drive with a one-yard run. Atkins ran 60 yards down the sideline on the Packers' next offensive play to set up a three-yard score by Eric Torkelson. Green Bay's initial win of the season overshadowed Archie Manning's 291-yard passing performance (28 of 45) for the Saints, who amassed 474 yards in total offense.

New Orleans	3	9	0	7	-	19
Green Bay	0	0	21	7	-	28
NO-FG Galbreath 23						
NO-FG Galbreath 27						
NO-Childs 33 pass from Manning (kick failed)						
GB-Smith 1 run (Marcol kick)						
GB-Whitehurst 2 run (Marcol kick)						
GB-Atkins 3 run (Marcol kick)						
NO-Strachan 1 run (Galbreath kick)						
GB-Torkelson 3 run (Marcol kick)						

New England 56, New York Jets 3 Sunday, September 9

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 53,113.

The Patriots rolled up 597 yards and set club records for most points, most net yards, and widest margin of victory as they posted their initial win of the season. Quarterback Steve Grogan led the onslaught, completing 13 of 18 passes for 315 yards and five touchdowns in limited action. Jets mistakes (three turnovers and a blocked punt) helped the Patriots build a 35-3 halftime lead as Grogan threw touchdown passes of 44 and 49 yards to Harold Jackson and 37 and 50 yards to Stanley Morgan. Grogan left the game after connecting with Jackson on a 28-yard scoring pass in the third quarter. Jackson and Morgan had three catches each for 121 and 102 yards respectively. The Patriots' defense ensured Ron Erhardt's first pro win by holding New York to 134 yards total offense, sacking Jets quarterbacks nine times, and collecting six turnovers.

New York Jets	3	0	0	0	-	3
New England	14	21	7	14	-	56
NE -Jackson 49 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)						
NE -Morgan 37 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)						
NYJ-FG Leahy 30						
NE -Morgan 50 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)						
NE -Johnson 2 run (Smith kick)						
NE -Jackson 44 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)						
NE -Jackson 28 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)						
NE -Westbrook 14 pass from Owen (Smith kick)						
NE -Clark 1 run (Smith kick)						

San Diego 30, Oakland 10 Sunday, September 9

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 50,255.

Dan Fouts threw two touchdown passes in a span of eight minutes in the first quarter and Woodrow Lowe returned an interception 32 yards for a second-

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quarter touchdown to lead the Chargers' victory. Fouts capped San Diego's first possession, a 65-yard drive, with a 24-yard pass to John Jefferson. He later threw a 54-yard scoring bomb to Bob Klein. Gregg McCrary blocked a Ray Guy punt out of the end zone for a safety with 2:19 remaining in the third period and rookie Kellen Winslow rounded out the scoring with his first NFL touchdown, a five-yard pass from Fouts.

Oakland	0	3	7	0	-	10
San Diego	14	7	2	7	-	30

SD -Jefferson 24 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD -Klein 54 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

Oak-FG Breech 35

SD -Lowe 32 interception return (Benirschke kick)

Oak-Martini 22 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

SD -Safety, McCrary blocked punt out of end zone

SD -Winslow 5 pass from Fouts (Olander kick)

St. Louis 27, New York Giants 14

Sunday, September 9

At Giants Stadium, attendance 71,370.

Wayne Morris' third quarter touchdown broke a 14-14 tie to spark the Cardinals' comeback win. Touchdowns by Doug Kotar(one-yard run) and safety Ernie Jones (31-yard interception return) 1:35 apart gave the Giants a 14-0 first-quarter lead. St. Louis' Theotis Brown tallied on a one-yard plunge with 1:52 remaining in the half and linebacker Mark Arneson returned Joe Pisarcik's fumble for a touch-down 24 seconds later to even the score. St. Louis' Ottis Anderson rushed 31 times for 109 yards to become the fourth rookie in NFL history to rush for 100 yards in his first two games (Alan Ameche, Earl Campbell, and Zollie Toth are the others). Jim Hart completed the Cardinals' scoring with a 28-yard pass to Al Chandler. The St. Louis defense held New York to 128 yards total offense.

St. Louis	0	14	13	0	-	27
New York Giants	14	0	0	0	-	14

NYG-Kotar 1 run (Danelo kick)

NYG-Jones 31 interception return (Danelo kick)

StL -Brown 1 run (Wood kick)

StL -Arneson 29 fumble recovery return (Wood kick)

StL -Morris 2 run (Wood kick)

StL -Chandler 28 pass from Hart (kick failed)

Miami 19, Seattle 10

Sunday, September 9

At Orange Bowl, attendance 56,233.

Norm Bulaich, who came out of retirement just prior to the season opener, caught a seven-yard touchdown pass from Bob Griese with 9:08 left in the game to seal the Dolphins' win. Miami converted interceptions by Earnest Rhone, Bob Matheson, and Gerald Small into 12 points on two Uwe von Schamann field goals and Nat Moore's three-yard touchdown reception. The Seahawks built a 10-9 third-period lead on Efen Herrera's 32-yard field goal and a Jim Zorn-to-Steve Raible touchdown pass. Bulaich's winning score was set up by a 51-yard pass from Griese to Duriel Harris, who finished with five receptions for 117 yards.

Seattle	0	3	7	0	-	10
Miami	0	9	3	7	-	19

Mia-Moore 3 pass from Griese (kick failed)

Sea-FG Herrera 32

Mia-FG von Schamann 36

Sea-Raible 23 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Mia-FG von Schamann 31

Mia-Bulaich 7 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Tampa Bay 29, Baltimore 26 (OT)

Sunday, September 9

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 36,374.

Neil O'Donoghue kicked a 31-yard field goal 1:41 into overtime to give the Buccaneers their second victory. The winning score was set up by Bill Kollar, who recovered Greg Landry's third-down fumble at the Baltimore 14. The Colts scored on their first three possessions to lead 17-0. Tampa Bay countered with Ricky Bell's one-yard touchdown plunge, two Doug Williams

scoring passes, and Mike Washington's 49-yard interception return to go ahead 26-17. A 67-yard touchdown pass from Landry to Brian DeRoo plus Toni Linhart's 38-yard field goal sent the game into overtime. Lee Roy Selmon highlighted Tampa Bay's defensive charge, causing Landry's overtime fumble, blocking an extra point, and leading the Buccaneers to 10 quarterback sacks.

Tampa Bay	0	13	0	13	3	-	29
Baltimore	17	0	0	9	0	-	26

Balt-Hardeman 4 pass from Landry (Linhart kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 24

Balt-Hardeman 1 run (Linhart kick)

TB -Bell 1 run (kick failed)

TB -Hagins 9 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -Washington 49 interception return (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -Jones 36 pass from Williams (kick failed)

Balt-DeRoo 67 pass from Landry (kick failed)

Balt-FG Linhart 38

TB -FG O'Donoghue 31

Washington 27, Detroit 24

Sunday, September 9

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 54,991.

Mark Moseley kicked a 41-yard field goal with eight seconds left to give the Redskins a 27-24 victory. Moseley had missed on a 46-yarder moments before his winning kick, but the Lions were penalized for having 12 men on the field. Detroit trailed 24-3 in the fourth quarter but tied the game at 24 on a two-yard touchdown run by rookie Bo Robinson, a 12-yard run by Rick Kane, and a 24-yard touchdown pass from rookie Jeff Komlo to Freddie Scott. Komlo, making his initial NFL start, directed a 374-yard offensive attack, completing 11 of 22 passes for 162 yards. Washington jumped to a 24-3 lead on Joe Theismann's touchdown passes to Ricky Thompson and Jean Fugett and Benny Malone's short run. A 10-play, 53-yard drive set up Moseley's game-winning field goal.

Washington	0	17	7	3	-	27
Detroit	3	0	0	21	-	24

Det -FG Ricardo 27

Wash-Thompson 8 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 35

Wash-Malone 5 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Fugett 3 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Det -Robinson 2 run (Ricardo kick)

Det -Kane 12 run (Ricardo kick)

Det -Scott 24 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 41

Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 10

Monday Night, September 10

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 66,935.

Steve Bartkowski ran for one touchdown and passed for another and safety Tom Pridemore led a defensive charge as the Falcons evened their Monday night record at 4-4. Bartkowski's one-yard sneak capped a 78-yard second-period march and his 12-yard toss to Wallace Francis with 11:29 remaining provided the winning margin. Philadelphia had a 10-7 halftime edge on Tony Franklin's field goal and Ron Jaworski's three-yard run, which culminated an 89-yard drive. Pridemore anchored a defense that allowed only 97 second-half yards, set up the winning score with an interception, and stopped Leroy Harris on fourth-and-one at the Atlanta 7. Falcons rookie William Andrews led all rushers with 121 yards. Eagles wide receiver Harold Carmichael had receptions totaling 127 yards.

Atlanta	0	7	0	7	-	14
Philadelphia	3	7	0	0	-	10

Phil-FG Franklin 35

Atl -Bartkowski 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

Phil-Jaworski 3 run (Franklin kick)

Atl -Francis 12 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

THIRD WEEK

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Cleveland 13, Baltimore 10

Sunday, September 16

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 72,070.

Don Cockroft kicked his second game-winning field goal in three weeks to lead Cleveland to its third straight comeback victory. Quarterback Brian Sipe (14 of 32 for 218 yards and one touchdown) connected with Ozzie Newsome on a 74-yard third-down pass to set up Cockroft's winning 26-yard field goal with 1:51 remaining. A 35-yard scoring toss from Sipe to Dave Logan tied the score in the third quarter. Baltimore had a chance to tie the game but Toni Linhart's 28-yard field goal attempt with one second remaining went wide.

Baltimore	10	0	0	0	-	10
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Cleveland	0	3	7	3	-	13
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Balt-Brazile recovered blocked punt in end zone (Linhart kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 26

Cle -FG Cockroft 37

Cle -Logan 35 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle -FG Cockroft 28

San Diego 27, Buffalo 19

Sunday, September 16

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 50,709.

Clarence Williams rushed for 157 yards and a club-record four touchdowns as the Chargers remained undefeated and alone atop the AFC Western Division. Joe Ferguson gave Buffalo a 19-13 third-quarter lead on two touchdown passes and a 10-yard scoring run, but Williams' third touchdown, a 55-yarder, put San Diego ahead to stay. Ex-Redskin Mike Thomas added 77 yards to San Diego's 245-yard rushing attack.

Buffalo	6	6	7	0	-	19
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San Diego	7	6	7	7	-	27
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Buff-Lewis 21 pass from Ferguson (kick failed)

SD -C. Williams 5 run (Benirschke kick)

SD -C. Williams 1 run (kick blocked)

Buff-Ferguson 10 run (kick failed)

Buff-C. Brown 84 pass from Ferguson (Dempsey kick)

SD -C. Williams 55 run (Benirschke kick)

SD -C. Williams 2 run (Benirschke kick)

Dallas 24, Chicago 20

Sunday, September 16

At Texas Stadium, attendance 64,056.

Dallas rallied to beat the Bears on the strength of Roger Staubach's three touchdown passes. Staubach (18 of 31 for 220 yards, his third straight 200-yard passing performance) capped a four-play, 71-yard drive with a 22-yard scoring strike to Tony Hill with 1:53 left to give Dallas its winning margin. Hill (five catches for 91 yards) earlier caught a 42-yard touchdown pass. Walter Payton (22 carries for 134 yards) became Chicago's all-time leading rusher, surpassing Rick Casares' career total of 5,657 yards.

Chicago	7	0	6	7	-	20
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Dallas	7	3	7	7	-	24
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Chi-Evans 3 run (Thomas kick)

Dall-Hill 42 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall-FG Septien 46

Chi-Richards 52 pass from Evans (kick blocked)

Dall-Dupree 11 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Chi-Scott 64 pass from Evans (Thomas kick)

Dall-Hill 22 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Denver 20, Atlanta 17 (OT)

Sunday, September 16

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 57,677.

Jim Turner, the NFL's second all-time leading scorer, kicked a 24-yard field goal after 6:15 of overtime to propel Denver to its second victory. Quarterback Norris Weese completed all four of his passes, including a 30-yarder to Haven Moses, on the winning drive. Atlanta's Tim Mazzetti earlier missed a chance to win the game in regulation when his 31-yard field goal attempt with 17 seconds left went wide. Falcons quarterback Steve Bartkowski completed 20 of 29 passes for a club-record 326 yards.

Denver	7	3	7	0	3	-	20
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Atlanta	0	10	0	7	0	-	17
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Den-Weese 10 run (Turner kick)

Atl -Andrews 3 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Den-FG Turner 24

Atl -FG Mazzetti 25

Den-Weese 1 run (Turner kick)

Atl -Francis 22 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Den-FG Turner 24

New York Jets 31, Detroit 10

Sunday, September 16

At Shea Stadium, attendance 49,612.

The Jets, behind Richard Todd's passing and the running of Kevin Long, overcame an early 7-0 deficit to earn their initial 1979 victory. New York registered 17 points after Lions rookie quarterback Jeff Komlo fired a 12-yard scoring pass to David Hill. Todd (9 of 13 for 208 yards) hit Wesley Walker (six catches for 177 yards) with a 47-yard completion to help set up the first of Long's club record-tying three touchdown runs.

Detroit	0	7	0	3	-	10
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New York Jets	0	14	3	14	-	31
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Det -Hill 12 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)

NYJ-Long 4 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Long 7 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-FG Leahy 30

Det -FG Ricardo 36

NYJ-Dierking 2 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Long 5 run (Leahy kick)

Houston 20, Kansas City 6

Sunday, September 16

At Astrodome, attendance 45,684.

Earl Campbell ran for one touchdown and quarterback Gifford Nielsen, making his first NFL start, passed for another as the Oilers improved their record to 2-1. Houston built a 17-6 halftime advantage on Nielsen's 24-yard scoring strike to Tim Wilson and Campbell's four-yard run. Kansas City rookie quarterback Steve Fuller suffered four interceptions and was sacked six times.

Kansas City	0	6	0	0	-	6
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Houston	7	10	0	3	-	20
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Hou-Campbell 4 run (Fritsch kick)

KC -Smith 55 punt return (kick failed)

Hou-Wilson 24 pass from Nielsen (Fritsch kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 28

Hou-FG Fritsch 23

Miami 27, Minnesota 12

Sunday, September 16

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,187.

Don Strock, in relief of injured Bob Griese, passed Miami to 14 fourth-period points as the Dolphins remained undefeated. Strock entered the contest after Rick Danmeier staked Minnesota to a 12-7 third-quarter advantage with four field goals. Miami's comeback was triggered by a recovery of a Tommy Kramer fumble that led to a six-yard scoring toss from Strock (five of seven for 92 yards, and two touchdowns) to Larry Csonka.

Miami	0	7	0	20	-	27
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Minnesota	3	6	3	0	-	12
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Minn-FG Danmeier 39

Minn-FG Danmeier 44

Minn-FG Danmeier 40

Mia -Williams 3 run (von Schamann kick)

Minn-FG Danmeier 24

Mia -Csonka 6 pass from Strock (kick blocked)

Mia -Cefalo 6 pass from Strock (von Schamann kick)

Mia -Bulaich 5 run (von Schamann kick)

New England 20, Cincinnati 14

Sunday, September 16

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At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 41,805.

Steve Grogan and Stanley Morgan combined on a 17-yard touchdown and set up another score as the Patriots won their second game. Don Calhoun's short scoring run came after Grogan (11 of 26 for 176 yards) hit Morgan with a 27-yard completion at the Cincinnati 3. Rookie quarterback Jack Thompson, subbing for the injured Ken Anderson, directed two long second-half Bengals drives (70 and 82 yards) and capped each with touchdown runs.

New England	0	7	7	6	-	20
Cincinnati	0	0	7	7	-	14

NE-Morgan 17 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

NE-Calhoun 3 run (Smith kick)

Cin-Thompson 13 run (Bahr kick)

NE-FG Smith 39

NE-FG Smith 39

Cin-Thompson 1 run (Bahr kick)

Seattle 27, Oakland 10

Sunday, September 16

At Kingdome, attendance 61,602.

Jim Zorn completed 13 of 22 passes for 277 yards and three touchdowns as Seattle defeated Oakland for the third consecutive time. Zorn teamed with Steve Largent five times for 139 yards and touchdowns of 21 and 40 yards. An alert Seahawks defense recovered two fumbles and intercepted two Ken Stabler passes. Stabler (25 of 37 for a career-high 343 yards) combined with Zorn to produce 620 aerial yards.

Oakland	0	0	7	3	-	10
Seattle	7	3	10	7	-	27

Sea-Largent 40 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea-FG Herrera 46

Oak-Martini 12 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Sea-FG Herrera 20

Sea-Largent 21 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Oak-FG Breech 37

Sea-Smith 7 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Philadelphia 26, New Orleans 14

Sunday, September 16

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 54,212.

Rookie Tony Franklin scored 14 points and Wilbert Montgomery accounted for 135 yards to help Philadelphia down New Orleans. Montgomery (20 carries for 95 yards, three receptions for 40 yards) caught a 26-yard scoring toss while Franklin booted four field goals (19, 24, 36, and 44 yards) and two extra points.

Philadelphia	3	10	3	10	-	26
New Orleans	0	7	0	7	-	14

Phil-FG Franklin 24

Phil-Montgomery 26 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Phil-FG Franklin 36

NO-Chandler 52 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

Phil-FG Franklin 19

Phil-FG Franklin 44

Phil-Campfield 15 run (Franklin kick)

NO-Muncie 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Pittsburgh 24, St. Louis 21

Sunday, September 16

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 50,416.

Rookie Matt Bahr kicked a 20-yard field goal with 13 seconds left to climax a 17-point fourth-quarter rally as the Steelers remained unbeaten. A four-yard run by Rocky Bleier and Terry Bradshaw's five-yard pass to Bennie Cunningham tied the score at 21, setting the stage for Bahr's second game-winning kick of 1979. The Cardinals, who opened an early 9-0 lead and held a 15-7 halftime edge, were held to 37 net yards in the second half. St. Louis' Jim Hart became the tenth quarterback in NFL history to complete over 2,000 career passes.

Pittsburgh	7	0	0	17	-	24
St. Louis	9	6	6	0	-	21

StL-Anderson 12 run (kick failed)

StL-FG Little 22

Pitt-Stallworth 18 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

StL-Brown 1 run (kick failed)

StL-FG Wood 24

StL-FG Wood 27

Pitt-Bleier 4 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt-Cunningham 5 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt-FG Bahr 20

Los Angeles 27, San Francisco 24

Sunday, September 16

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 44,303.

Los Angeles scored twice in the second period to overcome a 10-0 deficit and held off a late San Francisco rally to down the 49ers for the sixth straight time. Pat Haden (17 of 29 for 200 yards and two touchdowns) hit Charley Young with a four-yard touchdown pass and Cullen Bryant scored on a one-yard plunge to give the Rams a 14-10 halftime lead. San Francisco scored twice in the final period on Steve DeBerg-to-Mike Shumann (five catches, 37 yards) touchdowns.

San Francisco	10	0	0	14	-	24
Los Angeles	0	14	7	6	-	27

SF-Jackson 2 run (Wersching kick)

SF-FG 32 Wersching

LA-Young 4 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

LA-Bryant 1 run (Corral kick)

LA-Nelson 10 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

LA-FG Corral 49

SF-Shumann 5 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

LA-FG Corral 43

SF-Shumann 11 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

Tampa Bay 21, Green Bay 10

Sunday, September 16

At Lambeau Field, attendance 55,498.

Tampa Bay defeated the Packers for the first time in its four-year history behind the running of rookie Jerry Eckwood and Ricky Bell. Eckwood (99 yards on 23 attempts) had a 40-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Bell, the NFL's number one draft choice of 1977, carried 15 times for 97 yards and one touchdown as the undefeated Buccaneers totaled 235 yards rushing. Green Bay quarterback David Whitehurst completed 24 of 34 passes for 214 yards and one touchdown. His 24 completions was the second-best single game total in Packers history.

Tampa Bay	0	7	14	0	-	21
Green Bay	3	0	0	7	-	10

GB-FG Marcol 38

TB -Eckwood 40 run (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -Bell 11 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -Bell 19 run (O'Donoghue kick)

GB-Lofton 12 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

Washington 27, New York Giants 0

Monday Night, September 17

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,672.

Defensive end Karl Lorch scored his first NFL touchdown and Mark Moseley became the all-time Redskins field goal leader as Washington maintained a perfect (8-0) Monday night record at home. Lorch's 31-yard interception of a Joe Pisarcik screen pass gave the Redskins a 10-0 second-period lead. Moseley kicked field goals of 40 and 46 yards to move his career total to 102, surpassing Curt Knight's four-year total of 101. Joe Theismann (18 of 28 for 153 yards and one touchdown) directed a Washington attack that ran 73 plays to the Giants' 56.

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

Wash-FG Moseley 46

Wash-Lorch 31 interception return (Moseley kick)

Wash-Harmon 4 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Wash-Theismann 7 run (Moseley kick)

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Wash-FG Moseley 40

FOURTH WEEK

Detroit 24, Atlanta 23 Sunday, September 23

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 56,249.

Jeff Komlo threw two touchdown passes and Rick Kane scored on a 26-yard touchdown run to give Detroit its first regular season win. Atlanta took a 16-10 third-quarter lead on a one-yard touchdown run by Steve Bartkowski and Tim Mazzetti's field goals of 22 and 26 yards. Detroit regained the lead in the fourth quarter when Komlo (19 of 35 for 289 yards) hit Luther Blue with a 13-yard touchdown pass. On the Lions' next possession, Kane's touchdown run capped a three-play, 45-yard drive that gave Detroit a 24-16 lead. Three plays later the Falcons came back to make the score 24-23 on Haskel Stanback's 55-yard touchdown run.

Atlanta	0	3	13	7	-	23
Detroit	7	3	0	14	-	24

Det-Scott 15 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 24

Det-FG Ricardo 20

Atl -Bartkowski 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 26

Atl -FG Mazzetti 22

Det-Blue 13 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)

Det-Kane 26 run (Ricardo kick)

Atl -Stanback 55 run (Mazzetti kick)

Pittsburgh 17, Baltimore 13 Sunday, September 23

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,483.

Terry Bradshaw and tight end Bennie Cunningham combined on a 28-yard screen pass for a touchdown that enabled Pittsburgh to extend its home winning streak to 12 straight games. Steve Mike-Mayer's 24-yard field goal gave Baltimore a 13-10 lead entering the fourth quarter. Pittsburgh came back to score with 5:41 left on an 84-yard drive that was capped by Bradshaw's pass to Cunningham. The Steelers' Sidney Thornton led all rushers with 129 yards on 13 carries, including a 75-yard run.

Baltimore	10	0	3	0	-	13
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	7	-	17

Balt-FG Mike-Mayer 27

Pitt -Stallworth 47 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Balt-Carr 36 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

Pitt -FG Bahr 25

Balt-FG Mike-Mayer 24

Pitt -Cunningham 28 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Miami 31, Chicago 16 Sunday, September 23

At Orange Bowl, attendance 66,011.

Miami scored 28 second-half points to defeat Chicago and remain unbeaten. Miami overcame a 6-3 Chicago lead when Delvin Williams finished a 67-yard drive with a three-yard scoring run. Larry Csonka scored on each of the next three Dolphins possessions with touchdown runs of 1, 9, and 12 yards. Don Strock, starting in place of the injured Bob Griese, passed for 207 yards (12 of 17) and ended the game with eight straight completions.

Chicago	0	6	3	7	-	16
Miami	3	0	14	14	-	31

Mia-FG von Schamann 21

Chi-FG Thomas 30

Chi-FG Thomas 32

Mia-Williams 3 run (von Schamann kick)

Mia-Csonka 12 run (von Schamann kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 36

Mia-Csonka 9 run (von Schamann kick)

Mia-Csonka 1 run (von Schamann kick)

Chi-McClendon 1 run (Thomas kick)

Minnesota 27, Green Bay 21 (OT) Sunday, September 23

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,524.

Tommy Kramer completed a 50-yard touchdown pass to Ahmad Rashad to give Minnesota the overtime victory. The Vikings' winning touchdown came 3:18 into overtime when Rashad (nine receptions for 136 yards) jumped between two defenders, made the catch, and outran the Packers' secondary 30 yards for the score. Kramer completed 19 of 26 passes for 245 yards. Chuck Foreman ran 11 yards on six carries to become the Vikings' all-time leading rusher. The Packers' Terrell Middleton had his best day of the year, rushing 20 times for 90 yards and a touchdown.

Green Bay	0	14	0	7	0	-	21
Minnesota	7	0	7	7	6	-	27

Minn-Rashad 4 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

GB -Lofton 20 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

GB -Smith 1 run (Marcol kick)

Minn-Miller 3 run (Danmeier kick)

GB -Middleton 5 run (Marcol kick)

Minn-Young 7 run (Danmeier kick)

Minn-Rashad 50 pass from Kramer (no conversion attempted)

Houston 30, Cincinnati 27 (OT) Sunday, September 23

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 45,615.

Houston overcame a 24-0 deficit to defeat winless Cincinnati in overtime. Dan Pastorini hit Ken Burrough with a 35-yard touchdown pass and Toni Fritsch kicked a 43-yard field goal as Houston cut Cincinnati's halftime lead to 24-10. The Oilers scored on each of their next three possessions to take a 27-24 lead. Cincinnati's Chris Bahr kicked a club-record 55-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime. Both defenses held until 14:28 into overtime when Fritsch's 29-yard field goal gave Houston the victory.

Houston	0	10	17	0	3	-	30
Cincinnati	14	10	0	3	0	-	27

Cin -Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)

Cin -Alexander 2 run (Bahr kick)

Cin -Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)

Cin -FG Bahr 52

Hou-Burrough 35 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 43

Hou-Campbell 8 run (Fritsch kick)

Hou-Caster 22 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 47

Cin -FG Bahr 55

Hou-FG Fritsch 29

Tampa Bay 21, Los Angeles 6 Sunday, September 23

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 69,497.

Tampa Bay scored three touchdowns in the second quarter to defeat Los Angeles and extend their club-record winning streak to four games. Jim Youngblood gave Los Angeles a 6-0 lead with a 31-yard interception return in the first quarter. Tampa Bay took the lead 47 seconds into the second quarter on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Doug Williams to Larry Mucker. Ricky Bell's five-yard touchdown run and Williams' 29-yard pass to Jimmy Giles accounted for the Buccaneers' final two scores. For the first time in Tampa Bay history, the Buccaneers' defense did not allow a point.

Los Angeles	6	0	0	0	-	6
Tampa Bay	0	21	0	0	-	21

LA-Jim Youngblood 31 interception return (kick failed)

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

TB-Bell 5 run (O'Donoghue kick)

TB-Giles 29 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

New Orleans 30, San Francisco 21 Sunday, September 23

At Candlestick Park, attendance 39,727.

New Orleans gained over 500 yards for the second time this season to lead

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the Saints to their first win. Archie Manning led the NFL's top offense by completing 20 of 28 passes for a club-record 355 yards and two touchdowns. The Saints gained a total of 512 yards, which tied a club record they set in their opening game against Atlanta. Garo Yepremian's 18-yard field goal in the fourth quarter was his seventeenth straight, an NFL record.

New Orleans	0	13	14	3	-	30
San Francisco	7	7	0	7	-	21

SF -Solomon 17 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

NO-Galbreath 1 run (kick failed)

NO-Chandler 5 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

SF -Solomon 25 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

NO-Hardy 3 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

NO-Galbreath 1 run (Yepremian kick)

SF -Hofer 2 run (Wersching kick)

NO-FG Yepremian 18

Buffalo 46, New York Jets 31

Sunday, September 23

At Rich Stadium, attendance 68,731.

Joe Ferguson hit Jerry Butler with four touchdown passes as Buffalo upended the Jets. Ferguson had his best passing day as a pro, completing 19 of 30 attempts for 367 yards and a club-record five touchdowns. Butler caught 10 passes and set an NFL rookie receiving record with the four touchdown receptions. Buffalo's defense intercepted three passes and scored a touchdown on a 13-yard fumble return by Fred Smerlas. Tom Newton led New York with touchdown runs of 1 and 51 yards.

New York Jets	3	21	0	7	-	31
Buffalo	6	13	21	6	-	46

Buff -FG Mike-Mayer 23

NYJ-FG Leahy 30

Buff -FG Mike-Mayer 29

NYJ-Newton 51 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Newton 1 run (Leahy kick)

Buff -Butler 5 pass from Ferguson (kick failed)

NYJ-Walker 37 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)

Buff -Butler 75 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff -Butler 74 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff -Butler 9 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff -Smerlas 13 fumble return (Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff -Shipp 13 pass from Ferguson (kick failed)

NYJ-Shuler 27 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)

Kansas City 35, Oakland 7

Sunday, September 23

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 67,821.

Arnold Morgado scored two touchdowns to lead Kansas City past division rival Oakland. Kansas City took a 14-0 halftime lead on a 19-yard pass from Steve Fuller to Steve Gauntly and J. T. Smith's club-record 88-yard punt return. Gary Barbaro returned an interception 70 yards for a touchdown to extend the Chiefs' lead to 21-0 in the third quarter. Oakland, who was last shut out 13 years ago, scored in the fourth period on Jim Plunkett's one-yard pass to Derrick Jensen. Kansas City's defense held Oakland to 121 yards, intercepted three passes, and recorded seven sacks.

Oakland	0	0	0	7	-	7
Kansas City	14	0	7	14	-	35

KC -Gauntly 19 pass from Fuller (Stenerud kick)

KC -Smith 88 punt return (Stenerud kick)

KC -Barbaro 70 interception return (Stenerud kick)

KC -Morgado 1 run (Stenerud kick)

Oak-Jensen 1 pass from Plunkett (Breech kick)

KC -Morgado 3 run (Stenerud kick)

Philadelphia 17, New York Giants 13

Sunday, September 23

At Giants Stadium, attendance 74,265.

Ron Jaworski threw two touchdown passes and Wilbert Montgomery rushed for 126 yards on 29 carries as Philadelphia defeated the Giants. Philadelphia took a 7-3 first-quarter lead on a 53-yard touchdown pass from Jaworski to

Montgomery. Jaworski's second touchdown pass was an 11-yarder to Keith Krepfle that capped an 11-play, 77-yard drive. New York broke a ten-quarter touchdown drought on Randy Dean's six-yard run in the fourth period. New York was driving again late in the game, but John Sciarra's interception with 2:02 left clinched the Eagles' victory.

Philadelphia	7	7	3	0	-	17
New York Giants	3	3	0	7	-	13

NYG-FG Danelo 22

Phil -Montgomery 53 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 42

Phil -Krepfle 11 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Phil -FG Franklin 28

NYG-Dean 6 run (Danelo kick)

New England 27, San Diego 21

Sunday, September 23

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,916.

New England built a 20-0 lead, but needed Steve Nelson's interception with 1:33 left in the game to secure the win. The Patriots score on each of their first four possessions on touchdown runs by Sam Cunningham and Don Calhoun and John Smith's two field goals. San Diego closed the gap to 20-14, but a five-yard fourth-quarter pass from Steve Grogan to Russ Francis widened the New England lead to 27-14. San Diego made it 27-21 on Clarence Williams' second touchdown of the day and threatened to take the lead when Bob Horn returned an interception to the Patriots' 10 yard line with 1:50 left in the game. San Diego's comeback hopes ended with Nelson's interception on the Patriots' 2.

San Diego	0	14	0	7	-	21
New England	17	3	0	7	-	27

NE-Cunningham 1 run (Smith kick)

NE-Calhoun 10 run (Smith kick)

NE-FG Smith 31

NE-FG Smith 31

SD-Jefferson 19 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

SD-C. Williams 1 run (Benirschke kick)

NE-Francis 5 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

SD-C. Williams 1 run (Benirschke kick)

Denver 37, Seattle 34

Sunday, September 23

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,879.

Craig Morton came off the bench the third quarter and fired three touchdown passes in a 2:34 span. Rick Upchurch's 27-yard punt return set up Rob Lytle's one-yard run that gave Denver a 37-34 fourth quarter lead. Denver linebacker Bob Swenson had two interceptions, one of which set up an early Denver touchdown. Morton completed 11 of 16 passes for 178 yards.

Seattle	10	10	14	0	-	34
Denver	0	10	21	6	-	37

Sea-FG Herrera 28

Sea-Doornink 5 run (Herrera kick)

Den-FG Turner 27

Sea-Doornink 5 run (Herrera kick)

Den-Armstrong 2 run (Turner kick)

Sea-FG Herrera 22

Sea-McCullum 13 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea-Smith 1 run (Herrera kick)

Den-Studdard 2 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Den-Moses 11 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Den-Upchurch 35 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Den-Lytle 1 run (run failed)

Washington 17, St. Louis 7

Sunday, September 23

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 50,680.

An opportunistic Washington defense paved the way to victory over St. Louis. Linebacker Dan Hover recovered a fumble in the St. Louis end zone to give Washington a 7-0 lead. Washington moved ahead 14-0 when Joe Theismann completed a 41-yard touchdown pass to Buddy Hardeman.

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Theotis Brown cut Washington's lead to 14-7 with a third-quarter touchdown run, but Mark Moseley sealed the Redskins' victory with a 47-yard field goal. Cardinals quarterback Jim Hart completed 24 of 43 passes for 306 yards, but his performance was offset by a Washington defense that recovered four fumbles, intercepted a pass, and recorded three sacks.

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

Wash-Hover recovered fumble in end zone (Moseley kick)

Wash-Hardeman 41 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

StL -Brown 1 run (Little kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 47

Cleveland 26, Dallas 7

Monday Night, September 24

At Cleveland Stadium, attendance 80,123.

Brian Sipe threw two first-quarter touchdown passes to lead Cleveland over Dallas. Sipe (15 of 28 for 239 yards) hit Dave Logan with a 23-yard scoring pass and combined with Ozzie Newsome on a 52-yard touchdown to give Cleveland a 14-0 lead. Cleveland increased its advantage to 20-0 when Thom Darden returned an interception 39 yards for a touchdown. The Cowboys' lone score came late in the first quarter when Roger Staubach hit Tony Hill with a 48-yard pass. Cleveland's defense shut down Dallas by recovering three fumbles, intercepting two passes, and recording four sacks.

Dallas	7	0	0	0	-	7
Cleveland	20	0	0	6	-	26

Cle-Logan 23 pass from Sipe (kick failed)

Cle-Newsome 52 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Darden 39 interception return (Cockroft kick)

Dall-Hill 48 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Cle-M. Pruitt 2 run (kick blocked)

FIFTH WEEK

Buffalo 31, Baltimore 13

Sunday, September 30

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 31,904.

Buffalo's Joe Ferguson threw for 317 yards and three touchdowns to become the first Bills' quarterback to pass for over 300 yards in consecutive games. Ferguson connected with Reuben Gant, Frank Lewis (three receptions for 120 yards), and Lou Piccone on scoring strikes of 9, 24, and 47 yards, respectively. Buffalo scored on its first three possessions of the second half.

Buffalo	0	14	17	0	-	31
Baltimore	3	3	0	7	-	13

Balt-FG S. Mike-Mayer 20

Balt-FG S. Mike-Mayer 33

Buff-Hooks 1 run (N. Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-Lewis 24 pass from Ferguson (N. Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-Piccone 47 pass from Ferguson (N. Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-Gant 9 pass from Ferguson (N. Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-FG N. Mike-Mayer 41

Balt-McCall 4 pass from Landry (S. Mike-Mayer kick)

Dallas 38, Cincinnati 13

Sunday, September 30

At Texas Stadium, attendance 63,179.

Interceptions by Randy Hughes and Aaron Mitchell set up Cowboys touchdowns, and Tony Dorsett rushed for 119 yards to pace the Dallas victory. Hughes' 68-yard interception return preceded Scott Laidlaw's three-yard scoring run. Mitchell's 36-yard return of a Ken Anderson pass led to Roger Staubach's nine-yard touchdown pass to Tony Hill. Rookie Ron Springs' one-yard touchdown and Billy Joe Dupree's three-yard pass from Staubach completed Dallas' scoring.

Cincinnati	3	3	7	0	-	13
Dallas	7	14	10	7	-	38

Cin-FG Bahr 48

Dall-Laidlaw 3 run (Septien kick)

Dall-Laidlaw 1 run (Septien kick)

Dall-Dupree 3 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Cin-FG Bahr 38

Cin-Bass 10 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Dall-FG Septien 26

Dall-Hill 9 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall-Springs 1 run (Septien kick)

Houston 31, Cleveland 10

Sunday, September 30

At Astrodome, attendance 48,915.

Earl Campbell ran for three touchdowns and J. C. Wilson added another on an interception return as the Oilers knocked the Browns from the unbeaten ranks. Houston built a 24-10 halftime lead on a pair of Campbell two-yard runs and Wilson's 34-yard interception. Campbell added a one-yard scoring plunge in the third quarter. The Oilers' defense sacked Brian Sipe five times as Houston gained a share of the AFC Central lead with Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

Cleveland	0	10	0	0	-	10
Houston	10	14	7	0	-	31

Hou-FG Fritsch 28

Hou-Campbell 2 run (Fritsch kick)

Cle -FG Cockroft 46

Hou-Campbell 2 run (Fritsch kick)

Hou-Wilson 34 interception return (Fritsch kick)

Cle -Sipe 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Hou-Campbell 1 run (Fritsch kick)

Oakland 27, Denver 3

Sunday, September 30

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,632.

Touchdowns by Dave Casper, Mark van Eeghen, and Monte Johnson, and two field goals by Jim Breech enabled the Raiders to break a three-game losing streak. Casper returned to the starting lineup and caught a 28-yard touchdown pass to give the Raiders a 7-0 lead. van Eeghen added a one-yard touchdown run moments before halftime. Johnson recovered a fumble in the end zone in the fourth quarter to close the scoring.

Denver	0	3	0	0	-	3
Oakland	7	7	0	13	-	27

Oak-Casper 28 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Den-FG Turner 19

Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (Breech kick)

Oak-FG Breech 27

Oak-FG Breech 21

Oak-Johnson recovered fumble in end zone (Breech kick)

Kansas City 24, Seattle 6

Sunday, September 30

At Kingdome, attendance 61,169.

Ted McKnight rushed for 147 yards and scored twice and rookie quarterback Steve Fuller threw a touchdown pass to highlight the Chiefs' victory. Blocked punts set up McKnight's 23-yard run and Fuller's three-yard touchdown toss to Mike Williams. McKnight capped the scoring with an 84-yard run with 1:27 remaining. The Chiefs' defense held the Seahawks to two field goals.

Kansas City	0	10	0	14	-	24
Seattle	3	0	3	0	-	6

Sea-FG Herrera 38

KC -McKnight 23 run (Stenerud kick)

KC -FG Stenerud 36

Sea-FG Herrera 20

KC -Williams 3 pass from Fuller (Stenerud kick)

KC -McKnight 84 run (Stenerud kick)

New York Jets 33, Miami 27

Sunday, September 30

At Shea Stadium, attendance 51,496.

Two one-yard touchdown runs by Tom Newton and Richard Todd's game-clinching 71-yard touchdown pass to Wesley Walker sparked the Jets' victory. Johnny Lynn opened the Jets' scoring when he recovered a blocked punt in the end zone. Bobby Jackson gave the Jets a 26-10 lead when he

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raced 58 yards with an interception for a touchdown. The loss knocked the Dolphins from the unbeaten ranks.

Miami	10	0	0	17	-	27
New York Jets	7	13	6	7	-	33

NYJ-Lynn recovered blocked punt in end zone (Leahy kick)

Mia -Cefalo 26 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Mia -FG von Schamann 25

NYJ-Newton 1 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Newton 1 run (kick blocked)

NYJ-Jackson 58 interception return (kick failed)

Mia -Hardy 18 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Mia -FG von Schamann 37

NYJ-Walker 71 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)

Mia -Moore 6 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Minnesota 13, Detroit 10

Sunday, September 30

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 75,295.

Chuck Foreman scored the Vikings' only touchdown and Rick Danmeier added two field goals to pace the Minnesota win. Foreman's two-yard score in the third quarter broke a 3-3 tie and capped a 71-yard drive. Danmeier kicked field goals of 31 and 40 yards. Jeff Komlo's 10-yard touchdown pass to Rick Kane narrowed the Lions' deficit to three points with 2:40 remaining. Paul Krause's seventy-ninth career interception in the second quarter tied him with Emlen Tunnell as the NFL all-time leader.

Minnesota	0	3	7	3	-	13
Detroit	0	0	3	7	-	10

Minn-FG Danmeier 40

Det -FG Ricardo 33

Minn-Foreman 2 run (Danmeier kick)

Minn-FG Danmeier 31

Det -Kane 10 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)

New Orleans 24, New York Giants 14

Sunday, September 30

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 51,543.

Chuck Muncie scored on runs of 3 and 10 yards to pace the Saints' victory. Rookie Phil Simms, relieving starter Joe Pisarcik in the second quarter, rallied the Giants to two second-half scores, including an 11-yard pass to Ken Johnson, but Muncie's three-yard touchdown with 41 seconds left put the game out of reach. Garo Yepremian's 38-yard field goal in the second quarter was his eighteenth consecutive three-pointer, an NFL record.

New York Giants	0	0	7	7	-	14
New Orleans	0	10	7	7	-	24

NO -Muncie 10 run (Yepremian kick)

NO -FG Yepremian 38

NO -Harris 24 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

NYG-Taylor 5 run (Danelo kick)

NYG-Johnson 11 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)

NO -Muncie 3 run (Yepremian kick)

Philadelphia 17, Pittsburgh 14

Sunday, September 30

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 70,352.

One-yard touchdown runs by Leroy Harris and Wilbert Montgomery and a 48-yard field goal by rookie Tony Franklin gave the Eagles a 17-14 victory. Harris' touchdown climaxed an 80-yard drive that tied the score at 7-7. Linebacker John Bunting's 15-yard interception return to the Pittsburgh 2 yard line set up Montgomery's deciding score. Herman Edwards' interception in the end zone and Ken Clarke's fumble recovery at the goal line preserved the victory that sent the Steelers to their first defeat.

Pittsburgh	0	7	0	7	-	14
Philadelphia	0	7	10	0	-	17

Pitt -Thornton 7 run (Bahr kick)

Phil-L. Harris 1 run (Franklin kick)

Phil-FG Franklin 48

Phil-Montgomery 1 run (Franklin kick)

Pitt -Stallworth 37 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Los Angeles 21, St. Louis 0

Sunday, September 30

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 48,160.

Wendell Tyler replaced Lawrence McCutcheon and rushed for 75 yards and one touchdown to lead the Rams. Tyler rushed for 44 yards on Los Angeles' opening drive to set up Cullen Bryant's one-yard score. Tyler added a one-yard touchdown moments before halftime. Vince Ferragamo, in relief of the injured Pat Haden, hit Billy Waddy on a 27-yard fourth-period touchdown. The Rams' defense held the Cardinals to 47 yards in the first half on the way to recording their first shutout of the season.

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	-	0
Los Angeles	7	7	0	7	-	21

LA-Bryant 1 run (Corral kick)

LA-Tyler 1 run (Corral kick)

LA-Waddy 27 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

San Diego 31, San Francisco 9

Sunday, September 30

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 50,893.

Dan Fouts completed 26 of 34 passes for 251 yards and two touchdowns to pace the San Diego win. The Chargers answered an early 49ers field goal with 17 straight points on Ray Wersching's field goal, Clarence Williams' three-yard run, and a Fouts-to-Charlie Joiner 24-yard pass. Rookie tight end Kellen Winslow took a 24-yard touchdown pass from Fouts in the final period and Hank Bauer capped the Chargers' scoring on a one-yard plunge after defensive tackle Gary Johnson returned a San Francisco fumble 37 yards. O. J. Simpson gained 89 yards on 16 carries to bring his career total to 11,006 yards.

San Francisco	0	3	6	0	-	9
San Diego	0	17	0	14	-	31

SF-FG Wersching 32

SD-Williams 3 run (Gerela kick)

SD-FG Gerela 26

SD-Joiner 24 pass from Fouts (Gerela kick)

SF-Simpson 1 run (kick blocked)

SD-Winslow 24 pass from Fouts (Gerela kick)

SD-Bauer 1 run (Gerela kick)

Tampa Bay 17, Chicago 13

Sunday, September 30

At Soldier Field, attendance 55,258.

Isaac Hagins scored on an eight-yard pass from Doug Williams with 5:08 left in the game as Tampa Bay remained the only unbeaten team in the NFL. Tampa Bay took an early 10-0 lead on Jerry Eckwood's (120 yards on 23 carries) 61-yard touchdown run, the longest in Buccaneers history, and Neil O'Donoghue's 30-yard field goal. The Bears countered with 13 points on Bob Thomas' two field goals and Walter Payton's 65-yard run with a screen pass from Vince Evans. Payton was limited to 46 yards rushing; the Bears were held to 82 yards on the ground. Cedric Brown and Jeris White each halted fourth-quarter Chicago drives with interceptions.

Tampa Bay	0	10	0	7	-	17
Chicago	0	3	3	7	-	13

TB -Eckwood 61 run (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -FG O'Donoghue 30

Chi-FG Thomas 34

Chi-FG Thomas 42

Chi-Payton 65 pass from Evans (Thomas kick)

TB -Hagins 8 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Washington 16, Atlanta 7

Sunday, September 30

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 56,819.

Mark Moseley kicked three field goals and Joe Theismann directed a 359-yard offensive attack to pace Washington to its fourth straight win. Moseley connected on three-pointers of 37, 45, and 53 yards. Theismann's 41-yard pass to Danny Buggs set up John Riggins' one-yard plunge in the second period. The Redskins held the Falcons to 29 yards in the second half. Atlanta

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quarterback Steve Bartkowski was sacked three times and intercepted three times.

Washington	3	10	3	0	-	16
Atlanta	7	0	0	0	-	7

Wash-FG Moseley 45

Atl -Andrews 2 run (Mazzetti kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 53

Wash-Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 37

Green Bay 27, New England 14

Monday Night, October 1

At Lambeau Field, attendance 52,842.

David Whitehurst passed for one touchdown and ran for another and Green Bay intercepted five passes to spark the win. Whitehurst (17 of 27 for 206 yards) converted interceptions by Steve Luke, Johnny Gray, and Mike McCoy into one-yard scoring runs by Barty Smith and Terdell Middleton and his own four-yard dash. He also capped a 74-yard drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Aundra Thompson with 9:03 left in the half to give the Packers the lead for good.

New England	7	7	0	0	-	14
Green Bay	7	13	7	0	-	27

NE-Francis 27 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

GB-Smith 1 run (Marcol kick)

GB-A. Thompson 15 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

GB-Middleton 1 run (kick blocked)

NE-Francis 6 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

GB-Whitehurst 4 run (Marcol kick)

SIXTH WEEK

Chicago 7, Buffalo 0

Sunday, October 7

At Rich Stadium, attendance 73,383.

Walter Payton rushed for 155 yards on 39 carries and registered the game's only score to help Chicago even its record at 3-3. A fumble recovery by Jerry Muckensturm at Buffalo's 13 yard line set up Payton's fourth down, one-yard scoring burst. The Bills were held to seven first downs and 106 total yards.

Chicago	0	0	0	7	-	7
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	-	0

Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)

Dallas 36, Minnesota 20

Sunday, October 7

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 47,572.

Tony Dorsett picked up 145 yards on 21 carries and scored a career-high three touchdowns to lead Dallas. Dorsett had scoring runs of three and five yards and cornerback Benny Barnes scored on a 33-yard fumble recovery return as the Cowboys built a 23-10 halftime advantage. Minnesota closed the gap to 23-20 in the third period on Rick Danmeier's 35-yard field goal and Sammy White's 28-yard scoring reception.

Dallas	3	20	7	6	-	36
Minnesota	7	3	10	0	-	20

Dall -FG Septien 34

Minn-Tucker 2 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Dall -Dorsett 5 run (Septien kick)

Dall -Dorsett 3 run (Septien kick)

Dall -Barnes 33 fumble recovery return (kick blocked)

Minn-FG Danmeier 37

Minn-FG Danmeier 35

Minn-S. White 28 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Dall -Dorsett 30 run (Septien kick)

Dall -Pearson 6 run (kick blocked)

New England 24, Detroit 17

Sunday, October 7

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,629.

Quarterback Tom Owen, playing in relief of starter Steve Grogan, rallied New

England from a 17-14 third-period deficit for the victory, which gave the Patriots a share of first place in the AFC East. Owen (7 of 13 for 81 yards and one touchdown) capped a 56-yard final-quarter march with a six-yard scoring pass to running back Don Calhoun. The Lions had taken a three-point advantage on defensive end Bill Gay's fumble recovery in the end zone.

Detroit	0	3	14	0	-	17
New England	0	14	0	10	-	24

NE-Cunningham 1 run (Smith kick)

NE-Calhoun 2 run (Smith kick)

Det-FG Ricardo 26

Det-Hunter 1 run (Ricardo kick)

Det-Gay recovered fumble in end zone (Ricardo kick)

NE-Calhoun 6 pass from Owen (Smith kick)

NE-FG Smith 29

Atlanta 25, Green Bay 7

Sunday, October 7

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 56,184.

Tim Mazzetti kicked three field goals and the Falcons' defense forced three turnovers as Atlanta snapped a three-game losing streak. Mazzetti's first field goal was set up by Roland Lawrence's 17-yard interception return. Atlanta recorded eight sacks, including a safety on quarterback David Whitehurst by defensive tackle Mike Lewis.

Green Bay	0	7	0	0	-	7
Atlanta	10	5	3	7	-	25

Atl -Jenkins 9 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 23

Atl -Safety, Lewis tackled Whitehurst in end zone

Atl -FG Mazzetti 48

GB-Smith 11 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 42

Atl -Mayberry 8 run (Mazzetti kick)

Kansas City 10, Cincinnati 7

Sunday, October 7

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 40,041.

Kansas City, off to its best start in eight years, posted 10 second-period points and handed the Bengals their sixth straight loss. Mike Williams' one-yard touchdown, which capped a 48-yard drive, and Jan Stenerud's 46-yard field goal gave the Chiefs a 10-0 halftime lead. Defensive end Ross Browner's fumble recovery set up a three-yard scoring run by quarterback Ken Anderson in the third period that pulled Cincinnati within three points.

Kansas City	0	10	0	0	-	10
Cincinnati	0	0	7	0	-	7

KC-Williams 1 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 46

Cin-Anderson 3 run (Bahr kick)

Los Angeles 35, New Orleans 17

Sunday, October 7

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 68,986.

Los Angeles scored four times in the second quarter to overcome a 7-0 deficit. Wendell Tyler registered two touchdown runs (two and five yards) and quarterback Pat Haden tossed a pair of scoring strikes (5 and 39 yards) in the Rams' rally. The Rams' defense intercepted five passes, including three by cornerback Pat Thomas.

Los Angeles	0	28	0	7	-	35
New Orleans	7	0	3	7	-	17

NO-Galbreath 3 run (Yepremian kick)

LA -Tyler 5 run (Corral kick)

LA -Tyler 2 run (Corral kick)

LA -Jessie 39 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

LA -Nelson 5 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

NO-FG Yepremian 32

NO-Childs 6 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

LA -Jessie 24 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

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Baltimore 10, New York Jets 8

Sunday, October 7

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 32,142.

Greg Landry completed 23 of 36 passes for 235 yards and a touchdown as Baltimore won its first game of 1979. Landry capped a 97-yard drive with a 17-yard pass to tight end Reece McCall and Steve Mike-Mayer kicked a 41-yard field goal to give the Colts a 10-0 lead. Cornerback Dwight Harrison's fourth-down pass deflection at the Baltimore goal line with 3:08 left helped preserve the victory.

New York Jets	0	3	3	2	-	8
Baltimore	10	0	0	0	-	10

Balt -McCall 17 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

Balt -FG Mike-Mayer 41

NYJ-FG Leahy 18

NYJ-FG Leahy 31

NYJ-Safety, Moresco forced Dilts out of end zone

Philadelphia 28, Washington 17

Sunday, October 7

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 69,142.

Philadelphia, behind the running of Wilbert Montgomery, snapped Washington's four-game winning streak and moved into a first place tie with Dallas in the NFC East. Montgomery rushed 22 times for 127 yards and scored four touchdowns. Washington scored 10 points in the final period on Mark Moseley's 37-yard field goal and a one-yard touchdown by John Riggins.

Washington	0	7	0	10	-	17
Philadelphia	7	7	14	0	-	28

Phil -Montgomery 8 run (Franklin kick)

Phil -Montgomery 11 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Wash-Riggins 4 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Phil -Montgomery 5 run (Franklin kick)

Phil -Montgomery 4 run (Franklin kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 37

Wash-Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)

Pittsburgh 51, Cleveland 35

Sunday, October 7

At Cleveland Stadium, attendance 81,260.

Pittsburgh, behind a club-record 361 rushing yards, gained sole possession of first place in the AFC Central. Franco Harris (19 carries for 153 yards and two touchdowns), Sidney Thornton (18 for 98 and one touchdown), and Rocky Bleier (4 for 81 and one touchdown) combined to help Pittsburgh record its highest point total in 10 years. Cleveland quarterback Brian Sipe completed 22 of 41 passes for a career-high 351 yards and a club-record-tying five touchdowns. The two teams produced 980 offensive yards.

Pittsburgh	21	9	7	14	-	51
Cleveland	0	14	7	14	-	35

Pitt -Cunningham 7 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Thornton 10 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Harris 71 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Smith 14 pass from Bradshaw (kick failed)

Cle-Rucker 32 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Newsome 18 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Pitt -FG Bahr 42

Pitt -Harris 25 run (Bahr kick)

Cle-Hill 14 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Pitt -Bleier 70 run (Bahr kick)

Cle-Logan 30 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Logan 13 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Pitt -Thornton 1 run (Bahr kick)

St. Louis 24, Houston 17

Sunday, October 7

At Astrodome, attendance 53,043.

Trailing 17-10, the Cardinals rallied on Wayne Morris' two touchdowns in the final eight minutes. Morris scored on runs of one and six yards, the first set up by Steve Little's 16-yard pass to Theotis Brown from punt formation.

Quarterback Jim Hart (23 of 38 for 253 yards) and rookie running back Ottis Anderson (16 carries for 109 yards) combined to lead the Cardinals' 447-yard attack.

St. Louis	0	7	3	14	-	24
Houston	0	14	0	3	-	17

StL -Brown 2 run (Little kick)

Hou-Campbell 4 run (Fritsch kick)

Hou-Burrough 11 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

StL -FG Little 24

Hou-FG Fritsch 51

StL -Morris 1 run (Little kick)

StL -Morris 6 run (Little kick)

Denver 7, San Diego 0

Sunday, October 7

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,997.

Safety Bill Thompson recorded a key fumble recovery and two interceptions as Denver earned a share of first place in the AFC West. Thompson's 26-yard fumble return preceded a three-yard touchdown run by quarterback Norris Weese in the third quarter. San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts, who completed 27 of a career-high 45 passes for 305 yards, hit wide receiver Charlie Joiner seven times for 115 yards.

San Diego	0	0	0	0	-	0
Denver	0	0	7	0	-	7

Den-Weese 3 run (Turner kick)

Seattle 35, San Francisco 24

Sunday, October 7

At Candlestick Park, attendance 44,592.

Running back Dan Doornink scored two touchdowns and linebacker Sammy Green returned an interception a club-record 91 yards to propel Seattle past San Francisco. Doornink (19 carries for 58 yards) capped 70- and 86-yard scoring drives with 13 and 3-yard touchdown runs, respectively. Steve DeBerg completed 31 of 40 passes for 306 yards in the 49ers' 464-yard offensive attack.

Seattle	14	7	7	7	-	35
San Francisco	7	3	0	14	-	24

Sea-Doornink 13 run (Herrera kick)

SF -Simpson 3 run (Wersching kick)

Sea-Doornink 3 run (Herrera kick)

Sea-Smith 7 run (Herrera kick)

SF -FG Wersching 25

Sea-S. Green 91 interception return (Herrera kick)

SF -Elliott 8 run (Wersching kick)

Sea-Zorn 2 run (Herrera kick)

SF -MacAfee 1 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

New York Giants 17, Tampa Bay 14

Sunday, October 7

At Giants Stadium, attendance 72,841.

Running back Billy Taylor had his most productive NFL game as the Giants earned their first victory of 1979 over previously undefeated Tampa Bay. Taylor rushed for 148 yards on 33 carries, and scored touchdowns on one- and two-yard runs. Free safety Odis McKinney's 25-yard interception return preceded Taylor's second score. A fourth-quarter interception by cornerback Terry Jackson set up Joe Danelo's game-clinching 47-yard field goal.

Tampa Bay	0	7	0	7	-	14
New York Giants	0	14	0	3	-	17

NYG-Taylor 2 run (Danelo kick)

NYG-Taylor 1 run (Danelo kick)

TB -Mucker 14 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 47

TB -Giles 11 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Oakland 13, Miami 3

Monday Night, October 8

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,419.

The Raiders' defense produced two big plays to give Oakland its eighth

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straight Monday night win. Clarence Hawkins' fumble recovery of the second-half kickoff set up a Ken Stabler (12 of 22 for 143 yards and one touchdown) to Raymond Chester scoring strike of 14 yards. Linebacker Ted Hendricks' 23-yard interception return for a touchdown gave Oakland a 13-0 advantage. The Raiders sacked Miami quarterback Bob Griese six times, four of them by rookie defensive tackle Reggie Kinlaw.

Miami	0	0	3	0	-	3
Oakland	0	0	13	0	-	13

Oak-Chester 14 pass from Stabler (kick failed)
 Oak-Hendricks 23 interception return (Breech kick)
 Mia -FG von Schamann 23

SEVENTH WEEK

Oakland 50, Atlanta 19
Sunday, October 14

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,900.

The Raiders forced six turnovers – three interceptions and three fumble recoveries – and converted four of those mistakes into touchdowns. Mark van Eeghen ran for three touchdowns and Ken Stabler threw two scoring passes to lead the Raiders on offense. The 50 points represented the highest total for the Raiders in 10 seasons.

Atlanta	0	0	12	7	-	19
Oakland	10	9	10	21	-	50

Oak-FG Breech 40
 Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (Breech kick)
 Oak-FG Breech 30
 Oak-Hawkins 20 pass from Stabler (kick failed)
 Oak-van Eeghen 6 run (Breech kick)
 Atl -Cain 26 pass from Bartkowski (kick failed)
 Oak-FG Breech 47
 Atl -Cain 18 pass from Bartkowski (kick failed)
 Oak-Brunson 8 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)
 Oak-Hayes 51 interception return (Breech kick)
 Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (Breech kick)
 Atl -Cain 3 run (Mazzetti kick)

Miami 17, Buffalo 7
Sunday, October 14

At Orange Bowl, attendance 45,597.

Miami held on to a share of the AFC Eastern Division lead by defeating Buffalo for the twentieth consecutive time. Rookie Tony Nathan gave Miami a 7-0 lead with a club-record 86-yard punt return midway through the first quarter. Miami extended its lead to 17-0 at halftime on Larry Csonka's seven-yard touchdown run and Uwe von Schamann's 29-yard field goal. Buffalo's lone score came in the third quarter on Roland Hooks' three-yard run.

Buffalo	0	0	7	0	-	7
Miami	7	10	0	0	-	17

Mia-Nathan 86 punt return (von Schamann kick)
 Mia-Csonka 7 run (von Schamann kick)
 Mia-FG von Schamann 29
 Buff-Hooks 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Denver 24, Kansas City 10
Sunday, October 14

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 74,292.

Craig Morton threw two touchdown passes to lead Denver over Kansas City before the largest crowd at Arrowhead in six years. Denver took a 10-0 lead with 17 seconds left in the first half when safety Bill Thompson returned teammate Bob Swenson's errant lateral two yards for a touchdown after a fumble recovery. Morton extended Denver's lead to 17-0 on the fourth play of the third quarter with a 16-yard touchdown pass to Haven Moses. Kansas City's lone touchdown came with 1:56 left in the game on Arnold Morgado's one-yard run. The Broncos' victory kept them tied for first place in the AFC West.

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

Den-FG Turner 28

Den-Thompson 2 fumble recovery return (Turner kick)
 Den-Moses 16 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 KC -FG Stenerud 44
 Den-Upchurch 7 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 KC -Morgado 1 run (Stenerud kick)

Green Bay 24, Detroit 16
Sunday, October 14

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 53,950.

David Whitehurst hit Walt Landers with a 55-yard touchdown pass midway through the fourth period to clinch the victory for the Packers. Nate Simpson, who entered the game in the second period, finished with 122 yards on 19 carries, the best game of his three-year career.

Detroit	0	9	7	0	-	16
Green Bay	0	10	7	7	-	24

Det-FG Ricardo 33
 Det-Williams 36 interception return (kick failed)
 GB-Whitehurst 1 run (Marcol kick)
 GB-FG Marcol 32
 GB-Coffman 13 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)
 Det-Thompson 38 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)
 GB-Landers 55 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

Houston 28, Baltimore 16
Sunday, October 14

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 45,021.

Earl Campbell rushed for three touchdowns to lead Houston over Baltimore and into a share of the AFC Central lead. Defensive end Jesse Baker gave Houston a 7-0 lead on the game's fourth play with a 20-yard fumble return. Campbell (22 carries for 149 yards) accounted for Houston's final three scores with touchdown runs of 2, 7, and 20 yards. Campbell also recaptured the NFL rushing lead and became the AFC's leading scorer with 66 points. The Oilers' Mike Reinfeldt intercepted two passes to bring his NFL leading total to seven.

Houston	7	7	14	0	-	28
Baltimore	6	0	3	7	-	16

Hou-Baker 20 fumble recovery return (Fritsch kick)
 Balt -Hardeman 1 run (kick failed)
 Hou-Campbell 7 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou-Campbell 20 run (Fritsch kick)
 Balt -FG Mike-Mayer 34
 Hou-Campbell 2 run (Fritsch kick)
 Balt -McCauley 3 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

Dallas 30, Los Angeles 6
Sunday, October 14

At Texas Stadium, attendance 64,462.

Roger Staubach completed 13 of 18 passes for 176 yards and three touchdowns to lead Dallas over Los Angeles. Staubach's second scoring pass, a three-yarder to Tony Dorsett, gave Dallas a 13-6 halftime lead and enabled him to set a club record for touchdown passes. Dallas put the game away in the third quarter by scoring 17 unanswered points. Dorsett gained 103 yards on 24 carries to become the first Cowboy ever to rush for over 100 yards in three straight games.

Los Angeles	0	6	0	0	-	6
Dallas	6	7	17	0	-	30

Dall-Hill 18 pass from Staubach (kick failed)
 Dall-Dorsett 3 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 LA -FG Corral 42
 LA -FG Corral 41
 Dall-Saldi 23 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-FG Septien 32
 Dall-Dorsett 1 run (Septien kick)

New England 27, Chicago 7
Sunday, October 14

At Soldier Field, attendance 54,128.

Steve Grogan tossed three touchdown passes to lead New England past

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Chicago. Grogan (20 of 35 for 244 yards) gave the Patriots a 14-0 lead on scoring passes to Harold Jackson and Stanley Morgan following Chicago fumbles. Grogan's third touchdown pass was a four-yarder to Russ Francis. John Smith's field goals of 21 and 29 yards completed New England's scoring. Chicago's Doug Buffone intercepted 2 passes to set a club career record of 24.

New England	14	0	3	10	-	27
Chicago	0	7	0	0	-	7

NE-Morgan 10 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 NE-Jackson 19 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 Chi-Williams 54 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)
 NE-FG Smith 21
 NE-Francis 4 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 NE-FG Smith 29

New Orleans 42, Tampa Bay 14 **Sunday, October 14**

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 67,640.

New Orleans scored touchdowns on its first five possessions of the second half to defeat Tampa Bay. Trailing 7-0 in the third quarter, New Orleans tied the score on Archie Manning's two-yard touchdown run. Before the third quarter ended, the Saints led 21-7 on Tony Galbreath's six-yard run and a 15-yard pass from Manning to Henry Childs. In the fourth quarter, New Orleans received two touchdown runs from Mike Strachan plus one from Galbreath. Tampa Bay's Ricky Bell was the game's leading rusher with 101 yards on 10 carries, while the Saints' Wes Chandler caught four passes to remain the NFL's leading receiver.

New Orleans	0	0	21	21	-	42
Tampa Bay	0	0	7	7	-	14

TB -Hagins 22 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)
 NO-Manning 2 run (Yepremian kick)
 NO-Galbreath 6 run (Yepremian kick)
 NO-Childs 15 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)
 NO-Galbreath 20 run (Yepremian kick)
 NO-Strachan 1 run (Yepremian kick)
 NO-Strachan 7 run (Yepremian kick)
 TB -Giles 21 pass from Rae (O'Donoghue kick)

Philadelphia 24, St. Louis 20 **Sunday, October 14**

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 48,367.

Billy Campfield's 11-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter enabled Philadelphia to beat St. Louis and remain tied with Dallas for first place in the NFC East. Ottis Anderson's one-yard run capped a 31-yard drive following Eric Williams' fumble recovery, to give St. Louis a 20-17 lead early in the fourth quarter. Nine minutes later, a 34-yard punt return by Wally Henry set up Philadelphia's five-play, 33-yard winning touchdown drive. The Eagles' Wilbert Montgomery was the game's leading rusher with 117 yards on 25 carries.

Philadelphia	0	7	10	7	-	24
St. Louis	3	3	7	7	-	20

StL -FG Little 27
 StL -FG Little 28
 Phil-Carmichael 3 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)
 StL -Gray 78 pass from Pisarkiewicz (Little kick)
 Phil-FG Franklin 51
 Phil-Montgomery 5 run (Franklin kick)
 StL -Anderson 1 run (Little kick)
 Phil-Campfield 11 run (Franklin kick)

Cincinnati 34, Pittsburgh 10 **Sunday, October 14**

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 52,381.

Cincinnati took advantage of nine Pittsburgh turnovers to upend the defending Super Bowl champions. Linebackers Howard Kurnick and Jim LeClair each returned fumbles for touchdowns to spark a 20-point second quarter that gave Cincinnati a 27-3 halftime lead. Cincinnati's defense recovered a club-record seven fumbles and intercepted two passes. The

Steelers' Terry Bradshaw attempted a personal high 40 passes, completing 21 for 275 yards, while John Stallworth caught six passes for 126 yards to remain the AFC's leading receiver.

Pittsburgh	3	0	0	7	-	10
Cincinnati	7	20	0	7	-	34

Pitt-FG M. Bahr 46
 Cin-Ross 7 pass from Anderson (C. Bahr kick)
 Cin-Johnson 1 run (kick failed)
 Cin-Kurnick 12 fumble recovery return (C. Bahr kick)
 Cin-LeClair 27 fumble recovery return (C. Bahr kick)
 Cin-Walker 14 pass from Anderson (C. Bahr kick)
 Pitt-Stallworth 33 pass from Bradshaw (M. Bahr kick)

New York Giants 32, San Francisco 16 **Sunday, October 14**

At Giants Stadium, attendance 70,352.

Phil Simms, in his third pro game, completed 17 of 32 passes for 300 yards to spark the Giants. He combined with Earnest Gray for seven second-quarter completions worth 148 yards and two touchdowns. Gray finished with eight catches for 169 yards.

San Francisco	3	0	7	6	-	16
New York Giants	2	27	0	3	-	32

SF -FG Wersching 21
 NYG-Safety, Melville knocked ball out of end zone
 NYG-Simms 17 run (Danelo kick)
 NYG-Gray 13 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)
 NYG-Kotar 1 run (run failed)
 NYG-Gray 11 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)
 SF -Shumann 13 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
 SF -Solomon 11 pass from DeBerg (pass failed)
 NYG-FG Danelo 37

San Diego 20, Seattle 10 **Sunday, October 14**

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 50,007.

The passing combination of Dan Fouts and John Jefferson clicked nine times, twice for touchdowns, as San Diego beat Seattle. San Diego took a 14-3 third-quarter lead when Fouts hit Jefferson on a 49-yard touchdown pass that secured the Chargers' victory. Fouts set club records for completions and single-game percentage, hitting 28 of 35 passes (80.0 percent) for 318 yards and three touchdowns. Jefferson caught a career-high nine passes for 137 yards.

Seattle	0	3	0	7	-	10
San Diego	7	0	7	6	-	20

SD -Mitchell 20 pass from Fouts (Gerela kick)
 Sea-FG Herrera 19
 SD -Jefferson 9 pass from Fouts (Gerela kick)
 Sea-Smith 8 run (Herrera kick)
 SD -Jefferson 49 pass from Fouts (kick failed)

Washington 13, Cleveland 9 **Sunday, October 14**

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 63,323.

Joe Theismann's 14-yard touchdown pass to Clarence Harmon with 27 seconds left in the game lifted Washington over Cleveland. Cleveland took a 9-6 lead midway through the third quarter on Don Cockroft's 37-yard field goal. Washington started its winning drive from its own 20 with 1:56 left in the game. The drive's biggest play was its first, when Theismann completed a 34-yard pass to Danny Buggs. The victory enabled Washington to stay one game behind first place Dallas in the NFL East.

Washington	0	3	3	7	-	13
Cleveland	0	6	3	0	-	9

Wash-FG Moseley 35
 Cle -Hill 1 run (kick blocked)
 Wash-FG Moseley 17
 Cle -FG Cockroft 37
 Wash-Harmon 14 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

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New York Jets 14, Minnesota 7

Monday Night, October 15

At Shea Stadium, attendance 54,479.

The Jets' defense, which had allowed the most points in the NFL entering the game, forced seven turnovers and held the Vikings scoreless until midway through the final period. An alert Jets secondary picked off four passes, including one by Shafer Suggs for a 32-yard touchdown.

Minnesota	0	0	0	7	-	7
New York Jets	7	0	7	0	-	14

NYJ-Todd 3 run (Szaro kick)

NYJ-Suggs 32 interception return (Szaro kick)

Minn-Foreman 1 run (Danmeier kick)

EIGHTH WEEK

San Francisco 20, Atlanta 15

Sunday, October 21

At Candlestick Park, attendance 33,952.

Steve DeBerg completed six straight passes in a 70-yard drive that culminated in Paul Hofer's three-yard touchdown run with 5:27 left to give the 49ers their first win of 1979. San Francisco took a 7-0 lead on Freddie Solomon's 56-yard touchdown run and went ahead 14-9 on Hofer's two-yard run in the third quarter. The 49ers' winning drive came after Atlanta's Rolland Lawrence returned a blocked punt 41 yards to give the Falcons a 15-14 advantage.

Atlanta	0	9	0	6	-	15
San Francisco	7	0	7	6	-	20

SF-Solomon 56 run (Wersching kick)

Atl -FG Mazzetti 23

Atl -Jenkins 7 pass from Bartkowski (kick failed)

SF-Hofer 2 run (Wersching kick)

Atl -Lawrence 41 blocked punt return (kick failed)

SF-Hofer 3 run (kick failed)

Baltimore 14, Buffalo 13

Sunday, October 21

At Rich Stadium, attendance 50,581.

Bert Jones returned to action after missing six games and threw for one touchdown and ran for another to lead the Colts. Jones scored in the second quarter on a one-yard run and hit Mack Alston with a four-yard touchdown pass with 6:05 left to give the Colts their winning margin. Lyle Blackwood recovered a Bills fumble with four minutes left and Mike Ozdowski sacked Joe Ferguson on fourth down with 1:45 remaining to seal the Colts' second victory of the season.

Baltimore	0	7	0	7	-	14
Buffalo	0	0	7	6	-	13

Balt-Jones 1 run (S. Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-Brown 21 pass from Ferguson (N. Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-FG N. Mike-Mayer 40

Buff-FG N. Mike-Mayer 37

Balt-Alston 4 pass from Jones (S. Mike-Mayer kick)

Minnesota 30, Chicago 27

Sunday, October 21

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 41,164.

Tommy Kramer's fourth touchdown pass of the game, a five-yarder to Rickey Young with 13 seconds left, gave the Vikings a come-from-behind victory. Return specialist Jimmy Edwards played a key role in the win. His 56-yard kickoff return in the fourth quarter set up a 17-yard Kramer-to-Young touchdown pass. Later in the period, Edwards returned a punt to midfield to set up the winning touchdown. Edwards returned 10 kickoffs and punts for a total of 217 yards.

Chicago	7	7	3	10	-	27
Minnesota	3	7	7	13	-	30

Minn-FG Danmeier 43

Chi -Baschnagel 54 pass from Payton (Thomas kick)

Chi -Payton 2 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)

Minn-S. White 55 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Minn-Voigt 3 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Chi -FG Thomas 23

Chi -FG Thomas 23

Chi -Payton 2 run (Thomas kick)

Minn-Young 17 pass from Kramer (kick blocked)

Minn-Young 5 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Cleveland 28, Cincinnati 27

Sunday, October 21

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 75,119.

Brian Sipe threw three touchdown passes to lead the Browns' comeback win. Sipe passed for touchdowns of 2 yards to Ricky Feacher, 50 yards to Mike Pruitt, and 27 yards to Ozzie Newsome to bring Cleveland back from a 20-7 deficit. Charlie Hall's block of the Bengals' extra point attempt following their third touchdown provided the margin of victory. Pruitt rushed for 135 yards and Sipe utilized seven receivers as Cleveland ended a three-game losing streak.

Cincinnati	7	0	13	7	-	27
Cleveland	7	0	7	14	-	28

Cin-Bass 9 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Cle-Rucker 6 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cin-Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)

Cin-Curtis 8 pass from Anderson (kick blocked)

Cle-Feacher 2 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-M. Pruitt 50 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Newsome 27 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cin-Johnson 32 run (Bahr kick)

New Orleans 17, Detroit 7

Sunday, October 21

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 57,428.

The Saints' defense held Detroit to 197 yards in the game and one first down in the first half. Archie Manning (17 of 22 for 130 yards) hit Wes Chandler with a 24-yard scoring pass and Garo Yepremian kicked a 21-yard field goal to give New Orleans a 10-0 halftime advantage. Safety Tom Myers returned an interception 52 yards for a touchdown to cap the Saints' scoring. The win evened New Orleans' record at 4-4.

Detroit	0	0	7	0	-	7
New Orleans	7	3	7	0	-	17

NO-Chandler 24 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

NO-FG Yepremian 21

NO-Myers 52 interception return (Yepremian kick)

Det-Hill 5 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)

Tampa Bay 21, Green Bay 3

Sunday, October 21

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 67,186.

Doug Williams passed for two touchdowns and ran for another and Ricky Bell rushed for a team-record 167 yards as Tampa Bay halted a two-game losing streak. Bell opened the scoring on a nine-yard pass from Williams after Cedric Brown intercepted a David Whitehurst pass. Williams' one-yard plunge culminated an 82-yard drive in the second quarter. Tight end Jimmie Giles capped the scoring on a two-yard touchdown reception with 1:56 left.

Green Bay	0	0	3	0	-	3
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	7	-	21

TB -Bell 9 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -Williams 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)

GB-FG Marcol 42

TB -Giles 2 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Seattle 34, Houston 14

Sunday, October 21

At Kingdome, attendance 60,705.

Jim Zorn completed 18 of 23 passes (a club-record 78.3 percent) for 252 yards and three touchdowns as Seattle knocked Houston out of first place in the AFC Central. Zorn drove the Seahawks 80 yards on their first possession, which ended on a 12-yard touchdown pass to Sherman Smith. Steve Largent (135 yards on six receptions) scored on bombs of 45 and 55

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yards and Cornell Webster added Seattle's first ever touchdown (54 yards) on a fumble recovery.

Houston	0	7	0	7	-	14
Seattle	7	7	6	14	-	34

Sea-Smith 12 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Hou-Barber 9 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Sea-Largent 45 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Sea-FG Herrera 48
 Sea-FG Herrera 30
 Sea-Largent 55 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Webster 54 fumble recovery return (Herrera kick)
 Hou-Coleman 6 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

New England 28, Miami 13 Sunday, October 21

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 61,096.

Steve Grogan set up two touchdowns and passed for another to lead the Patriots' comeback win. Grogan directed drives of 69 and 59 yards, culminated by one-yard scoring plunges by Horace Ivory and Sam Cunningham, respectively, to wipe out a 13-0 Miami advantage. Ray Jarvis caught a 15-yard fourth-period touchdown pass from Grogan and Mike Hawkins capped the scoring with a 35-yard interception return. New England moved into sole possession of first place in the AFC East.

Miami	10	3	0	0	-	13
New England	0	7	7	14	-	28

Mia-FG von Schamann 53
 Mia-Hardy 13 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)
 Mia-FG von Schamann 40
 NE -Ivory 1 run (Smith kick)
 NE -Cunningham 1 run (Smith kick)
 NE -Jarvis 15 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 NE -Hawkins 35 interception return (Smith kick)

New York Giants 21, Kansas City 17 Sunday, October 21

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 44,362.

Harry Carson returned a fumble 22 yards for a touchdown with 1:42 remaining to climax New York's comeback victory. The Giants rallied from a 10-0 halftime deficit on touchdowns by Earnest Gray (53-yard pass from Phil Simms) and Billy Taylor (three-yard run). Brian Kelley's jarring tackle on Mike Williams set up Carson's winning score. The Chiefs' Tony Reed rushed for 106 yards.

New York Giants	0	0	14	7	-	21
Kansas City	3	7	0	7	-	17

KC -FG Stenerud 25
 KC -Morgado 1 run (Stenerud kick)
 NYG-Gray 53 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)
 NYG-Taylor 3 run (Danelo kick)
 KC -Marshall 38 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)
 NYG-Carson 22 fumble recovery return (Danelo kick)

New York Jets 28, Oakland 19 Sunday, October 21

At Shea Stadium, attendance 55,802.

Richard Todd threw for three touchdowns and the Jets' defense intercepted five Ken Stabler passes. Interceptions by Greg Buttle, Shafer Suggs, and Johnny Lynn preceded Todd's scoring passes to Wesley Walker (21 and 22 yards) and Mickey Shuler (7 yards). Stabler threw for a career-high 360 yards, including seven completions to Ray Chester, who became the seventh AFC active player with 300 career receptions.

Oakland	0	10	3	6	-	19
New York Jets	7	0	7	14	-	28

NYJ-Walker 21 pass from Todd (Linhart kick)
 Oak -FG Breech 25
 Oak -Chester 25 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)
 NYJ-Walker 22 pass from Todd (Linhart kick)
 Oak -FG Breech 25
 NYJ-Dierking 13 run (Linhart kick)

NYJ-Shuler 7 pass from Todd (Linhart kick)
 Oak -Chester 3 pass from Stabler (kick failed)

Dallas 22, St. Louis 13 Sunday, October 21

At Texas Stadium, attendance 64,300.

Roger Staubach threw two touchdown passes and Tony Dorsett posted his fourth consecutive 100-yard rushing game to help Dallas take sole possession of first place in the NFC East. Staubach's scoring passes of 10 yards each to Billy Joe DuPree and Tony Hill preceded St. Louis rookie Roy Green's record-tying 106-yard kickoff return. Rafael Septien kicked field goals of 29 and 51 yards and the Cowboys' defense added a safety and seven quarterback sacks.

St. Louis	6	7	0	0	-	13
Dallas	3	14	2	3	-	22

Dall-FG Septien 51
 StL -FG Little 51
 StL -FG Little 41
 Dall-DuPree 10 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-Hill 10 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 StL -Green 106 kickoff return (Little kick)
 Dall-Safety, ball kicked through end zone
 Dall-FG Septien 29

San Diego 40, Los Angeles 16 Sunday, October 21

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 64,245.

Dan Fouts became the seventh player in NFL history to record three straight 300-yard passing games and the Chargers' defense forced eight turnovers as San Diego maintained a one-game edge over Denver in the AFC West. Fouts (17 of 32 for 326 yards) completed scoring passes of 6 yards to Bob Klein and 65 yards to John Jefferson. Hank Bauer added two one-yard scores, Mike Wood kicked two field goals, and Wilbur Young returned a fumble three yards for a touchdown.

San Diego	7	7	17	9	-	40
Los Angeles	7	0	0	9	-	16

SD-Bauer 1 run (Wood kick)
 LA -Tyler 3 run (Corral kick)
 SD-Jefferson 65 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)
 SD-W. Young 3 fumble recovery return (Wood kick)
 SD-FG Wood 37
 SD-Klein 6 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)
 LA -Dennard 31 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 SD-FG Wood 31
 SD-Bauer 1 run (kick blocked)
 LA -Safety, West stepped out of end zone

Washington 17, Philadelphia 7 Sunday, October 21

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,442.

John Riggins rushed for 120 yards to pace the win. Washington opened to a 17-0 lead on touchdowns by Benny Malone (six-yard run) and Joe Theismann (one-yard run) and Mark Moseley's 46-yard field goal. Coy Bacon and Karl Lorch led the Redskins' defensive charge, which sacked Ron Jaworski seven times, intercepted two passes, and held Wilbert Montgomery to 33 yards rushing. Jaworski's 40-yard touchdown pass to Keith Krepfle with 4:17 remaining avoided the shutout.

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

Wash-Malone 6 run (Moseley kick)
 Wash-Theismann 1 run (Moseley kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 46
 Phil -Krepfle 40 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Pittsburgh 42, Denver 7 Monday Night, October 22

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,699.

Franco Harris rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns and Terry

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Bradshaw threw two scoring passes as the Steelers ran off 35 straight points en route to the win. Harris' 56-yard run set up Bradshaw's 11-yard touchdown pass to Lynn Swann in the first quarter. Swann's 65-yard reception preceded Harris' second touchdown, a four-yard run. Sidney Thornton joined the scoring parade with a one-yard run and a 17-yard pass reception. The loss dropped Denver to second place in the AFC West.

Denver	7	0	0	0	-	7
Pittsburgh	7	21	0	14	-	42

Pitt -Swann 11 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Den-Moses 64 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Pitt -Harris 2 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Harris 4 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Thornton 1 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Thornton 17 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt -A. Anderson 10 run (Bahr kick)

NINTH WEEK

Oakland 45, San Diego 22

Thursday, October 25

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 53,709.

Running back Booker Russell scored three one-yard touchdowns and Ira Matthews recorded a club-record 104-yard kickoff return as Oakland won its fifth game. Matthews' kickoff return came after San Diego pulled to within nine points on quarterback Dan Fouts' one-yard touchdown plunge. Fouts (21 of 37 for 303 yards and two touchdowns) became the first NFL passer to record four straight 300-yard games.

San Diego	0	6	16	0	-	22
Oakland	14	10	7	14	-	45

Oak-Chester 34 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Oak-Russell 1 run (Breech kick)

Oak-van Eeghen 4 run (Breech kick)

SD -Jefferson 57 pass from Fouts (kick failed)

Oak-FG Breech 38

SD -FG Wood 28

SD -Fouts 1 run (kick failed)

Oak-Matthews 104 kickoff return (Breech kick)

SD -Klein 7 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)

Oak-Russell 1 run (Breech kick)

Oak-Russell 1 run (Breech kick)

Buffalo 20, Detroit 17

Sunday, October 28

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 61,911.

Buffalo posted 14 points in the fourth quarter to offset a 17-6 deficit and snap a three-game losing streak. Joe Ferguson (17 of 35 for 339 yards and a touchdown) fired a seven-yard scoring strike to tight end Reuben Gant and Curtis Brown rushed for a three-yard touchdown in Buffalo's comeback. The Bills blocked a 42-yard field goal attempt by Benny Ricardo as time expired to preserve the victory.

Buffalo	0	0	6	14	-	20
Detroit	14	0	3	0	-	17

Det -Scott 5 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)

Det -King 11 run (Ricardo kick)

Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 23

Det -FG Ricardo 40

Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 42

Buff-Brown 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-Gant 7 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick)

Chicago 28, San Francisco 27

Sunday, October 28

At Candlestick Park, attendance 42,773.

Mike Phipps threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to James Scott with 1:29 left and Walter Payton rushed for three touchdowns. Payton led all rushers with 162 yards on 23 carries. San Francisco's Steve DeBerg completed 26 of 41 passes for a career-high 348 yards and three touchdowns in a game that had the lead change hands six times.

Chicago 7 7 7 7 - 28

San Francisco 3 14 3 7 - 27

Chi-Payton 6 run (Thomas kick)

SF -FG Wersching 28

SF -Hofer 27 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

Chi-Payton 7 run (Thomas kick)

SF -Solomon 1 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

SF -FG Wersching 19

Chi-Payton 7 run (Thomas kick)

SF -Solomon 6 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

Chi-Scott 48 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

Cleveland 38, St. Louis 20

Sunday, October 28

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 47,845.

Cleveland scored four consecutive touchdowns in the second half to offset a 13-10 deficit and win its sixth game. Pat Moriarty, Cleo Miller, and Dino Hall registered scoring runs (1, 39, and 52 yards respectively) and wide receiver Dave Logan caught a six-yard scoring reception to give the Browns a 25-point advantage. The Browns' Brian Sipe completed 20 of 28 passes for 208 yards.

Cleveland	10	0	7	21	-	38
St. Louis	6	7	0	7	-	20

StL-Neils 72 fumble recovery return (kick blocked)

Cle-M. Pruitt 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 51

StL-Anderson 3 run (Parris pass from Wehrl)

Cle-Moriarty 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Logan 6 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-C. Miller 39 run (Cockroft kick)

Cle-D. Hall 52 run (Cockroft kick)

StL-Tilley 24 pass from Pisarkiewicz (Little kick)

Pittsburgh 14, Dallas 3

Sunday, October 28

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,199.

Franco Harris gained 102 yards on 18 carries and scored twice to lead Pittsburgh. Harris, who recorded his thirty-third career 100-yard game, scored on runs of 1 and 48 yards. The Steelers' defense held the Cowboys to their lowest point total in seven years.

Dallas	0	3	0	0	-	3
Pittsburgh	0	7	7	0	-	14

Pitt -Harris 1 run (Bahr kick)

Dall-FG Septien 32

Pitt -Harris 48 run (Bahr kick)

Miami 27, Green Bay 7

Sunday, October 28

At Orange Bowl, attendance 47,741.

Bob Griese completed 18 of 27 passes for 287 yards and a touchdown as Miami earned a share of first place in the AFC East. The Dolphins built a 20-0 lead on Griese's 37-yard pass to Duriel Harris, two Uwe von Schamann field goals (26 and 36 yards), and a seven-yard run by Larry Csonka. Harris caught 10 passes for 180 yards, both club records.

Green Bay	0	0	7	0	-	7
Miami	0	13	14	0	-	27

Mia-Harris 37 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Mia-FG von Schamann 26

Mia-FG von Schamann 36

Mia-Csonka 7 run (von Schamann kick)

GB-Coffman 78 pass from Whitehurst (Marcol kick)

Mia-Bulaich 1 run (von Schamann kick)

Denver 20, Kansas City 3

Sunday, October 28

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,908.

Craig Morton completed 20 of 32 passes for 254 yards and two touchdowns as Denver moved into a first-place tie with San Diego in the AFC West.

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Morton fired scoring strikes to Jim Jensen (25 yards) and Rick Upchurch (32 yards) as the Broncos defeated the Chiefs for the eighth straight time. Denver's Jim Turner became the second NFL player (with George Blanda) to record over 1,400 career points.

Kansas City	0	0	3	0	-	3
Denver	7	7	6	0	-	20

Den-Jensen 25 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den-Upchurch 5 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den-Upchurch 32 pass from Keyworth (kick failed)
 KC -FG Stenerud 27

Baltimore 31, New England 26 Sunday, October 28

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 41,029.

Baltimore won its third game as Joe Washington scored three times. Washington's final tally, a 12-yard run with 4:51 remaining, came after Steve Grogan had given New England a 26-24 advantage on an eight-yard touchdown burst. Grogan (15 of 36 for a career-high 317 yard and two touchdowns) hit Stanley Morgan (five catches for 151 yards) twice with touchdown passes (27 and 56 yards).

New England	13	0	6	7	-	26
Baltimore	14	3	7	7	-	31

Balt-Washington 8 run (Mike-Mayer run)
 NE -Morgan 56 pass from Grogan (kick failed)
 Balt-Hardeman 4 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 NE -Morgan 27 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 Balt-FG Mike-Mayer 37
 Balt-Washington 7 pass from Jones (Mike-Mayer kick)
 NE -FG Smith 42
 NE -FG Smith 39
 NE -Grogan 8 run (Smith kick)
 Balt-Washington 12 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

New Orleans 14, Washington 10 Sunday, October 28

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 53,133.

Wes Chandler registered a 45-yard touchdown catch and helped set up another score as New Orleans downed Washington. Tony Galbreath's two-yard run capped a 75-yard, 13-play drive, which included a key 19-yard reception by Chandler. The Saints' defense recorded seven sacks and stopped the Redskins 18 times in goal-to-goal situations.

New Orleans	7	7	0	0	-	14
Washington	3	7	0	0	-	10

NO -Chandler 45 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 18
 NO -Galbreath 2 run (Yepremian kick)
 Wash-Theismann 1 run (Moseley kick)

New York Giants 20, Los Angeles 14 Sunday, October 28

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 43,376.

Phil Simms passed for two touchdowns and Joe Danelo booted a pair of field goals as the Giants won their fourth straight game. Danelo's 49- and 31-yard field goals were sandwiched around a 19-yard touchdown toss from Simms to Gary Sherk. An alert Giants defense recorded four interceptions.

New York Giants	3	7	3	7	-	20
Los Angeles	0	0	7	7	-	14

NYG-FG Danelo 49
 NYG-Sherk 19 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)
 NYG-FG Danelo 31
 LA -E. Hill 21 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 NYG-Perkins 14 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)
 LA -Dennard 3 pass from Haden (Corral kick)

Houston 27, New York Jets 24 (OT) Sunday, October 28

At Astrodome, attendance 45,825.

Toni Fritsch kicked his second game-winning field goal of 1979, a 35-yarder

after 5:10 of overtime, to propel Houston past New York. The Oilers built a 14-point lead in the third quarter on short scoring runs by Rob Carpenter (one yard) and Earl Campbell (four yards), a reception by Mike Barber (37 yards), and Fritsch's 47-yard field goal. The Jets forced the game into overtime on Richard Todd's one-yard plunge with 55 seconds left.

New York Jets	7	3	0	14	0	-	24
Houston	0	17	7	0	3	-	27

NYJ-Walker 39 pass from Todd (Linhart kick)
 Hou -FG Fritsch 47
 NYJ-FG Linhart 31
 Hou -Carpenter 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou -Campbell 4 run (Fritsch kick)
 Hou -Barber 37 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 NYJ-Barkum 18 pass from Todd (Linhart kick)
 NYJ-Todd 1 run (Linhart kick)
 Hou -FG Fritsch 35

Cincinnati 37, Philadelphia 13 Sunday, October 28

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 42,036.

Quarterback Ken Anderson passed for two scores and the Bengals' defense forced four turnovers as Cincinnati won its second game. Jim Browner's 15-yard interception return preceded a 15-yard scoring strike from Anderson to Pete Johnson and a fumble recovery by Dick Jauron set up Archie Griffin's four-yard touchdown catch. Cincinnati's 37 points were the most by an Eagles opponent in coach Dick Vermeil's four years at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia	3	0	3	7	-	13
Cincinnati	17	7	10	3	-	37

Cin-Johnson 15 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Cin-FG Bahr 24
 Phil-FG Franklin 50
 Cin-Griffin 4 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Cin-Anderson 6 run (Bahr kick)
 Phil-FG Franklin 39
 Cin-FG Bahr 24
 Cin-Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin-FG Bahr 43
 Phil-Carmichael 8 pass from Walton (Franklin kick)

Tampa Bay 12, Minnesota 10 Sunday, October 28

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,906.

Neil O'Donoghue booted field goals of 22 and 44 yards and Ricky Bell scored on a two-yard run as Tampa Bay increased its NFC Central lead to three games. Bell, who established a club single-season rushing record, picked up 75 yards on 19 carries. The Buccaneers' Doug Williams completed 12 of 25 passes for 267 yards, but did not throw a touchdown pass for the first time in nine games.

Tampa Bay	3	0	3	6	-	12
Minnesota	0	10	0	0	-	10

TB -FG O'Donoghue 22
 Minn-FG Danmeier 28
 Minn-Voigt 2 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
 TB -FG O'Donoghue 44
 TB -Bell 2 run (kick failed)

Seattle 31, Atlanta 29 Monday Night, October 29

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 52,566.

Trailing 14-0 in the second quarter, Seattle tallied three times for the victory in its first Monday night game. Jim Zorn rushed for one touchdown (34 yards), passed for another (four yards to Sherman Smith), and Dan Doornink scored on an eight-yard run to give the Seahawks a 21-14 halftime lead. Seattle cornerback Dave Brown's second interception - in the end zone with 35 seconds remaining - helped preserve the victory.

Seattle	0	21	3	7	-	31
Atlanta	7	7	0	14	-	28

Atl -Cain 35 run (Mazzetti kick)

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Atl -Byas 30 fumble recovery return (Mazzetti kick)
 Sea-Zorn 34 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Smith 4 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Doornink 8 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-FG Herrera 24
 Atl -Ryckman 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
 Sea-Doornink 26 run (Herrera kick)
 Atl -Ryckman 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

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Baltimore 38, Cincinnati 28

Sunday, November 4

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 37,740.

Greg Landry, in relief of Bert Jones, passed for 165 yards and two second-half touchdowns as the Colts defeated the Bengals. At the start of the second half, Landry drove the Colts 75 yards for a touch-down and clinched the game with a 10-yard pass to Reese McCall in the final period.

Cincinnati	0	21	0	7	-	28
Baltimore	7	10	7	14	-	38

Balt-McCall 20 pass from Jones (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Balt-Washington 6 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Cin-Curtis 67 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Cin-Curtis 8 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Cin-Turner 3 run (Bahr kick)
 Balt-FG Mike-Mayer 41
 Balt-McCauley 3 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Balt-McCall 10 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Balt-Brazile 31 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Cin-Curtis 43 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Cleveland 24, Philadelphia 19

Sunday, November 4

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 69,019.

Mike Pruitt's 24-yard touchdown run with 55 seconds left gave Cleveland the victory. Cleveland trailed 19-10 with 3:21 remaining, but closed the deficit to two points on Brian Sipe's five-yard pass to Ozzie Newsome. Cleveland's final drive started at its 29 yard line with less than two minutes in the game. Pruitt ran for 104 yards on 17 carries. Philadelphia's Wilbert Montgomery gained 197 yards on 30 carries. Harold Carmichael set an NFL record by catching at least one pass in his 106th consecutive game.

Cleveland	7	3	0	14	-	24
Philadelphia	6	7	6	0	-	19

Phil-Carmichael 19 pass from Jaworski (kick failed)
 Cle-Rucker 21 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 39
 Phil-Montgomery 52 run (Franklin kick)
 Phil-FG Franklin 42
 Phil-FG Franklin 39
 Cle-Newsome 5 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Pruitt 24 run (Cockroft kick)

Dallas 16, New York Giants 14

Sunday, November 4

At Giants Stadium, attendance 76,490.

Rafael Septien's 22-yard field goal with three seconds left in the game gave Dallas a come-from-behind win. Dallas trailed 14-6 with 2:26 remaining when Roger Staubach hit Drew Pearson with a 32-yard touchdown pass. Dallas started the winning drive at its 9 yard line with 1:49 left to play.

Dallas	3	0	3	10	-	16
New York Giants	0	7	0	7	-	14

Dall -FG Septien 26
 NYG-Perkins 32 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)
 Dall -FG Septien 37
 NYG-Taylor 23 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)
 Dall -Pearson 32 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall -FG Septien 22

Chicago 35, Detroit 7

Sunday, November 4

At Soldier Field, attendance 50,108.

Walter Payton ran for two touchdowns as Chicago beat Detroit. Leading 14-7 at halftime, Chicago extended its advantage in the third quarter when Steve Schubert returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown. Terry Schmidt gave the Bears a 28-7 lead 52 seconds later when he returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown. In addition to his two touchdowns, Payton gained 113 yards on 22 carries to remain the NFL's leading rusher.

Detroit	0	7	0	0	-	7
Chicago	7	7	14	7	-	35

Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)
 Det-Norris 4 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)
 Chi-Baschnagel 14 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)
 Chi-Schubert 77 punt return (Thomas kick)
 Chi-Schmidt 20 interception return (Thomas kick)
 Chi-Payton 5 run (Thomas kick)

Los Angeles 24, Seattle 0

Sunday, November 4

At Kingdome, attendance 62,048.

The Los Angeles defense held Seattle to an NFL-record minus seven yards, recorded six sacks, and set a club record by allowing only one first down. Quarterback Pat Haden completed 17 of 21 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns as the Rams gained 475 yards total offense. The victory halted a three-game losing streak and enabled Los Angeles to move into a first-place tie with New Orleans in the NFC West.

Los Angeles	14	7	3	0	-	24
Seattle	0	0	0	0	-	0

LA-Tyler 3 run (Corral kick)
 LA-Young 1 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 LA-D. Hill 17 pass from Haden (Corral kick)
 LA-FG Corral 23

St. Louis 37, Minnesota 7

Sunday, November 4

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 47,213.

Rookie Ottis Anderson rushed 25 times for 164 yards to boost his season total to 1,000 yards. It was his fifth 100-yard rushing effort of the season. The Cardinals limited the Vikings to 70 yards on the ground, while the Cardinals' backfield combined for a club record 325 yards rushing.

Minnesota	0	7	0	0	-	7
St. Louis	3	7	14	13	-	37

StL -FG Little 42
 StL -Anderson 34 run (Little kick)
 Minn-S. White 14 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
 StL -Wehrli 9 interception return (Little kick)
 StL -Anderson 8 pass from Hart (Little kick)
 StL -Morris 1 run (kick failed)
 StL -Phillips 16 run (Little kick)

New England 26, Buffalo 6

Sunday, November 4

At Rich Stadium, attendance 67,935.

Steve Grogan had three touchdown passes in the Patriots' win. New England broke a 6-6 tie with a 10-point third quarter (John Smith's 33-yard field goal and a 63-yard touchdown pass from Grogan to Stanley Morgan). In the fourth quarter, Grogan hit Morgan with a 34-yard scoring pass and Smith added a 37-yard field goal. Grogan had his best passing day of the season, hitting 19 of 35 passes for 350 yards, while the Patriots' defense recovered three fumbles, intercepted two passes, and registered seven sacks.

New England	0	6	10	10	-	26
Buffalo	6	0	0	0	-	6

Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 39
 Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 40
 NE -Ivory 6 pass from Grogan (kick failed)
 NE -FG Smith 33
 NE -Morgan 63 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

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NE -Morgan 34 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
NE -FG Smith 37

Denver 10, New Orleans 3

Sunday, November 4

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,482.

Craig Morton's 12-yard touchdown pass to Rick Upchurch gave Denver the victory. Jim Turner's 28-yard field goal in the first quarter provided Denver with a 3-0 lead. Garo Yepremian tied the score in the third quarter with a 20-yard field goal. The Broncos' touchdown came with 12:26 left in the game on a 76-yard, 17-play drive. Denver remained tied with San Diego for first in the AFC West, while New Orleans slipped into a tie for first in the NFC West with Los Angeles.

New Orleans	0	0	3	0	-	3
Denver	3	0	0	7	-	10

Den-FG Turner 28

NO -FG Yepremian 20

Den-Upchurch 12 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

New York Jets 27, Green Bay 22

Sunday, November 4

At Lambeau Field, attendance 54,201.

The Jets, with the number one rushing offense in the NFL, ground out 246 yards en route to a 27-22 victory. Clark Gaines was the Jets' leading rusher with 125 yards on 16 carries. Richard Todd complemented the Jets' running attack by completing 8 of 16 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns.

New York Jets	0	21	3	3	-	27
Green Bay	6	9	7	0	-	22

GB -Whitehurst 2 run (kick failed)

GB -FG Anderson 39

NYJ-Long 1 run (Linhart kick)

NYJ-Barkum 32 pass from Todd (Linhart kick)

GB -A. Thompson 100 yard kickoff return (kick failed)

NYJ-Harper 6 pass from Todd (Linhart kick)

NYJ-FG Linhart 24

GB -Torkelson 2 run (Anderson kick)

NYJ-FG Linhart 39

San Diego 20, Kansas City 14

Sunday, November 4

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 59,353.

Glen Edwards recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass to boost San Diego over Kansas City. San Diego held a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter, but Steve Fuller's 18-yard touchdown scramble cut the advantage to 13-7. San Diego ensured the victory on its next possession when Mike Williams' five-yard run capped a 14-play, 73-yard drive. San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts tied a club record by completing 28 of 44 passes for 236 yards and a touchdown.

San Diego	10	0	3	7	-	20
Kansas City	0	0	0	14	-	14

SD-Jefferson 13 pass from Fouts (Woods kick)

SD-FG Wood 31

SD-FG Wood 26

KC-Fuller 18 run (Stenerud kick)

SD-Williams 5 run (Wood kick)

KC-Smith 24 pass from Fuller (Stenerud kick)

Oakland 23, San Francisco 10

Sunday, November 4

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,764.

Ken Stabler threw two touchdown passes and Mark van Eeghen ran for a score as Oakland defeated its Bay area rival. Oakland had a 9-0 lead, but Ray Wersching's 39-yard field goal and Phil Francis' five-yard run gave the 49ers a 10-9 second-quarter advantage. Van Eeghen's one-yard run capped a 77-yard drive that put the Raiders ahead for good in the closing minutes of the half. The lone score after intermission came in the third quarter on a Stabler-to-Clifford Branch touchdown pass of eight yards.

San Francisco	0	10	0	0	-	10
Oakland	9	7	7	0	-	23

Oak-FG Breech 18

Oak-Branch 9 pass from Stabler (kick failed)

SF -FG Wersching 39

SF -Francis 5 run (Wersching kick)

Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (Breech kick)

Oak-Branch 8 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Atlanta 17, Tampa Bay 14

Sunday, November 4

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 55,150.

Atlanta scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to edge Tampa Bay. Rick Byas recovered a fumble at the Tampa Bay 28; seven plays later Steve Bartkowski hit Jim Mitchell with a four-yard pass that gave the Falcons a 10-7 fourth-quarter lead. Atlanta secured the victory with 1:22 left in the game on Bubba Bean's 60-yard touchdown run. Tampa Bay scored with 22 seconds left in the game on Doug Williams' 12-yard pass to Jimmie Giles.

Tampa Bay	7	0	0	7	-	14
Atlanta	0	3	0	14	-	17

TB-Bell 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)

Atl-FG Mazzetti 30

Atl-Mitchell 4 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Atl-Bean 60 run (Mazzetti kick)

TB-Giles 12 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Pittsburgh 38, Washington 7

Sunday, November 4

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,462.

Terry Bradshaw threw four touchdown passes as Pittsburgh extended its home winning streak to 11 games. Bradshaw played in just over two quarters and completed 15 of 27 passes for a personal record 311 yards. John Stallworth was the leading receiver with six receptions for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Franco Harris gained 62 yards on 15 carries to become the fifth player in NFL history to gain over 8,000 career yards.

Washington	0	7	0	0	-	7
Pittsburgh	7	17	7	7	-	38

Pitt -Stallworth 11 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Wash-Riggins 4 run (Moseley kick)

Pitt -FG Bahr 21

Pitt -Cunningham 16 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Grossman 4 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Stallworth 65 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Moser 2 run (Bahr kick)

Houston 9, Miami 6

Monday Night, November 5

At Orange Bowl, attendance 72,073.

Toni Fritsch kicked three field goals to lead Houston over Miami. Miami took a 3-0 lead on Uwe von Schamann's 32-yard field goal. Fritsch then kicked three straight field goals before von Schamann's 51-yarder trimmed the Oilers' lead to 9-6. The Houston defense had two fumble recoveries and two interceptions. Earl Campbell remained the AFC's leading rusher by gaining 121 yards on 32 carries.

Houston	0	3	6	0	-	9
Miami	3	0	0	3	-	6

Mia -FG von Schamann 32

Hou-FG Fritsch 46

Hou-FG Fritsch 48

Hou-FG Fritsch 39

Mia -FG von Schamann 51

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New York Giants 24, Atlanta 3

Sunday, November 11

At Giants Stadium, attendance 60,860.

Terry Jackson returned a blocked punt 47 yards for one score and Phil

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Simms hit Gary Shirk on a 35-yard pass for another to give the Giants their fifth win in their last six games. Doug Kotar was the Giants' leading rusher with 52 yards on 16 carries, while Alfred Jenkins led Falcons receivers with 105 yards on six catches.

Atlanta	0	0	3	0	-	3
New York Giants	0	10	7	7	-	24

NYG-T. Jackson 47 blocked punt return (Danelo kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 42

All -FG Mazzetti 23

NYG-Taylor 1 run (Danelo kick)

NYG-Shirk 35 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)

Miami 19, Baltimore 0

Sunday, November 11

At Orange Bowl, attendance 50,193.

Bob Griese hit Nat Moore with touchdown passes of 14 and 18 yards and Vern Den Herder had four sacks as the Dolphins defeated the Colts. It was the fourth time this season that Miami had held its opponent without a touchdown.

Baltimore	0	0	0	0	-	0
Miami	7	6	3	3	-	19

Mia-Moore 18 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Mia-Moore 14 pass from Griese (kick failed)

Mia-FG von Schamann 32

Mia-FG von Schamann 22

Buffalo 14, New York Jets 12

Sunday, November 11

At Shea Stadium, attendance 50,647.

Joe Ferguson completed 11 of 17 passes and a stingy Bills defense held the Jets, the leading rushing team in the NFL, to 67 yards on the ground. Terry Miller ran for 81 yards and Curtis Brown added 51 as the Bills outrushed the Jets 138-67.

Buffalo	0	7	0	7	-	14
New York Jets	0	6	0	6	-	12

Buff -Collier 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

NYJ-Long 1 run (kick failed)

Buff -Brown 30 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick)

NYJ-Jones 11 pass from Todd (kick failed)

Chicago 27, Los Angeles 23

Sunday, November 11

At Soldier Field, attendance 51,483.

Walter Payton ran two yards for a touchdown with 1:12 left in the game to give the Bears a come-from-behind victory. Payton's decisive score was set up by Virgil Livers' interception of Jeff Rutledge's pass. The Rams' Wendell Tyler was the game's leading rusher with 129 yards on 17 carries.

Los Angeles	9	7	7	0	-	23
Chicago	0	7	7	13	-	27

LA -FG Corral 27

LA -Jodat 13 blocked punt return (kick failed)

LA -Nelson 18 pass from Rutledge (Corral kick)

Chi-Williams 7 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

Chi-Watts 68 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

LA -Tyler 63 run (Corral kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 38

Chi-FG Thomas 35

Chi-Payton 2 run (Thomas kick)

Green Bay 19, Minnesota 7

Sunday, November 11

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 52,706.

David Whitehurst threw two touchdown passes and Terrell Middleton gained 135 yards on 27 carries to give Bart Starr his first coaching victory over the Vikings. Middleton's rushing effort was his best since the previous season, when he gained 148 yards against the Lions.

Minnesota	0	0	0	7	-	7
Green Bay	7	6	0	6	-	19

GB -A. Thompson 23 pass from Whitehurst (Birney kick)

GB -Butler 70 fumble recovery return (kick blocked)

GB -Middleton 5 pass from Whitehurst (kick blocked)

Minn-Tucker 3 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Denver 45, New England 10

Sunday, November 11

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,379.

Craig Morton completed 12 of 13 passes, including touchdowns of 7 yards to Haven Moses and 28 yards to Rick Upchurch as the Broncos built an insurmountable 38-7 halftime lead. The victory boosted the Broncos' record to 8-3 and kept them tied with San Diego for the AFC West lead.

New England	0	7	3	0	-	10
Denver	24	14	0	7	-	45

Den-Carter 2 fumble recovery return (Turner kick)

Den-FG Turner 49

Den-Lytle 2 run (Turner kick)

Den-Moses 7 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

NE -Cunningham 2 run (Smith kick)

Den-Upchurch 28 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Den-Nairne 22 blocked punt return (Turner kick)

NE -FG Smith 42

Den-Lytle 3 run (Turner kick)

Pittsburgh 30, Kansas City 3

Sunday, November 11

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 70,132.

The Steelers boosted their record to 9-2, best in the NFL, on Terry Bradshaw's three touchdown passes and three field goals by Matt Bahr. Bradshaw, who completed 17 of 29 passes for 232 yards, got the Steelers rolling on their first possession when he hit John Stallworth with a 26-yard scoring pass.

Pittsburgh	10	10	0	10	-	30
Kansas City	0	0	3	0	-	3

Pitt-Stallworth 26 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt-FG Bahr 31

Pitt-Swann 16 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt-FG Bahr 20

KC-FG Stenerud 42

Pitt-FG Bahr 37

Pitt-Brown 1 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Houston 31, Oakland 17

Sunday, November 11

At Astrodome, attendance 48,000.

Dan Pastorini threw touchdown passes of 35 and 55 yards to Ken Burrough and Earl Campbell rushed for 107 yards to go over 1,000-yard mark for the second straight year as the Oilers downed the Raiders. Houston's Tim Wilson scored on a seven-yard run following Mike Reinfeldt's tenth interception of the season to break a 14-14 deadlock and give the Oilers the lead for good.

Oakland	7	7	0	3	-	17
Houston	7	7	14	3	-	31

Hou-Campbell 1 run (Fritsch kick)

Oak-Chester 23 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Hou-Burrough 55 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Oak-Casper 3 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Hou-Wilson 7 run (Fritsch kick)

Hou-Burrough 35 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Oak-FG Breech 32

Hou-FG Fritsch 51

Washington 30, St. Louis 28

Sunday, November 11

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 50,868.

Mark Moseley kicked a 39-yard field goal with 36 seconds to play to give the Redskins a 30-28 win after St. Louis had scored three touchdowns in the final period to take a one-point lead. Moseley also had field goals of 27 and

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46 yards and ran his string of consecutive extra points to 52. Joe Theismann completed 16 of 28 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns. St. Louis' Ottis Anderson gained 105 yards on the ground for his sixth 100-yard game a season.

St. Louis	7	0	0	21	-	28
Washington	7	10	3	10	-	30

Wash-Riggins 7 run (Moseley kick)
 StL -Brown 1 run (Little kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 46
 Wash-Thompson 8 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 27
 Wash-Riggins 4 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 StL -Morris 2 run (Little kick)
 StL -Brown 1 run (Little kick)
 StL -Anderson 21 pass from Hart (Little kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 39

San Diego 26, Cincinnati 24 Sunday, November 11

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 40,782.

Mike Wood kicked four field goals, including a 32-yarder with 19 seconds left, to give the Chargers the victory. In addition to his game-winning kick, Wood had field goals of 22, 34, and 42 yards.

San Diego	0	13	3	10	-	26
Cincinnati	14	0	0	10	-	24

Cin-Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin-R. Griffin 96 interception return (Bahr kick)
 SD-FG Wood 22
 SD-Joiner 4 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)
 SD-FG Wood 42
 SD-FG Wood 34
 Cin-Johnson 2 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin-FG Bahr 28
 SD-Owens 32 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)
 SD-FG Wood 32

New Orleans 31, San Francisco 20 Sunday, November 11

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 65,551.

Chuck Muncie ran for 117 yards and three touchdowns to give the Saints undisputed possession of first place in the NFC West. The Saints, who scored on four of their first five possessions, rushed for 215 yards and passed for 153. The 49ers' Paul Hofer was the game's leading rusher with 147 yards on 17 carries.

San Francisco	0	3	10	7	-	20
New Orleans	17	7	7	0	-	31

NO-FG Yepremian 42
 NO-Muncie 2 run (Yepremian kick)
 NO-Muncie 12 run (Yepremian kick)
 SF -FG Wersching 32
 NO-Muncie 1 run (Yepremian kick)
 SF -FG Wersching 47
 SF -MacAfee 4 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
 NO-Galbreath 4 run (Yepremian kick)
 SF -Hofer 1 run (Wersching kick)

Seattle 29, Cleveland 24 Sunday, November 11

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 72,440.

Sherman Smith showed his versatility by scoring three touchdowns, catching two passes for 14 yards, and completing one for 11 yards as the Seahawks downed the Browns. Held to minus seven yards against the Los Angeles Rams the previous week, the Seahawks amassed 427 yards total offense and 24 first downs. Mike Pruitt led all rushers with 141 yards on 15 carries.

Seattle	7	9	0	13	-	29
Cleveland	0	3	14	7	-	24

Sea-S. Smith 5 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-S. Smith 2 run (kick failed)
 Sea-FG Herrera 34

Cle -FG Cockroft 28
 Cle -M. Pruitt 65 run (Cockroft kick)
 Cle -M. Pruitt 1 run (Cockroft kick)
 Sea-Hunter 5 run (kick failed)
 Sea-S. Smith 2 run (Herrera kick)
 Cle -Sipe 3 run (Cockroft kick)

Tampa Bay 16, Detroit 14 Sunday, November 11

At Silverdome, attendance 70,461.

Dana Nafziger recovered a fumble and two plays later Doug Williams threw a 23-yard scoring strike to Larry Mucker to give the Buccaneers a come-from-behind victory. Neil O'Donoghue kept the Buccaneers in the game with field goals of 28, 32, and 39 yards.

Tampa Bay	0	3	3	10	-	16
Detroit	7	0	7	0	-	14

Det-Robinson 7 run (Ricardo kick)
 TB -FG O'Donoghue 32
 TB -FG O'Donoghue 39
 Det-Scott 14 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)
 TB -FG O'Donoghue 28
 TB -Mucker 23 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Philadelphia 31, Dallas 21 Monday Night, November 12

At Texas Stadium, attendance 62,417.

The Eagles jumped to a 24-7 lead but had to withstand a Dallas rally led by Roger Staubach, who threw two touchdown passes in the final six minutes. The game marked the NFL record 107th straight game in which Harold Carmichael caught at least one pass. Wilbert Montgomery rushed for 126 yards to go over the 1,000-yard mark for the second straight season. Tony Franklin's 59-yard field goal was the second longest in NFL history, just four yards short of Tom Dempsey's record.

Philadelphia	7	10	7	7	-	31
Dallas	7	0	0	14	-	21

Dall-Hill 48 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Phil-Carmichael 32 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)
 Phil-C. Smith 29 pass from Walton (Franklin kick)
 Phil-FG Franklin 59
 Phil-Carmichael 13 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)
 Dall-Hill 75 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall-DuPree 5 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Phil-Montgomery 37 run (Franklin kick)

TWELFTH WEEK

New England 50, Baltimore 21 Sunday, November 18

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,879.

New England scored a team-record 27 points in the second quarter to offset an early 7-6 deficit and earn sole possession of first place in the AFC East. Don Calhoun's one-yard touchdown plunge, a five-yard pass from Steve Grogan to Harold Jackson, and Rick Sanford's eight-yard return of a blocked punt helped the Patriots built a 33-7 halftime lead. Horace Ivory (12 carries for 116 yards) registered New England's first 100-yard rushing effort of the year.

Baltimore	7	0	7	7	-	21
New England	6	27	10	7	-	50

NE -Morgan 25 pass from Grogan (kick failed)
 Balt-McCauley 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 NE -Calhoun 1 run (Smith kick)
 NE -Jackson 5 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 NE -Sanford 8 blocked punt return (Smith kick)
 NE -FG Smith 24
 NE -FG Smith 29
 NE -Morgan 80 punt return (Smith kick)
 NE -FG Smith 42
 Balt-Glasgow 75 punt return (Mike-Mayer kick)

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NE -Clark 15 run (Smith kick)
Balt-Doughty 10 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

Houston 42, Cincinnati 21 Sunday, November 18 At Astrodome, attendance 49,829.

Earl Campbell picked up 112 yards on 19 carries and scored twice to lead Houston into a share of first place in the AFC Central. Campbell, who recorded his seventh 100-yard game of the season, scored on runs of 2 and 13 yards. Gifford Nielsen (10 of 16 for 140 yards and a touchdown) relieved Oilers starter Dan Pastorini (10 of 14 for 182 yards and one touchdown), who suffered an eye injury in the second period.

Cincinnati	0	7	7	7	-	21
Houston	7	28	0	7	-	42

Hou-Campbell 2 run (Fritsch kick)
Hou-Carpenter 3 run (Fritsch kick)
Cin -Johnson 35 run (Bahr kick)
Hou-Barber 17 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
Hou-Campbell 13 run (Fritsch kick)
Hou-Wilson 1 run (Fritsch kick)
Cin -Bass 12 pass from Thompson (Bahr kick)
Cin -Thompson 13 run (Bahr kick)
Hou-Carpenter 7 pass from Nielsen (Fritsch kick)

Washington 34, Dallas 20 Sunday, November 18

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

Joe Theismann completed 15 of 24 passes for 210 yards and three touchdowns as the Redskins moved into a first place tie in the NFC East with Dallas and Philadelphia. Theismann threw touchdown passes of 4 yards to John McDaniel, 10 yards to Clarence Harmon, and 11 yards to Ricky Thompson. The Redskins' defense forced five turnovers and recorded six sacks.

Dallas	0	3	3	14	-	20
Washington	7	7	10	10	-	34

Wash-McDaniel 4 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Dall -FG Septien 34
Wash-Riggins 3 run (Moseley kick)
Dall -FG Septien 37
Wash-Harmon 10 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Wash-FG Moseley 46
Dall -D. Pearson 19 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
Wash-Thompson 11 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Dall -D. Pearson 9 pass from White (Septien kick)
Wash-FG Moseley 45

Denver 38, San Francisco 28 Sunday, November 18

At Candlestick Park, attendance 42,910.

Craig Morton completed 19 of 34 passes for 225 yards and three touchdowns to help Denver down San Francisco. Morton tossed scoring passes to Riley Odoms (9 yards), Otis Armstrong (12 yards), and Rick Upchurch (13 yards) as the Broncos won their fourth straight game. Denver's Jim Turner became the second NFL player (with George Blanda) to kick 300 career field goals.

Denver	3	14	21	0	-	38
San Francisco	0	21	0	7	-	28

Den-FG Turner 32
SF -Hofer 1 run (Wersching kick)
Den-Upchurch 13 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
SF -Owens 85 kickoff return (Wersching kick)
SF -Jackson 1 run (Wersching kick)
Den-Armstrong 12 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
Den-Keyworth 5 run (Turner kick)
Den-Odoms 9 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
Den-Swenson 88 fumble recovery return (Turner kick)
SF -Bruer 16 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)

Minnesota 14, Detroit 7 Sunday, November 18

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 43,650.

Rickey Young scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to help Minnesota snap a three-game losing streak. Young tallied on runs of 2 and 23 yards. His second touchdown was set up by Matt Blair's fumble recovery at Detroit's 39 yard line. The Vikings' Chuck Foreman gained 16 yards on six carries and moved into seventeenth place on the all-time NFL rushing list.

Detroit	0	7	0	0	-	7
Minnesota	0	0	14	0	-	14

Det -Komlo 13 run (Ricardo kick)
Minn-Young 23 run (Danmeier kick)
Minn-Young 2 run (Danmeier kick)

Buffalo 19, Green Bay 12 Sunday, November 18

At Rich Stadium, attendance 39,679.

Mike Collier scored on a one-yard plunge and Nick Mike-Mayer kicked four field goals as Buffalo won its sixth game. Collier's touchdown capped an 81-yard drive in the fourth quarter after Mike-Mayer's fourth field goal, a 32-yarder in the third quarter, tied the score, Mario Clark and Charles Romes each had interceptions to thwart late Packers drives.

Green Bay	3	9	0	0	-	12
Buffalo	3	3	6	7	-	19

GB -FG Birney 25
Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 37
Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 34
GB -Lofton 34 pass from Whitehurst (kick failed)
GB -FG Birney 32
Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 31
Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 32
Buff-Collier 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Kansas City 24, Oakland 21 Sunday, November 18

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 53,596.

Kansas City built a 24-7 lead in the third quarter and won their first game in Oakland since 1969. Henry Marshall scored on a 23-yard double reverse and Tony Samuels recovered a fumble in the end zone to give Kansas City the 24-7 advantage. The Raiders had a chance to tie the game, but Jim Breech missed an 18-yard field goal attempt with five seconds remaining.

Kansas City	7	3	14	0	-	24
Oakland	0	7	7	7	-	21

KC -Belton 3 run (Stenerud kick)
KC -FG Stenerud 41
Oak-van Eeghen 2 run (Breech kick)
KC -Samuels recovered fumble in end zone (Stenerud kick)
KC -Marshall 23 run (Stenerud kick)
Oak-Ramsey 16 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)
Oak-Branch 3 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Cleveland 30, Miami 24 (OT) Sunday, November 18

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 80,374.

Brian Sipe tossed a 39-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Rucker after 1:59 of overtime to give Cleveland the victory. Sipe (23 of 42 for a career-high 358 yards and three touchdowns) tied the game with 1:24 left on a 34-yard scoring pass to Ozzie Newsome. The Browns became the first NFL team to record five overtime victories.

Miami	0	3	7	14	0	-	24
Cleveland	7	0	10	7	6	-	30

Cle-Moriarty 2 run (Cockroft kick)
Mia-FG von Schamann 38
Mia-Williams 9 run (von Schamann kick)
Cle-Newsome 14 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
Cle-FG Cockroft 43
Mia-Hardy 2 pass from Strock (von Schamann kick)
Mia-Williams 4 pass from Strock (von Schamann kick)

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Cle-Newsome 34 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Rucker 39 pass from Sipe (no conversion attempted)

Seattle 38, New Orleans 24

Sunday, November 18

At Kingdome, attendance 60,055.

Jim Zorn completed 24 of 33 passes for a club-record 284 yards and four touchdowns as Seattle evened its record at 6-6. Zorn's 35-yard touchdown to Steve Largent (nine catches for 146 yards, both club records) broke a 24-24 tie in the fourth quarter. Zorn joined Joe Namath and Norm Snead as the only passers in NFL history to pass for 10,000 yards in their first four years.

New Orleans	7	7	3	7	-	24
Seattle	7	17	0	14	-	38

NO-Manning 4 run (Yepremian kick)

Sea-McCullum 51 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea-FG Herrera 27

Sea-Largent 39 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

NO-Chandler 4 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

Sea-Doornink 2 run (Herrera kick)

NO-FG Yepremian 40

NO-Muncie 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Sea-Largent 35 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea-Peets 5 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Tampa Bay 31, New York Giants 3

Sunday, November 18

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 70,261.

Doug Williams fired two touchdown passes and Ricky Bell rushed 22 times for 152 yards to help Tampa Bay win its ninth game. Williams (12 of 24 for 176 yards and two touchdowns) hit Larry Mucker with scoring strikes of 10 and 42 yards. David Lewis' 39-yard fumble recovery return gave the Buccaneers a 14-0 halftime lead.

New York Giants	0	0	3	0	-	3
Tampa Bay	0	14	10	7	-	31

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

TB -Lewis 39 fumble recovery return (O'Donoghue kick)

NYG-FG Danelo 21

TB -Mucker 42 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -FG O'Donoghue 40

TB -J. Davis 4 run (O'Donoghue kick)

Chicago 23, New York Jets 13

Sunday, November 18

At Soldier Field, attendance 53,635.

Dave Williams registered two touchdowns as the Bears won their fourth straight game. Williams' first score, a one-yard plunge, was set up by Terry Schmidt's interception, and his second, a six-yard pass from Mike Phipps, gave Chicago a 20-6 advantage. The Jets' Richard Todd (15 of 24 for 202 yards) passed for one score and ran for another.

New York Jets	6	0	0	7	-	13
Chicago	7	7	6	3	-	23

NYJ-Barkum 18 pass from Todd (kick failed)

Chi -Watts 21 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

Chi -Williams 1 run (Thomas kick)

Chi -Williams 6 pass from Phipps (kick failed)

Chi -FG Thomas 24

NYJ-Todd 1 run (Linhart kick)

San Diego 35, Pittsburgh 7

Sunday, November 18

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 52,426.

Woodrow Lowe and Ray Preston recorded two interceptions each to help San Diego win its third straight game. Preston's interceptions preceded a 16-yard touchdown catch by John Jefferson and Bo Matthews' two-yard scoring burst. Lowe's 77-yard return gave the Chargers a 28-7 third-period advantage.

Pittsburgh	0	0	7	0	-	7
San Diego	7	14	7	7	-	35

SD-Jefferson 16 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)

SD-Klein 6 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)

SD-Matthews 2 run (Wood kick)

Pitt-Bleier 2 run (Bahr kick)

SD-Lowe 77 interception return (Wood kick)

SD-Bauer 2 run (Wood kick)

Philadelphia 16, St. Louis 13

Sunday, November 18

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 70,235.

Ron Jaworski fired a 40-yard scoring pass to Keith Krepfle in the fourth quarter to give Philadelphia the victory and a share of first place in the NFC East with Dallas and Washington. St. Louis built a 13-9 third-period advantage on a one-yard touchdown plunge by Wayne Morris. Wilbert Montgomery rushed 26 times for 118 yards as the Eagles gained their first series sweep of the Cardinals since 1971.

St. Louis	0	6	7	0	-	13
Philadelphia	3	3	3	7	-	16

Phil-FG Franklin 23

Phil-FG Franklin 47

StL -Morris 1 run (kick failed)

Phil-FG Franklin 31

StL -Morris 1 run (Little kick)

Phil-Krepfle 40 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Los Angeles 20, Atlanta 14

Monday Night, November 18

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 54,097.

Vince Ferragamo, in his initial NFL start, passed for two touchdowns to help Los Angeles down Atlanta and earn a share of first place in the NFC West. Ferragamo (9 of 22 for 171 yards) fired scoring passes of 29 yards to Preston Dennard and 40 yards to Billy Waddy to give the Rams a 14-0 halftime lead. The Rams' Wendell Tyler rushed 21 times for 111 yards.

Atlanta	0	0	7	7	-	14
Los Angeles	7	7	0	6	-	20

LA-Dennard 29 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

LA-Waddy 40 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

Atl-Francis 15 pass from Jones (Mazzetti kick)

LA-Bryant 11 run (kick failed)

Atl-Francis 33 pass from Jones (Mazzetti kick)

THIRTEENTH WEEK

Detroit 20, Chicago 0

Thursday, November 22

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 66,219.

Two field goals by Benny Ricardo and a strong defensive effort helped Detroit shut out Chicago. Detroit took a 13-0 halftime lead on Ricardo's two field goals (29 and 35 yards) and Jeff Komlo's 22-yard touchdown pass to Leonard Thompson. The second half's only score was Rick Kane's one-yard run. Detroit's defense recorded five sacks, four of them by defensive end Al Baker.

Chicago	0	0	0	0	-	0
Detroit	3	10	0	7	-	20

Det-FG Ricardo 35

Det-FG Ricardo 29

Det-Thompson 22 pass from Komlo (Ricardo kick)

Det-Kane 1 run (Ricardo kick)

Houston 30, Dallas 24

Thursday, November 22

At Texas Stadium, attendance 63,897.

Dan Pastorini's 32-yard touchdown pass to Ken Burrough boosted Houston past state rival Dallas. Roger Staubach threw two touchdown passes and Tony Dorsett ran for one score as Dallas took a 21-17 halftime lead. In the third quarter, Houston regained the lead when Pastorini hit Mike Renfro with a 47-yard touchdown pass. Rafael Septien's 44-yard field goal gave Dallas a 24-23 lead before Pastorini and Burrough combined for the game-winning

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pass. Earl Campbell led all rushers with 195 yards on 33 carries. He had touchdown runs of 27 and 61 yards.

Houston	7	10	6	7	-	30
Dallas	14	7	0	3	-	24

Dall -D. Pearson 56 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Hou-Campbell 61 run (Fritsch kick)

Dall -Newhouse 21 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 27

Dall -Dorsett 1 run (Septien kick)

Hou-Campbell 27 run (Fritsch kick)

Hou-Renfro 47 pass from Pastorini (kick failed)

Dall -FG Septien 44

Hou-Burrough 32 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Buffalo 16, New England 13 (OT)

Sunday, November 25

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,991.

Nick Mike-Mayer's 29-yard field goal after 9:15 of overtime gave the Bills a 16-13 victory. Joe Ferguson, who completed 17 of 33 passes for 235 yards, hit Lou Piccone on an 11-yard touchdown pass with 11 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Buffalo	0	3	3	7	3	-	16
New England	0	3	0	10	0	-	13

NE -FG Smith 47

Buff-FG Mike Mayer 29

Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 26

NE -Grogan 1 run (Smith kick)

NE -FG Smith 32

Buff-Piccone 11 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 29

Pittsburgh 33, Cleveland 30 (OT)

Sunday, November 25

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,773.

Matt Bahr kicked two clutch field goals that enabled Pittsburgh to beat Cleveland. Bahr's third field goal of the day, a 21-yarder with 24 seconds left in regulation time, sent the game into overtime. Terry Bradshaw's 28-yard scramble with nine seconds left in overtime set up Bahr's game winning 37-yard field goal. The victory enabled Pittsburgh to move into a tie for first place with Houston in the AFC Central.

Cleveland	10	10	7	3	0	-	30
Pittsburgh	3	10	0	17	3	-	33

Cle-Newsome 21 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 20

Pitt-FG Bahr 45

Cle-FG Cockroft 32

Pitt-FG Bahr 34

Cle-Logan 16 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Pitt-Harris 2 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Cle-Hill 3 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Bahr kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 40

Pitt-Harris 3 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt-FG Bahr 21

Pitt-FG Bahr 37

San Diego 28, Kansas City 7

Sunday, November 25

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 50,078.

Dan Fouts fired three touchdown passes as San Diego downed Kansas City. Fouts completed 27 of 43 passes for 350 yards, the fifth time this season he has thrown for more than 300 yards. The Chargers' Charlie Joiner was the game's leading receiver, catching nine passes for 123 yards and one touchdown. San Diego's offense gained a season-high 460 yards.

Kansas City	7	0	0	0	-	7
San Diego	7	7	7	7	-	28

KC-M. Williams 8 pass from Fuller (Stenerud kick)

SD-Joiner 29 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)

SD-Jefferson 42 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)

SD-Klein 8 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)

SD-Owens 8 run (Wood kick)

Los Angeles 26, San Francisco 20

Sunday, November 25

At Candlestick Park, attendance 49,282.

Second-half touchdown passes by Vince Ferragamo and Bob Lee enabled Los Angeles to defeat San Francisco. Los Angeles wiped out a 17-13 halftime deficit when Ferragamo and Wendell Tyler combined on a 71-yard touchdown pass. The Rams extended their lead to 26-17 on their next possession when Lee hit Ron Smith with a 30-yard touchdown pass. The defensive play of the game came in the second quarter when the Rams' Sid Justin returned a blocked field goal 80 yards for a touchdown.

Los Angeles	3	10	13	0	-	26
San Francisco	7	10	0	3	-	20

SF-Hofer 2 run (Wersching kick)

LA-FG Corral 23

LA-Justin 80 blocked field goal return (Corral kick)

SF-FG Wersching 43

LA-FG Corral 24

SF-Solomon 38 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

LA-Tyler 71 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

LA-Smith 30 pass from Lee (kick failed)

SF-FG Wersching 19

Miami 28, Baltimore 24

Sunday, November 25

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 38,016.

Bob Griese replaced the injured Don Strock and threw two touchdown passes to lift Miami past Baltimore. Griese came on two minutes into the second quarter and completed four passes to set up Larry Csonka's three-yard touchdown run. In the second half Griese threw touchdown passes to Duriel Harris and Tony Nathan. Miami's win moved them into a tie for first in the AFC East.

Miami	7	7	7	7	-	28
Baltimore	7	0	7	10	-	24

Balt-McCauley 3 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

Mia-Harris 29 pass from Strock (von Schamann kick)

Mia-Csonka 3 run (von Schamann kick)

Mia-Harris 31 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Balt-Washington 6 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

Balt-FG Mike-Mayer 32

Mia-Nathan 12 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Balt-Siani 31 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

Minnesota 23, Tampa Bay 22

Sunday, November 25

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 70,039.

Tommy Kramer threw three touchdown passes to lead Minnesota over Tampa Bay. Kramer (15 of 26 for 158 yards) hit Terry LeCount with a 21-yard touchdown pass and Ahmad Rashad with a 32-yarder, both within the final 1:49 of the first half. Kramer's final scoring pass, a three-yarder to Rickey Young, gave Minnesota a 23-18 lead. Doug Williams' 13-yard scramble with nine seconds left in the game moved Tampa Bay within one. Wally Hilgenberg then preserved the Vikings' victory by blocking the extra point.

Minnesota	0	14	9	0	-	23
Tampa Bay	6	3	7	6	-	22

TB -Bell 2 run (kick blocked)

TB -FG O'Donoghue 20

Minn-LeCount 21 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Minn-Rashad 32 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Minn-FG Danmeier 44

TB -Davis 17 run (O'Donoghue kick)

Minn-Young 3 pass from Kramer (kick blocked)

TB -Williams 13 run (kick blocked)

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New Orleans 37, Atlanta 6

Sunday, November 25

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 42,815.

Archie Manning passed for 264 yards to help the Saints keep pace with the Rams in the NFC West. Manning completed 14 of 31 passes, including a 37-yarder to Henry Childs for a touchdown. The Saints offense amassed 415 total yards while the defense forced six Atlanta turnovers.

New Orleans	7	20	0	10	-	37
Atlanta	0	6	0	0	-	6

NO-Strachan 2 run (Yepremian kick)

NO-Muncie 14 run (Yepremian kick)

NO-Galbreath 1 run (Yepremian kick)

NO-FG Yepremian 23

Atl -Andrews 2 run (kick failed)

NO-FG Yepremian 44

NO-Childs 37 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

NO-FG Yepremian 21

Oakland 14, Denver 10

Sunday, November 25

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 74,186.

Oakland built a 14-0 lead and held on to defeat Denver. Oakland took a 7-0 halftime advantage on Ken Stabler's three-yard touchdown pass to Dave Casper, which was set up by a 72-yard run by Booker Russell. In the third quarter, Russell capped a 10-play, 70-yard drive with a one-yard run. Rob Lytle's one-yard touchdown with 1:57 left in the game made it 14-10. The Oakland defense stopped Denver twice in the final minute.

Oakland	0	7	7	0	-	14
Denver	0	0	0	10	-	10

Oak-Casper 3 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Oak-Russell 1 run (Breech kick)

Den-FG Turner 30

Den-Lytle 1 run (Turner kick)

Philadelphia 21, Green Bay 10

Sunday, November 25

At Lambeau Field, attendance 50,023.

Ron Jaworski threw three touchdown passes to lead Philadelphia into first place in the NFC East. Jaworski's (8 of 18 for 127 yards) first scoring pass, an 11-yarder to Wilbert Montgomery, gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead. In the second half, Jaworski hit Harold Carmichael with touchdown passes of 4 and 17 yards to seal the Philadelphia victory. The Eagles' Leroy Harris was the game's leading rusher with 137 yards on nine carries, which included a club-record 80-yard run.

Philadelphia	7	0	7	7	-	21
Green Bay	3	0	0	7	-	10

Phil-Montgomery 11 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

GB-FG Birney 33

Phil-Carmichael 17 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Phil-Carmichael 4 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

GB-Lofton 7 pass from Dickey (Birney kick)

Cincinnati 34, St. Louis 28

Sunday, November 25

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 25,103.

Archie Griffin rushed for 105 yards and Pete Johnson added 81 more as the Bengals defeated the Cardinals. The Bengals sealed the verdict when Ray Griffin intercepted Jim Hart's pass at the Cincinnati 14 yard line with 34 seconds remaining.

St. Louis	0	7	14	7	-	28
Cincinnati	7	21	3	3	-	34

Cin-Johnson 2 run (Bahr kick)

Cin-Curtis 43 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Cin-Johnson 4 run (Bahr kick)

StL-Tilley 37 pass from Hart (Little kick)

Cin-Curtis 19 pass from Anderson (Little kick)

StL-Tilley 51 pass from Hart (Little kick)

Cin-FG Bahr 38

StL-Morris 3 pass from Hart (Little kick)

Cin-FG Bahr 33

StL-Brown 30 run (Little kick)

New York Giants 14, Washington 6

Sunday, November 25

At Giants Stadium, attendance 72,641.

Billy Taylor gained 126 yards on 26 carries to lead the New York Giants over Washington. Doug Kotar scored the Giants' first touchdown on a one-yard run, but Mark Moseley's field goals in the second and third quarters cut the New York lead to 7-6. New York's final score came in the fourth quarter on a 14-play, 78-yard drive. Taylor carried the ball 13 of the 14 plays in the drive and gained 74 yards.

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

NYG -Kotar 1 run (Danelo kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 21

Wash-FG Moseley 41

NYG -Taylor 1 run (Danelo kick)

Seattle 30, New York Jets 7

Monday Night, November 26

At Kingdome, attendance 59,977.

Jim Zorn threw three touchdown passes and completed a club-record 14 straight attempts to keep the Seahawks' hopes for a playoff berth alive. Zorn finished the game with 25 completions to tie his own team mark.

New York Jets	0	0	7	0	-	7
Seattle	3	13	14	0	-	30

Sea -FG Herrera 49

Sea -FG Herrera 42

Sea -Largent 14 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea -FG Herrera 45

Sea -Smith 16 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

NYJ-Long 1 run (Jacobs kick)

Sea -McCullum 11 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

FOURTEENTH WEEK

Miami 39, New England 24

Thursday, November 29

At Orange Bowl, attendance 69,174.

Bob Griese came off the bench in the third quarter to rally Miami to 26 straight points and a comeback win. Miami trailed 17-13, but Griese opened the second half with a 78-yard drive that was capped by a 38-yard touchdown pass to Nat Moore. Larry Csonka later climaxed a 65-yard march with his second of three one-yard scoring plunges. Csonka rushed for 68 yards to become the sixth NFL runner to reach 8,000 yards (8,027) while Griese (8 of 10 for 101 yards) passed the 24,000-yard career mark (24,073).

New England	0	17	0	7	-	24
New England	3	10	16	10	-	39

Mia-FG von Schamann 31

Mia-Csonka 1 run (von Schamann kick)

NE -Jackson 16 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

NE -FG Smith 28

NE -Morgan 38 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

Mia-FG von Schamann 33

Mia-Moore 38 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)

Mia-Safety, ball snapped out of end zone

Mia-Csonka 1 run (von Schamann kick)

Mia-FG von Schamann 27

Mia-Csonka 1 run (von Schamann kick)

NE -Pennywell 13 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

Atlanta 28, San Diego 26

Sunday, December 2

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 50,198.

Steve Bartkowski fired a six-yard scoring pass to Wallace Francis with 21 seconds left to clinch the Falcons' surprise win. Bartkowski's touchdown

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passes of 11 and 31 yards to William Andrews and Francis, respectively, and Haskell Stanback's one-yard run preceded the Falcons' 51-yard game-winning drive. The win snapped Atlanta's three-game losing streak and dropped San Diego into a first place tie with Denver in the AFC West.

Atlanta	7	7	7	7	-	28
San Diego	7	3	7	9	-	26

Atl -Stanback 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

SD-Bauer 1 run (Wood kick)

SD-FG Wood 35

Atl -Andrews 11 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

SD-Floyd 19 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)

Atl -Francis 31 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

SD-C. Williams 2 run (Wood kick)

SD-Safety, Young tackled Bartkowski in end zone

Atl -Francis 6 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

New York Jets 30, Baltimore 17

Sunday, December 2

At Shea Stadium, attendance 47,744.

Richard Todd passed for one touchdown and ran for another, and rookie Dave Jacobs kicked three field goals to help the Jets break a three-game losing streak. New York built a 20-3 halftime lead on Todd's three-yard touchdown pass to Jerome Barkum and one-yard scoring run. Jacobs connected on field goals of 27 and 28 yards in the first half, and added a season-long 42-yarder early in the final period.

Baltimore	3	0	14	0	-	17
New York Jets	3	17	7	3	-	30

NYJ-FG Jacobs 28

Balt -FG Mike-Mayer 20

NYJ-Barkum 3 pass from Todd (Jacobs kick)

NYJ-FG Jacobs 27

NYJ-Todd 1 run (Jacobs kick)

Balt -Washington 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

NYJ-Newton 1 run (Jacobs kick)

Balt -Doughty 14 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

NYJ-FG Jacobs 42

Chicago 14, Tampa Bay 0

Sunday, December 2

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 69,508.

Chicago capitalized on a blocked punt and five interceptions to blank Tampa Bay and keep their playoff hopes alive. In the first quarter, Bruce Herron blocked a punt and linebacker Lee Kunz returned it 16 yards to set up Walter Payton's one-yard touchdown run. Gary Fencik's second-period interception preceded Mike Phipps' 13-yard touchdown pass to Dave Williams. The Bears were the last team to shut out the Buccaneers 10-0 on December 4, 1977.

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

Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)

Chi-Williams 13 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

Pittsburgh 37, Cincinnati 17

Sunday, December 2

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 46,521.

Terry Bradshaw became the first Steeler to pass for over 3,000 yards in a season and Lynn Swann caught five passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns as Pittsburgh gained sole possession of first place in the AFC Central. Bradshaw (17 of 29 for 339 yards) hit Swann on scoring bombs of 42 and 58 yards and passed Ed Brown's Steelers record of 2,982 yards (3,278). Franco Harris' 92 yards rushing put him over the 1,000-yard mark, tying Jim Brown's NFL record of seven 1,000-yard seasons.

Cincinnati	0	10	7	0	-	17
Pittsburgh	10	14	10	3	-	37

Pitt-FG Bahr 43

Pitt-Swann 58 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Bahr kick)

Cin-FG Bahr 46

Pitt-Bleier 1 run (Bahr kick)

Cin-Curtis 29 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Cin-Curtis 32 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Pitt-Swann 42 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt-FG Bahr 23

Pitt-FG Bahr 32

Denver 19, Buffalo 16

Sunday, December 2

At Rich Stadium, attendance 37,886.

Jim Turner kicked a 32-yard field goal with three seconds left to lift the Broncos into a first-place tie with San Diego in the AFC West. Craig Morton drove Denver from its own 44 yard line with 18 seconds left, hitting passes of 22 yards to Steve Watson and 19 yards to Haven Moses, to set up the winning kick. The Broncos rebounded from a 10-3 halftime deficit as Randy Gradishar recovered a fumble and lateraled to Louis Wright, who covered 78 yards for the score. Morton later followed with a 46-yard scoring pass to Moses.

Denver	3	0	13	3	-	19
Buffalo	0	10	0	6	-	16

Den-FG Turner 23

Buff-Freeman 50 pass interception (Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 28

Den-Wright 78 run with Gradishar lateral after fumble recovery (pass failed)

Den-Moses 46 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 32

Buff-FG Mike-Mayer 34

Den-FG Turner 32

Philadelphia 44, Detroit 7

Sunday, December 2

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 66,128.

Ron Jaworski and Harold Carmichael combined for two touchdowns, Billy Campfield returned a kickoff 92 yards for a score, and Tony Franklin kicked three field goals as the Eagles clinched at least a wild card playoff spot. Jaworski and Carmichael hooked up on scoring passes of 20 and 24 yards to highlight a 24-point second quarter. Wilbert Montgomery rushed for 108 yards and one touch-down and the Eagles' defense held the Lions to 180 total yards and five first downs.

Detroit	0	0	7	0	-	7
Philadelphia	0	24	13	7	-	44

Phil-Montgomery 1 run (Franklin kick)

Phil-Carmichael 20 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Phil-Carmichael 24 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Phil-FG Franklin 33

Phil-FG Franklin 30

Phil-FG Franklin 42

Det-Scott 34 pass from Reed (Ricardo kick)

Phil-Campfield 92 kickoff return (Franklin kick)

Phil-Barnes 1 run (Franklin kick)

Washington 38, Green Bay 21

Sunday, December 2

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 51,682.

Joe Theismann threw a career-high four touchdown passes, including three in the second half, to lead the Redskins. Trailing 21-7, the Redskins rallied behind Theismann, who threw touchdown passes of 8 yards to Danny Buggs and 39 yards to John McDaniel. Monty Coleman's interception set up Theismann's final scoring pass, a 12-yarder to John Riggins. The Redskins' defense held the Packers to 23 yards in the second half, while the offense amassed 305 second-half yards and 437 overall.

Green Bay	0	21	0	0	-	21
Washington	7	0	7	24	-	38

Wash-Thompson 20 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

GB -Tullis 52 pass from Dickey (Birney kick)

GB -Simpson 2 run (Birney kick)

GB -A. Thompson 43 pass from Dickey (Birney kick)

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Wash-Buggs 8 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-McDaniel 39 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-Riggins 12 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 33
 Wash-Forte 20 run (Moseley kick)

Cleveland 14, Houston 7 Sunday, December 2

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 69,112.

Mike Pruitt rushed for 11 yards to pass the 1,000-yard mark (1,062) for the first time in his career and scored two touchdowns to lead Cleveland's ball-control offense. Pruitt opened the scoring on a 42-yard touchdown pass from Brian Sipe and added a one-yard run 1:40 into the final period to cap an 87-yard drive. The Oilers were limited to four offensive plays in the third period. Houston fell to second place in the AFC Central.

Houston	7	0	0	0	-	7
Cleveland	7	0	0	7	-	14

Cle -M. Pruitt 42 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
 Hou-Campbell 11 run (Fritsch kick)
 Cle -M. Pruitt 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Los Angeles 27, Minnesota 21 (OT) Sunday, December 2

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 56,700.

Holder Nolan Cromwell ran five yards for a touchdown on a fake field goal after 6:53 of overtime to help the Rams to a one-game lead in the NFC West. Joe Harris' 31-yard return of a blocked punt, Cullen Bryant's two-yard run, and Preston Dennard's 41-yard reception provided the Rams regulation time touchdowns. Minnesota quarterback Tommy Kramer's 22-yard scoring pass to Ahmad Rashad sent the game into overtime. Bob Lee returned against his former teammates in the second half to march the Rams into position for the winning score.

Minnesota	7	7	0	7	0	-	21
Los Angeles	7	7	7	0	6	-	27

LA -Harris 31 blocked punt return (Corral kick)
 Minn-LeCount 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
 Minn-White 6 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
 LA -Bryant 2 run (Corral kick)
 LA -Dennard 41 pass from Lee (Corral kick)
 Minn-Rashad 22 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
 LA -Cromwell 5 run (no conversion attempted)

Dallas 28, New York Giants 7 Sunday, December 2

At Texas Stadium, attendance 63,787.

Roger Staubach connected with Drew Pearson on three scoring passes to help the Cowboys end a three-game losing streak. Pearson scored on passes of 7, 8, and 44 yards and caught five passes overall for 88 yards. Tony Dorsett became the second player - John Brockington is the other - to rush for over 1,000 yards in his first three seasons, gaining 108 yards on 29 carries to give him 1,071 yards on the year. The Cowboys' defense registered five sacks and held the Giants to 197 yards total offense. The win kept Dallas tied with Washington for second place in the NFC East.

New York Giants	7	0	0	0	-	7
Dallas	0	7	14	7	-	28

NYG-Taylor 2 run (Danelo kick)
 Dall -D. Pearson 7 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall -D. Pearson 8 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall -D. Pearson 44 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall -Dorsett 1 run (Septien kick)

St. Louis 13, San Francisco 10 Sunday, December 2

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 41,593.

Ottis Anderson scored on a six-yard run with 2:53 remaining to lift the Cardinals to their fourth victory of the year. Anderson gained 129 yards on 27 carries and set an NFL rookie rushing record with his eighth 100-yard game. San Francisco's Steve DeBerg passed for 135 yards to bring his season total

to a club-record 3,121 yards, surpassing John Brodie's 3,112 yards set in 1965. Carl Allen's interception in the final two minutes preserved the Cardinals' victory.

San Francisco	0	3	0	7	-	10
St. Louis	0	0	7	6	-	13

SF-FG Wersching 23
 StL-Morris 13 run (Little kick)
 SF-MacAfee 3 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
 StL-Anderson 6 run (kick failed)

Kansas City 37, Seattle 21 Sunday, December 2

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 42,160.

Ted McKnight ran for two touchdowns and Jan Stenerud kicked three field goals to lead the Chiefs to their sixth win. Kansas City jumped to a 24-0 lead on touchdown runs by Earl Gant (two yards) and McKnight (five yards). Stenerud's 27-yard field goal, and Steve Fuller's 28-yard scoring pass to J. T. Smith. The Chiefs' defense limited the Seahawks to 44 yards rushing and forced five turnovers.

Seattle	0	0	7	14	-	21
Kansas City	14	10	6	7	-	37

KC -Smith 28 pass from Fuller (Stenerud kick)
 KC -McKnight 5 run (Stenerud kick)
 KC -Gant 2 run (Stenerud kick)
 KC -FG Stenerud 27
 KC -FG Stenerud 31
 Sea-Moore 1 run (Herrera kick)
 KC -FG Stenerud 22
 KC -McKnight 3 run (Stenerud kick)
 Sea-Doornink 1 run (Herrera kick)
 Sea-Moore 12 run (Herrera kick)

Oakland 42, New Orleans 35 Monday Night, December 3

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 65,541.

Ken Stabler hit Clifford Branch with an eight-yard scoring pass with 1:54 left to give the Raiders the victory. Safety Mike Davis' fumble recovery set up the winning score. Stabler directed touchdown marches of 63, 67, and 72 yards to rally the Raiders from a 35-14 third-period deficit. Chuck Muncie rushed for 128 yards to become the first 1,000-yard rusher in Saints' history (1,068 yards). Stabler's 295 yards passing pushed him over the 3,000-yard passing mark for the first time in his career (3,077).

Oakland	7	7	7	21	-	42
New Orleans	0	28	7	0	-	35

Oak-Chester 3 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)
 NO -Galbreath 2 run (Yeapremian kick)
 NO -Galbreath 17 pass from Manning (Yeapremian kick)
 NO -Muncie 1 run (Yeapremian kick)
 NO -Childs 28 pass from Manning (Yeapremian kick)
 Oak-Whittington 1 run (Breech kick)
 NO -Bordelon 19 pass from Manning (Yeapremian kick)
 Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (Breech kick)
 Oak-Ramsey 17 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)
 Oak-Branch 66 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)
 Oak-Branch 8 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

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Dallas 24, Philadelphia 17 Saturday, December 8

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 71,434.

Robert Newhouse scored on a 17-yard run and Butch Johnson caught his first touchdown pass of the year to help Dallas clinch its thirteenth playoff berth in 14 years. Newhouse's tally broke a 10-10 tie and Johnson's 17-yard scoring reception of a deflected pass gave the Cowboys a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter. Philadelphia running back Wilbert Montgomery, who earlier caught a 14-yard touchdown pass, scored from one yard out with 5:51 left to bring the Eagles within seven points.

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Dallas	10	0	7	7	-	24
Philadelphia	3	7	0	7	-	17

Dall-Laidlaw 1 run (Septien kick)

Phil-FG Franklin 27

Dall-FG Septien 40

Phil-Montgomery 14 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Dall-Newhouse 17 run (Septien kick)

Dall-Johnson 17 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Phil-Montgomery 1 run (Franklin kick)

Seattle 28, Denver 23

Saturday, December 8

At Kingdome, attendance 60,038.

Jim Zorn completed 22 of 39 passes for 308 yards and two touchdowns to lead Seattle to its first victory over Denver. Zorn fired a 43-yard scoring toss to Steve Largent with 1:40 left in the final period to erase a two-point Broncos lead. The Seattle defense had two interceptions and recorded four sacks.

Denver	0	20	3	0	-	23
Seattle	7	7	7	7	-	28

Sea-Smith 17 run (Herrera kick)

Sea-Smith 1 run (Herrera kick)

Den-Morton 2 run (Turner kick)

Den-Moses 7 pass from Morton (kick failed)

Den-Jensen 2 run (Turner kick)

Sea-Largent 35 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Den-FG Turner 29

Sea-Largent 43 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Minnesota 10, Buffalo 3

Sunday, December 9

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 42,239.

Tommy Kramer tossed a 19-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Ahmad Rashad and Rick Danmeier kicked a 31-yard field goal as Minnesota won its seventh game. Vikings linebacker Matt Blair had two interceptions to thwart Buffalo drives. The Bills' only score came on a 24-yard field goal by Nick Mike-Mayer in the final quarter.

Buffalo	0	0	0	3	-	3
Minnesota	7	3	0	0	-	10

Minn-Rashad 19 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

Minn-FG Danmeier 31

Buff -FG Mike-Mayer 24

Chicago 15, Green Bay 14

Sunday, December 9

At Lambeau Field, attendance 54,207.

Chicago scored nine points in the final quarter to offset a 7-6 deficit and earn a share of first place in the NFC Central. Linebacker Tom Hicks' 66-yard interception return and a 44-yard field goal by Bob Thomas gave the Bears a 15-7 advantage. Green Bay had a chance to win the game but Tom Birney's 52-yard field goal attempt with 32 seconds remaining was short.

Chicago	3	3	0	9	-	15
Green Bay	0	7	0	7	-	14

Chi-FG Thomas 34

GB-Coffman 6 pass from Dickey (Birney kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 33

Chi-Hicks 66 interception return (kick failed)

Chi-FG Thomas 44

GB-Coffman 22 pass from Dickey (Birney kick)

Washington 28, Cincinnati 14

Sunday, December 9

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 52,882.

John Riggins ran for two touchdowns and Joe Theismann passed for two scores as Washington earned a share of first place in the NFC East with Dallas and Philadelphia. Riggins' first touchdown (a seven-yard run) tied the score at 7-7 and Theismann's second scoring pass (23 yards to Clarence Harmon) gave the Redskins a 21-14 halftime lead. Theismann completed a career-high 23 of 34 passes for 296 yards. Washington defensive end Coy

Bacon registered four sacks against his former teammates.

Cincinnati	14	0	0	0	-	14
Washington	7	14	0	7	-	28

Cin -A. Griffin 52 pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Wash-Riggins 7 run (Moseley kick)

Cin -Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)

Wash-Harmon 7 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Wash-Harmon 23 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Wash-Riggins 2 run (Moseley kick)

Oakland 19, Cleveland 14

Sunday, December 9

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 52,641.

Ken Stabler completed 23 of 34 passes for 196 yards and a touchdown to help Oakland down Cleveland. The Raiders built a 13-0 halftime advantage on Stabler's 39-yard touchdown pass to Clifford Branch and field goals of 25 and 38 yards by Jim Breech. The Browns' Mike Pruitt rushed 20 times for 149 yards and two touchdowns.

Cleveland	0	0	7	7	-	14
Oakland	7	6	0	6	-	19

Oak-Branch 39 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Oak-FG Breech 25

Oak-FG Breech 38

Cle -M. Pruitt 77 run (Cockroft kick)

Oak-FG Breech 23

Cle -M. Pruitt 2 run (Cockroft kick)

Oak-FG Breech 45

Kansas City 10, Baltimore 7

Sunday, December 9

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 37,226.

Jan Stenerud kicked a 43-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to break a 7-7 deadlock and help Kansas City earn its seventh victory. Linebacker Gary Spani's fumble recovery preceded a four-yard scoring run by Ted McKnight that gave the Chiefs a 7-0 lead. Baltimore knotted the score on Joe Washington's 43-yard touchdown pass from Greg Landry.

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

KC -McKnight 4 run (Stenerud kick)

Balt-Washington 43 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

KC -FG Stenerud 43

Los Angeles 34, Atlanta 13

Sunday, December 9

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 49,236.

Wendell Tyler picked up 138 yards on 18 carries to help the Rams win their seventh straight division title, an NFL record. Los Angeles built a 22-point halftime advantage on scoring runs by Tyler and Cullen Bryant, Billy Waddy's 25-yard reception, and a 34-yard interception return by linebacker Jim Youngblood. The Rams' defense forced five turnovers and recorded six sacks.

Los Angeles	0	28	3	3	-	34
Atlanta	0	6	0	7	-	13

LA-Tyler 5 run (Corral kick)

Atl-Stanback 2 run (kick failed)

LA-Waddy 25 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

LA-Jim Youngblood 34 interception return (Corral kick)

LA-Bryant 4 run (Corral kick)

LA-FG Corral 18

LA-FG Corral 24

Atl-Moroski 2 run (Mazzetti kick)

Miami 28, Detroit 10

Sunday, December 9

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 78,087.

Quarterback Bob Griese, starting for the first time in three weeks, passed for two touchdowns to lead Miami to its first AFC East championship since 1974. Griese (17 of 22 for 229 yards and two touchdowns) fired scoring passes to

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wide receivers Nat Moore (25 yards) and Jimmy Cefalo (29 yards) as the Dolphins scored on their first two possessions. The Miami defense registered three turnovers and recorded four sacks.

Miami	14	0	7	7	-	28
Detroit	0	3	0	7	-	10

Mia-Moore 25 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)
 Mia-Cefalo 29 pass from Griese (von Schamann kick)
 Det-FG Ricardo 46
 Mia-Csonka 3 run (von Schamann kick)
 Mia-Davis 3 run (von Schamann kick)
 Det-Washington 29 pass from Hunter (Ricardo kick)

New York Jets 27, New England 26 Sunday, December 9

At Shea Stadium, attendance 45,131.

Richard Todd passed for one score and ran for another as the Jets knocked the Patriots out of playoff contention. Todd (10 of 27 for 148 yards and a touchdown) tossed a 13-yard scoring pass to Derrick Gaffney. His eight-yard run gave New York a 24-19 third-quarter lead. New England's Stanley Morgan (six catches for 129 yards) had touchdown receptions of 39 and 48 yards.

New England	0	12	7	7	-	26
New York Jets	7	10	7	3	-	27

NYJ-Gaffney 13 pass from Todd (Jacobs kick)
 NE -FG Smith 47
 NE -Safety, Ramsey ran out of end zone
 NE -Morgan 48 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 NYJ-Newton 1 run (Jacobs kick)
 NYJ-FG Jacobs 39
 NE -Cunningham 1 run (Smith kick)
 NYJ-Todd 8 run (Jacobs kick)
 NYJ-FG Jacobs 25
 NE -Morgan 39 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

St. Louis 29, New York Giants 20 Sunday, December 9

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 39,802.

Ottis Anderson picked up 140 yards on 29 carries and scored twice as St. Louis downed the Giants. Anderson, who broke the NFL rookie rushing record held by Earl Campbell (1,450 yards), scored on runs of six and nine yards. New York rookie quarterback Phil Simms (18 of 30 for 195 yards) had three scoring passes to running back Billy Taylor.

New York Giants	0	0	6	14	.	20
St. Louis	9	3	7	10	-	29

StL -Anderson 9 run (kick failed)
 StL -FG Little 30
 StL -FG Little 25
 StL -Tilley 7 pass from Pisarkiewicz (Little kick)
 NYG-Taylor 18 pass from Simms (kick failed)
 StL -Anderson 6 run (Little kick)
 NYG-Taylor 23 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)
 StL -FG Little 42
 NYG-Taylor 23 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)

San Diego 35, New Orleans 0 Sunday, December 9

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 61,059.

Dan Fouts completed 17 of 23 passes for 254 yards and a touchdown as the Chargers clinched their first playoff berth since 1965. Fouts tossed a 26-yard scoring pass to John Jefferson and running back Hank Bauer registered three one-yard touchdown runs to help San Diego build a 35-0 halftime lead. Jefferson caught four passes for 104 yards.

San Diego	14	21	0	0	-	35
New Orleans	0	0	0	0	-	0

SD-Bauer 1 run (Wood kick)
 SD-Williams 5 run (Wood kick)
 SD-Jefferson 26 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)
 SD-Bauer 1 run (Wood kick)

SD-Bauer 1 run (Wood kick)

San Francisco 23, Tampa Bay 7 Sunday, December 9

At Candlestick Park, attendance 44,506.

Steve DeBerg threw a 19-yard touchdown pass and Ray Wersching kicked two field goals as the 49ers downed the Buccaneers. DeBerg (22 of 30 for 186 yards) hit Mike Shumann with a 19-yard scoring toss and Wersching kicked a 39-yard field goal to give San Francisco a 10-0 lead in the first quarter. The San Francisco defense had five interceptions, including two by safety Dwight Hicks.

Tampa Bay	0	7	0	0	-	7
San Francisco	10	3	0	10	-	23

SF-Shumann 19 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
 SF-FG Wersching 39
 TB-Giles 19 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)
 SF-FG Wersching 27
 SF-Elliott 1 run (Wersching kick)
 SF-FG Wersching 45

Houston 20, Pittsburgh 17 Monday Night, December 10

At Astrodome, attendance 55,293.

Dan Pastorini's 25-yard touchdown pass and Rob Carpenter's four-yard scoring run helped Houston down Pittsburgh and earn a share of first place in the AFC Central. An interception by linebacker Robert Brazile preceded Pastorini's scoring pass to Ken Burrough. Carpenter's touchdown with 2:10 left in regulation gave the Oilers a 20-10 advantage. Houston's Earl Campbell (33 carries for 109 yards) recorded his sixth straight 100-yard game and his first against the Steelers.

Pittsburgh	0	0	3	14	-	17
Houston	0	7	3	10	-	20

Hou-Burrough 25 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Pitt -FG Bahr 37
 Hou-FG Fritsch 24
 Hou-FG Fritsch 34
 Pitt -Swann 9 run (Bahr kick)
 Hou-Carpenter 4 run (Fritsch kick)
 Pitt -Stallworth 34 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

SIXTEENTH WEEK

Green Bay 18, Detroit 13 Saturday, December 15

At Pontiac Silverdome, attendance 57,376.

The Packers got four field goals from Tom Birney and a one-yard touchdown from Eric Torkelson in an 18-13 victory. Birney kicked field goals of 25, 27, 41 and 47 yards - one more than he had in six previous games with the Packers.

Green Bay	6	3	9	0	-	18
Detroit	7	0	0	6	-	13

GB-FG Birney 27
 Det-Komlo 9 run (Ricardo kick)
 GB-FG Birney 25
 GB-FG Birney 47
 GB Torkelson 1 run (pass failed)
 GB-FG Birney 41
 Det-Bussey 4 run (kick failed)

New York Jets 27, Miami 24 Sunday, December 16

At Orange Bowl, attendance 49,915.

Richard Todd hit Mickey Shuler with a four-yard touchdown pass with 12:25 left in the game as the Jets defeated the AFC East champion Dolphins. Steve Towle's interception at the Miami 39 gave the Dolphins a final chance to win the game. However, Burgess Owens recovered Don Strock's fumble to preserve the win for the Jets. The victory was the Jets' fourth in a row over Miami. Nat Moore led Miami with five receptions for 102 yards, while the

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Jets' Bruce Harper had two catches for 89 yards, including one for a 72-yard touchdown.

New York Jets	0	6	14	7	-	27
Miami	7	7	3	7	-	24

Mia -Nathan 20 pass from Strock (von Schamann kick)

Mia -Csonka 3 run (von Schamann kick)

NYJ-Bennett 1 run (kick failed)

NYJ-Harper 72 pass from Todd (Jacobs kick)

NYJ-Dierking 1 run (Jacobs kick)

Mia -FG von Schamann 25

NYJ-Shuler 4 pass from Todd (Jacobs kick)

Mia -Torrey 1 run (von Schamann kick)

Baltimore 31, New York Giants 7

Sunday, December 16

At Giants Stadium, attendance 58,711.

Greg Landry completed 17 of 24 passes as the Colts snapped a five-game losing streak. Landry finished the season with 270 completions and 457 attempts, both club records.

Baltimore	10	7	7	7	-	31
New York Giants	0	0	7	0	-	7

Balt -Leaks 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Balt -FG Mike-Mayer 29

Balt -Siani 10 pass from Landry (Mike-Mayer kick)

NYG-Gray 4 pass from Simms (Danelo kick)

Balt -McCauley 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Balt -McCauley 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Pittsburgh 28, Buffalo 0

Sunday, December 16

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,002.

Pittsburgh clinched its sixth straight division title and ran its home winning streak to 14 games by defeating Buffalo. Pittsburgh was led by Franco Harris, who rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns. The "Steel Curtain" defense limited the Bills to eight first downs.

Buffalo	0	0	0	0	-	0
Pittsburgh	7	7	7	7	-	28

Pitt-Swann 20 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt-Thornton 8 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt-Harris 11 run (Bahr kick)

Cincinnati 16, Cleveland 12

Sunday, December 16

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 42,183.

Chris Bahr kicked a 43-yard field goal with 1:51 remaining to seal the Bengals' 16-12 win. Before that, the Bengals had scored on runs of five yards by Jack Thompson and one yard by Pete Johnson.

Cleveland	6	0	0	6	-	12
Cincinnati	0	6	7	3	-	16

Cle-Logan 33 pass from Sipe (kick failed)

Cin-P. Johnson 1 run (pass failed)

Cin-Thompson 5 run (Bahr kick)

Cle-M. Pruitt 1 run (run failed)

Cin-FG Bahr 43

Tampa Bay 3, Kansas City 0

Sunday, December 16

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 63,624.

Tampa Bay clinched the NFC Central title that had eluded them the previous three weeks when Neil O'Donoghue kicked a 19-yard field goal with 8:50 remaining in the game. With four weeks remaining in the season, the Buccaneers needed just a win or a Chicago loss to become the division champions for the first time in the club's four-year existence. The Buccaneers, who opened the season with five straight victories, ended the regular season with a 10-6 mark.

Kansas City	0	0	0	0	-	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	3	-	3

TB-FG O'Donoghue 19

New England 27, Minnesota 23

Sunday, December 16

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 54,719.

Harold Jackson and Stanley Morgan each surpassed the 1,000 mark in season receiving yardage as the Patriots handed the Vikings their ninth loss and first losing season since 1967. Vikings defensive end Jim Marshall closed out a 20-year career with his 282nd straight game, an NFL record.

Minnesota	6	7	3	7	-	23
New England	7	0	0	20	-	27

Minn-Brown 1 run (kick failed)

NE -Ivory 5 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

Minn-R. Miller 1 run (Danmeier kick)

Minn-FG Danmeier 24

NE -Calhoun 1 run (Smith kick)

NE -Jackson 40 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

NE -FG Smith 42

Minn-Young 13 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)

NE -FG Smith 30

New Orleans 29, Los Angeles 14

Sunday, December 16

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 53,879.

Mike Strachan scored from 1 and 10 yards out as the Saints took advantage of six turnovers to defeat the Rams, who had clinched the NFC West title the previous week. The Saints finished the season with an 8-8 record for the first non-losing season in their 13-year history. Strachan led Saints rushers with 93 yards and Chuck Muncie added 91. Wendell Tyler had a game-high 141 yards on 18 carries for the Rams.

New Orleans	0	14	6	9	-	29
Los Angeles	7	0	0	7	-	14

LA -Tyler 1 run (Corral kick)

NO-Owens 8 pass from Manning (Yepremian kick)

NO-Strachan 10 run (Yepremian kick)

NO-FG Yepremian 35

NO-FG Yepremian 24

NO-Strachan 1 run (Yepremian kick)

LA -E. Hill 1 run (Corral kick)

NO-Safety, Grooms tackled Ferragamo in end zone

Philadelphia 26, Houston 20

Sunday, December 16

At Astrodome, attendance 49,407.

Ron Jaworski took advantage of Houston errors to lead the Eagles to a 26-20 victory in a battle of playoff-bound teams. Jaworski completed 12 of 21 passes for 163 yards and scored once to offset a brilliant performance by Earl Campbell, who set an NFL record with his seventh straight 100-yard performance of the season. He also won the NFL rushing title for the second straight year, gaining 134 yards on 16 carries to bring his season total to 1,697 yards.

Philadelphia	9	3	7	7	-	26
Houston	0	10	0	10	-	20

Phil-Jaworski 4 run (kick failed)

Phil-FG Franklin 22

Hou-Campbell 6 run (Fritsch kick)

Phil-FG Franklin 41

Hou-FG Fritsch 44

Phil-Harris 1 run (Franklin kick)

Hou-Renfro 7 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Phil-Fitzkee 4 pass from Walton (Franklin kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 37

Chicago 42, St. Louis 6

Sunday, December 16

At Soldier Field, attendance 42,810.

The Bears earned a wild card berth in the playoffs with a 42-6 victory over the Cardinals. Combined with Washington's 35-34 loss to Dallas, the Bears

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and Redskins finished the season with the same record (10-6). Chicago got the playoff berth over Washington because it finished with plus 57 net points to the Redskins' plus 53. The Bears' win was fueled by Walter Payton's 157 yards rushing and three touchdowns. He finished with 1,610 yards to win the NFC rushing title.

St. Louis	0	0	6	0	-	6
Chicago	14	7	7	14	-	42

Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)

Chi-Williams 11 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

Chi-Payton 5 run (Thomas kick)

StL-Tilley 13 pass from Hart (kick failed)

Chi-Watts 83 kickoff return (Thomas kick)

Chi-Payton 4 run (Thomas kick)

Chi-Watts 35 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)

Atlanta 31, San Francisco 21

Sunday, December 16

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, attendance 37,211.

Atlanta took the lead for good when Steve Bartkowski hit Jim Mitchell with a seven-yard scoring strike with 9:19 left in the game. William Andrews rushed for 63 yards to give him a season total of 1,023 to make him the twelfth rookie in NFL history to top the 1,000-yard mark. Steve DeBerg ended the season with NFL records for completions (347) and passing attempts (572).

San Francisco	7	7	7	0	-	21
Atlanta	3	7	7	14	-	31

Atl -FG Mazzetti 22

SF-MacAfee 11 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

Atl -Stanback 1 run (Mazzetti kick)

SF-Hofer 6 run (Wersching kick)

Atl -Stanback 6 run (Mazzetti kick)

SF-Hofer 35 pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)

Atl -Mitchell 7 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

Atl -Pennywell 39 interception return (Mazzetti kick)

Seattle 29, Oakland 24

Sunday, December 16

At Oakland-Alameda County Stadium, attendance 53,177.

Jim Zorn completed 23 of 35 passes for 314 yards to help the Seahawks defeat the Raiders for the fourth straight time. It was Zorn's third 300-yard game of the season. Ken Stabler connected on 31 of 47 passes for 342 yards in his finest performance of the season.

Seattle	10	7	9	3	-	29
Oakland	7	10	0	7	-	24

Oak-Hayes 30 interception return (Breech kick)

Sea-Smith 1 run (Herrera kick)

Sea-FG Herrera 24

Oak-FG Breech 20

Sea-McCullum 65 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Oak-Whittington 2 run (Breech kick)

Sea-Doornink 17 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)

Sea-Safety, ball snapped out of end zone

Sea-FG Herrera 43

Oak-van Eeghen 2 pass from Stabler (Breech kick)

Dallas 35, Washington 34

Sunday, December 16

At Texas Stadium, attendance 62,867.

Roger Staubach hit Tony Hill with an eight-yard touchdown pass with 39 seconds remaining to give the Cowboys the NFC East crown and eliminate the Redskins from the playoff race. Staubach, who completed 24 of 42 passes for 336 yards, threw two scoring passes in the final four minutes to bring the Cowboys back from a 34-21 deficit.

Washington	10	7	0	17	-	34
Dallas	0	14	7	14	-	35

Wash-FG Moseley 24

Wash-Theismann 1 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Malone 55 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

Dall -Springs 1 run (Septien kick)

Dall -P. Pearson 26 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall -Newhouse 2 run (Septien kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 24

Wash-Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Riggins 66 run (Moseley kick)

Dall -Springs 26 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

Dall -Hill 8 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

San Diego 17, Denver 7

Monday Night, December 17

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 51,906.

Dan Fouts ran for one touchdown and passed for another as the Chargers won their first AFC West title. Fouts passed for 230 yards to bring his season total to 4,082, breaking Joe Namath's NFL mark of 4,007, which was set in 1967. Denver, dethroned after a two-year reign as AFC West champs, still won a wild card playoff berth despite the loss to the Chargers.

Denver	7	0	0	0	-	7
San Diego	0	7	7	3	-	17

Den-Armstrong 3 run (Turner kick)

SD -Fouts 4 run (Wood kick)

SD -Joiner 32 pass from Fouts (Wood kick)

SD -FG Wood 24

SEVENTEENTH WEEK

AFC FIRST-ROUND PLAYOFF GAME

Houston 13, Denver 7

Sunday, December 23, 1979

At Astrodome, attendance 48,776.

The Oilers, playing a postseason game at home for the first time in 17 years, advanced to the divisional playoffs by shutting out the Broncos over the last three quarters. Denver marched 80 yards for a touchdown and a 7-3 lead on its first possession, but Earl Campbell's three yard scoring run gave Houston a 10-7 halftime margin. Campbell and Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini both missed second-half action with groin injuries but Rob Carpenter and second year quarterback Gifford Nielsen played well in relief during their initial NFL playoff competition. Linebacker Gregg Bingham's 15-yard interception return set up Toni Fritsch's second field goal - a 20-yarder - with 4:18 remaining to give Houston a 13-7 edge. The Oilers' defense, which recorded six sacks overall, held the Broncos on the final two series with Curley Culp's third-down sack and Vernon Perry's fourth-down pass deflection the key plays.

Denver	7	0	0	0	-	7
Houston	3	7	0	3	-	13

Hou -FG Fritsch 31

Den -Preston 7 pass from Morton (Turner kick)

Hou -Campbell 3 run (Fritsch kick)

Hou -FG Fritsch 20

NFC FIRST-ROUND PLAYOFF GAME

Philadelphia 27, Chicago 17

Sunday, December 23, 1979

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 69,397.

Ron Jaworski completed 12 of 23 passes for 204 yards and three touchdowns, including two in a second half comeback, to give the Eagles their most important victory of the season. Trailing 17-10 in the third quarter, the Eagles marched 69 yards in six plays, capped by a 29-yard scoring strike from Jaworski to Harold Carmichael. With the Bears threatening, Bobby Howard intercepted Mike Phipps' pass in the end zone to set up the Eagles' clinching score. After Howard's interception, Jaworski took the Eagles 80 yards in six plays, with the game-winner coming on a 63-yard swing pass to Billy Campbell.

Chicago	7	10	0	0	-	17
Philadelphia	7	3	7	10	-	27

Phil-Carmichael 17 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Chi-Payton 2 run (Thomas kick)

Phi-FG Franklin 29

Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 30

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Phil-Carmichael 29 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)
 Phil-Campfield 63 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)
 Phil-FG Franklin 34

EIGHTEENTH WEEK

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Houston 17, San Diego 14

Saturday, December 29, 1979

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 51,192.

The Oilers advanced to their second straight AFC championship game on the strength of an opportunistic defense and a near-flawless performance by the offensive unit. First year strong safety Vernon Perry set up 10 of the Oilers' 17 points with a postseason game record of four interceptions and a 57-yard blocked field goal return. Second year quarterback Gifford Nielsen and third year running back Rob Carpenter started for regulars Dan Pastorini and Earl Campbell, who were sidelined with groin injuries. The Oilers intercepted AFC passing leader Dan Fouts five times, including one by J. C. Wilson that led to the game-winning touchdown. Nielsen, making his first NFL postseason start, completed a 47-yard scoring pass to Mike Renfro with 12:55 elapsed in the third period to provide the winning margin. The loss eliminated the AFC West champion Chargers, who were making their first postseason appearance since 1965.

Houston	0	10	7	0	-	17
San Diego	7	0	7	0	-	14

SD -C. Williams 1 run (Wood kick)

Hou-FG Fritsch 26

Hou-Clark 1 run (Fritsch kick)

SD -Mitchell 8 run (Wood kick)

Hou-Renfro 47 pass from Nielsen (Fritsch kick)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Tampa Bay 24, Philadelphia 17

Saturday, December 29, 1979

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 71,402.

The Buccaneers, making their first-ever playoff appearance, advanced to the NFC championship game on the strength of Ricky Bell's running and a stingy defense that limited the Eagles to 227 yards. Bell scored two touchdowns in the first half as Tampa Bay built a 17-7 lead. His four-yard run capped a game-opening, 18-play drive that consumed nine minutes and 34 seconds. A one-yard run by Bell in the second quarter gave the Buccaneers a 17-0 lead. Philadelphia rallied to trim the deficit to 17-10 in the third quarter but fell behind 24-10 with 7:08 left in the game when Tampa Bay quarterback Doug Williams threw a nine-yard scoring pass to Jimmie Giles. Williams finished the day with seven completions in 15 attempts for 132 yards. Bell gained 142 yards on a divisional playoff record 38 carries. The Buccaneers' defense, led by defensive end Lee Roy Selmon, limited Wilbert Montgomery, the NFL's fourth-leading rusher, to 35 yards on 13 carries. Philadelphia gained only 43 yards in the first half.

Philadelphia	0	7	3	7	-	17
Tampa Bay	7	10	0	7	-	24

TB -Bell 4 run (O'Donoghue kick)

TB -FG O'Donoghue 40

TB -Bell 1 run (O'Donoghue kick)

Phil-Smith 11 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

Phil-FG Franklin 42

TB -Giles 9 pass from Williams (O'Donoghue kick)

Phil-Carmichael 37 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Pittsburgh 34, Miami 14

Sunday, December 30, 1979

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,214.

The defending Super Bowl champion Steelers opened a 20-0 first-quarter lead on their way to a 34-14 decision over AFC East champion Miami. The Steelers scored on their first three possessions with drives of 62, 62, and 56 yards. Terry Bradshaw completed a personal postseason high of 21 passes for 230 yards and touchdowns to John Stallworth (17 yards) and Lynn Swann

(20). Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain," which led the AFC in total defense during the regular season, held Miami to 25 rushing yards. Franco Harris, the NFL's all-time postseason rushing leader, carried 21 times for 83 yards and a touchdown. After Miami narrowed the Pittsburgh lead to 20-7 in the third quarter, Pittsburgh drove 69 yards on 12 plays to increase the margin to 27-7 with 8:58 elapsed in the third period. The victory marked the Steelers' fifteenth straight at home and their twenty-third win in their last 24 games at Three Rivers Stadium. The Steelers moved to their sixth AFC championship game since 1972 in quest of their fourth Super Bowl appearance in the last six years.

Miami	0	0	7	7	-	14
Pittsburgh	20	0	7	7	-	34

Pitt -Thornton 1 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Stallworth 17 pass from Bradshaw (kick blocked)

Pitt -Swann 20 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Mia-Harris 7 pass from Griesse (von Schamann kick)

Pitt -Bleier 1 run (Bahr kick)

Pitt -Harris 5 run (Bahr kick)

Mia-Csonka 1 run (von Schamann kick)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Los Angeles 21, Dallas 19

Sunday, December 30, 1979

At Texas Stadium, attendance 64,792.

Vince Ferragamo's third touchdown pass of the game, a 50-yarder to Billy Waddy with 2:06 remaining, gave Los Angeles a victory over defending NFC champion Dallas. Ferragamo had touchdown passes of 32 yards to Wendell Tyler and 43 yards to Ron Smith as the Rams built a 14-5 halftime lead. Dallas rebounded with a pair of second-half touchdowns (Ron Springs' one-yard run in the third quarter and Roger Staubach's two-yard pass to Jay Saldi in the fourth period) to take a 19-14 advantage. With 4:32 left in the game, Los Angeles marched to the Dallas 32 before losing the ball on downs. The Rams' defense held the Cowboys on the ensuing possession, forcing a punt with 2:16 left. The winning touchdown came on the first play following the punt. Ferragamo completed 9 of 21 passes for 210 yards. Waddy had three receptions for 97 yards. Tyler was the game's leading rusher with 82 yards on 19 carries.

Los Angeles	0	14	0	7	-	21
Dallas	2	3	7	7	-	19

Dall-Safety, R. White tackled Ferragamo in end zone

LA -Tyler 32 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

Dall-FG Septien 33

LA -R. Smith 43 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

Dall-Springs 1 run (Septien kick)

Dall-Saldi 2 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)

LA -Waddy 50 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)

NINETEENTH WEEK

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Pittsburgh 27, Houston 13

Sunday, January 6, 1980

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,475.

The Steelers advanced to their fourth Super Bowl appearance since 1974 by eliminating the Oilers 27-13 in the AFC title game. It was the second consecutive year that Pittsburgh had defeated Houston at Three Rivers Stadium in the AFC finale. The Steelers were stunned early when Houston strong safety Vernon Perry intercepted his fifth pass in two playoff games and returned it for a 75-yard touchdown (a championship game record) with just 2:30 elapsed in the contest. Pittsburgh fell behind 10-3 in the second quarter, but quarterback Terry Bradshaw capped drives of 67 and 49 yards with touchdown passes to Bennie Cunningham (16 yards) and John Stallworth (20 yards), respectively. The Oilers narrowed the margin to 17-13 three seconds into the final quarter on Toni Fritsch's 23-yard field goal, but the Steelers scored 10 points in the final 10 minutes to ensure their second straight Super Bowl berth. Pittsburgh's Franco Harris rushed for 85 yards on 21 carries to increase his NFL postseason record to 1,442 yards. Bradshaw's touchdown passes brought his postseason total to 26, the most in NFL

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history.

Houston	7	3	0	3	-	13
Pittsburgh	3	14	0	10	-	27
Hou-Perry 75 interception return (Fritsch kick)						
Pitt -FG Bahr 21						
Hou-FG Fritsch 21						
Pitt -Cunningham 16 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)						
Pitt -Stallworth 20 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)						
Hou-FG Fritsch 23						
Pitt -FG Bahr 39						
Pitt -Bleier 4 run (Bahr kick)						

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Los Angeles 9, Tampa Bay 0

Sunday, January 8, 1980

At Tampa Stadium, attendance 72,033.

The Los Angeles Rams became the first NFC Western Division representative in the Super Bowl by shutting out Tampa Bay 9-0 behind a stingy defense that allowed the Buccaneers only 177 total yards. Frank Corral's field goals of 19, 21, and 23 yards accounted for the Rams' scoring in the first game in the history of the NFC championship (and before 1970, the NFL championship game) in which no touchdowns were scored. The Rams' 68-yard, 13-play drive produced Corral's first field goal with 14:58 remaining in the second period. Los Angeles increased its lead on Corral's 21-yarder with 47 seconds to play in the first half. His final field goal of 23 yards came with 8:09 left in the game. Cullen Bryant's 106 yards on 18 carries and Wendell Tyler's 86 yards on 28 rushes paced the Rams' 217-yard ground attack. Quarterback Vince Ferragamo completed 12 of 23 passes for 163 yards. In the first quarter, Los Angeles' defense held the Buccaneers to 13 yards. Tampa Bay did not get a first down until 7:55 remained in the second period.

Los Angeles	0	6	0	3	-	9
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	-	0
LA-FG Corral 19						
LA-FG Corral 21						
LA-FG Corral 23						

SUPER BOWL XIV

Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles 19

Sunday, January 20, 1980

At Rose Bowl, Pasadena, CA, attendance 103,985

There was a nice moment of heroism and self-sacrifice when an old warrior, Rams defensive end Jack Youngblood, announced his intention to play in his team's first Super Bowl, despite a fractured leg.

There was a rush of "what if?" euphoria as the Rams took a 19-17 lead into the fourth quarter.

And there was cold reality: Pittsburgh, a team with as much patience as talent, struck quickly and surely for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, and it was over. In the first month of 1980, the Steelers officially shut the door on their decade. This Super Bowl victory, their fourth, meant they had won nearly a third of the Vince Lombardi trophies to that point.

The signature image of Super Bowl XIV is of Steelers wide receiver John Stallworth at the L.A. 32, having outraced Rams safety Dave Elmendorf and cornerback Rod Perry, looking back over his head for a lofty Terry Bradshaw pass, catching it in stride, and continuing into the end zone for a 73-yard touchdown.

The Steelers had taken the lead and then surrendered it in the third quarter. Bradshaw hit wide receiver Lynn Swann over the middle for a 47-yard score. The Rams came back with a surprise -- a 24-yard halfback pass from Lawrence McCutcheon to Ron Smith that made it 19-17 before Bradshaw-to-Stallworth put Pittsburgh ahead for good.

The Rams intercepted Bradshaw three times, but it was the Steelers' lone interception -- by linebacker Jack Lambert -- that punctuated the ending. With the score 24-19 and Los Angeles driving, Lambert intercepted a pass from Rams quarterback Vince Ferragamo at the Steelers' 14. Another Rams drive broke under the weight of the Steelers' defense.

For the second year in a row, Bradshaw was named the game's Most Valuable Player for the resiliency that produced 309 passing yards and two touchdowns and a completion rate of 14-for-21.

Los Angeles (NFC) 7 6 6 0 - 19

Pittsburgh (AFC) 3 7 7 14 - 31

Pitt-FG Bahr 41

LA -Bryant 1 run (Corral kick)

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Bahr kick)

LA -FG Corral 31

LA -FG Corral 45

Pitt-Swann 47 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

LA -Smith 24 pass from McCutcheon (kick failed)

Pitt-Stallworth 73 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Bahr kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	RAMS	PITT
First Downs	16	19
Rushing	6	8
Passing	9	10
Penalty	1	1
Total Yardage	301	393
Net rushing yardage	107	84
Net passing yardage	194	309
Passes att.-comp.-had int.	26-16-1	21-14-3

RUSHING

LA Rams - Tyler 17 for 60; Bryant 6 for 30, 1 TD; McCutcheon 5 for 10; Ferragamo 1 for 7.

Pittsburgh - Harris 20 for 46, 2 TDs; Bleier 10 for 25; Bradshaw 3 for 9; Thornton 4 for 4.

PASSING

LA Rams - Ferragamo 15 of 25 for 212, 1 int.; McCutcheon 1 of 1 for 24, 1 TD.

Pittsburgh - Bradshaw 14 of 21 for 309, 2 TDs, 3 int.

RECEIVING

LA Rams - Waddy 3 for 75; Bryant 3 for 21; Tyler 3 for 20; Dennard 2 for 32; Nelson 2 for 20; D. Hill 1 for 28; Smith 1 for 24, 1 TD; McCutcheon 1 for 16.

Pittsburgh - Swann 5 for 79; Stallworth 3 for 121, 1 TD; Harris 3 for 66; Cunningham 2 for 21; Thornton 1 for 22.