

# 1926 AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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### Final Standings

	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Philadelphia Quakers	8	2	0	.800	93-	52
New York Yankees	10	5	0	.667	212-	82
Cleveland Panthers	3	2	0	.600	62-	46
L.A. Wilson Wildcats	6	6	2	.500	105-	83
Chicago Bulls	5	6	3	.455	88-	69
Boston Bulldogs	2	4	0	.333	20-	81
Rock Island Independents	2	6	1	.250	21-	126
Brooklyn Horsemen	1	3	0	.250	25-	68
Newark Bears	0	3	2	.000	7-	26

### WEEK ONE

#### Sunday, September 26, 1926, at Cleveland Luna Bowl. Attendance - 22,000

Over 22,000 fans showed up in Cleveland to watch Red Grange do his stuff. Instead they saw their home heroes, the Panthers, handle Grange's New York Yankees rather well and triumph 10-0.

In opening their season in the new American Football League, the Panthers used mostly players who'd performed for the 1925 Cleveland NFL team. All the Cleveland points were scored by local veterans Dave Noble, with a second quarter touchdown on a pass from Al Michaels, and Doc Elliott, with an extra point and a third quarter field goal.

Grange had less than a so-so game. His best moment was a 21-yard punt return in the second quarter. He also managed runs from scrimmage of nine and twelve yards, plus one of ten that ended in a fumble. Ironically, New York's best drive came in the third quarter with Grange on the bench. At that time, the Yankees moved to the Cleveland three before being stopped.

<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Cleveland Panthers</b>	0	7	3	0	-	10
	Cle - Noble pass from Michaels (Elliott kick)					
	Cle - FG Elliott 32					

Source - New York Times

#### Sunday, September 26, 1926, at Moline, IN Browning Field. Attendance - 2,500

A lot of good luck went into the Rock Island Independents' 7-3 victory over Wildcat Wilson's team at Browning Field in Moline. 2,500 showed up to watch the Islanders open a new season in a new league.

Wilson lived up to his advance billing by playing a great game. He was amply aided by Jim Bradshaw who made some fine end runs, but luck was against Wilson's team as penalties foiled drive after drive. Their only score came on an 18-yard field goal by Jim Lawson in the opening period. On one occasion, a Wilson pass was dropped on the goal line.

Meanwhile, the west coast defense proved a stonewall against the Rock Island runners. Even Notre Dame's great Elmer Layden could find no success with his line smashes. Foiled on the ground, the Islanders went to the air in the second quarter. A long pass from Johnny Armstrong to Wes Bradshaw carried the ball to the five-yard line. After two attempts failed to dent the visitors' line, Armstrong went around end to score.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	3	0	0	0	-	3
<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	7	0	0	-	7
	Wil - FG Lawson 18					
	RI - Armstrong 5 run (Bradshaw kick)					

Source - Rock Island Argus

#### Sunday, September 26, 1926, at Newark Davids' Stadium. Attendance - 2,000

Doug Wycoff was the whole show for the Newark Bears as they managed a come-from-behind tie against the favored Chicago Bulls at David's Stadium before a small crowd of 2,000.

The Bulls started off as though they were going to run the Bears right off the field. On the second play of the game, Joey Sternaman broke away for a forty-yard run. A moment later, he passed to Eddie Anderson to put the ball on the Newark five. Buck White plunged over and little Joey added the extra point.

With the Bears trailing 7-0 almost as soon as the game started, it looked like a long afternoon for Newark fans. However, the home team's defense stiffened from that moment. Despite heroics by Sternaman, Anderson, and Johnny Mohardt, the Bulls could never get a second score.

In the third period, Wycoff almost single-handedly brought the Bears back. He gained 60 yards in a drive that saw the quarter end with the ball resting only a half yard from the goal line. On the first play of the final period, he plunged over for the score. Then he coolly kicked the extra point to nail the tie.

<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	7	0	0	0	-	7
<b>Newark Bears</b>	0	0	0	7	-	7
	Chi - White 5 run (Sternaman kick)					
	Nwk - Wycoff 1 run (Wycoff kick)					

Source - New York Times

### WEEK TWO

#### Saturday, October 2, 1926, at Philadelphia Sesquicentennial Stadium. Attendance - 8,000

Three field goals by Al Kreuz gave the Philadelphia Quakers a 9-3 win over the Chicago Bulls at Sesquicentennial Stadium. A crowd of 8,000 watched the unusual struggle which saw every point registered via the field goal route. The win was the opening game for the Quakers, while the Bulls already had a tie on their record.

The lone Chicago points came in the second quarter when Johnny Mohardt intercepted a Quaker pass on his own 45. An interference penalty gave the Bulls fifteen yards, and then several line smashes picked up a few more, but not enough for the first down. Joey Sternaman then dropkicked from the 40-yard line for three points.

However, Kreuz hit the bullseye three times with placekicks from distances of 42, 33, and 36 yards out to cement the win.

<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	3	0	0	-	3
<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	3	0	6	0	-	9
	Phi - FG Kreuz 42					
	Chi - FG Sternaman 40					
	Phi - FG Kreuz 33					
	Phi - FG Kreuz 36					

Source - Chicago Tribune

#### Sunday, October 3, 1926, at Rock Island Douglas Park. Attendance - 5,000

In an unusual game at Rock Island, the Independents consistently outplayed the New York Yankees yet lost by the one-sided score of 26-0. Rock Island pleased the home crowd of 5,000 by racking up eight first downs to the Yankees' four, but the New Yorkers scored a touchdown in every quarter. An extremely muddy field kept the Islanders' from sustaining an offense.

Harry Fry opened the scoring for New York in the first quarter with an 82-yard pass interception return for a TD that was the game's

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most spectacular play. In the second quarter, the New Yorkers put on their best march of the day, driving 80 yards and finally scoring on a George Pease to Red Grange pass of fifteen yards.

In the third quarter, Grange scored six points on a 20- yard romp around end after 25 yards in penalties had brought the Yankees close. Paul Goebel set up the last New York score by recovering a fumble at the Rock Island five. Pooley Hubert plunged for the score.

<b>New York Yankees</b>	7	6	7	6	-	26
<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

NYY - Fry 82 pass interception (Tryon kick)  
 NYY - Grange 15 pass from Pease (XP failed)  
 NYY - Grange 20 run (Tryon kick)  
 NYY - Hubert 5 run (XP failed)

Source - New York Times

### Sunday, October 3, 1926, at Cleveland Luna Park. Attendance - n/a

In a game that consumed three hours, including one hour and 43 minutes of timeouts, the Cleveland Panthers copped their second win of the season by coming from behind against Wilson's Wildcats to finish on top 17-14. The Panthers led throughout the game, only to be overtaken in the final quarter by a pair of Wildcat touchdowns.

Doc Elliott, the Cleveland fullback, put his team ahead in the first quarter with a 25-yard dropkicked field goal. The score remained 3-0 at the half, but the Clevelanders widened the lead to 10-0 when Cookie Cunningham took a short pass from Al Michaels and ran 65 yards to score.

An intercepted pass gave the Wildcats the ball on the Panther 30 near the end of the third period. They used line bucks to drive the ball in with Wilson going over early in the final quarter. Soon after the kickoff, another intercepted pass gave the 'Cats another shot. Wilson passed to John Vesser for 45 yards and the go-ahead TD.

But Cleveland was not to be denied. As time ran down, Michaels again passed successfully to Cunningham, this time for 40 yards and the winning score.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	0	0	14	-	14
<b>Cleveland Panthers</b>	3	0	7	7	-	17

Cle - FG Elliott 25  
 Cle - Cunningham 65 pass from Michaels (Elliott kick)  
 Wil - G. Wilson run (Bross kick)  
 Wil - Vesser 45 pass from G. Wilson (Bross kick)  
 Cle - Cunningham 40 pass from Michaels (Wolf kick)

Source - Canton Repository

### Sunday, October 3, 1926, at Brooklyn Commercial Field. Attendance - 10,000

The Brooklyn Horsemen came from behind with two second half touchdowns to hand the Chicago Bulls a 12-7 defeat before 10,000 fans at Commercial Field. It was the second loss in two days for the Bulls.

Chicago broke on top with a touchdown in the second quarter. Former Notre Dame star Harry Stuhldreher fumbled a punt on his own 29-yard line and Chicago recovered. Johnny Mohardt picked up 14 yards and Joey Sternaman followed with seven. Then Sternaman knifed through for eight yards and a touchdown. He added the extra point to give the Bulls a 7-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Brooklyn rallied. Chicago lost a fumble in close to their goal, but Brooklyn could not take advantage and lost the ball back. But when Chicago punted only to the thirty, Brooklyn drove in to score. Earl Britton took the ball over, but Drews missed the extra point and the Horsemen still trailed by a point.

The big play of the game came in the final period. Stuhldreher uncorked a beautiful pass to Ed Harrison who went the rest of the way. Altogether the play covered 60 yards. When Chicago was unable to rally, Brooklyn had its first victory.

<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	7	0	0	-	7
<b>Brooklyn Horsemen</b>	0	0	6	6	-	12

Chi - Sternaman 8 run (Sternaman kick)  
 Bkn - Britton run (XP failed)  
 Bkn - Harrison 60 pass from Stuhldreher (XP failed)

Source - New York Times

### Sunday, October 3, 1926, at Newark Davids' Stadium. Attendance - 1,000

A 40-yard field goal by Erwin Gehrke in the fourth quarter gave the Boston Bulldogs a narrow 3-0 victory over the punchless Newark Bears at David's Stadium.

Doug Wycoff, who provided the only offense shown by the Bears in their opening tie with Chicago was injured from that game and unable to play more than a few minutes against Boston. With Wycoff out, the Newark offense was non-existent, but until Gehrke booted his long fielder, Boston showed little inclination to score itself.

American Football League Commissioner Big Bill Edwards attended the game. He received a nice ovation from the crowd as he spent the first half of the game on the Newark side and the second half on the Boston side.

<b>Boston Bulldogs</b>	0	0	0	3	-	3
<b>Newark Bears</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

Bos - FG Gehrke 40

Source - New York Times

### WEEK THREE

#### Saturday, October 9, 1926 at Philadelphia

#### Sesquicentennial Stadium. Attendance - 35,000 (?)

For the second straight week, Al Kreuz used his trusty toe to bring the Philadelphia Quakers as the Penns nipped George Wilson's Wildcats 3-0. The attendance was reported at 35,000. Wilson lived up to his advance billing as an All-America with his running, passing and kicking, but his team could put no points on the scoreboard.

Early in the second period, the Quakers gained possession of the pigskin at midfield, and Kreuz took his first shot at a field goal. His placement try from the 55-yard line failed, but Whitey Thomas made a great play by racing down the field and downing the ball on the one-yard line.

Wilson was forced to punt from his own end zone and Philadelphia got the ball back in Wildcat territory. Moments later, Kreuz had a chance to kick again, this time from the 28. His boot was perfect.

There were other thrills in the game but no scoring. Once the Quakers made a gallant drive down the field, only to be stopped within eight yards of their objective. Twice in the final half the Wildcats seemed on their way to score, but both times the Quaker defense rose up and stopped them.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	0	3	0	0	-	3

Phi - FG Kreuz 28

Source - Philadelphia Public Ledger

#### Saturday, October 9, 1926 at Boston Fenway Park. Attendance - 12,000

The Boston Bulldogs concentrated their efforts on Red Grange and allowed the rest of the New York Yankee backfield to tear up and down Braves' Field for a 13-0 win. Grange played a good game but failed to break away for any long gains to the disappointment of the 12,000 Bostonians who attended. After the first half, he stayed on the bench and allowed his teammates to complete the victory.

Eddie Tryon scored the initial New York touchdown in the second quarter on a splendid run off Boston's left side. The second TD came in the final period as a result of a pass from Pease to Baker.

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Boston never threatened to score. However, the defense, led by Bull Lowe, kept them in the game until the last period.

<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	7	0	6	-	13
<b>Boston Bulldogs</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

NY - Tryon run (Tryon kick)  
 NY - Baker pass from Pease (XP failed)

Source - Boston *Sunday Post*

### Sunday, October 10, 1926, at Brooklyn Commercial Field. Attendance - 6,000

George Wilson led his Wildcats to a one-sided, 23-0, win over the Brooklyn Horsemen at Commercial Field before 6,000 fans. Wilson's strong running and pinpoint passing made what could have been an even match into a rout.

The Wildcats came close to scoring in the first quarter. Wilson's pass to Flaherty was good for a 50-yard gain before Flaherty was pulled down on the ten-yard line. Brooklyn stiffened and kept the Wildcats from scoring here, but in the second quarter Duke Morrison broke off tackle for 25 yards to the Brooklyn ten. Plunges by Wilson moved the ball to the two, and Duke Morrison crashed over. Wilson fumbled the extra point try and the lead stayed at 6-0.

Before the period ended, Elmer Layden of Brooklyn lost a fumble at his own 30. Wilson ran for 12 yards. Two more plunges drove the ball to the two, and Wilson went over. This time Lawson booted the point.

Lawson added three more on a 21-yard field goal in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Wilson's passing sparked another drive with a touchdown coming on a short toss to Ed Illman. Illman also connected on the extra point.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	13	3	7	-	23
<b>Brooklyn Horsemen</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

Wil - D. Morrison 2 run (XP failed)  
 Wil - G. Wilson 2 run (Lawson kick)  
 Wil - FG Lawson 21  
 Wil - Illman pass from G. Wilson (Illman kick)

Source - New York *Times*

### Sunday, October 10, 1926, at Rock Island Douglas Park. Attendance - 1,700

A mixture of forward passing and terrific line smashing by Eddie Novak enabled the Rock Island Independents to turn back the Chicago Bulls, 7-3, before a small crowd of 1,700 at Moline.

In the second quarter Dick Romey of the Bulls snared Johnny Mohardt's twenty-yard pass and was downed at the Islanders' 40. Mohardt tossed another for fifteen yards to Eddie Anderson who struggled ten more to the 15. Buck White made two and Joey Sternaman added six. Then Joey dropkicked a field goal to put the Bulls in front, 3-0. Rock Island threatened to score all during the second half but could not cross the goal line until late in the final quarter. Then two passes picked up a total of 30 yards to place the ball on the ten. Marty Norton circled right end for the touchdown.

The game marked the close of the home season for the Independents. The Argus announced eighteen men, including trainer Louis Boettcher and Dale Johnson would leave directly for Cleveland to begin practice for their next scheduled game. The circuit of all the other American Football League cities would involve a 1,000 mile journey by bus. Manager Arch Bowlby announced the team had lost money on its first three games and its future depended on the results of the road trip.

Veteran center Lou Kolls retired after the game because his campaign for sheriff demanded all his time. Kolls, it was said, had played more games for the Independents than any other player.

<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	3	0	0	-	3
<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	0	0	7	-	7

Chi - FG Sternaman  
 RI - Norton 10 run (Kaplan kick)

Source - Rock Island *Argus*

### WEEK FOUR

#### Saturday, October 16, 1926, at Philadelphia

#### Sesquicentennial Stadium. Attendance - 40,000 (?)

Little Al Kreuz scored all the points as the Philadelphia Quakers defeated the Newark Bears at Sesquicentennial Stadium before a crowd reported at 40,000.

Newark was plagued by a lack of offensive punch. However, Philadelphia could only score against them in one quarter. In the second period, Kreuz put the first points on the scoreboard with a placekicked field goal. Before the period ended, Kreuz also scored the game's only touchdown. He set it up by intercepting a Newark pass and returning it to the 18-yard line of the Bears.

From there on, the excellent Philadelphia defense took over and kept the Bears from threatening the Pennsylvanians' goal line.

<b>Newark Bears</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	0	9	0	0	-	9

Phi - FG Kreuz  
 Phi - Kreuz run (XP failed)

Source - New York *Times*

#### Saturday, October 16, 1926, at Boston

#### Braves Field. Attendance - 2,000

Wildcat Wilson led his charges into Boston and completely demolished the Bulldogs, 21-0. The game was as good as over almost as soon as it began, as the Wildcats scored all their points in the opening quarter.

Two of the L.A. scores came on Wilson passes, the first from midfield to Ram Morrison. The third Wildcat TD also came on a pass when Wilson threw a short toss to Mal Bross who scampered into the end zone to complete a 25-yard play. Dick Reed added all three extra points. The outstanding play of the game provided the second Wildcat touchdown. Bross took a Boston punt on his thirty and twisted 70 yards to score.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	21	0	0	0	-	21
<b>Boston Bulldogs</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

Wil - R. Morrison pass from G. Wilson (Reed kick)  
 Wil - Bross 70 punt return (Reed kick)  
 Wil - Bross 25 pass from G. Wilson (Reed kick)

Source - Boston *Sunday Post*

#### Sunday, October 17, 1926, at Chicago

#### Comiskey Park. Attendance - 16,000

The Chicago Bulls scored their first victory of the season with an upset of Red Grange's New York Yankees. A crowd of good 16,000 attended the 14-0 Bull win at Comiskey Park, the first home game for the locals. The Yankees had not yet played a game in New York.

Grange had a good game, but he was never able to break away for any of one of his famous long runs. His longest gain for the day was only 16 yards.

Chicago's Johnny Mohardt was the day's scoring star, running for both of the Bulls' touchdowns, but the real key to the home club's victory could be found in the Chicago forward wall which completely outplayed their New York opposites.

<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	0	14	0	-	14

Chi - Mohardt run (Sternaman kick)  
 Chi - Mohardt run (Sternaman kick)

Source - New York *Times*

#### Sunday, October 17, 1926, at Cleveland

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## Luna Park. Attendance - 6,000

The Cleveland Panthers remained undefeated with an easy win over the Rock Island Independents at Luna Park. The final score was 23-7, but Cleveland played all their subs after running the score to 23-0.

The Panthers used their running attack during a first quarter drive that produced the first Cleveland touchdown. Dave Noble went over for the score. In the second quarter, Guy Roberts booted a 40-yard field goal to widen the margin.

The Panthers put the contest far beyond Rock Island's reach in the third period when Noble drove across for his second touchdown and Al Michaels passed to Dick Wolf for still another TD.

In the final quarter, when Cleveland put in all their second-liners, Rock Island recovered a fumble on the Cleveland 20. Johnny Armstrong was able to pass to Wes Bradshaw for a face-saving score.

<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	0	0	7	-	7
<b>Cleveland Panthers</b>	7	3	13	0	-	23

Cle - Noble run (Elliott kick)

Cle - FG G. Roberts 40

Cle - Noble 9 run (Elliott kick)

Cle - Wolf 29 pass from Michaels (XP failed)

RI - Bradshaw 20 pass from Armstrong (Kaplan kick)

Source - *Canton Repository*

## Sunday, October 17, 1926, at Newark Davids' Stadium. Attendance - 2,000

The L.A. Wilson Wildcats won a hard-fought, 7-0, victory over the surprisingly tough Newark Bears on the strength of a third quarter drive for a touchdown. George Wilson's passes featured the 68-yard drive. The scoring play was a toss from Wilson to Mal Bross.

Newark displayed a strong defense, but its offense, despite occasional flashes, lacked consistency. Doug Wycoff was the primary threat for the Bears. American Football League commissioner William H. "Big Bill" Edwards was in attendance at the game.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	0	7	0	-	7
<b>Newark Bears</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

Wil - Bross pass from G. Wilson (Reed kick)

Source - *New York Times*

## Sunday, October 17, 1926, at Brooklyn Commercial Field. Attendance - 4,000

A wet, soggy field was no obstacle to the Boston Bulldogs who easily topped the Brooklyn Horsemen at Commercial Field before a modest crowd of 4,000. Boston scored its first touchdown on a break. In the opening quarter, Charlie Morrison recovered a Brooklyn fumble at the 20-yard line and ran into the end zone for the score. Joe McGlone added the extra point.

In the second quarter, a 25-yard penalty against Brooklyn put the Bulldogs into position for Carl Etelman to try a field goal. The attempt was blocked, but Boston retained possession. On his second try, Etelman's kick was true for three points.

Boston finished off its scoring in the final quarter when Etelman picked off a Brooklyn pass at midfield and returned it all the way to the five. From there, Bill Cronin plunged over. Erwin Gehrke kicked the extra point.

<b>Boston Bulldogs</b>	7	3	0	7	-	17
<b>Brooklyn Horsemen</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

Bos - Morrison 20 fumble recovery (McGlone kick)

Bos - FG Etelman

Bos - Cronin 5 run (Gehrke kick)

Source - *New York Times*

## WEEK FIVE

### Saturday, October 23, 1926, at Philadelphia

#### Sesquicentennial Stadium. Attendance - 15,000

The breaks went against the Rock Island Independents as they lost, 9-0, to the Philadelphia Quakers in a Saturday game at Sesquicentennial Stadium with a reported 15,000 in attendance.

Early in the first quarter, Al Kreuz of the Quakers placekicked a 37-yard field goal to put Philadelphia in the lead. Then, in the second quarter, Rock Island's Johnny Armstrong made a fatal mistake in attempting a pass from near his own goal. Adrian Ford of the Quakers picked it off and scooted 18 yards into the end zone.

In the second half, the Independents played well. They held the Quakers at the ten-yard line in the final quarter. Then, with Wes Bradshaw throwing excellent passes, Rock Island moved steadily down the field. But, at the Quakers' ten, Bradshaw tried another pass, but Frank Coyle dropped it in the end zone to foil the Independents' best scoring chance.

League president Big Bill Edwards watched the game.

<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	3	6	0	0	-	9

Phi - FG Kreuz 37

Phi - Ford 18 pass interception (XP failed)

Source - *Rock Island Argus*

## Sunday, October 24, 1926, at New York Yankee Stadium. Attendance - 11,560

A reported 20,000 fans sat through a steady rain at Yankee Stadium for the game between the New York Yankees and Wilson Wildcats. The wet stuff muffled the two most potent offenses in the AFL. Late in the fourth quarter, New York's Eddie Tryon broke loose and sloshed 80 muddy yards for the game-winning score.

New York had a pair of chances to score on field goals in the first half, but Art Coglizer missed on both. His first try was from the 33 and the second from the 32.

Jim Lawson of the Wildcats missed two field goal tries in the second half. The first was from the 33-yard line after George Wilson's running moved the ball into position. In the final quarter, Wilson's pass to Ray Flaherty picked up more than 30 yards, but Lawson missed his kick from the 15.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	0	0	6	-	6

NYY - Tryon 80 run (XP failed)

Source - *New York Times*

## Sunday, October 24, 1926, at Chicago Comiskey Park. Attendance - 3,000

Little Joe Sternaman was the big man in the Chicago Bulls' 19-12 victory over the previously unbeaten Cleveland Panthers at Comiskey Park. About 3,000 attended.

Sternaman put the ball in scoring position in the opening quarter with a long pass to Buck White that took the ball to the 32. John Mohardt and Sternaman rushed for the remainder, with Mohardt scoring. Before the period ended, Sternaman added a 22-yard field goal after his recovery of a Cleveland fumble gave his team good field position.

In the second quarter, Cleveland battled back, mostly on the strength of Al Michaels' passing. Dave Noble scored the touchdown. The third quarter saw Cleveland take the lead on another Noble TD. But, as soon as Chicago got the ball back, Sternaman broke loose for 55 yards to set up another touchdown. In the final period, he rounded out his scoring with another field goal.

<b>Cleveland Panthers</b>	0	6	6	0	-	12
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	10	0	6	3	-	19

Chi - Mohardt 6 run (XP failed)

Chi - FG Sternaman 22

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Cle - Noble run (XP failed)  
 Cle - Noble run (XP failed)  
 Chi - Sternaman 12 run (Sternaman kick)  
 Chi - FG Sternaman 20

Source - Canton *Repository*

## Sunday, October 24, 1926, at Newark Davids' Stadium. Attendance - 400

The Newark Bears and Rock Island Independents slogged to a 0-0 tie at David's Stadium. Heavy rain all morning which continued throughout the game turned the field into a quagmire.

Neither Newark nor Rock Island had shown much offense all season, and the rain and mud on this day simply aggravated the weakness. Both teams were restricted to mainly plunging into the line. Rock Island managed to pick up five first downs to two for Newark, but the Islanders' only real chances to score came on a pair of unsuccessful field goal tries by Wes Bradshaw. In the opening quarter, he missed one from the 35-yard line; another from the 27 failed in the final period.

According to one report, the attendance was a mere 400 hardy souls. As things turned out, those few were watching the Bears' last appearance in the American Football League.

<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Newark Bears</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

Source - New York *Times*

## WEEK SIX

### Saturday, October 30, 1926, at Philadelphia Sesquicentennial Stadium. Attendance - 30,000

The New York Yankees jumped back into the American Football League championship race by upsetting the previously-unbeaten Philadelphia Quakers, 23-0, at Sesquicentennial Stadium before a reported 30,000 fans.

For three quarters, the Yankees and Quakers battled scorelessly. Suddenly, in the final period, the New Yorkers exploded for 23 points to win. Eddie Tryon garnered eleven of the points with a touchdown, field goal, and two extra points, but the whole New York backfield joined in the explosion.

Red Grange put no points on the scoreboard, but he played a fine all-around game, contributing 91 yards -- 48 on rushes and 43 on pass receptions.

<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	0	0	23	-	23
<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

NYY - Pease run (Tryon kick)  
 NYY - Tryon pass from Hubert (Tryon kick)  
 NYY - Hubert pass from Marks (XP failed)  
 NYY - FG Tryon

Source - New York *Times*

### Sunday, October 31, 1926, at Cleveland Luna Park. Attendance - 1,000

George Wilson's Wildcats edged the Cleveland Panthers 6-0 to hand the Ohioans their second straight loss. The same two teams met at the beginning of October with Cleveland coming out on top.

The game was a hard-fought affair that eventually turned on one break and the Wildcats' ability to capitalize on it. Cleveland's Al Michaels, who threw two touchdown passes in the earlier win, proved to be the goat this time around. It was his fumble which was recovered by the Wildcats on the Cleveland 20 in the final period. From there the westerners drove down to the goal. Duke Morrison took the ball over.

Veteran Al Nesser played an outstanding defensive game for the Panthers albeit in a losing cause. With this loss, Cleveland packed in its American Football League adventure. They dropped out and began seeking admission to the NFL.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	0	0	6	-	6
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**Cleveland Panthers**      0   0   0   0   -   0  
 Wil - D. Morrison run (XP failed)

Source - Canton *Repository*

## Sunday, October 31, 1926, at Chicago Comiskey Park. Attendance - 4,000

The Chicago Bulls and Boston Bulldogs staggered through three scoreless quarters at Comiskey Park until the Bulls suddenly exploded for all of their 23 points in the final period. Only about 4,000 fans watched the contest. The Chicagoans outplayed the easterners most of the way. Boston's only try for points came in the opening period when some nifty running by Bill Cronin got the ball close enough for Joe McGlone to try for a field goal. His kick was poor.

Penalties hurt the Bulls who made several good drives ruined by whistles. In the second quarter, they apparently scored only to have the play called back and the ball set fifteen extra yards from the goal line. On the opening play of the last quarter, Joey Sternaman booted a field goal from the 20-yard line. A few moments later, an out-of-bounds punt gave the Bulls the ball on the Boston 38. Sternaman passed to Dick Romey at the 22. Buck White plunged for seven. Then Sternaman circled end for the touchdown.

Later in the period, Red Mahan stole the ball from Boston's Johnny Gilroy as he was returning a punt. Johnny Mohardt passed to Romey who went out of bounds at the one. Mohardt crashed over for the TD. After the kickoff, Harry Hall intercepted a Boston pass and ran to the Bulldog's 26. Sternaman immediately fired a pass to Romey for the Bulls' third touchdown.

<b>Boston Bulldogs</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	0	0	23	-	23

Chi - FG Sternaman 20  
 Chi - Sternaman 15 run (Sternaman kick)  
 Chi - Mohardt run (XP failed)  
 Chi - Romey 26 pass from Sternaman (Sternaman kick)

Source - Chicago *Daily Tribune*

## WEEK SEVEN

### Tuesday, November 2, 1926, at New York Yankee Stadium. Attendance - 30,000

The New York Yankees easily defeated the Rock Island Independents 35-0 before a reported 30,000 at Yankee Stadium. The New Yorkers used forward passes, both their own and Rock Island's, in racking up their points. In the opening quarter, Red Grange, Eddie Tryon, and Pooley Hubert tore off some good runs. Then a pass to Hubert brought the ball to the four. From there Hubert plunged over and Tryon added the extra point. A few minutes later, Tryon intercepted a Rock Island pass on the Islanders' 20. George Pease immediately threw a pass to Tryon for the score. Tryon again kicked the point to make it 14-0. In the second quarter, Tryon intercepted a Rock Island pass and took it 45 yards to score. After a scoreless third period, the Yankees got rolling again. A blocked punt and fine runs by Hubert and Grange brought another touchdown. Then Pease intercepted a Rock Island pass to set up a last score on his own pass to Larry Marks.

<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>New York Yankees</b>	14	7	0	14	-	35

NYY - Hubert 4 run (Tryon kick)  
 NYY - Tryon 20 pass from Pease (Tryon kick)  
 NYY - Tryon 45 pass interception (Tryon kick)  
 NYY - Grange 21 run (Coglizer kick)  
 NYY - Marks 16 pass from Pease (Coglizer kick)

Source - New York *Times*

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## Saturday, November 6, 1926, at Philadelphia Sesquicentennial Stadium. Attendance - 5,000

Strengthened by the addition of All-American Glenn Killinger, the Philadelphia Quakers steamrolled the Rock Island Independents, 24-0, before a crowd of 5,000 at Sesquicentennial Stadium. The Quakers scored all of their points in the second half.

Killinger intercepted four of the Islanders' passes and his teammates got two more to totally disrupt the Independents' offense.

After a fairly even first half, the Quakers used the interceptions to completely demolish the Islanders. The visitors only bright spot came on Vince McCarthy's 40-yard dash in the last few minutes of play. The game was originally supposed to pit Cleveland against the Quakers, but when the Panthers dropped out of the league, the Islanders were substituted.

<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	0	0	10	14	-	24

Phi - FG Dinsmore

Phi - Killinger 40 pass from Dinsmore (Dinsmore kick)

Phi - Way run (Kreuz kick)

Phi - Tully pass from Dinsmore (Kreuz kick)

Source - Rock Island *Argus*

## Sunday, November 7, 1926, at New York Yankee Stadium. Attendance - 28,000

The New York Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Horsemen 21-13 at Yankee Stadium in a game that was more one-sided than the score would indicate. The Yankees had a 21-0 lead before Brooklyn finally dented the scoreboard against the New York subs. A crowd of 28,000 was announced.

Eddie Tryon put the Yankees in front 14-0 at the end of the first quarter with several good runs for touchdowns and a pair of extra points. After he left the game, Red Grange took over. Taking a toss from George Pease, he stepped off 25 yards around Brooklyn's right end for the Yankees' third touchdown.

Down 21-0, the Horseman went to a desperation passing game and managed to ring up a pair of touchdowns against the New York reserves before the final gun.

<b>Brooklyn Horsemen</b>	0	7	0	6	-	13
<b>New York Yankees</b>	14	7	0	0	-	21

NYY - Tryon run (Tryon kick)

NYY - Tryon run (Tryon kick)

NYY - Grange 25 run (Coglizer kick)

Bkn - Flaherty pass from Britton (Stuhldreher kick)

Bkn - Bolger pass from Stuhldreher (XP failed)

Source - New York *Times*

## Sunday, November 7, 1926, at Chicago Comiskey Park. Attendance - 7,500

The Wilson Wildcats outplayed the Chicago Bulls for more than three quarters, only to fumble in the period to allow the Chicagoans to tie the score. The 3-3 deadlock was watched by 7,500 at Comiskey Park.

On five different occasions, the Wildcats led by George Wilson threatened the Chicago goal. Four times the Bull defense turned them away without a score, but in the second quarter Dick Reed managed an 18-yard field goal.

Chicago showed little offense through most of the game. But with only about five minutes left the Wildcats made their only fumble of the game and the Bulls recovered on the L.A. 28. It took the Bulls four plays to get a first down. When it appeared that they could not get a second, Chicago ace Joey Sternaman went back to the 22 and dropkicked the tying field goal.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	3	0	0	-	3
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	0	0	3	-	3

Wil - FG Reed 18

Chi - FG Sternaman 22

Source - Chicago *Tribune*

## Monday, November 8, 1926, at Toronto, Canada Maple Leaf Stadium. Attendance - 10,000

Canadian fans witnessed an American League Football game at Maple Leaf Stadium in Toronto as the New York Yankees blanked the Wilson Wildcats 28-0. A crowd of 10,000 -- lured mainly by the fame of Red Grange -- turned out.

After a scoreless first half, Grange broke away for a 60-yard touchdown run to put the New Yorkers in front. Before the final gun, the Yankees scored three more times, all in one way or another the result of forward passes. The aerial game was a wonder to Canadian fans as such tactics were not legal in Canadian football.

Jim Bradshaw played an excellent game for the Wildcats, but star George Wilson was injured in the third quarter and forced out of the contest.

<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	0	14	14	-	28
<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

NYY - Grange 60 run (Grange kick)

NYY - Maloney pass from Pease (Coglizer kick)

NYY - Maloney pass from Grange (Coglizer kick)

NYY - Fry pass interception (Coglizer kick)

Source - New York *Times*, Hamilton *Spectator*

### WEEK EIGHT

## Sunday, November 14, 1926, at Chicago Comiskey Park. Attendance - 2,500

The Philadelphia Quakers were knocked out of first place in the American Football League by the trusty toe of Joey Sternaman, as the Chicago Bulls edged the Pennsylvanians 3-0 on a muddy Comiskey Park field. Only about 2,500 Chicagoans turned out for the game.

Most of the afternoon was spent in slipping and sliding, but right before the end of the first half the Bulls got a drive going. Sternaman passed to Dick Romey to move the ball 15 yards past midfield. He tried two more unsuccessfully, and then Buck White shot a toss to Johnny Mohardt at the 18. Sternaman called for his kicking shoe. With time running out, he dropkicked out of a mud puddle for three points. Only one other good gain was registered during the entire game, White's 25-yard dash in the fourth quarter.

<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	3	0	0	-	3

Chi - FG Sternaman 26

Source - Canton *Repository*

## Sunday, November 14, 1926, at New York Yankee Stadium. Attendance - 20,000

Red Grange turned in a three touchdown performance in leading his New York Yankees to a 24-0 victory over the Boston Bulldogs before a reported 20,000 at Yankee Stadium. Grange got his first score in the opening quarter on a five-yard run. In the second period, he dashed and whirled 35 yards after taking a 30-yard pass from George Pease to garner his second score. Before the period ended, he picked off a Boston pass and zipped 55 yards to his third touchdown. Art Coglizer added a field goal and two extra points to the Yankees' total. Grange himself added the third PAT.

League commissioner Big Bill Edwards attended the game and watched from the New York bench. Westbrook Pegler, writing for the Chicago Tribune, profiled the commissioner in action. "An unforeseen ethical point arose during the progress of the game and it required a snap ruling from President Large Will Edwards, sitting en banc as the Supreme Court of professional football, to save the situation. After Mr. Coglizer's goal from the field, the football, valued at nine dollars wholesale, went on into the bleachers and somebody attempted to steal the same in accordance with the rule of finders

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keepers. They had only one other football on the ground today and that seemed to be stuffed with oat meal, for it was very sluggish, so Mr. Edwards ruled that the customer who got the new football would have to give it back."

<b>Boston Bulldogs</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>New York Yankees</b>	7	17	0	0	-	24

NY - Grange 5 run (Coglizer kick)  
 NY - Grange 65 pass from Pease (Coglizer kick)  
 NY - Grange 55 pass interception (Grange kick)  
 NY - FG Coglizer

Source - Chicago *Tribune*

## WEEK NINE

### Saturday, November 20, 1926, at Philadelphia Sesquicentennial Stadium. Attendance - 4,000

Bob Dinsmore's 56-yard dash gave the Philadelphia Quakers a 13-7 win over the Wilson Wildcats and star tailback George Wilson at Sesquicentennial Stadium. The run, coming on a third period punt return, electrified the crowd and broke a 7-7 tie.

Wilson led his Wildcats in a first quarter drive for a touchdown following Al Kreuz's poor punt from his own eight. Taking the ball on the Philly 30, the Wildcats drove to the one in four plays, and then Wilson crashed across. Jim Lawson added the extra point.

An interception by George Tully gave the Quakers a chance for the equalizing touchdown late in the second quarter. Johnny Scott dashed 24 yards to the 14. Then he went for ten yards on the next play. A four-yard pass from Scott to Adrian Ford brought the score. Kreuz added the tying extra point.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	7	0	0	0	-	7
<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	0	7	6	0	-	13

Wil - G. Wilson 1 run (Lawson kick)  
 Phi - Ford 4 pass from Scott (Kreuz kick)  
 Phi - Dinsmore 56 punt return (XP failed)

Source - Philadelphia *Public Ledger*

### Sunday, November 21, 1926, at New York Yankee Stadium. Attendance - 18,827

George Wilson's L.A. Wildcats defeated the New York Yankees 16-6 at Yankee Stadium, knocking the New Yorkers out of first place in the American Football League before a crowd reported at 18,000. Wilson scored the initial touchdown for the Wildcats on a stumbling, twisting drive off tackle. Jim Bradshaw got the other on a 20-yard amble around right end. Jim Lawson added both extra points. The final two points of the L.A. total -- all in the first half -- came on a safety. New York's score came on a pass from George Pease to Lowell Otte after a long drive that featured the running of Pease and Larry Marks. Marks' dropkick for the extra point was blocked.

Westbrook Pegler, writing in the Chicago Tribune, revealed a scoop in his account of the game - "A very important discovery affecting the integrity of the professional football business was made today. It was learned that the two lady cheer leaders whom Mr. Pyle described as amateur cheer leaders obtained at great expense from a very high toned seminary for young ladies, were in reality alumnae of one of Mr. Jake Shubert's classes for young ladies. [Shubert was a famous theatrical producer.] It is felt that Mr. Pyle should not have deceived the customers." Pegler listed the ladies in his box score of the game - "Cheer Leaders -- The Misses Lizzie and Dizzy, Shubert '17."

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	7	9	0	0	-	16
<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	0	6	0	-	6

Wil - G. Wilson 13 run (Lawson kick)  
 Wil - Bradshaw 20 run (Lawson kick)  
 Wil - Safety  
 NY - Otte 13 pass from Pease (XP failed)

Source - Chicago *Tribune*

### Sunday, November 21, 1926, at Chicago Comiskey Park. Attendance - 1,800

The Chicago Bulls nipped the Rock Island Independents 3-0 at Comiskey Park on a snow-covered field. Nearly 1,800 braved the elements to watch the game. Chicago's points came in the first quarter on a 20-yard dropkick by Joey Sternaman. This was enough to provide the win, but just barely.

In the second period, Rock Island seemingly registered a touchdown. A pass from Marty Norton to Frank Coyle was, it seemed, completed at the corner of the end zone. However, it was ruled that Coyle was actually out of bounds when he caught the ball. Try as they might, the Islanders could not register a legitimate touchdown, and Chicago gained possession of the football.

Both teams fought hard all the way, but the snow hampered the offenses, particularly in the second half.

<b>Rock Island Independents</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	3	0	0	0	-	3

Chi - FG Sternaman 20

Source - Rock Island *Argus*

## WEEK TEN

### Thursday, November 25, 1926, at New York Yankee Stadium. Attendance - 22,000

The Philadelphia Quakers pretty well wrapped up the American Football League championship with a 13-10 victory at New York before an announced 22,000. The Quakers took the lead in the opening quarter when Al Kreuz booted a perfect 35-yard field goal. New York tied the score in the second quarter when Eddie Tryon kicked a three-pointer from the 24-yard line. At the half, the score remained knotted.

Kreuz regained the lead for the Philadelphians in the third period with his second field goal, this one for 40 yards. But again, the Yankees rallied. George Pease replaced an injured Red Grange and shot a pass to Tryon for a 26-yard gain. Several passes to Pooley Hubert and Tryon brought the ball to the 16-yard line as the fourth quarter opened. Bullet Baker passed to Pease on the three. Then, on the fourth play from the three, Tryon went around end to score. His extra point made the score 10-6, New York.

Philadelphia rallied. Pie Way replaced Doc Elliott, and a couple of plays later, Johnny Scott tossed a 30-yard pass that Way caught on the ten and Pie took it the rest of the way to score.

<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	3	0	3	7	-	13
<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	3	0	7	-	10

Phi - FG Kreuz 35  
 NY - FG Tryon 24  
 Phi - FG Kreuz 40  
 NY - Tryon 3 run (Tryon kick)  
 Phi - Way 40 pass from Scott (Kreuz kick)

Source - New York *Times*

### Thursday, November 25, 1926, at Chicago Comiskey Park. Attendance - 3,500

The Chicago Bulls and the Wilson Wildcats struggled for four quarters, waiting for a break that never came. The final score of nothing-to-nothing reflected the importance of the game in the American Football League championship race -- nothing. A total of 3,500 fans waited in vain at Comiskey Park, hoping for a chance to erupt. The Bulls had a slight offensive edge with five first downs to a pair for the visitors. They also threatened several times.

The Wildcats, with George Wilson on the sideline most of the contest, showed little offense. Chicago's best scoring chance came in the second quarter when Dick Romey scooped up a Wildcat fumble and ran to the 15-yard line. However, on the next play, Chicago fumbled and the Wildcats' Jim Bradshaw recovered.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

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Source - *Chicago Tribune*

**Saturday, November 27, 1926, at Philadelphia  
Sesquicentennial Stadium. Attendance - 15,000**

While Red Grange sat on the bench, his famous number "77" covered by a sweater, his New York Yankees lost for the second time in three days to the Philadelphia Quakers. Grange was so badly battered in the Yankees' losing effort against the Quakers on Thanksgiving Day that he was unable to participate in the sequel. The 13-6 Philadelphia win sealed the American Football League championship for the Quakers. Had New York pulled out a victory, they could have nearly matched the Philadelphian's 7-3 record with a 9-4 mark and possibly brought about a post-season playoff.

One report had 22,000 fans in attendance, but another placed the figure at a more realistic 15,000. However many, they were disappointed at not seeing Grange and even more upset when local hero Al Kreuz went out early with an injury.

Kreuz's replacement, Bob Dinsmore, proved more than up to the task. His two field goals and one extra point provided the margin of victory.

<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	0	0	6	-	6
<b>Philadelphia Quakers</b>	7	0	3	3	-	13

Phi - Ford pass from Scott (Dinsmore kick)

Phi - FG Dinsmore

Phi - FG Dinsmore

NYY - Pease pass from Marks (XP failed)

Source - *New York Times*

**Sunday, November 28, 1926, New York  
Yankee Stadium. Attendance - 15,000**

Playing their fourth game in eight days and third in four, and with Red Grange on the bench nursing a strained tendon in his right leg, the New York Yankees still managed a 7-0 win over the Chicago Bulls at Yankee Stadium. Eddie Tryon scored all of the points for the New Yorkers, taking a pass from George Pease for the touchdown and adding the extra point. In the drive, Pooley Hubert passed to Bullet Baker for 17, and Pease hit Paul Goebel for 24. Tryon also had a 70-yard punt return in the game.

When the announcement of Grange's absence was made, it was added that, as one of the important stockholders in the club, the red head would be present on the field "in spirit." It was not explained exactly how Grange's spirit would hold on to the football. However, the Bulls played badly, giving the game to the Yankees more or less by default.

The management also placed the attendance at 15,000, but Westbrook Pegler, covering the game for the *Chicago Tribune*, offered to buy wine for every person in attendance in excess of 6,000. He alleged that such a purchase would not do noticeable damage to a dollar.

<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>New York Yankees</b>	7	0	0	0	-	7

NYY - Tryon 23 pass from Pease (Tryon kick)

Source - *Chicago Tribune*

**WEEK ELEVEN**

**Sunday, December 5, 1926, at Chicago  
Comiskey Park. Attendance - 3,000**

While a freezing crowd of 3,000 huddled in Comiskey Park, the Wilson Wildcats slipped and slid to a 5-0 victory over the Chicago Bulls. While both teams were adversely affected by the condition of the field, the Bulls seemed particularly prone to fumble and the Wildcats were particularly adept at recovering. This effectively removed any offense that the Chicago team might have generated.

Although he left the game early with a slight injury, George Wilson played an outstanding game while he was in there. His substitute, Ram Morrison, showed great punting ability.

The Wildcats got enough points to win right at the start. Mal Bross returned the opening kickoff 45 yards, the longest run of the game. The Wildcats continued to drive downfield until they stalled at about the Bull 20. Dick Reed went back to the 25 and placekicked a field goal.

The westerners added a safety in the third quarter when Morrison punted to the Chicago one. Buck White, trying to kick out of danger, fumbled and had to fall on the ball.

<b>Wilson Wildcats</b>	3	0	2	0	-	5
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0

Wil - FG Reed 25

Wil - Safety

Source - *Chicago Tribune*

**WEEK TWELVE**

**Sunday, December 12, 1926, at Chicago  
Comiskey Park. Attendance - 8,000**

Larry Marks pulled victory from defeat with a 43-yard dash through the fog, ice and slush of Comiskey Park to make the New York Yankees 7-3 winners over the Chicago Bulls. A reported 10,000 fans paid their way in, primarily in hopes of seeing Red Grange break one of his famous long runs. However, most seemed satisfied with Marks' imitation.

The teams battled through three scoreless quarters, slipping and sliding on the ice-covered surface. But just as it began to look like the final score would be nothing- nothing, Sam Whiteman of the Bulls led a drive that reached the New York ten before stalling. At that point, Joey Sternaman stepped back to the 20 and dropkicked a field goal.

Bullet Baker returned the kickoff and then tossed a successful pass to Art Coglizer to move the ball to the Bulls' 43. On the next play, Marks cut off tackle, skidded into the open, and raced to his game-winning score.

The game brought to an end the season and the life of the American Football League.

<b>New York Yankees</b>	0	0	0	7	-	7
<b>Chicago Bulls</b>	0	0	0	3	-	3

Chi - FG Sternaman 20

NYY - Marks 43 run (Coglizer kick)

Source - *Chicago Times*