

1975 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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1975 National Football League

1975 AFC W L T Pct. PF PA

Eastern Division

Baltimore Colts	10	4	0	.714	395	269
Miami Dolphins	10	4	0	.714	357	222
Buffalo Bills	8	6	0	.571	420	355
New England Patriots	3	11	0	.214	258	358
New York Jets	3	11	0	.214	258	433

Central Division

Pittsburgh Steelers	12	2	0	.857	373	162
Cincinnati Bengals *	11	3	0	.786	340	246
Houston Oilers	10	4	0	.714	293	226
Cleveland Browns	3	11	0	.214	218	372

Western Division

Oakland Raiders	11	3	0	.786	375	255
Denver Broncos	6	8	0	.429	254	307
Kansas City Chiefs	5	9	0	.357	282	341
San Diego Chargers	2	12	0	.143	189	345

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Eastern Division

St. Louis Cardinals	11	3	0	.786	356	276
Dallas Cowboys *	10	4	0	.714	350	268
Washington Redskins	8	6	0	.571	325	276
New York Giants	5	9	0	.357	216	306
Philadelphia Eagles	4	10	0	.286	225	302

Central Division

Minnesota Vikings	12	2	0	.857	377	180
Detroit Lions	7	7	0	.500	245	262
Chicago Bears	4	10	0	.286	191	379
Green Bay Packers	4	10	0	.286	226	285

Western Division

Los Angeles Rams	12	2	0	.857	312	135
San Francisco 49ers	5	9	0	.357	255	286
Atlanta Falcons	4	10	0	.286	240	289
New Orleans Saints	2	12	0	.143	165	360

*Wild Card qualifier for playoffs

AFC Divisional Playoffs: Pittsburgh 28, Baltimore 10
Oakland 31, Cincinnati 28

NFC Divisional playoffs: Los Angeles 35, St. Louis 23
Dallas 17, Minnesota 14

AFC Championship: Pittsburgh 16, Oakland 10

NFC Championship: Dallas 37, Los Angeles Rams 7

Super Bowl X: Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Dallas (NFC) 17

FIRST WEEK

St. Louis 23, Atlanta 20

Sunday, September 21

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 42,172.

Jim Bakken kicked a 25-yard field goal as time ran out to provide the fourth straight opening game victory for the Cardinals, who trailed 13-20 with five minutes left. An eight-yard touchdown pass from Jim Hart to Earl Thomas tied the score, then Hart directed a 72-yard drive in the final 1:49 to set up Bakken's third and decisive field goal. Atlanta's Dave Hampton ran 23 times for 135 yards and two TDs.

Atlanta	7	6	7	0	-	20
St. Louis	7	6	0	10	-	23

StL-Metcalf 39 run (Bakken kick)

Atl-Bartkowski 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

StL-FG Bakken 22

Atl-Hampton 6 run (kick blocked)

StL-FG Bakken 39

Atl-Hampton 1 run (Make-Mayer kick)

StL-Thomas 8 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL-FG Bakken 25

Baltimore 35, Chicago 7

Sunday, September 21

At Soldier Field, attendance 51,678.

Colts quarterback Bert Jones, whose father, Dub Jones, scored six touchdowns against the Bears in a 1951 game, had a pair of touchdown passes to Glenn Doughty among his 15 completions to make Baltimore Coach Ted Marchibroda's debut a success and the first game of Bears' Coach Jack Pardee a disappointment. Baltimore's defense had two interceptions and limited Chicago to 121 yards.

Baltimore	0	21	7	7	-	35
Chicago	0	0	7	0	-	7

Balt-Leaks 1 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Doughty 4 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Balt-McCauley 1 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Doughty 7 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Chi-Douglass 1 run (Thomas kick)

Balt-McCauley 3 run (Linhart kick)

Cincinnati 24, Cleveland 17

Sunday, September 21

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 52,874.

Ken Anderson's passes helped Cincinnati build up a 24-3 early lead and the Bengals' defense stood off a late Cleveland threat for their fourth straight victory in the all-Ohio series. The Browns were inside the Cincinnati 2 six times in the second half but fumbled poor snaps and the Bengals' defense turned back the threats. Anderson completed 17 of 27 for 287 yards, 203 in the first half and threw a TD pass to Isaac Curtis. Lenvil Elliott ran for 72 yards and one TD and Boobie Clark rushed for 51 yards and one TD as the Bengals wound up with 379 yards total offense. Greg Pruitt topped the Browns with 66 yards and one TD.

Cleveland	0	3	14	0	-	17
Cincinnati	14	3	7	0	-	24

Cin-Curtis 27 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Cin-Clark 14 run (Green kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 18

Cin-FG Green 44

Cin-Elliott 3 run (Green kick)

Cle-Pruitt 8 run (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Hall fumble recovery in end zone (Cockroft kick)

Detroit 30, Green Bay 16

Sunday, September 21

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 50,781.

An extraordinary performance by the Lions' special teams turned Bart Starr's debut as head coach into a disaster. Detroit blocked three Green Bay punts, an NFL one-game record. Levi Johnson blocked the first-ever NFL punt by Steve Broussard and fell on the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. Johnson blocked another punt in the second period and linebacker Larry Ball picked up the ball and raced 34 yards to score. In the third period, Ben Davis smothered another punt which was recovered by Jim Mitchell. Three plays later, Dexter Bussey scored.

Detroit	10	7	7	6	-	30
Green Bay	0	3	7	6	-	16

Det-FG Mann 28

Det-Johnson recovery of blocked punt in end zone (Mann kick)

Det-Ball 34 recovery of blocked punt (Mann kick)

GB-FG Marcol 21

GB-Brockington 5 run (Pureifory kick)

Det-Bussey 1 run (Mann kick)

Det-FG Mann 18

GB-Brockington 2 run (kick blocked)

Det-FG Mann 47

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Houston 7, New England 0

Sunday, September 21

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 51,934.

Injured Jim Plunkett watched from the bench as his Patriots and the Houston Oilers struggled in a driving rainstorm with the only score coming on Willie Germany's 48-yard run with a fumble recovery in the first period. New England took the opening kickoff and moved to two quick first downs before Mack Herron fumbled and Germany picked up the loose ball and sprinted into the end zone. Neil Graff made his first start as Patriot QB and completed 10 of 18 for a losing cause. Rookie running back Don Hardeman broke in with a fine performance, gaining 96 yards on 18 carries although he did not start.

Houston	7	0	0	0	-	7
New England	0	0	0	0	-	0

Hou-Germany 48 fumble recovery return (Butler kick)

Denver 37, Kansas City 33

Sunday, September 21

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 51,858.

A wild, free-scoring contest in which the Broncos, trailing 33-24 midway through the last quarter, came to life with two TDs for victory. Bill Van Heusen caught a 10-yard pass from Charley Johnson for the winner after the Broncos scored when Otis Armstrong ran 33 yards before fumbling on the two and Jack Dolbin picked up the loose ball for the TD. Rick Upchurch, 5-10 rookie from Minnesota, scored on a 13-yard reverse, returned three kickoffs for 88 yards and a punt for 30 yards and caught three passes for 153 yards, including a 90-yard TD, for a remarkable record first day effort of 286 yards. The Chiefs, making their debut under Coach Paul Wiggins, held an early 10-0 lead and the 33-24 edge in the final period. Johnson threw three TD passes for the Broncos with 12 for 329 yards and Mike Livingston hit with 13 of 27 for 221 yards and two TDs. Jan Stenerud kicked four field goals in six attempts.

Kansas City	7	10	13	3	-	33
Denver	0	17	7	13	-	37

KC-White 69 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 41

Den-Upchurch 13 run (Turner kick)

Den-Dolbin 39 pass from Johnson (Turner kick)

KC-Green 8 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)

Den-FG Turner 23

Den-Upchurch 90 pass from Johnson (Turner kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 34

KC-Green 1 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 45

KC-FG Stenerud 47

Den-Dolbin 2 fumble recovery (kick blocked)

Den-Van Heusen 10 pass from Johnson (Turner kick)

Dallas 18, Los Angeles 7

Sunday, September 21

At Texas Stadium, attendance 49,091.

The Cowboys defense limited the Rams highly-respected offense to only 148 yards (128 rushing, 20 passing) while permitting Los Angeles to drive across midfield only once, and kicker Toni Fritsch made four field goals (25, 39, 19, and 31 yards) as Dallas won its 11th consecutive opening game. Doug Dennison's one-yard touchdown was set up by the first of two interceptions by cornerback Mel Renfro. Robert Newhouse rushed 22 times for 88 yards. Roger Staubach completed 10 passes for 106 yards and rushed for 56 while occasionally operating out of the shotgun formation.

Los Angeles	0	0	0	7	-	7
Dallas	0	9	3	6	-	18

Dal-FG Fritsch 25

Dal-Dennison 1 run (kick failed)

Dal-FG Fritsch 39

Dal-FG Fritsch 19

Dal-FG Fritsch 31

LA-Jaworski 4 run (Dempsey kick)

Washington 41, New Orleans 3

Sunday, September 21

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,414.

Redskins' Bill Kilmer unleashed four touchdown passes that bombed the Saints and provided Coach George Allen with his 10th consecutive opening game victory. Kilmer threw scoring passes of 11 and 5 yards to Charley Taylor, 27 yards to rookie running back Ralph Nelson, and 14 yards to Jerry Smith. Larry Brown, who had not run a single play in preseason, started and rushed 12 times for 57 yards.

New Orleans	3	0	0	0	-	3
Washington	10	10	0	21	-	41

Wash-FG Moseley 31

NO-FG McClard 42

Wash-Taylor 11 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-Taylor 5 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 35

Wash-Nelson 27 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-Smith 14 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-Dusek 16 fumble recovery return (Moseley kick)

New York Giants 23, Philadelphia 14

Sunday, September 21

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 60,798.

Ron Johnson's second touchdown, a three-yard bolt at the end of a 49-yard drive with 45 seconds remaining until halftime, provided the Giants with a 13-7 lead. Philadelphia, sparked by quarterback Roman Gabriel, who relieved Mike Boryla, pulled within 16-14 with 55 seconds remaining, but Craig Morton's 50-yard scoring pass to Ray Rhodes iced the New York victory.

New York Giants	0	13	0	10	-	23
Philadelphia	0	7	0	7	-	14

Phil-Young 13 pass from Boryla (Muhlmann kick)

NYG-Johnson 1 run (kick blocked)

NYG-Johnson 3 run (Hunt kick)

NYG-FG Hunt 41

Phil-Carmichael 2 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

NYG-Rhodes 50 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)

Buffalo 42, New York Jets 14

Sunday, September 21

At Rich Stadium, attendance 77,837.

O. J. Simpson got off to a fast start by rushing for 173 yards on 32 carries and scoring two touchdowns in a crushing victory. He also had 68 yards nullified by penalties that kept him from passing the 200 yard mark. Joe Ferguson threw only 13 passes but he completed seven, two for scores to Paul Seymour and Jim Braxton. Ferguson also ran for a touchdown and defensive end Pat Toomay picked off a Joe Namath pass and ran 44 yards for a score. Namath was intercepted four times and sacked twice by the Bills' defense that included rookies Ed Jones and Steve Freeman at the safety posts. John Riggins carried 10 times for 61 yards for the Jets who trailed only 21-14 at the half. Buffalo punter Marv Bateman had a 74-yard boot in game, the longest punt in 1975 in the AFC.

New York Jets	7	7	0	0	-	14
Buffalo	14	7	14	7	-	42

Buf-Simpson 2 run (Leyboldt kick)

Buf-Braxton 3 pass from Ferguson (Leyboldt kick)

NYJ-Caster 28 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

Buf-Simpson 5 run (Leyboldt kick)

NYJ-Bell 12 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

Buf-Seymour 2 pass from Ferguson (Leyboldt kick)

Buf-Ferguson 1 run (Leyboldt kick)

Buf-Toomay 44 interception return (Leyboldt kick)

Pittsburgh 37, San Diego 0

Sunday, September 21

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 35,853.

Terry Bradshaw started out where he left off in Super Bowl IX by completing 21 of 28 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns while completely dominating the Chargers. J. T. Thomas, Glen Edwards and Donnie Shell

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each picked off an interception, one each from San Diego's three quarterbacks – starter Virgil Carter, Dan Fouts, and Jesse Freitas. Franco Harris rushed 17 times for 78 yards and Rocky Bleier, his running mate, 14 for 43. Don Woods, San Diego's rookie star of 1974, gained 35 yards on 13 attempts.

Pittsburgh	10	10	3	14	-	37
San Diego	0	0	0	0	-	0

Pitt-FG Gerela 29

Pitt-Lewis 40 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

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

Pitt-FG Gerela 25

Pitt-FG Gerela 38

Pitt-Stallworth 38 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Collier 7 run (Gerela kick)

Minnesota 27, San Francisco 17

Sunday, September 21

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,479.

There was nothing spectacular about the Vikings' opening victory as they began a quest for a third consecutive NFC title. The defense kept the 49ers under control with four sacks and recovered three fumbles, including strong safety Terry Brown's pickup and 26-yard return for a touchdown. Brent McClanahan, starting in place of Chuck Foreman, who had just recovered from a sore knee, rushed 61 yards and caught six passes for 73. John Gilliam caught three passes for 43 yards as Fran Tarkenton completed 14 of 26 for 165 and 10-yard touchdown to McClanahan.

San Francisco	0	10	0	7	-	17
Minnesota	3	10	0	14	-	27

Minn-FG Cox 28

Minn-FG Cox 29

Minn-Brown 26 fumble recovery return (Cox kick)

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 19

SF-G. Washington 22 pass from Snead (Mike-Mayer kick)

Minn-McClanahan 10 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)

SF-D. Washington 15 run with blocked punt (Mike-Mayer kick)

Oakland 31, Miami 21

Monday Night, September 22

At Orange Bowl, attendance 78,744.

Harold Hart raced 102 yards with a kickoff return, the longest in the NFL in 1975, and Pete Banaszak, filling in for the injured Marv Hubbard, rushed for 74 yards and scored two touchdowns in the Raiders' first opening game victory since 1969. Miami, unbeaten at home since October 3, 1971, had its 31-game streak snapped. The rematch of 1974's exciting divisional playoff game in which the Raiders nipped the Dolphins 28-26 saw Oakland intercept four Bob Griese passes and sack the quarterback three times. Mercury Morris scored twice and Norm Bulaich once for the Dolphins on running plays. Oakland lost Hubbard with a shoulder injury.

Oakland	7	10	7	7	-	31
Miami	0	7	0	14	-	21

Oak-Banaszak 2 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-Banaszak 1 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-FG Blanda 25

Mia-Morris 4 run (Yepremian kick)

Oak-van Eeghen 1 run (Blanda kick)

Mia-Bulaich 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Oak-Hart 102 kickoff return (Blanda kick)

Mia-Morris 1 run (Yepremian kick)

SECOND WEEK

Buffalo 30, Pittsburgh 21

Sunday, September 28

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,438.

O. J. Simpson put on another tremendous show, rushing for 227 yards, the NFL's best rushing performance in 1975, and a record-breaking total of 400 yards in the first two games. Simpson ran 88 yards for a touchdown, the

longest from scrimmage in the NFL since his 94-yarder in 1972 and the longest run in the NFL in 1975, as he equaled Jim Brown's record of four 200-yard games. It was O. J.'s 26th 100-yard game. The Bills scored an unusual touchdown when Terry Bradshaw lost control of the ball going back to pass and Earl Edwards grabbed it and lateraled to Mike Kadish for a 31-yard scoring play.

Buffalo	0	10	13	7	-	30
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Pittsburgh	0	0	7	14	-	21
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Buff-FG Leypoldt 37

Buff-Kadish 26 fumble recovery return (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Gant 7 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Simpson 88 run (kick missed)

Pitt-Harris 2 run (Gerela kick)

Buff-Chandler 28 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Pitt-Grossman 20 pass from Gilliam (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Gerela kick)

Cincinnati 21, New Orleans 0

Sunday, September 28

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 52,637.

Bengals' quarterback Ken Anderson, who riddled the Saints defense with 17 completions in 22 pass attempts for 203 yards, got Cincinnati off to a quick 7-0 lead on a 52-yard scoring connection to Isaac Curtis, then followed with touchdown throws of 14 yards to Charlie Joiner and another of five yards to Curtis. The game marked Cincinnati's first shutout victory since 1973 and only the third in the club's eight-year history.

Cincinnati	7	7	7	0	-	21
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New Orleans	0	0	0	0	-	0
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Cin-Curtis 52 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Cin-Joiner 14 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Cin-Curtis 5 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Detroit 17, Atlanta 14

Sunday, September 28

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 45,218.

Altie Taylor's one-yard touchdown bolt with 1:20 remaining climaxed a 35-yard drive that provided the Lions with their second straight victory and their eighth in a row without a loss over the Falcons. Detroit quarterback Greg Landry connected on a 14-yard, fourth-down pass to Ray Jarvis to keep the decisive march alive.

Detroit	0	7	3	7	-	17
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Atlanta	0	7	7	0	-	14
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Atl-Stanback 17 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Det-King 5 run (Mann kick)

Atl-Tinker 26 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Det-FG Mann 29

Det-Taylor 1 run (Mann kick)

Los Angeles 23, San Francisco 14

Sunday, September 28

At Candlestick Park, attendance 55,072.

Tom Dempsey kicked a 51-yard field goal that set a Los Angeles club record and provided the Rams with a 16-14 lead early in the fourth period as the defending NFC West champions won their 10th straight victory over the 49ers. Bill Simpson earlier blocked a San Francisco punt which Monte Jackson picked up and raced six yards for the Rams' first touchdown. James Harris' 22-yard pass to Lawrence McCutcheon was the clinching score.

Los Angeles	3	0	10	10	-	23
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San Francisco	0	14	0	0	-	14
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LA-FG Dempsey 47

SF-G. Washington 30 pass from Snead (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-Williams 38 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

LA-FG Dempsey 37

LA-M. Jackson 6 recovery of blocked punt (Dempsey kick)

LA-FG Dempsey 51

LA-McCutcheon 22 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

Miami 22, New England 14

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Sunday, September 28

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 59,967.

Miami overcame a 14-0 halftime deficit with Don Nottingham gaining 105 of his 120 yards in the second half. Nottingham and Norm Bulaich each scored for the Dolphins who also had three field goals by Garo Yepremian. Fred Solomon's 46-yard punt return set up the first Miami score and Jake Scott's interception led to the second. Neil Graff, filling in for the injured Jim Plunkett who watched in street clothes, hit with two touchdown passes to Randy Vataha and Russ Francis, the first of the rookie tight end's pro career.

Miami	0	0	9	13	-	22
New England	7	7	0	0	-	14

NE-Vataha 31 pass from Graff (Smith kick)

NE-Francis 5 pass from Graff (Smith kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 26

Mia-Nottingham 4 run (kick blocked)

Mia-Bulaich 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 26

Mia-FG Yepremian 33

Minnesota 42, Cleveland 10

Sunday, September 28

At Cleveland Stadium, attendance 63,163.

Fran Tarkenton passed for two touchdowns and ran for another while the Vikings rolled up 352 yards, intercepted four Cleveland passes and sacked the Browns' passers five times. Chuck Foreman scored twice on a pass and a plunge and wound up with 33 yards. Bob Lee took over from Tarkenton late in the game and also hit with a touchdown pass. Greg Pruitt's 50 yards on 11 carries led the rushers and teammate Billy Pritchett gained 46 yards but both starter Mike Phipps and Brian Sipe were ineffective.

Minnesota	7	14	7	14	-	42
Cleveland	0	3	0	7	-	10

Minn-Gilliam 29 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 38

Minn-Foreman 13 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Tarkenton 2 run (Cox kick)

Minn-Miller 1 run (Cox kick)

Cle-Rucker 26 pass from Miller (Cockroft kick)

Minn-Lash 33 pass from Lee (Cox kick)

Washington 49, New York Giants 13

Sunday, September 28

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,953.

Trailing 0-7 after one period, the Redskins erupted for 28 points in the first 7:16 of the second quarter and coasted to their second victory and Coach George Allen's 12th straight without defeat against the Giants. Washington scored on a rush (Larry Brown four yards), a pass (Bill Kilmer 31 yards to Roy Jefferson), a fumble recovery (Ron McDole in the end zone), and punt return (52 yards by Larry Jones) during the outburst. Wide receiver Charley Taylor caught five passes for 51 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown, which was the 87th score of his career, matching Lance Alworth's eight-place total. Taylor also became the 15th NFL player to amass 10,000 total yards receiving (10,010).

New York Giants	7	0	6	0	-	13
Washington	0	28	0	21	-	49

NYG-Johnson 1 run (Hunt kick)

Wash-Brown 4 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Jefferson 31 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-McDole fumble recovery in end zone (Moseley kick)

Wash-Jones 52 punt return (Moseley kick)

NYG-Obradovich 2 pass from Morton (kick blocked)

Wash-Jefferson 9 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-Taylor 13 pass from Johnson (Moseley kick)

Wash-Reed 4 pass from Johnson (Moseley kick)

New York Jets 30, Kansas City 24

Sunday, September 28

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 73,939.

John Riggins (145) and Carl Garrett (135) became the fifth pair to gain 100 yards rushing on the same day in Jets' history as part of a 418-yard offense. Joe Namath threw only 14 passes and completed seven for 126 yards and a nine-yard touchdown pass to Rich Caster. Trailing 14-0, the Chiefs struck back for a 14-14 tie in the second period before a 32-yard field goal by Pat Leahy gave the Jets the halftime lead. Although Len Dawson completed 20 of 32 passes for 233 yards and one score, the Chiefs' final drive was stopped on the Jets' 5 with 47 seconds left.

New York Jets	14	3	6	7	-	30
Kansas City	7	7	7	3	-	24

NYJ-Riggins 1 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Garrett 1 run (Leahy kick)

KC-Green 4 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-Podolak 10 run (Stenerud kick)

NYJ-FG Leahy 32

NYJ-Riggins 2 run (pass failed)

KC-Pearson 36 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

NYJ-Caster 9 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 35

Oakland 31, Baltimore 20

Sunday, September 28

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 39,084.

Rookie Neal Colzie set up three Oakland touchdowns with punt returns in a come-from-behind victory after Baltimore had taken an early 10-0 lead. Colzie also broke up a late Colts' threat with an interception and 38-yard return when they had closed the gap to 24-20. Colzie's 23-yard punt return set the stage for the clinching Oakland score, Pete Banaszak's third touchdown in two games. Mark van Eeghen led the rushers with 68 yards on 15 carries. Bert Jones had the second 300-yard day of his career, completing 21 of 43 for 307 yards, including a 46-yard touchdown to Glenn Doughty. Oakland sacked Jones six times and Baltimore got to Ken Stabler five times.

Oakland	0	10	14	7	-	31
Baltimore	10	3	7	0	-	20

Balt-FG Linhart 31

Balt-Doughty 46 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Oak-Hart 11 run (Blanda kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 37

Oak-FG Blanda 29

Oak-Casper 4 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Oak-J. Phillips 6 run (Blanda kick)

Balt-McCauley 1 run (Linhart kick)

Oak-Banaszak 1 run (Blanda kick)

Chicago 15, Philadelphia 13

Sunday, September 28

At Soldier Field, attendance 48,071.

First-year kicker Bob Thomas lofted his third field goal of the game 26 yards through the uprights with eight seconds remaining for the Bears' first victory under Coach Jack Pardee. New starting quarterback Gary Huff completed 19 of 27 passes for 181 yards and one touchdown and combined with rookie running back Walter Payton to spark the late drive which began on Chicago's 30. Payton rushed for 95 yards and caught six passes for 36.

Philadelphia	3	3	0	7	-	13
Chicago	0	9	0	6	-	15

Phil-FG Muhlmann 44

Chi-FG Thomas 44

Chi-Edwards 7 pass from Huff (kick failed)

Phil-FG Muhlmann 43

Chi-FG Thomas 24

Phil-Carmichael 14 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 26

Dallas 37, St. Louis 31 (OT)

Sunday, September 28

At Texas Stadium, attendance 52,417.

Roger Staubach's first-down, three-yard touchdown pass to tight end Billy Joe DuPree after 7:53 of overtime ended the first extra period game of the

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1975 regular season. The decisive score came nine plays after Dallas linebacker Lee Roy Jordan picked off a Jim Hart pass at the Cowboys' 26 and returned the ball 38 yards to St. Louis' 37. The Cardinals forced the game into overtime on Hart's 37-yard touchdown pass and Jim Bakken's extra point with 46 seconds remaining. Staubach completed 23 of 34 passes for 307 yards and three touchdowns as the Cowboys rolled up 448 yards. Hart hit 15 of 32 for 314 yards and four touchdowns in St. Louis' 432-yard attack. Dallas' rookie Tom Henderson's 97-yard return for a touchdown was the longest kickoff return in the NFC in 1975.

St. Louis	0	3	14	14	0	-	31
Dallas	0	7	21	3	6	-	37

StL-FG Bakken 28

Dal-Fugett 1 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dal-D. Pearson 12 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

StL-M. Gray 23 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Dal-Young 1 run (Fritsch kick)

StL-Thomas 80 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Dal-Henderson 97 kickoff return (Fritsch kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 40

StL-Smith 35 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL-Gray 37 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Dal-DuPree 3 pass from Staubach (PAT not attempted)

Houston 33, San Diego 17

Sunday, September 28

At Astrodome, attendance 33,765.

Ronnie Coleman gained 112 yards and rookie Don Hardeman 107, the first pair of Houston rushers to better 100 on the same day since 1967, in the Oilers' first 2-0 start since 1966. The total of 56 rushing carries was a club record. Included in the four-touchdown scoring burst was a 38-yard run by Curley Culp with a fumble recovery, the first touchdown in his eight years as a pro. Dan Pastorini hit with 12 of 23 for 144 yards and one touchdown. Dan Fouts started for the Chargers and was 10 for 13 for 129 before he was injured.

San Diego	7	3	0	7	-	17
Houston	3	13	7	10	-	33

Hou-FG Butler 29

SD-Woods 4 run (Wersching kick)

Hou-Hardeman 1 run (kick failed)

Hou-Sawyer 4 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

SD-FG Wersching 29

Hou-Coleman 46 run (Butler kick)

Hou-Culp 38 fumble recovery return (Butler kick)

SD-McDonald 30 pass from Freitas (Wersching kick)

Hou-FG Butler 38

Denver 23, Green Bay 13

Monday Night, September 29

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 52,491.

Steve Ramsey took over for the injured Charley Johnson in the second quarter and led the Broncos to their second straight victory. Although John Hadl did a masterful job by piercing the Denver defense for 23 completions in 36 attempts and 273 yards, two interceptions proved costly. Jim O'Malley picked off the first and returned it 38 yards to set up a touchdown pass from Ramsey to Jack Dolbin. Randy Gradishar, another linebacker, put the game away by running 44 yards with an interception for the final score with 40 seconds remaining. Otis Armstrong gained 45 yards on five carries before he left in the second period with bruised ribs. Denver sacked Hadl four times. In a losing effort, Green Bay's Ken Payne had the best performance of any receiver in the NFL in 1975, pulling in 12 passes for 167 yards.

Green Bay	0	0	0	13	-	13
Denver	0	6	7	10	-	23

Den-FG Turner 35

Den-FG Turner 39

Den-Dolbin 10 pass from Ramsey (Turner kick)

GB-Harrell 4 pass from Hadl (kick failed)

Den-FG Turner 32

GB-Brockington 1 run (Pureifory kick)

Den-Gradishar 44 interception return (Turner kick)

THIRD WEEK

Los Angeles 24, Baltimore 13

Sunday, October 5

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 60,011.

The Rams were able to move the ball but found themselves trailing the Colts 13-10 in the fourth period but Lawrence McCutcheon broke loose for a 25-yard touchdown gain and James Harris lofted a pass into the end zone which Ron Johnson pulled in with a diving catch to produce the victory to keep Los Angeles alone atop the NFC West. Harris completed 16 of 22 for 194 yards, a personal high, while also connecting for a 37-yard score with Harold Jackson, whose four receptions for 108 yards marked his second straight 100-yard game.

Baltimore	7	6	0	0	-	13
Los Angeles	0	7	3	14	-	24

Balt-Olds 28 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

LA-Jackson 37 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

Balt-Kennedy 3 pass from Jones (kick failed)

LA-FG Dempsey 27

LA-McCutcheon 25 run (Dempsey kick)

LA-Jessie 14 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

Minnesota 28, Chicago 3

Sunday, October 5

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 47,578.

The Vikings victimized the Bears for the sixth straight time and moved ahead in this NFC Central series for the first time 14-13-2. Crafty Fran Tarkenton was too much to handle for Chicago's young defense. The Minnesota quarterback threw three touchdowns among his 19 completions for 250 yards, hitting tight end Stu Voigt twice in the end zone from 15 and four yards out, and wide receiver John Gilliam with a nine-yard connection as the Vikes won their third straight. Defensive end Jim Marshall played in his 211th consecutive game, the most ever by a defensive player and the longest streak by a regular performer in NFL history.

Chicago	0	3	0	0	-	3
Minnesota	14	7	0	7	-	28

Minn-Gilliam 9 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Foreman 2 run (Cox kick)

Minn-Voigt 15 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 46

Minn-Voigt 4 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Cincinnati 21, Houston 19

Sunday, October 5

At Astrodome, attendance 42,412.

The Bengals staged a dramatic goal line stand, stopping four Houston line thrusts after the Oilers gained a first down on the 1, and held on to win on three touchdown passes by Ken Anderson. Billy Johnson staged a spectacular kick return show, running back six punts for 127 yards, including a 63-yard touchdown, and four kickoffs for 136 yards, including a 64-yarder. He also caught two passes for 19 yards for a 282-yard afternoon. Although the Oilers sacked Anderson seven times, the Cincinnati quarterback rallied his club with scoring passes to rookie Stan Fritts and Isaac Curtis in the last quarter. The battle of unbeaten clubs left Cincinnati in command in the AFC Central.

Cincinnati	0	7	0	14	-	21
Houston	0	10	7	2	-	19

Cin-Elliott 10 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Hou-Willis 1 run (Butler kick)

Hou-FG Butler 37

Hou-Johnson 63 punt return (Butler kick)

Cin-Fritts 17 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Cin-Curtis 6 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Hou-Safety, Bethea tackled Anderson in end zone

Buffalo 38, Denver 14

1975 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Sunday, October 5

At Rich Stadium, attendance 79,798.

O. J. Simpson continued his blazing start with 138 yards and a record of 538 yards for the first three games. It was O. J.'s 27th 100-yard day and his yardage boosted him into fifth place in the all-time NFL standings with 6,844, passing John Henry Johnson. Jim Braxton, O. J.'s running and blocking mate, rushed for 102 yards and scored three touchdowns as the Bills won their third straight and knocked the Broncos from the unbeaten ranks. Buffalo rolled up 436 yards, held Denver to 47 yards rushing and gave up two touchdown passes, one an 80-yard bomb from John Hufnagel to Rick Upchurch. The anticipated duel between O. J. and Otis Armstrong, the 1974 rushing champ, failed to materialize when Armstrong left the game with rib injuries after one play.

Denver	0	7	7	0	-	14
Buffalo	10	14	14	0	-	38

Buff-FG Leypoldt 39

Buff-Braxton 3 run (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Braxton 19 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Den-Little 35 pass from Johnson (Turner kick)

Buff-Hill 16 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Simpson 16 run (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Braxton 4 run (Leypoldt kick)

Den-Upchurch 80 pass from Hufnagel (Turner kick)

Miami 31, Green Bay 7

Sunday, October 5

At Lambeau Field, attendance 55,396.

The Dolphins, unharnessing a ball-control, 281-yard ground attack, scored on five of their first six possessions. Mercury Morris, with 125 yards on 31 carries, and Don Nottingham, who ran 21 times for 102 yards and three touchdowns (a one-yarder and twice from the 11), paced the 414-yard offense. Bob Griese threw a 58-yard touchdown pass to Fred Solomon.

Miami	7	14	10	0	-	31
Green Bay	0	0	0	7	-	7

Mia-Nottingham 11 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Nottingham 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Solomon 58 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Nottingham 11 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 31

GB-Barry Smith 2 run (Danelo kick)

Atlanta 14, New Orleans 7

Sunday, October 5

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 29,444.

Dave Hampton rushed for 101 yards on a rain-soaked field and rookie quarterback Steve Bartkowski connected on a pair of scoring plays, but it took a lucky bounce to register the second touchdown. Bartkowski found Ken Burrow for a nine-yard, first period score. In the second period, Bartkowski again connected with Burrow for a 15-yard gain to the Atlanta 38, but Burrow fumbled the ball which bounced ahead to the 50. Falcons' tight end Jim Mitchell picked up the loose ball and raced 50 yards to the end zone.

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

Atl-Burrow 9 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Atl-Mitchell 50 fumble recovery (Mike-Mayer kick)

NO-Maxson 1 run (McClard kick)

New York Jets 36, New England 7

Sunday, October 5

At Shea Stadium, attendance 57,365.

Japanese Emperor Hirohito and a sellout crowd saw Joe Namath pitch four touchdown passes while riddling the Patriots' defense by completing 15 of 21 passes for 218 yards before giving way to backup man, J. J. Jones. Jim Plunkett returned to action for New England after missing the first two games because of a separated left shoulder but was ineffective, hitting with 8 of 21 passes and being intercepted three times. The Patriots didn't score until rookie Steve Grogan hit rookie Russ Francis on a 42-yard play in the final quarter. Rich Caster caught six passes for 110 yards and two touchdowns

and Jerome Barkum caught four for 47 and two scores.

New England	0	0	0	7	-	7
New York Jets	0	19	10	7	-	36

NYJ-Garrett 6 run (kick failed)

NYJ-Caster 3 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Caster 21 pass from Namath (kick failed)

NYJ-FG Leahy 47

NYJ-Barkum 13 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

NE-Francis 42 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

NYJ-Barkum 4 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

St. Louis 26, New York Giants 14

Sunday, October 5

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 44,919.

Terry Metcalf, with 109 yards on 15 carries, and Jim Otis, with 101 on 20 trips, became the first pair in Cardinals' history to rush over 100 yards in the same game as the Big Red ran to a 26-0 halftime lead and were never challenged through the second half. Jim Bakken kicked field goals of 48 and 28 yards to run his consecutive string to six straight without a miss.

New York Giants	0	0	7	7	-	14
St. Louis	7	16	0	3	-	26

StL-M. Gray 8 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL-FG Bakken 48

StL-Metcalf 18 run (Bakken kick)

StL-Otis 10 run (kick failed)

NYG-Watkins 10 run (Hunt kick)

StL-FG Bakken 28

NYG-Watkins 2 run (Hunt kick)

Oakland 6, San Diego 0

Sunday, October 5

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 31,095.

Oakland's defense held San Diego to minus 22 yards passing and George Blanda kicked two field goals of 29 and 35 yards for the Raiders' third straight victory and the Chargers' third defeat. Otis Sistrunk, Tony Cline, Art Thoms, and Horace Jones sacked Dan Fouts five times for 51 yards and hurried him into throwing interceptions to Jack Tatum and Skip Thomas. Larry Lawrence started at quarterback for the Raiders but Ken Stabler played the second half despite a knee injury suffered in practice. Pete Banaszak with 76 yards and Mark van Eeghen with 72 led the Raiders' rushing attack. Don Woods had 45 yards on 15 carries for the Chargers.

Oakland	0	3	0	3	-	6
San Diego	0	0	0	0	-	0

Oak-FG Blanda 35

Oak-FG Blanda 29

Pittsburgh 42, Cleveland 6

Sunday, October 5

At Municipal Stadium, attendance 73,217.

Pittsburgh bounced back from a loss to Buffalo and lowered the boom on the Browns with 42 points and 501 yards of total offense, both highs in the regime of head coach Chuck Noll. Terry Bradshaw completed 7 of 8 for 151 yards and one touchdown before he left with a cut finger on his throwing hand in the second quarter. Joe Gilliam followed with 11 of 15 for 221 yards and two touchdowns before he also suffered an injury to a finger on his throwing hand. Lynn Swann caught five for 126 yards and John Stallworth four for 109 while Franco Harris rushed 17 times for 57 yards. Hugh McKinnis scored the Browns' lone touchdown in the final quarter.

Pittsburgh	7	21	0	14	-	42
Cleveland	0	0	0	6	-	6

Pitt-Stallworth 3 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Harris 1 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Collier 1 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Swann 43 pass from Gilliam (Gerela kick)

Cle-McKinnis 7 run (kick failed)

Pitt-Garrett 45 pass from Gilliam (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Harrison 3 run (Gerela kick)

1975 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

San Francisco 20, Kansas City 3

Sunday, October 5

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 54,490.

The 49ers scored their first win and handed the Chiefs their third defeat on a 24-yard touchdown pass by Norm Snead, two field goals by Steve Mike-Mayer and a five-yard run by Larry Schreiber. Jan Stenerud's 19-yard field goal gave Kansas City an early lead but the 49ers struck right back with the Snead-to Tom Mitchell 24-yard scoring play. The duel of veteran quarterbacks favored Snead who completed 12 of 20 for 124 yards and a touchdown. Delvin Williams led the rushers with 15 carries for 66 yards and the 49ers' defense sacked Dawson six times for 61 yards.

San Francisco	0	10	3	7	-	20
Kansas City	0	3	0	0	-	3

KC-FG Stenerud 19

SF-Mitchell 24 pass from Snead (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 19

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 29

SF-Schreiber 5 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Philadelphia 26, Washington 10

Sunday, October 5

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 64,397.

Following consecutive losses to the Giants and Bears, the Eagles put together a strong running attack, a pair of Roman Gabriel touchdown passes, and a smothering defense to hand the Redskins their initial loss. Tom Sullivan rushed for 95 of Philadelphia's 213 yards on the ground. Gabriel tossed a 62-yard touchdown pass to Harold Carmichael and a 27-yarder to Charles Smith. Bill Bradley's third and fourth interceptions of the season highlighted the defense which forced six turnovers.

Washington	3	7	0	0	-	10
Philadelphia	6	3	7	10	-	26

Wash-FG Moseley 45

Phil-Carmichael 62 pass from Gabriel (kick failed)

Phil-FG Muhlmann 20

Wash-Reed 1 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Phil-Smith 27 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

Phil-FG Muhlmann 45

Phil-Gabriel 1 run (Muhlmann kick)

Dallas 36, Detroit 10

Monday Night, October 6

At Pontiac Stadium, attendance 79,384.

A powerful Cowboys pass rush and a 21-point fourth period outburst kept Dallas undefeated, handed the Lions their first loss, and spoiled the Detroit home opener in their new fiber-glass-roofed stadium before a sellout crowd. Capitalizing on Levi Johnson's third blocked punt of the season, Detroit took a short-lived 10-9 lead five minutes into the third period, but punter Herman Weaver's fumble of a punt snap set up Dallas' go-ahead touchdown six minutes later. Roger Staubach connected for a pair of touchdown passes in the final period and the Dallas defense continued to pressure Detroit passers, finishing with 11 sacks for 84 yards.

Dallas	3	6	6	21	-	36
Detroit	0	3	7	0	-	10

Dall-FG Fritsch 21

Dall-FG Fritsch 29

Det-FG Mann 21

Dall-FG Fritsch 39

Det-Bussey 7 pass from Landry (Mann kick)

Dall-Young 1 run (kick failed)

Dall-Young 42 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dall-D. Pearson 46 pass from Newhouse (Fritsch kick)

Dall-D. Pearson 37 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

FOURTH WEEK

Atlanta 17, San Francisco 3

Sunday, October 12

At Candlestick Park, attendance 44,043.

Falcons' rookie quarterback Steve Bartkowski had to leave the game in the third period because of a left elbow injury, but before departing he hit tight end Jim Mitchell with a nine-yard touchdown pass and completed five passes in a second scoring drive climaxed by Haskell Stanback's 26-yard run. Atlanta's defense, meanwhile, sacked San Francisco passers six times and cornerback Rolland Lawrence and linebacker Greg Brezina each picked off two interceptions.

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

Atl-Mitchell 9 pass from Bartkowski (N. Mike-Mayer kick)

Atl-Stanback 26 run (N. Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-FG S. Mike-Mayer 26

Atl-FG N. Mike-Mayer 27

Buffalo 38, Baltimore 31

Sunday, October 12

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 43,907.

Buffalo won its fourth straight on a 159-yard performance by O. J. Simpson and a three-touchdown day by Jim Braxton despite four touchdowns by Baltimore's Lydell Mitchell, which tied a club record and tied him with Simpson and Chuck Foreman of the Vikings for the most points scored in a game in the NFL in 1975. The Colts led 14-0, 21-10, and 28-24 and tied the game at 31-31 early in the final period before the Bills locked it up with a time-consuming drive ending in Braxton's third score. O. J.'s yardage gave him 697 for the season, his fourth 100-yard game in succession. Mitchell gained 107 yards on 19 carries, scoring twice on runs and twice on passes from Bert Jones. Joe Ferguson also threw TD passes to John Holland and Braxton.

Buffalo	10	14	7	7	-	38
Baltimore	14	7	7	3	-	31

Balt-Mitchell 6 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Mitchell 11 run (Linhart kick)

Buff-FG Leypoldt 44

Buff-Simpson 12 run (Leypoldt kick)

Balt-Mitchell 25 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Buff-Braxton 1 run (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Holland 15 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Balt-Mitchell 23 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Buff-Braxton 5 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 19

Buff-Braxton 3 run (Leypoldt kick)

Detroit 27, Chicago 7

Sunday, October 12

At Pontiac Stadium, attendance 73,477.

Lions quarterback Bill Munson, making his first start of the season because Greg Landry had back problems, connected for three touchdown passes while completing 19 of 30 for 178 yards. Jon Staggers, who caught six passes for 82 yards, caught a touchdown pass, as did Ray Jarvis and Charlie Sanders. Detroit's defense kept the Bears outside of its 20-yard line until a late drive resulted in a Chicago score on the final play of the game.

Chicago	0	0	0	7	-	7
Detroit	0	14	6	7	-	27

Det-C. Sanders 11 pass from Munson (Mann kick)

Det-Jarvis 14 pass from Munson (Mann kick)

Det-Staggers 12 pass from Munson (kick failed)

Det-King 15 run (Mann kick)

Chi-Grim 7 pass from Huff (Thomas kick)

Dallas 13, New York Giants 7

Sunday, October 12

At Shea Stadium, attendance 56,511.

The Cowboys, unable to generate any sustained attack, took advantage of three of the Giants' five turnovers to score a pair of Toni Fritsch field goals - 24 yards after D. D. Lewis recovered a fumble and 22 yards after Bill Gregory fell on another loose ball. Still trailing 7-6 entering the final period, Dallas cornerback Mark Washington intercepted a Craig Morton pass and the Cowboys moved 17 yards in four plays, with Roger Staubach hitting Jean

1975 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Minnesota 29, New York Jets 21

Sunday, October 12

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 47,739.

After falling behind 21-20 as the Jets converted a blocked punt, recovered on the Vikings' 8, into a touchdown, Minnesota retaliated as Joe Blahak blocked a New York punt out of the end zone for a safety and 22-21 lead. On the ensuing possession, the Vikings drove 57 yards in nine plays with Chuck Foreman scoring his third touchdown from the 4, to clinch their fourth straight victory. Foreman rushed 96 yards and caught nine passes for 105. The game marked Minnesota's 200th in the NFL.

New York Jets	7	0	7	7	-	21
Minnesota	3	3	14	9	-	29

Minn-FG Cox 40

NYJ-Riggins 1 run (Leahy kick)

Minn-FG Cox 36

Minn-Foreman 13 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Foreman 9 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

NYJ-Riggins 11 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Garrett 2 run (Leahy kick)

Minn-Safety, Blahak blocked punt thru end zone

Minn-Foreman 4 run (Cox kick)

Miami 24, Philadelphia 16

Sunday, October 12

At Orange Bowl, attendance 60,127.

The Dolphins took charge of the ball in the second half, grinding out a victory with Don Nottingham, Norm Bulaich, and Mercury Morris doing the heavy work in a 207-yard ground attack. Bob Griese hit Nat Moore with a 13-yard touchdown pass and Garo Yepremian added his fifth field goal in five attempts this season. The Eagles took an early lead on a Roman Gabriel pass to Charles Smith and a Horst Muhlmann field goal but didn't score again until the closing minutes with another Gabriel pass. It was the 131st coaching triumph for Miami coach Don Shula, moving him into fifth place in the all-time NFL standings.

Philadelphia	6	3	0	7	-	16
Miami	0	10	7	7	-	24

Phil-Smith 22 pass from Gabriel (kick blocked)

Mia-Nottingham 3 run (Yepremian kick)

Phil-FG Muhlmann 42

Mia-FG Yepremian 40

Mia-N. Moore 13 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Bulaich 7 run (Yepremian kick)

Phil-McAlister 39 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

Washington 27, St. Louis 17

Monday Night, October 13

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,693.

Rookie running back Mike Thomas, who rushed for 100 yards after entering the game and giving the Washington attack a lift in the second period, bolted one yard into the end zone 4:02 into the final period to snap a 17-17 tie. With 5:53 left, Mark Moseley kicked a 34-yard field goal, following Chris Hanburger's interception, the Redskins' fifth takeaway, to clinch the victory which kept Washington in second place in the NFC East, one game ahead of St. Louis.

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

Wash-FG Moseley 47

StL-FG Bakken 47

Wash-M. Thomas 2 run (Moseley kick)

StL-Metcalf 93 kickoff return (Bakken kick)

Wash-Pergine 30 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

StL-M. Gray 48 pass from Halt (Bakken kick)

Wash-M. Thomas 1 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 34

FIFTH WEEK

Los Angeles 22, Atlanta 7

Sunday, October 19

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 60,581.

The Rams forced six turnovers by the Falcons and converted five of them into scores while winning their fourth straight game and increasing their NFC Western Division lead to two games. Dave Elmendorf recovered an Atlanta fumble at the Los Angeles 8 and the Rams drove 92 yards to score on a 44-yard pass from James Harris to Bob Klein. Tom Dempsey followed with three field goals, and Eddie McMillan's second interception set up the final touchdown, a 28-yard Harris-to-Harold Jackson pass.

Atlanta	0	0	0	7	-	7
Los Angeles	10	6	6	0	-	22

LA-Klein 44 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

LA-FG Dempsey 35

LA-FG Dempsey 25

LA-FG Dempsey 20

LA-H. Jackson 28 pass from Harris (kick failed)

Atl-Mitchell 5 pass from Sullivan (Mike-Mayer kick)

New England 21, Baltimore 10

Sunday, October 19

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 51,417.

Andy Johnson, a reserve back who had minus two yards to show for three previous rushes, gained 124 yards and scored two touchdowns for the Patriots as a sub for the injured Mack Herron, who left the game with damaged ribs. Johnson ran 66 yards for the clinching score in the final quarter on a rainy afternoon. It was New England's first victory after four defeats. Sam Cunningham also scored while gaining 59 yards on 18 carries in the Patriots' 241-yard rushing attack.

Baltimore	7	0	3	0	-	10
New England	0	14	0	7	-	21

Balt-McCauley 2 run (Linhart kick)

NE-Cunningham 1 run (Smith kick)

NE-Johnson 3 run (Smith kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 34

NE-Johnson 66 run (Smith kick)

Pittsburgh 34, Chicago 3

Sunday, October 19

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 47,579.

The Steelers recovered from a slow start and ran over the Bears for their ninth straight victory against NFC competition. Terry Bradshaw led three methodical touchdown drives in the second half and also scored himself while the Steelers limited Gary Huff to 4? Yards passing. Bradshaw connected on 11 of 22 passes for the ? and has been intercepted only once in 92 attempts in the first five games. Mike Adamle of the Bears topped the rushers with 17 carries for 110 yards.

Chicago	0	3	0	0	-	3
Pittsburgh	0	10	10	14	-	34

Chi-FG Thomas 32

Pitt-FG Gerela 37

Pitt-Harrison 1 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 18

Pitt-Harris 3 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Bleier 3 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Bradshaw 1 run (Gerela kick)

Denver 16, Cleveland 15

Sunday, October 19

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 52,540.

Broncos moved into a tie for first with Oakland in the AFC West when Jim Turner's 53-yard field goal, longest of his 12-year pro career, gave the Broncos a dramatic victory over the Browns when the game ended. It was Turner's third field goal of the day and his 10th consecutive successful try of the year. Don Cockroft tied the NFL record of 16 straight field goals (nine in 1974, seven in 1975) before missing a 37-yarder. Cockroft wound up with five of seven for the day, a Cleveland club record and the two clubs tied the NFL record with a total of eight field goals. A 10-yard gain by quarterback

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Steve Ramsey set up Turner's winning kick.

Cleveland	3	6	3	3	-	15
Denver	3	3	0	10	-	16
Cle-FG Cockroft 24						
Den-FG Turner 25						
Cle-FG Cockroft 49						
Den-FG Turner 48						
Cle-FG Cockroft 43						
Cle-FG Cockroft 20						
Cle-FG Cockroft 42						
Den-Keyworth 1 run (Turner kick)						
Den-FG Turner 53						

Minnesota 25, Detroit 19

Sunday, October 19

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 47,872.

After fumbling the opening kickoff and permitting the Lions to take a 3-0 lead on a 22-yard field goal by Errol Mann, the Vikings scored all of their 25 points in the second and third periods to register their fifth straight victory without a loss and opened a two-game lead in the NFC Central Division. Fran Tarkenton completed his ninth and tenth touchdown passes and Fred Cox's three field goals ran his string to seven without a miss. Chuck Foreman rushed for 107 yards.

Detroit	3	0	0	16	-	19
Minnesota	0	13	12	0	-	25
Det-FG Mann 22						
Minn-FG Cox 35						
Minn-Voigt 4 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)						
Minn-FG Cox 28						
Minn-Marinaro 10 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)						
Minn-Safety, Beamon tackled Munson in end zone						
Minn-FG Cox 32						
Det-Sanders 2 pass from Munson (Mann kick)						
Det-FG Mann 42						
Det-Staggers 5 pass from Munson (kick blocked)						

Green Bay 19, Dallas 17

Sunday, October 19

At Texas Stadium, attendance 64,189.

The Packers snapped a four-game losing streak and presented Bart Starr with his first NFL coaching victory while handing the Cowboys their initial defeat of the season on a 26-yard touchdown pass from John Hadl to Rich McGeorge with 1:52 remaining. Green Bay's decisive score was set up when Dallas punt returner Golden Richards fumbled and the Packers' Steve Luke recovered at the Cowboys' 31.

Green Bay	3	0	6	10	-	19
Dallas	0	0	14	3	-	17
GB-FG Danelo 24						
Dall-Newhouse 1 run (Fritsch kick)						
GB-Harrell 26 run (kick failed)						
Dall-Dennison 3 run (Fritsch kick)						
Dall-FG Fritsch 24						
GB-FG Danelo 29						
GB-McGeorge 26 pass from Hadl (Danelo kick)						

Kansas City 12, San Diego 10

Sunday, October 19

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 26,469.

Quarterback Mike Livingston led Chiefs to their second straight win with a 60-yard touchdown pass to rookie tight end Walter White and two field goals by Jan Stenerud. Livingston completed 14 of 23 for 224 yards and White, picked up after he was cut by the Steelers, caught two for 105 yards. Wilbur Young had four of the Chiefs' five sacks of Chargers' quarterbacks. San Diego lost the services of Don Woods, who set a rookie rushing record of 1,162 yards in 1974, when he suffered torn ligaments in his left knee. Backup quarterback Jesse Freitas' touchdown pass to Sam Scarber put the Chargers out front 10-9 before Stenerud's final field goal, 27 yards, won it.

Kansas City	0	9	0	3	-	12
San Diego	3	0	7	0	-	10
SD-FG Wersching 36						
KC-FG Stenerud 31						
KC-White 60 pass from Livingston (kick blocked)						
SD-Scarber 2 pass from Freitas (Wersching kick)						
KC-FG Stenerud 27						

Miami 43, New York Jets 0

Sunday, October 19

At Shea Stadium, attendance 47,191.

Bob Griese passed for three touchdowns and ran for another in a 43-0 Dolphins' romp on a rainy afternoon. Miami shut off Joe Namath with only 8 completions in 24 attempts for 96 yards and intercepted him six times. Griese hit with 10 of 14 for 155 yards and the three scores before giving way to Earl Morrall and Don Strock. Mercury Morris went over the 100-yard mark for the second time in 1975 with 114 yards on 16 carries. Curtis Johnson had three of the Dolphins' six interceptions, several on balls bouncing out of Jets' receivers' hands.

Miami	6	20	14	3	-	43
New York Jets	0	0	0	0	-	0
Mia-Griese 5 run (kick blocked)						
Mia-Nottingham 1 run (Yepremian kick)						
Mia-N. Moore 53 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)						
Mia-Morris 10 run (kick blocked)						
Mia-Bulaich 2 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)						
Mia-Mandich 32 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)						
Mia-FG Yepremian 18						

San Francisco 35, New Orleans 21

Sunday, October 19

At Candlestick Park, attendance 39,990.

Norm Snead connected with Gene Washington twice within 55 seconds for a pair of touchdowns early in the first period and Delvin Williams ran 25 yards for another score as the 49ers roared into a 28-7 halftime lead. Three of the second-half scoring plays came on turnovers. San Francisco's Nate Allen ran in 37 yards with an interception, and New Orleans scored on a 21-yard fumble return by Torn Myers and a 38-yard recovery return by Rusty Chambers.

New Orleans	0	7	0	14	-	21
San Francisco	21	7	0	7	-	35
SF-G. Washington 29 pass from Snead (Mike-Mayer kick)						
SF-G. Washington 20 pass from Snead (Mike-Mayer kick)						
SF-Williams 25 run (Mike-Mayer kick)						
SF-Mitchell 60 pass from Snead (Mike-Mayer kick)						
NO-Myers 21 fumble recovery return (Szaro kick)						
SF-Allen 37 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)						
NO-Chambers 38 fumble recovery return (Szaro kick)						
NO-McNeill 5 pass from Cipa (Szaro kick)						

Cincinnati 14, Oakland 10

Sunday, October 19

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 48,122.

Marvin Cobb, a rookie defensive back filling in for injured regulars, sloshed 52 yards after intercepting a Ken Stabler pass in the third quarter for the Bengals' fifth straight victory. Ken Anderson of the Bengals and Stabler each was intercepted four times in a game played in steady rain. Jim LeClair killed a late Oakland threat when he picked off a Stabler pass on the Cincinnati 18 with 44 seconds remaining. Rookie Stan Fritts led the Bengals' rushers with 56 yards and scored a touchdown.

Oakland	0	7	0	3	-	10
Cincinnati	0	7	7	0	-	14
Oak-Davis 1 run (Blanda kick)						
Cin-Fritts 1 run (Green kick)						
Cin-Cobb 52 interception return (Green kick)						
Oak-FG Blanda30						

St. Louis 31, Philadelphia 20

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Sunday, October 19

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 45,242.

Jim Otis rushed for 116 yards, a personal high and his second 100-yard game of the season, and scored two touchdowns as the Cardinals amassed 278 yards on the ground for their highest single game total in the team's 16-year St. Louis history. Jim Hart, afforded perfect protection for the fifth straight week, tossed a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jackie Smith.

Philadelphia	3	7	0	10	-	20
St. Louis	7	7	10	7	-	31

Phil-FG Muhlmann 45

StL-Otis 1 run (Bakken kick)

Phil-C. Smith 11 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

StL-J. Smith 30 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL-FG Bakken 24

StL-Otis 5 run (Bakken kick)

Phil-FG Muhlmann 40

Phil-Carmichael 15 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

StL-Moss 5 run (Bakken kick)

Houston 13, Washington 10

Sunday, October 19

At Astrodome, attendance 49,566.

Houston broke its jinx by beating a NFC team for the first time after going 0-14-1 for five seasons. The Oilers' fourth win in five starts left them tied with Pittsburgh, only one game out of first place in the AFC Central. Rookie Don Hardeman rushed for 66 yards and scored both touchdowns while a key interception by Willie Alexander in the end zone and a sack of Billy Kilmer by Curley Culp for an 11-yard loss shut off the Redskins. Dan Pastorini's accurate passes set up Hardeman's scores. Washington was held to 58 yards rushing.

Washington	0	7	3	0	-	10
Houston	0	0	6	7	-	13

Wash-Grant 13 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Hou-Hardeman 1 run (kick blocked)

Wash-FG Moseley 32

Hou-Hardeman 1 run (Butler kick)

New York Giants 17, Buffalo 14

Monday Night, October 20

At Rich Stadium, attendance 79,428.

George Hunt's 37-yard field goal with six seconds to play enabled the Giants to upset the previously undefeated Bills, despite O. J. Simpson's 126 yards on 34 carries. O. J.'s season total of 823 yards with his 29th 100-yard game, set a NFL record for the first five games, established by Jim Brown with 815 yards in 1958. Simpson's one-yard TD run and a Joe Ferguson-J. D. Hill pass gave the Bills an early lead but Craig Morton brought the Giants back by completing 15 for 220 yards. Buffalo's John Leypoldt missed a 19-yard field goal attempt and had another blocked at the 50 before Hunt won the game.

New York Giants	0	7	0	10	-	17
Buffalo	7	7	0	0	-	14

Buff-Simpson 1 run (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Hill 13 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

NYG-Rhodes 20 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)

NYG-Johnson 13 run (Hunt kick)

NYG-FG Hunt 37

SIXTH WEEK

St. Louis 20, New York Giants 13

Saturday, October 25

At Shea Stadium, attendance 49,598.

Cardinals wide receiver Mel Gray continued to plague the Giants, catching two touchdown passes, one a 51-yarder from running back Terry Metcalf and the other 38 yards from Jim Hart. In Gray's 10 career games versus New York, he has 26 receptions for 716 yards and 10 touchdowns. Jim Bakken ran his consecutive field goal string to 10, with successes from 37 and 40 yards. The Giants did manage to sack Hart twice, marking the first time the

St. Louis passer had been thrown for losses this season.

St. Louis	10	0	3	7	-	20
New York Giants	0	0	0	13	-	13

StL-M. Gray 51 pass from Metcalf (Bakken kick)

StL-FG Bakken 37

StL-FG Bakken 40

NYG-Rhodes 12 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)

StL-M. Gray 38 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

NYG-Gillette 6 pass from Morton (kick failed)

Baltimore 45, New York Jets 28

Sunday, October 26

At Shea Stadium, attendance 55,137.

Bert Jones threw two touchdown passes to rookie Marshall Johnson and scored once himself while the Colts' defensive unit sacked Joe Namath seven times for 74 yards, the most in his pro career. Despite the heavy rush Namath completed 19 of 28 for 333 yards and three touchdowns, his first 300-yard day since 1972. Two Jets' fumbles set up a pair of early Colts' scores and Lydell Mitchell rushed for 98 yards and caught three passes, increasing his AFC-leading total to 29 receptions. Fred Cook and Mike Barnes each had two sacks for Baltimore. Namath's 91-yard completion to Rich Caster, a Jets' record and the longest pass in the AFC in 1975, was wasted when they failed to score.

Baltimore	14	10	7	14	-	45
New York Jets	0	14	7	7	-	28

Balt-Jones 15 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-McCauley 2 run (Linhart kick)

NYJ-Barkum 42 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

Balt-Johnson 15 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

NYJ-Barkum 1 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 36

Balt-Johnson 68 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

NYJ-Brister fumble recovery in end zone (Leahy kick)

Balt-Wallace 38 interception return (Linhart kick)

NYJ-Bell 22 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

Balt-Mitchell 20 run (Linhart kick)

Cincinnati 21, Atlanta 14

Sunday, October 26

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 45,811.

Ken Anderson scored on a three-yard run with 2:04 remaining to extend the Bengals' winning streak to six and preserve their one-game lead over Pittsburgh and Houston in the AFC Central race. Cincinnati defensive tackle Ken Carpenter recovered an Atlanta fumble at the Falcons 21 to set up Anderson's score. The Bengals' other two touchdowns came within a two-and-a-half-minute span in the second period as Ken Riley scored on a 30-yard interception return and Jim LeClair picked off another Atlanta pass to precede Anderson's 30-yard scoring pass to Charlie Joiner.

Cincinnati	0	14	0	7	-	21
Atlanta	7	0	0	7	-	14

Atl-Mitchell 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Cin-Riley 30 interception return (Green kick)

Cin-Joiner 30 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Atl-Mitchell 2 pass from McQuilken (Mike-Mayer kick)

Cin-Anderson 3 run (Green kick)

Dallas 20, Philadelphia 17

Sunday, October 26

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 64,889.

Toni Fritsch kicked a 42-yard field goal as time elapsed to climax a five-play march in 35 seconds from the Dallas 40 to the Philadelphia 25 to give the Cowboys their fifth victory and protect their one-game lead in the NFC Eastern Division. Dallas tied the score at 17-17 on a 21-yard pass from Roger Staubach to Drew Pearson with 1:04 left. Staubach, throwing a dozen times from the shotgun formation, completed 27 of 49 for 314 yards.

Dallas	0	10	0	10	-	20
Philadelphia	7	7	0	3	-	17

Phil-Carmichael 1 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

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Dall-Richards 43 punt return (Fritsch kick)
 Phil-Carmichael 18 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)
 Dall-FG Fritsch 20
 Phil-FG Muhlmann 28
 Dall-D. Pearson 21 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)
 Dall-FG Fritsch 42

Kansas City 26, Denver 13

Sunday, October 26

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 70,043.

Kansas City squared its season record at 3-3 by winning its third straight, a 26-13 victory over the Broncos that reversed an opening day defeat. Jan Stenerud kicked four field goals and Mike Livingston, top passer in the AFC statistics, threw one touchdown pass and scored on a bootleg, the first touchdowns against the Broncos in nine quarters.

Denver	0	0	0	13	-	13
Kansas City	3	3	3	17	-	26

KC-FG Stenerud 28

KC-FG Stenerud 46

KC-FG Stenerud 37

Den-Lynch 1 run (kick failed)

KC-FG Stenerud 23

KC-Livingston 8 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-Masters 7 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)

Den-Keyworth 19 pass from Ramsey (Turner kick)

Houston 24, Detroit 8

Sunday, October 26

At Astrodome, attendance 46,904.

Surging Oilers won second straight over NFC opposition and upped season record to 5-1 for second-place tie with Steelers in AFC Central. Dan Pastorini threw two touchdowns and Billy Johnson raced 52 yards with a punt return for his third touchdown on kick returns. Pastorini's 56-yard pass to Ken Burrough and Johnson's punt return came within a space of 95 seconds in the third quarter. Three sacks by the Oilers' defense increased their conference-leading total to 24.

Detroit	6	0	0	2	-	8
Houston	3	7	14	0	-	24

Det-FG Mann 34

Det-FG Mann 37

Hou-FG Butler 42

Hou-Johnson 27 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

Hou-Burrough 56 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

Hou-Johnson 52 punt return (Butler kick)

Det-Safety, Pastorini ran out of end zone

Miami 35, Buffalo 30

Sunday, October 26

At Rich Stadium, attendance 79,080.

Don Nottingham's third touchdown with only 1:25 remaining to play sent the Dolphins past the Bills into the undisputed lead in the AFC East. Joe Ferguson connected on 20 of 29 passes for 221 yards and two TDs but was intercepted by Jake Scott at the Bills' 22 to set up the winning score. Nottingham's three scores gave him the AFC lead with 54 points on nine touchdowns. Buffalo led all the way until the final Nottingham score. It was the 11th straight for the Dolphins over the Bills since 1969. Mercury Morris had his third 100-yard day this season and 10th of career with 124 yards.

Miami	0	14	7	14	-	35
Buffalo	13	10	0	7	-	30

Buff-Freeman 30 interception return (Leyboldt kick)

Buff-Simpson 26 run (kick failed)

Mia-Nottingham 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Buff-Chandler 4 pass from Ferguson (Leyboldt kick)

Mia-N. Moore 13 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Buff-FG Leyboldt 45

Mia-Nottingham 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Buff-Chandler 5 pass from Ferguson (Leyboldt kick)

Mia-Mandich 5 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Nottingham 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Los Angeles 38, New Orleans 14

Sunday, October 26

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 54,723.

The Rams, moving the ball methodically on the ground, ran up their second highest point total in Coach Chuck Knox's three-year tenure (Los Angeles twice scored 40 in 1973) and moved three games ahead in the NFC Western Division race. Contributing to the rushing attack were Cullen Bryant, with 62 yards and two touchdowns; Jim Bertelsen, 56; Rob Scribner, 45 and a 22-yard touchdown, and Lawrence McCutcheon, 36. It was the Rams' fifth straight victory.

New Orleans	0	0	7	7	-	14
Los Angeles	10	14	0	14	-	38

LA-FG Dempsey 39

LA-Bryant 3 run (Dempsey kick)

LA-Cappelletti 1 run (Dempsey kick)

LA-Bryant 1 run (Dempsey kick)

NO-Burton 15 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)

LA-Klein 3 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

LA-Scribner 22 run (Dempsey kick)

NO-McNeill 1 run (Szaro kick)

Pittsburgh 16, Green Bay 13

Sunday, October 26

At Milwaukee Stadium, attendance 52,258.

Roy Gerela kicked a 29-yard field goal with 1:04 remaining as the Steelers prevailed over a stubborn Packers' defense. With its offense unable to score a touchdown, Pittsburgh gained the victory on a 94-yard kickoff return score by rookie Mike Collier and three field goals by Gerela. Rocky Bleier rushed 35 times for a career-high 163 yards.

Pittsburgh	3	10	0	3	-	16
Green Bay	0	6	7	0	-	13

Pitt-FG Gerela 19

GB-Brockington 2 run (kick blocked)

Pitt-Collier 94 kickoff return (Gerela kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 19

GB-Brockington 5 run (Danelo kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 29

Oakland 25, San Diego 0

Sunday, October 26

At Oakland Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 42,796.

Pete Banaszak scored twice on short plunges and Ken Stabler threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Cliff Branch as the Raiders snapped a two-game losing streak by shutting out the Chargers for the second time. The Raiders, who held San Diego to minus 22 yards passing in a 6-0 victory at San Diego, limited them to 17 yards passing in the rematch. San Diego gave up two safeties when punter Dennis Partee and quarterback Jesse Freitas were downed in the end zone. Marv Hubbard returned to action for the first time since his injury in the opener. Bobby Douglass relieved Freitas as the Chargers' quarterback in his first AFC appearance.

San Diego	0	0	0	0	-	0
Oakland	2	7	14	2	-	25

Oak-Safety, Denney tackled Partee in end zone

Oak-Banaszak 1 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-Branch 45 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Oak-Banaszak 2 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-Safety, Hendricks tackled Freitas in end zone

New England 24, San Francisco 16

Sunday, October 26

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,358.

Jim Plunkett reinjured his left shoulder while running the ball in the first quarter and rookie Steve Grogan came in to direct the Patriots to their second win with a pair of touchdown passes to Andy Johnson and Randy Vataha. Johnson, playing for the injured Mack Herron, had his second consecutive 100-yard day with 103 yards on 21 carries. The three Patriots'

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scores were set up by an interception, blocked punt, and fumbled punt return. Trailing 17-0 at the half, Norm Snead rallied the 49ers by completing 22 of 41 passes for 224 yards.

San Francisco	0	0	10	6	-	16
New England	3	14	0	7	-	24

NE-FG Smith 44

NE-Cunningham 11 run (Smith kick)

NE-A. Johnson 11 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

SF-McGill 14 fumble recovery return (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 28

NE-Vataha 7 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

SF-Holmes 24 pass from Snead (kick failed)

Washington 23, Cleveland 7

Sunday, October 26

At Cleveland Stadium, attendance 56,702.

Mike Thomas, Washington rookie running back, gained 124 yards on 27 carries and scored two touchdowns as the Redskins remained in a second-place tie, one game behind Dallas in the NFC East. The winless Browns, who have lost six straight, trailed only 9-7 at the end of the third quarter but a fumbled punt return by Pete Athas set the stage for Billy Kilmer's clinching touchdown pass to Larry Brown. The Browns' only score came on a 15-yard pass from Brian Sipe, who went the route, to rookie Oscar Roan who caught five passes for 71 yards and a total of 23 in six games.

Washington	0	6	3	14	-	23
Cleveland	0	0	7	0	-	7

Wash-M. Thomas 3 pass from Kilmer (kick failed)

Wash-FG Moseley 37

Cle-Roan 15 pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)

Wash-L. Brown 11 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-M. Thomas 1 run (Moseley kick)

Minnesota 13, Chicago 9

Monday Night, October 27

At Soldier Field, attendance 51,259.

The Vikings, stung by a 14-yard touchdown by Mike Adamle just 2:16 into the game and three plays after the Bears recovered a fumble at the Minnesota 16-yard line, rebounded to go ahead 10-7 on a 45-yard Fran Tarkenton to Jim Lash touchdown pass 1:57 before halftime and went on to their sixth straight victory while increasing their NFC Central Division lead to three games. Fred Cox stretched his perfect string of successful field goals to nine, with three-pointers from 52 and 46 yards.

Minnesota	0	10	3	0	-	13
Chicago	7	0	2	0	-	9

Chi-Adamle 14 run (Thomas kick)

Minn-FG Cox 52

Minn-Lash 45 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Chi-Safety, Hartenstine tackled Tarkenton in end zone

Minn-FG Cox 46

SEVENTH WEEK

New York Giants 35, San Diego 24

Saturday, November 1

At Shea Stadium, attendance 52,032.

Craig Morton dropped a screen pass off to tight end Bob Tucker who went 47 yards behind crisp blocking for a third-period touchdown which broke a 21-21 tie as the Giants handed the Chargers their seventh straight defeat. Morton also connected with Ray Rhodes for a 24-yard touchdown pass, while completing 18 of 26 for 191 yards.

San Diego	7	7	7	3	-	24
New York Giants	14	7	7	7	-	35

NYG-Dawkins 1 run (Hunt kick)

SD-Young 48 run (Wersching kick)

NYG-Dawkins 14 run (Hunt kick)

SD-Fouls 1 run (Wersching kick)

NYG-Rhodes 24 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)

SD-McDonald 30 pass from Fouts (Wersching kick)

NYG-Tucker 47 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)

SD-FG Wersching 26

NYG-Johnson 1 run (Hunt kick)

New Orleans 23, Atlanta 7

Sunday, November 2

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 49,342.

Playing their first game under interim head coach Ernie Hefferle, the 60-year-old pro personnel director who was named to succeed dismissed John North six days earlier, the Saints found a new passing combination in Archie Manning and rookie Larry Burton. Manning hit Burton four times for 159 yards, including a 71-yard scoring play. Rookie runner Mike Strachan rushed for 109 yards and a three-yard touchdown.

Atlanta	0	0	0	7	-	7
New Orleans	0	10	10	3	-	23

NO-FG Szaro 36

NO-Strachan 3 run (Szaro kick)

NO-Burton 71 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)

NO-FG Szaro 47

Atl-Francis 24 pass from Sullivan (Mike-Mayer kick)

NO-FG Szaro 25

Buffalo 24, New York Jets 23

Sunday, November 2

At Shea Stadium, attendance 58,343.

Joe Ferguson's third touchdown pass of the game, a 64-yarder to O. J. Simpson, capped a Buffalo comeback after they trailed 23-7 in the third quarter. Simpson's 94 yards on 21 carries put him over the 1,000-yard mark for the fourth straight year at 1,005 and also moved him past Leroy Kelly into fourth place in the all-time rushing standings with a career total of 7,311 yards. The Jets, leading 23-17 with barely five minutes to play, passed up a field goal attempt and failed to make yardage on fourth and one at the Bills' 20. Buffalo then moved for the winning touchdown in four plays. John Riggins rushed for 108 yards and Joe Namath threw two touchdown passes for the Jets.

Buffalo	7	0	10	7	-	24
New York Jets	3	13	7	0	-	23

Buff-Braxton 11 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

NYJ-FG Leahy 42

NYJ-FG Leahy 41

NYJ-FG Leahy 31

NYJ-Boozar 16 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Bell 31 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

Buff-FG Leypoldt 40

Buff-Hill 28 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Simpson 64 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Baltimore 21, Cleveland 7

Sunday, November 2

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 35,235.

Linebacker Stan White had 11 tackles, three sacks, and interceptions for the Colts who won their first home game in 13 since December 16, 1973. Bert Jones hit Raymond Chester and Lydell Mitchell with touchdown passes in the Colts' first win over Browns at home. Jones, leading running quarterback in the AFC topped the Colts' rushers with 49 yards and completed 16 of 26 passes. Cleveland's touchdown came with 4:51 to play. Mitchell's four catches for 69 yards left him the top AFC receiver with 33 receptions.

Cleveland	0	0	0	7	-	7
Baltimore	7	14	0	0	-	21

Balt-McCauley 1 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Chester 2 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Balt-Mitchell 35 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Cle-McKinnis 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Washington 30, Dallas 24 (OT)

Sunday, November 2

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 55,004.

Billy Kilmer dived one foot for a touchdown at 6:34 of overtime to give the

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Redskins a victory which sent them into a three-way tie for first place in the NFC East with the Cowboys and Cardinals. Kilmer's score climaxed a nine-play drive which began at the Dallas 35, following Ken Houston's interception of a Roger Staubach pass which he returned 14 yards to midfield and a 15-yard personal foul penalty against Dallas. Kilmer, who completed 21 of 39 for 301 yards and three touchdowns, earlier drove Washington 60 yards to tie the game with 1:52 remaining in regulation on a seven-yard scoring pass to Jerry Smith. Dallas kicker Toni Fritsch missed a 38-yard field goal attempt with nine seconds left in the fourth period.

Dallas	0	17	0	7	0	-	24
Washington	3	7	7	7	6	-	30

Wash-FG Moseley 43

Dall-P. Pearson 12 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dall-D. Pearson 10 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Wash-Grant 46 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Dall-FG Fritsch 33

Wash-Taylor 2 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Dall-Harris 27 interception return (Fritsch kick)

Wash-Smith 7 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-Kilmer 1 run (PAT not attempted)

Detroit 28, San Francisco 17

Sunday, November 2

At Candlestick Park, attendance 43,209.

Quarterback Joe Reed, a former 49er, moved into the Lions' starting lineup when Bill Munson and Greg Landry suffered knee injuries a week earlier, lifted Detroit from a 0-10 halftime deficit with a pair of third period scoring passes to Ray Jarvis for 10 yards and to Dexter Bussey for 65. Reed completed nine of 14 passes. Bussey added 78 yards rushing, while Altie Taylor lifted his career total to 3,961 yards, a Detroit club record.

Detroit	0	0	21	7	-	28
San Francisco	3	7	7	0	-	17

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 25

SF-Snead 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Det-Jarvis 10 pass from Reed (Mann kick)

SF-Mitchell 11 pass from Snead (Mike-Mayer kick)

Det-Bussey 65 pass from Reed (Mann kick)

Det-Taylor 2 run (Mann kick)

Det-O'Neil 49 fumble recovery return (Mann kick)

Houston 17, Kansas City 13

Sunday, November 2

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 62,989.

Surging Oilers moved into a triple tie with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh for the AFC Central lead with the help of two touchdown passes by Dan Pastorini to the fleet Ken Burrough for 77 and 57 yards. Bob Atkins' interception of a Mike Livingston pass with 4:53 to go and Curley Culp's recovery of a fumbled snap with 1:17 remaining in the day for the Oilers, who won their fourth in a row. Burrough caught seven passes for 177 yards, top yardage in the first half of the AFC season. It was the Oilers' 12th win in 15th games since Curley Culp joined the club last season.

Houston	7	0	7	3	-	17
Kansas City	3	10	0	0	-	13

KC-FG Stenerud 37

Hou-Burrough 77 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 37

KC-Kinney 1 run (Stenerud kick)

Hou-Burrough 57 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

Hou-FG Butler 44

Miami 46, Chicago 13

Sunday, November 2

At Soldier Field, attendance 51,298.

Bob Griese had his best passing yardage day in six years, completing 12 of 19 for 288 yards and three touchdowns - 20 yards to Norm Bulaich, 79 to Nat Moore, and 58 to Freddie Solomon - as the Dolphins won their sixth straight game and stayed one game ahead in the AFC East. Moore caught four passes for 113 yards. Garo Yepremian's three field goals ran his

success string to nine without a miss this season.

Miami	10	10	12	14	-	46
Chicago	0	6	7	0	-	13

Mia-FG Yepremian 39

Mia-Malone 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 27

Mia-Bulaich 20 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 31

Mia-FG Yepremian 32

Mia-N. Moore 79 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 35

Chi-Payton 4 run (Thomas kick)

Mia-Safety, Reese tackled Huff in end zone

Mia-Solomon 58 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Twilley 29 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

Minnesota 28, Green Bay 17

Sunday, November 2

At Lambeau Field, attendance 55,378.

Fran Tarkenton, who completed 24 of 30 passes for 285 yards and three touchdowns, threw a pair of fourth-period scoring passes of 19 yards to John Gilliam and 10 to Chuck Foreman as the Vikings came from behind to register their seventh straight victory and remain the NFL's only undefeated team midway through the season. The win was Minnesota's 10th in a row over two years. Foreman rushed for 72 yards and caught nine passes for 93. Gilliam's seven catches netted 98 yards. Tarkenton's touchdown passes lifted his career total to 280, just 10 off John Unitas' NFL record 290.

Minnesota	7	7	0	14	-	28
Green Bay	7	3	7	0	-	17

Minn-Voigt 5 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

GB-Barty Smith 3 run (Danelo kick)

GB-FG Danelo 23

Minn-Marinaro 2 run (Cox kick)

GB-Barty Smith 7 pass from Hadl (Danelo kick)

Minn-Gilliam 19 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Foreman 10 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

St. Louis 24, New England 17

Sunday, November 2

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 45,907.

With the Patriots leading 17-10 entering the final period, Terry Metcalf scored his second and third touchdowns of the game on a one-yard burst and a seven-yard run to lift the Cardinals to a victory and a three-way share of first place in the NFC East with the Cowboys and Redskins. Earlier, Metcalf sprinted 69 yards for a score on a punt return, the longest in the NFC in 1975.

New England	3	7	7	0	-	17
St. Louis	0	7	3	14	-	24

NE-FG Smith 32

StL-Metcalf 69 punt return (Bakken kick)

NE-Vataha 11 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

NE-Hamilton 23 fumble recovery return (Smith kick)

StL-FG Bakken 21

StL-Metcalf 1 run (Bakken kick)

StL-Metcalf 7 run (Bakken kick)

Oakland 42, Denver 17

Sunday, November 2

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 52,330.

Oakland shocked Denver with 35 points in the second half after trailing 17-7 early in the third quarter. Ken Stabler had one of his better days, firing two touchdown passes and the veteran Pete Banaszak scored two more touchdowns for a season total of seven. The win enabled the Raiders to open up a two-game lead over the Broncos and Chiefs in the AFC West. Neal Colzie, leading punt returner in the NFL with a 17-1-yard average, set up three scores by running back three punts for 127 yards. Marv Hubbard started for the first time since his shoulder injury in the opening game. Banaszak topped the rushers with 12 for 62 yards.

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Oakland	7	0	14	21	-	42
Denver	0	10	7	0	-	17
Oak-van Eeghen 2 run (Blanda kick)						
Den-Odoms 1 pass from Ramsey (Turner kick)						
Den-FG Turner 53						
Den-Dolbin 7 pass from Ramsey (Turner kick)						
Oak-Biletnikoff 21 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)						
Oak-Branch 16 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)						
Oak-Banaszak 1 run (Blanda kick)						
Oak-Banaszak 2 run (Blanda kick)						
Oak-Hubbard 7 run (Blanda kick)						

Pittsburgh 30, Cincinnati 24

Sunday, November 2

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 58,418.

Franco Harris broke loose for 157 yards, his best ever in regular season play, and Terry Bradshaw hit with a pair of touchdown passes to Lynn Swann as the Steelers snapped the Bengals' six-game winning streak. Cincinnati's first defeat left them in a three-way tie with Pittsburgh and Houston for the AFC Central lead. Mike Wagner picked off two Ken Anderson passes in the fourth quarter to douse the comeback hopes of the Bengals, who scored 21 points in the last quarter after trailing 23-3. Wagner returned his second interception 65 yards, setting up a clinching touchdown plunge by Bradshaw.

Pittsburgh	0	10	13	7	-	30
Cincinnati	3	0	0	21	-	24

Cin-FG Green 23

Pitt-FG Gerela 42

Pitt-Swann 37 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Bleier 3 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Swann 25 pass from Bradshaw (kick failed)

Cin-Joiner 34 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Cin-E. Johnson 3 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Pitt-Bradshaw 1 run (Gerela kick)

Cin-Myers 22 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Los Angeles 42, Philadelphia 3

Monday Night, November 3

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 64,601.

James Harris unleashed three scoring bombs, Lawrence McCutcheon ran for 101 yards to assume the NFC rushing lead with 545 yards, and the Los Angeles defense scored twice on a 76-yard interception return by linebacker Isiah Robertson and defensive end Fred Dryer's 20-yard romp with another interception as the Rams rolled to their sixth straight victory and opened a four-game lead in the NFC West. Harris hit Harold Jackson for 54 and 30-yard touchdowns and Jack Snow's only catch was a 42-yard scoring play.

Los Angeles	7	14	14	7	-	42
Philadelphia	0	3	0	0	-	3

LA-Cappelletti 1 run (Dempsey kick)

LA-Jackson 54 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

Phil-FG Muhlmann 36

LA-Jackson 30 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

LA-Snow 42 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

LA-Dryer 20 interception return (Dempsey kick)

LA-Robertson 76 interception return (Dempsey kick)

EIGHTH WEEK

Minnesota 38, Atlanta 0

Sunday, November 9

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 43,751.

The Vikings defense forced eight turnovers, including five interceptions, and posted its first shutout as undefeated Minnesota rolled to its 11th straight victory over two seasons despite a cold, steady rainfall. Paul Krause picked off two Falcons' passes (his third twin steal of the season) to lift his season total to seven and his career total to 71, second only to Emlen Tunnell's record 79. Chuck Foreman rushed 102 yards, and Fran Tarkenton's three-yard scoring pass to Foreman was the 281st of his career.

Atlanta	0	0	0	0	-	0
Minnesota	7	17	7	7	-	38
Minn-Foreman 3 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)						
Minn-FG Cox 45						
Minn-Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)						
Minn-Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)						
Minn-Lash 12 pass from Lee (Cox kick)						
Minn-Osborn 2 run (Cox kick)						

Baltimore 42, Buffalo 35

Sunday, November 9

At Rich Stadium, attendance 77,320.

Baltimore spotted Buffalo a 21-0 lead on three touchdowns by O. J. Simpson and then rallied to win with Bert Jones throwing two TD passes and scoring a third. Lydell Mitchell scored three TDs and backup QB Marty Domres, holder on field goals, caught the Bills napping with a scoring pass on a fake FG. Simpson rushed for 105 yards in the first half and wound up with 123 on 19 carries, boosting his season total to 1,128, just ahead of his record 1973 pace. Key interceptions by Stan White and Lloyd Mumphord cut off Buffalo late threats. Mitchell gained 112 yards rushing and caught four passes to increase his AFC-leading total to 37 receptions.

Baltimore	0	21	0	21	-	42
Buffalo	7	21	0	7	-	35

Buff-Simpson 44 run (Leyboldt kick)

Buff-Simpson 22 pass from Ferguson (Leyboldt kick)

Buff-Simpson 32 pass from Ferguson (Leyboldt kick)

Balt-Mitchell 9 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Buff-Chandler 19 pass from Ferguson (Leyboldt kick)

Balt-Olds 15 pass from Domres (Linhart kick)

Balt-Carr 89 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Balt-Mitchell 11 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Jones 19 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Mitchell 12 run (Linhart kick)

Buff-Chandler 18 pass from Marangi (Leyboldt kick)

Cincinnati 17, Denver 16

Sunday, November 9

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 49,702.

Coach Paul Brown pulled a hipper-dipper play out of the hat to set up the winning touchdown. Ken Anderson passed to Chip Myers who lateraled to Isaac Curtis for a 33-yard gain that moved the ball to the 1 for Boobie Clark's TD plunge. An aborted conversion attempt on a bad center snap after the first Denver touchdown proved to be the margin of defeat. Anderson completed 18 of 26 while the Bengals' defense shut off the Broncos' running game with 92 yards. Steve Ramsey connected with 21 of 40 for 230 yards and one Denver touchdown, only the fifth allowed by the Bengals' pass defense.

Cincinnati	7	0	10	0	-	17
Denver	0	13	0	3	-	16

Cin-Williams 1 run (Green kick)

Den-Little 1 run (kick failed)

Den-Odoms 10 pass from Ramsey (Turner kick)

Cin-FG Green 45

Cin-Clark 1 run (Green kick)

Den-FG Turner 38

Detroit 21, Cleveland 10

Sunday, November 9

At Pontiac Stadium, attendance 74,653.

Lions' quarterback Joe Reed and wide receiver Ray Jarvis combined for a 62-yard pass completion on the first scrimmage play of the game to set up Altie Taylor's one-yard touchdown that started the Browns toward their eighth straight loss. Jarvis also caught a 21-yard touchdown pass from Reed, and cornerback Ben Davis intercepted a Cleveland throw and returned it 67 yards for a score.

Cleveland	0	0	3	7	-	10
Detroit	7	7	0	7	-	21

Det-Taylor 1 run (Mann kick)

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Det-Jarvis 21 pass from Reed (Mann kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 32
 Det-Davis 67 interception return (Mann kick)
 Cle-Roan 12 pass from Cureton (Cockroft kick)

Chicago 27, Green Bay 14

Sunday, November 9

At Soldier Field, attendance 48,738.

Strong safety Craig Clemons raced 76 yards for a touchdown with an interception and Gary Huff logged all nine of his pass completions, including a 12-yard scoring pass to Bob Parsons, in the first half as the Bears registered their highest point total of the season in snapping a five-game losing streak. Clemons' touchdown was Chicago's first via an interception in six years.

Green Bay	0	7	0	7	-	14
Chicago	10	7	10	0	-	27

Chi-FG Thomas 34

Chi-Parsons 12 pass from Huff (Thomas kick)

GB-Odom 42 pass from Milan (Danelo kick)

Chi-Payton 5 run (Thomas kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 48

Chi-Clemons 76 interception return (Thomas kick)

GB-Barry Smith 18 pass from Brown (Danelo kick)

Pittsburgh 24, Houston 17

Sunday, November 9

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,460.

Terry Bradshaw's 21-yard touchdown pass to John Stallworth with only 38 seconds to play enabled the Steelers to remain tied with the Bengals for the AFC Central lead, each with 7-1 records. The Oilers had been involved in a three-way tie going into this game. Houston tied the score at 17-17 with 2:18 to go on Fred Willis' one-yard plunge after a pass interference call against the Steelers' Mel Blount. Bradshaw hit on 17 of 28 for 219 yards and three TDs and Franco Harris gained 61 yards to become the third leading rusher in Steelers' history with 3,329 yards for his career. Lynn Swann's TD catch was his sixth of the year, tops in the AFC.

Houston	0	7	3	7	-	17
Pittsburgh	10	7	0	7	-	24

Pitt-FG Gerela 22

Pitt-Swann 8 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Hou-Coleman 3 run (Butler kick)

Pitt-L. Brown 6 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Hou-FG Butler 48

Hou-Willis 1 run (Butler kick)

Pitt-Stallworth 21 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

New England 33, San Diego 19

Sunday, November 9

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 24,161.

Rookie Steve Grogan filled in for the injured Jim Plunkett for the second straight week, although Plunkett was available, and riddled the Chargers' defense by completing 17 of 28 for 245 yards and one touchdown. Each team had four field goals, tying an NFL record equaled by many clubs. John Smith made good on all four attempts for the Patriots and Ray Wersching made four of five for the Chargers, losing another from 51 yards when his team was penalized for motion. Pat Curran caught eight passes and Gary Garrison seven as the Chargers' Dan Fouts hit with 25 of 42 for 329 yards.

New England	10	13	7	3	-	33
San Diego	3	3	10	3	-	19

SD-FG Wersching 41

NE-FG Smith 38

NE-Howard 44 interception return (Smith kick)

SD-FG Wersching 30

NE-FG Smith 19

NE-Cunningham 4 run (Smith kick)

NE-FG Smith 35

SD-FG Wersching 25

NE-Vataha 13 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

SD-Garrison 8 pass from Fouts (Wersching kick)

NE-FG Smith 46

SD-FG Wersching 37

Oakland 48, New Orleans 10

Sunday, November 9

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 51,267.

Oakland set a club record of 34 first downs and scored seven touchdowns in its first interconference game of the season. Ken Stabler completed 16 of 23 for 232 yards and two touchdowns before giving way to rookie Dave Humm who hit with four straight for another score. Pete Banaszak scored his eighth TD of the season and 29th of his career while the Raiders rolled up 523 yards of total offense and held the Saints to 140 yards. Running backs Clarence Davis and Marv Hubbard and receiver Fred Biletnikoff, all of whom missed time early in the season due to injuries, were key offensive weapons.

New Orleans	3	0	0	7	-	10
Oakland	7	14	20	7	-	48

Oak-Hubbard 6 run (Blanda kick)

NO-FG Szaro 30

Oak-Davis 5 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-Bradshaw 36 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Oak-Banaszak 1 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-Davis 13 run (kick failed)

Oak-Bradshaw 48 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

NO-Parker 32 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)

Oak-Bankston 8 pass from Humm (Blanda kick)

Miami 27, New York Jets 7

Sunday, November 9

At Orange Bowl, attendance 72,896.

After a 7-7 first half, the Dolphins struck for two touchdowns in the third period on a 59-yard pass from Bob Griese to Norm Bulaich and a 50-yard punt return by rookie Fred Solomon. The victory moved the Dolphins two full games ahead of the Bills in the AFC East and left the Jets in last place. Joe Namath was limited to 11 completions in 28 attempts for 140 yards and one TD and was sacked three times and intercepted twice by the Miami defense. Griese hit with 9 of 15 for 223 yards and two TDs to Bulaich.

New York Jets	7	0	0	0	-	7
Miami	0	7	13	7	-	27

NYJ-Garrett 15 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

Mia-Malone 8 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Bulaich 59 pass from Griese (kick failed)

Mia-Solomon 50 punt return (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Bulaich 7 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

St. Louis 24, Philadelphia 23

Sunday, November 9

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 60,277.

Jim Bakken kicked a 30-yard field goal as time expired to produce the Cardinals' victory which kept the Big Red in a first-place tie with the Redskins in the NFC East. St. Louis controlled the ball for the final 7:48 of the game, marching from their own 17 to the Philadelphia 13 before Bakken's kick, which lifted him into fourth place on the NFL career scoring list with 1,132 points. In the season opener, Bakken kicked a 23-yard field goal as time ran out to defeat Atlanta. St. Louis had trailed 23-7 with 5:30 left in the third period.

St. Louis	7	0	7	10	-	24
Philadelphia	10	10	3	0	-	23

Phil-Young 13 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

Phil-FG Muhlmann 37

StL-Otis 3 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Phil-James 47 pass from Gabriel (Muhlmann kick)

Phil-FG Muhlmann 27

Phil-FG Muhlmann 25

StL-Metcalf 1 run (Bakken kick)

StL-Hart 5 run (Bakken kick)

StL-FG Bakken 30

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San Francisco 24, Los Angeles 23

Sunday, November 9

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 74,064.

Rookie Steve Mike-Mayer tied the San Francisco club record and snapped Los Angeles' six-game winning streak when he kicked a 54-yard field goal with 38 seconds remaining. The Rams had taken a 23-21 lead with 90 seconds remaining, but 49ers' quarterback Steve Spurrier, making his first start of the season, completed three passes to the Rams' 37-yard line, setting up Mike-Mayer's kick. Spurrier completed 19 passes for 290 yards, including touchdown passes of 42 and 68 yards to Gene Washington and a 19-yard scoring throw to Del Williams.

San Francisco	0	0	14	10	-	24
Los Angeles	14	0	0	9	-	23

LA-Cappelletti 25 run (Dempsey kick)

LA-Bertelsen 1 run (Dempsey kick)

SF-G. Washington 42 pass from Spurrier (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-Williams 19 pass from Spurrier (Mike-Mayer kick)

LA-FG Dempsey 23

SF-G. Washington 68 pass from Spurrier (Mike-Mayer kick)

LA-Bertelsen 1 run (kick failed)

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 54

Washington 21, New York Giants 13

Sunday, November 9

At Shea Stadium, attendance 57,242.

Randy Johnson, who replaced injured Bill Kilmer, marched the Redskins 87 and 62 yards for a pair of fourth-period touchdowns and a victory which kept Washington in a tie with St. Louis for first place in the NFC East. Before leaving in the second period with a right shoulder separation, Kilmer and Frank Grant combined for a 96-yard touchdown pass play, the longest pass completion in the NFL in 1975. Rookie Mike Thomas rushed for 123 yards. The victory marked Washington Coach George Allen's 13th consecutive victory over the Giants without a loss.

Washington	7	0	0	14	-	21
New York Giants	0	10	3	0	-	13

Wash-Grant 96 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

NYG-FG Hunt 22

NYG-Johnson 36 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)

NYG-FG Hunt 22

Wash-Brown 1 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Brunet 2 run (Moseley kick)

Kansas City 34, Dallas 31

Monday Night, November 10

At Texas Stadium, attendance 63,539.

Chiefs' running back Ed Podolak's third touchdown of the game, a five-yard reception from Mike Livingston, was set up by the second of Emmitt Thomas' two fumble recoveries and proved decisive as Kansas City won its fourth victory in its last five games. Earlier, Podolak scored on runs from the 1- and 11-yard lines within a 23-second span near the close of the first half. The Chiefs forced the Cowboys into seven turnovers, including an interception by Willie Lanier that clinched the victory in the final minute.

Kansas City	3	21	3	7	-	34
Dallas	0	17	14	0	-	31

KC-FG Stenerud 51

Dall-Staubach 9 run (Fritsch kick)

Dall-FG Fritsch 31

KC-Matuszak fumble recovery in end zone (Stenerud kick)

Dall-Richards 15 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

KC-Podolak 1 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-Podolak 11 run (Stenerud kick)

Dall-Richards 47 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 44

Dall-Staubach 1 run (Fritsch kick)

KC-Podolak 5 pass from Livingston (Stenerud kick)

NINTH WEEK

San Francisco 31, Chicago 3

Sunday, November 16

At Candlestick Park, attendance 41,726.

Steve Spurrier's 18-yard touchdown pass to Gene Washington snapped a 3-3 second-period tie and the 49ers exploded for 21 points in the final quarter to put together consecutive victories for the first time this season. Delvin Williams sparked the offense, rushing for 106 yards on only 12 carries.

Chicago	0	3	0	0	-	3
San Francisco	0	10	0	21	-	31

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 23

Chi-FG Thomas 33

SF-G. Washington 18 pass from Spurrier (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-Schreiber 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-T. Hart 10 fumble recovery return (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-S. Johnson 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Oakland 38, Cleveland 17

Sunday, November 16

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 50,461.

Ken Stabler's four touchdown passes enabled the Raiders to fight off the winless but stubborn Browns and open up a three-game lead in the AFC West with five games to play. After the Browns had bounced back to a 17-17 tie in the third quarter, Stabler hit Fred Biletnikoff and Clarence Davis with scoring passes and Davis added a final touchdown on a 26-yard run. Davis had his best day as a Raider, gaining 120 yards on 17 carries.

Cleveland	7	3	7	0	-	17
Oakland	7	10	7	14	-	38

Oak-Branch 22 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Cle-Pruitt 10 run (Cockroft kick)

Oak-Branch 21 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 25

Oak-FG Blanda 28

Cle-C. Miller 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Oak-Biletnikoff 15 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Oak-Davis 31 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Oak-Davis 26 run (Blanda kick)

Dallas 34, New England 31

Sunday, November 16

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 60,905.

Roger Staubach kept the Cowboys one game behind the Cardinals in the NFC East with three touchdown passes, two to Drew Pearson and one to Golden Richards. Jim Plunkett returned after missing two games with a shoulder separation and also threw three TD passes and scored once. Plunkett hit Darryl Stingley with two scoring passes in the final five minutes but the rally fell short. Two 15-yard scrambles by Staubach led to the go-ahead score after the Patriots evened the score at 10-10 in the second quarter.

Dallas	10	7	7	10	-	34
New England	0	10	7	14	-	31

Dall-FG Fritsch 43

Dall-D. Pearson 33 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

NE-FG Smith 29

NE-Plunkett 1 run (Smith kick)

Dall-D. Pearson 31 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dall-Dennison 6 run (Fritsch kick)

NE-Francis 37 pass from Plunkett (Smith kick)

Dall-Richards 41 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dall-FG Fritsch 26

NE-Stingley 13 pass from Plunkett (Smith kick)

NE-Stingley 5 pass from Plunkett (Smith kick)

Denver 27, San Diego 17

Sunday, November 16

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 26,048.

The Broncos stopped the Chargers on their one with the score tied at 17-17 and marched 99 yards for the winning touchdown by Jon Keyworth. Steve Ramsey helped send the Chargers down to their ninth straight defeat by

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completing 24 of 36 passes for 225 yards and two TDs to Haven Moses and Riley Odoms. Dan Fouts passed for 211 yards before leaving the game with a bruised shoulder and rookie Rickey Young led the rushers with 52 yards and a TD and caught four passes. Floyd Little's 44 yards moved him into eighth place in the all-time rushing list with 6,125 yards.

Denver	7	10	0	10	-	27
San Diego	3	7	7	0	-	17

Den-Moses 7 pass from Ramsey (Turner kick)

SD-FG Wersching 22

Den-FG Turner 22

Den-Odoms 3 pass from Ramsey (Turner kick)

SD-Matthews 2 run (Wersching kick)

SD-Young 9 run (Wersching kick)

Den-Keyworth 1 run (Turner kick)

Den-FG Turner 46

Detroit 13, Green Bay 10

Sunday, November 16

At Pontiac Stadium, attendance 76,356.

Errol Mann's 23-yard field goal with 13 seconds remaining provided the Lions with their third straight victory under Joe Reed's quarterback direction and kept them alive in the NFC playoff picture. A 48-yard pass from Reed to Ray Jarvis put the ball on Green Bay's seven-yard line and set up Mann's decisive three-pointer.

Green Bay	0	0	3	7	-	10
Detroit	7	0	0	6	-	13

Det-C. Sanders 9 pass from Reed (Mann kick)

GB-FG Danelo 28

Det-FG Mann 28

GB-Odom 24 pass from Harrell (Danelo kick)

Det-FG Mann 23

Pittsburgh 28, Kansas City 3

Sunday, November 16

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,803.

Franco Harris had his second 100-yard game of the season and 15th of his career by rushing for 119 yards on 17 carries in the Steelers' seventh straight win. Terry Bradshaw's two touchdown passes to Lynn Swann, his seventh of the year, and John Stallworth boosted his season total to 12 and Mel Blount intercepted two passes, his sixth and seventh of the season. It was the fourth time the Steelers have held the opposition without a touchdown as they sacked the Chiefs' quarterbacks six times.

Kansas City	0	3	0	0	-	3
Pittsburgh	0	7	14	7	-	28

KC-FG Stenerud 32

Pitt-Swann 42 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Harrison 10 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Stallworth 16 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Collier 21 run (Gerela kick)

Los Angeles 16, Atlanta 7

Sunday, November 16

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 44,595.

The Rams needed three field goals by Tom Dempsey and a fourth-period touchdown pass from James Harris to Ron Jessie that covered 13 yards to defeat the punchless Falcons. Jessie caught passes for 151 yards. The victory sustained Los Angeles' three-game lead in the NFC West.

Los Angeles	0	6	3	7	-	16
Atlanta	0	0	0	7	-	7

LA-FG Dempsey 33

LA-FG Dempsey 42

LA-FG Dempsey 17

LA-Jessie 13 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

Atl-Mitchell 9 pass from Sullivan (Mike-Mayer kick)

Houston 20, Miami 19

Sunday, November 16

At Astrodome, attendance 48,892.

Bud Smith blocked two extra point attempts before Ronnie Coleman broke four tackles on a game-winning seven-yard touchdown run that kept the Oilers in the thick of the AFC Central race and snapped a Dolphins' seven-game winning streak. Billy Johnson's third punt return touchdown of the season, an 83-yard run which was the longest punt return in 1975 in the NFL, had given the Oilers a third-quarter lead but two Dolphins' scores gave Miami control until Coleman capped an 89-yard drive. Bob Griese completed ? of 29 for 257 yards and the Dolphins gained 350 yards to Houston's 239 but Smith's two blocked extra points proved the difference.

Miami	0	6	7	6	-	19
Houston	3	3	7	7	-	20

Hou-FG Butler 43

Hou-FG Butler 25

Mia-Mandich 26 pass from Griese (kick blocked)

Hou-Johnson 83 punt return (Butler kick)

Mia-Malone 2 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Nottingham 3 run (kick blocked)

Hou-Coleman 7 run (Butler kick)

Minnesota 20, New Orleans 7

Sunday, November 16

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 52,765.

Fran Tarkenton threw three touchdown passes – two to John Gilliam and another to Ed Marinaro – as the Vikings rolled to their ninth straight victory of the season and twelfth in a row since 1974 to tie the club record for consecutive wins. Tarkenton completed 25 passes to lift his career total to 2,817, 13 short of John Unitas' NFL record 2,830. Chuck Foreman rushed for 117 yards (his fourth 100 game of season) and took over the NFC rushing lead with 693 yards.

Minnesota	7	13	0	0	-	20
New Orleans	0	7	0	0	-	7

Minn-Marinaro 4 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Gilliam 13 pass from Tarkenton (kick blocked)

NO-Seal 25 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)

Minn-Gilliam 33 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Baltimore 52, New York Jets 19

Sunday, November 16

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 52,097.

Bert Jones passed for 277 yards and three touchdowns while the Colts smothered Joe Namath to win their fourth straight after losing four of their first five. The Colts had scored 160 points in their last four games and Jones had thrown 16 TD passes, nine during the win streak. Lydell Mitchell's 62 yards gave him 605 for the season and his seven pass catches gave him a conference-leading 44. Jones left the game with a rib injury in the third quarter.

New York Jets	3	3	7	6	-	19
Baltimore	14	17	7	14	-	52

NYJ-FG Leahy 45

Balt-Mitchell 17 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-McCauley 1 pass from B. Jones (Linhart kick)

Balt-Carr 90 pass from B. Jones (Linhart kick)

NYJ-FG Leahy 36

Balt-McCauley 4 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 36

Balt-Doughty 20 pass from B. Jones (Linhart kick)

NYJ-Riggins 2 run (Leahy kick)

Balt-Domres 20 run (Linhart kick)

NYJ-Bell 12 pass from J. Jones (kick failed)

Balt-Cook 49 fumble recovery return (Linhart kick)

Philadelphia 13, New York Giants 10

Sunday, November 16

At Shea Stadium, attendance 53,434.

Horst Muhlmann kicked a 30-yard field goal with 28 seconds remaining to give the Eagles their second victory. Three times earlier in the season, Philadelphia was defeated on field goals in the final seconds – twice on the final play.

Baltimore	2	7	10	14	-	33
Miami	7	7	0	3	-	17
Mia-Mandich 4 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)						
Balt-Safety, Laird tackled Malone in end zone						
Mia-Nottingham 5 run (Yepremian kick)						
Balt-McCauley 1 run (Linhart kick)						
Balt-McCauley 1 run (Linhart kick)						
Balt-FG Linhart 42						
Mia-FG Yepremian 28						
Balt-Mitchell 32 run (Linhart kick)						
Balt-McCauley 1 run (Linhart kick)						

Los Angeles 38, Chicago 10
Sunday, November 23

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 58,690.

Lawrence McCutcheon, who rushed for 114 yards on 15 carries in his best effort thus far in the season, scored on a 43-yard dash and Jim Bertelsen added a four-yard touchdown a few minutes later as the Rams moved closer to their third consecutive NFC West title. John Cappelletti scored twice on a burst from the one and a 30-yard sprint.

Chicago	3	0	0	7	-	10
Los Angeles	14	7	10	7	-	38

LA-McCutcheon 43 run (Dempsey kick)
LA-Bertelsen 4 run (Dempsey kick)
Chi-FG Thomas 55
LA-Cappelletti 1 run (Dempsey kick)
LA-H. Jackson 13 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)
LA-FG Dempsey 27
LA-Cappelletti 30 run (Dempsey kick)
Chi-Rather 32 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)

Cleveland 35, Cincinnati 23
Sunday, November 23

At Cleveland Stadium, attendance 56,427.

Browns won their first game of season after nine defeats and dropped Bengals out of first-place tie in AFC Central with comeback victory behind Mike Phipps who passed for two touchdowns. Phipps had his best game ever in six years as a pro completing 23 of 36 passes for 298 yards. Ken Anderson left the game with a chest injury with the Bengals leading 20-9 in third quarter. Greg Pruitt joined exclusive club of players who rushed for 100 yards and caught passes for 100 with 121 rushing and 106 receiving. Only eight others did it in NFL history.

Cincinnati	13	7	3	0	-	23
Cleveland	9	3	3	20	-	35

Cle-Pruitt 2 run (kick failed)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 27
 Cin-Trumpy 35 pass from Anderson (Green kick)
 Cin-Fritts 4 run (kick failed)
 Cin-Curtis 30 pass from Anderson (Green kick)
 Cle-FG Cockroft 32
 Cin-FG Green 21
 Cle-FG Cockroft 43
 Cle-Roan 5 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Pruitt 13 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
 Cle-Hill 56 interception return (kick failed)

Atlanta 35, Denver 21
Sunday, November 23

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 28,686.

Falcons' rookie quarterback Steve Bartkowski returned to the lineup after missing three games because of a dislocated left elbow and tossed a pair of touchdown passes to Al Jenkins (4 and 35 yards) and Haskel Stanback scored on one and three-yard bursts to snap a five-game losing streak. Atlanta intercepted five Denver passes, two by Ray Brown, who went 41 yards for a score with one of the steals.

Denver	7	0	7	7	-	21
Atlanta	0	14	7	14	-	35

Den-Smith 38 fumble recovery (Turner kick)

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Atl-Jenkins 4 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Atl-Jenkins 35 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Atl-Stanback 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Den-Moses 12 pass from Johnson (Turner kick)
 Atl-Stanback 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Den-Keyworth 1 run (Turner kick)
 Atl-Brown 41 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)

Kansas City 24, Detroit 21 (OT) Sunday, November 23

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 55,161.

Jan Stenerud's 26-yard field goal after 6:44 of sudden death overtime gave Chiefs victory after stopping Lions on vital fourth-down play earlier in overtime. Errol Mann's 44-yard field goal on final play of regulation time lifted Lions into 21-21 tie. Woody Green rushed for 135 yards and MacArthur Lane for 108 in the Chiefs' 251 rushing total. Len Dawson started for the injured Mike Livingston, completing 17 of 25 for 217 yards and one touchdown. Woody Green's 42-yard scamper set up the winning score.

Detroit	0	8	3	10	0	-	21
Kansas City	14	0	7	0	3	-	24

KC-Brunson 21 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)
 KC-Lane 4 run (Stenerud kick)
 Det-Safety, blocked punt downed in end zone
 Det-Reed 2 run (kick blocked)
 Det-FG Mann 37
 KC-Lane 20 run (Stenerud kick)
 Det-Jarvis 10 pass from Reed (Mann kick)
 Det-FG Mann 44
 KC-FG Stenerud 26

Buffalo 45, New England 31 Sunday, November 23

At Rich Stadium, attendance 65,655.

O. J. Simpson was held to 69 yards, his season low, but scored four touchdowns, tying Chuck Foreman and Lydell Mitchell for most points scored in a game in the NFL in 1975, in a wild game that saw the Bills wind up with 416 yards on offense and the Patriots with 498 yards. Simpson boosted his season yardage total to 1,394, and moved 71 yards ahead of his record pace in 1973. Steve Grogan hit with 25 of 46 passes for 365 yards and two scores and Joe Ferguson of the Bills completed 16 of 32 for 276 yards and four touchdowns. Sam Cunningham gained 100 yards and scored twice. A 45-yard kickoff return by Vic Washington set up the go-ahead touchdown.

New England	7	14	7	3	-	31
Buffalo	14	10	7	14	-	45

Buff-Gant 19 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)
 Buff-Hill 77 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)
 NE-Cunningham 10 run (Smith kick)
 NE-Cunningham 11 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 Buff-Simpson 2 run (Leypoldt kick)
 Buff-FG Leypoldt 28
 NE-Francis 21 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 NE-Cunningham 1 run (Smith kick)
 Buff-Simpson 3 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)
 NE-FG Smith 34
 Buff-Simpson 1 run (Leypoldt kick)
 Buff-Simpson 3 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Green Bay 40, New York Giants 14 Sunday, November 23

At Milwaukee County Stadium, attendance 50,150.

Rookie running back Willard Harrell caught one touchdown pass and hurled a 23-yard scoring pass to Steve Odom as the Packers exploded for their most points in a game since their 1971 opener. John Hadl's 18 completions in 29 attempts for 275 yards paced Green Bay's 508-yard attack.

New York Giants	0	0	14	0	-	14
Green Bay	14	10	0	16	-	40

GB-Harrell 36 pass from Hadl (Danelo kick)
 GB-Torkelson 2 run (Danelo kick)

GB-FG Danelo 28
 GB-Odom 23 pass from Harrell (Danelo kick)
 NYG-Gillette 12 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)
 NYG-Kotar 10 run (Hunt kick)
 GB-Safety, Jennings stepped out of end zone
 GB-Barty Smith 3 run (Danelo kick)
 GB-Tinker 35 pass from Hadl (Danelo kick)

Oakland 26, Washington 23 (OT) Sunday, November 23

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 53,582.

George Blanda, who missed a 33-yard attempt with eight seconds remaining in regulation time and an extra point attempt after the Raiders first touchdown, kicked a 27-yard field goal on second down after 7:13 of overtime to give Oakland its fifth straight victory and hand the Redskins their second consecutive extra period loss in their third overtime game in four weeks. Washington, which tied the score at 23-23 on a Bill Kilmer to Frank Grant 33-yard touchdown pass with 2:37 left, took the overtime kickoff and marched to Oakland's 43 before being forced to turn over the ball on a punt. In the game, Fred Biletnikoff had nine receptions for 113 yards, the best pass-receiving performance in 1975 in the AFC.

Oakland	6	14	0	3	3	-	26
Washington	0	9	7	7	0	-	23

Oak-Banaszak 1 run (kick failed)
 Wash-Taylor 8 pass from Kilmer (kick failed)
 Wash-FG Moseley 34
 Oak-Banaszak 27 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Banaszak 7 run (Blanda kick)
 Wash-M. Thomas 2 run (Moseley kick)
 Oak-FG Blanda 22
 Wash-Grant 33 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)
 Oak-FG Blanda 27

Dallas 27, Philadelphia 17 Sunday, November 23

At Texas Stadium, attendance 57,893.

Roger Staubach and Preston Pearson combined on four screen passes that netted 109 yards and running back Pearson scored on a five-yard run to spark the Cowboys to a series sweep of the Eagles and a victory that gained Dallas sole possession of second place in the NFC East.

Philadelphia	0	3	0	14	-	17
Dallas	3	14	3	7	-	27

Dall-FG Fritsch 26
 Phil-FG Muhlmann 23
 Dall-P. Pearson 5 run (Fritsch kick)
 Dall-Staubach 1 run (Fritsch kick)
 Dall-FG Fritsch 20
 Phil-McAlister 13 run (Muhlmann kick)
 Dall-Dennison 5 run (Fritsch kick)
 Phil-James 1 run (Muhlmann kick)

St. Louis 37, New York Jets 6 Sunday, November 23

At Shea Stadium, attendance 53,169.

Terry Metcalf ran for two touchdowns and Jim Hart passed to Mel Gray for two more to keep the Cardinals out front by one game in the NFC East. The Jets set a club record by losing their seventh straight in Ken Shipp's debut as successor to Charley Winner as head coach. Hart completed 11 of 13 for 242 yards before leaving game in third quarter. Joe Namath gave way to John Jones in the third quarter.

St. Louis	20	10	7	0	-	37
New York Jets	3	3	0	0	-	6

NYJ-FG Leahy 47
 StL-Metcalf 52 run (pass failed)
 StL-Metcalf 1 run (Bakken kick)
 StL-M. Gray 74 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
 NYJ-FG Leahy 27
 StL-FG Bakken 31

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StL-M. Gray 20 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
StL-Thompson 61 interception return (Bakken kick)

Minnesota 28, San Diego 13

Sunday, November 23

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 43,737.

Vikings' quarterback Fran Tarkenton completed 24 of 32 passes to establish an NFL record for career completions at 2,841, which surpassed the old mark of 2,830 set by John Unitas. Tarkenton's record-breaking completion was a four-yard gainer to running back Ed Marinaro at the start of a go-ahead touchdown drive in the final two minutes of the first half. Marinaro, who caught 11 passes to set a Minnesota one-game record, climaxed the scoring drive by catching a 16-yard pass from Tarkenton. The touchdown pass by Tarkenton was his 285th, leaving him six short of breaking Unitas' career TD record of 290. Chuck Foreman, with 127 rushing yards for his fifth century game of the season, pushed his NFC-leading rush total to 820 yards.

San Diego	0	7	0	6	-	13
Minnesota	7	7	0	14	-	28

Minn-Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)

SD-Garrison 32 pass from Freitas (Curran pass from Fuller)

Minn-Marinaro 16 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)

SD-McDonald 16 pass from Freitas (kick blocked)

Minn-Foreman 9 run (Cox kick)

San Francisco 16, New Orleans 6

Sunday, November 23

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 40,328.

Larry Schreiber's three-yard touchdown run just two minutes into the game got the 49ers off to their third consecutive victory. For the second game in a row, Gene Washington caught only one pass, but it was for a touchdown – 26 yards from Steve Spurrier, who has directed each of San Francisco's streaking wins since taking over at quarterback.

San Francisco	7	0	0	9	-	16
New Orleans	0	0	3	3	-	6

SF-Schreiber 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

NO-FG Szaro 26

SF-G. Washington 26 pass from Spurrier (kick failed)

NO-FG Szaro 50

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 35

Pittsburgh 32, Houston 9

Monday Night, November 24

At Astrodome, attendance 49,947.

Terry Bradshaw's passing and Franco Harris' running broke through the Oilers' defense for 367 yards and a victory that left the Steelers one game in front of the Bengals in the AFC Central. The defeat dropped Houston into third place, two games back with four to play. Bradshaw completed 13 of 16 for 168 yards, including a touchdown pass to Lynn Swann, and Harris rumbled for 149 yards and the 16th 100-yard game of his career. The Steelers sacked Dan Pastorini four times for 41 yards and limited him to 17 completions of 32 for 172 yards, allowing only one touchdown.

Pittsburgh	2	13	3	14	-	32
Houston	0	3	0	6	-	9

Pitt-Safety, White tackled Pastorini in end zone

Hou-FG Butler 27

Pitt-Harris 4 run (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Swann 18 pass from Bradshaw (kick failed)

Pitt-FG Gerela 30

Pitt-Fuqua 13 run (Gerela kick)

Hou-Burrough 59 pass from Pastorini (kick failed)

Pitt-Harris 13 run (Gerela kick)

ELEVENTH WEEK

Los Angeles 20, Detroit 0

Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving)

At Pontiac Stadium, attendance 69,552.

The Rams put together a methodical attack and a smothering defense to overwhelm the Lions and clinch their third consecutive NFC Western Division title while spoiling Detroit's annual Thanksgiving Day home game. Los Angeles quarterback James Harris threw three touchdown passes – 11 yards to Ron Jessie and 17 and 38 yards to Harold Jackson. In addition to winning its own division title, the Rams also eliminated the Lions in the NFC Central and assured the Vikings of their seventh division title in eight years.

Los Angeles	7	0	6	7	-	20
Detroit	0	0	0	0	-	0

LA-Jessie 11 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

LA-H. Jackson 17 pass from Harris (kick failed)

LA-H. Jackson 38 pass from Harris (Dempsey kick)

Buffalo 32, St. Louis 14

Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving)

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 41,899.

Despite arriving in St. Louis only three hours before kickoff because a Midwest snowstorm forced them to remain overnight in Chicago, the Bills unleashed a strong ground attack, paced by Jim Braxton's 160 yards and three touchdowns, to keep themselves in contention in the AFC East while snapping the Cardinals six-game winning streak. O. J. Simpson rushed for 85 yards and scored on a three-yard run, while John Leyboldt added two field goals. Dwight Harrison picked off two of Buffalo's four interceptions.

Buffalo	6	7	6	13	-	32
St. Louis	7	0	0	7	-	14

StL-Metcalf 1 run (Bakken kick)

Buff-Braxton 1 run (kick failed)

Buff-Simpson 3 run (Leyboldt kick)

Buff-FG Leyboldt 30

Buff-FG Leyboldt 33

Buff-Braxton 5 run (Leyboldt kick)

Buff-Braxton 1 run (kick failed)

StL-Metcalf 4 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Oakland 37, Atlanta 34 (OT)

Sunday, November 30

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 50,860.

For the second week in a row George Blanda won a sudden death overtime game for Oakland with a field goal. Blanda's 36-yarder as time ran out at 15:00 of the extra period clinched the Raiders' eighth division title in nine years, assuring a playoff spot for the AFC West champions. Blanda's 18-yard field goal with three seconds to go sent the game into overtime after two late scoring drives, directed by rookie Steve Bartkowski, put the Falcons out front 34-31 with 1:10 left in regulation time. Ken Stabler threw four touchdown passes, three to Cliff Branch in the first quarter. Pete Banaszak rushed for 116 yards. Falcons' punter John James booted a 75-yard punt in the game, the NFL's longest in 1975.

Atlanta	13	7	0	14	0	-	34
Oakland	21	0	3	10	3	-	37

Oak-Branch 40 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Atl-Stanback 2 run (kick failed)

Atl-Hampton 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Oak-Branch 27 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Oak-Branch 11 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Atl-Lawrence 87 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick)

Oak-FG Blanda 37

Oak-van Eeghen 18 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Atl-Bartkowski 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Atl-Francis 7 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Oak-FG Blanda 18

Oak-FG Blanda 36

Green Bay 28, Chicago 7

Sunday, November 30

At Lambeau Field, attendance 46,821.

John Brockington rushed for 111 yards and scored three touchdowns as the Packers won their second straight as light snow fell. For the third straight week, rookie back Willard Harrell completed a touchdown pass to wide

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receiver Steve Odom, this one covering 14 yards. Ken Payne caught five of John Hadl's 11 completions to push his season total to 47 for 676 yards.

Chicago	0	0	7	0	-	7
Green Bay	7	21	0	0	-	28

GB-Brockington 1 run (Danelo kick)

GB-Brockington 1 run (Danelo kick)

GB-Odom 14 pass from Harrell (Danelo kick)

GB-Brockington 8 run (Danelo kick)

Chi-Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)

Cincinnati 23, Houston 19

Sunday, November 30

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 46,128.

John Reaves, an understudy to the injured Ken Anderson with only four completions all season, led the Bengals to an important victory that left them one game behind the Steelers and two in front of third-place Houston in the AFC Central. Reaves got the word he would start only 15 minutes before game time and responded with 13 completions of 23 passes, two for touchdowns to Chip Myers in steady rain.

Houston	3	0	7	9	-	19
Cincinnati	0	16	0	7	-	23

Baltimore 28, Kansas City 14

Sunday, November 30

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 42,122.

The frisky Colts won their sixth straight to remain in the thick of the AFC East race on superior performances by Ben Jones and Lydell Mitchell. Jones connected with 11 straight passes, including a 17-yard touchdown to Raymond Chester, and Mitchell rolled up 178 yards on 26 carries for a season total of 889 and maintained his AFC lead with four more receptions for a total of 49. Mitchell broke loose for a 70-yard scoring run en route to his fourth 100-yard day of the year and ninth of his career, both Colts' records.

Kansas City	0	0	0	14	-	14
Baltimore	0	14	14	0	-	28

Balt-Wallace 42 interception return (Linhart kick)

Balt-Olds 1 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Mitchell 70 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Chester 17 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

KC-Dressler 3 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

KC-Brunson 25 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

Washington 31, Minnesota 30

Sunday, November 30

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 54,498.

Bill Kilmer threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Frank Grant with 40 seconds remaining and Mark Moseley added the extra point to enable the Redskins to pull within one game of the lead in the NFC East while knocking the Vikings from the unbeaten class and snapping Minnesota's two-season, 13-game winning streak. Washington's Ron McDole deflected a 45-yard field goal attempt by Minnesota's Fred Cox as time elapsed. The Vikings had a 30-24 lead with 1:56 remaining, but Kilmer drove the Redskins 77 yards in 71 seconds to produce the victory.

Minnesota	0	7	7	16	-	30
Washington	7	14	3	7	-	31

Wash-L. Brown 2 run (Moseley kick)

Wash-Thomas 28 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Wash-Grant 27 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Minn-Foreman 8 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Foreman 3 run (Cox kick)

Hou-FG Butler 22

Cin-Myers 34 pass from Reaves (Green kick)

Cin-FG Green 33

Cin-Myers 18 pass from Reaves (kick failed)

Hou-Burrough 46 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

Cin-Fritts 4 run (Green kick)

Hou-Safety, blocked punt downed in end zone

Hou-Pastorini 1 run (Butler kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 32

Minn-FG Cox 33

Minn-Tarkenton 21

run (kick failed)

Minn-Foreman 31 run

(Cox kick)

Wash-Grant 15 pass

from Kilmer (Moseley

kick)

Cleveland 17, New Orleans 16

Sunday, November 30

At Cleveland Stadium, attendance 44,753.

A 97-yard march in the waning moments, climaxed by Greg Pruitt's eight-yard touchdown run, enabled the Browns to win their second straight after dropping the first nine games. The Browns trailed 16-3 going into the final quarter but Mike Phipps hit Reggie Rucker with a touchdown pass, then directed the winning drive. The margin of victory turned out to be an aborted extra point try after the Saints' second touchdown when a low center snap squirted through holder Archie Manning's hands on the muddy field.

New Orleans	3	7	6	0	-	16
Cleveland	0	0	3	14	-	17

NO-FG Szaro 28

NO-Maxson 1 run (Szaro kick)

Cle-FG Cockroft 28

NO-Maxson 1 run (run failed)

Cle-Rucker 22 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)

Cle-Pruitt 8 run (Cockroft kick)

Dallas 14, New York Giants 3

Sunday, November 30

At Texas Stadium, attendance 53,329.

Roger Staubach tossed a 54-yard touchdown pass to Jean Fugett and followed with a 62-yard completion to Golden Richards to set up Doug Dennison's one-yard score in the first period and the Cowboys' defense stifled the Giants attack throughout the game to lift Dallas into a tie with St. Louis for first place in the NFC East.

New York Giants	3	0	0	0	-	3
Dallas	14	0	0	0	-	14

Dall-Fugett 54 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

NYG-FG Hunt 35

Dall-Dennison 1 run (Fritsch kick)

Pittsburgh 20, New York Jets 7

Sunday, November 30

At Shea Stadium, attendance 52,618.

Pittsburgh won its ninth straight, a club record, and maintained a one-game lead over Cincinnati in the AFC Central as Terry Bradshaw threw two touchdown passes and his mates intercepted Joe Namath four times. Franco Harris sat out most of the first half with a pinched arm nerve but returned in time to catch a 44-yard scoring pass and gain 61 yards rushing for a season total of 899. Mel Blount intercepted his ninth and tenth passes, the third time he picked off two in the same game.

Pittsburgh	0	10	10	0	-	20
New York Jets	0	0	0	7	-	7

Pitt-FG Gerela 26

Pitt-Harris 44 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Lewis 8 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 19

NYJ-Barkum 6 pass from Namath (Leahy kick)

Denver 13, San Diego 10 (OT)

Sunday, November 30

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 44,982.

Jim Turner's 25-yard field goal at 4:13 of the sudden death overtime won for the Broncos after he missed a 23-yarder with four seconds left in regulation time. It was the second overtime game the winless Chargers had dropped, both by the same score. Denver piled up 328 yards rushing, including 132 by Jon Keyworth, and held San Diego to three first downs (none in the first half although they led 10-7). Mike Fuller had a 42-yard punt return touchdown for San Diego which intercepted six passes, three by Chris Fletcher.

San Diego	0	10	0	0	0	-	10
Denver	7	0	3	0	3	-	13

Den-Lynch 1 pass from Ramsey (Turner kick)

SD-Fuller 42 punt return (Wersching kick)

SD-FG Wersching 34

Den-FG Turner 22

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Den-FG Turner 25

Philadelphia 27, San Francisco 17
Sunday, November 30

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 56,694.

Quarterback Mike Boryla, who led the Eagles to three victories at the close of last season as a rookie, replaced Roman Gabriel in the starting lineup again and tossed three touchdown passes. Middle linebacker Bill Bergey intercepted two passes and recovered two fumbles as the Philadelphia defense assisted in snapping San Francisco's three-game win streak.

San Francisco	0	0	3	14	-	17
Philadelphia	3	10	7	7	-	27

Phil-FG Muhlmann 51

Phil-FG Muhlmann 42

Phil-McAlister 5 pass from Boryla (Muhlmann kick)

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 20

Phil-Carmichael 11 pass from Boryla (Muhlmann kick)

SF-S. Johnson 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

Phil-Young 42 pass from Boryla (Muhlmann kick)

SF-G. Washington 17 pass from Snead (Mike-Mayer kick)

Miami 20, New England 7

Monday Night, December 1

At Orange Bowl, attendance 61,963.

Earl Morrall came off the bench in place of injured Bob Griese and completed his first 13 passes while leading the Dolphins to a victory over the Patriots that left them one game in front of Baltimore and Buffalo in the AFC East. Morrall hit with 14 of 17 for 135 yards and one touchdown before he left the game in the third quarter with a damaged knee. Don Nottingham scored his twelfth rushing touchdown and Norm Bulaich caught the 41-year-old Morrall's TD pass for his eighth touchdown.

New England	0	0	0	7	-	7
Miami	7	7	3	3	-	20

Mia-Nottingham 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Bulaich 6 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 25

Mia-FG Yepremian 39

NE-Grogan 5 run (Smith kick)

TWELFTH WEEK

Baltimore 21, New York Giants 0

Sunday, December 7

At Shea Stadium, attendance 49,863.

Lydell Mitchell rushed for 119 yards to become the first player in Baltimore history to run for more than 1,000 yards in a season and the Colts' defense smothered the Giants with eight sacks as Baltimore won its seventh straight game to remain one game behind AFC East leader Miami. Mitchell boosted his 12-game rushing total to 1,008 yards.

Baltimore	14	7	0	0	-	21
New York Giants	0	0	0	0	-	0

Balt-Mitchell 9 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-White 23 interception return (Linhart kick)

Balt-Olds 1 run (Linhart kick)

Miami 31, Buffalo 21

Sunday, December 7

At Orange Bowl, attendance 74,573.

Quarterback Don Strock, filling in for the injured Bob Griese and Earl Morrall, threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score to keep the Dolphins one game in front of Baltimore and eliminate the Bills from playoff contention. Buffalo trailed 21-0 at the half but closed gap to 24-21 in final quarter before Don Nottingham ran 56 yards to the Buffalo one and Norm Bulaich scored the clincher. Howard Twilley caught the two scoring passes from Strock who had thrown only five passes in his three-year career prior to the game. O. J. Simpson rushed for 96 yards, caught eight passes for 117 yards and scored his 19th and 20th touchdowns.

Buffalo	0	0	14	7	-	21
Miami	7	14	3	7	-	31

Mia-Strock 4 run (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Twilley 8 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)

Mia-Twilley 1 pass from Strock (Yepremian kick)

Buff-Simpson 14 run (Leypoldt kick)

Mia-FG Yepremian 20

Buff-Hill 31 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Buff-Simpson 62 pass from Ferguson (Leypoldt kick)

Mia-Bulaich 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Cincinnati 31, Philadelphia 0

Sunday, December 7

At Veterans Stadium, attendance 56,984.

Ken Anderson, returning to the lineup after missing a game because of a chest bruise, completed 20 passes for 223 yards to pace a 484-yard Bengals' attack that boosted Cincinnati's record to 10-2 and kept them within one game of AFC Central leader Pittsburgh. Isaac Curtis caught five passes for 83 yards, and Boobie Clark's 65 yards led a 258-yard ground attack.

Cincinnati	7	17	0	7	-	31
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	-	0

Cin-Williams 1 run (Green kick)

Cin-Fritts 3 run (Green kick)

Cin-Williams 10 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Cin-FG Green 48

Cin-Reaves 3 run (Green kick)

Pittsburgh 31, Cleveland 17

Sunday, December 7

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 47,962.

Terry Bradshaw led Steelers to tenth straight victory with two touchdown passes to Lynn Swann, clinching at least a wild card playoff berth for defending champions. The Browns stung the Steelers with two touchdowns within 14 seconds and led at halftime 17-10. Franco Harris reached the 1,000-yard mark for the third time in four seasons with 103 yards for a total of 1,002 yards. Swann's scores were his ninth and tenth of year and Bradshaw's two TD passes gave him 17 for season, a career high.

Cleveland	3	14	0	0	-	17
Pittsburgh	7	3	14	7	-	31

Cle-FG Cockroft 26

Pitt-Harris 3 run (Gerela kick)

Cle-Pruitt 1 run (Cockroft kick)

Cle-W. Miller 17 fumble recovery return (Cockroft kick)

Pitt-FG Gerela 32

Pitt-Swann 3 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Swann 18 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pitt-Harris 8 run (Gerela kick)

St. Louis 31, Dallas 17

Sunday, December 7

At Busch Memorial Stadium, attendance 49,701.

Jim Hart completed three touchdown passes – 30 yards to Terry Metcalf and 49 and 6 yards to Mel Gray – as the Cardinals soared to a 28-3 halftime lead and held on to take a one-game lead over the Cowboys, who fell into a second-place tie with the Redskins in the NFC East. Hart hit 11 of 19 passes, while Metcalf rushed for 86 yards and pushed his total offense yardage to 2,335, just 109 short of the NFL record of 2,444 yards for one season.

Dallas	3	0	7	7	-	17
St. Louis	14	14	0	3	-	31

StL-Metcalf 30 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Dall-FG Fritsch 23

StL-M. Gray 49 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

StL-Jones 1 run (Bakken kick)

StL-M. Gray 6 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)

Dall-Dennison 1 run (Fritsch kick)

StL-FG Bakken 27

Dall-P. Pearson 1 run (Fritsch kick)

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Chicago 25, Detroit 21

Sunday, December 7

At Soldier Field, attendance 37,772.

Rookie Roland Harper dashed 27 yards up the middle for a touchdown with 4:22 remaining to lift the Bears to their third victory. Harper's decisive score took the sting out of a pair of Lions' touchdowns – Joe Reed to Marlin Briscoe passes for 15 and 59 yards – that occurred within 69 seconds and gave Detroit a 21-19 lead in the fourth period. Chicago rookie quarterback Bob Avellini completed 11 of 19 passes for 204 yards.

Detroit	7	0	7	7	-	21
Chicago	10	0	9	6	-	25

Det-Taylor 1 run (Mann kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 36

Chi-Payton 4 run (Thomas kick)

Chi-FG Thomas 41

Chi-Payton 5 run (kick blocked)

Det-Briscoe 15 pass from Reed (Mann kick)

Det-Briscoe 59 pass from Reed (Mann kick)

Chi-Harper 27 run (kick failed)

Minnesota 24, Green Bay 3

Sunday, December 7

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 46,147.

Fran Tarkenton threw two touchdown passes to John Gilliam and another to Chuck Foreman in the first half as the Vikings rebounded from their first defeat to sweep their season series with the Packers. Tarkenton's three scoring passes lifted his lifetime touchdown completions to 289, one off John Unitas' NFL career record of 290. Foreman's touchdown was his 18th of the season. Foreman's 64 rushing yards lifted his NFC-leading total to 961, and his six receptions boosted his conference-leading total to 62 for 600 yards.

Green Bay	3	0	0	0	-	3
Minnesota	14	10	0	0	-	24

Minn-Gilliam 18 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-Foreman 32 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

GB-FG Danelo 22

Minn-Gilliam 37 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)

Minn-FG Cox 37

Houston 27, San Francisco 13

Sunday, December 7

At Candlestick Park, attendance 44,015.

The Oilers' defense limited the 49ers to five yards rushing and Billy Johnson returned a punt 76 yards to set up Houston's final touchdown, a two-yard run by Ronnie Coleman. Houston snapped a 13-13 tie early in the fourth period on a 67-yard scoring drive climaxed by Willie Rodgers' one-yard touchdown bolt. Coleman rushed for 82 yards and Ken Burrough caught seven passes for 85 yards. Oilers cornerback Zeke Moore's 74-yard interception return was the longest in the AFC during 1975.

Houston	3	3	7	14	-	27
San Francisco	0	10	3	0	-	13

Hou-FG Butler 27

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 42

Hou-FG Butler 30

SF-Schreiber 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 41

Hou-Hardeman 1 run (Butler kick)

Hou-Rodgers 1 run (Butler kick)

Hou-Coleman 2 run (Butler kick)

Los Angeles 14, New Orleans 7

Sunday, December 7

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 39,958.

The Rams could not score an offensive touchdown and had to rely on a 67-yard fumble return by special teamer Jim Peterson, a safety achieved when defensive end Jack Youngblood tackled Archie Manning in the end zone, and field goals of 47 and 37 yards by Tom Dempsey to post their fourth straight victory.

Los Angeles	0	2	9	3	-	14
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New Orleans	0	0	0	7	-	7
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LA-Safety, Jack Youngblood tackled Manning in end zone

LA-Peterson 67 fumble recovery return (kick failed)

LA-FG Dempsey 47

NO-McNeill 5 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)

LA-FG Dempsey 37

New York Jets 30, New England 28

Sunday, December 7

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 53,989.

Joe Namath ran his personal record against the Patriots to 15-2-1 as the Jets snapped an eight-game losing streak. Namath completed 14 of 18 passes and sneaked for a first down to set up the first of three field goals by Pat Leahy. John Riggins rushed for 152 yards and a total of 868 in his bid to become club's first 1,000-yard runner. Rookie Steve Grogan threw two touchdown passes to Randy Vataha but was intercepted twice. Don Calhoun, subbing for the injured Sam Cunningham, gained 103 yards in first start.

New York Jets	6	7	7	10	-	30
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New England	0	7	7	14	-	28
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NYJ-FG Leahy 42

NYJ-FG Leahy 27

NYJ-Garrett 4 run (Leahy kick)

NE-Vataha 20 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

NYJ-Riggins 37 run (Leahy kick)

NE-Calhoun 38 run (Smith kick)

NYJ-Riggins 6 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-FG Leahy 44

NE-Vataha 10 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

NE-Grogan 1 run (Smith kick)

San Diego 28, Kansas City 20

Sunday, December 7

At Arrowhead Stadium, attendance 46,888.

San Diego broke an 11-game losing streak and scored its first victory of season as rookie Rickey Young ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Young's second score in the fourth quarter gave the Chargers the lead and Dan Fouts' touchdown clinched the win. Interceptions by Emmitt Thomas and Mike Sensibaugh set up two Kansas City touchdowns before the Chargers' comeback.

San Diego	7	0	7	14	-	28
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Kansas City	3	3	14	0	-	20
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SD-Young 5 run (Wersching kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 21

KC-FG Stenerud 22

SD-Scarber 8 run (Wersching kick)

KC-Green 1 run (Stenerud kick)

KC-Pearson 17 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)

SD-Young 3 run (Wersching kick)

SD-Fouts 9 run (Wersching kick)

Washington 30, Atlanta 27

Sunday, December 7

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 52,809.

The Redskins went down to the final seconds again to defeat the Falcons and remain alive in the NFC East race. After Nick Mike-Mayer kicked a 44-yard field goal to pull Atlanta even at 24-24 with 61 seconds left, Washington's Bill Kilmer took command and completed five of six passes for 56 yards to the Falcons' 22 and Mark Moseley kicked a 39-yard field goal with two seconds remaining. Kilmer completed 25 of 38 passes for 320 yards and three touchdowns. Atlanta rookie quarterback Steve Bartkowski had his finest game, hitting 14 of 26 for 281 yards and three touchdowns.

Washington	3	7	7	13	-	30
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Atlanta	0	14	3	10	-	27
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Wash-FG Moseley 42

Wash-L. Brown 3 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)

Atl-Burrow 9 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

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Atl-Francis 67 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Atl-FG Mike-Mayer 23
 Wash-Grant 69 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)
 Wash-FG Moseley 34
 Wash-Smith 12 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)
 Atl-Hampton 3 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)
 Atl-FG Mike-Mayer 44
 Wash-FG Moseley 39

Oakland 17, Denver 10 Monday Night, December 8

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 51,075.

Oakland's defense sacked Denver passers 10 times, a season AFC high, and intercepted four passes, three by rookie Charles Phillips, while winning their seventh straight. Pete Banaszak scored his twelfth touchdown and Harold Hart his second, both set up by passes from Ken Stabler to Fred Biletnikoff. Neal Colzie moved within eight yards of the NFL punt return record of 612 yards and George Blanda increased his career total to 1,996 points. Denver outgained Oakland 254 yards to 178 despite 74 yards subtracted from the Broncos' total by the 10 sacks.

Denver	3	0	0	7	-	10
Oakland	0	7	7	3	-	17

Den-FG Turner 18
 Oak-Hart 2 run (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Banaszak 1 run (Blanda kick)
 Den-Lynch 5 run (Turner kick)
 Oak-FG Blanda 18

THIRTEENTH WEEK

Pittsburgh 35, Cincinnati 14 Saturday, December 13

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 48,889.

Pittsburgh clinched its third AFC Central title in four seasons as Franco Harris rushed for 118 yards and two touchdowns in the club's eleventh straight victory. The win assured the Steelers of a home site in the divisional playoffs. Terry Bradshaw's eighteenth touchdown pass, a 3-yarder to Lynn Swann in the first quarter, and a 21-yard scoring run when Jack Lambert recovered a fumble and lateraled to J. T. Thomas gave the Steelers an early bulge and they never let the Bengals close the gap although Ken Anderson passed for 236 yards and one touchdown. Harris' fifth 100-yard game of the year and eighteenth of his career boosted his season total to 1,120 yards.

Cincinnati	0	7	0	7	-	14
Pittsburgh	14	7	7	7	-	35

Pitt-Swann 3 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Thomas 21 lateral from Lambert fumble recovery (Gerela kick)
 Cin-Fritts 1 run (Green kick)
 Pitt-Harris 10 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Bradshaw 7 run (Gerela kick)
 Pitt-Harris 2 run (Gerela kick)
 Cin-Curtis 1 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

Dallas 31, Washington 10 Saturday, December 13

At Texas Stadium, attendance 61,091.

Stung by 10 Redskins' points in a 22-second span in the first period, the Cowboys responded with a fierce defense and a 57-yard touchdown pass from Roger Staubach to Golden Richards and a four-yard quarterback draw into the end zone by Staubach to take a 14-10 lead that sent Dallas toward a victory which clinched the Wild Card spot in the NFC divisional playoffs and eliminated Washington from postseason play. Dallas scored two insurance touchdowns within 18 seconds in the final period on a Staubach-to-Preston Pearson five-yard pass and a 20-yard interception return by Charlie Waters. Washington receiver Charley Taylor caught two passes to tie Don Maynard's NFL record for most career receptions, 633.

Washington	10	0	0	0	-	10
Dallas	0	14	0	17	-	31

Wash-FG Moseley 48
 Wash-Grant 14 pass from Kilmer (Moseley kick)
 Dall-Richards 57 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)
 Dall-Staubach 4 run (Fritsch kick)
 Dall-FG Fritsch 19
 Dall-P. Pearson 5 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)
 Dall-Waters 20 interception return (Fritsch kick)

Buffalo 34, New England 14 Sunday, December 14

At Schaefer Stadium, attendance 58,393.

O. J. Simpson ran for 185 yards and his 21st touchdown, one short of the NFL record of 22 set by Gale Sayers in 1965, and Jim Braxton added 101 yards and two scores in a Buffalo victory. The yardage boosted O. J. to 8,066 for his career and 1,760 for the current season. The Bills sacked rookie Steve Grogan eight times but he passed for 272 yards, and had the Patriots on top 7-6 at one stage in the second quarter. The Patriots lost four fumbles and had two passes intercepted. Joe Ferguson threw his 25th touchdown pass and gave way to Gary Marangi in the third quarter. Buffalo set a NFL record with 298 first downs in the season.

Buffalo	6	7	14	7	-	34
New England	0	7	0	7	-	14

Buff-Braxton 1 run (kick blocked)
 NE-Calhoun 62 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)
 Buff-Chandler 5 pass from Ferguson (Leyboldt kick)
 Buff-Braxton 1 run (Leyboldt kick)
 Buff-Simpson 63 run (Leyboldt kick)
 Buff-Hill 41 pass from Marangi (Leyboldt kick)
 NE-Johnson 20 run (Smith kick)

Los Angeles 22, Green Bay 5 Sunday, December 14

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 59,312.

Tom Dempsey kicked three field goals and reserve quarterback Ron Jaworski and backup runner Rob Scribner picked up some slack as the Rams' starting QB James Harris was sidelined with a sore shoulder and back Jim Bertelsen suffered a knee injury. Jaworski completed 14 passes for 174 yards and Scribner ran for 82 yards, including a 3-yard touchdown. It was the fifth straight victory for the NFC Western champions, whose defense permitted only two touchdowns during the win streak.

Green Bay	2	3	0	0	-	5
Los Angeles	0	9	3	10	-	22

GB-Safety, Pureifory tackled Jaworski in end zone
 GB-FG Danelo 48
 LA-FG Dempsey 40
 LA-Scribner 3 run (kick failed)
 LA-FG Dempsey 39
 LA-FG Dempsey 38
 LA-Cappelletti 2 run (Dempsey kick)

Houston 27, Oakland 26 Sunday, December 14

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 50,719.

Dan Pastorini boosted the Oilers' record to 9-4 with a two-yard touchdown pass to Mack Alston on the final play of the game for victory over the Raiders. George Blanda, trying for 2,000 points, had to settle for 1,998 after missing a field goal try and two conversions. Pastorini also threw two scoring passes to Ken Burrough of 68 and 13 yards. Ken Stabler passed for 176 yards and one touchdown before giving way to rookie David Humm. Rookie Neal Colzie broke the NFL record with 633 yards on punt returns, topping Rodger Bird's 612 in 1967.

Houston	3	14	3	7	-	27
Oakland	6	14	6	0	-	26

Oak-Branch 13 pass from Stabler (kick failed)
 Hou-FG Butler 23
 Oak-Banaszak 3 run (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Burrough 68 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)
 Hou-Burrough 13 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

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Oak-Hart 3 run (Blanda kick)
Oak-Bradshaw 13 pass from Humm (kick blocked)
Hou-FG Butler 47
Hou-Alston 2 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)

Cleveland 40, Kansas City 14

Sunday, December 14

At Cleveland Stadium, attendance 44,368.

Greg Pruitt raced for 214 yards in a sensational performance that sent his season rushing total to 1,030 to join Jim Brown and Leroy Kelly in the Browns' exclusive 1,000-yard club. Pruitt scored three touchdowns and came within 23 yards of the Browns' club rushing record. It was the third win in four starts for the Browns after losing their first nine. Mike Phipps passed for 204 yards, completing six to Reggie Rucker for 130 yards.

Kansas City	0	0	0	14	-	14
Cleveland	7	3	16	14	-	40

Cle-Pruitt 11 run (Cockroft kick)
Cle-FG Cockroft 26
Cle-McKinnis 1 run (Cockroft kick)
Cle-Safety, East tackled Getty in end zone
Cle-Pruitt 3 run (Cockroft kick)
Cle-Rucker 40 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)
KC-Green 1 run (Stenerud kick)
Cle-Pruitt 14 run (Cockroft kick)
KC-Masters 9 pass from Adams (Stenerud kick)

Baltimore 10, Miami 7 (OT)

Sunday, December 14

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 59,398.

The streaking Colts moved into a first-place tie with the Dolphins in the AFC East on Toni Linhart's 31-yard field goal in 12:44 of sudden death overtime for their eighth straight victory. Baltimore swept the season series from Miami by tying the score on a Lydell Mitchell touchdown with 5:30 to go, stopping the Dolphins who had won the toss in overtime and then driving from their own 4 to the Miami 14 to set up the kick by Linhart who had missed a 29-yarder earlier. Mike Barnes made a key sack of quarterback Don Strock and Fred Cook recovered a Dolphins fumble at a critical spot in the fourth quarter.

Miami	0	0	7	0	0	-	7
Baltimore	0	0	0	7	3	-	10

Mia-Morris 3 run (Yepremian kick)
Balt-Mitchell 6 run (Linhart kick)
Balt-FG Linhart 31

Detroit 17, Minnesota 10

Sunday, December 14

At Pontiac Stadium, attendance 72,742.

The Lions stopped a Vikings' threat when Levi Johnson intercepted a Fran Tarkenton pass at the goal line and drove 55 yards to score. Then, following recovery of a successful onside kickoff, they moved in to score on Bobby Thompson's 46-yard run and take a 14-0 lead which Minnesota could not overcome. Paul Krause, who intercepted 2 passes to lift his season total to 10 and career total to 74, scored the Vikings' touchdown on the finishing end of an 86-yard play that began with Wally Hilgenberg's recovery of a fumble on the Minnesota 16 and lateral to Krause at the Vikings' 30. Tarkenton's 34 passing attempts pushed his career total passes to 5,189 to break John Unitas' NFL record of 5,186.

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

Det-Briscoe 8 pass from Reed (Mann kick)
Det-B. Thompson 46 run (Mann kick)
Minn-FG Cox 39
Det-FG Mann 30
Minn-Krause 70 lateral from Hilgenberg after 16 fumble recovery return (Cox kick)

New York Giants 28, New Orleans 14

Sunday, December 14

At Shea Stadium, attendance 40,150.

Following a 7-7 first half, the Giants scored three big-play touchdowns to snap a five-game losing streak. Rony Colbert returned a punt 65 yards to score, Doug Kotar dashed 46 yards into the end zone, and Craig Morton completed a 45-yard touchdown pass to Ray Rhodes.

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

NO-Manning 1 run (Szaro kick)
NYG-Kotar 1 run (Hunt kick)
NYG-Colbert 65 punt return (Hunt kick)
NYG-Kotar 46 run (Hunt kick)
NO-Herrmann 4 pass from Manning (Szaro kick)
NYG-Rhodes 45 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)

Denver 25, Philadelphia 10

Sunday, December 14

At Mile High Stadium, attendance 36,860.

Floyd Little made a dramatic farewell appearance at home before retiring by scoring two touchdowns in a Denver victory over the Eagles. The former Syracuse star raced 66 yards after taking a screen pass from Steve Ramsey and ran two yards for the final score. He was carried off the field after rushing for 56 yards and catching five passes for 94 yards. Jim Turner's two field goals gave him a career 250 and rookie Rick Upchurch boosted his total yardage to 1,863 with an additional 141 yards.

Philadelphia	7	0	3	0	-	10
Denver	3	7	6	9	-	25

Phil-Smith 14 pass from Boryla (Muhlmann kick)
Den-FG Turner 47
Den-Lynch 1 run (Turner kick)
Phil-FG Muhlmann 19
Den-Little 66 pass from Ramsey (kick blocked)
Den-FG Turner 29
Den-Little 2 run (kick failed)

St. Louis 34, Chicago 20

Sunday, December 14

At Soldier Field, attendance 35,052.

With Terry Metcalf sidelined with a bruised hip, Jim Otis took over the work load for the Cardinals and exploded for a career-high 147 yards in 33 attempts, the best rushing performance in the NFC in 1975, which lifted his season total to 1,007 yards and into first place among NFC rushers. Otis scored a pair of short yardage touchdowns as St. Louis clinched its second straight NFC East title.

St. Louis	10	7	17	0	-	34
Chicago	0	0	0	20	-	20

StL-Jones 16 pass from Hart (Wehrli run)
StL-FG Bakken 40
StL-Otis 2 run (Bakken kick)
StL-FG Bakken 29
StL-Jones 2 run (Bakken kick)
StL-Otis 1 run (Bakken kick)
Chi-Grim 24 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)
Chi-Payton 10 run (kick blocked)
Chi-Rather 48 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)

Atlanta 31, San Francisco 9

Sunday, December 14

At Atlanta Stadium, attendance 38,501.

Rookie Steve Bartkowski enjoyed his best day, completing 19 of 37 passes for 305 yards and a pair of touchdown passes that covered 20 and 63 yards to Alfred Jenkins. Running back Haskel Stanback also tossed a scoring pass to Wallace Francis for 41 yards. Dave Hampton's 81 yards boosted his rushing total to 941 yards.

San Francisco	0	9	0	0	-	9
Atlanta	0	10	14	7	-	31

Atl-FG Mike-Mayer 22
SF-Williams 4 run (kick blocked)
Atl-Jenkins 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

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SF-FG Mike-Mayer 26
Atl-Hampton 6 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl-Jenkins 63 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)
Atl-Francis 41 pass from Stanback (Mike-Mayer kick)

San Diego 24, New York Jets 16

Monday Night, December 15

At San Diego Stadium, attendance 49,706.

Rookie Rickey Young rushed for 111 yards and one touchdown as the Chargers won their second straight after 11 defeats. Joe Namath came off the bench to complete 15 of 29 for 181 yards after John Jones had started for the Jets. The Chargers rolled up 249 yards on the ground, a season high, as Young boosted his total to 519 since taking over for the injured Don Woods.

New York Jets	0	3	7	6	-	16
San Diego	7	7	0	10	-	24

SD-Baker 4 run (Wersching kick)
NYJ-FG Leahy 20
SD-Young 2 run (Wersching kick)
NYJ-S. Davis 1 run (Leahy kick)
SD-FG Wersching 45
SD-Matthews 1 run (Wersching kick)
NYJ-Riggins 1 run (PAT not attempted)

FOURTEENTH WEEK

Minnesota 35, Buffalo 13

Saturday, December 20

At Rich Stadium, attendance 54,993.

Fran Tarkenton broke John Unitas' record with his 291st touchdown pass and O. J. Simpson scored his 23rd touchdown of the season, topping Gale Sayers' NFL mark of 22 set in 1965 as Minnesota beat Buffalo 35-13 in a snowstorm. Chuck Foreman scored four times, twice on passes from Tarkenton, running his season total to 22, matching Sayers' old mark and tying Simpson and Lydell Mitchell for the most points scored in a single game in the NFL in 1975. Foreman came close to scoring again but fumbled near the goal line and a teammate recovered for a score. Simpson finished the season with 1,817 yards and Foreman's 85 yards rushing gave him 1,070 for the season. The record-breaking score by Simpson came on a pass from Gary Marangi, the backup quarterback, on a 64-yard play.

Minnesota	14	7	14	0	-	35
Buffalo	0	7	6	0	-	13

Minn-Foreman 4 run (Cox kick)
Minn-Lash fumble recovery in end zone (Cox kick)
Minn-Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)
Buff-Simpson 24 run (Leyboldt kick)
Minn-Foreman 1 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
Minn-Foreman 6 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
Buff-Simpson 64 pass from Marangi (kick failed)

Miami 14, Denver 13

Saturday, December 20

At Orange Bowl, attendance 43,064.

Earl Morrall came off the bench, despite an injured knee, and kept alive the Dolphins' faint playoff hopes for another 24 hours by leading Miami past Denver 14-13. The Saturday victory kept the Dolphins' hopes up but Baltimore's win the following day eliminated them. Denver led 10-0 at halftime and had a chance to win it in the final second until rookie Barry Hill blocked a 35-yard field goal attempt by Jim Turner. Morrall moved the Dolphins 80 yards in 11 plays on the winning drive for a score by Norm Bulaich with 1:14 to go after throwing a touchdown pass to Howard Twilley.

Denver	3	7	0	3	-	13
Miami	0	0	7	7	-	14

Den-FG Turner 39
Den-Odoms fumble recovery in end zone (Turner kick)
Mia-Twilley 10 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)
Den-FG Turner 39
Mia-Bulaich 1 run (Yepremian kick)

Los Angeles 10, Pittsburgh 3

Saturday, December 20

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 69,389.

Rams' backup quarterback Ron Jaworski, replacing regular James Harris, who had a bruised right shoulder, scored on a five-yard quarterback draw 5:18 into the final period to give NFC Western champion Los Angeles its sixth straight win and snap AFC Central champion Pittsburgh's 11-game win streak in a final-game meeting of NFL playoff teams. Steeler Franco Harris rushed for 126 yards to lift his season total to a club-record 1,246 yards.

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

Pitt-FG Gerela 20
LA-FG Dempsey 26
LA-Jaworski 5 run (Dempsey kick)

Green Bay 22, Atlanta 13

Sunday, December 21

At Lambeau Field, attendance 38,565.

Eric Torkelson's 86 yards included a 15-yard touchdown in the second period that lifted the Packers to their fourth victory. Atlanta's Dave Hampton ran for 61 yards to finish with 1,002 yards, thus achieving the 1,000-yard plateau which twice eluded him by five and three yards.

Atlanta	6	0	0	7	-	13
Green Bay	3	9	10	0	-	22

GB-FG Danelo 34
Atl-Hampton 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
GB-Torkelson 15 run (kick blocked)
GB-FG Danelo 30
GB-FG Danelo 19
GB-Barty Smith 1 run (Danelo kick)
Atl-Jenkins 52 pass from Bartkowski (Mike-Mayer kick)

Chicago 42, New Orleans 17

Sunday, December 21

At Louisiana Superdome, attendance 33,371.

The Bears erupted for their highest point total of the season as rookie quarterback Bob Avellini threw three touchdown passes to tight end Greg Latta and rookie runner Walter Payton rushed for 134 yards, including a 54-yard scoring dash.

Chicago	7	14	7	14	-	42
New Orleans	0	10	0	7	-	17

Chi-Avellini 1 run (Thomas kick)
NO-McNeill 6 run (Szaro kick)
Chi-Latta 13 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)
NO-FG Szaro 19
Chi-Latta 5 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)
Chi-Livers 40 interception return (Thomas kick)
Chi-Latta 20 pass from Avellini (Thomas kick)
Chi-Payton 54 run (Thomas kick)
NO-Jones 1 run (Szaro kick)

Houston 21, Cleveland 10

Sunday, December 21

At Astrodome, attendance 43,770.

Dan Pastorini led Houston to its best season record (10-4) since 1962 by raking the Browns' defense with his passes, including a 75-yard touchdown toss to Ken Burrough who finished the season with 1,063 yards on 53 catches and eight scores. Despite the fine season the Oilers failed to make the playoffs in the tough Central Division. The Oilers' four sacks gave them 45, a club record. Houston set an attendance record by averaging 48,065 for a seven-game total of 336,458.

Cleveland	0	0	3	7	-	10
Houston	14	7	0	0	-	21

Hou-Hardeman 2 run (Butler kick)
Hou-Burrough 75 pass from Pastorini (Butler kick)
Hou-Coleman 2 run (Butler kick)
Cle-FG Cockroft 42

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Cle-K. Brown 4 run (Cockroft kick)

Dallas 31, New York Jets 21

Sunday, December 21

At Shea Stadium, attendance 37,279.

The Cowboys, assured of the Wild Card berth in the NFC playoffs, used Clint Longley at quarterback to beat the Jets. John Riggins became the first Jet to make the 1,000-yard mark in rushing with a total of 1,005 and a touchdown that helped put New York out front 14-0 in the first quarter. Robert Newhouse wound up with 108 yards for the Cowboys.

Dallas	0	14	10	7	-	31
New York Jets	14	0	0	7	-	21

NYJ-Riggins 1 run (Leahy kick)

NYJ-Garrett 8 run (Leahy kick)

Dal-Newhouse 3 run (Fritsch kick)

Dal-Dennison 1 run (Fritsch kick)

Dal-D. Pearson 10 pass from Longley (Fritsch kick)

Dal-FG Fritsch 22

NYJ-Gresham 7 run (Leahy kick)

Dal-Hughes 33 interception return (Fritsch kick)

Baltimore 34, New England 21

Sunday, December 21

At Memorial Stadium, attendance 51,926.

Baltimore completed its amazing comeback from a last place 2-12 season in 1974 to a 10-4 year in 1975 by winning the AFC East and running its consecutive victory streak to nine against the stubborn Patriots. The Colts, needing a win to clinch, trailed 21-20 in the fourth quarter and had to come back with Lydell Mitchell's 15th touchdown of the season after a Stan White interception and Nelson Munsey's 30-yard interception return. Mitchell finished with 1,193 yards and Bert Jones with 18 TD passes.

New England	7	7	0	7	-	21
Baltimore	7	3	10	14	-	34

NE-Carter 99 kickoff return (Smith kick)

Balt-Jones 8 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 19

NE-Cunningham 7 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)

Balt-Chester 20 pass from Jones (Linhart kick)

Balt-FG Linhart 31

NE-Grogan 1 run (Smith kick)

Balt-Mitchell 11 run (Linhart kick)

Balt-Munsey 30 interception return (Linhart kick)

New York Giants 26, San Francisco 23

Sunday, December 21

At Candlestick Park, attendance 34,354.

Larry Watkins scored from the 1-yard line for the Giants with 3:22 remaining to provide the Giants' victory. Danny Buggs' eight-yard punt return to the San Francisco's 38 set up the winning score that wiped out a 23-20 lead the 49ers took early in the fourth period on an 18-yard scoring pass from Tom Owen to Larry Schreiber.

New York Giants	7	6	7	6	-	26
San Francisco	0	10	6	7	-	23

NYG-White 1 run (Hunt kick)

NYG-Kotar 14 run (kick failed)

SF-S. Johnson 26 run (Mike-Mayer kick)

SF-FG Mike-Mayer 40

NYG-Rhodes 30 pass from Morton (Hunt kick)

SF-Schreiber 1 run (kick blocked)

SF-Schreiber 18 pass from Owen (Mike-Mayer kick)

NYG-Watkins 1 run (kick blocked)

Oakland 28, Kansas City 20

Sunday, December 21

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 48,604.

George Blanda went over the 2,000 point mark with four conversions for a career total of 2,002 points in 26 seasons of pro play as he completed his 340th game (and 224th consecutive). Blanda, 48, also made a brief

appearance as a quarterback after Ken Stabler built up 21-13 halftime lead. Pete Banaszak added three rushing touchdowns for a season total of 16 and 96 points as the Raiders finished the regular season with an 11-3 record, averaging an earlier 42-10 loss to the Chiefs.

Kansas City	3	10	0	7	-	20
Oakland	7	14	0	7	-	28

Oak-Banaszak 5 run (Blanda kick)

KC-FG Stenerud 35

KC-FG Stenerud 29

KC-Pearson 5 pass from Adams (Stenerud kick)

Oak-Banaszak 3 run (Blanda kick)

Oak-Bradshaw 16 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

KC-Kinney 1 run (Stenerud kick)

Oak-Banaszak 1 run (Blanda kick)

Philadelphia 26, Washington 3

Sunday, December 21

At Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, attendance 49,385.

Redskins' wide receiver Charley Taylor caught two passes to lift his career total to 635 receptions that created an NFL record for career receptions, erasing the old record of 633 held by Don Maynard. The Eagles' victory gave them a season sweep over the Redskins and was sparked by seven interceptions; one, an 89-yard TD return by Frank LeMaster, was the longest in the NFL in 1975.

Philadelphia	7	3	10	6	-	26
Washington	3	0	0	0	-	3

Phil-Smith 28 pass from Boryla (Muhlmann kick)

Wash-FG Moseley 25

Phil-FG Muhlmann 25

Phil-FG Muhlmann 23

Phil-Lavender 36 interception return (Muhlmann kick)

Phil-LeMaster 89 interception return (kick blocked)

St. Louis 24, Detroit 13

Sunday, December 21

At Pontiac Stadium, attendance 64,272.

Jim Otis of the Cardinals rushed 69 yards in the first half and rested the remainder of the game with the NFC rushing title in his grasp on a total of 1,076 yards. Otis' backfield mate, Terry Metcalf, added 127 total yards to boost his overall yardage to 2,462 yards for an NFL record. Another Cardinals' running back, Jerry Latin, had the longest run from scrimmage in the NFL in 1975, a 57-yard TD scamper. The victory tied the Cardinals' all-time one-season record of 11 wins, and marked a high in their 16-year St. Louis history.

St. Louis	7	7	7	3	-	24
Detroit	0	0	7	6	-	13

StL-Metcalf 14 run (Bakken kick)

StL-Crump 64 blocked field goal return (Bakken kick)

Det-Bussey 32 run (Mann kick)

StL-Latin 57 run (Bakken kick)

StL-FG Bakken 24

Det-Briscoe 23 pass from Reed (kick failed)

Cincinnati 47, San Diego 17

Sunday, December 21

At Riverfront Stadium, attendance 46,474.

The Bengals nailed down the Wild Card berth in the AFC by scoring three touchdowns before San Diego had a chance to run a play from scrimmage and coasted to an easy victory. Ken Anderson, achieving a second straight NFL passing title, completed 18 of 23 for 216 yards and three touchdowns for a season total of 21 and left the game at halftime. Rookie Stan Fritts scored twice for a total of 10 as the Bengals closed out with an 11-3 record, their best ever. Anderson finished with his highest yardage, 3,169, completing 60.5 per cent of his passes.

San Diego	0	10	7	0	-	17
Cincinnati	27	14	0	6	-	47

Cin-Anderson 2 run (Green kick)

Cin-Fritts 6 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

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Cin-Fritts 1 run (kick blocked)
Cin-Curtis 52 pass from Anderson (Green kick)
Cin-Clark 1 run (Green kick)
SD-FG Wersching 43
SD-Young 2 pass from Freitas (Wersching kick)
Cin-Elliott 14 pass from Anderson (Green kick)
SD-Matthews 3 run (Wersching kick)
Cin-Reaves 1 run (kick failed)

FIFTEENTH WEEK

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Pittsburgh 28, Baltimore 10

Saturday, December 27

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 49,557.

Franco Harris set an AFC divisional playoff record by rushing for 153 yards and linebacker Andy Russell set an NFL postseason mark by running 93 yards for a touchdown after recovering a fumble as Pittsburgh advanced to its second straight AFC title game. Bert Jones, who led the Colts to the Eastern Division championship with nine straight victories, suffered an arm injury on the seventh play and did not return until the final quarter. Mel Blount and Jack Ham made key interceptions of Marty Domres' passes and Ham also jarred the ball loose from Jones to make possible Russell's long run. Terry Bradshaw came back after a knee injury in the second quarter and scored the final touchdown. Harris' eight-yard touchdown run put the Steelers out front in the first quarter but a Marty Domres to Glenn Doughty 5-yard pass tied the score in the second period. Toni Linhart's 21-yard field goal gave the Colts a 10-7 lead in the third quarter before Bradshaw, Harris, and the Steelers' defense took over. The Colts were held to 154 yards, 82 rushing and 72 passing, and the Steelers sacked their passer five times.

Baltimore	0	7	3	0	-	10
Pittsburgh	7	0	7	14	-	28

Pitt-Harris 8 run (Gerela kick)
Balt-Doughty 5 pass from Domres (Linhart kick)
Balt-FG Linhart 21
Pitt-Bleier 7 run (Gerela kick)
Pitt-Bradshaw 2 run (Gerela kick)
Pitt-Russell 93 fumble recovery return (Gerela kick)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Los Angeles 35, St. Louis 23

Saturday, December 27

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 73,459.

Lawrence McCutcheon set an NFC postseason rushing record with 202 yards on 37 carries, and the Rams' defense harnessed the Cardinals' explosive attack to reach the NFC championship round for the second straight year. The Rams broke away fast with a 79-yard scoring march, a 47-yard interception touchdown by Jack Youngblood, and a 65-yard interception touchdown by Bill Simpson, and led 21-0 only 14 seconds into the second quarter. Ron Jaworski, who got the starting quarterback call three minutes before game time over James Harris, who had a sore shoulder, threw a 66-yard bomb to Harold Jackson in the second quarter after scoring the first touchdown. Ron Jessie's two-yard run after recovering McCutcheon's fumble completed the Rams' scoring. The Los Angeles defense allowed only 95 yards rushing, intercepted Jim Hart three times, and never let the Cardinals get closer than 12 points.

St. Louis	0	9	7	7	-	23
Los Angeles	14	14	0	7	-	35

LA-Jaworski 5 run (Dempsey kick)
LA-Jack Youngblood 47 interception return (Dempsey kick)
LA-Simpson 65 interception return (Dempsey kick)
StL-Otis 2 run (kick failed)
LA-H. Jackson 66 pass from Jaworski (Dempsey kick)
StL-FG Bakken 29
StL-M. Gray 11 pass from Hart (Bakken kick)
LA-Jessie 2 fumble recovery (Dempsey kick)
StL-Jones 3 run (Bakken kick)

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Oakland 31, Cincinnati 28

Sunday, December 28

At Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, attendance 53,030.

Ken Stabler led the Raiders into the AFC championship round for the third successive year with three touchdown passes in a victory over the Wild Card Bengals. Stabler hit Mike Siani (9 yards), Bob Moore (8) and Dave Casper (2) with scoring passes while completing 17 of 23 for 199 yards. With the Bengals trailing 31-14 in the last quarter, Ken Anderson threw touchdown passes to Charlie Joiner (25) and Isaac Curtis (14) and Cincinnati had a chance to win it all after Ron Carpenter recovered a Raiders' fumble on the Oakland 38. The Raiders' defense, led by linebacker Ted Hendricks, held for downs and took over the ball for the final two minutes. Clarence Davis led the rushers with 16 for 63 yards and Pete Banaszak had 17 for 62 and also scored a touchdown. Oakland sacked Anderson five times for 40 yards.

Cincinnati	0	7	7	14	-	28
Oakland	3	14	7	7	-	31

Oak-FG Blanda 27

Oak-Siani 9 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)
Cin-Fritts 1 run (Green kick)
Oak-Moore 8 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)
Oak-Banaszak 6 run (Blanda kick)
Cin-Elliott 6 run (Green kick)
Oak-Casper 2 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)
Cin-Joiner 25 pass from Anderson (Green kick)
Cin-Curtis 14 pass from Anderson (Green kick)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Dallas 17, Minnesota 14

Sunday, December 28

At Metropolitan Stadium, attendance 48,050.

A dramatic 50-yard touchdown pass from Roger Staubach to Drew Pearson with 24 seconds to play boosted the Dallas Cowboys, the Wild Card team, into the NFC Championship Game with the Rams on a 17-14 win over the defending champion Vikings. Minnesota scored first on a one-yard run by Chuck Foreman after linebacker Fred McNeill recovered a muffed punt on the four-yard line. The Cowboys, shut out for a half, tied the score on a Doug Dennison four-yard run in the third quarter and took a 10-7 lead on Toni Fritsch's 24-yard field goal on the first play of the final period. Brent McClanahan scored from the one, ending a 70-yard Vikings' drive with 5:24 to go. With less than two minutes to go, Dallas moved 85 yards as Staubach, operating out of the shotgun formation, finally hit Drew Pearson with the winning pass. Staubach completed 17 of 29 for 246 yards, and Fran Tarkenton hit with 12 of 26 for 135 yards. The Vikings' Chuck Foreman topped the rushers with 56 yards. Dennison was high for Dallas with 36 yards.

Dallas	0	0	7	10	-	17
Minnesota	0	7	0	7	-	14

Minn-Foreman 1 run (Cox kick)
Dall-Dennison 4 run (Fritsch kick)
Dall-FG Fritsch 24
Minn-McClanahan 1 run (Cox kick)
Dall-D. Pearson 50 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

SIXTEENTH WEEK

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Pittsburgh 16, Oakland 10

Sunday, January 4

At Three Rivers Stadium, attendance 50,609.

The Steelers moved into the Super Bowl for the second straight year with a 16-10 victory over the Raiders in a hard-hitting game played in 16-degree temperature, 20-mile-an-hour winds, and snow flurries. A 3-0 defensive battle for three quarters with Pittsburgh leading on a 36-yard Roy Gerela field goal, the game turned into a free scoring affair with 23 points in the last period. Franco Harris ran 25 yards for a touchdown after Jack Lambert recovered Clarence Davis' fumble. Oakland came right back with a 14-yard

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scoring pass from Ken Stabler to Mike Siani. Lambert's third fumble recovery set up the Steelers' TD that proved to be the winner, a 20-yard pass from Terry Bradshaw to John Stallworth. With only 17 seconds to play and the Steelers leading 16-7, Coach John Madden gambled on a 41-yard successful field goal by George Blanda and an onside kick by Ray Guy that Marv Hubbard recovered with seven seconds left. Stabler passed 37 yards to Cliff Branch on the Pittsburgh 15 as time ran out. Harris led the rushers with 27 carries for 79 yards and Bradshaw hit with 15 of 25 passes for 215 yards. Pete Banaszak's 33 yards led the Raiders and Stabler completed 18 of 42 for 246 yards. Harris caught five passes for 58 yards, Siani five for 80, and Casper five for 67 yards. Pittsburgh lost the ball five times on fumbles and Bradshaw had three passes intercepted, two by Jack Tatum. Oakland lost three fumbles, all recovered by Lambert, and Stabler had two picked off, both by Mike Wagner.

Oakland	0	0	0	10	-	10
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	13	-	16

Pitt-FG Gerela 36

Pitt-Harris 25 run (Gerela kick)

Oak-Siani 14 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)

Pitt-Stallworth 20 pass from Bradshaw (kick failed)

Oak-FG Blanda 41

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Dallas 37, Los Angeles 7

Sunday, January 4

At Memorial Coliseum, attendance 88,919.

Roger Staubach, the heartbeat of the Cowboys' offense; Preston Pearson, a refugee from Pittsburgh; and a punishing defense were a combination the Rams were unable to handle as Dallas exploded for a 37-7 NFC championship victory in sun-swept Memorial Coliseum, and became the first Wild Card team ever to gain the Super Bowl. Dallas, which was the NFC East runner-up behind St. Louis with a 10-4 record, joined Super Bowl IV Champion Kansas City as the only team ever to move into the Super Bowl with consecutive postseason road victories, and did it in convincing fashion while achieving its third NFC title. Staubach threw four touchdown passes while completing 16 of 26 for 220 yards, and running back Pearson caught three of the scoring passes to tie a postseason game record. Preston's touchdown catches covered 18, 15, and 19 yards as the Cowboys bolted into a 28-0 lead, with Staubach connecting for four yards to Golden Richards for the other touchdown. Pearson had been waived by the Steelers and cleared through the entire NFL before being signed by Dallas two days before the season opened, and was the only player on the Cowboys' roster who ever played for another NFL team. Dallas free safety Cliff Harris set the tempo for the defense when he intercepted a James Harris pass at the Rams' 30 and returned it to the Los Angeles 18. On the first play from scrimmage, Staubach hit Pearson with a screen pass to the left and Preston crossed the goal line after only 6:27 elapsed. The Cowboys' defense limited the Rams to only 22 yards rushing and 118 total yards, while sacking the passer five times. Los Angeles' only first down rushing came on its only touchdown, a one-yard plunge by John Cappelletti with 14:03 remaining in the game.

Dallas	7	14	13	3	-	37
Los Angeles	0	0	0	7	-	7

Dall-P. Pearson 18 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dall-Richards 4 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dall-P. Pearson 15 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dall-P. Pearson 19 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Dall-FG Fritsch 40

Dall-FG Fritsch 26

LA-Cappelletti 1 run (Dempsey kick)

Dall-FG Fritsch 26

SUPER BOWL X

Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17

Sunday, January 18, 1976

At Orange Bowl, Miami, FL, attendance 80,187

What were at the time the two most popular teams in the NFL met in Super Bowl X, and the contrast between their styles was greater than that of their jerseys. Only four years away from their victory in Super Bowl VI, the glitzy, white-clad Dallas Cowboys -- "America's Team," if you will -- combined a high tech offense and a state-of-the-art flex defense to put on a dazzling show each Sunday. They were easy to like, and for once they even had an underdog aura, having reached the Big Game after starting as a playoff wild card. The Pittsburgh Steelers, wearing bad-guy black to defend their Super Bowl win of the year before, lived by a steel hard defense occasionally spelled by a grind-it-out running attack that would have been at home in the 1930s.

The Cowboys struck first. Roger Staubach zeroed in on Drew Pearson for a 29-yard touchdown pass. Before the first quarter ended, Pittsburgh evened the score on a seven-yard pass from Terry Bradshaw to tight end Randy Grossman. Setting up the score was a 32-yard pass to Steeler receiver Lynn Swann on which he outleaped a Dallas defender and then magically kept both feet inside the sideline to make his catch legal. Going into the game, Swann's status had been questionable because of a concussion he'd suffered in the AFC championship game. In practice, he'd dropped every pass thrown to him.

The second quarter was scoreless until Cowboy Toni Fritsch booted a 36-yard field goal with only fifteen seconds left on the clock. Earlier, Pittsburgh's Roy Gerela, playing at less than a hundred percent because of a cracked rib he'd earned with a tackle on the opening kickoff, shanked a field goal try. Dallas safety Cliff Harris mockingly patted him on the helmet only to be unceremoniously dumped on his hip pads by an irate Jack Lambert. Macho displays aside, Dallas went to the locker room with a 10-7 lead.

The defenses continued to dominate in the third quarter which saw three fewer points scored than the second. Pittsburgh sacked Staubach seven times during the game and forced him to scramble on five other occasions. Moreover, they pressured him into three interceptions, and straight arrow Staubach normally threw interceptions about as often as he used gutter language.

The fourth quarter lacked only the kitchen sink. First, Steeler reserve fullback Reggie Harrison blocked Mitch Hoopes' punt. The ball rolled through the end zone for a safety to cut the score to 10-9. Gerela, who'd donned a corset to protect his rib, regained his kicking touch with field goals of 36 and 18 yards to put the Steelers in front 15-10. With 3:02 left, Bradshaw lofted a long pass to game MVP Swann who caught the ball at the five and took it over the goal line to complete a 64-yard lightning strike. Swann finished the day with 161 yards on four catches, a tidy 40.3 average per catch. Bradshaw only saw the TD on film; he'd been knocked loopy by the Dallas pass rush. Gerela missed the extra point.

Now it was Dallas' turn with Captain Comeback Staubach in charge. It took Roger Relentless only 1:14 to get the touchdown back, completing a drive with a 34-yard bullseye to Percy Howard -- exactly one more pass than Howard caught during the regular season.

Terry Hanratty replaced the woozy Bradshaw, but the Steelers were stalled fourth-and-nine at the Dallas 41 with almost a minute and a half to go. Coach Noll feared a blocked kick and called for a Rocky Bleier run that gained only two yards. Noll was gambling that his defense could stop the Cowboys.

Only four points down, 21-17, Staubach had the ball back with more time than he usually needed to negotiate 61 yards. Down the field came the Cowboys, but with no timeouts remaining for Dallas, the clock kept running. With five seconds left, Staubach launched his final pass into the end zone. Steeler Mike Wagner batted the ball but it was caught -- by another Steeler, Glen Edwards. Pittsburgh had its second straight Super Bowl win.

Dallas (NFC)	7	3	0	7	-	17
Pittsburgh (AFC) .	7	0	0	14	-	21

Dall - D. Pearson 29 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

Pitt - Grossman 7 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Dall - FG Fritsch 36

Pitt - Safety, Harrison blocked Hoopes' kick through end zone

Pitt - FG Gerela 36

Pitt - FG Gerela 18

Pitt - Swann 64 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick failed)

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Dall - P. Howard 34 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	DALL	PITT
First Downs	14	13
Rushing	6	7
Passing	8	6
Penalty	0	0
Total Yardage	270	339
Net rushing yardage	108	149
Net passing yardage	162	190
Passes att.-comp.-had int.	24-15-3	19-9-0

RUSHING

Dallas - Newhouse 16 for 56; Staubach 5 for 22; Dennison 5 for 16; P. Pearson 5 for 14.

Pittsburgh - Harris 27 for 82; Bleier 15 for 51; Bradshaw 4 for 16.

PASSING

Dallas - Staubach 15 of 24 for 204, 2 TDs, 3 int.

Pittsburgh - Bradshaw 9 of 19 for 209, 2 TDs.

RECEIVING

Dallas - P. Pearson 5 for 53; Young 3 for 31; D. Pearson 2 for 59, 1 TD; Newhouse 2 for 12; P. Howard 1 for 34, 1 TD; Fugett 1 for 9; Dennison 1 for 6.

Pittsburgh - Swann 4 for 161, 1 TD; Stallworth 2 for 8; Harris 1 for 26;

Grossman 1 for 7, 1 TD; L. Brown 1 for 7.
