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AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

AT STAKE

American Football Conference Championship and the Lamar Hunt Trophy

DATE

January 22, 2006

NETWORK TELEVISION

Nationwide by CBS

More than 200 television stations and 450 radio stations in the United States, plus more than 290 worldwide facilities of Armed Forces Radio and Television, will broadcast the AFC Championship live.

The first AFL Championship Game was the 1960 meeting in which the Houston Oilers defeated the Los Angeles Chargers 24-16 at Houston's Jeppesen Stadium on New Year's Day, 1961. It was nationally televised by ABC-TV.

The AFL Championship Games were telecast nationally by ABC from 1960 through 1964. NBC carried the game from 1965 until 1969, and then carried the AFC Championship Game from 1970 until 1997. This is CBS' eighth AFC Championship Game.

PLAYER SHARES

\$37,000 to each participating player. Winners advance to Super Bowl XL where the share is \$73,000 for each winner, \$38,000 for each loser.

TROPHY

The winning team receives permanent possession of the Lamar Hunt Trophy, named in honor of the owner of the Kansas City Chiefs and founder of the American Football League. The trophy, which was designed by Don Weller, features a bas-relief action frieze developed by Merv Corning. It has a black walnut wood base with an engraved bronze faceplate. The AFC monogram is cast in bronze with a high gloss front and back and a soft satin finish on the top and sides. The frieze is a classic football action cast in heavy silver plate. The trophy was authorized by NFL club presidents in 1983 and first presented following the 1984 season.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

AT STAKE

National Football Conference Championship and the George Halas Trophy

DATE

January 22, 2006

NETWORK TELEVISION

Nationwide by FOX

More than 200 television stations and 450 radio stations in the United States, plus more than 290 worldwide facilities of Armed Forces Radio and Television, will broadcast the NFC Championship Game live.

The first nationally televised NFL Championship Game was the 1951 meeting in which the Los Angeles Rams defeated the Cleveland Browns 24-17 in Los Angeles. It was carried by the now-defunct DuMont network.

The NFL Championship Games were televised nationally by DuMont from 1951 through 1954. NBC purchased the rights for 1955 from DuMont, then contracted with the NFL for the rights from 1956 through 1963. CBS broadcast the NFL Championship Game from 1964 until 1969, then broadcast the NFC Championship Game from 1970 until 1993. FOX has carried the game since 1994.

PLAYER SHARES

\$37,000 to each participating player. Winners advance to Super Bowl XL where the share is \$73,000 for each winner, \$38,000 for each loser.

TROPHY

The winning team receives permanent possession of the George S. Halas Trophy, named in honor of the former owner, coach, and player of the Chicago Bears and one of the founders of the National Football League. The trophy, which was designed by Don Weller, features a bas-relief action frieze developed by Merv Corning. It has a black walnut wood base with an engraved bronze faceplate. The NFC monogram is cast in bronze with a high gloss front and back and a soft satin finish on the top and sides. The frieze is a classic football action cast in heavy silver plate. The trophy was authorized by NFL club presidents in 1983 and first presented following the 1984 season.

SUDDEN DEATH

Under the sudden-death rules, the team scoring first during overtime play shall be the winner. The game is ended automatically upon any score (including a safety), or when a score is awarded by the referee for a palpably unfair act. At the end of regulation playing time, the referee immediately will toss a coin at the center of the field, in accordance with rules pertaining to the usual pregame coin toss. The visiting team captain again calls the toss. Following a three (3) minute intermission at the end of the regular game, play shall continue by fifteen (15) minute periods with a two (2) minute intermission between each overtime period with no halftime intermission. Teams will change goals between each period. The rules for game timing and team time-outs shall be the same as in a regular game, including the last two (2) minutes of the second and fourth quarters.

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Includes AFL Championship Games (1960-1969)

Season	Date	Winner (Share)	Loser (Share)	Score	Site	Attendance
2004	Jan. 23	New England (\$36,500)	Pittsburgh (\$36,500)	41-27	Pittsburgh	65,242
2003	Jan. 18	New England (\$36,500)	Indianapolis (\$36,500)	24-14	Foxborough	68,436
2002	Jan. 19	Oakland (\$35,000)	Tennessee (\$35,000)	41-24	Oakland	62,544
2001	Jan. 27	New England (\$34,500)	Pittsburgh (\$34,500)	24-17	Pittsburgh	64,704
2000	Jan. 14	Baltimore (\$34,500)	Oakland (\$34,500)	16-3	Oakland	62,784
1999	Jan. 23	Tennessee (\$33,000)	Jacksonville (\$33,000)	33-14	Jacksonville	75,206
1998	Jan. 17	Denver (\$32,500)	N.Y. Jets (\$32,500)	23-10	Denver	75,482
1997	Jan. 11	Denver (\$30,000)	Pittsburgh (\$30,000)	24-21	Pittsburgh	61,382
1996	Jan. 12	New England (\$29,000)	Jacksonville (\$29,000)	20-6	Foxborough	60,190
1995	Jan. 14	Pittsburgh (\$27,000)	Indianapolis (\$27,000)	20-16	Pittsburgh	61,062
1994	Jan. 15	San Diego (\$23,500)	Pittsburgh (\$23,500)	17-13	Pittsburgh	61,545
1993	Jan. 23	Buffalo (\$23,500)	Kansas City (\$23,500)	30-13	Buffalo	76,642
1992	Jan. 17	Buffalo (\$18,000)	Miami (\$18,000)	29-10	Miami	72,703
1991	Jan. 12	Buffalo (\$18,000)	Denver (\$18,000)	10-7	Buffalo	80,272
1990	Jan. 20	Buffalo (\$18,000)	L.A. Raiders (\$18,000)	51-3	Buffalo	80,325
1989	Jan. 14	Denver (\$18,000)	Cleveland (\$18,000)	37-21	Denver	76,046
1988	Jan. 8	Cincinnati (\$18,000)	Buffalo (\$18,000)	21-10	Cincinnati	59,747
1987	Jan. 17	Denver (\$18,000)	Cleveland (\$18,000)	38-33	Denver	76,197
1986	Jan. 11	Denver (\$18,000)	Cleveland (\$18,000)	23-20*	Cleveland	79,973
1985	Jan. 12	New England (\$18,000)	Miami (\$18,000)	31-14	Miami	75,662
1984	Jan. 6	Miami (\$18,000)	Pittsburgh (\$18,000)	45-28	Miami	76,029
1983	Jan. 8	L.A. Raiders (\$18,000)	Seattle (\$18,000)	30-14	Los Angeles	91,445
1982	Jan. 23	Miami (\$18,000)	N.Y. Jets (\$18,000)	14-0	Miami	67,396
1981	Jan. 10	Cincinnati (\$9,000)	San Diego (\$9,000)	27-7	Cincinnati	46,302
1980	Jan. 11	Oakland (\$9,000)	San Diego (\$9,000)	34-27	San Diego	52,675
1979	Jan. 6	Pittsburgh (\$9,000)	Houston (\$9,000)	27-13	Pittsburgh	50,475
1978	Jan. 7	Pittsburgh (\$9,000)	Houston (\$9,000)	34-5	Pittsburgh	50,725
1977	Jan. 1	Denver (\$9,000)	Oakland (\$9,000)	20-17	Denver	75,044
1976	Dec. 26	Oakland (\$8,500)	Pittsburgh (\$8,500)	24-7	Oakland	53,821
1975	Jan. 4	Pittsburgh (\$8,500)	Oakland (\$8,500)	16-10	Pittsburgh	50,609
1974	Dec. 29	Pittsburgh (\$8,500)	Oakland (\$8,500)	24-13	Oakland	53,800
1973	Dec. 30	Miami (\$8,500)	Oakland (\$8,500)	27-10	Miami	79,325
1972	Dec. 31	Miami (\$8,500)	Pittsburgh (\$8,500)	21-17	Pittsburgh	50,845
1971	Jan. 2	Miami (\$8,500)	Baltimore (\$8,500)	21-0	Miami	76,622
1970	Jan. 3	Baltimore (\$8,500)	Oakland (\$8,500)	27-17	Baltimore	54,799
1969	Jan. 4	Kansas City (\$7,755)	Oakland (\$6,252)	17-7	Oakland	53,564
1968	Dec. 29	N.Y. Jets (\$7,007)	Oakland (\$5,349)	27-23	New York	62,627
1967	Dec. 31	Oakland (\$6,321)	Houston (\$4,996)	40-7	Oakland	53,330
1966	Jan. 1	Kansas City (\$5,309)	Buffalo (\$3,799)	31-7	Buffalo	42,080
1965	Dec. 26	Buffalo (\$5,189)	San Diego (\$3,447)	23-0	San Diego	30,361
1964	Dec. 26	Buffalo (\$2,668)	San Diego (\$1,738)	20-7	Buffalo	40,242
1963	Jan. 5	San Diego (\$2,498)	Boston (\$1,596)	51-10	San Diego	30,127
1962	Dec. 23	Dallas (\$2,206)	Houston (\$1,471)	20-17*	Houston	37,981
1961	Dec. 24	Houston (\$1,792)	San Diego (\$1,111)	10-3	San Diego	29,556
1960	Jan. 1	Houston (\$1,025)	L.A. Chargers (\$718)	24-16	Houston	32,183

*Sudden death overtime

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COMPOSITE STANDINGS**

	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cincinnati Bengals	2	0	1.000	48	17
Baltimore Ravens	1	0	1.000	16	3
Denver Broncos	6	1	.857	172	132
New England Patriots*	5	1	.833	150	129
Buffalo Bills	6	2	.750	180	92
Kansas City Chiefs**	3	1	.750	81	61
Miami Dolphins	5	2	.714	152	115
Pittsburgh Steelers	5	7	.417	251	253
Tennessee Titans***	3	5	.375	133	195
Oakland Raiders#	5	9	.357	272	304
New York Jets	1	2	.333	37	60
San Diego Chargers##	2	6	.250	128	161
Indianapolis Colts###	1	3	.250	57	82
Seattle Seahawks	0	1	.000	14	30
Jacksonville Jaguars	0	2	.000	20	53
Cleveland Browns	0	3	.000	74	98

* One game played when franchise was in Boston (Lost 51-10)

** One game played when franchise was in Dallas (Texans)
(Won 20-17)*** Six games played when franchise was in Houston and known
as Oilers (Won 2, lost 4)# Two games played when franchise was in Los Angeles
(Won 30-14, lost 51-3)## One game played when franchise was in Los Angeles
(Lost 24-16)### Two games played when franchise was in Baltimore
(Won 27-17, lost 21-0)**2004**

NEW ENGLAND 41, PITTSBURGH 27—Tom Brady passed for 2 touchdowns and the Patriots' defense forced 4 turnovers, which resulted in 24 points, as New England advanced to its third Super Bowl in four seasons. Eugene Wilson intercepted Ben Roethlisberger's first pass to set up Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard field goal just 3:40 into the game. On Pittsburgh's next possession, Jerome Bettis fumbled on fourth-and-1 and Mike Vrabel recovered. Brady completed a 60-yard touchdown pass to Deion Branch on the next play for a 10-0 lead. Leading 10-3 in the second quarter, Brady's 45-yard pass to Branch set up David Givens' 9-yard scoring catch with 7:08 left in the second quarter. The Steelers responded by driving to the Patriots' 19, but on second-and-6 Rodney Harrison intercepted a pass and returned it 87 yards for a touchdown and 24-3 lead with 2:14 left in the half. Trailing 31-10 and faced with fourth-and-5, Roethlisberger completed a pass to Hines Ward, who caught the ball at the 15-yard line and got a block to walk into the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown. The Steelers' defense then forced a three-and-out and the offense drove to the Patriots' 4. Bettis gained one yard on first down, and Plaxico Burress was unable to come down with an alley-oop pass on second down. Bettis gained 1 yard on third down, and faced with fourth-and-goal from the Patriots' 2, the Steelers settled for Jeff Reed's field goal to cut the deficit to 31-20. The Patriots responded with a field goal and Wilson's second interception two plays later led to Branch's 23-yard touchdown run on a reverse with 2:23 remaining for a 41-20

lead. Brady was 14 of 21 for 207 yards and 2 touchdowns. Branch had 4 receptions for 116 yards. Roethlisberger was 14 of 24 for 226 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 3 interceptions. Ward had 5 catches for 109 yards.

New England (41)	Offense	Pittsburgh (27)
Christian Fauria	TE-WR	Plaxico Burress
Matt Light	LT	Marvel Smith
Joe Andruzzi	LG	Alan Faneca
Dan Koppen	C	Jeff Hartings
Stephen Neal	RG	Keydrick Vincent
Brandon Gorin	RT	Oliver Ross
Daniel Graham	TE	Jerame Tuman
Deion Branch	WR	Hines Ward
Tom Brady	QB	Ben Roethlisberger
Corey Dillon	RB	Jerome Bettis
Russ Hochstein	TE-FB	Dan Kreider

Defense	
Ty Warren	LE
Keith Traylor	LT-NT
Jarvis Green	RT-RE
Mike Vrabel	RE-OLB
Tedy Bruschi	LLB-ILB
Ted Johnson	MLB-ILB
Willie McGinest	RLB-OLB
Randall Gay	LCB
Asante Samuel	RCB
Rodney Harrison	SS
Eugene Wilson	FS
Aaron Smith	
Chris Hoke	
Kimo von Oelhoffen	
Clark Haggans	
James Farrior	
Larry Foote	
Joey Porter	
Willie Williams	
Deshaea Townsend	
Troy Polamalu	
Chris Hope	

SUBSTITUTIONS

New England—Specialists: K—Adam Vinatieri. P—Josh Miller. LS—Lonie Paxton. **Offense:** FB—Patrick

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Pass. RB—Rahib Abdullah, Kevin Faulk. WR—Troy Brown, David Givens, Bethel Johnson, David Patten. G—Gene Mruzkowski. Defense: DT—DE—Vince Wilfork. LB—Tully Banta-Cain, Matt Chatham, Rosevelt Colvin, Don Davis, Larry Izzo, Roman Phifer. CB—Hank Poteat. S—Je'Rod Cherry, Dexter Reid. DNP: QB—Rohan Davey. DT—Ethan Kelley.

Pittsburgh—Specialists: K—Jeff Reed. P—Chris Gardocki. LS—Mike Schneck. Offense: RB—Verron Haynes, Duce Staley. WR—Lee Mays, Sean Morey, Antwaan Randle El. TE—Mike Cushing, Walter Rasby. T—Max Starks. C—G—Chukky Okobi. Defense: DT—Travis Kirschke. DE—Brett Keisel. NT—Kendrick Clancy. LB—James Harrison, Clint Kriewaldt. CB—Ricardo Colclough, Chad Scott, Ike Taylor. S—Tyrone Carter, Russell Stuvaints. DNP: QB—Tommy Maddox.

OFFICIALS

Referee—Walt Anderson. Umpire—Butch Hannah. Line Judge—Gary Arthur. Side Judge—Carl Cheffers. Head Linesman—Ron Marinucci. Back Judge—Billy Smith. Field Judge—Bill Lovett.

SCORING

New England	10	14	7	10	—	41
Pittsburgh	3	0	14	10	—	27
NE — FG Vinatieri 48						
NE — Branch 60 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick)						
Pitt — FG Reed 43						
NE — Givens 9 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick)						
NE — Harrison 87 interception return (Vinatieri kick)						
Pitt — Bettis 5 run (Reed kick)						
NE — Dillon 25 run (Vinatieri kick)						
Pitt — Ward 30 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick)						
Pitt — FG Reed 20						
NE — FG Vinatieri 31						
NE — Branch 23 run (Vinatieri kick)						
Pitt — Burress 7 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick)						

TEAM STATISTICS	NE	PITT
Total First Downs	18	19
Rushing	7	8
Passing	9	11
Penalty	2	0
Total Net Yardage	322	388
Total Offensive Plays	55	62
Average Gain Per Offensive Play	5.9	6.3
Rushes	32	37
Yards Gained Rushing (Net)	126	163
Average Yards per Rush	3.9	4.4
Passes Attempted	21	24
Passes Completed	14	14
Had Intercepted	0	3
Tackled Attempting to Pass	2	1
Yards Lost Attempting to Pass	11	1
Yards Gained Passing (Net)	196	225
Punts	4	3
Average Distance	40.3	43.0
Punt Returns	2	3
Punt Return Yardage	6	40
Kickoff Returns	5	8
Kickoff Return Yardage	107	115
Interception Return Yardage	87	0
Total Return Yardage	200	155
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Own Fumbles Recovered	1	1
Opponent Fumbles Recovered	1	0
Penalties	1	2
Yards Penalized	5	20
Field Goals	2	2
Field Goals Attempted	2	2
Third-Down Efficiency	5/12	4/12
Fourth-Down Efficiency	1/1	1/2
Time of Possession	28:29	31:31

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: NE: Dillon 24-73-1, Branch 2-37-1, Faulk 3-20-0, Brady 2-(-2)-0, Givens 1-(-2)-0. PITT: Bettis 17-64-1, Roethlisberger 5-45-0, Haynes 5-28-0, Staley 10-26-0.

PASSING: NE: Brady 21-14-207-2-0. PITT: Roethlisberger 24-14-226-2-3.

RECEIVING: NE: Givens 5-59-1, Branch 4-116-1, Brown 1-11-0, Fauria 1-9-0, Patten 1-8-0, Dillon 1-5-0, Graham 1-(-1)-0. PITT: Ward 5-109-1, Randle El 3-52-0, Burress 3-37-1, Haynes 1-14-0, Tuman 1-8-0, Rasby 1-6-0.

KICKOFF RETURNS: NE: B. Johnson 4-90-0, Pass 1-17-0. PITT: Randle El 4-75-0, Taylor 3-29-0, Cushing 1-11-0.

PUNT RETURNS: NE: Brown 2-6-0. PITT: Randle El 3-40-0.

PUNTING: NE: Miller 4-161-40.3. PITT: Gardocki 3-129-43.0.

INTERCEPTIONS: NE: Wilson 2-0-0, Harrison 1-87-1. PITT: None.

SACKS: NE: Green. PITT: Haggans, Porter.

2003

NEW ENGLAND 24, INDIANAPOLIS 14—Adam Vinatieri kicked 5 field goals and the Patriots' defense forced 6 turnovers en route to New England's second Super Bowl appearance in three years. The Colts had 4 first-half possessions, and turned the ball over all four times. The Patriots began the game with a 65-yard touchdown drive. Peyton Manning was intercepted on the Colts' first two possessions, including the first one in the end zone by Rodney Harrison, to set up 2 field goals for a 13-0 lead. The Colts were then forced to punt for the first time in two and a half postseason games, and Justin Snow's snap sailed over Hunter Smith's head. Smith intentionally kicked the ball out of the end zone for a safety. A New England fumble gave Indianapolis life, but Marvin Harrison fumbled at the Patriots' 16 just before halftime, and Tyrone Poole recovered. The Colts scored on Edgerrin James' 2-yard run to open the second half, a drive that featured James' 3-yard run on fourth-and-1. The Patriots drove inside the Colts' 10 on each of their next two possessions, but settled for field goals by Vinatieri for a 21-7 lead. An interception by Ty Law gave New England a chance to put the game away, but Walt Harris intercepted Tom Brady in the end zone for a touchback with 13:28 to play. The Colts took five minutes off the clock on the ensuing drive, but Law intercepted Manning's fourth-and-13 pass with 8:17 left. The Colts forced a punt, but it took them nearly four minutes to drive 67 yards to cut the deficit to 21-14 on Marcus Pollard's 7-yard catch with 2:27 to play. Christian Fauria recovered the onside kick, but the Patriots failed to gain a first down and the Colts got the ball back with 2:01 left, but Manning threw four consecutive incompletions. Vinatieri's 34-yard field goal with 50 seconds left iced the game. Brady was 22 of 37 for 237 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception. Antowain Smith had 22 carries for 100 yards. Law had 3 interceptions. Manning was 23 of 47 for 237 yards and 1 touchdown, with 4 interceptions.

Indianapolis 0 0 7 7 — 14

New England 7 8 6 3 — 24

NE — Givens 7 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick)

NE — FG Vinatieri 31

NE — FG Vinatieri 25

NE — Safety, Snow's snap sailed over punter's head and was kicked through end zone

Ind — James 2 run (Vanderjagt kick)

NE — FG Vinatieri 27

NE — FG Vinatieri 21

Ind — Pollard 7 pas from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)

NE — FG Vinatieri 34

2002

OAKLAND 41, TENNESSEE 24—Rich Gannon passed for 3 touchdowns and ran for another and Oakland's defense forced 2 key turnovers to help catapult the Raiders to their fifth Super Bowl. Both teams scored on each of their first two possessions, but Tennessee took a 17-14 lead on Steve McNair's 9-yard touchdown run with 2:47 left in the half. The Titans reclaimed possession after forcing the Raiders to punt, but on second-and-5 from their own 16, Eric Barton forced Robert Holcombe to fumble. Anthony Dorsett recovered with 1:28 left in the half, and Gannon's 1-yard touchdown pass to Doug Jolley two plays later gave Oakland a 21-17 lead. John Simon then fumbled the ensuing kickoff return. Alvis Whitted recovered the ball at the Titans' 39 with 49 seconds remaining, and Sebastian Janikowski's 43-yard field goal as the half expired increased the lead to 24-17. On the opening drive of the second half, John Parrella's 11-yard sack of McNair on third down pushed the Titans out of field-goal range, and later in the quarter, a fierce Raiders rush forced punter Craig Hentrich to abort a punt attempt and, instead, run

with the ball. Hentrich was tackled at the Titans' 19, setting up Janikowski's second field goal for a 27-17 lead. The Titans responded with McNair's second touchdown run, but the Raiders answered with touchdown drives of 69 and 66 yards on their next two possessions, which consumed more than 10 minutes. In the first three quarters, on 39 plays from scrimmage, the Raiders called only 1 running play, although Gannon was forced to scramble 6 times. Gannon was 29 of 41 for 286 yards and 3 touchdowns, and was the club's leading rusher with 41 yards and 1 touchdown. McNair was 21 of 36 for 194 yards and 1 touchdown.

Tennessee 7 10 7 0 — 24

Oakland 14 10 3 14 — 41

Oak — Porter 3 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick)

Tenn — Bennett 33 pass from McNair (Nedney kick)

Oak — Garner 12 pass from Gannon

(Janikowski kick)

Tenn — FG Nedney 29

Tenn — McNair 9 run (Nedney kick)

Oak — Jolley 1 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick)

Oak — FG Janikowski 43

Oak — FG Janikowski 32

Tenn — McNair 13 run (Hentrich kick)

Oak — Gannon 2 run (Janikowski kick)

Oak — Crockett 7 run (Janikowski kick)

2001

NEW ENGLAND 24, PITTSBURGH 17—Troy Brown returned a punt for a touchdown, made a key play on a blocked field-goal return, and had 8 receptions for 121 yards, as the Patriots advanced to their third Super Bowl. Neither team threatened early until Brown returned a punt untouched 55 yards for a touchdown to give the Patriots a 7-0 lead. The return came one play after Troy Edwards had been penalized for not attempting to get in bounds while running downfield during punt coverage, forcing the Steelers to punt again. The Steelers responded with Kris Brown's 30-yard field goal early in the second quarter to cut the deficit to 7-3. Late in the first half, Tom Brady injured his ankle while completing a 28-yard pass to Troy Brown. Taking over at the Steelers' 40, Drew Bledsoe completed all 3 of his pass attempts, capped by an 11-yard touchdown pass to David Patten with 58 seconds left in the half to take a 14-3 lead. The Steelers' defense stopped the Patriots on fourth-and-7 from the Steelers' 32 early in the second half, and the offense responded by driving into field-goal range. But Brandon Mitchell blocked Kris Brown's 34-yard attempt. Troy Brown scooped up the ball and ran 11 yards before lateraling to Antwan Harris, who raced the remaining 49 yards untouched for a touchdown and 21-3 lead. Pittsburgh answered with an 8-play, 79-yard drive, capped by Jerome Bettis' 1-yard run. The Steelers' defense forced a punt on the ensuing possession and Edwards returned it 28 yards to set up a 32-yard drive, culminating with Amos Zereoue's 11-yard scoring run, to trim the deficit to 21-17 late in the third quarter. Bledsoe responded by engineering an 11-play, 45-yard drive capped by Adam Vinatieri's 44-yard field goal with 11:12 remaining. Interceptions by Ty Law and Lawyer Milloy, the latter with 2:02 remaining, stopped the Steelers, and Antowain Smith's 19-yard run with 1:56 left allowed the Patriots to run out the clock. Brady was 12 of 18 for 115 yards, and Bledsoe was 10 of 21 for 102 yards and 1 touchdown. Stewart was 24 of 42 for 255 yards, with 3 interceptions.

New England 7 7 7 3 — 24

Pittsburgh 0 3 14 0 — 17

NE — T. Brown SS punt return (Vinatieri kick)

Pitt — FG K. Brown 30

NE — Patten 11 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick)

NE — Harris 49 blocked field goal return

(Vinatieri kick)

Pitt — Bettis 1 run (K. Brown kick)

Pitt — Zereoue 11 run (K. Brown kick)

NE — FG Vinatieri 44

2000

BALTIMORE 16, OAKLAND 3—Duane Starks intercepted 2 passes and Baltimore's defense forced 5 turnovers as the Ravens earned their first Super Bowl berth. In a battle of field position, the Ravens got the first break when Robert Bailey intercepted Rich Gannon's pass at the Raiders' 19 midway through the first quarter. Howev-

er, Matt Stover missed a 36-yard field-goal attempt. In the second quarter, the Ravens were pinned on their 4-yard line and faced third-and-18 when Trent Dilfer fired a short pass over the middle to a slanting Shannon Sharpe, who streaked untouched down the middle of the field for a 96-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead. On the Raiders' next possession, Tony Siragusa knocked down Gannon on a passing play. Gannon left the game with an injured non-throwing shoulder, and Bobby Hoyer replaced him. Starks intercepted Hoyer's first pass, returning it 9 yards to the Raiders' 20 to set up Stover's 31-yard field goal. Three plays into the second half, Johnnie Harris intercepted a pass by Dilfer. Gannon returned for the Raiders and guided the club to first-and-goal at the Ravens' 2. However, Tyrone Wheatley lost a yard, Gannon was sacked by Jamie Sharper, and on third down Gannon's pass fell incomplete, so the Raiders had to settle for Sebastian Janikowski's 24-yard field goal. The Ravens responded with a 9-play, 51-yard drive, capped by Stover's second field goal to take a 13-3 lead. Early in the fourth quarter, Peter Boulware sacked Gannon and forced him to fumble. Ray Lewis recovered at the Raiders' 7, which set up Stover's third field goal for a 16-3 lead with 7:28 left. Hoyer returned for the Raiders and drove Oakland to the Ravens' 5. Hoyer's 5-yard touchdown pass to Andre Rison was nullified by offensive pass interference, and Sharper intercepted Hoyer two plays later to clinch the victory. Dilfer completed 9 of 18 passes for 190 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception. Gannon was 11 of 21 for 80 yards, with 2 interceptions, while Hoyer was 8 of 16 for 107 yards, with 2 interceptions. The Ravens' defense limited the NFL's number-one rushing offense to 24 rushing yards on 17 carries.

Baltimore	0	10	3	3	—	16
Oakland	0	0	3	0	—	3
Balt	— Sharpe 96 pass from Dilfer (Stover kick)					
Balt	— FG Stover 31					
Oak	— FG Janikowski 24					
Balt	— FG Stover 28					
Balt	— FG Stover 21					

1999

TENNESSEE 33, JACKSONVILLE 14—Steve McNair rushed for 91 yards and 2 touchdowns, and the Titans' defense forced 6 turnovers to earn the franchise's first-ever trip to the Super Bowl. The Jaguars marched 62 yards with their first possession and took a 7-0 lead on Mark Brunell's 7-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Brady. The Titans responded with a 44-yard kickoff return by Derrick Mason to set up McNair's tying touchdown pass to Yancey Thigpen. The Jaguars led 14-7 with 1:34 left in the first half when Reggie Barlow fumbled a punt at his own 19 and Steve Jackson recovered to set up Al Del Greco's 34-yard field goal. Roughing-the-passer and defensive pass-interference penalties on the Titans' first drive of the second half set up McNair's 1-yard sneak to give the Titans a 17-10 lead. A fumble gave Tennessee excellent field position, but Frank Wycheck fumbled at the Jaguars' 1 and Lonnie Marts recovered. The Titans responded as Josh Evans sacked Brunell for a safety, and Derrick Mason returned the ensuing free kick 85 yards for a touchdown to give Tennessee a 26-10 lead with 4:56 remaining in the third quarter. The Jaguars committed three turnovers in the fourth quarter, one of which led to a 51-yard scramble on third down by McNair to set up his second touchdown and finish the scoring. McNair was 14 of 23 for 112 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception. Brunell was 19 of 38 for 226 yards and 1 touchdown, with 2 interceptions. Fred Taylor had 19 carries for 110 yards.

Tennessee	7	3	16	7	—	33
Jacksonville	7	7	0	0	—	14
Jax	— Brady 7 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick)					
Tenn	— Thigpen 9 pass from McNair (Del Greco kick)					
Jax	— Stewart 33 run (Hollis kick)					
Tenn	— FG Del Greco 34					
Tenn	— McNair 1 run (Del Greco kick)					
Tenn	— Safety, Evans sacked Brunell in end zone					
Tenn	— Mason 80 kickoff return (Del Greco kick)					
Tenn	— McNair 1 run (Del Greco kick)					

1998

DENVER 23, N.Y. JETS 10—In John Elway's final game in Denver, Terrell Davis rushed for 167 yards, and the Broncos forced 6 Jets' turnovers en route to scoring the game's final 23 points to capture their second consecutive AFC title. The game was played in a strong wind, with the wind chill dipping to 18 degrees and causing special teams problems for both sides. John Hall missed a 42-yard field goal on the game's opening drive, but the Jets kept the game scoreless by forcing Elway to throw an incomplete pass on fourth-and-goal from the Jets' 1 late in the first quarter. Tom Rouen dropped the ball while attempting to punt early in the second quarter, resulting in a 9-yard loss and giving the Jets the ball at the Broncos' 43. However, Keith Byars fumbled on the ensuing possession. Hall ended the half with a 32-yard field goal to give the Jets a 3-0 lead going into the locker room. Blake Spence blocked Rouen's punt early in the second half, and Fred Baxter recovered the ball at the Broncos' 1. Curtis Martin crashed into the end zone on the next play to give the Jets a 10-0 lead with 11:56 left in the third quarter. Elway, who had passed for just 33 yards in the first half, completed a 47-yard pass to Ed McCaffrey on the first play of the next drive, and then found Howard Griffith two plays later for a touchdown. A strong wind knocked Jason Elam's next kickoff to the ground near the Jets' 25. James Farrior momentarily recovered the bouncing ball, but he fumbled and Keith Burns' recovery gave the Broncos the ball at the Jets' 31. Elam's field goal tied the game with 8:23 left, and, after forcing a punt, Elam gave the Broncos the lead with 2:58 left in the quarter. The Broncos' defense forced another punt, and Darrien Gordon returned it 36 yards, setting up Davis' 31-yard touchdown run to give the Broncos 20 points in a span of 11:38. Gordon intercepted Vinny Testaverde twice in the final five minutes, the first of which led to Elam's final field goal. Elway was 13 of 34 for 173 yards and 1 touchdown. Testaverde was 31 of 52 for 356 yards, with 2 interceptions.

N.Y. Jets	0	3	7	0	—	10
Denver	0	0	20	3	—	23
NYJ	— FG Hall 32					
NYJ	— Martin 1 run (Hall kick)					
Den	— Griffith 11 pass from Elway (Elam kick)					
Den	— FG Elam 44					
Den	— FG Elam 48					
Den	— Davis 31 run (Elam kick)					
Den	— FG Elam 35					

1997

DENVER 24, PITTSBURGH 21—John Elway threw 2 touchdown passes, and the Broncos' defense intercepted 2 passes in the end zone as Denver earned its fifth trip to the Super Bowl. Levon Kirkland intercepted Elway's pass on the second play of the game, but Norm Johnson's 38-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide left. Terrell Davis scampered 43 yards on the next play and scored five plays later to give the Broncos a 7-0 lead. The Steelers responded with a 6-play drive of their own, capped by Kordell Stewart's 33-yard option run down the right side for the game tying touchdown. Darren Perry forced and recovered Davis' fumble at the Steelers' 32 on the next drive, and Pittsburgh marched 68 yards in 11 plays, keyed by 2 third-down passes by Stewart and culminating with Jerome Bettis' 1-yard run. Elway's 17-yard pass to Rod Smith on third-and-10 kept alive the next drive and allowed Jason Elam to cut the deficit to 14-10 with 8:20 left in the half. Ray Crockett intercepted Stewart's bomb in the end zone to halt a Steelers drive with 4:04 left in the half. On the strength of 3 Elway completions, and a 22-yard pass interference penalty by Chad Scott, the Broncos reached the 15-yard line. Elway then threw a swing pass behind Howard Griffith, who reached back and made a one-handed grab before stepping into the end zone with 1:47 remaining. The Broncos forced a punt, and Darrien Gordon's 19-yard return gave them the ball at their own 46 with 43 seconds left in the half. Carnell Lake's 34-yard pass interference penalty put Denver in position, and Elway's 1-yard pass to Ed McCaffrey with 13 seconds left in the half gave Denver a 24-14 lead. The Steelers used nearly the first seven minutes of the second half to drive to the Broncos' 5, only to have Stewart's pass intercepted in the end zone by Allen Aldridge. The next scoring opportunity came when the Steelers got the ball

back following a punt with 5:43 left in the game. Stewart threw the ball eight times and ran two times on the 10-play, 79-yard drive, capped by his 15-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson with 2:46 left to cut the deficit to 24-21. The Steelers elected to kick deep and had the Broncos pinned at their own 15-yard line on third-and-6 with 2:00 left. But Elway fired an 18-yard pass to Shannon Sharpe. After a Steelers timeout, Elway threw a 10-yard pass to McCaffrey, and Davis broke free for a 19-yard run two plays later to ice the AFC championship. Elway was 18 of 31 for 210 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Davis had 26 carries for 139 yards. Stewart was 18 of 36 for 201 yards and 1 touchdown, with 3 interceptions. Bettis had 23 carries for 105 yards. In what was an evenly matched game, the teams each had 23 first downs, the Steelers had 9 more total yards, while Denver had the ball for two more seconds than Pittsburgh.

Denver	7	17	0	0	—	24
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	7	—	21
Den	— Davis 8 run (Elam kick)					
Pitt	— Stewart 33 run (N. Johnson kick)					
Pitt	— Bettis 1 run (N. Johnson kick)					
Den	— FG Elam 43					
Den	— Griffith 16 pass from Elway (Elam kick)					
Den	— McCaffrey 1 pass from Elway (Elam kick)					
Pitt	— C. Johnson 15 pass from Stewart (N. Johnson kick)					

1996

NEW ENGLAND 20, JACKSONVILLE 6—Otis Smith's 47-yard fumble return with 2:24 remaining gave the Patriots their second Super Bowl berth in franchise history. The Patriots received a couple big plays from their special teams. Jacksonville punted after its opening possession, but the snap was high. Larry Whigham tackled the scrambling Bryan Barker at the 4-yard line, setting up Curtis Martin's 1-yard touchdown. After a Jacksonville field goal, Ray Lucas stripped punt returner Chris Hudson of the ball. Mike Bartrum recovered it at the 20-yard line, and Adam Vinatieri kicked a 29-yard field goal to put New England ahead 10-3. Shawn Jefferson hauled in a 38-yard pass to the Jaguars' 2-yard line with eight seconds left before halftime after Ben Coates' 5-yard reception on fourth-and-2 kept a Patriots' drive alive. Vinatieri's field goal gave the Patriots a 10-point cushion. Eddie Robinson's fumble recovery led to Mike Hollis' 28-yard field goal to pull the Jaguars within 7 points. In the fourth quarter the Jaguars drove to the Patriots' 5-yard line, but Willie Clay intercepted Mark Brunell's pass in the end zone with 3:43 left to preserve the 13-6 lead. The Jaguars forced New England to punt, and Jacksonville got the ball on their own 42-yard line with 2:36 to play. However, Chris Slade stripped James Stewart of the ball, knocking it into Smith's hands. Smith streaked down the right sideline for the score. Tedy Bruschi intercepted Brunell near midfield to quell the Jaguars' third consecutive upset bid.

Jacksonville	0	3	3	0	—	6
New England	7	6	0	7	—	20
NE	— Martin 1 run (Vinatieri kick)					
Jax	— FG Hollis 32					
NE	— FG Vinatieri 29					
NE	— FG Vinatieri 20					
Jax	— FG Hollis 28					
NE	— Smith 47 fumble return (Vinatieri kick)					

1995

PITTSBURGH 20, INDIANAPOLIS 16—Byron (Bam) Morris ran 1 yard for a touchdown with 1:34 remaining to lift the Steelers to their first AFC championship in 16 years. Despite the late touchdown, however, Pittsburgh didn't secure its Super Bowl berth until Colts quarterback Jim Harbaugh's desperation pass on the game's final play fell incomplete in the end zone. The Steelers, who lost the 1994 AFC title game to San Diego when their final possession ended three yards short of the end zone in the final minute, began their last possession in this game at their own 33-yard line and trailing 16-13 with 3:03 left. Five plays later, quarterback Neil O'Donnell kept the winning drive alive by completing a 9-yard pass to Andre Hastings on fourth-and-3 from the 47. A 37-yard pass to Ernie Mills moved the ball to the Colts' 1, and two plays later Morris bulled his way into the end zone. Indianapolis' final chance began at its 16-yard line with 1:30 to go.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Harbaugh passed for 38 yards and scrambled for 17 as the Colts reached Pittsburgh's 29 with five seconds remaining. His final heave into the end zone nearly was caught by Aaron Bailey, but Bailey was not able to cradle the ball as he hit the ground. Harbaugh finished with 21 completions in 33 attempts for 267 yards and 1 touchdown. O'Donnell was 25 of 41 for 205 yards and 1 touchdown for the Steelers. Upstart Indianapolis was bidding to become only the second team (the 1985 Patriots were the first) to win three consecutive road games en route to the Super Bowl.

Indianapolis	3	3	3	7	—	16
Pittsburgh	3	7	3	7	—	20

Ind — FG Blanchard 34
Pitt — FG N. Johnson 31
Ind — FG Blanchard 36
Pitt — Stewart 5 pass from O'Donnell (N. Johnson kick)
Ind — FG Blanchard 37
Pitt — FG N. Johnson 36
Ind — Turner 47 pass from Harbaugh (Blanchard kick)
Pitt — Morris 1 run (N. Johnson kick)

1994

SAN DIEGO 17, PITTSBURGH 13—Stan Humphries threw 2 second-half touchdown passes and the Chargers turned back the Steelers with a goal-line stand late in the game to earn their first trip to the Super Bowl. Neil O'Donnell's 16-yard touchdown pass to running back John L. Williams and a pair of field goals by Gary Anderson staked Pittsburgh to a 13-3 lead early in the second half. But Humphries' 43-yard touchdown pass to tight end Alfred Purnu pulled San Diego within 13-10 midway through the third quarter, and his 43-yard strike to Tony Martin with 5:13 left in the game gave the Chargers the lead. O'Donnell tried to rally the Steelers by completing 7 consecutive passes and marching his team from its own 17-yard line to a first-and-goal at San Diego's 9. Three plays later, it was fourth-and-goal from the 3, but O'Donnell's pass, intended for running back Barry Foster, was knocked down at the goal line by Chargers linebacker Dennis Gibson with 1:04 remaining. San Diego, which came from behind to win for the second consecutive week (the Chargers beat Miami 22-21 in the divisional playoffs after trailing 21-6 at half-time), snapped a six-game losing streak in Pittsburgh despite heavy deficits in total yards (415-226), plays (80-47), and time of possession (37:13-22:47). O'Donnell passed for 349 yards for the Steelers on AFC title-game records for attempts (54) and completions (32).

San Diego	0	3	7	7	—	17
Pittsburgh	7	3	3	0	—	13

Pitt — J.L. Williams 16 pass from O'Donnell (Anderson kick)
SD — FG Carney 20
Pitt — FG Anderson 39
Pitt — FG Anderson 23
SD — Purnu 43 pass from Humphries (Carney kick)
SD — Martin 43 pass from Humphries (Carney kick)

1993

BUFFALO 30, KANSAS CITY 13—Thurman Thomas rushed for 186 yards and 3 touchdowns as the Bills qualified for an unprecedented fourth consecutive Super Bowl. Thomas, who ran for 129 yards in the first two quarters, helped stake Buffalo to a 20-6 advantage at intermission by scoring on touchdown runs of 12 and 3 yards. The Chiefs had an opportunity to cut that deficit in half, marching 75 yards to the Bills' 5-yard line in the closing seconds of the first half. But Joe Montana's pass to a wide-open Kimble Anders near the goal line bounced off the running back's hands and was intercepted in the end zone by Buffalo safety Henry Jones. Montana, who completed only 9 of 23 passes for 125 yards, sat out most of the second half after suffering a concussion on the third play of the third quarter. Backup Dave Krieg, who completed 16 of 29 passes for 198 yards, came on and led a 90-yard touchdown drive that pulled Kansas City within 20-13 late in the third quarter. But Buffalo answered with a 14-play, 79-yard march capped by Steve Christie's 18-yard field goal 3:05 into the fourth quarter. Thomas' third touchdown, a 3-yard run with 5:30 remaining, put

the game out of reach. Thomas averaged 5.6 yards on his 33 carries as the Bills overwhelmed the Chiefs on the ground, outrushing them 229 yards to 52.

Kansas City	6	0	7	0	—	13
Buffalo	7	13	0	10	—	30

Buff — Thomas 12 run (Christie kick)
KC — FG Lowery 31
KC — FG Lowery 31
Buff — Thomas 3 run (Christie kick)
Buff — FG Christie 23
Buff — FG Christie 25
KC — Allen 1 run (Lowery kick)
Buff — FG Christie 18
Buff — Thomas 3 run (Christie kick)

1992

BUFFALO 29, MIAMI 10—The Bills used an efficient offense and an opportunistic defense to rout the Dolphins. The Bills forced 5 turnovers, including 3 in the first half, as they built a 13-3 halftime advantage. The Dolphins fumbled away the second-half kickoff, and Buffalo recovered, then drove 24 yards to make it 20-3 on Kenneth Davis' 2-yard touchdown run. Steve Christie secured the victory with 3 more field goals, giving him a postseason-record-tying 5 for the day. Buffalo utilized a balanced attack (182 rushing yards, 176 passing yards) that held the football for more than 36 minutes. The Bills' defense limited Miami to 33 rushing yards while recording 4 sacks. Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino completed 22 of 45 passes for 268 yards and a touchdown, but he was intercepted twice and fumbled once. Buffalo advanced to its third consecutive Super Bowl, joining the Miami Dolphins of the 1971-73 seasons as the only teams to accomplish that feat.

Buffalo	3	10	10	6	—	29
Miami	3	0	0	7	—	10

Buff — FG Christie 21
Mia — FG Stoyanovich 51
Buff — Thomas 17 pass from Kelly (Christie kick)
Buff — FG Christie 33
Buff — K. Davis 2 run (Christie kick)
Buff — FG Christie 21
Buff — FG Christie 31
Mia — Duper 10 pass from Marino (Stoyanovich kick)
Buff — FG Christie 38

1991

BUFFALO 10, DENVER 7—The Bills overcame their offensive futility to win a second straight AFC championship. Buffalo collected only 213 total yards, while allowing 304 to Denver. But the Broncos managed only 1 touchdown on seven trips into Buffalo territory, including misses on 3 field-goal attempts. The game was scoreless until 5:28 remained in the third quarter, when Buffalo's Jeff Wright tipped John Elway's screen pass over the middle. Linebacker Carlton Bailey intercepted the deflected pass and returned it 11 yards for a touchdown. The Bills made it 10-0 on Scott Norwood's 44-yard field goal with 4:18 to play in the game. Denver answered with an 85-yard drive, capped by Gary Kubiak's 3-yard touchdown run with 1:43 remaining. Denver recovered the ensuing onside kick at its 49-yard line, but turned over the ball one play later when running back Steve Sewell fumbled after being hit by the Bills' Kirby Jackson. Kubiak, who entered the game in the fourth quarter when Elway was injured, completed 11 of 12 passes for 136 yards in his final NFL game.

Denver	0	0	0	7	—	7
Buffalo	0	0	7	3	—	10

Buff — Bailey 11 interception return (Norwood kick)
Buff — FG Norwood 44
Den — Kubiak 3 run (Treadwell kick)

1990

BUFFALO 51, LOS ANGELES RAIDERS 3—The Bills' No-Huddle offense overwhelmed the Raiders as Buffalo earned its first trip to the Super Bowl. The Bills set an NFL postseason record with 41 first-half points, led by Jim Kelly's 2 scoring passes to James Lofton (13 and 8 yards). Kenneth Davis rushed for 3 touchdowns (2 in the record-setting first half) to tie an AFC playoff record. Thurman Thomas finished with 138 rushing yards (including a 12-yard touchdown) and 61 receiving yards. Linebacker Darryl Talley added a 27-yard interception

return. Kelly completed 17 of 23 passes for 300 yards, while Lofton had 5 receptions for 113 yards. Buffalo's 51 points also tied an AFC playoff record.

L.A. Raiders	3	0	0	0	—	3
Buffalo	21	20	0	10	—	51

Buff — Lofton 13 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick)
LA — FG Jaeger 41
Buff — Thomas 12 run (Norwood kick)
Buff — Talley 27 interception return (Norwood kick)
Buff — K. Davis 1 run (kick blocked)
Buff — K. Davis 3 run (Norwood kick)
Buff — Lofton 8 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick)
Buff — K. Davis 1 run (Norwood kick)
Buff — FG Norwood 39

1989

DENVER 37, CLEVELAND 21—John Elway passed for 385 yards and 3 touchdowns to lead the Broncos to their third AFC title in four seasons. Elway tossed touchdown passes of 70 yards to wide receiver Michael Young and 5 yards to tight end Orson Mobley to help Denver build a 24-7 third-quarter lead. After Cleveland scored 2 quick touchdowns to pull close at 24-21, the Broncos answered by scoring on three of their four possessions in the fourth quarter. Elway hit Sammy Winder with a 39-yard touchdown, then David Treadwell kicked 34- and 31-yard field goals to clinch the victory. Elway completed 20 of 36 passes, and set club records for passing yards and total offense (424).

Cleveland	0	0	21	0	—	21
Denver	3	7	14	13	—	37

Den — FG Treadwell 39
Den — Young 70 pass from Elway (Treadwell kick)
Cle — Brennan 27 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Den — Mobley 5 pass from Elway (Treadwell kick)
Den — Winder 7 run (Treadwell kick)
Cle — Brennan 10 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
Cle — Manoa 2 run (Bahr kick)
Den — Winder 39 pass from Elway (Treadwell kick)
Den — FG Treadwell 34
Den — FG Treadwell 31

1988

CINCINNATI 21, BUFFALO 10—Rookie running back Ickey Woods ran for 102 yards and 2 touchdowns to lead the Bengals to victory. Cincinnati controlled the game with its running attack, producing 175 yards on 50 rushes. The Bengals' defense chipped in with 3 interceptions, including 1 by Eric Thomas that set up Woods' first touchdown. After Buffalo tied the game at 7-7, Boomer Esiason found James Brooks for a 10-yard touchdown pass that gave Cincinnati the lead for good. Woods clinched the victory with his second scoring run, which capped a drive that was kept alive by a fake punt. The Bengals limited Buffalo to 181 total yards, including minus-12 in the third quarter.

Buffalo	0	10	0	0	—	10
Cincinnati	7	7	0	7	—	21

Cin — Woods 1 run (Breech kick)
Buff — Reed 9 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick)
Cin — Brooks 10 pass from Esiason (Breech kick)
Buff — FG Norwood 39
Cin — Woods 1 run (Breech kick)

1987

DENVER 38, CLEVELAND 33—Jeremiah Castille's fumble recovery at the 3-yard line with 1:05 to play preserved the Broncos' victory over the Browns. Denver built leads of 21-3 and 28-10 before Cleveland stormed back behind quarterback Bernie Kosar to tie the game at 31-31. The Broncos answered with a 75-yard drive, capped by John Elway's 20-yard scoring pass to Sammy Winder, to take a 38-31 lead with 4:01 left. The Browns took the ensuing kickoff and drove 67 yards to the Broncos' 8, where Earnest Byner took a handoff and had a clear path to the tying score. But Castille stripped the ball from Byner, then recovered it at the 3-yard line to dash the Browns' hopes. Kosar completed 26 of 41 passes for 356 yards and 3 touchdowns, while Elway passed for 281 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Cleveland	0	3	21	9	—	33
Denver	14	7	10	7	—	38

Den — Nattiel 8 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
Den — Sewell 1 run (Karlis kick)

Cle — FG Bahr 24
 Den — Lang 1 run (Karlis kick)
 Cle — Langhorne 18 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
 Den — Jackson 80 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
 Cle — Byner 32 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
 Cle — Byner 4 run (Bahr kick)
 Den — FG Karlis 38
 Cle — Slaughter 4 pass from Kosar (Bahr kick)
 Den — Winder 20 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
 Cle — Safety, Horan ran out of end zone

1986

DENVER 23, CLEVELAND 20—Rich Karlis' 33-yard field goal 5:38 into overtime gave the Broncos a dramatic victory over the Browns. Trailing 20-13, Denver assumed possession at its 2-yard line with 5:32 left in regulation. In 15 plays, John Elway drove the Broncos 98 yards to the tying touchdown on a 5-yard pass to Mark Jackson with 37 seconds left. Elway was 6 of 9 for 78 yards on the drive, including a key 20-yard completion to Jackson on third-and-18 from the Browns' 48. He also scrambled twice for 20 yards. After the Broncos forced the Browns to punt in overtime, Elway completed passes of 22 and 28 yards to lead a 60-yard drive to the winning field goal. Elway finished with 22 completions in 38 attempts for 244 yards. He also rushed for 56 yards on 4 carries. The Browns' Bernie Kosar completed 18 of 32 passes for 259 yards and 2 touchdowns, including a 48-yard scoring strike to Brian Brennan that gave Cleveland a 20-13 fourth-quarter lead.

Denver	0	10	3	7	3	—	23
Cleveland	7	3	0	10	0	—	20

Cle — Fontenot 6 pass from Kosar (Moseley kick)
 Den — FG Karlis 19
 Den — Willhite 1 run (Karlis kick)
 Cle — FG Moseley 29
 Den — FG Karlis 26
 Cle — FG Moseley 24
 Cle — Brennan 48 pass from Kosar (Moseley kick)
 Den — Jackson 5 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
 Den — FG Karlis 33

1985

NEW ENGLAND 31, MIAMI 14—The Patriots picked an opportune time to end their 18-game losing streak in the Orange Bowl, converting 4 of 6 turnovers into 24 points to win their first AFC title. A fumble recovery set up New England's first points, a field goal by Tony Franklin. Miami responded with an 80-yard touchdown drive for a 7-3 lead, the Dolphins' only lead of the day. Tony Eason answered with touchdown passes to Tony Collins, Derrick Ramsey, and Robert Weathers, giving New England a 24-7 third-quarter lead. The scoring passes to Ramsey and Weathers were set up by fumble recoveries. After Miami closed to 24-14, the Patriots clinched the victory on Moseley's 1-yard touchdown run with 7:34 to play. Tatupu's score also was set up by a fumble recovery. The Patriots rushed for 255 yards, led by Craig James (22 carries for 105 yards) and Weathers (16 for 87). With the victory, the Patriots became the last of the original eight AFL teams to win an AFL or AFC title. Miami lost for the first time in six AFC championship games.

New England	3	14	7	7	—	31
Miami	0	7	0	7	—	14

NE — FG Franklin 23
 Mia — Johnson 10 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick)
 NE — Collins 4 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
 NE — D. Ramsey 1 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
 NE — Weathers 2 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
 Mia — Nathan 10 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick)
 NE — Tatupu 1 run (Franklin kick)

1984

MIAMI 45, PITTSBURGH 28—Dan Marino passed for 421 yards and 4 touchdowns, both AFC Championship Game records, to lead the Dolphins to victory. Marino found Mark Clayton for a 40-yard scoring pass on Miami's first possession. The Steelers, however, used their ground attack to forge a 14-10 second-quarter lead. That lead lasted only 1:22, the time it took Marino to drive Miami 77 yards, the last 41 on his scoring toss to Mark Duper, which gave the Dolphins the lead for good. Marino finished with 21 completions in 32 attempts. His favorite targets were running back Tony

Nathan (8 catches for 114 yards), Duper (5 for 148 and 2 touchdowns), and Mark Clayton (4 for 95 and 1 score). Miami amassed 569 total yards to 455 for Pittsburgh. The Steelers' Mark Malone could not keep up with Marino, despite passing for 312 yards and 3 touchdowns. John Stallworth caught 4 passes for 111 yards, including touchdowns of 65 and 19 yards, in what turned out to be the last postseason game for the Steelers' great.

Pittsburgh	7	7	7	7	—	28
Miami	7	17	14	7	—	45

Mia — Clayton 40 pass from Marino (von Schamann kick)
 Pitt — Erenberg 7 run (Anderson kick)
 Mia — FG von Schamann 26
 Pitt — Stallworth 65 pass from Malone (Anderson kick)
 Mia — Duper 41 pass from Marino (von Schamann kick)
 Mia — Nathan 2 run (von Schamann kick)
 Mia — Duper 36 pass from Marino (von Schamann kick)
 Pitt — Stallworth 19 pass from Malone (Anderson kick)
 Mia — Bennett 1 run (von Schamann kick)
 Mia — Moore 6 pass from Marino (von Schamann kick)
 Pitt — Capers 29 pass from Malone (Anderson kick)

1983

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS 30, SEATTLE 14—The Raiders dominated the Seahawks to avenge two regular-season defeats to Seattle. Los Angeles stacked its defensive line, limiting Seahawks running back Curt Warner to 26 rushing yards. Seattle was forced to go to the air, and the results were disastrous—5 interceptions and 4 sacks. Meanwhile, the Raiders amassed 401 total yards, led by Marcus Allen, who ran for 154 yards on 25 carries and caught 7 passes for 62 yards. Los Angeles built a 20-0 halftime lead on the strength of 2 field goals by Chris Bahr and 2 touchdown runs by Frank Hawkins. Both of Hawkins' scores were set up by passes from Jim Plunkett to Malcolm Barnwell. The Raiders clinched the victory with a 2-play drive in the third quarter. Allen broke off a 46-yard run, then caught a 3-yard touchdown pass to make it 27-0. Plunkett was 17 of 24 for 214 yards, including 5 to Barnwell for 116 yards.

Seattle	0	0	7	7	—	14
L.A. Raiders	3	17	7	3	—	30

LA — FG Bahr 20
 LA — Hawkins 1 run (Bahr kick)
 LA — Hawkins 5 run (Bahr kick)
 LA — FG Bahr 45
 LA — Allen 3 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick)
 Sea — Doornink 11 pass from Zorn (N. Johnson kick)
 LA — FG Bahr 35
 Sea — Young 9 pass from Zorn (N. Johnson kick)

1982

MIAMI 14, NEW YORK JETS 0—Linebacker A.J. Duhe scored one touchdown and set up another to lead the Dolphins to victory. The day belonged to the defenses, thanks to a steady downpour that turned the field to mud and made the football slippery. Neither offense threatened in a first half that ended 0-0. On the opening drive of the third quarter, Duhe intercepted a tipped pass from Richard Todd at the Jets' 48. An eight-play drive ensued, capped by Woody Bennett's 7-yard touchdown run. In the fourth quarter, Duhe picked off a screen pass in the Jets' backfield and returned it 35 yards for the clinching touchdown. The teams combined for just 337 total yards (198 by Miami, 139 by New York).

N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0	—	0
Miami	0	0	7	7	—	14

Mia — Bennett 7 run (von Schamann kick)
 Mia — Duhe 35 interception return (von Schamann kick)

1981

CINCINNATI 27, SAN DIEGO 7—The Bengals shut down the Chargers' record-setting passing attack to win one of the coldest games in NFL history. The temperature was minus-9 degrees at game time, and a 35-mile per hour wind created a wind-chill factor of minus-

59 degrees. Cincinnati scored first, on a 31-yard field goal by Jim Breech. On the ensuing kickoff, San Diego's James Brooks fumbled, and the Bengals recovered to set up a touchdown that made it 10-0. San Diego cut the lead to 10-7, but the Bengals, aided by a long kickoff return, answered quickly with a short touchdown drive that gave them a 17-7 halftime lead. In the second half, Cincinnati converted a fumble recovery into a field goal, then drove 68 yards in 14 plays for the clinching touchdown. San Diego, which averaged more than 300 passing yards a game during the regular season, managed only 173.

San Diego	0	7	0	0	—	7
Cincinnati	10	7	3	7	—	27

Cin — FG Breech 31
 Cin — M.L. Harris 8 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)
 SD — Winslow 33 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 Cin — Johnson 1 run (Breech kick)
 Cin — FG Breech 38
 Cin — Bass 3 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)

1980

OAKLAND 34, SAN DIEGO 27—The Raiders built a 28-7 lead, then used a ball-control offense to hold off the Chargers and become the second wild-card team to qualify for the Super Bowl. The Raiders moved at will during a first half reminiscent of AFL shootouts in the 1960s. Jim Plunkett passed for 2 touchdowns and ran for 1 to give Oakland a 21-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. After Mark van Eeghen's 3-yard run made it 28-7, the Chargers rallied to within 28-24 in the third period. But the Raiders answered with two time-consuming field-goal drives to make it 34-24, and after San Diego kicked a field goal to close within 7 points, the Raiders ran the final 6:43 off the clock. Plunkett completed 14 of 18 passes for 261 yards, including 5 completions to tight end Raymond Chester for 102 yards and a score.

Oakland	21	7	3	3	—	34
San Diego	7	7	10	3	—	27

Oak — Chester 65 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick)
 SD — Joiner 48 pass from Fouts (Bernirschke kick)
 Oak — Plunkett 5 run (Bahr kick)
 Oak — King 21 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick)
 Oak — van Eeghen 3 run (Bahr kick)
 SD — Joiner 8 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 SD — FG Benirschke 26
 SD — Muncie 6 run (Bernirschke kick)
 Oak — FG Bahr 27
 Oak — FG Bahr 33
 SD — FG Benirschke 27

1979

PITTSBURGH 27, HOUSTON 13—The Steelers used a stifling run defense to hold off the Oilers and advance to their fourth Super Bowl. Pittsburgh limited Houston to 24 rushing yards, including only 15 yards on 17 carries by NFL rushing champion Earl Campbell. Still, Houston led 7-0 after Vernon Perry returned an interception 75 yards for a touchdown. Terry Bradshaw rebounded to fire touchdown passes to Bennie Cunningham (16 yards) and John Stallworth (20 yards) to help the Steelers take a 17-10 halftime lead. The Oilers cut the deficit to 17-13 early in the fourth quarter, but Pittsburgh answered with a long drive for a field goal. The Steelers then recovered a fumble to set up Rocky Bleier's 4-yard touchdown run that clinched the victory. The Steelers totaled 358 yards while limiting the Oilers to 227.

Houston	7	3	0	3	—	13
Pittsburgh	3	14	0	10	—	27

Hou — Perry 75 interception return (Fritsch kick)
 Pitt — FG Bahr 21
 Hou — FG Fritsch 27
 Pitt — Cunningham 16 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)
 Pitt — Stallworth 20 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)
 Hou — FG Fritsch 23
 Pitt — FG Bahr 39
 Pitt — Bleier 4 run (Bahr kick)

1978

PITTSBURGH 34, HOUSTON 5—The Steelers' defense and freezing rain combined to pound the Oilers.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Pittsburgh collected 9 turnovers, shortening the field for the Steelers' offense (their longest drive of the day was 57 yards). Leading 14-3, Pittsburgh exploded for 17 points in the final 1:30 of the first half. Fumble recoveries set up Terry Bradshaw's touchdown passes to Lynn Swann (29 yards) and John Stallworth (17 yards), and Roy Gerela's 37-yard field goal that made it 31-3 at intermission. The Steelers recorded interceptions on 4 of the Oilers' 6 second-half possessions. The teams combined for a postseason-record 12 fumbles.

Houston	0	3	2	0	—	5
Pittsburgh	14	17	3	0	—	34
Pitt	— Harris 7 run (Gerela kick)					
Pitt	— Bleier 15 run (Gerela kick)					
Hou	— FG Fritsch 19					
Pitt	— Swann 29 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)					
Pitt	— Stallworth 17 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)					
Pitt	— FG Gerela 37					
Pitt	— FG Gerela 22					
Hou	— Safety, Washington tackled Bleier in end zone					

1977

DENVER 20, OAKLAND 17—The Broncos used three big plays to win in their first title-game appearance. Two plays after falling behind 3-0, Craig Morton threw a 35-yard pass to Haven Moses, who outraced the Raiders' secondary to complete a 74-yard touchdown pass. In the third quarter, Brison Manor recovered a fumble at the Raiders' 17 to set up Jon Keyworth's 1-yard touchdown run, which gave Denver a 14-3 lead. After Oakland cut the deficit to 14-10, Denver linebacker Bob Swenson intercepted Ken Stabler's pass and returned it to the Oakland 17, setting up Moses' second touchdown catch. Moses finished with 5 receptions for 168 yards.

Oakland	3	0	0	14	—	17
Denver	7	0	7	6	—	20
Oak	— FG Mann 20					
Den	— Moses 74 pass from Morton (Turner kick)					
Den	— Keyworth 1 run (Turner kick)					
Oak	— Casper 7 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)					
Den	— Moses 12 pass from Morton (pass failed)					
Oak	— Casper 17 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)					

1976

OAKLAND 24, PITTSBURGH 7—The Raiders played mistake-free football to end the reign of the two-time Super Bowl champion Steelers. The Raiders parlayed a partially blocked punt into a 3-0 first-quarter lead. They made it 10-0 in the second period when linebacker Willie Hall intercepted Terry Bradshaw's pass and returned it to the Steelers' 1, setting up Clarence Davis' 1-yard scoring run. After Pittsburgh closed the gap to 10-7, Ken Stabler's 4-yard touchdown pass to Warren Bankston seconds before halftime gave Oakland a 17-7 lead. Stabler added a 5-yard scoring pass to Pete Banaszak in the third quarter to complete the scoring.

Pittsburgh	0	7	0	0	—	7
Oakland	3	14	7	0	—	24
Oak	— FG Mann 39					
Oak	— Davis 1 run (Mann kick)					
Pitt	— Harrison 3 run (Mansfield kick)					
Oak	— Bankston 4 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)					
Oak	— Banaszak 5 pass from Stabler (Mann kick)					

1975

PITTSBURGH 16, OAKLAND 10—The Steelers held off the Raiders in a game punctuated by hard hitting and a furious fourth quarter. The defenses and the playing conditions (wind, snow flurries, and 16-degree temperatures) combined to make the first three quarters a defensive struggle. Leading 3-0 in the fourth period, Pittsburgh broke through when linebacker Jack Lambert recovered a fumble in Raiders' territory to set up Franco Harris' 25-yard scoring run. After the Raiders answered with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Ken Stabler to Mike Siani, Lambert recovered another fumble (his third recovery of the day) to set up Terry Bradshaw's touchdown pass to John Stallworth. In the final minute, Oakland kicked a field goal to make it 16-10, then recovered an onside kick. Stabler completed a long pass to Cliff Branch, who made it to the Steelers' 15 but could not get out of bounds before time expired.

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 (no kick bad snap)					
Oak	— FG Blanda 41					

1974

PITTSBURGH 24, OAKLAND 13—The Steelers won their first championship of any kind thanks to a defense that allowed only 29 rushing yards and an offense that exploded for 3 fourth-quarter touchdowns. Trailing 10-3, Pittsburgh tied the game in the fourth quarter on Franco Harris' 8-yard touchdown run. After the ensuing kickoff, linebacker Jack Ham intercepted a pass to set up Terry Bradshaw's 6-yard touchdown pass to Lynn Swann that gave Pittsburgh a 17-10 lead. The Raiders answered by driving to the Steelers' 7, but were forced to settle for a field goal. Another interception set up Harris' second touchdown run, which clinched the victory. Harris ran for 111 of the Steelers' 210 rushing yards.

Pittsburgh	0	3	0	21	—	24
Oakland	3	0	7	3	—	13
Oak	— FG Blanda 40					
Pitt	— FG Gerela 23					
Oak	— Branch 38 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)					
Pitt	— Harris 8 run (Gerela kick)					
Pitt	— Swann 6 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)					
Oak	— FG Blanda 24					
Pitt	— Harris 21 run (Gerela kick)					

1973

MIAMI 27, OAKLAND 10—The Dolphins used a methodical running game to pound out a victory over the Raiders. Larry Csonka gave Miami a 7-0 lead with an 11-yard touchdown run, which was set up by quarterback Bob Griese's 27-yard scramble. Csonka's second touchdown run made it 14-0 just before halftime. The teams traded field goals, then Oakland's Ken Stabler found Mike Siani for a 25-yard touchdown pass that made it 17-10. But in the fourth quarter, the Dolphins countered with another field goal and Csonka's third touchdown of the day to seal the victory. Miami averaged 5 yards a carry while compiling 266 rushing yards. Csonka gained 117 yards on 29 carries.

Oakland	0	0	10	0	—	10
Miami	7	7	3	10	—	27
Mia	— Csonka 11 run (Yepremian kick)					
Mia	— Csonka 2 run (Yepremian kick)					
Oak	— FG Blanda 21					
Mia	— FG Yepremian 42					
Oak	— Siani 25 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick)					
Mia	— FG Yepremian 26					
Mia	— Csonka 2 run (Yepremian kick)					

1972

MIAMI 21, PITTSBURGH 17—Quarterback Bob Griese came off the bench in the second half to lead the Dolphins to victory and preserve their hopes of a perfect season. Griese, who had been sidelined for 10 weeks with an ankle injury, directed an 80-yard drive to give Miami its first lead at 14-10. The key play on the drive was Griese's 52-yard pass to Paul Warfield. Griese then led a 49-yard touchdown march that increased Miami's lead to 21-10 in the fourth quarter. Pittsburgh closed within 21-17, but the Steelers were stymied by 2 interceptions after that. Miami's first touchdown was set up by punter Larry Seiple, who ran 37 yards out of punt formation to the Steelers' 12 in the second quarter.

Miami	0	7	7	7	—	21
Pittsburgh	7	0	3	7	—	17
Pitt	— Mullins fumble recovery in end zone (Gerela kick)					
Mia	— Csonka 9 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)					
Pitt	— FG Gerela 14					
Mia	— Kick 2 run (Yepremian kick)					
Mia	— Kick 3 run (Yepremian kick)					
Pitt	— Young 12 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)					

1971

MIAMI 21, BALTIMORE 0—The Dolphins used big plays to upend the defending Super Bowl champion

Colts. Miami took a quick 7-0 lead when the Colts' defense, frozen by Bob Griese's play-action fake, allowed Paul Warfield to get behind them for a 75-yard touchdown catch. It stayed that way until the third quarter, when the Colts' Johnny Unitas tried to go deep. His underthrown pass was intercepted by Dick Anderson, who weaved his way 62 yards for a touchdown that gave Miami a 14-0 lead. The Dolphins put the game away in the fourth quarter when Griese hit Warfield again, this time for 50 yards, to set up Larry Csonka's 5-yard touchdown run. Baltimore outgained Miami 302 yards to 286.

Baltimore	0	0	0	0	—	0
Miami	7	0	7	7	—	21
Mia	— Warfield 75 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)					
Mia	— Anderson 62 interception return (Yepremian kick)					
Mia	— Csonka 5 run (Yepremian kick)					

1970

BALTIMORE 27, OAKLAND 17—Johnny Unitas completed only 11 of 30 passes, but he made them count for 245 yards to lift the Colts to victory in the first AFC title game. Unitas' passing spotted Baltimore to a 10-0 lead, but the Raiders, led by 43-year-old quarterback George Blanda, tied the game on a field goal and Blanda's 38-yard scoring pass to Fred Biletnikoff. Unitas responded by leading Baltimore to a field goal and a touchdown, but Blanda came right back with another scoring pass to make it 20-17. After that, however, Blanda suffered 2 interceptions in the Colts' end zone, and Unitas found Ray Perkins for a 68-yard scoring pass that clinched the victory. Blanda was 17 of 32 for 271 yards.

Oakland	0	3	7	7	—	17
Baltimore	3	7	10	7	—	27
Balt	— FG O'Brien 16					
Balt	— Bulaich 2 run (O'Brien kick)					
Oak	— FG Blanda 48					
Oak	— Biletnikoff 38 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)					
Balt	— FG O'Brien 23					
Balt	— Bulaich 11 run (O'Brien kick)					
Oak	— Wells 15 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)					
Balt	— Perkins 68 pass from Unitas (O'Brien kick)					

1969

KANSAS CITY 17, OAKLAND 7—The Chiefs used a stellar defensive effort to win their third league title in the last AFL Championship Game. The Raiders took an early 7-0 lead on Charlie Smith's 3-yard touchdown run, but they were shut out after that. Meanwhile, the Chiefs tied the game on Wendell Hayes' 1-yard scoring run, which was set up by Len Dawson's 41-yard pass to Frank Pitts. In the third period, Kansas City drove 94 yards to the tie-breaking touchdown on Robert Holmes' 5-yard run. Leading 14-7, the Chiefs tried to give the game away in the fourth quarter, fumbling 3 times inside their 40. But the defense turned the Raiders away with 2 interceptions and a sack, and then the offense added a field goal. The Chiefs held the Raiders to 233 total yards while intercepting 4 passes, all inside the Chiefs' 30.

Kansas City	0	7	7	3	—	17
Oakland	7	0	0	0	—	7
Oak	— Smith 3 run (Blanda kick)					
KC	— Hayes 1 run (Stenerud kick)					
KC	— Holmes 5 run (Stenerud kick)					
KC	— FG Stenerud 22					

1968

NEW YORK JETS 27, OAKLAND 23—A rookie mistake helped the Jets defeat the Raiders in frigid conditions. Oakland gained 443 yards to 400 for New York as the teams combined for 96 pass attempts. The Raiders rallied from deficits of 10-0 and 20-13 to take a 23-20 lead in the fourth quarter. Jets quarterback Joe Namath responded with his second scoring pass of the day to Don Maynard to reclaim the lead for New York. Daryle Lamonica, who completed 20 of 47 passes for 401 yards, marched the Raiders to the Jets' 24 with two minutes to play. He threw a backwards swing pass to rookie halfback Charlie Smith, who could not make the catch but failed to cover the loose ball. The Jets recovered the fumbled lateral to secure the victory. Namath completed 19 of 49 passes for 266 yards and 3 touch-

downs. The Raiders' Fred Biletnikoff had 7 catches for 190 yards.

Oakland	0	10	3	10	—	23
N.Y. Jets	10	3	7	7	—	27

NYJ — Maynard 14 pass from Namath
(J. Turner kick)

NYJ — FG J. Turner 33

Oak — Biletnikoff 29 pass from Lamonica
(Blanda kick)

NYJ — FG J. Turner 36

Oak — FG Blanda 26

Oak — FG Blanda 9

NYJ — Lammons 20 pass from Namath
(J. Turner kick)

Oak — FG Blanda 20

Oak — Banaszak 5 run (Blanda kick)

NYJ — Maynard 6 pass from Namath
(J. Turner kick)

1967

OAKLAND 40, HOUSTON 7—A touchdown on a fake field goal propelled the Raiders to an easy victory over the Oilers. Oakland built a 10-0 lead on a 37-yard field goal by George Blanda and Hewitt Dixon's 69-yard touchdown run. Late in the first half, the Raiders lined up for another field goal. This time, however, holder Daryle Lamonica rolled to his right and threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Dave Kocourek for a 17-0 halftime lead. The Raiders coasted from there, led by a running attack that amassed 263 yards. Dixon (21 for 144 yards) and Pete Banaszak (15 for 116) led the ground game.

Houston	0	0	0	7	—	7
Oakland	3	14	10	13	—	40

Oak — FG Blanda 37

Oak — Dixon 69 run (Blanda kick)

Oak — Kocourek 17 pass from Lamonica
(Blanda kick)

Oak — Lamonica 1 run (Blanda)

Oak — FG Blanda 40

Oak — FG Blanda 42

Hou — Frazier 5 pass from Beathard (Wittenborn kick)

Oak — FG Blanda 36

Oak — Miller 12 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)

1966

KANSAS CITY 31, BUFFALO 7—An interception just before halftime was the turning point as the Chiefs earned a spot in the first Super Bowl. Len Dawson fired 2 touchdown passes to give Kansas City a 14-7 lead. Near the end of the first half, Buffalo, led by quarterback Jack Kemp, advanced to the Chiefs' 10. But Kemp's bid for the tying touchdown pass was thwarted by Chiefs safety Johnny Robinson, who intercepted Kemp's pass in the end zone and returned it 72 yards to set up a field goal. Instead of a 14-14 tie, Kansas City led 17-7 at halftime, then put the game away with 2 touchdown runs by Mike Garrett in the fourth period. Dawson completed 16 of 24 passes for 227 yards. Kemp passed for 253 yards.

Kansas City	7	10	0	14	—	31
Buffalo	7	0	0	0	—	7

KC — Arbanas 29 pass from Dawson (Mercer kick)

Buff — Dubenion 69 pass from Kemp (Lusteg kick)

KC — Taylor 29 pass from Dawson (Mercer kick)

KC — FG Mercer 32

KC — Garrett 1 run (Mercer kick)

KC — Garrett 18 run (Mercer kick)

1965

BUFFALO 23, SAN DIEGO 0—The Bills used a host of defensive alignments to shut out the Chargers. San Diego had outgained Buffalo 816-381 in two regular-season meetings, but in this game the Bills employed three-man lines, safety blitzes, and double coverage of receiver Lance Alworth to limit San Diego to 229 total yards. San Diego's defense was equally successful for the first 25 minutes, until the Bills broke through on Jack Kemp's 18-yard touchdown pass to Ernie Warlick. Minutes later, George (Butch) Byrd returned a punt 74 yards for a touchdown to give Buffalo a 14-0 halftime lead. The Bills added 3 field goals in the second half.

Buffalo	0	14	6	3	—	23
San Diego	0	0	0	0	—	0

Buff — Warlick 18 pass from Kemp (Gogolak kick)

Buff — Byrd 74 punt return (Gogolak kick)

Buff — FG Gogolak 11

Buff — FG Gogolak 39

Buff — FG Gogolak 32

1964

BUFFALO 20, SAN DIEGO 7—The Bills utilized a balanced attack to defeat the Chargers. San Diego scored on its first possession, and was threatening again, when star running back Keith Lincoln left with an injury. The Chargers struggled after that, while the Bills, led by Cookie Gilchrist (16 carries for 122 yards), took control. Jack Kemp clinched the victory in the fourth quarter by passing 48 yards to Glenn Bass, then sneaking 1 yard for a touchdown on the next play. Buffalo ran for 219 yards and passed for 168.

San Diego	7	0	0	0	—	7
Buffalo	3	10	0	7	—	20

SD — Kocourek 26 pass from Rote (Lincoln kick)

Buff — FG Gogolak 12

Buff — Carlton 4 run (Gogolak kick)

Buff — FG Gogolak 17

Buff — Kemp 1 run (Gogolak kick)

1963

SAN DIEGO 51, BOSTON 10—Keith Lincoln put on a spectacular display as the Chargers crushed the Patriots. Lincoln rushed for 206 yards on only 13 carries (15.9-yard average per carry), including a 67-yard touchdown run that helped San Diego build a 21-7 first-quarter lead. He also caught 7 passes for 123 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown pass from John Hadl. Lincoln, with 329 total yards from scrimmage, outgained the Patriots, who had only 261. He also completed a pass for 20 yards. The Chargers finished with 610 yards of total offense, including 318 rushing yards.

Boston	7	3	0	0	—	10
San Diego	21	10	7	13	—	51

SD — Rote 2 run (Blair kick)

SD — Lincoln 67 run (Blair kick)

Bos — Garron 7 run (Cappelletti kick)

SD — Lowe 58 run (Blair kick)

SD — FG Blair 11

Bos — FG Cappelletti 15

SD — Norton 14 pass from Rote (Blair kick)

SD — Alworth 48 pass from Rote (Blair kick)

SD — Lincoln 25 pass from Hadl (pass failed)

SD — Hadl 1 run (Blair kick)

1962

DALLAS TEXANS 20, HOUSTON 17—Tommy Brooker's 25-yard field goal after 17:54 of overtime lifted the Texans over the Oilers in the longest game in history (to that point). Dallas built a 17-0 halftime lead behind Abner Haynes, who had a touchdown rushing and receiving. But then the Texans turned conservative, and Houston rallied to tie. In overtime, despite Haynes' gaffe on the coin toss that gave the Oilers both the football and the wind, neither team could score. Dallas finally broke through when defensive end Bill Hull intercepted a pass and returned it to midfield. The Texans drove to the Houston 18 to position Brooker for the winning kick. Dallas' defense made numerous big plays, intercepting 5 passes and blocking a potential winning field goal.

Dallas Texans	3	14	0	0	0	3	—	20
Houston	0	0	7	10	0	0	—	17

Dall — FG Brooker 16

Dall — Haynes 28 pass from Dawson (Brooker kick)

Dall — Haynes 2 run (Brooker kick)

Hou — Deweall 15 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)

Hou — FG Blanda 31

Hou — Tolar 1 run (Blanda kick)

Dall — FG Brooker 25

1961

HOUSTON 10, SAN DIEGO 3—George Blanda kicked and passed the Oilers to victory over the Chargers. The game was expected to be a shootout, but 7 turnovers by Houston and 6 by San Diego turned it into a defensive battle. The only score of the first half, Blanda's 46-yard field goal, was set up by a 9-yard punt. In the third quarter, Blanda led the Oilers 80 yards, the last 35 coming on his pass to Billy Cannon. San Diego managed a

field goal early in the fourth quarter, but no more.

Houston	0	3	7	0	—	10
San Diego	0	0	0	3	—	3

Hou — FG Blanda 46

Hou — Cannon 35 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)

SD — FG Blair 12

1960

HOUSTON 24, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS 16—George Blanda passed for 301 yards and 3 scores to lead the Oilers over the Chargers in the first AFL Championship Game. Blanda threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Dave Smith and kicked an 18-yard field goal to give Houston a 10-9 halftime lead. Blanda made it 17-9 with a 7-yard scoring pass to Bill Groman, but the Chargers answered with a 2-yard scoring run by Paul Lowe. Blanda struck again in the fourth quarter, hitting Billy Cannon on third-and-9 from the Oilers' 12. Cannon broke a tackle and was off to the races for an 88-yard touchdown pass. Trailing 24-16, the Chargers had a chance to tie (the AFL allowed 2-point conversions), but they were stopped at Houston's 22 in the final minute. Lowe led Los Angeles with 165 yards on 21 carries.

L.A. Chargers	6	3	7	0	—	16
Houston	0	10	7	7	—	24

LA — FG Agajanian 38

LA — FG Agajanian 22

Hou — Smith 17 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)

Hou — FG Blanda 18

LA — FG Agajanian 27

Hou — Groman 7 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)

LA — Lowe 2 run (Agajanian kick)

Hou — Cannon 88 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

GAMES

Most Games Played

- 10 George Blanda, Houston, 1960-62, Oakland, 1967-70, 1973-75
- Gene Upshaw, Oakland, 1967-70, 1973-77, 1980

SCORING

Most Points, Game

- 18 Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Oakland, 1973 (3-r)
- Kenneth Davis, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990 (3-r)
- Thurman Thomas, Buffalo vs. Kansas City, 1993 (3-r)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 3 Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Oakland, 1973 (3-r)
- Kenneth Davis, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990 (3-r)
- Thurman Thomas, Buffalo vs. Kansas City, 1993 (3-r)

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

Most Points After Touchdown, Game

- 6 George Blair, San Diego vs. Boston, 1963 (6 att)
- Uwe von Schamann, Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1984 (6 att)
- Scott Norwood, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990 (7 att)

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game

- 6 George Blanda, Oakland vs. Houston, 1967
- Steve Christie, Buffalo vs. Miami, 1992

Most Field Goals, Game

- 5 Steve Christie, Buffalo vs. Miami, 1992
- Adam Vinatieri, New England vs. Indianapolis, 2003

Longest Field Goal

- 51 Pete Stoyanovich, Miami vs. Buffalo, 1992

RUSHING

ATTEMPTS

Most Attempts, Game

- 33 Thurman Thomas, Buffalo vs. Kansas City, 1993

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 206 Keith Lincoln, San Diego vs. Boston, 1963

Longest Run From Scrimmage

- 69 Hewritt Dixon, Oakland vs. Houston, 1967 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 3 Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Oakland, 1973
- Kenneth Davis, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990
- Thurman Thomas, Buffalo vs. Kansas City, 1993

PASSING

ATTEMPTS

Most Passes Attempted, Game

- 54 Neil O'Donnell, Pittsburgh vs. San Diego, 1994

COMPLETIONS

Most Passes Completed, Game

- 32 Neil O'Donnell, Pittsburgh vs. San Diego, 1994

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 att)

- 73.9 Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990 (23-17)

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 421 Dan Marino, Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1984 (32-21)

Longest Pass Completion

- 96 Trent Dilfer (to Sharpe), Baltimore vs. Oakland, 2000 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdown Passes, Game

- 4 Dan Marino, Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1984

HAD INTERCEPTED

Most Attempts Without Interception, Game

- 54 Neil O'Donnell, Pittsburgh vs. San Diego, 1994

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game

- 5 George Blanda, Houston vs. San Diego, 1961; vs. Dallas, 1962
- Dan Pastorini, Houston vs. Pittsburgh, 1978
- Richard Todd, N.Y. Jets vs. Miami, 1982

Jay Schroeder, L.A. Raiders vs. Buffalo, 1990

PASS RECEIVING

RECEPTIONS

Most Receptions, Game

- 9 Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Pittsburgh, 1974
- Tim Brown, Oakland vs. Tennessee, 2002

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 190 Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland vs. N.Y. Jets, 1968 (7 receptions)

Longest Reception

- 96 Shannon Sharpe (from Dilfer), Baltimore vs. Oakland, 2000 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdown Receptions, Game

- 2 Don Maynard, N.Y. Jets vs. Oakland, 1968
- Haven Moses, Denver vs. Oakland, 1977
- Dave Casper, Oakland vs. Denver, 1977
- Charlie Joiner, San Diego vs. Oakland, 1980
- John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Miami, 1984
- Mark Duper, Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1984
- Brian Brennan, Cleveland vs. Denver, 1989
- James Lofton, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By, Game

- 3 A.J. Duhe, Miami vs. N.Y. Jets, 1982
- Ty Law, New England vs. Indianapolis, 2003

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 87 Rodney Harrison, New England vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (TD)

Longest Return

- 87 Rodney Harrison, New England vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 1 Dick Anderson, Baltimore vs. Miami, 1971
- Vernon Perry, Houston vs. Pittsburgh, 1979
- A.J. Duhe, Miami vs. N.Y. Jets, 1982
- Darryl Talley, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990
- Carlton Bailey, Buffalo vs. Denver, 1991
- Rodney Harrison, New England vs. Pittsburgh, 2004

PUNTING

Most Punts, Game

- 11 Jim Norton, Houston vs. Oakland, 1967

Longest Punt

- 76 Mike Horan, Denver vs. Buffalo, 1991

Highest Punting Average, Game (4 punts)

- 56.0 Ray Guy, Oakland vs. San Diego, 1980

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns, Game

- 6 Theo Bell, Pittsburgh vs. Houston, 1978
- Kurt Sohn, N.Y. Jets vs. Miami, 1982

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 91 Theo Bell, Pittsburgh vs. Houston, 1978

Longest Return

- 74 George (Butch) Byrd, Buffalo vs. San Diego, 1965 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 1 George (Butch) Byrd, Buffalo vs. San Diego, 1965
- Troy Brown, New England vs. Pittsburgh, 2001

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns, Game

- 6 Lorenzo Hampton, Miami vs. New England, 1985
- Eric Metcalf, Cleveland vs. Denver, 1989
- Jamie Holland, L.A. Raiders vs. Buffalo, 1990

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 174 Derrick Mason, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, 1999

Longest Return

- 80 Derrick Mason, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, 1999 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 1 Derrick Mason, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, 1999

TEAM RECORDS**GAMES****Most Games**

14 Oakland/L.A. Raiders, 1967-70, 1973-77, 1980, 1983, 1990, 2000, 2002

Most Consecutive Games

5 Oakland, 1973-77

Most Games Won

6 Buffalo, 1964-65, 1990-93
Denver, 1977, 1986-87, 1989, 1997-98

Most Consecutive Games Won

4 Buffalo, 1990-93

Most Games Lost

9 Oakland/L.A. Raiders, 1968-70, 1973-75, 1977, 1990, 2000

Most Consecutive Games Lost

3 Oakland, 1968-70, 1973-75

SCORING**POINTS****Most Points, Game**

51 San Diego vs. Boston, 1963
Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990

Fewest Points, Game

0 San Diego vs. Buffalo, 1965
Baltimore vs. Miami, 1971
N.Y. Jets vs. Miami, 1982

Most Points, Both Teams, Game

73 Miami (45) vs. Pittsburgh (28), 1984

Fewest Points, Both Teams, Game

13 San Diego (3) vs. Houston (10), 1961

Most Points, By Quarters

1st: 21 San Diego vs. Boston, 1963
Oakland vs. San Diego, 1980
Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990
2nd: 20 Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990
3rd: 21 Cleveland vs. Denver, 1987, 1989
4th: 21 Pittsburgh vs. Oakland, 1974
1st OT: 3 Denver vs. Cleveland, 1986
2nd OT: 3 Dallas vs. Houston, 1962

TOUCHDOWNS**Most Touchdowns, Game**

7 San Diego vs. Boston, 1963 (4-r, 3-p)
Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990 (4-r, 2-p, 1-int)

Fewest Touchdowns, Game

0 San Diego vs. Houston, 1961; vs. Buffalo, 1965
Baltimore vs. Miami, 1971
Houston vs. Pittsburgh, 1978
N.Y. Jets vs. Miami, 1982
L.A. Raiders vs. Buffalo, 1990
Jacksonville vs. New England, 1996
Oakland vs. Baltimore, 2000

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

10 Miami (6) vs. Pittsburgh (4), 1984

Fewest Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

1 San Diego (0) vs. Houston (1), 1961
Oakland (0) vs. Baltimore (1), 2000

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN**Most Points After Touchdown, Game**

6 San Diego vs. Boston, 1963
Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1984
Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990

Most Points After Touchdown, Both Teams, Game

10 Miami (6) vs. Pittsburgh (4), 1984

FIELD GOALS**Most Field Goals, Game**

5 Buffalo vs. Miami, 1992 (6 att)
New England vs. Indianapolis, 2003 (5 att)

Most Field Goals, Both Teams, Game

6 Buffalo (5) vs. Miami (1), 1992 (7 att)

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game

6 Oakland vs. Houston, 1967
Buffalo vs. Miami, 1992

Most Field Goals Attempted, Both Teams, Game

7 Buffalo (5) vs. San Diego (2), 1965
Oakland (4) vs. N.Y. Jets (3), 1968
Buffalo (6) vs. Miami (1), 1992
Indianapolis (4) vs. Pittsburgh (3), 1995

FIRST DOWNS**Most First Downs, Game**

30 Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990

Fewest First Downs, Game

9 Buffalo vs. Kansas City, 1966

Most First Downs, Both Teams, Game

53 Tennessee (28) vs. Oakland (25), 2002

Fewest First Downs, Both Teams, Game

23 Buffalo (9) vs. Kansas City (14), 1966
N.Y. Jets (10) vs. Miami (13), 1982

NET YARDS GAINED RUSHING AND PASSING**Most Net Yards Gained, Game**

610 San Diego vs. Boston, 1963 (318-r, 292-p)

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game

139 N.Y. Jets vs. Miami, 1982 (62-r, 77-p)

Most Net Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

1,024 Miami (569) vs. Pittsburgh (455), 1984

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

337 N.Y. Jets (139) vs. Miami (198), 1982

RUSHING**ATTEMPTS****Most Attempts, Game**

59 New England vs. Miami, 1985

Fewest Attempts, Game

11 Miami vs. Buffalo, 1992

Most Attempts, Both Teams, Game

84 Dallas (54) vs. Houston (30), 1962

Fewest Attempts, Both Teams, Game

46 Buffalo (13) vs. Kansas City (33), 1966

YARDS GAINED**Most Yards Gained, Game**

318 San Diego vs. Boston, 1963

Fewest Yards Gained, Game

14 N.Y. Jets vs. Denver, 1998

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

393 San Diego (318) vs. Boston (75), 1963

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

125 Pittsburgh (58) vs. New England (67), 2001

Longest Gain

67 Oakland vs. Houston, 1967 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS**Most Touchdowns, Game**

4 San Diego vs. Boston, 1963
Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

5 San Diego (4) vs. Boston (1), 1963

PASSING**ATTEMPTS****Most Attempts, Game**

54 Pittsburgh vs. San Diego, 1994

Fewest Attempts, Game

6 Miami vs. Oakland, 1973

Most Attempts, Both Teams, Game

96 N.Y. Jets (49) vs. Oakland (47), 1968

Fewest Attempts, Both Teams, Game

29 Miami (6) vs. Oakland (23), 1973

COMPLETIONS**Most Passes Completed, Game**

32 Pittsburgh vs. San Diego, 1994

Fewest Passes Completed, Game

3 Miami vs. Oakland, 1973

Most Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game

50 Oakland (29) vs. Tennessee (21), 2002

Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game

18 Miami (3) vs. Oakland (15), 1973

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE**Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 att)**

73.9 Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990 (23-17)

Lowest Completion Percentage, Game (20 att)

36.1 San Diego vs. Buffalo, 1964 (36-13)

Highest Completion Percentage, Both Teams, Game

64.9 Oakland (70.7) vs. Tennessee (58.3), 2002 (77-50)

Lowest Completion Percentage, Both Teams, Game

38.7 Oakland (37.8) vs. Kansas City (41.2), 1969 (62-24)

YARDS GAINED**Most Yards Gained, Game**

435 Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1984

Fewest Yards Gained, Game

26 Miami vs. Oakland, 1973

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Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

747 Miami (435) vs. Pittsburgh (312), 1984

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

137 Miami (60) vs. N.Y. Jets (77), 1982

Longest Gain

96 Baltimore vs. Oakland, 2000 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

4 Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1984

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

7 Miami (4) vs. Pittsburgh (3), 1984

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted By, Game

6 San Diego vs. Houston, 1961
Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990

Most Passes Intercepted By, Both Teams, Game

10 San Diego (6) vs. Houston (4), 1961

Fewest Passes Intercepted By, Both Teams, Game

0 Tennessee (0) vs. Oakland (0), 2002

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

136 Dallas vs. Houston, 1962

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

136 Dallas (136) vs. Houston (0), 1962

Longest Return

87 New England vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

1 Miami vs. Baltimore, 1971; vs. N.Y. Jets, 1982
Houston vs. Pittsburgh, 1979
Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1990
Buffalo vs. Denver, 1991
New England vs. Pittsburgh, 2004

PUNTING

Most Punts, Game

11 Houston vs. Oakland, 1967

Fewest Punts, Game

1 Miami vs. Oakland, 1973
Pittsburgh vs. Houston, 1978
Indianapolis vs. New England, 2003

Most Punts, Both Teams, Game

20 Miami (10) vs. N.Y. Jets (10), 1982

Fewest Punts, Both Teams, Game

3 Miami (1) vs. Oakland (2), 1973
Indianapolis (1) vs. New England (2), 2003

AVERAGE YARDAGE

Highest Punting Average, Game

56.0 Oakland vs. San Diego, 1980

Lowest Punting Average, Game

29.5 San Diego vs. Cincinnati, 1981

Highest Punting Average, Both Teams, Game

50.8 Oakland (56.0) vs. San Diego (40.5), 1980

Lowest Punting Average, Both Teams, Game

30.2 San Diego (29.5) vs. Cincinnati (30.7), 1981

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns, Game

6 Oakland vs. Houston, 1967
Pittsburgh vs. Houston, 1978
N.Y. Jets vs. Miami, 1982

Fewest Punt Returns, Game

0 Houston vs. L.A. Chargers, 1960; vs. Oakland, 1967; vs. Pittsburgh, 1978
Boston vs. San Diego, 1963
San Diego vs. Boston, 1963
Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1972
Oakland vs. Pittsburgh, 1974; vs. Tennessee, 2002
Cincinnati vs. San Diego, 1981
Seattle vs. L.A. Raiders, 1983
Buffalo vs. Denver, 1991
Indianapolis vs. New England, 2003

Most Punt Returns, Both Teams, Game

9 N.Y. Jets (6) vs. Miami (3), 1982

Fewest Punt Returns, Both Teams, Game

0 Boston vs. San Diego, 1963

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

91 Pittsburgh vs. Houston, 1978

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

122 Denver (79) vs. N.Y. Jets (43), 1998

Longest Return

74 Buffalo vs. San Diego, 1965 (TD)

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns, Game

9 Boston vs. San Diego, 1963
Houston vs. Oakland, 1967
L.A. Raiders vs. Buffalo, 1990

Fewest Kickoff Returns, Game

0 Houston vs. San Diego, 1961
Denver vs. Cleveland, 1989

Most Kickoff Returns, Both Teams, Game

13 Pittsburgh (8) vs. New England (5), 2004

Fewest Kickoff Returns, Both Teams, Game

2 Houston (0) vs. San Diego (2), 1961
Miami (1) vs. N.Y. Jets (1), 1982

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

215 Houston vs. Oakland, 1967

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

294 Houston (215) vs. Oakland (79), 1967

Longest Return

80 Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, 1999

AFC/AFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TOP PERFORMANCES

RUSHING YARDS

206 Keith Lincoln, San Diego vs. Boston, 1/5/64
186 Thurman Thomas, Buffalo vs. Kansas City, 1/23/94
167 Terrell Davis, Denver vs. N.Y. Jets, 1/17/99
165 Paul Lowe, L.A. Chargers vs. Houston, 1/1/61
154 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Seattle, 1/8/84
144 Hewritt Dixon, Oakland vs. Houston, 12/31/67
139 Terrell Davis, Denver vs. Pittsburgh, 1/11/98
138 Thurman Thomas, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1/20/91
122 Cookie Gilchrist, Buffalo vs. San Diego, 12/26/64
117 Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Oakland, 12/30/73
116 Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Houston, 12/31/67
111 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Oakland, 12/29/74
110 Fred Taylor, Jacksonville vs. Tennessee, 1/23/00
105 Craig James, New England vs. Miami, 1/12/86
105 Jerome Bettis, Pittsburgh vs. Denver, 1/11/98
102 Ickey Woods, Cincinnati vs. Buffalo, 1/8/89

PASSING YARDS

421 Dan Marino, Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1/6/85
401 Daryle Lamonica, Oakland vs. N.Y. Jets, 12/29/68
385 John Elway, Denver vs. Cleveland, 1/14/90
356 Bernie Kosar, Cleveland vs. Denver, 1/17/88
356 Vinny Testaverde, N.Y. Jets vs. Denver, 1/17/99
349 Neil O'Donnell, Pittsburgh vs. San Diego, 1/15/95
336 Dan Fouts, San Diego vs. Oakland, 1/11/81
312 Mark Malone, Pittsburgh vs. Miami, 1/6/85
301 George Blanda, Houston vs. L.A. Chargers, 1/1/61
300 Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. L.A. Raiders, 1/20/91
286 Rich Gannon, Oakland vs. Tennessee, 1/19/03
281 John Elway, Denver vs. Cleveland, 1/17/88
271 George Blanda, Oakland vs. Baltimore, 1/3/71
271 Ken Stabler, Oakland vs. Pittsburgh, 12/29/74
268 Dan Marino, Miami vs. Buffalo, 1/17/93
267 Jim Harbaugh, Indianapolis vs. Pittsburgh, 1/14/96
266 Joe Namath, N.Y. Jets vs. Oakland, 12/29/68

RECEPTIONS

9 Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Pittsburgh, 12/29/74
9 Tim Brown, Oakland vs. Tennessee, 1/19/03
8 Charles Smith, Oakland vs. Kansas City, 1/4/70
8 Tony Nathan, Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1/6/85
8 Ernie Mills, Pittsburgh vs. San Diego, 1/15/95
8 Wayne Chrebet, N.Y. Jets vs. Denver, 1/17/99
8 Troy Brown, New England vs. Pittsburgh, 1/27/02
8 David Givens, New England vs. Indianapolis, 1/18/04
7 18 are tied, most recent: Troy Brown, New England vs. Indianapolis, 1/18/04

RECEIVING YARDS

190 Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland vs. N.Y. Jets, 12/29/68
186 Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Pittsburgh, 12/29/74
168 Haven Moses, Denver vs. Oakland, 1/1/78
148 Mark Duper, Miami vs. Pittsburgh, 1/6/85
134 Mark Jackson, Denver vs. Cleveland, 1/17/88
130 Charlie Joiner, San Diego vs. Oakland, 1/11/81
128 Billy Cannon, Houston vs. L.A. Chargers, 1/1/61
127 Bobby Burnett, Buffalo vs. Kansas City, 1/1/67
125 Paul Warfield, Miami vs. Baltimore, 1/2/72

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Includes NFL Championship Games (1933-1969)

Season	Date	Winner (Share)	Loser (Share)	Score	Site	Attendance
2004	Jan. 23	Philadelphia (\$36,500)	Atlanta (\$36,500)	27-10	Philadelphia	67,717
2003	Jan. 18	Carolina (\$36,500)	Philadelphia (\$36,500)	14-3	Philadelphia	67,862
2002	Jan. 19	Tampa Bay (\$35,000)	Philadelphia (\$35,000)	27-10	Philadelphia	66,713
2001	Jan. 27	St. Louis (\$34,500)	Philadelphia (\$34,500)	29-24	St. Louis	66,502
2000	Jan. 14	N.Y. Giants (\$34,500)	Minnesota (\$34,500)	41-0	East Rutherford	79,310
1999	Jan. 23	St. Louis (\$33,000)	Tampa Bay (\$33,000)	11-6	St. Louis	66,396
1998	Jan. 17	Atlanta (\$32,500)	Minnesota (\$32,500)	30-27*	Minnesota	64,060
1997	Jan. 11	Green Bay (\$30,000)	San Francisco (\$30,000)	23-10	San Francisco	68,987
1996	Jan. 12	Green Bay (\$29,000)	Carolina (\$29,000)	30-13	Green Bay	60,216
1995	Jan. 14	Dallas (\$27,000)	Green Bay (\$27,000)	38-27	Dallas	65,135
1994	Jan. 15	San Francisco (\$23,500)	Dallas (\$23,500)	38-28	San Francisco	69,125
1993	Jan. 23	Dallas (\$23,500)	San Francisco (\$23,500)	38-21	Dallas	64,902
1992	Jan. 17	Dallas (\$18,000)	San Francisco (\$18,000)	30-20	San Francisco	64,920
1991	Jan. 12	Washington (\$18,000)	Detroit (\$18,000)	41-10	Washington	55,585
1990	Jan. 20	N.Y. Giants (\$18,000)	San Francisco (\$18,000)	15-13	San Francisco	65,750
1989	Jan. 14	San Francisco (\$18,000)	L.A. Rams (\$18,000)	30-3	San Francisco	65,634
1988	Jan. 8	San Francisco (\$18,000)	Chicago (\$18,000)	28-3	Chicago	66,946
1987	Jan. 17	Washington (\$18,000)	Minnesota (\$18,000)	17-10	Washington	55,212
1986	Jan. 11	New York Giants (\$18,000)	Washington (\$18,000)	17-0	New York	76,891
1985	Jan. 12	Chicago (\$18,000)	L.A. Rams (\$18,000)	24-0	Chicago	66,030
1984	Jan. 6	San Francisco (\$18,000)	Chicago (\$18,000)	23-0	San Francisco	61,336
1983	Jan. 8	Washington (\$18,000)	San Francisco (\$18,000)	24-21	Washington	55,363
1982	Jan. 22	Washington (\$18,000)	Dallas (\$18,000)	31-17	Washington	55,045
1981	Jan. 10	San Francisco (\$9,000)	Dallas (\$9,000)	28-27	San Francisco	60,525
1980	Jan. 11	Philadelphia (\$9,000)	Dallas (\$9,000)	20-7	Philadelphia	71,522
1979	Jan. 6	Los Angeles (\$9,000)	Tampa Bay (\$9,000)	9-0	Tampa	72,033
1978	Jan. 7	Dallas (\$9,000)	Los Angeles (\$9,000)	28-0	Los Angeles	71,086
1977	Jan. 1	Dallas (\$9,000)	Minnesota (\$9,000)	23-6	Dallas	64,293
1976	Dec. 26	Minnesota (\$8,500)	Los Angeles (\$8,500)	24-13	Minnesota	48,379
1975	Jan. 4	Dallas (\$8,500)	Los Angeles (\$8,500)	37-7	Los Angeles	88,919
1974	Dec. 29	Minnesota (\$8,500)	Los Angeles (\$8,500)	14-10	Minnesota	48,444
1973	Dec. 30	Minnesota (\$8,500)	Dallas (\$8,500)	27-10	Dallas	64,422
1972	Dec. 31	Washington (\$8,500)	Dallas (\$8,500)	26-3	Washington	53,129
1971	Jan. 2	Dallas (\$8,500)	San Francisco (\$8,500)	14-3	Dallas	63,409
1970	Jan. 3	Dallas (\$8,500)	San Francisco (\$8,500)	17-10	San Francisco	59,364
1969	Jan. 4	Minnesota (\$7,930)	Cleveland (\$7,930)	27-7	Minnesota	46,503
1968	Dec. 29	Baltimore (\$9,306)	Cleveland (\$9,306)	34-0	Cleveland	78,410
1967	Dec. 31	Green Bay (\$7,950)	Dallas (\$7,950)	21-17	Green Bay	50,861
1966	Jan. 1	Green Bay (\$9,813)	Dallas (\$9,813)	34-27	Dallas	74,152
1965	Jan. 2	Green Bay (\$7,819)	Cleveland (\$7,819)	23-12	Green Bay	50,777
1964	Dec. 27	Cleveland (\$8,052)	Baltimore (\$8,052)	27-0	Cleveland	79,544
1963	Dec. 29	Chicago (\$5,899)	New York (\$5,899)	14-10	Chicago	45,801
1962	Dec. 30	Green Bay (\$5,888)	New York (\$5,888)	16-7	New York	64,892
1961	Dec. 30	Green Bay (\$5,195)	New York (\$5,195)	37-0	Green Bay	39,029
1960	Dec. 26	Philadelphia (\$5,116)	Green Bay (\$5,116)	17-13	Philadelphia	67,325
1959	Dec. 27	Baltimore (\$4,674)	New York (\$4,674)	31-16	Baltimore	57,545
1958	Dec. 28	Baltimore (\$4,718)	New York (\$4,718)	23-17*	New York	64,185
1957	Dec. 29	Detroit (\$4,295)	Cleveland (\$4,295)	59-14	Detroit	55,263
1956	Dec. 30	New York (\$3,779)	Chi. Bears (\$3,779)	47-7	New York	56,836
1955	Dec. 26	Cleveland (\$3,508)	Los Angeles (\$3,508)	38-14	Los Angeles	85,693
1954	Dec. 26	Cleveland (\$2,478)	Detroit (\$2,478)	56-10	Cleveland	43,827
1953	Dec. 27	Detroit (\$2,424)	Cleveland (\$2,424)	17-16	Detroit	54,577
1952	Dec. 28	Detroit (\$2,274)	Cleveland (\$2,274)	17-7	Cleveland	50,934
1951	Dec. 23	Los Angeles (\$2,108)	Cleveland (\$2,108)	24-17	Los Angeles	57,522
1950	Dec. 24	Cleveland (\$1,113)	Los Angeles (\$1,113)	30-28	Cleveland	29,751
1949	Dec. 18	Philadelphia (\$1,094)	Los Angeles (\$1,094)	14-0	Los Angeles	27,980
1948	Dec. 19	Philadelphia (\$1,540)	Chi. Cardinals (\$1,540)	7-0	Philadelphia	36,309
1947	Dec. 28	Chi. Cardinals (\$1,132)	Philadelphia (\$1,132)	28-21	Chicago	30,759
1946	Dec. 15	Chi. Bears (\$1,975)	New York (\$1,975)	24-14	New York	58,346
1945	Dec. 16	Cleveland (\$1,469)	Washington (\$1,469)	15-14	Cleveland	32,178
1944	Dec. 17	Green Bay (\$1,449)	New York (\$1,449)	14-7	New York	46,016
1943	Dec. 26	Chi. Bears (\$1,146)	Washington (\$1,146)	41-21	Chicago	34,320
1942	Dec. 13	Washington (\$965)	Chi. Bears (\$965)	14-6	Washington	36,006
1941	Dec. 21	Chi. Bears (\$430)	New York (\$430)	37-9	Chicago	13,341
1940	Dec. 8	Chi. Bears (\$873)	Washington (\$873)	73-0	Washington	36,034
1939	Dec. 10	Green Bay (\$703.97)	New York (\$703.97)	27-0	Milwaukee	32,279
1938	Dec. 11	New York (\$504.45)	Green Bay (\$504.45)	23-17	New York	48,120
1937	Dec. 12	Washington (\$225.90)	Chi. Bears (\$225.90)	28-21	Chicago	15,870
1936	Dec. 13	Green Bay (\$250)	Boston (\$250)	21-6	New York	29,545
1935	Dec. 15	Detroit (\$313.35)	New York (\$313.35)	26-7	Detroit	15,000
1934	Dec. 9	New York (\$621)	Chi. Bears (\$621)	30-13	New York	35,059
1933	Dec. 17	Chi. Bears (\$210.34)	New York (\$210.34)	23-21	Chicago	26,000

*sudden death overtime

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME COMPOSITE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Green Bay Packers	10	3	.769	303	177
Baltimore Colts	3	1	.750	88	60
Detroit Lions	4	2	.667	139	141
Washington Redskins*	7	5	.583	222	255
Philadelphia Eagles	5	4	.556	143	128
Chicago Bears	7	6	.538	286	245
Dallas Cowboys	8	8	.500	361	319
Minnesota Vikings	4	4	.500	135	151
Arizona Cardinals**	1	1	.500	28	28
Atlanta Falcons	1	1	.500	40	54
Carolina Panthers	1	1	.500	27	33
San Francisco 49ers	5	7	.417	245	222
Cleveland Browns	4	7	.364	224	253
St. Louis Rams***	5	9	.357	163	300
New York Giants	6	11	.353	281	322
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1	2	.333	33	30

*One game played when franchise was in Boston (Lost 21-6)

**Both games played when franchise was in Chicago (Won 28-21, lost 7-0)

***One game played when franchise was in Cleveland (Won 15-14), and 11 games when franchise was in Los Angeles (Won 2, lost 9, scored 108 points, allowed 256 points).

2004

PHILADELPHIA 27, ATLANTA 10—Donovan McNabb completed 2 touchdown passes as the Eagles reached their first Super Bowl since Super Bowl XV after the 1980 season. The Eagles, who had lost the previous three NFC Championship Games, allowed just 202 yards in a game played in a wind chill between 0 and -5 degrees. The Eagles had the wind in the first quarter, but used a 36-yard run by Brian Westbrook to set up Dorsey Levens' touchdown run. The Falcons responded with a 17-play drive, but after reaching the 2-yard line, the Falcons had to settle for a field goal after Hollis Thomas sacked Michael Vick on third-and-goal from the Eagles' 3. The Eagles drove into the 35-mile-per-hour wind and drove 72 yards, keyed by Freddie Mitchell's 13-yard reception on third-and-11 near mid-field, and Greg Lewis' 45-yard catch that led to Chad Lewis' 3-yard scoring grab. Atlanta needed just five plays late in the half to pull within 14-10 on Warrick Dunn's 10-yard run. The Eagles added a field goal to begin the second half, and Brian Dawkins' interception and 19-yard return to the Falcons' 11 led to David Akers' second field goal and a 20-10 lead. The Falcons were unable to take advantage of the wind in the fourth quarter, failing to drive beyond the Eagles' 37 in three possessions. Philadelphia extended the lead on an 11-play, 65-yard drive that culminated with Chad Lewis' 2-yard catch with 3:21 remaining. McNabb was 17 of 26 for 180 yards and 2 touchdowns. Vick was 11 of 24 for 136 yards, with 1 interception.

Atlanta (10)	Offense	Philadelphia (27)
Dez White	WR	Todd Pinkston
Kevin Shaffer	LT	Tra Thomas
Roberto Garza	LG	Artis Hicks
Todd McClure	C	Hank Fraley
Kynan Forney	RG	Jermame Mayberry
Todd Weiner	RT	Jon Runyan
Alge Crumpler	TE	Chad Lewis
Peerless Price	WR	Freddie Mitchell
Michael Vick	QB	Donovan McNabb
Eric Beverly	TE-FB	Josh Parry
Warrick Dunn	RB	Brian Westbrook

	Defense	
Brady Smith	LE	Jevon Kearse
Ed Jasper	LT	Corey Simon
Rod Coleman	RT	Darwin Walker
Patrick Kerney	RE	Derrick Burgess
Keith Brooking	OLB-WLB	Keith Adams
Chris Draft	MLB	Jeremiah Trotter
Matt Stewart	OLB-SLB	Dhani Jones
Jason Webster	LCB	Lito Sheppard
DeAngelo Hall	RCB	Sheldon Brown
Bryan Scott	SS	Michael Lewis
Cory Hall	FS	Brian Dawkins

SUBSTITUTIONS

Atlanta—Specialists: K—Jay Feely. P—Chris Mohr. Offense: QB—Matt Schaub. FB—Carey Davis, Fred McCrary. RB—T.J. Duckett. WR—Brian Finneran, Michael

Jenkins. TE—Dwayne Blakley, Derek Rackley. G—Steve Herndon. C—Austin King. Defense: DT—Chad Lavalais. DE—Antwan Lake, Khaleed Vaughn. LB—Eric Johnson, Artie Ulmer, Demorrio Williams. CB—Aaron Beasley, Christian Morton, Allen Rossum. S—Kevin McCadam, Siddeeq Shabazz.

Philadelphia—Specialists: K—David Akers. P—Dirk Johnson. Offense: QB—Koy Detmer. RB—Dorsey Levens, Reno Mahe. WR—Greg Lewis, Billy McMullen. TE—Mike Bartrum, L.J. Smith. C—Alonzo Ephraim. G—Steve Sciuolo. Defense: DT—Sam Rayburn, Hollis Thomas. DE—Jerome McDougle. LB—Hugh Douglas, Mike Labinjo, Ike Reese, Nate Wayne. CB—Roderick Hood, Matt Ware, Dexter Wynn. S—Quintin Mikell, J.R. Reed.

OFFICIALS

Referee—Bill Carollo. Umpire—Jim Quirk. Line Judge—Byron Boston. Side Judge—John Parry. Head Linesman—Tony Veteri. Back Judge—Steve Freeman. Field Judge—Doug Rosenbaum.

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Philadelphia 7 7 6 7 — 27

Phil — Levens 4 run (Akers kick)

Atl — FG Feely 23

Phil — C. Lewis 3 pass from McNabb (Akers kick)

Atl — Dunn 10 run (Feely kick)

Phil — FG Akers 31

Phil — FG Akers 34

Phil — C. Lewis 2 pass from McNabb (Akers kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	ATL	PHIL
Total First Downs	14	22
Rushing	7	9
Passing	4	9
Penalty	3	4
Total Net Yardage	202	326
Total Offensive Plays	54	62
Average Gain Per Offensive Play	3.7	5.3
Rushes	26	33
Yards Gained Rushing (Net)	99	156
Average Yards per Rush	3.8	4.7
Passes Attempted	24	27
Passes Completed	11	18
Had Intercepted	1	0
Tackled Attempting to Pass	4	2
Yards Lost Attempting to Pass	33	13
Yards Gained Passing (Net)	103	170
Punts	5	3
Average Distance	26.0	38.3
Punt Returns	2	1
Punt Return Yardage	20	(-4)
Kickoff Returns	5	3
Kickoff Return Yardage	117	54
Interception Return Yardage	0	19
Total Return Yardage	137	69
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Own Fumbles Recovered	1	2
Opponent Fumbles Recovered	0	0
Penalties	5	6
Yards Penalized	24	59
Field Goals	1	2
Field Goals Attempted	1	2
Third-Down Efficiency	2/11	7/14
Fourth-Down Efficiency	2/3	0/1
Time of Possession	26:45	33:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: ATL: Dunn 15-59-1, Vick 4-26-0, Duckett 7-14-0. PHIL: Westbrook 16-96-0, McNabb 10-32-0, Levens 6-18-1, G. Lewis 1-10-0.

PASSING: ATL: Vick 24-11-136-0-1. PHIL: McNabb 26-17-180-2-0, Detmer 1-3-0-0.

RECEIVING: ATL: Crumpler 4-49-0, Price 2-37-0, Finneran 1-29-0, Jenkins 1-7-0, White 1-7-0, Dunn 1-4-0, McCrary 1-3-0. PHIL: Westbrook 5-39-0, C. Lewis 4-20-2, G. Lewis 2-65-0, Mitchell 2-20-0, Levens 2-2-0, Smith 1-21-0, Pinkston 1-13-0, Parry 1-3-0.

KICKOFF RETURNS: ATL: Rossum 4-102-0, Hall 1-15-0. PHIL: Hood 2-33-0, Reed 1-21-0.

PUNT RETURNS: ATL: Rossum 2-20-0. PHIL: Mahe 1-(-4)-0.

PUNTING: ATL: Mohr 5-130-26-0. PHIL: Johnson 3-115-38-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: ATL: None. PHIL: Dawkins 1-19-0.

SACKS: ATL: Kerney, B. Smith. PHIL: Burgess 2-0, Kearse, H. Thomas.

2003

CAROLINA 14, PHILADELPHIA 3—Jake Delhomme passed for a touchdown and the Panthers forced 4 turnovers to advance to their first Super Bowl appearance. After a scoreless first quarter, Delhomme engineered an 8-play, 79-yard drive with 2 third-down conversions and capped by Muhsin Muhammad's 24-yard touchdown catch. The Eagles responded with a 41-yard field goal by David Akers. Two plays before the field goal, Donovan McNabb injured his ribs when, after tripping, he was hit by Mike Rucker. In the third quarter, Ricky Manning Jr. twice intercepted McNabb's passes. The first came at the Panthers' 14 to stop a drive, and the latter came at the Eagles' 37 to setup DeShaun Foster's 1-yard run with 4:11 left in the third quarter. Koy Detmer replaced the injured McNabb with 9:31 left, and drove the Eagles 81 yards to the Panthers' 11, but Dan Morgan intercepted his third-and-3 pass with 5:16 left. The Eagles got the ball back one last time, but Detmer's fourth-and-18 pass from midfield fell incomplete with 1:58 left. Delhomme was 9 of 14 for 101 yards and 1 touchdown. McNabb was 10 of 22 for 100 yards, with 3 interceptions, and Detmer was 7 of 14 for 88 yards, with 1 interception.

Carolina 0 7 7 0 — 14

Philadelphia 0 3 0 0 — 3

Car — Muhammad 24 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick)

Phil — FG Akers 41

Car — Foster 1 run (Kasay kick)

2002

TAMPA BAY 27, PHILADELPHIA 10—A 71-yard pass reception by Joe Jurevicius sparked the Buccaneers, and Ronde Barber's 92-yard interception return for a touchdown in the final moments clinched Tampa Bay's first NFC title. The final game at Veterans Stadium began with a bang, as Brian Mitchell returned the opening kickoff 70 yards, and Duce Staley scored on a 20-yard touchdown run two plays later to stake the Eagles to a 7-0 lead just 52 seconds into the game. The Buccaneers answered with a field goal. Late in the first quarter, on third-and-2, Jurevicius caught a short crossing pass from Brad Johnson and flew 71 yards down the left sideline to the Eagles' 5. Mike Alstott scored two plays later to give Tampa Bay its first lead. David Akers' 30-yard field goal tied the game midway through the second quarter, but the Buccaneers again responded by putting points on the board, with the 12-play, 80-yard drive capped by Keyshawn Johnson's 9-yard scoring grab. With the Eagles in field-goal range just before halftime, Simeon Rice sacked Donovan McNabb, forced him to fumble, and recovered the ball to quell the threat. Late in the third quarter, a 15-yard penalty by the Eagles for interfering with the opportunity to make a fair catch on a punt gave Tampa Bay the ball near midfield and set up Martin Gramatica's second field goal for a 20-10 lead. The Eagles drove to the Buccaneers' 10 in the fourth quarter, but on first-and-goal, Barber stepped in front of McNabb's short pass and raced untouched 92 yards with 3:12 remaining for the game-clinching touchdown. The Eagles' defense limited Tampa Bay to just 49 rushing yards on 32 carries, but Johnson completed 20 of 33 passes for 259 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception, and was not sacked. McNabb was 26 of 49 for 243 yards, with 1 interception.

Tampa Bay 10 7 3 7 — 27

Philadelphia 7 3 0 0 — 10

Phil — Staley 20 run (Akers kick)

TB — FG Gramatica 48

TB — Alstott 1 run (Gramatica kick)

Phil — FG Akers 30

TB — K. Johnson 9 pass from B. Johnson

(Gramatica kick)

TB — FG Gramatica 27

TB — Barber 92 interception return

(Gramatica kick)

2001

ST. LOUIS 29, PHILADELPHIA 24—Marshall Faulk rushed for 159 yards and 2 touchdowns as the Rams held off the Eagles to advance to their second Super Bowl in three seasons. Leonard Little forced Donovan McNabb to fumble two plays into the game, and Brian Young recovered. Kurt Warner's 5-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce five plays later staked the Rams to an early 7-0 lead. After an exchange of field goals, the Rams looked to extend their seven-point lead early in the second quarter, but Jeff Wilkins' 53-yard field-goal attempt hit the right upright. The Eagles took advantage, keyed by Correll Buckhalter's 31-yard run, to tie the game on Duce Staley's 1-yard touchdown run with 6:56 left in the first half. Faulk's 31-yard run moments later set up Wilkins' 39-yard field goal, but McNabb completed 2 third-down passes on the ensuing drive to set up his 12-yard touchdown pass to Todd Pinkston with 46 seconds left in the half to take a 17-13 lead into the locker room. The Eagles had a chance to extend their lead as Yo Murphy fumbled the kickoff to open the second half, but Nick Sorensen recovered for the Rams. Warner's 21-yard third-down pass to Torry Holt keyed the ensuing 12-play drive, capped by Wilkins' third field goal, to cut the deficit to 17-16. After a three-and-out, the Rams used a 10-play, 71-yard drive to take a 22-17 lead on Faulk's 1-yard run with 1:18 left in the third quarter. After two more three-and-outs by the Eagles, Faulk's 25-yard run on third-and-1 led to his second touchdown and gave the Rams a 29-17 lead with 6:55 remaining. Brian Mitchell returned the ensuing kickoff 41 yards to give the Eagles a spark, culminating with McNabb's 3-yard touchdown run, to cut the deficit to 29-24 with 2:56 to play. The Eagles' defense forced a three-and-out, but Aeneas Williams intercepted McNabb's fourth-down pass with 1:47 remaining to stop the rally. Philadelphia had the ball for one last play with three seconds left, but failed to cross midfield during a lateral-pass play. Warner was 22 of 33 for 212 yards and 1 touchdown. McNabb was 18 of 30 for 171 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception.

Philadelphia	3	14	0	7	—	24
St. Louis	10	3	9	7	—	29
STL — Bruce 5 pass from Warner (Wilkins kick)						
Phil — FG Akers 46						
STL — FG Wilkins 27						
Phil — Staley 1 run (Akers kick)						
STL — FG Wilkins 39						
Phil — Pinkston 12 pass from McNabb (Akers kick)						
STL — FG Wilkins 41						
STL — Faulk 1 run (pass failed)						
STL — Faulk 1 run (Wilkins kick)						
Phil — McNabb 3 run (Akers kick)						

2000

N.Y. GIANTS 41, MINNESOTA 0—Kerry Collins passed for 381 yards and 5 touchdowns to lead the Giants to their first Super Bowl berth in 10 years. The Giants' defense forced 5 turnovers and limited the Vikings to 114 yards. Collins needed just 4 plays, and less than two minutes, to score on Ike Hilliard's 46-yard reception. Moe Williams fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Lyle West recovered at the Vikings' 18. On the next play, Collins lofted a scoring pass to Greg Comella to give the Giants a 14-0 lead 2:13 into the game—before the Vikings had taken a snap. Robert Tate's interception gave Minnesota a scoring opportunity midway through the first quarter, but three plays later Emmanuel McDaniel intercepted Daunte Culpepper's pass in the end zone. The Giants proceeded to score on all four of their second-quarter possessions, including drives of 71, 62, and 77 yards. Collins capped the outburst with a 7-yard scoring pass to Hilliard that gave the Giants a 34-0 halftime lead. Cornelius Griffin recovered Culpepper's fumble at the Vikings' 29 early in the second half, and Collins' 7-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer gave the Giants a 41-0 lead with 12:06 left in the third quarter. The Vikings never drove beyond the Giants' 32 the rest of the game, and the Giants used a 19-play drive to run out the final 12:53. Collins completed 28 of 39 passes for 381 yards and 5 touchdowns, with 2 interceptions. Hilliard had 10 receptions for 155 yards. Culpepper was 13 of 28 for 78 yards, with 3 interceptions.

Minnesota	0	0	0	0	—	0
N.Y. Giants	14	20	7	0	—	41
NYG — Hilliard 46 pass from Collins (Daluiso kick)						
NYG — Comella 18 pass from Collins (Daluiso kick)						
NYG — FG Daluiso 21						
NYG — Jurevicius 8 pass from Collins (Daluiso kick)						
NYG — FG Daluiso 22						
NYG — Hilliard 7 pass from Collins (Daluiso kick)						
NYG — Toomer 7 pass from Collins (Daluiso kick)						

1999

ST. LOUIS 11, TAMPA BAY 6—Kurt Warner's 30-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Proehl with 4:44 remaining lifted the Rams to their first Super Bowl in 20 seasons. On the game's first play, Steve White intercepted Warner's pass at the Rams' 20, but the Buccaneers had to settle for Martin Gramatica's field goal. The Rams immediately responded with a field goal by Jeff Wilkins and took a 5-3 lead when Tony Mayberry's Shotgun snap from the Buccaneers' 20 on the first play of the second quarter sailed over Shaun King's head. King batted the ball out of the end zone for a safety, but Wilkins, who was battling patellar tendinitis in his non-kicking knee, missed a 44-yard attempt on the Rams' next possession. Todd Lyght's interception at the Rams' 33 just before the half allowed the Rams to maintain their 5-3 lead. King's 32-yard pass to Jacques Green led to Gramatica's 23-yard field goal early in the third quarter, giving the Buccaneers a 6-5 lead. Warner was intercepted on the Rams' next two possessions, including once by Hardy Nickerson at the Buccaneers' 2, to maintain Tampa Bay's one-point lead. On third-and-11 from midfield with just over eight minutes remaining, Dre' Bly intercepted King's pass and returned it 9 yards to the Buccaneers' 44. Six plays later, on third-and-4 from the Buccaneers' 30, Warner read the blitz and lofted the ball down the left sideline to Proehl, who made a one-handed catch in the end zone despite Brian Kelly's step-for-step defense. The Buccaneers mounted one last attack, but King was sacked twice in the final two minutes, and his fourth-and-11 Hail Mary pass from the Rams' 35 was knocked down in the end zone. Warner was 26 of 43 for 258 yards and 1 touchdown, with 3 interceptions. Proehl, who had not caught a touchdown pass all season, finished with 6 receptions for 100 yards. King was 13 of 29 for 163 yards, with 2 interceptions.

Tampa Bay	3	0	3	0	—	6
St. Louis	3	2	0	6	—	11
TB — FG Gramatica 25						
STL — FG Wilkins 24						
STL — Safety, Mayberry's snap went out of end zone						
TB — FG Gramatica 23						
STL — Proehl 30 pass from Warner (pass failed)						

1998

ATLANTA 30, MINNESOTA 27 (OT)—Chris Chandler passed for 3 touchdowns, and Morten Andersen made a 38-yard field goal 11:52 into overtime to catapult the Falcons into their first Super Bowl. The Falcons drove 12 plays to score on their opening possession, but Minnesota retaliated by scoring on their first four possessions. First, Randall Cunningham capped a 5-play drive with a 31-yard touchdown pass to Randy Moss. Fumbles by Harold Green and O.J. Santiago led to Gary Anderson's 29-yard field goal and Cunningham's 1-yard sneak. Following a punt, Anderson, who did not miss a field-goal or extra-point attempt all season, made a 35-yard field goal to give the Vikings a 20-7 lead with 2:45 left in the half. The Vikings' defense forced another punt and started at their 18 with 1:17 left in the half. After 2 incompletions, Chuck Smith stripped Cunningham of the ball, and Travis Hall recovered. Chandler fired a 14-yard scoring strike to Terance Mathis on the next play to cut the deficit to 20-14 at halftime. Andersen's field goal cut the Vikings' lead to three points midway through the third quarter, but the Vikings used a 15-play, 82-yard drive, culminated by Cunningham's 5-yard touchdown pass to Matthew Hatchette, to take a 27-17 lead with 13:41 left. Chandler's 70-yard pass to Tony Martin set up Andersen's second field goal with 11:02 left, and Cunningham's fumble, recovered by Shane Dronett at the Vikings' 30, kept the Falcons' hopes alive. However, trailing 27-20 and faced with fourth-and-4 from the Vikings' 24 with 6:13 left, Chandler threw an incomplete pass.

The Vikings held onto the ball for the next four minutes, but Anderson's 38-yard field-goal attempt failed, his first miss in 122 attempts. Chandler promptly drove the Falcons downfield, with the big play being a 29-yard pass to Ronnie Harris, and on second-and-10 from the Vikings' 16 with 57 seconds left, Chandler found Mathis just beyond the goal line for the game-tying touchdown. After a scramble and incomplete pass, Cunningham took a knee and the game went to overtime. Minnesota won the toss, but could not move beyond midfield with either of its two possessions. Following the second overtime punt, the Falcons began at the their 9, and Chandler found Santiago for 15- and 26-yard gains to move into Vikings' territory. A scramble by Chandler and a 9-yard run by Jamal Anderson set up Andersen's winning kick. Chandler was 27 of 43 for 340 yards and 3 touchdowns. Martin had 5 catches for 129 yards. Cunningham was 29 of 48 for 266 yards and 2 touchdowns. This was the first championship game to go to overtime since the 1986 AFC Championship Game.

Atlanta	7	7	3	10	3	—	30
Minnesota	7	13	0	7	0	—	27
Atl — J. Anderson 5 pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)							
Minn — Moss 31 pass from Cunningham (G. Anderson kick)							
Minn — FG G. Anderson 29							
Minn — Cunningham 1 run (Anderson kick)							
Minn — FG G. Anderson 35							
Atl — Mathis 14 pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)							
Atl — FG Andersen 27							
Minn — Hatchette 5 pass from Cunningham (G. Anderson kick)							
Atl — FG Andersen 24							
Atl — Mathis 16 pass from Chandler (Andersen kick)							
Atl — FG Andersen 38							

1997

GREEN BAY 23, SAN FRANCISCO 10—A stifling defensive effort by the Packers limited the 49ers to 33 rushing yards, forced 2 turnovers, and recorded 4 sacks as Green Bay earned their fourth Super Bowl appearance. The Packers forced a punt on the game's initial possession and drove to the 1-yard line, but Gary Plummer batted down Brett Favre's third-and-goal pass, forcing Green Bay to settle for Ryan Longwell's field goal. After an exchange of punts, the 49ers drove to the Packers' 28. However, Eugene Robinson intercepted Steve Young's third-down pass and raced 58 yards. Favre fired a 27-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman two plays later to give the Packers a 10-0 lead. The Packers forced another punt and had a chance to extend their lead, but Longwell's 47-yard field-goal attempt failed. The 49ers responded with a 10-play drive, capped by Gary Anderson's field goal with 58 seconds left in the half. On their own 35-yard line with time running out in the half, Favre lofted a 40-yard bomb to Freeman with three seconds left in the half. Longwell trotted onto the field and made a 43-yard field goal to give the Packers a 13-3 halftime lead. Each team punted their first three possessions of the second half, but Tommy Thompson's third punt allowed the Packers to begin at the 49ers' 35. Even with great field position, the 49ers' defense held the Packers to Longwell's third field goal with 5:03 left. The 49ers were forced to go for it on fourth-and-10 from their own 20, only to watch Keith McKenzie sack Young for a 9-yard loss. Levens scored two plays later to give Green Bay a 23-3 lead with 3:10 left. Chuck Levy promptly returned the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, but Jeff Thomason recovered the ensuing onside kick and the Packers clinched their second consecutive NFC title. Favre was 16 of 27 for 222 yards and 1 touchdown. Levens rushed 27 times for 114 yards. Freeman had 4 receptions for 107 yards. Young was 23 of 38 for 250 yards, with 1 interception. Terrell Owens had 6 catches for 100 yards.

Green Bay	3	10	0	10	—	23
San Francisco	0	3	0	7	—	10
GB — FG Longwell 19						
GB — Freeman 27 pass from Favre (Longwell kick)						
SF — FG Anderson 28						
GB — FG Longwell 43						

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GB — FG Longwell 25
GB — Levens 5 run (Longwell kick)
SF — Levy 95 kickoff return (Anderson kick)

1996

GREEN BAY 30, CAROLINA 13—Dorsey Levens combined for 205 total yards of offense, and Brett Favre threw 2 touchdown passes, as the Packers earned their first Super Bowl berth in twenty-nine years. With the wind chill fluctuating between 17- and 25-degrees below zero, the Panthers scored first. Sam Mills intercepted Favre and returned the ball to the 22-yard line, setting up Howard Griffith's touchdown catch. Levens broke off a 35-yard run on third-and-1 late in the first quarter, and then made a spectacular diving catch in the end zone to open the second quarter and tie the game. Lamar Lathon recovered a Favre fumble, setting up John Kasay's go-ahead field goal. Green Bay then scored twice in the final 48 seconds of the first half to turn the game's momentum. Antonio Freeman caught a 6-yard touchdown pass on third-and-3 after Andre Rison's 22-yard catch put the Packers in position. Tyrone Williams then made a diving interception on the Packers' 38-yard line with 35 seconds left in the half. Favre fired a 23-yard pass to Rison and 25-yard bullet to Freeman to set up Chris Jacke's field goal and give Green Bay a 17-10 halftime lead. After an exchange of field goals, Levens turned a screen pass into a 66-yard play, setting up Edgar Bennett's touchdown run. LeRoy Butler recovered Anthony Johnson's fumble on Carolina's next possession, and set up Jacke's last field goal. Green Bay had 201 rushing yards, outgained Carolina 479-251 in total yards, and dominated time of possession (38:03-21:57). The victory gave Green Bay a 9-0 postseason record at Lambeau Field.

Carolina	7	3	3	0	—	13
Green Bay	0	17	10	3	—	30

Car — Griffith 3 pass from Collins (Kasay kick)
GB — Levens 29 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Car — FG Kasay 22
GB — Freeman 6 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
GB — FG Jacke 31
GB — FG Jacke 32
Car — FG Kasay 23
GB — Bennett 4 run (Jacke kick)
GB — FG Jacke 28

1995

DALLAS 38, GREEN BAY 27—Emmitt Smith rushed for 150 yards and 3 touchdowns to help the Cowboys reach the Super Bowl for the third time in four years and a record eighth time overall. Dallas, playing in the NFC Championship Game for the fourth consecutive year, jumped to a 14-3 lead in the first quarter on a pair of touchdown passes from Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin. But the Packers rallied behind 2 touchdown passes from Brett Favre, and the score was tied 17-17 late in the first half when Smith took control. With 4:05 left in the second quarter and the Cowboys pinned at their own 1-yard line by a punt that rolled out of bounds, Smith got his team out of the shadow of its goal line with a 25-yard run. Six plays later, Aikman's 28-yard completion to Irvin moved Dallas into scoring position, and Smith capped the 11-play, 99-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run 24 seconds before halftime. Green Bay rallied again, taking a 27-24 lead on Chris Jacke's 37-yard field goal and Brett Favre's 1-yard touchdown pass to Robert Brooks, only to see Smith rush for 2 more touchdowns to win the game in the fourth quarter. The first was a 5-yard run that capped a 14-play, 90-yard drive, and the latter was a 16-yard run with 9:28 remaining. It was set up by cornerback Larry Brown's interception and 28-yard return. The Cowboys wore down the Packers by controlling the ball for nearly 39 of the game's 60 minutes. Dallas ran more plays (77-55) for more first downs (27-17) and more total yards (419-328), and did not commit a turnover. Aikman completed 21 of 33 passes for 255 yards. Irvin caught 7 passes for 100 yards. Favre, who misfired on his first six attempts and then had his first two completions go for touchdowns, finished with 21 completions in 39 attempts for 307 yards and 3 touchdowns, but was intercepted twice. Brooks caught 6 passes for 105 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Green Bay	10	7	10	0	—	27
Dallas	14	10	0	14	—	38

GB — FG Jacke 46
Dall — Irvin 6 pass from Aikman (Boniol kick)
Dall — Irvin 4 pass from Aikman (Boniol kick)
GB — R. Brooks 73 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
GB — Jackson 24 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Dall — FG Boniol 34
Dall — E. Smith 1 run (Boniol kick)
GB — FG Jacke 37
GB — R. Brooks 1 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Dall — E. Smith 5 run (Boniol kick)
Dall — E. Smith 16 run (Boniol kick)

1994

SAN FRANCISCO 38, DALLAS 28—The 49ers eliminated the two-time defending Super Bowl champions by racing to a 21-0 lead in the game's opening minutes and holding on for the victory. San Francisco, which lost to Dallas in each of the previous two NFC title games, thus qualified for its fifth Super Bowl and dashed the Cowboys' hopes of becoming the first team to win three consecutive Super Bowls. The 49ers took advantage of Dallas turnovers to build its early lead. Cornerback Eric Davis intercepted Troy Aikman's pass on the third play of the game and returned it 44 yards for a touchdown and 7-0 lead with just 1:02 elapsed. Three plays later, Davis forced a fumble that teammate Tim McDonald recovered, and it took San Francisco five plays to convert that into Steve Young's 29-yard touchdown pass to running back Ricky Watters. Kevin Williams fumbled the ensuing kickoff and 49ers kicker Doug Brien recovered at the Cowboys' 35. Fullback William Floyd capped a seven-play drive with a 1-yard run for San Francisco's third touchdown in a span of 6:25. Dallas tried to rally, and pulled within 24-14 late in the first half on a 4-yard run by Emmitt Smith and a 44-yard pass from Aikman to Michael Irvin sandwiched around Brien's 34-yard field goal. But three incompletions that stopped the clock and John Jett's 23-yard punt positioned the 49ers for a back-breaking 28-yard touchdown pass from Young to Jerry Rice just eight seconds before halftime. The Cowboys closed within 10 points twice more in the second half, but were stopped on fourth down twice in the fourth quarter and could get no closer. Dallas finished with a sizeable advantage in total yards (451-294), but was undone by 5 turnovers. Aikman completed 30 of 53 passes for 380 yards and 2 touchdowns, but was intercepted twice. Smith rushed for 74 yards despite nursing an injured hamstring. Irvin caught 12 passes for 192 yards and 2 touchdowns. Young caught 2 touchdowns and ran for another for San Francisco.

Dallas	7	7	7	7	—	28
San Francisco	21	10	7	0	—	38

SF — Daves 44 interception (Brien kick)
SF — Watters 29 pass from Young (Brien kick)
SF — Floyd 1 run (Brien kick)
Dall — Irvin 44 pass from Aikman (Boniol kick)
SF — FG Brien 34
Dall — E. Smith 4 run (Boniol kick)
SF — Rice 28 pass from Young (Brien kick)
Dall — E. Smith 1 run (Boniol kick)
SF — Young 3 run (Brien kick)
Dall — Irvin 10 pass from Aikman (Boniol kick)

1993

DALLAS 38, SAN FRANCISCO 21—Troy Aikman threw 2 touchdown passes and Emmitt Smith scored twice as the Cowboys scored on four of their first five possessions and easily handled the 49ers to win the NFC title. Dallas struck quickly, taking the opening kickoff and marching 75 yards in 11 plays to Smith's 5-yard touchdown run 6:19 into the game. San Francisco tied it when running back Tom Rathman caught a 7-yard touchdown pass from Steve Young on the first play of the second quarter, but the Cowboys broke open the game by scoring touchdowns the next three times they had the ball. They countered Rathman's score with an 11-play, 80-yard drive capped by Daryl Johnston's 4-yard touchdown run 5:12 into the second quarter. Three plays later, safety Thomas Everett intercepted a pass that was tipped by San Francisco's John Taylor, and returned it 14 yards to the 49ers' 24-yard line. It took Dallas only four plays to convert that into Aikman's 11-yard

touchdown pass to Smith 6:04 before intermission. Aikman teamed with tight end Jay Novacek on a 19-yard touchdown pass in the final minute of the first half to give the Cowboys a 28-7 lead. San Francisco pulled within 14 points on a 4-yard touchdown run by Ricky Watters, but Dallas put the game out of reach when Bernie Kosar teamed with Alvin Harper on a 42-yard touchdown pass with 2:24 remaining in the third quarter. Kosar, in the game because Aikman suffered a concussion early in the second half, kept the drive alive with a 12-yard completion to Michael Irvin on third-and-9 from the Cowboys' 19, and also had a 20-yard completion to Novacek on the 7-play, 82-yard drive. Aikman, who did not return, completed 14 of 18 passes for 177 yards. Kosar was 5 of 9 for 83 yards. Smith rushed for 88 yards on 23 carries and caught 7 passes for 85 yards. 49ers quarterback Steve Young completed 27 of 45 passes for 287 yards and led his team with 38 rushing yards. But he also suffered 4 sacks and was supported by only 46 yards from San Francisco's running backs. Dallas, which beat the 49ers 30-20 in the 1992 NFC Championship Game, qualified for its seventh Super Bowl, extending its NFL record. San Francisco lost in the NFC title game for the third time in four years.

San Francisco	0	7	7	7	—	21
Dallas	7	21	7	3	—	38

Dall — E. Smith 5 run (Murray kick)
SF — Rathman 7 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
Dall — Johnston 4 run (Murray kick)
Dall — E. Smith 11 pass from Aikman (Murray kick)
Dall — Novacek 19 pass from Aikman (Murray kick)
SF — Watters 4 run (Cofer kick)
Dall — Harper 42 pass from Kosar (Murray kick)
Dall — FG Murray 50
SF — Young 1 run (Cofer kick)

1992

DALLAS 30, SAN FRANCISCO 20—The Cowboys' offense dominated the second half as Dallas advanced to its record sixth Super Bowl. The day started ominously for the 49ers when, on their opening possession, Steve Young's 63-yard scoring pass to Jerry Rice was nullified by a penalty. The teams battled to a 10-10 halftime tie, with all of the Cowboys' points coming off turnovers. Dallas took the second-half kickoff and marched 78 yards, the last 3 coming on Daryl Johnston's touchdown run, to take a 17-10 lead. After San Francisco answered with a field goal, the Cowboys drove 79 yards, taking a 24-13 fourth-quarter lead on Troy Aikman's 16-yard scoring pass to Emmitt Smith. Later in the quarter, the 49ers drove 93 yards on the arm of Young, who capped the drive with a 5-yard scoring pass to Rice that made it 24-20 with 4:22 left. But on the first play after the ensuing kickoff, Aikman fired a 14-yard pass to Alvin Harper, who broke loose for a 70-yard gain to the 49ers' 9. Three plays later, Aikman found Kelvin Martin for a 6-yard touchdown pass that made it 30-20 with 3:43 to play. The teams were even statistically, but the 49ers had 4 turnovers to none for the Cowboys. Aikman was 24 of 34 for 322 yards, while Young was 25 of 35 for 313. Smith had 173 total yards (114 rushing, 59 receiving). Rice led all receivers with 8 catches for 123 yards.

Dallas	3	7	7	13	—	30
San Francisco	7	3	3	7	—	20

Dall — FG Elliott 20
SF — Young 1 run (Cofer kick)
Dall — E. Smith 4 run (Elliott kick)
SF — FG Cofer 28
Dall — Johnston 3 run (Elliott kick)
SF — FG Cofer 42
Dall — E. Smith 16 pass from Aikman (Elliott kick)
SF — Rice 5 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
Dall — Martin 6 pass from Aikman (kick failed)

1991

WASHINGTON 41, DETROIT 10—The Redskins jumped on the Lions from the start and did not let up to earn their fifth Super Bowl berth. Washington recovered a fumble on the first play from scrimmage and turned it into Gerald Riggs' 2-yard touchdown run 1:06 into the game. Kurt Gouveia's 38-yard interception return three minutes later set up a field goal that made it 10-0. Riggs added another touchdown run as Washington led 17-10 at halftime. In the second half, Mark Rypien

fired touchdown passes of 45 yards (to Gary Clark) and 21 yards (to Art Monk) as the Redskins pulled away. Darrell Green capped the victory with a 32-yard interception return for a touchdown. Rypien completed 12 of 17 passes for 228 yards. Monk caught 5 for 94. Detroit's Erik Kramer completed 21 of 33 passes for 249 yards.

Detroit	0	10	0	0	—	10
Washington	10	7	10	14	—	41
Wash — Riggs 2 run (Lohmiller kick)						
Wash — FG Lohmiller 20						
Det — W. Green 18 pass from Kramer (Murray kick)						
Wash — Riggs 3 run (Lohmiller kick)						
Det — FG Murray 30						
Wash — FG Lohmiller 28						
Wash — Clark 45 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)						
Wash — Monk 21 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)						
Wash — D. Green 32 interception return (Lohmiller kick)						

1990

NEW YORK GIANTS 15, SAN FRANCISCO 13—Matt Bahr kicked a 42-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Giants over the 49ers. New York's offense controlled the ball for 39 minutes, keeping the 49ers' high-powered offense on the sideline. The teams traded field goals in a first half that ended 6-6. San Francisco scored the game's only touchdown in the third quarter, when John Taylor turned a sideline pass into a 61-yard scoring reception and a 13-6 lead. Bahr answered with 2 more field goals to cut the deficit to 13-12 midway through the fourth quarter. Still, the 49ers appeared in control as they drove into Giants' territory with four minutes to play. But New York's Erik Howard forced a fumble that teammate Lawrence Taylor recovered at the Giants' 42 with 3:43 remaining, and quarterback Jeff Hostetler drove the Giants 33 yards in 6 plays to set up Bahr's winning kick, his fifth field goal of the day. New York rushed for 152 yards while limiting San Francisco to 39. Hostetler completed 15 of 27 passes for 176 yards. The 49ers' Joe Montana completed 18 of 26 passes for 190 yards before leaving in the fourth quarter with an injury.

N.Y. Giants	3	3	3	6	—	15
San Francisco	3	3	7	0	—	13
SF — FG Cofer 47						
NYG — FG Bahr 28						
NYG — FG Bahr 42						
SF — FG Cofer 35						
SF — Taylor 61 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)						
NYG — FG Bahr 46						
NYG — FG Bahr 38						
NYG — FG Bahr 42						

1989

SAN FRANCISCO 30, LOS ANGELES RAMS 3—The 49ers were nearly perfect in defeating the Rams and earning their second consecutive Super Bowl berth. Los Angeles had the advantage early, taking a 3-0 lead and threatening for more when Jim Everett fired a deep pass to a wide-open Willie Anderson. But 49ers safety Ronnie Lott recovered to make a touchdown-saving deflection, and San Francisco took over from there. Montana fired 2 touchdown passes, and Roger Craig scored on a 1-yard run to give the 49ers a 21-3 halftime lead. Mike Cofer added 3 field goals in the second half to complete the scoring. Montana completed 26 of 30 passes for 262 yards. San Francisco dominated every statistical category, from first downs (29 to 9) to total yards (442 to 156) to time of possession (39:48 to 20:12).

L.A. Rams	3	0	0	0	—	3
San Francisco	0	21	3	6	—	30
LA — FG Lansford 23						
SF — Jones 20 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)						
SF — Craig 1 run (Cofer kick)						
SF — Taylor 18 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)						
SF — FG Cofer 28						
SF — FG Cofer 36						
SF — FG Cofer 25						

1988

SAN FRANCISCO 28, CHICAGO 3—Despite Bear weather (17 degrees with a wind-chill factor of minus-26 degrees), the 49ers dominated Chicago from beginning to end. In the first quarter, Joe Montana hit Jerry Rice for a 61-yard touchdown pass. The same pair hooked up

again in the second period for a 27-yard scoring pass to give the 49ers a 14-3 halftime lead. Montana's third scoring strike, a 5-yard pass to tight end John Frank, made it 21-3 in the third quarter, and Tom Rathman completed the scoring with a 4-yard touchdown run in the final period. Montana was 17 of 27 for 288 yards with no interceptions. Rice had 5 catches for 133 yards. The Bears crossed the 49ers' 40 only twice in the game, and their longest gain was just 18 yards.

San Francisco	7	7	7	7	—	28
Chicago	0	3	0	0	—	3
SF — Rice 61 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)						
SF — Rice 27 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)						
Chi — FG Butler 25						
SF — Frank 5 pass from Montana (Cofer kick)						
SF — Rathman 4 run (Cofer kick)						

1987

WASHINGTON 17, MINNESOTA 10—The Redskins used 8 sacks and a late defensive stand to hold off the Vikings. Washington struck first on a 42-yard touchdown pass from Doug Williams to Kelvin Bryant, but Minnesota answered with a 23-yard scoring pass from Wade Wilson to Leo Lewis to make it 7-7 at halftime. The teams traded field goals in the second half, then Williams hit Gary Clark for a 43-yard pass to the Vikings' 11, and three plays later found Clark for a 7-yard score that made it 17-10 with five minutes to play. Minnesota responded by driving 61 yards to the Redskins' 6, but the Vikings were stopped there on fourth-and-goal when Washington's Darrell Green knocked the ball away from Wilson's intended receiver, running back Darrin Nelson, at the 1-yard line with 52 seconds left.

Minnesota	0	7	0	3	—	10
Washington	7	0	3	7	—	17
Wash — Bryant 42 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick)						
Minn — Lewis 23 pass from Wilson (C. Nelson kick)						
Wash — FG Haji-Sheikh 28						
Minn — FG C. Nelson 18						
Wash — Clark 7 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick)						

1986

NEW YORK GIANTS 17, WASHINGTON 0—The coin toss was the turning point as the Giants shut down the Redskins. Faced with 30-mile per hour winds, New York won the toss and opted to have the wind at its back rather than to receive the opening kickoff. Then the Giants defense stuffed the Redskins, forcing a short punt, and the offense drove 17 yards to a field goal. After the ensuing kickoff, the act was repeated, except this time the Giants drove 38 yards to a touchdown on Phil Simms' 11-yard pass to Lionel Manuel. In the second quarter, New York drove 49 yards, this time into the wind, to take a 17-0 lead on Joe Morris' 1-yard run. No matter which way the wind was blowing, the Giants' defense dominated all day, denying Washington a first down on all 14 of its third-down conversion attempts. It was the third straight shutout in an NFC title game.

Washington	0	0	0	0	—	0
N.Y. Giants	10	7	0	0	—	17
NYG — FG Allegre 47						
NYG — Manuel 11 pass from Simms (Allegre kick)						
NYG — Morris 1 run (Allegre kick)						

1985

CHICAGO 24, LOS ANGELES RAMS 0—The Bears earned their first Super Bowl berth thanks to a defense that overwhelmed the Rams. Chicago drove 66 yards for a touchdown on its first possession, the last 16 coming on quarterback Jim McMahon's scramble around left end. The Bears made it 10-0 with a field goal on their next possession. Just before halftime, the Rams blew their only scoring opportunity of the day, driving to the Bears' 3 only to mismanage the clock and fail to get off a play before the first half expired. McMahon fired a 22-yard scoring strike to Willie Gault in the third quarter, and Wilber Marshall clinched the win with a 52-yard fumble return for a touchdown in the final period. Chicago limited Los Angeles to 130 total yards.

L.A. Rams	0	0	0	0	—	0
Chicago	10	0	7	7	—	24
Chi — McMahon 16 run (Butler kick)						
Chi — FG Butler 34						

Chi — Gault 22 pass from McMahon (Butler kick)
Chi — Marshall 52 fumble return (Butler kick)

1984

SAN FRANCISCO 23, CHICAGO 0—The 49ers shut down the Bears' passing attack, and their offense came on after a slow start in San Francisco's victory. While the 49ers' defense was stopping the Bears, the 49ers' offense was stopping itself with 2 interceptions inside Chicago's 10. San Francisco only led 6-0 when the offense finally got on track in the third quarter. Wendell Tyler ran 9 yards for a touchdown to make it 13-0. The Bears then drove to the 49ers' 21, but San Francisco recorded 2 sacks to end the threat. In the fourth quarter, Joe Montana capped an 88-yard drive with a 10-yard scoring pass to Freddie Solomon, and Ray Wersching added a field goal. The 49ers posted 9 sacks while limiting the Bears to 37 passing yards.

Chicago	0	0	0	0	—	0
San Francisco	3	3	7	10	—	23
SF — FG Wersching 21						
SF — FG Wersching 22						
SF — Tyler 9 run (Wersching kick)						
SF — Solomon 10 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)						
SF — FG Wersching 34						

1983

WASHINGTON 24, SAN FRANCISCO 21—The Redskins, after blowing a 21-0 fourth-quarter lead, escaped with a victory when Mark Moseley kicked a 40-yard field goal with 40 seconds to play. Washington built a 21-0 lead on 2 scoring runs by John Riggins and a 70-yard scoring pass from Joe Theismann to Charlie Brown. The lead could have been greater were it not for 4 field-goal misses by Moseley and a punt return touchdown that was nullified. Those mistakes came back to haunt the Redskins in the fourth quarter, when Joe Montana fired 3 touchdown passes in a seven-minute span to tie the game at 21-21. But Washington responded with a 78-yard drive to Moseley's winning kick, consuming 6:12 in the process. Montana completed 27 of 48 passes for 347 yards. Riggins gained 123 yards on 36 carries.

San Francisco	0	0	0	21	—	21
Washington	0	7	14	3	—	24
Wash — Riggins 4 run (Moseley kick)						
Wash — Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)						
Wash — Brown 70 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)						
SF — Wilson 5 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)						
SF — Solomon 76 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)						
SF — Wilson 12 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)						
Wash — FG Moseley 25						

1982

WASHINGTON 31, DALLAS 17—Behind the Hogs, their mammoth offensive line, the Redskins defeated the Cowboys in a hard-hitting contest. Trailing 3-0 in the first period, Washington drove 84 yards for 1 touchdown, then recovered a fumble and drove 11 yards for a second score that made it 14-3 at halftime. Quarterback Gary Hogeboom, playing in place of injured starter Danny White, led Dallas to a touchdown on its opening possession of the second half to make it 14-10. However, Mike Nelms returned the ensuing kickoff 76 yards to the Cowboys' 20, setting up John Riggins' 4-yard scoring run that gave Washington a 21-10 lead. Hogeboom drove the Cowboys 84 yards to another score to cut the deficit to 21-17. But in the final period, Hogeboom threw 2 interceptions—the first leading to a Redskins' field goal, the second leading to a touchdown when defensive tackle Darryl Grant returned it 10 yards for the clinching score. Riggins gained 140 yards on 36 carries.

Dallas	3	0	14	0	—	17
Washington	7	7	7	10	—	31
Dall — FG Septien 27						
Wash — Brown 19 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)						
Wash — Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)						
Dall — Pearson 6 pass from Hogeboom (Septien kick)						

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Wash — Riggins 4 run (Moseley kick)
 Dall — Johnson 23 pass from Hogeboom
 (Septien kick)
 Wash — FG Moseley 29
 Wash — Grant 10 interception return (Moseley kick)

1981

SAN FRANCISCO 28, DALLAS 27—“The Catch” gave the 49ers the victory and their first trip to the Super Bowl. Trailing 27-21 with 4:54 to play, Joe Montana led San Francisco on a methodical 89-yard drive. On third down from the Cowboys’ 6, Montana rolled right, where several Cowboys converged on him. He tried to throw the ball away—high and towards the back of the end zone. Instead, Dwight Clark turned the throwaway into a touchdown with a spectacular leaping catch that gave the 49ers the lead with 51 seconds left. But the win was not secured until San Francisco recovered a Cowboys’ fumble near midfield with 30 seconds left. Clark’s catch was the sixth lead change of the day. The 49ers overcame 6 turnovers to win, thanks to Montana (22 of 35 for 286 yards) and Clark (8 catches for 120 yards).

Dallas	10	7	0	10	— 27
San Francisco	7	7	7	7	— 28

SF — Solomon 8 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)
 Dall — FG Septien 44
 Dall — Hill 26 pass from D. White (Septien kick)
 SF — Clark 20 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)
 Dall — Dorsett 5 run (Septien kick)
 SF — Davis 2 run (Wersching kick)
 Dall — FG Septien 22
 Dall — Cosbie 21 pass from D. White (Septien kick)
 SF — Clark 6 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)

1980

PHILADELPHIA 20, DALLAS 7—Wilbert Montgomery ran for 194 yards to lead the Eagles to victory on a cold, blustery day in Philadelphia. Montgomery burst through the Cowboys’ defense for a 42-yard scoring run just 2:11 into the game. Dallas tied the game at 7-7 in the second quarter, but did not cross the Eagles’ 39 the rest of the day. The Eagles converted 2 fumble recoveries into 10 third-quarter points, then used Montgomery’s running and a fired-up defense to stymie the Cowboys. The Eagles finished with 263 rushing yards to 90 for Dallas.

Dallas	0	7	0	0	— 7
Philadelphia	7	0	10	3	— 20

Phil — Montgomery 42 run (Franklin kick)
 Dall — Dorsett 3 run (Septien kick)
 Phil — FG Franklin 26
 Phil — Harris 9 run (Franklin kick)
 Phil — FG Franklin 20

1979

LOS ANGELES 9, TAMPA BAY 0—The Rams advanced to their first Super Bowl thanks to a superb defensive effort. Los Angeles’ offense ate up chunks of yardage, but fell short of the end zone and had to settle for 3 field goals by Frank Corral. That was more than enough for the Rams’ defense, which limited Tampa Bay to 177 total yards, 5 completions in 27 pass attempts, and only 7 first downs. Los Angeles finished with 369 total yards, including 216 on the ground. The victory ended the Rams’ string of four championship game losses.

Los Angeles	0	6	0	3	— 9
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	— 0

LA — FG Corral 19
 LA — FG Corral 21
 LA — FG Corral 23

1978

DALLAS 28, LOS ANGELES 0—A defensive struggle turned into a rout when the Cowboys converted 5 turnovers into 4 second-half touchdowns. After a scoreless first half, Charlie Waters intercepted 2 passes to set up Dallas’ first 2 scores—a 5-yard run by Tony Dorsett and a 4-yard pass from Roger Staubach to Scott Laidlaw. Dallas later recovered a fumble at its 11-yard line and drove 89 yards for a touchdown and a 21-0 lead. Linebacker Thomas (Hollywood) Henderson capped the victory with a 68-yard interception return for a touch-

down. The Rams outgained Dallas 277-235, but were undone by 7 turnovers.

Dallas	0	0	7	21	— 28
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	— 0

Dall — Dorsett 5 run (Septien kick)
 Dall — Laidlaw 4 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall — DuPree 11 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)
 Dall — Henderson 68 interception return
 (Septien kick)

1977

DALLAS 23, MINNESOTA 6—The Cowboys’ defense overwhelmed the Vikings to give Dallas the victory. Dallas scored first, as Roger Staubach found Golden Richards for a 32-yard touchdown pass two plays after the Cowboys recovered a Vikings’ fumble. A fake punt set up Robert Newhouse’s 5-yard scoring run that made it 13-0, but the Vikings countered with 2 field goals. Leading 16-6 in the fourth quarter, Dallas put the game away, converting another fumble recovery into Tony Dorsett’s 11-yard touchdown run. Dallas limited Minnesota to 214 total yards, including just 66 rushing.

Minnesota	0	6	0	0	— 6
Dallas	6	10	0	7	— 23

Dall — Richards 32 pass from Staubach (kick blocked)
 Dall — Newhouse 5 run (Herrera kick)
 Minn — FG Cox 33
 Minn — FG Cox 37
 Dall — FG Herrera 21
 Dall — Dorsett 11 run (Herrera kick)

1976

MINNESOTA 24, LOS ANGELES 13—The Vikings’ special teams were the difference as Minnesota advanced to its fourth Super Bowl. Nate Allen blocked a Rams’ field-goal attempt, and Bobby Bryant returned the loose ball 90 yards for the game’s first touchdown. A blocked punt set up a Vikings’ field goal, and Chuck Foreman’s 62-yard run set up his 2-yard scoring run that gave Minnesota a 17-0 third-quarter lead. The Rams rallied to 17-13, but were stopped twice inside Vikings’ territory in the fourth quarter. Minnesota clinched the victory with a touchdown in the final minutes.

Los Angeles	0	0	13	0	— 13
Minnesota	7	3	7	7	— 24

Minn — Bryant 90 blocked field goal return (Cox kick)
 Minn — FG Cox 25
 Minn — Foreman 2 run (Cox kick)
 LA — McCutcheon 10 run (kick failed)
 LA — H. Jackson 5 pass from Haden
 (Dempsey kick)
 Minn — Johnson 12 run (Cox kick)

1975

DALLAS 37, LOS ANGELES 7—The Cowboys became the first wild-card team to advance to the Super Bowl with an easy victory over the Rams. Linebacker D.D. Harris intercepted the Rams’ first pass of the game, and one play later running back Preston Pearson turned a short pass from Roger Staubach into an 18-yard touchdown. Just before halftime, Pearson’s 15-yard scoring catch made it 21-0. Early in the third quarter, Pearson added a 19-yard touchdown reception to make it 28-0. Staubach passed for 220 yards and 4 scores, including 3 to Pearson, who had 7 catches for 123 yards.

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

1974

MINNESOTA 14, LOS ANGELES 10—The Vikings stopped the Rams when it counted to win their second consecutive NFC title. Los Angeles outgained Minneso-

ta 340-269, but managed only 1 touchdown. Trailing 7-3 in the third quarter, the Rams drove 98 yards to the Vikings’ 1, only to be turned away by an end zone interception. Minnesota then drove 80 yards in 15 plays, taking a 14-3 lead on Dave Osborn’s 4-yard scoring run. The Rams countered with a 44-yard touchdown pass from James Harris to Harold Jackson, but never saw the ball again as Minnesota ran out the final 5:37.

Los Angeles	0	3	0	7	— 10
Minnesota	0	7	0	7	— 14

Minn — Lash 29 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 LA — FG Ray 27
 Minn — Osborn 4 run (Cox kick)
 LA — Jackson 44 pass from Harris (Ray kick)

1973

MINNESOTA 27, DALLAS 10—Dallas defensive tackle Bob Lilly was forced out by a back injury, and Minnesota ran right at his replacement, producing 203 rushing yards and the victory. A field goal and an 86-yard touchdown drive gave Minnesota a 10-0 halftime lead. The Cowboys mustered only 153 total yards, but they pulled within 3 points on Golden Richards’ 63-yard punt return for a touchdown in the third quarter. Minnesota answered with a 54-yard touchdown pass from Fran Tarkenton to John Gilliam, then used 2 fourth-quarter interceptions to seal the victory.

Minnesota	3	7	7	10	— 27
Dallas	0	0	10	0	— 10

Minn — FG Cox 44
 Minn — Foreman 5 run (Cox kick)
 Dall — Richards 63 punt return (Fritsch kick)
 Minn — Gilliam 54 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick)
 Dall — FG Fritsch 17
 Minn — Bryant 63 interception return (Cox kick)
 Minn — FG Cox 34

1972

WASHINGTON 26, DALLAS 3—Wide receiver Charley Taylor shredded the Cowboys’ defense to lead the Redskins to victory. Taylor caught a 51-yard pass in the second quarter, then followed with a 15-yard reception for the game’s first touchdown and a 10-0 Washington lead. In the fourth quarter, Taylor broke open a close game with a 45-yard scoring catch that made it 17-3. He finished with 7 catches for 146 yards. The Redskins’ defense limited Dallas to 169 total yards and did not allow the Cowboys to cross midfield in the second half.

Dallas	0	3	0	0	— 3
Washington	0	10	0	16	— 26

Wash — FG Knight 18
 Wash — Taylor 15 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 Dall — FG Fritsch 35
 Wash — Taylor 45 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick)
 Wash — FG Knight 39
 Wash — FG Knight 46
 Wash — FG Knight 45

1971

DALLAS 14, SAN FRANCISCO 3—The Cowboys won a defensive struggle to advance to their second consecutive Super Bowl. In the second quarter, Cowboys defensive tackle George Andrie intercepted a screen pass and returned it 8 yards to the 49ers’ 2. Two plays later, Calvin Hill scored on a 1-yard run to give Dallas a 7-0 lead. Leading 7-3 in the fourth quarter, the Cowboys drove 80 yards in 14 plays to the clinching score on Duane Thomas’ 2-yard run.

San Francisco	0	0	3	0	— 3
Dallas	0	7	0	7	— 14

Dall — Hill 2 run (Clark kick)
 SF — FG Gossett 28
 Dall — Thomas 2 run (Clark kick)

1970

DALLAS 17, SAN FRANCISCO 10—After three championship game losses, the Cowboys finally won the big one, thanks to Duane Thomas, who ran for 143 yards on 27 carries. One play after an interception by Lee Roy Jordan, Thomas ran 13 yards for a touchdown to give Dallas a 10-3 third-quarter lead. On the 49ers’ next possession, Dallas cornerback Mel Renfro intercepted a pass at the Cowboys’ 18. With Thomas leading the way, Dallas drove 82 yards to a touchdown and a 17-3 lead.

The 49ers cut the deficit to 17-10 at the end of the third period, but were stymied by the Cowboys' defense throughout the final quarter.

Dallas	0	3	14	0	—	17
San Francisco	3	0	7	0	—	10
SF	— FG Gossett 16					
Dall	— FG Clark 21					
Dall	— Thomas 13 run (Clark kick)					
Dall	— Garrison 5 pass from Morton (Clark kick)					
SF	— Witcher 26 pass from Brodie (Gossett kick)					

1969

MINNESOTA 27, CLEVELAND 7—With snow stacked on the sidelines, the Vikings scored on each of their first two possessions and were never challenged en route to becoming the first expansion team to win a championship. Joe Kapp fired a 33-yard pass to Gene Washington to set up Kapp's 7-yard touchdown run for the game's first score. On the Vikings' next possession, Kapp hit Washington for a 75-yard scoring pass to give Minnesota a 14-0 lead. Dave Osborn's 20-yard scoring run made it 24-0 at halftime. Kapp passed for 169 yards and ran for 57. Washington had 3 catches for 120 yards, while Osborn ran for 108 yards.

Cleveland	0	0	0	7	—	7
Minnesota	14	10	3	0	—	27
Minn	— Kapp 7 run (Cox kick)					
Minn	— Washington 75 pass from Kapp (Cox kick)					
Minn	— FG Cox 30					
Minn	— Osborn 20 run (Cox kick)					
Minn	— FG Cox 32					
Cle	— Collins 3 pass from Nelsen (Cockroft kick)					

1968

BALTIMORE 34, CLEVELAND 0—The Colts dominated on both sides of the line of scrimmage to win handily. Baltimore took a 17-0 lead on a field goal and 2 scoring runs by Tom Matte, the second of which was set up by an interception. Matte added his third touchdown run in the third quarter to make it 24-0. The Colts amassed 353 total yards (184 rushing, 169 passing) while limiting the Browns to 173. Matte had 88 yards on 17 carries.

Baltimore	0	17	7	10	—	34
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	—	0
Balt	— FG Michaels 28					
Balt	— Matte 1 run (Michaels kick)					
Balt	— Matte 12 run (Michaels kick)					
Balt	— Matte 2 run (Michaels kick)					
Balt	— FG Michaels 10					
Balt	— Brown 4 run (Michaels kick)					

1967

GREEN BAY 21, DALLAS 17—Bart Starr snuck over from 1 yard out with 13 seconds remaining to give the Packers the victory in "The Ice Bowl." The temperature was 13-below at game time, and the icy winds made it feel considerably colder. The Packers, seeking their third consecutive NFL title, jumped to a 14-0 lead on 2 touchdown passes from Bart Starr to Boyd Dowler. But Dallas' defense rebounded, forcing 2 fumbles that led to a touchdown and a field goal to make it 14-10 at halftime. It stayed that way until the fourth quarter when running back Dan Reeves threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Lance Rentzel to give Dallas a 17-14 lead. With 4:50 to play, Green Bay mounted a 12-play, 68-yard drive. On third down from the Cowboys' 1, with no timeouts left, the Packers eschewed the tying field goal and went for the winning touchdown, which Starr delivered by following the block of guard Jerry Kramer.

Dallas	0	10	0	7	—	17
Green Bay	7	7	0	7	—	21
GB	— Dowler 8 pass from Starr (Chandler kick)					
GB	— Dowler 46 pass from Starr (Chandler kick)					
Dall	— Andrie 7 fumble return (Villanueva kick)					
Dall	— FG Villanueva 21					
Dall	— Rentzel 50 pass from Reeves (Villanueva kick)					
GB	— Starr 1 run (Chandler kick)					

1966

GREEN BAY 34, DALLAS 27—Bart Starr's passing and a last-minute goal-line stand were the difference as the Packers earned the right to play in the first Super Bowl. Starr completed 19 of 28 passes for 304 yards and 4 touchdowns, including scoring strikes to Boyd Dowler

(16 yards) and Max McGee (28 yards) that broke a 20-20 tie and gave Green Bay a 34-20 lead with 5:20 to play. But a missed extra point on McGee's touchdown opened the door for Dallas, which pulled within 7 points on Don Meredith's 68-yard scoring pass to Frank Clarke. After a Packers' punt, Dallas drove to the Green Bay 2. But the Cowboys were stopped there, as Meredith, under pressure, had his fourth-down pass intercepted in the end zone by Packers safety Tom Brown with 28 seconds left.

Green Bay	14	7	7	6	—	34
Dallas	14	3	3	7	—	27
GB	— Pitts 17 pass from Starr (Chandler kick)					
GB	— Grabowski 18 fumble return (Chandler kick)					
Dall	— Reeves 3 run (Villanueva kick)					
Dall	— Perkins 23 run (Villanueva kick)					
GB	— Dale 51 pass from Starr (Chandler kick)					
Dall	— FG Villanueva 11					
Dall	— FG Villanueva 32					
GB	— Dowler 16 pass from Starr (Chandler kick)					
GB	— McGee 28 pass from Starr (kick blocked)					
Dall	— Clarke 68 pass from Meredith (Villanueva kick)					

1965

GREEN BAY 23, CLEVELAND 12—Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor combined for 201 rushing yards while the Packers' defense shut down Jim Brown in the mud to give Green Bay the victory. The Packers built a 13-12 lead in a seesaw first half. In the second half, Green Bay's runners took over. Taylor carried on 12 of 24 plays as the Packers drove to a touchdown (Hornung's 13-yard run) and a field goal (29 yards by Don Chandler) and consumed 14 minutes. Hornung finished with 105 yards on 18 carries, while Taylor had 96 yards on 27 carries. Brown, who rushed for an NFL-high 1,544 yards during the regular season, managed only 50 yards.

Cleveland	9	3	0	0	—	12
Green Bay	7	6	7	3	—	23
GB	— Dale 47 pass from Starr (Chandler kick)					
Cle	— Collins 17 pass from Ryan (kick failed)					
Cle	— FG Groza 24					
GB	— FG Chandler 15					
GB	— FG Chandler 23					
Cle	— FG Groza 28					
GB	— Hornung 13 run (Chandler kick)					
GB	— FG Chandler 29					

1964

CLEVELAND 27, BALTIMORE 0—Frank Ryan and Gary Collins combined for 3 second-half touchdown passes to break open a close game and give the Browns the victory. What was expected to be a high-scoring game turned into a scoreless first half as both teams played conservatively. In the second half, Cleveland turned a shanked punt by Baltimore into a field goal, then used a 46-yard run by Jim Brown to set up Ryan's 18-yard scoring pass to Collins. Ryan hit Collins again at the end of the third quarter for a 42-yard score and a 17-0 lead. Ryan capped the scoring with a 51-yard pass to Collins in the fourth quarter. Collins had 5 receptions for 130 yards, while Brown ran for 114 yards on 27 carries.

Baltimore	0	0	0	0	—	0
Cleveland	0	0	17	10	—	27
Cle	— FG Groza 43					
Cle	— Collins 18 pass from Ryan (Groza kick)					
Cle	— Collins 42 pass from Ryan (Groza kick)					
Cle	— FG Groza 10					
Cle	— Collins 51 pass from Ryan (Groza kick)					

1963

CHICAGO 14, NEW YORK GIANTS 10—The Bears' defense did it all, shutting down the Giants' offense and setting up both Chicago touchdowns. New York scored first, capping an 83-yard drive with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Y.A. Tittle to Frank Gifford. Chicago tied the game on Bill Wade's 2-yard run, which was set up by a 61-yard interception return by Larry Morris. The Giants kicked a field goal to make it 10-7 at halftime, but they were shut out the rest of the way. In the third quarter, Ed O'Bradovich's interception put the Bears on the Giants' 14, and five plays later, Wade's 1-yard touchdown run provided what turned out to be the winning points.

N.Y. Giants	7	3	0	0	—	10
Chicago	7	0	7	0	—	14
NYG	— Gifford 14 pass from Tittle (Chandler kick)					
Chi	— Wade 2 run (Jencks kick)					
NYG	— FG Chandler 13					
Chi	— Wade 1 run (Jencks kick)					

1962

GREEN BAY 16, NEW YORK GIANTS 7—The Packers overcame 13-degree temperatures, 40-mile per hour winds, and the Giants to win their second consecutive NFL title. Green Bay, leading 3-0 on Jerry Kramer's 26-yard field goal, recovered a fumble at the Giants' 28 in the second quarter. Halfback Paul Hornung then threw a 21-yard pass to Boyd Dowler, and on the next play, Jim Taylor ran 7 yards for a touchdown and a 10-0 lead. New York turned a blocked punt into a touchdown to cut the Packers' lead to 10-7 in the third period, but Green Bay answered with 2 more field goals by Kramer to clinch the victory. Taylor gained 85 yards on 31 carries.

Green Bay	3	7	3	3	—	16
N.Y. Giants	0	0	7	0	—	7
GB	— FG J. Kramer 26					
GB	— Taylor 7 run (J. Kramer kick)					
NYG	— Collier blocked punt recovery in end zone (Chandler kick)					
GB	— FG J. Kramer 29					
GB	— FG J. Kramer 30					

1961

GREEN BAY 37, NEW YORK GIANTS 0—Paul Hornung, on leave from the U.S. Army, led the Packers to their first NFL title in 17 years. After a scoreless first quarter, Hornung ran 6 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the second quarter to ignite a 24-point period. Bart Starr followed with 2 scoring passes, and Hornung kicked a field goal to make it 24-0 at halftime. Starr added another scoring pass and Hornung added 2 more field goals to complete the scoring. Hornung finished with 89 yards on 20 carries and a record 19 points. The Packers compiled 345 total yards while limiting the Giants to 130 total yards and 6 first downs.

N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	0	—	0
Green Bay	0	24	10	3	—	37
GB	— Hornung 6 run (Hornung kick)					
GB	— Dowler 13 pass from Starr (Hornung kick)					
GB	— R. Kramer 14 pass from Starr (Hornung kick)					
GB	— FG Hornung 17					
GB	— FG Hornung 22					
GB	— R. Kramer 13 pass from Starr (Hornung kick)					
GB	— FG Hornung 19					

1960

PHILADELPHIA 17, GREEN BAY 13—The Eagles edged the Packers to hand Vince Lombardi his only championship game loss. Philadelphia built a 10-6 half-time advantage on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Norm Van Brocklin to Tommy McDonald and a short field goal. Green Bay reclaimed the lead in the fourth quarter on a 7-yard scoring pass from Bart Starr to Max McGee. Philadelphia answered with a 58-yard return on the ensuing kickoff to set up Ted Dean's 5-yard scoring run with 5:21 remaining, which gave the Eagles a 17-13 lead. The Packers then drove to the Eagles' 22, where Starr passed to Jim Taylor. But Taylor was stopped at the 8-yard line by Chuck Bednarik (who played all 60 minutes at linebacker and center) as time expired.

Green Bay	3	3	0	7	—	13
Philadelphia	0	10	0	7	—	17
GB	— FG Hornung 20					
GB	— FG Hornung 23					
Phil	— McDonald 35 pass from Van Brocklin (Walston kick)					
Phil	— FG Walston 15					
GB	— McGee 7 pass from Starr (Hornung kick)					
Phil	— Dean 5 run (Walston kick)					

1959

BALTIMORE 31, NEW YORK GIANTS 16—The Colts blew open a close game with 24 fourth-quarter points en route to their second consecutive NFL title. Baltimore built an early 7-0 lead on Johnny Unitas' 60-yard scoring strike to Lenny Moore, but the Giants chipped away, taking a 9-7 third-quarter lead on Pat Summer-

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all's 3 field goals. Near the end of the third quarter, New York was stopped on fourth and inches at the Colts' 28, and Unitas took over, driving the Colts to the go-ahead touchdown on his 4-yard run. An interception on the Giants' next possession set up Unitas' 12-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Richardson that made it 21-9. Johnny Sample secured the victory with 2 interceptions, 1 for a 42-yard touchdown and another to set up a field goal.

N.Y. Giants 3 3 3 7 — 16
Baltimore 7 0 0 24 — 31

Balt — Moore 60 pass from Unitas (Myhra kick)
NYG — FG Summerall 23
NYG — FG Summerall 37
NYG — FG Summerall 23
Balt — Unitas 4 run (Myhra kick)
Balt — Richardson 12 pass from Unitas (Myhra kick)
Balt — Sample 42 interception return (Myhra kick)
Balt — FG Myhra 25
NYG — Schnelker 32 pass from Conerly (Summerall kick)

1958

BALTIMORE 23, NEW YORK GIANTS 17—Alan Ameche's 1-yard run 8:15 into overtime gave Baltimore the victory in "the greatest game ever played." The Colts built a 14-3 halftime lead, and were threatening to take a 21-3 lead when they drove to the Giants' 1 in the third quarter. But the Giants mounted a furious goal-line stand, then marched 95 yards for a touchdown to make it 14-10. New York took a 17-14 fourth-quarter lead on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Charlie Conerly to Frank Gifford. That lead appeared secure thanks to a Giants' punt that put Baltimore at its 14-yard line with two minutes to play. But Johnny Unitas drove the Colts 73 yards to the Giants' 13, where Steve Myhra kicked the tying field goal with seven seconds left to force the first overtime period in NFL history. Unitas then led the Colts 80 yards to Ameche's winning score. Unitas completed 26 of 40 passes for 361 yards.

Baltimore 0 14 0 3 6 — 23
N.Y. Giants 3 0 7 7 0 — 17

NYG — FG Summerall 36
Balt — Ameche 2 run (Myhra kick)
Balt — Berry 15 pass from Unitas (Myhra kick)
NYG — Triplett 1 run (Summerall kick)
NYG — Gifford 15 pass from Conerly (Summerall kick)
Balt — FG Myhra 20
Balt — Ameche 1 run (no extra point attempted)

1957

DETROIT 59, CLEVELAND 14—The Lions had a new coach and a new quarterback, but they still won their third title in six seasons. Coach Raymond (Buddy) Parker had quit before the season, but the Lions did not miss a beat under George Wilson. One of Wilson's first moves was to acquire quarterback Tobin Rote, who replaced an injured Bobby Layne late in the season. In this game, Rote passed for 280 yards and 4 touchdowns to lead the rout. After the Browns cut the Lions' lead to 17-7, Rote, on a fake field goal, fired a 26-yard scoring pass to Steve Junker. The Browns later closed to 31-14, but Rote answered again, this time with a 78-yard scoring strike to Jim Doran. Junker had 5 catches for 109 yards.

Cleveland 0 7 7 0 — 14
Detroit 17 14 14 14 — 59

Det — FG Martin 31
Det — Rote 1 run (Martin kick)
Det — Gedman 1 run (Martin kick)
Cle — Brown 29 run (Groza kick)
Det — Junker 26 pass from Rote (Martin kick)
Det — Barr 19 interception return (Martin kick)
Cle — L. Carpenter 5 run (Groza kick)
Det — Doran 78 pass from Rote (Martin kick)
Det — Junker 23 pass from Rote (Martin kick)
Det — Middleton 32 pass from Rote (Martin kick)
Det — Cassidy 16 pass from Reichow (Martin kick)

1956

NEW YORK GIANTS 47, CHICAGO BEARS 7—The Giants exploded for 34 first-half points and coasted to an easy victory. Gene Filipski returned the opening kickoff 53 yards to the Bears' 39, and four plays later the

Giants led 7-0 on Mel Triplett's 17-yard run. New York led 13-0 when Charlie Conerly came in at quarterback and led the Giants to a 21-point second quarter for a 34-7 halftime lead. Conerly, who passed for 195 yards, added 2 touchdown passes in the second half.

Chicago Bears 0 7 0 0 — 7
N.Y. Giants 13 21 6 7 — 47

NYG — Triplett 17 run (Agajanian kick)
NYG — FG Agajanian 17
NYG — FG Agajanian 43
NYG — Webster 3 run (Agajanian kick)
Chi — Casares 9 run (Blanda kick)
NYG — Webster 1 run (Agajanian kick)
NYG — Moore blocked punt recovery in end zone (Agajanian kick)
NYG — Rote 9 pass from Conerly (kick failed)
NYG — Gifford 14 pass from Conerly (Agajanian kick)

1955

CLEVELAND 38, LOS ANGELES 14—Otto Graham ended his 10-year career by leading the Browns to their third NFL title in six seasons. Graham completed 14 of 25 passes for 209 yards and 2 touchdowns, and also ran for 2 scores. Cleveland led 10-7 when Graham went to work, hitting Dante Lavelli for a 50-yard score, then running for touchdowns of 15 yards and 1 yard, and finishing the Browns' scoring with a 35-yard strike to Ray Renfro early in the fourth quarter. The Browns' defense intercepted 7 passes by Rams quarterbacks. Cleveland was making its tenth title game appearance in 10 seasons, including four years (1946-49) in the AAFC.

Cleveland 3 14 14 7 — 38
Los Angeles 0 7 0 7 — 14

Cle — FG Groza 26
Cle — Paul 65 interception return (Groza kick)
LA — Quinlan 67 pass from Van Brocklin (Richter kick)
Cle — Lavelli 50 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
Cle — Graham 15 run (Groza kick)
Cle — Graham 1 run (Groza kick)
Cle — Renfro 35 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
LA — Waller 4 run (Richter kick)

1954

CLEVELAND 56, DETROIT 10—Otto Graham accounted for 6 touchdowns to lead the Browns to victory. Detroit scored first, but Graham took over after that. He had 2 touchdown passes in the first quarter, then ran for 2 scores and threw for another to give the Browns a 35-10 halftime lead. Graham's third touchdown run made it 42-10 in the third quarter. He completed 9 of 12 passes for 163 yards and 3 touchdowns, including 2 to halfback Ray Renfro, whom the Browns managed to isolate against man-for-man coverage most of the day (he finished with 5 catches for 94 yards).

Detroit 3 7 0 0 — 10
Cleveland 14 21 14 7 — 56

Det — FG Walker 36
Cle — Renfro 35 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
Cle — Brewster 8 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
Cle — Graham 1 run (Groza kick)
Det — Bowman 5 run (Walker kick)
Cle — Graham 5 run (Groza kick)
Cle — Renfro 31 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
Cle — Graham 1 run (Groza kick)
Cle — Morrison 12 run (Groza kick)
Cle — Hanulak 10 run (Groza kick)

1953

DETROIT 17, CLEVELAND 16—The Lions drove 80 yards in the final minutes to upend the Browns. Doak Walker gave the Lions a 10-3 lead, scoring on a 1-yard run and kicking a field goal and an extra point. Otto Graham struggled all day, but he led the Browns to a touchdown and 2 field goals as Cleveland took a 16-10 lead with 4:10 left. Quarterback Bobby Layne then moved the Lions from their 20 to the Browns' 33. The Lions' coaches called for a screen pass, but Layne changed the call and went deep, finding Jim Doran for the winning 33-yard touchdown with 2:10 left. Doran had 4 catches for 95 yards, including 3 for 68 on the final drive.

Cleveland 0 3 7 6 — 16
Detroit 7 3 0 7 — 17

Det — Walker 1 run (Walker kick)
Cle — FG Groza 13
Det — FG Walker 23
Cle — Jagarde 9 run (Groza kick)
Cle — FG Groza 15
Cle — FG Groza 43
Det — Doran 33 pass from Layne (Walker kick)

1952

DETROIT 17, CLEVELAND 7—Despite being out-gained 384-258, the Lions stopped Cleveland five times inside their 25-yard line to pull out the victory. A shanked punt by the Browns set up the game's first score, a 2-yard run by Detroit quarterback Bobby Layne. Doak Walker made it 14-0 in the third quarter when he raced 67 yards for a touchdown. The Browns answered with a 67-yard touchdown drive to make it 14-7 entering the fourth quarter. In the final period, Cleveland was stopped twice inside the Lions' 10, while Pat Harder clinched the victory for Detroit with a 36-yard field goal.

Detroit 0 7 7 3 — 17
Cleveland 0 0 7 0 — 7

Det — Layne 2 run (Harder kick)
Det — Walker 67 run (Harder kick)
Cle — Jagarde 7 run (Groza kick)
Det — FG Harder 36

1951

LOS ANGELES 24, CLEVELAND 17—Norm Van Brocklin's 73-yard scoring pass to Tom Fears lifted the Rams to their second NFL title. The Rams took a 14-10 lead in the third quarter on Dan Towler's 1-yard run, which was set up by Andy Robustelli's fumble return to the Browns' 2. A field goal made it 17-10, but the Browns tied the game midway through the fourth quarter on Ken Carpenter's 5-yard touchdown run. After the ensuing kickoff, Van Brocklin, facing a third and 3 from his 27, found Fears near midfield. Fears caught the pass between two Browns defenders, who collided, which left Fears with an easy gallop to the end zone.

Cleveland 0 10 0 7 — 17
Los Angeles 0 7 7 10 — 24

LA — Hoerner 1 run (Waterfield kick)
Cle — FG Groza 52
Cle — Jones 17 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
LA — Towler 1 run (Waterfield kick)
LA — FG Waterfield 17
Cle — Carpenter 5 run (Groza kick)
LA — Fears 73 pass from Van Brocklin (Waterfield kick)

1950

CLEVELAND 30, LOS ANGELES 28—Lou Groza kicked a 16-yard field goal with 28 seconds remaining to give the Browns the NFL title in their inaugural season. Cleveland, which had appeared in the AAFC championship game all four years of that league's existence, joined the NFL in 1950. The Browns trailed 28-20 in the fourth quarter when Otto Graham led them on a 65-yard drive, capped by his 14-yard scoring pass to Rex Bumgardner with 4:35 left. After a Rams' punt, the Browns took over at their 32 with two minutes left. Graham led a 57-yard drive to set up Groza's winning kick. Graham passed for 298 yards and 4 touchdowns, including 11 completions for 128 yards and 2 scores to Dante Lavelli. Bob Waterfield of the Rams passed for 312 yards. The Rams' Tom Fears had 9 catches for 136 yards.

Los Angeles 14 0 14 0 — 28
Cleveland 7 6 7 10 — 30

LA — Davis 82 pass from Waterfield (Waterfield kick)
Cle — Jones 27 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
LA — Hoerner 3 run (Waterfield kick)
Cle — Lavelli 37 pass from Graham (kick failed)
Cle — Lavelli 39 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
LA — Hoerner 1 run (Waterfield kick)
LA — Brink 6 fumble return (Waterfield kick)
Cle — Bumgardner 14 pass from Graham (Groza kick)
Cle — FG Groza 16

1949

PHILADELPHIA 14, LOS ANGELES 0—A downpour before the game turned the Coliseum field to mud, but it did not stop Steve Van Buren as the Eagles won their second straight title. Van Buren ran for a record 196

yards on 31 carries as Philadelphia outgained Los Angeles 274-21 on the ground. Quarterback Tommy Thompson's 31-yard pass to Pete Pihos gave the Eagles a 7-0 second-quarter lead, and Len Skladany added another score when he returned a blocked punt 2 yards for a touchdown. The Eagles then used Van Buren to control the ball while Los Angeles never advanced farther than the Eagles' 26.

Philadelphia	0	7	7	0	—	14
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	—	0
Phil	— Pihos 31 pass from Thompson (Patton kick)					
Phil	— Skladany 2 blocked punt return (Patton kick)					

1948

PHILADELPHIA 7, CHICAGO CARDINALS 0—The Eagles converted a fumble recovery into a touchdown to defeat the Cardinals. Both teams struggled offensively on a field blanketed with snow. It snowed so much that Eagles fullback Steve Van Buren barely made it to the game on time. Fortunately for Philadelphia, he did arrive, gaining 98 yards, including a 5-yard run for the game's only touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Van Buren's score was set up by a fumble recovery at the Cardinals' 17. Chicago managed just 131 total yards.

Chi. Cardinals	0	0	0	0	—	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	7	—	7
Phil	— Van Buren 5 run (Patton kick)					

1947

CHICAGO CARDINALS 28, PHILADELPHIA 21—The Cardinals used big plays from Charley Trippi and Elmer Angsman to top the Eagles. Trippi gave Chicago a 7-0 lead when he raced 44 yards up the middle for a touchdown. Angsman, on a similar play, ran 70 yards for a touchdown. In the third quarter, Trippi took a punt at the Cardinals' 25, fell down on the frozen field at the Eagles' 30, got up and ran to the 22, fell down again, then got up and raced the rest of the way for a touchdown to make it 21-7. After the Eagles closed to 21-14, Angsman went up the middle again for a 70-yard touchdown and the clinching score. Angsman finished with 159 yards on 10 carries. The Cardinals limited NFL rushing leader Steve Van Buren to 26 yards on 18 carries. Tommy Thompson led Philadelphia by passing for 297 yards.

Philadelphia	0	7	7	7	—	21
Chi. Cardinals	7	7	7	7	—	28

Chi	— Trippi 44 run (Harder kick)					
Chi	— Angsman 70 run (Harder kick)					
Phil	— McHugh 53 pass from Thompson (Patton kick)					
Chi	— Trippi 75 punt return (Harder kick)					
Phil	— Van Buren 1 run (Patton kick)					
Chi	— Angsman 70 run (Harder kick)					
Phil	— Craft 1 run (Patton kick)					

1946

CHICAGO BEARS 24, NEW YORK 14—A trick play and turnovers keyed the Bears' victory. The teams were relatively even in yardage, but the Giants had 8 turnovers to the Bears' 3. Still, the score was 14-14 in the fourth quarter when Bears quarterback Sid Luckman turned to his bag of tricks. At the Giants' 19, Luckman faked a handoff, then drifted to the right while the Giants' defense followed the Bears' offensive line to the left. Luckman ran down the open right side, broke a tackle at the 10, and scored the decisive touchdown.

Chicago Bears	14	0	0	10	—	24
New York	7	0	7	0	—	14

Chi	— Kavanaugh 21 pass from Luckman (Maznicki kick)					
Chi	— Magnani 19 interception return (Maznicki kick)					
NY	— Liebel 38 pass from Filchock (Strong kick)					
NY	— Filipowicz 5 pass from Filchock (Strong kick)					
Chi	— Luckman 19 run (Maznicki kick)					
Chi	— FG Maznicki 26					

1945

CLEVELAND 15, WASHINGTON 14—One ball that made it over the crossbar and another that did not were the difference in the Rams' victory. Cleveland took a 2-0 lead when Washington's Sammy Baugh, from his end zone, had his pass hit the crossbar and bounce back for a safety (under the rules at the time). The Redskins

scored to take a 7-2 lead, but then Rams quarterback Bob Waterfield fired a 37-yard touchdown pass to Jim Benton. Waterfield's ensuing extra-point was partially blocked, and the ball teetered on the crossbar before falling over to give Cleveland a 9-7 lead. That conversion was the difference because each team scored 1 more touchdown, but Waterfield missed his second extra-point attempt. Waterfield is the last rookie quarterback to lead his team to an NFL title.

Washington	0	7	7	0	—	14
Cleveland	2	7	6	0	—	15

Cle	— Safety, Baugh's pass hit crossbar					
Wash	— Bagarus 38 pass from Filchock (Aguirre kick)					
Cle	— Benton 37 pass from Waterfield (Waterfield kick)					
Cle	— Gillette 44 pass from Waterfield (kick failed)					
Wash	— Seymour 8 pass from Filchock (Aguirre kick)					

1944

GREEN BAY 14, NEW YORK 7—Ted Fritsch scored twice to lead the Packers to victory. New York sported the NFL's best record (8-1-1), which included a 24-0 victory over Green Bay four weeks earlier. But the Packers took a 7-0 second-quarter lead on Fritsch's 1-yard run on fourth-and-goal. Later in the quarter, Green Bay used all-pro end Don Hutson as a decoy, and quarterback Irv Comp threw a 28-yard scoring strike to a wide-open Fritsch. The Giants failed to advance beyond their 35-yard line before finally scoring a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Green Bay	0	14	0	0	—	14
New York	0	0	0	7	—	7

GB	— Fritsch 1 run (Hutson kick)					
GB	— Fritsch 28 pass from Comp (Hutson kick)					
NY	— Cuff 1 run (Strong kick)					

1943

CHICAGO BEARS 41, WASHINGTON 21—Sid Luckman passed for 286 yards and 5 touchdowns to lead the Bears. Chicago showed no ill effects from a 29-day layoff, outgaining the Redskins 455-249. Chicago turned a 14-7 halftime lead into a 27-7 lead with 2 scoring passes from Luckman to Dante Magnani. After Washington scored to make it 27-14, Luckman clinched the victory with fourth-quarter scoring passes to Jim Benton and Harry Clark. Luckman, who completed 15 of 26 passes, also was the game's leading rusher with 64 yards.

Washington	0	7	7	7	—	21
Chicago Bears	0	14	13	14	—	41

Wash	— Farkas 1 run (Masterson kick)					
Chi	— Clark 31 pass from Luckman (Snyder kick)					
Chi	— Nagurski 3 run (Snyder kick)					
Chi	— Magnani 36 pass from Luckman (Snyder kick)					
Chi	— Magnani 66 pass from Luckman (kick failed)					
Wash	— Farkas 17 pass from Baugh (Masterson kick)					
Chi	— Benton 29 pass from Luckman (Snyder kick)					
Chi	— Clark 16 pass from Luckman (Snyder kick)					
Wash	— Aguirre 25 pass from Baugh (Aguirre kick)					

1942

WASHINGTON 14, CHICAGO BEARS 6—The Redskins were 22-point underdogs, but they won thanks to the play of Sammy Baugh on offense and defense. The Bears entered the game with an 11-0 record, but they managed only a defensive touchdown against Washington. Meanwhile, Baugh passed for a 38-yard score to Wilbur Moore, led the Redskins on a 56-yard drive for another touchdown in the third quarter, and had a key interception to stop a Bears' drive at the Washington 12.

Chicago Bears	0	6	0	0	—	6
Washington	0	7	7	0	—	14

Chi	— Artoe 50 fumble return (kick failed)					
Wash	— Moore 38 pass from Baugh (Masterson kick)					
Wash	— Farkas 1 run (Masterson kick)					

1941

CHICAGO BEARS 37, NEW YORK 9—The Bears exploded in the second half to win their second consecutive NFL title. A sluggish first half saw Chicago run 53 plays to New York's 10, yet only lead 9-6. After the Giants tied the game early in the third quarter, the Bears marched 71, 66, and 54 yards for touchdowns and a 30-9 lead. Chicago's last touchdown came on a 42-yard

fumble return by Ken Kavanaugh. Scooter McLean added a dropkick for the conversion on Kavanaugh's touchdown, the last successful dropkick in NFL history.

New York	6	0	3	0	—	9
Chicago Bears	3	6	14	14	—	37

Chi	— FG Snyder 14					
NY	— Franck 31 pass from Leemans (kick failed)					
Chi	— FG Snyder 39					
Chi	— FG Snyder 37					
NY	— FG Cuff 16					
Chi	— Standlee 2 run (Snyder kick)					
Chi	— Standlee 7 run (Maniaci kick)					
Chi	— McAfee 5 run (Artoe kick)					
Chi	— Kavanaugh 42 fumble return (McLean kick)					

1940

CHICAGO BEARS 73, WASHINGTON 0—After the Redskins had defeated Chicago in the regular season, Washington owner George Preston Marshall described the Bears as "crybabies." But it was Marshall's Redskins who were crying after the Bears pinned the biggest rout in NFL history on Washington. Ten different Bears scored touchdowns as Chicago amassed 519 total yards while limiting Washington to 231, including just 5 rushing yards. The Bears also intercepted 8 passes. Down to just one ball after kicking them all into the stands on extra-point attempts, the Bears had to pass for their last 2 conversion attempts.

Chicago Bears	21	7	26	19	—	73
Washington	0	0	0	0	—	0

Chi	— Osmanski 68 run (Manders kick)					
Chi	— Luckman 1 run (Snyder kick)					
Chi	— Maniaci 42 run (Martinovich kick)					
Chi	— Kavanaugh 30 pass from Luckman (Snyder kick)					
Chi	— Pool 15 interception return (Plasman kick)					
Chi	— Nolting 23 run (kick failed)					
Chi	— McAfee 35 interception return (Stydahar kick)					
Chi	— Turner 20 interception return (kick failed)					
Chi	— Clark 44 run (kick failed)					
Chi	— Famiglietti 2 run (Maniaci pass from Sherman)					
Chi	— Clark 1 run (pass failed)					

1939

GREEN BAY 27, NEW YORK 0—The Giants were overwhelmed by the Packers' defense and 35-mile per hour winds in Green Bay's victory. The Packers took an early 7-0 lead on a 7-yard scoring pass from Arnie Herber to Milt Gantenbein. The score remained that way until the third period because the Giants missed 3 field-goal attempts. After intermission, a field goal gave Green Bay a 10-0 lead, and then Cecil Isbell found Joe Laws for a 31-yard touchdown pass. Laws set up his touchdown with a 30-yard punt return. The Giants managed just 164 total yards and suffered 6 interceptions.

New York	0	0	0	0	—	0
Green Bay	7	0	10	10	—	27

GB	— Gantenbein 7 pass from Herber (Engelbrechtsen kick)					
GB	— FG Engelbrechtsen 29					
GB	— Laws 31 pass from Isbell (Engelbrechtsen kick)					
GB	— FG E. Smith 42					
GB	— Jankowski 1 run (E. Smith kick)					

1938

NEW YORK 23, GREEN BAY 17—Despite being out-gained 378-212, the Giants won because of 2 big plays by their special teams. New York took a 9-0 first-quarter lead on a touchdown and a field goal, both of which were set up by blocked punts deep in the Packers' territory. Trailing 17-16 in the third quarter, New York drove 61 yards to the decisive score on a 23-yard touchdown pass in which Hank Soar outjumped two defenders.

Green Bay	0	14	3	0	—	17
New York	9	7	7	0	—	23

NY	— FG Cuff 14					
NY	— Leemans 6 run (kick failed)					
GB	— C. Mulleneaux 40 pass from Herber (Engelbrechtsen kick)					
NY	— Barnard 21 pass from Danowski (Cuff kick)					
GB	— Hinkle 1 run (Engelbrechtsen kick)					
GB	— FG Engelbrechtsen 15					
NY	— Soar 23 pass from Danowski (Cuff kick)					

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1937

WASHINGTON 28, CHICAGO BEARS 21—Rookie Sammy Baugh passed for 354 yards and 3 scores on an icy field to lead the Redskins' victory. With the Redskins trailing 14-7, Baugh exploded for scoring passes of 55, 78, and 35 yards in the third quarter to give Washington a 28-21 lead entering the fourth period. The Redskins' defense took over from there, stopping two Bears' drives inside Washington's 25. Baugh completed 7 of 10 passes for 202 yards in the third quarter, and finished with 18 completions in 33 attempts overall. Wayne Millner had a game-high 9 catches for 179 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Washington	7	0	21	0	—	28
Chicago Bears	14	0	7	0	—	21

Wash — Battles 7 run (R. Smith kick)

Chi — Manders 10 run (Manders kick)

Chi — Manders 37 pass from Masterson (Manders kick)

Wash — Millner 55 pass from Baugh (R. Smith kick)

Chi — Manske 4 pass from Masterson (Manders kick)

Wash — Millner 78 pass from Baugh (R. Smith kick)

Wash — Justice 35 pass from Baugh (R. Smith kick)

1936

GREEN BAY 21, BOSTON 6—Arnie Herber passed for 2 touchdowns and the Packers limited the Redskins to 130 total yards in Green Bay's victory. Herber fired a 48-yard touchdown pass to Don Hutson, and in the third quarter, hit Milt Gantenbein on an 8-yard scoring pass. Gantenbein's score was set up by a 52-yard pass from Herber to Johnny Blood (McNally). A blocked punt set up Bob Monnett's clinching 2-yard touchdown run. The game was played in New York's Polo Grounds because Redskins owner George Preston Marshall felt Boston fans were not behind his team. The Redskins moved to Washington for the 1937 season.

Green Bay	7	0	7	7	—	21
Boston	0	6	0	0	—	6

GB — Hutson 48 pass from Herber (E. Smith kick)

Bos — Rentner 2 run (kick failed)

GB — Gantenbein 8 pass from Herber (E. Smith kick)

GB — Monnett 2 run (Engelbreten kick)

1935

DETROIT 26, NEW YORK 7—The pass-oriented Giants were grounded by inclement weather, while the Lions pounded out 235 yards on the ground. The Lions took the opening kickoff and, aided by their only 2 completions of the day, drove 61 yards for a touchdown. After the Giants missed a field goal, Earl (Dutch) Clark ran 40 yards for a touchdown to make it 13-0. The Giants scored just before halftime to make it 13-7, and it stayed that way until the fourth quarter. Ernie Caddel's 4-yard run with four minutes to play gave Detroit a 20-7 lead, and Raymond (Buddy) Parker closed out the victory by returning an interception 22 yards to the Giants' 10, then scoring on a 4-yard run three plays later.

New York	0	7	0	0	—	7
Detroit	13	0	0	13	—	26

Det — Gutowsky 2 run (Presnell kick)

Det — Clark 40 run (kick failed)

NY — Strong 42 pass from Danowski (Strong kick)

Det — Caddel 4 run (Clark kick)

Det — Parker 4 run (kick failed)

1934

NEW YORK 30, CHICAGO BEARS 13—The Giants exploded for 27 points in the fourth quarter to overtake the Bears in the "Sneakers Game." Both teams slid around the frozen field in a first half that ended with Chicago leading 10-3. New York switched to rubber-soled shoes in the second half, but still trailed 13-3 in the fourth quarter. Midway through the fourth period, rookie Ed Danowski lofted a 28-yard touchdown pass to Ike Frankian to make it 13-10. After a Bears' punt, Ken Strong raced 42 yards up the middle for a touchdown to give the Bears a 17-13 lead. Strong added an 11-yard scoring run and Danowski ran 9 yards for another score to cap the Giants' fourth-quarter outburst.

Chicago Bears	0	10	3	0	—	13
New York	3	0	0	27	—	30

NY — FG Strong 38

Chi — Nagurski 1 run (Manders kick)

Chi — FG Manders 17

Chi — FG Manders 24

NY — Frankian 28 pass from Danowski (Strong kick)

NY — Strong 42 run (Strong kick)

NY — Strong 11 run (kick failed)

NY — Danowski 9 run (Molenda kick)

1933

CHICAGO BEARS 23, NEW YORK 21—The Bears used a trick play for the winning touchdown in the first official NFL Championship Game. Jack Manders, who had kicked only 5 field goals all season, kicked 3 in the first three quarters to stake Chicago to a 9-7 lead. After New York scored to make it 14-9, Chicago's Bronko Nagurski threw an 8-yard scoring pass to Bill Karr to put the Bears ahead 16-14. New York retook the lead on an unusual play. Ken Strong tried to sweep right, but was trapped, so he pitched the ball back to quarterback Harry Newman, who scrambled around and then found Strong for an 8-yard touchdown pass that made it 21-16. The teams traded possessions, with Chicago taking over at the Giants' 46 with time running out. From the Giants' 33, Nagurski ran right on a sweep, then pulled up and threw a pass to Bill Hewitt at the Giants' 19. Hewitt lateraled to Karr, who went the rest of the way for the deciding score.

New York	0	7	7	7	—	21
Chicago Bears	3	3	10	7	—	23

Chi — FG Manders 16

Chi — FG Manders 40

NY — Badgro 29 pass from Newman (Strong kick)

Chi — FG Manders 28

NY — Krause 1 run (Strong kick)

Chi — Karr 8 pass from Nagurski (Manders kick)

NY — Strong 8 pass from Newman (Strong kick)

Chi — Karr 19 lateral from Hewitt, who caught 14 pass from Nagurski (Brumbaugh kick)

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

GAMES

Most Games Played

- 9 Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns, 1950-55, 1957, 1964-65
Don Chandler, N.Y. Giants, 1956, 1958-59, 1961-63; Green Bay, 1965-67
Jethro Pugh, Dallas, 1966-67, 1970-73, 1975, 1977-78
D.D. Lewis, Dallas, 1970-73, 1975, 1977-78, 1980-81
Charlie Waters, Dallas, 1970-73, 1975, 1977-78, 1980-81

SCORING

Most Points, Game

- 19 Paul Hornung, Green Bay vs. N.Y. Giants, 1961 (1-td, 4 pat, 3 fg)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 3 Otto Graham, Cleveland vs. Detroit, 1954 (3-r)
Gary Collins, Cleveland vs. Baltimore, 1964 (3-p)
Tom Matte, Baltimore vs. Cleveland, 1968 (3-r)
Preston Pearson, Dallas vs. L.A. Rams, 1975 (3-p)
Emmitt Smith, Dallas vs. Green Bay, 1995 (3-r)

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

Most Points After Touchdown, Game

- 8 Lou Groza, Cleveland vs. Detroit, 1954 (8 att)
Jim Martin, Detroit vs. Cleveland, 1957 (8 att)

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game

- 6 Matt Bahr, N.Y. Giants vs. San Francisco, 1990

Most Field Goals, Game

- 5 Matt Bahr, N.Y. Giants vs. San Francisco, 1990

Longest Field Goal

- 52 Lou Groza, Cleveland vs. L.A. Rams, 1951

RUSHING

ATTEMPTS

Most Attempts, Game

- 36 John Riggins, Washington vs. Dallas, 1982; vs. San Francisco, 1983

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 196 Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia vs. L.A. Rams, 1949

Longest Run From Scrimmage

- 70 Elmer Angsman, Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1947 (twice, 2 TDs)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns Rushing, Game

- 3 Otto Graham, Cleveland vs. Detroit, 1954
Tom Matte, Baltimore vs. Cleveland, 1968
Emmitt Smith, Dallas vs. Green Bay, 1995

PASSING

ATTEMPTS

Most Passes Attempted, Game

- 53 Troy Aikman, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1994

COMPLETIONS

Most Passes Completed, Game

- 30 Troy Aikman, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1994

Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 att)

- 86.7 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. L.A. Rams, 1989 (30-26)

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 381 Kerry Collins, N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 2000

Longest Pass Completion

- 82 Bob Waterfield (to Davis), L.A. Rams vs. Cleveland, 1950 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdown Passes, Game

- 5 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1943
Kerry Collins, N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 2000

HAD INTERCEPTED

Most Attempts Without Interception, Game

- 48 Randall Cunningham, Minnesota vs. Atlanta, 1998

Most Consecutive Attempts Without Interception

- 93 Joe Montana, San Francisco (4 games)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game

- 6 Frank Filchock, N.Y. Giants vs. Chicago Bears, 1946
Bobby Layne, Detroit vs. Cleveland, 1954
Norm Van Brocklin, L.A. Rams vs. Cleveland, 1955

PASS RECEIVING

RECEPTIONS

Most Receptions, Game

- 12 Raymond Berry, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Giants, 1958
Michael Irvin, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1994

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 192 Michael Irvin, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1994

Longest Reception

- 82 Glenn Davis (from Waterfield), L.A. Rams vs. Cleveland, 1950 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdown Receptions, Game

- 3 Gary Collins, Cleveland vs. Baltimore, 1964
Preston Pearson, Dallas vs. L.A. Rams, 1975

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By, Game

- 3 Joe Laws, Green Bay vs. N.Y. Giants, 1944
Ricky Manning Jr., Carolina vs. Philadelphia, 2003

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 92 Ronde Barber, Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia, 2002

Longest Return

- 92 Ronde Barber, Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia, 2002 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 1 Hamp Pool, Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940
George McAfee, Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940
Clyde (Bulldog) Turner, Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940
Dante Magnani, Chicago Bears vs. N.Y. Giants, 1946
Don Paul, Cleveland vs. L.A. Rams, 1955
Terry Barr, Detroit vs. Cleveland, 1957
Johnny Sample, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Giants, 1959
Bobby Bryant, Minnesota vs. Dallas, 1973
Thomas Henderson, Dallas vs. L.A. Rams, 1978
Darryl Grant, Washington vs. Dallas, 1982
Darrell Green, Washington vs. Detroit, 1991
Eric Davis, San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1994
Ronde Barber, Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia, 2002

PUNTING

Most Punts, Game

- 11 Ken Strong, N.Y. Giants vs. Chicago Bears, 1933
Dale Hatcher, L.A. Rams vs. Chicago Bears, 1985

Longest Punt

- 76 Ed Danowski, N.Y. Giants vs. Detroit, 1935

AVERAGE YARDAGE

Highest Punting Average, Game (4 punts)

- 52.5 Sammy Baugh, Washington vs. Chicago Bears, 1942

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns, Game

- 6 Eddie Brown, L.A. Rams vs. Tampa Bay, 1979
John Sciarra, Philadelphia vs. Dallas, 1980

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 102 Charley Trippi, Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1947

Longest Return

- 75 Charley Trippi, Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1947 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 1 Charley Trippi, Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1947
Golden Richards, Dallas vs. Minnesota, 1973

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns, Game

- 7 Don Bingham, Chicago Bears vs. N.Y. Giants, 1956
Antonio Freeman, Green Bay vs. Dallas, 1995

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 148 Antonio Freeman, Green Bay vs. Dallas, 1995

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Longest Return

95 Chuck Levy, San Francisco vs. Green Bay, 1997 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

1 Chuck Levy, San Francisco vs. Green Bay, 1997

TEAM RECORDS

GAMES

Most Games

17 N.Y. Giants, 1933-35, 1938-39, 1941, 1944, 1946, 1956, 1958-59, 1961-63, 1986, 1990, 2000

Most Consecutive Games

6 Cleveland, 1950-55

Most Games Won

10 Green Bay, 1936, 1939, 1944, 1961-62, 1965-67, 1996, 1997

Most Consecutive Games Won

3 Green Bay, 1965-67

Most Games Lost

11 N.Y. Giants, 1933, 1935, 1939, 1941, 1944, 1946, 1958-59, 1961-63

Most Consecutive Games Lost

3 Cleveland, 1951-53
N.Y. Giants, 1961-63
L.A. Rams, 1974-76
Dallas, 1980-82
Philadelphia, 2001-03

SCORING

POINTS

Most Points, Game

73 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940

Most Points, Both Teams, Game

73 Chicago Bears (73) vs. Washington (0), 1940
Detroit (59) vs. Cleveland (14), 1957

Fewest Points, Both Teams, Game

7 Philadelphia (7) vs. Chicago Cardinals (0), 1948

Most Shutouts By

2 Green Bay vs. N.Y. Giants, 1939; vs. N.Y. Giants, 1961
Philadelphia vs. Chicago Cardinals, 1948; vs. L.A. Rams, 1949
Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940; vs. L.A. Rams, 1985
N.Y. Giants vs. Washington, 1987; vs. Minnesota, 2000

Most Points, By Quarters

1st: 21 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940
San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1994
2nd: 24 Green Bay vs. N.Y. Giants, 1961
3rd: 26 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940
4th: 27 N.Y. Giants vs. Chicago Bears, 1934
OT: 6 Baltimore vs. N.Y. Giants, 1958

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

11 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940 (7-r, 1-p, 3-int)

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

11 Chicago Bears (11) vs. Washington (0), 1940

Fewest Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

0 Tampa Bay vs. L.A. Rams, 1979

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

Most Points After Touchdown, Game

8 Cleveland vs. Detroit, 1954
Detroit vs. Cleveland, 1957

Most Points After Touchdown, Both Teams, Game

10 Detroit (8) vs. Cleveland (2), 1957

FIELD GOALS

Most Field Goals, Game

5 N.Y. Giants vs. San Francisco, 1990 (6 att)

Most Field Goals, Both Teams, Game

7 N.Y. Giants (5) vs. San Francisco (2), 1990

Most Field Goals Attempted, Game

6 N.Y. Giants vs. San Francisco, 1990 (5 made)

Most Field Goals Attempted, Both Teams, Game

8 N.Y. Giants (6) vs. San Francisco (2), 1990

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs, Game

31 N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 2000

Fewest First Downs, Game

6 N.Y. Giants vs. Green Bay, 1961

Most First Downs, Both Teams, Game

51 Minnesota (26) vs. Atlanta (25), 1998

Fewest First Downs, Both Teams, Game

15 Green Bay (7) vs. Boston (8), 1936

NET YARDS GAINED RUSHING AND PASSING

Most Net Yards Gained, Game

518 N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 2000 (138-p, 380-r)

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game

99 Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1948 (96-r, 3-p)

Most Net Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

844 San Francisco (434) vs. Washington (410), 1983

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

331 Chicago Cardinals (99) vs. Philadelphia (232), 1948

RUSHING

ATTEMPTS

Most Attempts, Game

65 Detroit vs. N.Y. Giants, 1935

Fewest Attempts, Game

9 Minnesota vs. N.Y. Giants, 2000

Most Attempts, Both Teams, Game

109 Detroit (65) vs. N.Y. Giants (44), 1935

Fewest Attempts, Both Teams, Game

44 St. Louis (21) vs. Tampa Bay (23), 1999

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

382 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940

Fewest Yards Gained, Game

21 L.A. Rams vs. Philadelphia, 1949

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

426 Cleveland (227) vs. Detroit (199), 1952

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

106 Boston (39) vs. Green Bay (67), 1936

Longest Gain

70 Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1947 (twice, TDs)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

7 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

7 Chicago Bears (7) vs. Washington (0), 1940

PASSING

ATTEMPTS

Most Attempts, Game

53 Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1994

Fewest Attempts, Game

5 Detroit vs. N.Y. Giants, 1935

Most Attempts, Both Teams, Game

91 Minnesota (48) vs. Atlanta (43), 1998

Fewest Attempts, Both Teams, Game

18 Detroit (5) vs. N.Y. Giants (13), 1935

COMPLETIONS

Most Passes Completed, Game

30 Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1994

Fewest Passes Completed, Game

2 Detroit vs. N.Y. Giants, 1935
Philadelphia vs. Chicago Cardinals, 1948

Most Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game

56 Minnesota (29) vs. Atlanta (27), 1998

Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game

5 Philadelphia (2) vs. Chicago Cardinals (3), 1948

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 att)

87.1 San Francisco vs. L.A. Rams, 1989 (31-27)

Lowest Completion Percentage, Game (20 att)

18.5 Tampa Bay vs. L.A. Rams, 1979 (27-5)

Highest Completion Percentage, Both Teams, Game

71.0 San Francisco (71.4) vs. Dallas (70.6), 1992 (69-49)

Lowest Completion Percentage, Both Teams, Game

21.7 Philadelphia (16.7) vs. Chicago Cardinals (27.3), 1948 (23-5)

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

380 N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 2000

Fewest Yards Gained, Game

3 Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1948

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

596 San Francisco (301) vs. Dallas (295), 1992

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

10 Chicago Cardinals (3) vs. Philadelphia (7), 1948

Longest Gain

82 L.A. Rams vs. Cleveland, 1950 (TD)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 5 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1943
- Detroit vs. Cleveland, 1957
- N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 2000

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game

- 7 Chicago Bears (5) vs. Washington (2), 1943

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted By, Game

- 8 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940

Most Passes Intercepted By, Both Teams, Game

- 10 Cleveland (7) vs. L.A. Rams (3), 1955

Fewest Passes Intercepted By, Both Teams, Game

- 0 Dallas vs. Washington, 1972
- San Francisco vs. N.Y. Giants, 1990
- Minnesota vs. Atlanta, 1998

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 123 Green Bay vs. N.Y. Giants, 1939
- Dallas vs. L.A. Rams, 1978

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

- 156 Green Bay (123) vs. N.Y. Giants (33), 1939

Longest Return

- 92 Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia, 2002 (TD)

TOUCHDOWNS

Most Touchdowns, Game

- 3 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1940

PUNTING

Most Punts, Game

- 13 N.Y. Giants vs. Chicago Bears, 1933

Fewest Punts, Game

- 1 San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1992
- Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1994
- N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 2000

Most Punts, Both Teams, Game

- 23 N.Y. Giants (13) vs. Chicago Bears (10), 1933

Fewest Punts, Both Teams, Game

- 5 Chicago Bears (2) vs. Washington (3), 1940
- San Francisco (1) vs. Dallas (4), 1992

AVERAGE YARDAGE

Highest Punting Average, Game

- 57.0 San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1992

Lowest Punting Average, Game

- 23.0 Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1994

Highest Punting Average, Both Teams, Game

- 47.8 Minnesota (50.8) vs. Atlanta (44.8), 1998

Lowest Punting Average, Both Teams, Game

- 30.6 Atlanta (26.0) vs. Philadelphia (38.3)

PUNT RETURNS

Most Punt Returns, Game

- 8 Green Bay vs. N.Y. Giants, 1944

Fewest Punt Returns, Game

- 0 Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 1937; vs. N.Y. Giants, 1941
- N.Y. Giants vs. Chicago Bears, 1941
- Green Bay vs. Dallas, 1966
- Dallas vs. Green Bay, 1967
- San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1994
- Minnesota vs. Atlanta, 1998
- Minnesota vs. N.Y. Giants, 2000
- Carolina vs. Philadelphia, 2003

Most Punt Returns, Both Teams, Game

- 11 Green Bay (8) vs. N.Y. Giants (3), 1944

Fewest Punt Returns, Both Teams, Game

- 0 Chicago Bears vs. N.Y. Giants, 1941

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 150 Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1947 (4)

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

- 160 Chicago Cardinals (150) vs. Philadelphia (10), 1947

Longest Return

- 75 Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 1947 (TD)

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Kickoff Returns, Game

- 9 Chicago Bears vs. N.Y. Giants, 1956

Fewest Kickoff Returns, Game

- 0 Green Bay vs. Boston, 1936; vs. N.Y. Giants, 1939
- Washington vs. Dallas, 1972
- Dallas vs. L.A. Rams, 1978
- N.Y. Giants vs. Washington, 1986

Most Kickoff Returns, Both Teams, Game

- 12 Dallas (6) vs. Green Bay (6), 1966
- Dallas (7) vs. San Francisco (5), 1994

Fewest Kickoff Returns, Both Teams, Game

- 1 Green Bay (0) vs. Boston (1), 1936

YARDS GAINED

Most Yards Gained, Game

- 225 Washington vs. Chicago Bears, 1940

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game

- 265 Philadelphia (148) vs. St. Louis (117), 2001

Longest Gain

- 95 San Francisco vs. Greey Bay, 1997

NFC/NFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TOP PERFORMANCES

RUSHING YARDS

- 196 Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia vs. L.A. Rams, 12/18/49
- 194 Wilbert Montgomery, Philadelphia vs. Dallas, 1/11/81
- 159 Elmer Angsman, Chicago Cardinals vs. Philadelphia, 12/28/47
- 159 Marshall Faulk, St. Louis vs. Philadelphia, 1/27/02
- 150 Emmitt Smith, Dallas vs. Green Bay, 1/14/96
- 143 Duane Thomas, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1/3/71
- 140 John Riggins, Washington vs. Dallas, 1/22/83
- 128 Lawrence McCutcheon, L.A. Rams vs. Minnesota, 12/26/76
- 123 John Riggins, Washington vs. San Francisco, 1/8/84
- 118 Chuck Foreman, Minnesota vs. L.A. Rams, 12/26/76
- 114 Jim Brown, Cleveland vs. Baltimore, 12/27/64
- 114 Emmitt Smith, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1/17/93
- 114 Dorsey Levens, Green Bay vs. San Francisco, 1/11/98
- 109 Bill Osmanski, Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 12/8/40

PASSING YARDS

- 381 Kerry Collins, N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 1/14/01
- 380 Troy Aikman, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1/15/94
- 349 Johnny Unitas, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Giants, 12/28/58
- 347 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Washington, 1/8/84
- 340 Chris Chandler, Atlanta vs. Minnesota, 1/17/99
- 335 Sammy Baugh, Washington vs. Chicago Bears, 12/12/37
- 322 Troy Aikman, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1/17/93
- 313 Steve Young, San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1/17/93
- 312 Bob Waterfield, L.A. Rams vs. Cleveland, 12/24/50
- 307 Brett Favre, Green Bay vs. Dallas, 1/14/96
- 304 Bart Starr, Green Bay vs. Dallas, 1/1/67
- 298 Otto Graham, Cleveland vs. L.A. Rams, 12/24/50
- 297 Tommy Thompson, Philadelphia vs. Chicago Cardinals, 12/28/47
- 292 Brett Favre, Green Bay vs. Carolina, 1996
- 288 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Chicago Bears, 1/8/89
- 287 Steve Young, San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1/23/94
- 286 Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears vs. Washington, 12/26/43
- 286 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1/10/82

RECEPTIONS

- 12 Raymond Berry, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Giants, 12/28/58
- 12 Michael Irvin, Dallas, vs. San Francisco, 1/15/94
- 11 Dante Lavelli, Cleveland vs. L.A. Rams, 12/24/50
- 10 Ike Hilliard, N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 1/14/01
- 9 Wayne Millner, Washington vs. Chicago Bears, 12/12/37
- 9 Jim Benton, Cleveland Rams vs. Washington, 12/16/45
- 9 Tom Fears, L.A. Rams vs. Cleveland, 12/24/50
- 9 Bob Schnelker, N.Y. Giants vs. Baltimore, 12/27/59
- 8 Jack Ferrante, Philadelphia vs. Chicago Cardinals, 12/28/47
- 8 Dwight Clark, San Francisco vs. Dallas, 1/10/82
- 8 Mike Wilson, San Francisco vs. Washington, 1/8/84
- 8 Art Monk, Washington vs. N.Y. Giants, 1/11/87
- 8 Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Dallas 1/17/93
- 8 Isaac Bruce, St. Louis vs. Philadelphia, 1/27/02
- 8 Duce Staley, Philadelphia vs. St. Louis, 1/27/02

RECEIVING YARDS

- 192 Michael Irvin, Dallas vs. San Francisco, 1/15/94
- 178 Raymond Berry, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Giants, 12/28/58
- 175 Bob Schnelker, N.Y. Giants vs. Baltimore, 12/27/59
- 169 Gene Washington, Minnesota vs. Cleveland, 1/4/70
- 160 Wayne Millner, Washington vs. Chicago Bears, 12/12/37
- 155 Ike Hilliard, N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota, 1/14/01
- 146 Charley Taylor, Washington vs. Dallas, 12/31/72
- 146 Tom Fears, L.A. Rams vs. Cleveland, 12/23/51
- 139 Harold Jackson, L.A. Rams vs. Minnesota, 12/29/74
- 137 Charlie Brown, Washington vs. San Francisco, 1/11/87
- 136 Tom Fears, L.A. Rams vs. Cleveland, 12/24/50
- 133 Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Chicago Bears, 1/8/89

