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Season	Date	Winner (Share)	Losers (Share)	Score	Site	Attendance
2005	Jan. 8	Pittsburgh (\$17,000)	Cincinnati (\$19,000)	31-17	Cincinnati	65,870
	Jan. 7	New England (\$19,000)	Jacksonville (\$17,000)	28-3	Foxborough	68,756
2004	Jan. 9	Indianapolis (\$18,000)	Denver (\$15,000)	49-24	Indianapolis	56,609
	Jan. 8	N.Y. Jets (\$15,000)	San Diego (\$18,000)	20-17*	San Diego	67,536
2003	Jan. 4	Indianapolis (\$18,000)	Denver (\$15,000)	41-10	Indianapolis	56,586
	Jan. 3	Tennessee (\$15,000)	Baltimore (\$18,000)	20-17	Baltimore	69,452
2002	Jan. 5	Pittsburgh (\$17,000)	Cleveland (\$12,500)	36-33	Pittsburgh	62,595
	Jan. 4	N.Y. Jets (\$17,000)	Indianapolis (\$12,500)	41-0	East Rutherford	78,524
2001	Jan. 13	Baltimore (\$12,500)	Miami (\$12,500)	20-3	Miami	72,251
	Jan. 12	Oakland (\$17,000)	N.Y. Jets (\$12,500)	38-24	Oakland	61,503
2000	Dec. 31	Baltimore (\$12,500)	Denver (\$12,500)	21-3	Baltimore	69,638
	Dec. 30	Miami (\$16,000)	Indianapolis (\$12,500)	23-17*	Miami	73,193
1999	Jan. 9	Miami (\$10,000)	Seattle (\$16,000)	20-17	Seattle	66,170
	Jan. 8	Tennessee (\$10,000)	Buffalo (\$10,000)	22-16	Nashville	66,672
1998	Jan. 3	Jacksonville (\$15,000)	New England (\$10,000)	25-10	Jacksonville	71,139
	Jan. 2	Miami (\$10,000)	Buffalo (\$10,000)	24-17	Miami	72,698
1997	Dec. 28	New England (\$15,000)	Miami (\$10,000)	17-3	Foxborough	60,041
	Dec. 27	Denver (\$10,000)	Jacksonville (\$10,000)	42-17	Denver	74,481
1996	Dec. 29	Pittsburgh (\$14,000)	Indianapolis (\$10,000)	42-14	Pittsburgh	58,078
	Dec. 28	Jacksonville (\$10,000)	Buffalo (\$10,000)	30-27	Buffalo	70,213
1995	Dec. 31	Indianapolis (\$7,500)	San Diego (\$7,500)	35-20	San Diego	61,182
	Dec. 30	Buffalo (\$13,000)	Miami (\$7,500)	37-22	Buffalo	73,103
1994	Jan. 1	Cleveland (\$7,500)	New England (\$7,500)	20-13	Cleveland	77,452
	Dec. 31	Miami (\$12,000)	Kansas City (\$7,500)	27-17	Miami	67,487
1993	Jan. 9	L.A. Raiders (\$7,500)	Denver (\$7,500)	42-24	Los Angeles	65,314
	Jan. 8	Kansas City (\$12,000)	Pittsburgh (\$7,500)	27-24*	Kansas City	74,515
1992	Jan. 3	Buffalo (\$6,000)	Houston (\$6,000)	41-38*	Buffalo	75,141
	Jan. 2	San Diego (\$10,000)	Kansas City (\$6,000)	17-0	San Diego	58,278
1991	Dec. 29	Houston (\$10,000)	N.Y. Jets (\$6,000)	17-10	Houston	61,485
	Dec. 28	Kansas City (\$6,000)	L.A. Raiders (\$6,000)	10-6	Kansas City	75,827
1990	Jan. 6	Cincinnati (\$10,000)	Houston (\$6,000)	41-14	Cincinnati	60,012
	Jan. 5	Miami (\$6,000)	Kansas City (\$6,000)	17-16	Miami	67,276
1989	Dec. 31	Pittsburgh (\$6,000)	Houston (\$6,000)	26-23*	Houston	59,406
1988	Dec. 26	Houston (\$6,000)	Cleveland (\$6,000)	24-23	Cleveland	75,896
1987	Jan. 3	Houston (\$6,000)	Seattle (\$6,000)	23-20*	Houston	50,519
1986	Dec. 28	N.Y. Jets (\$6,000)	Kansas City (\$6,000)	35-15	East Rutherford	75,210
1985	Dec. 28	New England (\$6,000)	N.Y. Jets (\$6,000)	26-14	East Rutherford	75,945
1984	Dec. 22	Seattle (\$6,000)	L.A. Raiders (\$6,000)	13-7	Seattle	62,049
1983	Dec. 24	Seattle (\$6,000)	Denver (\$6,000)	31-7	Seattle	64,275
1982	Jan. 9	N.Y. Jets (\$6,000)	Cincinnati (\$6,000)	44-17	Cincinnati	57,560
	Jan. 9	San Diego (\$6,000)	Pittsburgh (\$6,000)	31-28	Pittsburgh	53,546
	Jan. 8	L.A. Raiders (\$6,000)	Cleveland (\$6,000)	27-10	Los Angeles	56,555
	Jan. 8	Miami (\$6,000)	New England (\$6,000)	28-13	Miami	68,842
1981	Dec. 27	Buffalo (\$3,000)	N.Y. Jets (\$3,000)	31-27	New York	57,050
1980	Dec. 28	Oakland (\$3,000)	Houston (\$3,000)	27-7	Oakland	53,333
1979	Dec. 23	Houston (\$3,000)	Denver (\$3,000)	13-7	Houston	48,776
1978	Dec. 24	Houston (\$3,000)	Miami (\$3,000)	17-9	Miami	72,445

*Sudden death overtime

2005

PITTSBURGH 31, CINCINNATI 17—Ben Roethlisberger passed for 3 touchdowns and the Steelers' defense shutout the Bengals in the second half to post the first postseason road victory of Bill Cowher's 14-year coaching career. Carson Palmer injured his knee on the Bengals' second play of the game. Kimo von Oelhoffen was blocked into Palmer's knee. The play resulted in a 66-yard pass to Chris Henry, who also was injured on the play. The pass set up Shayne Graham's 23-yard field goal, and Jon Kitna engineered touchdown drives of 76 and 57 yards on the next two possessions to take a 17-7 lead with 6:13 left in the second quarter. Roethlisberger's 54-yard pass to Cedrick Wilson set up Hines Ward's 5-yard touchdown grab on third-and-goal. On the opening possession of the second half, the Bengals led 17-14 and drove to the Steelers' 15, but from field-goal formation Brad St. Louis's snap was high and holder Kyle Larson could not hold onto the ball. The Steelers responded with a 66-yard touchdown drive to take the lead. After forcing a punt, the Steelers were faced with third-and-3 from the Bengals' 43. Antwaan Randle El took the Shotgun snap, rolled right, passed backwards across the field to Roethlisberger, who then fired long downfield to a wide open Wilson, who caught the ball at the 5-yard line and jogged into the end zone for a 28-17 lead. James Farrior's interception on the next drive led to Jeff Reed's field goal with 10:29 to play. The Bengals drove to the Steelers' 45 with 4:12 to play, but Troy Polamalu's diving interception ended the Bengals' final hope. Roethlisberger was 14 of 19 for 208

yards and 3 touchdowns. Wilson had 3 catches for 104 yards. Kitna was 24 of 40 for 197 yards and 1 touchdown, with 2 interceptions.

Pittsburgh	0	14	14	3	—	31
Cincinnati	10	7	0	0	—	17

Cin	—	FG Graham 23
Cin	—	R. Johnson 20 run (Graham kick)
Pitt	—	Parker 19 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick)
Cin	—	Houshmandzadeh 7 pass from Kitna (Graham kick)
Pitt	—	Ward 5 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick)
Pitt	—	Bettis 5 run (Reed kick)
Pitt	—	Wilson 43 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick)
Pitt	—	FG Reed 21

NEW ENGLAND 28, JACKSONVILLE 3—Tom Brady passed for 3 touchdowns and Willie McGinest registered an NFL-postseason record 4½ sacks as the Patriots won their NFL-record 10th consecutive postseason game. Brady improved to 10-0 as a postseason starter, and McGinest set a career postseason record with 16 sacks, surpassing Bruce Smith's mark of 14½. Tim Dwight's 27-yard punt return set up Troy Brown's 11-yard touchdown catch on third-and-5. The Jaguars had a 12-play drive just before halftime that culminated with Josh Scobee's 36-yard field goal to pull within 7-3. New England forced a punt to begin the second half, and the offense drove 81 yards in 12 plays, highlighted by Andre' Davis' fumble recovery of Ben Watson's

bouncing fumble at the Jaguars' 3, and capped on the next play by Brady's 3-yard touchdown toss to Givens in the back of the end zone. The touchdown marked Givens' sixth consecutive postseason game with a scoring catch, second in NFL history, and two games shy of John Stallworth's record. The Patriots forced another punt, and on third-and-13 Brady completed a short pass to Watson, who broke three tackles en route to a Patriots' postseason-record long 63-yard touchdown for a 21-3 lead with 3:03 left in the third quarter. The Jaguars' drove to the Patriots' 32, but on fourth-and-5, Asante Samuel stepped in front of Byron Leftwich's pass and returned it untouched 73 yards on the first play of the fourth quarter to complete the scoring. Brady was 15 of 27 for 201 yards and 3 touchdowns. Leftwich, making his first start since missing the final five games with an ankle injury, was 18 of 31 for 179 yards, with 1 interception. David Garrard played the final two drives and was 3 of 8 for 68 yards.

Jacksonville	0	3	0	0	—	3
New England	0	7	14	7	—	28
NE	—	T. Brown 11 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick)				
Jax	—	FG Scobee 36				
NE	—	Givens 3 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick)				
NE	—	Watson 63 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick)				
NE	—	Samuel 73 interception return (Vinatieri kick)				

2004

INDIANAPOLIS 49, DENVER 24—Peyton Manning passed for 457 yards, the second-most in postseason history. Reggie Wayne had 221 receiving yards, the

third-highest mark in postseason annals, on 10 receptions for the Colts. Manning passed for 360 yards and 3 touchdowns in the first half, and the Colts outgained the Broncos 529-338 for the game, and 395-103 in the first half. The Colts scored 7 touchdowns in 10 possessions, punting twice, and driving at least 75 yards four times. Manning's 1-yard sneak with 38 seconds left in the half capped a 75-yard drive and gave the Colts a 35-3 half-time lead. The Broncos scored on their first three possessions of the second half, but got no closer than 18 points. The Broncos pulled within 42-24 on Tatum Bell's 1-yard run with 7:45 to play, but Manning completed a 22-yard pass to Dallas Clark on third-and-4 to set up Dominic Rhodes' 2-yard run with 2:02 remaining. Manning was 27 of 33 for 457 yards and 4 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Wayne had 10 catches for 221 yards, and Clark added 6 catches for 112 yards. Jake Plummer was 24 of 34 for 284 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 1 interception.

Denver	0	3	14	7	—	24
Indianapolis	14	21	0	14	—	49
Ind — Mungro 2 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Ind — James 1 run (Vanderjagt kick)						
Ind — Clark 19 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Den — FG Elam 33						
Ind — Wayne 35 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Ind — Manning 1 run (Vanderjagt kick)						
Den — R. Smith 9 pass from Plummer (Elam kick)						
Den — Putzier 35 pass from Plummer (Elam kick)						
Ind — Wayne 43 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Den — Bell 1 run (Elam kick)						
Ind — Rhodes 2 run (Vanderjagt kick)						

N.Y. JETS 20, SAN DIEGO 17 (OT)—Doug Brien kicked a 28-yard field goal in overtime as the Jets overcame a game-tying Chargers' touchdown in the final minute of regulation and a missed Chargers' field-goal attempt in overtime to give the Jets their first road post-season victory since 1982. With the game played in a steady rain on a soaked field, Brien missed a 33-yard field-goal attempt in the first quarter as the teams went into the locker room tied 7-7. The Jets scored on their first possession of the second half when Chad Pennington completed a 47-yard perfectly placed touchdown pass to Santana Moss on a post pattern, just over the outstretched arms of Quentin Jammer and Jerry Wilson, and Brien added a 42-yard field goal, that bounced off the upright and crossbar before going through, on their next possession for a 17-7 lead. Nate Kaeding capped the ensuing possession with a 35-yard field goal with 10:43 to play to pull within 17-10, and the Chargers forced a punt and started from their own 20 with 4:46 left. Antonio Gates had catches of 21 and 44 yards as the Chargers reached the Jets' 1. On third-and-goal, LaDainian Tomlinson was dropped for a 1-yard loss. On fourth-and-goal with 24 seconds left, Brees was chased 20 yards behind the line of scrimmage and lofted a pass into the end zone that fell incomplete. Roughing the passer was called on Eric Barton, placing the ball at the Jets' 1, and Brees completed a touchdown pass to Gates with 11 seconds left to tie the game. The Chargers won the overtime toss, and after an exchange of punts, the Chargers drove 47 yards in 13 plays to set up Kaeding's 40-yard field-goal attempt, which sailed wide right. Pennington completed passes to Moss and Justin McCareins, and LaMont Jordan had a 19-yard run to the Chargers' 15 to set up Brien's game-winning kick with five seconds remaining. Pennington was 23 of 33 for 279 yards and 2 touchdowns, and Moss had 4 catches for 100 yards. Brees was 31 of 42 for 319 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 1 interception.

N.Y. Jets	0	7	10	0	3	—	20
San Diego	0	7	0	10	0	—	17
SD — McCardell 26 pass from Brees (Kaeding kick)							
NYJ — Becht 13 pass from Pennington (Brien kick)							
NYJ — Moss 47 pass from Pennington (Brien kick)							
NYJ — FG Brien 42							
SD — FG Kaeding 35							
SD — Gates 1 pass from Brees (Kaeding kick)							
NYJ — FG Brien 28							

2003

INDIANAPOLIS 41, DENVER 10—Peyton Manning

passed for 5 touchdowns as the Colts scored on their first seven possessions and avenged a 31-17 home loss to the Broncos two weeks earlier. The Colts took the opening kickoff and drove 70 yards in 6 plays, capped by Brandon Stokley's 31-yard touchdown catch. The Broncos responded with a 8:14 drive that culminated with Jason Elam's 49-yard field goal. The Colts answered with another touchdown, which came when Marvin Harrison made a diving catch at the 30-yard line, and when nobody touched him he got up and ran into the end zone. The Colts scored on all three of their second quarter possessions, highlighted by Manning's 87-yard touchdown pass to Stokley with 1:51 left in the half, and capped by Mike Vanderjagt's 27-yard field goal, which was set up by David Macklin's interception, as the half expired for a 31-3 lead. At halftime Manning was 16 of 18 for 327 yards and 4 touchdowns. Raheem Brock blocked Elam's 46-yard field-goal attempt to begin the second half, and Manning engineered a 12-play, 64-yard drive that ended with Reggie Wayne's 7-yard touchdown catch for a 38-3 lead with 5:19 left in the third quarter. Dwight Freeney forced a fumble by Jake Plummer and Rob Morris recovered to set up Vanderjagt's second field goal with 55 seconds left in the third quarter. Plummer's 7-yard touchdown pass to Rod Smith with 7:04 remaining ended the scoring. The Colts outgained Denver 479-322. Manning was 22 of 26 for 377 yards and 5 touchdowns, for a perfect 158.3 passer rating. Harrison had 7 receptions for 133 yards, and Stokley had 4 for 144. Plummer was 23 of 30 for 181 yards and 1 touchdown, with 2 interceptions.

Denver	3	0	0	7	—	10
Indianapolis	14	17	10	0	—	41
Ind — Stokley 31 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Den — FG Elam 49						
Ind — Harrison 46 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Ind — Harrison 23 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Ind — Stokley 87 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Ind — FG Vanderjagt 27						
Ind — Wayne 7 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick)						
Ind — FG Vanderjagt 20						
Den — Smith 7 pass from Plummer (Elam kick)						

TENNESSEE 20, BALTIMORE 17—Gary Anderson kicked a 46-yard field goal with 29 seconds left as the Titans snapped a five-game losing streak to the Ravens. Chris Brown's first professional touchdown, on a 6-yard run, capped a 10-play, 67-yard opening drive for the Titans. Tennessee then forced a punt, but two plays later Steve McNair's pass was tipped by Ed Reed and intercepted by Will Demps, who returned it 56 yards for his first-ever NFL touchdown. The Titans drove to the Ravens' 17 early in the second quarter, but Reed intercepted his third-down pass. Baltimore led 10-7 in the middle of the third quarter when McNair lofted a pass down the left sideline. Justin McCareins adjusted to the underthrown ball, caught it near the 15-yard line before racing untouched into the end zone. Samari Rolle intercepted Anthony Wright's pass at the Ravens' 31 with 11:33 left to set up a 45-yard field goal by Anderson for a 17-10 lead with 9:13 to play. The 44-year-old Anderson had not made a field goal longer than 43 yards all season, but surpassed that feat twice in the final 10 minutes of the game. Wright engineered a 9-play, 71-yard drive after Anderson's first field goal and hit Todd Heap with a 35-yard scoring pass with 4:30 left. The Titans got the ball at their own 37 with 2:44 left and drove 35 yards in 8 plays, highlighted by a 13-yard pass to Derrick Mason and an 8-yard run by Eddie George on third-and-1, to set up Anderson's winning kick. The Ravens reached their own 40 before Wright's final pass fell incomplete. McNair was 14 of 23 for 159 yards and 1 touchdown, with 3 interceptions. Wright was 20 of 37 for 214 yards and 1 touchdown, with 2 interceptions.

Tennessee	7	0	7	6	—	20
Baltimore	7	3	0	7	—	17
Tenn — Brown 6 run (Anderson kick)						
Balt — Demps 56 interception return (Stover kick)						
Balt — FG Stover 43						
Tenn — McCareins 49 pass from McNair (Anderson kick)						
Tenn — FG Anderson 45						
Balt — Heap 35 pass from Wright (Stover kick)						
Tenn — FG Anderson 46						

2002

PITTSBURGH 36, CLEVELAND 33—The NFL's comeback player of the year, Tommy Maddox, led the Steelers to 29 points in the final 19 minutes to overcome a 17-point deficit. On the game's third play, Kelly Holcomb, starting in place of the injured Tim Couch, connected on an 83-yard pass to Kevin Johnson to set up William Green's 1-yard run. A muffed punt by Antwaan Randle El early in the second quarter was followed on the next play by Holcomb's 32-yard touchdown pass to Dennis Northcutt. Randle El redeemed himself five minutes later with a 66-yard punt return for a touchdown. The Browns led 17-7 at halftime, and when Northcutt returned a punt 59 yards and three plays later caught a 15-yard touchdown pass, the Browns had a 17-point lead with 12:11 left in the third quarter. Maddox engineered touchdown drives of 71 and 65 yards, sandwiched around a Browns' field goal, but Holcomb's 22-yard touchdown pass to Andre' Davis with 10:17 left gave Cleveland a 33-21 lead. Two possessions later, the Steelers drove 77 yards, with the benefit of three Browns defensive penalties, and cut the deficit to 33-28 on Maddox's 5-yard scoring pass to Hines Ward with 3:06 left. Faced with third-and-12 on the ensuing possession, Northcutt dropped Holcomb's pass for what would have been a first down, and the Browns punted. Needing 61 yards with 2:35 remaining, Maddox completed 2 passes each to Plaxico Burress and Ward, and Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala scored from 3 yards out with 54 seconds left. The Browns reached the Steelers' 45 with seven seconds left, but Andre King could not get out of bounds on a 16-yard reception as time expired, thus denying Cleveland a game-tying field-goal opportunity. Maddox was 30 of 48 for 367 yards and 3 touchdowns, with 2 interceptions. Ward had 11 catches for 104 yards, and Burress added 6 receptions for 100 yards. Holcomb was 26 of 43 for 429 yards and 3 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Johnson had 4 catches for 140 yards.

Cleveland	7	10	7	9	—	33
Pittsburgh	0	7	7	22	—	36
Cle — Green 1 run (Dawson kick)						
Cle — Northcutt 32 pass from Holcomb (Dawson kick)						
Pitt — Randle El 66 punt return (Reed kick)						
Cle — FG Dawson 31						
Cle — Northcutt 15 pass from Holcomb (Dawson kick)						
Pitt — Burress 6 pass from Maddox (Reed kick)						
Cle — FG Dawson 24						
Pitt — Tuman 3 pass from Maddox (Reed kick)						
Cle — Andre' Davis 22 pass from Holcomb (pass failed)						
Pitt — Ward 5 pass from Maddox (Reed kick)						
Pitt — Fuamatu-Ma'afala 3 run (Tuman pass from Randle El)						

NEW YORK JETS 41, INDIANAPOLIS 0—Chad Pennington passed for 3 touchdowns and the Jets' defense permitted just 176 yards to post the first shutout in the franchise's postseason history. The 41-point deficit marked the worst post-season loss in Colts annals. On the Jets' fifth play from scrimmage, Richie Anderson caught a misdirection screen pass from Pennington, and, with a bevy of blockers, Anderson went 56 yards for a touchdown to give the Jets a 7-0 lead. Later in the quarter, Mike Vanderjagt's 41-yard field-goal attempt into the wind fell short, and John Hall responded with a 41-yard field goal from the same spot early in the second quarter. Troy Walters fumbled the ensuing kickoff return, Ray Mickens recovered, and LaMont Jordan scored on a 1-yard run seven plays later to give the Jets a 17-0 lead. Santana Moss' fingertip catch while keeping both feet inbounds for a 4-yard touchdown 37 seconds before halftime increased the lead to 24-0, and Chad Morton ran back the opening kickoff of the second half 70 yards to set up another field goal. The Colts had the ball for just 19:42, and for only 7:44 of the second half. Pennington was 19 of 25 for 222 yards and 3 touchdowns. Jordan rushed for 102 yards and 2 scores. Peyton Manning was 14 of 31 for 137 yards, with 2 interceptions for the Colts.

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Indianapolis 0 0 0 0 — 0
N.Y. Jets 7 17 10 7 — 41

NYJ — Anderson 56 pass from Pennington (Hall kick)
 NYJ — FG Hall 41
 NYJ — Jordan 1 run (Hall kick)
 NYJ — Moss 4 pass from Pennington (Hall kick)
 NYJ — FG Hall 39
 NYJ — Baker 3 pass from Pennington (Hall kick)
 NYJ — Jordan 1 run (Hall kick)

2001

BALTIMORE 20, MIAMI 3—The Ravens' offense rushed for 226 yards and the Ravens' defense allowed just 9 first downs, 151 total yards, and forced 3 turnovers as the Super Bowl champions won their fifth consecutive postseason game. Tommy Hendricks recovered Jermaine Lewis' fumble on the opening kickoff at the Ravens' 24, but the Dolphins could only manage Olindo Mare's 33-yard field goal. Terry Allen's 4-yard touchdown run capped an 11-play, 90-yard drive and gave the Ravens a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter. The Ravens had a chance to extend the lead just before halftime when Peter Boulware recovered Travis Minor's fumble at the Dolphins' 41, but Matt Stover's 40-yard field-goal attempt hit the left upright. Matt Turk's 44-yard punt pinned the Ravens back to their own 1-yard line midway through the third quarter, but a few nice runs by Allen, and a 45-yard pass from Elvis Grbac to Travis Taylor, set up the duo's 4-yard touchdown to give the Ravens a 14-3 lead. On the ensuing possession, Boulware sacked Jay Fiedler and forced him to fumble. Sam Adams recovered to set up Stover's 35-yard field goal, and Duane Starks' interception at the Ravens' 28 on the next drive led to Stover's 40-yard field goal with 2:01 left to finish the scoring. Grbac was 12 of 18 for 133 yards and 1 touchdown. Allen rushed 25 times for 109 yards. Fiedler was 15 of 28 for 122 yards, with 1 interception.

Baltimore 0 7 7 6 — 20
Miami 3 0 0 0 — 3

Mia — FG Mare 33
 Balt — Allen 4 run (Stover kick)
 Balt — Taylor 4 pass from Grbac (Stover kick)
 Balt — FG Stover 35
 Balt — FG Stover 40

OAKLAND 38, N.Y. JETS 24—Jerry Rice had 9 catches for 183 yards and became the oldest player to catch a postseason touchdown pass in NFL history as the Raiders fought off a late rally to defeat the Jets in the NFL's first-ever prime-time playoff game. The Raiders' first three possessions all ended with Sebastian Janikowski field goals. The Jets' first three possessions also ended with field-goal attempts, but John Hall missed a 45-yard attempt, made a 45-yard attempt, and had a 41-yard attempt blocked by Anthony Dorsett with 3:05 left in the first half. Dorsett's block, and a 29-yard run by Charlie Garner, set up Rich Gannon's 2-yard touchdown pass to Tim Brown with 22 seconds left in the first half to give the Raiders a 16-3 lead. Vinny Testaverde's 17-yard touchdown pass to Wayne Chrebet to open the second half cut the deficit to 16-10, and the Jets moved into Raiders' territory late in the third quarter. But Richie Anderson fumbled, Grady Jackson recovered, and Gannon's 47-yard pass to Rice set up Zack Crockett's 2-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter to give Oakland a 24-10 lead. Testaverde's 3-yard touchdown pass to Anderson cut the lead to 24-17, but the Raiders answered, keyed by Jerry Porter's 22-yard catch on third-and-8, with Gannon's 21-yard touchdown pass to Rice. At 39 years old, Rice broke the record held by Pro Football Hall of Fame tight end Jackie Smith, who was 38 years old when he caught a touchdown pass in the Cowboys' 1978 NFC Divisional Playoff Game. Testaverde's 4-yard touchdown pass to Chrebet with 1:56 left cut the lead to 31-24, and the Jets stopped the Raiders on their first two plays to set up third-and-11 from the Raiders' 20 with 1:40 left. However, Garner broke free and raced 80 yards for a game-clinching touchdown with 1:27 remaining. Gannon was 23 of 29 for 294 yards and 2 touchdowns. Garner had 15 carries for 158 yards. Testaverde was 27 of 41 for 277 yards and 3 touchdowns. Curtis Martin had 16 carries for 106 yards, and Laveranues Coles had 8 catches for 123 yards.

N.Y. Jets 0 3 7 14 — 24
Oakland 6 10 0 22 — 38

Oak — FG Janikowski 21
 Oak — FG Janikowski 41
 NYJ — FG Hall 45
 Oak — FG Janikowski 45
 Oak — Brown 2 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick)
 NYJ — Chrebet 17 pass from Testaverde (Hall kick)
 Oak — Crockett 2 run (Garner run)
 NYJ — Anderson 3 pass from Testaverde (Hall kick)
 Oak — Rice 21 pass from Gannon (Janikowski kick)
 NYJ — Chrebet 4 pass from Testaverde (Hall kick)
 Oak — Garner 80 run (Janikowski kick)

2000

BALTIMORE 21, DENVER 3—Rookie Jamal Lewis rushed for 110 yards and 2 touchdowns, and the Ravens' defense permitted the Broncos to cross midfield just once, as the city of Baltimore hosted its first NFL playoff game since 1977. Trent Dilfer completed 2 key passes to Qadry Ismail before Lewis scored on a 1-yard run early in the second quarter to give the Ravens a 7-0 lead. The Broncos responded with their lone sustained drive of the day, but Mike Anderson was stopped for no gain on third-and-1 and Denver settled for Jason Elam's 31-yard field goal with 4:31 remaining in the first half. On the Ravens' next play, Dilfer's short pass deflected off the hands of Lewis and Terrell Buckley before being caught by Shannon Sharpe, who eluded two tacklers and raced 58 yards into the end zone to give the Ravens a 14-3 lead. The Broncos never threatened again, and Lewis' 27-yard scoring run in the third quarter capped the Ravens' victory in the franchise's first postseason game. The Ravens' defense limited the Broncos to just 9 first downs and 42 rushing yards. Dilfer completed 9 of 14 passes for 130 yards and 1 touchdown. Gus Frerotte, who played for the injured Brian Griese, was 13 of 28 for 124 yards, with 1 interception.

Denver 0 3 0 0 — 3
Baltimore 0 14 7 0 — 21

Balt — Ja. Lewis 1 run (Stover kick)
 Den — FG Elam 31
 Balt — Sharpe 58 pass from Dilfer (Stover kick)
 Balt — Ja. Lewis 27 run (Stover kick)

MIAMI 23, INDIANAPOLIS 17 (OT)—Lamar Smith's 17-yard touchdown run around right end 11:26 into overtime capped a remarkable performance and lifted the Dolphins to a come-from-behind victory. Smith rushed for 209 yards, the second most in playoff history, on an NFL-postseason record 40 carries to wear down the Colts' defense and give Miami a 43:40-27:46 time of possession advantage. The Colts led 3-0 early in the second quarter when the Dolphins dropped holder Hunter Smith for a 6-yard loss on a fake field-goal attempt. However, the Colts' defense responded with interceptions on the Dolphins' next two possessions, which resulted in 11 points, capped by Peyton Manning's 17-yard pass to Jerome Pathon to take a 14-0 lead. The Dolphins opened the second half with an 11-play, 70-yard drive, which consisted of 7 carries by Smith, and was capped by Smith's 2-yard touchdown run. The teams exchanged field goals, including a 50-yard kick by Mike Vanderjagt with 4:55 remaining, to give the Colts a 17-10 lead. The Dolphins methodically drove down field, keyed by Jay Fiedler's 19- and 13-yard passes to O.J. McDuffie, and tied the game on Fiedler's third-and-goal pass to Jed Weaver from 9 yards out with 34 seconds remaining. The Colts ran out the clock, and the Dolphins won the overtime coin toss but were forced to punt after gaining one first down. Manning hit Marvin Harrison with a 30-yard pass on the Colts' first play of overtime and the Colts moved the ball into Dolphins' territory. Faced with third-and-12 from the Dolphins' 42, Manning completed an 11-yard pass to Harrison. The Dolphins were offside on the play, but the Colts elected to take the play and allow Vanderjagt to attempt a 49-yard field goal. Vanderjagt's kick missed wide right, and the Dolphins marched 61 yards in 11 plays, capped by Smith dragging Jeff Burris into the end zone on his game-winning run. Fiedler completed 19 of 34 passes for 185 yards and 1 touchdown, with 3 interceptions. Manning was 17 of 32 for 194 yards and 1 touchdown. Edgerrin James had 21 carries for 107 yards.

Indianapolis 3 11 0 3 0 — 17
Miami 0 0 7 10 6 — 23

Ind — FG Vanderjagt 32
 Ind — FG Vanderjagt 26
 Ind — Pathon 17 pass from Manning (Dilger pass from Manning)
 Mia — Smith 2 run (Mare kick)
 Mia — FG Mare 38
 Ind — FG Vanderjagt 50
 Mia — Weaver 9 pass from Fiedler (Mare kick)
 Mia — Smith 17 run

1999

MIAMI 20, SEATTLE 17—J.J. Johnson rushed for 86 yards, and his 2-yard scoring run with 4:48 left vaulted the Dolphins past the Seahawks. The Seahawks led 10-3 at halftime, but Dan Marino completed 11- and 27-yard passes to O.J. McDuffie on the opening drive of the second half to set up his tying 1-yard touchdown pass to Oronde Gadsden. Charlie Rogers returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown, but Olindo Mare's 50-yard field goal late in the quarter trimmed the deficit to 17-13. Faced with third-and-17 from his own 8-yard line with 8:26 remaining, Marino fired a 23-yard completion to Tony Martin. Marino completed a 20-yard pass to Martin and 24-yard pass to Gadsden to set up Johnson's go-ahead 2-yard run. Terrell Buckley's interception at the Seahawks' 42 clinched the victory. The Seahawks failed to cross midfield in the second half. Marino was 17 of 30 for 196 yards and 1 touchdown. Jon Kitna was 14 of 30 for 162 yards and 1 touchdown, with 2 interceptions. The Dolphins' defense recorded 6 sacks and limited the Seahawks to 171 total yards. This was the final game played in the Kingdom, the Seahawks only home since joining the NFL in 1976.

Miami 3 0 10 7 — 20
Seattle 7 3 7 0 — 17

Sea — Dawkins 9 pass from Kitna (Peterson kick)
 Mia — FG Mare 32
 Sea — FG Peterson 50
 Mia — Gadsden 1 pass from Marino (Mare kick)
 Sea — Rogers 85 kickoff return (Peterson kick)
 Mia — FG Mare 50
 Mia — Johnson 2 run (Mare kick)

TENNESSEE 22, BUFFALO 16—Kevin Dyson received a crossfield lateral from Frank Wycheck and raced 75 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown with three seconds remaining to lift the Titans past the Bills. The Titans' defense permitted just 3 first downs in the first half, and Jevon Kearse sacked Rob Johnson for a safety, as Tennessee took a 12-0 lead into the locker room. Antowain Smith's 44-yard run on the first play of the second half set up his 4-yard scoring jaunt, quickly cutting the deficit to 12-7. Johnson's 37-yard pass to Eric Moulds early in the fourth quarter led to Smith's go-ahead touchdown with 11:08 remaining, but Johnson's 2-point conversion pass attempt fell incomplete. A 16-yard punt return by Isaac Byrd with 6:15 remaining sparked the Titans, and five consecutive carries by Eddie George set up Al Del Greco's 36-yard field goal with 1:48 remaining to give Tennessee a 15-13 lead. With time winding down, Johnson, who lost a shoe on a 3-yard scramble, completed a 9-yard pass to Peerless Price with 20 seconds left to set up Steve Christie's go-ahead 41-yard field goal with 16 seconds remaining. Lorenzo Neal fielded Christie's ensuing kickoff at the Titans' 24, ran a yard, and handed the ball to Wycheck, who began running to his right, stopped, and threw across the field to a wide-open Dyson, who had a wall of blockers and streaked 75 yards untouched for the game's final points. McNair was 13 of 24 for 76 yards, with 1 interception. George had 29 carries for 106 yards.

Buffalo 0 0 7 9 — 16
Tennessee 0 12 0 10 — 22

Tenn — Safety, Kearse sacked Johnson in end zone
 Tenn — McNair 1 run (Del Greco kick)
 Tenn — FG Del Greco 40
 Buff — Smith 4 run (Christie kick)
 Buff — Smith 1 run (pass failed)
 Tenn — FG Del Greco 36
 Buff — FG Christie 41
 Tenn — Dyson 75 kickoff return lateral from Wycheck (Del Greco kick)

1998

JACKSONVILLE 25, NEW ENGLAND 10—Fred Taylor rushed for 162 yards, the most in the postseason by a rookie since Timmy Smith in Super Bowl XXII, and scored a touchdown as the Jaguars reached the divisional playoffs for the second time in the franchise's four seasons. The Jaguars scored on two of their first three possessions, the second keyed by Taylor's 46-yard run, to take a 6-0 lead. Taylor reversed field on a 21-yard gain before sprinting 13 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter to give the Jaguars a 12-0 halftime lead. The Jaguars' defense forced 7 punts in the first half, as Jacksonville had more first downs (12-1) and total yards (199-54). The Patriots retaliated with a 17-play, 85-yard scoring drive that took 8:48 off the clock on their first possession of the second half, capped by Robert Edwards' 1-yard run. Adam Vinatieri's field goal on the next drive cut the deficit to 12-10, but Mark Brunell, who missed the previous three games with an ankle injury, needed just six plays to respond, lofting a 37-yard touchdown pass to a diving Jimmy Smith to give the Jaguars a 19-10 lead with 12:24 remaining in the game. Tony Brackens recovered a fumble and sacked Scott Zolak on fourth down to set up 2 late Mike Hollis field goals as the Patriots never crossed midfield the remainder of the game. Brunell was 14 of 34 for 161 yards and 1 touchdown. Zolak, who started in place of injured Drew Bledsoe, was 21 of 44 for 190 yards, with 1 interception. The Jaguars' defense limited the Patriots to 35 rushing yards on 19 carries.

New England	0	0	7	3	—	10
Jacksonville	6	6	0	13	—	25
Jax — FG Hollis 35						
Jax — FG Hollis 24						
Jax — Taylor 13 run (run failed)						
NE — Edwards 1 run (Vinatieri kick)						
NE — FG Vinatieri 27						
Jax — Smith 37 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick)						
Jax — FG Hollis 34						
Jax — FG Hollis 21						

MIAMI 24, BUFFALO 17—Trace Armstrong sacked Doug Flutie and forced him to fumble at the Dolphins' 3-yard line with nine seconds left to preserve Miami's first postseason victory in four seasons. Flutie completed a 65-yard pass to Eric Moulds on the game's first play, but Terrell Buckley stripped Moulds and Brock Marion recovered. Olindo Mare kicked field goals to finish each of the Dolphins' first 2 possessions. Following the second score, Mare attempted an onside kick, but Buffalo's Dan Brandenburg recovered the ball. Flutie's 37-yard pass to Moulds set up Thurman Thomas' touchdown run to give Buffalo a 7-6 lead. The Bills drove to the Dolphins' 6 late in the half, but Marion intercepted Flutie's pass in the end zone. Dan Marino's 52-yard Hail Mary pass was caught by Oronde Gadsden at the Bills' 9 with six seconds left, but Mare's 26-yard field-goal attempt hit the right upright as the half expired. Karim Abdul-Jabbar's 3-yard run, and Stanley Pritchett's 2-point conversion jaunt, gave the Dolphins a 14-7 lead with 2:32 left in the quarter. However, Flutie's 23-yard pass to Moulds set up the pair's 32-yard touchdown connection to tie the game in the quarter's final minute. Mare's 23-yard field goal gave the Dolphins a 17-14 lead with 9:45 left, and Jerry Wilson forced Andre Reed to fumble and Buckley recovered at the Dolphins' 44 with 8:02 left. The Dolphins burned 4:20 off the clock and scored on Marino's 11-yard touchdown pass to Lamar Thomas. On the following drive, Buffalo reached the Dolphins' 1, but a personal foul penalty on Reed pushed the Bills back and they settled for Steve Christie's field goal with 1:33 left to cut the deficit to 24-17. Sam Madison bobbled the ensuing onside kick, and Buffalo's Curt Schulz recovered at the Bills' 31. The Bills drove to the Dolphins' 5 with 17 seconds left before Shane Burton recovered the fumble that Armstrong forced. Marino was 23 of 34 for 235 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception. Flutie was 21 of 36 for 360 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception. Moulds, who had 9 catches, set an NFL playoff record with 240 receiving yards.

Buffalo	0	7	7	3	—	17
Miami	3	3	8	10	—	24
Mia — FG Mare 31						
Mia — FG Mare 40						
Buff — Thomas 1 run (Christie kick)						

Mia — Abdul-Jabbar 3 run (Pritchett run)						
Buff — Moulds 32 pass from Flutie (Christie kick)						
Mia — FG Mare 23						
Mia — Thomas 12 pass from Marino (Mare kick)						
Buff — FG Christie 33						

1997

NEW ENGLAND 17, MIAMI 3—Todd Collins returned an interception for a touchdown, and Chris Slade's interception set up another as the Patriots' defense permitted just 10 first downs and 162 total yards. Each team punted twice before Collins and Lawyer Milloy stopped Karim Abdul-Jabbar on fourth-and-1 from the Patriots' 39 late in the first quarter. The Patriots reached the Dolphins' 31, but Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide left, keeping the game scoreless. Slade intercepted Dan Marino three plays later, returning the ball to the Dolphins' 29 to set up Drew Bledsoe's 24-yard touchdown pass to Troy Brown. The Patriots had the only other scoring opportunity of the first half, but Vinatieri pushed a 47-yard field-goal attempt wide right in the final minute. Collins' interception was on the second play of the second half to give the Patriots a 14-0 lead, and, after forcing a punt, Vinatieri capped a 15-play, 66-yard drive with a field goal. Corey Harris returned the kickoff 47 yards to set up Olindo Mare's 38-yard field goal nine seconds into the fourth quarter. Harris recovered the ensuing onside kick, however, Chris Canty forced Marino to fumble on the next play, Slade recovered, and the Dolphins never got inside the Patriots' 43 on their final three possessions. Bledsoe was 16 of 32 for 139 yards and 1 touchdown. Marino was 17 of 43 for 141 yards, with 2 interceptions. Derrick Cullors, who rushed for 101 yards during the season, gained 86 yards on 22 carries in place of injured Curtis Martin. The Dolphins are 0-6 in road playoff games since 1972, and, for the first time ever, lost to a team three times in one season.

Miami	0	0	0	3	—	3
New England	0	7	10	0	—	17
NE — Brown 24 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick)						
NE — Collins 40 interception return (Vinatieri kick)						
NE — FG Vinatieri 22						
Mia — FG Mare 38						

DENVER 42, JACKSONVILLE 17—Terrell Davis rushed for 184 yards and 2 touchdowns in three quarters as the Broncos avenged last season's playoff loss to the Jaguars. The Broncos marched 73 yards on 15 plays and consumed nearly half the first quarter on their opening possession, capped by Davis' 2-yard touchdown run. John Elway hit Rod Smith with a 43-yard touchdown pass on their next possession, and Davis capped a 92-yard drive on the following possession with a 5-yard run to take a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. The third possession saw Elway complete passes to Smith, Willie Green, and Smith again on third-and-6, -9, and -13 situations. The Jaguars used a 34-yard pass interference penalty on Darrien Gordon at the Broncos' 4 to set up Natrone Means' 2-yard touchdown run. Reggie Barlow returned the second half's opening kickoff 58 yards to the Broncos' 27, but the Jaguars settled for Mike Hollis' 38-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 21-10. Four minutes later, Travis Davis plucked the ball out of the air, before Mike Horan could punt the ball, and scampered 29 yards for a touchdown. On their next possession the Jaguars drove to the Broncos' 16, but Mark Brunell fumbled the snap and Allen Aldridge recovered. Davis responded with a 59-yard run two plays after the fumble late in the third quarter, but bruised his ribs when he was tackled and did not return. Derek Loville replaced Davis and scored on Denver's next possession on a 25-yard run to give the Broncos a 28-17 cushion. Loville's 44-yard run later in the quarter led to his 8-yard touchdown run with 3:43 left, and Vaughn Hebron added a 6-yard run with 1:11 remaining. Elway was 16 of 24 for 223 yards and 1 touchdown. Loville gained 103 yards on 11 carries and, combined with Davis' 184 yards, became the third duo in playoff history to gain at least 100 yards in a game. Brunell was 18 of 32 for 203 yards with 1 interception. The Broncos more than doubled the Jaguars in first downs (28-14), total yards (511-237), and time of possession (40:31-19:29).

Jacksonville	0	7	10	0	—	17
Denver	14	7	0	21	—	42
Den — Te. Davis 2 run (Elam kick)						
Den — R. Smith 43 pass from Elway (Elam kick)						
Den — Te. Davis 5 run (Elam kick)						
Jax — Means 2 run (Hollis kick)						
Jax — FG Hollis 38						
Jax — Tr. Davis 29 return of blocked punt (Hollis kick)						
Den — Loville 25 run (Elam kick)						
Den — Loville 8 run (Elam kick)						
Den — Hebron 6 run (Elam kick)						

1996

PITTSBURGH 42, INDIANAPOLIS 14—Jerome Bettis scored 2 touchdowns, and the Steelers' defense permitted just 8 first downs, 146 yards, and compiled 4 sacks as they advanced to play the New England Patriots. The Colts led 14-13 at halftime on the strength of Eugene Daniel's 59-yard interception return and a 48-yard pass play from Jim Harbaugh to Marvin Harrison. The Steelers opened the second half with a 9:30 drive, with Bettis' first touchdown capping the 16-play march. Late in the third quarter, Carnell Lake forced Marshall Faulk to fumble and recovered the ball at the Colts' 18-yard line. Bettis scored his second touchdown moments later, and the rout was on. Pittsburgh scored a postseason-team record 42 points while totaling 407 yards and controlling the ball for 37:36. Bettis, who eleven times during the season broke the 100-yard barrier, had 25 carries for 102 yards.

Indianapolis	0	14	0	0	—	14
Pittsburgh	10	3	8	21	—	42
Pitt — FG N. Johnson 29						
Pitt — Stewart 1 run (N. Johnson kick)						
Pitt — FG N. Johnson 50						
Ind — Daniel 59 interception return (Blanchard kick)						
Ind — Bailey 9 pass from Harbaugh (Blanchard kick)						
Pitt — Bettis 1 run (Farquhar pass from Stewart)						
Pitt — Bettis 1 run (N. Johnson kick)						
Pitt — Witman 31 run (N. Johnson kick)						
Pitt — Stewart 3 run (N. Johnson kick)						

JACKSONVILLE 30, BUFFALO 27—Mike Hollis' third field goal, a 45-yard boot that caromed off the right upright before going through with 3:07 remaining, gave Jacksonville a playoff victory in its first-ever postseason game. The second-year franchise also pinned the Bills with their first-ever postseason home loss, after having won their first nine playoff games at Rich Stadium. Thurman Thomas scored two first-half touchdowns, but Jacksonville got a defensive touchdown from Clyde Simmons and a 30-yard run by Natrone Means. The teams entered the fourth-quarter tied 20-20 when Buffalo's Jeff Burris intercepted Mark Brunell's tipped pass and raced 38 yards to give the Bills a 27-20 advantage 43 seconds into the final quarter. The Jaguars put a 10-play, 65-yard drive together, keyed by 2 receptions by Keenan McCardell and a fourth-and-1 conversion by Means, to tie the game on Jimmy Smith's 2-yard pass with 8:40 remaining. On the ensuing possession, Chris Hudson sacked a scrambling Jim Kelly, forcing him to fumble and injuring him on the play. Aaron Beasley recovered the ball at the Jaguars' 41 with 7:13 left. Facing third-and-7 from the Bills' 41, Brunell hit McCardell with an 11-yard passing play to set up Hollis' winning kick. Todd Collins replaced the injured Kelly on Buffalo's final two possessions, but the Bills could not move the ball. Means carried 31 times for 175 yards, with 21 carries coming in the second half as the Jaguars won the time of possession battle (33:06-26:54) and total yards (409-308).

Jacksonville	10	7	3	10	—	30
Buffalo	14	3	3	7	—	27
Buff — Thomas 7 pass from Kelly (Christie kick)						
Jax — Simmons 20 interception return (Hollis kick)						
Buff — Thomas 2 run (Christie kick)						
Jax — FG Hollis 27						
Jax — Means 30 run (Hollis kick)						
Buff — FG Christie 33						
Buff — FG Christie 47						
Jax — FG Hollis 24						
Buff — Burris 38 interception return (Christie kick)						
Jax — Smith 2 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick)						
Jax — FG Hollis 45						

WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

1995

INDIANAPOLIS 35, SAN DIEGO 20—Unheralded rookie Zack Crockett rushed for a Colts' playoff-record 147 yards as Indianapolis stunned the defending AFC champions. Crockett, who carried only one time for no yards during the regular season, was in the game because starting running back Marshall Faulk reinjured his knee on the first play from scrimmage, and fullback Roosevelt Potts was out for the season with an injured knee. But the third-round draft choice from Florida State averaged 11.3 yards on his 13 carries against a defense that had allowed only 105.7 rushing yards per game during the regular season. The Chargers, who entered the playoffs with a five-game winning streak, took a 3-0 lead on John Carney's 54-yard field goal 5:32 into the first quarter. The lead changed hands five times after that—once on Crockett's 33-yard touchdown run 1:47 before halftime—until Jim Harbaugh's 42-yard touchdown pass to Sean Dawkins in the final minute of the third quarter put the Colts ahead for good at 21-17. San Diego pulled within 21-20 on Carney's 30-yard field goal with 11:53 to play, but Crockett raced 66 yards for a touchdown on the next play from scrimmage to give Indianapolis a 28-20 lead. Harbaugh's 3-yard touchdown run with 6:55 to play provided the final margin of victory. The Chargers had 429 total yards to Indianapolis' 333, but were victimized by 4 interceptions of quarterback Stan Humphries. Jason Belser had 2 of the thefts, including 1 he returned 33 yards to set up Indianapolis' final touchdown. The Colts' victory was their first in a postseason game since 1971.

Indianapolis	0	14	7	14	—	35
San Diego	3	7	7	3	—	20

SD — FG Carney 54
Ind — Dilger 2 pass from Harbaugh (Blanchard kick)
SD — Pupunu 6 pass from Humphries (Carney kick)
Ind — Crockett 33 run (Blanchard kick)
SD — Jefferson 11 pass from Humphries (Carney kick)
Ind — Dawkins 42 pass from Harbaugh (Blanchard kick)
SD — FG Carney 30
Ind — Crockett 66 run (Blanchard kick)
Ind — Harbaugh 3 run (Blanchard kick)

BUFFALO 37, MIAMI 22—Thurman Thomas ran for 158 yards and 1 touchdown as the Bills routed the Dolphins. Buffalo amassed an NFL postseason-record 341 yards on the ground, averaging 6.6 yards per carry. Reserve running back Darick Holmes gained 87 yards, and seldom-used third-stringer Tim Tindale added 68 yards on only 4 carries, one a 44-yard touchdown. The Bills marched 58 yards to Thomas' 1-yard touchdown run the first time they had the ball, and they never looked back, building a 24-0 advantage by the intermission and leading 27-0 before Miami could score. Buffalo finished with 536 total yards, and combined with the Dolphins' 502 to set another postseason record of 1,038 yards total offense in the game. Most of Miami's yardage came long after the issue was decided, however. Quarterback Dan Marino completed 33 of 64 passes for 422 yards and 2 touchdowns, but was intercepted 3 times. Wide receiver O.J. McDuffie caught 11 passes for 154 yards. For the Bills, Steve Tasker caught 5 passes for a career-high 108 yards. Tasker, a special-teams player most of his 11-year career, was thrust into the lineup at wide receiver because of injuries to others this season. He had 3 catches for 45 yards on Buffalo's opening drive.

Miami	0	0	0	22	—	22
Buffalo	10	14	3	10	—	37

Buff — Thomas 1 run (Christie kick)
Buff — FG Christie 48
Buff — Holmes 21 run (Christie kick)
Buff — Tasker 37 pass from Kelly (Christie kick)
Buff — FG Christie 23
Mia — McDuffie 5 pass from Marino (Stoyanovich kick)
Buff — Tindale 44 run (Christie kick)
Mia — Hill 45 pass from Marino (Stoyanovich kick)
Buff — FG Christie 42
Mia — Kirby 1 run (McDuffie pass from Marino)

1994

CLEVELAND 20, NEW ENGLAND 13—Vinny Testaverde threw for 268 yards and 1 touchdown and the Browns survived a late scare to beat the Patriots. After Matt Stover's 21-yard field goal with 3:36 remaining gave Cleveland a 20-10 advantage, the Patriots marched from their own 22-yard line to the Browns' 15. The drive stalled there, and Matt Bahr trimmed New England's deficit to seven points with a 33-yard field goal at the 1:30 mark. The Patriots recovered the ensuing inside kick and picked up a first down before four consecutive incompletions from their 48-yard line ended their comeback hopes. Testaverde completed 20 of 30 passes for the Browns, including a 5-yard touchdown to Mark Carrier in the second quarter. Michael Jackson caught 7 passes for 122 yards. Drew Bledsoe completed only 21 of 50 passes for 235 yards for New England and was intercepted 3 times.

New England	0	10	0	3	—	13
Cleveland	3	7	7	3	—	20

Cle — FG Stover 30
NE — Thompson 13 pass from Bledsoe (Bahr kick)
Cle — Carrier 5 pass from Testaverde (Stover kick)
NE — FG Bahr 23
Cle — Hoard 10 run (Stover kick)
Cle — FG Stover 21
NE — FG Bahr 33

MIAMI 27, KANSAS CITY 17—Dan Marino threw 2 touchdown passes and the Dolphins' defense forced a pair of critical turnovers in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory. A wild first half ended in a 17-17 tie after Marino and Chiefs quarterback Joe Montana each had three possessions (excluding a Kansas City kneedown on the final play) and produced a pair of touchdowns and a field goal. Marino picked up in the third quarter where he left off, directing a 64-yard touchdown drive following the second-half kickoff. He capped the six-play march with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Irving Fryar. Late in the quarter, Pete Stoyanovich kicked a 40-yard field goal to give Miami a 10-point lead, and the Dolphins' defense then took over. Cornerback J.B. Brown intercepted Montana at the goal line early in the fourth quarter, and safety Michael Stewart wrestled the ball from Kansas City running back Marcus Allen at Miami's 34-yard line with 7:31 left. Miami held onto the ball for nearly six minutes after that. Marino completed 22 of 29 passes for 257 yards for the Dolphins. Montana was 26 of 37 for 314 yards for the Chiefs. Kansas City running back Kimble Anders caught 6 passes for 103 yards, including a 57-yard touchdown.

Kansas City	14	3	0	0	—	17
Miami	7	10	10	0	—	27

KC — Walker 1 pass from Montana (Elliot kick)
Mia — Parmalee 1 run (Stoyanovich kick)
KC — Anders 57 pass from Montana (Elliot kick)
Mia — FG Stoyanovich 40
KC — FG Elliot 21
Mia — R. Williams 1 pass from Marino (Stoyanovich kick)
Mia — Fryar 7 pass from Marino (Stoyanovich kick)
Mia — FG Stoyanovich 40

1993

KANSAS CITY 27, PITTSBURGH 24—Nick Lowery kicked a 32-yard field goal 11:03 into overtime to give the Chiefs the come-from-behind victory. Kansas City rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to tie the game at 17-17 in the fourth quarter, only to fall behind again before forcing the extra session when Joe Montana threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Tim Barnett with 1:43 remaining in regulation. That came four plays after the Chiefs' Keith Cash blocked a punt and teammate Fred Jones returned it 31 yards to the Steelers' 9-yard line. Two running plays and an incomplete pass netted only 2 yards, but Montana teamed with Barnett on fourth down. Pittsburgh led 17-7 at intermission largely on the strength of 2 touchdown passes from Neil O'Donnell, the second of which was a 26-yard strike to Ernie Mills 18 seconds before halftime. That came six plays after the Steelers stopped Kansas City on downs near midfield. Lowery's 23-yard field goal and Marcus Allen's 2-yard run 6:02 into the fourth quarter tied the game, but Pittsburgh answered with a 74-yard drive capped by

O'Donnell's 22-yard pass to tight end Eric Green to take back the lead. The Chiefs had a chance to win the game in regulation, forcing the Steelers to punt just 29 seconds after Barnett's touchdown catch. Montana quickly directed a 47-yard drive, setting up Lowery's 43-yard field-goal try in the closing seconds, but the kick was wide right. The teams exchanged punts in overtime, then Kansas City drove 66 yards in 11 plays to win it. Montana started slowly, completing only 1 of his first 8 passes, but wound up 28 of 43 for 276 yards. Backup Dave Krieg subbed briefly when Montana hurt his ribs in the first quarter, and completed his only pass attempt for a 23-yard touchdown to J.J. Birden. O'Donnell completed 23 of 42 attempts for 286 yards and 3 touchdowns. Pittsburgh nose tackle Gerald Williams had 3 sacks. There were no turnovers in the game.

Pittsburgh	7	10	0	7	0	—	24
Kansas City	7	0	3	14	3	—	27

Pitt — Cooper 10 pass from O'Donnell (Anderson kick)
KC — Birden 23 pass from Krieg (Lowery kick)
Pitt — FG Anderson 30
Pitt — Mills 26 pass from O'Donnell (Anderson kick)
KC — FG Lowery 23
KC — Allen 2 run (Lowery kick)
Pitt — Green 22 pass from O'Donnell (Anderson kick)
KC — Barnett 7 pass from Montana (Lowery kick)
KC — FG Lowery 32

L.A. RAIDERS 42, DENVER 24—Napoleon McCallum rushed for 3 second-half touchdowns to decide what began as a shootout between quarterbacks Jeff Hostetler and John Elway. A wild first half ended in a 21-21 tie after the Raiders' Hostetler and the Broncos' Elway each traded 3 touchdown passes. But field position played a big role early in the third quarter: Los Angeles pinned Denver deep in its territory with a Jeff Gossett punt that was downed inside the 5, and moments later the Raiders took over at the Broncos' 35 after a short punt by Tom Rouen. Three plays later, McCallum turned a third-and-1 into a touchdown, scampering 26 yards—the team's longest run from scrimmage all year—for the score that put Los Angeles ahead for good with 8:08 left in the period. Another short punt set up McCallum's 2-yard touchdown run at the 4:27 mark; the key play on the 52-yard drive was Hostetler's 33-yard completion to tight end Ethan Horton. After the Broncos closed within 35-24 early in the fourth quarter, the Raiders put the game out of reach with a time-consuming, 76-yard drive that culminated in McCallum's 1-yard run with 6:43 remaining in the game. McCallum finished with 81 yards on 13 carries and tied an NFL postseason record with his 3 touchdowns. Hostetler averaged better than 15 yards per attempt, throwing for 294 yards while completing 13 of 19 passes. James Jett had 111 yards on just 3 receptions, including a difficult over-the-shoulder grab to complete a 54-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Elway completed 29 of 47 passes for 302 yards. Tight end Shannon Sharpe tied a postseason record with 13 catches for 156 yards. The two teams combined for 814 total yards, including 427 by the Raiders.

Denver	7	14	0	3	—	24
L.A. Raiders	14	7	14	7	—	42

Raid — Horton 9 pass from Hostetler (Jaeger kick)
Den — Sharpe 23 pass from Elway (Elam kick)
Raid — Brown 65 pass from Hostetler (Jaeger kick)
Den — R. Johnson 16 pass from Elway (Elam kick)
Raid — Jett 54 pass from Hostetler (Jaeger kick)
Den — Russell 6 pass from Elway (Elam kick)
Raid — McCallum 26 run (Jaeger kick)
Raid — McCallum 2 run (Jaeger kick)
Den — FG Elam 33
Raid — McCallum 1 run (Jaeger kick)

1992

BUFFALO 41, HOUSTON 38—Frank Reich threw 4 second-half touchdown passes and Steve Christie kicked a 32-yard field goal 3:06 into overtime as the Bills mounted the greatest comeback in NFL history to stun the Oilers. Houston led 35-3 after Warren Moon threw 4 first-half touchdown passes and safety Bubba McDowell returned an interception 58 yards for a score

1:41 into the third quarter. Then Reich, who as a colleague had rallied Maryland from a 31-0 halftime deficit to a 42-40 victory over Miami, began the dramatic rally by engineering a 50-yard drive capped by Kenneth Davis' 1-yard run with 8:54 left in the third quarter. Christie recovered his ensuing onside kickoff and Reich's 38-yard touchdown pass four plays later made it 35-17. After a short punt by the Oilers, Reich took only four more plays to march his team 59 yards to a touchdown on his 26-yard pass to Andre Reed. Houston's next possession ended in an interception by Buffalo safety Henry Jones, which set up Reich's 18-yard pass to Reed, the Bills' fourth touchdown in a span of 6:54. It stayed 35-31 until late in the game, when Buffalo drove 74 yards in seven plays. The drive was capped by Reed's third touchdown, a 17-yard throw from Reich that gave the Bills the lead for the first time. Moon rallied the Oilers for a short field goal with 12 seconds left in regulation to tie the score, but was intercepted by cornerback Nate Odomes on the first possession of overtime. Odomes' 2-yard return and a 15-yard facemask penalty on Houston wide receiver Haywood Jeffries positioned Buffalo for the winning field goal three plays later. Reich, subbing for injured starter Jim Kelly, completed 21 of 34 passes for 289 yards, including 8 for 136 yards to Reed. Moon, who was 19 of 22 as the Oilers built their first-half advantage, finished 36 of 50 for 371 yards. Ernest Givins caught 9 passes for 117 yards and Jeffries had 8 receptions for 98 yards and 2 touchdowns. Previously, the largest deficit any NFL team had overcome to win was 28 points, when the 49ers rallied to a 38-35 victory over the Saints after trailing 35-7 in 1980. The largest postseason comeback came when the Lions erased a 27-7 deficit to the 49ers to win 31-27 in a Western Conference playoff in 1957.

Houston	7	21	7	3	0	—	38
Buffalo	3	0	28	7	3	—	41
Hou	—	Jeffries 3 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick)					
Buff	—	FG Christie 36					
Hou	—	Slaughter 7 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick)					
Hou	—	Duncan 26 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick)					
Hou	—	Jeffries 27 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick)					
Hou	—	McDowell 58 interception return (Del Greco kick)					
Buff	—	K. Davis 1 run (Christie kick)					
Buff	—	Beebe 38 pass from Reich (Christie kick)					
Buff	—	Reed 26 pass from Reich (Christie kick)					
Buff	—	Reed 18 pass from Reich (Christie kick)					
Buff	—	Reed 17 pass from Reich (Christie kick)					
Hou	—	FG Del Greco 26					
Buff	—	FG Christie 32					

SAN DIEGO 17, KANSAS CITY 0—Marion Butts broke a scoreless tie with a 54-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and the Chargers ground out a victory over the Chiefs. San Diego, whose lone loss over the final 12 weeks of the regular season came against Kansas City, rushed for 192 yards while limiting the Chiefs to 61. Butts had 119 yards on 15 carries, including his scoring run with 5:53 left in the third quarter. On Kansas City's next possession, Chargers defensive tackle Blaise Winter tipped a Dave Krieg pass, and end Leslie O'Neal intercepted it to set up John Carney's 34-yard field goal. San Diego put the game away in the fourth quarter with a 10-play, 90-yard drive capped by Steve Hendrickson's 5-yard touchdown run with 4:57 left in the game. Hendrickson, a linebacker who doubles as a blocking back in goal-line situations, carried for the first time all year. The Chargers' defense did the rest, limiting the Chiefs to 251 total yards. Krieg passed for 233 yards, but completed only 16 of 34 attempts, was sacked 7 times, and was intercepted twice. San Diego defensive end Burt Grossman had 2½ sacks, while O'Neal and tackle Shawn Lee added 2 each.

Kansas City	0	0	0	0	—	0
San Diego	0	0	10	7	—	17
SD	—	Butts 54 run (Carney kick)				
SD	—	FG Carney 34				
SD	—	Hendrickson 5 run (Carney kick)				

1991

HOUSTON 17, NEW YORK JETS 10—The Oilers' defense stopped the Jets inside Houston's 5-yard line twice in the second half to preserve the Oilers' victory.

Houston built a 14-10 halftime lead on 2 scoring passes from Warren Moon to Ernest Givins. The Jets embarked on an eight-minute drive to open the second half, but they were denied by Bubba McDowell's interception at the 2-yard line. Trailing 17-10 in the fourth quarter, New York drove to the Houston 3. Needing a yard for a first down, the Jets were stopped for no gain on both third and fourth down and Houston took over.

N.Y. Jets	0	10	0	0	—	10
Houston	7	7	0	3	—	17
Hou	—	Givins 5 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick)				
NYJ	—	Toon 10 pass from O'Brien (Allegre kick)				
Hou	—	Givins 20 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick)				
NYJ	—	FG Allegre 33				
Hou	—	FG Del Greco 53				

KANSAS CITY 10, LOS ANGELES RAIDERS 6—The Chiefs' defense forced 6 turnovers to hold off the Raiders. Kansas City intercepted 4 passes, including 2 by Deron Cherry, who returned the second theft 29 yards to the Raiders' 11. One play later, Steve DeBerg hit Fred Jones for an 11-yard touchdown. Trailing 10-6, the Raiders drove to the Chiefs' 24 in the final minutes, only to commit 4 penalties in a 5-play span and then throw an interception to end the threat.

L.A. Raiders	0	3	3	0	—	6
Kansas City	0	7	0	3	—	10
KC	—	F. Jones 11 pass from DeBerg (Lowery kick)				
Raid	—	FG Jaeger 32				
Raid	—	FG Jaeger 26				
KC	—	FG Lowery 18				

1990

CINCINNATI 41, HOUSTON 14—The Bengals built a 20-0 halftime lead and coasted to the victory. Cincinnati scored 2 touchdowns and 2 field goals in the first half while outgaining Houston 222-36. The Bengals upped their lead to 34-0 in the third quarter on touchdown runs by Eric Ball (3 yards) and Boomer Esiason (10 yards). Esiason's second scoring pass of the day, a 9-yard toss to Eric Kattus, completed the Bengals' scoring. Cincinnati finished with an almost 2-1 advantage in possession time (39:45 to 20:15).

Houston	0	0	7	7	—	14
Cincinnati	10	10	14	7	—	41
Cin	—	Woods 1 run (Breech kick)				
Cin	—	FG Breech 27				
Cin	—	Green 2 pass from Esiason (Breech kick)				
Cin	—	FG Breech 30				
Cin	—	Ball 3 run (Breech kick)				
Cin	—	Esiason 10 run (Breech kick)				
Hou	—	Givins 16 pass from Carlson (Garcia kick)				
Cin	—	Kattus 9 pass from Esiason (Breech kick)				
Hou	—	Givins 5 pass from Carlson (Garcia kick)				

MIAMI 17, KANSAS CITY 16—Dan Marino directed two fourth-quarter touchdown drives to rally the Dolphins over the Chiefs. Trailing 16-3, Marino led Miami on a 66-yard drive, capped by a 1-yard scoring pass to Tony Paige, and an 85-yard drive, capped by a 12-yard touchdown pass to Mark Clayton with 2:27 left. Kansas City had a last chance to win, but Nick Lowery's 52-yard field-goal attempt fell short with 49 seconds remaining. Miami's Pete Stoyanovich booted a playoff-record 58-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Kansas City	3	7	6	0	—	16
Miami	0	3	0	14	—	17
KC	—	FG Lowery 27				
Mia	—	FG Stoyanovich 58				
KC	—	S. Paige 26 pass from DeBerg (Lowery kick)				
KC	—	FG Lowery 25				
KC	—	FG Lowery 38				
Mia	—	T. Paige 1 pass from Marino (Stoyanovich kick)				
Mia	—	Clayton 12 pass from Marino (Stoyanovich kick)				

1989

PITTSBURGH 26, HOUSTON 23—Gary Anderson's 50-yard field goal 3:26 into overtime lifted the Steelers over the Oilers. Houston's Warren Moon threw 2 scoring passes to Ernest Givins to give the Oilers a 23-16 fourth-quarter lead. But Pittsburgh answered with an 82-yard drive to tie the game on Merrill Hoge's 2-yard

touchdown with 46 seconds left in regulation. In overtime, the Steelers' Rod Woodson recovered a fumble to set up Anderson's winning kick. Moon passed for 315 yards, while Givins had 11 catches for 136 yards.

Pittsburgh	7	3	3	10	3	—	26
Houston	0	6	3	14	0	—	23
Pitt	—	Worley 9 run (Anderson kick)					
Hou	—	FG Zendejas 26					
Hou	—	FG Zendejas 35					
Pitt	—	FG Anderson 25					
Hou	—	FG Zendejas 26					
Pitt	—	FG Anderson 30					
Pitt	—	FG Anderson 48					
Hou	—	Givins 18 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)					
Hou	—	Givins 9 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)					
Pitt	—	Hoge 2 run (Anderson kick)					
Pitt	—	FG Anderson 50					

1988

HOUSTON 24, CLEVELAND 23—Allen Pinkett scored twice and Warren Moon led a 10-point rally in the fourth quarter in the Oilers' victory. Pinkett gave Houston a 14-3 lead by scoring 2 touchdowns within a 15-second span in the second quarter. After Mike Pagel hit Webster Slaughter to give Cleveland a 16-14 lead, Moon led Houston on a 76-yard drive for the go-ahead touchdown and a short drive for a field goal that proved to be the difference. Moon passed for 213 yards, while Pinkett led all rushers with 82 yards.

Houston	0	14	0	10	—	24
Cleveland	3	6	7	7	—	23
Cle	—	FG Bahr 33				
Hou	—	Pinkett 14 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)				
Hou	—	Pinkett 16 run (Zendejas kick)				
Cle	—	FG Bahr 26				
Cle	—	FG Bahr 28				
Cle	—	Slaughter 14 pass from Pagel (Bahr kick)				
Hou	—	White 1 run (Zendejas kick)				
Hou	—	FG Zendejas 49				
Cle	—	Slaughter 2 pass from Pagel (Bahr kick)				

1987

HOUSTON 23, SEATTLE 20—Tony Zendejas kicked a 42-yard field goal 8:05 into overtime to give the Oilers the victory. Seattle forced overtime when Dave Krieg hit Steve Largent for a 12-yard touchdown pass with 1:47 left in regulation. Krieg and Largent also hooked up for a 20-yard touchdown in the first quarter. The Oilers dominated statistically, holding a 47:44 to 20:21 time-of-possession advantage and outgaining the Seahawks 437 yards to 250. Warren Moon guided Houston's offense, passing for 273 yards and 1 score.

Seattle	7	3	3	7	0	—	20
Houston	3	10	7	0	3	—	23
Sea	—	Largent 20 pass from Krieg (Johnson kick)					
Hou	—	FG Zendejas 47					
Hou	—	Rozier 1 run (Zendejas kick)					
Hou	—	FG Zendejas 49					
Sea	—	FG Johnson 33					
Sea	—	FG Johnson 41					
Hou	—	Drewrey 29 pass from Moon (Zendejas kick)					
Sea	—	Largent 12 pass from Krieg (Johnson kick)					
Hou	—	FG Zendejas 42					

1986

NEW YORK JETS 35, KANSAS CITY 15—Pat Ryan passed for 3 touchdowns to lead the Jets to their first home playoff victory since 1968. Trailing 6-0, New York reeled off 28 consecutive points, including 2 scoring passes by Ryan and a 21-yard interception return by linebacker Kevin McArthur on the first play of the second half. Ryan clinched the victory with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Billy Griggs in the fourth quarter. Freeman McNeil ran for 135 yards and scored 2 touchdowns.

Kansas City	6	0	0	9	—	15
N.Y. Jets	7	14	7	7	—	35
KC	—	Smith 1 run (kick failed)				
NYJ	—	McNeil 1 run (Leahy kick)				
NYJ	—	McNeil 1 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)				
NYJ	—	Toon 11 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)				
NYJ	—	McArthur 21 interception return (Leahy kick)				
KC	—	Lewis recovered blocked punt in end zone (Lowery kick)				
NYJ	—	Griggs 6 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)				
KC	—	Safety, Jennings ran out of end zone				

WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

1985

NEW ENGLAND 26, NEW YORK JETS 14—The Patriots converted Jets miscues into points to defeat New York. Safety Fred Marion's 26-yard interception set up New England's first touchdown on a 36-yard pass from Tony Eason to Stanley Morgan. Tony Franklin's 20-yard field goal gave the Patriots a 16-7 third-quarter lead, which they upped to 23-7 on the ensuing kickoff when Johnny Rembert returned a Jets fumble 15 yards for a touchdown. Defensive end Garin Veris led the Patriots' defense with 3 sacks and an interception.

New England	3	10	10	3	—	26
N.Y. Jets	0	7	7	0	—	14

NE	—	FG Franklin 33
NYJ	—	Hector 11 pass from O'Brien (Leahy kick)
NE	—	FG Franklin 41
NE	—	Morgan 36 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
NE	—	FG Franklin 20
NE	—	Rembert 15 fumble recovery return (Franklin kick)
NYJ	—	Shuler 12 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)
NE	—	FG Franklin 26

1984

SEATTLE 13, LOS ANGELES RAIDERS 7—The Seahawks used their running game and defense to grind out a victory over the Raiders. Seattle rushed for 205 yards, led by Dan Doornink, who gained 126 on 29 carries. The Seahawks' defense limited the Raiders to 240 total yards, recorded 6 sacks, and forced 3 turnovers. Seattle built a 13-0 lead on a 26-yard scoring pass from Dave Krieg to Daryl Turner and 2 field goals by Norm Johnson, then held off a late charge by Los Angeles.

L.A. Raiders	0	0	0	7	—	7
Seattle	0	7	3	3	—	13

Sea	—	Turner 26 pass from Krieg (Johnson kick)
Sea	—	FG Johnson 35
Sea	—	FG Johnson 44
Raid	—	Allen 46 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick)

1983

SEATTLE 31, DENVER 7—Dave Krieg passed for 3 touchdowns to lead the Seahawks over the Broncos. Seattle broke open a close game with 21 second-half points, including Krieg's scoring passes of 5 yards to Pete Metzelaars and 18 yards to Paul Johns. Krieg, who finished with 12 completions in 13 attempts for 200 yards, also threw a 17-yard touchdown to Steve Largent in the first quarter. Curt Warner added 99 yards on 23 carries for Seattle, which was playing in its first post-season game in franchise history.

Denver	7	0	0	0	—	7
Seattle	7	3	7	14	—	31

Sea	—	Largent 17 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick)
Den	—	Myles 13 pass from DeBerg (Karlis kick)
Sea	—	FG N. Johnson 37
Sea	—	Metzelaars 5 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick)
Sea	—	Johns 18 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick)
Sea	—	Hughes 2 run (N. Johnson kick)

1982

MIAMI 28, NEW ENGLAND 13—David Woodley completed 16 of 19 passes for 246 yards to lead the Dolphins to their first playoff victory since Super Bowl VIII. Woodley led Miami on touchdown drives of 76, 79, 74, and 62 yards as the Dolphins amassed 448 total yards. Miami rushed for 214 yards, led by Andra Franklin, who ran for 112 yards and 1 touchdown.

New England	0	3	3	7	—	13
Miami	0	14	7	7	—	28

NE	—	FG J. Smith 23
Mia	—	Hardy 2 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
Mia	—	Franklin 1 run (von Schamann kick)
NE	—	FG J. Smith 42
Mia	—	Bennett 2 run (von Schamann kick)
Mia	—	Hardy 2 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
NE	—	Hasselbeck 22 pass from Grogan (J. Smith kick)

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS 27, CLEVELAND 10—Jim Plunkett passed for a career-high 386 yards to lead the

Raiders over the Browns. Trailing 13-10, Cleveland was poised to take the lead until Raiders defensive end Lyle Alzado forced a fumble deep in Los Angeles territory. The Raiders then drove 89 yards to make it 20-10 on Marcus Allen's second touchdown run of the day. Frank Hawkins' 1-yard scoring run concluded the scoring. The Raiders set a club postseason record with 510 total yards, including 145 total yards by Allen.

Cleveland	0	10	0	0	—	10
L.A. Raiders	3	10	7	7	—	27

Raid	—	FG C. Bahr 27
Cle	—	FG M. Bahr 52
Raid	—	Allen 2 run (C. Bahr kick)
Cle	—	Feacher 43 pass from McDonald (M. Bahr kick)
Raid	—	FG C. Bahr 37
Raid	—	Allen 3 run (C. Bahr kick)
Raid	—	Hawkins 1 run (C. Bahr kick)

NEW YORK JETS 44, CINCINNATI 17—Freeman McNeil rushed for 202 yards on 21 carries and threw a 14-yard touchdown to lead the Jets over the Bengals. Following an interception, New York drove 85 yards to a touchdown that gave the Jets their first lead at 17-14. New York blew the game open in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard scoring run by McNeil and Darrol Ray's play-off-record 98-yard interception return. New York's Richard Todd was 20 of 28 for 269 yards.

N.Y. Jets	3	17	3	21	—	44
Cincinnati	14	0	3	0	—	17

Cin	—	Curtis 32 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)
NYJ	—	FG Leahy 33
Cin	—	Ross 2 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)
NYJ	—	Gaffney 14 pass from McNeil (Leahy kick)
NYJ	—	Walker 4 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
NYJ	—	FG Leahy 24
NYJ	—	FG Leahy 47
Cin	—	FG Breech 20
NYJ	—	McNeil 20 run (Leahy kick)
NYJ	—	Ray 98 interception return (Leahy kick)
NYJ	—	Crutchfield 1 run (Leahy kick)

SAN DIEGO 31, PITTSBURGH 28—Dan Fouts led two fourth-quarter touchdown drives to rally the Chargers over the Steelers. Terry Bradshaw threw 2 touchdowns to give Pittsburgh a 28-17 lead. But Fouts answered with an 8-yard scoring strike to Kellen Winslow that made it 28-24. In the final minutes, Fouts guided the Chargers on a 64-yard drive that concluded with his 12-yard touchdown pass to Winslow with 1:00 remaining. Fouts finished with 333 passing yards.

San Diego	3	14	0	14	—	31
Pittsburgh	14	0	7	7	—	28

Pitt	—	Ruff fumble recovery in end zone (Anderson kick)
SD	—	FG Benirschke 25
Pitt	—	Bradshaw 1 run (Anderson kick)
SD	—	Brooks 18 run (Benirschke kick)
SD	—	Sievers 10 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
Pitt	—	Cunningham 2 pass from Bradshaw (Anderson kick)
Pitt	—	Stallworth 14 pass from Bradshaw (Anderson kick)
SD	—	Winslow 8 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
SD	—	Winslow 12 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

1981

BUFFALO 31, NEW YORK JETS 27—The Bills built a 24-0 lead and then had to hang on to defeat the Jets. After New York cut Buffalo's lead to 24-13, Joe Cribbs raced 45 yards down the right sideline for what proved to be the winning touchdown. New York answered with 2 touchdowns, and in the closing seconds, Richard Todd, who passed for 377 yards on the day, drove the Jets 69 yards to the Bills' 11. But Bill Simpson saved the game for Buffalo with an interception at the Bills' 1 with two seconds remaining.

Buffalo	17	7	0	7	—	31
N.Y. Jets	0	10	3	14	—	27

Buff	—	Romes 26 fumble recovery return (Mike-Mayer kick)
Buff	—	Lewis 50 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick)

Buff	—	FG Mike-Mayer 29
Buff	—	Lewis 29 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick)
NYJ	—	Shuler 30 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
NYJ	—	FG Leahy 26
NYJ	—	FG Leahy 19
Buff	—	Cribbs 45 run (Mike-Mayer kick)
NYJ	—	B. Jones 30 pass from Todd (Leahy kick)
NYJ	—	Long 1 run (Leahy kick)

1980

OAKLAND 27, HOUSTON 7—The Raiders used blind-side blitzes to record 7 sacks and shut out the Oilers over the final three quarters. Houston could muster only a first-quarter touchdown run by Earl Campbell, as the Oilers' offense was thwarted by the Raiders' aggressive pass rush. Oakland's Jim Plunkett threw 2 touchdowns, including a 44-yard bomb to Arthur Whittington that upped the Raiders' lead to 17-7 in the fourth quarter. Lester Hayes intercepted 2 passes, including 1 he returned 20 yards for a touchdown.

Houston	7	0	0	0	—	7
Oakland	3	7	0	17	—	27

Oak	—	FG Bahr 47
Hou	—	Campbell 1 run (Fritsch kick)
Oak	—	Christensen 1 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick)
Oak	—	Whittington 44 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick)
Oak	—	FG Bahr 37
Oak	—	Hayes 20 interception return (Bahr kick)

1979

HOUSTON 13, DENVER 7—The Oilers' defense shut out the Broncos after the first quarter to lead Houston over Denver. The Oilers built a 10-7 halftime lead on a field goal and Earl Campbell's 3-yard touchdown run. But in the second half, both Campbell and quarterback Dan Pastorini were forced out with injuries. The Oilers' defense picked up the slack, stopping the Broncos' final two series with a sack by Curley Culp and a pass deflection by Vernon Perry. Houston finished with 6 sacks.

Denver	7	0	0	0	—	7
Houston	3	7	0	3	—	13

Hou	—	FG Fritsch 31
Den	—	Preston 7 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
Hou	—	Campbell 3 run (Fritsch kick)
Hou	—	FG Fritsch 20

1978

HOUSTON 17, MIAMI 9—The run-oriented Oilers took to the air to defeat the Dolphins. Dan Pastorini completed 20 of 29 passes for 306 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown pass to Tim Wilson that tied the game at 7-7. In the fourth quarter, Pastorini's passes set up Tony Fritsch's tie-breaking 35-yard field goal. Houston clinched the victory with a 50-yard scoring drive, capped by Earl Campbell's 1-yard touchdown run. Houston outgained Miami 455-209.

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

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

NFC WILD CARD PLAYOFF GAMES

Season	Date	Winner (Share)	Loser (Share)	Score	Site	Attendance
2005	Jan. 8	Carolina (\$17,000)	N.Y. Giants (\$19,000)	23-0	East Rutherford	79,378
	Jan. 7	Washington (\$17,000)	Tampa Bay (\$19,000)	17-10	Tampa	65,514
2004	Jan. 9	Minnesota (\$15,000)	Green Bay (\$18,000)	31-17	Green Bay	71,075
	Jan. 8	St. Louis (\$15,000)	Seattle (\$18,000)	27-20	Seattle	65,397
2003	Jan. 4	Green Bay (\$18,000)	Seattle (\$15,000)	33-27*	Green Bay	71,457
	Jan. 3	Carolina (\$18,000)	Dallas (\$15,000)	29-10	Charlotte	73,014
2002	Jan. 5	San Francisco (\$17,000)	N.Y. Giants (\$12,500)	39-38	San Francisco	66,318
	Jan. 4	Atlanta (\$12,500)	Green Bay (\$17,000)	27-7	Green Bay	65,358
2001	Jan. 13	Green Bay (\$12,500)	San Francisco (\$12,500)	25-15	Green Bay	59,825
	Jan. 12	Philadelphia (\$17,000)	Tampa Bay (\$12,500)	31-9	Philadelphia	65,847
2000	Dec. 31	Philadelphia (\$12,500)	Tampa Bay (\$12,500)	21-3	Philadelphia	65,813
	Dec. 30	New Orleans (\$16,000)	St. Louis (\$12,500)	31-28	New Orleans	64,900
1999	Jan. 9	Minnesota (\$10,000)	Dallas (\$10,000)	27-10	Minneapolis	64,056
	Jan. 8	Washington (\$16,000)	Detroit (\$10,000)	27-13	Washington	79,411
1998	Jan. 3	San Francisco (\$10,000)	Green Bay (\$10,000)	30-27	San Francisco	66,506
	Jan. 2	Arizona (\$10,000)	Dallas (\$15,000)	20-7	Dallas	62,969
1997	Dec. 28	Tampa Bay (\$10,000)	Detroit (\$10,000)	20-10	Tampa	73,361
	Dec. 27	Minnesota (\$10,000)	N.Y. Giants (\$10,000)	23-22	East Rutherford	77,497
1996	Dec. 29	San Francisco (\$10,000)	Philadelphia (\$10,000)	14-0	San Francisco	56,460
	Dec. 28	Dallas (\$14,000)	Minnesota (\$10,000)	40-15	Dallas	64,682
1995	Dec. 31	Green Bay (\$13,000)	Atlanta (\$7,500)	37-20	Green Bay	60,453
	Dec. 30	Philadelphia (\$7,500)	Detroit (\$7,500)	58-37	Philadelphia	66,099
1994	Jan. 1	Chicago (\$7,500)	Minnesota (\$12,000)	35-18	Minneapolis	60,347
	Dec. 31	Green Bay (\$7,500)	Detroit (\$7,500)	16-12	Green Bay	58,125
1993	Jan. 9	N.Y. Giants (\$7,500)	Minnesota (\$7,500)	17-10	East Rutherford	75,089
	Jan. 8	Green Bay (\$7,500)	Detroit (\$12,000)	28-24	Detroit	68,479
1992	Jan. 3	Philadelphia (\$6,000)	New Orleans (\$6,000)	36-20	New Orleans	68,893
	Jan. 2	Washington (\$6,000)	Minnesota (\$10,000)	24-7	Minneapolis	57,353
1991	Dec. 29	Dallas (\$6,000)	Chicago (\$6,000)	17-13	Chicago	62,594
	Dec. 28	Atlanta (\$6,000)	New Orleans (\$10,000)	27-20	New Orleans	68,794
1990	Jan. 6	Chicago (\$10,000)	New Orleans (\$6,000)	16-6	Chicago	60,767
	Jan. 5	Washington (\$6,000)	Philadelphia (\$6,000)	20-6	Philadelphia	65,287
1989	Dec. 31	L.A. Rams (\$6,000)	Philadelphia (\$6,000)	21-7	Philadelphia	65,479
1988	Dec. 26	Minnesota (\$6,000)	L.A. Rams (\$6,000)	28-17	Minneapolis	61,204
1987	Jan. 3	Minnesota (\$6,000)	New Orleans (\$6,000)	44-10	New Orleans	68,546
1986	Dec. 28	Washington (\$6,000)	L.A. Rams (\$6,000)	19-7	Washington	54,567
1985	Dec. 29	N.Y. Giants (\$6,000)	San Francisco (\$6,000)	17-3	East Rutherford	75,131
1984	Dec. 23	N.Y. Giants (\$6,000)	L.A. Rams (\$6,000)	16-3	Anaheim	67,037
1983	Dec. 26	L.A. Rams (\$6,000)	Dallas (\$6,000)	24-17	Dallas	62,118
1982	Jan. 9	Dallas (\$6,000)	Tampa Bay (\$6,000)	30-17	Dallas	65,042
	Jan. 9	Minnesota (\$6,000)	Atlanta (\$6,000)	30-24	Minneapolis	60,560
	Jan. 8	Green Bay (\$6,000)	St. Louis (\$6,000)	41-16	Green Bay	54,282
	Jan. 8	Washington (\$6,000)	Detroit (\$6,000)	31-7	Washington	55,045
1981	Dec. 27	N.Y. Giants (\$3,000)	Philadelphia (\$3,000)	27-21	Philadelphia	71,611
1980	Dec. 28	Dallas (\$3,000)	L.A. Rams (\$3,000)	34-13	Dallas	63,052
1979	Dec. 23	Philadelphia (\$3,000)	Chicago (\$3,000)	27-17	Philadelphia	69,397
1978	Dec. 24	Atlanta (\$3,000)	Philadelphia (\$3,000)	14-13	Atlanta	59,403

*Sudden death overtime

2005

CAROLINA 23, N.Y. GIANTS 0—Steve Smith scored 2 touchdowns and the Panthers' defense allowed just 132 yards and forced 5 turnovers to post the NFL's first road postseason shutout in 25 years. The Panthers held the ball for 42:45 of the 60 minutes, and did not commit a turnover. In the second quarter, Jake Delhomme's 22-yard touchdown pass to Smith capped a 12-play, 77-yard drive that included 3 third-down conversions. With 1:28 left in the first half, Dante Wesley recovered Gibril Wilson's muffed punt at the Giants' 15 to set up a field goal. In the third quarter, Ken Lucas intercepted a pass and returned it 14 yards to the Giants' 12. On the next play, Smith scored on an end around for a 17-0 lead. Marlon McCree intercepted passes on the next two possessions that resulted in John Kasay field goals for a 23-0 lead with 2:40 to play. Delhomme was 15 of 22 for 140 yards and 1 touchdown. Smith had 10 catches for 84 yards. DeShaun Foster rushed 27 times for 151 yards. Eli Manning was 10 of 18 for 113 yards, with 3 interceptions.

Carolina	0	10	7	6	—	23
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	0	—	0
Car — S. Smith 22 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick)						
Car — FG Kasay 31						
Car — S. Smith 12 run (Kasay kick)						
Car — FG Kasay 45						
Car — FG Kasay 18						

WASHINGTON 17, TAMPA BAY 10—The Redskins' defense scored 14 points off turnovers as Washington

won its first postseason game since 1999. The Redskins won despite gaining just 120 yards of offense, the lowest output ever by a winning playoff team in NFL history. LaVar Arrington intercepted a pass and returned it 21 yards to the Buccaneers' 6 to set up Clinton Portis touchdown run on the next play for a 7-0 lead with 8:45 left in the first quarter. On the ensuing drive, Marcus Washington forced Carnell Williams to fumble. Washington picked up the loose ball, ran 7 yards, and he fumbled. Sean Taylor picked up the bouncing ball and raced 51 yards for a touchdown and 14-0 lead with 4:15 remaining in the first quarter. With the score 17-3, the Buccaneers opened the second half by forcing a punt and Chris Simms' 22-yard pass to Michael Pittman on third-and-5 set up Simms' 2-yard dive over the left pylon on third-and-goal to pull Tampa Bay within 17-10. With 7:41 remaining in the game, the Buccaneers drove to the Redskins' 19, but Mike Alstott was stopped on third-and-1, and Simms' fourth-and-1 pass fell incomplete. Brian Kelly intercepted a pass at the Redskins' 35 with 3:43 remaining. On third-and-10 with 2:48 left, Simms' long pass into the end zone was nearly caught by Edell Shepherd. Simms tried for Shepherd again on fourth down, but just overthrew him. The Buccaneers forced a punt with 1:05 left and had the ball on their own 46-yard line, but Washington intercepted Simms' pass to clinch the victory. Mark Brunell was 7 of 15 for 41 yards, with 1 interception. Simms was 25 of 38 for 198 yards, with 2 interceptions.

Washington	14	3	0	0	—	17
Tampa Bay	0	3	7	0	—	10

Wash — Portis 6 run (Hall kick)
 Wash — Taylor 51 fumble return (Hall kick)
 TB — FG Bryant 43
 Wash — FG Hall 47
 TB — Simms 2 run (Bryant kick)

2004

MINNESOTA 31, GREEN BAY 17—Daunte Culpepper passed for 4 touchdowns and the Vikings' defense intercepted 4 passes to defeat the Packers in the first postseason matchup between the two rivals. Culpepper's 68-yard touchdown pass to Moe Williams three plays into the game set the tone. Following a three-and-out, the Vikings needed just 4 plays to take a 14-0 lead on Randy Moss' 20-yard scoring catch. Antoine Winfield intercepted Brett Favre's pass three plays later to set up Morten Andersen's field goal to give the Vikings a 17-0 lead just 8:54 into the game. The Packers scored on their next two possessions to pull within 17-10, and the Packers blocked Andersen's 27-yard field-goal attempt to swing the momentum. However, on the next play Brian Russell intercepted Favre's pass and Nate Burleson caught a 19-yard touchdown pass two plays later for a 24-10 lead. Ryan Longwell missed a 28-yard attempt wide left just before halftime, but the Packers rallied and drove 78 yards, capped by Najeh Davenport's 1-yard run with 13:37 to play, to cut the deficit to 24-17. On the next possession, Culpepper completed a 8-yard pass to Burleson on third-and-6, and three plays later Moss broke free for a 34-yard touchdown catch with 10:18 remaining. The Vikings' defense forced a

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punt with 8:21 left, and the offense ran out the clock, with Onterio Smith's 16-yard catch on third down and Culpepper's 1-yard sneak on fourth-and-1 keeping the drive alive. Culpepper was 19 of 29 for 284 yards and 4 touchdowns. Favre was 22 of 33 for 216 yards and 1 touchdown, with 4 interceptions.

Minnesota	17	7	0	7	—	31
Green Bay	3	7	0	7	—	17

Minn — M. Williams 68 pass from Culpepper (Andersen kick)

Minn — Moss 20 pass from Culpepper (Andersen kick)

Minn — FG Andersen 35

GB — FG Longwell 43

GB — Franks 4 pass from Favre (Longwell kick)

Minn — Burleson 19 pass from Culpepper (Andersen kick)

GB — Davenport 1 run (Longwell kick)

Minn — Moss 34 pass from Culpepper (Andersen kick)

ST. LOUIS 27, SEATTLE 20—Cam Cleeland caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from Marc Bulger with 2:11 remaining, and Bobby Engram could not hold onto a pass in the end zone in the waning seconds, as the Rams advanced. The Rams had a pair of 75-yard touchdown drives in the first half en route to a 14-10 halftime lead. Darrell Jackson capped a 76-yard drive with a 23-yard touchdown catch to give Seattle a 20-17 lead with 13:43 to play. The Rams responded with an 11-play, 60-yard drive that consumed 6:53 and was capped by Jeff Wilkins' tying 27-yard field goal with 8:07 remaining. The Rams forced a punt, and on third-and-2 from their own 32, Bulger completed a short pass to Shaun McDonald who raced 31 yards down the right side. Four plays later, on third-and-3 from the Seahawks' 17, Bulger found Cleeland, who only had 7 catches all season, open in the seam at the goal line for a touchdown. The Seahawks needed just four plays to reach the Rams' 11. Following a Jimmy Kennedy sack and an incompleteness, Matt Hasselbeck completed a 12-yard pass to Engram to the Rams' 5 to set up fourth-and-4 with 27 seconds left. Hasselbeck scrambled within the pocket and threw sidearm and low to Engram cutting across the middle of the end zone, who got his hands on the pass but was unable to hold on. Bulger was 18 of 32 for 313 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Torry Holt had 6 catches for 108 yards, and Kevin Curtis added 4 receptions for 107 yards. Hasselbeck was 27 of 43 for 341 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Jackson had 12 catches for 128 yards.

St. Louis	7	7	3	10	—	27
Seattle	3	7	3	7	—	20

STL — Holt 15 pass from Bulger (Wilkins kick)

Sea — FG J. Brown 47

STL — Faulk 1 run (Wilkins kick)

Sea — Engram 19 pass from Hasselbeck (J. Brown kick)

Sea — FG J. Brown 30

STL — FG Wilkins 38

Sea — Jackson 23 pass from Hasselbeck (J. Brown kick)

STL — FG Wilkins 27

STL — Cleeland 17 pass from Bulger (Wilkins kick)

2003

GREEN BAY 33, SEATTLE 27 (OT)—Al Harris returned an interception 52 yards for a touchdown 4:25 into overtime as the Packers improved their home postseason record to 14-1. With the score 3-3 in the second quarter, Koren Robinson dropped a touchdown pass on third down, forcing the Seahawks to settle for Josh Brown's second field goal with 6:50 left in the half. Brett Favre responded with a 44-yard pass to Javon Walker on the next play to set up his 23-yard touchdown pass to Bubba Franks. Favre set a postseason record with a touchdown pass in 14 consecutive postseason games. The Packers' defense forced a punt and Ryan Longwell booted a 27-yard field goal just before halftime for a 13-6 lead. Seattle came out of the locker room and put together touchdown drives of 10-plays, 74-yards and 11-plays, 77-yards, both culminated by 1-yard runs by Shaun Alexander, for a 20-13 lead with 1:57 left in the third quarter. Alexander's second touchdown came on

fourth-and-goal, and was set up by tackle Steve Hutchinson's 4-yard reception of a deflected third-down pass. Seattle ran just three plays in the next 14:13, as Green Bay countered with consecutive 12-play touchdown drives of 60 and 51 yards. Both featured successful fourth-and-1 carries by Ahman Green and were capped by 1-yard scoring runs by Green, giving Green Bay a 27-20 lead with 2:44 to play. Matt Hasselbeck completed a 34-yard pass to Bobby Engram to the Packers' 8, and a pass interference penalty in the end zone gave Seattle the ball at the 1-yard line to set up Alexander's third touchdown with just 51 seconds left. A 27-yard pass by Favre to Walker got the Packers to the Seahawks' 30, but Longwell's 47-yard field-goal attempt in the 20 degree weather fell short. The Seahawks won the coin toss, and after an exchange of punts, faced third-and-11 from their own 45. The Packers blitzed, and Harris stepped in front of Alex Bannister to intercept Hasselbeck's pass and outran the pair down the right sideline to the end zone. Favre was 26 of 38 for 319 yards and 1 touchdown. Walker had 5 receptions for 111 yards. Hasselbeck was 25 of 45 for 305 yards, with 1 interception.

Seattle	3	3	14	7	0	—	27
Green Bay	0	13	0	14	6	—	33

Sea — FG Brown 30

GB — FG Longwell 31

Sea — FG Brown 35

GB — Franks 23 pass from Favre (Longwell kick)

GB — FG Longwell 27

Sea — Alexander 1 run (Brown kick)

Sea — Alexander 1 run (Brown kick)

GB — Green 1 run (Longwell kick)

GB — Green 1 run (Longwell kick)

Sea — Alexander 1 run (Brown kick)

GB — Harris 52 interception return

CAROLINA 29, DALLAS 10—Stephen Davis rushed for 104 yards and 1 touchdown, Jake Delhomme passed for 273 yards and a score, and John Kasay kicked 5 field goals as the Panthers won their first playoff game in seven seasons. The Panthers' defense limited Dallas to 204 yards and 10 first downs and forced 2 turnovers. On Carolina's first possession, Steve Smith turned a short pass into a 70-yard gain to the Cowboys' 1, where only tremendous hustle by Pete Hunter, who raced across the field to knock down Smith, prevented a touchdown. Two runs by Davis and an incompleteness forced the Panthers to settle for Kasay's first field goal. Later in the quarter, a 32-yard punt by Toby Gowin gave Carolina the ball at the Cowboys' 41, setting up Kasay's second field goal. A 17-yard punt by Gowin gave the Panthers the ball at their 49 in the second quarter to set up Davis' 23-yard touchdown run on third-and-10 with 6:10 left in the half. Billy Cundiff made a 37-yard field goal for Dallas with 1:12 left in the half, but any momentum shift was nullified when Delhomme completed a 49-yard pass to Muhsin Muhammad, who fumbled at the 10-yard line but recovered the ball at the Cowboys' 2 to set up Kasay's third field goal and a 16-3 halftime lead. Delhomme's 32-yard touchdown pass to Smith capped a 4-play, 63-yard drive early in the third quarter and gave Carolina a commanding 23-3 lead. It took a 41-yard kickoff return by Michael Bates with the Cowboys trailing 26-3 to set up a 47-yard touchdown drive, capped by Quincy Carter's 9-yard run with 7:36 to play. An interception by Julius Peppers with 4:59 to play set up Kasay's final field goal. Delhomme was 18 of 29 for 273 yards and 1 touchdown. Smith had 5 receptions for 135 yards. Muhammad had 4 catches for 103 yards. Davis rushed 26 times for 104 yards. Carter was 21 of 36 for 154 yards, with 1 interception.

Dallas	0	3	0	7	—	10
Carolina	6	10	7	6	—	29

Car — FG Kasay 18

Car — FG Kasay 38

Car — Davis 23 run (Kasay kick)

Dall — FG Cundiff 37

Car — FG Kasay 19

Car — Smith 32 pass from Delhomme (Kasay kick)

Car — FG Kasay 32

Dall — Carter 9 run (Cundiff kick)

Car — FG Kasay 34

2002

SAN FRANCISCO 39, NEW YORK GIANTS 38—A botched snap averted a potential game-winning 41-yard field-goal attempt as time expired and enabled the 49ers to post the second-largest comeback in NFL postseason history. The 49ers trailed 38-14 late in the third quarter before scoring the game's final 25 points. Jeff Garcia's 76-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Owens came on the 49ers' first play from scrimmage—which followed an interception by Julian Peterson—to give the 49ers an early 7-0 lead. With the score tied 14-14 in the second quarter, Cedrick Wilson muffed a punt and the Giants recovered at the 8-yard line. Kerry Collins' scoring pass to Amani Toomer on the next play gave the Giants a 21-14 lead with 2:49 left in the half, and, following a punt, Collins and Toomer connected on a 24-yard scoring pass with 10 seconds left in the half for a 28-14 advantage. The Giants scored on their first two possessions of the second half, too, but a dropped pass in the end zone by Jeremy Shockey forced the Giants to settle for a field goal on the latter drive. Still, the Giants owned a 38-14 lead with 4:27 left in the third quarter. Garcia then engineered a 7-play drive and, following a short Matt Allen punt, a 27-yard drive, with 2 two-point conversion passes to Owens, to cut the lead to 38-30 with 14:55 remaining. After forcing a punt, the 49ers drove 74 yards but were forced to settle for Jeff Chandler's field goal with 7:49 to play. Collins drove the Giants to the 49ers' 24, but on fourth-and-1 with 3:01 remaining, Matt Bryant slipped while attempting a 41-yard field goal and pulled the kick wide left. Garcia completed two third-down passes on the ensuing drive, capped by a 13-yard scoring pass to Tai Streets with 1:00 left to give the 49ers a 39-38 lead. Offsetting personal foul penalties after the touchdown and the failed two-point conversion attempt added to the wild finish, and a 32-yard kickoff return by Delvin Joyce to the Giants' 48 gave New York a chance to erase the comeback. Collins' 19-yard pass to Ron Dixon to the Giants' 28 with 15 seconds left, followed by a 5-yard pass to Toomer with six seconds left, set the stage for Bryant's 41-yard field-goal attempt. But the snap by Trey Junkin, who was signed during the week to replace injured long snapper Dan O'Leary, was low, and holder Matt Allen scrambled to his right and heaved a pass downfield as time expired. The ball fell incomplete and the Giants were flagged for an illegal man downfield. The following day, the NFL ruled that pass interference should have been called on Chike Okeafor for running into eligible receiver Rich Seubert, and the offsetting penalties would have enabled New York to run one more play. Garcia was 27 of 44 for 331 yards and 3 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Owens had 9 catches for 177 yards. Collins was 29 of 43 for 342 yards and 4 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Barber rushed for 115 yards, and Toomer added 8 catches for 136 yards and 3 touchdowns.

N.Y. Giants	7	21	10	0	—	38
San Francisco	7	7	8	17	—	39

SF — Owens 76 pass from Garcia

(Chandler kick)

NYG — Toomer 12 pass from Collins (Bryant kick)

NYG — Shockey 2 pass from Collins (Bryant kick)

SF — Barlow 1 run (Chandler kick)

NYG — Toomer 8 pass from Collins (Bryant kick)

NYG — Toomer 24 pass from Collins (Bryant kick)

NYG — Barber 6 run (Bryant kick)

NYG — FG Bryant 21

SF — Owens 26 pass from Garcia

(Owens pass from Garcia)

SF — Garcia 14 run (Owens pass from Garcia)

SF — FG Chandler 25

SF — Streets 13 pass from Garcia (pass failed)

ATLANTA 27, GREEN BAY 7—Michael Vick passed for 117 yards and rushed for 64 yards as the Falcons handed the Packers their first postseason home defeat. Green Bay had won its previous 13 home playoff games. Atlanta drove 76 yards to open the game, capped by Vick's 10-yard touchdown pass to Shawn Jefferson. Later in the quarter, Mark Simoneau blocked Josh Bidwill's punt and Artie Ulmer picked it up on the 1-yard line and scored to give Atlanta a 14-0 lead. In the

second quarter, George Layne recovered what was ruled a muffed punt at the Packers' 21, and T.J. Duckett scored four plays later. The Packers drove to the Falcons' 2, but Ellis Johnson dropped Ahman Green for a 4-yard loss on fourth down. The snow began to fall late in the second quarter, and Jay Feely's 22-yard field goal as the half expired gave the Falcons a 24-0 lead. The Packers scored on their opening possession of the second half, but the Falcons responded with a 6:43 drive capped by Feely's second field goal. The Packers' next two possessions concluded with Ryan Longwell's second missed field-goal attempt and Brett Favre's fourth-and-2 pass falling incomplete, the latter with 7:40 remaining, to secure Atlanta's victory. Favre had a record of 35-0 in home games with the game-time temperature below 34 degrees. Vick was 13 of 25 for 117 yards and 1 touchdown. Favre was 20 of 42 for 247 yards and 1 touchdown, with 2 interceptions. Javon Walker had 5 catches for 104 yards for the Packers, who were without Darren Sharper, and who lost three receivers to injury during the game.

Atlanta	14	10	3	0	—	27
Green Bay	0	0	7	0	—	7
Atl —	Jefferson 10 pass from Vick (Feely kick)					
Atl —	Ulmer 1 blocked punt return (Feely kick)					
Atl —	Duckett 6 run (Feely kick)					
Atl —	FG Feely 22					
GB —	Driver 14 pass from Favre (Longwell kick)					
Atl —	FG Feely 23					

2001

GREEN BAY 25, SAN FRANCISCO 15—Brett Favre set a Green Bay playoff record by completing 75.9 percent of his passes as the Packers improved to 11-0 all-time in postseason games at Lambeau Field. With the game-time temperature of 28 degrees, Favre improved to 31-0 when the temperature is 34 or below. Allen Rossum's 35-yard punt return set up Favre's 5-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman. However, Dana Stubblefield blocked the extra point. Ahmed Plummer intercepted Favre late in the first quarter, but the Packers' defense forced the 49ers' into a field-goal attempt, and Cletidus Hunt blocked Jose Cortez's 34-yard attempt. The 49ers got the ball back midway through the second quarter and put together a 15-play, 86-yard drive, capped by Garrison Hearst's 2-yard touchdown run with 11 seconds left in the half to give the 49ers a 7-6 lead. Ryan Longwell's 26-yard field goal capped a 12-play drive to begin the third quarter, and Corey Bradford's 51-yard reception on the Packers' next possession set up Favre's 19-yard touchdown pass to Bubba Franks to give the Packers a 15-7 lead. Jeff Garcia's 14-yard touchdown pass to Tai Streets, and the ensuing 2-point conversion hookup by the same pair, tied the game with 12:00 left. Longwell's 45-yard field goal on the ensuing possession staked the Packers to a precarious 18-15 lead with 7:02 left. On first-and-10 from the Packers' 41 with 5:03 remaining, Terrell Owens broke open deep down the right sideline. However, Garcia's pass was slightly underthrown and Mike McKenzie hustled back to tip the pass into the hands of Tyrone Williams for an interception at the Packers' 7. Sensing an opportunity to put the game away, Favre engineered an 8-play, 93-yard drive, highlighted by a 37-yard pass to Freeman on third-and-7, and capped by Ahman Green's 9-yard scoring run with 1:55 remaining. Paul Smith fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Bradford recovered to clinch the victory. Favre was 22 of 29 for 269 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Garcia was 22 of 32 for 233 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception.

San Francisco	0	7	0	8	—	15
Green Bay	6	0	9	10	—	25
GB —	Freeman 5 pass from Favre (kick blocked)					
SF —	Hearst 2 run (Cortez kick)					
GB —	FG Longwell 26					
GB —	Franks 19 pass from Favre (pass failed)					
SF —	Streets 14 pass from Garcia (Streets pass from Garcia)					
GB —	FG Longwell 45					
GB —	Green 9 run (Longwell kick)					

PHILADELPHIA 31, TAMPA BAY 9—Donovan McNabb passed for 2 touchdowns and the Eagles' defense recorded 4 interceptions to defeat the Buccaneers in an

NFC Wild Card Game in Philadelphia for the second consecutive season. Dexter Jackson's interception and 9-yard return to the Eagles' 39 three plays into the game set up the first of three Martin Gramatica first-half field goals. A 39-yard run by McNabb on the ensuing possession led to David Akers' 26-yard field goal to tie the game, and McNabb's 41-yard pass to Todd Pinkston early in the second quarter set up Chad Lewis' 16-yard scoring catch to give the Eagles a 10-3 lead. With the Eagles leading 10-6, Mark Royals' 28-yard punt to the Buccaneers' 31 with 1:46 left in the half set up McNabb's 23-yard touchdown pass to Duce Staley. The Buccaneers answered quickly, with Brad Johnson's 46-yard pass to Keyshawn Johnson allowing Gramatica to kick his third field goal to trim the deficit to 17-9 at halftime. Correll Buckhalter's 25-yard touchdown run in the third quarter increased the Eagles' lead to 24-9. Troy Vincent's interception in the end zone stopped the Buccaneers' ensuing possession, Brian Dawkins intercepted a pass at the Eagles' 3 with 5:34 left to stop another drive, and Damon Moore's 59-yard interception return for a touchdown with 2:08 remaining iced the game. McNabb was 16 of 25 for 194 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Johnson was 22 of 36 for 202 yards, with 4 interceptions.

Tampa Bay	3	6	0	0	—	9
Philadelphia	3	14	7	7	—	31
TB —	FG Gramatica 36					
Phil —	FG Akers 26					
Phil —	Lewis 16 pass from McNabb (Akers kick)					
TB —	FG Gramatica 32					
Phil —	Staley 23 pass from McNabb (Akers kick)					
TB —	FG Gramatica 27					
Phil —	Buckhalter 25 run (Akers kick)					
Phil —	Moore 59 interception return (Akers kick)					

2000

PHILADELPHIA 21, TAMPA BAY 3—Donovan McNabb passed for 2 touchdowns and ran for another, and the Eagles' defense limited the Buccaneers to just 11 first downs. The Buccaneers dropped to 0-20 when the game-time temperature is below 40 degrees, though Martin Gramatica's 29-yard field goal early in the second quarter staked Tampa Bay to a 3-0 lead. The tide changed a few possessions later when Hugh Douglas sacked Shaun King from behind, forced him to fumble, and Mike Mamula recovered at the Buccaneers' 15. Four plays later, McNabb scrambled 5 yards up the middle for a touchdown with 3:21 left in the half. The Eagles' defense then forced Tampa Bay to punt, and McNabb engineered an 8-play, 69-yard drive, keyed by his 25-yard pass to Charles Johnson. McNabb capped the march with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Na Brown 12 seconds before halftime to take a 14-3 lead. McNabb's 2-yard pass to Jeff Thomason on third-and-goal less than a minute into the fourth quarter finished the scoring. The Buccaneers threatened once in the second half, but King threw consecutive incompletions from the Eagles' 21 with just under four minutes remaining to seal the victory. The Eagles converted 9 of 18 third-down plays, while allowing the Buccaneers to convert just 3 of 13 third-down situations. McNabb completed 24 of 33 passes for 161 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 1 interception. King was 17 of 31 for 171 yards. Keyshawn Johnson had 6 receptions for 106 yards.

Tampa Bay	0	3	0	0	—	3
Philadelphia	0	14	0	7	—	21
TB —	FG Gramatica 29					
Phil —	McNabb 5 run (Akers kick)					
Phil —	Brown 5 pass from McNabb (Akers kick)					
Phil —	Thomason 2 pass from McNabb (Akers kick)					

NEW ORLEANS 31, ST. LOUIS 28—Aaron Brooks passed for 4 touchdowns, and Brian Milne recovered Az-Zahir Hakim's muffed punt return with 1:43 remaining to secure the first playoff victory in Saints' history. The defending Super Bowl champion Rams scored on their first possession, driving 68 yards in 11 plays and taking a 7-0 lead on Kurt Warner's 17-yard pass to Isaac Bruce, but were then shut out for the next 40 minutes. The Saints drove 70 yards on their ensuing possession to tie the game on Brooks's 12-yard pass to Robert Wilson, who had not caught a touchdown pass all season. Sammy Knight's 52-yard interception return to the Rams' 20 set

up Doug Brien's 33-yard field goal just before halftime, giving New Orleans a 10-7 lead. Chris Oldham's third-quarter interception near midfield led to Brooks's 10-yard touchdown pass to Willie Jackson, and Brooks and Jackson hooked up for 2 more scores within the first 3:03 of the fourth quarter to give the Saints a 31-7 lead with 11:57 remaining. The Rams needed just 4 plays, capped by Warner's 17-yard pass to Ricky Proehl, to cut the deficit to 31-13, and Hakim's 65-yard punt return to the Saints' 9 moments later gave the Rams hope. But Knight intercepted Warner on the next play from scrimmage with 6:28 remaining. However, the Rams' defense forced a punt, and St. Louis needed just 3 plays to drive 62 yards and cut the deficit to 31-20 on Marshall Faulk's 25-yard catch and run. Dre' Bly recovered the ensuing onside kick, and a 38-yard pass to Hakim set up Warner's 5-yard touchdown run. Warner's quick pass to Faulk for the 2-point conversion trimmed the deficit to 31-28 with 2:36 left. Darrin Smith recovered the onside kick for the Saints, but the Rams' defense again forced a punt. Hakim muffed the punt and Milne recovered the ball at the Saints' 11 to seal the victory. Brooks completed 16 of 29 passes for 266 yards and 4 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Jackson had 6 receptions for 142 yards. Warner was 24 of 40 for 365 yards and 3 touchdowns, with 3 interceptions. Bruce had 7 receptions for 127 yards and a touchdown.

St. Louis	7	0	0	21	—	28
New Orleans	0	10	7	14	—	31
StL —	Bruce 17 pass from Warner (Wilkins kick)					
NO —	Wilson 12 pass from Brooks (Brien kick)					
NO —	FG Brien 33					
NO —	Jackson 10 pass from Brooks (Brien kick)					
NO —	Jackson 49 pass from Brooks (Brien kick)					
NO —	Jackson 16 pass from Brooks (Brien kick)					
StL —	Proehl 17 pass from Warner (run failed)					
StL —	Faulk 25 pass from Warner (Wilkins kick)					
StL —	Warner 5 run (Faulk pass from Warner)					

1999

MINNESOTA 27, DALLAS 10—Robert Smith rushed for 140 yards and Jeff George passed for 3 touchdowns as the Vikings defeated the Cowboys. The Cowboys drove 73 and 79 yards on their first two possessions to claim a 10-3 lead. Anthony Bass recovered Robert Thomas's fumble at the Cowboys' 23 early in the second quarter, and four plays later Smith caught a screen pass from George and faked out George Teague at the 12-yard line before running into the end zone. George gave the Vikings their first lead with a 58-yard touchdown bomb to Randy Moss 28 seconds before halftime. The Vikings led 27-10 before the Cowboys put together two final drives, only to turn the ball over inside the Vikings' 20 on both occasions. George was 12 of 25 for 212 yards and 3 touchdowns. Moss had 5 receptions for 127 yards. Troy Aikman was 22 of 38 for 286 yards, with 1 interception. Raghib Ismail had 8 catches for 163 yards.

Dallas	10	0	0	0	—	10
Minnesota	3	14	3	7	—	27
Dall —	FG Murray 18					
Minn —	FG Anderson 47					
Dall —	E. Smith 5 run (Murray kick)					
Minn —	R. Smith 26 pass from George (Anderson kick)					
Minn —	Moss 58 pass from George (Anderson kick)					
Minn —	FG Anderson 38					
Minn —	Carter 5 pass from George (Anderson kick)					

WASHINGTON 27, DETROIT 13—Stephen Davis rushed for 119 yards and 2 touchdowns as the Redskins scored on their first four, and five of their first six, possessions to defeat the Lions. The Lions forced the Redskins to punt on their first possession, but Clint Kriewaldt was flagged for running into punter Matt Turk, giving the Redskins a first down. A 41-yard pass interference penalty moments later set up Davis' first touchdown. Davis rumbled 58 yards to begin the Redskins' next possession, but injured his right knee on a 4-yard touchdown run to cap the drive. Champ Bailey's interception set up Conway's first field goal, and Davis returned to carry 5 times for 45 yards on the Redskins' fourth possession to lead to Conway's second field goal. Davis sat out the remainder of the game, but Washington put together one more scoring drive to take

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a 27-0 halftime lead. The Lions did not cross midfield until midway through the third quarter, and Lamar Campbell's blocked field-goal attempt led to Ron Rice's 94-yard return. Gus Frerotte's 5-yard touchdown pass to Ron Rivers came on the last play of the game. Brad Johnson was 15 of 31 for 174 yards and 1 touchdown, with 2 interceptions. Frerotte was 21 of 46 for 251 yards and 1 touchdown, with 2 interceptions. Washington had more rushing yards (223-45) and longer time of possession (38:28-21:32).

Detroit	0	0	0	13	—	13
Washington	14	13	0	0	—	27
Wash — Davis 1 run (Conway kick)						
Wash — Davis 4 run (Conway kick)						
Wash — FG Conway 33						
Wash — FG Conway 23						
Wash — Connell 30 pass from Johnson (Conway kick)						
Det — Rice 94 blocked field-goal return (pass failed)						
Det — Rivers 5 pass from Frerotte (Hanson kick)						

1998

SAN FRANCISCO 30, GREEN BAY 27—With eight seconds left and no timeouts remaining, Steve Young fired a 25-yard strike to Terrell Owens to give the 49ers a victory against the Packers in stunning fashion. Darren Sharper forced Owens to fumble at the Packers' 47 on the game's third play. Pat Terrell recovered the ball, leading to Ryan Longwell's first field goal. Merton Hanks forced Dorsey Levens to fumble later in the quarter, and Chris Doleman recovered. Greg Clark caught a touchdown pass from Steve Young three plays later to give the 49ers a 7-3 lead. Brett Favre threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman on the next drive, but R.W. McQuarter's 19-yard punt return set up Wade Richey's tying field goal midway through the second quarter. Randy Kirk recovered Roell Preston's muffed punt at the 49ers' 18, but George Koonce intercepted a Young pass two plays later and the Packers proceeded to drive 83 yards to take a 17-10 lead on Levens's touchdown run. Recently signed free-agent Charles Haley pressured Favre into throwing an early second-half interception, returned 17 yards by Lee Woodall to the Packers' 33. From there, Young threw his second touchdown pass of the game to Clark to tie the score. Three field goals on successive possessions, 2 by Richey, gave the 49ers a 23-20 lead with 6:12 to play. Darnell Walker intercepted Favre at the Packers' 43, but the 49ers were forced to punt giving Green Bay the ball at their own 11 with 4:19 remaining. Favre threw a 47-yard pass to Corey Bradford, and a few plays later lofted a 15-yard scoring pass to Freeman to give the Packers a 27-23 lead with 1:56 to play. The 49ers drove to the Packers' 25 with eight seconds left and no timeouts, when Young fired a 25-yard strike to Owens, who was belted by Terrell and Sharper but held on for the winning points. Young, who completed 7 of 9 passes on the game-winning 76-yard drive, was 18 of 32 for 182 yards and 3 touchdowns, with 2 interceptions. Garrison Hearst had 22 carries for 128 yards. Favre was 20 of 35 for 292 yards and 2 touchdowns, with 2 interceptions. Levens had 27 carries for 116 yards.

Green Bay	3	14	0	10	—	27
San Francisco	7	3	10	10	—	30
GB — FG Longwell 23						
SF — Clark 1 pass from Young (Richey kick)						
GB — Freeman 2 pass from Favre (Longwell kick)						
SF — FG Richey 34						
GB — Levens 2 run (Longwell kick)						
SF — Clark 8 pass from Young (Richey kick)						
SF — FG Richey 48						
GB — FG Longwell 37						
SF — FG Richey 40						
GB — Freeman 15 pass from Favre (Longwell kick)						
SF — Owens 25 pass from Young (Richey kick)						

ARIZONA 20, DALLAS 7—Jake Plummer passed for 2 touchdowns, and Aeneas Williams had 2 interceptions as the Cardinals won a postseason game for the first time since 1947. Richie Cunningham missed a 36-yard field goal in the latter part of the first quarter, and Plummer immediately seized the opportunity, firing a 59-yard pass to Frank Sanders. Three plays later, Plummer threw a shovel pass to Adrian Murrell, who scooted into the end zone to give Arizona a 7-0 lead. The Cowboys drove deep into Cardinals' territory, but Mark Maddox stopped

Emmitt Smith on fourth-and-1 at the Cardinals' 7. Chris Jacke kicked a field goal 19 seconds before halftime, and Murrell raced 74 yards on the second play of the second half, setting up Plummer's 3-yard toss to Larry Centers to give the Cardinals a 17-0 lead 1:16 into the third quarter. Williams's second interception at the Cowboys' 37 set up Jacke's second field goal 2:05 into the final quarter. The Cardinals' defense twice stopped Dallas on fourth-down attempts before Troy Aikman's 6-yard pass to Billy Davis averted the shutout with 3:33 remaining. Larry Centers recovered the ensuing onsides kick, and Tommy Bennett intercepted an Aikman pass with 48 seconds remaining to secure the victory. Plummer was 19 of 36 for 213 yards, 2 touchdowns, with 2 interceptions. Aikman was 22 of 49 for 191 yards, 1 touchdown, with 3 interceptions.

Arizona	7	3	7	3	—	20
Dallas	0	0	0	7	—	7
Ariz — Murrell 12 pass from Plummer (Jacke kick)						
Ariz — FG Jacke 37						
Ariz — Centers 3 pass from Plummer (Jacke kick)						
Ariz — FG Jacke 46						
Dall — Davis 6 pass from Aikman						
(Cunningham kick)						

1997

TAMPA BAY 20, DETROIT 10—The Buccaneers broke out to a 20-0 lead and held on to record their first postseason victory since 1979. Michael Husted's 22-yard field goal with 5:24 left in the first quarter began the Buccaneers' scoring spree. After forcing a punt, Tampa Bay drove 89 yards, with Horace Copeland's 9-yard touchdown catch capping a 17-play drive. On the Lions' next possession, Anthony Parker's 19-yard interception return to the Lions' 20 set up Husted's second field goal. The Buccaneers had a chance to score just before halftime, but Warrick Dunn fumbled at the Lions' 14. However, Mike Altstott capped the Buccaneers' opening drive of the second half with a 31-yard scoring burst. The Lions drove deep into Tampa Bay territory, but Scott Mitchell's fourth-and-3 pass from the Buccaneers' 8 fell incomplete. Jason Hanson kicked a 33-yard field goal to cap the Lions' next drive, but Mitchell was injured on the play previous to the field goal. He left the game with a concussion. The Lions forced another punt, and Frank Reich guided the offense to its first touchdown on a 1-yard plunge by Tommy Vardell with 7:48 left. The Lions reached no farther than the Buccaneers' 42 on their final drive. Trent Dilfer was 13 of 26 for 181 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception. Mitchell was 10 of 25 for 78 yards, with 1 interception, while Reich was 11 of 15 for 129 yards. Barry Sanders, who gained 2,053 rushing yards during the season, was held to 18 carries for only 65 yards.

Detroit	0	0	3	7	—	10
Tampa Bay	3	10	7	0	—	20
TB — FG Husted 22						
TB — Copeland 9 pass from Dilfer (Husted kick)						
TB — FG Husted 42						
TB — Altstott 31 run (Husted kick)						
Det — FG Hanson 33						
Det — Vardell 1 run (Hanson kick)						

MINNESOTA 23, NEW YORK GIANTS 22—Eddie Murray's 24-yard field goal with 10 seconds remaining capped a 10-point rally in the final 1:30 as the Vikings shocked the Giants. Bernard Holsey and Michael Strahan each recovered first-quarter Randall Cunningham fumbles in Vikings' territory to set up Brad Daluiso field goals. Danny Kanell's 37-yard pass to David Patten led to his 2-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Pierce three plays later to give the Giants a 13-0 lead. Jason Sehorn's interception set up Daluiso's third field goal, and after Duane Butler's fumble recovery of Amani Toomer's punt allowed Murray to put the Vikings on the board, Daluiso added his fourth field goal of the half to give the Giants a 19-3 halftime edge. The Vikings were limited to 68 total yards in the first half. Tony Williams forced Tiki Barber to fumble, and Jerry Ball recovered at the Giants' 4. Leroy Hoard scored on the next play to cut the deficit to 19-10. Murray missed a 48-yard field-goal attempt on the their next possession, but a 14-yard punt by Brad Maynard late in the third quarter gave the Vikings good field position and Murray kicked his second field goal fifteen seconds into the

fourth quarter. The Giants responded with a 13-play, 74-yard drive capped by Daluiso's fifth field goal, from 22 yards with 7:03 left, to give the NFC East champions a 22-13 lead. When Strahan and Keith Hamilton corralled Robert Smith for a 3-yard loss on third-and-4 from the Vikings' 43, and Minnesota chose to punt, the Giants were in position to run out the clock. But the Vikings forced the Giants to punt, and Maynard's 26-yard boot sailed out of bounds at the Giants' 49 with 2:06 left. Cunningham found Carter for 19 yards between a pair of incompletions before Jake Reed got past Tito Wooten and caught a 30-yard touchdown pass in the back of the end zone with 1:30 left to cut the deficit to 22-20. Chris Caloway bobbled the ensuing onsides kick on the wet turf, and Chris Walsh recovered for the Vikings at the 39-yard line. Carter caught a 21-yard pass on third-and-4 to the Giants' 34, and Phillippi Sparks was flagged for pass interference two plays later to put the ball on the 21-yard line with 43 seconds left. Smith broke free for 16 yards to the Giants' 5, and Murray kicked the game-winning field goal with 10 seconds left. Cunningham was 15 of 36 for 203 yards and 1 touchdown, with 1 interception. Kanell was 16 of 32 for 199 yards and 1 touchdown. The victory snapped a six-game postseason losing streak for the Vikings.

Minnesota	0	3	7	13	—	23
N.Y. Giants	6	13	0	3	—	22
NYG — FG Daluiso 43						
NYG — FG Daluiso 22						
NYG — Pierce 2 pass from Kanell (Daluiso kick)						
NYG — FG Daluiso 41						
Minn — FG Murray 26						
NYG — FG Daluiso 51						
Minn — Hoard 4 run (Murray kick)						
Minn — FG Murray 26						
NYG — FG Daluiso 22						
Minn — Reed 30 pass from Cunningham						
(Murray kick)						
Minn — FG Murray 24						

1996

SAN FRANCISCO 14, PHILADELPHIA 0—Steve Young ran for a touchdown and threw for one as the 49ers defeated the Eagles in the mud of 3Com Park. The Eagles blew three scoring chances in the first half. Gary Anderson missed a 40-yard field goal on the Eagles first possession. Trailing 7-0 after a scrambling touchdown run by Young in which he bruised his ribs, the Eagles drove deep into 49ers territory. On third-and-1 from the 8-yard line, Detmer attempted to throw the ball away on a pass attempt. However Marquee Pope grabbed the errant toss for the interception. After a punt, Philadelphia drove to the 49ers' 5-yard line, but Roy Barker intercepted Detmer's third-and-4 pass. Philadelphia got into 49ers territory only once the remainder of the game. Young, who left the game in the second quarter with a rib injury, threw a 36-yard pass to Jerry Rice, who made a spectacular one-handed catch, to set up the duo's third-quarter touchdown. San Francisco garnered its first postseason shutout since the 1984 NFC Championship Game.

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	—	0
San Francisco	0	7	7	0	—	14
SF — S. Young 9 run (Wilkins kick)						
SF — Rice 3 pass from S. Young (Wilkins kick)						

DALLAS 40, MINNESOTA 15—Three big plays by George Teague catapulted Dallas to a 30-0 halftime lead en route to routing the Vikings. With the Cowboys leading 7-0, the Vikings Amp Lee caught a pass over the middle on this way to the end zone. However, Teague lunged at Lee from behind, slapping the ball through the end zone to give Dallas possession at their 20-yard line. Chris Boniol capped the 12-play drive with a 28-yard field goal to put Dallas ahead 10-0. On the next play from scrimmage, Teague forced Leroy Hoard to fumble the ball away. On the next play Emmitt Smith streaked 37 yards for a touchdown. Exactly one minute later, Teague intercepted Brad Johnson's pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown, giving the Cowboys 17 points in a one-minute, 32-second span and a 24-0 lead. It was the Vikings seventh consecutive playoff loss, and the fourth under coach Dennis Green. Dallas completely dominated the game statistically, compiling more first

downs (27-12), total yards (438-268), time of possession (42:03-17:57), and committing fewer turnovers (5-2).

Minnesota 0 0 7 8 — 15
Dallas 7 23 7 3 — 40

Dall — Aikman 2 run (Boniol kick)
Dall — FG Boniol 28
Dall — E. Smith 37 run (Boniol kick)
Dall — Teague 29 interception return (Boniol kick)
Dall — FG Boniol 31
Dall — FG Boniol 22
Minn — Carter 30 pass from B. Johnson (Sisson kick)
Dall — E. Smith 1 run (Boniol kick)
Dall — FG Boniol 25
Minn — B. Johnson 5 run (Carter pass from B. Johnson)

1995

GREEN BAY 37, ATLANTA 20—Edgar Bennett rushed for a club playoff-record 108 yards, and Antonio Freeman returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown in the Packers' victory. Green Bay led just 14-10 in the second quarter before Freeman's punt return and an 85-yard drive just before halftime broke open the game at 27-10. The latter, a 14-play march capped by Brett Favre's 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Mark Chmura with 49 seconds left in the second quarter, featured 34 rushing yards by Bennett and completions to seven different receivers. The Falcons pulled within 27-17 on Jeff George's 27-yard touchdown pass to J.J. Birden in the first minute of the fourth quarter, but the Packers countered with another lengthy drive to put the game out of reach. The 12-play, 70-yard march took 6:22 and concluded with Favre's 18-yard touchdown pass to running back Dorsey Levens. Favre, who also threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Robert Brooks in the first quarter, was 24 of 35 for 199 yards. Bennett, who carried 24 times, broke the Packers' postseason rushing record of 105 yards shared by Pro Football Hall of Fame members Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung. George completed 30 of 54 passes for 366 yards and 2 touchdowns for the Falcons. Eric Metcalf caught 8 passes for 114 yards.

Atlanta 7 3 0 10 — 20
Green Bay 14 13 0 10 — 37

Atl — Metcalf 65 pass from George (Andersen kick)
GB — Bennett 8 run (Jacke kick)
GB — Brooks 14 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Atl — FG Andersen 31
GB — Freeman 76 punt return (bad snap)
GB — Chmura 2 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Atl — Birden 27 pass from George (Andersen kick)
GB — Levens 18 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Atl — FG Andersen 22
GB — FG Jacke 25

PHILADELPHIA 58, DETROIT 37—Rodney Peete passed for 270 yards and 3 touchdowns as the Eagles blasted the Lions. The game was tied 7-7 before Philadelphia put the game away by exploding for 31 points in the second quarter. Gary Anderson began the onslaught with a 21-yard field goal 2:04 into the second quarter, and just 2:13 later Peete teamed with Fred Barnett on a 22-yard touchdown pass for a 17-7 lead. Two plays after that, cornerback Barry Wilburn returned an interception 24 yards for a touchdown, and when Ricky Watters ran 1 yard for a touchdown 4:59 before halftime, the Eagles led 31-7. They ended any remaining suspense when Peete threw a 43-yard desperation pass for a touchdown to Rob Carpenter on the final play of the second quarter. By midway through the third quarter it was 51-7 and Detroit's seven-game winning streak was in tatters. Peete completed 17 of 25 passes in all and was not intercepted. Lions quarterbacks Scott Mitchell and Don Majkowski, meanwhile, combined for 361 yards and 4 touchdowns, but suffered 6 interceptions. The 95 points scored by the two clubs set an NFL postseason record. Philadelphia's second-quarter barrage has been bettered only once in NFL postseason play. Washington scored 35 points in the second quarter of Super Bowl XXII against Denver.

Detroit 7 0 14 16 — 37
Philadelphia 7 31 13 7 — 58

Phil — Garner 15 run (Anderson kick)
Det — Sloan 32 pass from Mitchell (Hanson kick)
Phil — FG Anderson 21

Phil — Barnett 22 pass from Peete (Anderson kick)
Phil — Wilburn 24 interception return (Anderson kick)

Phil — Watters 1 run (Anderson kick)
Phil — Carpenter 43 pass from Peete (Anderson kick)

Phil — Watters 45 pass from Peete (Anderson kick)

Phil — FG Anderson 31

Phil — FG Anderson 39

Det — Moore 68 pass from Majkowski (Hanson kick)

Det — Morton 7 pass from Majkowski (Hanson kick)

Phil — Thomas 30 interception return (Anderson kick)

Det — Sloan 2 pass from Majkowski (Rivers run)

Det — Rivers 1 run (Moore pass from Majkowski)

1994

CHICAGO 35, MINNESOTA 18—Steve Walsh threw 2 touchdowns passes as the Bears stunned the NFC Central Division-champion Vikings. Chicago, which didn't score more than 27 points in any game during the 1994 regular season, ended a six-game losing streak to the Vikings by shredding the NFL's fifth-ranked defense for 5 touchdowns. Despite turnovers on their first two possessions, the Bears forged a 14-3 lead in the second quarter on Lewis Tillman's 1-yard run and Walsh's 9-yard touchdown pass to tight end Keith Jennings. Minnesota pulled within 14-9 on Warren Moon's 4-yard touchdown pass to Cris Carter 19 seconds before halftime, but Chicago struck quickly in the third quarter to bolster its lead. Walsh teamed with Curtis Conway on a 23-yard completion and with Jeff Graham on an 18-yard gain before Raymont Harris ran 29 yards for a touchdown just 2:03 into the second half. It was the longest rushing play of the season for the Bears. Walsh's 21-yard touchdown pass to Graham early in the fourth quarter helped keep the game out of reach. He finished with 15 completions in 23 attempts for 221 yards. Graham caught 4 passes for 108 yards. Moon completed 29 of 52 passes for 292 yards and running back Amp Lee caught 11 passes for 159 yards for the Vikings, who had sizeable advantages in plays (82-54) and total yards (389-308). But Minnesota was victimized by 4 turnovers and 11 penalties.

Chicago 0 14 7 14 — 35
Minnesota 3 6 3 6 — 18

Chi — Tillman 1 run (Butler kick)

Chi — Jennings 9 pass from Walsh (Butler kick)

Minn — Carter 4 pass from Moon (pass failed)

Chi — Harris 29 run (Butler kick)

Minn — FG Reveiz 48

Chi — Graham 21 pass from Walsh (Butler kick)

Minn — Lee 11 pass from Moon (pass failed)

Chi — Miniefield 48 fumble return (Butler kick)

GREEN BAY 16, DETROIT 12—The Packers won their first playoff game at home in 12 years by staving off the Lions in the closing minutes. After Chris Jacke's third field goal of the game, from 28 yards with 5:35 to play in the fourth quarter, gave Green Bay a 16-10 lead, Detroit's Eric Lynch returned the ensuing kickoff 27 yards to the Packers' 49-yard line. The Lions reached the 11 at the two-minute warning, but linebacker Bryce Paup sacked Dave Krieg for a 6-yard loss, and on fourth-and-14 from the 17, Herman Moore caught Krieg's pass at the back of the end zone, only to come down past the end line with 1:45 to play. Green Bay ran out the rest of the clock, giving up a concession safety on the last play. Brett Favre passed for 262 yards for the Packers, but it was Green Bay's defense that made the difference. The Packers limited Barry Sanders, the NFL's leading rusher with 1,883 yards during the regular season, to minus-1 yard on 13 carries. Sanders, who caught 3 passes for 4 yards, was held to negative yardage eight of the 16 times he touched the ball. The Lions rushed for minus-4 yards as a team.

Detroit 0 0 3 9 — 12
Green Bay 7 3 3 3 — 16

GB — Levens 3 run (Jacke kick)

GB — FG Jacke 51

Det — FG Hanson 38

GB — FG Jacke 32

Det — Perriman 3 pass from Krieg (Hanson kick)

GB — FG Jacke 28

Det — Safety, Hentrich ran out of the end zone

1993

GREEN BAY 28, DETROIT 24—Brett Favre's 40-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Sharpe with 55 seconds remaining lifted the Packers to victory in their first playoff game in 11 years. Favre, unable to find intended receiver Mark Clayton, scrambled left and threw across the field to Sharpe, who had gotten behind cornerback Kevin Scott down the right sideline. The quarterback's heroics offset brilliant individual performances by the Lions' Barry Sanders and Brett Perriman. Sanders, playing for first time since injuring his knee against the Bears on Thanksgiving Day, rushed for 169 yards on 27 carries. Perriman caught 10 passes for 150 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown from Erik Kramer late in the second quarter to give Detroit a 10-7 edge at halftime. The Lions increased that advantage to 17-7 when cornerback Melvin Jenkins intercepted Favre's pass and returned it 15 yards for a touchdown 6:40 into the third period. After Green Bay countered with a 28-yard touchdown pass from Favre to Sharpe, Detroit appeared poised to score again, driving to the Packers' 5-yard line. But Kramer's pass in the end zone was intercepted by rookie safety George Teague, who raced a playoff-record 101 yards to give Green Bay a 21-17 lead with 1:40 to go in the third quarter. The Lions then pieced together a 15-play, 89-yard drive that consumed more than 8 minutes, taking the lead for the last time on Derrick Moore's 5-yard touchdown run 6:33 into the fourth quarter. Kramer finished with 22 completions in 31 attempts for 248 yards for Detroit, which amassed 410 total yards but could not overcome the Packers' big plays. Sharpe, who set an NFL record with 112 receptions during the regular season, caught only 5 passes but made the most of them, gaining 101 yards and scoring 3 times.

Green Bay 0 7 14 7 — 28
Detroit 3 7 7 7 — 24

Det — FG Hanson 47

GB — Sharpe 12 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)

Det — Perriman 1 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)

Det — Jenkins 15 interception return (Hanson kick)

GB — Sharpe 28 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)

GB — Teague 101 interception return (Jacke kick)

Det — D. Moore 5 run (Hanson kick)

GB — Sharpe 40 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)

N.Y. GIANTS 17, MINNESOTA 10—Rodney Hampton's 2 third-quarter touchdown runs erased a 7-point halftime deficit and lifted the Giants to the victory. Freezing temperatures and blustery winds limited the effectiveness of each team's offense, so much so that all the points in the game were scored by the team that had the wind at its back. New York, trailing 10-3, had such conditions in the third quarter when it rallied to win. The Giants tied the score on their first possession of the second half, as Hampton barreled over right end for 51 yards and a touchdown just 2:54 into the third period. Shortly after that, a 21-yard punt positioned New York at Minnesota's 26-yard line, and six plays later, Hampton ran 2 yards for the game's deciding score. Primarily on the strength of Hampton, the Giants controlled the game by rushing 41 times for 176 yards and maintaining possession for 35:23 of the game's 60 minutes. Vikings quarterbacks Jim McMahon and Sean Salisbury combined to complete only 15 of 34 passes for 192 yards.

Minnesota 0 10 0 0 — 10
N.Y. Giants 3 0 14 0 — 17

NYG — FG Treadwell 26

Minn — C. Carter 40 pass from McMahon (Reveiz kick)

Minn — FG Reveiz 52

NYG — Hampton 51 run (Treadwell kick)

NYG — Hampton 2 run (Treadwell kick)

1992

PHILADELPHIA 36, NEW ORLEANS 20—The Eagles exploded for 26 points in the fourth quarter to rally past the Saints and win a playoff game for the first time since the 1980 NFL Championship Game. New Orleans, the only NFL team that has never won a postseason game,

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led 20-7 until Philadelphia's Roger Ruzek kicked a 40-yard field goal late in the third quarter to trim the margin to 10 points. In the fourth period, Randall Cunningham's 35-yard touchdown pass to Fred Barnett with 10:37 remaining sparked an Eagles' scoring frenzy against the Saints, who had allowed the fewest points in the NFL during the regular season and had not permitted any opponent more than 21 points in a game all year. On the first play from scrimmage following Barnett's touchdown, Eagles linebacker Seth Joyner intercepted a Bobby Hebert pass and returned it 14 yards to the Saints' 26-yard line. That set up a 6-yard touchdown run by Heath Sherman for a 24-20 Philadelphia lead with 6:48 left in the game. Seventy-two seconds later, defensive end Reggie White sacked Hebert in the end zone to make it 26-20, and Roger Ruzek's 39-yard field goal at the 2:36 mark made it 29-20. Cornerback Eric Allen sealed the victory 19 seconds later with his second interception of the game, returning it 18 yards for a touchdown. Sherman finished with 105 yards on 21 carries, while Cunningham passed for 219 yards and 2 touchdowns, both to Barnett. Hebert completed 23 of 39 passes for 291 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted 3 times.

Philadelphia	7	0	3	26	—	36
New Orleans	7	10	3	0	—	20
NO	— Heyward 1 run (Andersen kick)					
Phil	— Barnett 57 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek kick)					
NO	— FG Andersen 35					
NO	— Early 7 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)					
NO	— FG Andersen 42					
Phil	— FG Ruzek 40					
Phil	— Barnett 35 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek kick)					
Phil	— Sherman 6 run (Ruzek kick)					
Phil	— Safety, White sacked Hebert in end zone					
Phil	— FG Ruzek 39					
Phil	— Allen 18 interception return (Ruzek kick)					

WASHINGTON 24, MINNESOTA 7—Third-string running back Brian Mitchell ran for 109 yards and added 100 yards on punt returns and receptions as the Redskins, the NFC's lowest seed in the playoffs, upset the Central Division-champion Vikings. Mitchell had carried the ball only 6 times during the regular season and 18 times in his three-year NFL career, but with backup Ricky Ervins injured, he had 16 rushes in this game. The key play was his 36-yard run from Washington's 44-yard line on a fake punt late in the second quarter. Moments later, he scored on an 8-yard run to increase the Redskins' lead to 17-7 at intermission. Minnesota took the game's opening kickoff and marched 79 yards to a touchdown, Terry Allen's 1-yard run, but then managed only 69 total yards the rest of the way. Quarterback Sean Salisbury completed 42- and 14-yard passes to Cris Carter to key the first drive, but finished only 6 of 20 for 113 yards, with a pair of interceptions. Meanwhile, Washington's offense controlled the ball on the ground, rushing for 196 yards on 47 attempts and maintaining possession for 42:43 of the game's 60 minutes. The Redskins improved their postseason record to 16-4 under head coach Joe Gibbs.

Washington	3	14	7	0	—	24
Minnesota	7	0	0	0	—	7
Minn	— Allen 1 run (Reveiz kick)					
Wash	— FG Lohmiller 44					
Wash	— Byner 3 run (Lohmiller kick)					
Wash	— Mitchell 8 run (Lohmiller kick)					
Wash	— Clark 24 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)					

1991

ATLANTA 27, NEW ORLEANS 20—Michael Haynes turned a short reception into a 61-yard touchdown to provide the decisive points in the Falcons' win over the Saints. Haynes, who had 6 catches for 144 yards, had given Atlanta its first lead at 17-13 with a 20-yard scoring catch in the third quarter. After the Saints regained the lead on a 1-yard touchdown run by Dalton Hilliard, Chris Miller led the Falcons to a tying field goal and winning touchdown in the final quarter. Miller completed 18 of 30 passes for 291 yards and 3 scores.

Atlanta	0	10	7	10	—	27
New Orleans	7	6	0	7	—	20

NO	— Turner 26 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)					
NO	— FG Andersen 45					
Atl	— Rison 24 pass from Miller (Johnson kick)					
Atl	— FG Johnson 44					
NO	— FG Andersen 35					
Atl	— Haynes 20 pass from Miller (Johnson kick)					
NO	— Hilliard 1 run (Andersen kick)					
Atl	— FG Johnson 36					
Atl	— Haynes 61 pass from Miller (Johnson kick)					

DALLAS 17, CHICAGO 13—Emmitt Smith ran for 105 yards and a touchdown to lead the Cowboys over the Bears. Darrick Brownlow blocked a Bears punt to set up Smith's 1-yard touchdown run, which gave Dallas a 10-0 first-quarter lead. In the third quarter, Steve Beuerlein's 3-yard touchdown pass to Jay Novacek capped a 75-yard drive and gave the Cowboys a 17-6 lead. Dallas' defense made it stand, keeping Chicago out of the end zone until the game's final three minutes.

Dallas	10	0	7	0	—	17
Chicago	0	3	3	7	—	13
Dall	— FG Willis 27					
Dall	— E. Smith 1 run (Willis kick)					
Chi	— FG Butler 19					
Chi	— FG Butler 43					
Dall	— Novacek 3 pass from Beuerlein (Willis kick)					
Chi	— Waddle 6 pass from Harbaugh (Butler kick)					

1990

CHICAGO 16, NEW ORLEANS 6—Neal Anderson collected 208 total yards to lead the Bears over the Saints. Anderson helped Chicago control the ball by carrying 27 times (to tie a club postseason record) for 166 yards and catching 4 passes for 42 yards. He also completed a 22-yard pass to Ron Morris. The Bears amassed 365 yards while limiting the Saints to 193 yards.

New Orleans	0	3	0	3	—	6
Chicago	3	7	3	3	—	16
Chi	— FG Butler 19					
Chi	— Thornton 18 pass from Tomczak (Butler kick)					
NO	— FG Andersen 47					
Chi	— FG Butler 22					
NO	— FG Andersen 38					
Chi	— FG Butler 21					

WASHINGTON 20, PHILADELPHIA 6—Mark Rypien's 2 touchdown passes and a stellar defensive effort combined to lift the Redskins over the Eagles. Rypien gave Washington a 7-6 lead with a 16-yard scoring pass to Art Monk. In the third quarter, Rypien capped the scoring with a 2-yard toss to Gary Clark. The Redskins' defense kept the Eagles' offense in check, limiting it to just 2 field goals and no touchdowns.

Washington	0	10	10	0	—	20
Philadelphia	3	3	0	0	—	6
Phil	— FG Ruzek 37					
Phil	— FG Ruzek 28					
Wash	— Monk 16 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)					
Wash	— FG Lohmiller 20					
Wash	— FG Lohmiller 19					
Wash	— Clark 2 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)					

1989

LOS ANGELES RAMS 21, PHILADELPHIA 7—Jim Everett threw 2 first-quarter touchdown passes to lead the Rams. Los Angeles took a 14-0 lead midway through the second quarter on Everett's scoring strikes to Henry Ellard (39 yards) and Damone Johnson (4 yards). After the Eagles halved the Rams' lead with a fourth-quarter touchdown, Los Angeles's Greg Bell ran 7 yards for a touchdown that clinched the victory. Everett completed 18 of 33 passes for 281 yards, while Bell finished with 124 yards on 27 carries.

L.A. Rams	14	0	0	7	—	21
Philadelphia	0	0	0	7	—	7
LA	— Ellard 39 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)					
LA	— Johnson 4 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)					
Phil	— Toney 1 run (Ruzek kick)					
LA	— Bell 7 run (Lansford kick)					

1988

MINNESOTA 28, LOS ANGELES RAMS 17—Joey Browner's 2 first-quarter interceptions led to 14 points that helped the Vikings defeat the Rams. Browner's first

interception put Minnesota at its 27, and the Vikings drove 73 yards for the game's first score. Browner returned his second interception to the Rams' 17, setting up Allen Rice's 17-yard touchdown run. In the second half, Alfred Anderson's second touchdown run and Wade Wilson's 5-yard touchdown pass to Carl Hilton put the game out of reach.

L.A. Rams	0	7	3	7	—	17
Minnesota	14	0	7	7	—	28
Minn	— A. Anderson 7 run (C. Nelson kick)					
Minn	— Rice 17 run (C. Nelson kick)					
Rams	— D. Johnson 3 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)					
Minn	— A. Anderson 1 run (C. Nelson kick)					
Rams	— FG Lansford 43					
Minn	— Hilton 5 pass from Wilson (C. Nelson kick)					
Rams	— Holohan 11 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)					

1987

MINNESOTA 44, NEW ORLEANS 10—The Vikings completely dominated the Saints en route to an easy victory. Minnesota's offense gained 417 yards and held a time-of-possession advantage of 41:18 to 18:42, while its defense limited New Orleans to 149 total yards and forced 6 turnovers (4 interceptions, 2 fumbles). The Vikings' Anthony Carter caught 6 passes for 79 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown. Carter also set an NFL postseason record by returning a punt 84 yards for a touchdown.

Minnesota	10	21	3	10	—	44
New Orleans	7	3	0	0	—	10
NO	— Martin 10 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)					
Minn	— FG C. Nelson 42					
Minn	— Carter 84 punt return (C. Nelson kick)					
Minn	— Jordan 5 pass from W. Wilson (C. Nelson kick)					
Minn	— Carter 10 pass from Rice (C. Nelson kick)					
NO	— FG Andersen 40					
Minn	— Jones 44 pass from W. Wilson (C. Nelson kick)					
Minn	— FG C. Nelson 32					
Minn	— FG C. Nelson 19					
Minn	— Dozier 8 run (C. Nelson kick)					

1986

WASHINGTON 19, LOS ANGELES RAMS 7—The Redskins forced 6 turnovers to defeat the Rams. Los Angeles outgained Washington 324 yards to 228, but 4 fumbles and 2 interceptions thwarted the Rams all day. Led by George Rogers, who rushed for 115 yards on 29 carries, the Redskins turned the Rams' errors into points. Jess Atkinson kicked 4 field goals, and Jay Schroeder threw a 14-yard pass to Kelvin Bryant for Washington's only touchdown. Eric Dickerson led the Rams with 158 rushing yards on 26 carries.

L.A. Rams	0	0	0	7	—	7
Washington	10	3	3	3	—	19
Wash	— FG Atkinson 25					
Wash	— Bryant 14 pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick)					
Wash	— FG Atkinson 20					
Wash	— FG Atkinson 38					
Rams	— House 12 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)					
Wash	— FG Atkinson 19					

1985

NEW YORK GIANTS 17, SAN FRANCISCO 3—A balanced offense and a ferocious defense combined to lift the Giants over the 49ers. Terry Kinard's interception set up the game's first touchdown on an 18-yard pass from Phil Simms to Mark Bavaro. Simms's 3-yard touchdown pass to Don Hasselbeck in the third quarter concluded the scoring. New York's offense rushed for 174 yards and passed for 181, while its defense recorded 4 sacks and did not allow a touchdown.

San Francisco	0	3	0	0	—	3
N.Y. Giants	3	7	7	0	—	17
NYG	— FG Schubert 47					
NYG	— Bavaro 18 pass from Simms (Schubert kick)					
SF	— FG Wersching 21					
NYG	— Hasselbeck 3 pass from Simms (Schubert kick)					

1984

NEW YORK GIANTS 16, LOS ANGELES RAMS 13—The Giants took advantage of their opportunities to defeat the Rams. New York gained only 192 yards, but it converted a Rams fumble into its only touchdown and a 10-0 first-quarter lead. New York almost squandered that lead, but in the fourth quarter, the Giants' defense stopped the Rams inside the 5-yard line, forcing Los Angeles to accept a field goal instead of the go-ahead touchdown. The Giants then stopped the Rams' last-gasp attempt for a tying field goal.

N.Y. Giants	10	0	6	0	— 16
L.A. Rams	0	3	7	3	— 13
NYG — FG Haji-Sheikh 37					
NYG — Carpenter 1 run (Haji-Sheikh kick)					
Rams — FG Lansford 38					
NYG — FG Haji-Sheikh 39					
Rams — Dickerson 14 run (Lansford kick)					
NYG — FG Haji-Sheikh 36					
Rams — FG Lansford 22					

1983

LOS ANGELES RAMS 24, DALLAS 17—Vince Ferragamo fired 3 touchdown passes to lead the Rams' victory. Ferragamo turned a 10-7 deficit into a 21-10 lead by hitting Preston Dennard (16 yards) and George Farmer (8 yards) for second-half scores. Both touchdowns were set up by Dallas turnovers. Another interception set up Mike Lansford's 20-yard field goal, which made it 24-10. Dallas added a late touchdown to make the final score 24-17. Danny White completed 32 of 53 passes for 330 yards in a losing effort.

L.A. Rams	7	0	7	10	— 24
Dallas	0	7	3	7	— 17
Rams — D. Hill 18 pass from Ferragamo (Lansford kick)					
Dall — T. Hill 14 pass from D. White (Septien kick)					
Dall — FG Septien 41					
Rams — Dennard 16 pass from Ferragamo (Lansford kick)					
Rams — Farmer 8 pass from Ferragamo (Lansford kick)					
Rams — FG Lansford 20					
Dall — Cosbie 2 pass from D. White (Septien kick)					

1982

WASHINGTON 31, DETROIT 7—Joe Theismann passed for 3 touchdowns. John Riggins ran for 119 yards, and the Redskins' defense forced 5 turnovers as Washington easily defeated the Lions. Jeris White intercepted 2 passes, including 1 he returned 77 yards for a touchdown. After a field goal by Mark Moseley, Theismann connected with Alvin Garrett on scoring passes of 21, 21, and 27 yards. Garrett, playing for injured Art Monk, caught 6 passes for 110 yards. Theismann completed 14 of 19 passes for 210 yards.

Detroit	0	0	7	0	— 7
Washington	10	14	7	0	— 31
Wash — White 77 interception return (Moseley kick)					
Wash — FG Moseley 26					
Wash — Garrett 21 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)					
Wash — Garrett 21 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)					
Wash — Garrett 27 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)					
Det — Hill 15 pass from Hipple (Murray kick)					

GREEN BAY 41, ST. LOUIS 16—The Packers exploded behind Lynn Dickey's 4 touchdown passes to rout the Cardinals. After a Cardinals field goal, Green Bay scored 28 unanswered points, with three of the scores coming on passes by Dickey. In the third quarter, Dickey and John Jefferson connected on their second touchdown to put the game out of reach. Dickey completed 17 of 23 passes for 260 yards. Jefferson caught 6 passes for 148 yards. Neil Lomax led the Cardinals by completing 32 of 51 passes for 385 yards.

St. Louis	3	6	0	7	— 16
Green Bay	7	21	10	3	— 41
StL — FG O'Donoghue 18					
GB — Jefferson 60 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)					
GB — Lofton 20 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)					
GB — Ivery 2 run (Stenerud kick)					

GB — Ivery 4 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)					
StL — Tilley 5 pass from Lomax (kick blocked)					
GB — FG Stenerud 46					
GB — Jefferson 7 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick)					
GB — FG Stenerud 34					
StL — Shumann 18 pass from Lomax (O'Donoghue kick)					

DALLAS 30, TAMPA BAY 17—The Cowboys scored 14 fourth-quarter points to defeat the Buccaneers. Dallas took a 23-17 lead with 13:21 remaining when rookie Monty Hunter returned an interception 19 yards for a touchdown. The Cowboys' offense put the finishing touches on the win with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Danny White to Timmy Newsome with 3:33 left. White passed for 312 yards to lead a Dallas offense that out-gained Tampa Bay 456 to 218 but made enough mistakes to keep the game close.

Tampa Bay	0	10	7	0	— 17
Dallas	6	7	3	14	— 30
Dall — FG Septien 33					
Dall — FG Septien 33					
TB — Green 60 fumble recovery return (Capece kick)					
TB — FG Capece 32					
Dall — Springs 6 pass from D. White (Septien kick)					
Dall — FG Septien 19					
TB — G. Jones 49 pass from Williams (Capece kick)					
Dall — Hunter 19 interception return (Septien kick)					
Dall — Newsome 10 pass from D. White (Septien kick)					

MINNESOTA 30, ATLANTA 24—Ted Brown ran 5 yards for a touchdown with 1:44 remaining to lift the Vikings over the Falcons. Although Atlanta's offense did not score a touchdown, the Falcons were in a position to win thanks to touchdowns from a blocked punt, an interception, and a fake field goal. But Minnesota's Tommy Kramer led a 72-yard drive that culminated with Brown's winning run. Kramer passed for 253 yards and Brown finished with 81 rushing yards.

Atlanta	7	0	14	3	— 24
Minnesota	3	10	3	14	— 30
Atl — Rogers recovered blocked punt in end zone (Luckhurst kick)					
Minn — FG Danmeier 33					
Minn — White 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)					
Minn — FG Danmeier 30					
Atl — Luckhurst 17 run (Luckhurst kick)					
Atl — Glazebrook 35 interception return (Luckhurst kick)					
Minn — FG Danmeier 39					
Minn — McCullum 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)					
Atl — FG Luckhurst 41					
Minn — Brown 5 run (Danmeier kick)					

1981

NEW YORK GIANTS 27, PHILADELPHIA 21—The Giants built a 27-7 lead, then withstood an Eagles rally to win. New York recovered a fumble to set up its first score, then drove 62 yards for another score on Scott Brunner's second touchdown pass of the day. The Eagles fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Mark Haynes recovered it in the end zone for a 20-0 New York lead. Brunner added his third scoring strike before halftime. The Eagles scored with 2:51 left to close the gap to 27-21, but New York ran out the clock behind Rob Carpenter, who finished with 161 rushing yards.

N.Y. Giants	20	7	0	0	— 27
Philadelphia	0	7	7	7	— 21
NYG — Bright 9 pass from Brunner (kick failed)					
NYG — Mistler 10 pass from Brunner (Danelo kick)					
NYG — Haynes recovered fumble in end zone (Danelo kick)					
Phil — Carmichael 15 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)					
NYG — Mullady 22 pass from Brunner (Danelo kick)					
Phil — Montgomery 6 run (Franklin kick)					
Phil — Montgomery 1 run (Franklin kick)					

1980

DALLAS 34, LOS ANGELES 13—The Cowboys scored on their first three possessions of the second half to turn a tie game into a runaway. The Rams took a 13-6 lead on Vince Ferragamo's 21-yard scoring pass to Preston Dennard. But it was all Cowboys after that, as Tony Dorsett ran 12 yards for the tying score before halftime. Cowboys quarterback Danny White then fired second-half touchdown passes to Dorsett, Butch Johnson, and Drew Pearson as Dallas pulled away. Dorsett set a club playoff record with 160 rushing yards.

Los Angeles	6	7	0	0	— 13
Dallas	3	10	14	7	— 34
Dall — FG Septien 28					
LA — Thomas 1 run (kick blocked)					
Dall — FG Septien 29					
LA — Dennard 21 pass from Ferragamo (Corral kick)					
Dall — Dorsett 12 run (Septien kick)					
Dall — Dorsett 10 pass from White (Septien kick)					
Dall — Johnson 35 pass from White (Septien kick)					
Dall — D. Pearson 11 pass from White (Septien kick)					

1979

PHILADELPHIA 27, CHICAGO 17—Ron Jaworski fired 3 touchdown passes, including 2 in the second half, to rally the Eagles over the Bears. Jaworski hit Harold Carmichael for a 17-yard touchdown that opened the scoring. Jaworski and Carmichael hooked up again for a 29-yard touchdown that tied the game at 17-17. In the fourth quarter, Bobby Howard ended a Bears threat with an interception in the end zone. Jaworski then led the Eagles 80 yards to the tie-breaking score, the last 63 coming on a pass to Billy Campfield.

Chicago	7	10	0	0	— 17
Philadelphia	7	3	7	10	— 27
Phil — Carmichael 17 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)					
Chi — Payton 2 run (Thomas kick)					
Phil — FG Franklin 29					
Chi — Payton 1 run (Thomas kick)					
Chi — FG Thomas 30					
Phil — Carmichael 29 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)					
Phil — Campfield 63 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick)					
Phil — FG Franklin 34					

1978

ATLANTA 14, PHILADELPHIA 13—In a year of miracles for the Falcons, Atlanta produced another come-from-behind finish to defeat the Eagles. Trailing 13-0, Steve Bartkowski completed 4 of 6 passes for 88 yards to lead the Falcons to their first touchdown. Atlanta got the ball back, and Bartkowski hit 3 of 4 passes, including a 37-yard scoring pass to Wallace Francis with 1:39 left. The Falcons dodged a bullet when the Eagles missed a 34-yard field goal with 13 seconds left. Bartkowski completed 18 of 32 passes for 243 yards.

Philadelphia	6	0	7	0	— 13
Atlanta	0	0	0	14	— 14
Phil — Carmichael 13 pass from Jaworski (kick failed)					
Phil — Montgomery 1 run (Michel kick)					
Atl — Mitchell 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)					
Atl — Francis 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)					

