



Dallas stays undefeated; 40-21 over Vikes

Don Meredith went full Sammy Baugh for the undefeated Cowboys as he threw for 422 yards (16-32) and 3 scores without an interception. Both his top targets, Bob Hayes and Lance Alworth, had huge days for the Cowboys. Alworth caught 8 passes for 206 yards and a score with Hayes scoring twice on his 145 yards in 3 catches. Each of them caught an 84 yard bomb for scores within 5 minutes of one another for scores. Talk about anything you can do I can do better! It was definitely a problem for Minnesota's D.

Fran Tarkenton had a fantastic game for Minnesota, rushing for two scores; five carries for 36 yards, as well as throwing for 220 yards on 16 of 25 passes. His success in controlling the game allowed for the Vikings to win the time of possession battle, and keep the game close with the score 17-14 at the half, but the big plays of the Cowboy wideouts proved to be too much for the hometown Vikings and Dallas was eventually able to dominate yardage by a 480-265 account.

Neither team was able to run the ball effectively. Dallas was held to 89 yards on 27 carries and Minnesota to 81 yards on 28 carries. Vikings RB Bill Brown offset his rushing issues (12-25) by being the dominant player in the passing game, with 7 catches for 113 yards including a 61 yards TD reception in the second quarter, but there were not enough big plays available in the hometown offense.

Minnesota is still in the thick of the race in the AFC North despite the loss, and Dallas still holds a 1 gm lead on KC.

League Record 101 pts: Buff-52 Wash-49

George Blanda (12-21-226-4TD) and Sonny Jurgensen (25-43-447-4 TD) dueled in War Memorial Stadium of Buffalo, New York to lead each of their teams to seven touchdowns, but Blanda added a 20 yard field goal in the third quarter and the Redskins didn't get their FG attempt snapped in time at the end of the game to give the Bills a 3-point margin of victory.

The Redskins were led by the best three-receiver combination in MotFL with Jerry Smith (9-126), Charley Taylor (8-140-2) and Bobby Mitchell (5-150-2). Running back A.D. Whitfield added 3 more catches for 31 in addition to his 13 carries for 56 yards and a TD.

The Bills countered with a more balanced attack behind new QB and kicker George Blanda. Running Backs Bobby Burnett and Wray Carlton. Burnett caught 4 passes for 66 yards in addition to 21 carries for 122 yards and a score. Carlton carried 15 times for 71 yards with a score as well. Deep Threat Elbert Dubenion (3-85) had TD catches of 30 and 34 yards to aid the cause. KR Charley Warner also ran a kickoff back 94 yards in the first quarter for another Bills score.

Buffalo's second straight win raised their record to 3-2, but the Washington club is the best 1-4 team you may ever find. They average 31.2 points/gm with a passing game that averages over 330 yards in their 40 attempts. Unfortunately, they give up 33 points/gm



28-25

Jets survive Rams

Joe Namath fired a 27 yard TD pass to Don Maynard in the final 4 minutes of the game to get a win for the Jets out on the west coast against Los Angeles.

Namath completed 16 of his 37 tries for 278 yards for 3 scores and 4 interceptions. Don Maynard (5-72-2) was the main target, having 16 targets, but the playmaker on the day was George Sauer, who caught 6 balls for 136 yards and a score.

Roman Gabriel matched Namath throw for throw, going 15 for 27 for 255 yards with a score and 3 picks. He was aided on the ground by Abner Haynes, who scored twice while running for 51 yards on only 8 carries. Jack Snow had another big day for Los Angeles gaining 142 yards on only 4 receptions and a score.

Jets RB Emerson Boozer got the other score for the winning Jets on the ground as part of his 41 yards on 9 attempts.

Boston over SD 24-14

Babe Parilli (16-22-330) and John Hadl (20-38-300) each passed for 300 yards with two TDs, but Boston had Jim Nance (16-86-1) and Larry Garron (9-40), for which the Chargers had no answer on defense or in their own running game. No matter how many times Rick Redman punted the Patriots deep, including a league record 80 yard boomer, Boston, who gained 442 net yards and had only one 3-and-out on the day. Gino Cappelletti and Art Graham each had big games for Boston. Cappelletti caught 5 for 115 and a score, while Graham caught 4 with 104. Gary Garrison and Peter Gent tried to keep pace. Garrison had 2 scores in his 5 catches for 77 yards and Gent caught 4 for 74. San Diego dropped to 0-5, which Boston stayed undefeated at 5-0.



14-21

Raiders hold off Colts

In a game dominated by big plays on defense, QB Tom Flores (11-17-207) of Oakland was able to outduel QB John Unitas (13-25-126) sending Baltimore back across the country with a close loss.

After a few punts, Oakland went on the longest drive of the day in the middle of the first quarter. The 6-play 79-yard drive culminated with a 47 yard bomb to Art Powell and a 7-0 Oakland lead.

From that point forward, defense dominated. On the ensuing Colt drive, Unitas was intercepted by Howie Williams which was returned to the Colts 10 yard line. Three Clem Daniels runs from there and the Raiders had a 14-0 lead.

Unitas took over and led the Colts on their longest drive of the game. He masterfully called plays on a 13-play 59 yard drive, but at the Oakland 11 he was intercepted by Rodger Bird. Raider ball at their own 6. A couple plays later Clem Daniels fumbled a screen pass, Colts Bobby Boyd recovered; two plays later; Tony Lorick ran it in from a yard out; Colts trimmed the lead to 14-7.

In the 3rd quarter, Dan Connors picked Unitas in the Colts end. A Flores 31 yard screen pass later to Dixon, and it's 21-7 Oak.

Late in the 4th, Unitas led Baltimore on an 11 play 45 yard drive to score on a 5 yard pass to John Mackey, but with only a minute left in the game, time ran out. Defense wins championships, as this game showed.



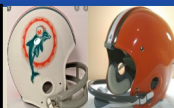
Bears run over Den.

Chicago TDs beat Denver FGs in the Windy City for a 38-14 victory. Chicago opened the game with a 32 yard TD pass from Rudy Bukich (12-22-185) to Mike Ditka (4-95-2). Denver answered with a 35yd. FG from Gary Kroner. Gale Sayers (13-65-2) ran back the kickoff 98 yards for a TD. Kroner answered with a 39yd. FG. Bukich hit Dikta with another TD pass; and so on - and so on. Denver QB Max Choboian (16-39-233) tried 19 passes to Al Denson, who caught 7 of them for 151 yards including a 71 yard TD pass. Walt Garrison had a much larger role in the game plan this week, with 3 carries, 11 pass attempts, and a two point conversion. Bronco LB Jerry Hopkins had 9 tackles, 1 pick and 2 QB Hurries leading the Denver defense. The Bears defense was led by Bennie McRae and Dave Whitsell. McRae had 7 tackles and 4 passes defended while Whitsell had an interception and 6 tackles.


10-26

Eagles take Falcons

Atlanta traveled to Philly and held their own with a 10-6 halftime lead, but a dominant 20-0 second half from Norm Snead and the Eagles allowed the home fans to go home happy. The Eagle defense, led by Aaron Martin and Dave Lloyd, held Randy Johnson to a 1.8 QB rating. In his 35 passes, only 8 were caught by Falcons, 5 were caught by Eagles. Alex Hawkins was targeted 13 times, and never caught a pass. Norm Snead (11-18-194) threw two TD passes to Ron Goodwin (4-89) and was aided by a running game that gained 184 yards in just 32 attempts (5.8 per rush). When drives did expire, K Sam Baker was a perfect 4-4 on Field Goals. Tommy Nobis (Atl.) had 12 more tackles.


7-55

Browns put up 55

The Cleveland Browns welcomed the Miami Dolphins to Ohio and put their undefeated record on the line, with the Dolphins looking for their first win on the season after tying in week 1. The Dolphins threw an interception on the first play of the game, and the rout was on. The Browns had 7 possessions in the first half, and scored touchdowns on 6 of them for a 41-0 lead. With 2:55 to go in the third quarter the Browns led 55-0. There are a lot of pretenders for the title here in MotFL, but Cleveland is putting down their mark to the league that they are contenders.

The impressive performance for Cleveland was balanced. 33 rushes totaled 211 yards, and 34 passes totaled 395 yards, leading to 38:26 seconds of possession and 8 TDs. Frank Ryan had his best day for the Browns, going 25-34 for 395 yards and 5 TDs. His main target was Paul Warfield (5-123), but the TD passes went to five different receivers. On the ground, Leroy Kelly (13-83) and Ernie Green (11-79) led a ground attack that averaged 6.4 yards per carry on the day.

The Dolphins eventually got a TD pass from Dick Wood (17-39-194-1-4) to 22 year old Karl Noonan (5-43) as the Dolphins hope to build a connection for the future. The Dolphin run game never really got going, as they attempted only 12 rushes for 33 yards, but when Cleveland kept putting up touchdowns drive after drive it is understandable that passes outweighed rushes 3 to 1. Cleveland's Ross Fichtner had a great game on defense as well. He intercepted a pass, deflected two others, and totaled 9 tackles, more than double any of his teammates and as many as any Dolphin.

Chiefs win by 42-0

Lenny Dawson could have played this game from a hammock, trying only 5 passes the entire game in a 42-0 win. Dick Bass and Timmy Brown did all the work, with Bass rushing for 3 TDs in his 25 tries for 116 yards, and Brown added 78 more yards in his 21 carries. The Chiefs scored on defense with a Buck Buchanan safety and on special teams with a Mike Garrett 76 yard punt return. Jerrel Wilson averaged nearly 54 yards/punt, including a 70 yard bomb, to put the Lions on long fields, which they could not overcome.

Detroit QBs went 11-20 for just 57 yards with 3 picks. Combined with 68 yards on 22 carries, the Lions were only able to average 2.6 yards per play for the game.

Kansas City intercepted three passes in recording this shut-out. In their last 3 games, the Chiefs have given up a total of 6 points. Dallas scored 52. Bet they can't for week 13.

Packers drill Oilers

Green Bay jumped out to a 21-0 halftime lead and then cruised to a 28-7 victory in Lambeau Field. Bart Starr (7-10-108) led two TD drives in the first quarter, including a 24-yard pass to Fred Hill. Zeke Bratkowski took over and played well, except for an interception in the 4th quarter that led to a 15 yard TD drive for the Oilers. The Packers finished off the game with a 12-yd TD run by Tom Nowatzke. The Oilers were stymied offensively by a stout balanced Packer defense. Houston ran 48 plays for 124 net yards on the day. Don Trull (6-14-67-0-2), in his first start since the George Blanda trade, led the offense with control, but was unable to deal well with the exceptional talent on the defensive side of the ball for the Packers. Newly acquired Jack Kemp got in for a few plays as well, but Green Bay was too much.


20-13

Cardinals over Pitt.

St. Louis jumped out to a 17-0 lead in Pittsburgh winning all three phases of the game. They took the opening kickoff and drove 61 yards in 6 plays to score on a two yard run by Willis Crenshaw. After forcing a punt, they moved into range for Jim Bakken to hit a 44 yard FG, then forcing three-and-out Johnny Roland returned a punt 73 yards for another score. Pittsburgh then mounted a strong comeback, but could not overcome the large deficit and succumbed to St. Louis.

The Cardinal defense was able to sack Steeler QBs a total of 10 times on the day. Reggie Smith threw for 177 yards in 10 completions, but was sacked 9 times as well. Roy Jefferson (4-89) had a good game for the Steelers, but both defenses were dominant for most of the day, including 4 different Cardinals who had 2 sacks each.




49ers over the Giants




John Brodie threw 3 TD passes and the 49ers ran for two more in taking down the Giants at home 35-7.




Brodie (8-13-133) hit three different receivers, Monte Stickles, Dave Parks, and Bernie Casey, for scores, but the 49er ground game was the real star of this game. Ken Willard (11-75-1) and John David Crow (9-67) led a ground game that gained 216 yards over 45 carries. Gary Lewis got his first score of the year to finish of San Francisco's scoring. The Giants were outgained 349-114 on the day, with the 49er defense sacking Giant QBs 7 times. Tom Kennedy (6-10-89) was the most effective passer on the day, including hitter Homer Jones on the 31 yard pass for the only New York score. Spider Lockhart led the Giants defense with 11 tackles on the day.

League Standings

--- Passing ---				--- Rushing ---				Receiving			
	Dawson	KC	133.4		Nance	Bos	638		Mitchell	Was	29
2	Meredith	Dal	120.0	2	Kelly	Cle	501	2	Taylor	Was	29
3	Ryan	Cle	119.1	3	Bass	KC	407	3	Hawkins	Atl	26
4	Starr	GB	113.5	4	Willard	SF	404	4	Smith	Was	24
5	Hadl	SD	98.2	5	Carlton	Buf	357	5	Alworth	Dal	23
6	Flores	Oak	93.5	6	Reeves	Dal	351	6	Sauer	NYJ	23
7	Parilli	Bos	92.3	7	Sayers	Chi	340	7	Burnett	Buf	23
8	Nelsen	Pit	91.9	8	Daniels	Oak	327	8	Hayes	Dal	21
9	Tarkenton	Min	88.2	9	Whitfield	Was	320	9	Denson	Den	21
10	Johnson	STL	85.9	10	Green	Cle	311	10	Haynes	LA	21

Scoring Non-Kickers				Scoring Kickers				Receiving Yards			
	Kelly	Cle	84		Villanueva	Dal	56		Alworth	Dal	544
2	Hayes	Dal	54	2	Clark	Pit	54	2	Mitchell	Was	544
3	Taylor	Was	48	3	Mercer	KC	47	3	Taylor	Was	540
4	Sauer	NYJ	48	4	Bakken	StL	42	4	Maynard	NYJ	520
5	Nance	Bos	44	5	Gogolak	Was	40	5	Snow	LA	507

Sacks				Interceptions				Tackles			
	Rochester	NYJ	6		Fichtner	Cle	5		Nobis	Atl	47
2	Townes	Dal	5	2	Wilson	StL	4	2	Robinson	GB	45
3	Andrie	Dal	5	3	Lockhart	NYG	4	3	Hopkins	Den	44
4	Keating	Oak	5	4	Woodson	Pit	4	4	Lockhart	NYG	43
5	Miller	SF	5	5	Breedlove	Pit	4	5	Brown	Den	41

Offense			Defense			Power		
	Dallas	38.8		Chicago	10.2		Kansas City	67.0
2	Cleveland	37.8	2	St. Louis	12.8	2	Dallas	66.0
3	Kansas City	35.0	3	Kansas City	14.6	3	Boston	65.8
4	Buffalo	31.6	4	Green Bay	15.0	4	St. Louis	64.6
5	Washington	31.2	5	Dallas	15.2	5	Cleveland	64.2

Next Weeks Schedule

Upcoming Games

Week 6	San Francisco (3-1-1) @ New York (A) (3-2)
Week 6	Los Angeles (2-3) @ Baltimore (3-2)
Week 6	Oakland (3-1-1) @ Boston (5-0)
Week 6	San Diego (0-5) @ New York (N) (0-5)
Week 6	Minnesota (3-2) @ Kansas City (4-1)
Week 6	Detroit (0-5) @ Houston (0-5)
Week 6	Green Bay (3-1-1) @ Denver (1-4)
Week 6	Chicago (3-1-1) @ Dallas (5-0)
Week 6	Buffalo (3-2) @ Atlanta (1-3-1)
Week 6	Philadelphia (2-3) @ Miami (0-4-1)
Week 6	Cleveland (5-0) @ St. Louis (4-1)
Week 6	Pittsburgh (3-2) @ Washington (1-4)

MotFL Fact of the week

History of League = 5 weeks.
 101 total points in a single game. Wow!

Fourteen combined touchdowns in a sixty minute football game. Holy Cow.

In all known football leagues to ever play (46 years), the most points ever scored in an official 60-minute game is 113 points (73-40).



League Leaders

	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			DIVISIONAL			Str.Vic	Opp.Rec	Pwr.Rnk	P.Pos
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T	Str.Vic	Opp.Rec	Pwr.Rnk	
AFC West													
San Francisco 49ers	3	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	.133	.420	61.2	7
Oakland Raiders	3	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	.333	.460	59.8	9
Los Angeles Rams	2	3	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	.000	.400	54.0	15
San Diego Chargers	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	.000	.680	48.8	20
AFC North													
Minnesota Vikings	3	2	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	.300	.520	59.6	10
Green Bay Packers	3	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	.200	.420	60.8	8
Chicago Bears	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.067	.300	57.6	12
Detroit Lions	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	.000	.760	43.0	24
AFC East													
Cleveland Browns	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	.400	.400	64.2	5
Pittsburgh Steelers	3	2	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	.367	.580	56.6	13
Buffalo Bills	3	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	.467	.600	63.4	6
Philadelphia Eagles	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	.250	.540	50.8	19
NFC West													
Dallas Cowboys	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	.320	.320	66.0	2
Kansas City Chiefs	4	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	.225	.380	67.0	1
Denver Broncos	1	4	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	.000	.620	51.0	18
Houston Oilers	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	.000	.680	44.8	21
NFC South													
St. Louis Cardinals	4	1	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	.300	.360	64.6	4
Atlanta Falcons	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.200	.500	52.6	16
Washington Redskins	1	4	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	.100	.440	52.2	17
Miami Dolphins	0	4	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	.000	.580	44.4	22
NFC East													
Boston Patriots	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	.380	.380	65.8	3
Baltimore Colts	3	2	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	.200	.460	55.6	14
New York Jets	3	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	.367	.540	58.8	11
New York Giants	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	.000	.660	44.2	23

Editorial (This week—Bottom of Barrel) **From the cheap seats with Tim Jrotter:** Football is a game where you are always fighting to be #1, but in Week 6 of this season to be number 1, you need to be number 24, and this week will go a long way to determining that position. The San Diego Chargers (0-5) travel to the New York Giants (0-5) and the Detroit Lions (0-5) travel to the Houston Oilers (0-5). The only other team without a win so far this season; Miami at (0-4-1); will be involved in this race for the first pick - eh . . . I mean the race for 24 - which brings up an interesting yet confusing question: Do you need to lose to get your man? Analyzation of each team shows different and unique holes in their roster. It's possible that a team could finish 3rd or 4th in the draft order and still get their man, so do teams try to lose? I don't think so. Players have to put their bodies on the line each and every week. They risk career ending injury every time they take the field. They never try to lose the game, but there are several teams who are still looking for win number 1. In week 6, a few are going to get it.

Weekly Transactions

- ♦ Green Bay sends DT Jim Weatherwax and C Ken Bowman, plus their 1967 2nd round pick to Miami for C Tom Goode and DT Tom Nomina.
- ♦ Dallas trades QB Craig Morton, DB Dick Daniels, CB Warren Livingston, and G/T John Wilbur to Detroit for CB Dick Lebeau, S Bruce Maher, QB Milt Plum, and 1969 draft picks #1 and #3.