



**AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE GAME SUMMARY**

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DATE December 31, 1978 DAY OF WEEK Sunday STARTING TIME 1:00 p.m.

VISITOR Houston Oilers VS. HOME New England Patriots AT Schaefer Stadium

WEATHER Cloudy, cool TEMPERATURE 39 F WIND AND DIRECTION SSE 7 mph

OFFICIALS REFEREE Gordon McCarter UMPIRE Frank Sinkovitz LINE JUDGE Jack Johnson  
Armen

LINESMAN Burl Toler BACK JUDGE Tom Kelleher FIELD JUDGE Terzian SIDE JUDGE Dean Look

HOUSTON OILERS		VISITOR	LINEUPS		NEW ENGLAND	HOME	PATRIOTS
OFFENSE		DEFENSE		OFFENSE	DEFENSE		
WR 00 Ken Burrough	LE 77 James Young	WR 86 Stan Morgan	LE 72 Mel Lunsford	LT 70 Leon Gray	NT 71 Ray Hamilton	LG 73 John Hannah	LORE 64 Richard Bishop
LT 73 Greg Sampson	MG 78 Curley Culp	C 67 Bill Lenkaitis	LOLB 54 Steve Zabel	RG 61 Sam Adams	LILB 57 Steve Nelson	RG 64 George Reihner	RE 65 Elvin Bethea
LG 64 George Reihner	RE 65 Elvin Bethea	RT 74 Shelby Jordan	RILB 50 Sam Hunt	C 55 Carl Mauck	OLB 52 Robert Brazile	TE 86 Mike Barber	OLB 59 Ted Washington
C 55 Carl Mauck	OLB 52 Robert Brazile	WR 29 Harold Jackson	ROLB 56 Rod Shoate	RG 60 Ed Fisher	ILB 54 Gregg Bingham	WR 88 Rich Caster	RC 27 Greg Stemrick
RG 60 Ed Fisher	ILB 54 Gregg Bingham	QB 14 Steve Grogan	RC 40 Mike Haynes	RT 70 Conway Hayman	ILB 57 Steve Kiner	QB 7 Dan Pastorini	LC 19 Willie Alexander
TE 86 Mike Barber	OLB 59 Ted Washington	HB 32 Andy Johnson	FS 48 Tim Fox	WR 88 Rich Caster	RC 27 Greg Stemrick	RB 34 Earl Campbell	SS 20 Bill Currier
WR 88 Rich Caster	RC 27 Greg Stemrick	FB 39 Sam Cunningham	SS 27 Doug Beaudoin	QB 7 Dan Pastorini	LC 19 Willie Alexander	FB 45 Tim Wilson	FS 37 Mike Reinfeldt
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RB 34 Earl Campbell	SS 20 Bill Currier						
FB 45 Tim Wilson	FS 37 Mike Reinfeldt						

SUBSTITUTIONS	
14 G Neilsen	42 R Woods 81 J Dirden
15 A Johnson	47 R Coleman 87 C Rucker
16 T Fritsch	51 T Thompson
18 C Parsley	58 D Carter
25 K Knoff	62 J Schuhmacher
29 G Merckens	63 S Baumgartner
31 B Duncan	69 A Dorris
33 J C Wilson	71 K Kennard
38 C L Whittington	76 M Towns
39 L Poole	

SUBSTITUTIONS	
4 J Wilson	58 P Brock
9 D Posey	59 M Hawkins
17 T Owen	63 E Holmes
21 S Brown	68 T Falcon
22 D Conn	76 G Schaum
23 H Ivory	78 T McGee
30 M Tatupu	80 D Hasselbeck
37 J McAlister	83 D Westbrook
52 S King	
55 R Costict	

**DID NOT PLAY**

11 T Duniven 61 L Harris

12 M Cavanaugh 88 C Pennywell 66 B McKay  
34 P McCray 44 D Calhoun

**FIELD GOALS (Made & Missed)**

Fritsch 1/1 (30 yds GOOD)

Posey 0/1 (43 yds wide right)

	1	2	3	4	OT	TOTAL
Houston Oilers (Visitor)	0	21	3	7	-	31
New England Patriots (Home)	0	0	7	7	-	14

TEAM	PERIOD	ELAPSED TIME	SCORING PLAY	SCORE	
				VISITOR	HOME
HOU	2	1:35	Burrough 71 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)	7/3	7 0
HOU	2	8:12	Barber 19 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)	99/14	14 0
HOU	2	14:35	Barber 13 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)	51/7	21 0
HOU	3	7:56	Fritsch FG 30	51/10	24 0
NE	3	14:34	Jackson 24 pass from A. Johnson (Posey kick)	75/6	24 7
NE	4	5:43	Francis 24 pass from Owen (Posey kick)	45/4	24 14
HOU	4	11:19	Campbell 2 run (Fritsch kick)	18/3	31 14
			Time of game: 2:54		
			ATTENDANCE FIGURES: 61,297 tickets distributed		
			60,881 in stadium		
			416 no-shows		

ATTENDANCE: TICKETS DISTRIBUTED \_\_\_\_\_; ACTUAL \_\_\_\_\_; NO SHOWS \_\_\_\_\_; TIME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE DEC 31, 1978

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

AT SCHAEFER STADIUM

VISITOR HOUSTON OILERS

HOME NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

RUSHING						ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
CAMPBELL						27	118	4.4	35	1
WILSON, TIM						14	26	1.9	8	0
COLEMAN						7	19	2.7	12	0
DUNCAN						2	7	3.5	5	0
POOLE						3	7	2.3	4	0
NIELSON						1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
TOTALS						54	174	3.2	35	1
PASSING		ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKD YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.		
PASTORINI		15	12	200	3/30	3	71	1		
TOTALS		15	12	200	3/30	3	71	1		
PASS RECEIVING			NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
BARBER			5	83	22	2				
BURROUGH			3	91	71	1				
CASTER			2	12	7	0				
CAMPBELL			1	10	10	0				
WOODS			1	4	4	0				
TOTALS			12	200	71	3				
INTERCEPTIONS		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD					
REINFELDT		2	27	27	0					
BINGHAM		1	19	19	0					
TOTALS		3	46	27	0					
PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB	IN 20	LG.				
PARSLEY	5	174	34.8	0	0	47				
TOTALS	5	174	34.8	0	0	47				
PUNT RETURNS		NO.	FC	YARDS	LG.	TD				
WOODS-KNOFF		2	0	7	7	0				
KNOFF-WOODS		1	0	-1	-1	0				
TOTALS		3	0	6	7	0				
KICKOFF RETURNS		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD					
DIRDEN		2	37	22	0					
WOODS		1	16	16	0					
TOTALS		3	53	22	0					
FUMBLES		FUM.	OWN REC.	YDS.	TD	OPP. REC.	YDS.	TD	OUT BDS.	
WILSON		1								
PASTORINI		1								
TOTALS		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	

RUSHING						ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
CUNNINGHAM						10	42	4.2	8	0
GROGAN						1	16	16.0	16	0
JOHNSON						6	14	2.3	4	0
IVORY						3	11	3.7	6	0
TOTALS						20	83	4.2	16	0
PASSING		ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKD YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.		
GROGAN		12	3	38	1/3	0	18	2		
OWEN		22	12	144	3/23	1	24	1		
JOHNSON		1	1	24	0/0	1	24	0		
TOTALS		35	16	206	4/26	2	24	3		
PASS RECEIVING			NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
FRANCIS			8	101	24	1				
CUNNINGHAM			3	28	15	0				
MORGAN			2	37	19	0				
JOHNSON			2	16	11	0				
JACKSON			1	24	24	1				
TOTALS			16	206	24	2				
INTERCEPTIONS		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD					
FOX		1	0	0	0					
TOTALS		1	0	0	0					
PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB	IN 20	LG.				
WILSON	4	173	43.3	1	1	55				
TOTALS	4	173	43.3	1	1	55				
PUNT RETURNS		NO.	FC	YARDS	LG.	TD				
MORGAN		2	1	6	6	0				
HAYNES		1	0	0	0	0				
TOTALS		3	1	6	6	0				
KICKOFF RETURNS		NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD					
McALISTER		3	68	28	0					
CLAYBORN		2	68	47	0					
TOTALS		5	136	47	0					
FUMBLES		FUM.	OWN REC.	YDS.	TD	OPP. REC.	YDS.	TD	OUT BDS.	
HAYNES		1								
OWEN		1								
WESTBROOK		1								
GRAY		1								
TOTALS		2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	

HOUSTON OILERS  
(Visitor)

vs.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS  
(Home)Date SUNDAY DEC 31, 1978 At: SCHAEFER STADIUM FOXBORO MA

## FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	VISITOR <u>HOUSTON</u>	HOME <u>NEW ENGLAND</u>
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS .....	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>
BY RUSHING .....	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>
BY PASSING .....	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
BY PENALTY .....	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY .....	<u>11-17-65%</u>	<u>6-13-46%</u>
TOTAL NET YARDS .....	<u>344</u>	<u>263</u>
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS (Inc. times thrown passing) ....	<u>72</u>	<u>59</u>
AVERAGE GAIN PER OFFENSIVE PLAY .....	<u>4.8</u>	<u>4.5</u>
NET YARDS RUSHING .....	<u>174</u>	<u>83</u>
TOTAL RUSHING PLAYS .....	<u>54</u>	<u>20</u>
AVERAGE GAIN PER RUSHING PLAY .....	<u>3.2</u>	<u>4.2</u>
NET YARDS PASSING .....	<u>170</u>	<u>180</u>
TIMES THROWN—YARDS LOST ATTEMPTING TO PASS ...	<u>3 FOR 30</u>	<u>4 FOR 26</u>
GROSS YARDS PASSING .....	<u>200</u>	<u>206</u>
PASS ATTEMPTS—COMPLETIONS—HAD INTERCEPTED .....	<u>15-12-1</u>	<u>35-16-3</u>
AVERAGE GAIN PER PASS PLAY (Inc. times thrown passing)	<u>9.4</u>	<u>4.6</u>
PUNTS—NUMBER AND AVERAGE .....	<u>5-34.8</u>	<u>4-43.3</u>
HAD BLOCKED .....	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE .....	<u>105</u>	<u>142</u>
NO. AND YARDS PUNT RETURNS .....	<u>3-6</u>	<u>3-6</u>
NO. AND YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS .....	<u>3-53</u>	<u>5-136</u>
NO. AND YARDS INTERCEPTION RETURNS .....	<u>3-46</u>	<u>1-0</u>
PENALTIES—NUMBER AND YARDS .....	<u>2-25</u>	<u>8-92</u>
FUMBLES—NUMBER AND LOST .....	<u>1-0</u>	<u>2-0</u>
TOUCHDOWNS .....	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
RUSHING .....	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
PASSING .....	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
RETURNS .....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
EXTRA POINTS MADE—ATTEMPTS .....	<u>4-4</u>	<u>2-2</u>
FIELD GOALS MADE—ATTEMPTS .....	<u>1-1</u>	<u>0-1</u>
TIME OF POSSESSION .....	<u>33:56</u>	<u>26:04</u>

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE of the NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE EAST SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFFS, featuring

HOUSTON OILERS vs. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Sunday, December 31, 1978 1:00 p.m. Schaefer Stadium, Foxborough, Massachusetts.

WEATHER: Cloudy, unseasonably mild. Temperature 39F. Relative humidity 64%.  
Wind SSE 7 mph. Barometer 30.54 & falling.

LEGEND: "P" denotes PATRIOTS. "H" denotes HOUSTON. "()" denotes PRINCIPAL TACKLER.  
"10p,5r" denotes unofficial pass-run yardage split on 15 yd pass & run play,  
only where applicable (not on screens, swings, out of bounds, etc.)

FIRST QUARTER

HOUSTON won the flip and chose to RECEIVE. PATRIOTS defended SOUTH (right) GOAL.

Posey kickoff to Dirden at H5, returned to H27, 22 yds (Shoate & King)

H1-10 H27 (14:51) Pastorini at qb. Campbe;; carried right sdie for 4 yd (Beaudoin) FIRST DOWN

H2-6 H31 Campbell thru left guard for 10 yd (Beaudoin)

H1-10 H41 Campbell into left side for 2 yd (Hamilton)

H2-8 H43 Pastorini sideline pass to Burrough good for 8 yd FIRST DOWN

H1-10 P49 Campbell on pitch left loses 1 yd (Shoate)

H2-11 @50 Pastorini sacked on blitz for loss of 13 yd (Zabel & Beaudoin & Bishop)

H3-24 H37 Pastorini flat pass to Caster gains 7 yd (Hamilton)

H4-17 H44 Parsely punted to Haynes who fumbled, Westbrook recovered for Patriots at P24. 34 yard punt.

P1-10 P24 (11:56) Grogan at qb. Grogan screen pass for Cunningham incomplete

P2-10 P24 Johnson off right tackle for 4 yd (Brazile)

P3-6 P28 Grogan pass down middle for Francis incomplete, off hand

P4-6 P28 Wilson punt bounced over Woods' head, covered by Woods at H18, 55 yard punt (Hawkins tackle)

H1-10 H18 (10:50) Campbell thru right side for 6 yd (Clayborn)

H2-4 H24 Campbell on same play gained 3 yd (Zabel)

H3-1 H27 Campbell thru left guard for 2 yd (Hunt) FIRST DOWN

H1-10 H29 Pastorini sacked by Beaudoin & Bishop for loss of 9 yd

H2-19 H20 T Wilson on draw play gained 3 yd (Bishop)

H3-16 H23 Pastorini pass over middle to Barber for 18 yd (Beaudoin) FIRST DOWN

H1-10 H41 Pastorini pass down sideline to Burrough intercepted by Fox for Patriots who stepped out of bounds at P40. Return of 0 yds.

P1-10 P40 (6:56) Cunningham thru middle for 8 yd (Kiner)

P2-2 P48 Ivory hit line for 1 yd (Brazile)

P3-1 P49 Johnson circled right end for 2 yd (Kiner) FIRST DOWN

P1-10 H49 Cunningham thru right side for 5 yd (Washington)

P2-5 H44 Cunningham thru left guard for 4 yd (Brazile)

P3-1 H40 Johnson into right side for 1 yd (Bingham) FIRST DOWN

P1-10 H39 Cunningham into right side for 4 yd (Young)

P2-6 H35 Ivory on draw play for 4 yd (Kiner)

P3-2 H31 Johnson around left side for 3 yd (Bingham) FIRST DOWN

P1-10 H28 Cunningham into right side for 4 yd (Kiner)

P2-6 H24 Cunningham into right guard for 1 yd (Young)

P3-5 H23 Time runs out. Third down conversions: Patriots 3/4, Oilers 2/3

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 0 HOUSTON OILERS 0

## SECOND QUARTER

Patriots have ball, driving from P40 in 11 plays and 6:56 elapsed.

P3-5 H23 Grogan sacked by Bethea for loss of 3 yd

P4-8 H26 Posey 43 yard field goal try NO GOOD, wide to right.

H1-10 H26 (14:28) Campbell sweep right, gained 4 yd (Hunt)

H2-6 H30 Campbell took pitch left, lost 1 yd (Hunt)

H3-7 H29 Pastorini passed to Burrough for TOUCHDOWN Burrough caught **FIRST DOWN**  
pass at P43, eluded Haynes and skipped unmolested down sideline, 28p,43r  
Fritsch PAT kick GOOD. 74 yards in 3 plays and 1:03

HOUSTON OILERS 7 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 0

Time: 1:35

Fritsch kickoff to Clayborn at P10, returned up left sideline 47 yds to H43 (J.C. Wilson)

P1-10 H43 (13:09) Grogan dump pass over middle to Francis off target incomplete

P2-10 H43 Grogan pass for Morgan on flea flicker return pitch from Cunningham, ball intercepted by Reinfeldt at H1 and downed there.

H1-10 H1 (12:56) Campbell wide right run, gained 1 yd (Clayborn)

H2-9 H2 Campbell hit left side for 1 yd (Hamilton)

H3-8 H3 T Wilson into right side for 4 yd - PENALTY - Patriots personal  
foul (Fox guilty) late hit, 15 yd **FIRST DOWN**

H1-10 H22 Campbell carried wide right for loss of 1 yd (Lunsford) PENALTY  
Houston illegal motion, declined (Burrough & Caster guilty)

H2-11 H21 Pastorini screen pass to Campbell on fake end-around, gained  
10 yds (Hamilton)

H3-1 H31 Campbell took pitch right and gained 18 yd (Clayborn) **FIRST DOWN**

H1-10 H49 T Wilson into line for 2 yd (Bishop)

H2-8 P47 Coleman up middle for 7 yd (Holmes)

H3-1 P42 Campbell around right end for 5 yd (Zabel) **FIRST DOWN**

H1-10 P37 Pastorini passed to Barber on flea flicker with Campbell, broken up by King

H2-10 P37 T Wilson around right end for 5 yd (Zabel)

H3-5 P32 Pastorini pass to Barber for 11 yd (Shoate) **FIRST DOWN**

H1-10 P21 T Wilson straight ahead for 2 yd (Hunt)

H2-8 P19 Pastorini pass to Barber at P11, he eluded tacklers and scored TD **FIRST DOWN**  
TD play 10p,11r Fritsch PAT kick GOOD. 99 yards in 14 plays, 6:08

HOUSTON OILERS 14 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 0

Time: 8:12

Fritsch kickoff to McAlister at P1, returned to P29, 28 yds (Rucker) PENALTY Patriots holding, 10 yds, Hasselbeck guilty.

P1-10 P19 (6:38) Cunningham into line for 5 yds

P2-5 P24 Ivory around right end for 6 yd (Bingham) **FIRST DOWN**

P1-10 P30 Johnson straight ahead for 4 yds but PENALTY after whistle puts ball back  
at P19, 15 yds (Hasselbeck guilty) unnecessary roughness.

P2-21 P19 Grogan pass to Francis for 13 yd (Currier)

P3-8 P32 Grogan pass down middle to Morgan for 18 yd (Reinfeldt) **FIRST DOWN**

P1-10 @50 Grogan pass over middle to Cunningham for 7 yd (Kiner) 6p,1r

P2-3 H43 Cunningham thru left side for 4 yd (Kiner) **FIRST DOWN**

P1-10 H39 Grogan pass down middle to Jackson incomplete

P2-10 H39 Grogan long pass for Morgan incomplete, overthrown

P3-10 H39 Grogan on qb draw gained 16 yd (Currier) **FIRST DOWN**

P1-10 H23 PENALTY before snap. Patriots illegal motion, false start, Adams guilty

P1-15 H28 Grogan slant-in pass to Morgan off hand, incomplete

P2-15 H28 Grogan pass for Jackson in end zone overthrown incomplete (2:00 warning)

P3-15 H28 Grogan pass intercepted by Reinfeldt at H7, returned to H34, 27 yard return  
and PENALTY on Patriots, 15 yards, Jordan guilty of unnecessary roughness.

H1-10 H49 (1:48) Coleman thru right tackle for 12 yd (Bishop) Houston time **FIRST DOWN**

H1-10 P39 (1:38) Pastorini flat pass to Caster for 5 yd (Beaudoin) Out of bounds

H2-5 P34 (1:31) T Wilson on draw play for 2 yd (Bishop) Houston timeout

H3-3 P32 (1:26) Pastorini pass to Barber for 22 yd (Beaudoin) Houston time **FIRST DOWN**

H1-10 P10 (1:18) Pastorini pass for Barber in end zone incomplete, high

H2-10 P10 (1:13) Campbell carried wide right, lost 3 yd (Nelson)

H3-13 P13 (0:36) Pastorini pass to Barber for TOUCHDOWN 11p,2r **FIRST DOWN**

Fritsch PAT kick GOOD. 51 yards in 7 plays, 1:23 elapsed

HOUSTON OILERS 21 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 0

Time: 14:35

Fritsch kickoff to McAlister at P2, returned to P27, 25 yds (Duncan)

P1-10 P27 (0:18) Owen at qb. Owen pass to Cunningham off hands incomplete

P2-10 P27 (0:13) Owen sacked by Young for loss of 6 yd and time allowed to runout.

Third downs: Patriots 2/4 qtr., 5/8 half 63%. Oilers 6/6 qtr., 8/9 half, 89%

Halftime score: HOUSTON OILERS 21 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 0

FIRST HALF SUMMARY

HOUSTON VISITOR VS NEW ENGLAND HOME DEC 31 1978 DATE FOXBORO MA SITE

PERIOD SCORES  
 VISITOR 0 - 21 = 21  
 HOME 0 - 0 = 0

TIME OF POSSESSION  
 VISITOR 15:32  
 HOME 14:28

TEAM	PERIOD	ELAPSED TIME	SCORING PLAY	VISITOR	HOME
HOU	2	1:35	PASS 71 YDS BURROUGH FROM PASTORINI (FRITSCH PATK) <sup>74/3</sup>	7	0
HOU	2	8:12	PASS 19 YDS BARBER FROM PASTORINI (FRITSCH PATK) <sup>98/4</sup>	14	0
HOU	2	14:35	PASS 13 YDS BARBER FROM PASTORINI (FRITSCH PATK) <sup>51/4</sup>	21	0

	VISITOR OILERS	HOME PATRIOTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	13	7
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	5-7-1	6-1-0
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	8-9-89%	5-8-63%
TOTAL NET YARDS	249	105
Total No. Offensive Plays (Include times thrown passing)	38	32
NET YARDS RUSHING	23 FOR 87	17 FOR 76
NET YARDS PASSING	162	29
Gross Yards Gained Passing	184	38
Times Thrown—Yards Lost Attempting to Pass	2-22	2-9
PASS ATTEMPTS—COMPLETIONS—HAD INTERCEPTED	13-10-1	13-3-2
PUNTS—Number and Average	1-34.0	1-55.0
PENALTIES—Number and Yards	0-0	5-60
FUMBLES—Number and Lost	0-0	1-0

VISITOR HOUSTON OILERS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
CAMPBELL	15	50	3.3	18	0
COLEMAN	2	19	9.5	12	0
WILSON, TIM	6	18	3.0	5	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKD YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.
PASTORINI	13	10	184	2 22	3	71	1

PASS RECEIVING	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
BURROUGH	2	79	71	1
BARBER	5	83	22	2
CASTER	2	12	7	0
CAMPBELL	1	10	10	0

HOME NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
CUNNINGHAM	8	35	4.4	8	0
JOHNSON	5	14	2.8	4	0
IVORY	3	11	3.7	6	0
GROGAN	1	16	16.0	16	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKD YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.
GROGAN	12	3	38	1 3	0	18	2
OWEN	1	0	0	1 6	0	0	0

PASS RECEIVING	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
FRANCIS	1	13	13	0
MORGAN	1	18	18	0
CUNNINGHAM	1	7	7	0

## THIRD QUARTER

PATRIOTS received to begin second half. HOUSTON defended SOUTH goal.  
 Fritsch kicked to Clayborn at P2, returned to P23 (Merkena)  
 P1-10 P23 (14:48) Owen at qb. Owen pass to Francis for 15 yd (Currier)p9, r6 FIRST DOWN  
 P1-10 P38 Owen pass down middle to Jackson incomplete, low  
 P2-10 P38 Owen pass to Francis for 4 yds (Wasjington) 2p,2r  
 P3-6 P42 Owen pass over middle to Ivory incomplete, dropped  
 P4-6 P42 J Wilson punt to Knoff at H29, returned to H36, 7 yd (Hasselbeck) 29 yard punt.

H1-10 H36 (13:04) Campbell broke thru right side for 35 yd (Haynes) FIRST DOWN  
 H1-10 P29 Campbell thru right tackle for 6 yd (Fox)  
 H2-4 P23 Campbell thru right tackle for 2 yd (Hamilton)  
 H3-2 P21 Campbell to right side for 2 yd (Hamilton) FIRST DOWN  
 H1-10 P19 T Wilson into line for loss of 1 yd (Bishop)  
 H2-11 P20 T Wilson thru right tackle for 8 yd (Fox)  
 H3-3 P12 Coleman over left guard for 3 yd (Nelson) Measurement FIRST DOWN  
 H1-G P9 T Wilson straight ahead for loss of 2 yd (Bishop & Nelson)  
 H2-G P11 Coleman took pitch left, lost 7 yd (King)  
 H3-G P18 T Wilson around left side for 5 yd (Haynes)  
 H4-G P13 Fritsch 30 yard field goal GOOD. 51 yards in 10 plays, 6:00 elapsed.

HOUSTON OILERS 24

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 0

Time: 7:56

Fritsch kickoff went through end zone for touchback.  
 P1-10 P20 (6:58) Owen screen pass to Cunningham for 15 yd (Brazile) FIRST DOWN  
 P1-10 P35 Cunningham carried for 2 yd (Washington)  
 P2-8 P37 Owen pass to Johnson for 5 yd (Bingham)  
 P3-3 P42 Owen tried to run from pocket, sacked by Brazile for loss of 5 yd  
 P4-8 P37 J Wilson punt to Woods at H27, returned -1 yd to H26 (McAlister) 36 yd punt

H1-10 H26 (4:22) Campbell thru right side for 5 yd (Nelson)  
 H2-5 H31 Campbell took handoff, slipped for loss in backfield, covered by Zabel and Nelson. PENALTY on Houston, illegal motion, Barber guilty, declined, -2 yards  
 H3-7 H29 T Wilson carried for loss of 1 yd (McGee)  
 H4-8 H28 Parsley punted to Morgan, fair catch at P25, 47 yard punt.

P1-10 P25 (2:56) Johnson on draw play for no gain (Culp)  
 P2-10 P25 Owen pass down middle for Cunningham incomplete, through hands  
 P3-10 P25 Owen pass down middle to Johnson for 11 yd (Thompson) 9p,2r FIRST DOWN  
 P1-10 P36 Grogan pass for Cunningham incomplete, under heavy pressure - PENALTY on Houston, roughing passer, 15 yds, Young guilty FIRST DOWN  
 P1-10 H49 Owen pass to Cunningham for 6 yd (Thompson)  
 P2-4 H43 Owen pass down middle to Morgan for 19 yd (Alexander) FIRST DOWN  
 P1-10 H24 Johnson passed to Jackson on hb option for TOUCHDOWN FIRST DOWN  
 Posey PAT kick GOOD. 75 yards in 6 plays and 2:40

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 7

Time: 14:44

Posey kicked to Woods at H24, returned 16 yd to H40 (Shoate)  
 H1-10 H40 (0:08) Campbell on pitch left lost 3 yd (Haynes)  
 End of quarter. Third downs: Patriots 1/3 qtr., 6/11 cume, 55%.  
 Houston 2/4 qtr., 10/13 cume, 77%

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## FOURTH QUARTER

Oilers have ball after taking over at H40, one play and 0:08

H2-13 H37 Pastorini sacked by Bishop for loss of 8 yd

H3-21 H29 Pastorini flat pass to Woods for gain of 4 yd (Beaudoin)

H4-17 H33 Parsley punt to Morgan at P37, returned to P43, (Baumgartner) 30 yd punt

P1-10 P43 (13:42) Owen pass tipped by Young, complete to Francis for 4 yd (Bingham)

P2-6 P47 Owen pass to Jackson broken up by Alexander

P3-6 P47 Owen pass down middle to Morgan in and out of Morgan's hands

P4-6 P47 J Wilson punt rolled into end zone 53 yds, touchback

H1-10 H20 (12:44) T Wilson into line for 4 yd (Holmes)

H2-6 H24 T Wilson carried into line, fumbled, ball rolled back to where Pastorini recovered for loss of 10 yd (Bishop caused fumble, Beaudoin tackle)

H3-16 H14 Wilson wide right for 5 yd (Fox)

H4-11 H19 Parsely punt downed by Whittington at H45, 26 yard punt

P1-10 H45 (10:38) Owen passed under heavy pressure, ball fell incomplete

P2-10 H45 Owen pass to Francis for 16 yd (Carrier)

FIRST DOWN

P1-10 H29 Cunningham on draw play for 5 yd (Thompson)

P2-5 H24 Owen pass to Francis in end zone for TOUCHDOWN 45 yd, 4 plays, 1:21

FIRST DOWN

Posey PAT kick GOOD.

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Time: 5:43

Posey kick to Dirden at H4, returned to H19, 15 yd (Hasselbeck)

H1-10 H19 (9:08) Campbell carried left, hit for loss of 1 yd by Bishop

H2-11 H18 Pastorini sideline pass to Burrough for 12 yd

FIRST DOWN

H1-10 H30 Campbell into right side for 6 yd (Nelson)

H2-4 H36 Campbell carried right, PENALTY on Houston, holding, 10 yd, Reihner guilty

H2-14 H26 Coleman into line for 3 yd (Hunt)

H3-11 H29 Coleman into line for 1 yd (Shoate)

H4-10 H30 Parsley punt to Morgan at P33, returned to P38 5 yd return of 37 yard punt. PENALTY Patriots clipping, 15 yd, Hasselbeck guilty, so Morgan has a return of 0 yds

P1-10 P18 (5:49) Owen pass to Francis for 7 yd (Bingham)

P2-3 P25 Owen pass for Morgan intercepted by Bingham at P37, returned 19 yds to P18 (Gray)

H1-10 P18 (5:07) Campbell took pitch right, 14 yds & out of bds

FIRST DOWN

H1-G P4 Campbell to right side for 2 yd (Fox)

H2-G P2 Campbell around left end for TOUCHDOWN 18 yds, 3 plays, 1:17

FIRST DOWN

Fritsch PAT kick GOOD.

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Time: 11:10

Fritsch kickoff to McAlister at P18, returned to P33, 15 yd (J.C. Wilson)

P1-10 P33 (3:46) Owen pass to Johnson for 9 yds (Thompson) but PENALTY on Patriots, holding, Lenkaitis guilty, 10 yd

P1-20 P23 Owen pass down middle for Morgan incomplete, dropped

P2-20 P23 Owen pass to Francis for 18 yd (J.C. Wilson) 16p, 2r

P3-2 P41 Owen pass to Morgan tipped by Thompson, incomplete

P4-2 P41 Grogan sacked by Washington for loss of 12 yd, fumbled, recovered by Gray for Patriots but Houston takes over.

H1-10 P28 (2:35) Neilsen at qb. Coleman carried for 0 yd (Lunsford)

H2-10 P28 Pats timeout. Rain begins to fall. Duncan carried for 5 yd (Nelson) Pats time

H3-5 P23 (2:04) Poole up middle for 4 yd (Schaum)

H4-1 P19 (1:59) Poole dived over line for 2 yd (Holmes)

FIRST DOWN

H1-10 P17 (1:10) Duncan carried for 2 yd (Beaudoin)

H2-8 P15 (0:42) Pats take final timeout. Poole straight ahead for 1 yd (Holmes)

PENALTY on Patriots for face mask tackle, 7 yd (half distance)

(Holmes guilty on play)

FIRST DOWN

H1-G P7 (0:36) Neilsen fell on the ball for loss of 3 yards and time allowed to expire. Houston wins.

Third downs: Patriots 0/2 qtr., 6/13 game, 46%.

Oilers 1/4 qtr., 11/17 game, 65%.

Next week: HOUSTON at PITTSBURGH

Final Score: HOUSTON OILERS 31

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**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

(Unofficial)

12-31-78 **A.F.C. PLAYOFF**

Visitor								Home							
Tackles	Assists	Sacks	Yards Lost	Interceptions	Passes Defensed	Fumbles Recovered	Blocked Punt FG and PAT	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	Yards Lost	Interceptions	Passes Defensed	Fumbles Recovered	Blocked Punt FG and PAT
<b>WASHINGTON WILERS</b>								<b>NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS</b>							
JOHNSON								21 BROWN							
ALEXANDER	1	1	-	-	-	1		22 Conn							
CURRIER	4							26 CLAYBORN	3	1					
KNOFF	-	1						27 BENDON	8	7	1/3-1/2	13-9			
STEMICK								34 MCGAY							
MERKENS	1							40 HAYNES	2	2					
J.C. WILSON	3							48 FOX	4	5	-	-	1		
REINFELDT	1	-	-	-	2			50 HUNT	5						
WHITTINGTON								52 KING	1	1	-	-	-	1	
THOMPSON	3	-	-	-	1			54 ZABEL	4	1	1/3	13			
BRAZILE	4	-	1	5	1			55 COSTIK							
BINGHAM	6	2	-	-	2			56 SHOATE	5	1					
KINER	7							57 NELSON	5	5					
WASHINGTON	3	-	1	12				59 HAWKINS	1						
BALMIGAR	1							63 HOLMES	4						
BETHEA	-	1	1	3				64 BISHOP	7	3	1/3-1/2	13-9			
DORRIS	1							71 HAMILTON	6						
KEANARD								72 LINSFORD	4	4					
YOUNG	3	2	1	6				76 SCHAUW	1	2					
CULP	1	1						78 M'GEE	1						
DIXON	2							83 WESTBOOK	-	-	-	-	-	1	
RUCKER	1							73 HANNAH	1						
DUNCAN	1							80 HASSELLBECK	2						
MASTERINI	-	-	-	-	-	1		37 M'ALISTER	1						
								70 GRAY	1	-	-	-	-	1	

Forced Fumbles:  
**WASHINGTON - 1**

Forced Fumbles:  
**BISHOP - 1**

DRIVE CHART NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

DATE DEC 31, 1978

versus

HOUSTON OILERS

DRIVE SEQUENCE	GAME PERIOD	SCORE WHEN BALL OBTAINED	HOW BALL OBTAINED		LINE OF SCRIMMAGE		NET YARDS IN DRIVE		DRIVE INCLUDED		TIME ON CLOCK		HOW BALL GIVEN UP		SCORE WHEN BALL GIVEN UP	TIME OF POSSESSION
			PLAY	RET YDS	STARTING	ENDING	TOTAL	BY PENALTY	# PLAYS	# 1ST DOWNS	STARTING	ENDING	PLAY	RET. YDS		
1	1	0-0	PUNT	0	P24	P28	4	0	4 <sup>P</sup>	0	11:56	10:50	PUNT	0	0-0	1:06
2	1a	0-0	INT	0	P40	O26	34	0	12	3	6:56	14:28	F6A	0	0-0	7:28
3	2	0-7	KO	47	O43	O43	0	0	2	0	13:25	12:56	INT	0	0-7	1:29
4	2	0-14	KO	29	P19	O28	53	-20	13	4	6:48	1:48	INT	27	0-14	6:00
5	2	0-21	KO	25	P27	P21	-6	0	2	0	.25	0:00	EOH	—	0-21	:25
6	3	0-21	KO	21	P28	P42	19	0	5	1	15:00	13:04	PUNT	7	0-21	1:56
7	3	0-24	KO <sup>Fg</sup>	18	P20	P37	17	0	5	1	9:04	4:22	PUNT	-1	0-24	2:42
8	3	0-24	PUNT	—	P25	TD	75	15	6	4	2:56	0:16	KO	16	7-24	2:40
9	4	7-24	PUNT	6	P43	P47	4	0	4 <sup>P</sup>	0	12:42	12:44	PUNT	TD	7-24	:58
10	4	7-24	PUNT	—	O45	TD	45	0	4	2	10:38	9:17	KO	15	14-24	1:21
11	4	14-24	PUNT	5	P18	P25	7	0	2	0	5:51	5:07	INT	19	14-24	:44
12	4	14-31	K.O.	15	P33	P29	-4	-10	4	0	3:50	2:35	Downs	—	14-31	1:15

TIME OF POSSESSION: 1st Half 14:28 2nd Half 11:36 Overtime \_\_\_\_\_ Total 26:04

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DATE DEC 31, 1978

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DRIVE SEQUENCE	GAME PERIOD	SCORE WHEN BALL OBTAINED	HOW BALL OBTAINED		LINE OF SCRIMMAGE STARTING	ENDING	NET YARDS IN DRIVE		DRIVE INCLUDED		STARTING TIME	ENDING TIME	HOW BALL GIVEN UP		SCORE WHEN BALL GIVEN UP	TIME OF POSSESSION
			PLAY	RET YDS			TOTAL	BY PENALTY	# PLAYS	# 1st DOWNS			PLAY	RET. YDS		
1	1	0-0	K.O.	22	027	044	17	0	8	2	15:00	11:56	PUNT	0	0-0	3:04
2	1	0-0	PUNT	0	018	041	23	0	7	1	18:00	6:56	INT	0	0-0	3:54
3	2	0-0	F.A.N.	0	026	TD	74	0	3	4	14:28	18:25	K.O.	47	0-0	1:03
4	2	0-0	INT	0	01	TD	99	15	14	5	12:50	6:48	K.O.	29	14-0	6:08
5	2	14-0	INT	27	049	TD	51	0	7	3	1:48	1:25	K.O.	25	20-0	1:23
6	3	21-0	PUNT	7	036	P13	51	0	10	3	43:04	7:04	FG	TB	24-0	6:00
7	3	24-0	PUNT	-1	026	028	2	0	4 <sup>P</sup>	0	4:22	2:56	PUNT	-	24-0	1:26
8	3,4	24-0	KO	16	042	033	-9	0	4 <sup>P</sup>	0	1:16	13:42	PUNT	6	24-7	1:34
9	4	24-7	PUNT	TB	020	019	-1	0	4 <sup>P</sup>	0	12:44	10:38	PUNT	-	24-7	2:06
10	4	24-14	KO	15	019	030	11	-10	6 <sup>P</sup>	1	9:17	5:51	PUNT	5	24-14	3:26
11	4	24-14	INT	19	P18	TD	18	0	3	2	5:07	3:50	KO	15	31-14	1:17
12	4	31-14	Downs	-	P28	P7	21	7	7	2	2:35	0:00	EOG	-	31-14	2:35
<p>TIME OF POSSESSION: 1st Half 15:32 2nd Half 18:24 Overtime _____ Total 33:56</p>																

