

ATTENDANCE: TICKETS DISTRIBUTED 13,800 ACTUAL _____ NO SHOWS _____ TIME _____

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FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

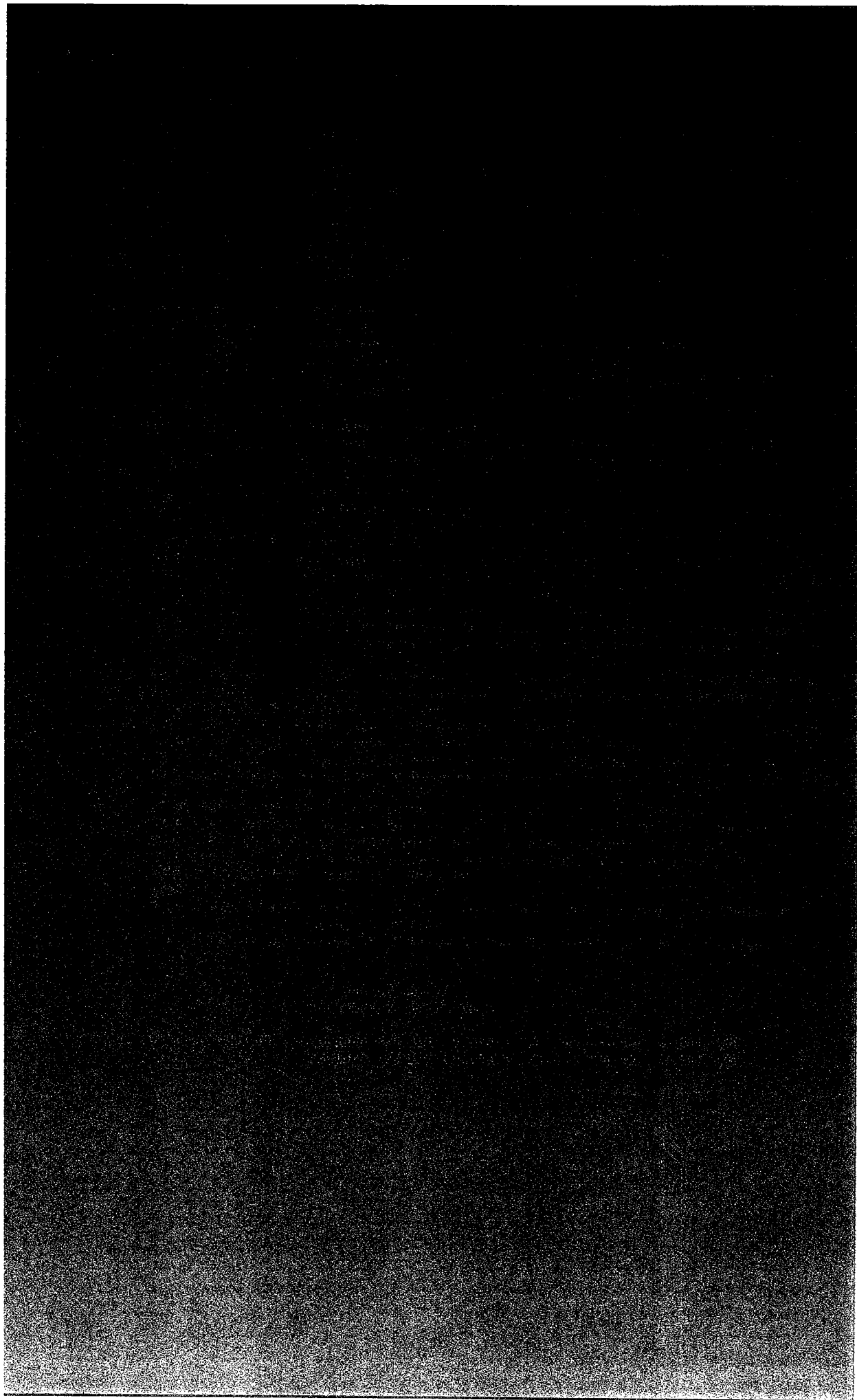
	VISITOR PATRIOTS	HOME ORIONS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	11	10
BY RUSHING	4	7
BY PASSING	6	3
BY PENALTY	1	0
THIRD-DOWN EFFICIENCY	3-69	10-57
TOTAL NET YARDS	219	295
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS (inc. times thrown passing)	52	67
AVERAGE GAIN PER OFFENSIVE PLAY	4.2	4.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	103	142
TOTAL RUSHING PLAYS	30	37
AVERAGE GAIN PER RUSHING PLAY	3.4	3.8
NET YARDS PASSING	116	153
TIMES THROWN — YARDS LOST ATTEMPTING TO PASS	2-14	4-12
GROSS YARDS PASSING	130	165
PASS ATTEMPTS — COMPLETIONS — HAD INTERCEPTED	20-13-4	24-17-1
AVERAGE GAIN PER PASS PLAY (inc. times thrown passing)		
PUNTS—NUMBER AND AVERAGE	3-37.6	4-41.3
HAD BLOCKED	0	0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE	128	129
NO. AND YARDS PUNT RETURNS	1-27	1-14
NO. AND YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS	2-95	2-43
NO. AND YARDS INTERCEPTION RETURNS	1-6	4-72
NO. AND YARDS MISCELLANEOUS RETURNS (Field Goals, Blocked Punts, Fumble Returns)	—	—
PENALTIES—NUMBER AND YARDS	3-25	7-119
FUMBLES—NUMBER AND LOST	1-2	1-2
TOUCHDOWNS	2	4
RUSHING	2	3
PASSING	0	0
RETURNS	0	1
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATTEMPTS	2-2	2-3
FIELD GOALS MADE — ATTEMPTS	1-1	0-1

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS vs. SAN DIEGO CHARGES

Friday, August 6, 1976
 Location: Boston, Oklahoma
 Weather: fair, 94 degrees, wind from the east gusting to 10 mph
 Attendance: 73,500

1st Quarter
 01-10 P23 Woods Young 2 run middle
 C 2-6 P21 Fouts pass for Gary N INC.
 C 3-5 P23 Fouts pass to Young for 19
 C 1-10 P2 Fouts 3 run middle Touchdown 12:03
 Albert kick good (33 yds in 4 plays)
 CHARGES 7 PATRIOTS 0
 Albert kickoff to Carter in endzone, 25 return to P22
 P 1-10 P20 Cunningham, 10 for 3 (Johnson)
 P 2-7 P21 Johnson, 2 (Prater)
 P 3-3 P23 Grogan sacked by team, loss of 5
 P 4-11 P27 Patrick punt to Miller on C29, returned to P22 14 yds
 Extra
 44 yd punt
 C 1-10 P43 Woods rt 3 (Habel)
 C 1-7 P47 Washington middle -1, flags on play 10 PENALTY against Chargers
 C 2-17 P37 Fouts pass to Winter, 14 gain
 C 3-3 Woods right side, 9 gain out of bounds (Haynes) 01:57 DOWN
 C1-10 P41 Fouts pass to Woods side loss of 3 (Hunt)
 C 2-15 P46 Fouts pass for Matthews line incomplete
 Fouts pass for Matthews left side incomplete
 C4-13 P44 Sincard punt through endzone, flag on play, 10 (Habel) team declined
 P1-10 P30 (7:15) Johnson over top, flags on play, illegal motion Patriots 10 penalty
 P1-15 P13 Grogan pass to Windsor 16 yds (Gilbert) 7:01
 P1-10 P49 Cunningham 10 (Pischoff)
 P2-2 P43 Cunningham 10 loss of 4 (Lee)
 P3-6 P47 Cunningham immediate team gain (Lee)
 P4-6 P47 Patrick punt to Gilbert at C11, fair catch 20 yds
 C 1-10 P11 Fouts pass long for Ramsey, incomplete
 C2-10 P11 Washington rt 4 (Schiltan)
 C3-6 P15 Washington 10 (Hunt)
 C4-2 P18 Sincard punt Robinson at P45, fair catch, no return, 37 yds
 P1-10 P45 (2:24) Cunningham studio no gain (Lee)
 P2-10 P45 Fouts pass to Windsor left side 2 gain (Schiltan)
 P3-3 P47 Grogan pass to Windsor left side 15 (Schiltan) 1:11
 P1-10 P37 Johnson rt no gain (Craham)

second quarter
 CHARGES 7, PATRIOTS 0



THIRD QUARTER

Smith kicks off for the Patriots to Fuller at goal line 21 return
 1-10 C21 (14:52) Woods middle 4
 2-6 C25 Young up middle (Hamilton) no gain
 C 3-6 C 25 Freitas pass intended for Curran, incomplete
 C 4-5 C25 Roopes punts to Haynes at P28, returns 27, 46 punt

P1-10 C44 Calhoun up middle 4
 P2-6 C40 Grogan pass for Stangley intercepted by Colbert at C26, no return, flags on play, # Pats holding declined

01-10 C26 (12:26) Young lost 4 (Shoate)
 C2-14 C22 Freitas pass to Curran right side 5 (Zabel)
 C3-9 C27 Woods Young right side 30 (McGray) FIRST DOWN
 C1-10 P43 Washington middle no gain (McGee)
 C2-10 P43 Freitas back to passe sacked by Cusiok, McGee loss of 4
 EXXIB flags on play, play nullified, Patriots defensive holding FIRST DOWN
 C1-10 P38 Washington middle 1 (McGee)
 C2-9 P37 Freitas pass to Washington left side (Shoate) 11 gain FIRST DOWN
 C1-10 P26 Freitas pass for McDonald incomplete in middle
 C2-10 P26 Washington right end 12 (Cusiok) FIRST DOWN
 C1-10 P14 Matthews draw middle 9 (Shoate)
 C2-1 P5 Woods up middle (Hunt) no gain
 C3-1 P5 Washington left end 5 gain Touchdown (6:41) FIRST DOWN
~~Chargers PAT~~
 Bad snap, Fuller pass attempt failed Drive: 74 yds, 13 plays
 CHARGERS 13, PATRIOTS 3

Warshawski kickoff from C35 Peacher at P3 returned 67 to C31
 P1-10 C31 (6:27) Calhoun 4 middle (Tyler)
 P2-6 C273 Grogan pass to Forte left side 7 FIRST DOWN
 P1-10 C20 Forte right side flags down offside Chargers, 5 penalty
 P1-5 C15 Stangley on reverse from Forte 4
 P 2-1 C11 Grogan right end keeper 10 FIRST DOWN
 P1-10 C1 Forte right side no gain (Preston)
 P 2-10 C1 Grogan 1 yd sneak Touchdown (3:13) FIRST DOWN
 Smith PAT kick good, Conn holder Drive: 31 yds in 7 plays
 CHARGERS 13 PATRIOTS 10

Smith kickoff from P35 to Washington at C11 return to C29, fumbles, recovered by Patriots (Quahl) 18 return
 P1-10 C29 (3:01) Forte right end flags down, misplay, 1st personal foul;
 clipping Patriots, no gain
 P1-25 C44 Cunningham middle 19
 P2-6 C25 Cunningham right side no gain
 P3-6 C25 Grogan pass to Windsor over middle 12 8 gain FIRST DOWN
 P1-10 C188 Forte middle 17 FIRST DOWN
 P1-10 C1 8 Forte no gain up middle
 P220 C1 Forte right side 1 Touchdown (0:09) FIRST DOWN
 Smith PAT kick good, Conn Holder Drive 29 yds, 6 plays
 PATRIOTS 17, CHARGERS 13

Smith kickoff ~~to~~ from P35 to Colbert at C8, returned 23 to C31
 end of quarter

PATRIOTS 17, CHARGERS 13

Third Down Conversions: Chargers 1/2
 Patriots 1/1

SAN DIEGO COACH TOMMY PROTHRO

Most of the conversation in the Charger dressing room was about Joe Washington's injury.

"One doctor told me it was a strain. Another told me it was a sprain," sighed an obviously relieved ~~San Diego~~ Tommy Prothro. "They say it's not too bad."

Prothro then went on to praise the former Sooner rookie.

"He is fitting in our program remarkably well," said Prothro.

"He played half a game last week when he had only been with us four days. He must have played half a game this week, too."

"The best thing we did tonight was to come from behind," said Prothro. "In the first half we did a good job of stopping them. We had the game won and ~~then~~ then brought them back to life when we let them return a kick-off.

"I keep getting disappointed with our specialty teams. We are not returning punts or kick-offs," Prothro said.

Strangely enough, it was a 21-yard run by punter Mitch Escapes which gave the Chargers new life in ~~which gave the Chargers new life in~~ a fourth-quarter drive that put them ahead to stay.

"It just happened," ~~was~~ explained Prothro. "He intended to punt, but there was a strong ~~back~~ rush and he slipped through it."

Prothro appeared specially pleased with the Charger defense.

"Our defense is ahead of our offense at this time," he said.

"We're going to have a fine ~~defensive~~ ^{defensive} team."

"Those passes they were dumping off ~~tonight~~ tonight were going for only zero to ~~about~~ four yards" ~~was~~ he said. "Last week they were going ten to twenty yards."

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NEW ENGLAND LOCKER ROOM--COACH CHUCK FAIRBANKS

Despite losing to San Diego Friday night, New England Patriots Coach Chuck Fairbanks said it was a "pleasure" to come back to Norman.

"It's nice to be back; we had a nice turnout. And we got to see a lot of old friends."

One was former quarterback Bobby Warrack who stopped by the New England dressing room after the game.

"That's quite a quarterback," said Fairbanks. "He won a lot of games for me."

Fairbanks said the New England offense was inconsistent all night.

"We expected a little of that," he said. "But not as much as happened. Their defense did a lot of stunting and, ~~XXXX~~ obviously, we had trouble picking them up."

Fairbanks was disappointed in his team's passing game. Pass protection was not as good as it has been, he said.

"San Diego played well defensively and ~~threw~~ ^{threw} a lot of mixed pass coverage at us--some man-to-man and mixed zone and man-to-man."

"I think Tommy must be pleased with the Chargers performance; they have improved a great deal."

