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GAME SUMMARY

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TE September 21, 1975 DAY OF WEEK Sunday STARTING TIME 1:00

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

WEATHER Cloudy, humid (65%) TEMPERATURE 79 F WIND AND DIRECTION 10 SEW

OFFICIALS REFEREE Bob Frederic UMPIRE Lou Paluzzi LINE JUDGE Bill Reynolds

LINESMAN Norm Krasgeth BACK JUDGE Don Wedge FIELD JUDGE Bob Wortman

VISITOR

LINEUPS

HOME

OFFENSE
WR 00 K Burrough
LT 73 G Sampson
LG 64 R Saul
C 55 C Mauck
RG 60 E Fisher
RT 75 E Drungo
TE 82 M Alston
WR 84 B Johnson
QB 7 D Pastorini
RB 44 F Willis
RB 36 R Holmes

DEFENSE
LE 85 T Smith
LT 78 C Culp
RT 65 E Bethea
RE 59 T Washington
LLB 57 S Kimer (S KIMER)
MLB 54 G Bingham
RLB 52 R Brazile
LCB 19 W Alexander
RCB 22 Z Moore
LS 29 W Germany
RS 38 C Whittington

OFFENSE
WR 18 R Vataha
LT 70 I Gray
LG 73 J Hannah
C 67 B Lenkaitis
RG 61 S Adams
RT 63 S Jordan
TE 86 B Windsor
WR 84 D Stingley
QB 15 N Graff
RB 42 M Herron
RB 39 S Cunningham

DEFENSE
LE 72 M Linsford
LT 71 R Hamilton
RT 74 C Hammanan
RE 90 G Webster
LLB 57 S Nelson
MLB 51 S Hunt
RLB 52 S King
LCB 24 B Howard
RCB 27 R Bolton
LS 34 P McCray
RS 25 J Sanders

SUBSTITUTIONS

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2 S. Butler; 4 D. Beverly; 10 L. Dickey;
20 B. Parks; 27 G. Stenrick; 30 D. Hardeman;
33 M. Cotney; 34 W. Rodgers; 51 T. Thompson;
47 R. Coleman; 48 B. Atkins; 50 D. Benson;
53 F. Hoaglin; 56 G. Roberts; 72 K. Hunt;
70 C. Hayman; 79 J. White; 80 J. Little;
81 J. Sawyer; 17 E. Wright

1 J. Smith; 1 M. Patrick; 1 A. Carter;
29 D. Keeton; 32 L. McQuay; 32 A. Johnson;
44 D. Dressler; 42 J. Massey; 44 S. Zabel;
55 R. Barnes; 56 R. Shoate; 56 D. Dangler; 56 B. Dulac; 58 S. Corbett; 56 P. Cusick; 58 S. Burks;
58 R. Francis; 58 S. Grogan; 58 J. Adams

DID NOT PLAY

87 E. Edwards

16 J. Plunkett;
16 T. McGee

FIELD GOALS

Butler 0/1 (36 yds NG)

Smith 0/2 (44 and 46 yds NG)

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
(Visitor) Houston Oilers	7	0	0	0	7
(Home) New England Patriots	0	0	0	0	0

TEAM	PERIOD	ELAPSED TIME	SCORING PLAY	SCORE VISITOR	HOME
H	1	4:24	Germany 48 fumble return (Butler kick)	7	0
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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

AT SCHIEFER STADIUM

HOUSTON OILERS

HOME NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

RUSHING	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
WILLIS	5	15	3.0	12	0
HOLMES	5	0	0.0	4	0
PASTORINI	2	-1	-0.5	0	0
HARDMAN	18	96	5.3	16	0
COLEMAN	3	6	2.0	7	0

TOTALS 33 116 3.5 16 0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TD	LG.	INT.
PASTORINI	16	6	53	0	20	1

TOTALS 16 6 53 0 20 1

PASS RECEIVING	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
JOHNSON	3	32	20	0
HOLMES	1	5	5	0
BURROUGH	1	13	13	0
COLEMAN	1	3	3	0

TOTALS 6 53 20 0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
ATKINS	1	21	21	0

TOTALS 1 21 21 0

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.
BEVERLEY	9	348	38.7	45

TOTALS 9 348 38.7 45

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YARDS	LG.	TD
JOHNSON	2	0	16	16	0

TOTALS 2 0 16 16 0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
COTNEY	1	12	12	0

TOTALS 1 12 12 0

FUMBLES	FUM.	YDS.	TD	OPP. YDS.	TD	OPP. TD
PASTORINI	1	1				
HARDMAN	1					
GERMAN				1	48	1
CULP				1	0	0

RUSHING	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
HERRON	8	34	4.3	12	0
CUNNINGHAM	16	60	3.7	9	0
GRAFF	1	2	2.0	2	0
STINGLEY	2	11	5.5		0
McQUAY	20	47	2.4		0
A. CARTER	4	15	3.8	7	0
GROGAN	1	10	10.0	10	0

TOTALS 52 179 3.4 12 0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TD	LG.	INT.
GRAFF	18	10	95	3	16	0
GROGAN	6	2	21	0	15	1

TOTALS 24 12 116 3 24 1

PASS RECEIVING	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
CUNNINGHAM	7	55	24	0
FRANCIS	1	15	15	0
McQUAY	1	13	13	0
HERRON	1	6	6	0
VATAHA	2	27	15	0

TOTALS 12 116 24 0

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
BOLTON	1	0	0	0

TOTALS 1 0 0 0

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.
PATRICK	7	321	45.9	62

TOTALS 7 321 45.9

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YARDS	LG.	TD
HERRON	1	0	4	4	0
STINGLEY	4	0	38	17	0
JOHNSON	0	1	0	0	0

TOTALS 5 1 42 17 0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD
McQUAY	1	34	34	0

TOTALS 1 34 34 0

FUMBLES	FUM.	YDS.	TD	OPP. YDS.	TD	OPP. TD
HERRON	1					
McQUAY	1					
HOLWARD				1		

HOUSTON OILERS
(Visitor)

VS.

N. E. PATRIOTS
(Home)

Date SEPTEMBER 21, 1975 At SCHAEFER STADIUM FOXBORO, MASS

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	VISITOR HOUSTON	HOME NEW ENGLAND
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	7	17
BY RUSHING	4	10
BY PASSING	2	7
BY PENALTY	1	0
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	1 of 12	9 of 20
TOTAL NET YARDS	169	279
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS (Inc. times thrown passing)	49	78
AVERAGE GAIN PER OFFENSIVE PLAY	3.44	3.57
NET YARDS RUSHING	116	179
TOTAL RUSHING PLAYS	33	52
AVERAGE GAIN PER RUSHING PLAY	3.51	3.44
NET YARDS PASSING	53	100
TIMES THROWN — YARDS LOST ATTEMPTING TO PASS	0-0	2-16
GROSS YARDS PASSING	53	116
PASS ATTEMPTS — COMPLETIONS — HAD INTERCEPTED	16-6-1	24-12-1
AVERAGE GAIN PER PASS PLAY (Inc. times thrown passing)	3.31	3.8
PUNTS—NUMBER AND AVERAGE	9-38.7	7-45.9
HAD BLOCKED	NONE	NONE
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE	49	76
NO. AND YARDS PUNT RETURNS	2-16	5-42
NO. AND YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS	1-12	1-34
NO. AND YARDS INTERCEPTION RETURNS	1-21	1-0
NO. AND YARDS MISCELLANEOUS RETURNS (Field Goals and Blocked Punts)	NONE	NONE
PENALTIES—NUMBER AND YARDS	7-37	4-28
FUMBLES—NUMBER AND LOST	2-1	2-2

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS vs. HOUSTON OILERS September 21, 1975 1:00 p.m. Season Opener
Season records: New England 3-2-0, Houston 3-3-0.
Weather cloudy, humid (65% humidity) Temperature 79 Wind SSW 10 m.p.h.

FIRST QUARTER

PATRIOTS won the flip and chose to RECEIVE. HOUSTON will defend SOUTH (right) GOAL.
Butler kickoff to McQuay into and thru end zone, touchback.

PATRIOTS BALL AT P20 (14:52)

- 1-10 P20 Cunningham, right guard for gain of 6 (Washington)
 - 2-0 P26 Herron, into line for 3 yds (Washington)
 - 3-1 P29 Cunningham thru line for gain of 5 yds (Kiner) FIRST DOWN
 - 1-10 P34 Cunningham, right tackle for gain of 3 (Bethea)
 - 2-7 P37 Graff, pass to Herron for 6 yds (Moore)
 - 3-1 P43 Herron, right guard for gain of 3 yds (Kiner) FIRST DOWN
 - 1-10 P46 Herron, sweep right hit at P48 and fumbled, picked up by Germany and returned for the touchdown. Time:4:24
- Butler PAT kick GOOD.

OILERS 7 PATRIOTS 0

Butler kickoff taken by McQuay at P9 and returned to P43, 34 yds (Wright)

PATRIOTS BALL AT P43 (10:24 left)

- 1-10 P43 Cunningham, wide left gets 5 yds (Brazile)
 - 2-5 P48 Herron, wide right gain of 11 (Alexander) FIRST DOWN
 - 1-10 H41 Graff, keeper wide left gets 2 yds (Brazile)
 - 2-8 H39 Graff, back to pass sacked by Culp for loss of 11 (Culp)
 - 3-19 P50 Herron, wide right gains 12 yds (Germany)
 - 4-7 H36 Patrick, punt to Johnson at H14 (24 yd kick), returned to H21 (7 yds) (Shoate tkl)
- PENALTY flag down, Houston illegal procedure, 5 yds nullified kick play, (12 men on field) FIRST DOWN
- 4-2 H33 Herron into line for 2 yd. (Culp) RAIN begins falling heavily.
 - 2-8 H26 Herron, on draw play loses one yard (Culp)
 - 3-9 H27 Graff, pass for Herron broken up (Brazile defends)
 - 4-9 H27 Smith, 44 yard field goal try is NO GOOD. Short. Touchback.

OILERS BALL AT H27 (6:03 left)

- 1-10 H27 Holmes, into line for 4 yds (Hunt)
- 2-6 H31 Holmes, into line for 3 yds (King)
- 3-3 H34 Willis, straight ahead, no gain (Harmeman & Nelson)
- 4-3 H34 Beverly, punt to A. Johnson at P38, fair catch. 28 yd punt.

PATRIOTS BALL AT P38 (3:54)

- 1-10 P38 Herron, rush for 2 yds (Brazile)
- 2-8 P40 Stingley, end around gets 6 yds (Washington)
- 3-2 P46 Cunningham, hits line for 2 yd (Kiner & Alexander) FIRST DOWN
- 1-10 P48 McQuay, sweep right loses 1 yd (Smith)
- 2-11 P47 McQuay, into line for 1 yd (Smith)
- 3-10 P48 Graff, screen pass to Cunningham for 4 yds (Kiner)
- 4-0 H48 Patrick, back to punt but time runs out.

Third down conversions: Patriots 4/7 Houston 0/1

HOUSTON 7 NEW ENGLAND 0

SECOND QUARTER

PATRIOTS HAVE THE BALL. RAIN STILL FALLING, VERY HEAVILY.

4-6 H48 Patrick, punt to B. Johnson, bobbled and run out of bounds there. 43 yard punt, a return for 0 yards. PENALTY for clipping on play, K. Hunt, guilty, distance to goal assessed.

HOUSTON BALL AT H3 (14:45)

1-10 H3 Holmes, into line for 2 yds. (Hamilton)
2-8 H5 Willis, slant right, 0 yd (Hanneman)
3-8 H5 Pastorini, pass to Holmes for 5 yds (Hunt)
4-3 H10 Beverly, punt to Herron at P46, (44 yd punt), Herron slipped at midfield. Return of 4 yds. (Washington)

PATRIOTS BALL AT THE 50 YARD LINE. (13:21 left)

1-10 Q50 Cunningham, left side, 1 yd (Little)
2-9 H49 McQuay, sweep right loses 6 yds (Washington)
3-15 P45 McQuay, sweep left, 5 yd gain. PENALTY for holding on NE's Leon Gray declined. (Germany tackle)
4-6 Q50 Patrick, punts 50 yards into end zone, touchback.

OILERS BALL AT H20 (11:42 left)

1-10 H20 Holmes, wide right for 3 yd (Webster & Hunt)
2-7 H23 Willis, thru left guard for 12 yds (Howard) FIRST DOWN
1-10 H35 Pastorini, pass for Johnson overthrown.
2-10 H35 Holmes, late reverse handoff loses 12 yds (Hanneman & King)
3-22 H23 Pastorini, screen pass for Willis falls incomplete.
4-22 H23 Beverly, punt to Stingley at P32, returned to P 41. Punt of 45 yds, 9 yd return (Roberts tackle)

PATRIOTS BALL AT P41 (9:25 left)

1-10 P41 Cunningham, into line for 2 yds (Bethea)
2-8 P43 McQuay, slant right gains 8 yds (Alexander) FIRST DOWN
1-10 H48 McQuay, sweep left gains 6 yd (Whittington)
2-4 H42 McQuay, rush for 3 yds (Bingham)
3-1 H39 PENALTY, 5 yds delay of game against Patriots.
3-6 H44 Graff, pass to Francis for gain of 15 yds. (Brazile & Moore) FIRST DOWN
1-10 H29 McQuay, into line, fumbled, recovered by Culp. (Bingham tackle) Rush for 1 yd by McQuay before fumble)

OILERS BALL AT H28 (5:49 left)

1-10 H28 Pastorini, fumbled snap and fell on ball. No gain, loss of 1 (Nelson)
2-11 H27 Pastorini, pass to Johnson for 7 yd gain (Howard) RAIN STOPPED.
3-4 H34 Pastorini, pass to Johnson for 20 yds (Bolton) FIRST DOWN
1-10 P46 Willis, hit line for no gain (King)
2-10 P46 Hardeman, slant left for 4 yds (King)
3-6 P42 Pastorini, pass for Johnson underthrown.
4-6 P42 Beverly punted into end zone, touchback. 42 yard punt.

OILERS PENALTY for ineligible man downfield, (Guy Roberts guilty) declined

PATRIOTS BALL AT P20 (3:30)

1-10 P20 McQuay, rush for 4 yds (Bingham)
2-6 P24 Cunningham, sweep left gained 9 yds (Moore) FIRST DOWN
1-10 P33 Cunningham, rush for 4 yds (Bethea)
2-6 P37 McQuay, sweep right loses about 4 yds (Kiner) PENALTY, Pats holding, declined.
3-10 P33 Graff, screen pass to Cunningham gets 5 yds (Kiner) (Jordan guilty on prior play)
4-5 P38 (2:00) Patrick, punted to end zone, 62 yards, touchback.

OILERS BALL AT H20 (1:45)

1-10 H20 (1:45) Hardeman, right side for 4 yds (Webster)
2-6 H24 (1:15) Pastorini, hit as pass thrown, ball falls incomplete (Hamilton hit)
3-6 H24 (1:05) Hardeman, draw play gets 3 yds (Hunt) Pats timeout.
4-3 H27 (0:53) Beverly, punt downed at P35 by Cotney. 38 yd kick.

PATRIOTS BALL AT P35 (0:43)

1-10 P35 (0:43) Graff, pass over middle to McQuay for 13 yd FIRST DOWN
1-10 P48 (0:34) Graff, pass to McQuay, incomplete. PENALTY Houston offside, Bethea guilty.
1-5 H47 (0:28) Graff, long pass for Vataha overthrown, incomplete.
2-5 H47 (0:22) McQuay, into line for 1 yd (Kiner) Pats timeout.
3-4 H46 (0:09) Graff, screen pass to Cunningham gains 24 yds (Kiner) FIRST DOWN
Time runs out.

Third down conversions for first half: New England 6/11, Houston 1/6

HOUSTON 7 NEW ENGLAND 0

THIRD QUARTER

Rain began again shortly after period started
 PATRIOTS KICK OFF TO START SECOND HALF. PATRIOTS DEFEND SOUTH GOAL.
 PATRIOTS KICK taken at H15 by Cotney, returned 12 yds to H27 (Barnes)
 1-10 H27 (14:50) Coleman rush for loss of 3 (Bolton) PENALTY holding on Houston declined. (Alston guilty)
 2-13 H24 PENALTY Pats offside before snap. 5 yds. (Lunsford guilty)
 2-8 H29 Hardeman, right side for 2 yds (Webster)
 3-6 H31 Pastorini, pass to Coleman good for 3 yds (Nelson)
 4-3 H34 Beverly, punt downed by Little at P29. (38 yard punt)

PATRIOTS BALL AT P29 (13:12)

1-10 P29 Graff, pass to Vataha good for 12 yds (Washington) FIRST DOWN
 1-10 P41 McQuay, slant right for 3 yds (Kiner & Bethea)
 2-7 P44 McQuay, sweep right loses 3 yds (Smith)
 3-10 P41 McQuay, draw play gains 4 yds (Kiner)
 4-6 P45 Patrick, Patrick, punts out of bounds at H1, 54 yard kick coffin corner.

OILERS BALL AT H 1 (10:25)

1-10 H1 Hardeman, thru right guard for 6 yds (Howard)
 2-4 H7 Hardeman, right side for 3 yds. (Lunsford)
 3-1 H10 Pastorini, long pass for B. Johnson broken up by McCray.
 4-1 H10 Beverly, punt to Stingley at H45 (35 yd kick) returned 12 yds to H33 (Cotney & Fisher)

PATRIOTS BALL AT H33 (8:54)

1-10 H33 Cunningham, right side of line for 2 yds (Culp)
 2-8 H31 Graff, pass for Burks in end zone incomplete.
 3-8 H31 Graff, swing pass to Cunningham for 3 yds (Brazile)
 4-5 H28 Smith, 46 yard field goal try is off to left NO GOOD.

OILERS BALL AT H28 (7:27 left)

1-10 H28 Hardeman, draw play gets 8 yds (Hunt)
 2-2 H36 Hardeman, thru line for 5 yds (King & Webster) FIRST DOWN
 1-10 H41 Hardeman, thru line for short gain. PENALTY on Houston, illegal motion, 5 yds. (Fisher guilty)
 1-15 H36 Pastorini, pass to Hardeman incomplete.
 2-15 H36 Hardeman, wide right on pitchout gets 13 yds (Howard)
 3-2 H49 Hardeman, hits right side for 14 yds (Nelson & Webster) Just short.
 4-1 P49 Beverly, back to punt, halted by PENALTY before snap. 5 yds, delay of game against Houston.
 4-6 H46 Beverly, punt to Stingley at P18. 36 yd kick. Returned to P21 but PENALTY for holding on Pats puts ball back at P11. 10 yd penalty. A return for 0 yds charged. (Massey guilty)

PATRIOTS BALL AT P11 (5:29)

1-10 P11 McQuay, on pitchout, no gain (Alexander)
 2-10 P11 Graff, pass for McQuay tipped by Bingham, incomplete.
 3-10 P11 Cunningham, on draw play gets 5 yds (Kiner)
 4-5 P16 Patrick, punt to Johnson on H43, return to P41 (Barnes) 41 yd punt, 16 yd return

OILERS BALL AT P41 (3:51)

1-10 P41 Willis, 3 yds gain (Nelson)
 2-7 P38 Hardeman, thru line for 13 yds (Hunt) FIRST DOWN
 1-10 P25 Willis, thru line for short gain. PENALTY on Houston, holding, 10 yards (Drungo guilty)
 1-20 P35 Pastorini, pass to B. Johnson for gain of 5 (Bolton)
 2-15 P30 Pastorini, pass for Alston incomplete but PENALTY on Patriots for interference (Sanders guilty) puts ball at P22 8 yds FIRST DOWN
 1-10 P22 Time runs out. Correction, score clock went out, 1:42 left in qtr.
 Hardeman, wide left gets 3 yds (Bolton)
 2-7 P19 Pastorini, pass for Burrough incomplete (Bolton covering)
 3-7 P19 Pastorini, pass for Parks broken up by Sanders.
 4-7 P19 Butler 36 yard FG try NO GOOD, short and wide right. Pats take over.

PATRIOTS BALL AT P20 (1:09 left)

1-10 P20 Cunningham, into line for 4 yds (Little)
 2-6 P24 McQuay, turns right corner for gain of 7 (Bingham) FIRST DOWN
 1-10 P31 Time runs out.

N.B. The 62 yard punt in first half by Patrick was a new Schaefer Stadium record breaking the mark of 57 yds by Pat Studstill in 1973. It was also third longest in Pats history and the longest since an 87 yarder by M. Scarpitto in 1968. Scarpitto's was 87 yd

Third downs: Pats 0/3, Houston 0/4 in 3rd qtr.

FOURTH QUARTER

- 1-10 P31 Graff pass incomplete.
- 2-10 P31 McQuay wide left Correction: Stingley, gains 5 yds (Moore)
- 3-5 P36 Graff, pass for McQuay incomplete. (Brazile defended) PENALTY for offensive holding declined, (Lenkaitis guilty)
- 4-5 P36 Patrick, punt out of bounds at H34. 30 yard kick

OILERS BALL AT H34

- 1-10 H34 Hardeman, right side for 1 yd (Cusick)
- 2-9 H35 Hardeman, wide left for 2 yds (Nelson & King)
- 3-7 H37 Pastorini, pass for Parks incomplete (Nelson covering)
- 4-7 H37 Beverly punted to Stingley, 42 yds at P21. Returned 17 yds (Benson)

PATRIOTS BALL AT P38

- 1-10 P38 Cunningham, into line for 2 yds (Betha)
- 2-8 P40 Graff, pass for Vataha broken up by Brazile.
- 3-8 P40 McQuay, wide right for 9 yds (Bingham) FIRST DOWN
- 1-10 P49 McQuay, thru right side for 6 yds (Washington)
- 2-4 H45 Cunningham, lwide left for gain of 5 yds (Bingham) FIRST DOWN
- 1-10 H40 Carter, thru right side for 5 yds (Whittington)
- 2-5 H35 Carter, inside handoff gets 7 yds (Germany) FIRST DOWN
- 1-10 H28 Cunningham, left side for 4 yds (Culp)
- 2-5 H24 Cunningham, straight ahead for no gain (Culp)
- 3-6 H24 Carter, wide right gets 1 yd (Kiner)
- 4-5 H23 Carter, up middle gets 2 yds (Culp)

OILERS BALL AT H22 (7:31)

- 1-10 H22 Pastorini, pass to Burrough for 13 yds (Howard) FIRST DOWN
- 1-10 H35 Coleman, wide left gets 7 yds (Bolton)
- 2-3 H42 Hardeman, wide right to H44, hit by Hunt, Hardeman fumbled, recovered by Howard for Patriots at H44.

PATRIOTS BALL AT H44 (6:39)

- 1-10 H44 McQuay, slant right for no gain (Smith)
- 2-10 H44 Graff, rolling left hit for loss of 5 yds by Betha.
- 3-15 H49 Graff, screen pass to Cunningham gets 8 yds (Bingham)
- 4-7 H41 Patrick, punt into end zone, 41 yds, touchback.

OILERS BALL AT H20 (4:20 left)

- H1-10 H20 Hardeman, wide left on pitch gets 10 yds (Bolton) Just short
- H2-4 H30 Hardeman, straight thru for gain of 16 yds (Howard) FIRST DOWN
- 1-10 H46 Coleman, straight ahead for 2 yds (Hunt)
- 2-8 H48 Hardeman, wide right, gets no gain (Nelson)
- 3-8 H48 Pastorini, pass for Burrough intercepted by Bolton at P5

PATRIOTS BALL at P5, about 2:10 left (clock malfunctioning)

- 1-10 P5 Steve Grogan now at QB. (2:00 warning given) McQuay wide right for 4 (Alexander)
- 2-6 P9 Grogan, pass to Vataha for 15 yds (Whittington) FIRST DOWN
- 1-10 P24 Grogan, pass out of bounds for Vataha.
- 2-10 P24 (1:06 left) Grogan, pass for Vataha overthrown.
- 3-10 P24 (1:00) Grogan, fumble at snap. PENALTY. Houston offside, 5 yds. No fumble
- 3-5 P29 (0:57) Grogan pass to Cunningham for 6 yds (Washington) FIRST DOWN
- 1-10 P35 Grogan rollout run for 9 yds (Washington)
- 2-1 P45 (0:20) Grogan, pass for Francis incomplete (Thompson covering)
- 3-1 P45 (0:15) Grogan, pass for Vataha intercepted by Atkins at H21, returned 21 yds to H42. Return of 21 yds (Francis tackle)

OILERS BALL AT H42 (0:02)

- 1-10 H42 (0:02) Pastorini, falls on ball as game ends.

Third down conversions: Patriots 9/17 Houston 1/12 for game.

HOUSTON 7 PATRIOTS 0

This is first shutout ever at Schaefer Stadium. Last Pats shutout loss was 11/26/72 at Baltimore, 0-31. Last home shutout was 0-16 against N.Y. Giants at Harvard Stadium.

Next week: Miami at New England

