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GAME SUMMARY

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DATE December 2, 1973 DAY OF WEEK Sunday STARTING TIME 1:00 p.m. EST

VISITING TEAM San Diego Chargers VS. HOME New England Patriots AT Schaefer Stadium

WEATHER Sunny, cool, ideal TEMPERATURE 35 WIND AND DIRECTION 8 NW

OFFICIALS REFEREE John McDonough UMPIRE John Keck LINE JUDGE Bill Swanson

LINESMAN Dave Hawk BACK JUDGE Grover Klemmer FIELD JUDGE Bob Baur

VISITORS		LINEUPS		HOME	
OFFENSE		DEFENSE	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	
WR Holliday	LE Jones, D.	WR Rucker	LE Hamilton		
LT Owens	LT East	LT Gray	LT Rowe		
LG Wilkerson	RT Costa	LG Hannah	RT J. Adams		
C Mauck	RE Aldridge	C Lenkaitis	RE Cash		
RG Sweeney	LLB Rogers	RG St. Jean	LLB Kiner		
RT Washington	MLB Gersbach	RT Neville	MLB Chandler		
TE Norman	RLB Rice	TE Windsor	RLB Acks		
WR LeVias	LCB Howard	WR Vataha	LCB Hoey		
QB Clark	RCS Dunlap	QB Plunkett	RCS Bolton		
RB Garrett	LS Salter	RB Tarver	LS Durko		
RB Edwards	RS Fletcher	RB Cunningham	RS Anderson		

SUBSTITUTIONS		SUBSTITUTIONS	
Wersching, C.	Jones, Garrison, Partee, Thomas, Holmes, Berry, Smith, Lazetich, Douglas, Stratton, Wenzel, Wojcik, Parris, Rossovich, Thaxton, Dennis, Fouts	White, Barnes, Shiner, McCall, Mason, Martin, Herron, King, Tanner, Geddes, Dunler, Moore, Banks, Stingley, Ashton, S. Adams, Lunsford, D. Smith	

DID NOT PLAY

INACTIVE

Unitas, McGee, Beauchamp, Redman, Gordon, Snowden, Bacon, Dowling, Boyd, Welch, Johnson, S. Adams, Mosier, Fernandes

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Rice, Holmes	TOUCHDOWNS	Plunkett 2, Vataha, Herron
Partee 2	P.A.T.'S	White 3/4
Wersching 1 (47)(blocked)	FIELD GOALS	White 1 (11 yd)
	FIELD GOALS MISSED	

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
(Visitor) San Diego Chargers	0	14	0	0	14
(Home) New England Patriots	3	13	7	7	30

TEAM	PERIOD	ELAPSED TIME	SCORING PLAY	SCORE	
				VISITOR	HOME
NE	1	13:54	White FG 11	0	3
SD	2	4:12	Rice 51 fumble return (Partee kick)	7	3
SD	2	10:33	Holmes 1 run (Partee kick)	14	3
NE	2	10:51	Herron 92 kickoff return (Kick blocked)	14	9
NE	2	14:39	Vataha 14 pass from Plunkett (White kick)	14	16
NE	3	5:12	Plunkett 1 run (White kick)	14	23
NE	4	7:44	Plunkett 3 run (White kick)	14	30

Patriots		Chargers	
White (1 FG, 3 pts)	6	Rice (1 return)	6
Plunkett (2 run)	12	Holmes (1 run)	6
Vataha (1 pass)	6	Partee (2 pts)	2
Herron (1 return)	6		14
	<u>30</u>		

San Diego Chargers
(Visiting Team)

vs. *New England Patriots*
(Home Team)

Date 12-2-73 At: Foxboro

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	<i>Chargers</i> VISITING TEAM	<i>Patriots</i> HOME TEAM
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	11	22
FIRST DOWNS RUSHING	8	10
FIRST DOWNS PASSING	2	11
FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY	1	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	3 of 11	9 of 14
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDAGE	231	359
TOTAL NO. OFFENSIVE PLAYS (Inc. times thrown passing)	49	68
AVERAGE GAIN PER OFFENSIVE PLAY	4.7	5.3
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	187	184
TOTAL RUSHING PLAYS	31	40
AVERAGE GAIN PER RUSHING PLAY	6.0	4.6
NET PASSING YARDAGE	44	175
GROSS YARDS GAINED PASSING	76	186
TIMES THROWN AND YARDS LOST ATTEMPTING TO PASS	3 - 32	1 - 11
PASSES ATTEMPTED—COMPLETED—HAD INTERCEPTED	15-10-2	27-13-2
AVERAGE GAIN PER PASS PLAY (Inc. times thrown passing)	2.5	6.3
PUNTS—NUMBER AND AVERAGE	4-46.3	2-38.0
HAD BLOCKED	0	0
FUMBLES—NUMBER AND LOST	2-1	4-3
PENALTIES—NUMBER AND YARDS	8-72	2-10
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE	127	168
NO. AND YARDS PUNT RETURNS	1-1	1-14
NO. AND YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS	4-110	3-138
NO. AND YARDS INTERCEPTION RETURNS	2-16	2-16
NO. AND YARDS MISCELLANEOUS RETURNS (Field Goals and Blocked Punts)	—	—

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FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

AT Foxboro

VISITING TEAM San Diego Chargers

HOME TEAM New England Patriots

RUSHING								
	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD			
Garnett	11	37	3.4	16	-			
McCrank	5	46	9.2	16	0			
Edwards	11	56	5.1	17	-			
Walton	2	6	3.0	5	1			
Lewis	1	22	22.0	22	0			
Holladay	1	20	20.0	20	-			
TOTALS								
31		187	6.0	22	1			
PASSING								
	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKD YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.	
Clark	8	5	46	13	0	13	1	
Smith	7	5	30	19	0	24	1	
TOTALS								
15		10	76	32	0	24	2	
PASS RECEIVING								
	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
Garnett	3	11	10	-				
Garrison	1	12	12	-				
Edwards	3	24	13	-				
Lewis	2	20	24	-				
Norman	1	9	9	-				
TOTALS								
10		76	24	0				
INTERCEPTIONS								
	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
Rice	1	8	8	-				
Rogers	1	3	3	-				
TOTALS								
2		11	8	-				
PUNTING								
	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.				
Porter	4	185	46.3	51				
TOTALS								
4		185	46.3	51				
PUNT RETURNS								
	NO.	FC	YARDS	LG.	TD			
Smith	1	1	0	0	0			
TOTALS								
1		1	0	0	0			
KICKOFF RETURNS								
	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
Jones	4	110	40	0				
TOTALS								
4		110	40	-				
FUMBLES								
	FUM.	OWN REC.	YDS.	TD	OPP. REC.	YDS.	TD	OUT. POS.
Rice	1			1				
Smith	1							
Alvord				1	0			
Rice				1	51	1		
Scoble								
TOTALS								
2		1	0	0	3	51	1	0

RUSHING								
	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD			
Tarter	14	76	5.4	13	-			
Whittingham	17	64	3.8	9	-			
Ashton	1	1	1.0	1	-			
B. Adams	1	3	3.0	3	-			
Plunkett	3	16	5.3	12	2			
Heron	4	24	6.0	17	0			
TOTALS								
40		184	4.6	17	2			
PASSING								
	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKD YDS.	TD	LG.	Had Int.	
Plunkett	27	13	186	11	1	30	2	
TOTALS								
27		13	186	11	1	30	2	
PASS RECEIVING								
	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
Recher	4	55	20	-				
Valaha	3	42	16	1				
B. Adams	2	44	30	-				
Whittingham	1	12	12	-				
Tarter	1	8	8	-				
Stanley	2	25	13	-				
TOTALS								
13		186	30	1				
INTERCEPTIONS								
	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
Mercks	1	16						
Collton	1	0						
TOTALS								
2		16	16	0				
PUNTING								
	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.				
Barns	2	76	38.0	42				
TOTALS								
2		76	38.0	42				
PUNT RETURNS								
	NO.	FC	YARDS	LG.	TD			
Heron	1	3	14	14	0			
TOTALS								
1		3	14	14	0			
KICKOFF RETURNS								
	NO.	YARDS	LG.	TD				
Heron	3	138	92	1				
TOTALS								
3		138	92	1				
FUMBLES								
	FUM.	OWN REC.	YDS.	TD	OPP. REC.	YDS.	TD	OUT. POS.
Cash				1				
Tarter	2							1
Plunkett	1							
Whittingham	1							
TOTALS								
4		0	0	0	0	0	0	1

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS								SAN DIEGO CHARGERS							
	Tackles	Assists	Fumble Recovery	Pass Defensed	Pass Intercepted	Punt, FG, PAT Blocked	Tackled Passer		Tackles	Assists	Fumble Recovery	Pass Defensed	Pass Intercepted	Punt, FG, PAT Blocked	Tackled Passer
71 HAWKINS	8	2	-	-	-	-	2	75 JONES	3	1					
76 ROWE	3	2						77 EAST	8	3					
85 AGARD	4	1						64 COSTA	6	4					
63 CASH	4	-	1					87 ALDREDE	6	1					
57 KINER ✓	7	1						53 ROBERS	4	1	-	-	1		
50 CHANDLER ✓	9	3						54 GERSBACH	2	3					
51 ACKS	2	3						67 RICE	4	-	①	1	1	-	1
23 HOEY ✓	7	2						24 HOWARD	3						
27 BOLTON	6	-	-	-	1			39 DUNLAP	4	-	1	2			
22 DURKO	3	-	-	-	1			30 SALTER	6	2	1	1			
49 ANDERSON	2	1						44 FLETCHER	2						
55 GEDDES	1							48 SMITH	3	2	1				
28 MARSH	1	-	-	1				81 HOLLIDAY	1						
39 CURRIAN	1							45 BRIDY	-	1					
75 MOORE	3	-	-	-	-	1 FG	1	51 LAZETKA	2						
53 TAMER	2	1						82 ROSSOUCH	4	2	-	-	-	1 PAT	
36 TAVNER	1							80 PARRIS	1						
24 McCall	1							58 STRATTON	1						
70 GRAY	1							68 WISCIK	-	2					

RICE - 51 YD. TD. on FUMBLE RECOVERY

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

The NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS wind up their home season for 1973 against the SAN DIEGO CHARGERS.
 Sunday, December 2, 1973. 1:00 p.m. EST. Schaefer Stadium, Foxborough, Massachusetts.
 Temperature 55 degrees. Wind 8 mph NW. Weather is sunny, cool, ideal for football.

FIRST QUARTER

San Diego won the flip and chose to receive. Patriots kicked from the NORTH (left) GOAL.
 White's kick bobbed and run back by Jones from 2 yds deep to C15, 17 yd return (Geddes)

Ko

- C1-10 C15 (14:43) Garrett wide left for 3 yds (Adams)
- C2-7 C18 Garrett slant right gets about 4 yds. PENALTY for holding on San Diego (Koon) puts ball back at C9, 9 yd penalty.
- C2-16 C9 Garrett tries right side for 5 yds
- C3-11 C14 Clark on go draw goes ahead for 11 yds, just short of 1st down.
- C4-inches C25 Pardee punts to Herron, fair catch at P34, 41 yard kick.

P1-10 P34 (12:17) Plunkett pass down the middle intercepted by Rice at P48, he returned to P40, fumbled ball on to P37 where Smith recovered for Chargers. (Cunningham).

- C1-10 E37 (12:09) Clark threw incomplete for Harris.
- C2-10 P37 Edwards right side for 4 yds (Rowe)
- C3-6 P33 Durke intercepts Clark pass at P19, returns to P35, 16 yd (Holliday)

- P1-10 P35 (11:10) Tarver busts up middle for 9 yds (Salter)
- P2-1 P44 Run: Cunningham thru same hole gets 4 yds (East & Smith) **FIRST DOWN***
- P1-10 P50 Run: Cunningham thru right guard gets 9 yd (Rice)
- P2-1 C41 PENALTY before snap. Patriots illegal procedure, Neville guilty, 5 yds.
- P2-6 C46 Run: Tarver slips hitting line, falls for no gain (East)
- P3-6 C46 Tarver went wide left, fumbled at P40 where Dunlap recovered for Chargers.

- C1-10 C40 (8:07) Run: Holliday on end around gets about 11 yds but PENALTY on Chargers nullifies it. Clipping on Washington puts ball 15 yds back.
- C1-25 C25 PASS: Clark to Garrett for 10 yds (Acks & Chandler)
- C2-15 C35 Run: Clark from pocket gains 10 yds (Kiner) Fumble after whistle.
- C3-5 C43 Run: Clark from pocket gets about 14 yds. But another clipping PENALTY puts ball back at C40. Clark gets rush to P3345, 10 yds, to spot of foul. (Thaxton guilty)
- C3-13 C40 PASS absorbed as Clark snatched for loss of 13 (Hamilton)
- C4-23 C27 punt by Pardee to Herron at P29, returned to P43. 48 yard kick, 14 yds return (Fletcher) This was Herron's 25th return of punt, equalling Bob Sum's 1963 record.

- P1-10 P43 (5:51) PASS Plunkett to Rucker on left sideline gets 15 yds (Rice) **FIRST DOWN***
- P1-10 C42 Run: Tarver bulls his way for 13 yds up middle (Salter) **FIRST DOWN***
- P1-10 C19 Run: Cunningham wide left high steps for 4 yds (Gersbach)
- P2-6 C25 PASS: Plunkett to Rucker dropped, incomplete (Dunlap covers)
- P3-6 C25 PASS: Plunkett to S. Adams who makes leaping snare at C11, 14 yds (Dunlap) **FIRST DOWN***
- P1-10 C11 Run: Cunningham thru line for 7 yds (Smith)
- P2-3 C4 Run: Ashton from a Washzone formation gets 1 yd (Coona)
- P3-2 C3 Run: Turvaktseva pitch wide left, no gain. (Fletcher)
- P4-2 C10 FIELD GOAL of 11 yards by White is GOOD. Time: 13:54

Ko

NEW ENGLAND 3 SAN DIEGO 0

White's kickoff taken 3 yards deep by Clint Jones and returned 40 yds to C37 (Hoey)

- C1-10 C37 (10:54) Run: Edwards gets about 9 yds but a PENALTY for illegal motion nullifies it, 5 yds.
- C1-15 C32 PASS: Clark to Garrison gains 11 yds (Bolton)
- C2-3 C44 Run: Edwards straight ahead gets 1 yd (Chandler)

Time expires.

Third downs: SD 0/3 NE 1/3

NEW ENGLAND 3 & San Diego 0

SECOND QUARTER

C3-2 C45 PASS: Clark on flea flicker razzle dazzle heaves long for wide open Garrison, just broken up on leap by Loey.
 C4-2 C45 Punt by Partee goes to Herron at P10, 45 yds, fair catch.

P1-10 P10 (14:43) PASS: Plunkett down the middle for Rucker overthrown.
 P2-10 P10 Run: Tarver hit for loss of 1 yd (East)
 P3-11 P9 PASS: Plunkett for B. Adams too high, incomplete.
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 P1-10 P38 Run: Tarver right side gets 3 yds (East)
 P2-7 P41 PASS: Plunkett to Vataha gets 12 yds (Howard) **FIRST DOWN***
 P1-10 C47 PASS: Plunkett over middle to Cunningham for gain of 12 more (Gersbach) **FIRST DOWN***
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CHARGERS 7 PATRIOTS 3

Wersching's

Herron took ~~Wersching's~~ kickoff 3 yds deep and returned to P23, 26 yds (Rossovich)
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 P2-10 P23 PASS: Plunkett to Tarver complete for 8 yds (Roger) Tarver fumbled out of bounds.
 P3-2 P31 Run: Tarver loses 3 yds (Rice) But PENALTY, SD offside, 5 yds **FIRST DOWN***
 P1-10 P36 PASS intercepted as Plunkett threw to Tarver who bobbed ball right into hands of Rogers who returned ball 3 yds (Tarver)
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 C2-G P1 Run: Garratt wide right for no gain (Anderson)
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 Partee adds PAT GOOD. 34 yards in 10 plays.

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 C4-1 C29 Punt by Partee taken by Herron, fair catch at P20, 51 yd punt.

P1-10 P20 (2:13) PASS: Plunkett for Rucker broken up by Salter.
 P2-10 P20 (2:05) Run: Adams on reverse gets 3 yds (Dunlap)
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 P3-6 P39 (1:26) PASS: Plunkett to Adams complete for gain of 30 yds (Howard) **FIRST DOWN***
 P1-10 C31 (1:14) Run: Herron into line for 1 yd (East) Pats take timeout.
 P2-9 C30 (1:06) PASS: Plunkett on the run to Rucker, incomplete (Dunlap covers close)
 P3-9 C30 (0:58) PASS: Plunkett to Vataha good for 16 yds (Dunlap) **FIRST DOWN***
 P1-10 C14 (0:34) PASS: Plunkett overthrows Rucker at sideline to stop clock.
 P2-10 C14 (0:28) PASS: Plunkett dump for Cunningham overthrown, incomplete.
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 White's PAT kick GOOD this time. 80 yards in 12 plays.

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NEW ENGLAND 16 SAN DIEGO 14

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FIRST HALF SUMMARY

SAN DIEGO
VISITING TEAM

vs. **NEW ENGLAND**
HOME TEAM

12-2-73
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SITE

PERIOD SCORES
VISITORS 0 - 14 = 14
HOME 3 - 13 = 16 (HALFTIME SCORE)

TEAM	PERIOD	ELAPSED TIME	SCORING PLAY	SCORE	
				VISITOR	HOME
NE	1	1354	White - FG - 11	0	3
SD	2	412	Rice - Fumble Return - 51 yds (Punt Kick)	7	3
SD	2	1033	Holmes - R - 1 (Punt Kick)	14	3
NE	2	1051	Herron - Kick - 92 yd - (White Kick blocked)	14	9
NE	2	1439	Pass - 14 - Plunkett - Vatska (White Kick)	14	16

	VISITING TEAM	HOME TEAM
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	4	11
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	3-1-0	3-7-1
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDAGE	101	189
Total No. Offensive Plays (Include times thrown passing)	25	39
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	18 - 73 yds	16 - 75 yds
NET PASSING YARDAGE	28	114
Gross Yards Gained Passing	41	125
Times Thrown and Yards Lost Attempting to Pass	1, 13	1, 11
PASSES ATTEMPTED --- COMPLETED --- HAD INTERCEPTED	6-4-1	20-9-2
PUNTS --- Number and Average	4 - 46.3	1 - 34.0
FUMBLES --- Number and Lost	2 - 1	3 - 2
PENALTIES --- Number and Yards	5 - 49	1 - 5

VISITING TEAM **SAN DIEGO**

HOME TEAM **NEW ENGLAND**

RUSHING	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
GARRETT	8	24	3.0	5	-
CLARK	3	31	10.3	11	-
EDWARDS	5	12	2.4	4	-
Holmes	2	6	3.0	5	1

RUSHING	ATT.	NET YARDS	AVG.	LONG GAIN	TD
TARVER	7	30	4.3	13	-
CUNNINGHAM	5	28	5.6	9	-
ASHBROOK	1	1	1.0	1	-
Adams	1	3	3.0	3	-
P. Plunkett	1	12	12.0	12	-
Herron	1	1	1.0	1	-

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKC	YDS.	TD	LG.	Int.
CLARK	6	4	41	1	13	0	13	1

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YARDS	TKC	YDS.	TD	LG.	Int.
PLUNKETT	20	9	125	1	11	1	30	2

GARRETT	1	10	10	-
GARRISON	1	12	12	-
EDWARDS	2	19	13	-

RUSICK	2	17	8.5	-
VATSKA	3	42	14.0	1
ADAMS	2	44	22.0	-
CUNNINGHAM	1	12	12.0	-
TARVER	1	8	8.0	-

THIRD QUARTER

100 Patriots have the option. They received, San Diego kicked from North goal. Herron returned the kick 20 yards to P31 from P11 (Farris)

P1-10 P31 (14:50) Run: Herron sweep right gets 6 yds (Rogers)
 P2-4 P37 PASS: Plunkett for Rucker too low, incomplete.
 P3-4 P37 PASS: Plunkett to Rucker complete and out of bounds after gain of 20 FIRST DOWN*
 P1-10 C43 Run: Cunningham around right end for 3 yds (East)
 P2-7 C40 PASS: Plunkett to Stingley on slant good for 13 yd (Dunlap) FIRST DOWN*
 P1-10 C27 Run: Tarver thru left tackle for 12 yds (Salter) FIRST DOWN*
 P1-10 C15 Run: Tarver thru another gaping hole for 5 yd (Rogers)
 P2-5 C10 Run: Cunningham bulls down for 6 yd gain (Aldridge) FIRSTDOWN*
 P1-6 C2 Run (or leap, really) Cunningham over the top for 1 yd (Everybody)
 P2-6 C1 Run: Plunkett sneaks over the top for the TD. Time: 5:12 FIRST DOWN*
 69 yards in 10 plays. White added the PAT GOOD.

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White kickoff to C, Jones two yards deep and returned to C28, 30 yds (Tanner)

C1-10 C28 (9:38) Run: Edwards up middle gets 5 yds (Cash & Adams)
 C2-5 C33 Run: Clark scoots from pocket for 16 yd (Kinar) FIRST DOWN*
 C1-10 C49 Run: Clark on flubbed exchange is dumped for loss of 1 (Hamilton)
 C2-11 C48 PASS: Clark swing to Edwards good for 5 yds (Acks)
 C3-6 B47 PASS: Clark for LeVias overthrown in complete.
 C4-6 P47 Punt: Partee kick rolls into end zone after a Charger had hit it and caused a downing. But the Patriots are penalized 5 yds for running into the kicker (Moore guilty) FIRST DOWN*
 C1-10 P42 Edwards run for 7 yds (Rose)
 C2-3 P35 Run: Edwards gains 8 yds and goes out of bounds FIRST DOWN*
 C1-10 P27 Run: Edwards over line for 2 yds (Hamilton & Hoey)
 C2-8 P25 Run: Garrett takes pitch and gets 3 yds (Bolton)
 C3-5 P22 Run: Clark from pocket gained about 5 but penalty for HOLDING brings ball back 15 yds to P37 (Sweeney guilty)
 C3-20 P37 PASS: Clark threw on the run to LeVias but it was an illegal forward pass thrown from over the line of scrimmage. LeVias was wide open in end zone. Ball spotted at P40, a 3 yard assessment, plus loss of down.
 C4-23 P40 Hersching's 47 yard try is blocked by Moore (his second such feat in two games) and covered by SD's Rossovich at P36. New England takes over on downs.

P1-10 F36 (4:13) Run: Tarver for 4 yds (Rossovich)
 P2-6 P40 PASS: Plunkett for Rucker incomplete, knocked down by Rice.
 P3-6 P40 Run: Tarver tries right side for 3 yds (Costa)
 P4-3 P43 Punt by Barnes goes to C15 where fair catch made by Smith. 42 yard kick.

C1-10 C15 (2:34) Run: Garrett takes handoff from new qb Fouts and gets 4 yds (Chandler & Moore)
 C2-6 C19 Run: Edwards slices thru for 17 yds (Bolton) FIRST DOWN*
 C1-10 B36 PASS: Fouts to Norman over middle for 9 yds (Chandler)
 C2-1 B45 Run: Edwards takes pitch and gets 5 yds (Kinar) FIRST DOWN*
 C1-10 @50 Time ran out before snap.
 Third downs: NE 1/2 SD 1/2

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FOURTH STANZA

C1-10 Q50 PASS: Fouts for Norman intercepted by Bolton at P18 and run out of bounds (Norman)

P1-10 P18 (14:51) Run: Cunningham bulis thru for 5 yds (Rossovich)
 P2-5 P23 Run: Cunningham from Wishbone no gain (Costa)
 P3-5 P23 PASS: Plunkett to Rucker complete for 16 yds (Salter) FIRST DOWN*
 P1-10 P39 PASS: Plunkett screen for Tarver gets 5 yds (Rice)
 P2-8 P47 Run: Herron turns right corner for gain of 17 (Rossovich) FIRST DOWN*
 P1-10 C36 Run: Cunningham up middle for gain of 9 yds (Salter)
 P2-1 C27 Run: Tarver scoots thru line for 11 yds (Salter) FIRST DOWN*
 P1-10 C16 Run: Cunningham off left tackle for 1 yd (Jones, D.)
 P2-9 C15 PASS: Plunkett down middle to leaping Stingley for 12 yd (Smith) FIRST DOWN*
 P1-6 C3 Run: Herron wide left for no gain (Salter)
 P2-6 C3 Run: Plunkett keeps from pocket and dives thru for TD. Time: 7:44 FIRST DOWN*
 82 yards in 11 plays. White kicks PAT GOOD.

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White's kick picked up at C11 by Jones and returned to C34, 23 yds. (McCall)
 C1-10 C34 (7:04 left) Run: LeVias on reverse gate 22 yds (Anderson) FIRST DOWN*
~~XXXX~~ C1-10 P44 PASS: Fouts to Garrett gets 7 yds (Durko)
 C2-3 P37 PASS: Fouts to LeVias on flea flicker gains 24 yd (Durko) FIRST DOWN*
 C1-10 P13 PASS: Fouts to LeVias good for loss of 4 yd (Hoey)
 C2-14 P17 PASS: Fouts to Garrett complete for loss of 6 yd (Kizer)
 C3-20 P23 PASS aborted as Fouts nailed for loss of 18 by Moore.
 C4-30 P33 Run: Werschling faked a 40 yard field goal and holder Holliday ran for gain of 20 yds, not enough for 1st down (Bolton)

P1-10 P13 (3:21) Run: Tarver for gain of 6 (Stratton)
 P2-4 P19 Run: Cunningham tripped up by Lazetich for loss of 5.
 P3-9 P14 (2:00) Run: Cunningham 6 yds to P20, fumble ahead to P25 where Salter picked it up. (Gray tackle) Pats penalty for illegal motion declined.

C1-10 P25 (1:53) PASS aborted as Hamilton sacks Fouts for loss of 9.
 C2-19 P34 (1:33) Run: Garrett thru right side for 6 yds (Chandler)
 C3-13 P28 (1:20) (SD timeout) PASS: Fouts to Edwards overthrown.
 C4-13 P28 (1:15) PASS: Fouts for Holliday broken up in end zone by Mason.
 Illegal forward pass PENALTY on SD, 5 yds and loss of down.
 Ball spotted at P32.

E1-10 P32 (1:05) Run: Cunningham into line for 3 yds (Costa)
 P2-7 P35 (0:56) (SD time) Run: Cunningham into line for 3 yds (Costa & Rossovich)
 P3-4 P38 (0:50) (SD time) Run: Cunningham runs for 2 yd (Aldridge)
 P4-1 P40 (0:14) Run: Tarver thru line for 5 yds (Rossovich) FIRST DOWN*

Third downs: NE 2/3 period, 9/14 game.

SD 0/2 period, 3/11 game.

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See you next year!