

## 1965 AFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

By Ken Crippen

The San Diego Chargers were a seven-point favorite to win the game, but most experts believed that they would win by a larger margin. How could you not think that the Chargers would win easily? They were ranked first in passing offense, first in rushing offense, first in passing defense, and first in running defense. The Buffalo Bills were second in rushing defense, but seventh in total offense. San Diego coach Sid Gillman was so confident of his victory, he told a Buffalo News reporter "You know, there is no way we can lose this game on Sunday...We're going to win this game because Kemp has the maturity of a 10-year-old girl."

The Chargers had stars like flanker Lance Alworth, quarterback John Hadl, running back Paul Lowe, Keith Lincoln, and defensive tackle Ernie Ladd. The Bills traded away their star running back, Cookie Gilchrist, before the season. Their best receivers Elbert Dubenion and Glenn Bass were lost due to injury. Backup receiver Charley Ferguson took over for Bass, but pulled a hamstring three weeks prior to this game and was not activated. Center Dave Behrman did not play due to muscle spasms in his back. The Bills also lost safeties Gene Sykes and Tom Keating for the season. As if things could not get any worse for Buffalo, guard Billy Shaw was injured on the first play of the game and did not return until the second half.

The Bills won the coin toss and elected to receive the ball, starting their first series of the game with three straight runs (one by Billy Joe and two by Wray Carlton) gaining 10 yards and a first down. A missed tackle by Jim Warren on a pass from Jack Kemp to Bo Roberson netted the Bills 12 yards and another first down. Warren would redeem himself two plays later by intercepting Kemp's pass to Roberson, giving San Diego the ball on their own 33-yard line.

San Diego's longest play of their first drive netted them 20 yards on a pass from John Hadl to Lance Alworth. Unfortunately for the Chargers, this was their only first down of the series with the Chargers gaining only 1 yard on the next three plays. This forced San Diego to bring in Jim Allison to punt the ball. Allison's punt went off the side of his foot for a net of 19 yards, which would be his longest punt of the game.

Buffalo continued to mix it up on their next offensive series, alternating runs by Billy Joe and passes to Paul Costa. An incomplete pass on third-and-two would end the Bills series after gaining 19 yards on five plays, forcing a Paul Maguire punt. Maguire would have more success than his San Diego counterpart, with his punt sailing 45 yards and pinning the Chargers on their own 9-yard line.

The longest play of the first half came on a pitch from Hadl to Paul Lowe in their second offensive series. After breaking a tackle, Lowe ran down the sideline for a gain of 47 yards before Hagood Clarke knocked him out of bounds. San Diego could not continue this drive, however, losing 11 yards on the next three plays forcing the Chargers to punt. Allison again punts the ball off the side of his foot, this time gaining only 9 yards. This would be Allison's last punt of the game, with coach Sid Gillman turning the punting duties over to quarterback John Hadl.

San Diego's third offensive drive gave the Chargers their first shot at scoring when Herb Travenio attempted a 35 yard field goal, but it was deflected by Tom Sestak and Mike Stratton. After an exchange of punts, the Bills put up the first points of the game with a Jack Kemp pass to Ernie Warlick in the end zone. The Pete Gogolak extra point gave the Bills a 7-0 lead with less than five minutes remaining in the first half.

The scoring in the first half would not end there. Butch Byrd returned a John Hadl punt 74 yards for the second touchdown of the game. Byrd commented, "Henry Schmidt and Tommy Janik gave me big blocks after I caught it. I stepped inside and tried to stay along the sidelines. The referee said I stayed in bounds by about a half-inch...Paul Maguire knocked down two guys at about the 10...Man, he really hit 'em. That sprung me."

San Diego's best opportunity to score came on the next series when the Chargers drove to the Buffalo 24 yard line for another Herb Travenio field goal attempt. Unfortunately for the Chargers, they again came away with nothing as Travenio's kick sailed wide left, ending the first half.

San Diego's offense continued to struggle in the second half, with the Chargers unable to cross midfield until late in the fourth quarter. The same could not be said for the Buffalo offense, which netted three field goals on their first four possessions. The first field goal came on a drive that started with a 49-yard pass from Kemp to Roberson on their first offensive series of the half. Runs by Wray Carlton and Billy Joe took the Bills to the San Diego 3-yard line where they were stopped by the Charger defense. Gogolak kicked the 11-yard field goal with 9:21 left in the third quarter. Buffalo's second field goal was set up by another Butch Byrd interception, which started the Bill's drive on the San Diego 23-yard line. A loss of nine yards on a play fake and two runs for no gain put the Bills on the San Diego 32 yard line for another Gogolak field goal. Buffalo's third field goal came in the fourth quarter after a 10-play drive netting 44 yards.

The shutout was the first in AFL Championship Game history and it was the first time that the Chargers have been shutout since a 41-0 loss to the Boston Patriots on December 17, 1961.

How did the Bills win? Well, for the first time Buffalo double-teamed a receiver. In this case, it was Lance Alworth. Buffalo defensive coach Joe Collier said "We double-teamed Alworth on almost every play. When he lined up at flanker, Booker Edgerson and Hagood Clarke double-covered him. When he was at split-end, it was George Saimes and Booker." This held Alworth to 82 receiving yards and no touchdowns. Also, the Bills blitzed linebackers Mike Stratton, Harry Jacobs, and John Tracey along with safety George Saimes. In addition to blitzing, the Bills applied constant pressure from the front four to force Hadl to scramble often and hurry his passes. On the offensive side of the ball, the Bills implemented a two tight end formation with backup Ernie Warlick as the second tight end. Jack Kemp commenting on other offensive strategies, "We just wanted to roll out more and do some things like bootlegs and play action passes."

Coach Sid Gillman said, "We just got beat. We lost to a fine football team. The Bills have excellent personnel and coaching. What else is there to say?" Charger quarterback John Hadl added, "They kicked the Devil out of us." AFL Commissioner Joe Foss summed it up this way, "Lou's boys did everything right today."

The Bills may not have been first in the league in total offense and first in total defense like the Chargers, but they had the heart to overcome the year's adversity and win the championship. "This is the only club we didn't beat this year," said Bills coach Lou Saban. "And, of course we wanted this one real bad." Bills defensive tackle Tom Sestak added, "That was a championship ball game. We knew that we had six months to recuperate, so we went all out."

**December 26, 1965, Buffalo Bills vs. San Diego Chargers**

**Location: Balboa Stadium (San Diego, CA)**

**Attendance: 30,361**

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| BUF | 0 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 23 |
| SD  | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0  |

**Scoring Summary**

- BUF Warlick 18 Yard Pass From Kemp (Gogolak Kick), 10:01
- BUF Byrd 74 Yard Punt Return (Gogolak Kick), 12:31
- BUF Gogolak 11 Yard Field Goal, 5:39
- BUF Gogolak 39 Yard Field Goal, 14:15
- BUF Gogolak 32 Yard Field Goal, 3:15

**Game Statistics**

|                 | <u>Buffalo</u> | <u>San Diego</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| First Downs     | 23             | 12               |
| Rushes          | 36             | 27               |
| Rushing Yards   | 108            | 104              |
| Passes          | 9-20-1         | 12-25-2          |
| Passing Yards   | 152            | 119              |
| Punts-Avg.      | 4-46.3         | 7-40.7           |
| Return Yards    | 104            | 109              |
| Fumbles-Lost    | 0-0            | 0-0              |
| Penalties-Yards | 2-21           | 3-41             |

**Officials:**

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u>     |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Referee:        | 19            | Jim Barnhill    |
| Head Linesman:  | 25            | Walt Parker     |
| Umpire:         | 34            | Harry Kessel    |
| Field Judge:    | 53            | Ben Dreith      |
| Back Judge:     | 42            | Jack Reader     |
| Alternate:      | 33            | Elvin Hutchison |

**Individual Statistics:**

Buffalo

- Rushing: Carlton 16-63, Joe 16-35, Stone 3-5, Smith 1-5
- Receiving: Roberson 3-88, Warlick 3-35, Costa 2-32, Tracy 1-2
- Passing: Kemp 8-19-1-155, Lamonica 1-1-0-12
- Punt Returns: Byrd 3-87
- Kickoff Returns: Warner 1-17

San Diego

- Rushing: Lowe 12-57, Hadl 8-24, Lincoln 4-16, Foster 2-9, Breaux 1-(-2)
- Receiving: Alworth 4-82, Norton 1-35, Farr 1-24, MacKinnon 1-10, Lincoln 1-7, Lowe 3-3, Kocourek 1-3
- Passing: Hadl 11-23-2-140, Breaux 1-2-0-24
- Punt Returns: Duncan 1-12
- Kickoff Returns: Duncan 2-62, Farr 1-35

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**STARTING LINEUPS**

**Buffalo**

**Offense**

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u>   | <u>Age</u> | <u>Ht</u> | <u>Wt</u> | <u>Hometown</u>  | <u>College</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| Split End       | 40            | Ed Rutkowski  | 24         | 6-1       | 208       | Buffalo, NY      | Notre Dame     |
| Left Tackle     | 77            | Stew Barber   | 26         | 6-2       | 251       | Buffalo, NY      | Penn State     |
| Left Guard      | 66            | Billy Shaw    | 26         | 6-2       | 260       | Vidalia, LA      | Georgia Tech   |
| Center          | 50            | Al Bemiller   | 26         | 6-3       | 260       | Buffalo, NY      | Syracuse       |
| Right Guard     | 67            | Joe O'Donnell | 23         | 6-2       | 252       | Milan, MI        | Michigan       |
| Right Tackle    | 79            | Dick Hudson   | 25         | 6-3       | 275       | Paris, TN        | Memphis State  |
| Tight End       | 82            | Paul Costa    | 23         | 6-5       | 255       | Pt. Chester, NY  | Notre Dame     |
| Quarterback     | 15            | Jack Kemp     | 29         | 6-0       | 201       | Buffalo, NY      | Occidental     |
| Halfback        | 33            | Billy Joe     | 24         | 6-2       | 236       | Fayetteville, AK | Villanova      |
| Fullback        | 30            | Wray Carlton  | 27         | 6-1       | 230       | Wallace, NC      | Duke           |
| Flanker         | 46            | Bo Roberson   | 29         | 6-1       | 190       | Philadelphia, PA | Cornell        |

**Defense**

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u>    | <u>Age</u> | <u>Ht</u> | <u>Wt</u> | <u>Hometown</u>   | <u>College</u>  |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Left End        | 72            | Ron McDole     | 26         | 6-4       | 289       | Toledo, OH        | Nebraska        |
| Left Tackle     | 78            | Jim Dunaway    | 23         | 6-4       | 279       | Sandy Hook, MS    | Mississippi     |
| Right Tackle    | 70            | Tom Sestak     | 29         | 6-4       | 270       | Gonzales, TX      | McNeese State   |
| Right End       | 88            | Tom Day        | 29         | 6-2       | 250       | Buffalo, NY       | N. Carolina A&T |
| LLB             | 51            | John Tracey    | 32         | 6-2       | 228       | Medford Lakes, NJ | Texas A&M       |
| MLB             | 64            | Harry Jacobs   | 28         | 6-1       | 225       | Peoria, IL        | Bradley         |
| RLB             | 58            | Mike Stratton  | 24         | 6-3       | 235       | Knoxville, TN     | Tennessee       |
| LCB             | 24            | Booker Edgeron | 25         | 5-10      | 180       | Rock Island, IL   | Western, IL     |
| RCB             | 42            | Butch Byrd     | 23         | 5-11      | 208       | Watervliet, NY    | Boston Univ.    |
| Safety          | 45            | Hagood Clarke  | 23         | 6-0       | 202       | Miami, FL         | Florida         |
| Safety          | 26            | George Saines  | 24         | 5-10      | 185       | Winston-Salem, NC | Michigan State  |

**San Diego**

**Offense**

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u>   | <u>Age</u> | <u>Ht</u> | <u>Wt</u> | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>College</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| Left End        | 88            | Don Norton    | 27         | 6-1       | 195       | Anamosa, Iowa   | Iowa           |
| Left Tackle     | 72            | Gary Kirner   | 23         | 6-3       | 248       | Los Angeles, CA | USC            |
| Left Guard      | 61            | Ernie Park    | 25         | 6-3       | 250       | Wylie, TX       | McMurry        |
| Center          | 65            | Sam Gruneisen | 24         | 6-1       | 235       | Louisville, KY  | Villanova      |
| Right Guard     | 78            | Walt Sweeney  | 24         | 6-3       | 245       | Cohasset, MA    | Syracuse       |
| Right Tackle    | 74            | Ron Mix       | 27         | 6-4       | 250       | Hawthorne, CA   | USC            |
| Right End       | 83            | Dave Kocourek | 28         | 6-5       | 235       | Berwyn, IL      | Wisconsin      |
| Quarterback     | 21            | John Hadl     | 25         | 6-1       | 212       | Lawrence, KS    | Kansas         |
| Running Back    | 23            | Paul Lowe     | 28         | 6-1       | 207       | Los Angeles, CA | Oregon State   |
| Running Back    | 37            | Gene Foster   | 22         | 5-11      | 200       | Salem, NJ       | Arizona State  |
| Flanker         | 19            | Lance Alworth | 25         | 6-0       | 182       | Brookhaven, MS  | Arkansas       |

**Defense**

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Name</u>   | <u>Age</u> | <u>Ht</u> | <u>Wt</u> | <u>Hometown</u>  | <u>College</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| Left End        | 86            | Earl Faison   | 26         | 6-5       | 270       | Newport News, VA | Indiana        |
| Left Tackle     | 79            | George Gross  | 24         | 6-3       | 260       | Elizabeth, NJ    | Auburn         |
| Right Tackle    | 77            | Ernie Ladd    | 27         | 6-9       | 295       | Orange, TX       | Grambling      |
| Right End       | 85            | Bob Petrich   | 24         | 6-4       | 250       | San Pedro, CA    | W. Texas State |
| LLB             | 51            | Dick Degen    | 23         | 6-1       | 225       | Bellflower, CA   | Long Beach St. |
| MLB             | 50            | Chuck Allen   | 26         | 6-0       | 225       | Seattle, WA      | Washington     |
| RLB             | 55            | Frank Buncom  | 25         | 6-1       | 240       | Los Angeles, CA  | USC            |
| LCB             | 49            | Jim Warren    | 26         | 5-11      | 185       | New Orleans, LA  | Illinois       |
| RCB             | 45            | Leslie Duncan | 22         | 5-10      | 180       | Tuscaloosa, AL   | Jackson State  |
| Safety          | 33            | Kenny Graham  | 23         | 6-0       | 200       | Santa Monica, CA | Washington St. |
| Safety          | 47            | Bud Whitehead | 26         | 5-11      | 185       | Marianna, FL     | Florida State  |

**PLAY-BY-PLAY GAME SUMMARY**

**First Quarter**

Coin Toss Buffalo wins and elects to receive.  
San Diego Kickoff Herb Travenio kicks a high kick to the Buffalo 1. Charley Warner receives and runs back to the Buffalo 17. Billy Shaw hurt on play.

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 17          | Billy Joe runs outside, knocked out of bounds by "Speedy" Duncan.                                       | 5 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5  | Buf 22          | Wray Carlton runs over left tackle. Tackled by Chuck Allen and George Gross.                            | 4 Yards             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -1  | Buf 26          | Wray Carlton runs through left tackle. Tackled by Chuck Allen, Bob Petrich.                             | 1 Yard              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 27          | Jack Kemp passes to Bo Roberson. Jim Warren missed tackle. "Speedy" Duncan runs Roberson out of bounds. | 12 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 39          | Wray Carlton runs left. Tackled by Frank Buncom.  | 3 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7  | Buf 42          | Jack Kemp pass to Bo Roberson but intercepted by Jim Warren at San Diego 33.                            | -                   |

**San Diego Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>  | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 33           | Paul Lowe runs to line of scrimmage. Tackled by Tom Sestak.  | No Gain             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 | SD 33           | John Hadl hits Lance Alworth on a Hook Pattern.  | 20 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 47          | Gene Foster runs to line of scrimmage. Tackled by Jim Dunaway.   | Lost 1 Yard         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -11 | Buf 48          | Paul Lowe run. Tackled by Harry Jacobs and Mike Stratton.  | 2 Yards             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -9  | Buf 46          | John Hadl short pass to Paul Lowe. Harry Jacobs hits him for no gain.                                  | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -9  | Buf 46          | Jim Allison hits punt off the side of his foot. Downed by Miller Farr at the Buffalo 27. 19-yard kick. | -                   |

**Buffalo Drive**

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|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 27          | Billy Joe run to left. Tackled by "Speedy" Duncan.   | 1 Yard              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -9  | Buf 28          | Jack Kemp passes to Paul Costa. Tackled by Chuck Allen.  | 10 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 38          | Billy Joe run. Tackled by Dick Degen and Ernie Ladd.   | 6 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4  | Buf 44          | Billy Joe run.   | 2 Yards             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -2  | Buf 46          | Jack Kemp fakes to Wray Carlton, and then overthrows pass to Paul Costa.   | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -2  | Buf 46          | Paul Maguire hits a wobbly punt that rolls to the San Diego 9-yard line. Bill Laskey downs the ball. 45-yard kick. | -                   |

**San Diego Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 9            | John Hadl pitches to Paul Lowe who breaks a tackle and runs down the sideline lead by Walt Sweeney and Ernie Park. Lowe knocked out of bounds by Hagood Clarke. | 47 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 44          | John Hadl scrambles to left after not being able to pass due to Buffalo pressure. Tackled by Tom Day and Harry Jacobs.  | Lost 3 Yards        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -13 | Buf 47          | John Hadl drops back to pass, but tackled by Tom Sestak.  | Lost 8 Yards        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -21 | SD 45           | John Hadl overthrows Lance Alworth. Booker Edgerson covering.   | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -21 | SD 45           | Jim Allison hits punt off the side of his foot to the Buffalo 46 yard line. Downed by Miller Farr. 9 yard kick.   | -                   |

**Buffalo Drive**

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|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 46          | Wray Carlton runs to midfield. Tackled by Bob Petrich and Ernie Ladd.                  | 4 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -6  | Midfield        | Jack Kemp throws an incomplete screen pass to Wray Carlton. Ernie Ladd pressured Kemp. | No Gain             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6  | Midfield        | Jack Kemp throws right to Wray Carlton, incomplete. Dick Degen blitzed.                | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -6  | Midfield        | Paul Maguire punts. Fair catch by Kenny Graham on the San Diego 11. 39-yard kick.      | -                   |

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|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 11           | Paul Lowe run. Harry Jacobs tackles. Holding penalty on San Diego. Buffalo refuses penalty.  | No Gain             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 | SD 11           | Paul Lowe run, gets block by Ernie Park. Butch Byrd trips him up.                            | 10 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 21           | John Hadl throws to Don Norton, incomplete. Pass tipped by Harry Jacobs.                     | No Gain             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 | SD 21           | John Hadl passes to Don Norton, breaks a tackle and runs 35 yards. Tackled by Mike Stratton. | 35 Yards            |

**Second Quarter**

**San Diego Drive (continued...)**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>                          | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 44          | Gene Foster runs through the middle. | 9 Yards             |

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -foot | Buf 34 | Paul Lowe runs through the middle. Tackled by Mike Stratton.   | 1 Yard       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10   | Buf 33 | John Hadl drops back to pass, Lance Alworth trips downfield, Hadl chased out of bounds by Booker Edgerson.                           | Lost 2 Yards |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -12   | Buf 35 | John Hadl scrambles to the left and slips. Downed by Mike Stratton, Harry Jacobs and Ron McDole.                                     | 7 Yards      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5    | Buf 28 | John Hadl passes to Paul Lowe at the Buffalo 15 but could not hold on to the ball. Hit by George Saines.                             | No Gain      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -5    | Buf 28 | Herb Travenio attempts a 35 yard field goal, but it is deflected by Tom Sestak and Mike Stratton. Ball rolls to Buffalo 5 yard line. | -            |

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>  | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 5           | Wray Carlton runs up the middle. Tackled by Ernie Ladd and George Gross.   | 3 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7  | Buf 8           | Jack Kemp drops back to pass, throws to Ernie Warlick. Tackled by Chuck Allen.   | 12 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 20          | Jack Kemp fakes to Billy Joe, then overthrows Paul Costa. Rush by Ernie Ladd.  | No Gain             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 | Buf 20          | Jack Kemp overthrows Bo Roberson.  | No Gain             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -10 | Buf 20          | Jack Kemp drops back, throws incomplete to Bo Roberson. Almost intercepted by Kenny Graham.  | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -10 | Buf 20          | Paul Maguire kicks a line drive spiral punt to the San Diego 25. "Speedy" Duncan returns it to the San Diego 33 where Joe O'Donnell tackled him. 55-yard kick, returned 8 yards. | -                   |

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|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 33           | Paul Lowe run. Hard hit by Tom Day.   | 2 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8  | SD 35           | John Hadl pass to Gene Foster incomplete. Holding penalty against San Diego. Accepted by Buffalo.   | -                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -29 | SD 14           | Hadl fakes throw, reverse to Paul Lowe. Tackled by Tom Sestak for loss.   | Lost 6 Yards        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -35 | SD 8            | John Hadl throws incomplete out of bounds.  | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -35 | SD 8            | Hadl punts a high spiral kick. Butch Byrd catches on the Buffalo 30 and runs back to the Buffalo 40. Tackled by Jack MacKinnon. 62-yard kick, 10 yard return. | -                   |

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|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 40          | Wray Carlton runs to the Buffalo 48. Bud Whitehead rode him down.  | 8 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -2  | Buf 48          | Wray Carlton run. Tackled by Chuck Allen.  | 8 Yards             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 44           | Jack Kemp throws to Paul Costa, runs out of bounds.  | 22 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 22           | Billy Joe run. Tackled by Ernie Ladd.  | No Gain             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 | SD 22           | Wray Carlton runs straight ahead. Tackled by George Gross and Ernie Ladd.  | 4 Yards             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6  | SD 18           | Jack Kemp drops back to pass, hits Ernie Warlick underneath the goal post for a touchdown. 4:59 left in second quarter. 60-yard drive. | 18 Yards            |
| Buffalo Extra Point |                 | Daryl Lamonica holds for Pete Gogolak, extra point good.   | -                   |
| Buffalo Kickoff     |                 | Gogolak kicks off, caught by Miller Farr 4 yards deep in end zone. Runs out of bounds at the San Diego 30.                             | -                   |

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|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 30           | John Hadl throws incomplete to Don Norton. Almost intercepted by Butch Byrd.  | No Gain             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 | SD 30           | John Hadl runs right, throws to Lance Alworth for a diving reception.   | 15 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 45           | John Hadl hands to Keith Lincoln. Hit behind the line but advances 3 yards. Tackled by Butch Byrd, Tom Day, and John Tracey.                            | 3 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7  | SD 48           | George Saines on a safety blitz. Harry Jacobs tackles John Hadl on San Diego 34.  | Lost 14 Yards       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -21 | SD 34           | John Hadl drops back, throws incomplete to Don Norton. Almost intercepted by Butch Byrd.  | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -21 | SD 34           | John Hadl hits a high spiral punt. Butch Byrd catches at the Buffalo 26, runs to the right sidelines and into the endzone. 2:29 left in second quarter. | -                   |
| Buffalo Extra Point |                 | Daryl Lamonica holds for Pete Gogolak, extra point good.  | -                   |
| Buffalo Kickoff     |                 | Gogolak kicks off, goes behind goalpost for touchback.  | -                   |

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| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 20           | John Hadl throws, intercepted by Harry Jacobs at the San Diego 32. Tackled by Don Norton at the San Diego 20. 2 minute warning. | -                   |

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>  | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 20           | Jack Kemp drops back, throws incomplete to Wray Carlton. | No Gain             |

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 | SD 20 | Billy Jow runs right. Tackled by George Gross and Kenny Graham. Buffalo calls timeout.   | 3 Yards |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7  | SD 17 | Jack Kemp runs left, throws incomplete to Paul Costa at the San Diego 5-yard line. Frank Buncom rushed Kemp.                   | No Gain |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -7  | SD 17 | Pete Gogolak field goal attempt. Partially blocked by "Speedy" Duncan and rolls into the endzone. 1:25 left in second quarter. | -       |

**San Diego Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 20           | Paul Lowe runs on a sweep to the left. Tackled by Tom Day   | 5 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5  | SD 25           | John Hadl drops back, throws down the middle to Jack MacKinnon, incomplete. John Tracey covered. 1:14 left in second quarter.     | No Gain             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5  | SD 25           | John Hadl drops back and throws to Lance Alworth. Tackled by Mike Stratton. 1:03 left in second quarter. San Diego calls timeout. | 22 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 47           | John Hadl drops back, then runs to the Buffalo 40-yard line. 0:52 left in second quarter. San Diego calls timeout (last).         | 13 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 40          | John Hadl throws to Paul Lowe at the line of scrimmage. Run out of bounds by John Tracey. 0:46 left in second quarter.            | 1 Yard              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -9  | Buf 39          | John Hadl throws to John MacKinnon at Buffalo 30 yard line, runs to 29-yard line.   | 10 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 29          | John Hadl throws to Dave Kocourek at the Buffalo 26 yard line.  | 3 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7  | Buf 26          | Keith Lincoln runs to the Buffalo 24 yard line. Tackled by Butch Byrd, Tom Day, and Harry Jacobs.                                 | 2 Yards             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5  | Buf 24          | Herb Travenio attempts a field goal, Don Breaux holds. Attempt wide left.   | -                   |

**Third Quarter**

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| Buffalo Kickoff | Pete Gogolak kicks line drive. "Speedy" Duncan picks up at the San Diego 5-yard line. Tom Janik hits him at the San Diego 18-yard line. | - |
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**San Diego Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 18           | Pitch to Paul Lowe. Tackled by Jim Dunaway, Mike Stratton and John Tracey.  | Lost 2 Yards        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -12 | SD 16           | John Hadl throws to Lance Alworth. Hagood Clarke bats ball down.  | No Gain             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -12 | SD 16           | John Hadl throws to Paul Lowe. Tackled hard by Tom Day.   | 2 Yards             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -10 | SD 18           | John Hadl kicks end-over-end punt. Bounces to Butch Byrd at the Buffalo 29. Tackled by Dick Harris at the Buffalo 27-yard line. | -                   |

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>  | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 27          | Jack Kemp throws to Bo Roberson. Run out of bounds by Jim Warren.  | 49 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 24           | Wray Carlton run. Run out of bounds by Kenny Graham.   | 3 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7  | SD 21           | Wray Carlton run. Tackled by Chuck Allen and George Gross.   | 4 Yards             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -3  | SD 17           | Jack Kemp throws to Ernie Warlick, runs out of bounds. Covered by Jim Warren.                            | 5 Yards             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 12           | Wray Carlton run off right tackle. Tackled by Dick Degen and Kenny Graham.                               | 6 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4  | SD 6            | Wray Carlton run off right tackle. Tackled by Ernie Ladd and George Gross.                               | 2 Yards             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -2  | SD 4            | Billy Joe runs off left tackle. Tackled by Earl Faison, George Gross, and Frank Buncom.                  | 1 Yard              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -1  | SD 3            | Gogolak field goal attempt, Daryl Lamonica holding. 11 yard field goal good. 9:21 left in third quarter. | -                   |

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| Buffalo Kickoff | Pete Gogolak kickoff. "Speedy" Duncan catches at the San Diego 3-yard line and runs to the Buffalo 48 yard line. Tackled by Charley Warner. | - |
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**San Diego Drive**

| <u>Down</u>           | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10   | Buf 48          | Keith Lincoln runs off left tackle. Tackled by Ron McDole.  | 10 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10   | Buf 38          | Paul Lowe run. Tackled by Ron McDole and Jim Dunaway.   | 3 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7    | Buf 35          | John Hadl handoff fumbled. Recovered by John Hadl. Tackled by John Tracey.                                | Lost 2 Yards        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -9    | Buf 37          | John Hadl drops back then runs to the Buffalo 28-yard line.   | 9 Yards             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -foot | Buf 28          | John Hadl attempts to hand off to a back, but it is a broken play. Tackled by John Tracey and Tom Sestak. | Lost 6 Yards        |

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 34          | Jack Kemp pitches to Wray Carlton who gets a block by Joe O'Donnell. Tackled by Earl Faison and Ernie Ladd. | 3 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7  | Buf 37          | Wray Carlton runs to right side. Tackled by George Gross. Holding penalty on Buffalo                        | -                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -23 | Buf 21          | Jack Kemp passes to Bo Roberson. Tackled by Kenny Graham.   | 37 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 48          | Billy Joe runs off left end. Tackled by Bud Whitehead and "Speedy" Duncan.                                  | 7 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3  | SD 45           | Billy Joe runs right. Tackled by Ernie Ladd and Dick Degen.   | 1 Yard              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -2  | SD 44           | Billy Joe run.  | No Gain             |

4<sup>th</sup>-2 SD 44 Paul Maguire punts. Charley Warner recovers on the San Diego 1-yard line. 43-yard kick. -

**San Diego Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 1            | John Hadl throws to Dave Kocourek. Intercepted by Butch Byrd on the San Diego 45-yard line. Run out of bounds by Paul Lowe. | -                   |

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 23           | Jack Kemp fakes to Wray Carlton, drops back to pass. Tackled by Bob Petrich. Kemp fumbles but the referees called him down. | Lost 9 Yards        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -19 | SD 32           | Jack Kemp overthrows pass to Bo Roberson.   | No Gain             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -19 | SD 32           | Jack Kemp throws incomplete to Pete Mills. Frank Buncom blitzes.  | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -19 | SD 32           | Pete Gogolak attempts field goal, Daryl Lamonica holding. 39-yard field goal good.  | -                   |

Buffalo Kickoff Pete Gogolak booming kickoff. "Speedy" Duncan fumbles in endzone but recovers. Touchback. Billy Shaw returns to game. -

**San Diego Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 20           | John Hadl throws incomplete to Dave Kocourek.   | No Gain             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 | SD 20           | John Hadl drops back and is almost tackled by Tom Sestak. Hadl breaks away but is tackled by John Tracey. | 8 Yards             |

**Fourth Quarter**

**San Diego Drive (continued...)**

| <u>Down</u>        | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>  | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -2 | SD 28           | Keith Lincoln runs to 29-yard line, tackled by Harry Jacobs. Illegal procedure penalty on San Diego. Buffalo declines penalty. | 1 Yard              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -1 | SD 29           | Paul Lowe runs around right side but slips when cutting upfield.   | ½ Yard              |

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 30           | Billy Joe run. Tackled by Dick Degen and Kenny Graham.                            | 11 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 19           | Billy Joe runs, spins away from tackle. Stopped by Kenny Graham.                  | Lost 1 Yard         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -11 | SD 20           | Jack Kemp fakes to Billy Joe but Kemp trips. Bob Petrich tackled him.             | Lost 6 Yards        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -17 | SD 26           | Wray Carlton runs outside left.   | 1 Yard              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -16 | SD 25           | Pete Gogolak field goal attempt, Daryl Lamonica holding. 32-yard field goal good. | -                   |

Buffalo Kickoff Pete Gogolak booms kickoff, through the hands of Miller Farr and through the endzone for a touchback. -

**San Diego Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>  | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 20           | John Hadl passes to Keith Lincoln. Tackled by John Tracey.   | 7 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3  | SD 27           | John Hadl tackled on blitz by Mike Stratton and John Tracey.   | Lost 8 Yards        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -11 | SD 19           | John Hadl throws, but Jim Dunaway bats pass down.  | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -11 | SD 19           | John Hadl kicks an end-over-end punt. Ball hits on the Buffalo 46 and Ed Rutkowski lets it roll to the 38. | -                   |

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>   | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 38          | Bob Smith runs through right tackle. Tackled by Jim Warren.   | 5 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5  | Buf 43          | Billy Joe runs to Buffalo 45 yard line. Facemask penalty against San Diego.   | 17 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 40           | Jack Kemp hand off to Don Stone. Tackled by Earl Faison and Ernie Ladd.   | 1 Yard              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -9  | SD 39           | Billy Joe runs left. Tackled by Bud Whitehead.  | Lost 1 Yard         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -10 | SD 40           | Jack Kemp hands to Billy Joe. Tackled by Ernie Ladd and George Gross.   | No Gain             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -10 | SD 40           | Gogolak 47-yard field goal attempt, Daryl Lamonica holding. Ball is snapped, Lamonica passes to Harry Jacobs at the San Diego 28-yard line. | 12 yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 28           | Wray Carlton runs straight ahead. Tackled by George Gross and Chuck Allen. Daryl Lamonica replaces Jack Kemp (non-injury replacement).      | 2 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8  | SD 26           | Daryl Lamonica fakes a pitch and hands off to Wray Carlton. Play whistled dead by a false start.  | -                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -13 | SD 31           | Wray Carlton spins away from a tackle. Brought down by Frank Buncom.  | 8 Yards             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5  | SD 23           | Billy Joe tackled behind the line by Steve DeLong and Ernie Ladd.   | Lost 2 Yards        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -7  | SD 25           | Gogolak field goal attempt, Daryl Lamonica holding. 32-yard attempt wide left.  | -                   |

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| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>  | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 20           | John Hadl throws to Lance Alworth. Harry Jacobs slows him down, John Tracey stops. Don Breaux replaces John Hadl (non-injury replacement). | 25 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | SD 45           | Delay of game penalty on San Diego   | -                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -15 | SD 40           | Don Breaux throws to Gene Foster at the Buffalo 37 yard line. Foster drops the ball. Tom Day covering.                                     | No Gain             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -15 | SD 40           | Don Breaux throws to Miller Farr. Tackled by John Tracey and Tom Day. 2 minute warning.  | 24 Yards            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 36          | Don Breaux tackled by George Saimes on a safety blitz.   | Lost 12 Yards       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -22 | Buf 48          | Don Breaux tripped up by Tom Sestak. Jim Dunaway lands on Breaux.  | Lost 2 Yards        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -24 | Midfield        | Don Breaux tackled by Tom Sestak (coverage sack).  | Lost 3 Yards        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -27 | SD 47           | John Hadl kicks high spiral punt. Ball lands inside the Buffalo 10 yard line but rolls into the endzone for a touchback.                   | -                   |

**Buffalo Drive**

| <u>Down</u>         | <u>Yardline</u> | <u>Play</u>    | <u>Yards Gained</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -10 | Buf 20          | Don Stone run. | 2 Yards             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8  | Buf 22          | Don Stone run. | 2 Yards             |

**End Of Game**