

# HOUSTON OILERS



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MEDIA GUIDE



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## NFL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Game Time
<b>PRE-SEASON</b>				
Sat.	Aug. 5	Denver	Astrodome	8 P.M.
Mon.	Aug. 14	Philadelphia	Astrodome	7 P.M.
Sat.	Aug. 19	Dallas	Irving, TX	8 P.M.
Sat.	Aug. 26	New Orleans	Astrodome	8 P.M.
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON</b>				
Sun.	Sept. 3	Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	Noon
Sun.	Sept. 10	Kansas City	Kansas City, MO	1 P.M.
Sun.	Sept. 17	San Francisco	Astrodome	1 P.M.
Sun.	Sept. 24	Los Angeles	Astrodome	Noon
Sun.	Oct. 1	Cleveland	Cleveland, OH	Noon
Sun.	Oct. 8	Oakland	Oakland, CA	3 P.M.
Sun.	Oct. 15	Buffalo	Astrodome	1 P.M.
Mon.	Oct. 23	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	8 P.M.
Sun.	Oct. 29	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	Noon
Sun.	Nov. 5	Cleveland	Astrodome	1 P.M.
Sun.	Nov. 12	New England	Foxboro, MA	Noon
Mon.	Nov. 20	Miami	Astrodome	8 P.M.
Sun.	Nov. 26	Cincinnati	Astrodome	1 P.M.
Sun.	Dec. 3	Pittsburgh	Astrodome	3 P.M.
Sun.	Dec. 10	New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	1 P.M.
Sun.	Dec. 17	San Diego	Astrodome	3 P.M.

*Note: All Times Listed are Houston Time*

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**BUD & BUM**





K. S. "Bud" ADAMS, Jr. President - Owner

The name Kenneth Stanley Adams, Jr. has been synonymous with sports and diversified business interests in the Southwest for over twenty years.

One of the conceivers and founders of the American Football League back in 1959, Bud Adams had played a major role in bringing big league sports to the city of Houston and the Gulf Coast area.

As sole owner of the Houston Oilers since the team's inception, Adams has seen his team win two AFL championships and four division titles since 1960.

Although professional football has been the dominant force in Adams' sports endeavors, he was a stockholder in the Houston Sports Association and worked diligently to bring major league baseball to Houston. He also fielded a basketball team – Ada Oilers – in the powerful National Industrial Basketball League and has been involved in professional boxing at various times.

Sports and football in particular, is only one of his many successful endeavors. On February 22, 1946, Bud Adams started his business career in Houston after serving 3 years in the Navy Air Corp during World War II.

On June 3, 1947, his company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, as Ada Oil Company. Through an exchange offer effective March 31, 1974, Ada Resources, Inc. was formed.

Today, Bud Adams is chairman of Bud Adams Enterprises, and chairman of Ada Resources, Inc. — the keystone of Adams' interest.

Adams heads a business complex of 15 companies engaged in the oil business, farming and ranching, automobile sales, real estate, securities and several other related interests.

One of Adams' farming interests is the River Garden Farms Company, one of the largest irrigated farms in the United States, located in the Sacramento River Valley of California.

Born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Adams attended grade and junior high schools in that city and later went to Culver Military Academy, where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball.

Majoring in petroleum engineering, Adams attended his first year of college at Menlo College in Menlo Park, California. He won letters in football and rugby.

In 1941, Adams transferred to the University of Kansas to continue his studies in petroleum engineering. He also lettered in football and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

While at Kansas, Adams joined the Naval Reserve and in 1944 was selected for Officer Midshipman School and was later commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve. After further training, Adams joined a Pacific Fleet Carrier Aircraft Service Unit, where he was an engineering officer at an aviation repair installation.

Following V-J Day, Adams was sent to a Naval Air Station in Norman, Oklahoma, and later to Washington, D.C. as an aide to the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Navy's Congressional Liaison Office. He was later honorably discharged in 1946.

After his discharge, Adams moved to Houston, entered the oil business and became one of the city's leading sports figures.

In recognition of his knowledge and experience, Adams was named to the board of trustees of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. He participates in a wide variety of civic and charitable activities and is currently serving as 1978 Campaign Chairman of the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. He also has been honored as Houston's "Salesman of the Year", "Sportsman of the Year", and "Westerner of the Year."

## O.A. PHILLIPS

### Head Coach – General Manager

In January of 1975, O.A. "Bum" Phillips was named the Head Coach and General Manager of the Houston Oilers. At the time he was an "unknown" to football fans throughout the nation, but was hardly "unknown" to the men in the coaching fraternity.

And, now Bum isn't an "unknown" to anyone.

His Houston Oilers made a run at the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC Central Division in his first season, and on the way they captured the imagination of fans around the country who were pulling for Bum and his hustling football team.

The Oilers didn't quite make it to the playoffs in 1975—the 10-4 record marked the first time since the playoffs were initiated that ten wins didn't qualify a team—but the Oilers came of age, and Bum became the toast of the NFL.

Who is this man who won the hearts of his players and the admiration of fans everywhere?

Paul "Bear" Bryant says of Bum, "He has a keen football mind, knows how to deal with and motivate people, and has a great deal of football imagination." Darrell Royal calls him "a coach's coach whose defensive innovations have spread throughout the country." Hayden Fry says, "He is a great teacher because he takes into consideration the mental and physical limitations of each individual player and then motivates them to perform well above their capabilities. He cares for his players as if they were his own children."

And, University of Houston coach Bill Yeoman said, "Bum's extreme professional qualifications and dedication to the game are unequalled."

The crew-cut, folksy, sit-a-spell coach of the Oilers sluffs off the credit for success. "It's the people who play the game and the assistant coaches who get them ready. That is what wins football games," Bum declares.

It is rather ironic that if Bum had not had a squabble with a supervisor at his refinery job, following a three year tour of combat with the Marines in World War II, the Oilers might not be blessed with his talents today.

When told to donate to a certain charity, Bum declined, asking instead to be able to donate to another charity. He was told no, so Bum said, "In that case, tell the man at the gate to have my check ready. I'm leaving."

Newly married, 21-years old, equipped with a high school diploma and untrained for anything but jungle warfare, Bum left the plant wondering what he was going to do.

"My idea of a permanent job was to hire on at a refinery and work there until I retired. That's what just about everyone else in our part of the country did after high school."

"I had no idea what to do after I quit. I just climbed into my pickup and started driving home.

"On the way I passed Lamar College (now Lamar University). There were some people practicing football. I stopped to watch, and the coach came over and asked me if I was interested in trying out. I told him I was just watching."

The coach persuaded Phillips to try out, then talked him into accepting a scholarship.

"I really wasn't that interested," Bum recalls. "I figured it would be something to do until I got a good job."

That was 32 years ago and Bum, now 53, has risen to the top level of the coaching profession. Opposing coaches wish Bum had made the donation.

Bum—the nickname was bestowed on him by his younger sister Edrina whose attempts to say brother emerged as "Bumble" and later, when her vocabulary improved, to "Bum"—doesn't care about images. He is just himself.

He wears cowboy boots, western style clothes, is a super countrywestern music lover, but that isn't anything new just because he is now in the limelight. He's always been that way.

He hates to lose, but the few times it happens, he takes the blame. He loves to win, but after every Oiler win, he refuses the credit, giving it instead to his staff and players.

Bum loves his family, his life, and his job. His wife Helen is the mother of Bum's six children. Two are still at home, Andrea, 18; and Kim Ann, 11. Daughter Dee Jean, 20, is a sophomore at Sam Houston State University. They have three married children, Susan Reeves of Orange, Cicely Springer of Houston, and son Wade, an assistant coach with the Oilers.

Bum says he learned to appreciate life during the war.

"You'd talk to someone one day, and he'd be dead the next. Maybe even the same day."

"Somebody didn't walk up to you and say, 'Oh, so-and-so's dead,' either. You'd see the fellow. I hope people today don't have to see death to appreciate life."

Oh yeah, there is one thing we forgot to tell you about Bum.

He's a real softie. Anytime his two year old grand-daughter Tracy can't get what she wants from her parents Laurie and Wade Phillips, she knows just where to go—and like grandpa, she's got one heckuva winning percentage.



For more information on Bum, see page 9.



**HAPPINESS IS WINNING!**

**HOUSTON OILERS  
FOOTBALL STAFF**





**O.A. "Bum" PHILLIPS**  
**Head Coach & General Manager**

**PROFESSIONAL:** Named head coach of the Houston Oilers January 25, 1975 . . . . Appointed additional duties and title of General Manager on February 14, 1977 succeeding Sid Gillman in both capacities . . . . Named defensive coordinator of the Houston Oilers March 7, 1974 . . . . Was defensive coordinator of the San Diego Chargers, 1967-71.

**COLLEGE:** Head coach at University of Texas at El Paso 1962 . . . . Defensive coordinator at University of Houston 1965-67 . . . . Assistant coach at Texas A&M 1957 . . . . Defensive coordinator at Southern Methodist University 1972 . . . . Defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State University 1973.

**PERSONAL:** Born September 29, 1923 in Orange, Texas . . . . Played high school football at Beaumont French High School . . . . Played college football at Lamar Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State University . . . . Combat veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II . . . . Coached high school football at Nederland, Texas, Port Neches, Texas, Amarillo, Texas and Jacksonville, Texas . . . . Voted Texas Pro Coach of the Year in 1975 . . . . He and his wife Helen are the parents of six children, two married daughters, Susan Reeves of Orange, Texas and Cicely Springer of Houston, and one married son, Wade, defensive line coach with the Oilers. Daughters Dee Jean, 20, is a sophomore at Sam Houston State University, with Andrea, 18, and Kim Ann, 11, at home.

For more information on Bum, see page 5.



## **ED BILES**

### **Defensive Coordinator**

**PROFESSIONAL:** Initiated NFL career with New Orleans Saints in 1969 as Administrative Coordinator under head coach Tom Fears . . . . The following season he was named defensive backfield coach . . . . In 1971 Biles joined the New York Jets as an assistant coach, '72 and '73 he coached the Jets defensive backs working under Weeb Ewbank . . . . In February, 1974,

Biles came to the Houston Oilers as a defensive assistant, the following year head coach Bum Phillips named Biles defensive coordinator. . . . Tutored safety Burgess Owens with the Jets to a first team berth on the All-NFL Rookie team . . . . Has played a big role in the development of free agent Ted Washington who is rated among the top linebackers in pro ball . . . . As defensive coordinator with the Oilers, Houston's defense finished the 1975 season first in the National Football League in rushing defense with allowing just 3.4 yards a play . . . . The Oilers finished 8th in the NFL in passing defense in 1976 allowing just 137 yards a game . . . . The club finished 4th in the NFL in quarterback sacks in 1975 with 45, and 3rd in 1976 with 50, both club records . . . . Three Oiler players have won all-pro honors under Biles in the past two campaigns, outside linebacker Robert Brazile, middle guard Curley Culp, and defensive end Elvin Bethea.

**COLLEGE:** Began his collegiate coaching career as Freshmen coach at Xavier of Ohio in 1956 . . . . Served as an assistant until 1962 when he was named to the head coaching post . . . . Compiled an overall 40-27-3 record . . . . Named Catholic Coach of the Year in 1965 after Xavier finished with an 8-2 record . . . . While at Xavier, he coached future NFL greats Dan Abramowicz, WR, and OG John Shinnors, the Saints 1st draft choice in '69 and presently playing with the Cincinnati Bengals. . . . Guided Xavier University's Freshman team to a four year 16-4 record including a pair of unbeaten and untied campaigns.

**PERSONAL:** . . . . Born in Glendale, Ohio . . . . Four sport standout at Reading High in Reading, Ohio . . . . Football, baseball, basketball and track . . . . Attended Miami University on an athletic scholarship . . . . Played under Ara Parseghian and was a teammate with John McVay present head coach of the New York Giants . . . . While at Miami he served as baseball coach and as a graduate assistant football coach . . . . Has lectured at numerous clinics throughout the nation . . . . Enjoys golf . . . . Married to the former Jackie Price of Covington, Kentucky . . . . Four children; Jim, Jay, Mike and Sharon . . . . Resides in Missouri City, Texas.

## KEN SHIPP

### Offensive Coordinator

**PROFESSIONAL:** Started NFL career with St. Louis Cardinals in 1968 as quarterback and receivers coach under head coach Charlie Winner . . . . Highly instrumental in developing QB Jim Hart, the most proficient passer in St. Louis history and worked closely with receivers Jackie Smith and John Gilliam . . . . After three seasons in St. Louis, 1968-

69-70, Shipp joined the New Orleans Saints as QB and receivers coach under J.D. Roberts . . . . Tutored Archie Manning his first two years in the NFL . . . . Manning finished second in the League in yards gained passing his second season . . . . In 1973, Shipp joined the New York Jets as QB and receivers coach under Weeb Ewbank . . . . In 1974 new head coach Charlie Winner named Shipp his offensive coordinator . . . . Shipp served as head coach of the Jets for the final five games of the 1975 season . . . . With New York he worked very closely with Joe Namath and receivers Rich Caster and Jerome Barkum . . . . In 1976 he moved to the Detroit Lions where he was the offensive coordinator and QB and receivers coach under Rick Forzano . . . . Shipp coached in the Canadian Football League for one year, 1959-60, at Montreal under Perry Moss as QB and receivers coach . . . . In January 1977, Houston coach Bum Phillips named Shipp offensive coordinator for the Oilers.

**COLLEGE:** Began college coaching career at Middle Tennessee in 1951 as receivers coach . . . . Moved to Trinity in 1953 and served as receivers coach through 1957 . . . . In 1958, he tutored the receivers at Florida State, working with Tony Romeo before he joined the New England Patriots and became one of the AFL's standout tight ends . . . . In 1961 Shipp joined the staff at Tulsa, where he recruited Howard Twilley from Galena Park High in Houston and assisted in the acquisition of QB Jerry Rhome . . . . Twilley and Rhome established a complete new slate of NCAA passing records, led the Hurricanes to the Missouri Valley Conference Title in 1962 and the Bluebonnet Bowl Title in '64 . . . . In 1963 Shipp served as QB and receivers coach at South Carolina working with QB Dan Reeves who later became an All-Pro running back and is presently an assistant coach with the Dallas Cowboys . . . . In 1968 and 70 Shipp coached the QB's and receivers at Miami, Florida, working under Charlie Tate . . . . He was with Miami in '68 when they were ranked Number 1 in the nation through most of the season and played in the Blue Bonnet Bowl . . . . The following year Miami went on to win the Liberty Bowl.

**PERSONAL:** . . . . Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee . . . . Played football and baseball at Central High in Murfreesboro . . . . Attended Middle Tennessee State University on an athletic scholarship . . . . Hobbies: golf, tennis and swimming . . . . Resides in Quail Valley, Texas.

## ANDY BOURGEOIS

### Offensive Backs



**PROFESSIONAL:** Joined the Oilers in 1973 as special teams coach . . . . Moved to offensive backfield in '74.

**COLLEGE:** Coached the receivers at TCU in 1971-72 . . . . Tutored the Tulane freshmen team in 1970.

**PERSONAL:** Spent nine highly successful years in high school sports as a Athletic Director and head coach . . . . Began coaching at St. Aloysius

High in Vicksburg, Mississippi, served for four years, 1961 through 1964, as Athletic Director and Head Coach for football and track . . . . While at St. Aloysius his team won the Mississippi Catholic School Championship . . . . In 1965 he moved to Cor Jesu High in New Orleans as AD and initiated their athletic program . . . . Served as AD and head football coach for four years before Cor Jesu consolidated with St. Aloysius in New Orleans and became Brother Martin High . . . . He coached football and served as AD at Brother Martin for one year . . . . Born in New Orleans, Louisiana . . . . Attended St. Aloysius High, standout three sport performer, football, baseball, and track . . . . Matriculated at LSU, earned scholarship as a football walk-on . . . . Played on LSU's 1958 National Champions and in the '59 and '60 Sugar Bowls . . . . Was a two year member of LSU's famed Chinese Bandits . . . . Senior year was a two-way starter (DB and WR) . . . . All-SEC Third Baseman and two-year captain . . . . Clinic Director for Bud Wilkinson and Duffy Daugherty Kodak Football Clinics in New Orleans . . . . Received BS from LSU in Education, Masters in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola of New Orleans in '70 . . . . Hobbies: golf and duck hunting . . . . Married to the former Lola White of Jackson, Mississippi . . . . Three children, Troy, Blake and Drew . . . . Resides in Missouri City.



## JOE BUGEL

### Offensive Line



**PROFESSIONAL:** Joined the Oilers in January, 1976, as offensive line coach . . . . Was with the Detroit Lions past two seasons, worked under coach Rick Forzano . . . . Served as offensive line coach and running game coordinator . . . . While with the Lions Bugel helped develop two players who were named on the All-NFL Rookie Team, Lyn Boden (OG) and David

Hill (TE) . . . . During his two year stint the Lions moved from 14th in total offense in the NFC to 5th.

**COLLEGE:** Began coaching with his alma mater Western Kentucky in 1964 under Jim Feix . . . . Served as offensive coordinator and later was assistant head coach and recruiting supervisor . . . . The Hilltoppers led the NCAA Division II in total offense twice and were two-time runner-ups for the National Title, 1965 and '66 . . . . In 1970 Bugel moved to the United States Naval Academy where he was offensive line coach for four years under Rick Forzano . . . . In 1974 he joined Earl Bruce's staff at Iowa State as defensive line coach . . . . In 1975 Bugel literally moved in with Ohio State mentor Woody Hayes . . . . He joined the Buckeye staff as offensive line coach and resided with the Hayes' family . . . . Bugel worked with three first team All-Americans, Doug France (Drafted No. 1 by Los Angeles), Kurt Schumacher (Drafted No. 1 by New Orleans) and Steve Meyers (Drafted by Detroit).

**PERSONAL:** Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania . . . . Munhall High, All-State selection . . . . Played guard, fullback and linebacker . . . . Played in Big 33 game . . . . Two year starter in basketball . . . . Attended Western Kentucky on a football scholarship . . . . Four year starter, All-American in '64, played guard and MLB . . . . Named Top Lineman in Ohio Valley Conference in '63, named All-Conference twice . . . . Selected Top Lineman by teammates . . . . Two year captain . . . . Played in Tangerine Bowl, WK defeated Coast Guard Academy coached by Otto Graham . . . . Received BS in physical education, Masters in guidance and counseling . . . . At graduation he was the Senior Athlete with the highest academic standing . . . . Married to the former Brenda Sage of Nashville, Tennessee . . . . Three children, Angie, Holly and Jennifer . . . . Resides in Missouri City, Texas.



## KING HILL

### Receivers



**PROFESSIONAL:** Joined Houston as a scout in 1970 . . . . Started 1971 as a scout but worked with the Oilers quarterbacks the final half of the season . . . . Will tutor the receivers this season . . . . Selected as bonus pick (First player chosen) by Chicago Cardinals in the 1958 NFL draft . . . . Played twelve years in the NFL . . . . Four with the Cardinals, seven and

and a half with the Philadelphia Eagles and one half season with the Minnesota Vikings . . . . Best season was '63, completed 91 of 186 for 1213 yards and 10 TD's . . . . Finished career with a 42.2 yard punting average . . . . Throughout career always had his best games against the Dallas Cowboys . . . . Served as Vice President of the Players Association and was team rep for 11 years . . . . Served on the Executive Committee which negotiated the first collective bargaining agreement between the players and the NFL.

**COLLEGE:** A three sport standout at Rice . . . . All-American QB, seeded second on the golf team behind Jay Riviere and a three year starter on the basketball team . . . . Played QB and DB for three years . . . . Shared QB duties with Frank Ryan . . . . Teammates included WR Buddy Dial and OT J.D. Smith . . . . Tutored under coach Jess Neely . . . . Named football MVP by teammates and Houston Post MVP . . . . Captain in College All-Star game . . . . Played in '58 Hula Bowl against Pro's, intercepted one pass against idol Tobin Rote . . . . Recently inducted into the Rice Hall of Fame.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Hamilton, Texas . . . . Brazosport High, All-State in football and basketball and also played with the golf and baseball teams . . . . Tied the Freeport Country Course record, 64, as a teenager and was heavily recruited by the University of Houston on a golf scholarship . . . . Enjoys music in general . . . . Married to the former Sharon Alexander of Fort Worth, Texas . . . . The Hills' have one child, Cody and reside in Houston, Texas.



## WADE PHILLIPS

### Defensive Line



**PROFESSIONAL:** Joined the Oilers in 1976 as linebacker coach . . . . Will oversee the defensive line this season.

**COLLEGE:** Began coaching career at his alma mater Houston in 1969 under Bill Yeoman as freshmen coach and assistant linebacker coach . . . . In 1970 he moved to Orange, Texas High where he served as defensive coordinator for three years . . . .

Phillips joined the coaching staff at Oklahoma State in '73 under Jim Stanley . . . . At OSU he tutored the defensive ends and linebackers and was heavily involved in recruiting and scouting . . . . In '74 the Oklahoma State defense finished first in the conference in pass defense, second in total defense and participated in their first bowl game in 16 years defeating Brigham Young University in the Fiesta Bowl . . . . In 1975 Phillips was the defensive line coach at Kansas working under Bud Moore . . . . While serving at Kansas he worked with DE Mike Butler, selected in the first round of the '77 draft by the Green Bay Packers, and the Jayhawks snapped the long Oklahoma winning streak with a 23-3 victory in Norman, Oklahoma . . . . Kansas played in the Sun Bowl that year bowing to Pittsburgh . . . .

**PERSONAL:** Born in Orange, Texas . . . . All-District quarterback and middle linebacker at Port Neches Groves High . . . . Also a standout with the basketball and baseball squads . . . . Attended the University of Houston on an athletic scholarship . . . . Started three years (30 consecutive games) for Houston teams that lost only seven times during that span . . . . Teammates included Elmo Wright and Royce Berry . . . . Received BS degree in physical education and speech . . . . Son of Oiler head coach Bum Phillips . . . . Enjoys country and western music . . . . Married to the former Laurie Nunez of Port Neches, Texas . . . . The Phillips' have one daughter, Tracy, and reside in Missouri City, Texas.

### YOUNG ENTERS NFL RECORD BOOK

Houston Oiler defensive end James Young, who 2 years ago was a fireman with the City of Houston, etched his name into the NFL record book in 1977. In the season finale against Cincinnati, Young sacked Bengal quarterback Ken Anderson for a safety, Young's second of the season, thus placing his name along with six other players in the history of the NFL to score a pair of safeties in a single season. Young took a leave of absence from the Houston Fire Department to take a crack at making the Oilers as a free agent, and wound up being the Oilers starting defensive left end.



## **BOB GAMBOLD**

### **Defensive Backfield**

**PROFESSIONAL:** Joined Oilers in February of 1978 after spending previous six years with the Denver Broncos. As coach of defensive backs, he was very instrumental in the success of Denver's famous "Orange Crush" defense. Gambold has tutored many outstanding backs, including Denver's Billy Thompson, a member of the 1977 All-NFL Team. Another member of Gambold's

'77 crew, Louis Wright, was named to the 1977 All-AFC Team . . . . As a player in the NFL, Bob was a quarterback with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1953 and the Chicago Cardinals in 1954.

**COLLEGE:** Gambold graduated from Washington State, 1952, after standout career as quarterback and varsity basketball player. Following graduation, Bob remained at his alma mater as freshman football and basketball coach . . . . Served as John Ralston's aide at Stanford for nine years as defensive coordinator and linebacker coach . . . . Also spent two years with John Prothro, now head coach of San Diego Chargers, at Oregon State . . . . Bob's other coaching jobs include a five year stay at Washington State and at Everett (Wash.) Junior College.

**PERSONAL:** Bob and his wife, Shirley, have seven children: Valarie, Robin, Cheri, Barry, Victoria, Traci and Leslie . . . . The Gambolds reside in Missouri City.



## **JOHN PAUL YOUNG**

### **Special Teams**

**PROFESSIONAL:** Initial season in the NFL, joined Oilers in March 1978 as special teams coach.

**COLLEGE:** Began coaching career at his alma mater University of Texas, El Paso, in 1962 under O.A. "Bum" Phillips as linebacker coach . . . . After two years at UT-EP, served as defensive coordinator for three years at Jacksonville High School under Dick Sheffield . . . . Linebacker

coach at Southern Methodist University under Hayden Fry, 1967-68 . . . . Spent the 1969 season as linebacker coach for Oklahoma State . . . . Young joined the Texas A & M staff in 1970 and served under Gene Stallings as linebacker coach. Under new head coach Emory Bellard,

Young added the responsibility of punting coach in 1974 . . . . Young also was heavily involved in recruiting at each of his college level posts . . . . Young has tutored ten all-conference players, including two time All-American Ed Simonini, a Lombardi Award finalist now with the Baltimore Colts, and Robert Jackson, a two time All-SWC selection and also a Lombardi Award finalist currently with the Cleveland Browns . . . . During Young's tenure at A & M, the Aggies led the conference in total defense four consecutive seasons, 1973-76, and in 1975 led the nation in total defense, and finished second in the nation in 1974 and fourth nationally in 1976 . . . . As a player at U.T.E.P., he was four year starter and three time all-conference linebacker. A second team All-American, Young was selected one of eleven All-Time players from U.T.E.P.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Dallas, Texas . . . . An avid golfer and fisherman, Young also enjoys snow skiing . . . . An All-District and All-State selection in high school, Abilene High won three straight State AAAA Championships and had a streak of 49 consecutive victories during Young's playing days . . . . Married to the former Dolores Lowery of Birmingham, Alabama, the Youngs have two sons, John Paul, Jr. and Jason Phillips, aged 13 and 7 . . . . Resides in Quail Valley, Texas.



## **JERRY MEINS**

**Associate Trainer**

Meins has been with the Oilers since 1974 when he was named strength coach. Before joining the Oilers, he was the assistant trainer at the University of Southern California for four years. While at Southern Cal, he worked with the 1972 National Champion football team, two Rose Bowl squads and four baseball Championship teams. Meins also served as head trainer at Pueblo

High in Tucson, Arizona. A native of Hawarden, Iowa, he received a BA degree in physical education from the University of North Iowa and his Masters from the University of Arizona. Meins was in the initial Athletic Training Class in a Masters Program at Arizona. He is a Certified Athletic Trainer and a member of the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association. Jerry, whose main hobby is training dogs for Field Trials, won his first ribbon in May, 1977. He is a bachelor and resides in Houston.



## **CHARLIE HENRY**

### **Associate Trainer**

Henry has been with the Oilers since 1973, when he was named Assistant Trainer. Henry is a graduate of Lamar University where he was a student trainer for four years. Prior to joining the Oilers, he was head trainer at Port Neches-Groves High for two years and Anahuac High for two years. Henry, a native of Groves, Texas, is a Certified Athletic Trainer and a member of the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association. When he joined the Oilers, he was the first full-time assistant trainer in the clubs history. Charlie and his wife, the former Peggy Wilborn of Anahuac, Texas, have two daughters, Candy and Amy, and reside in Sugarland, Texas, where he is an active Deacon in the First Baptist Church.



## **GREG DORAMUS**

### **Equipment Manager**

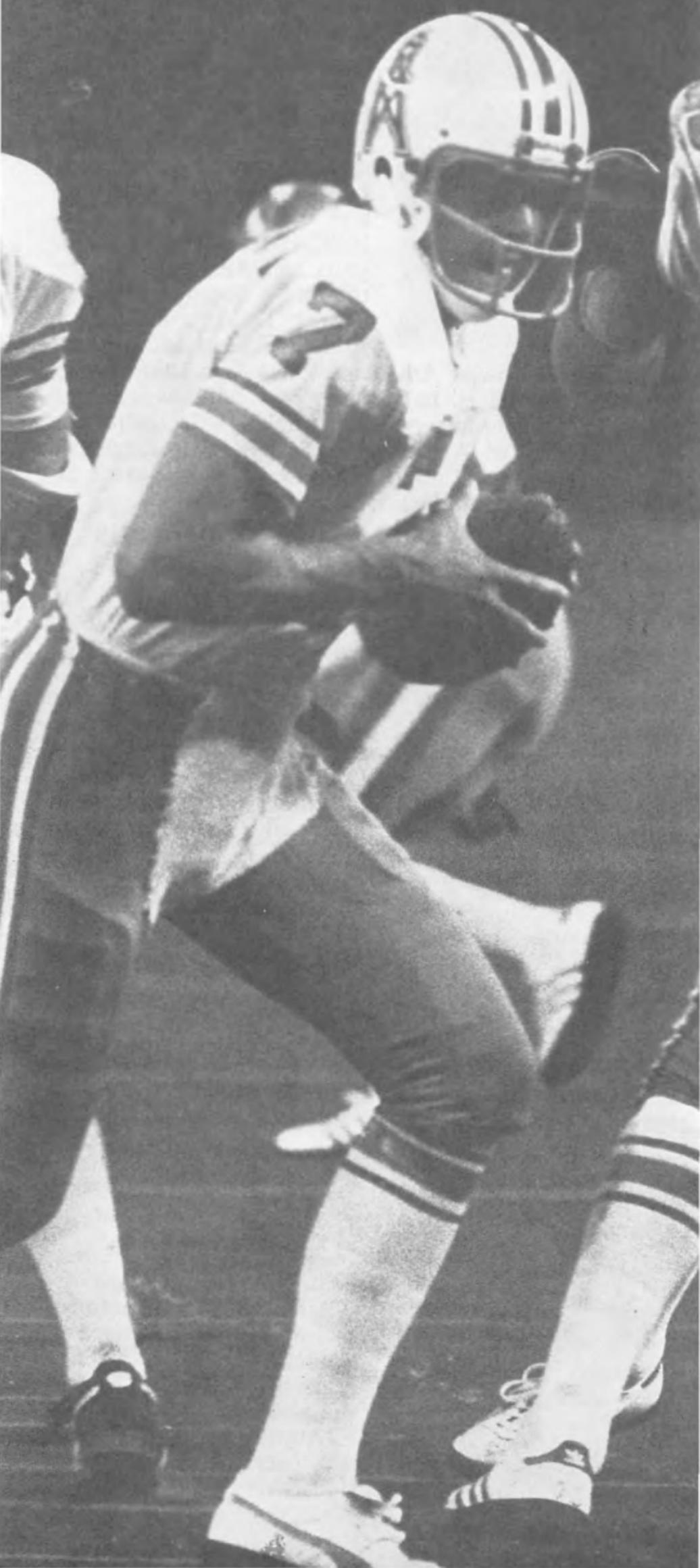
Doramus joined the Oilers Public Relations department in 1973 after a two-year stint with the San Diego Chargers as Assistant Equipment Manager and Special Projects Coordinator. In '74 he moved into the ticket office handling player engagements and group sales. In 1975 Bum Phillips named Doramus Equipment Manager. Doramus, a member of the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association, is a native of Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended Texas A&I where he served as trainer and equipment manager and received his BBA and Teachers Certificate in business. During the off season, he coaches the Oilers basketball squad and has led them to a perfect 31-0 mark over 2 years. Greg is married to the former Sharon Mihalko of San Antonio, Texas and has one daughter, Karen. The Doramus' reside in Houston.



## **EDDIE TEMPLE**

### **Equipment Assistant**

Temple, a native of New Braunfels, Texas, joined the Oilers equipment department in July, 1977. He served as equipment manager for two years at Kilgore Jr. College and is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University. Temple is a bachelor and resides in Houston.



**HOUSTON OILERS  
FRONT OFFICE**





**LADD K. HERCZEG**  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Administrative Officer

Herczeg joined the Oilers organization in March of 1976 in the dual role of Financial Vice-President of Bud Adams Enterprises, Inc. (parent company) and the Houston Oilers. Shortly thereafter, he was elected to the Oilers Board of Directors. In January, 1977, Herczeg was elevated to the post of Senior Vice President of both companies and elected to the Enterprise's Board of Directors.

In May, 1978, Herczeg assumed full time responsibilities as Chief Administrative Officer of the Oilers. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Herczeg played high school football at Cleveland Benedictine and earned a football scholarship to the University of Hawaii, but after being injured, transferred to Ohio State University where he graduated magna cum laude and was ranked third in the College of Administrative Sciences in June, 1968. Upon graduation, he joined Arthur Andersen & Co., an international CPA firm, where he earned his Certified Public Accountant Certificate before being inducted into the U.S. Army in May, 1969. His nineteen months of active duty included a one-year tour of duty in South Vietnam. Herczeg rejoined Arthur Andersen & Co. in February, 1971 and was promoted to Audit Manager in 1975. During his tenure with the Company, he was involved with clients in numerous industries including the Cleveland Browns for five years. The 32-year-old Herczeg is a member of the American Institute of Certified Accountants, Beta Gamma Sigma and the Pacesetters of Ohio State University. Herczeg is married to the former Kathleen M. Vinson of Bedford, Ohio and resides in Missouri City, Texas, a suburb of Houston.



**PAT PEPLER**  
Assistant General Manager

Pat Pepler joined the Houston Oilers organization on February 2, 1977 as assistant general manager and brings a wealth of professional football experience to the post, and has played a vital role in the molding of four Super Bowl championship teams. A 1948 graduate of Michigan State University where he played football, basketball and baseball, Pepler

launched a coaching career in East Lansing, Michigan

after a brief stint in pro baseball before moving into the collegiate ranks as an assistant coach at North Carolina State University for eight years. After a one-year tour with Wake Forest University, Peppler joined Vince Lombardi at Green Bay as Director of Player Personnel, and put the pieces in place during the golden era of the Packers that saw them winning the NFL title in 1965, and back-to-back Super Bowl titles in 1967 and 1968. During his tenure at Green Bay Peppler also served as the club's assistant general manager. In 1971 he became the Director of Pro Scouting for the Miami Dolphins and twice more (1973 and 1974) shared in the glory of consecutive Super Bowl championships. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Peppler moved on to Atlanta to begin the monumental task of rebuilding the Falcons as the team's General Manager, and last season assumed the role as head coach for the latter part of the season, and stunned the football world with consecutive wins over Dallas and San Francisco. The quick-witted and personable Peppler is the father of six children, Mrs. Greg (Pamela) Nickoli, 29; Susan, 27; Walter, 25; Terry, 22; John, 17; and Jim, 15.

## **JACK CHERRY**

**Director of  
Public Relations**



Cherry, 43, came to the Oilers as Director of Media Services in July, 1975 and was named Director of Public Relations in January, 1977. After graduating from Xavier University, Ohio, he attended Ohio State University's Journalism and Radio-TV graduate school. He then began his career as a sports writer for the Columbus Ohio

Evening Dispatch and the Daily Call in Piqua, Ohio. After serving as Sports Editor for the Eagle Gazette in Lancaster, Ohio, Cherry was named Sports Information Director at his alma mater Xavier (O.) University. He served as the Musketeers SID from 1958 till '72 when he was appointed Assistant Sports Information Director at Louisiana State University. In 1973, he was the Sports Information Director at Kansas University, and in 1974, he joined the Houston Texans of the World Football League as Director of Public Relations and Promotions. He was also the NCAA District Four representative on the NCAA Public Relations Committee from 1965 till 1971 and served as a press aide for the NCAA National Basketball Championships from 1965 till 1974. Cherry is married to the former Barbara O'Brien of Columbus, Ohio. The Cherry's have four children, Jack, 17, Lisa Anne, 15, Patrick, 14, and Tom, 13, and reside in Alief, Texas.

## **BOB HYDE**

### **Public Relations Assistant**



Hyde joined the Oilers prior to the 1977 season as a participant to the student intern program of the Department of Communications at the University of Houston. Following the completion of the intership in December, he rejoined the Oilers in April as a part-time aide in the public relations department and one month later became a permanent member

of the PR staff. Majoring in Public Relations-Advertising at the University of Houston, Hyde also has served as a staff correspondent for one of the major Houston newspapers and also as sports editor of his college newspaper. A native of Tullahoma, Tennessee, Bob is married to the former Kim Broome of Rogers, Arkansas, and currently resides in Houston.

## **BOB BOEN**

### **Controller**



Bob Boen joined the Houston Oilers as assistant controller in August of 1976, and was elevated to the post of Controller in January, 1977. A native of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Boen is a graduate of Northeastern State College in Oklahoma and brought previous sports administration experience to his duties with the Oilers, having served in various capacities with the

San Francisco Giants, the Oakland A's and with the Southern California Sun in the World Football League. Boen also was formerly associated with the Arthur Andersen & Co. Bob and his wife Sharon make their home in Houston.



## LEWIS MANGUM

### Business Manager

Mangum came to the Oilers after working for six years with Oiler owner K.S. (Bud) Adams, Jr. as an accountant for Ada Oil Company. During his 12 year tenure, Mangum has been a key behind-the-scenes administrator in the Oiler organization whose duties have included controller, traveling secretary, business manager and just about anything connected

with the general operating procedures of a major sports franchise. A native of Kosciusko, Mississippi, he attended Ole Miss for two years, graduated from the University of Houston with a BBA major in Accounting. Mangum is married to the former La Verne Michalka of Cameron, Texas. The Mangums' have three children, twin girls Lucy and Laura and one son Larry. They reside in Sharpstown, Texas, where Lewis is very active in Little League baseball.



## RICK NICHOLS

### Ticket Manager

Nichols joined the Oilers in 1973 as a part-time aide in the public relations department. Two years later he became a permanent member of the Oilers ticket office staff and in January, 1977 was named Assistant Ticket Manager. He was elevated to the post of ticket manager in February, 1978. Nichols is a 1975 graduate of the University of Houston with a BBA in Marketing. While at Houston, he served as a Student Assistant Sports Information Director for one year. A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nichols is married to the former Pam Lipsmeyer of Little Rock, Arkansas. The Nichols' reside in Missouri City, Texas.



## **WALT SCHLINKMAN**

**Director Speakers  
Bureau/Group Sales**

Walt Schlinkman, a long time associate of the Houston Oilers as a coach and scout, was named to the newly created post of Director Speakers Bureau & Group Sales this past spring. A native of Dumas, Texas, Schlinkman was an all-time great running back at Texas Tech and was the number-one draft pick of the Green Bay

Packers in 1946, playing a running back for the Packers through 1950. In 1952, he launched a coaching career at Lake Forest College as an assistant coach and two years later joined the staff at Marquette University. In 1956, Schlinkman moved on as an aide at Columbia University before spending one season in the Canadian Football League at Vancouver. Schlinkman then returned to the states to serve as an assistant coach with the Chicago Cardinals for the 1959 season, and then signed on with the Houston Oilers in 1960 and except for a one-year stint with the St. Louis Cardinals (1964) has been a member of the Oiler family as an offensive and defensive coach and scout. He and his wife Pat are the parents of three daughters, Penny, Holly, and Kelly, and two grand daughters, Amanda and Carrie.



## **RONNIE BROWN**

**Director of  
Photographic Services**

Ronnie Brown joined the Houston Oilers on a part-time basis in 1973, while still managing a photo lab business for Brown and Associates in Houston and Beaumont. Following the 1975 campaign, Brown was named Director of Photographic Services for the Oilers and undertook the

formation of a Photographic Services division that extended beyond the Oilers and was named Oiler Sports Productions. It serves as a complete athletic film service from every aspect, sales, servicing and processing of game films for colleges and high schools in the Greater Houston area. Brown is a native of Pascagoula, Mississippi and became interested and involved in photography work while at the University of Houston as a history major. Brown and his wife, the former Kathy Kirsh of Houston, have one son, Tommy, and reside in Houston.



## JOE WOOLLEY

Director of College Scouting

Wooley returned to the Oiler staff in June, 1978 after spending two years in private business in Houston. Serving in the dual capacity as a scout and working in quality control with the Oilers 1974-76, Joe is certainly no stranger to the Houston sports scene.

Prior to his earlier tenure with the Oilers, Woolley served as head coach at Galveston Ball High (Texas)

and steered them consistently to the state playoffs. His move to Galveston ended a successful three year stint at Texarkana, Ark., as head coach in his first coaching assignment after playing both offensive/defensive tackle at Oklahoma State. Joe and his wife, the former Martha Watts, are both natives of Strong, Arkansas, and currently live in Missouri City with their son, Scott.



## BOBBY BALDWIN

Scout

Baldwin assumed his first NFL position in June, 1978, as scout for the Oilers, leaving behind a coaching career that spanned 20 years. Prior to joining the Oilers, he served as assistant head coach-offensive coordinator for the University of Texas-El Paso for one and one-half years. He held a similar position at Middle Tennessee State University for two years after serving as offensive coordin-

ator at Kansas for one year.. Baldwin served as freshman coach for the University of Houston for nine years and for a three year span at U of H, 1965-67, worked with Oiler Head Coach Bum Phillips, who was the defensive coordinator. The U of H assignment was Bobby's first college assignment after serving seven years coaching in the prep ranks. An army veteran, Baldwin played on the 1952 U of H team that posted an 8-2 record, the school's top mark to that date. A native of Huntsville, he is married to the former Ginger Richardson of Lufkin. The Baldwin's have four children, daughter Mickie, and sons Robby, John and Billy.

## DAVID FUQUA

### Vault Manager



David Fuqua first joined the Oilers as a part-time employee of the ticket office in July, 1977. He was named vault manager in February, 1978. A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, Fuqua attended Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia where he majored in Biology. A bachelor, Fuqua is presently residing in Houston.

## JESSE CANTU

### Field Superintendent



Cantu will be beginning his seventeenth season with the Houston Oilers in charge of the field operations at the Oiler training center. A full time employee of the City of Houston in the Traffic Department, Cantu finds time each day to keep the Oiler practice facilities in first class shape. He and his wife Mary are the parents of five children, three boys, Lupe, Jesse Jr., and Joe, and two daughters Letecia and Rosie.

## DARLA HUMES



Director of Choreography — Houston Oiler Cheerleaders

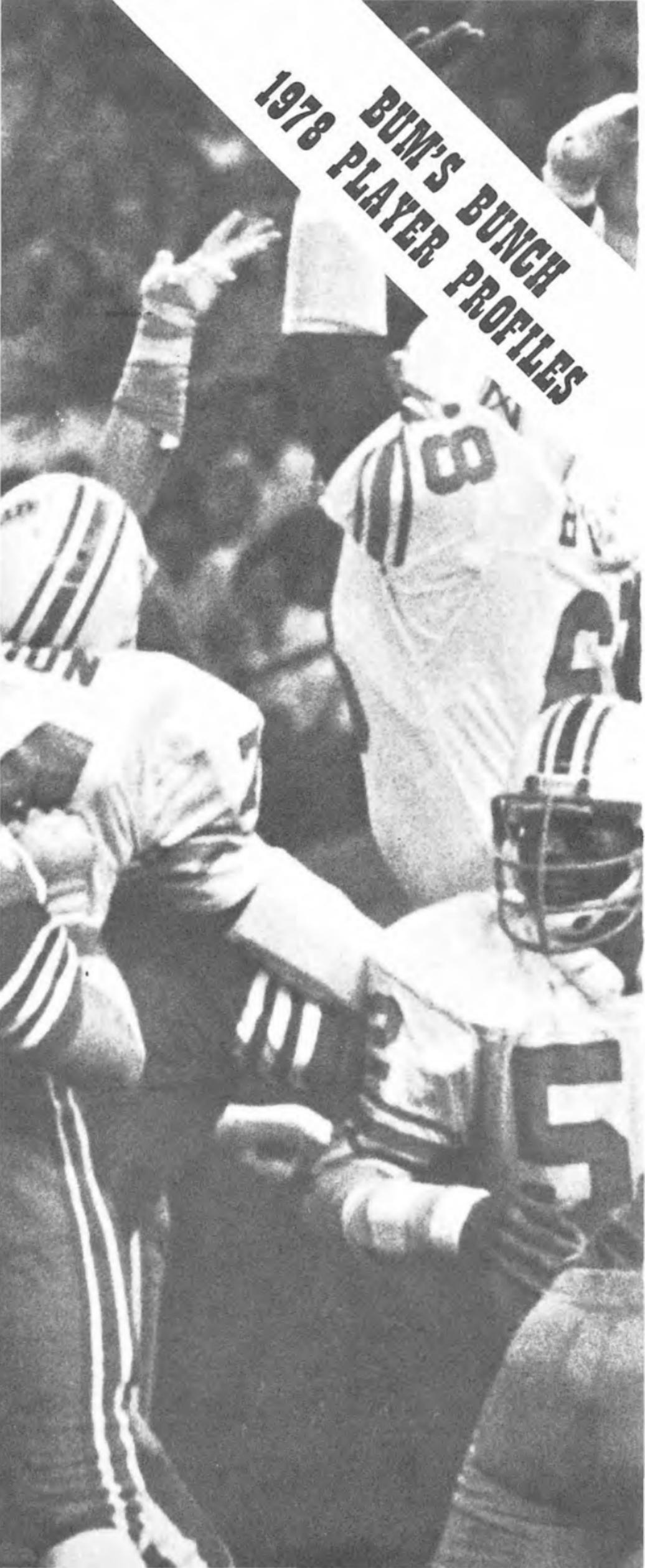


Bottom, left to right Margret Wicke, Mary K. Clark, Peggy Ellison; second row, Jean Perry, Dania Fisher, Nikki Lawson; third row Joyce Bailey, Pam Goree, Jeri Calle; fourth row, Ann Smith. Not pictured, Norma Martin.





**BUM'S BUNCH  
1978 PLAYER PROFILES**



## NOTES

**WILLIAM ADAMS, LB, FB****36****Howard Payne****6-0      220****Born: August 8, 1953****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Has played semi-pro last two seasons in San Antonio, Texas . . . .  
 Studied history and physical education at Howard Payne . . . .  
 Currently resides in Brownwood, Texas.

**WILLIE ALEXANDER, DB****19****Alcorn A & M****6-3      195****Born: September 21, 1949****Year Oiler: 8****Year NFL: 8****How Acquired: Drafted 6th, 1971**

**PRO:** Started every game last season . . . . Returned interception 95 yards vs Green Bay for TD . . . . Credited with 72 tackles and 42 assists last season . . . . Credited with 72 tackles in 1976 . . . . Earned a starting berth late in his rookie season and has played in 93 games through 1977 season . . . . Has 16 career interceptions . . . . Most thefts, 4 in 1971.

**COLLEGE:** All-Southwestern Conference safety . . . . Played on National Negro College Champion in 1968 and 1969 and runner-up in 1970 . . . . Pittsburgh Courier All-America. Played on three SWAC Championship teams.

**PERSONAL:** Native of Montgomery, Alabama . . . . George Washington Carver High . . . . played linebacker . . . . Resides in Houston and is very active with the Big Brothers . . . . Selected for the 'Outstanding Big Brother Award' in 1975 . . . . Married to the former Carolyn Elaine Whitney of Yazoo City, Mississippi and has one son, Michael Sterling. Has worked past six off-seasons as a special agent in the insurance field.

**Bum** says, "Willie has been a fine player with us, and contributes in every way we ask of him, and he plays several spots for us in addition to special teams. He's a fine all-around player."

**LUTHER ALLEN, DE****60****Year Oiler: Rookie****Tennessee State****Year NFL: Rookie****Born: April 19, 1953****6-6      285****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Went to-camp with Buffalo Bills in 1977 . . . . Studied Business Administration in college . . . . Current residence and birthplace is Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**RICHARD ANDERSON, TE****46****Year Oiler: Rookie****Salem College****Year NFL: Rookie****Born: September 15, 1954****6-2 228****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Played both tight end and fullback in college . . . Holds degree in physical education . . . Born in Frankfurt, Germany.

**WARREN ANDERSON, WR****83****West Virginia State****6-2 195****Born: July 3, 1955****Year Oiler: 1****Year NFL: 1****How Acquired: Drafted 4th round, 1977**

**PRO:** Returned 8 kickoffs for 22.8 average . . . Long gain of 44 yards . . . Placed on injured reserved November 18, missing final five games of season.

**COLLEGE:** Nicknamed Mr. Offense. Holds virtually all the school receiving and kickoff return records . . . Set school and NAIA Kickoff Return Record, 106 yards (11 seconds expired on score clock) . . . Also made 99 yard return . . . Teams leading receiver past two years . . . Career rushing: 31 attempts for 141 yards, 4.6 average . . . Career scoring 80 points . . . 106 yard K.O. Return longest in W.V.I.C. and longest ever in W. Virginia . . . Did not play till 6th game in 1973, then proved durability by never missing a game through-out career . . . Triple teamed in one game but made 5 last quarter catches for 123 yards and one TD leading team to victory . . . School records: Most receptions season, 31; most yards receiving season, 550; most TD receptions reason, 4; most receptions game, 8; most kickoff return yards game, 176; most career receptions, 95; most yards receiving career, 1394; most TD receptions career, 11; most kickoff returns career, 39; most kickoff return yardage career, 920 yards . . . Longest reception was 47 yards . . . All-W.V.I.C. . . . Honorable Mention N.A.I.A. All-American. Enjoys community week . . . Criminal Justice major.

**PERSONAL:** Played at James Blair High in Williamsburgh . . . All-Penninsula, All-Eastern Regional and All-State selection as an end . . . Started two years as Guard on the basketball team. Resides in Houston.

**MIKE BARBER, TE****86****Louisiana Tech****6-3 235****Born: June 4, 1953****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Drafted 2nd, 1976**

**PRO:** Started 10 games in 1977, totaled nine receptions, average gain 10 yards and one TD. . . Missed the 1976 season because of tendonitis . . . Played briefly against Tampa Bay.

**COLLEGE:** First team All-American, AP and NEA . . . Senior Bowl . . . Played with 1974 NCAA Division II Finalists . . . 4.5

speed in the 40 . . . . 13.7 in college high hurdles . . . . 57 career receptions for 1,235 yards and 17 TD's . . . . First catch as a collegian was a school record 94-yard TD . . . . Started at QB early in college career . . . . Two-time All-America . . . . Placed in both 440-yard and 120-yard hurdle races in Southland Conference track meet . . . . Moved to wide receiver as a sophomore and then to tight end.  
**PERSONAL:** Born in Marshall, Texas . . . . White Oak High . . . . QB and MLB . . . . Enjoys the outdoors and meeting people . . . . Makes home in Missouri City, Texas . . . . Outstanding player in the Texas High School All-Star game as a linebacker.

**OLIVER BARRETT, LB**

**61**



**Texas Southern University**

**6-1      240**

**Born: February 13, 1956**

**Year Oiler: Rookie**

**Year NFL: Rookie**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Played middle guard at Texas Southern, will be shifted to linebacker with the pros . . . . Makes his home in Corpus Christi, Texas, which is also his birthplace.

**STEVE BAUMGARTNER, DE**

**63**



**Purdue**

**6-7      225**

**Born: March 26, 1951**

**Year Oiler: 2**

**Year NFL: 5**

**How Acquired: Claimed from waivers, 1977**

**PRO:** Joined Oilers late in '77 season, saw action in 6 games with Houston, recovered two fumbles, credited with one sack . . . . Played in 56 consecutive games with the Saints, 1973-76 . . . . Made 42 tackles, 26 unassisted, with two sacks and two fumble recoveries in last full year with New Orleans.

**COLLEGE:** All-Big Ten selection in 1972 . . . . Credited with 140 tackles, 18 for losses in final two years at Purdue . . . . Received degree in economics.

**PERSONAL:** Works with New Orleans Police Department during off season . . . . Nickname is "Bomber," collects beer cans as hobby . . . . Attended Benet Academy in Lisle, Illinois . . . . Steve and wife Mary have two daughters, Amy and Sara, ages 3 and 2.

**ELVIN BETHEA, DE**

**65**



**North Carolina A & T**

**6-2      260**

**Born: March 1, 1946**

**Year Oiler: 11**

**Year NFL: 11**

**How Acquired: Drafted 3rd, 1968**

**PRO:** An excellent portrayal of longevity, durability, consistency and dedication . . . Set Oiler record for most consecutive games played (135) before arm injury vs. Oakland ended streak in 1977 . . . Credited with 32 tackles, 11 assists, two sacks, and one forced fumble through nine games in 1977 . . . Led team in QB sacks, 14½ . . . Was team leader in sacks five times in the last nine years . . . Credited with 86 tackles and 63 assists in '76 . . . Team leader in forced fumbles, 4 . . . Made 4 QB sacks and recovered one fumble vs San Diego in '76 . . . Played in the Pro Bowl five straight years, 1971-76 . . . Has scored one TD in his career, 38-yard fumble return against Cincinnati in 1974, the following year he registered his first safety, also against the Bengals . . . Has served as team Captain and player representative . . . Selected on numerous All-AFL, All-NFL and All-AFC teams during career.

**COLLEGE:** Two-year NAIA All-American at North Carolina A&T . . . Also participated in track program.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Trenton, New Jersey . . . Central High in Trenton . . . Enjoys fishing and hunting and archery . . . Nickname; Big E . . . Father of two children, Lamonte and Brittany, ages 5 and 3 . . . Now makes home in Houston.

## GREGG BINGHAM, MLB

# 54



Purdue

6-1      230

Born: March 13, 1951

Year Oiler: 6

Year NFL: 6

How Acquired: Drafted 4th, 1973

**PRO:** Has started every game since joining the Oilers in '73 a string of 70 games going into the '78 season . . . Has led the Oilers in tackles and assists each of the past five seasons . . . '77 statistics including 95 tackles, 95 assists, 2½ sacks, 2 fumbles forced and 1 fumble recovery . . . 17 assists vs Bengals (1) was high for '77 campaign . . . Plays on field goal and PAT special teams . . . 14 career interceptions . . . Made 3 interceptions against Buffalo in '74 . . . Selected on All-Rookie Team and Honorable Mention All-Pro '74 . . .

**COLLEGE:** All-Big Ten and All American . . . UPI Lineman of the Week at least once per year during his last three years at Purdue . . . Made 128 unassisted tackles in junior season . . . North-South All-Star Game.

**PERSONAL:** Native of Chicago, Illinois . . . Gordon Tech High . . . Nickname, Devil . . . Married to the former Maureen Foster of Long Beach, California and has one daughter, Stevie . . . Resides in Houston and operates a small fleet of car wash agencies.

## ROBERT BRAZILE, OLB

# 52



Jackson State

6-4      238

Born: February 7, 1953

Year Oiler: 4

Year NFL: 4

How Acquired: Drafted 1st, 1975

**PRO:** Has been a starter since joining the Oilers . . . Credited in '77 season with 92 tackles, 77 assists, 5 sacks, and 2 fumbles forced . . . All Pro last 2 years . . . Started every game last season . . . Made 82 tackles, 75 assists, 6½ sacks and forced 2 fumbles in '76. NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in '75 and named to virtually

every All-Rookie squad . . . NFL Rookie of the Year . . . Credited with 7 sacks, 138 total hits, two forced fumbles and 4 fumble recoveries in his rookie season . . . Has 4.6 speed in the 40 . . . Has seen action on special teams and was a stand-out performer.

**COLLEGE:** Started college career as a tight end but moved to linebacker sophomore year . . . Set school record with 129 tackles and 79 assists in '74 . . . Consensus All-American and unanimous All-Conference . . . Conference interception leader in '74 with 9 . . . Senior Bowl and College All-Star Games . . . Was the 6th player selected in the '75 NFL draft.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Mobile, Alabama . . . Married to the former Alice Cook. The Braziles' have two children, Sherri and Robert III and reside in Houston. Has participated for the last two years with the Boys Club of America Camp in Tampa, Fla. . . . Was honored by the Big Brothers in 1977.

## DAVID BROOKS, T

# 67

**Year Oiler:** Rookie      **Angelo State**

**Year NFL:** Rookie      **Born:** March 8, 1955

**6-4    290**      **How Acquired:** Free Agent, 1978

Also played college ball at the University of Houston . . . Majored in criminal justice . . . Married to the former Lori Bledsoe of San Angelo, where they are presently residing.

## DAVID BRYANT, OG

# 68

**Year Oiler:** Rookie      **East Texas State**

**Year NFL:** Rookie      **Born:** September 30, 1955

**6-3    265**      **How Acquired:** Free Agent, 1978

Majored in physical education at East Texas State . . . Played high school football in Newark, New Jersey . . . Currently a resident of Houston . . . Married to the former Juanita Woldon of Greenville, Texas.

## KEN BURROUGH, WR

# 00

**Texas Southern**

**6-4    210**

**Born:** July 14, 1948

**Year Oiler:** 8

**Year NFL:** 9

**How Acquired:** Trade from New Orleans, 1971



**PRO:** Drafted by New Orleans, 1st round in 1970 . . . Traded with DT Dave Rowe to Houston for RB Hoyle Granger, OT Terry Stoepel, DE Charlie Blossom and the Oilers 2nd choice in '71 . . . Started every game in 1977 . . . Number one in NFL in average catch (19.0), number two in yardage (led AFC) with 816 yards, and number 3 in TD passes . . . 32 career TDs as an Oiler average 52 yards per score . . . Holds team record for most consecutive games making pass reception (52) . . . Top performance in 1977 vs Bears, 6 receptions for 180 yards, and 2 TDs (85 and 43 yards) . . . 43 receptions last season averaged 19.0, with long gain 85 yards . . . '76 stats were 51 receptions for 932 yards and 7 TD's, longest was 67-yard TD pass against San Diego . . . Oilers top receiver past 4 years . . . Top performance in '76 was against the Chargers: 5 receptions for 136 yards and 2 TD's . . . Fifth leading

receiver in the AFC last year . . . . Despite being double covered all '76 season Burrough missed becoming the first receiver since the AFL-NFL merger to post back to back 1000-yard receiving seasons by 68-yards . . . . His 53 catches in '75 produced 1,063 yards and 8 TD's and an invitation to the Pro-Bowl . . . . Set two Pro-Bowl records; Most yards gained receiving, game, 96; Longest reception, 64-yards for a TD . . . . Oiler QB Dan Pastorini was the passer on the record passing play . . . . Had 5 games in '76 in which he caught passes for 90 yards or better, 2 over the 100 yard mark . . . . His 24 TD receptions since joining the Oilers average 52 yards per catch . . . . His scoring aeriels are: 62, 57, 52, 80, 3, 49, 25, 47, 22, 56, 77, 57, 59, 46, 68, 13, 75, 42, 67, 54, 53, 69, 16, 44, 85, 43, 41, 13, 48, 7, and 29 yards . . . . Was also used as a kickoff return man early in his NFL career, 23 returns for 455 yards.

**COLLEGE:** A stand-out athlete at Texas Southern . . . . All-American in both Football ('69 and '70) and Track . . . . All-SWAC '67, '69 and '70 . . . . 138 receptions for 1,912 yards during college career . . . . College All-Star and Senior Bowl Games . . . . Texas Southern University MVP Award 1969-70 . . . . New Pittsburgh Courier All-American Award 1970.

**PERSONAL:** Native of Jacksonville, Florida . . . . Quarterback and defensive back at William Raines High . . . . Hobbies include: tennis, golf, billiards and backgammon . . . . Burrough is also an avid amateur horticulturist . . . . Very active in Civic, Charity and Community affairs . . . . Campaign Chairman for the NAACP . . . . Board of Directors with the Leukemia Society of America, Inc. . . . . Jacksonville Pro Football Player of the Year Award, 1975 . . . . Houston Lawyers Ass. Award, 1975 . . . . Pat Neff Elementary School Leadership Award, 1975-76 . . . . Nickname: Double O . . . . Married to former Adrian Cooper of Ft. Worth, Texas, who graduated from Prairie View University. Resides in Houston.

## EARL CAMPBELL, RB

# 34



Texas

5-11      224

Born: March 29, 1955

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Drafted 1st, 1978

1977 Heisman Trophy winner . . . . Consensus All-American in 1977, four time first team All-Southwest Conference . . . . Rushed for 4,444 yards during college career, with top game vs defense minded Texas A & M in 1977, gained 222 yards . . . . Had three 200 plus yard games during career, and 18 times gained over 100 yards . . . . Majored in speech communications . . . . Born in Tyler, Texas.

## ROB CARPENTER, RB

# 26



Miami, Ohio

6-1      214

Born: April 20, 1955

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired: Drafted 3rd choice  
in 3rd round, 1977

**PRO** Started final 7 games, finished as second leading ground gainer with 652 yards. . . . Gained 149 yards vs Chiefs in top performance last season, also tallied 120 yards vs tough Oakland defense . . . . 77 yard run vs Chiefs longest gain via run by Oiler

last year. Named to NFL All-Rookie squad, top rookie ground gainer in AFC.

**COLLEGE:** Rushed for over 1,000 yards last past two seasons . . . . One of top rushers in schools history . . . . Played on three winning Tangerine Bowl teams . . . . MVP in East-West and Ohio Shriners All Star Games despite playing on losing team . . . . Honorable mention All-American as a Junior . . . . All Conference twice . . . . Mid American Player of the Week several times . . . . Led team in scoring two years . . . . Education major.

**PERSONAL:** Broke Rex Kern's total and single season yardage records at Lancaster High . . . . Rushed for 1556 yards Senior year including 300 in one game . . . . Named for Ernie-Godfrey Scholar-Athlete Award . . . . AP & UPI All State . . . . Pole Vaulter in high school . . . . hobbies include farming and carpentry . . . . Helped father construct home . . . . Married to former Georganne Heather Preier, of Lancaster, Ohio, who is a graduate of Ohio State University.

## DAVID CARTER, C



Western Kentucky

# 58

6-2 225

Born: November 27, 1953

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired: Drafted 2nd choice  
in 6th round, 1977

**PRO:** Played in all 14 games in rookie season, credited with one fumble recovery.

**COLLEGE;** Four year starter . . . . All-Ohio Valley Conference in junior year . . . . Played in North-South All-Star game . . . . Starter in Division II national playoffs in 1973-75 . . . . Was the long snapper for four straight years and never made a bad one . . . . Captain at Western Kentucky his senior season . . . . Education major . . . . Catcher on the baseball team at Western Kentucky for two seasons and was also the designated hitter . . . . Tied school record for most doubles in a season . . . . Credited as the team leader on the football squad.

**PERSONAL:** Won high school All-State honors at Lincoln High School in Vincennes, Indiana. Married to former Beth Minderman of Vincennes, Indiana. Beth has her degree from Indiana State in Special Education . . . . Resides in Houston.

## RONNIE COLEMAN, RB



Alabama A & M

# 47

5-10 198

Born: July 9, 1951

Year Oiler: 5

Year NFL: 5

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1974

**PRO:** Top Oiler ground gainer past 3 years, totaled 660 yards in 185 attempts (3.4 average, long gain 22) and 5 TD's in '77 . . . . Third leading receiver for second straight year with 22 catches for 115 yards (5.2 avg) and 1 TD . . . . rushed for over 100 yards vs Steelers (114) and Chiefs (101) in top efforts of '77 season . . . . 76 totals 684 yards on 171 attempts for a 4.0 average and 2 TD's . . . . Also the teams 3rd leading receiver, 39 catches for 228 yards and 3 TD's . . . . Returned 7 punts for 91 yards including a 69-yard scoring return against Cincinnati . . . . Top effort was 142 yards vs Tampa

Bay . . . . Started all but one game in '76 injured and missed contest with Oakland . . . . Oilers top rusher in '75, 790 yards.

**COLLEGE:** Standout athlete at Alabama A & M . . . . Football and baseball . . . . Team MVP, 1970, All-SIAC, 1970-71-72 and North Alabama MVP, 1970 . . . . Played and roomed with brother for two years in college, in one game Ronnie scored two TD's on offense while his borther, Percy, a middle linebacker, scored two on interceptions . . . . Received Bachelor of Science Degree in social studies.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Jasper, Alabama . . . . Shares birthday with O.J. Simpson . . . . Walker High, QB, RB, DB and LB . . . .Hobbies include: Bowling, diving, swimming, sledding, hunting and fishing . . . . Nickname: Bubble Eyes . . . . Recently honored when his hometown, Jasper, Ala. celebrated 'Ronnie Coleman Day' . . . . Marrried to the former Linda Means of Eutan, Ala. . . . The Colemans and their daughter Tiffany and son Karon Rashad make their home in Houston.

## **CURLEY CULP, MG**

# 78



Arizona State

6-1 265

Born: October 10, 1946

Year Oiler: 5

Year NFL: 11

How Acquired: Trade from Kansas City, 1974

**PRO:** Drafted by Denver, 2nd 1968 . . . . Traded by Broncos to Kansas City for 4th round draft choice, 1968 . . . . Traded with 1st round choice from Chiefs to Oilers for DT John Matuszak and a 3rd choice, 1974 . . . . Credited with 64 tackles, 24 assists, 3 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and ½ sack in 1977 . . . .All-Pro and Pro Bowl past three years and co-captain of AFC in 1977 . . . . Pro Bowl following 1971 season . . . . Led Oilers in sacks in '75, 11½ . . . . Named to just about every All-AFC and most All-Pro teams in '75 . . . . Selected the NFL's Outstanding Defensive Player by NEA and received the George Halas Trophy in '75 . . . . Played with Kansas City in Super Bowl victory over Minnesota in 1970 . . . . Played in AFC Championship game and the AFL All-Star game in '69.

**COLLEGE:** Two-sport standout at Arizona State . . . . All-America in football and NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion in '68 . . . . Named to the U.S. '68 Olympic wrestling squad . . . . Three time WAC wrestling champ . . . . Time and Sporting News All-America . . . . Captained ASU wrestling team and won All-America honors twice . . . . Student-Athlete of the Year Award . . . . Maintained near B average in business.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Yuma, Arizona . . . . Excellent paddle ball player . . . . One of ten children . . . . Strengthened body tossing 50-pound barrels on fathers farm . . . . Enjoys music . . . . Makes home in Houston.

## **BILL CURRIER, DB**

# 20



South Carolina

6-0 190

Born: January 5, 1955

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired:Drafted 9th, 1977

**PRO:** Started 11 games en route to NFL All Rookie team of '77 . . . . 42 tackles, 42 assists, 2 sacks, 1 forced fumble and 2 fumble

recoveries in initial season in NFL . . . . Also added 2 interceptions to his credit.

**COLLEGE:** Three year starter . . . . High among teams leading tacklers past two seasons . . . . Selected on All South Independent All Star squad . . . . Blue-Gray Game . . . . Active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes . . . . Regional representative for local FCA office . . . . Physical Education Major. . . . Bill and wife Katie reside in Houston.

## ABBY DAIGLE, KI

# 2



Oklahoma State

5-11 178

Born: March 13, 1955

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Majored in Recreation at Oklahoma State . . . . Played high school ball at Vidor, Texas . . . . Currently living in Houston.

## ANTHONY DAVIS, RB

# 23



Southern California

5-9 190

Born: September 8, 1952

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Trade from Tampa Bay, 1978

**PRO:** Came to the Oilers in May, '78 from Tampa Bay in straight trade that sent Don Hardeman to the Bucs . . . . In '77 rushed for 297 yards on 95 carries, 3.1 average and 1 TD, long gain of 35 . . . . Totaled 8 receptions last year for 91 yards, 11.4 average, 0 TD with longest reception 30 yards . . . . Returned 15 kickoffs for 277 yards, 18.5 average with long gain of 28 yards . . . . Played with Toronto of the Canadian Football League in '76, gaining an all-purpose total of 1,622 yards in 13 games (417 rushing on 104 attempts, 408 receiving, and returned 27 kickoffs for 701 yards, for an average of 26.0) . . . . Rushed for 1,200 yards on 239 carries with the Southern California Sun of the WFL in 1975. Gained an additional 381 yards on 40 pass receptions and scored 16 TDs.

**COLLEGE:** Gained 3,772 yards on 784 carries during college career, scoring 52 TDs . . . . Established 18 school records, nine Pac-10 records and four NCAA records . . . . One of few NCAA rushers to gain 1,000 yards three consecutive seasons . . . . Also lettered in baseball for USC's national championship team.

**PERSONAL:** Has collection of antique and sports cars . . . . Has various business interests in Los Angeles, where he resides in off season.

**JIMMY DEAN, DE****67**

Texas A &amp; M

6-4 252

Born: January 8, 1955

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired: Trade from Buffalo

Placed on injured reserve for entire '77 season following trade from Buffalo . . . . Played under Oiler coach John Paul Young while at Texas A & M . . . . Born in Bryan, Texas, January 8, 1955 and currently resides in Lake Charles, Texas.

**ANDY DORRIS, DE****69**

New Mexico State

6-4 240

Born: August 11, 1951

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 6

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977

**PRO:** Signed as free agent late in '77 season, saw action in final five Oiler games . . . . Recorded one sack and one forced fumble with Houston . . . . Played in all 14 games with New Orleans in '76, started last six, made 32 tackles, 21 unassisted with 5½ sacks . . . . As '75 starter for Saints, credited with 62 tackles . . . . Originally drafted by Cleveland Browns, number 4 in 1973, traded to St. Louis, and then to New Orleans in 1973.

**COLLEGE:** First team selection to All-Missouri Valley team in 1972 . . . . Recorded 4 quarterback sacks in one game . . . Team's MVP in 1972.

**PERSONAL:** Attended Bellaire (Ohio) High School . . . . Works with New Orleans Police Department during off-season . . . . Andy and wife Mary have two children, daughter Meridith and son Zach ages 6 and 3 . . . . Resides in New Orleans, La.

**ELBERT DRUNGO, OT****75**

Tennessee State

6-5 265

Born: April 30, 1943

Year Oiler: 10

Year NFL: 10

How Acquired: Drafted 3rd, 1969

**PRO:** 1 of 4 offensive players to see action in over 90% of offensive plays in '77 . . . . Started in all 14 outings in '76, has been a starter since second year with Oilers . . . . Plays on all FG and PAT teams . . . . Has played both guard and tackle during career . . . . Has recovered 4 fumbles, returned one KO in his career . . . . Named Oilers Outstanding Lineman in '71.

**COLLEGE:** All-Conference tight end for three years . . . . Played linebacker as a freshman . . . . All-America as a junior and senior . . . . Most Improved Player Award, '67 . . . . Royal Crown, Pitts-

burgh Courier and Ebony All-American selections . . . . Played with 1966 National Collegiate Champion Tennessee A & I . . . . Two-time winner of the W.A. Scott II Award presented by the Atlanta Daily World.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Columbus, Mississippi . . . . R.E. Hunt High, FB . . . . Hobbies: drawing and tennis . . . . Married to the former Deborah Louise McMichael of Springfield, Ohio . . . . Makes home in Hermitage, Tennessee. A member of Who's Who among Black Americans . . . . Was presented the Walter S. Davis Award at his alma mater's awards banquet following 1978 season.

## **TOM DUNIVEN, QB**

# 11



**Texas Tech**

**6-3 210**

**Born: May 20, 1954**

**Year Oiler: 2**

**Year NFL: 2**

**How Acquired: Claimed via waivers from Cincinnati, 1977**

**PRO:** Spent most of rookie season with Oilers on inactive reserve . . . . Saw action in one game, did not attempt a pass.

**COLLEGE:** Three year starter at Texas Tech. . . . Became fifth player in Texas Tech history to pass for more than 1,000 yards in 1975, hitting 72 of 125 passes for 1038 yards and 5 TD's . . . . Career completion average better than 55%.

**PERSONAL:** Born May 20, 1954 in Pampa, Texas . . . . Majored in advertising in college, Tommy is married and resides in McLean, Texas.

## **ED FISHER, OG**

# 60



**Arizona State**

**6-3 250**

**Born: May 31, 1949**

**Year Oiler: 5**

**Year: 5**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1974**

**PRO:** Saw action in every game of '77 season . . . . Signed as a free agent in 1973 by Kansas City . . . . Claimed on waivers by Oilers in '74 . . . . Started all 14 games in '76 . . . . Started 14 games in '75, his first full season at OG after playing with the defense in '74.

**COLLEGE:** All-Conference OT at Arizona State . . . . Received Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Stockton, California . . . . Lincoln High, OT and DT . . . . Hobbies: working with stain glass windows, racketball and restoring antiques . . . . Married to the former Nan Seidner of Chicago, Illinois, and resides in Phoenix, Arizona with daughter Erin.

**EDDIE FOSTER, WR****89****Houston****5-10 185****Born: June 5, 1954****Year Oiler: 1****Year NFL: 1****How Acquired: Drafted 8th, 1977**

**PRO:** Only rookie to start every game of '77 season . . . . 15 receptions for 208 yards (13.8 avg.), longest reception 56 yards vs Browns (2) . . . . Returned one KO for 31 yards.

**COLLEGE:** Led team in receiving, 25, and yards gained receiving, 520 . . . . Scored 2 TD's . . . . Longest reception 45 yards . . . . Played tight end last season after starting the two previous years at split end . . . . Played for Southwest Conference Champion . . . . Started in three Bowl Games . . . .

**PERSONAL:** Plays on Oiler Basketball team. Resides in Houston.

**ANTHONY FRANCIS, DB****40****Houston****6-0 195****Born: September 19, 1954****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Led nation in interceptions with 10 his junior year . . . . All-Southwest Conference and honorable mention All-America junior year . . . . Business technology student . . . . Also lettered in track in high school . . . . Born in San Antonio, Texas, currently resides in Houston.

**TONI FRITSCH, K****16****No College****5-7 195****Born: July 10, 1945****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 7****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977**

**PRO:** Led Oilers in scoring in 1978, 55 points . . . . Converted 12-16 FG attempts and 19-20 PAT's . . . . Participated in eight games in 1977, being hampered by hamstring pull vs Oakland last year . . . . Has also been with San Diego Chargers and Dallas Cowboys . . . . Star Austrian soccer player for eight years before being signed to NFL contract by Dallas, and in first football game he ever saw, kicked 45 and 49 yard field goals for Dallas in Cotton Bowl vs New Orleans August 14, 1971.

**COLLEGE:** None

**PERSONAL:** Born July 10, 1945 in Vienna, Austria . . . . Can speak four languages fluently; Austrian, German, French, English . . . . Before coming to America, Toni was importer-exporter of antiques in Vienna, and now lives in Dallas with wife Sonja, and children Hans and Sasha, . . .

**DAVID GRAY, DB**

**32**



**San Diego State**  
**6-0 185**  
**Born: March 28, 1955**  
**Year Oiler: Rookie**  
**Year NFL: Rookie**  
**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Also attended Oregon State University and East Los Angeles College . . . . Majored in psychology and sociology . . . . Born in San Diego, Currently resides in Los Angeles . . . . Nickname, Gray Ghost.

**TED HAND, C**

**66**



**Eastern Michigan U.**  
**6-2 250**  
**Born: July 10, 1951**  
**Year Oiler: 2**  
**Year NFL: 2**  
**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977**

Spent '77 season on injured reserve . . . . Played two seasons with the Hamilton Tigers in the Canadian Football League, and one with Detroit in the WFL . . . . Named to the CFL All-Star team in 1976 . . . . Went to camp with New England in 1974 . . . . Born in West Milford, New Jersey . . . . West Milford High in West Milford, N.J. . . . Has degree in business administration . . . . Makes home in Hazel Park, Mich. with wife and two children.

**CONWAY HAYMAN, G**

**70**



**Delaware**  
**6-3 260**  
**Born: January 9, 1949**  
**Year Oiler: 4**  
**Year NFL: 6**  
**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1975**

**PRO:** Saw action in 11 games starting 2 in '77. Drafted by Washington 6th round, 1971 . . . . Released by Redskins and signed by New England, 1972 . . . . Released by Patriots and signed by Los Angeles, 1974 . . . . Released by Rams and signed with Houston, 1975 . . . . Did not play in '71 taxied in '72 and '73 . . . . Started all 14 games for Oilers in '76 . . . . Was stand-out alternate and played on special teams in '75.

**COLLEGE:** Three-year letterman at Delaware . . . . All-MAC, All-East and All-America . . . . Also played basketball.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Newark, Delaware . . . . Newark High, end and tackle . . . . Brother Gary played with Seattle in '76 and Buffalo in '74 and '75 . . . . Hobbies: tennis, reading, writing, dancing, boxing and sewing . . . . Enjoys working with young people . . . . One of three elected 'Concerned Citizen of Columbia, 1973' . . . . Nickname; Earl . . . . Makes home in Houston.

**SCOTT HEWIT, DE****49**

North Dakota

6-1 225

Born: September 6, 1953

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

Under contract with Dallas Cowboys in 1975 . . . . Majored in Business Administration . . . . Married to former Mary Jane Berger of Bismarck, North Dakota, which is their current residence.

**FLOYD HOGAN, DB****30**

Year Oiler: Rookie

Arkansas

Year NFL: Rookie

Born: January 12, 1953

5-11 190

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Previously under contract with Cleveland in 1975 and Tampa Bay in 1977 . . . . 1975-76 with British Columbia in Canadian Football League . . . . Studied Agriculture . . . . Born in Mansfield, Texas and resides in Gilmer, Texas.

**JOHN HOUSMAN, RB****40**

Houston

6-3 208

Born: October 28, 1954

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977

**PRO:** Spent entire '77 season on injured reserve list.

**COLLEGE:** The seventh leading rusher in Cougar history with 1788 yards in three campaigns . . . . Named Outstanding Offensive Player in the '75 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl . . . . Best season was soph year, 988 yards gained rushing.

**PERSONAL:** A native of Killeen, Texas . . . . Two-time All-District player at Killeen High, also a straight A student and a member of the National Honor society. Resides in Houston.

**HARVEY HULL, LB****48**

Mississippi State

6-2 230

Born: August 9, 1955

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired: Drafted 10th, 1977

**PRO:** Placed on injured reserve for '77 season.

**COLLEGE:** Four year starter . . . . Made 76 solo tackles, 31 assists, 8 sacks and recovered 2 fumbles senior year . . . . Named first team all Southeastern Conference by A.P. & U.P.I. . . . . Second team

**KEVIN HUNT, T****72****Doane College****(Crete, Neb)****6-5 260****Born: November 29, 1948****Year Oiler: 6****Year NFL: 8****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1973**

**PRO:** Saw action in every game last season, starting 12 . . . Drafted by Green Bay 10th round, 1970 . . . Traded by Packers to New England of OG Bill DuLac, 1973 . . . Claimed on waivers from Patriots by Oilers, 1973 . . . Played in 13 games for Houston in '76, started 7 . . . Saw a lot of action on special teams . . . Was top backup OT in '75 . . . Started several games for Packers.

**COLLEGE:** NAIA Small College All-America . . . Also played baseball . . . Standout DT . . . Also a kicking specialist.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Framingham, Massachusetts . . . Wahconah Regional High in Dalton, Mass. . . . Drafted by the Minnesota Twins baseball team . . . Married to the former Joan Sahling of Woodriver, Nebraska . . . The Hunts reside in Houston and are the proud parents of twin daughters, Mandy and Kelly.

**RICHARD INGRAHAM, TE****49****Year Oiler: Rookie Texas****Year NFL: Rookie Born: January 6, 1956****6-2 245 Hou Acquired: Free Agent 1978**

Can play tight end and linebacker . . . Member of 1977 Southwest Conference championship team . . . Majored in Finance . . . Born in Harlingen, Texas and resides in Austin.

**AL JOHNSON, RB****15****Cincinnati****6-0 200****Born: June 17, 1950****Year Oiler: 7****Year NFL: 7****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1972**

**PRO:** Saw action in all 14 games last season . . . Excellent special teams performer . . . Returned 8 kickoffs for 150 yards in '76 . . . Played in 47 games in first four seasons with Oilers. Recovered fumble in '77 season.

**COLLEGE:** QB at Cincinnati . . . Most Improved Player, freshman year . . . Outstanding Offensive Back awards three years in a row . . . Co-captain . . . Sigma, Sigma Honorary Fraternity, Inc.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Baltimore, Maryland . . . Douglas High, HB, TE adn QB . . . Hobbies include, Home, music and cars . . . Nicknames: Dog, AJ and Lord Baltimore . . . Married to the former Cheryl Ann Kearney of Linden, New Jersey and has one son, Albert III . . . Resides in Missouri City, Texas.

**BUM SAYS,** "Al Johnson is one of the best special teamers I have ever seen in all the time I've been watching the game. He's 'Mr. Special Teams'. He can play for you anywhere, he's filled in at running back, wide receiver, and in the secondary. He'll do whatever you want him to do, plus he's such a great special teamer, I mean excellent and underline excellent."

All America. . . North-South and East-West All Star Games . . . .  
Led team with 90 primary tackles, 57 assists and 18 sacks Junior  
year . . . . U.P.I. Lineman of the Week after 15 unassisted tackle  
performance against Southern Mississippi . . . . Created fumble  
against Alabama sophomore year; recovered ball and scored on 45  
yard return . . . . Birmingham News Freshman All-SEC, two time  
MVP in High School . . . . Education Major.

**PERSONAL:** Married to the former Evette Weathers of Walnut  
Grove, Miss. and has one daughter, Olympia Aisha Evette.

## BILLY JOHNSON, WR

# 84



Widener

5-9 170

Born: January 21, 1952

Year Oiler: 5

Year NFL: 5

How Acquired: Drafted 15th, 1974

**PRO:** Led NFL in punt returns in '77, 35 for 539 yards (15.4 average, longest 87 yards) and 2 TD's . . . . Ranked 5th in NFL (3rd in AFC) in KO returns, 25 for 630 yards (25.2 average, longest 76 yards) and one TD . . . . 4th leading Oiler receiver in '77 with 4 receptions for 412 yards (20.6 average, longest 71 yards) and 3 TD's . . . . Averaged 19.0 yards on 6 rushing attempts, long gain 66 yard run vs Bears for TD . . . . All-time NFL leader in punt returns, 143 for 1963 yards (13.7 average) . . . . Combined career yardage for receptions, rushing, punt returns and KO returns is 6,650 yards on 412 plays for a 16.1 yard average every time he touches the ball . . . . 19 career TD's average 49.6 yards per score . . . . TD passes: 6, 29, 27, 9, 32, 34, 40, 71, 51, and 21 yards; Punt returns: 63, 52, 83, 87, and 72 yards; KO returns: 81 and 75 yards; Rushing: 47 and 61 yards . . . . Perhaps the best 15th round selection in the History of the NFL draft . . . . Played in all games last season. . . . NFL ranking in '76: Punt Returns, 11th (6th AFC); Kickoff Returns, 22nd (16th AFC); Pass Receiving, 15th (8th AFC). . . . Is the All-Time NFL punt return leader . . . . Co-holder of NFL record for most TD's scored on returns (punt and kickoff) in a season; 3 punts and 1 KO returned for TD's in 1975 . . . . Named to the Pro Bowl in '77 and '75 in '75 game, Johnson responded with a record shattering performance and was selected MVP; in 7 plays his offensive output was 263 yards, Pro-Bowl records: Most Yards Gained on Punt Returns, 159; Longest Punt Return, 90-yards; Tied the record for Most Punt Returns, Game, 4 . . . . He also returned 3 KO's for 74 yards . . . . Two-time Houston MVP in NEA poll . . . . Holds majority of Oiler punt and kickoff return records.

**COLLEGE:** Set 12 All-time Mid-Atlantic Conference records . . . . College Division All-America in '73 . . . . Two-time NCAA Division II rushing leader, 1,494 yards in '73 and 1,556 in '74 . . . . Tied for lead in points scored with 162 in '72 . . . . Career rushing average 8.8, 2,946 yards on 332 carries . . . . Last two years averaged 9.7 with 2,518 yards on 258 attempts . . . . Scored 63 career TD's including record 20 in '73 . . . . Career total offense was 3,737 yards and he scored in 25 consecutive games . . . . Also established 9 new all-time NCAA records . . . . Averaged 41.7 yards on his TD runs and scored every 7.7 times he touched the ball . . . . Shattered virtually all of Whizzer White's seemingly unapproachable all-time rushing records. Referred to in Phila. media as 'Billy Boxoffice'.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania . . . . Does outstanding work with young people . . . . Nick-names: 'Billy J. and Billy White Shoes' . . . . Resides in Houston with wife, the former Barbara De Shields, and two children, Marcia and Kendra.

**KEN KENNARD, MG****71****Angelo State University****6-2 245****Born: October 4, 1954****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977**

Saw action in every game last season . . . Recorded 3½ sacks and also was credited with a safety and one forced fumble . . . Performance as Oiler came as no surprise following outstanding career at Angelo State . . . Born October 4, 1954, in Ft. Worth, Texas and has kept his residence there.

**STEVE KINER, LB****57****Tennessee****6-1 225****Born: June 12, 1947****Year Oiler: 5****Year NFL: 8****How Acquired: Trade from New England, 1974**

**PRO:** Started all 14 contests in '77 and has not missed a game in past 4 seasons. Selected by Dallas 3rd round, 1970 . . . Traded from Cowboys to New England for 4th round choice, 1971 . . . Traded from Patriots to Miami for OT Bill Griffin, 1972 . . . Released by Dolphins and signed by Washington, 1972 . . . Claimed by New England on Waivers from Redskins, 1973 . . . Traded by Pats to Houston for 9th draft choice, 1974 . . . .5 QB sacks and forced 2 fumbles . . . A four year starter . . . Played in the '71 Sugar Bowl . . . Accounted for 68 tackles, 75 assists, 2 sacks last season . . . Also, 2 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries and one interception for 18 yard return.

**COLLEGE:** Two-time All-American . . . Southeastern Conference Soph of the year.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Sandstone, Minnesota . . . Hillsborough High in Tampa, Florida . . . Makes home in Houston.

**ERNEST KIRK, DE****79****Howard Payne****6-2 265****Born: April 14, 1952****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977**

**PRO:** Saw action in every '77 game, credited with ½ sack . . . . Joined the Oilers as a free agent in 1974 . . . Released by Houston prior to start of season . . . Signed with Edmonton Eskimos in the Canadian Football League in '75 . . . Started at two positions, DE and OG . . . Was leading tackler on team when moved to guard mid-way through season . . . Move was brought about by rash of

injuries on offensive line . . . . Was with Edmonton when they won the Grey Cup in '75.

**COLLEGE:** Three year starter . . . . All-Conference . . . . Second team Little All-American . . . . Leading tackler senior and junior year.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Marlin, Texas . . . . Hobbies: basketball, tennis and motorcycle riding . . . . Married to the former Adelia Mae Houston of Brownwood, Texas and has one son, Todd . . . . Resides in Houston, Texas.

### **KURT KNOFF, DB**



**Kansas**

**6-2 188**

**Born: April 6, 1954**

**Year Oiler: 2**

**Year NFL: 3**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977**

Obtained by Oilers late in '77 season . . . . Saw action in 3 games last year . . . . Previously with Denver Broncos . . . . A graduate of Kansas, Kurt is presently working on his master's degree in Administration at K.U. . . . . Resides in Lawrence, Kansas.

# 25

### **ERNEST KNOX, DE**



**Southern Methodist**

**6-2 240**

**Born: September 20, 1952**

**Year Oiler: 2**

**Year Oiler: 2**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977**

Placed on injured reserve for all of '77 season . . . . Was in camp with Kansas City in '75 . . . . Played with semi-pro Farris Wheels in '76 . . . . Played outside linebacker and defensive end . . . . Wharton Junior College, two years . . . . Four year performer at Southern Methodist . . . . Temple High, Temple, Texas . . . . Resides in Dallas.

# 67

### **SAMUEL LISLE, WR**

**Year Oiler: Rookie**

**Oklahoma State**

**Year NFL: Rookie**

**Born: May 12, 1955**

**6-2 190**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Three year starter at split end . . . . Received degree in physical education . . . . Born and resides in Oklahoma City.

# 88

### **BOBBY MATTHEWS, KI**

**Year Oiler: Rookie**

**North Texas State**

**Year NFL: Rookie**

**Born: May 23, 1952**

**5-11 210**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Has been under contract with three other NFL teams: Rams-'75, Chargers-'76, Browns-'77 . . . . Majored in physical education . . . . Married to former Deborah Kay Beck of Groesbeck, Texas . . . . Resides in Huntsville, Texas.

# 13

**ERNEST LEE, DE****62**

Texas

6-3 260

Born: January 11, 1956

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977

Attended summer camp with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1977 . . . . High school and college teammate with Earl Campbell . . . . Played on state championship team (Tyler High School) his senior year . . . . Born in Tyler, Texas, currently resides in Longview, Texas.

**CARL MAUCK, C****55**

Southern Illinois

6-4 250

Born: July 7, 1947

Year Oiler: 4

Year NFL: 10

How Acquired: Trade from San Diego, 1975

**PRO:** Selected by Baltimore 13th round, 1969 . . . . Released by Colts to Miami on waivers, 1970 . . . . Traded by Dolphins to San Diego for 4th round draft choice, 1971 . . . . Traded by Chargers to Houston for the negotiating rights to G. Booker Brown and DB Benny Johnson . . . . Was the starting center in all 14 outings last three seasons . . . . Superb leader both on and off the field . . . . Team captain . . . . Has started 97 consecutive NFL games . . . . Recovered one fumble for a TD in '72.

**COLLEGE:** Team Captain . . . . Spirit Award in senior year . . . . Graduated from Southern Illinois with honors, 4.57 out of a possible 5.0, in business management . . . . Had the highest grade point average among athletes, senior year at SIU.

**PERSONAL:** Native of McLeansboro, Illinois . . . . McLeansboro Township High, LB and C . . . . Hobbies: softball, raquetball and basketball . . . . Leading scorer on Oilers basketball team, averaging 26 points per game. Makes home in Houston with wife Vickie and their three children; Timmy, Christina and Teresa.

**JIM MOL, DE****68**

Morningside

6-6 245

Born: March 29, 1956

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Drafted 9th, 1978

Named defensive player of year at Morningside in 1977 . . . . Credited with 54 tackles, 48 assists and 12 sacks . . . . Recovered three fumbles . . . . Named to NCIAC All-Academic team in Junior and Senior years . . . . Born in Sioux Center, Iowa and resides in Houston.

**ZEKE MOORE, CB****22**

Lincoln

6-3 195

Born: December 2, 1943

Year Oiler: 12

Year NFL: 12

How Acquired: Drafted 5th, 1967

**PRO:** Played in every game last season, intercepting 3 passes and gaining 56 yards on the returns (18.7 average) 24 career interceptions. . . . Most experienced defensive back on the Oilers squad . . . . Started all 14 contests in 1976 . . . . Has played in 145 AFL-NFL games, all with Houston . . . . 35 tackles, 13 assists and 1 interception in '76 . . . . Has started at both cornerback and safety during career . . . . Oilers top interceptor in '75 . . . . Led AFL in KO returns and played in AFL championship game, 1967. . . . Played in '69 AFL All-Star game and the NFL Pro-Bowl in '71 and '72 . . . . Has returned 64 KO's for 1,618 yards (25.3) during career.

**COLLEGE:** All-Conference RB at Lincoln . . . . Also played basketball . . . .

**PERSONAL:** Born in Tuskegee, Alabama . . . . Tuskegee Institute High, RB . . . . Local Dodge-NFL Man of the Year Award in '75 . . . . Outstanding Achievement Award by the National Alliance of Businessmen . . . . Hobbies: basketball and softball . . . . Very active in community relations and various charitable organizations . . . . Married to the former Norma Jones of Houston; makes home in Houston with wife and four children, Tina, Eleska, Reginald and Ezekial III.

**DAVID MORGAN, RB****35**

Year Oiler: Rookie

Wharton Junior College

Year NFL: Rookie

Born: November 8, 1954

5-10 205

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Majored in accounting . . . . Married to former Carlene Chandler of Orange, Texas . . . . Born and resides in Orange, Texas.

**GIFFORD NIELSEN, QB****14**

Brigham Young

6-4½ 205

Born: October 25, 1954

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Drafted 3rd, 1978

1976 statistics: number one in passing yards (3,192), TD passes (29) and team passing yardage (307.8 per game). . . . Number two in total offense (265.4 yds. per game) and number four in completions per game (18.8) . . . . Top game in 1976 vs Southern Mississippi (31-23-2 for 445 yards, 3 TD's) . . . . Injured after four games in 1977 season . . . . Totals before injury were 155 attempts/98 completions for 1,167 yards with 3 interceptions, 16 TDs. . . . Threw 111 consecutive passes without an interception in 1977. Lettered in basketball Freshman and Sophomore years at BYU before concentrating strictly on football. . . . The 29 touchdowns in 1976 rank him number four on all-time NCAA single season mark, and his 3,192 yards that season have only been surpassed by four other players in collegiate history.

**PERSONAL:** Born in and played high school and college football in Provo, Utah . . . Married to the former Wendy Olson of Provo, and at time of this printing the Nielsens were expecting their second child . . . Oldest child is daughter Kacey.

## CLIFF PARSLEY, Punter

# 18



Oklahoma State

6-1 211

Born: December 26, 1954

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Trade from New Orleans, 1977

**PRO:** Punted for 39.4 average on 77 attempts in rookie season with the Oilers, longest punt was 55 yards . . . Had 12 punts inside opponents 20 yard line.

**COLLEGE:** First player in Big-Eight history to lead conference in punting three consecutive years, Cliff did it in each of his four years . . . Had career average of 42.7 on 234 punts . . . Named to all Big-Eight team 1974-75-76.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26, 1954 . . . Majored in advertising at Oklahoma State . . . Played tight end in high school and also lettered in track . . . Resides in Grandview, Mo.

## DANTE PASTORINI, QB

# 7



Santa Clara

6-3 205

Born: May 26, 1949

Year Oiler: 8

Year NFL: 8

How Acquired: Drafted 1st, 1971

**PRO:** Played in 14 games last season . . . Has been the Oilers starting QB since rookie season . . . Hampered by ankle injury suffered in fourth game of '77, but finished strong with three 200 plus yards gained passing: 246 yards (11 of 18, 2 TD's) vs Chicago; 237 yards (21 of 36, 1 TD) vs Seattle, 203 yards (11 of 27 2 TD's) vs Oakland . . . '77 season stats: 169 of 319 for 1987 yards, 53.0 comp. pct., 13 TD's 85t long . . . Three TD passes over 50 yards (85, 71 and 51) last season. . . In 1975 he piloted the Oilers to their best season since 1962, winning 10 and losing 4 barely missing the playoffs . . . Connected for a career high 14 TD's and 2053 yards in '75 . . . Selected to play in the Pro-Bowl in 1976, he responded with a record setting 64-yard TD pass to Oiler teammate Ken Burrough. In all Dan completed 5 of 12 for 133 yards.

**COLLEGE.** Finest quarterback in Santa Clara history, still holds most of schools passing records . . . Second team AP Little All-American, First team UPI Little All-Coast . . . Played in East-West Shrine game and Games MVP . . . Selected Most Valuable Back in Senior Bowl . . . Played in College All-Star game.

**PERSONAL:** Born on May 26, 1949 in San Francisco, California . . . Attended Bellarmine Prep in San Jose . . . All-League selection in football and baseball . . . MVP in California High School All-Star game . . . Drafted out of high school by the New York Mets . . . Serves on the Board of Directors for the National Leukemia Society of America . . . Works with the Easter Seal Foundation . . . Does a lot of work with various youth groups and charitable organizations.

**JEFFREY PERLINGER, DT****74**

Year Oiler: Rookie Michigan

Year NFL: Rookie Born: July 2, 1953

6-3 250

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Has been with Calgary Stampeders in 1976 and Philadelphia Eagles in 1977 . . . . Majored in Education . . . . Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and resides in Crystal, Minnesota.

**GERALD PETSCH, OT****58**

Year Oiler: Rookie Iowa State

Year NFL: Rookie Born: May 4, 1955

6-3 250

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

A graduate of Iowa State with degree in Industrial Education . . . . Played semi-pro football in Northern States League . . . . Born in Detroit, Michigan, currently resides in Ames, Iowa.

**WILLIE PHEA, RB****42**

Howard Payne

5-9 182

Born: December 16, 1955

Years Oiler: Rookie

Years NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Rushed for over 3,300 yards in collegiate career and scored nine TD's his final year . . . . Studied Business . . . . Born and resides in Bonham, Texas . . . . Nickname: Bambe.

**GEORGE REIHNER, G****64**

Penn State

6-4½ 263

Born: April 27, 1955

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired: Drafted 2nd, 1977

**PRO;** Saw action in 13 games, participated in over 90% of offensive plays in '77 . . . . Named to Pro Football Weekly's All Rookie Team.

**COLLEGE:** Was a defensive lineman freshman year . . . . Three year starter at tackle . . . . Played in four post season bowls: Orange, Sugar, Cotton, and Gator; was a starter in the last three . . . . played in Senior Bowl . . . . All East, A.P. & U.P.L. . . . Honorable mention All-American on several teams . . . . Tri-captain . . . . Health and Physical Education Major . . . . Outstanding high school athlete . . . . All State in football . . . . Captain of football and track squads . . . . 50 and 5 wrestling record . . . . Heavily recruited by Eastern and Mid-Eastern Colleges . . . . "George is not only a fine football player but a great young man and has most of his best football ahead of

him, and he will work to become a stronger player", praised Penn State Coach Joe Paterno . . .

**PERSONAL:** Born, Pittsburgh, Pa. and resides in Houston with wife Judy.

## MIKE REINFELDT, S

# 37



Wisconsin-Milwaukee

6-2 195

Born: May 6, 1953

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 3

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1976

**PRO:** Started every game of '77 campaign . . . Led team in interceptions with 5 (average return 15.6 yards, longest 30 yards). . . Credited with 46 tackles, 54 assists, 2 sacks and 1 fumble recovery . . . Signed as free agent by Oakland, 1975 . . . Sat out '75 season due to an ankle injury . . . Played in two games with '76 Raiders before being released and signed by Oilers . . . 2nd team on '76 All-Rookie squad.

**COLLEGE:** Four year starter . . . Captain in '73 and '74 . . . Voted Outstanding Performer in '74 . . . Established school record for career interceptions, 24, and single game mark, 4 . . . Scored 5 TD's during career, 2 on punt returns and 3 on interceptions returns . . . Received B.S. degree in business . . . Chancellors Award in '74.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Baraboo, Wisconsin . . . Baraboo High All-Conference and three year starter in football and basketball . . . All-Conference WR and CB on undefeated team . . . Hobbies: tennis, golf and real estate . . . Chairman of Captains Council, 1975 . . . Resides in Houston.

## MIKE RENFRO, WR

# 82



Texas Christian University

6-0 185

Born: June 19, 1955

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Drafted 4th, 1978

Son of former Cleveland Browns All-Pro Ray Renfro. Three time unanimous All-Southwest Conference. Most Valuable Player as Junior and Senior at TCU. Caught 162 passes for 2,739 yards and 17 touchdowns in his career, number and yards also SWC all-time records. Also holds SWC mark for most touchdowns in single season with 10. Holds eight TCU school marks. Winner of Davey O'Brien Award as TCU's most outstanding athlete. Caught eight passes for 161 yards against Baylor in 1976 when covered by KC's Gary Green, a number one pick last year. TCU receiver coach Charlie Frazier, a former Oiler, coached Renfro at TCU.

**PERSONAL:** Studied Business . . . Born and makes home in Ft. Worth, Texas.

**MOSE RISON, RB****21**

Year Oiler: Rookie

Central Michigan

Year Oiler: Rookie

Born: July 22, 1956

5-11 198

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Pursuing double major in Physical Education and History . . . .  
Born in Flint, Michigan and currently makes home there.

**REGGIE ROGERS, RB****36**

Year Oiler: Rookie

Cameron Jr. College

Year Oiler: Rookie

Born: June 15, 1955

6-0 180

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Also played football at Texas A & M . . . A native of Beaumont, Texas.

**CONRAD RUCKER, TE****87**

Southern

6-3 260

Born: November 15, 1954

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978



Used primarily as blocker in wishbone offensive alignment at Southern. Extremely strong, drafted as tight end but will see action at several line positions. Considered an outstanding athlete. Oiler scouts rate Rucker with top grades in intelligence and effort.

**PERSONAL:** A native of Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . Holds degree in Speech Communication . . . . Nickname: Hulk

**RONALD RUMMEL, QB****12**

Year Oiler: Rookie

Central Michigan

Year NFL: Rookie

Born: June 5, 1956

5-11 195

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Native of Saginaw, Michigan . . . . Majored in Elementary Education.

**GREG SAMPSON, T****73**

Stanford

6-6 270

Born: October 25, 1950

Year Oiler: 7

Year NFL: 7

How Acquired: Drafted 1st, 1972



**PRO:** Started all games in '77 (has started 49 of last 56 Oiler games . . . . Recovered fumble in '76 . . . . Played defensive tackle first two years with Houston . . . . AFC All-Rookie team in 1972.

**COLLEGE:** Started DE on Stanfords '71 and '72 Rose Bowl championship teams . . . . Named on several All-West Coast teams . . . Pro-Scouts All-America.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Bellingham, Washington . . . R.A. Millikan High in Long Beach, California . . . Hobbies: hunting, racquet ball and golf . . . Owns a Recreational Vehicle Park in Oceanside, California, which he operates during the off-season . . . Married to the former Kathy Price of Trinity, Texas . . . Makes home in Oceanside, Ca.

**BILLY SCHOTT, KI**

**3**

**Year Oiler: Rookie**      **Texas**

**Year NFL: Rookie**      **Born: October 14, 1952**

**6-8      185**      **How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

in camp with L.A. Rams in 1975 . . . . Played 1977 season with Austin Texans of American Football Association . . . . Has worked with Oilers Department of Photographic Services . . . . Born Austin, Texas, currently makes residence in Houston.

**JOHN SCHUMACHER, OG**

**62**



**Southern California**

**6-3½      275**

**Born: September 23, 1955**

**Year Oiler: Rookie**

**Year NFL: Rookie**

**How Acquired: Drafted 12th, 1978**

Three year letterman from Pasadena, California. A two year starter at strongside tackle. Helped anchor offensive line that led backs to 2,231 yards rushing in 1977.

**PERSONAL:** Outstanding golfer and bowler, also starred in baseball while in high school. Born in Salem, Oregon, currently resides in Los Angeles.

**BOBBY SIMON, OG**

**74**



**Grambling**

**6-5      265**

**Born: December 13, 1952**

**Year Oiler: 2**

**Year NFL: 2**

**How Acquired: Drafted 8th, 1976**

**PRO:** Spent last two years on injured reserved list with Houston.  
**COLLEGE:** A top offensive lineman at Grambling . . . . Has 4.8 speed in the 40 . . . . Was a top pass-protection blocker who earned the "Tag" watchdog for the QB's . . . . Won several Outstanding Lineman Awards . . . . Selected for the John G. and Most Durable Player Awards.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Mansfield, Louisiana . . . . De Soto High . . . . Hobbies: arts and crafts and fishing . . . . Resides in Houston, Texas.

**CHUCK SITTON, DB****31****Year Oiler: Rookie**      **Abilene Christian****Year NFL: Rookie**      **Born: January 2, 1956****6-1**      **192**      **How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Majored in Business . . . . Native of Abilene, Texas . . . . Can play safety or cornerback.

**RICH SOWELLS, DB****29****Alcorn A & M****6-0**      **180****Born: October 27, 1948****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 8****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977****PRO:** Saw action in 10 games last season with the Oilers after spending six years with the New York Jets . . . . Has ten career interceptions . . . . Co-holder of Jets team record for most interceptions in a single game, 3, vs Baltimore Colts, 1973 (returned one for 30 yard TD)**COLLEGE:** Twice chosen outstanding defensive back in SWAC as senior . . . . played in Orange Blossom Classic . . . . Majored in Business Administration.**PERSONAL:** Born Prairie View, Texas . . . . Married to former Anna Laura Hall; one son, Jeffrey . . . . Resides in Houston.**THOMAS STEELE, OG****61****Year Oiler: Rookie**      **Bowling Green State****Year NFL: Rookie**      **Born: April 15, 1955****6-3**      **257**      **How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Under contract with Hamilton Tiger Cats of CFL in 1977 . . . . Holds degree in Behavior Disorders . . . . Married to former Cindy Trychel of Toledo, Ohio . . . . Resides in Lancaster, Ohio.

**GREG STEMIRICK, CB****27****Colorado State****5-11**      **185****Born: October 25, 1951****Year Oiler: 4****Year NFL: 4****How Acquired: Free Agent, 1975****PRO:** Played in nine games last season . . . . Returned fumble recovery 5 yards for TD vs Pittsburgh (1), and intercepted one pass . . . . Played in all 14 games in '76, started 4 . . . . Made one interception . . . . Played in 11 games with Oilers in '75 . . . . Was with Chicago WFL in '74.**COLLEGE:** First team All-WAC . . . . Honorable mention All-American . . . . Selected Best Defensive Back . . . . Also played basketball.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . Lincoln Heights high . . . . Brother Ken Coaches at Oklahoma Christian . . . . Enjoys music . . . . Nickname: Stem . . . . Married to the former Pamela Crawford of Lincoln Heights, Ohio; one son, Gregory. . . . Makes home in Houston.

**CHARLES STEWART, DB**

**35**



**Southern**

**5-11 193**

**Born: March 19, 1956**

**Year Oiler: Rookie**

**Year NFL: Rookie**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

College teammate of Conrad Rucker . . . . Played high school ball at Houston Yates . . . . Majored in Physical Education at Southern . . . . Born and resides in Houston.

**ART STRINGER, OLB**

**53**



**Ball State**

**6-2 223**

**Born: January 30, 1954**

**Year Oiler: 2**

**Year NFL: 2**

**How Acquired: Drafted 9th, 1976**

**PRO:** Saw action in all 14 games last season . . . . Recovered 2 fumbles and intercepted one pass in '77; also returned one KO for 15 yards . . . . Selected in 9th round, 1976 . . . . Was on injured reserve in '76.

**COLLEGE:** First team All-MAC in '75 . . . . Three year starter . . . . Standout on special teams . . . . Has also played fullback.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Troy, Alabama . . . . All-State and All-America in high school . . . . Writes poetry as a hobby . . . . Makes home in Houston.

**STEVE STROPOLO, RB**

**41**

**Year Oiler: Rookie**

**Nicholls State**

**Year NFL: Rookie**

**Born: December 23, 1953**

**5-10 184**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Went to camp with Montreal of CFL in 1978 . . . . Returned punts and kickoffs in college . . . . Majored in Physical Education . . . . Married to former Lynn Breaux of Metairie, Louisiana . . . . Born in New Orleans, resides in Metairie, Louisiana.

**WILLIE THICKLEN, WR****80**

Alabama State

6-2 200

Born: November 10, 1954

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Drafted 11th, 1978

Spent two years at Ala. State after transferring from Southern Miss. '77 stats include 13 receptions for 327 yards (avg. 25.6) with long gain of 85 yards. Two year totals at Ala. State include 34 catches for 701 yards (20.1 avg.) and no TDs. Best game four catches for 182 yards. Willie has been nicknamed "Stick". . . . Majored in Management . . . . Native of Montrose, Alabama.

**TED THOMPSON, LB****51**

Southern Methodist

6-1 220

Born: January 17, 1953

Year Oiler: 4

Year NFL: 4

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1975

**PRO:** Saw action in all games last season . . . . Played in 12 games in '76 and 14 in '75 . . . . Has played both outside and in the middle . . . . Standout special teams performer . . . . Can also be used as a backup punter and placekicker.

**COLLEGE:** Three-year starting linebacker at Southern Methodist . . . . Academic All-SWC . . . . Captain . . . . Named on Outstanding College Athletes of America . . . . Also played baseball . . . . Received Bachelors Degree in business administration.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Atlanta, Texas . . . . Atlanta High, RB . . . . Hobbies: golf and guitar . . . . Enjoys playing basketball, softball and horseback riding . . . . Nickname: Silver . . . . Makes home in Houston.

**MORRIS TOWNS, T****76**

Missouri

6-4 275

Born: January 10, 1954

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired: Drafted 1st, 1977

**PRO:** Placed on injured reserve for remainder of season after participating in first four games.

**COLLEGE:** Became starter as a sophomore after moving from defense . . . . Tom Harmon's All-American Team . . . . Blue-Gray, Hula and Japan Bowls . . . . N.E.A. First Team All-American . . . . All-Big 8 selection . . . . Engineering Major . . . . Played one of his better games in victory over Nebraska.

**PERSONAL:** Vashon High-All State selection twice at defensive tackle . . . . Heavily recruited . . . . Likes all outdoor sports, fishing and enjoys basketball . . . . Morris and wife Iris reside in St. Louis Mo.

**GEORGE TURK, LB****85**

Year Oiler: Rookie

Texas Southern

Year NFL: Rookie

Born: January 20, 1956

6-4 230

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Played tight end and linebacker at TSU . . . Majored in Physical Education . . . Attended Houston Sterling High . . . Born and resides in Houston.

**MIKE VOIGHT, RB****31**

North Carolina

6-0 214

Born: February 28, 1954

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Claimed via waivers from Cincinnati, 1977

**PRO:** Averaged 19.5 yards on eight kickoffs for Oilers in rookie year, long gain of 34 yards . . . Excelled in all phases of special team assignments, credited with blocking a punt . . . Also used as running back, with 3.0 average gain on 7 carries.

**COLLEGE:** Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the year in 1975 and 1976 . . . Totaled 3,971 yards gained during college career . . . 1976 stats include 315 carries for 1,407 yards (4.4 average) and 18 TD's . . . Only ninth player in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards three consecutive seasons.

**PERSONAL:** Born February 28, 1954 in Norfolk, Virginia, Mike now makes his home in Chesapeake, Virginia . . . Suffered leg injury in auto accident following 1977 season which may keep Mike out of action this season.

**GREGORY WARREN, TE****48**

Southern Illinois

6-6 235

Born: January 19, 1955

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Majored in Law Enforcement . . . Nickname: "Daddy of Deepness" . . . Born and resides in East Chicago, Illinois.

**TED WASHINGTON, LB****59**

Mississippi Valley

6-1 245

Born: February 16, 1948

Year Oiler: 5

Year NFL: 6

How Acquired: Traded from Jets, 1974

**PRO:** Selected by Kansas City 17th round, 1972 . . . Released by Chiefs and signed by New York Jets, 1974 . . . Traded from Jets to Houston for C Warren Koegel, 1974 . . . A four year starter . . . Led team in fumble forced (4), credited with 84 tackles, 42 assists, 3½ sacks and 2 fumble recovered last season. . . Credited with 82 tackles, 37 assists, 5½ sacks and 2 forced fumbles in '76 . . . Led Oilers in sacks in '74 with 11 . . . Oilers second leading tackler in '75; 96 tackles, 23 assists, 2½ sacks, 3 interceptions and recovered 4 fumbles . . . A most proficient special teams player.

**COLLEGE:** 1st team All-SWAC in 1971-72 . . . All SWAC in '69 and '70 at middle guard and tackle . . . Named Outstanding Defensive Player in the first Black All-Star game in Houston in '71 . . . Outstanding Defensive Player in the SWAC in '71 . . . AP All-American third team in '72 . . . Captain junior and senior years . . . Participated in Track . . . Received Bachelor of Science degree in physical education.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Tampa, Florida . . . Middleton High in Tampa and Tuskegee High in Tuskegee, Alabama, played OT and DT . . . Enjoys hunting and fishing . . . Married to the former Jennifer Oliver of Tuskegee, Alabama . . . The Washingtons have three children, Michelle, Phebe, and LaWanda, and reside in Tuskegee, Alabama.

## CHARLIE WEATHERBIE, QB

# 17



Oklahoma State

6-2 190

Born: January 17, 1955

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

In camp with Cleveland Browns in 1977 . . . Received degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation . . . Married to former Leann Jonas of Stillwater, Oklahoma and has one son, Lance . . . Born in Sedan, Kansas and resides in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

## MIKE WEGER, S

# 86



Bowling Green

6-2 200

Born: October 2, 1945

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 11

How Acquired: Free Agent, 1976

**PRO:** Played in 11 games in '77, placed on injured reserve final three games . . . Credited with 1 forced fumble last year . . . Selected by Detroit 9th round, 1967 . . . Played out option and signed with Houston, 1976 . . . Started in four outings for Houston in '76 before being sidelined for the season with an injury . . . Has earned his reputation as one of the NFL's top air-policemen . . . Played in 108 games with the Lions . . . 17 career interceptions and 5 fumbles recoveries . . . Has scored two TD's in career; 27-yard interception return and 52-yard fumble recovery and return . . . Intercepted 3 passes in game against Chicago in '68 . . . Named AP Player of the Week several times during career and honorable mention All-Pro twice.

**COLLEGE:** All-Conference and All-American . . . HB and DB . . . Participated in track program . . . Was Bowling Greens first All-American . . . Received Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Sherman, Texas . . . . Bowling Green (O.) High, FB . . . . Father was a music professor at SMU . . . . Hobbies include: horses, guitar, furniture building and refinishing, wood carving, writing poetry, gardening and golf . . . . Awards include; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, B.G.S.U. Outstanding Citizen Award and Outstanding Young Men in America, 1971 . . . . Nickname: Wegs . . . . Married to the former Sharon Barkham of Rochester, Michigan . . . . The Wegers and their two children, Kurtis and Brian, reside in Oxford, Michigan.

**C.L. WHITTINGTON, S**

**38**



**Prairie View A & M**

**6-1 200**

**Born: August 1, 1952**

**Year Oiler: 5**

**Year NFL: 5**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1972**

**PRO:** Spent entire '77 season on injured reserve . . . . A two-year starter, led the Oilers in interceptions in '76, 5 for 103 yards . . . . Made 64 tackles, assisted on 35 and recovered 3 fumbles; scored on a 96-yard fumble recovery return against New Orleans . . . . Was a high school coach when presented with the opportunity to try out with Houston. . . . Rookie year he played tight end, wide receiver, running back, linebacker and defensive back . . . . The following year he settled in at safety and since coming under coach Bum Phillips tutelage is rapidly developing into one of the premier free safeties in the NFL . . . . Considered among the elite as a special teams player; is nearly always the first man down under punts and kick-offs.

**COLLEGE:** All Conference . . . . Played defensive back and linebacker . . . .

**PERSONAL:** Born in Beaumont, Texas . . . . Charlton-Pollard High, LB and TE . . . . Makes home in Houston.

**JACKIE WILLIAMS, DB**

**39**

**Year Oiler: Rookie Texas A & M**

**Year NFL: 1 Born: January 13, 1954**

**5-10 180 How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Spent part of '76 season with Buffalo Bills . . . . Also under contract with 49'ers, Chiefs and Cardinals . . . . Majored in Marketing . . . . Born in Dallas, currently resides in Plano, Texas.

**THOMAS WILLIAMS, LB**

**50**

**Year Oiler: Rookie Angelo State**

**Year NFL: Rookie Born: October 3, 1951**

**6-0 230 How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978**

Spent 1974 season with Winnipeg of CFL . . . . Majored in Physical Education . . . . Born and resides in San Angelo, Texas . . . . Married to former Gail Parker of San Angelo, they have one child, Tamara Nicole.

**JAMES WILSON, DB****33****Pittsburgh****6-0 177****Born: March 11, 1956****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Drafted 8th, 1978**

Named to AP and UPI All-East teams in 1976 and 1977. Credited with 37 tackles and 19 assists in 1977. Returned two interceptions for 35 yards. Excellent special teams performer, usually the first man down on kickoff and punt returns.

**PERSONAL:** Enjoys horseback riding as favorite hobby. . . . Majored in Economics . . . . Born and resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

**JERREL WILSON, Punter****44****Southern Mississippi****6-2 222****Born: October 4, 1941****Year Oiler: 0****Year NFL: 16****How Acquired: Trade from Kansas City**

**PRO:** Acquired from Kansas City following 16 year career with the Chiefs as one of premier punters in the history of the NFL . . . . Holds NFL records for most punts in a career (1,018) and also for most career yards punting (44,218) . . . . Tied for most punting titles won in a career with Sammy Baugh, (4) . . . . Won punting titles in 1965 (45.4), 1968 (45.1), 1972 (44.8), and 1973 (45.5) . . . . Longest punt of career came in his rookie year, 1963, against San Diego, traveling 72 yards . . . . Was named to the all-time American Football League team by the Pro Football Hall of Fame . . . . Early in his career with Chiefs, saw action as running back.

**COLLEGE:** Attended Southern Mississippi, and besides being top punter, was also used as center and linebacker while in college.

**PERSONAL:** Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jerrel and his wife Bonnie and three children now reside near Huntsville, Texas . . . . Hobbies include hunting, fishing, golf, ranching.

**TIM WILSON, RB****45****Maryland****6-3 220****Born: January 14, 1954****Year Oiler: 1****Year NFL: 1****How Acquired: Drafted 1st choice in 3rd round, 1977**

**PRO:** Third leading rusher in '77 for Oilers, 343 yards on 99 attempts (3.5 average long gain 16) with 3 TD's . . . . 20 receptions for 107 yards (5.4 yard average, long gain 17). Returned 2 KOs for 16.5 average.

**COLLEGE:** Was primarily the blocking back in Maryland's "I" . . . . Gained 610 yards on 138 carries and scored 6 TD's, 4.4 average . . . . Has played at both Up and Tailback spots . . . started Gator and Cotton Bowls . . . . Played in Liberty and Senior Bowls . . . . Gained 398 yards on 82 carries, 4.9 average, and scored 3 TD's . . . . Bench presses 315 lbs. . . . . Had 5.4 rushing average sophomore season . . . . much sought after following brilliant high school career at DeLaWarr High in New Castle, Delaware . . . . Scored 19 TD's, 7.3 average, 1134 yards his senior season . . . .

**GARY WOOLFORD, CB**

**24**



**Florida State**

**6-0 178**

**Born: May 4, 1954**

**Year Oiler: 1**

**Year NFL: 1**

**How Acquired: Drafted 1st choice in 6th round, 1977**

**PRO:** Placed on injured reserve for entire '77 campaign.

**COLLEGE:** Started collegiate career at Western Illinois before transferring to Florida State after sophomore season . . . . starter both years at Florida State and was highest graded defensive player both seasons. . . . Has played all positions in secondary . . . . started senior campaign as defensive back but was moved to wide receiver when team was hit with a rash of injuries . . . . caught five passes, rushed for 44 yards . . . . played in All-American Bowl.

**JAMES YOUNG, DE**

**77**



**Texas Southern**

**6-2 260**

**Born: July 8, 1950**

**Year Oiler: 2**

**Year NFL: 2**

**How Acquired: Free Agent, 1977**

**PRO:** Tied NFL record by recording 2 safeties in '77 . . . . Led team with 7½ sacks, credited with 51 tackles and 59 assists. . . . Went to camp with the Washington in 1976 after playing the 1975 season with Oklahoma City in the Continental League.

**PERSONAL:** Played at Wheatly High before attending TSU . . . . A native Houstonian, James works for the Houston Fire Department during off season . . . . James and wife, Joyce have two children, James and Terrance.

**STEPHEN YOUNG, TE**

**81**



**Wake Forest**

**6-4 223**

**Born: March 30, 1956**

**Year Oiler: Rookie**

**Year NFL: Rookie**

**How Acquired: Drafted 10th, 1978**

Led Atlantic Coast Conference with 51 receptions (school record) in 1977 for 483 yards and three touchdowns. . . . Also holds school record with 12 receptions in one game (vs Purdue) . . . . Finished in top ten nationally in receiving in 1977 . . . . First team All-ACC in 1976 and 1977, second leading receiver in ACC in 1976. . . . Career totals 108 catches for 1,173 yards and six touchdowns. Long gain was 55 yards for TD. Also lettered in basketball at Wake Forest his Sophomore and Junior years after being named All-State in football and basketball in high school (Gaithersburg, Md.).

**PERSONAL:** Born in Akin, South Carolina, currently resides in Gaithersburg, Md.

# HOUSTON OILERS' FINAL 1977 TEAM STATISTICS

OILERS	TEAM STATISTICS	Opponent				
226	TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	246				
112	Rushing	103				
91	Passing	124				
23	Penalty	19				
67-219	Third Down Efficiency	62-204				
3873	TOTAL NET YARDS	3944				
276-6	Avg. Per Game	281.7				
857	Total Plays	906				
4.5	Avg. Per Play	4.4				
1998	NET YARDS RUSHING	1802				
142.7	Avg. Per Game	128.7				
509	Total Rushes	522				
3.9	Avg. Per Rush	3.5				
1875	NET YARDS PASSING	2142				
134.0	Avg. Per Game	153.0				
23-232	Tackled/Yards Lost	32-289				
2107	Gross Yards	2431				
347-181	Attempts/Completions	379-192				
522	Pct. of Completions	507				
21	Had Intercepted	26				
77-39.3	PUNTS/AVERAGE	79-39.8				
36-15.0	PUNT RETURNS/AVERAGE	46-7.4				
46-22.5	KICKOFF RETURNS/AVERAGE	63-21.1				
1-20.0	MISC. TETURN/AVERAGE	0-0				
26-16.5	INTERCEPTIONS/AVG. RETURN	21-12.0				
106-835	PENALTIES/YARDS	97-776				
30-17	FUMBLES/BALL LOST	39-28				
36	TOUCHDOWNS	26				
15	Rushing	11				
14	Passing	12				
7	Returns	3				
29-34	EXTRA POINTS/ATTEMPTS	24-26				
16-25	FIELD GOALS/ATTEMPTS	16-22				
299	TOTAL POINTS	230				
SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
OILERS . . . . .	37	111	61	90	0	299
Opponents . . . . .	58	70	28	71	3	230

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
COLEMAN	185	660	3.4	22	5	
CARPENTER	144	652	4.5	77	1	
WILSON	99	343	3.5	16	3	
HARDEMAN	45	152	3.4	18	2	
B. JOHNSON	6	102	17.0	61t	1	
PASTORINI	16	39	2.4	15	2	
VOIGHT	7	20	2.9	6	0	
BURROUGH	4	19	4.8	28	0	
HADL	3	11	3.9	6t	1	
OILERS TOTALS	509	1998	3.9	77	15	
Opp. Totals	522	1802	3.5	40	11	
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PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
PARSLEY	77	3030	39.3	9	12	55
OILERS TOTALS	77	3030	39.3	9	12	55
Opp. Totals	79	3143	39.8	6	22	60
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INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
REINFELDT	5	78	15.6	30	0	
BRAZILE	3	40	13.3	16	0	
ALEXANDER	3	111	37.0	95t	1	
MOORE	3	56	18.7	34	0	
WASHINGTON	3	26	8.7	19	0	
BINGHAM	2	36	18.0	30	0	
CURRIER	2	0	0.0	0	0	
CULP	1	25	25.0	25	0	
STRINGER	1	20	20.0	20	0	
STEMRICK	1	18	18.0	18	0	
KINER	1	18	18.0	18	0	
KIRK	1	2	2.0	2	0	
OILERS TOTALS	26	430	16.5	95t	1	
Opp. Totals	21	253	12.0	48t	1	

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
BURROUGH	43	816	19.0	85t	8
CARPENTER	23	156	7.1	27	0
COLEMAN	22	115	5.2	21	1
JOHNSON	20	412	20.6	71t	3
WILSON	20	107	5.4	17	0
GILES	17	147	8.6	17	0
FOSTER	15	208	13.8	56	0
HARDEMAN	11	47	4.3	9	1
BARBER	9	94	10.4	23	1
GARRISON	1	5	5.0	5	0
<b>OILERS TOTAL</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>2107</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>85t</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Opp. Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>2431</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>11</b>

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
B. JOHNSON	35	8	539	15.4	76t	2
STEMRICK	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>OILERS TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>76t</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Opp. Totals</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
B. JOHNSON	25	630	24.2	76t	1
ANDERSON	8	182	22.8	44	0
VOIGHT	8	156	19.5	34	0
WILSON	2	33	16.5	18	0
FOSTER	1	31	31.0	31	0
STRINGER	1	15	15.0	15	0
THOMPSON	1	9	9.0	9	0
<b>OILERS TOTALS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>76t</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opp. Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1331</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Avg./Att.
PASTORINI	318	169	1969	.530	6.17
HADL	24	11	76	.458	3.26
COLEMAN	3	1	44	.333	14.66
BURROUGH	1	0	0	.000	0.0
JOHNSON	1	0	0	.000	0.0

#### PASSING con't.

TD	Pct. TD	Int.	Pct. Int.	LG	Lost/Att.	Rating
13	4.0	18	5.6	85t	21-207	62.6
0	0-0	3	12.5	18	1-17	
1	3.3	0	0.0	44t	0-0	
0	0-0	0	0.0	0	0-0	
0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0-0	

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	FG	PAT	TF
FRITSCH				12-16	19-20	55
BURROUGH	0	0	0			48
B. JOHNSON	1	3	3			42
COLEMAN	5	1	0			36
DEMPSEY	0			4-6	8-11	20
HARDEMAN	2	1	0			18
WILSON	3	0	0			18
PASTORINI	2	0	0			12
ALEXANDER	0	0	1			6
BARBER	0	1	0			6
BINGHAM	0	0	1			6
MOORE	0	0	1			6
CARPENTER	1	0	0			6
HADL	1	0	0			6
STEMRICK	0	0	1			6
YOUNG-KENNARD						4-2
OTHERS				0-3	2-3	2
<b>OILERS TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16-25</b>	<b>29-34</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Opp. Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16-22</b>	<b>24-26</b>	<b>230</b>

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
FRITSCH	1-1	5-6	5-6	1-2	0-1
DEMPSEY	0-0	3-3	1-2	0-1	0-0
<b>Opp. Totals</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7-7</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>1-2</b>
<b>OTHERS OILERS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>



**INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE LEADERS**  
**1975 - 1978**  
**(14 Game Totals)**

<b>TACKLES</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>
Bingham	95	100	110
Brazile	92	82	75
Washington	84	82	96
Alexander	72	42	49
Kiner	68	87	93
Culp	64	69	86
Young	51	—	—
Reinfeldt	46	—	—
Currier	42	—	—
<b>ASSISTS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>
Bingham	95	91	75
Brazile	77	75	63
Kiner	75	70	45
Young	59	—	—
Reinfeldt	54	—	—
Currier	42	—	—
Washington	42	37	23
Alexander	27	—	—
Culp	24	42	28
<b>SACKS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>
Young	7½	—	—
Brazile	5	6½	7½
Washington	3½	5½	2½
Kennard	3½	—	—
Bingham	2½	2	—
Bethea	2	14½	10
Kiner	2	5	2
Reinfeldt	2	—	—
Currier	2	—	—
Moore	1	—	—
Dorris	1	—	—
Baumgartner	1	—	—
Culp	½	7	11½
Kirk	½	—	—
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>
Reinfeldt	5	1	—
Brazile	3	1	—
Alexander	3	—	3
Moore	3	1	5
Washington	3	—	3
Bingham	2	2	4
Currier	2	—	—
Culp	1	—	—
Stringer	1	—	—
Stemrick	1	1	—
Kiner	1	—	—
Kirk	1	—	—
<b>FUMBLES FORCED</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>
Washington	4	2	2
Culp	3	3	6
Bingham	2	2	—
Brazile	2	2	2
A. Johnson	2	—	—
Kiner	2	2	—
Alexander	2	—	—
Six Players	1	—	—
<b>FUMBLES RECOVERED</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>
Burton	3	—	—
Thompson	2	—	—
Culp	2	2	3
Currier	2	—	—
Moore	2	—	—
Baumgartner	2	—	—
Kiner	2	—	—
Stringer	2	—	—
Nine Players	1	—	—





**HOUSTON OILER  
CAREER STATISTICS**

## PLAYER'S CAREER STATISTICS

### WILLIE ALEXANDER

Year	CAREER INTERCEPTIONS				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1971	4	74	18.5	0	36
1972	1	16	16.0	0	16
1973	3	3	1.0	0	3
1974	2	56	28.0	0	29
1975	3	41	13.7	0	32
1976	0	0	0	0	0
1977	3	111	37.1	1	95t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>95</b>

Additional statistics: Recovered two fumbles for 27 yards, 1972

### WARREN ANDERSON

Returned eight kickoffs for 182 yards, 22.8 average in 1977.

### MIKE BARBER

1977 totals included nine receptions for 94 yards and one TD.

### STEVE BAUMGARTNER

Recovered two fumbles and credited with a sack during 1977 with Houston.

### ELVIN BETHEA

Recovered two fumbles, 1970; recovered five fumbles, 1972; recovered one fumble, 1973; recovered two fumbles for 38 yards and one TD, 1974; scored one safety, 1975; recovered two fumbles for four yards, year 1976; recovered one fumble and credited with one forced fumble in '77.

### GREGG BINGHAM

Year	CAREER INTERCEPTIONS				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1973	2	22	11.0	0	18
1974	4	36	9.0	0	18
1975	4	57	14.3	0	26
1976	2	18	9.0	0	15
1977	2	36	18.0	0	30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>

Additional statistics: recovered one fumble, 1974; recovered three fumbles, 1976.

### ROBERT BRAZILE

Recovered five fumbles for 18 yards, 1975; intercepted one pass for eight yards, 1976; intercepted 3 passes for 40 yards.

### KEN BURROUGH

Year	CAREER RECEIVING				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1970 (N.O.)	13	196	15.1	2	35
1971 (Hou)	25	370	14.8	1	62t
1972 (Hou)	26	521	20.0	4	80t
1973 (Hou)	43	577	13.4	2	49t
1974 (Hou)	36	492	13.7	2	51
1975 (Hou)	53	*1063	20.1	8	77t
1976 (Hou)	51	932	18.2	7	69
1977 (Hou)	43	**816	19.0	8	85t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>4968</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>85t</b>

\* - denotes led the NFL

\*\* - denotes led the AFC

Additional statistics: Returned 15 kickoffs for 298 yards, 1970; returned eight kickoffs for 157 yards, 1971.

## ROB CARPENTER

Rushed for 652 yards on 144 attempts last season. Receiving yardage 156 on 23 catches. (Both totals good for second place in team figures.)

## DAVID CARTER

Recovered one fumble in 1977.

## RONNIE COLEMAN

### CAREER RUSHING

Year	TC	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1974	52	193	3.7	1	37
1975	175	790	4.5	5	46t
1976	171	684	4.0	2	39
1977	185	660	3.4	5	22
Totals	583	2327	3.9	13	46t

### RECEIVING

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1974	4	9	2.3	0	7
1975	18	129	7.2	0	15
1976	39	228	5.8	3	19
1977	185	660	3.4	5	22
Totals	583	2327	3.9	13	19

### KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1974	3	91	30.3	0	39
1975	8	149	18.6	0	27
1976	None				
1977	None				
Totals	11	240	21.8	0	39

### PUNT RETURNS

Year	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	TD.	LG.
1975	1	0	0	.0	0	0
1976	7	2	91	13.0	69t	1
1977	None					
Totals	8	2	91	11.4	69t	1

Additional statistics. Recovered one fumble, 1976.

## CURLEY CULP

Recovered one fumble, 1970; recovered two fumbles for four yards, 1972; recovered two fumbles, 1973; recovered three fumbles for 38 yards and one TD, 1975; recovered two fumbles, 1976; recovered two fumbles in 1977.

## BILL CURRIER

1977 totals: two interceptions, 42 tackles, 42 assists, two sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, and one forced fumble.

## ANTHONY DAVIS

297 yards rushing on 95 attempts, eight receptions for 91 yards, 15 kickoff returns for 277 yards (1977 statistics compiled at Tampa Bay).

## ANDY DORRIS

Recorded one sack and one forced fumble in '77 with Houston, with New Orleans in 1976 totaled 5½ sacks.

## ELBERT DRUNGO

Recovered one fumble, 1969; returned one kickoff for 25 yards, 1970; recovered three fumbles for seven yards, 1973; recovered two fumbles, 1976.

## EDDIE FISHER

Recovered one fumble, 1975; recovered two fumbles, 1976.

## EDDIE FOSTER

15 receptions for 208 yards in 1977.

## TONI FRITSCH

Year	Team	Games	PAT/AH	FG/AH	PAT	LONG
1971	Dallas	2	2-2	5-8	17	46
1972	Dallas	14	36-36	21-26	99	54
1973	Dallas	13	43-43	18-28	97	37
1974	Injured-Did	Not Play				
1975	Dallas	14	38-40	22-35	104	43
1976	San Diego	5	11-14	6-12	29	48
1977	Houston	8	19-20	12-16	55	46
	Totals	56	149-155	84-125	401	54

## AL JOHNSON

Year	CAREER RUSHING				
	TC	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1972	11	13	1.2	0	7
1973	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
1974	None				
1975	None				
1976	None				
1977	None				
Totals	12	10	0.8	0	7

Year	RECEIVING				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1972	6	24	4.0	0	16
1973	None				
1974	None				
1975	None				
1976	None				
1977	None				
Totals	6	24	4.0	0	16

Additional statistics: Returned two punts for no yards, returned seven kickoffs for 154 yards, recovered one fumble for four yards, 1972; returned eight kickoffs for 150 yards, 1976; recovered one fumble and credited with two fumbles forced.

## BILLY JOHNSON

Year	CAREER RECEIVING				
	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1974	29	388	13.4	2	44
1975	37	393	10.6	1	30
1976	47	495	10.5	4	40
1977	20	412	20.6	3	71t
Totals	133	1688	12.7	10	71t

Year	PUNT RETURNS					
	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1974	30	3	409	13.6	0	49
1975	40	1	612	15.3	3	83t
1976	38	9	403	10.6	0	46
1977	35	8	539	15.4	3	87t
Totals	143	21	1961	13.7	6	87t

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1974	29	785	27.1	0	67
1975	33	798	24.2	1	81t
1977	25	630	24.2	1	76t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2792</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81t</b>

**RUSHING**

Year	TC	Yards	Ave.	TD	LG
1974	5	82	16.4	1	47t
1975	5	17	3.4	0	19
1976	6	6	1.0	0	6
1977	6	102	17.0	1	61t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61t</b>

**COMBINED RETURN YARDAGE**

Year	P-Ret	KO-Ret	Total
1974	409	785	1194
1975	612	798	1410
1976	403	579	982
1977	539	630	1169
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>2792</b>	<b>4755</b>

**COMBINED YARDAGE**

(Rush - Receiving - P-Ret - KO-Ret)

Year	Total Plays	Rush Yds	Rec. Yds.	P-Ret. Yds.	KOR Yds.	Total Yds.	Avg. Per Play	TD's	LG
1974	93	82	388	409	785	1664	17.9	3	67
1975	115	17	393	612	798	1820	15.8	5	83t
1976	117	6	495	403	579	1483	12.7	4	53
1977	86	102	412	539	630	1683	19.5	7	87t
<b>Totals</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>2792</b>	<b>7650</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>87t</b>

Additional statistics: Recovered one fumble for four yards, 1972.

**KEN KENNARD**

Recorded 3½ sacks, 1 safety, 1 forced fumble in 1977.

**STEVE KINER****CAREER INTERCEPTIONS**

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1970 (Dal)	1	28	28.0	0	28
1971 (N.E.)	4	25	6.3	0	25
1973 (N.E.)	None				
1974 (Hou)	1	34	34.0	0	34
1975 (Hou)	2	7	3.5	0	7
1976 (Hou)	None				
1977	1	18	18.0	0	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>

Additional statistics: Recovered one fumble for two yards, 1971; recovered one fumble for eleven yards and scored on a safety, 1973; recovered one fumble, 1975; recovered one fumble for six yards, 1976.

**CARL MAUCK**

Recovered three fumbles for minus three yards and one TD, 1972; recovered one fumble, 1973.

**ZEKE MOORE****CAREER INTERCEPTIONS**

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1967	0	0	0.0	0	0
1968	0	0	0.0	0	0

1969	4	71	17.8	1	51t
1970	6	85	14.2	0	32
1971	3	29	9.7	0	26
1972	0	0	0.0	0	0
1973	0	0	0.0	0	0
1974	2	38	19.0	1	22t
1975	5	137	27.4	0	74
1976	1	28	28.0	0	28
1977	3	56	18.7	0	34
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>74</b>

Additional statistics: Recovered two fumbles, 1969; recovered one fumble 1972 and 73; recovered two fumbles 1977.

## CLIFF PARSLEY

77 punts for 3030 yards, 39.3 average, long 55.

## DAN PASTORINI

### CAREER PASSING

Year	Att	Comp	Pct	Yards	TD	LG	Int	Avg. Gain
1971	270	127	.470	1702	7	62t	21	6.3
1972	299	144	.482	1711	7	82t	12	5.7
1973	290	154	.531	1482	5	50	17	5.1
1974	247	140	.566	1571	10	65	10	6.4
1975	342	163	.477	2053	14	77t	16	6.0
1976	309	167	.540	1795	10	67t	10	5.8
1977	318	169	.530	1969	13	85t	18	6.17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2075</b>	<b>1064</b>	<b>.512</b>	<b>12283</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>85t</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>5.9</b>

### RUSHING

Year	TC	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1971	26	140	5.4	3	27
1972	38	205	5.4	2	17
1973	31	102	3.3	0	17
1974	24	-6	-0.2	0	7
1975	23	97	4.2	1	19
1976	11	45	4.1	0	11
1977	16	39	2.4	2	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>

### PUNTING

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	B1
1971	73	3044	40.6	62	1
1972	82	3381	41.2	63	2
1973	27	1087	40.3	59	0
1975	62	2447	39.5	68	0
1976	70	2571	36.7	74	0
1977	None				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>12530</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3</b>

Additional statistics; Recovered three fumbles, 1971; recovered two fumbles for minus 10 yards, 1972; recovered three fumbles for minus 37 yards, 1973; recovered four fumbles for minus 17 yards, 1974; recovered four fumbles, 1975.

## MIKE REINFELDT

Made one interception for 19 yards, recovered two fumbles, 1976 lead team in interceptions with 5 in '77, recovered one fumble.

## GREG SAMPSON

Recovered one fumble, 1976.

## RICH SOWELLS

10 career interceptions while with New York Jets.

## ART STRINGER

Recovered two fumbles in 1977, returned one kickoff 15 yards and one interception 20 yards.

## GREG STEMRICK

Returned three kickoffs 59 yards, 1974; recovered one fumble, 1975-1976. Returned fumble 5 yards for TD in Oiler win over Steelers in 1977; returned interception for 18 yards in 1977.

## TED THOMPSON

Returned one kickoff for minus five yards, recovered one fumble, 1975; recovered two fumbles in 1977.

## MIKE VOIGHT

Returned eight kickoffs 156 yards, seven rushing attempts for 20 yards, and blocked a punt in 1977.

## TED WASHINGTON

Recovered two fumbles, 1974; recovered four fumbles, 1975; recovered one fumble, 1976; intercepted 3 passes for 26 yard, recovered 1 fumble in '77.

## MIKE WEGER

### CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1967 (Det)	0	0	0.0	0	0
1968 (Det)	5	50	10.0	0	18
1969 (Det)	3	44	14.7	0	25
1970 (Det)	5	52	10.4	1	29t
1971 (Det)	1	16	16.0	0	16
1972 (Det)	0	0	0.0	0	0
1973 (Det)	2	20	10.0	0	12
1974 (Det)	INJURED - DID NOT PLAY				
1975 (Det)	1	23	23.0	0	23
1976 (Hou)	None				
1977 (Hou)	None				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29t</b>

Additional statistics: Recovered two fumbles, 1969; recovered one fumble, 1970; recovered two fumbles, one for a 52 yard touchdown, 1971; recovered one fumble, 1975.

## C.L. WHITTINGTON

### CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1974	None				
1975	1	5	5.0	0	5
1976	5	103	20.6	0	50
1977	Injured-Did Not Play				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>

Additional statistics: Recovered one fumble, returned three kickoffs 7 yards, 1974; recovered one fumble, returned one kickoff for no yards, 1975; recovered three fumbles for 96 yards, including one for 96 yard touchdown.

## JERREL WILSON

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long
1963 Kansas City	60	2628	43.8	72
1964 Kansas City	77	3292	42.8	70
1965 Kansas City	68	3132	46.0	64
1966 Kansas City	61	2715	43.8	69
1967 Kansas City	41	1739	42.4	59
1968 Kansas City	63	2841	45.1	70

1969 Kansas City	68	3022	44.4	61
1970 Kansas City	76	3415	44.9	61
1971 Kansas City	64	2865	44.8	61
1972 Kansas City	66	2960	44.8	61
1973 Kansas City	80	3642	45.5	61
1974 Kansas City	83	3462	41.7	61
1975 Kansas City	54	2233	41.4	61
1976 Kansas City	65	2729	42.0	61
1977 Kansas City	88	3510	39.9	71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>44185</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>71</b>

### **TIM WILSON**

Gained 343 yards on 99 rushing attempts, 20 receptions for 107 yards, 2 kickoffs for 33 yards and 3 TD's (all 1977 season totals).

### **JAMES YOUNG**

Recorded two safeties in 1977 (ties All-Time NFL Record-Safeties)

## 1978 HOUSTON OILER NUMERICAL ROSTER

10 - BURROUGH, Ken	49 - INGRAHAM, Richard
2 - DAIGLE, Abby	50 - WILLIAMS, Thomas
7 - PASTORINI, Dan	51 - THOMPSON, Ted
11 - DUNIVEN, Tom	52 - BRAZILE, Robert
12 - RUMMEL, Ronald	53 - STRINGER, Art
13 - MATHEWS, Bobby	54 - BINGHAM, Greg
14 - NIELSEN, Gifford	55 - MAUCK, Carl
15 - JOHNSON, Al	56 - PETSCH, Gerald
16 - FRITSCH, Toni	57 - KINER, Steve
17 - WEATHERBIE, Charlie	58 - CARTER, David
18 - PARSLEY, Cliff	59 - WASHINGTON, Ted
19 - ALEXANDER, Willie	60 - FISHER, Ed
20 - CURRIER, Bill	60 - ALLEN, Luther
21 - RISON, Mose	61 - STEELE, Thomas
22 - MOORE, Zeke	62 - SCHUHMACHER, John
24 - WOOLFORD, Gary	63 - BAUMGARTNER, Steve
25 - KNOFF, Kurt	64 - KNOX, Ernest
26 - CARPENTER, Rob	64 - REIHNER, George
27 - STEMRICK, Greg	65 - BETHEA, Elvin
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29 - SOWELLS, Rich	67 - DEAN, Jimmy
30 - HOGAN, Floyd	67 - BROOKS, David
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47 - COLEMAN, Ronnie	86 - BARBER, Mike
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BARBER, Mike . . . . .	BAR-BER
BARRETT, Oliver . . . . .	BEAR-IT
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MAUCK, Carl . . . . .	MOCK

AOL, Jim	MALL
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MORGAN, David	MORE-GUN
NIELSEN, Giffird	KNEEL-SEN
PARSLEY, Cliff	PARS-LEE
PASTORINI, Dan	PASS-TOR-REEN-EE
PERLINGER, Jeffrey	PURR-LYNN-GER
PETSCH, Gerald	PETSCH
PHEA, Willie	PHAY
REIHNER George	REEN-ER
REINFELDT, Mike	RINE-FELDT
RENFRO, Mike	WREN-FRO
RISON, Mose	RYE-SUN
ROGERS, Reggie	RODG-ERS
RUCKER, Conrad	RUC-KER
RUMMELL, Ron	RUM-MLE
SAMPSON, Greg	SAMP-SON
SCHUMACHER, John	SHOE-MACH-ER
SCHOTT, Billy	SHOT
SIMON, Bobby	SI-MON
SITTON, Chuck	SIT-TON
SOWELLS, Rich	SOW-ELLS
STEELE, Thomas	STEEL
STEMRICK, Greg	STEM-RICK
STEWART, Charles	STEW-ERT
STRINGER, Art	STRING-HER
STROPOLO, Steve	STRO-PO-LO
THICKLEN, Willie	THICK-LEN
THOMPSON, Ted	TOMP-SON
TOWNS, Morris	TOWNS
TURK, George	TURK
VOIGHT, Mike	VOIT
WARREN, Gregg	WAR-EN
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WEATHERBIE, Charlie	WEATH-ER-BIE
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YOUNG, Stephen	YOUNG

# HOUSTON OILERS ALL-TIME COACHES ROSTER

Head Coaching Years Underlined  
Current Coaches in Boldface

Coach	Years
Armstrong, Neill	.1962-63
Baugh, Sammy	. <u>1964-65</u>
Beatty, Bruce	.1973
Biles, Ed	.1974-78
Boghosian, Sam	.1974-75
Bourgeois, Andy	.1973-78
Breaux, Don	.1972
Bugel, Joe	.1977-78
Carpenter, Lew	.1973-74
Childress, Joe	1966-67-68-69-70
Conkright, "Red" W.F.	.1963-64
Devore, Hugh	1966-67-68-69-70
Dickson, George	.1971
Dry, F.A.	1966-67-68-69-70
Durden, Earnel	.1973
Gambold, Bob	.1978
Ettinger, "Red Dog" John	.1964
Gillman, Sid	. <u>1973-74</u>
Henning, Dan	.1972
Hill, King	.1971-78
Hughes, Ed	. <u>1971</u>
Ivy, Frank (Pop)	. <u>1962-63</u>
Lemm, Wally	<u>1960-61-66-67-68-69-70</u>
Madro, Joe	.1972-73-74
McCullough, Ken	.1976
McFadin, "Bud" Lewis	1966-67-68-69-70
Miller, Burnie	.1971-73
Peccatiello, Larry	.1972-75
Peterson, Bill	. <u>1972-73</u>
Petitbon, Richie	.1974-77
Phillips, O.A.	.1974-78
Phillips, Wade	.1976-78
Polsfoot, Fran	1968-71; 1975-76
Rice, George	.1975-76
Robinson, Wayne	.1966-67
Rymkus, Lou	. <u>1960-61-65</u>
Schlinkman, Walt	1960-61-62-63-65-66-67-68 69-70-71-76
Shipp, Ken	.1977-78
Simpson, Jackie	.1972
Smith, Jerry	.1972
Speedie, Mac	.1960-61
Spencer, Joe	1961-62-63-64-65
Steber, John	.1964
Taylor, "Bones" Hugh	.1964- <u>65</u>
Wallner, Fred	.1960-61
Woolley, Joe	.1973-75
Yowarsky, Walt	.1971
Young, John Paul	.1978
Zwahlen, Ernie	.1971

## HOUSTON OILERS 1978 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	NFL EXP.	BIRTHDATE	BIRTHPLACE	COLLEGE	RESIDENCE	GAMES IN '77
*36	ADAMS, William	LB	6-0	220	R	8-8-53	Dallas, TX	Howard Payne	Brownwood, TX	0
19	ALEXANDER, Willie	CB	6-3	195	8	9-29-41	Montgomery, AL	Alcorn U.	Houston, TX	14
*60	ALLEN, Luther	DE	6-6	285	R	4-19-53	Murfreesboro, TN	Tennessee St.	Murfreesboro, TN	0
*46	ANDERSON, Richard	TE	6-2	228	R	9-15-54	Frankfurt, Germany	Salem College	Alexandria, VA	0
*83	ANDERSON, Warren	WR	6-2	195	2	7-3-55	Williamsburg, VA	W. Virginia St.	Houston, TX	8
*86	BARBER, Mike	TE	6-3	235	2	6-4-53	White Oak, TX	La. Tech	Houston, TX	13
*61	BARRETT, Oliver	LB	6-1	240	R	2-13-56	Corpus Christi, TX	Texas Southern	Corpus Christi, TX	0
*63	BAUMGARTNER, Steve	DE	6-7	275	5	3-26-51	Chicago, IL	Purdue	New Orleans, La	6
*65	BETHEA, Edwin	DE	6-2	255	11	3-1-46	Trenton, NJ	N. Carolina A & T	Houston, TX	9
54	BINGHAM, Gregg	MLB	6-1	230	6	3-13-51	Chicago, IL	Purdue	Houston, TX	14
*52	BRAZILE, Robert	OLB	6-4	238	4	2-7-53	Pineblad, AL	Jackson State	Houston, TX	14
*67	BROOKS, David	T	6-4	290	R	3-8-55	San Diego, CA	Angelo State	San Angelo, TX	0
*68	BRYANT, David	OG	6-3	265	R	9-30-55	Newark, NJ	E. Texas St.	Newark, NJ	0
*00	BURROUGH, Ken	WR	6-3	210	9	7-14-48	Jacksonville, FL	Texas Southern	Houston, TX	14
*34	CAMPBELL, Earl	RB	5-11	224	R	3-29-55	Tyler, TX	Texas	Houston, TX	0
*26	CARPENTER, Rob	RB	6-1	214	2	4-20-55	Lancaster, OH	Miami (O)	Lancaster, OH	11
*58	CARTER, David	C	6-2	225	2	11-27-53	Vincennes, IN	Western Kentucky	Houston, TX	14
*47	COLEMAN, Ronnie	RB	5-11	198	5	7-9-51	Jasper, AL	Alabama A & M	Houston, TX	14
*78	CULP, Curley	MG	6-1	265	11	10-10-46	Yuma, AZ	Arizona State	Houston, TX	14
*20	CURRIER, Bill	DB	6-0	190	2	1-5-55	Glen Burnie, MD	Southern Carolina	Houston, TX	14
*2	DAIGLE, Abby	KI	5-11	178	R	3-13-55	Vidor, TX	Oklahoma St.	Houston, TX	0
*23	DAVIS, Anthony	RB	5-9	190	2	9-8-52	San Fernando, CA	Southern Cal	Houston, TX	0
*67	DEAN, Jimmy	DE	6-4	252	1	1-8-55	Bryan, TX	Texas A & M	Los Angeles, CA	0
*69	DORRIS, Andy	DE	6-4	240	6	8-11-51	Bellaire, OH	New Mexico St.	Lake Jackson, TX	0
*32	DRUNGO, Elbert	G	6-5	265	10	4-30-43	Columbus, MS	Tennessee State	New Orleans, LA	5
*41	DUNIVEN, Tom	QB	6-3	210	2	5-20-54	Pampa, TX	Texas Tech	Hermitage, TN	14
*60	FISHER, Ed	G-C	6-3	250	5	5-31-49	Stockton, CA	Arizona State	McLean, TX	1
*89	FOSTER, Eddie	WR	5-10	185	2	6-5-54	Houston, TX	Houston	Scottsdale, AZ	14
*40	FRANCIS, Anthony	DB	6-0	195	R	9-19-54	San Antonio, TX	Houston	Houston, TX	14
*16	FRITSCH, Tom	K	5-7	195	7	7-10-45	Vienna, Austria	None	Houston, TX	0
*32	GRAY, David	DB	6-0	185	R	3-28-55	San Diego, CA	San Diego St.	Dallas, TX	8
*66	HAND, Ted	C	6-2	250	1	7-10-51	West Milford, NJ	Eastern Michigan	Hazel Park, MI	0
*70	HAYMAN, Conway	T	6-3	260	5	1-9-48	Newark, DE	Delaware	Houston, TX	13
*49	HEWITT, Scott	DE	6-1	225	R	9-6-53	Bismarck, ND	North Dakota	Bismarck, ND	0
*30	HOGAN, Floyd	DB	5-11	190	R	1-12-53	Mansfield, TX	Arkansas	Gilmer, TX	0
*48	HOUSMAN, John	RB	6-3	208	1	10-28-54	Killeen, TX	Houston	Houston, TX	0
*72	HULL, Harvey	LB	6-2	230	1	8-9-55	Walnut Grove, MA	Mississippi St.	Houston, TX	0
*49	HUNT, Kevin	T	6-5	260	8	10-29-48	Burlington, VT	Doane (Neb.)	Houston, TX	14
*15	INGRAHAM, Richard	TE	6-2	245	7	1-6-56	Hawkingen, TX	Texas	Austin, TX	0
*84	JOHNSON, Al	DB	6-0	200	7	6-17-50	Baltimore, MD	Cincinnati	Houston, TX	14
*71	KENNARD, Billy	WR	5-9	170	5	1-21-52	Marcus Hook, PA	Widener	Houston, TX	14
*57	KINER, Steve	MLB	6-2	245	2	10-4-54	Ft. Worth, TX	Angelo State	Ft. Worth, TX	14
*79	KIRK, Ernest	DE	6-2	225	8	6-12-47	Sandstone, MN	Tennessee	Houston, TX	14
*25	KNOFF, Kurt	DB	6-2	265	2	4-14-52	Marlin, TX	Howard Payne	Houston, TX	14
*67	KNOX, Ernest	DE	6-2	188	3	4-6-54	E. Grand Forks, MN	Kansas	Lawrence, KS	3
*62	LEE, Ernest	DE	6-2	245	2	9-20-52	Temple, TX	SMU	Dallas, TX	0
*88	LISLE, Samuel	DE	6-3	260	1	1-11-56	Tyler, TX	Texas	Longview, TX	0
*13	MATTHEWS, Bobby	K	6-2	190	R	5-12-55	Oklahoma City, OK	Oklahoma St.	Oklahoma City, OK	0
*55	MAUCK, Carl	C	5-11	210	10	5-23-52	Marlin, TX	No. Texas St.	Huntsville, TX	0
*68	MOL, Jim	DE	6-4	250	10	7-7-47	McLeansboro, IL	Southern Illinois	Houston, TX	14
*22	MOORE, Zeke	CB	6-5	245	R	3-29-56	Sioux Center, IA	Morningside	Houston, TX	0
*35	MORGAN, David	RB	6-3	195	12	12-2-43	Tuskegee, AL	Lincoln	Houston, TX	14
*18	NIELSEN, Gifford	QB	6-4½	205	R	11-8-54	Orange, TX	Wharton J.C.	Orange, TX	0
*14	PARSLEY, Cliff	P	6-1	205	R	10-25-54	Provo, UT	Bingham Young	Houston, TX	0
*7	PASTORINI, Dan	QB	6-3	211	2	12-26-54	Kansas City, MO	Oklahoma State	Grand View, MO	14
*74	PASTORINGER, Jeffrey	DT	6-3	205	8	5-26-49	Somora, CA	Santa Clara	Houston, TX	14
*58	PETSCH, Gerald	OT	6-3	252	R	7-2-53	Minneapolis, MN	Michigan	Crystal, MN	0
*42	PHEA, Willie	RB	5-9	182	R	5-4-55	Detroit, MI	Iowa St.	Ames, IA	0
*64	REIHER, George	G	6-4	263	2	12-16-55	Bonham, TX	Howard Payne	Bonham, TX	0
*37	REINFELDT, Mike	DB	6-4	195	3	4-27-55	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State	Houston, TX	13
*82	RENFRO, Mike	WR	5-11½	184	3	5-6-53	Bababoro, WI	Wisconsin (Mwk)	Houston, TX	14
*21	RISON, Mose	RB	5-11	184	R	6-19-55	Ft. Worth, TX	T.C.U.	Ft. Worth, TX	0
*26	ROBERTSON, David	RB	5-11	198	R	5-15-55	Flint, MI	Central Mich.	Flint, MI	0

73	R	6-6	270	7	12-25-50	Stanford	Central Mich.	Saginaw, MI	Oceanside, CA	14
3	T	5-8	185	R	10-14-52	Univ. of Tex			Houston, TX	0
62	OG	6-3 1/4	275	R	9-23-55	Southern Cal.			Los Angeles, CA	0
74	OG	6-5	265	2	12-13-52	Grambling			Houston, TX	0
31	DB	6-1	192	R	1-2-56	Abilene Christian			Abilene, TX	0
29	DB	6-0	185	8	10-27-48	Alcorn State			Huntsville, TX	10
27	CB	5-11	185	4	10-25-51	Colorado State			Houston, TX	9
61	OG	6-3	257	R	4-15-55	Bowling Green St.			Lancaster, OH	0
35	DB	5-11	193	R	3-19-56	Southern Univ.			Houston, TX	0
53	ILB	6-1	223	2	1-30-54	Ball State			Houston, TX	14
41	RB	5-10	184	R	12-23-53	Nicholls St.			Metairie, LA	0
80	WR	6-2	200	R	11-10-54	Alabama St.			Montrose, AL	0
51	OLB	6-1	220	4	1-17-53	SMU			Houston, TX	14
76	T	6-4	275	1	1-10-54	Missouri			Houston, TX	14
85	LB	6-4	230	R	1-20-56	Texas Southern			Houston, TX	0
31	RB	6-0	214	2	2-28-54	No. Carolina			Chesapeake, VA	14
48	TE	6-6	235	R	1-19-55	So. Illinois			E. Chicago, IL	0
59	OLB	6-1	245	6	2-16-48	Miss. Valley			Tuskegee, AL	14
17	QB	6-2	190	R	1-17-55	Oklahoma St.			Stillwater, OK	0
86	DB	6-2	200	11	10-2-45	Bowling Green			Detroit, MI	11
38	DB	6-1	200	5	8-1-52	Prairie View			Houston, TX	0
39	DB	5-10	180	R	1-13-54	Texas A & M			Plano, TX	0
50	LB	6-0	230	R	10-3-51	Angelo St			San Angelo, TX	0
33	DB	6-0	177	R	3-11-56	Pittsburgh			Cleveland, OH	0
44	P	6-2	222	15	10-4-41	Southern Miss.			Huntsville, TX	0
45	RB	6-3	220	2	1-14-54	Maryland			College Park, MD	10
24	CB	6-0	178	1	5-4-54	Florida State			Joliet, IL	0
77	DE	6-2	260	2	7-8-50	Texas Southern			Houston, TX	13
81	TE	6-4	223	R	3-30-56	Wake Forest			Gaithersburg, MD	0

# OPPONENTS



## NOTES

# DENVER BRONCOS

American Conference, Western Division

August 5, at the Astrodome - 8 p.m. CDT (Pre-Season)

5700 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado 80216

Chairman of the Board:  
Gerald H. Phillips

General Manager:  
Fred Gehrke

Head Coach:  
Robert "Red" Miller

Public Relations Director:  
Bob Peck



Office Phone: (303) 623-8778

Mile High Stadium

Capacity: 75,087

1977 Record: 12-2 (Defeated Pittsburgh 34-21 in American Conference Divisional Playoffs; Defeated Oakland 20-17 in American Conference Championship; Lost to Dallas 27-10 in Super Bowl XII.)

Coaching Staff: Red Miller (2nd year), Joe Collier, Stan Jones, Paul Roach, Ken Gray, Fran Polsfoot, Babe Parilly, Marv Braden, Richie McCabe, Bob Zeman.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices: Round 1 - Don Latimer DT Miami; Bill Gay TE Southern Cal.; Round 8 - Frank Smith T Alabama.

## LAST SEASON

Site - The Astrodome

Winner - Denver, 24-14

Attendance - 51,455 SRO

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing - Otis Armstrong, 130 for 489 yards, 3.8 average, 35 long, 4 TD.

Passing - Craig Morton (4th in NFL), 131 of 254 for 1929 yards, 14 TD, 8 interceptions.

Receiving - Riley Odoms, 37 for 429 yards, 33 long, 3 TD.

Punting - Bucky Dilts, 90 for 3525, 63 long, 39.2 long.

Interceptions - Billy Thompson, 5 for 122 yards, 38 long, 0 TD.

Punt Returns - Rick Upchurch (5th in NFL), 51 for 653 yards, 12.8 average, 87t long, 1 TD.

Kickoff Returns - Rick Upchurch, 20 for 456 yards, 22.8 average, 32 long, 0 TD.

Scoring - Jim Turner (10th in NFL among Kickers), 13-19 FG, 31-34 PAT, 1 TD, 76 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs. Denver

First Meeting: Saturday, August 5, at Houston. The Broncos will headquarter at Stouffer's-Greenway Plaza and the Broncos public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, August 2. Telephone number is (713) 629-1200.

# PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

National Conference, Eastern Division

August 14, at The Astrodome (Pre-Season)

Borad Street and Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19148

Owner and President:  
Leonard H. Tose

General Manager:  
Jim Murray

Head Coach:  
Dick Vermett

Public Relations Director:  
Jim Gallagher



Office Phone: (215) 463-2500

Veterans Stadium

Capacity: 66,052

1977 Record: 5-9

Coaching Staff: Dick Vermeil, (3rd year), Fred Bruney, Marion Campbell, Chuck Clausen, Dick Coury, Bill Davis, Ken Iman, Bill McPherson, Duane Putnam, Johnny Roland, Chuck Bednarik.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices: Round 3 - Reggie Wilkes LB Georgia Tech; Round 4 - Dennis Harrison T Vanderbilt; Round 5 - Norris Banks RB Kansas.

## LAST SEASON

Philadelphia and Houston did not play.

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing — Mike Hogan, 155 for 546 yards, 3.5 average, 19 long, 0 TD.

Passing — Ron Jaworski, 166 of 346 for 2183 yards, 18 TD, 21 interceptions.

Punting — Spike Jones, 93 for 3463 yards, 68 long, 37.2 average.

Interceptions — John Sanders, 6 for 122 yards, 45 long and Herman Edwards, 6 for 9 yards, 6 long.

Punt Returns — Larry Marshall (9th in NFL) 46 for 489 yards, 10.6 average, 48 long, 0 TD.

Kickoff Returns — Wilbert Montgomery (3rd in NFL) 23 for 619 yards, 26.9 average, 99t long, 1 TD.

Scoring — Harold Carmichael, 7 TDP, 42 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs Philadelphia

First Meeting: Monday, August 14 at Houston. The Eagles will headquarter at Stouffers-Greenway Plaza and the Eagles public relations representative will check in on Thursday, August 10. Telephone number is (713) 629-1200.

# DALLAS COWBOYS

## National Conference, Eastern Division

August 19, at Texas Stadium - 8 P.M. CDT (Pre-Season)

5116 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75206

Chairman of the Board:

Clint W. Murchison, Jr.

President and General Manager:

Texas E. Schram

Head Coach:

Tom Landry

Public Relations Director:

Doug Todd

Office Phone: (214) 369-8000



Texas Stadium

Capacity: 65,101

1977 Record: 12-2 (Defeated Chicago 37-7 in National Conference Divisional Playoffs, Defeated Minnesota 23-6 in National Conference Championship, Defeated Denver 27-10 in Super Bowl XII.)

Coaching Staff: Tom Landry (19th year), Jim Myers, Ermal Allen, Mike Ditka, Dan Reeves, Gene Stallings, Ernie Stautner, Jerry Tubbs, Bob Ward.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices: Round 1 - Larry Bethea DE Michigan State; Round 2 - Todd Christensen RB Brigham Young; Round 3 - David Hudgens DE Oklahoma.

## LAST SEASON

Site - The Astrodome

Winner - Houston 23-14

Attendance - 49,868 SRO

## 1976 Statistical Leaders

Rushing - Tony Dorsett (9th in NFL), 208 for 1007 yards, 4.8 average, 84t long, 12 TD.

Passing - Roger Staubach (2nd in NFL), 210 of 361 for 2620 yards, 18 TD, 9 interceptions.

Receiving - Drew Pearson (9th in NFL), 48 for 870 yards, 67 long, 2 TD.

Punting - Danny White, 80 for 3171, 57 long, 39.6 average.

Interceptions - 5 for 7 yards, 7 long, 0 TD.

Punt Returns - Butch Johnson, 50 for 423 yards, 8.5 average, 38 long, 0 TD.

Kickoff Returns - Butch Johnson (9th in NFL), 22 for 536 yards, 24.4 average, 64 long, 0 TD.

Scoring - Efren Herrera (2nd in NFL among kickers), 20-28 FG, 39-42 PAT, 93 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs Dallas

First Meeting: Saturday, August 19 at Dallas. The Oilers will head-quarter at the Dallas Marriot-Stemmons Freeway and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, August 16. Telephone number is (214) 748-8551.

# NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

## National Conference – Western Division

August 26, at the Astrodome (Pre-Season)

December 10, at the Superdome – 1:00 P.M. CST

944 St. Charles, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

### President

John W. Mecom, Jr.

### Assistant to the President:

Fred Williams

### Head Coach:

Dick Nolan

### Public Relations Director:

Jerry Wynn



Office Phone: (504) 524-1421

The Superdome

Capacity: 72,000

1977 Record: 3-11

**Coaching Staff:** Dick Nolan (1st year), Ed Hughes, Lamar McHan, Dick Stanfel, Tom Pratt, Ed Beard, Chet Franklin, Whitey Campbell.

**Top Three 1978 Draft Choices:** Round 1 - Wes Chandler WR Florida, Round 2 - James Taylor OT Missouri, Round 3 - Benny Bennet DT Concordia.

## LAST SEASON

Site – The Superdome

Winner – New Orleans 20-16 (Pre-Season)

Attendance – 46,964

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

**Rushing** – Chuck Muncie, 201 for 811 yards, 4.0 average, 36 long, 6 TD.

**Passing** – Archie Manning, 113 of 205 for 1284 yards, 8 TD, 9 interceptions.

**Receiving** – Tony Galbreath, 41 for 265 yards, 30 long, 0 TD.

**Punting** – Tom Blanchard (2nd in NFL), 82 for 3474 yards, 66 long, 42.4 average.

**Interceptions:** – Chuck Christ, 4 for 6 yards, 0 TD.

**Punt Returns** – Rich Mauti, 38 for 281 yards, 7.4 average, 33 long, 0 TD.

**Kickoff Returns** – Clarence Chapman (4th in NFL), 15 for 385 yards, 25.7 average, 92+ long, 1 TD.

**Scoring** – Henry Childs, 9 TD, 54 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

### Houston vs New Orleans

**First Meeting:** Saturday, August 26 at Houston. The Saints will headquarter at The Warwick and the Saints public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, August 23. Telephone number is (713) 526-1991.

**Second Meeting:** Sunday, December 10 at New Orleans. The Oilers will headquarter at The Hyatt Regency-Poydras Plaza and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, December 6. Telephone number is (504) 561-1234.

# ATLANTA FALCONS

## National Conference – Western Division

September 3, Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium – 12:00 EDT

521 Capitol Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30312

### Chairman of the Board:

Rankin M. Smith, Sr.

### General Manger:

Eddie LeBaron

### Head Coach:

Leeman Bennett

### Public Relations Director:

Charlie Dayton



Office Phone: (404) 588-1111

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium

Capacity: 60,489

1977 Record: 7-7

Coaching Staff: Leeman Bennett (2nd year), Jim Champion, Jerry Glanville, John North, Ted Plumb, Doug Shively, Bill Walsh, Dick Wood, Mike McDonnell.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices: Round 1 - Mike Kenn OT Michigan, Round 2 - Steve Stewart LB Minnesota, Round 3 - Stan Wald-ermore G Nebraska.

### LAST SEASON

Atlanta and Houston did not play.

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing – Haskel Stanback, 247 for 873 yards, 3.5 average, 35 long, 6 TD.

Passing – Scott Hunter, 70 of 151 for 898 yards, 2 TD, 3 interceptions.

Receiving – Alfred Jenkins, 39 for 677 yards, 73t long, 4 TD.

Punting – John James (4th in NFL), 105 for 4349, 61 long, 41.4 average.

Interceptions – Rolland Lawrence (tied for 4th in NFL), 7 for 138 yards, 19.7 average.

Punt Returns – Rolland Lawrence, 51 for 352 yards, 6.9 average, 37 long, 0 TD.

Kickoff Returns – Karl Farmer, 21 for 419 yards, 20.0 average, 30 long, 0 TD.

Scoring – Haskel Stanback, 6 TD, 36 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs Atlanta

First Meeting: Sunday, September 3 at Atlanta. The Oilers will headquarter at the Atlanta Marriot-Courtland at International Blvd. NE and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, August 30. Telephone number is (404) 659-6500.

# KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

American Conference, Western Division

September 10, at Arrowhead Stadium – 1:00 P.M. CDT

One Arrowhead Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, 64129

Chairman of the Board:  
Lamar Hunt

General Manager:  
Jim Schaaf

Head Coach:  
Marv Levy

Public Relations Director:  
Bob Sprenger



Office Phone: (816) 924-9300

Arrowhead Stadium

Capacity: 78,000

1977 Record: 2-12

Coaching Staff: Marv Levy (1st year), Rod Rust, Dick Roach, Walt Corey, Tom Pagna, Kay Dalton, Joe Spencer, Bobby Ross.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices: Round 1 - Art Still DE Kentucky; Round 2 - Sylvester Hicks DE Tennessee State, Round 3 - Gary Spani LB Kansas State.

## LAST SEASON

Site – the Astrodome

Winner – Houston 34-20

Attendance – 47,701

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing – Ed Podolak, 133 for 550 yards, 4.1 average, 41 long, 5 TD.

Passing – Mike Livingston, 143 of 282 for 1823 yards, 9 TD, 15 interceptions.

Receiving – Walter White (tied for 7th in NFL), 48 for 674 yards, 14.09 average, 48.1 long, 5 TD.

Punting – Jerrel Wilson (tied for 7th in NFL), 88 for 3510 yards, 59 long, 39.9 average.

Interceptions – Gary Barbaro (3rd in NFL), 8 for 165 yards, 10.2 long, 1 TD.

Punt Returns – Gary Green, 14 for 115 yards, 8.2 average, 18 long, 0 TD.

Kickoff Returns – Ted McKnight, 12 for 305 yards, 25.4 average, 70 long, 0 TD.

Scoring – Jan Stenerud, 8-18 FG, 27-28 PAT, 51 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs Kansas City

First Meeting: Sunday, September 10 at Kansas City. The Oilers will headquarter at Crown Center Hotel and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, September 6. Telephone number is (816) 474-4400.

# SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS

## National Conference – Western Division

September 17, at the Astrodome – 1:00 P.M. CDT

Candlestick Park, San Francisco, California 94124

### President:

Edward J. De Bartolo, Jr.

### General Manager:

Joseph H. Thomas

### Head Coach:

Pete McCulley

### Public Relations Director:

Dave Frei



Office Phone: (415) 365-3420

Candlestick Park

Capacity: 61,000

1977 Record: 5-9

**Coaching Staff:** Pete McCulley (1st year), Fred O. Connor, Dan Radakovich, Mike White, Les Steckel, Earl Leggett, Jimmy Carr, Frank Gansz, Floyd Reese.

**Top Three 1978 Draft Choices:** Round 1 - Ken MacAfee TE Notre Dame, Round 1 - Dan Bunz LB Long Beach State; Round 2 - Walt Downing C Michigan.

### LAST SEASON

Site – the Astrodome

Winner – Houston 17-3 (Pre-Season)

Attendance – 39,020

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

**Rushing** – Delvin Williams (10th in NFL), 268 for 931 yards, 3.5 average, 40 long, 7 TD.

**Passing** – Jim Plunkett, 128 of 248 for 1693 yards, 9 TD, 14 interceptions.

**Receiving** – Gene Washington, 32 for 638 yards, 47t long, 5 TD.

**Punting** – Tom Wittum, 77 for 2801 yards, 54 long, 36.4 average.

**Interceptions** – (Tied) Dave Washington, 2 for 68 yards, 50 long, 0 TD. and Mel Phillips, 2 for 23 yards, 23 long, 0 TD.

**Punt Returns** – Anthony Leonard, 22 for 154 yards, 7.0 average, 19 long, 0 TD.

**Kickoff Returns** – Paul Hofer, 36 for 871 yards, 24.2 average, 48 long, 0 TD.

**Scoring** – Devin Williams, 7 TDR, 2 TDP, 54 points

### TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs San Francisco

**First Meeting:** Sunday, September 17 at Houston. The 49'ers will headquarter at the Mariott-West Loop and the 49'ers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, September 14. Telephone number is (713) 960-0111.

# LOS ANGELES RAMS

## National Conference – Eastern Division

September 24, at the Astrodome – 12,00 CDT

10271 West Rice Blvd., Los Angeles, California, 90064

**President:**

Carroll Rsenbloom

**General Manager:**

Don Klosterman

**Head Coach:**

George Allen

**Public Relations Director:**

Jerry Wilcox



**Office Phone:** (213) 277-4700

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

Capacity: 71,432

**1977 Record:** 10-11 (Defeated by Minnesota 10-7 in National Conference Divisional Playoffs).

**Coaching Staff:** George Allen (returns for 1st year after serving as Ram Head Coach 1966-70), LaVern Torgeson, Ray Malavasi, Bud Carson, Charlie Waller, Mex Coley, Lionel Taylor, Frank Lauterbur, Paul Lanham, Jack Faulkner, Bill Hickman, Clyde Evans.

**Top Three 1978 Draft Choices:** Round 1 - Elvis Peacock RB Oklahoma, Round 2 - Stan Johnson DT Tennessee State, Round 2 - Ron Smith WR San Diego State.

### LAST SEASON

The Rams and Oilers did not play.

#### 1977 Statistical Leaders

**Rushing** - Lawrence McCutcheon (3rd in NFL), 294 for 1238 yards, 4.2 average, 48 long, 7 TD.

**Passing** - Pat Haden (3rd in NFL), 122 of 216 for 1551 yards, 11 TD, 6 interceptions.

**Receiving** - Harold Jackson (Tied for 7th in NFL), 48 for 666 yards, 58 long, 6 TD.

**Punting** - Glen Walker, 73 for 2568 yards, 56 long, 35.2 average.

**Interceptions** - Bill Simpson (tied for 5th in NFL), 6 for 157 yards, 41 long, 0 TD.

**Punt Returns** - Billy Waddy, 31 for 219 yards, 7.1 average, 48 long, 0 TD.

**Kickoff Returns** - Wendell Tyler, 24 for 523 yards, 21.8 average, 37 long, 0 TD.

**Scoring** - Rafael Septien (3rd in NFL among kickers), 18-30 FG, 32-35 PAT, 86 points.

### TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs. Los Angeles

**First Meeting:** Sunday, September 24 at Houston. The Rams will headquarter at Stouffer's-Freenway Plaza and the Rams public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, September 20. Telephone number is (713) 629-1200.

# CLEVELAND BROWNS

American Conference – Central Division

October 1, at Cleveland Stadium – 12:00 P.M. CDT

November 5, at The Astrodome – 1:00 P.M. CST

Tower B, Cleveland Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114.

President:

Arthur B. Modell

General Manger:

Peter Hadhazy

Head Coach:

Sam Rutigliano

Public Relations Director:

Nate Wallack

Office Phone: (216) 696-5555

Cleveland Stadium

Capacity: 79,891

1977 Record: 6-8

Coaching Staff: Sam Rutigliano (1st year), Buck Buchanan, Jim Garrett, Rod Humenuik, Rich Kotite, Dick MacPherson, John Petercuskie, Jim Shofner, Chuck Weber.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices: Round 1 - Clay Matthews LB Southern California; Round 1-Ozzie Newsome WR Alabama, Round 2 - Johnny Evans QB/P No. Carolina State.

## LAST SEASON

Site – The Astrodome

Site – Cleveland Stadium

Winner – Cleveland 24-23

Winner – Houston 19-15

Attendance – 50,738

Attendance – 46,789

## 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing – Gregg Pruitt (7th in NFL), 236 for 1086 yards, 4.6 average, 78t long, 3 TD.

Passing – Brian Sipe, 112 of 195 for 1233 yards, 9 TD, 14 interceptions.

Receiving – Cleo Miller, 41 for 291 yards, 28 long, 1 TD.

Punting – Greg Coleman, 61 for 2389, 58 long, 39.2 average.

Interceptions – Thom Darden (tied for 5th in NFL), 6 for 107 yards, 49 long, 1 TD.

Punt Returns – Rolly Woolsey, 32 for 290, 9.1 average, 44 long, 0 TD.

Kickoff Returns – Lawrence Williams, 25 for 518 yards, 20.7 average, 48 long, 0 TD.

Scoring – Don Cockroft (7th in NFL among kickers), 17-23 FG, 30-31 PAT, 81 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

### Houston vs Cleveland

First Meeting: Sunday, October 1 at Cleveland. The Oilers will headquarter at the Cleveland Marriott-West 150th and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, September 27. Telephone number is (216) 252-5333.

Second Meeting: Sunday, November 5 at Houston. The Browns will headquarter at Stouffer's-Greenway Plaza and the Browns public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, November 1. Telephone number is (713) 629-1200.

# OAKLAND RAIDERS

American Conference – Western Division

October 8, at Oakland-Alameda County Stadium – 3:00 P.M. CDT

7811 Oakport Street, Oakland, California, 94621

Managing General Partner:  
Al Davis

Executive Assistant:  
Al LoCasole

Head Coach:  
John Madden

Public Relations Assistants:  
Steve Forsythe - Andy Olson

Office Phone: (415) 562-5900

Oakland-Alameda County Stadium

Capacity: 54,615

1977 Record: 11-3 (Defeated Baltimore 37-31 in overtime of American Conference Divisional Playoffs; Lost to Denver 20-17 in American Conference Championship.)

Coaching Staff: John Madden (10th year), Oliver Spencer, Tom Dahms, Tom Flores, Lew Erber, Ray Willsey, Myrel Moore, Jim Sweeney.

Top 1978 Draft Choices: Round 2 - Dave Browning DE Washington, Round 3 - Derick Jensen RB Texas-Arlington, Round 3 - Lindsey Mason T. Kansas.

## LAST SEASON

Site – Oakland-Alameda County Stadium      Site – Oakland-Alameda County Stadium

Winner – Oakland 40-0 (Pre-Season)      Winner – Oakland 34-29

Attendance – 51,777      Attendance – 54,598

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing – Mark van Eeghen (2nd in NFL), 324 for 1273 yards, 3.9 average, 27 long, 7 TD.

Passing – Ken Stabler (6th in NFL) 169 of 294 for 2176 yards, 20 TD, 20 interceptions.

Receiving – Dave Casper (Tied for 7th in NFL), 48 for 584 yards, 27 long, 6 TD.

Punting – Ray Guy (1st in NFL), 59 for 2552 yards, 74 long, 43.3 average.

Interceptions – Jack Tatum (Tied for 5th in NFL), 6 for 146 yards, 24.3 average, 41 long, 0 TD.

Punt Returns – Neal Colzie, 32 for 334 yards, 10.4 average, 23 long, 0 TD.

Scoring – Errol Mann (1st in NFL among kickers), 20-28 FG, 39-42 PAT, 99 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs Oakland

First Meeting: Sunday, October 8 at Oakland. The Oilers will headquarter at the Edgewater Hyatt House and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, October 4. Telephone number is (415) 562-6100.

# BUFFALO BILLS

American Conference — Eastern Division

October 15, at The Astrodome — 1:00 P.M. CDT

One Bills Drive, Orchard Park, New York 14127

President:

Ralph C. Wilson

General Manager:

Robert T. Lustig

Head Coach:

Chuck Knox

Public Relations Director:

Bud Thalman



Office Phone: (716) 648-1800

Rich Stadium

Capacity: 80,020

1977 Record: 3-11

Coaching Staff: Chuck Knox (1st year), Tom Catlin, Willie Zapalac, Jim Wagstaff, Steve Moore, Ray Prochaska, Jack Donaldson, Elijah Pitts, Kan Stephenson.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices: Round 1 - Terry Miller RB Oklahoma State, Round 2 - Dee Hardison DE North Carolina, Round 2 - Scott Hutchenson DE Florida.

## LAST SEASON

Houston and Buffalo did not play.

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing — O.J. Simpson, 126 for 557 yards, 4.4 average, 39 long, 0 TD.

Passing — Joe Ferguson, 221 of 457 for 2803 yards, 12 TD, 24 interceptions.

Receiving — Bob Chandler (2nd in NFL), 60 for 745 yards, 31 long, 4 TD.

Punting — Marv Bateman (Tied for 7th in NFL), 81 for 3229 yards, 75 long, 39.9 average.

Interceptions — Tony Greene (2nd in NFL), 9 for 144 yards, 47 long, 0 TD.

Punt Returns — Keith Moody (3rd in NFL), 15 for 196 yards, 13.1 average, 91t long, 1 TD.

Kickoff Returns — John Kimbrough 15 for 346 yards, 23.1 average, 27 long, 0 TD.

Scoring — Carson Long, 7-11 FG, 13-14 PAT, 34 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs. Buffalo

First Meeting: Sunday, October 15 at Houston. The Bills will headquarter at The Marriott-West Loop and the Bills public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, October 11. Telephone number is (713) 960-0111.

# PITTSBURGH STEELERS

**American Conference – Central Division**

October 23, at Three Rivers Stadium – 8:00 P.M. CDT

December 3, at The Astrodome, – 3:00 P.M. CST

300 Stadium Circle Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15212

**Chairman of the Board:**

Arthur J. Rooney

**President:**

Daniel M. Rooney

**Head Coach:**

Chuck Noll

**Public Relations Director:**

Ed Kiely

**Office Phone:** (412) 323-1200

Three Rivers Stadium

Capacity: 50,350

**1977 Record:** 9-5 (Lost to Denver 34-21 in American Conference Divisional Playoffs.)

**Coaching Staff:** Chuck Noll (10th year), Rollie Dotsch, Richard Hoak, Tom Moore, George Perles, Louis Riecke, Paul Uram, Dick Walker, Robert Widenhofer.

**Top Three 1978 Draft Choices:** Round 1 - Ron Johnson CB Eastern Michigan, Round 2 - Willie Fry DE Notre Dame, Round 3 - Craig Colquitt P Tennessee.



## LAST SEASON

**Site – The Astrodome**

**Site – Three Rivers Stadium**

**Winner – Houston 27-10**

**Winner – Pittsburgh 27-10**

**Attendance – 51,644**

**Attendance – 48,517**

## 1977 Statistical Leaders

**Rushing – Franco Harris (4th in NFL), 300 for 1162 yards, 3.9 average, 61t long, 11 TD.**

**Passing – Terry Bradshaw (7th in NFL), 162 of 314 for 2523 yards, 17 TD, 19 interceptions.**

**Receiving – Lynn Swann (Tied for 6th in NFL), 50 for 789 yards, 46 long, 7 TD.**

**Punting – Bobby Walden, 67 for 2482 yards, 65 long, 37.0 average.**

**Interceptions – Mel Blount (Tied for 5th in NFL), 6 for 65 yards, 37 long, 0 TD.**

**Punt Returns – Jim Smith, 36 for 294 yards, 8.2 average, 30 long, 0 TD.**

**Kickoff Returns – Jim Smith, 16 for 3.81 yards, 23.8 average, 37 long, 0 TD.**

**Scoring – Franco Harris, 11 TDR, 66 points.**

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

**Houston vs Pittsburgh**

**First Meeting:** Monday, October 23 at Pittsburgh. The Oilers will headquarter at the Marriot and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, October 18, Telephone number is (412) 922-8400.

**Second Meeting:** Sunday, December 3 at Houston. The Steelers will headquarter at the Shamrock Hilton and the Steelers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, November 30. Telephone number is (713) 668-9211.

# CINCINNATI BENGALS

American Conference – Central Division

October 29, at Riverfront Stadium – 12:00 P.M. CST

November 26, at The Astrodome – 1:00 P.M. CST

200 Riverfront Stadium Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

President:

John Sawyer

General Manager:

Paul E. Brown

Head Coach:

Bill Johnson

Public Relations Director:

Allan Heim

Office Phone: (513) 621-3550

Riverfront Stadium

Capacity: 56,000

1977 Record: 8-6

Coaching Staff: Bill Johnson (3rd year), Mike McCormack, Boyd Dowler, George Sefcik, Howard Brinker, Check Studley, Charley Winner, Kim Wood.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices: Round 1 - Ross Browner DE Notre Dome, Round 1 - Blair Bush C Washington, Round 2 - Ray Griffin S Ohio State.

## LAST SEASON

Site – Riverfront Stadium

Site – The Astrodome

Winner – Cincinnati 13-10 (OT)

Winner – Houston 21-16

Attendance – 53,194

Attendance – 50,924

## 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing – Pete Johnson, 153 for 585 yards, 3.8 average, 65 long, 4 TD.

Passing – Ken Anderson (8th in NFL), 166 of 323 for 2145 yards, 11 TD, 11 interceptions.

Receiving – Billy Brooks, 39 for 772 yards, 94t long, 4 TD.

Punting – Pat McNally (3rd in NFL), 67 for 2802 yards, 67 long, 41.8 average.

Interceptions – Lamar Parish, 3 for 95 yards, 47t long, 1 TD, and Reggie Williams, 3 for 67 yards, 54t long, 1 TD.

Punt Returns – Tony Davis (7th in NFL), 19 for 220 yards, 11.6 average, 70 long, 0 TD.

Kickoff Returns – Willie Shelby, 19 for 403 yards, 21.2 average, 38 long, 0 TD.

Scoring – Chris Bahr (5th in NFL among kickers), 19-27 FG, 25-26 PAT, 82 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs Cincinnati

First Meeting – Sunday, October 29 at Cincinnati. The Oilers will headquarter at the Terrace Hilton and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, October 25. Telephone number is (513) 621-3800.

Second Meeting: Sunday, November 26 at Houston. The Bengals will headquarter at The Marriott-West Loop and the Bengals public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, November 22. Telephone number is (713) 960-0111.

# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

## American Conference – Eastern Division

November 12, at Schaefer Stadium – 12:00 P.M. CST

Schaefer Stadium – Route 1, Foxboro, Massachusetts, 02035

### President:

William H. Sullivan, Jr.

### Head Coach and General Manager:

Chuck Fairbanks

### Public Relations Director:

Pat Horne

Office Phone: (617) 543-7911

Schaefer Stadium

Capacity: 61,279

1977 Record – 9-5

**Coaching Staff:** Chuck Fairbanks (6th year), Hank Bullough, Ron Erhardt, Raymond Berry, John Polonchek, Jim Ringo, Fritz Shurmur, Charlie Summer, Tom Yewcie, Ernie Adams.

**Top Three 1978 Draft Choices:** Round 1 - Bob Cryder G Alabama, Round 2 - Matt Cavanaugh QB Pittsburgh, Round 3 - Carlos Pennywell WR Grambling.

### LAST SEASON

New England and Houston did not play.

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

**Rushing** – Sam Cunningham (8th in NFL), 270 for 1015 yards, 3.8 average, 31t long, 4 TD.

**Passing** – Steve Grogan, 160 of 305 for 2162 yards, 17 TD, 21 interceptions.

**Receiving** – Sam Cunningham, 42 for 370 yards, 35 long, 1 TD.

**Punting** – Mike Patrick, 65 for 2354 yards, 64 long, 36.2 average.

**Interceptions** – Mike Haynes, 5 for 54 yards, 22 long, 0 TD.

**Punt Returns** – Stanley Morgan (2nd in NFL), 16 for 220, 13.8 average, 53 long, 0 TD.

**Kickoff Returns** – Raymond Clayborn (1st in NFL), 28 for 869 yards, 31.0 average, 101t long, 3 TD.

**Scoring** – John Smith (8th in NFL among kickers), 15-21 FG, 33-33 PAT, 78 points.



## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

### Houston vs New England

**First Meeting** – Sunday, November 12 at Foxboro. The Oilers will headquarter at the Newton Marriott and the Oilers public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, November 8. Telephone number is (617) 969-1000.

# MIAMI DOLPHINS

## American Conference Division

November 20, at The Astrodome - 8:00 P.M. CST

330 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, 33132

Managing General Partner:  
Joe Robbie

Head Coach:  
Don Schula

Public Relations Director:  
Bob Kearney

Office Phone: (305) 379-1851

Orange Bowl

Capacity: 75,449

1977 Record - 10-4

Coaching Staff - Don Schula (9th year, 16th overall), Bill Arnsparger, Tom Keane, John Sandusky, Mike Scarry, Howard Schnellenberger, Carl Taseff.

Top Three 1978 Draft Choices - Round 2 - Guy Benjamin QB Stanford, Round 3 - Lyman Smith DT Duke, Round 3 - Jim Cefalo WR Penn State.

### LAST SEASON

Site - The Orange Bowl

Winner - Miami 27-7

Attendance - 51,973

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

Rushing - Benny Malone, 129 for 615 yards, 4.8 average, 66t long, 5 TD.

Passing - Bob Griese (1st in NFL), 180 of 307 for 2252 yards, 22 TD, 13 interceptions.

Receiving - Nat Moore (4th in NFL), 52 for 765 yards, 73t long, 12 TD.

Punting - Mike Michel, 35 for 1338 yards, 61 long, 38.2 average.

Interceptions - Curtis Johnson, 4 for 35 yards, 19 long, 0 TD.

Punt Returns - Freddie Solomon, 32 for 285 yards, 8.9 average, 39 long, 0 TD.

Kickoff Returns - Gary Davis (2nd in NFL), 14 for 414 yards, 29.6 average, 73 long, 0 TD.

Scoring - Nat Moore (5th in NFL), 12 TDP, 1 TDR, 78 points.

### TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS Houston vs Miami

First Meeting: Monday, November 20 at Houston. The Dolphins will headquarter at Stouffer's-Greenway Plaza and the Dolphins public relations representative will check in on Wednesday, November 15. Telephone number is (713) 629-1200.

# SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

American Conference – Western Division

December 17, at The Astrodome – 3:00 P.M. CST

San Diego Stadium, P.O. Box 20666, San Diego, California, 92120

**President:**

Eugene V. Klein

**General Manager:**

John R. Sanders

**Head Coach:**

Tommy Prothro

**Public Relations Director:**

Rick Smith



Office Phone: (714) 280-2111

San Diego Stadium

52,568

1977 Record: 7-7

**Coaching Staff:** Tommy Prothro (5th year), Ray Perkins, Jackie Simpson, Earnel Durden, Jerry Smith, Bobb McKittrick, Larry Weaver.

**Top Three 1978 Draft Choices:** Round 1 - John Jefferson WR Arizona State, Round 2 - Al Baker DE Colorado State, Round 3 - Ricky Anderson RB South Carolina State.

## LAST SEASON

Houston and San Diego did not play.

### 1977 Statistical Leaders

**Rushing** – Rickey Young, 157 for 543 yards, 3.5 average, 15 long, 4 TD.

**Passing** – James Harris, 109 of 211 for 1240 yards, 5 TD, 11 interceptions.

**Receiving** – Rickey Young (Tied for 7th in NFL), 48 for 423 yards, 28 long, 0 TD.

**Punting** – Jeff West, 72 for 2707 yards, 59 long, 37.6 average.

**Interceptions** – Mike Fuller (4th in NFL), 28 for 360 yards, 12.9 average, 88t long, 1 TD.

**Kickoff Returns** – Clarence Williams, 24 for 481 yards, 20.0 average, 32 long, 0 TD.

**Scoring** – Rolf Benirschke (9th in NFL among kickers), 17-23 FG, 21-24 PAT, 72 points.

## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

Houston vs San Diego

Travel plans for the Chargers were incomplete at time this guide went to press.

# REVIEW OF OILERS 1977 SEASON

## GAME 1 — HOUSTON 20, NEW YORK JETS 0

September 18 at THE ASTRODOME

Don Pastorini engineered scoring drives of 90 and 88 yards while the Houston 3-4 defense stymied the Jets' offense and for the third straight year the Oilers opened the season with a shutout, winning 20-0. The defense limited New York to 11 first downs, 179 total yards, made one interception, recovered one fumble, and registered a trio of sacks.

After a scoreless first period, the Oilers moved 90-yards in 14 plays as Pastorini completed eight of ten passes on the drive. Don Hardeman punched over from the one with 0:39 to play before the half. In the final quarter Pastorini again completed eight of ten passes on a drive as the Oilers went 88 yards in 18 plays consuming 1:47 on the clock with the touchdown coming on a one-yard plunge by Pastorini.

Six minutes later, defensive ends Elvin Bethea and Jim Young dislodged Jet quarterback Richard Todd, forcing a fumble that middle guard Curley Clup scooped up and returned 27-yards to the net two yard line. Three plays later rookie Rob Carpenter charged into the end zone for his first pro score.

### Score by Periods

New York . . . . .	0	0	0	0	-0
Houston . . . . .	0	7	0	13	-20

### Scoring

- Houston — Hardeman, 1 run (Butler kick)
- Houston — Pastorini 1 run (Butler kick)
- Houston — Carpenter, 1 run (Butler kick wide)

### Team Statistics

	New York	Houston
First Downs . . . . .	11	19
Rushing Yardage . . .	102	109
Passing Yardage . . . .	77	130
Return Yardage . . . .	17	180
Passing . . . . .	26-10-1	32-20-0
Turnouts . . . . .	7-40.4	5-38.4
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	1-1	1-0
Penalties . . . . .	11-90	10-86

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### Rushing

- New York — White 13-43; Harper 4-33; Gaines 5-15; Long 2-10; Newton 1-6; Carrell 1-Minus 15.
- Houston — Hardeman 12-55; Coleman 8-22; Wilson 8-20; Pastorini 3-11; Carpenter 2-1.

### Passing

- New York — Todd 10-25-1-115; Harper 0-1.
- Houston — Pastorini 20-32-0-137.

### Receiving

- New York — Knight 3-40; Barkum 3-27; Harper 2-22; Walker 1-26; Long 1-0.
- Houston — Foster 4-27; Giles 4-23; Burrough 3-57; Coleman 3-20; Wilson 2-2; Carpenter 1-11; Hardeman 3-minus 3.



## GAME 2 – HOUSTON 16, GREEN BAY 10

September 25 at Green Bay

The Houston Oilers registered its second straight win of the young season when cornerback Willie Alexander raced 95-yards with an intercepted pass off the arm of Lynn Dickey that was deflected by defensive end Al Burton with 4:40 remaining, breaking a 10-10 tie. A blocked conversion gave the packers one last shot, but the Oilers' outside linebacker, Ted Washington, sealed the victory with another Dickey interception.

Green Bay got on the scoreboard first on a 40-yard pass from Dickey to Steve Odom, but Houston came back on a 16 play 80-yard drive following the kickoff, Dan Pastorini completing five of five, three to rookie tight end Jimmy Giles, as rookie Tim Wilson cracked over from the one. Green Bay took a second lead on a 34-yard field goal by Chester Marcol, but Toni Fritsch knotted the score at 10-10 with his 32-yarder setting the stage for the heroics by Alexander. It was Houston's first ever win over the Packers and ran its out-of-conference record since 1975 to 15-3.

### Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	0	10	0	6	-16
<i>Green Bay</i> . . . . .	7	3	0	0	-10

### Scoring

- Green Bay – Odom, 40 pass from Dickey (Marcol, kick)
- Houston – Wilson 1 run (Fritsch kick)
- Green Bay – Marcol 34 field goal
- Houston – Fritsch 32 field goal
- Houston – Alexander 95 pass interception (Fritsch kick blocked)

### Team Statistics

	<i>Green Bay</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	15	18
Rushing Yardage . . . . .	90	95
Passing Yardage . . . . .	184	137
Return Yardage . . . . .	106	202
Passing . . . . .	26-16-3	30-18-0
Punting . . . . .	5-43.8	6-40.8
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	1-1	2-0
Penalties . . . . .	6-38	8-40

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

- Green Bay* – Torkelson 20-55; B. Smith 9-22; Dickey 1-10; Odom 1-6; Harrell 1-2.
- Houston* – Wilson 14-50; Coleman 12-35; B. Johnson 2-15; Carpenter 3-7; Pastorini 1-minus 7; Giles 1-minus 10.

#### Passing

- Green Bay* – Dickey 26-16-3-193 & 1 TD.
- Houston* – Pastorini 30-18-0-152.

#### Receiving

- Green Bay* – B. Smith 7-66; McGeorge 3-43; Odom 2-56 & TD; Torkelson 1-13; Vataha 1-9; Harrell 1-6; Payne 1-3.
- Houston* – Giles 5-59; Wilson 4-31; Burrough 3-23; Carpenter 2-19; Foster 2-12; Coleman 2-8.



## GAME 3 — MIAMI 27, HOUSTON 7

October 2 at Miami

Bob Griese came out throwing on the first series, and blending that with some powerful running and slick blocking moved the Miami Dolphins to a 21-0 first quarter lead and the eventual 27-7 victory, lifting Miami's record to 3-0 and dropping the Oilers to 2-1.

Griese drove the Dolphins 80 yards in nine plays for the game's first score, Norm Bulaich going over from the one. An Oiler fumble moments later at the Houston 27 set up Miami's second score, a 16-yard pass from Griese to Duriel Harris, and then Benny Malone capped an eight-play 82 yard drive from the three. Miami added a final score with 0:21 to play.

Houston's only score came on a Dan Pastorini bootleg from two yards out after the Oilers recovered Miami's first fumble loss in ten games at the Miami 19. An Oiler threat early in the final period that would have put Houston back in the game was thwarted as Miami held on downs inside their own three.

### Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	0	7	0	0	-7
<i>Miami</i> . . . . .	21	0	0	6	-27

### Scoring

- Miami — Bulaich 1 run (Yepremian kick)
- Miami — D. Harris 16 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)
- Miami — Malone 3 run (Yepremian kick)
- Houston — Pastorini 2 run (Fritsch kick)
- Miami — L. Harris 2 run (Yepremian kick wide)

### Team Statistics

	<i>Miami</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	29	13
Rushing Yardage . . .	208	68
Passing Yardage . . . .	174	137
Return Yardage . . . .	38	110
Passing . . . . .	20-13-1	31-16-2
Punts . . . . .	3-38.7	6-37.2
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	2-2	2-1
Penalties . . . . .	1-2	6-47

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

- Miami* — Malone 19-90; Nottingham 8-44; L. Harris 10-45; Davis 6-8; Bulaich 5-11; Solomon 1-11; Griese 2-minus 1.
- Houston* — Wilson 4-24; Hardeman 7-20; Coleman 8-17; Pastorini 2-5; Carpenter 6-2.

#### Passing

- Miami* — Griese 20-13-1-174 & 1 TD.
- Houston* — Pastorini 31-16-2-137.

#### Receiving

- Miami* — D. Harris 5-87 & TD; Malone 2-41; Tillman 2-20; Solomon 1-11; Bulaich 1-13; Nottingham 2-12.
- Houston* — Carpenter 5-49; Wilson 3-17; Hardeman 3-26; Foster 1-13; Barber 2-13; Giles 2-19.



## GAME 4 — HOUSTON 27, PITTSBURGH 10

October 9, 1977 at THE ASTRODOME

The Houston Oilers came to play, and in what turned out to be the "Pain Bowl" took over first place in the American Football Conference Central Division with a 27-10 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Three quarterbacks, Houston's Dan Pastorini, and Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw and Mike Kruczek, all departed the scene before the game was completed. Pastorini suffered a badly sprained right ankle, Bradshaw a fractured left wrist, and Kruczek a right shoulder separation in the hard-hitting battle.

In all, the Houston defense intercepted six Pittsburgh passes, four off the arm of Bradshaw, and recovered three fumbles, one returned for a touchdown by cornerback Greg Stenrick, while offensively Pastorini hit Billy Johnson for a 51-yard bomb, Billy's first reception of the season, and running back Ronnie Coleman connected with Ken Burrough for 44 yards and a score on a halfback pass. Kicker Toni Fritsch added a pair of field goals.

After spotting Houston a 7-0 lead on the Coleman to Burrough connection, Pittsburgh took a 10-7 halftime lead on a one-yard run by Rocky Bleier that capped a seven play 82-yard drive and a 27-yard Roy Gerela field goal. But, Houston got the lead back on the Pastorini to Johnson score in the third quarter, added seven more points with the Stenrick fumble recovery and closed out the scoring with the last of Fritsch's two field goals.

The win gave Houston a 3-1 season slate and sole possession of first place in the AFC Central while the loss evened Pittsburgh's record at 2-2.

### Score by Periods

<i>Pittsburgh</i> . . . . .	3	7	0	0	-10
<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	7	0	10	10	-27

### Scoring

Houston — Burrough, 44-yard pass from Coleman (Fritsch, kick)  
Pittsburgh — Gerela, 27-yard field goal  
Pittsburgh — Bleier, 1-yard run (Gerela, kick)  
Houston — Fritsch, 27-yard field goal  
Houston — Johnson, 51-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch, kick)  
Houston — Stenrick, 5-yard fumble recovery (Fritsch, kick)  
Houston — Fritsch, 18-yard field goal

### Team Statistics

	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	21	15
Rushing Yardage . . .	173	98
Passing Yardage . . . .	211	169
Return Yardage . . . .	26	106
Passing . . . . .	33-12-6	24-13-2
Punts . . . . .	7-38.0	4-38.0
Fumbles Lost . . . . .	05-3	0-0
Penalties . . . . .	10-67	7-57

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

*Houston* — Carpenter 7-13; Hardeman 5-7; Wilson 11-61; Coleman 4-7; and Pastorini 2-10.

*Pittsburgh* — Bleier 21-61; Harris 16-55; Bradshaw 3-46; Stallworth 1-8; Kruczek 1-minus 3; Dungy 3-6.

#### Passing

*Houston* — Pastorini 23-12-2-140 & 1 TD; Coleman 1-1-0-44 & 1 TD.

*Pittsburgh* — Bradshaw 19-7-4-149; Kruczek 6-2-0-19; Dungy 8-3-2-43.

#### Receiving

*Houston* — Foster 1-15; Wilson 4-15; Burrough 4-77 & TD; Coleman 1-7; Giles 1-11; Hardeman 1-8; B. Johnson 1-51 & TD.

*Pittsburgh* — Swann 6-102; Stallworth 4-85; Lewis 1-18; Bleier 1-6.

## GAME 5 — CLEVELAND 24, HOUSTON 23

October 16, 1977 at THE ASTRODOME

Three seconds remained when Cleveland's Don Cockroft kicked a 30-yard field goal giving the Browns a 24-23 victory over the Oilers before a standing room only crowd of 50,738 and thus moved into a first place tie with Houston in the AFC Central Division. Billy Johnson's 87-yard punt return, his career longest to date, on the fourth play of the game gave the Oilers an early 7-0 edge. On the ensuing kickoff, Houston's Art Stringer recovered a Browns fumble and three plays later Toni Fritsch made good on a 25-yard field goal and a 10-0 Houston lead. The Cleveland defense responded with two quick interceptions of John Hadl passes who started in place of the injured Dan Pastorini and converted each into scores and a 14-10 Cleveland lead after one quarter. Tony Peters picked off the first interception and brought it back 25 yards to the Oilers 15 where three plays later Cleo Miller bulled over from the one. Clarence Scott got into the act two plays after the ensuing kickoff and returned it 49-yards for a score. Cleveland upped its lead to 21-10 when Brian Sipe pitched an eight yard touchdown pass to Oscar Roan climaxing a six play 42-yard drive. Fritsch got Houston to within eight at 21-13 on a 37-yard field goal after Pastorini came off the bench to spark a six play 41-yard drive. A Robert Brazile interception and a 16-yard return gave Houston possession on the Cleveland 20 with 1:45 left in the half, and on second and goal with ten seconds left, John Hadl skirted into the end zone on a fake field goal to make it 21-20 in favor of the Browns. Houston took the lead with 4:28 left on a Fritsch 36-yard field goal, but Cleveland came back to get the win on Cockroft's boot as time expired.

### Score by Periods

Cleveland . . . . .	14	7	0	3	-24
Houston . . . . .	10	10	0	3	-23

### Scoring

- Houston — B. Johnson, 87 punt return (Fritsch, kick)
- Houston — Fritsch, 25 field goal
- Cleveland — Miller, 6 run (Cockroft, kick)
- Cleveland — Scott, 49 pass interception return (Cockroft, kick)
- Cleveland — Roan, 8 pass from Sipe (Cockroft, kick)
- Houston — Fritsch, 37 field goal
- Houston — Hadl, 6 run (Fritsch, kick)
- Houston — Fritsch, 36 field goal
- Cleveland — Cockroft, 30 field goal

### Team Statistics

	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	11	18
Rushing Yardage . . . . .	109	109
Passing Yardage . . . . .	61	119
Return Yardage . . . . .	100	126
Passing . . . . .	20-9-1 & 1 TD	29-14-2
Punts . . . . .	8-40.9	6-36.5
Fumbles/Lost . . . . .	11-65	7-64

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

- Cleveland* — Poole 14-52; Miller 12-42; Pruitt 4-13; Warfield 2-0.
- Houston* — Wilson 23-56; Coleman 12-44; Hadl 1-6 & TD; Hardeman 1-3.

#### Passing

- Cleveland* — Sipe 8-19-58 & 1 TD & 1 Interception; Pruitt 1-1-13.
- Houston* — Pastorini 8-15-89; Hadl 6-14-59 & 2 Interceptions.

#### Receiving

- Cleveland* — Roan 2-16 & 1 TD; Poole 2-11; Parris 2-24; Miller 2-17; Warfield 1-3.
- Houston* — Burrough 5-92; Wilson 5-31; Coleman 2-18; Giles 1-4; Hardeman 1-3.

## GAME 6 — PITTSBURGH 27, HOUSTON 10

October 23, 1977 at Pittsburgh

Scoring twice in the final four minutes, the Pittsburgh Steelers registered a 27-10 win and dropped the Oilers out of first place in the AFC's Central Division. Both teams were victimized by numerous turnovers throughout the contest. Oiler QB Dan Pastorini was intercepted five times and Houston lost one fumble while the Steelers lost five of seven fumbles, two inside the 10 yard line, and were intercepted once. After a scoreless first quarter Houston took a 7-0 advantage when Pastorini connected with Mike Barber on a 5-yard strike. Pittsburgh drew even when Franco Harris bulled over from the one after a Dwight White interception and 8-yard return gave the Steelers possession on the Houston 10. Terry Bradshaw upped the Pittsburgh advantage to 13-7 mid-way through the third period when he found John Stallworth with a 49-yard scoring aerial. Following the ensuing kickoff Pastorini drove the Oilers 51-yards to the Pittsburgh 31, but, the Oiler march was halted by White's second interception. On the Oilers next possession, Toni Fritsch booted a 46-yard field goal narrowing the Steeler lead to 13-10 before Bradshaw directed the Steelers to their final scores, a 2-yard pass to Eddie Cunningham and a one yard bolt by Harris. Ronnie Coleman was the leading rusher in the game with 114-yards on 26 attempts.

### Score by Periods

<i>Pittsburgh</i> . . . . .	0	7	6	14	-27
<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	0	7	0	3	-10

### Scoring

Houston — Barber, 5 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch Kick).

Pittsburgh — Harris, 1 run (Gerela Kick).

Pittsburgh — Stallworth, 49 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela Kick Failed).

Houston — Fritsch, 46 FG

Pittsburgh — Cunningham, 2 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela Kick).

Pittsburgh — Harris, 1 run (Gerela Kick).

### Team Statistics

	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	19	10
Rushing Yardage . . .	125	131
Passing Yardage . . . .	227	-14
Return Yardage . . . .	156	180
Passing . . . . .	25-16-1	15-5-5
Punts . . . . .	5-36.6	6-43.5
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	7-5	2-1
Penalties . . . . .	5-35	4-20

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

*Pittsburgh* — Harris, 23-77; Bleier, 11-29; Stallworth, 1-12; L. Smith, 1-5; Thornton, 2-2, Bradshaw, 1-0; Walden, 1-0.

*Houston* — Coleman, 26-114; Wilson, 11-19; Pastorini, 1-minus 2.

#### Passing

*Pittsburgh* — Bradshaw, 16-24-1 & 2 TD; Graff, 0-1.

*Houston* — Pastorini, 5-15-5 & 1 TD.

#### Receiving

*Pittsburgh* — Swann, 5-55, Cunningham, 5-55 & 1 TD; Stallworth, 4-92 & 1 TD; Harris, 2-9.

*Houston* — Coleman, 3-3; Burrough, 1-24; Barber, 1-5 & 1 TD.

## GAME 7 — CINCINNATI 13, HOUSTON 10

October 30 at Riverfront Stadium

The Oilers suffered their third straight defeat when they were upended 13-10 in overtime by Cincinnati. After a scoreless first quarter, the Bengals took a 7-0 lead when Scott Perry blocked a Cliff Parsley punt which Willie Shelby recovered in the end zone. Bengal QB Ken Anderson reloaded John Reaves at the start of the second half and masterminded a 13-play 71-yard drive culminated by a Chris Bahr 23-yard FG giving Cincinnati a 10-0 advantage. Houston QB Dan Pastorini came off the bench in the fourth period and engineered two scoring drives that produced 10 points and forced the contest into an overtime period. Pastorini drove the Oilers 64-yards in six-plays for a 22-yard Toni Fritsch FG and 73-yards in 17-plays, connecting with Ronnie Coleman on a 3-yard scoring toss with 27-seconds remaining in regulation play. The Bengals won the coin toss, elected to receive, and Anderson directed a 10-play 58-yard march capped by Bahr's 22-yard game winning three-pointer.

### Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	0	0	0	10	0	-10
<i>Cincinnati</i> . . . . .	0	7	3	0	3	-13

### Scoring

- Cincinnati — Shelby, recovered blocked punt in end zone (Bahr Kick).
- Cincinnati — Bahr, 23 FG
- Houston — Fritsch, 22 FG
- Houston — Coleman, 3 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch Kick).
- Cincinnati — Bahr, 22 FG.

### Team Statistics

	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	15	15
Rushing Yardage . . .	86	107
Passing Yardage . . . .	176	79
Return Yardage . . . .	80	61
Passing . . . . .	29-17-1	26-14-1
Punting . . . . .	4-39.0	6-41.5
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	2-1	0-0
Penalties . . . . .	4-67	6-30

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

- Cincinnati* — P. Johnson, 19-63; K. Anderson, 3-24; Clark, 4-3; Griffin, 10-3; Elliott, 1-1; Reaves, 1-0; Brooks, 1-minus 8.
- Houston* — Wilson, 15-52; Coleman, 16-40; Hardeman, 4-15; Hadl, 2-5; B. Johnson 1-minus 5.

#### Passing

- Cincinnati* — Anderson, 16-12-0-107; Reaves, 13-5-2-69.
- Houston* — Pastorini, 16-9-0-80 & 1 TD; Hadl, 10-5-1-17.

#### Receiving

- Cincinnati* — Brooks, 4-58; P. Johnson, 4-42; Griffin, 2-13; Elliott, 2-13; McNally, 1-17; Corbett, 1-18; Curtis 1-minus 1; Trumpy, 1-7; Clark, 1-9.
- Houston* — Burrough, 5-35; Coleman, 3-15 & 1 TD; B. Johnson, 2-18; Hardeman, 2-10; Foster, 1-17; Wilson, 1-2.



## GAME 8 – HOUSTON 47, CHICAGO 0

November 6 at THE ASTRODOME

The Oilers parlayed a potent offense and a stingy defense into a 47-0 rout of the Chicago Bears, snapping a three game losing streak. After Toni Fritsch got the Oilers on the scoreboard with a first period field goal, the Oilers moved into high gear in the second quarter on an 85-yard bomb from Dan Pastorini to Ken Burrough and a 61-yard run on a reverse by Billy Johnson for a 17-0 halftime lead. Then the Oilers added scores on a 43-yard pass from Pastorini to Burrough, a 34-yard fumble recovery by Gregg Bingham for a score, a one yard run by Don Hardeman, and a 75-yard kickoff return by Johnson following an Oiler safety credited to James Young. The Oilers had 489 yards in total offense and held Chicago to 125.

### Score by Periods

<i>Chicago</i> . . . . .	0	0	0	0	-0
<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	3	14	14	16	-47

### Scoring

- Houston – Fritsch, 29-yard field goal.
- Houston – Burrough, 85-yard pass from Pastorini.
- Houston – B. Johnson, 61-yard run.
- Houston – Hardeman, 1-yard run.
- Houston – Burrough, 43-yard pass from Pastorini.
- Houston – Bingham, 34-yard fumble recovery.
- Houston – Safety (Phipps tackled in end zone by Young).
- Houston – B. Johnson, 75-yard kickoff return.

### Team Statistics

	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	10	19
Rushing Yardage . . .	141	255
Passing Yardage . . . .	-16	234
Return Yardage . . . .	13	87
Passing . . . . .	9-17-0	11-19-0
Punting . . . . .	11-43.3	4-45.2
Fumbles/Lost . . . . .	3-1	2-2
Penalties/Yards . . . .	8-79	10-90

### Individual Statistics

#### Rushing

- Chicago* – Payton 18-79; Avellini 2-2; Musso 6-23; Earl 10-29; Best 3-8.
- Houston* – Coleman 18-69; Burrough 1-11; Carpenter 11-75; Hardeman 7-39; B. Johnson 2-61 & 1 TD.

#### Passing

- Chicago* – Avellini 5-12-21; Parsons 1-1-10; Phipps 3-4-5.
- Houston* – Pastorini 11-18-246 & 2 TDs; Coleman 0-1-0.

#### Receiving

- Chicago* – Baschnagel 1-2; Schubert 1-10; Payton 2-15; Scott 1-12; Musso 1-minus 8; Earl 3-5.
- Houston* – Burrough 6-180 & 2 TDs; Carpenter 1-7; B. Johnson 2-18; Foster 1-29; Giles 1-12.



## GAME 9 — OAKLAND 34, HOUSTON 29

November 13 at Oakland-Alameda County Stadium

Dan Pastorini connected on scoring aerials of 71 and 42-yards and Mike Moore scored on a 66-yard fumble return but the Oilers were victimized 34-29 by the Oakland Raiders. Despite the loss Houston still remained one-game behind Cleveland and Pittsburgh in the tough AFC Central Division. A 42-yard Errol Mann FG coupled with Ken Stabler's 11-yard TD strike to Dave Casper gave Oakland an early 10-1 advantage. Houston kicker Toni Fritsch hit on two three-pointers, 28 and 39 yards, and Pastorini found Ken Burrough with a 41-yard TD toss giving Houston a brief 13-10 lead. Stabler responded with a 56-yard 11-play drive culminated by a 14-yard TD pass to Fred Biletnikoff. Pastorini moved the Oilers 62-yards in 10-plays following the ensuing kickoff for a 32-yard FG by Fritsch narrowing the gap to one-point 17-16 at the half. Moore regained the lead for Houston when he rambled for a 66-yard TD with a Biletnikoff fumble. The PAT failed but Houston led 22-17. Two-minutes later the Raiders regained the advantage when Mark van Eegan bolted over from the two. Pastorini responded with a 71-yard bomb to Billy Johnson giving the Oilers their last lead of the day, 29-24. Stabler directed the Raiders to 10 points, a three-yard scoring sprint by Clarence Davis and a 25-yard FG, and the Oakland defense shut down the Oilers with two interceptions and one fumble recovery.

### Score by Periods

Houston . . . . .	3	13	13	0	-29
Oakland . . . . .	10	7	14	3	-34

### Scoring

- Oakland — Mann, 42 FG.
- Oakland — Casper, 11-yard pass from Stabler (Mann Kick).
- Houston — Fritsch, 28 FG.
- Houston — Fritsch, 39 FG.
- Houston — Burrough, 41-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch Kick).
- Oakland — Biletnikoff, 14-yard pass from Stabler (Mann Kick).
- Houston — Fritsch, 32 FG.
- Houston — Moore, 66-yard fumble return (Kick Failed).
- Oakland — van Eegan, 2-yard run (Mann Kick).
- Houston — B. Johnson, 71-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch Kick).
- Oakland — Davis, 3-yard run (Mann Kick).
- Oakland — Mann, 25 FG.

### Team Statistics

	<i>Oakland</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	24	13
Rushing Yardage . . . . .	110	156
Passing Yardage . . . . .	255	196
Return Yardage . . . . .	186	99
Passing . . . . .	31-23-2	27-11-4
Punting . . . . .	3-35.7	2-45.5
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	2-2	1-1
Penalties . . . . .	5-45	5-45

### Individual Statistics

#### Rushing

- Oakland* — van Eegan, 25-74 & 1 TD; C. Davis, 20-29 & 1 TD; Banaszak, 3-7.
- Houston* — Carpenter, 19-120; Coleman, 10-36.

#### Passing

- Oakland* — Stabler, 31-23-2-203 & 2 TD.
- Houston* — Pastorini, 27-11-4-203 & 2 TD.

#### Receiving

- Oakland* — Branch, 8-115; Siani, 6-74; Biletnikoff, 4-41 & 1 TD; Casper, 4-32 & 1 TD; C. Davis, 1-2.
- Houston* — Carpenter, 5-46; B. Johnson, 3-91 & 1 TD; Burrough, 2-56 & 1 TD; Foster, 1-10.

# GAME 10 – HOUSTON 22, SEATTLE 10

November 20 at the Kingdome

For the third consecutive week Houston's offense produced in excess of 350 yards while the defense continued its dominating ways, giving the Oilers a 22-10 win over the Seattle Seahawks. The victory kept the Oilers in the chase for the AFC's Central Division Crown. Pittsburgh and Cleveland were tied for the lead with 6-4 marks while Houston and Cincinnati were 5-5. Dan Pastorini, hitting on 21 of 36 for 237-yards and 1 TD, directed the Oilers to 432 total yards. Rob Carpenter was the top rusher, 97-yards on 25 attempts and Ken Burrough took pass catching laurels, 5 for 80 yards and one TD. The Seahawks were limited to 129 total yards, 102 rushing and 27 passing, and 12 first downs. Seattle's passers were sacked four times (once by Ken Kennard for a safety), intercepted twice and harassed into an erratic 5 of 24 performance.

## Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	0	10	3	9	-22
<i>Seattle</i> . . . . .	0	3	0	7	-10

## Scoring

Seattle – Leypoldt, 51 FG.  
 Houston – Dempsey, 27 FG.  
 Houston – Burrough, 13 pass from Pastorini (Dempsey Kick).  
 Houston – Dempsey, 37 FG.  
 Houston – Coleman, 1 run (Leypoldt Kick).  
 Houston – Safety (Myer tackled in end zone by Kennard).

## Team Statistics

	<i>Seattle</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	12	25
Rushing Yardage . . .	102	195
Passing Yardage . . . .	27	237
Return Yardage . . . .	190	176
Passing . . . . .	24-5-2	36-21-2
Punts . . . . .	7-43.7	4-30.8
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	3-2	3-1
Penalties . . . . .	8-68	11-75

## Individual Statistics

### Rushing

*Seattle* – Smith, 13-47; Testerman, 10-36; Sims, 4-13; Myer, 4-1; Hunter, 1-2.  
*Houston* – Carpenter, 25-97; Coleman, 17-53; Burrough, 1-28; Voight, 5-15; Pastorini, 2-2.

### Passing

*Seattle* – Zorn, 15-2-19 (one interception); Myer, 8-3-36 (one interception); Sims, 1-0-0.  
*Houston* – Pastorini, 36-21-237 & 1 TD (Two interceptions).

### Receiving

*Seattle* – Testerman, 1-25; Howard, 1-10; Smith, 1-9; Ferguson, 1-7; Largent, 1-4.  
*Houston* – Burrough, 5-80 & 1 TD; B. Johnson, 4-76; Carpenter, 4-17; Foster, 3-29; Coleman, 2-14; Giles, 2-13; Barber, 1-8.



**GAME 11 — HOUSTON 34, KANSAS CITY 20**  
**November 27 at THE ASTRODOME**

Sparked by a running attack that produced 296-yards, the Oilers raced to a 34-20 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. Houston took a 7-0 lead on their first play from scrimmage when Dan Pastorini connected with Ken Burrough on a 48-yard TD toss. The Oiler advantage was lengthened to 14-0 when Tim Wilson scampered into the end zone from the 11-yard line two-minutes into the second quarter. Two Jan Stenerud field goals, 30 and 26-yards cut the Houston advantage to 14-6 at the half. The Oilers opened the second half with a 12-play 74-yard scoring march culminated by Wilson's second TD, a one-yard bolt. Early in the fourth period Rob Carpenter bolted 77-yards to the Chiefs seven setting up a second Pastorini to Burrough TD connection, a seven yard toss that upped the Oiler advantage to 27-6. On the ensuing kickoff, Steve Baumgartner recovered a Tony Reed fumble at the KC 28 and three plays later, Pastorini hit Don Hardeman with a 3-yard TD pass. The Chiefs scored two TD's in the final three minutes, a 36-yard Tony Adams to Walter White pass and a 10-yard fumble return by Tim Gray. Carpenter finished with 149-yards rushing and Ronnie Coleman and 101. The win kept the Oilers in the chase for the division crown. At 6-5, they are tied with Cleveland and Cincinnati one-game behind Pittsburgh.

**Score by Periods**

<i>Kansas City</i> . . . . .	0	6	0	14	-20
<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	7	7	6	14	-34

**Scoring**

Houston — Burrough, 48 pass from Pastorini (Dempsey Kick).  
 Houston — Wilson, 11 run (Dempsey Kick).  
 Kansas City — Stenerud, 30 FG.  
 Kansas City — Stenerud, 26 FG.  
 Houston — Wilson, 1 run (Dempsey Kick Failed).  
 Houston — Burrough, 7 pass from Pastorini (Dempsey Kick).  
 Houston — Hardeman, 3 pass from Pastorini (Dempsey Kick).  
 Kansas City — White, 36 pass from Adams (Stenerud Kick).  
 Kansas City — Gray, 10 fumble return (Stenerud Kick).

**Team Statistics**

	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	18	21
Rushing Yardage . . .	91	296
Passing Yardage . . . .	246	74
Return Yardage . . . .	44	67
Passing . . . . .	38-11-2	25-11-2
Punts . . . . .	7-38.0	5-47.2
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	2-1	5-4
Penalties . . . . .	6-45	7-72

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing**

*Houston* — Carpenter, 14-149; Coleman, 15-101; Wilson, 9-44 & 1 TD; Voight, 1-2; Hardeman, 1-0.  
*Kansas City* — Podolak, 9-40; Reed, 8-20; Livingston, 2-16; Bailey, 4-13; Brockington, 5-6; Marshall, 1 for -4.

**Passing**

*Houston* — Pastorini, 24-11-2-118 & 3 TD; Coleman, 1-0.  
*Kansas City* — Livingston, 34-15-1-201; Adams, 4-2-1-84 & 1 TD.

**Receiving**

*Houston* — Burrough, 4-58 & 2 TD; Barber, 2-29; B. Johnson, 1-10; Wilson, 1-9; Garrison, 1-5; Carpenter, 1-4; Hardeman, 1-3 & 1 TD.  
*Kansas City* — White, 4-79 & 1 TD; Reed, 4-39; Marshall, 3-68; Brockington, 2-61; Brunson, 2-26; Bailey, 1-9; Samuels, 1-3.

## GAME 12 – DENVER 24, HOUSTON 14

December 4, at THE ASTRODOME

Denver, enroute to the Superbowl as Champions of the AFC, brought the "Orange Crush" to the Astrodome and earned a hard-fought 24-14 victory from the Oilers that erased Houston's playoff hopes for 1977. After a scoreless first period, the Oilers grabbed a 7-0 lead on a two-yard run by Ronnie Coleman 1:46 seconds into the second period. Coleman's TD climaxed a five-play, 67-yard drive, a 51-yard Dan Pastorini to Ken Burrough pass being the big play. The Bronco's came right back to tie the game on a 14-play, 79-yard drive, getting the score on a Craig Morton to Riley Odom pass that covered 13-yards. The drive was aided by a pair of penalties against the Oilers and a fumble that Denver recovered. The Broncos took the lead for keeps with :56 seconds to play before the half on a third down, 13-yard pass from Morton to Rick Upchurch completing a 7-play, 46-yard drive. The Oilers had intercepted Morton to break the drive, but on the interception fumbled the ball back to the Broncos. Denver was again aided in the drive on a trio of offside calls against Houston. Jim Turner's 42-yard field goal on Denver's opening possession of the third period lifted the Broncos into a 17-7 lead, but Houston closed the gap to 17-14 in the third quarter on a 29-yard pass from Pastorini to Burrough ending a 56-yard, five play drive. Denver put the game away with 4:48 to play on a five yard scamper by Norris Weese at the end of a 7-play, 54-yard drive.

### Score by Periods

<i>Denver</i> . . . . .	0	14	3	7	-24
<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	0	7	7	0	-14

### Scoring

- Houston – Coleman, 2-yard run (Fritsch, kick)
- Denver – Odom, 13-yard pass from Morton (Turner, kick)
- Denver – Turner, 42-yard field goal
- Denver – Upchurch, 13-yard pass from Morton (Turner, kick)
- Houston – Burrough, 29-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch, kick)
- Denver – Weese, 5-yard run (Turner, kick)

### Team Statistics

	<i>Denver</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	23	11
Rushing Yardage . . . . .	169	112
Passing Yardage . . . . .	163	139
Return Yardage . . . . .	73	13
Passing . . . . .	26-15-1	20-10-0
Punts . . . . .	4-50.0	8-39.8
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	2-1	1-1
Penalties . . . . .	6-35	9-57

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

- Denver* – Lytle, 11-39; Perrin, 10-38; Moses 1-8; Morton, 2-17; Jensen, 14-40; Keyworth, 6-22; Weese, 1-5.
- Houston* – Carpenter, 20-64; Coleman, 4-16; Wilson, 3-15; Pastorini, 2-15; Burrough, 1-2.

#### Passing

- Denver* – Morton, 22-13-187 & 2 TDs; Penrose (one interception); Penrose, 4-2-26.
- Houston* – Pastorini, 19-10-152 & 1 TD; Burrough, 1-0-0.

#### Receiving

- Denver* – Dolbin, 1-12; Moses, 4-77; Odom, 6-86 & 1 TD; Jensen, 1-5; Keyworth, 1-14; Lytle, 1-6; Upchurch, 1-13 & 1 TD.
- Houston* – Carpenter 3-4; Barber, 2-28; Burrough, 2-80 & 1 TD; Coleman, 2-34; Giles, 1-6.

# GAME 13 — HOUSTON 19, CELVELAND 15

December 11, at Cleveland, Ohio

Playing under horrible conditions on a rutted frozen field in seven degree weather, the Houston Oilers got what Coach Bum Phillips called a "character performance" and with it a 19-15 win. Curley Culp got things going for the Oilers by returning a pass interception 25-yards to the Celveland 7-yard line mid-way through the opening quarter and two plays later Ronnie Coleman went the final three yards for a 7-0 Houston lead. Cleveland Don Cockroft put the Browns on the score board with a 26-yard field goal, but Houston came back to take a 13-7 lead on another Coleman score, this time from two yards to cap an 8-play, 77-yard drive, the big play being a 56-yard pass from Dan Pastorini to rookie Eddie Foster. With two seconds left on the clock before the half, Cockroft got the Browns another three points on a 40-yard field goal. Billy Johnson returned a Cleveland punt 72-yards for a touchdown in the third quarter, and another missed PAT left Houston on top 19-6. Cleveland got a safety in the third period by tackling Rob Carpenter in the end zone, and then a touchdown on a Luck to Parris pass covering three yards with 3:05 remaining in the game, but the Browns could do no more damage to the Oiler defense.

## Score by Periods

Houston . . . . .	7	6	6	0	-19
Cleveland. . . . .	0	6	2	7	-15

## Scoring

Houston — Coleman, 3-yard run (Dempsey, kick)  
 Cleveland — Cockroft, 26-yard field goal  
 Houston — Coleman, 2-yard run (kick failed)  
 Cleveland — Cockroft, 40-yard field goal  
 Houston — B. Johnson, 72-yard punt return (kick failed)  
 Cleveland — Safety, Carpenter tackled by Sherk in end zone  
 Cleveland — Parris, 3-yard pass from Luck (Cockroft, kick)

## Team Statistics

	Cleveland	Houston
First Downs . . . . .	22	10
Rushing Yardage . . .	178	111
Passing Yardage . . .	222	56
Return Yardage . . . .	155	213
Passing . . . . .	35-19-4	12-7-1
Punts . . . . .	4-39.8	8-34.4
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	6-4	2-1
Penalties . . . . .	5-50	5-37

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### Rushing

Cleveland — G. Pruitt, 23-92; Miller, 15-84; Poole, 1-5; Luck, 2-minus 3.  
 Houston — Carpenter, 15-48; Coleman, 20-66; Pastorini, 1-minus 3.

### Passing

Cleveland — Mays, 8-3-34 (Two interceptions); Luck, 27-16-188 (two interceptions) & 1 TD.  
 Houston — Pastorini, 12-7-74 (One interception)

### Receiving

Cleveland — G. Pruitt, 5-42; Warfield, 2-24; Logan, 1-21; Rucker, 7-101; Miller, 2-20; Parris, 2-14 & 1 TD.  
 Houston — Coleman, 3-1; Foster, 1-56; Barber, 1-11; B. Johnson, 1-10; Burrough, 1-minus 4.

## GAME 14 – HOUSTON 21, CINCINNATI 16

December 18, at THE ASTRODOME

The Houston Oilers became the Houston Spoilers in the final game of the season, beating Cincinnati 21-16, winning second place in the AFC Central Division and avenging an earlier loss to Cincinnati, and the victory also denied the Bengals a trip to the playoffs as representatives of the AFC Central Division. Cincinnati got the game's first break by recovering a punt that had touched a Houston player on the Oilers' 26-yard line, and moved to Houston six in four plays, but the Oilers stiffened and Cincinnati had to settle for a 28-yard field goal by Chris Bahr with 10:51 left in the opening period. Bahr again booted a field goal with 8:57 left in the first half, this time from 27-yards, as Cincinnati drove 73-yards on 15-plays only to be denied the end zone after reaching the Houston four-yard line on the drive. The Oilers then went to work, and Billy Johnson started to roll toward what was going to be his biggest day as a pro. The Oilers marched 74-yards in nine plays with Ronnie Coleman cracking over from the one. A Dan Pastorini to Johnson pass took the Oilers to the Bengal one, setting up Coleman's score. Mike Reinfeldt blocked Pat McNally's punt to give the Oilers possession at the Bengal 20-yard line, and on the second play from scrimmage, Pastorini slipped a pass to Johnson for the score and a 13-6 Oiler lead at intermission after the PAT was wide. The Oiler defense, that was to sack Ken Anderson six times on the day, got the next points when Jim Young tackled Anderson in the end zone for a safety. Cincinnati closed it to 15-13 on the fourth play of the final period on an Anderson pass to McNally that covered 11-yards and topped off a 5-play, 43-yard drive. Tom Dempsey's 27-yard field goal gave the Oilers a 18-13 lead with 9:06 left and a 26-yard Dempsey boot with 6:05 made it 21-13. Cincinnati got the final points of the game on a 24-yard Bahr field goal with :47 seconds left, but failed on an onside kick attempt to regain possession. Johnson finished the day by catching six passes for 138 yards and a score, while rushing once for 31, and returning kicks for another 94 yards. The Oiler defense shut down Cincinnati with 96-yards rushing and 132 yards passing.

### Score by Periods

<i>Cincinnati</i> . . . . .	3	3	0	10	-16
<i>Houston</i> . . . . .	0	13	2	6	-21

### Scoring

- Cincinnati – Bahr, 26-yard field goal
- Cincinnati – Bahr, 28-yard field goal
- Houston – Coleman, 1-yard run (Dempsey, kick)
- Houston – Johnson, 21-yard pass from Pastorini (kick failed)
- Houston – Safety, Anderson tackled in end zone by J. Young
- Cincinnati – McNally, 11-yard pass from Anderson (Bahr, kick)
- Houston – Dempsey, 27-yard field goal
- Houston – Dempsey, 26-yard field goal
- Cincinnati – Bahr, 24-yard field goal

### Team Statistics

	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Houston</i>
First Downs . . . . .	16	19
Rushing Yardage . . . . .	96	159
Passing Yardage . . . . .	132	182
Return Yardage . . . . .	13	47
Passing . . . . .	29-11-0	21-10-0
Punts . . . . .	6-39.7	4-39.5
Fumbles-Lost . . . . .	2-2	4-3
Penalties . . . . .	11-100	11-103

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

- Cincinnati* – Griffin, 10-47; P. Johnson, 10-37; Anderson, 1-12; Elliott, 5-15; Clark, 1-minus 15.
- Houston* – B. Johnson, 1-31; Carpenter, 22-76; Coleman, 15-40 & 1 TD; Pastorini, 3-6; Burrough, 1-minus 22; Hardeman, 5-23; Wilson, 1-2; Voight, 1-3.

#### Passing

- Cincinnati* – Anderson, 23-8-97 & 1 TD; Reaves, 6-3-72.
- Houston* – Pastorini, 21-10-190 & 1 TD.

#### Receiving

- Cincinnati* – Trumpy, 3-31; McDaniel, 2-42; Brooks, 1-19; Elliott, 1-8; McNally, 4-69 & 1 TD.
- Houston* – B. Johnson, 6-138 & 1 TD; Burrough, 2-58; Coleman, 1-minus 5; Carpenter, 1-minus 1.

**HOUSTON OILERS  
ALL-TIME SERIES SCORES**

<b>HOUSTON vs. ATLANTA</b>				(W-1 / L-1 / T-0)	
1972-	Hou	10	at Atl	20	(L)
1976-	at Hou	20	Atl	14	(W)
<b>HOUSTON vs. BALTIMORE</b>				(W-1 / L-2 / T-0)	
1970-	at Hou	20	Balt	24	(L)
1973-	Hou	31	at Balt	27	(W)
1976-	Hou	14	at Balt	38	(L)
<b>HOUSTON vs. BUFFALO</b>				(W-16 / L-7 / T-0)	
1960-	Hou	24	at Buff	25	(L)
	at Hou	31	Buff	23	(W)
1961-	Hou	28	at Buff	16	(W)
	at Hou	12	Buff	22	(L)
1962-	Hou	28	at Buff	23	(W)
	at Hou	17	Buff	14	(W)
1963-	Hou	31	at Buff	20	(W)
	at Hou	28	Buff	14	(W)
1964-	Hou	10	at Buff	24	(L)
	at Hou	17	Buff	48	(L)
1965-	Hou	19	at Buff	17	(W)
	at Hou	18	Buff	29	(L)
1966-	Hou	21	at Buff	27	(L)
	at Hou	20	Buff	42	(L)
1967-	Hou	20	at Buff	3	(W)
	at Hou	10	Buff	3	(W)
1968-	Hou	30	at Buff	6	(W)
	at Hou	35	Buff	7	(W)
1969-	Hou	17	at Buff	3	(W)
	at Hou	28	Buff	14	(W)
1971-	Hou	20	at Buff	14	(W)
1974-	Hou	21	at Buff	9	(W)
1976-	Hou	13	at Buff	3	(W)
<b>HOUSTON vs. CHICAGO</b>				(W-1 / L-1 / T-0)	
1973-	Hou	14	at Chi	35	(L)
1977-	at Hou	47	Chi	0	(W)
<b>HOUSTON vs. CINCINNATI</b>				(W-6 / L-10 / T-1)	
1968-	Hou	27	at Cincy	17	(W)
1969-	at Hou	31	Cincy	31	(T)
1970-	Hou	20	at Cincy	13	(W)
	at Hou	20	Cincy	30	(L)
1971-	Hou	13	at Cincy	28	(L)
	at Hou	10	Cincy	6	(W)
1972-	Hou	7	at Cincy	30	(L)
	at Hou	17	Cincy	61	(L)
1973-	Hou	10	at Cincy	24	(L)
	at Hou	24	Cincy	27	(L)
1974-	Hou	34	at Cincy	21	(W)
	at Hou	20	Cincy	3	(W)
1975-	Hou	19	at Cincy	23	(L)
	at Hou	19	Cincy	21	(L)
1976-	at Hou	7	Cincy	27	(L)
	Hou	27	at Cincy	31	(L)
1977-	Hou	10	at Cincy	13	(L)*
	at Hou	21	Cincy	16	(W)
*Overtime					
<b>HOUSTON vs. CLEVELAND</b>				(W-4 / L-10 / T-0)	
1970-	Hou	14	at Clev	28	(L)
	at Hou	10	Clev	21	(L)
1971-	Hou	0	at Clev	31	(L)
	at Hou	24	Clev	37	(L)
1972-	Hou	0	at Clev	20	(L)
	at Hou	17	Clev	23	(L)

1973-	Hou	13	at	Clev	42	(L)
	at	Hou	13		Clev	23 (L)
1974-	Hou	7	at	Clev	20	(L)
	at	Hou	28		Clev	24 (W)
1975-	Hou	40	at	Clev	10	(W)
	at	Hou	21		Clev	10 (W)
1976-	at	Hou	7		Clev	21 (L)
		Hou	10	at	Clev	13 (L)
1977 -	at	Hou	23		Clev	24 (L)
		Hou	19	at	Clev	15 (W)

**HOUSTON vs. DALLAS COWBOYS (W-0 / L-2 / T-0)**

1970-	Hou	10	at	Dal	52	(L)
1974-	at	Hou	0		Dal	10 (L)

**HOUSTON vs. DENVER (W-16 / L-8 / T-1)**

1960-	Hou	45	at	Den	25	(W)
	at	Hou	20		Den	10 (W)
1961-	Hou	55	at	Den	13	(W)
	at	Hou	45		Den	14 (W)
1962-	Hou	10	at	Den	20	(L)
	at	Hou	34		Den	17 (W)
1963-	Hou	33	at	Den	24	(W)
	at	Hou	20		Den	14 (W)
1964-	Hou	38	at	Den	17	(W)
	at	Hou	34		Den	15 (W)
1965-	Hou	17	at	Den	28	(L)
	at	Hou	21		Den	31 (L)
1966-	Hou	38	at	Den	40	(L)
	at	Hou	45		Den	7 (W)
1967-	Hou	20	at	Den	18	(W)
	at	Hou	10		Den	6 (W)
1968-	at	Hou	38		Den	17 (W)
1969-	Hou	20	at	Den	20	(T)
	at	Hou	24		Den	21 (W)
1970-	at	Hou	31		Den	21 (W)
1972-	Hou	17	at	Den	30	(L)
1973-	at	Hou	20		Den	48 (L)
1974-	Hou	14	at	Den	38	(L)
1976	at	Hou	17		Den	3 (W)
1977 -	at	Hou	14		Den	24 (L)

**HOUSTON vs. DETROIT (W-1 / L-1 / T-0)**

1971-	at	Hou	7		Det	31 (L)
1975-	at	Hou	24		Det	8 (W)

**HOUSTON vs. GREEN BAY (W-1 / L-1 / T-0)**

1972-	at	Hou	10		G.B.	23 (L)
1977 -		Hou	16	at	G.B.	10 (W)

**HOUSTON vs. KANSAS CITY (W-8 / L-17 / T-0)**

1960-	Hou	0	at	Dal	24	(L)
	at	Hou	20		Dal	10 (W)
1961-	Hou	21	at	Dal	26	(L)
	at	Hou	38		Dal	7 (W)
1962-	Hou	14	at	Dal	6	(W)
	at	Hou	7		Dal	31 (L)
	*at	Hou	17		Dal	20 (L)
1963-	Hou	7	at	K.C.	28	(L)
	at	Hou	28		K.C.	7 (W)
1964-	Hou	7	at	K.C.	28	(L)
	at	Hou	19		K.C.	28 (L)
1965-	Hou	21	at	K.C.	52	(L)
	at	Hou	38		K.C.	36 (W)

1966-	Hou	23	at K.C.	48	(L)
1967-	Hou	24	at K.C.	19	(W)
	at Hou	20	K.C.	25	(L)
1968-	Hou	10	at K.C.	24	(L)
	at Hou	21	K.C.	26	(L)
1969-	Hou	0	at K.C.	24	(L)
1970-	Hou	9	at K.C.	24	(L)
1971-	at Hou	16	K.C.	20	(L)
1973-	Hou	14	at K.C.	39	(L)
1974-	at Hou	7	K.C.	17	(L)
1975-	Hou	17	at K.C.	13	(W)
1977-	at Hou	34	K.C.	20	(W)

AFL Championship game

HOUSTON vs. LOS ANGELES

(W-0 / L-1 / T-0)

1973-	at Hou	26	L.A.	31	(L)
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HOUSTON vs MIAMI

(W-6 / L-6 / T-0)

1966-	Hou	28	at Mia	29	(L)
	at Hou	13	Mia	20	(L)
1967-	Hou	41	at Mia	10	(W)
	at Hou	17	Mia	14	(W)
1968-	Hou	24	at Mia	10	(W)
	at Hou	7	Mia	24	(L)
1969-	Hou	32	at Mia	7	(W)
	at Hou	22	Mia	10	(W)
1970-	at Hou	10	Mia	20	(L)
1972-	Hou	13	at Mia	34	(L)
1975-	at Hou	20	Mia	19	(W)
1977-	Hou	7	at Mia	27	(L)

HOUSTON vs. NEW ENGLAND

(W-10 / L-12 / T-1)

1960-	Hou	24	at Bost	10	(W)
	at Hou	37	Bost	21	(W)
1961-	Hou	31	at Bost	31	(T)
	at Hou	27	Bost	15	(W)
1962-	Hou	21	at Bost	34	(L)
	at Hou	21	Bost	17	(W)
1963-	Hou	3	at Bost	45	(L)
	at Hou	28	Bost	46	(L)
1964-	Hou	24	at Bost	25	(L)
	at Hou	17	Bost	34	(L)
1965-	Hou	14	at Bost	42	(L)
	at Hou	31	Bost	10	(W)
1966-	Hou	21	at Bost	27	(L)
	at Hou	14	Bost	38	(L)
1967-	Hou	7	at Bost	18	(L)
	at Hou	27	Bost	6	(W)
1968-	Hou	16	at Bost	0	(W)
	at Hou	45	Bost	17	(W)
1969-	Hou	0	at Bost	24	(L)
	at Hou	27	Bost	23	(W)
1971-	Hou	20	at New Eng	28	(L)
1973-	at Hou	0	New Eng	32	(L)
1975-	Hou	7	at New Eng	0	(W)

HOUSTON vs. NEW ORLEANS

(W-1 / L-0 / T-1)

1971-	at Hou	13	N.O.	13	(T)
1976-	Hou	36	at N.O.	26	(W)

HOUSTON vs. NEW YORK GIANTS

(W-0 / L-1 / T-0)

1973-	Hou	14	at N.Y.	34	(L)
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## HOUSTON vs. NEW YORK JETS

(W-13 / L-8 / T-0)

1960-	Hou	42	at	N.Y.	28	(W)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	21	(W)
1961-	Hou	48	at	N.Y.	21	(W)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	13	(W)
1962-	Hou	44	at	N.Y.	10	(W)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	17	(W)
1963-	Hou	17	at	N.Y.	24	(L)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	27	(W)
1964-	Hou	21	at	N.Y.	24	(L)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	17	(W)
1965-	Hou	14	at	N.Y.	41	(L)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	21	(W)
1966-	Hou	13	at	N.Y.	52	(L)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	0	(W)
1967-	Hou	28	at	N.Y.	28	(T)
1968-	Hou	7	at	N.Y.	26	(L)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	20	(L)
1969-	Hou	17	at	N.Y.	26	(L)
	at	Hou		N.Y.	34	(L)
1972-	at	Hou		N.Y.	20	(W)
1974-	Hou	27	at	N.Y.	22	(W)
1977-	at	Hou		N.Y.	0	(W)

## HOUSTON vs. OAKLAND

(W-8 / L-17 / T-0)

1960-	Hou	38	at	Oak	22	(W)
	at	Hou		Oak	14	(L)
1961	Hou	47	at	Oak	16	(W)
	at	Hou		Oak	0	(W)
1962-	Hou	28	at	Oak	20	(W)
	at	Hou		Oak	17	(W)
1963-	Hou	49	at	Oak	52	(L)
	at	Hou		Oak	24	(L)
1964-	Hou	10	at	Oak	20	(L)
	at	Hou		Oak	28	(W)
1965-	Hou	17	at	Oak	21	(L)
	at	Hou		Oak	33	(L)
1966-	Hou	23	at	Oak	38	(L)
	at	Hou		Oak	0	(W)
1967-	*Hou	7	at	Oak	40	(L)
	at	Hou		Oak	19	(L)
1968-	at	Hou		Oak	24	(L)
1969-	Hou	17	at	Oak	21	(L)
	**Hou	7	at	Oak	56	(L)
1971-	Hou	21	at	Oak	41	(L)
1972-	at	Hou		Oak	34	(L)
1973-	at	Hou		Oak	17	(L)
1975-	Hou	27	at	Oak	26	(W)
1976-	at	Hou		Oak	14	(L)
1977-	Hou	29	at	Oak	34	(L)

\* '67 championship game

\*\* playoff game

## HOUSTON vs. PHILADELPHIA

(W-0 / L-1 / T-0)

1972-	at	Hou		Phila	18	(L)
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## HOUSTON vs. PITTSBURGH

(W-4 / L-12 / T-0)

1970-	Hou	19	at	Pitt	7	(W)
	at	Hou		Pitt	7	(L)
1971-	Hou	16	at	Pitt	23	(L)
	at	Hou		Pitt	3	(W)
1972-	Hou	7	at	Pitt	24	(L)
	at	Hou		Pitt	9	(L)
1973-	Hou	7	at	Pitt	33	(L)
	at	Hou		Pitt	36	(L)

1974—	Hou	13	at Pitt	10	(W)
	at Hou	7	Pitt	13	(L)
1975—	Hou	17	at Pitt	24	(L)
	at Hou	9	Pitt	32	(L)
1976—	Hou	16	at Pitt	32	(L)
	at Hou	0	Pitt	21	(L)
1977 —	at Hou	27	Pitt	10	(W)
	Hou	10	at Pitt	27	(L)

#### HOUSTON vs. SAN DIEGO

(W-10 / L-14 / T-1)

1960—	Hou	21	at L.A.	24	(L)
	at Hou	38	L.A.	28	(W)
	*at Hou	24	L.A.	16	(W)
1961—	Hou	24	at S.D.	34	(L)
	at Hou	33	S.D.	13	(W)
	*Hou	10	at S.D.	3	(W)
1962—	Hou	42	at S.D.	17	(W)
	at Hou	33	S.D.	27	(W)
1963—	Hou	0	at S.D.	27	(L)
	at Hou	14	S.D.	20	(L)
1964—	Hou	21	at S.D.	27	(L)
	at Hou	17	S.D.	20	(L)
1965—	Hou	14	at S.D.	31	(L)
	at Hou	26	S.D.	37	(L)
1966—	at Hou	22	S.D.	28	(L)
1967—	Hou	3	at S.D.	13	(L)
	at Hou	24	S.D.	17	(W)
1968—	Hou	14	at S.D.	30	(L)
1969—	at Hou	17	S.D.	21	(L)
1970—	Hou	31	at S.D.	31	(T)
1971—	at Hou	49	S.D.	33	(W)
1972—	Hou	20	at S.D.	34	(L)
1974—	at Hou	21	S.D.	14	(W)
1975—	at Hou	33	S.D.	17	(W)
1976—	Hou	27	at S.D.	30	(L)

\* championship games

#### HOUSTON vs. SAN FRANCISCO

(W-1 / L-1 / T-0)

1970—	at Hou	20	S.F.	30	(L)
1975—	Hou	27	at S.F.	13	(W)

#### HOUSTON vs. SEATTLE

(W-1 / L-0 / T-0)

1977 —	Hou	22	at Sea	10	(W)
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#### HOUSTON vs. ST. LOUIS

(W-0 / L-2 / T-0)

1970—	Hou	0	at S.L.	44	(L)
1974—	at Hou	27	S.L.	31	(L)

#### HOUSTON vs. TAMPA BAY

(W-1 / L-0 / T-0)

1976—	at Hou	20	T.B.	0	(W)
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#### HOUSTON vs. WASHINGTON

(W-1 / L-1 / T-0)

1971—	Hou	13	at Wash	22	(L)
1975—	at Hou	13	Wash	10	(W)

#### TEN STARTED EVERY GAME

Ten Houston Oiler players started all fourteen games in 1977. Quarterback Carl Mauck, tackle Greg Sampson, and wide receivers Eddie Brown, a rookie, and Ken Burroughs turned the trick on offense while linebackers Ted Washington, Fred Bingham, Steve Kiner and Robert Brazile along with cornerback Willie Alexander and Safety Mike Reinhardt started every game on defense.

# HOUSTON OILERS' PRE-SEASON SCORES (44-52-1)

Hou	1960	Opp	Hou	1970	Opp
10 Dallas Texans . . . . .		27	13 Chicago . . . . .		2
13 Los Angeles Chargers . . . . .		22	10 New Orleans . . . . .		1
42 Denver . . . . .		3	7 Minnesota . . . . .		1
30 New York Titans . . . . .		14	37 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		2
3 Dallas Texans . . . . .		24	3 Los Angeles Rams . . . . .		2
Won 2, Lost 3			27 Philadelphia . . . . .		1
1961			Won 2, Lost 4		
14 San Diego Chargers . . . . .		27	1971		
35 Oakland . . . . .		17	6 Los Angeles Rams . . . . .		1
28 San Diego . . . . .		42	35 New York Giants . . . . .		1
30 New York Titans . . . . .		20	14 St. Louis . . . . .		1
42 Denver . . . . .		10	21 Philadelphia . . . . .		1
Won 3, Lost 2			20 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		2
1962			37 Chicago . . . . .		1
33 New York Titans . . . . .		27	24 New Orleans . . . . .		1
33 Denver . . . . .		17	Won 4, Lost 3		
20 Boston . . . . .		10	1972		
14 Buffalo . . . . .		21	24 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		2
34 Dallas Texans . . . . .		31	17 Chicago . . . . .		2
Won 4, Lost 1			20 Green Bay . . . . .		1
1963			33 St. Louis . . . . .		2
10 Denver . . . . .		27	14 Minnesota . . . . .		2
17 New York Titans . . . . .		0	14 New Orleans . . . . .		1
21 Boston . . . . .		20	Won 2, Lost 3, Tied 1		
3 San Diego . . . . .		21	1973		
23 Kansas City Chiefs . . . . .		17	13 New York Jets . . . . .		1
Won 3, Lost 2			7 Chicago . . . . .		3
1964			14 Green Bay . . . . .		3
38 Boston . . . . .		7	27 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		2
38 San Diego . . . . .		44	20 Baltimore . . . . .		1
20 Denver . . . . .		32	10 New Orleans . . . . .		1
20 Oakland . . . . .		34	Won 2, Lost 4		
17 Kansas City . . . . .		27	1974		
Won 1, Lost 4			16 New York Giants . . . . .		1
1965			48 Washington . . . . .		1
21 New York Titans . . . . .		16	13 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		1
29 Buffalo . . . . .		7	6 Atlanta . . . . .		1
27 Boston . . . . .		6	37 Chicago . . . . .		2
25 Denver . . . . .		3	16 New Orleans . . . . .		2
13 San Diego . . . . .		10	Won 3, Lost 3		
Won 5, Lost 0			1975		
1966			13 New Orleans . . . . .		1
26 Oakland . . . . .		17	24 Washington . . . . .		1
10 New York Jets . . . . .		16	21 Denver . . . . .		2
16 Buffalo . . . . .		28	14 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		1
20 Kansas City . . . . .		31	21 Baltimore . . . . .		2
Won 1, Lost 3			24 Chicago . . . . .		1
1967			Won 3, Lost 3		
9 Kansas City . . . . .		34	1976		
7 Oakland . . . . .		24	3 Kansas City . . . . .(OT) . . . . .		1
7 New York Jets . . . . .		13	10 New Orleans . . . . .		1
17 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		30	14 New York Giants . . . . .		3
Won 0, Lost 4			24 New York Jets . . . . .		2
1968			6 Miami . . . . .		1
9 Washington . . . . .		3	20 Dallas . . . . .(OT) . . . . .		2
28 New York Jets . . . . .		14	Won 0, Lost 6		
24 New Orleans . . . . .		23	1977		
37 Buffalo . . . . .		7	0 Oakland . . . . .		4
19 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		33	7 Baltimore . . . . .		1
Won 4, Lost 1			10 Chicago . . . . .		1
1969			17 San Francisco . . . . .		1
24 Buffalo . . . . .		7	23 Dallas . . . . .		1
29 Baltimore . . . . .		33	16 New Orleans . . . . .		2
19 Chicago . . . . .		17	Won 2, Lost 4		
11 Dallas Cowboys . . . . .		14			
30 New Orleans . . . . .		14			
Won 3, Lost 2					

## HOUSTON OILERS ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON SCORES

1960  
**WON 10                      LOST 4                      TIED 0**  
**COACH: LOU RYMKUS**

Date	Houston		Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
	Points	Goals	Points	Goals		
9-11	37		at		Oakland 22	12,703
9-18	38				Los Angeles 28	20,156
9-25	14				Oakland 13	16,421
10-9	27				New York 21	16,156
10-16	20				Dallas 10	19,026
10-23	42		at		New York 28	21,000
10-30	24		at		Buffalo 25	23,000
11-6	45		at		Denver 25	14,489
11-13	21		at		Los Angeles 24	14,489
11-20	20				Denver 10	20,778
11-25	24		at		Boston 10	27,123
12-4	0		at		Dallas 24	20,000
12-11	31				Buffalo 23	25,247
12-18	37				Boston 21	22,352

POINTS SCORED: Houston 379                      Opponents 285  
ATTENDANCE: Home 140,136                      Away 140,120

1961  
**WON 10                      LOST 3                      TIED 1**  
**COACH: LOU RYMKUS (First Five Games)      Wally Lemm**

Date	Houston		Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
	Points	Goals	Points	Goals		
9-9	55				Oakland 0	16,231
9-24	24		at		San Diego 34	29,210
10-1	21		at		Dallas 26	28,000
10-8	12				Buffalo 22	22,761
10-13	31		at		Boston 31	15,070
10-22	38				Dallas 7	21,237
10-29	28		at		Buffalo 16	23,228
11-5	55		at		Denver 13	11,564
11-12	27				Boston 15	35,649
11-19	49				New York 13	33,428
11-26	45				Denver 14	27,864
12-3	33				San Diego 13	37,854
12-10	48		at		New York 21	9,462
12-17	47		at		Oakland 16	4,821

POINTS SCORED: Houston 513                      Opponents 242  
ATTENDANCE: Home 197,016                      Away 119,364

1962  
**WON 11                      LOST 3                      TIED 0**  
**COACH: Frank "Pop" Ivy**

Date	Houston		Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
	Points	Goals	Points	Goals		
9-9	28		at		Buffalo 23	31,236
9-16	21		at		Boston 34	32,276
9-23	42		at		San Diego 17	28,061
10-7	17				Buffalo 14	26,350
10-14	56				New York 17	20,650
10-21	10		at		Denver 20	34,496
10-28	7				Dallas 31	31,750
11-4	14		at		Dallas 6	29,017
11-11	28		at		Oakland 20	11,000
11-18	21				Boston 17	35,250
11-25	33				San Diego 27	28,235
12-2	34				Denver 17	30,650
12-9	32				Oakland 17	27,400
12-15	44		at		New York 10	8,167

POINTS SCORED: Houston 387                      Opponents 270  
ATTENDANCE: Home 200,285                      Away 166,140

1963  
**WON 6                      LOST 8                      TIED 0**  
**COACH: Frank "Pop" Ivy**

Date	Houston		Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
	Points	Goals	Points	Goals		
9-7	13				Oakland 24	24,749
9-14	20				Denver 14	23,147
9-22	17		at		New York 24	9,336
9-28	31		at		Buffalo 20	32,340
10-6	7		at		Kansas City 28	27,801
10-13	33		at		Denver 24	24,087
10-20	28				Buffalo 14	23,948
10-27	28				Kansas City 7	26,331
11-1	3		at		Boston 45	31,185
11-10	31				New York 27	23,615
11-24	0		at		San Diego 27	31,713
12-1	28				Boston 46	23,042
12-8	14				San Diego 20	18,540
12-15	49		at		Oakland 52	17,401

POINTS SCORED: Houston 302                      Opponents 372  
ATTENDANCE: Home 163,376                      Away 173,863

1964  
**WON 4**                      **LOST 10**                      **TIED 0**  
**COACH: Sammy Baugh**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
	Houston			
9-12	21	at	San Diego 27	22,632
9-19	42		Oakland 28	26,482
9-27	38	at	Denver 17	22,651
10-4	7	at	Kansas City 28	22,729
10-11	17		Buffalo 48	26,218
10-17	21	at	New York 24	32,840
10-25	17		San Diego 20	21,671
11-1	10	at	Buffalo 24	40,119
11-6	24	at	Boston 25	28,161
11-15	10	at	Oakland 20	16,375
11-22	19		Kansas City 28	17,782
11-29	17		Boston 34	17,560
12-13	33		New York 17	16,225
12-20	34		Denver 15	15,839
POINTS SCORED: Houston 310			Opponents 355	
ATTENDANCE: Home 141,777			Away 185,507	

1965  
**WON 4**                      **LOST 10**                      **TIED 0**  
**COACH: Hugh "Bones" Taylor**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
	Houston			
9-14	27		New York 21	52,680
9-19	31		Boston 10	32,445
9-26	17	at	Oakland 21	18,166
10-3	14	at	San Diego 31	28,190
10-17	17	at	Denver 28	32,492
10-24	38		Kansas City 36	34,670
10-31	19	at	Buffalo 17	44,267
11-7	21		Oakland 33	35,729
11-14	21		Denver 31	28,126
11-21	14	at	New York 41	55,312
11-28	21	at	Kansas City 52	16,457
12-5	18		Buffalo 29	23,087
12-12	26		San Diego 37	24,120
12-18	14	at	Boston 42	14,508
POINTS SCORED: Houston 298			Opponents 429	
ATTENDANCE: Home 230,857			Away 209,392	

1966  
**WON 3**                      **LOST 11**                      **TIED 0**  
**COACH: Wally Lemm**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
	Houston			
9-3	45		Denver 7	30,156
9-10	31		Oakland 0	31,763
9-18	13	at	New York 52	54,681
9-25	20	at	Buffalo 27	42,526
10-2	38	at	Denver 40	27,203
10-16	24		New York 0	30,823
10-23	13		Miami 20	23,173
10-30	23	at	Kansas City 48	31,676
11-6	23	at	Oakland 38	34,102
11-13	21	at	Boston 27	23,426
11-20	20		Buffalo 42	27,312
12-4	22		San Diego 28	17,569
12-11	14		Boston 38	17,100
12-18	28	at	Miami 29	20,045
POINTS SCORED: Houston 335			Opponents 396	
ATTENDANCE: Home 177,896			Away 233,659	

1967  
**WON 9**                      **LOST 4**                      **TIED 1**  
**COACH: Wally Lemm**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
	Houston			
9-9	20		Kansas City 25	28,003
9-17	20	at	Buffalo 3	41,384
9-24	3	at	San Diego 13	36,032
10-1	10		Denver 6	21,798
10-15	28	at	New York 28	62,729
10-22	24	at	Kansas City 19	46,365
10-29	10		Buffalo 3	30,060
11-5	7	at	Boston 18	19,422
11-12	20	at	Denver 18	30,392
11-26	27		Boston 6	28,044
12-3	17		Miami 14	20,979
12-10	7		Oakland 19	36,375
12-16	24		San Diego 17	19,870
12-23	41	at	Miami 10	25,982
POINTS SCORED: Houston 258			Opponents 199	
ATTENDANCE: Home 185,129			Away 262,306	

1968  
 WON 7                      LOST 7                      TIED 0  
 COACH: Wally Lemm

Date	Houston		Final Score	Opponent	Attendance
9-9	21			Kansas City 26	45,083
9-14	24	at		Miami 10	40,067
9-21	14	at		San Diego 30	46,217
9-29	15			Oakland 24	46,098
10-6	7			Miami 24	36,109
10-13	16	at		Boston 0	32,502
10-20	14			New York 20	51,710
10-27	30	at		Buffalo 7	34,339
11-3	27	at		Cincinnati 17	24,012
11-10	7	at		New York 26	60,242
11-17	38			Denver 17	36,075
11-28	10	at		Kansas City 24	48,493
12-7	35			Buffalo 6	34,110
12-15	45			Boston 17	34,198
POINTS SCORED: Houston 303				Opponents 248	
ATTENDANCE: Home 283,383				Away 285,872	

1969  
 WON 6                      LOST 6                      TIED 2  
 COACH: Wally Lemm

Date	Houston		Final Score	Opponent	Attendance
9-14	17	at		Oakland 21	49,361
9-21	17	at		Buffalo 3	40,146
9-28	22			Miami 10	41,086
10-5	28			Buffalo 14	46,485
10-12	0	at		Kansas City 24	45,805
10-19	17	at		New York 26	63,841
10-26	24			Denver 21	45,348
11-2	0	at		Boston 24	19,006
11-9	31			Cincinnati 31	45,298
11-16	20	at		Denver 20	45,002
11-23	32	at		Miami 7	27,281
11-27	17			San Diego 21	40,065
12-6	26			New York 34	51,923
12-14	27			Boston 23	39,215
POINTS SCORED: Houston 278				Opponents 279	
ATTENDANCE: Home 309,420				Away 290,442	

1970  
 WON 3                      LOST 10                      TIED 1  
 COACH: Wally Lemm

Date	Houston		Final Score	Opponent	Attendance
9-20	19	at		Pittsburgh 7	45,538
9-27	10			Miami 20	39,840
10-4	20	at		Cincinnati 13	55,094
10-11	20			Baltimore 24	48,050
10-18	3			Pittsburgh 7	42,799
10-25	31	at		San Diego 31	41,427
11-1	0	at		St. Louis 44	47,911
11-8	9	at		Kansas City 24	49,810
11-15	20			San Francisco 30	43,040
11-22	14	at		Cleveland 28	74,723
11-29	31			Denver 21	35,733
12-7	10			Cleveland 21	50,528
12-13	20			Cincinnati 30	34,435
12-20	10	at		Dallas 52	50,504
POINTS SCORED: Houston 217				Opponents 352	
ATTENDANCE: Home 294,497				Away 365,007	

1971  
 WON 4                      LOST 9                      TIED 1  
 COACH: Ed Hughes

Date	Houston		Final Score	Opponent	Attendance
9-19	0	at		Cleveland 31	73,387
9-26	16			Kansas City 20	46,498
10-3	13			New Orleans 13	47,966
10-10	13	at		Washington 22	54,041
10-17	7			Detroit 31	45,885
10-24	16	at		Pittsburgh 23	45,872
10-31	10			Cincinnati 6	37,947
11-7	20	at		New England 28	53,155
11-14	21	at		Oakland 41	54,705
11-21	13	at		Cincinnati 28	59,390
11-28	24			Cleveland 37	37,921
12-5	29			Pittsburgh 3	37,778
12-12	20	at		Buffalo 14	28,107
12-19	49			San Diego 33	35,959
POINTS SCORED: Houston 251				Opponents 330	
ATTENDANCE: Home 289,954				Away 368,657	

1972  
**WON 1**                      **LOST 13**                      **TIED 0**  
**COACH: Bill Peterson**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
9-17	17	at	Denver	30	51,656
9-24	13	at	Miami	34	77,821
10-1	26		New York	20	51,423
10-9	0		Oakland	34	51,378
10-15	7	at	Pittsburgh	24	42,929
10-22	17		Cleveland	23	38,113
10-29	7	at	Cincinnati	30	59,409
11-5	0	at	Cleveland	20	61,985
11-12	17		Philadelphia	18	34,175
11-19	10		Green Bay	23	41,752
11-26	20	at	San Diego	34	46,289
12-3	10	at	Atlanta	20	58,850
12-10	3		Pittsburgh	9	36,528
12-17	17		Cincinnati	61	32,482
POINTS SCORED: Houston 164				Opponents 380	
ATTENDANCE: Home 285,851				Away 398,939	

1973  
**WON 1**                      **LOST 13**                      **TIED 0**  
**COACH: Bill Peterson (First Five Games)**                      **Sid Gillman**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
9-16	14	at	N.Y. Giants	34	57,979
9-23	10	at	Cincinnati	24	51,823
9-30	7		Pittsburgh	36	39,331
10-7	26		Los Angeles	31	34,874
10-14	20		Denver	48	32,801
10-21	13	at	Cleveland	42	61,146
10-28	14	at	Chicago	35	43,755
11-4	31	at	Baltimore	27	52,707
11-11	13		Cleveland	23	37,280
11-18	14	at	Kansas City	39	68,444
11-25	0		New England	32	27,344
12-2	6		Oakland	17	25,801
12-9	7	at	Pittsburgh	33	38,004
12-16	24		Cincinnati	27	21,955
POINTS SCORED: Houston 199				Opponents 447	
ATTENDANCE: Home 270,094				Away 373,858	

1974  
**WON 7**                      **LOST 7**                      **TIED 0**  
**COACH: Sid Gillman**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
9-15	21		San Diego	14	25,317
9-22	7	at	Cleveland	20	58,988
9-29	7		Kansas City	17	28,538
10-6	7		Pittsburgh	13	30,049
10-13	10	at	Minnesota	51	48,006
10-20	27		St. Louis	31	26,371
10-27	34	at	Cincinnati	21	55,434
11-3	27	at	N.Y. Jets	22	47,218
11-10	21	at	Buffalo	9	79,223
11-17	20		Cincinnati	3	44,054
11-24	0		Dallas	10	49,775
12-1	13	at	Pittsburgh	10	41,195
12-8	14	at	Denver	38	47,142
12-15	28		Cleveland	24	33,299
POINTS SCORED: Houston 236				Opponents 282	
ATTENDANCE: Home 264,215				Away 363,363	

1975  
**WON 10**                      **LOST 4**                      **TIED 0**  
**COACH: O.A. "Bum" Phillips**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
9-21	7	at	New England	0	54,212
9-28	33		San Diego	17	37,602
10-5	19		Cincinnati	21	45,321
10-12	40	at	Cleveland	10	49,984
10-19	13		Washington	10	51,911
10-26	24		Detroit	8	50,084
11-2	17	at	Kansas City	13	65,449
11-9	17	at	Pittsburgh	24	49,460
11-16	20		Miami	19	51,755
11-24	9		Pittsburgh	32	51,851
11-30	19	at	Cincinnati	23	59,574
12-7	27	at	San Francisco	13	49,618
12-14	27	at	Oakland	26	54,020
12-21	21		Cleveland	10	47,934
POINTS SCORED: Houston 293				Opponents 226	
ATTENDANCE: Home 336,458				Away 382,317	

1976  
**WON 5                      LOST 9                      TIED 0**  
**COACH: O.A. "Bum" Phillips**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
9-12	20		Tampa Bay	0	43,911
9-19	13	at	Buffalo	3	63,667
9-26	13		Oakland	14	45,426
10-3	31	at	New Orleans	26	56,561
10-10	17		Denver	3	51,041
10-17	27	at	San Diego	30	33,327
10-24	7		Cincinnati	27	50,968
1-1	14	at	Baltimore	38	60,020
1-7	7		Cleveland	21	47,073
1-14	27	at	Cincinnati	31	59,574
1-21	16	at	Pittsburgh	32	47,947
1-28	20		Atlanta	14	41,039
2-5	10	at	Cleveland	13	60,226
2-11	0		Pittsburgh	21	52,437

POINTS SCORED: Houston 222                      Opponents 273  
ATTENDANCE: Home 331,895                      Away 381,322

1977  
**WON 8                      LOST 6                      TIED 0**  
**COACH: O.A. "Bum" Phillips**

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
9-18	20		New York Jets	0	42,181
9-25	16	at	Green Bay	10	56,627
10-2	7	at	Miami	27	51,973
10-9	27		Pittsburgh	10	51,644
10-16	23		Cleveland	24	50,738
10-23	10	at	Pittsburgh	27	48,517
10-30	10	at	Cincinnati	13*	53,194
1-6	47		Chicago	0	51,177
1-13	29	at	Oakland	34	54,598
1-20	22	at	Seattle	10	63,817
1-27	34		Kansas City	20	47,701
2-4	14		Denver	24	51,455
2-11	19	at	Cleveland	15	46,788
2-18	21		Cincinnati	16	50,924

POINTS SCORED: Houston 222                      Opponents 273  
ATTENDANCE: Home 339,378                      Away 375,514  
Overtime



## NOTES

**OILER HISTORY**



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# OILER HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

## 1959

- August 3 — K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. announces Houston's entry into the American Football League.
- August 15 — A.F.L. formally organized with six cities — Los Angeles, New York, Denver, Dallas, Houston and Minneapolis-St. Paul.
- October 18 — John W. Breen hired as Oiler Player Personnel Director.
- October 29 — Rice University refuses use of its stadium for Houston's professional football team.
- October 31 — Adams names the team "Oilers" — "for sentimental and social reasons."
- November 22 — A.F.L. conducts first player draft. Oilers select Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon of L.S.U.
- December 8 — Oilers sign first players in Don Hitt and Tony Banfield, both of Oklahoma State.

## 1960

- January 1 — Oilers sign their first draft choice in L.S.U.'s Billy Cannon.
- January 3 — Oilers name former Cleveland great Lou Rymkus as first head coach.
- January 8 — Los Angeles Rams file suit to establish the validity of a contract Billy Cannon signed with Rams on November 30, 1959.
- January 13 — Rymkus names first assistant coach in Wally Lemm, who will coach defensive backs.
- January 17 — Don Suman named Administrative Assistant to the President, K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr.
- January 17 — Oilers signed former Texas A&M great Charley Milstead to contract.
- January 24 — Walt Schlinkman named to Oiler coaching staff as offensive backfield coach.
- February 20 — Oilers sign veteran pro quarterback George Blanda.
- March 8 — Houston School Board approves lease of Jeppesen Stadium to K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., and gives permission to increase seating capacity from 22,000 to 36,000.
- June 21 — Court rules that Billy Cannon will play with the Houston Oilers.
- July 15 — Houston opens first training camp at the University of Houston with daily practices to be held at old Busch Field during season.
- July 30 — George Blanda leads Blues to 14 - 0 intrasquad victory at Baytown.
- August 6 — Oilers lose, 27 - 10, to Dallas Texans in first pre-season game at Tulsa.
- August 20 — Oilers defeat Denver, 42 - 3, before 18,500 in home debut at Jeppesen.
- September 11 — Oilers win first regular season contest, 37 - 22, over Oakland in San Francisco. Charles Hennigan scores first Oiler TD on a 43-yard pass from George Blanda. Dave Smith scored first Oiler TD rushing on 8-yard run. Smith had 104 yards on 19 carries during game.
- November 21 — Oilers draft Pittsburgh's Mike Ditka as their No. 1 choice.
- December 11 — Oilers clinch AFL Eastern Division title with 31 - 23 win over Buffalo in Houston.
- December 29 — Lou Rymkus named AFL's first Coach of the Year.

## 1961

- January 1 — Oilers win first AFL Championship by defeating Los Angeles Chargers, 24 - 16, before 32,000 fans at Jeppesen Stadium. Billy Cannon was named game's MVP; Blanda completed 16 of 32 passes for 301 yards and three TD's. Winning players share: \$1,016.42.
- January 14 — Oilers sign Willard Dewveall, former SMU star, who played out his option with the Chicago Bears and became first NFL player to jump leagues.
- January 31 — Harris County voters pass \$22 million bond issue to finance a new domed stadium, which will be home of the Oilers.
- March 1 — Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. announces Oilers to train for '61 season in Honolulu.
- April 25 — Assistant coach Wally Lemm resigns coaching duties to enter private business.
- May 21 — Don Suman named Vice-President and General Manager.
- July 18 — Oilers open training camp at Ellington Field prior to leaving for Honolulu.
- August 12 — Oilers defeat Oakland, 35 - 17, in Honolulu.
- September 9 — Oilers open regular season with a 55 - 0 rout of Oakland at Jeppesen despite threats from Hurricane Carla.
- October 16 — Wally Lemm replaces Lou Rymkus as head coach after Oilers have only a tie, one victory and three losses in five starts.
- October 22 — Oilers defeat Dallas Texans, 38 - 7, in first outing under Lemm. Blanda comes off the bench to throw three TD passes, kick 53-yard field goal and three PAT's.

- October 29 — Blanda sets AFL passing record: 464 yards, 18 of 3 for four TD's as Oilers defeat Buffalo, 28 - 16, in Buffalo.
- November 19 — Blanda throws seven touchdown passes against New York in 49 - 13 win to set AFL record and the all-time pi record.
- December 3 — Oilers defeat previously unbeaten San Diego, 33 - 1, before Houston's largest crowd, 37,845. Charles Henniga caught 10 passes for 214 yards and three TD's. Blanda hits on 2 of 34 attempts for 351 yards and four TD's and kicks AF record 55-yard field goal.
- December 10 — Billy Cannon scores five TD's (3 rushing, 2 receiving); carries 25 times for 216 yards; five catches for 115 yards (account for 330 total yards offense (of team's 473) as Oilers defeat New York, 48 - 21, in Polo Grounds.
- December 17 — Oilers win second straight Eastern Division crown by beating Oakland, 47 - 16, in Oakland. Oilers become first pi team in history to score over 500 points in one season with 51 points in 14 games.
- December 20 — Wally Lemm named AFL Coach of the Year.
- December 23 — George Blanda named AFL Player of the Year.
- December 24 — Oilers win second straight AFL title, defeating San Diego, 10 - 3, in San Diego. Billy Cannon wins MVP award for second straight year. Winning players share: \$1,724.00.

## 1962

- February 23 — Wally Lemm resigns to become head coach of St. Louis Cardinals.
- March 5 — Oilers name Frank (Pop) Ivy as head coach.
- July 12 — Oilers open 1962 training camp at Ellington Air Force Base.
- August 5 — Oilers open pre-season campaign with 33 - 27 win over New York.
- September 9 — Oilers open regular season play with 28 - 23 win over Buffalo in Buffalo.
- September 16 — Oilers lose to Boston, 34 - 21, in first pro game in historic Harvard Stadium.
- October 7 — Oilers win home opener over Buffalo, 17 - 14.
- October 14 — Oilers set AFL scoring record with 56 - 17 win over New York as Blanda hits on six TD passes.
- December 1 — Oilers draft Arkansas' Danny Brabham as their No. 1 pick in AFL draft.
- December 15 — Oilers win third consecutive Eastern Division title 44 - 10, over New York. Charlie Tolar gets 107 yards on 11 carries to become the first Oiler back to gain over 1,000 yards in one season. His total was 1,012 on 244 carries. Oilers compile best regular season record in club's history with 11 wins, three losses.
- December 23 — Oilers lose AFL title to Dallas Texans, 20 - 17, in historic six quarter game which lasted 77 minutes, 54 seconds and was football's longest game. Oilers trailed 17 - 0 at halftime but great second half left game deadlocked at 17 - 17 at end of regulation time.

## 1963

- January 1 — Oilers sign their No. 1 draft choice in Danny Brabham.
- February 14 — Pop Ivy given two-year contract as head coach and general manager.
- July 11 — Oilers open training camp at Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- August 3 — Oilers lose pre-season opener, 27 - 10, in Denver.
- August 22 — Chargers defeat Oilers in pre-season game at Jeppesen 21 - 3; first time Oilers fail to score TD at home.
- September 7 — Oilers drop regular season home opener, 24 - 13, to Oakland.
- November 1 — Oilers suffer worst defeat in history — 45 - 3 to Boston in Boston.
- December 1 — Oilers pick Texas' All-American Scott Appleton as their No. 1 draft choice.
- December 15 — Oilers sign All-American quarterback Don Trull of Baylor. Trull was Houston's top future draft choice in previous draft.

## 1964

- February 2 — Oilers sign their No. 1 draft choice, Scott Appleton to four-year contract.
- March 1 — Oilers announce building of a new training site at Fannin and Braeswood.
- May 17 — Sammy Baugh named backfield coach on Oilers coaching staff.
- June 2 — Frank (Pop) Ivy relieved of head coach-general manager duties. Adams names Sammy Baugh the new head coach and Carroll Martin the new general manager.
- July 17 — Oilers open training camp at new site — Fannin and Braeswood.
- August 10 — Oilers defeat Boston, 38 - 7, in Boston for first win in 1964.
- August 14 — Oilers loan Jacky Lee to Denver for two years; receive defensive lineman Bud McFadin and No. 1 draft choice.
- September 8 — Oilers trade Billy Cannon to Oakland for Bob Jackson, Sonny Bishop and Dobie Craig.

- September 12 — San Diego defeats Houston, 27 - 21, in regular season opener.
- September 13 — Rookie Sid Blanks sets AFL record with 91-yard TD run against New York in Houston.
- December 18 — Sammy Baugh resigns as Oiler head coach.
- December 20 — Oilers play final game in Jeppesen Stadium, defeating Denver, 34 - 15, to end season with 4 - 10 record. Charles Hennigan catches 101st pass of season to set new all-time pro record.
- December 22 — Hugh (Bones) Taylor named Oiler head coach; Sammy Baugh stays on staff as assistant.
- December 27 — Lou Rymkus rejoins Oiler coaching staff as offensive line coach.

### 1965

- January 12 — AFL meeting and All-Star game shifted to Houston after racial incidents in New Orleans.
- June 5 — Oilers announce they will not play in Harris County Domed Stadium because of "unrealistic lease agreement." Sign five-year lease with Rice University for use of Rice Stadium.
- June 22 — Ralph Neely's contract with Houston declared invalid by Oklahoma City Federal Court after University of Oklahoma tackle had signed contracts with both Houston and Dallas.
- July 17 — Oilers open 1965 training camp.
- August 7 — Oilers defeat New York Jets, 21 - 16, in pre-season opener in Alexandria, Virginia.
- September 4 — Oilers defeat San Diego, 13 - 10, in Little Rock to conclude undefeated five-game pre-season schedule.
- September 12 — Oilers defeat New York, 27 - 21, in regular season opener. A record crowd of 52, 680 watched at Rice Stadium.
- November 27 — Oilers draft Texas' All-American Tommy Nobis as their No. 1 draft choice.
- November 29 — Oilers sign their No. 5 draft choice, fullback Hoyle Granger of Mississippi State.
- December 18 — Oilers conclude second straight 4 - 10 season with 42 - 14 loss to Boston in Boston.

### 1966

- January 2 — Oilers sign top draft choices in Arkansas tackle Glen Ray Hines and L.S.U. tackle George Rice after Cotton Bowl game.
- January 13 — K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. names Don Klosterman as Oilers' Executive Vice-President and General Manager.
- January 18 — Oilers announce that Hugh (Bones) Taylor's contract as head coach will not be renewed.
- January 29 — Wally Lemm named Oiler head coach by Klosterman.
- June 8 — Oilers sign Ernie Ladd; Commissioner awards Willie Frazier and Pete Jaquess to San Diego in compensation.
- June 9 — The AFL and NFL announce plans to merge into one league by 1970. Common draft and championship game scheduled immediately.
- July 10 — Oilers open 1966 training camp.
- August 2 — Oilers defeat Oakland, 26 - 17, in year's first pre-season game. Attraction at Rice Stadium sponsored by Arabia Shrine Temple.
- September 3 — Oilers open regular season play with 45 - 7 home victory over the Denver Broncos. Denver was held to no first downs, an AFL record.
- November 17 — Oilers relinquish rights to Ralph Neely to Dallas. Get in return Dallas' first draft choice and two others. Teams (Dallas-Houston) announce three pre-season games with first set for Houston in 1967.
- December 18 — Oilers close out '66 season with last minute 29 - 28 loss to Miami Dolphins in Miami. Worst seasonal record in history of 3 wins, 11 losses. Four losses were recorded in last 30 seconds of play.

### 1967

- March 14 — First common draft between AFL and NFL; Oilers take Michigan State All-American George Webster as their No. 1 choice.
- March 18 — Oilers sign first player from pro football's first common draft in fourth pick Roy Hopkins, a fullback from Texas Southern.
- March 19 — Oilers release four veterans including quarterback George Blanda and tackle Rich Michael; both had been with club from start. Flankerback Charles Hennigan traded to San Diego for Sammie Taylor, a wide receiver from Grambling College.
- April 2 — Oilers announce they will hold 1967 training camp at Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas, in the heart of the hill country. Only third time in history Oilers will have trained outside Houston.
- April 15 — Oilers sign their No. 1 draft choice in Michigan State's two-time All-American linebacker George Webster.
- July 11 — Oilers open 1967 training camp in Kerrville at Schreiner Institute.
- August 5 — Kansas City defeats Oilers in first pre-season game, 24 - 9.
- September 9 — Oilers drop season opener to Kansas City, 25 - 20, at Rice Stadium.

- December 17 — Oilers clinch Eastern Division title with 24 - 17 win over San Diego at Rice Stadium and become first team to go from cellar to division title in one season. Accomplished with 1 rookies on the squad.
- December 20 — Four Oilers named to All-AFL team. Defensive end Pat Holmes, cornerback Miller Farr, guard Bob Talamini and rookie linebacker George Webster named to AFL elite unit.
- December 23 — Oiler linebacker George Webster, the number one choice from Michigan State, was unanimous choice as AFL defensive Rookie of the Year.
- December 23 — Oilers complete regular season with 41 - 10 record over Miami Dolphins in Orange Bowl and wrap up Eastern Division Championship.

## 1968

- January 1 — Oakland Raiders break open close game in second quarter and wallop Oilers, 40 - 7, in AFL championship game. Only Oiler TD comes in fourth quarter on pass from Pete Beathard to Charles Frazier.
- January 30 — Oilers pick Ole Miss receiver Mac Haik as their first draft choice (second round) in second combined AFL-NFL college draft. First choice went to Kansas City in Pete Beathard trade.
- February 10 — Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. announces that Oilers will move to the Harris County Domed Stadium for the 1968 season. Contract with Rice will be settled.
- June 27 — NFL players vote to strike as negotiations between owners and players falter and threaten the start of '68 training camps. Conflict arose over wages and pension plan.
- July 6 — NFL owners postpone the start of all training camps until settlement of wage-pension dispute with NFL Players Association.
- July 8 — Oilers open 1968 training camp at Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas.
- July 9 — Oilers sign first draft choice — Mac Haik of Ole Miss. Haik was the last Oiler rookie to sign '68 contract.
- July 10 — AFL players and owners sign two-year contract and pension agreement.
- July 14 — NFL players and owners end dispute, open training camps.
- August 1 — Oilers defeat Washington Redskins, 9 - 3, in first professional game ever played indoors in fabulous Astrodome.
- August 31 — Oilers and Dallas Cowboys battle in Astrodome before standing room only crowd of over 55,000 with Dallas winning, 33 - 19.
- September 9 — Oilers open regular season with Monday night clash in Astrodome with Kansas City. 45,083 crowd packed Astrodome for nationally televised contest as Kansas City held off Oilers to win, 26 - 21.
- December 15 — Oilers close out disappointing season with 45 - 17 win over Boston Patriots in Astrodome. Finished season with 7 - 7 record.
- December 17 — Eleven Oilers named to AFL Eastern Division All-Star squad including George Webster and Hoyle Granger for second straight year.
- December 23 — George Webster and Miller Farr named to All-AFL team by both Associated Press and United Press.

## 1969

- January 12 — Joe Namath leads New York Jets to 16 - 7 upset over the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III in Miami's Orange Bowl.
- January 25 — Oiler linebacker George Webster one of four AFL players named to Pro Football Writers' Association's first combined All-Pro team.
- January 28 — Oilers choose Arizona State's All-American linebacker Ron Pritchard as first draft choice and pick SMU's All-American receiver Jerry LeVias in the second round.
- February 8 — Oilers' first round draft choice Ron Pritchard becomes first round draft choice in country to sign with pro team. Signs multi-year Oiler contract.
- April 3 — Head Coach Wally Lemm opens special three-day rookie camp at Oiler practice field.
- April 15 — Jim Norton, last of the original Houston Oilers, announces his retirement after nine years and Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. retires his number 43 jersey.
- May 10 — Historic merger meeting of AFL-NFL sees Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Baltimore switch to AFL to form two 13-team divisions to be known as the American and National Football Conference of the National Football League.
- July 14 — Oilers open '69 training camp at Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas.
- August 2 — Oilers open pre-season action with 24 - 7 win over Buffalo Bills. **August 15**
- August 15 — Oilers come within seconds of upset win over Baltimore Colts. Colts score on final play of game to win pre-season encounter, 33 - 29, in Astrodome.
- September — Oilers lose heartbreaking 14 - 11 decision to Dallas Cowboys in Astrodome before standing room only crowd.
- September 14 — Oakland scores in final quarter to thwart Oilers upset bid in league opener, 21 - 17. Oilers lost winning TD when Jerry LeVias dropped pass in wide open.

- December 14 — Oilers need victory over Boston in Astrodome to assure playoff spot as runner-up team in Eastern Division despite 5 - 6 - 2 record. Oilers come from behind to take 27 - 23 triumph and finish with 6 - 6 - 2 record.
- December 21 — Oilers lose bid for championship in humiliating 56 - 7 loss to Oakland in playoff game. Daryle Lamonica hurled six TD passes for Raiders. Kansas City defeated New York, 13 - 6, to set up all Western Division title game. Kansas City won AFL title, 17 - 7, over Oakland.
- December 23 — George Webster named All-Pro for third consecutive year.

## 1970

- January 6 — Oiler General Manager Don Klosterman resigns and accepts general manager's position with Baltimore Colts.
- January 15 — Oiler linebacker George Webster named to Pro Football Hall of Fame's All-Time AFL defensive unit. The three-year Oiler veteran was youngest and least experienced player named to the All-Time AFL team.
- January 21 — Oilers trade quarterback Pete Beathard and cornerback Miller Farr to St. Louis Cardinals for quarterback Charley Johnson and cornerback Bob Atkins.
- January 27 — Oilers draft North Carolina Central guard Doug Wilkerson in first round of college draft.
- February 26 — First round draft choice Doug Wilkerson signs Oiler contract.
- June 30 — Oiler veterans join NFL Players Association strike. Owners bar veterans from training camps. Dispute revolved around pension plan.
- July 14 — Oilers open training camp at Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas, with only rookies reporting.
- August 3 — Veterans report to training camp after settlement of NFL-NFLPA pension dispute.
- August 8 — Oilers drop pre-season opener to Chicago Bears, 23 - 13, in Astrodome.
- August 29 — Oilers enjoy one of team's greatest victories in history as they crush Dallas Cowboys, 37 - 21, in Astrodome as Jerry LeVias has great night with three touchdowns in game.
- September 20 — Oilers open NFL season with 19 - 7 triumph over Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh as Charley Johnson passes to Jerry LeVias for two touchdowns.
- November 1 — Oiler Head Coach Wally Lemm, who led Oilers to AFL title in 1961 and to Eastern Division title in 1967, announces he will retire at the end of 1970 season.
- December 13 — Oilers end one of poorest seasons in club's history with 3 - 10 - 1 record with 52 - 10 defeat by Dallas Cowboys in Dallas. Club was riddled with injuries throughout season.
- December 18 — Oilers trade Doug Wilkerson, the team's No. 1 draft choice in 1970 to San Diego for former Oiler tight end Willie Frazier.

## 1971

- January 21 — Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. names Ed Hughes to be the sixth head coach in Oiler history. Hughes, 43, was offensive backfield coach with the San Francisco 49ers and was signed to a five-year contract.
- January 28 — The Oilers, who pick third behind Boston and New Orleans in the college draft, select quarterback Dan Pastorini of Santa Clara in the first round and grab quarterback Lynn Dickey of Kansas State in the third round.
- January 26 — Oilers trade running back Hoyle Granger, tackle Terry Stoepel and defensive end Charles Blossom to New Orleans for defensive tackle Dave Rowe and wide receiver Ken Burrough.
- February 14 — Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. named Bob Brodhead as general manager. Brodhead was former player and controller with Cleveland.
- March 3 — Ed Hughes completes his coaching staff with hiring of defensive backfield coach Burnie Miller. Miller joins Walt Schlinkman, Fran Polsfoot, Ernie Zwahlen, George Dickson and Walt Yowarsky on Oiler staff. Trainer Bobby Brown is released from his duties.
- March 28 — Jess Thompson named Director of Scouting.
- April 2 — General Manager Bob Brodhead resigns position with Oilers after only one month on job.
- April 7 — Oilers hire Warren Araial as trainer.
- April 8 — Ed Hughes and his staff get first look at rookies with special three-day rookie camp.
- April 27 — Oilers trade cornerback Leroy Mitchell to Denver Broncos for safety John Charles.
- May 5 — Oilers name John W. Breen as general manager replacing Bob Brodhead. Breen was the first employee hired by Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. in 1959 when the American Football League was formed.
- May 15 — Oilers trade linebacker Olen Underwood to Denver for guard Bob Young.
- June 3 — Oilers get linebacker Dave Olerich from St. Louis for draft choice.
- June 15 — Oilers trade offensive tackle Glen Ray Hines, linebacker Jess Lewis and a second round draft choice to New Orleans for defensive tackle Mike Tilleman.
- June 24 — Oilers' number one draft choice, Dan Pastorini of Santa Clara, signs contract.

- July 9 — Oilers open training camp at Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas, and begin 12th season.
- July 27 — Oilers trade wide receiver Jerry LeVias to San Diego Chargers for 6-8, 300-pound offensive tackle Gene Ferguson and 6-8, 290-pound defensive tackle Ron Billingsley.
- July 31 — Oilers battle Los Angeles Rams in Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio with Rams winning 17 - 6. Rookie Lynn Dickey impressive in his pro debut.
- August 6 — Oilers trade rookie offensive tackle Larron Jackson and draft choice to Denver for rookie cornerback Cleo Johnson.
- August 9 — Oilers open home season with 35 - 6 walloping of New York Giants in the Astrodome.
- October 26 — Oilers trade running back Joe Dawkins to Denver for running back Dick Post. Also trade tight end Willie Frazier to Kansas City for running back Robert Holmes and a draft choice.
- October 31 — First victory of season comes against Cincinnati as Ken Houston runs interception back 48 yards for game's only TD as Oilers win 10 - 6 in Astrodome.
- November 16 — Offensive line coach Ernie Zwahlen fired by Oilers. General Manager John Breen. Scout King Hill brought in to work with young quarterbacks.
- December 12 — Safety Ken Houston ties all-time pro record for touchdowns on interceptions with theft against Buffalo in Oilers 20 - 14 victory. Houston tied record of seven set by Erich Barnes of Cleveland and Herb Adderley of Dallas.
- December 14 — Head Coach Ed Hughes fires offensive backfield coach Walt Schlinkman and equipment manager Johnny Gonzales.
- December 19 — Oilers close out '71 season with third straight victory by blasting San Diego, 49 - 33, for highest point production since 1963. Ken Houston establishes all-time pro record with two touchdowns on interceptions. The five-year veteran intercepted successive John Hadl passes in the third quarter and returned them for touchdowns of 35 and 29 yards to run his career total to 9. His four returns of interceptions for TD's in one year is also an NFL record.
- December 22 — Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. announces that Head Coach Ed Hughes' contract has been terminated by mutual agreement. A settlement was reached on the remaining four years of Hughes' contract.
- December 24 — Oiler defensive end Elvin Bethea and safety Ken Houston are named to AFC Pro-Bowl squad. It was second straight year for Houston.
- December 30 — Oilers name former Florida State and Rice University coach Bill Peterson as their new head coach.

## 1972

- January 8 — Joe Madro, a veteran of 17 pro coaching seasons, joined the Oiler coaching staff as offensive line coach.
- February 1 — Greg Sampson, a 6-5½, 265-pound defensive from Stanford was Houston's No. 1 draft choice.
- March 21 — K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. spearheaded a drive which landed the 1974 Super Bowl game for Houston. The game will be played in Rice Stadium on January 13, 1974.
- April 9 — Walt Schlinkman named by Oilers as Director of Player Personnel and Scouting.
- June 8 — Ken Houston named best strong safety in pro football by Pro Football Weekly.
- July 8 — Oilers sign No. 1 draft choice Greg Sampson of Stanford to multi-year contract.
- August 16 — Oilers trade quarterback Charley Johnson to Denver Broncos for undisclosed high draft choice.
- August 19 — Oilers defeat Green Bay Packers, 20 - 3, in Astrodome for first pre-season victory of 1972.
- August 24 — Second-year quarterback Lynn Dickey suffers a hip injury that sidelines him for the '72 season. Oilers defeated St. Louis Cardinals, 33 - 24, in Astrodome for second straight pre-season win.
- September 11 — Oilers tie New Orleans, 14 - 14, in Astrodome and finish pre-season slate with 2 - 2 - 1 record.
- October 1 — Oilers stun Joe Namath and New York Jets, 26 - 20, in the Astrodome for only victory of 1972 season.
- October 25 — Oilers trade Ron Pritchard and Charlie Joiner to Cincinnati for running backs Paul Robinson and Fred Willis. Also trade linebacker George Webster to Pittsburgh for wide receiver Dave Smith.
- December 23 — Guy Murdock, Oilers' rookie center, named to UPI's NFL All-Rookie team.

## 1973

- January 29 — Oilers acquire All-Pro center Bill Curry from Baltimore for guard Tom Regner and Oilers' third round draft choice.
- January 30 — Oilers draft Tampa's giant defensive end John Matuszak, 6-7, 282, in first round of 1973 draft. Oilers take running back-quarterback George Amundson of Iowa State in first round choice acquired from Atlanta for Mike Tilleman.
- March 2 — Veteran coach and front office executive Sid Gillman accepts position of Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Houston Oilers, replacing John Breen, who retired.

- March 9 — Bruce Beatty named defensive line coach by Oilers. Had been on New England Patriots' staff for past four seasons.
- March 13 — Andy Bourgeois named special teams coach by Oilers. First year in pros after coaching at T.C.U.
- March 21 — Oilers trade defensive tackle Ron Billingsley and quarterback Kent Nix to New Orleans Saints for quarterback Edd Hargett, linebacker Tom Stincic and tight end Dave Parks.
- April 17 — Oilers acquired return specialist Alvin Haymond from Washington Redskins for conditional draft choice.
- April 18 — Oilers trade seventh round draft choice to Chicago Bears for linebacker Larry Rowden, a third-year pro from Houston.
- April 24 — Oilers trade cornerback Jim Tolbert to St. Louis Cardinals for linebackers Mike McGill and Jim Hargrove.
- May 7 — Oilers swap second round draft choice to Buffalo for defensive end Al Cowlings.
- May 9 — Oilers trade first and third round draft choices to Dallas Cowboys for defensive end Tody Smith and wide receiver Billy Parks.
- May 15 — Oilers claim former University of Houston great Gus Holomon off waivers from the New York Jets.
- May 15 — Oilers trade all-pro safety Ken Houston and No. 5 draft choice to Washington Redskins for defensive end Mike Fanucci, wide receiver Clifton McNeil, offensive tackle Jim Snowden, safety Jeff Severson and tight end Mack Alston.
- June 20 — No. 2 draft choice George Amundson of Iowa State signs with Oilers.
- July 5 — No. 1 draft choice John Matuszak signs with Oilers.
- August 23 — Oilers upset Dallas Cowboys, 27 - 24, in an exhibition game in Houston for Oilers' first win in last 15 games.
- September 16 — Oilers open 1973 season with 34 - 14 loss to New York Giants.
- October 16 — Bill Peterson fired as head coach of Oilers after 48 - 20 loss to Denver, making Peterson's regular season record in one and one-half years 1 - 18. Sid Gillman assumes dual role of General Manager-Head Coach for the rest of year.
- November 5 — Oilers win only game of 1973 season, 31 - 27, over Baltimore Colts as Lynn Dickey completes 22 of 32 passes for 340 yards and three touchdowns.
- December 16 — Oilers end second straight 1 - 13 season with 27 - 24 loss to Cincinnati.
- December 19 — Oiler defensive end Elvin Bethea named to Pro Bowl team for third straight year.

## 1974

- January 18 — Sid Gillman announces decision to remain as General Manager-Head Coach for at least one more season, ending speculation that a new head coach would be named.
- February 2 — Richie Pettitbon, a former NFL defensive back with Chicago, Los Angeles, and Washington, joins Oilers as defensive backfield coach.
- February 8 — Former New Orleans and New York Jets coach Ed Biles joins Oilers as defensive assistant.
- February 9 — Oiler center Bill Curry assumes duties as President of the National Football League Players' Association.
- March 7 — O. A. "Bum" Phillips, a veteran Texas high school and college coach who was with Sid Gillman at San Diego, is hired by Oilers as defensive coordinator.
- March 15 — Oregon State assistant coach Sam Boghosian named special teams coach of the Houston Oilers.
- April 20 — NFL owners, meeting in New York, vote in sweeping rule changes designed to open up the game with more offense.
- April 30 — Oilers announce new location of training site at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, located about 70 miles north of Houston. Training camp is tentatively scheduled to begin July 6.
- May 24 — Oilers announce loss of \$459,281.00 for fiscal year 1973.
- July 6 — Oiler rookies report to training camp amid pickets carried by Oiler veterans who were members of the National Football League Players' Association. The NFLPA went on strike against the owners officially on July 1.
- July 20 — Oiler rookies beat the minor league San Antonio Toros, 13 - 7, in Alamo Stadium in the first game ever played between the two teams.
- August 3 — Oilers win first opening pre-season game since 1969 with 16 - 7 victory over the New York Giants. The game was played mostly with rookies and free agents since the veterans were on strike.
- August 11 — NFLPA strike ends for 14-day "cooling off" period and Oiler veterans report to camp.
- August 15 — Oilers acquire veteran running back Vic Washington from San Francisco for a first round draft choice in 1976 and a third round pick in 1977.
- August 27 — Oiler trainer Bobby Gunn announces resignation; Charlie Henry and Jerry Meins are named co-trainers to replace him.
- August 28 — Oiler tackle John Matuszak tries to jump his contract and sign with World Football League Houston Texans. Oilers obtain temporary restraining order and present it to Matuszak at Texans' game with New York Stars. Matuszak is put on inactive list until trial.
- September 5 — Oilers and WFL Texans meet in court over John Matuszak dispute.

- September 9 — State District Judge Arthur Leshner grants temporary injunction against John Matuszak playing for any other team than Oilers until further court hearings. Matuszak remains on inactive list.
- September 15 — Oilers open regular season with 21 - 14 win over San Diego, Houston's first regular season home victory since October 1, 1972.
- October 22 — Oilers trade John Matuszak and No. 3 draft choice to Kansas City for Curley Culp and No. 1 draft choice, ending court battle and giving Houston an experienced veteran at middle guard.
- October 27 — Oilers break five-game losing streak with 34 - 21 win over Cincinnati in Curley Culp's first game as an Oiler. Houston would go on to win four in a row and six of its last eight games.
- December 15 — Oilers defeat Cleveland for first time in history 28 - 24, and complete a 7 - 7 season, the best in Houston since 1968.

## 1975

- January 2 — Assistant General Manager Dan Downs resigns, citing differences with Head Coach-General Manager Sid Gillman as his reason.
- January 25 — O. A. Phillips named Oiler head coach by Sid Gillman, who says he will remain in single role as general manager.
- January 28 — Oilers pick Jackson State linebacker Robert Brazile in the first round of the NFL draft. Brazile was the sixth player picked in the draft. Houston also took Texas A&I running back Don Hardeman in a later first round selection, and chose Kansas wide receiver Emmett Edwards in the second round.
- February 14 — Sid Gillman leaves Oilers as general manager by mutual consent with owner Bud Adams. O. A. Phillips adds title of general manager to head coaching duties.
- February 18 — Tom Williams, formerly executive assistant who started with the Oilers as a scout, is named assistant general manager.
- July 19 — Rookies report to Oiler training camp at Huntsville, Texas.
- July 25 — Veterans scheduled to report to training camp.
- August 2 — Rookies Emmett Edwards of Kansas, Robert Brazile of Jackson State and Don Hardeman of Texas A&I are Oiler rookies participating in College All-Star game against World Champion Pittsburgh Steelers in Chicago.
- September 14 — Coach Bum Phillips and his Oilers close out first pre-season campaign with 3 - 3 record by beating Chicago Bears, 24 - 13, in Chicago.
- September 20 — Seven rookies make Oilers' 43-man squad — draft choices Robert Brazile, linebacker from Jackson State; fullback Don Hardeman of Texas A&I; wide receiver Emmett Edwards of Kansas; defensive back Mark Cotney of Cameron State; tight end John Sawyer of Southern Mississippi and free agents defensive back Greg Sternick of Colorado State and linebacker Ted Thompson of Southern Methodist.
- September 22 — Oilers open 1975 NFL season with 7 - 0 win over New England Patriots. Only TD was fumble return for score by Oilers' Willie Germany in first quarter.
- September 29 — Oilers open home NFL season with 33 - 17 win over San Diego. Curley Culp scored first TD of career with 38-yard return of fumble.
- October 3 — Oilers sign defensive end Bubba Smith and the former All-Pro end with Baltimore is united with brother Tody on Oiler squad.
- October 6 — Oilers lose first regular season game, 21 - 19, to Cincinnati in Astrodome. Oilers had led 17 - 7 in third quarter and then missed TD on four shots from Bengal one-yard line.
- October 13 — Houston scores its first win in history over Cleveland in Cleveland, with 40 - 10 triumph.
- October 20 — Oilers come from behind to defeat Washington, 13 - 10, for first win ever over NFC team. Win was in the Astrodome.
- October 26 — Oilers make it two in a row over NFC opponent with 24 - 8 rout of Detroit in the Astrodome.
- November 3 — Oilers whip Kansas City for first time since 1967, 17 - 13, and first time in Arrowhead Stadium to run season's record to 6 - 1.
- November 10 — Pittsburgh scored in final two minutes to break 17 - 17 tie and hand Oilers 24 - 17 loss in Pittsburgh.
- November 17 — Oilers rebound from Pitt loss with 20 - 19 win over Miami as Billy Johnson ties all-time pro record for TD's in one season on returns. Billy has three on punts and one on kickoffs. He broke a punt return for 83 yards against Dolphins. Ronnie Coleman made great seven-yard run for winning TD with less than two minutes to play. Standing-room-only crowd in the Astrodome.
- November 25 — Oilers lose Monday night showdown return battle with Pittsburgh, 32 - 9, and see title hopes dim.
- December 1 — Cincinnati eliminates Oilers from playoff picture with 23 - 19 win in rain in Cincinnati.

- December 8** — Oilers bounce back from two straight losses to defeat San Francisco, 27 - 13, to complete sweep of NFC teams in '75. Billy Johnson missed all-time return record when he missed TD by one yard, returning punt 76 yards to 49er one-yard line.
- December 15** — Oilers score on game's final play to nip Oakland, 27 - 26, for first win over Raiders since 1966. Dan Pastorini passed two yards to tight end Mack Alston for the score and Skip Butler kicked the extra point. Oakland had won eight straight games from the Oilers.
- December 22** — Oilers close out finest season since 1962 with 21 - 10 win over Cleveland giving Coach Bum Phillips a 10 - 4 - 0 record his first year as a head coach. Oilers set a new home attendance record, averaging 48,000 in seven home games.
- December 31** — U.S. District Judge Earl F. Larson declared the Pete Rozelle Rule was illegal thus making the option-compensation clause out for NFL teams.

## 1976

- January 27** — NFC All-Stars come from behind to nip AFC All-Stars in annual Pro Bowl game in New Orleans' Superdome but Oilers' Billy Johnson named MVP of game. Set new records for returns including 90-yard TD gallop with punt. Oilers had five players — Curley Culp, Elvin Bethea, Ken Burrough, Dan Pastorini and Billy Johnson. Pastorini passed 64 yards to Burrough for AFC score.
- January 30** — Oiler assistant coach Sam Boghosian resigns to accept coaching position with expansion team Seattle.
- February 4** — Oiler assistant Larry Peccatiello resigns to accept coaching position with expansion team Seattle.
- February 10** — Wade Phillips, son of Head Coach Bum Phillips, named to Oiler coaching staff as linebacker coach. Phillips had been an assistant at University of Kansas.
- March 15** — Veteran coach Ken McCullough named offensive line coach by Bum Phillips. McCullough had been coaching in Canada for the past five seasons.
- April 1** — Oilers lose Fred Hoaglin, Mark Cotney and Jesse O'Neal in NFL expansion draft.
- April 2** — Oilers trade quarterback Lynn Dickey to Green Bay for quarterback John Hadl, cornerback Ken Ellis, draft choices and cash. One of the biggest trades in Houston Oiler history.
- April 9** — Oilers make Mike Barber of Louisiana Tech their number one pick in the 1976 college draft. Oilers did not have first round selection, so Barber was picked in 2nd round or 48th player in draft selected. Barber is a tight end.
- June 1** — Oilers acquire veteran wide receiver Otis Taylor from Kansas City for future draft choice.
- June 20** — Oilers sign veteran safety Mike Weger, who played out his option with Detroit after eight seasons.
- July 14** — Oilers report to training camp at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.
- September 4** — Jim McLemore, Oiler public relations director, is stricken with a fatal heart attack just hours before the Houston-Dallas pre-season game at Texas Stadium.
- September 4** — Oilers fall to Dallas in overtime, 26-20, to complete 0-6 pre-season play. It was the Oilers' second overtime loss.
- September 12** — Oilers defeat Tampa Bay 20-0 in season opener.
- October 17** — Oilers take field against Chargers knowing a win would give them a share of the Central Division lead, but after being hit with a rash of injuries, bow 30-27. Loss was first of six in a row.
- November 28** — Oilers defeat Atlanta Falcons 20-14 in the Astrodome to snap six-game losing streak.
- December 11** — Pittsburgh defeats Oilers in season finale to win AFC Central Division title. Oilers finish 1976 campaign at 5-9.

## 1977

- January 14** — Head coach and general manager O.A. "Bum" Phillips announces the appointment of Ken Shipp as offensive coordinator with King Hill becoming receiver coach, and appointment of Joe Bugel as offensive line coach.
- February 2** — Pat Peppler is named assistant general manager of the Oilers.
- May 3** — Oilers draft offensive tackle Morris Towns of Missouri as its first-round pick, and select offensive guard George Reihner of Penn State in the second round.
- July 17** — Houston Oilers open training camp at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.
- September 18** — Oilers open championship season with a solid 20-0 win over Jets.
- October 9** — Oilers march into first place in the AFC Central Division after whipping Pittsburgh 27-10 at the Astrodome, but lose Dan Pastorini to an ankle and back injury.
- November 6** — With a healthy Dan Pastorini back in the lineup, Oilers become of age with a 47-0 blasting of Chicago, a team that went on to be the NFC's wild card representative in the playoffs.
- November 13** — Oakland holds off Oilers 34-29 in a see-saw game. Houston defensive end Elvin Bethea suffers a broken arm after playing in 135 consecutive games as an Oiler, a team record.

- December 11** — Oilers beat Cleveland 19-15 in a game played on a frozen field and under the "worst possible conditions." Burr Phillips says after game, in answer to query, "how do you get ready to play a game under these conditions? You don't. You can't practice being miserable."
- December 18** — Oilers thrill another Astrodome sellout with a convincing 21-16 win over Cincinnati, eliminating Bengals from playoff slot and sending Pittsburgh into playoffs. In two games against Oilers, Bengals scored a lone offensive touchdown. Oilers finish year 8-6 and in second place of AFC Central Division

## 1978

- January 24** — Curley Culp, Ken Burrough, Billy Johnson, and Robert Brazile play outstanding ball on AFC Pro Bowl team.
- February 1** — Billy Johnson selected as winner of the 1978 "Johnny Unitas Award" by the New England Quarterback Club.
- February 15** — Defensive secondary coach Richie Petitbon resigns to take identical post with old teammate Jack Pardee at Washington.
- March 1** — Ex-Bronco secondary coach Bob Gambold hired to replace Petitbon, and Texas A & M assistant John Paul Young joins Oilers as special teams coach.
- April 15** — Oilers announce a long-term contract with Texas State Network to air Oiler games.
- April 24** — Oilers set city on its ear by swapping three draft picks and tight end Jimmy Giles to Tampa Bay for rights to Texas all-American and Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell.
- April 29** — Oilers get Anthony Davis from Bucs for Don Hardeman in even player swap.
- July 9** — Rookies report to Oiler training camp at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.



# OILER CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

## Jeppesen Stadium — Houston, Texas Sunday, January 1, 1961

HOUSTON 24, LOS ANGELES 16 — Quarterback George Blanda passed 88 yards to halfback Billy Cannon to put the clincher on the game and give the Houston Oilers the first American Football League Championship in history, 24-14, over the Los Angeles Chargers before 32,000 fans at Jeppesen Stadium.

Los Angeles . . . . .	6	3	7	0-16
HOUSTON . . . . .	0	10	7	7-24

- L.A. — Agajanian 38 field goal.
- L.A. — Agajanian 22 field goal.
- Hou — Smith, 17 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick).
- Hou — Blanda 18 field goal.
- L.A. — Agajanian 27 field goal.
- Hou — Groman, 7 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick).
- L.A. — Lowe, 2 run (Agajanian kick).
- Hou — Cannon, 88 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick).

Attendance: 32,000  
Team Statistics

	OILERS	Chargers
First Downs . . . . .	17	21
Net Yards Gained . . . . .	401	333
Net Yards Rushing . . . . .	100	162
Net Yards Passing . . . . .	301	171
Passes . . . . .	32-16-0	41-21-2
Punts . . . . .	5-34.0	4-41.0
Fumbles - Lost . . . . .	2-0	2-0
Yards Penalized . . . . .	4-54	3-15

### Individual Statistics

#### Rushing

- Oilers — Cannon 18 for 50, Smith 19 for 45, Hall 3 for 5.
- Chargers — Lowe 21 for 165, Ferguson 4 for 11, Ford 2 for -5, Kemp 6 for -9.

#### Passing

- Oilers — Blanda 16 of 31 for 301 yards, 3 TD; Cannon 0 of 1.
- Chargers — Kemp 21 of 41 for 171 yards, 2 interceptions.

#### Receiving

- Oilers — Cannon 3 for 128, Hennigan 4 for 71, Smith 5 for 52, Groman 3 for 37, Carson 1 for 13.
- Chargers — Kocourek 3 for 57, Norton 6 for 55, Womble 6 for 29, Ferguson 2 for 19, Flowers 1 for 6, Lowe 3 for 5.

## Balboa Stadium — San Diego, California Sunday, December 24, 1961

HOUSTON 10, SAN DIEGO 3 — The Houston Oilers captured their second straight American Football League Championship with a 10-3 triumph over the San Diego Chargers at Balboa Stadium in one of pro football's roughest contests of all time. Thirteen players went to the sidelines with injuries. The only touchdown of the game was a 35-yard pass from George Blanda to Billy Cannon.

HOUSTON . . . . .	0	3	7	0-10
San Diego . . . . .	0	0	0	3-3

- Hou — Blanda 46 field goal.
- Hou — Cannon, 35 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick).
- S.D. — Blair 12 field goal.

Attendance: 29,556  
Team Statistics

	OILERS	Chargers
First Downs . . . . .	18	15
Net Yards Gained . . . . .	256	256
Net Yards Rushing . . . . .	96	79
Net Yards Passing . . . . .	160	177
Passes . . . . .	41-18-6	32-17-4
Punts . . . . .	4-41.5	6-33.3
Fumbles - Lost . . . . .	5-1	2-2
Yards Penalized . . . . .	5-68	10-106

### Individual Statistics

#### Rushing

- Oilers — Tolar 16 for 52, Cannon 15 for 48, Blanda 2 for -4.
- Chargers — Roberson 8 for 37, Lowe 5 for 30, Lincoln 3 for 7, Kemp 4 for 5.

#### Passing

- Oilers — Blanda 18 of 40 for 160 yards, 5 interceptions, 1 TD; Groman 0 of 1, 1 interception.
- Chargers — Kemp 17 of 32 for 226 yards, 4 interceptions.

### Receiving

**Oilers** — Cannon 5 for 53, Hennigan 5 for 43, Groman 3 for 32, McLeod 1 for 20, Dewveall 2 for 10, Tolar 2 for 2.  
**Chargers** — Kocourek 7 for 123, Norton 3 for 48, Flowers 2 for 17, Roberson 1 for 11, Lowe 1 for 10, Scarpitto 1 for 9, Hayes 1 for 5, Lincoln 1 for 3.

## Jeppesen Stadium — Houston, Texas Sunday, December 23, 1962

**DALLAS 20, HOUSTON 17** — The Dallas Texans used a 25-yard field goal by Tommy Brooker to end the longest game in pro football history in the sixth quarter and defeated the Houston Oilers, 20-17, to win the American Football League Championship. The regulation game ended 17-17 after the Oilers had erased a 17-0 Dallas halftime lead. The game lasted two hours and 54 minutes.

Dallas . . . . .	3	14	0	0	0	3-20
HOUSTON . . . . .	0	0	7	10	0	0-17

Dal — Brooker 16 field goal.  
 Dal — Haynes, 28 pass from Dawson (Brooker kick).  
 Dal — Haynes, 2 run (Brooker kick).  
 Hou — Dewveall, 15 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick).  
 Hou — Blanda 31 field goal.  
 Hou — Tolar, 1 run (Blanda kick).  
 Dal — Brooker 25 field goal.

Attendance: 37,981  
 Team Statistics

	OILERS	Texans
First Downs . . . . .	21	19
Net Yards Gained . . . . .	359	237
Net Yards Rushing . . . . .	98	199
Net Yards Passing . . . . .	261	88
Passes . . . . .	46-23-5	14-9-0
Punts . . . . .	3-39.3	8-31.2
Fumbles - Lost . . . . .	0-0	2-1
Yards Penalized . . . . .	6-50	6-42

### Individual Statistics Rushing

**Oilers** — Tolar 17 for 58, Cannon 11 for 37, Smith 2 for 3.  
**Texans** — Spikes 11 for 77, McClinton 24 for 70, Haynes 14 for 26, Dawson 5 for 26.

### Passing

**Oilers** — Blanda 23 of 46 for 261 yards, 5 interceptions, 1 TD.  
**Texans** — Dawson 9 of 14 for 88 yards, 1 TD.

### Receiving

**Oilers** — Dewveall 6 for 95, McLeod 5 for 70, Cannon 6 for 54, Hennigan 3 for 37, Tolar 1 for 8, Smith 1 for 6, Jamison 1 for -9.  
**Texans** — Haynes 3 for 45, Arbanas 2 for 21, Spikes 2 for 24, McClinton 1 for 4, Bishop 1 for -6.

## Oakland Coliseum — Oakland, California Sunday, December 31, 1967

**OAKLAND 40, HOUSTON 7** — The Oakland Raiders ended the Houston Oilers Cinderella story with a 40-7 walloping in the American Football League Championship game. Houston had become the first team in history to go from the cellar to a division title in one season and it was accomplished with fifteen rookies on the squad.

HOUSTON . . . . .	0	0	0	7-7
Oakland . . . . .	3	14	10	13-40

Oak — Blanda 37 field goal.  
 Oak — Dixon, 69 run (Blanda kick).  
 Oak — Kocourek, 17 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick).  
 Oak — Lamonica, 1 run (Blanda kick).  
 Oak — Blanda 40 field goal.  
 Oak — Blanda 42 field goal.  
 Hou — Frazier, 5 pass from Beathard (Wittenborn kick).  
 Oak — Blanda 36 field goal.  
 Oak — Miller, 12 pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick).

Attendance: 53,330  
 Team Statistics

	OILERS	Raiders
First Downs . . . . .	11	18
Net Yards Gained . . . . .	146	364
Net Yards Rushing . . . . .	38	263
Net Yards Passing . . . . .	108	101
Passes . . . . .	25-15-1	26-10-0
Punts . . . . .	11-38.5	4-44.3
Fumbles - Lost . . . . .	4-2	0-0
Yards Penalized . . . . .	7-45	4-69

## Individual Statistics

### Rushing

ilers — Granger 14 for 19, Campbell 6 for 15, Blanks 1 for 6,  
Beathard 1 for -2.

aiders — Dixon 21 for 144, Banaszak 15 for 116, Lamonica 5  
for 22, Biletnikoff 1 for -10, Todd 4 for -8, 2 for -1.

### Passing

ilers — Beathard 15 of 35 for 142 yards, 1 interception, 1 TD.

aiders — Lamonica 10 of 24 for 111 yards, 2 TD; Blanda 0 of 2.

### Receiving

ilers — Frazier 7 for 81, Reed 4 for 60, Taylor 1 for 6, Campbell 2  
for 5, Granger 1 for -10.

aiders — Miller 3 for 32, Cannon 2 for 31, Biletnikoff 2 for 19,  
Kocourek 1 for 17, Dixon 1 for 8, Banaszak 1 for 4.



# HOUSTON OILERS' ALL-TIME DRAFT LISTS

## 1960

Player	Pos.	School	Stat
Peter Arena . . . . .	G	Northwestern	OILER
Dick Bass . . . . .	HB	College of Pacific	Ran
William Bohler . . . . .	T	St. Ambrose	OILER
Larry Cadwell . . . . .	T	Louisville	OILER
<b>BILLY CANNON</b> . . . . .	HB	LOUISIANA STATE	OILER
<b>DOUG CLINE</b> . . . . .	LB	CLEMSON	OILER
DeJustice Coleman . . . . .	HB	Illinois	
Bob Crandall . . . . .	HB	New Mexico	OILER
Cleatus Drinnon . . . . .	C	Hardin-Simmons	OILER
John Gremer . . . . .	G	Illinois	
George Herring . . . . .	T	North Texas State	
Don Hitt . . . . .	C	Oklahoma State	OILER
Steve Johnson . . . . .	QB	Pepperdine	OILER
John Lands . . . . .	E	Montana	Eagle
<b>JACKY LEE</b> . . . . .	QB	CINCINNATI	OILER
Bruce Maher . . . . .	HB	Detroit	Lion
Don Mattson . . . . .	T	Southern California	
Mike McGee . . . . .	G	Duke	Cardinal
Hugh McInnis . . . . .	E	Mississippi State	Cardinal
Max Messner . . . . .	T	Cincinnati	Lion
George Mulholland . . . . .	E	New Mexico State	OILER
Gary O'Steen . . . . .	HB	Alabama	
Gene Prebola . . . . .	E	Boston University	Raiders
Palmer Pyle . . . . .	T	Michigan State	Colt
William Roach . . . . .	T	Texas Christian	OILER
Robert Simms . . . . .	E	Rutgers	Giant
Phillip Snowden . . . . .	QB	Missouri	OILER
Don Underwood . . . . .	T	McNeese State	
Duane Whetstone . . . . .	FB	George Washington	
<b>BOB WHITE</b> . . . . .	FB	OHIO STATE	OILER
Maury Youmans . . . . .	T	Syracuse	Bear

## SECONDARY SELECTIONS

Clair Branch . . . . .	RB	Texas-Austin	OILER
Dave Chamberlain . . . . .	HB	Miami (Ohio)	
Stan Fanning . . . . .	DE	Idaho	Bear
Don Cochran . . . . .	T	Alabama	
Jim Glasgow . . . . .	T	Jackson State	
Dave Graham . . . . .	E	Virginia	Eagle
Bob Haas . . . . .	HB	Missouri	OILER
Lowell Hughes . . . . .	QB	Kent State	
Dale Johannson . . . . .	T	Augustana	OILER
Jim Marshall . . . . .	DT	Ohio State	Brown
<b>RON MORRISON</b> . . . . .	T	NEW MEXICO	OILER
Jerry Muennink . . . . .	C	Texas-Austin	DN
Paul Oglesby . . . . .	T	UCLA	OILER
John Peppercorn . . . . .	E	Kansas	OILER
Bob Peterson . . . . .	C	Oregon	
<b>BOB TALAMINI</b> . . . . .	G	KENTUCKY	OILER
Bob Towns . . . . .	E	Georgia	OILER
Bob Wasden . . . . .	E	Auburn	
Jim Welch . . . . .	HB	Southern Methodist	Colt
Jim Wolff . . . . .	HB	Panhandle A&M	OILER

## 1961

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Statu
1	Mike Ditka . . . . .	E	Pittsburgh	Bear
2	<b>TOM GOODE</b> . . . . .	C	MISSISSIPPI STATE	OILER
3	<b>WALTER SUGGS</b> . . . . .	T	MISSISSIPPI STATE	OILER
4	Bobby Walden . . . . .	HB	Georgia	Vikin
5	Monte Lee . . . . .	LB	Texas-Austin	Cardinal
6	Jake Gibbs . . . . .	QB	Mississippi	Basebal
7	Dick Reynolds . . . . .	T	North Carolina State	OILER
8	Houston Antwine . . . . .	G	Southern Illinois	Lion
9	Ralph White . . . . .	T	Bowling Green	OILER
10	Charles Lee . . . . .	C	Iowa	Steeler
11	Robert Bird . . . . .	G	Bowling Green	OILER
12	<b>BOB McLEOD</b> . . . . .	E	ABILENE CHRIST.	OILER
13	Gerald Hinton . . . . .	G	Louisiana Tech	Canad
*14	Jimmy King . . . . .	T	Clemson	Cardinal
15	Dennis Ferriter . . . . .	C	Marquette	
16	Larry Wood . . . . .	HB	Northwestern	Canad
17	Sam Fewell . . . . .	T	South Carolina	Bear
18	Mike Grimsley . . . . .	HB	Michigan State	Colt
19	Myron Pearson . . . . .	HB	Colorado State	
20	Lewis Johnson . . . . .	HB	Florida A&M	Packer
*21	Ron Miller . . . . .	QB	Wisconsin	Ram
22	<b>BOB KELLY</b> . . . . .	E	NEW MEXICO STATE	OILER
*23	James Anderson . . . . .	FB	Mississippi	49er
24	Ken Gregory . . . . .	E	Whittier	OILER
*25	Jack Kreider . . . . .	HB	Tulsa	
*26	Don Fuell . . . . .	QB	Mississippi Southern	OILER
27	Boyd King . . . . .	C	Rice	Cowboy
*28	<b>JOHN FRONGILLO</b> . . . . .	C	BAYLOR	OILER
29	Tom Lewis . . . . .	E	Lake Forest	OILER
29a	Errol Linden . . . . .	DE	Houston	Lion
30	Jim Stroud . . . . .	T	Rice	OILER

\*—Future Choices

## 1962

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Ray Jacobs . . . . .	DT	Howard Payne	OILERS
2	Earl Gros . . . . .	FB	Louisiana State	Packers
3	Pete Case . . . . .	T	Georgia	Eagles
4	GARY CUTSINGER . . . . .	DE	OKLAHOMA STATE	OILERS
4a	Choice to San Diego			
5	Bill Rice . . . . .	E	Alabama	OILERS
6	Ray Pinion . . . . .	G	Texas Christian	OILERS
7	Gus Gonzales . . . . .	G	Tulane	OILERS
8	Clyde Brock . . . . .	DT	Utah State	Bears
9	LARRY ONESTI . . . . .	LB	NORTHWESTERN	OILERS
10	Bob Moses . . . . .	E	Texas-Austin	Cowboys
11	John Thomas . . . . .	G	McMurry	OILERS
12	Jack Collins . . . . .	HB	Texas-Austin	Steelers
13	Royce Cassell . . . . .	E	New Mexico State	
*14	Glynn Griffing . . . . .	QB	Mississippi	Giants
15	Ken Shaffer . . . . .	T	Marquette	
16	Billy Ray Adams . . . . .	FB	Mississippi	49ers
17	BILL MILLER . . . . .	DT	NEW MEX. HIGHLANDS	OILERS
18	Art Perkins . . . . .	HB	North Texas State	Cowboys
19	BOBBY JANCIK . . . . .	DB	LAMAR TECH	OILERS
20	Joe Bob Isbell . . . . .	G	Houston	Cowboys
21	Roland Jackson . . . . .	FB	Rice	Cardinals
22	Ken Bolin . . . . .	HB	Houston	OILERS
23	Bill Van Buren . . . . .	C	Iowa	
24	Boyd Melvin . . . . .	T	Northwestern	
25	Bob Johnson . . . . .	T	Rice	DNP
*26	Harold Hays . . . . .	G	Mississippi Southern	Cowboys
27	Roger McFarland . . . . .	HB	Kansas	
*28	Gary Henson . . . . .	E	Colorado	Eagles

—Future Choices

## 1963

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	DANNY BRABHAM . . . . .	LB	ARKANSAS	OILERS
2	Don Estes . . . . .	T	Louisiana State	Cardinals
3	Jerry Cook . . . . .	HB	Texas-Austin	OILERS
4	Lee Roy Caffey . . . . .	LB	Texas A&M	Eagles
4a	Jerry Hopkins . . . . .	C	Texas A&M	OILERS
5	Homer Jones . . . . .	RB	Texas Southern	OILERS
5a	Don Chuy . . . . .	T	Clemson	Rams
6	Lionel Aldridge . . . . .	DE	Utah State	Packers
7	JOHNNY BAKER . . . . .	LB	MISSISSIPPI STATE	OILERS
8	Jim Burson . . . . .	HB	Auburn	Cardinals
9	Ed Burke . . . . .	T	Notre Dame	OILERS
10	Choice to Denver			
11	Tom Brown . . . . .	G	Pittsburgh	
11a	Choice to Boston			
12	Choice to Oakland			
13	Choice to Oakland			
13a	Dennis Ward . . . . .	G	Oklahoma	OILERS
*14	DON TRULL . . . . .	QB	BAYLOR	OILERS
15	No choice			
*16	Rex Benson . . . . .	T	Miami	Rams
17	Jerry Griffin . . . . .	E	Louisiana Tech	
18	Paul Lea . . . . .	HB	Oklahoma	OILERS
19	Bob Hoover . . . . .	HB	Florida	Vikings
20	Wayne Lee . . . . .	C	Oklahoma	
*21	STALEY FAULKNER . . . . .	T	TEXAS-AUSTIN	OILERS
22	Sam Byer . . . . .	LB	Texas A&M	DNP
23	Gene Raesz . . . . .	E	Rice	Canada
24	Bob Burton . . . . .	T	Grambling	
25	Gary Kaltenbach . . . . .	T	Pittsburgh	Vikings
*26	Dave Thiesen . . . . .	HB	Nebraska	Rams
*27	Al Hildebrand . . . . .	T	Stanford	OILERS
*28	Tim Stein . . . . .	C	Miami (Ohio)	
*29	Oliver Ross . . . . .	T	West Texas State	49ers

—Future Choices

## 1964

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	SCOTT APPLETON . . . . .	DT	TEXAS-AUSTIN	OILERS
2	Charley Taylor . . . . .	HB	Arizona State	Redskins
2a	Billy Truax . . . . .	E	Louisiana State	Browns
3	Bobby Crenshaw . . . . .	G	Baylor	Oilers
4	ODE BURRELL . . . . .	HB	MISSISSIPPI STATE	OILERS
5	John Varnell . . . . .	DT	West Texas State	OILERS
5a	SID BLANKS . . . . .	HB	TEXAS A&I	OILERS
6	Dave Wilcox . . . . .	DE	Oregon	49ers
7	Choice to Denver			
8	Ezell Seals . . . . .	HB	Prairie View	OILERS
9	Jerry Burton . . . . .	HB	Northwest Louisiana	Rams
10	SAMMY ODOM . . . . .	LB	N. W. LOUISIANA	OILERS
11	Owen Dejanovich . . . . .	G	Arizona State	OILERS
12	BENNY NELSON . . . . .	DB	ALABAMA	OILERS
13	Choice to Kansas City			
*14	Ken Henson . . . . .	C	Texas Christian	Rams
*15	Pat Crain . . . . .	FB	Clemson	Bears
16	Bill Munson . . . . .	QB	Utah State	Rams
*17	Dick Leeuwenburg . . . . .	T	Stanford	Bears
*18	Bob Nichols . . . . .	T	Stanford	Steelers

19	Carl Robinson . . . . .	T	Prairie View	Vikings
20	PETE JAQUESS . . . . .	DB	E. NEW MEXICO	OILERS
*21	Jerry Cole . . . . .	E	Southwest Texas	OILERS
*22	Ed Kessler . . . . .	FB	North Carolina	Steelers
*23	Jim Whitehead . . . . .	T	Georgia	Bears
*24	John Garrett . . . . .	LB	Oklahoma	Rams
*25	Dick Bowe . . . . .	T	Rice	Eagles
*26	Alex Zenko . . . . .	T	Kent State	Packers

### 1965

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	LAWRENCE ELKINS . . . . .	E	BAYLOR	OILERS
2	Malcolm Walker . . . . .	C	Rice	Cowboys
2a	Ralph Neely . . . . .	T	Oklahoma	Cowboys
3	Ernie Koy . . . . .	HB	Texas-Austin	Giants
4	BOBBY MAPLES . . . . .	LB	BAYLOR	OILERS
5	Frank Molden . . . . .	T	Jackson State	Steelers
6	Dennis Murphy . . . . .	T	Florida State	Bears
7	No choice			
8	Ray Ogden . . . . .	HB	Alabama	Cardinals
8a	Roy Hilton . . . . .	LB	Jackson State	Colts
9	GEORGE KINNEY . . . . .	DT	WILEY	OILERS
10	MAXIE WILLIAMS . . . . .	G	S. E. LOUISIANA	OILERS
11	Trade to Oakland			
12	Bob Reed . . . . .	G	Tennessee State	Redskins
13	Bob Felts . . . . .	HB	Florida A&M	Colts
14	NORMAN EVANS . . . . .	T	TEXAS CHRISTIAN	OILERS
15	Tony Guillory . . . . .	LB	Lamar Tech	Rams
16	Junior Coffey . . . . .	RB	Washington	Packers
17	Jim Grisham . . . . .	FB	Oklahoma	Vikings
18	Russ Mundy . . . . .	FB	West Texas State	OILERS
18a	Russell Wayt . . . . .	LB	Rice	Cowboys
19	Frank Fox . . . . .	T	Sam Houston State	OILERS
20	Gus Brezina . . . . .	G	Houston	

### 1965 Redshirts

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Donny Anderson . . . . .	HB	Texas Tech	Packers
2	GLEN RAY HINES . . . . .	T	ARKANSAS	OILERS
3	Mike Shinn . . . . .	E	Kansas	Packers
4	Ollie Cordill . . . . .	QB	Memphis State	Browns
5	Jerry Crumpler . . . . .	T	Missouri	
6	Traded to Oakland			
7	Leo Lowery . . . . .	FB	Texas Tech	OILERS
8	Len Sears . . . . .	T	South Carolina	OILERS
9	Tom Bleick . . . . .	HB	Georgia Tech	Colts
10	George Hafner . . . . .	QB	McNeese State	Colts
*11	Bill Anderson . . . . .	QB	Tulsa	Rams
12	Harlan Lane . . . . .	E	Baylor	Cardinals

\*—Traded to Miami for rights to Ron Caveness, LB, Arkansas and signed Caveness.

### 1966

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Tommy Nobis . . . . .	LB	Texas-Austin	Falcons
2	Stan Hindman . . . . .	G	Mississippi	49ers
3	GEORGE RICE . . . . .	DT	LOUISIANA STATE	OILERS
4	GEORGE ALLEN . . . . .	T	WEST TEXAS STATE	OILERS
5	HOYLE GRANGER . . . . .	FB	MISSISSIPPI STATE	OILERS
6	Dave Long . . . . .	E	Iowa	Cardinals
7	Hartwell Menefee . . . . .	DB	New Mexico State	OILERS
8	Dan Bland . . . . .	DB	Mississippi State	49ers
9	Dick Suffell . . . . .	DB	Southwest Texas	OILERS
10	Wilbur Aylor . . . . .	G	Southwest Texas	OILERS
11	MONTY LEDBETTER . . . . .	E	N. W. LOUISIANA	OILERS
12	Harry Day . . . . .	E	Memphis State	OILERS
13	Fred Zimmerman . . . . .	LB	Toledo	Falcons
14	Butch Lince . . . . .	T	North Dakota	Eagles
15	Tommy Dillard . . . . .	T	Austin Peay	OILERS
16	Steve Smith . . . . .	E	Michigan	49ers
17	Lyle Loebach . . . . .	T	Simpson	49ers
18	Ed Buzzell . . . . .	QB	Ottawa	OILERS
19	Frank Fuller . . . . .	T	Drake	OILERS
20	Dave Odegaard . . . . .	T	Bemidji State	OILERS

### 1966 Redshirts

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Tom Fisher . . . . .	LB	Tennessee	Deceased
2	Tim Van Galder . . . . .	QB	Iowa State	Cardinals
3	Ralph Dunlop . . . . .	T	Baylor	Lions
4	Bill Davis . . . . .	QB	Lamar Tech	Rams
5	Richard Glover . . . . .	T	Virginia State	
6	John Gary . . . . .	T	Grambling	Colts
7	Clyde Pettaway . . . . .	T	No. Carolina A&T	
8	Roger Marshall . . . . .	QB	Baylor	DNP
9	Lee Garner . . . . .	LB	Mississippi	Colts
10	Dan Goich . . . . .	T	California	Cardinals
11	Charles Arkwright . . . . .	T	Georgia	OILERS

## 1967

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	GEORGE WEBSTER	LB	MICHIGAN STATE	STARTER (All-Pro)
1a	TOM REGNER	G	NOTRE DAME	STARTER
2	BOB DAVIS	QB	VIRGINIA	SQUAD
2a	ROY HOPKINS	RB	TEXAS SOUTHERN	SQUAD
3	LARRY CARWELL	CB	IOWA STATE	SQUAD
4	CAREL STITH	DT	NEBRASKA	SQUAD
5	PETE JOHNS	S	TULANE	SQUAD
5a	WILLIE PARKER	DT	ARKANSAS AM&N	STARTER
5b	ZEKE MOORE	CB	LINCOLN	SQUAD
6	PETE BARNES	LB	SOUTHERN	SQUAD
7	ED CARRINGTON	TE	VIRGINIA SIGNED LATE	(Cab)
8	JOHNNY BRUNSON	RB	BENEDICT	INJURED (Cab)
8a	Sharon Washington	WR	Northeast Missouri	Cut
9	KEN HOUSTON	S	PRAIRIE VIEW	STARTER
10	WOODY CAMPBELL	RB	NORTHWESTERN	STARTER
10a	Tim Sheehan	C	Stanford	Cut
11	Harold Decker	DE	Kalamazoo	Cut
12	Traded to Buffalo			
13	Traded to Buffalo			
14	Henry Hailstock	G	Lincoln	Cut
15	MARVIN McQUEEN	LB	MISSISSIPPI ARMY	(Cut in '68)
16	Rex Keeling	K	Samford	Cut
17	Larry Lee	WR	Texas A&M	DNP

## 1968

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Traded to Kansas City			
2	MAC HAIK	WR	MISSISSIPPI	STARTER
3	ELVIN BETHEA	DE	N. CAROLINA A&T	STARTER
4	JIM BEIRNE	WR	PURDUE	STARTER
5	Bob Longo	TE	Pittsburgh	Cut
6	Traded to Cincinnati			
7	Paul Toscano	DB	Wyoming	Cut
8	Traded to New York			
9	BOB ROBERTSON	T	ILLINOIS	SQUAD
9a	Traded to Miami			
10	JOE PEACE	LB	LOUISIANA TECH	(Cab)
10a	TOM DOMRES	DT	WISCONSIN	STARTER
11	BILL HALLEY	TE	LA VERNE	INJURED (Cab)
12	Barry Lischner	RB	Missouri	Cut
13	JIM DOUSAY	RB	LOUISIANA ST.	INJURED (Cab)
14	RICH STOTTER	LB	HOUSTON	SQUAD
15	Traded to San Diego			
16	BOB SMITH	S	MIAMI (Ohio)	SQUAD
17	BILLY ALSBROOK	DB	N. CAROLINA COLLEGE	ARMY

## 1969

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	RON PRITCHARD	LB	ARIZONA STATE	SQUAD
2	JERRY LeVIAS	WR	S. METHODIST	STARTER
3	ELBERT DRUNGO	T	TENNESSEE STATE	SQUAD
3a	RICH JOHNSON	RB	ILLINOIS	SQUAD
4	CHARLIE JOINER	WR	GRAMBLING	SQUAD
4a	ROY GERELA	Ki	N. MEXICO STATE	STARTER
5	JOHNNY PEACOCK	S	HOUSTON	STARTER
6	Willie Grate	WR	South Carolina State	Cut
7	MIKE RICHARDSON	RB	S. METHODIST	SQUAD
8	GLENN WOODS	DT	PRAIRIE VIEW	SQUAD (Cab)
9	ED WATSON	LB	GRAMBLING	SQUAD (Cab)
10	Joe Pryor	TE	Boston College	Cut
10a	BOB NAPONIC	QB	ILLINOIS	CAB
11	Terry May	DE	Southern Methodist	Cut
12	George Resley	DT	Texas A&M	Cut
13	Richard Pickens	RB	Tennessee	Cut
14	Roy Don Reeves	DB	South Carolina	Cut
15	John Tyszkiewicz	G	Chattanooga	DNP
16	LOYD WAINSCOTT	LB	TEXAS-AUSTIN	SQUAD
17	HANK AUTRY	C	S. MISSISSIPPI	SQUAD

## 1970

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	DOUG WILKERSON	G	NO. CAROLINA CENTRAL	
2	LEO BROOKS	DT	TEXAS-AUSTIN	SQUAD
2a	Bill Dusenbery	RB	J. C. Smith	Cut
3	Traded to Cleveland			
4	SPIKE JONES	P	GEORGIA	STARTER
5	RON SAUL	G	MICHIGAN STATE	SQUAD
5a	Ed Duley	DT	Northern Arizona	Cut
6	BENNY JOHNSON	CB	J. C. SMITH	SQUAD
7	Charles Olson	S	Concordia (Minn)	Cut
8	Mike McClish	T	Wisconsin	DNP
9	CHARLES BLOSSOM	DE	TEXAS SOUTHERN	CAB
10	JOE DAWKINS	RB	WISCONSIN	STARTER
11	Robert Morris	C	Duke	Cut
12	Richard Dawkins	TE	J. C. Smith	Cut
13	JESS LEWIS	LB	OREGON STATE	SQUAD
14	Claire Rasmussen	T	Wisconsin St. (Osh)	Cut
15	Dave Sharp	T	Stanford	Cut
16	No Choice			
17	Julian Fagan	P	Mississippi	Cut

## 1971

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	DAN PASTORINI . . .	QB	SANTA CLARA	STARTER
2	Traded to New Orleans			
3	LYNN DICKEY . . .	QB	KANSAS STATE	SQUAD
4	Larron Jackson . . .	T	Missouri	Traded to Denver
5	WILLIE ARMSTRONG . .	RB	GRAMBLING	INJURED (Cab)
6	WILLIE ALEXANDER . .	CB	ALCORN A&M	STARTER
7	PHIL CROYLE . . .	LB	CALIFORNIA (Berk)	SQUAD
7a	Larry Watson . . . . .	T	Morgan State	Cut
8	Traded to Denver			
9	FLOYD RICE . . .	LB	ALCORN A&M	STARTER
10	Russell Price . . . . .	DE	N. Carolina Central	Tr. to Miami
11	MACON HUGHES . . .	WR	RICE	INJURED (Cab)
12	John Thompson . . .	G	Minnesota	Cut
13	Joe Hoing . . . . .	G	Arkansas Tech	Cut
14	Dick Adams . . . . .	DB	Miami (Ohio)	Cut
15	ANDY HOPKINS . . .	RB	S. F. AUSTIN	SQUAD
16	Moses Denson . . . .	RB	Maryland State	Canada
17	Calvin Fox . . . . .	LB	Michigan State	Cut

## 1972

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	GREG SAMPSON . . .	DT	STANFORD	SQUAD
2	Traded to New Orleans for Mike Tilleman			
3	LEWIS JOLLEY . . .	RB	N. CAROLINA	SQUAD
3a	SOLOMON FREELON . .	G	GRAMBLING	STARTER
	(From Kansas City)			
4	Traded to St. Louis for Dave Olerich			
5	Traded to Denver for Cleo Johnson			
6a	Joe Bullard . . . . .	DB	Tulane	Cut
6b	Elmer Allen . . . . .	G	Mississippi	Cut
7	Eric Hutchinson . . .	DB	Northwestern	Cut
8	GUY ROBERTS . . .	LB	MARYLAND	SQUAD
9	Willie Postler . . . .	T	Montana	Canada
10a	RHETT DAWSON . . .	WR	FLORIDA STATE	SQUAD
10b	Jim Butler . . . . .	TE	Tulsa	Cut
11	Ron Evans . . . . .	T	Baylor	DNP
12	WILLIE RODGERS . .	RB	JACKSON STATE	SQUAD
13	Willie Roberts . . . .	DB	Houston	Cut
14	Gary Crockett . . . .	C	Lamar University	Cut
15	Traded to Pittsburgh for Worthy McClure			
16	GUY MURDOCK . . . .	C	MICHIGAN	STARTER
17	Kelly Cochran . . . .	QB	Miami (Fla)	Cut

## 1973

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	JOHN MATUSZAK . . .	DT	TAMPA	Traded
1a	GEORGE AMUNDSON . .	RB	IOWA STATE	SQUAD
	(from Atlanta for Mike Tilleman)			
2	Traded to New Orleans for Mike Tilleman			
3	Traded to Baltimore for Bill Curry			
4	GREGG BINGHAM . . .	LB	PURDUE	STARTER
5	Edesel Garrison . . .	WR	Southern California	Cut
6	Ron Mayo . . . . .	TE	Morgan State	Cut 2nd Year
7	Shelby Jordan . . . .	T	Washington-St.L.	Cut
8	Joe Blahak . . . . .	DB	Nebraska	Cut 2nd Year
9	Mark Williams . . . .	Ki	Rice	Cut
10	Darrel Vaughan . . .	DT	Northern Colorado	Cut
11	Larry Eaglin . . . . .	CB	S. F. Austin	Cut 2nd Year
12	BRAD LYMAN . . . . .	WR	UCLA	INJURED
13	Willie Martin . . . . .	G	Northeastern Oklahoma	Cut
14	RON LOU . . . . .	C	ARIZONA STATE	SQUAD
15	Roger Goree . . . . .	LB	Baylor	Cut
16	Tim Dameron . . . . .	WR	East Carolina	Cut
17	Randy Braband . . . .	LB	Texas-Austin	Cut

## 1974

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Traded to Dallas for Tody Smith and Billy Parks			
2	Traded to Buffalo for Al Cowlings			
3	Traded to Dallas for Tody Smith and Billy Parks			
4	Steve Manstedt . . .	LB	Nebraska	WFL
5	Traded to Washington for Alvin Haymond			
6	Traded to New Orleans for James Ford			
6b	Booker Brown . . . . .	G	USC	WFL
	(from Los Angeles for Bob Crum)			
7	Leonard Fairley . . .	DB	Alcorn A&M	Cut
8	Mike McCoy . . . . .	DB	Western Kentucky	Cut
9	Traded to New England for Steve Kiner			
10	Traded to New Orleans for James Ford			
11	STEVE TAYLOR . . .	C	AUBURN	INJURED
12	Rickey Brown . . . .	LB	Florida	Cut
13	Dan Dixon . . . . .	G	Boise State	WFL
14	Traded to Buffalo for Levert Carr			
15	BILLY JOHNSON . . .	Sp	WIDENER	STARTER
16	Matthew Williams . .	RB	N. E. Louisiana	Cut
17	Bill Hedge . . . . .	T	N. W. Missouri State	Cut

## 1975

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	ROBERT BRAZILE	LB	JACKSON STATE	STARTER
1a	DON HARDEMAN	RB	TEXAS A&M	TRADED
2	EMMETT EDWARDS	WR	KANSAS	STARTER
3	Traded to Atlanta for Duane Benson			
4	Traded to Dallas for Mike Montgomery			
5	Traded to Oakland for Tommy Maxwell			
6	Jesse O'Neal	DE	Grambling	Cut
7	Mike Biehle	OT	Miami (Ohio)	Cut
7a	MARK COTNEY	DB	CAMERON STATE	Traded
8	Jerry Lawrence	DT	South Dakota State	Cut
9	Bob Bruer	TE	Mankato State	Cut
10	ALAN PRINGLE	Ki	RICE	Traded
11	JOHN SAWYER	TE	S. MISSISSIPPI	SQUAD
12	Willie Miller	WR	Colorado State	Cut
13	Ricky Scales	WR	Virginia Tech	Cut
14	Jody Medford	OG	Rice	Cut
15	Jack Holmes	RB	Texas Southern	Cut
16	Ken Lambert	DB	Virginia Tech	Cut
17	RICKY SEEKER	C	TEXAS A&M	SQUAD

## 1976

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Traded to San Francisco for Vic Washington.			
2	MIKE BARBER	TE	LOUISIANA TECH	SQUAD*
3	Traded to Kansas City; part of Curley Culp trade.			
4	Traded to Oakland to complete Tommy Maxwell trade.			
4	Steve Largent	WR	Tulsa	Traded
5	Traded to Kansas City in Elmo Wright deal.			
6	Todd Simonsen	T	South Dakota State	Cut
7	Traded to New England in Bob Adams trade.			
7	LARRY HARRIS	T	OKLAHOMA STATE	SQUAD*
8	BOBBY SIMON	T	GRAMBLING	SQUAD*
9	ART STRINGER	LB	BALL STATE	SQUAD*
10	Steve Kincannon	QB	Humboldt State	Cut
11	Skip Walker	RB	Texas A&M	Cut
12	Larry Bell	DT	E. Texas St.	Cut
13	Danny O'Rourke	WR	Colorado State	Cut
14	John Reimer	T	Wisconsin	Cut
15	Bobby Byars	DT	Cheney State	Cut
16	Claude Johnson	LB	Florida A&M	Cut
17	Allen Misher	WR	LSU	Cut

\* Injured reserved in 1976.

## 1977

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Morris Towns	T	Missouri	SQUAD
2	George Reihner	G	Penn State	STARTER
3	Traded to San Francisco completing Vice Washington trade.			
3a	Tim Wilson	RB	Maryland	SQUAD
3b	Jimmy Giles	TE	Alcorn State	Traded
	(Choice from Miami in Ken Ellis trade; Traded to Tampa Bay, part of Earl Campbell deal.)			
3c	Rob Carpenter	RB	Miami, Ohio	STARTER
	(Choice from Oakland via Buffalo in Emmett Edwards trade)			
4	Traded to Kansas City for Elmo Wright.			
4	Warren Anderson	WR	West Virginia St.	SQUAD
	(Choice from San Diego via Miami in Ken Ellis trade)			
5	Choice forfeited.			
6	Gary Woolford	DB	Florida State	SQUAD
6a	David Carter	C	Western Kentucky	SQUAD
	(Choice from New England for past considerations)			
7	Traded to New York Giants for Joe Dawkins.			
8	Steve Davis	WR	Georgia	Cut
	(Choice from Seattle in Steve Largent trade)			
8a	Eddie Foster	WR	Houston	STARTER
9	Bill Currier	DB	South Carolina	STARTER
10	Harvey Hull	LB	Mississippi St.	SQUAD
11	Al Romano	LB	Pittsburgh	Cut
12	Ove Johansson	K	Abilene Christian	Cut

## 1978

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Earl Campbell	RB	U. of Texas	
	Choice from Tampa Bay.			
2	Traded to Tampa Bay, part of Earl Campbell trade.			
3	Gifford Nielson	QB	Brigham Young U.	
4	Mike Renfro	WR	Texas Christian U.	
5	Traded to Kansas City, part of Otis Taylor trade.			
6	Conray Rucker	TE	Southern University	
7	Traded to Buffalo, part of Jimmy Dean trade.			
8	James Wilson	DB	U. of Pittsburgh	
9	Jim Mol	DE	Morningside Col. (Iowa)	
10	Stephen Young	TE	Wake Forest U.	
11	Willie Thicken	WR	Alabama State U.	
12	John Schuhmacher	OG	U. of Southern Calif.	

## ALL-PRO OILERS

1960

Offense: Bill Groman, WR; Rich Michael, OT; Dave Smith, FB.  
Defense: None.

1961

Offense: Charles Hennigan, WR; Al Jamison, OT; George Blanda,  
QB; Billy Cannon, HB, Bill Groman, WR.  
Defense: Don Floyd, DE; Tony Banfield, CB.

1962

Offense: Charles Hennigan, WR; Bob Talamini, OG.  
Defense: Don Floyd, DE; Tony Banfield, CB.

1963

Offense: Bob Talamini, OG.  
Defense: Freddy Glick, S.

1964

Offense: Charles Hennigan, WR; Bob Talamini, OG.  
Defense: Freddy Glick, S.

1965

Offense: Willie Frazier, TE; Bob Talamini, OG.  
Defense: None.

1966

Offense: Bob Talamini, OG.  
Defense: None.

1967

Offense: Bob Talamini, OG; Walt Suggs, OT.  
Defense: Pat Holmes, DE; Miller Farr, CB; George Webster, LB.  
George Webster chosen Rookie of the Year.

1968

Offense: None.  
Defense: George Webster, LB; Miller Farr, CB.

1969

Offense: None.  
Defense: George Webster, LB.

1970

Offense: Alvin Reed, TE.  
Defense: None.

1971

Offense: None.  
Defense: Ken Houston, S.

1972

Offense: None.  
Defense: Ken Houston, S.

1973

Offense: None.  
Defense: Elvin Bethea, DE.

1974

Offense: None.  
Defense: Elvin Bethea, DE.

1975

Offense: None.  
Defense: Elvin Bethea, DE; Curley Culp, MG.  
Robert Brazile was chosen NFL Defensive Rookie of the  
Year. Curley Culp was chosen NEA's NFL Defensive Play-  
er of the Year.

1976

Offense: None.  
Defense: Robert Brazile, LB; Curley Culp, MG.

1977

Offense: Ken Burrough, WR; Billy Johnson, WR.  
Defense: Robert Brazile, OLB; Curly Culp, MG.

# OILER LEADERS BY YEARS

## PASSING

Year	Player	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct	Int	TD	Avg League	
								Att	Rank
'60	George Blanda	363	169	2413	.466	22	25	6.7	7
'61	George Blanda	362	187	3330	.517	22	36	9.2	1
'62	George Blanda	418	197	2810	.471	42	27	6.7	4
'63	George Blanda	423	224	3003	.529	25	24	7.0	5
'64	George Blanda	505	262	3282	.519	27	17	6.4	3
'65	George Blanda	442	186	2542	.421	30	20	5.8	8
'66	George Blanda	271	122	1764	.450	21	17	6.4	5
'67	Pete Beathard	231	94	1114	.407	14	9	4.8	9
'68	Pete Beathard	223	105	1559	.471	16	7	6.9	8
'69	Pete Beathard	370	180	2455	.486	21	10	6.4	8
'70	Charley Johnson	281	144	1652	.512	12	7	5.9	10
'71	Dan Pastorini	270	127	1702	.470	21	7	6.3	12
'72	Dan Pastorini	299	144	1711	.482	11	7	5.7	12
'73	Dan Pastorini	290	154	1482	.531	17	5	5.1	11
'74	Dan Pastorini	247	140	1571	.567	10	10	6.4	5
'75	Dan Pastorini	342	163	2053	.477	16	14	6.0	18
'76	Dan Pastorini	309	167	1785	.535	10	10	5.7	15
'77	Dan Pastorini	319	169	1987	.530	18	13	6.2	14

## RUSHING

Year	Player	TC	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	League
							Rank
1960	Billy Cannon (R)	152	644	4.2	39	1	3
1961	Billy Cannon	200	948	4.7	61t	6	1
1962	Charles Tolar	244	1012	4.1	25	7	3
1963	Charles Tolar	194	659	3.4	33	3	6
1964	Sid Blanks	145	756	5.2	91t	6	4
1965	Ode Burrell	130	528	4.1	63	3	9
1966	Ode Burrell	122	406	3.3	45	0	11
1967	Hoyle Granger	236	1194	5.1	67t	6	2
1968	Hoyle Granger	202	848	4.2	47	7	4
1969	Hoyle Granger	186	740	4.0	23	3	3
1970	Joe Dawkins (R)	124	517	4.2	49t	2	14
1971	Robert Holmes	112	323	2.9	31	4	26
1972	Fred Willis	134	461	3.4	43	0	24
1973	Fred Willis	171	579	3.4	25	4	30
1974	Willie Rodgers	122	413	3.4	20	5	40
1975	Ronnie Coleman	175	790	4.5	46t	5	15
1976	Ronnie Coleman	171	684	4.0	39	2	24
1977	Ronnie Coleman	185	660	3.6	22	5	22

## RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG	League
							Rank
1960	Bill Groman (R)	72	1473	20.5	12	80t	2
1961	Charles Hennigan	82	1746	21.3	12	80t	2
1962	Charles Hennigan	54	867	16.1	8	75t	6
1963	Charles Hennigan	61	1051	17.2	10	83t	3
1964	Charles Hennigan	101	1561	15.5	8	53t	1
1965	Ode Burrell	55	650	11.8	4	52t	4
1966	Charles Frazier	57	1129	19.8	12	79t	4
1967	Hoyle Granger	31	300	9.6	3	43	17
1968	Alvin Reed	46	747	16.2	5	60	9
1969	Alvin Reed	51	664	13.0	2	43	4
1970	Alvin Reed	47	604	12.9	2	34	4
1971	Jim Beirne	38	550	14.5	1	40	16
1972	Fred Willis	45	297	6.6	2	27	7
1973	Fred Willis	57	371	6.5	1	50	3
1974	Ken Burrough	36	492	13.7	2	51	35
1975	Ken Burrough	53	1063	20.1	8	77t	7
1976	Ken Burrough	51	932	18.2	7	69	17
1977	Ken Burrough	43	816	19.0	8	85t	17

## PUNT RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1960	Billy Cannon (R)	4	96	24.0	0	51
	Kenneth Hall (R)	6	72	12.0	0	27
1961	Billy Cannon	9	70	7.8	0	20
	Claude King (R)	8	55	6.9	0	23
1962	Bobby Jancik (R)	14	164	11.7	0	21
1963	Freddy Glick	19	171	9.0	0	22
	Bobby Jancik	13	145	11.2	0	56
1964	Bobby Jancik	14	220	15.7	1	82t
1965	Bobby Jancik	12	85	7.1	0	25
	Freddy Glick	7	44	6.3	0	13
1966	Bobby Jancik	10	62	6.2	0	28
	Ode Burrell	8	76	9.5	0	29

1967	Larry Carwell (R)	9	154	17.1	0	54
	Zeke Moore (R)	5	82	16.4	0	46
1968	Larry Carwell	26	207	8.0	0	32
	Sid Blanks	22	179	8.1	0	39
1969	Jerry LeVias (R)	35	292	8.3	0	46
1970	Jerry LeVias	25	213	8.5	0	33
1971	Linzy Cole	14	107	7.6	0	31
1972	Ken Houston	25	148	5.9	0	33
1973	Alvin Haymond	13	101	7.8	0	44
	Jeff Severson	16	126	7.9	0	74
1974	Billy Johnson (R)	30	309	13.6	0	49
1975	Billy Johnson	40	612	15.3	3	83t
1976	Billy Johnson	39	397	10.2	0	46
1977	Billy Johnson	35	539	15.4	2	87t

### KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1960	Ken Hall (R)	19	594	31.3	1	104t
1961	Billy Cannon	18	439	24.4	0	47
1962	Bobby Jancik (R)	24	726	30.3	0	61
1963	Bobby Jancik	45	1317	29.3	0	53
1964	Bobby Jancik	21	484	23.0	0	38
	Ode Burrell (R)	17	449	26.4	1	93t
1965	Bobby Jancik	18	430	23.9	0	43
1966	Bobby Jancik	34	875	25.7	0	53
1967	Zeke Moore (R)	14	405	28.9	1	92
	Bobby Jancik	16	349	21.8	0	49
1968	Zeke Moore	32	787	24.6	0	45
1969	Jerry LeVias (R)	38	940	24.7	0	87
1970	Jerry LeVias	26	598	23.0	0	37
1971	Linzy Cole	32	834	26.1	0	45
1972	Willie Rodgers (R)	17	335	19.7	0	31
1973	Bob Gresham	27	723	26.8	1	103t
	Alvin Haymond	28	703	25.1	0	47
1974	Billy Johnson (R)	29	785	27.1	0	67
1975	Billy Johnson	33	798	24.2	1	81t
1976	Billy Johnson	26	579	22.2	0	53
1977	Billy Johnson	25	630	25.2	1	76t

### PRO BOWL OILERS

#### 1970

Ken Houston, S; Zeke Moore, CB

#### 1971

Elvin Bethea, DE; Ken Houston, S

#### 1972

Elvin Bethea, DE; Ken Houston, S

#### 1973

Elvin Bethea, DE

#### 1974

Elvin Bethea, DE

#### 1975

Elvin Bethea, DE; Curley Culp, MG

Billy Johnson, Return Specialist

Ken Burrough, WR; Dan Pastorini, QB

Billy Johnson was named MVP in the Pro Bowl Game

#### 1976

Curley Culp, MG; Robert Brazile, OLB

#### 1977

Curley Culp, MG (Co-Captain),

Ken Burrough, WR; Robert Brazile, LB;

Billy Johnson, Return Specialist.

## HOUSTON OILERS'

## ALL-TIME ROSTER, 1960 - 77

LAYER	POS.	SCHOOL	YEARS AS OILER	
Idridge, Allen	DE	Prairie View	1971-72	(2)
Alexander, Willie	CB	Alcorn A&M	1971-77	(7)
Ilen, Dalva	DE	Houston	1960-61	(2)
Ilen, George	DT	West Texas State	1966-67	(2)
Iston, Mack	TE	Maryland State	1973-76	(4)
Jmundson, George	RB	Iowa State	1973-74	(2)
Jnderson, Billy	QB	Tulsa	1967	(1)
Jnderson, Warren	WR	W. Va. State	1977	(1)
Jppleton, Scott	DT	Texas-Austin	1964-66	(3)
Jtchason, Jack	TE	Western Illinois	1960	(1)
Jtkins, Bob	FS	Grambling	1970-75	(6)
Jutry, Hank	C	So. Mississippi	1969-70	(2)
Jabb, Gene	LB	Austin College	1962-63	(2)
Jaker, Johnny	LB	Mississippi State	1963-66	(4)
Jaker, Ed	QB	Lafayette	1972	(1)
Jaker, Melvin	WR	Texas Southern	1976	(1)
Janfield, Tony	CB	Oklahoma State	1960-65	(6)
Jarber, Mike	TE	La. Tech	1976-77	(2)
Jarnes, Pete	LB	Southern	1967-68	(2)
Jass, Glenn	WR	East Carolina	1967-68	(2)
Jaumgartner, Steve	DE	Purdue	1977	(1)
Jeathard, Pete	QB	So. California	1967-69	(3)
Jeams, Byron	DT	Notre Dame	1961	(1)
Jeck, Braden	Ki	Stanford	1971	(1)
Jeirne, Jim	WR	Purdue	1968-73;75-76	(8)
Jelotti, George	C	So. California	1960-61	(2)
Jenson, Duane	LB	Hamline	1974-76	(3)
Jergey, Bruce	DT	U.C.L.A.	1971	(1)
Jethea, Elvin	DE	No. Carolina A&T	1968-77	(10)
Jeverly, David	P	Auburn	1974	(1)
Jillingsley, Ron	DT	Wyoming	1971-72	(2)
Jingham, Gregg	LB	Purdue	1973-77	(5)
Jishop, Sonny	G	Fresno State	1964-69	(6)
Jlahak, Joe	FS	Nebraska	1973	(1)
Jlanda, George	QB	Kentucky	1960-66	(7)
Jlanks, Sid	RB	Texas A&I	1964-68	(5)
Jotchan, Ron	LB	Occidental	1961	(1)
Joyette, Garland	LB	Grambling	1966-72	(7)
Jrabham, Danny	LB	Arkansas	1963-67	(5)
Jrazile, Robert	LB	Jackson State	1975-77	(3)
Jrezina, Bobby	RB	Houston	1963	(1)
Jroadnax, Jerry	TE	Southern	1974	(1)
Jrooks, Leo	DT	Texas-Austin	1970-72	(3)
Jrown, Don	RB	Houston	1960	(1)
Jurke, Ed	G	Notre Dame	1964	(1)
Jurrell, Ode	RB	Mississippi State	1964-69	(6)
Jurrough, Ken	WR	Texas Southern	1971-77	(7)
Jurton, Al	DE	Bethune-Cookman	1976	(1)
Jutler, Jim	TE	Tulsa	1972	(1)
Jutler, Skip	Ki	Texas-Arlington	1972-76	(5)
Jcampbell, Woody	RB	Northwestern	1967-71	(5)
Jannon, Billy	RB	Louisiana State	1960-63	(4)
Jarpenter, Rob	RB	Miami (O)	1977	(1)
Jarr, Levert	T	No. Central State	1972-73	(2)
Jarrell, John	LB	Texas Tech	1966	(1)
Jarrington, Ed	TE	Virginia	1969	(1)
Jarroll, Ronnie	G	Sam Houston State	1974-75	(2)
Jarson, John	TE	Georgia	1960	(1)
Jarter, David	C	W. Kentucky	1977	(1)
Jarwell, Larry	CB	Iowa State	1967-68	(2)
Javeness, Ron	LB	Arkansas	1966-68	(3)
Jhancellor, Ken	C	Houston	1964	(1)
Jharies, John	SS	Purdue	1971-74	(4)
Jheek, Richard	G	Auburn	1972	(1)
Jheeks, B. W.	RB	Texas Southern	1965	(1)
Jhindrich, Ralph	LB	Pittsburgh	1973-75	(3)
Jhine, Doug	LB	Clemson	1960-66	(7)
Jhocrane, Kelly	QB	Miami (Fla.)	1972	(1)
Jhile, Linzy	WR	Texas Christian	1971	(1)
Jhileman, Ronnie	RB	Alabama A&M	1974-77	(4)
Jhilton, Dick	WR	McMurry	1965	(1)
Jhilton, Mark	SS	Cameron State	1975	(1)
Jhrowling, Al	LB	So. California	1973-74	(2)
Jhrowl, Doobie	WR	Howard Payne	1964	(1)
Jhrowle, Phil	LB	California-Berk.	1971-73	(3)
Jhrowl, Curley	MG	Arizona State	1974-77	(4)
Jhrowl, Ed	DT	Alabama	1962-63	(2)
Jhrowling, Dick	LB	Arkansas	1973	(1)
Jhrowler, Bill	DB	S. Carolina	1977	(1)
Jhrowl, Bill	C	Georgia Tech	1973	(1)
Jhrowl, Gary	DE	Oklahoma State	1962-68	(7)
Jdarby, Al	WR	Florida	1976	(1)
Jdavidson, Pete	WR	The Citadel	1960	(1)
Jdavis, Bob	QB	Virginia	1967-69	(3)
Jdavis, Donnie	TE	Southern	1970	(1)
Jdavis, Marvin	LB	Southern	1974	(1)
Jdawkins, Joe	RB	Wisconsin	1970;76	(2)
Jdawson, Rhett	WR	Florida State	1972	(1)

Dempsey, Tom	K	Palomar J.C.	1977	(1)
Dewveall, Willard	TE	Southern Methodist	1961-64	(4)
Dickey, Lynn	QB	Kansas State	1971-75	(5)
Dickinson, Bo	RB	Miss. Southern	1963	(1)
Domres, Tom	DT	Wisconsin	1968-71	(4)
Dorris, Andy	DE	N. Mexico St.	1977	(1)
Douglas, John	CB	Texas Southern	1969-70	(2)
Drungo, Elbert	T	Tennessee State	1969-77	(8)
Dukes, Mike	LB	Clemson	1960-63	(4)
Duniven, Tom	QB	Texas Tech	1977	(1)
Eaglin, Larry	CB	S. F. Austin	1973	(1)
Edwards, Emmett	WR	Kansas	1975	(1)
Elkins, Lawrence	WR	Baylor	1965-68	(4)
Evans, Norman	T	Texas Christian	1965	(1)
Fairley, Leonard	S	Alcorn A&M	1974	(1)
Farr, Miller	CB	Wichita State	1967-69	(3)
Faulkner, Staley	T	Texas-Austin	1964	(1)
Fanning, Stan	DE	Idaho	1964	(1)
Fanucci, Mike	DE	Arizona State	1973	(1)
Ferguson, Gene	T	Norfolk State	1971-72	(2)
Fisher, Ed	G	Arizona State	1974-77	(4)
Floyd, Don	DE	Texas Christian	1960-68	(9)
Foote, James	QB	Delaware Valley	1974-76	(2)
Foster, Eddie	WR	Houston	1977	(1)
Fowler, Jerry	G	N. W. Louisiana	1964	(1)
Frazier, Charles	WR	Texas Southern	1962-68	(7)
Frazier, Wayne	C	Auburn	1965	(1)
Frazier, Willie	TE	Arkansas AM&N	1964-65/71/75	(4)
Freelon, Solomon	G	Grambling	1972-74	(3)
Frey, Dick	G	Texas A&M	1961	(1)
Fritsch, Toni	K	None	1977	(1)
Frongillo, John	C	Baylor	1962-66	(5)
Funchess, Tom	T	Jackson State	1971-73	(3)
Garrison, Gary	WR	San Diego St.	1977	(1)
Gerela, Roy	Ki	New Mexico State	1969-70	(2)
Germany, Willie	SS	Morgan State	1975	(1)
Giles, Jimmy	TE	Alcorn U.	1977	(1)
Glick, Freddy	FS	Colorado State	1961-66	(6)
Goode, Tom	C	Mississippi State	1962-65	(4)
Goodman, Brian	G	U.C.L.A.	1973-74	(2)
Gordon, Bobby	FS	Tennessee	1960	(1)
Granger, Hoyle	RB	Mississippi State	1966-70/72	(6)
Grant, Wes	DT	U.C.L.A.	1973	(1)
Gray, Ken	G	Howard Payne	1970	(1)
Greaves, Gary	DE	Miami (Fla.)	1960	(1)
Green, Dave	P	Ohio	1973	(1)
Gresham, Bob	RB	West Virginia	1973-74	(2)
Groman, Bill	WR	Heidelberg	60-62; 66	(3)
Gruneisen, Sam	C	Villanova	1973	(1)
Guy, Buzz	G	Duke	1961	(1)
Guidry, Paul	LB	McNeese State	1973	(1)
Guzik, John	LB	Pittsburgh	1961	(1)
Hadl, John	QB	Kansas	1976-77	(2)
Haik, Mac	WR	Mississippi	1968-71	(4)
Hall, Ken	RB	Texas A&M	1960-61	(2)
Hardeman, Don	RB	Texas A&I	1975-77	(3)
Hargett, Edd	QB	Texas A&M	1973	(1)
Harvey, Claude	LB	Prairie View	1970-71	(2)
Harvey, Jim	G	Mississippi	1972	(1)
Havig, Dennis	G	Colorado	1976	(1)
Hawkins, Nat	WR	Nevada-Las Vegas	1975	(1)
Hayes, Jim	DT	Jackson State	1965-66	(2)
Hayman, Conway	G	Delaware	1975-77	(3)
Haymond, Alvin	S	Southern	1973	(1)
Helluin, Jerry	DT	Tulane	1960	(1)
Hennigan, Charles	WR	N. W. Louisiana	1960-66	(7)
Herschman, Bill	DT	Texas Tech	1962	(1)
Hicks, W. K.	CB	Texas Southern	1964-69	(6)
Highsmith, Walter	T	Florida A&M	1972	(1)
Hines, Glen Ray	T	Arkansas	1966-70	(5)
Hinton, Eddie	WR	Oklahoma	1973	(1)
Hoaglin, Fred	C	Pittsburgh	1974-75	(2)
Hoffman, Dalton	RB	Baylor	1964	(1)
Holigan, Henry	RB	Bishop College	1963	(1)
Holmes, Pat	DE	Texas Tech	1966-72	(7)
Holmes, Robert	RB	Southern	1971/75	(2)
Hopkins, Andy	RB	S. F. Austin	1971	(1)
Hopkins, Roy	RB	Texas Southern	1967-71	(5)
Houston, Ken	SS	Prairie View	1967-72	(6)
Humphrey, Buddy	QB	Baylor	1966	(1)
Hunt, Calvin	C	Baylor	1972-73	(2)
Hunt, Kevin	T	Doane (Neb.)	1973-77	(5)
Husmann, Ed	DT	Nebraska	1961-65	(5)
Jackson, Bob	RB	New Mexico State	1964	(1)
Jacobs, Ray	DT	Howard Payne	1963	(1)
Jamison, Al	T	Colgate	1960-62	(3)
Jancik, Bobby	S	Lamar Tech	1962-67	(6)
Jaquess, Pete	CB	E. New Mexico	1964-65	(2)
Jenkins, Al	G	Morris Brown	1973	(1)
Johns, Pete	S	Tulane	1967-69	(3)
Johnson, Al	FS	Cincinnati	1972-77	(6)

hanson, Benny	CB	J. C. Smith	1970-73	(4)
hanson, Billy	WR	Widener	1974-77	(4)
hanson, Charley	QB	New Mexico State	1970-71	(2)
hanson, John H.	RB	Arizona State	1966	(1)
hanson, Rich	RB	Illinois	1969	(1)
hnston, Mark	CB	Northwestern	1960-63	(4)
iner, Charlie	WR	Grambling	1969-72	(4)
lley, Lewis	RB	North Carolina	1972-73	(2)
nes, Gene	CB	Rice	1961	(1)
nes, Harris	G	J. C. Smith	1973-74	(2)
nes, Spike	P	Georgia	1970	(1)
nes, Willie	DE	Kansas State	1967	(1)
elly, Bob	DT	New Mexico State	1961-63	(3)
endall, Chuck	S	U.C.L.A.	1960	(1)
ennard, Ken	MG	Angelo St.	1977	(1)
erbow, Randy	WR	Rice	1963-64	(2)
inderman, Keith	RB	Florida State	1963	(1)
iner, Steve	LB	Tennessee	1974-77	(4)
ing, Claude	RB	Houston	1961	(1)
inney, George	DE	Wylie	1965	(1)
irk, Ernest	DE	Howard Payne	1977	(1)
lotz, Jack	T	Penn Military	1964	(1)
add, Ernie	DT	Grambling	1966-67	(2)
anphear, Dan	DE	Wisconsin	1960/62	(2)
araway, Jack	LB	Purdue	1961	(1)
ee, Jacky	QB	Cincinnati	1960-63/66-67	(6)
edbetter, Monte	WR	N. W. Louisiana	1967	(1)
eMoine, Jim	G	Utah State	1968-69	(2)
eVias, Jerry	WR	Southern Methodist	1969-70	(2)
ewis, Jess	LB	Oregon State	1970	(1)
ewis, Richard	LB	Portland State	1972	(1)
ittle, John	MG	Oklahoma State	1975-76	(2)
ou, Ron	C	Arizona State	1972-73; 76	(3)
umpkin, Ron	CB	Arizona State	1975	(1)
ajors, Joe	DB	Florida State	1960	(1)
aple, Bobby	C	Baylor	1965-70	(6)
arcontell, Ed	G	Lamar Tech	1967	(1)
arshall, Rich	DT	S. F. Austin	1967-68	(2)
atuszak, John	DT	Tampa	1973	(1)
auck, Carl	C	Southern Illinois	1975-77	(3)
axwell, Tommy	FS	Texas A&M	1974	(1)
ayes, Ben	DT	Drake	1969	(1)
ayo, Ron	TE	Morgan State	1973	(1)
icCanless, Jim	G	Clemson	1960	(1)
icCollum, Bubba	MG	Kentucky	1974	(1)
icConnell, Brian	LB	Michigan	1973	(1)
icDaniel, Wahoo	LB	Oklahoma	1960	(1)
icDole, Ron	DE	Nebraska	1962	(1)
icFadin, Bud	DT	Texas-Austin	1964-65	(2)
icLeod, Bob	TE	Abilene Christian	1961-65	(6)
icNeil, Clifton	WR	Grambling	1973	(1)
icFeredith, Dudley	DT	Lamar Tech	1963/68	(2)
icFeyer, John	LB	Notre Dame	1966-67	(2)
icMichael, Rich	T	Ohio State	1960-66	(7)
icMiller, Bill	DT	N. Mex. Highlands	1962	(1)
icMiller, Ralph	G	Alabama State	1972-73	(2)
icMilstead, Charles	QB	Texas A&M	1960-61	(2)
icMitchell, Leroy	CB	Texas Southern	1969-70	(2)
icMontgomery, Mike	WR	Kansas State	1974	(1)
icMoore, Zeke	CB	Lincoln	1967-77	(11)
icMorris, Dennit	LB	Oklahoma	1960-61	(2)
icMorrison, Ron	T	New Mexico	1960	(1)
icMoseley, Mark	Ki	S. F. Austin	1971-72	(2)
icMurdock, Guy	C	Michigan	1972	(1)
icMulgrove, Spain	T	Utah State	1970	(1)
icNaponic, Bob	QB	Illinois	1970	(1)
icNelson, Benny	S	Alabama	1964	(1)
icNery, Ron	DE	Kansas State	1963	(1)
icNicholson, Oliver	LB	Texas Southern	1975	(1)
icNix, Kent	QB	Texas Christian	1972	(1)
icOrton, Jim	SS	Idaho	1960-68	(9)
icOdom, Sammy	LB	N. W. Louisiana	1964	(1)
icOlerich, Dave	LB	San Francisco	1971	(1)
icOnesti, Larry	LB	Northwestern	1962-65	(4)
icOwens, Joe	DE	Alcorn State	1976	(1)
icParker, Willie	DT	Arkansas AM&N	1967-70	(4)
icParks, Billy	WR	Cal. St.-Long Beach	1973-75	(3)
icParks, Dave	WR	Texas Tech	1973	(1)
icParrish, Bernie	CB	Florida	1966	(1)
icParsley, Cliff	P	Oklahoma St.	1977	(1)
icPastorini, Dan	QB	Santa Clara	1971-77	(7)
icPeachcock, Johnny	S	Houston	1969-70	(2)
icPerkins, Willis	G	Texas Southern	1961/63	(2)
icPerlo, Phil	G	Maryland	1960	(1)
icPitts, Hugh	C	Texas Christian	1960	(1)
icPritchard, Ron	LB	Arizona State	1969-72	(4)
icPoole, Bob	TE	Clemson	1966-67	(2)
icPost, Dickie	RB	Houston	1971	(1)
icQueen, Jeff	TE	Morgan State	1974	(1)
icQuinn, Steve	C	Notre Dame	1968	(1)

Reed, Alvin	TE	Prairie View	1967-72
Reed, Leo	G	Colorado State	1961
Regner, Tom	G	Notre Dame	1967-72
Reihner, George	G	Penn. St.	1977
Reinfeldt, Mike	S	Wisconsin-Milw.	1976-77
Rhome, Jerry	QB	Tulsa	1970
Rice, Andy	DT	Texas Southern	1967
Rice, Floyd	LB	Alcorn A&M	1971-73
Rice, George	DT	Louisiana State	1966-70
Richardson, Mike	RB	Southern Methodist	1969-71
Rieves, Charles	LB	Houston	1964
Roberts, Guy	LB	Maryland	1972-75
Robertson, Bob	T	Illinois	1968
Robinson, Paul	RB	Arizona	1972-73
Rodgers, Willie	RB	Kentucky State	1972-75
Rossovich, Tim	LB	Southern California	1976
Rudolph, Council	DE	Kentucky State	1972
Rushing, Marion	LB	Southern Illinois	1968

Sampson, Greg	T	Stanford	1972-77
Saul, Ron	G	Michigan State	1970-75
Sawyer, John	TE	So. Mississippi	1975-76
Schmidt, Bob	C	Minnesota	1961-63
Severson, Jeff	S	Cal. St.-Long Beach	1973-74
Shirkey, George	DT	S. F. Austin	1960-61
Simerson, John	G	Purdue	1960
Simonsen, Todd	T	South Dakota State	1976
Sledge, Leroy	RB	Bakersfield JC	1971
Smiley, Tom	RB	Lamar Tech	1970
Smith, Bob	S	Miami (Ohio)	1968
Smith, Bubba	DE	Michigan State	1975-76
Smith, Dave	RB	Ripon	1960-64
Smith, Dave	WR	Indiana-Pa.	1972
Smith, Sid	C	So. California	1974
Smith, Tody	DE	So. California	1973-76
Sowells, Rich	DB	Alcore St.	1977
Spence, Julian	S	Huston-Tillotson	1960-61
Spikes, Jack	RB	Texas Christian	1965
Stemrick, Greg	CB	Colorado State	1975-77
Stith, Carel	DT	Nebraska	1967-69
Stoepel, Terry	T	Tulsa	1970
Stone, Donnie	RB	Arkansas	1966
Stotter, Rich	LB	Houston	1968
Strahan, Arthur	DE	Texas Southern	1965
Stringer, Art	LB	Ball St.	1977
Sturm, Jerry	C	Illinois	1971
Suci, Bob	S	Michigan State	1962
Suggs, Walt	T	Mississippi State	1962-71
Sutton, Mickey	S	Auburn	1966
Swatland, Dick	G	Notre Dame	1968

Talamini, Bob	G	Kentucky	1960-67
Taylor, Altie	RB	Utah State	1976
Taylor, Lionel	WR	N. Mex. Highlands	1967-68
Thomas, Bill	RB	Boston College	1973
Thomas, Earl	WR	Houston	1976
Thomas, Lee	DE	Jackson State	1975
Thompson, Ted	LB	Southern Methodist	1975-77
Tilleman, Mike	DT	Montana	1971-72
Tobin, Bill	RB	Missouri	1963
Tolar, Charles	RB	N. W. Louisiana	1960-66
Tolbert, Jim	CB	Lincoln	1972
Towns, Morris	T	Missouri	1977
Trammell, Allen	S	Florida	1966
Trask, Orville	DT	Rice	1960-61
Trull, Don	QB	Baylor	1964-69

Underwood, Olen	LB	Texas-Austin	1966-70
Vanoy, Vernon	DT	Kansas	1973
Viltz, Theo	CB	So. California	1966
Voight, Mike	RB	N. Carolina	1977

Wainscott, Lloyd	LB	Texas-Austin	1969-70
Walker, Wayne	Ki	N. W. Louisiana	1968
Wallner, Fred	G	Notre Dame	1960
Walsh, Ward	RB	Colorado	1971-72
Walton, Sam	T	East Texas State	1971
Washington, Ted	LB	Mississippi Valley	1973-77
Washington, Vic	RB	Wyoming	1974
Watson, Ed	LB	Grambling	1969
Webster, George	LB	Michigan State	1967-72
Wegener, Bucky	DT	Missouri	1962-63
Weger, Mike	S	Bowling Green	1976-77
Weir, Sammy	WR	Arkansas State	1965
Wells, Robert	T	J. C. Smith	1972
Wells, Terence	RB	So. Mississippi	1974
Wharton, Hogan	G	Houston	1960-63
White, Bob	RB	Ohio State	1960
White, Jim	DE	Colorado State	1974-75
White, John	TE	Texas Southern	1960-61
Whittington, C. L.	FS	Prairie View	1974-77
Wilkerson, Doug	G	N. Carolina Central	1970
Williams, Maxie	G	Southeast Louisiana	1965

Williams, Sam	CB	New Mexico High.	1976	(1)
Willis, Fred	RB	Boston College	1972-77	(6)
Wilson, Tim	RB	Maryland	1977	(1)
Wisener, Gary	CB	Baylor	1961	(1)
Witcher, Albert	S	Baylor	1960	(1)
Wittenborn, John	G	Southeast Missouri	1964-68	(5)
Woods, Glenn	DT	Prairie View	1969	(1)
Wright, Elmo	WR	Houston	1975	(1)
Wyatt, Alvin	CB	Southern	1973	(1)
Yeats, James	TE	Florida	1960	(1)
Young, Bob	G	Howard Payne	1971	(1)
Young, James	DE	Texas So.	1977	(1)

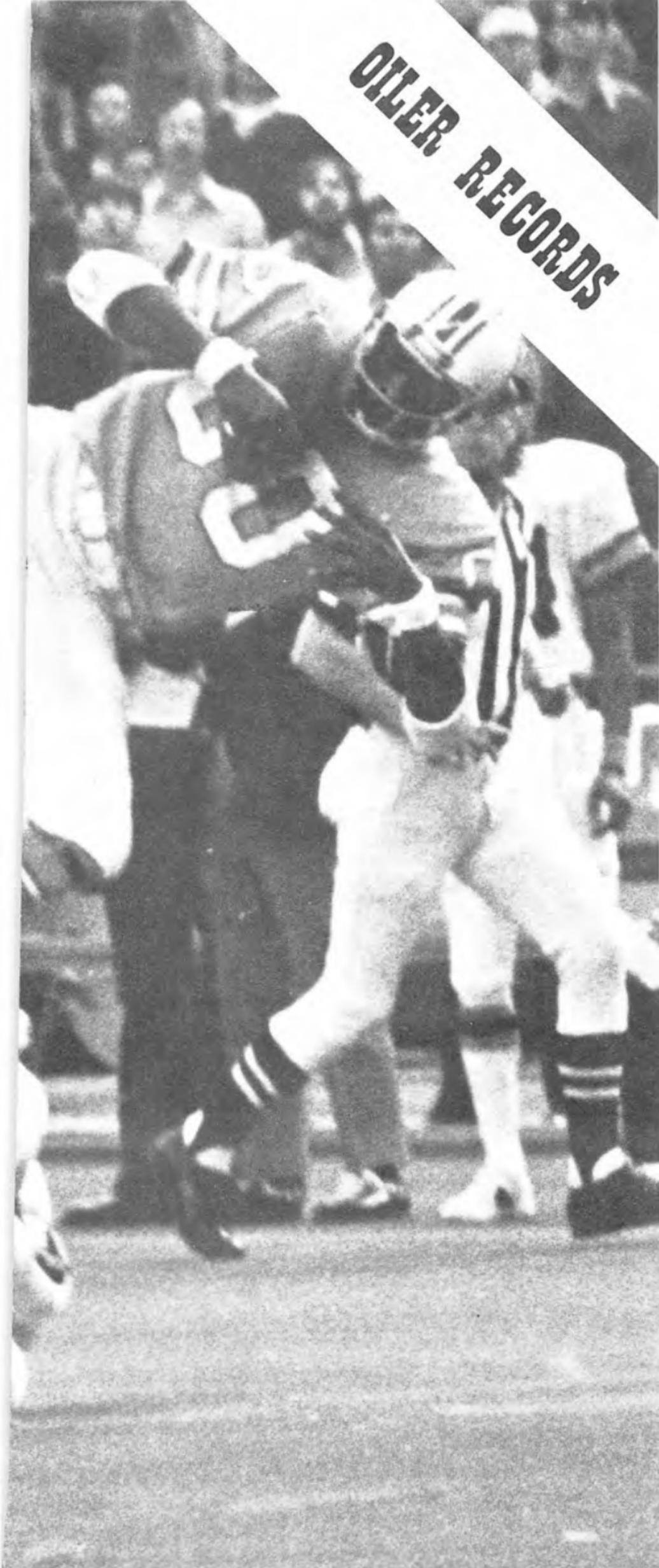
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PLAYER MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVE FOR THREE GAMES TO QUALIFY.



## NOTES

**OILER RECORDS**



## NOTES

# HOUSTON OILER INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## SERVICE

### MOST CONSECUTIVE OILER GAMES PLAYED

- 135 — Elvin Bethea, 1968-77.
- 130 — Jim Norton, 1960 - 68 (including playoffs).
- 130 — Walt Suggs, 1962 - 71 (including playoffs).

## SCORING

### MOST POINTS — CAREER

- 596 — George Blanda, 1960 - 66 (4-td, 299-pat, 91-fg).
- 306 — Charles Hennigan, 1960 - 66 (51-td).
- 332 — Skip Butler, 1972-77 (70 FG-122 pat)

### MOST POINTS — SEASON

- 115 — George Blanda, 1960 (4-td, 46-pat, 15-fg).
- 112 — George Blanda, 1961 (64-pat, 16-fg).
- 108 — Bill Groman, 1961 (18-td).

### MOST POINTS — ROOKIE SEASON

- 86 — Roy Gerela, 1969 (29-pat, 19-fg).
- 72 — Bill Groman, 1960 (12-td).

### MOST POINTS — GAME

- 30 — Billy Cannon vs New York Titans, 12/10/61 (5-td).
- 26 — George Blanda vs Los Angeles Chargers, 9/18/60 (3-td, 2-pat, 1-fg).

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES SCORING

- 40 — George Blanda, 1960 - 63.

## TOUCHDOWNS

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS — CAREER

- 51 — Charles Hennigan, 1960 - 66 (51-p).
- 35 — Billy Cannon, 1960 - 63 (14-r, 20-p, 1-re).

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS — SEASON

- 18 — Bill Groman, 1961 (1-r, 17-p).
- 15 — Billy Cannon, 1961 (6-r, 9-p).
- 13 — Billy Cannon, 1962 (7-r, 6-p).

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS — ROOKIE SEASON

- 12 — Bill Groman, 1960 (12-p).
- 7 — Dave Smith, 1960 (5-r, 2-p).
- 7 — Billy Cannon, 1960 (1-r, 5-p, 1-re).

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS — GAME

- 5 — Billy Cannon vs New York Titans, 12/10/61 (3-r, 2-p).

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES SCORING TOUCHDOWNS

- 8 — Bill Groman, 1961.
- 5 — Hoyle Granger, 1967.

## POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

### MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN ATTEMPTED — CAREER

- 304 — George Blanda, 1960 - 66.
- 128 — Skip Butler, 1972-77.

### MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN ATTEMPTED — SEASON

- 65 — George Blanda, 1961.
- 49 — George Blanda, 1962.

### MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN ATTEMPTED — GAME

- 8 — George Blanda vs Denver, 11/5/61.

### MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN — CAREER

- 299 — George Blanda, 1960 - 66.
- 122 — Skip Butler, 1972-77.

### MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN — SEASON

- 64 — George Blanda, 1961.
- 48 — George Blanda, 1962.

### MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN — GAME

- 7 — George Blanda vs Denver, 11/5/61.
- 6 — George Blanda vs New York Titans, 10/23/60.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN

- 75 — Skip Butler, 1972-76.
- 64 — George Blanda, 1961 - 62.
- 63 — George Blanda, 1960 - 61.

## FIELD GOALS

### MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED — CAREER

- 189 — George Blanda, 1960 - 66.
- 121 — Skip Butler, 1972-77.

### MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED — SEASON

- 40 — Roy Gerela, 1969.
- 34 — George Blanda, 1960.

### MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED — GAME

- 6 — Skip Butler vs Cleveland, 10/12/75.
- 5 — Wayne Walker vs Buffalo, 10/27/68.
- 5 — Roy Gerela vs Miami, 9/28/69.

**MOST FIELD GOALS - CAREER**

- 91 - George Blanda, 1960 - 66.
- 70 - Skip Butler, 1972-76

**MOST FIELD GOALS - SEASON**

- 19 - Roy Gerela, 1969.
- 18 - Roy Gerela, 1970.
- 18 - Skip Butler, 1975.

**MOST FIELD GOALS - GAME**

- 5 - Roy Gerela vs Miami, 9/28/69.
- 4 - Skip Butler vs Los Angeles Rams, 10/7/73.
- 4 - Skip Butler vs Cleveland, 10/12/75.

**MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES, FIELD GOALS**

- 10 - George Blanda, 1964 - 65.
- 10 - George Blanda, 1966.

**LONGEST FIELD GOAL**

- 55 - George Blanda vs San Diego, 12/3/61.
- 54 - George Blanda vs Oakland, 11/12/62.
- 54 - Skip Butler vs Buffalo, 9/19/76.

**RUSHING****MOST ATTEMPTS - CAREER**

- 907 - Charles Tolar, 1960 - 66.
- 732 - Hoyle Granger, 1966 - 70.

**MOST ATTEMPTS - SEASON**

- 244 - Charles Tolar, 1962.
- 237 - Hoyle Granger, 1967.

**MOST ATTEMPTS - GAME**

- 29 - Charles Tolar vs New York Titans, 12/15/62.
- 28 - Charles Tolar vs Oakland, 11/11/62.
- 27 - Hoyle Granger vs San Diego, 12/16/67.
- 27 - Don Hardeman vs San Diego, 9/28/75.

**MOST YARDS GAINED - CAREER**

- 3339 - Hoyle Granger, 1966 - 70.
- 3277 - Charles Tolar, 1960 - 66.

**MOST YARDS GAINED - SEASON**

- 1194 - Hoyle Granger, 1967.
- 1012 - Charles Tolar, 1962.

**MOST YARDS GAINED - GAME**

- 216 - Billy Cannon vs New York Titans, 12/10/61 (25-att).
- 183 - Hoyle Granger vs San Diego, 12/4/66 (19-att).

**MOST GAMES, 100 YARDS OR MORE RUSHING - CAREER**

- 7 - Hoyle Granger, 1966 - 70.
- 5 - Charles Tolar, 1960 - 66.

**MOST GAMES 100 YARDS OR MORE RUSHING - SEASON**

- 7 - Hoyle Granger, 1967.
- 5 - Charles Tolar, 1962.

**LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE**

- 91 - TD, Sid Blanks vs New York Jets, 12/13/64.
- 77 - Rob Carpenter vs Chiefs, 11/27/77.
- 69 - TD, Hoyle Granger vs Oakland, 11/6/66.

**MOST YARDS RUSHING - ROOKIE SEASON**

- 756 - Sid Blanks, 1964.
- 652 - Rob Carpenter, 1977.
- 648 - Don Hardeman, 1975.
- 644 - Billy Cannon, 1960.
- 643 - Dave Smith, 1960.

**AVERAGE GAIN RUSHING****HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN - CAREER (100 attempts per season)**

- 4.5 - Hoyle Granger, 1966 - 70 (732-3339).
- 4.2 - Joe Dawkins, 1970 (124-517).
- 4.1 - Billy Cannon, 1960 -63 (512-2111).

**HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN - SEASON (100 attempts)**

- 5.2 - Sid Blanks, 1964 (145-756).
- 5.0 - Hoyle Granger, 1967 (237-1194).

**HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN - GAME (10 attempts)**

- 10.7 - Billy Cannon vs Denver, 11/5/61 (11-118).

**TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING****MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING - CAREER**

- 20 - Charles Tolar, 1960 - 66.
- 18 - Hoyle Granger, 1966 - 70.

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING - SEASON**

- 7 - Charles Tolar, 1962.
- 7 - Billy Cannon, 1962.
- 7 - Don Trull, 1966.
- 7 - Hoyle Granger, 1968.

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING - GAME**

- 3 - George Blanda vs Los Angeles Chargers, 9/18/60.
- 3 - Billy Cannon vs New York Titans, 12/10/61.
- 3 - Bill Tobin vs New York Titans, 11/10/63.
- 3 - Sid Blanks vs New York Jets, 12/13/64.

**MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES SCORING****RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS**

- 3 - Robert Holmes, 1971.
- 3 - Willie Rodgers, 1974.
- 3 - Ronnie Coleman, 1977.

## PASSING

### OST PASSES ATTEMPTED - CAREER

2784 - George Blanda, 1960 - 66 (1347 completions).  
2075 - Dan Pastorini, 1971-77 (1064 completions)

### OST PASSES ATTEMPTED - SEASON

505 - George Blanda, 1964 (262 completions).  
370 - Pete Beathard, 1969 (170 completions).

### OST PASSES ATTEMPTED - GAME

68 - George Blanda vs Buffalo, 11/1/64 (37 completions).  
60 - George Blanda vs Oakland, 11/7/65.  
55 - George Blanda vs Los Angeles Chargers, 11/13/60  
(31 completions).

## COMPLETIONS

### OST PASSES COMPLETED - CAREER

1347 - George Blanda, 1960 - 66 (2784 attempts).  
1064 - Dan Pastorini, 1971-77. (1064 attempts)

### OST PASSES COMPLETED - SEASON

262 - George Blanda, 1962 (505 attempts).  
180 - Pete Beathard, 1969 (370 attempts).

### OST PASSES COMPLETED - GAME

37 - George Blanda vs Buffalo, 11/1/64 (68 attempts).  
31 - George Blanda vs Los Angeles Chargers, 11/13/60  
(55 attempts).

## PASSING YARDAGE

### OST YARDS GAINED - CAREER

19149 - George Blanda, 1960 - 66.  
2,283 - Dan Pastorini, 1971-77.

### OST YARDS GAINED - SEASON

3330 - George Blanda, 1961.  
2455 - Pete Beathard, 1969.

### OST YARDS GAINED - GAME

464 - George Blanda vs Buffalo, 10/29/61 (32-18).  
457 - Jacky Lee vs Boston, 10/13/61 (41-27).  
418 - George Blanda vs New York Titans, 11/19/61 (32-20).

### LONGEST PASS COMPLETION

98 - TD, Jacky Lee to Willard Dewveall vs San Diego,  
11/25/62.  
95 - TD, George Blanda to Dick Compton vs Buffalo, 12/5/60.  
92 - TD, Jacky Lee to Bill Groman vs Denver, 11/20/60.

## TOUCHDOWN PASSES

### MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - CAREER

165 - George Blanda, 1960 - 66.  
66 - Dan Pastorini, 1971-77.  
29 - Don Trull, 1964 - 69.

### MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - SEASON

36 - George Blanda, 1961.  
27 - George Blanda, 1962.  
24 - George Blanda, 1960 & 1963.

### MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - GAME

7 - George Blanda vs New York Titans, 11/19/61.  
6 - George Blanda vs New York Titans, 10/14/62.

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES TOUCHDOWN PASSES

14 - George Blanda, 1964 - 65.  
9 - George Blanda, 1961 (including playoffs).

## PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

### MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED - CAREER

189 - George Blanda, 1960 - 66.  
104 - Dan Pastorini, 1971-77.

### MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED - SEASON

42 - George Blanda, 1962.  
21 - Pete Beathard, 1969.  
21 - Dan Pastorini, 1971.

### MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED - GAME

6 - George Blanda vs Buffalo, 9/9/62.  
6 - George Blanda vs Denver, 11/14/65.

## PASS RECEPTIONS

### MOST PASS RECEPTIONS - CAREER

410 - Charles Hennigan, 1960 - 66.  
290 - Ken Burrough, 1971-77.  
177 - Charles Frazier, 1962 - 68.  
175 - Charles Tolar, 1960 - 66.

### MOST PASS RECEPTIONS - SEASON

101 - Charles Hennigan, 1964 (1,561 yards).  
82 - Charles Hennigan, 1961 (1,746 yards).

### MOST PASS RECEPTIONS - GAME

13 - Charles Hennigan vs Boston, 10/13/61 (272 yards).  
12 - Sid Blanks vs San Diego, 9/12/64 (131 yards).  
12 - Charles Hennigan vs Buffalo, 11/1/64 (160 yards).  
12 - Charles Hennigan vs Boston, 11/29/64 (183 yards).

**MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES MAKING PASS RECEPTION**

- 52 - Ken Burrough, 1971-77.
- 33 - Bob McLeod, 1961 - 64 (35, including playoffs).
- 24 - Ode Burrell, 1964 - 66.

**YARDS RECEIVING****MOST YARDS GAINED - CAREER**

- 6823 - Charles Hennigan, 1960 - 66.
- 4968 - Ken Burrough, 1971-77.
- 3017 - Charles Frazier, 1962 - 68.

**MOST YARDS GAINED - SEASON**

- 1746 - Charles Hennigan, 1961 (82 receptions).
- 1546 - Charles Hennigan, 1964 (101 receptions).

**MOST YARDS GAINED - GAME**

- 272 - Charles Hennigan vs Boston, 10/13/61 (13 receptions).
- 232 - Charles Hennigan vs Buffalo, 10/29/61 (9 receptions).
- 214 - Charles Hennigan vs San Diego, 12/3/61 (10 receptions).

**LONGEST PASS RECEPTION**

- 98 - TD, Willard Dewveall (Jacky Lee) vs San Diego, 11/25/61.
- 95 - TD, Dick Compton (George Blanda) vs Buffalo, 12/5/65.
- 92 - TD, Bill Groman (Jacky Lee) vs Denver, 11/20/60.

**AVERAGE GAIN RECEIVING****HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN - SEASON (35 receptions)**

- 23.5 - Bill Groman, 1961 (50 receptions).
- 21.3 - Charles Hennigan, 1961 (82 receptions).

**TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING****MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - CAREER**

- 51 - Charles Hennigan, 1960 - 66.
- 34 - Ken Burrough, 1971-77.
- 32 - Bill Groman, 1960-62.
- 22 - Charlie Frazier, 1962-68.

**MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - SEASON**

- 17 - Bill Groman, 1961.
- 12 - Bill Groman, 1960.
- 12 - Charles Hennigan, 1961.
- 12 - Charles Frazier, 1966.

**MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - GAME**

- 3 - Bill Groman vs New York Titans, 10/23/60.
- 3 - Billy Cannon vs New York Titans, 11/19/61.
- 3 - Bill Groman vs New York Titans, 11/19/61.
- 3 - Charles Hennigan vs San Diego, 12/5/61.
- 3 - Charles Hennigan vs Buffalo, 9/28/63.
- 3 - Willie Frazier vs New York Jets, 9/12/65.
- 3 - Charles Frazier vs Denver, 9/3/66.
- 3 - Charles Frazier vs Denver, 10/2/66.
- 3 - Mack Alston vs Cleveland, 10/12/75.

**MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES CATCHING TOUCHDOWN PASSE**

- 8 - Bill Groman, 1961.
- 5 - Ken Burrough, 1977.
- 4 - Bill Groman, 1960.
- 4 - Charles Hennigan, 1961.

**INTERCEPTIONS BY****MOST INTERCEPTIONS BY - CAREER**

- 45 - Jim Norton, 1960 - 68.
- 30 - Freddy Glick, 1961 - 66.

**MOST INTERCEPTIONS BY - SEASON**

- 12 - Freddy Glick, 1963.
- 10 - Miller Farr, 1967.

**MOST INTERCEPTIONS BY - GAME**

- 3 - Jim Norton vs Denver, 12/2/62.
- 3 - W. K. Hicks vs Buffalo, 10/31/65.
- 3 - Miller Farr vs New York Jets, 10/15/67.
- 3 - Ken Houston vs Pittsburgh, 10/24/71.
- 3 - Willie Alexander vs Oakland, 11/14/71.

**MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES PASSES INTERCEPTED BY**

- 5 - Pete Jaquess, 1964.
- 4 - Freddy Glick, 1963.
- 4 - Jim Norton, 1967.
- 4 - Miller Farr, 1967.

**INTERCEPTION YARDAGE****MOST YARDS GAINED - CAREER**

- 650 - Ken Houston, 1967 - 71 (25 interceptions).
- 592 - Jim Norton, 1960 - 68 (45 interceptions).
- 484 - Miller Farr, 1967 - 69 (22 interceptions).

**MOST YARDS GAINED - SEASON**

- 264 - Miller Farr, 1967 (10 interceptions).
- 220 - Ken Houston, 1971 (9 interceptions).
- 180 - Freddy Glick, 1963 (12 interceptions).

**MOST YARDS GAINED - GAME**

- 128 - Miller Farr vs New York Jets, 10/15/67 (3 interceptions).
- 98 - Pete Jaquess vs Oakland, 9/19/64 (1 interception).
- 95 - Willie Alexander, 10/25/77 (1 interception).
- 92 - Miller Farr vs Buffalo, 12/7/68 (2 interceptions).

## LONGEST GAIN

- 98 — TD, Pete Jaquess vs Oakland, 9/19/64.
- 95 — TD, Willie Alexander vs Green Bay, 10/25/77.
- 90 — TD, Mark Johnston vs Kansas City, 10/27/63.
- 78 — Ken Houston vs Kansas City, 9/9/67.

## TOUCHDOWNS ON INTERCEPTIONS

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS — CAREER

- 9 — Ken Houston, 1967 - 71.
- 5 — Miller Farr, 1967 - 69.

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS — SEASON

- 4 — Ken Houston, 1971.
- 3 — Miller Farr, 1967.
- 2 — Ken Houston, 1967.
- 2 — Ken Houston, 1968.
- 2 — Miller Farr, 1968.

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS — GAME

- 2 — Miller Farr vs Buffalo, 12/7/68.
- 2 — Ken Houston vs San Diego, 12/19/71.

## PUNTING

### MOST PUNTS — CAREER

- 519 — Jim Norton, 1960 - 68.
- 316 — Dan Pastorini, 1971-76.

### MOST PUNTS — SEASON

- 84 — Jim Norton, 1965.
- 84 — Spike Jones, 1970.

### MOST PUNTS — GAME

- 10 — Jim Norton vs Buffalo, 10/20/63.
- 10 — Dan Pastorini vs New Orleans 10/3/76.
- 10 — Dan Pastorini vs Pittsburgh, 10/15/72.

### LONGEST PUNT

- 79 — Jim Norton vs Kansas City, 11/22/64.
- 74 — Dan Pastorini vs Cincinnati, 10/24/76.
- 73 — Spike Jones vs Kansas City, 11/8/70.
- 69 — David Beverly vs Dallas, 11/24/74.

## AVERAGE YARDS PUNTING

### HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE — CAREER

- 42.4 — Spike Jones, 1970 (84 punts).
- 42.3 — Jim Norton, 1960 - 68 (519 punts).

### HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE — SEASON

- 44.2 — Jim Norton, 1965 (84 punts).

## PUNT RETURNS

### MOST PUNT RETURNS — CAREER

- 143 — Billy Johnson, 1974-77.
- 64 — Bobby Jancik, 1962 - 67.
- 60 — Jerry LeVias, 1969 - 70.

### MOST PUNT RETURNS — SEASON

- 40 — Billy Johnson, 1975.
- 39 — Billy Johnson, 1976.
- 35 — Jerry LeVias, 1969.
- 35 — Billy Johnson, 1977.

### MOST PUNT RETURNS — GAME

- 7 — Billy Johnson vs Tampa Bay, 9/12/76.
- 6 — Larry Carwell vs Buffalo, 10/27/68.
- 6 — Jerry LeVias vs Denver, 11/16/69.
- 6 — Billy Johnson vs Cincinnati, 10/5/75.
- 6 — Billy Johnson vs New York Jets, 9/18/77.

## YARDS RETURNING PUNTS

### MOST YARDS GAINED — CAREER

- 1961 — Billy Johnson, 1974-77 (143 returns).
- 632 — Bobby Jancik, 1962 - 67 (64 returns).
- 505 — Jerry LeVias, 1969 - 70 (60 returns).

### MOST YARDS GAINED — SEASON

- 612 — Billy Johnson, 1975 (40 returns).
- 539 — Billy Johnson, 1977 (35 returns).
- 409 — Billy Johnson, 1974 (30 returns).
- 397 — Billy Johnson, 1976 (39 returns).
- 292 — Jerry LeVias, 1969 (35 returns).

### MOST YARDS GAINED — GAME

- 127 — Billy Johnson vs Cincinnati, 10/5/75.
- 104 — Billy Johnson vs Cleveland, 9/22/74.
- 103 — Billy Johnson vs New York Jets, 9/18/77.
- 99 — Billy Johnson vs Miami, 11/16/75.

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

- 87 — Billy Johnson vs Cleveland, 10/16/77.
- 83 — TD, Billy Johnson vs Miami, 11/16/75.
- 75 — Billy Johnson vs Chicago, 11/6/77.
- 74 — Jeff Severson vs Los Angeles Rams, 10/7/73.

## TOUCHDOWNS RETURNING PUNTS

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS — CAREER

- 5 — Billy Johnson, 1974 - 77.

## **MOST TOUCHDOWNS - SEASON**

3 - Billy Johnson, 1975.

## **MOST TOUCHDOWNS - GAME**

1 - Bobby Jancik vs Denver, 12/20/64.  
1 - Billy Johnson vs Cincinnati, 10/5/75 (63).  
1 - Billy Johnson vs Detroit, 10/26/75 (52).  
1 - Billy Johnson vs Miami, 11/16/75 (83).  
1 - Ronnie Coleman vs Cincinnati, 10/24/76. (69)  
1 - Billy Johnson vs Cleveland, 10/16/77 (87).  
1 - Billy Johnson vs Cleveland, 12/11/77 (72).

## **KICKOFF RETURNS**

### **MOST KICKOFF RETURNS - CAREER**

158 - Bobby Jancik, 1962 - 67.  
113 - Billy Johnson, 1974-77.  
64 - Jerry LeVias, 1969 - 70.

### **MOST KICKOFF RETURNS - SEASON**

45 - Bobby Jancik, 1963.  
38 - Jerry LeVias, 1969.

### **MOST KICKOFF RETURNS - GAME**

8 - Bobby Jancik vs Boston, 12/8/63 (221 yards).  
8 - Bobby Jancik vs Oakland, 12/22/63 (240 yards).

## **YARDAGE RETURNING KICKOFFS**

### **MOST YARDS GAINED - CAREER**

4181 - Bobby Jancik, 1962 - 67.  
2792 - Billy Johnson, 1974-77.  
1538 - Jerry LeVias, 1969 - 70.  
1382 - Zeke Moore, 1967 - 77.

### **MOST YARDS GAINED - SEASON**

1317 - Bobby Jancik, 1963.  
940 - Jerry LeVias, 1969.  
871 - Bobby Jancik, 1966.

### **MOST YARDS GAINED - GAME**

240 - Bobby Jancik vs Oakland, 12/22/63 (8 returns).  
221 - Bobby Jancik vs Boston, 12/8/63 (8 returns).

### **LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN**

104 - TD, Ken Hall vs New York Titans, 10/23/60.  
103 - TD, Bob Gresham vs Cincinnati, 9/23/73.  
93 - TD, Ode Burrell vs Boston, 11/1/73.

## **AVERAGE YARDAGE RETURNING KICKOFFS**

### **HIGHEST AVERAGE - CAREER (75 returns)**

26.4 - Bobby Jancik, 1962 - 67 (158-4181).

### **HIGHEST AVERAGE - SEASON (15 returns)**

31.2 - Ken Hall, 1960 (19-594).

## **TOUCHDOWNS RETURNING KICKOFFS**

### **MOST TOUCHDOWNS - CAREER**

2 - Billy Johnson, 1974-77.  
1 - Ken Hall, 1960.  
1 - Billy Cannon, 1960.  
1 - Ode Burrell, 1964.  
1 - Zeke Moore, 1967.  
1 - Bob Gresham, 1973.

### **MOST TOUCHDOWNS - SEASON**

SAME AS ABOVE

### **MOST TOUCHDOWNS - GAME**

1 - Ken Hall vs New York Titans, 10/23/60 (104 yards).  
1 - Billy Cannon vs Boston, 11/25/60 (88 yards).  
1 - Ode Burrell vs Boston, 11/6/64 (93 yards).  
1 - Zeke Moore vs Kansas City, 10/22/67 (92 yards).  
1 - Bob Gresham vs Cincinnati, 9/23/73 (103 yards).  
1 - Billy Johnson vs Cleveland, 10/12/75 (81 yards).  
1 - Billy Johnson vs Chicago, 11/6/77 (75 yards).

# HOUSTON OILER TEAM RECORDS - OFFENSE

## GAMES

### MOST GAMES WON (Regular Season)

11 - 1962  
10 - 1960  
10 - 1961  
10 - 1975

### FEWEST GAMES WON (Regular Season)

1 - 1972  
1 - 1973  
3 - 1966  
3 - 1970

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT DEFEAT (Regular Season)

10 - 1961 - 62

### MOST CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES (All Games)

11 - 1961 - 62

## SCORING

### MOST POINTS - SEASON

513 - 1961 (523 including playoffs).  
387 - 1962 (404 including playoffs).

### MOST POINTS - GAME

56 - vs New York Titans, 10/14/62.  
55 - vs Oakland, 9/9/61.  
55 - vs Denver, 11/5/61.

### FEWEST POINTS - GAME

0 - vs Dallas Texans, 12/4/60 (0 - 24).  
0 - vs San Diego, 12/1/63 (0 - 27).  
0 - vs Kansas City, 10/12/69 (0 - 24).  
0 - vs Boston, 11/2/69 (0 - 24).  
0 - vs St. Louis, 11/1/70 (0 - 44).  
0 - vs Cleveland, 9/19/71 (0 - 31).  
0 - vs Oakland, 10/9/72 (0 - 34).  
0 - vs Cleveland, 11/5/72 (0 - 20).  
0 - vs New England, 11/25/73 (0 - 32).  
0 - vs Dallas, 11/24/74 (0 - 10).  
0 - vs Pittsburgh, 12/11/76 (0-21)

### MOST POINTS, BOTH TEAMS - GAME

101 - Houston 49 vs Oakland 52, 12/22/63.  
78 - Houston 38 vs Denver 40, 10/2/66.

### NUMBER OF TIES - ALL-TIME

6 - vs Boston, 10/13/61 (31 - 31).  
- vs New York Jets, 10/15/67 (28 - 28).  
- vs Cincinnati, 11/9/69 (31 - 31).  
- vs Denver, 11/16/69 (20 - 20).  
- vs San Diego, 10/25/70 (31 - 31).  
- vs New Orleans, 10/3/71 (13 - 13).

### NUMBER OF SHUTOUTS BY OILERS

8 - vs Oakland, 9/9/61 (55 - 0).  
- vs Oakland, 9/10/66 (31 - 0).  
- vs New York Jets, 10/16/66 (24 - 0).  
- vs Boston, 10/13/68 (16 - 0).  
- vs New England, 9/21/75 (7 - 0).  
- vs Tampa Bay, 9/12/76 (20-0)  
- vs New York Jets, 9/18/77 (20-0)  
- vs Chicago Bears, 11/6/77 (47-0)

### LARGEST POINT MARGIN IN VICTORY

55 - vs Oakland, 9/9/61 (55 - 0).  
47 - vs Chicago, 11/16/77 (47-0)  
44 - vs Denver, 11/5/61 (55 - 13).

### SMALLEST POINT MARGIN IN VICTORY

1 - vs Miami, 11/16/75 (20 - 19).  
1 - vs Oakland, 12/14/75 (27 - 26).  
2 - vs Buffalo, 10/31/65 (19 - 17).  
2 - vs Denver, 11/12/67 (20 - 18).

### MOST POINTS, ONE QUARTER

28 - vs Kansas City (3Q), 10/24/65.  
28 - vs San Diego (3Q), 12/19/71.  
26 - vs Oakland (2Q), 12/17/61.

### MOST POINTS, ONE QUARTER - BOTH TEAMS

49 - Houston (21) vs Oakland (28), (2Q), 12/22/63.  
35 - Houston (26) vs Oakland (9), (2Q), 12/17/61.  
35 - Houston (14) vs New York Jets (21), (4Q), 11/21/65.  
35 - Houston (14) vs Kansas City (21), (4Q), 11/28/65.  
35 - Houston (28) vs San Diego (7), (3Q), 12/19/71.  
35 - Houston (7) vs Cincinnati (28), (4Q), 12/17/72.

### MOST POINTS - EACH QUARTER

1st - 21 vs New York Titans, 11/19/61.  
2nd - 26 vs Oakland, 12/17/61.  
3rd - 28 vs Kansas City, 10/24/65.  
3rd - 28 vs San Diego, 12/19/71.  
4th - 24 vs Denver, 11/26/61.

### MOST POINTS, EACH QUARTER - BOTH TEAMS

1st - 31 - Houston (14) vs Buffalo (17), 9/28/63.  
2nd - 49 - Houston (21) vs Oakland (28), 12/22/63.  
3rd - 35 - Houston (28) vs San Diego (7), 12/19/71.

4th - 35 - Houston (14) vs New York Jets (21), 11/21/65.  
Houston (14) vs Kansas City (21), 11/28/65.  
Houston (7) vs Cincinnati (28), 12/17/72.

#### **MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES SCORING**

78 - 1963 - 69 (79 including playoffs).  
40 - 1960 - 63 (43 including playoffs).

#### **MOST TOUCHDOWNS - SEASON**

66 - 1961  
50 - 1962

#### **MOST TOUCHDOWNS, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

14 - Houston (7) vs Oakland (7), 11/22/63.

#### **MOST TOUCHDOWNS - GAME**

8 - vs New York Titans, 10/14/62.  
7 - vs Oakland, 9/9/61.  
7 - vs Denver, 11/5/61.  
7 - vs New York Titans, 11/19/61.  
7 - vs Oakland, 11/22/63.  
7 - vs San Diego, 12/19/71.

#### **MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - SEASON**

48 - 1961  
32 - 1962

#### **FEWEST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - SEASON**

10 - 1972  
11 - 1973  
11 - 1967

#### **MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES - GAME**

7 - vs New York Titans, 11/19/61.  
7 - vs New York Titans, 10/14/62.

#### **MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

11 - Houston (5) vs Oakland (6), 12/22/63.  
9 - Houston (7) vs New York Titans (2), 11/19/61.

#### **MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED - SEASON**

48 - 1962 (475 attempts).  
37 - 1971 (423 attempts).  
35 - 1965 (550 attempts).

#### **FEWEST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED - SEASON**

17 - 1975 (347 attempts).  
19 - 1976 (423 attempts).  
19 - 1974 (363 attempts).  
19 - 1967 (333 attempts).  
21 - 1977 (347 attempts).  
23 - 1970 (470 attempts).

#### **MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED - GAME**

6 - vs San Diego, 9/24/61.  
6 - vs San Diego, 12/24/61.  
6 - vs Buffalo, 9/9/62.  
6 - vs Dallas Texans, 10/28/62.  
6 - vs Boston, 11/1/63.

#### **MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

13 - Houston (5) vs Denver (8), 12/2/62.

### **PUNTING**

#### **MOST PUNTS - SEASON**

100 - 1976  
85 - 1965  
85 - 1972  
85 - 1973

#### **FEWEST PUNTS - SEASON**

54 - 1964  
56 - 1961  
56 - 1962

#### **MOST PUNTS - GAME**

11 - vs Pittsburgh, 12/11/76  
11 - vs Oakland, 12/31/60.  
10 - vs Buffalo, 10/30/60.  
10 - vs Buffalo, 10/20/63.  
10 - vs Pittsburgh, 10/15/72.  
10 - vs New Orleans, 10/3/76.

#### **FEWEST PUNTS - GAME**

0 - vs Buffalo, 9/9/62.

#### **HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE - SEASON**

43.7 - 1965

### **PUNT RETURNS**

#### **MOST PUNT RETURNS - SEASON**

52 - 1968  
49 - 1976  
43 - 1969  
43 - 1975

#### **FEWEST PUNT RETURNS - SEASON**

15 - 1960  
19 - 1961

#### **MOST PUNT RETURNS - GAME**

10 - vs Tampa Bay, 9/12/76.  
8 - vs Buffalo, 10/27/68.  
7 - vs Denver, 11/16/68.

**MOST YARDS GAINED PUNT RETURNS - SEASON**

620 - 1975  
 539 - 1977  
 498 - 1976  
 495 - 1974  
 443 - 1968

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED PUNT RETURNS - SEASON**

118 - 1961  
 157 - 1966

**MOST YARDS GAINED PUNT RETURNS - GAME**

149 - vs Cleveland, 9/22/74.  
 127 - vs Cincinnati, 10/5/75.  
 113 - vs San Francisco, 12/7/75.  
 100 - vs Buffalo, 10/27/68.

**HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE - SEASON**

15.4 - 1977  
 14.4 - 1975  
 13.9 - 1960  
 13.1 - 1964

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS, PUNT RETURNS - SEASON**

3 - 1975

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS, PUNT RETURNS - GAME**

1 - vs Denver, 12/20/64.  
 1 - vs Cincinnati, 10/5/75.  
 1 - vs Detroit, 10/26/75.  
 1 - vs Miami, 11/16/75.  
 1 - vs Cincinnati, 10/24/76.  
 1 - vs Cleveland, 10/16/77.  
 1 - vs Chicago, 11/6/77.  
 1 - vs Cleveland, 12/11/77.

**KICKOFF RETURNS****MOST KICKOFF RETURNS - SEASON**

77 - 1965  
 70 - 1963

**FEWEST KICKOFF RETURNS - SEASON**

43 - 1961  
 44 - 1967

**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS - GAME**

10 - vs Oakland, 12/22/63.  
 9 - vs Boston, 12/8/62.  
 9 - vs Kansas City, 10/30/66.  
 9 - vs Minnesota, 10/13/74.

**MOST YARDS GAINED KICKOFF RETURNS - SEASON**

1755 - 1963  
 1669 - 1965

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED KICKOFF RETURNS - SEASON**

936 - 1961  
 1018 - 1967

**MOST YARDS GAINED KICKOFF RETURNS - GAME**

269 - vs Oakland, 12/22/63.  
 244 - vs Boston, 12/8/63.

**HIGHEST AVERAGE KICKOFF RETURNS - SEASON**

25.9 - 1962  
 25.1 - 1963

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS KICKOFF RETURNS - SEASON**

2 - 1960  
 1 - 1964  
 1 - 1967  
 1 - 1973  
 1 - 1975  
 1 - 1977.

**FUMBLES****MOST FUMBLES - SEASON**

36 - 1960  
 35 - 1963

**FEWEST FUMBLES - SEASON**

17 - 1962

**MOST FUMBLES - GAME**

8 - vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.  
 7 - vs Oakland, 9/11/60.

**MOST FUMBLES LOST - SEASON**

24 - 1963  
 17 - 1960  
 17 - 1969  
 17 - 1975  
 17 - 1977

**FEWEST FUMBLES LOST - SEASON**

7 - 1968  
 9 - 1967

**MOST FUMBLES LOST - GAME**

- 5 - vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.
- 4 - vs Oakland, 9/7/63.
- 4 - vs Kansas City, 10/12/69.

**MOST OPPONENTS' FUMBLES RECOVERED - SEASON**

- 28 - 1977 (39 fumbles).
- 28 - 1960 (42 fumbles).
- 19 - 1975 (38 fumbles).
- 17 - 1976 (32 fumbles)

**FEWEST OPPONENTS' FUMBLES RECOVERED - SEASON**

- 8 - 1964 (20 fumbles).
- 8 - 1970 (22 fumbles).

**MOST OPPONENTS' FUMBLES RECOVERED - GAME**

- 7 - vs Kansas City, 10/12/69.

**PENALTIES****MOST PENALTIES - SEASON**

- 106 - 1977
- 100 - 1976
- 100 - 1975
- 91 - 1971
- 90 - 1974

**FEWEST PENALTIES - SEASON**

- 58 - 1963

**MOST PENALTIES - GAME**

- 14 - vs Detroit, 10/17/71 (144 yards).
- 13 - vs Denver, 10/26/69 (140 yards).
- 13 - vs San Diego, 9/28/75 (130 yards).
- 13 - vs Cincinnati, 11/14/76 (77 yards)

**FEWEST PENALTIES - GAME**

- 0 - vs Oakland, 12/9/62.
- 0 - vs Kansas City, 10/28/63.
- 0 - vs Buffalo, 11/1/64.

**MOST YARDS PENALIZED - SEASON**

- 856 - 1965 (65 penalties).
- 856 - 1971 (91 penalties).
- 849 - 1975 (100 penalties).

**FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED - SEASON**

- 565 - 1963 (58 penalties).
- 581 - 1972 (54 penalties).
- 633 - 1962 (63 penalties).

**MOST YARDS PENALIZED - GAME**

- 180 - vs Buffalo, 10/21/65.
- 144 - vs Detroit, 10/17/71.
- 140 - vs Boston, 10/13/61.
- 140 - vs Denver, 10/26/69.

**EXTRA POINTS - FIELD GOALS****MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN - SEASON**

- 65 - 1961
- 48 - 1962

**MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN - GAME**

- 8 - vs New York Titans, 10/14/62.

**MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN - BOTH TEAMS**

- 14 - Houston (7) vs Oakland (7), 11/22/63.

**MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED - SEASON**

- 40 - 1969
- 34 - 1960

**MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED - GAME**

- 6 - vs Denver, 9/14/63.
- 6 - vs Cleveland, 10/12/75.

**MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

- 10 - Houston (3) vs Buffalo (7), 12/5/65.
- 10 - Houston (3) vs Washington (7), 10/10/71.
- 9 - Houston (5) vs Buffalo (4), 10/31/65.
- 9 - Houston (4) vs Miami (5), 10/23/66.

**MOST FIELD GOALS - SEASON**

- 19 - 1969
- 18 - 1970
- 18 - 1975
- 16 - 1976
- 16 - 1977

**MOST FIELD GOALS - GAME**

- 5 - vs Miami, 9/28/69.
- 4 - vs Buffalo, 10/31/65.
- 4 - vs Cleveland, 10/12/75.

**MOST FIELD GOALS, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

- 7 - Houston (2) vs Washington (5), 10/10/71.
- 6 - Houston (1) vs Buffalo (5), 12/5/65.
- 6 - Houston (5) vs Miami (1), 9/28/69.

**MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES SCORING FIELD GOALS**

- 10 - 1964 - 65
- 10 - 1966

## FIRST DOWNS

### MOST FIRST DOWNS - SEASON

293 - 1961  
291 - 1964

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS - SEASON

199 - 1976  
200 - 1974  
201 - 1971  
207 - 1967

### MOST FIRST DOWNS - GAME

28 - vs San Diego, 9/12/64.  
28 - vs Denver, 9/3/66.

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS - GAME

4 - vs Cleveland, 10/21/73.  
5 - vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.

### MOST FIRST DOWNS, BOTH TEAMS - GAME

53 - Houston (21) vs Kansas City (32), 10/24/65.  
50 - Houston (24) vs Denver (26), 11/6/60.  
50 - Houston (24) vs Los Angeles Chargers (26), 11/13/60.  
50 - Houston (28) vs San Diego (22), 9/12/64.

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS, BOTH TEAMS - GAME

18 - Houston (9) vs Buffalo (9), 9/17/67.  
18 - Houston (9) vs Cincinnati (9), 10/31/71.

### MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING - SEASON

121 - 1975  
112 - 1977  
111 - 1967  
99 - 1968

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING - SEASON

62 - 1971  
63 - 1965  
68 - 1963

### MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING - GAME

17 - vs San Diego, 9/23/62.  
16 - vs Denver, 11/12/67.

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING - GAME

0 - vs Los Angeles Chargers, 11/13/60.  
0 - vs Dallas Texans, 12/4/60.  
0 - vs Denver, 12/2/62.  
0 - vs Boston, 11/1/63.

### MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING - SEASON

193 - 1964  
182 - 1961

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS PASSING - SEASON

86 - 1967  
90 - 1975  
103 - 1974

### MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING - GAME

24 - vs Buffalo, 11/1/64.  
21 - vs Los Angeles Chargers, 11/13/60.

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS PASSING - GAME

1 - vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.  
2 - vs Buffalo, 10/11/64.  
2 - vs Buffalo, 9/17/67.  
2 - vs Cincinnati, 10/31/71.

### MOST FIRST DOWNS PENALTY - SEASON

26 - 1960  
26 - 1966

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS PENALTY - SEASON

10 - 1967  
13 - 1968

### MOST FIRST DOWNS PENALTY - GAME

6 - vs Dallas Texans, 12/4/60.  
6 - vs Kansas City, 10/30/66.

## NET YARDS GAINED

(Rushing and Passing)

### MOST YARDS GAINED - SEASON

6288 - 1961  
4971 - 1962

### FEWEST YARDS GAINED - SEASON

3191 - 1972  
3307 - 1973  
3338 - 1974

### MOST YARDS GAINED - GAME

582 - vs Denver, 11/5/61.  
573 - vs New York Titans, 12/10/61.  
555 - vs New York Titans, 11/19/61.

### FEWEST YARDS GAINED - GAME

83 - vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.  
89 - vs Oakland, 10/9/72.  
101 - vs Kansas City, 10/12/69.  
106 - vs Cleveland, 10/21/73.

**MOST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

1063 - Houston (475) vs Oakland (588), 12/22/63.  
 1019 - Houston (467) vs Denver (552), 11/6/60.

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

242 - Houston (158) vs Pittsburgh (89), 12/1/74.  
 267 - Houston (177) vs Cincinnati (83), 10/31/71.  
 332 - Houston (139) vs Buffalo (193), 9/17/67.

**RUSHING****MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS - SEASON**

526 - 1975  
 509 - 1977  
 477 - 1967  
 474 - 1960

**FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS - SEASON**

324 - 1965  
 327 - 1964

**MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS - GAME**

56 - vs San Diego, 9/28/75.  
 55 - vs Oakland, 9/9/61.  
 51 - vs San Francisco, 12/7/75.

**FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS - GAME**

9 - vs Cincinnati, 10/24/76.  
 12 - vs Boston, 11/1/63.  
 14 - vs San Diego, 12/12/65.  
 14 - vs Oakland, 11/7/65.

**MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

85 - Houston (33) vs New England (52), 9/21/75.  
 81 - Houston (56) vs San Diego (25), 9/28/75.  
 81 - Houston (33) vs Pittsburgh (48), 11/21/76  
 80 - Houston (55) vs Oakland (25), 9/9/61.

**FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

39 - Houston (25) vs Denver (14), 12/2/62.  
 41 - Houston (17) vs Denver (24), 12/20/64.  
 42 - Houston (23) vs Oakland (19), 9/7/63.

**MOST YARDS GAINED RUSHING - SEASON**

2122 - 1967  
 2068 - 1975  
 1998 - 1977  
 1896 - 1963

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED RUSHING - SEASON**

1106 - 1971  
 1175 - 1965  
 1194 - 1963

**MOST YARDS GAINED RUSHING - GAME**

279 - vs Miami, 12/2/67.  
 277 - vs San Diego, 9/23/62.  
 266 - vs Los Angeles Chargers, 9/18/60.  
 266 - vs New York Titans, 12/10/61.

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED RUSHING - GAME**

19 - vs Boston, 11/1/63.  
 19 - vs San Diego, 12/12/65.

**MOST YARDS GAINED RUSHING, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

502 - Houston (104) vs Dallas Texans (398), 10/1/61.  
 418 - Houston (266) vs New York Titans (152), 12/10/61.

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED RUSHING, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

58 - Houston (72) vs Boston (-14), 11/25/60.  
 91 - Houston (52) vs Denver (39), 12/2/62.

**HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN RUSHING - SEASON**

4.4 - 1967  
 4.2 - 1961  
 4.2 - 1964

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING - SEASON**

16 - 1968  
 15 - 1960  
 15 - 1961  
 15 - 1962  
 15 - 1977

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING - GAME**

5 - vs Los Angeles Chargers, 9/18/60.

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

5 - Houston (5) vs Los Angeles Chargers (0), 9/18/60.  
 5 - Houston (3) vs Denver (2), 11/5/61.  
 5 - Houston (3) vs Oakland (2), 9/19/64.  
 5 - Houston (2) vs Kansas City (3), 11/28/65.  
 5 - Houston (2) vs Oakland (3), 11/7/65.  
 5 - Houston (2) vs San Diego (3), 12/19/71.

**PASSING****MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED - SEASON**

592 - 1964  
 550 - 1965

**FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED - SEASON**

333 - 1967  
 347 - 1975  
 347 - 1977  
 363 - 1974

**MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED - GAME**

68 - vs Buffalo, 11/1/64 (37 completed).  
 61 - vs Oakland, 11/7/65 (27 completed).

**FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED - GAME**

11 - vs Buffalo, 11/10/74 (6 completed).  
 12 - vs Miami, 12/23/67 (5 completed).  
 12 - vs Cleveland, 12/11/77 (7 completed)  
 13 - vs Cincinnati, 11/17/74 (11 completed).

**MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

97 - Houston (44) vs Denver (53), 12/2/62.  
 93 - Houston (55) vs Los Angeles Chargers (38), 11/13/60.  
 90 - Houston (35) vs Denver (55), 12/20/64.

**FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

35 - Houston (23) vs Miami (12), 10/6/68.  
 36 - Houston (23) vs Pittsburgh (13), 11/21/76.  
 37 - Houston (14) vs Buffalo (23), 10/29/67.  
 39 - Houston (11) vs Buffalo (28), 11/10/74.

**MOST PASSES COMPLETED - SEASON**

299 - 1964  
 261 - 1963

**FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED - SEASON**

144 - 1967  
 165 - 1975  
 181 - 1972  
 181 - 1977

**MOST PASSES COMPLETED - GAME**

37 - vs Buffalo, 11/1/64, (68 attempts).  
 35 - vs Denver, 12/20/64, (55 attempts).

**FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED - GAME**

3 - vs Kansas City, 10/22/67, (14 attempts).  
 4 - vs Oakland, 10/9/72, (25 attempts).  
 5 - vs Miami, 12/23/67, (12 attempts).  
 5 - vs Pittsburgh, 10/23/77, (15 attempts).

**MOST PASSES COMPLETED, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

53 - Houston (18) vs Denver (35), 12/20/64.  
 50 - Houston (24) vs Denver (26), 10/21/62.

**FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED, BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

13 - Houston (7) vs Miami (6), 10/6/68.  
 13 - Houston (6) vs Cincinnati (7), 10/31/71.  
 14 - Houston (8) vs Denver (6), 10/1/67.

**MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Net) - SEASON**

4392 - 1961  
 3576 - 1964

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Net) - SEASON**

1390 - 1967  
 1670 - 1972  
 1869 - 1975

**MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Net) - GAME**

464 - vs Buffalo, 10/29/61.  
 448 - vs Boston, 10/13/61.  
 407 - vs New York Titans, 11/19/61.

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Net) - GAME**

-14 - vs Pittsburgh, 10/23/77.  
 0 - vs Pittsburgh, 10/15/72.  
 1 - vs Oakland, 10/9/72.  
 25 - vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.

**MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING, BOTH TEAMS (Net) - GAME**

749 - Houston (342) vs Oakland (407), 12/22/63.  
 737 - Houston (276) vs Denver (461), 11/6/60.  
 716 - Houston (464) vs Buffalo (252), 10/29/61.

**FEWEST YARDS GAINED PASSING, BOTH TEAMS (Net) - GAME****BOTH TEAMS (Net) - GAME**

31 - Houston (83) vs Cincinnati (-52), 10/31/71.  
 46 - Houston (0) vs Pittsburgh (46), 10/15/72.  
 125 - Houston (76) vs Denver (49), 10/1/67.

**MOST TIMES TACKLED ATTEMPTING TO PASS - SEASON**

45 - 1972  
 43 - 1973  
 39 - 1976  
 36 - 1969

**FEWEST TIMES TACKLED ATTEMPTING TO PASS - SEASON**

11 - 1962  
 14 - 1961

**MOST TIMES TACKLED ATTEMPTING PASSES - GAME**

9 - vs Boston, 12/8/63.  
 9 - vs New York Jets, 12/6/69.

**MOST TIMES TACKLED ATTEMPTING PASSES,****BOTH TEAMS - GAME**

11 - Houston (9) vs Boston (2), 12/8/63.  
 10 - Houston (1) vs New York Titans (9), 10/14/62.  
 10 - Houston (7) vs Dallas Cowboys (3), 12/20/70.  
 10 - Houston (1) vs Cincinnati (9), 10/31/71.

# HOUSTON OILER TEAM RECORDS – DEFENSE

## SCORING

### FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED – SEASON

199 – 1967  
226 – 1975  
230 – 1977  
242 – 1961

### MOST POINTS ALLOWED – SEASON

458 – 1973  
429 – 1965  
396 – 1966  
380 – 1972

### FEWEST TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED – SEASON

18 – 1967  
26 – 1968  
26 – 1977  
27 – 1975

### MOST TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED – SEASON

53 – 1973  
50 – 1965  
50 – 1966  
47 – 1963

## FIRST DOWNS

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED – SEASON

183 – 1969  
198 – 1968  
217 – 1962

### MOST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED – SEASON

282 – 1960  
274 – 1974  
271 – 1965

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON

75 – 1962  
77 – 1969  
85 – 1970

### MOST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON

147 – 1972  
138 – 1973  
132 – 1965

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED PASSING – SEASON

89 – 1976  
93 – 1969  
96 – 1968  
97 – 1971

### MOST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED PASSING – SEASON

164 – 1960  
150 – 1964  
137 – 1975

### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED PENALTY – SEASON

13 – 1968  
13 – 1969  
15 – 1974

### MOST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED PENALTY – SEASON

28 – 1960  
28 – 1965  
27 – 1970

## NET YARDS ALLOWED

(Rushing and Passing)

### FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED – SEASON

3375 – 1968  
3773 – 1969  
3795 – 1971

### MOST YARDS ALLOWED – SEASON

5241 – 1964  
5153 – 1965  
4940 – 1966

## RUSHING

### FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON

1027 – 1960  
1556 – 1969  
1569 – 1962

### MOST YARDS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON

2683 – 1965  
2591 – 1972  
2410 – 1973

### FEWEST TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON

6 – 1960  
7 – 1967  
9 – 1968

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON**

23 – 1972  
 22 – 1971  
 19 – 1973

**FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED RUSHING – GAME**

-14 – Boston, 11/25/60.  
 5 – San Francisco, 12/7/75.  
 10 – Boston, 12/18/60.  
 18 – Buffalo, 10/30/60.

**MOST YARDS ALLOWED RUSHING – GAME**

398 – Dallas Texans, 10/1/61.  
 302 – Kansas City, 10/24/65.  
 290 – Buffalo, 11/1/64.

**PASSING****FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED PASSING – GAME**

-52 – vs Cincinnati, 10/31/71.  
 -16 – vs Chicago, 11/6/77.  
 -7 – vs Denver, 9/3/66.  
 9 – vs Pittsburgh, 12/1/74.  
 10 – vs Buffalo, 12/7/68.

**MOST YARDS ALLOWED PASSING – GAME**

405 – vs Buffalo, 11/11/64.  
 401 – vs Denver, 11/6/60.  
 363 – vs New York Titans, 10/23/60.

**FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED PASSING (Net) – SEASON**

1671 – 1968  
 1914 – 1976  
 2072 – 1971  
 2142 – 1977

**MOST YARDS ALLOWED PASSING (Net) – SEASON**

3874 – 1960  
 3315 – 1964  
 3162 – 1966

**MOST OPPONENTS TACKLED****ATTEMPTING PASSES – SEASON**

50 – 1976  
 45 – 1975  
 41 – 1961  
 40 – 1974

**FEWEST TOUCHDOWN PASSES ALLOWED – SEASON**

10 – 1967  
 11 – 1971  
 12 – 1972  
 12 – 1977

**MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES ALLOWED – SEASON**

35 – 1966  
 28 – 1960  
 27 – 1965

**INTERCEPTIONS BY****MOST OPPONENTS' PASSES INTERCEPTED BY – SEASON**

36 – 1963  
 35 – 1962  
 33 – 1961

**FEWEST OPPONENTS' PASSES INTERCEPTED BY – SEASON**

6 – 1972  
 11 – 1976  
 17 – 1973  
 18 – 1966  
 18 – 1970

**MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES INTERCEPTING PASSES**

17 – 1963 - 64  
 12 – 1961 - 62 (13 including playoffs)  
 10 – 1960  
 10 – 1968 - 69

**MOST YARDS RETURNED INTERCEPTED PASSES – SEASON**

676 – 1967 (26)  
 456 – 1971 (23)  
 453 – 1963 (36)  
 431 – 1973 (30)

**MOST YARDS GAINED****RETURNING INTERCEPTED PASSES – GAME**

245 – vs New York Jets, 10/15/67 (6 intercepts).  
 168 – vs Oakland, 9/19/63 (5 intercepts).

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS****RETURNING INTERCEPTED PASSES – SEASON**

7 – 1967  
 5 – 1968  
 4 – 1969

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS****RETURNING INTERCEPTED PASSES – GAME**

3 – vs San Diego, 12/19/71.  
 2 – vs New York Jets, 10/15/67.  
 2 – vs Buffalo, 12/7/68.

## PUNT RETURNS

### FEWEST PUNT RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

20 – 1961  
28 – 1960  
28 – 1962

### MOST PUNT RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

60 – 1976  
56 – 1974  
52 – 1970  
48 – 1965  
47 – 1975

### FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED

#### ON PUNT RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

196 – 1969  
258 – 1960  
259 – 1962

### MOST YARDS ALLOWED

#### ON PUNT RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

668 – 1976  
500 – 1974  
498 – 1965  
484 – 1963  
441 – 1970

## KICKOFF RETURNS

### FEWEST KICKOFFS RETURNED BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

32 – 1970  
37 – 1973  
38 – 1969  
41 – 1971

### MOST KICKOFFS RETURNED BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

64 – 1961  
63 – 1977  
61 – 1975  
60 – 1966  
55 – 1962

### FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED

#### ON KICKOFF RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

741 – 1970  
792 – 1969  
811 – 1973  
862 – 1971

### MOST YARDS ALLOWED

#### ON KICKOFF RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

1481 – 1961  
1355 – 1966  
1355 – 1975  
1331 – 1977  
1299 – 1968



## OILERS' LONGEST PLAYS, 1960 - 77

### UNS FROM SCRIMMAGE

- 91-yards— TD, Sid Blanks, 12/13/64, at Houston 33, New York 17.
- 77-yards — Rob Carpenter, 11/27/77, at Houston 34, Kansas City, 20.
- 69-yards— TD, Hoyle Granger, 11/6/66, at Oakland 38, Houston 23.
- 68-yards— Sid Blanks, 9/19/64, at Houston 42, Oakland 28.
- 67-yards— Hoyle Granger, 11/26/67, at Houston 27, Boston 6.
- 65-yards— Dave Smith, 10/30/60, at Buffalo 25, Houston 24.
- 64-yards— TD, Billy Cannon, 12/12/62, at New York 10, Houston 44.
- 64-yards— Hoyle Granger, 12/23/67, at Miami 10, Houston 41.

### ASS PLAYS

- 98-yards— TD, Jacky Lee to Willard Dewveall, 11/25/62, at Houston 33, San Diego 27.
- 95-yards— TD, George Blanda to Dick Compton, 12/5/65, at Houston 18, Buffalo 29.
- 92-yards— TD, Jacky Lee to Bill Groman, 11/20/60, at Houston 20, Denver 10.
- 88-yards— TD, George Blanda to Billy Cannon, 1/1/61, at Houston 24, Los Angeles 16 (Championship).
- 87-yards— TD, Jerry Rhome to Charlie Joiner, 12/12/70, at Houston 20, Cincinnati 30.
- 86-yards— TD, Pete Beathard to Jerry LeVias, 11/16/69, at Denver 20, Houston 20.

### ASS INTERCEPTION RETURNS

- 98-yards— TD, Pete Jaquess, 9/19/64, at Houston 42, Oakland 28.
- 95-yards — TD, Willie Alexander, 9/25/77, at Green Bay 10, Houston 16.
- 90-yards— TD, Mark Johnston, 10/27/63, at Houston 28, Kansas City 7.
- 87-yards— Joe Blahak, 12/9/73, at Pittsburgh 33, Houston 7.
- 78-yards— Ken Houston, 9/9/67, at Houston 20, Kansas City 25.
- 72-yards— Gary Cutsinger, 10/31/65, at Buffalo 17, Houston 19.
- 67-yards— Miller Farr, 10/15/67, at New York 28, Houston 28.
- 66-yards— TD, Ken Houston, 9/14/68, at Miami 10, Houston 24.

### PUNTS

- 79-yards— Jim Norton, 11/22/64, at Houston 19, Kansas City 28.
- 74-yards— Dan Pastorini, 10/24/76, at Houston 7, Cincinnati 27.
- 73-yards— Spike Jones, 11/8/70, at Kansas City 24, Houston 9.
- 70-yards— Roy Gerela, 9/14/69, at Oakland 21, Houston 17.
- 69-yards— David Beverly, 11/24/74, at Houston 9, Dallas 10.
- 68-yards— Jim Norton, 12/22/63, at Oakland 52, Houston 49.
- 68-yards— Dan Pastorini, 11/9/75, at Pittsburgh 24, Houston 17.

### PUNT RETURNS

- 87-yards — TD, Billy Johnson, 10/16/77, at Houston 24, Cleveland 23.
- 83-yards— TD, Billy Johnson, 11/16/75, at Houston 20, Miami 19.
- 82-yards— TD, Bobby Jancik, 12/20/64, at Houston 34, Denver 15.
- 76-yards— Billy Johnson, 12/7/75, at San Francisco 13, Houston 27.
- 72-yards — TD, Billy Johnson, 12/11/77, at Cleveland 15, Houston 19.
- 71-yards — Billy Johnson, 9/18/77, at Houston 20, New York Jets, 0.
- 69-yards— TD, Ronnie Coleman, 10/24/76, at Houston 7, Cincinnati 27.
- 63-yards— TD, Billy Johnson, 10/5/75, at Houston 19, Cincinnati 21.
- 56-yards— Bobby Jancik, 11/1/63, at Boston 45, Houston 3.
- 54-yards— Larry Carwell, 10/1/67, at Houston 10, Denver 6.
- 52-yards— TD, Billy Johnson, 10/26/75, at Houston 24, Detroit 8.
- 51-yards— Billy Cannon, 9/18/60, at Houston 38, Los Angeles 28.

### KICKOFF RETURNS

- 104-yards— TD, Ken Hall, 10/23/60, at New York 28, Houston 42.
- 103-yards— TD, Bob Gresham, 9/23/73, at Cincinnati 24, Houston 10.
- 93-yards— TD, Ode Burrell, 11/1/63, at Houston 17, Boston 34.
- 92-yards— TD, Zeke Moore, 10/22/67, at Kansas City 19, Houston 24.
- 88-yards— TD, Billy Cannon, 12/18/60, at Houston 37, Boston 21.
- 87-yards— Jerry LeVias, 11/9/69, at Houston 31, Cincinnati 31.
- 81-yards— TD, Billy Johnson, 10/12/75, at Cleveland 10, Houston 40.
- 77-yards— Ken Hall, 12/18/60, at Houston 37, Boston 21.

### FIELD GOALS

- 55-yards— George Blanda, 12/3/61, at Houston 33, San Diego 13.
- 54-yards— George Blanda, 11/12/62, at Houston 32, Oakland 17.

- 54-yards— Skip Butler, 9/19/76, at Buffalo 3, Houston 13
- 53-yards— George Blanda, 10/22/61, at Houston 38, Dallas 7.
- 53-yards— George Blanda, 12/11/60, at Houston 31, Buffalo 23
- 53-yards— George Blanda, 10/14/62, at Houston 17, Buffalo 14
- 51-yards— George Blanda, 12/4/66, at Houston 22, San Diego 28
- 50-yards— George Blanda, 10/30/60, at Buffalo 25, Houston 24
- 50-yards— George Blanda, 9/18/66, at New York 52, Houston 13.
- 50-yards— Roy Gerela, 9/28/69, at Houston 22, Miami 10.

**FIELD GOAL RETURNS (Runbacks of missed FG attempts)**

- 71-yards— TD, Ken Houston, 10/15/67, at New York 28, Houston 28.
- 62-yards— TD, Mark Johnston, 11/26/61, at Houston 45, Denver 14.
- 60-yards— Bobby Gordon, 11/6/60, at Denver 25, Houston 45



## OPPONENTS' LONGEST PLAYS, 1960 - 76

### RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE

- 80-yards— TD, Wray Carlton, Buffalo, 12/5/65, at Houston 18, Buffalo 29.
- 79-yards— Bill Mathis, New York, 11/21/65, at New York 41, Houston 14.
- 77-yards— TD, Mike Garrett, Kansas City, 10/30/66, at Kansas City 48, Houston 23.
- 73-yards— TD, Jack Spikes, Dallas, 10/1/61, at Dallas 26, Houston 21.
- 72-yards— TD, Clemon Daniels, Oakland, 12/9/62, at Houston 32, Oakland 17.
- 69-yards— TD, Hewritt Dixon, Oakland 12/31/67, at Oakland 41, Houston 7 (Championship Game).
- 66-yards— TD, Mack Lee Hill, Kansas City, 11/28/65, at Kansas City 52, Houston 21.
- 63-yards— TD, Ron Lee, Baltimore, 11/1/76, at Baltimore 38, Houston 14.

### PASS PLAYS

- 94-yards— TD, Jack Kemp to Glenn Bass, Buffalo, 10/11/64, at Houston 17, Buffalo 48.
- 90-yards— TD, John McCormick to Bob Scarpitto, Denver, 10/17/65, at Denver 28, Houston 17.
- 85-yards— TD, Tom Flores to Art Powell, Oakland, 9/7/63, at Houston 13, Oakland 24.
- 81-yards— TD, Dan Fouts to Charlie Joiner, San Diego, 10/17/76, at San Diego 30, Houston 27.
- 80-yards— TD, Tom Flores to Art Powell, Oakland, 12/22/63, at Oakland 52, Houston 49.
- 80-yards— TD, George Wilson to Bo Roberson, Miami, 10/23/66, at Houston 13, Miami 20.
- 80-yards— TD, John Hadl to Lance Alworth, San Diego, 9/21/68, at San Diego 30, Houston 14.
- 80-yards— TD, Marty Domres to Lance Alworth, San Diego, 10/25/70, at San Diego 31, Houston 31.
- 80-yards— TD, Fran Tarkenton to John Gilliam, Minnesota, 10/13/74, at Minnesota 51, Houston 10.

### PASS INTERCEPTION RETURNS

- 98-yards— TD, Bob Suci, Boston, 11/1/63, at Boston 45, Houston 3.
- 91-yards— Booker Edgerson, Buffalo, 11/1/64, at Buffalo 24, Houston 10.
- 86-yards— TD, Glen Edwards, Pittsburgh, 9/30/73, at Houston 7, Pittsburgh 36.
- 84-yards— TD, Wayne Fontes, New York, 12/15/62, at New York 10, Houston 44.
- 78-yards— TD, Jim Hunt, Boston, 11/1/63, at Boston 45, Houston 3.
- 76-yards— Charlie McNeil, San Diego, 9/24/61, at San Diego 34, Houston 24.

### PUNTS

- 78-yards— Marv Bateman, Buffalo, 9/19/76, Houston 13, at Buffalo 3.
- 78-yards— Paul Maguire, Buffalo, 9/21/69, at Buffalo 3, Houston 17.
- 72-yards— Ray Guy, Oakland, 12/2/73, at Houston 6, Oakland 17.
- 71-yards— Bob Scarpitto, Denver, 11/12/67, at Denver 18, Houston 20.
- 71-yards— Don Cockroft, Cleveland, 10/22/70, at Cleveland 28, Houston 14.
- 70-yards— George Herring, Denver, 11/20/60, at Houston 20, Denver 10.
- 70-yards— Jerrell Wilson, Kansas City, 11/28/68, at Kansas City 24, Houston 10.

### PUNT RETURNS

- 93-yards— TD, Billy Baird, New York, 11/10/63, at Houston 31, New York 27.
- 85-yards— TD, Jon Staggers, Green Bay, 11/19/72, at Houston 10, Green Bay 10.
- 67-yards— TD, Claude Gibson, Oakland, 12/22/63, at Oakland 52, Houston 49.
- 67-yards— TD, Floyd Little, Denver, 11/17/68, at Houston 38, Denver 17.
- 63-yards— TD, Leslie Duncan, San Diego, 12/12/65, at Houston 26, San Diego 37.

### KICKOFF RETURNS

- 100-yards— TD, Art Baker, Buffalo, 9/9/62, at Buffalo 23, Houston 28.
- 100-yards— TD, Goldie Sellers, Denver, 10/2/66, at Denver 40, Houston 38.
- 95-yards— Bob Neff, Miami, 9/14/68, at Miami 10, Houston 24.
- 95-yards— TD, Ike Hill, Chicago, 10/28/73, at Chicago 35, Houston 14.
- 90-yards— TD, Charlie Mitchell, Denver, 9/14/63, at Houston 20, Denver 14.
- 89-yards— TD, Larry Garron, Boston, 10/31/61, at Boston 31, Houston 31.
- 88-yards— TD, Goldie Sellers, Denver, 9/3/66, at Houston 45, Denver 7.

### FIELD GOALS

- 54-yards— Jan Stenerud, Kansas City, 9/9/67, at Houston 20, Kansas City 25.
- 51-yards— Gene Mingo, Denver, 11/6/60, at Denver 25, Houston 45.
- 51-yards— Horst Muhlmann, Cincinnati, 10/4/70, at Cincinnati 13, Houston 20.
- 51-yards— Horst Muhlmann, Cincinnati, 12/17/72, at Houston 17, Cincinnati 61.
- 51-yards— John Leypoldt, Seattle, 11/20/77, at Seattle 10, Houston 22.
- 50-yards— Jim Turner, New York, 12/13/64, at Houston 33, New York 17.
- 50-yards— Dennis Partee, San Diego, 12/19/71, at Houston 49, San Diego 33.

### FIELD GOAL RETURNS (Runbacks of missed FG attempts)

- 97-yards— TD, Marshall Starks, New York, 9/22/63, at New York 24, Houston 17.

## THE LAST TIME

### PUNT RETURNED FOR A TD:

- By Oilers – Billy Johnson vs Cleveland, Dec. 11, 1977 (72 yards)
- By Opp – Jon Staggers, Green Bay Packers, Nov. 19, 1972 (85 yards)

### KICKOFF RETURNED FOR A TD:

- By Oilers – Billy Johnson vs Chicago, Nov. 6, 1977 (75 yards)
- By Opp – Ike Hill, Chicago Bears, Oct. 28, 1973 (95 yards)

### FUMBLE RETURNED FOR A TD:

- By Oilers – Zeke Moore vs Oakland Raiders, Nov. 13, 1977 (66 yards)
- By Opp – Melvin Morgan, Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 24, 1976 (80 yards)

### INTERCEPTION RETURNED FOR A TD:

- By Oilers – Willie Alexander vs Green Bay Packers, Sept. 25, 1977 (95 yards)
- By Opp – Clarence Scott, Cleveland Browns, Oct. 16, 1977 (49 yards)

### CONVERTED A FG OVER 50 YARDS:

- By Oilers – Skip Butler vs Buffalo Bills, Sept. 19, 1976 (54 yards)
- By Opp. – John Leopoldt, Seattle Seahawks, Nov. 20, 1977 (51 yards)

### CONVERTED 4 FG's IN A GAME:

- By Oilers – Skip Butler vs Cleveland Browns, Oct. 12, 1975
- By Opp. – Rich Szaro, New Orleans Saints, Oct. 3, 1976

### SCORED 3 TD's IN A GAME, RECEIVING:

- By Oilers – Mack Alston vs Cleveland Browns, Oct. 12, 1975
- By Opp. – Haven Moses, Denver Broncos, Oct. 14, 1973

### SCORED 3 TD's IN A GAME, RUSHING:

- By Oilers – Sid Blanks vs New York Jets, Dec. 13, 1964
- By Opp. – Otis Armstrong, Denver Broncos, Dec. 8, 1974

### SCORED A SAFETY:

- By Oilers – Jim Young vs Cincinnati Bengals, Dec. 18, 1977
- By Opp. – Jerry Sherk, Cleveland Browns, Dec. 11, 1977

### SCORED A TD 75 PLUS YARDS ON A PASS:

- By Oilers – Ken Burrough vs Chicago Bears, Nov. 6, 1977, (85 yards from Dan Pastorini)
- By Opp – Charlie Joiner, San Diego Chargers, Oct. 17, 1976 (81 yards from Dan Fouts)

### SCORED A TD 50 PLUS YARDS, RUSHING:

- By Oilers – Billy Johnson vs Chicago Bears, Nov. 6, 1977 (61 yards)
- By Opp – Gregg Pruitt, Cleveland Browns, Nov. 11, 1973 (53 yards)

### A QUARTERBACK PASSED FOR 300 PLUS YARDS IN A GAME:

- By Oilers – Dan Pastorini vs San Diego, Oct. 17, 1976 (329 yards)
- By Opp. – Ken Anderson, Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 27, 1974 (352 yards)

### A QUARTERBACK PASSED FOR 5 TD's IN A GAME:

- By Oilers – George Blanda vs Denver Broncos, Oct. 17, 1965
- By Opp. – Craig Morton, Dallas Cowboys, Dec. 20, 1970

### A QUARTERBACK ATTEMPTED 40 PLUS PASSES IN A GAME:

- By Oilers – Dan Pastorini vs Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 24, 1976 (41)
- By Opp. – Mike Phipps, Cleveland Browns, Dec. 21, 1975 (42)

### A QUARTERBACK COMPLETED 25 PLUS PASSES IN A GAME:

- By Oilers – Dan Pastorini vs San Diego Chargers, Oct. 17, 1976 (25)
- By Opp. – Ken Anderson, Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 27, 1974 (30)

### A RUNNING BACK GAINED 120 PLUS YARDS:

- By Oilers – Rob Carpenter vs Kansas City Chiefs, Nov. 27, 1977 (149 yards)

By Opp. — Lydell Mitchell, Baltimore Colts, Nov. 1, 1976  
(136 yards)

**RUNNING BACK MADE 25 PLUS RUSHING ATTEMPTS:**

By Oilers — Ronnie Coleman vs Pittsburgh Steelers, Oct. 23,  
1977 (26)

By Opp. — Lydell Mitchell, Baltimore Colts, Nov. 1, 1976  
(28)

**PLAYER MADE 10 PLUS RECEPTIONS IN A GAME:**

By Oilers — Fred Willis vs Denver Broncos, Oct. 14, 1973  
(11 for 53 yards)

By Opp. — Ed Podalak, Kansas City Chiefs, Sept. 29, 1974  
(10 for 64 yards)

**PLAYER GAINED 140 PLUS YARDS RECEIVING:**

By Oilers — Ken Burrough vs Chicago Bears, Nov. 6, 1977  
(180 yards)

By Opp. — Bob Hayes, Dallas Cowboys, Dec. 20, 1970  
(187 yards)

**PLAYER MADE TWO INTERCEPTIONS IN A GAME:**

By Oilers — Mike Reinfeldt vs Pittsburgh Steelers, Oct. 9,  
1977

By Opp. — Tim Gray, Kansas City Chiefs, Nov. 27, 1977

**PLAYER MADE A 70 PLUS YARD PUNT:**

By Oilers — Dan Pastorini vs Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 24,  
1976 (74 yards)

By Opp. — Marv Bateman, Buffalo Bills, Sept. 19, 1976  
(78 yards)

**PLAYER MADE 3 PLUS SACKS IN A GAME:**

By Oilers — Elvin Bethea vs San Diego, Oct. 17, 1976 (4  
sacks)

By Opp. — Harvey Martin, Dallas Cowboys, Nov. 24, 1974  
(3 sacks)

**A SHUTOUT WAS REGISTERED:**

By Oilers — Nov. 6, 1977 vs Chicago Bears (47-0)

By Opp. — Dec. 11, 1976 by Pittsburgh Steelers (21-0)

**SCORED 40 PLUS POINTS:**

By Oilers — Nov. 6, 1977 vs Chicago Bears (47-0)

By Opp. — Oct. 13, 1974 by Minnesota Vikings (51-10)

**GAINED 400 PLUS YARDS IN A GAME:**

By Oilers — Nov. 20, 1977 vs Seattle Seahawks (432 yards)

By Opp. — Nov. 1, 1976 by Baltimore Colts (458 yards)

**THE PASSER WAS SACKED SIX TIMES IN A GAME:**

By Oilers — Oct. 17, 1976 vs San Diego Chargers

By Opp. — Nov. 1, 1976 by Baltimore Colts

**A PUNT WAS BLOCKED:**

By Oilers — Mike Voight vs Cincinnati Bengals, Dec. 18,  
1977

By Opp. — Scott Perry, Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 30, 1977

**A FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT WAS BLOCKED:**

By Oilers — Greg Sampson vs Detroit Lions, Oct. 6, 1975

By Opp. — Charles McShane, Seattle Seahawks, Nov. 20,  
1977

**AN OILER LED THE LEAGUE IN RUSHING:**

1961 — Bill Cannon, 948 yards on 200 attempts, led AFL.

**AN OILER LED THE LEAGUE IN PASSING:**

1961 — George Blanda, 187 of 362 for 3,330 yards 36 TD's  
led AFL.

**AN OILER LED THE LEAGUE IN RECEIVING:**

1964 — Charlie Hennigan, 101 for 1,546 yards, led AFL.

**AN OILER LED THE LEAGUE IN INTERCEPTIONS:**

1971 — Ken Houston, 9 for 220 yards, led AFC.

**AN OILER LED THE LEAGUE IN PUNT RETURNS:**

1977 — Billy Johnson, 35 for 539 yards, 15.4 average, led  
NFL.

**AN OILER LED THE LEAGUE IN KO RETURNS:**

1967 — Zeke Moore, 14 for 405 yards, 28.9 average, led AFC

## HOUSTON IN THE NFL RECORD MANUAL

### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS:

- \* Most Seasons Active Player — 26, George Blanda, Chicago Bears, 1949-58; Baltimore, 1950; Houston, 1960-66; Oakland, 1967-75
- \* Most Games Played, Lifetime — 340, George Blanda.  
Most Consecutive Games Played, Lifetime — 224, George Blanda, Houston, 1960-66; Oakland, 1967-75. The record is 236 by Jim Marshall.
- \* Most Points, Lifetime — 2002, George Blanda (9TD, 943 PAT, 335 FG).
- \* Most Seasons, 100 or More Points — 6, George Blanda (Tied with two players). Twice as an Oiler, 1960-61.  
Most Touchdowns, Game — 5, Billy Cannon vs NY Titans, 12/10/61. (Tied with five players; the NFL record is 6 tied by three players).
- \* Most Seasons Leading League, PAT's — 8, George Blanda, twice as an Oiler, 1961-62.
- \* Most PAT's Attempted Lifetime — 959, George Blanda.
- \* Most PAT's Attempted, Season — 65, George, 1961.
- \* Most PAT's, Lifetime — 943, George Blanda.
- \* Most PAT's, Season — 64, George Blanda, 1961.
- \* Most FG's Attempted, Lifetime — 638, George Blanda.
- \* Most FG's, Lifetime — 335, George Blanda.
- \* Highest FG Pct., Game (5 Attempts) — Roy Gerela, Houston vs Miami, Sept. 28, 1969 (5-5). Tied with 9 players.  
Most Safeties Lifetime — 2, Elvin Bethea and James Young, tied with 12 players. (The NFL record is 3, tied by 8 players).  
Most Passes Attempted, Lifetime — 4663, John Hadl, San Diego, 1962-72; Los Angeles, 1973-74; Houston, 1974-76. Fran Tarkenton is the all-time NFL leader, 5637, followed by John Unitas, 5186.  
Most Passes Attempted, Season — 505 George Blanda, 1974. (The NFL record is 508 by Sonny Jurgensen).
- \* Most Passes Attempted, Game — 68 George Blanda vs Buffalo, 11/1/64.
- \* Most Passes Completed, Game — 37, George Blanda vs Buffalo, 11/1/64.  
Most Yards Gained Passing, Lifetime — 33,427, John Hadl. (The NFL record is 41,801 by Fran Tarkenton; John Unitas is second with 40,239).
- \* Most Seasons, 3,000 or More Yards Passing — 3, George Blanda 1961-63-64 and John Hadl tied with three other players. (The NFL leader is Sonny Jurgensen with 5).
- \* Longest Pass Completion — 98 yards, Jacky Lee to Willard Dewveall, Houston vs San Diego, 11/25/62, tied with five others. (The NFL record is 99 yards tied by four passers).
- \* Most TD Passes, Season — 36, George Blanda, 1961.
- \* Most TD Passes, Game — 7, George Blanda, Houston vs New York Titans, 11/19/61 and Adrian Burk (Presently Assistant to the President and Legal Counsel for the Oilers), Philadelphia vs Washington, 10/17/54, tied with three other players.
- \* Most Passes had Intercepted, Lifetime — 277, George Blanda, John Hadl, 268.
- \* Most Passes Intercepted, Season — 42, George Blanda, 1962; John Hadl, 32, ranks third.
- \* Most Pass Receptions, Season — 101, Charlie Hennigan, 1964.
- \* Most Yards Gained Receiving, Season — 1746, Charlie Hennigan, 1961; Hennigans 1546 yards in 1964 ranks as third best in NFL history.  
Most Yards Gained Receiving, Game — 272, Charlie Hennigan, Houston vs Boston, 10/13/61, third best in NFL history. Jim Benton, 303, holds record.
- \* Most TD Receptions, Season—17, Bill Groman (Presently serving as Oiler's Director of Player Personnel),1961. Tied with Don Hutson and Elroy Hirsch.

**Most Consecutive Games, TD Receptions** — 8, Bill Groman, 1961.  
Tied with Dave Parks for third best in NFL history. The record is 11 by two players.

**Most TD's on Interceptions, Lifetime** — 9, Ken Houston, Houston, 1967-72; Washington 1973-76, Miller Farr tied for third with 6.

**Most TD's on Interceptions, Season** — 4, Ken Houston, 1971, tied with Jim Kearney; Miller Farr tied for second with 3.

**Most TD's on Interceptions, Game** — 2, Ken Houston and Miller Farr tied with nine players.

**Most Yards Punt Returns, Season** — 612, Billy Johnson, 1975, tied with Roger Bird for third best in NFL history, 655 by Neal Colzie is the record.

**Highest Punt Return Average (75 Attempts)** — 13.7, Billy Johnson

**Most TD's on Punt Returns, Season** — 3, Billy Johnson, 1975, tied with Emlen Tunnell: the record is 4 by Jack Christiansen and Rick Upchurch.

**Most Punts, Career** — 1,018, Jerrel Wilson.

**Most Yards Punting, Career** — 44,218, Jerrel Wilson.

**Most KO Returns, Season** — 45, Bobby Jancik, 1963, third best in NFL history, the record is 47 by two players.

**Most KO Yards Returned, Season** — 1317, Bobby Jancik, 1963.

**Highest KO Return Average, Game (3 Returns)** — 65.33, Ken Hall, vs New York Titans, 10/23/60, third best in NFL history. The record is 73.50 by Wally Triplett.

**Most Combined Yards Returned, Season** — 1462, Bobby Jancik, 1963. The record is 1582 by Chuck Latourette.

**Most TD Returns, Season** — 4, Billy Johnson, 1975, tied with six players.

**Most Fumbles, Season** — 17, Dan Pastorini, 1973.

**Most Opponents Fumbles Recovered, Game** — 3, Ron Carroll, vs Cincinnati, 10/27/74, tied with four other players.

**Most TD's on Fumble Recoveries, Lifetime** — 3, Doug Cline, tied with seven players.

**Most TD's on Fumble Recoveries, Season (Opponents Recovered)** — 2, Doug Cline, tied with 11 players.

**Most Combined Yards Gained, Game** — 373, Billy Cannon vs New York Titans, 12/10/61.

#### TEAM RECORDS:

**Most Consecutive Seasons League Champion** — 2, 1960-61, tied with 10 teams; the record is 3 by Green Bay.

**Most Consecutive Losses, Regular Season** — 18, 1972-73. ranks third, the record is 29 by Chicago Cardinals.

**Most Losses, Season** — 13, 1972-73, tied with four teams. The record is 14 by Tampa Bay.

**Most Points, Season** — 513, 1961.

**Most Points, Both Teams, One Quarter** — 49, Houston (21) vs Oakland (28), 12/22/63 (2nd Q).

**Most TD's, Season** — 66, 1961.

**Most TD's, Both Teams, Game** — 14, Houston (7) Oakland (7), 12/22/63, tied with two teams, the record is 16, Wash. (10) vs NYG (6), 11/27/66.

**Most PAT's, Season** — 65, 1961.

**Most PAT's, Both Teams, Game (Kicking)** — 14, Houston (7) vs Oakland (7), 12/22/63, tied with two teams.

**Most FG's, Both Teams, Game** — 7, Houston (2) vs Washington (5), 10/10/71 and Houston (1) vs Philadelphia (6) 11/12/72, tied with 14 others, the record is 8, tied by seven teams.

**Most First Downs Passing, Season** — 186, 1964; tied with Oakland.  
**Most First Downs Passing, Game** — 24 vs Buffalo, 11/1/64, the record is 25 by Denver.

**Most Net Yards Gained, Season** — 6,288, 1961.

**Most Passes Attempted, Season** — 592, 1964.

**Most Passes Attempted, Game** — 68, vs Buffalo, 11/1/64.

**Most Passes Attempted, Both Teams, Game** — 97, Houston (44) vs Denver (53), 12/2/62, the record is 98 by Minnesota (56) vs Baltimore (42).

**Most Passes Completed, Season** — 299, 1964; the record is 301 by Washington.

**Most Passes Completed, Game** — 37, vs Buffalo, 11/1/64.

**Most Passes Completed, Both Teams** — 53, Houston (18) vs Denver (35) 12/20/64, the NFL record is 56 by Minnesota (36) vs Baltimore (20).

\* **Most Yards Gained Passing, Season** — 4,392, 1961.

\* **Fewest Yards Gained Passing, Game** — -53 by Denver vs Houston, 9/10/67 and -52 by Cincinnati, 10/31/71.

\* **Most TD's Passing, Season** — 48, 1961.

\* **Most TD's Passing, Game** — 7 vs New York Titans, 11/19/61 and 10/14/62; four other teams are tied with Houston but the Oilers are the only team in NFL history to amass 7 TD's passing in a game twice.

\* **Most Passes had Intercepted, Season** — 48, 1962.

\* **Most Passes had Intercepted, Both Teams, Game** — 13, Houston (5) vs Denver (8), 12/2/62.

**Fewest Punt Returns, Season** — 15, 1960; the record is 14 by two teams.

**Most Punt Returns, Both Teams, Game** — 15, Houston (7) vs Pittsburgh (8), 12/1/74, the record is 17 by Philadelphia (12) vs. Cleveland (5).

**Fewest Fair Catches, Season** — 2, 1975, tied with four teams; the record is 0 by San Diego and New England.

**Most TD's, Punt Return, Season** — 3, 1975, tied with three teams; the record is 5 by Chicago Cardinals.

**Most Seasons Leading League, KO Returns** — 4, 1960-62-63-68; the record is 6 by Washington.

**Most KO Returns, Both Teams, Game** — 18 Houston (10) vs. Oakland (8) 12/22/63. The record is 19 by NYG (12) vs Washington (7).

\* **Most Yards KO Returns, Season** — 1,824, 1963, the Oilers also have the third best with 1,799 in 1973.

\* **Most Fumbles, Game** — 10, by Kansas City vs Houston, 10/12/69, tied with two teams.

\* **Most Fumbles, Both Teams, Game** — 14, Houston (4) vs Kansas City (10), 10/12/69, tied with two others.

**Most Fumbles Recovered, Game (Own and Opponents)** — 9, Houston vs Cincinnati, 10/27/74 (4-own, 5-opp), tied with two others; the record is 10 tied by three others.

**Most Yard Penalized, Game** — 189, vs Buffalo, 10/31/65; the record is 209 by Cleveland.

\* **Fewest Passes Intercepted by, Season** — 6, 1972.

**Most Passes Intercepted by, Game** — 8 vs Denver, 12/2/62, tied with four others; the record is 9 by two teams.

**Most Yards Returning Interceptions, Season** — 676, 1967, the record is 929 by San Diego.

**Most Yards Returning Interceptions, Game** — 245 vs New York Jets, 10/15/67; the record is 314 by Los Angeles.

**Most TD's Returning Interceptions, Season** — 6, 1967, tied with three others; the record is 9 by San Diego.

#### \*All-Time NFL RECORD



# 1977 ATTENDANCE FIGURES

## HOME GAMES

## ROAD GAMES

		PRE-SEASON	
8-8			Oakland 51,777
8-14	Baltimore	41,403	
8-20	Chicago	43,549	
8-29	San Francisco	39,020	
9-3	Dallas	49,868*	
9-10			New Orleans 46,964
		REGULAR SEASON	
9-18	New York Jets	42,181	
9-25			Green Bay 56,627
10-2			Miami 51,973
10-9	Pittsburgh	51,644	
10-16	Cleveland	50,738*	
10-23			Pittsburgh 48,517
10-30			Cincinnati 53,194
11-6	Chicago	51,177*	
11-13			Seattle 63,817
11-27	Kansas City	47,701	
12-4	Denver	51,455*	
12-11			Cleveland 46,789
12-18	Cincinnati	50,924*	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>519,660</b>	<b>TOTALS 474,256</b>
11 Game Average		47,242	9 Game Average 52,695
League games only		345,820	League games only 375,515
7 Game Average		49,403	7 Game Average 53,645

20 - GAME TOTAL ATTENDANCE WAS 993,916  
FOR AN AVERAGE OF 49,696 PER GAME

14 - GAME REGULAR SEASON TOTAL WAS 721,335  
FOR AN AVERAGE OF 51,524

\* Standing Room Only

## HOUSTON OILERS' 18 - YEAR HOME ATTENDANCE FIGURES, 1960 - 1977

Year	Home Games	Attendance	Avg. Per Game	Stadium-Capacity
1960	9	190,819	21,202	Jeppesen (35,500)
1961	7	197,016	28,145	Jeppesen (35,500)
1962	9	257,208	28,578	Jeppesen (35,500)
1963	8	187,011	23,376	Jeppesen (35,500)
1964	9	191,444	21,271	Jeppesen (35,500)
1965	8	260,999	32,624	Rice (72,000)
1966	8	214,831	26,854	Rice (72,000)
1967	9	254,616	28,920	Rice (72,000)
1968	11	460,628	41,875	Astrodome (50,000)
1969	11	494,220	44,929	Astrodome (50,000)
1970	11	470,598	42,781	Astrodome (50,000)
1971	11	453,821	41,256	Astrodome (50,000)
1973	11	418,896	38,081	Astrodome (50,000)
1974	11	377,003	34,273	Astrodome (50,000)
1975	10	462,515	46,252	Astrodome (50,000)
1976	11	523,398	45,763	Astrodome (50,000)
1977	11	519,660	47,242	Astrodome (50,000)
<b>18-YR. Totals</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>6,406,675</b>	<b>36,401</b>	

(Includes pre-season and regular season games)

## HOUSTON OILERS' 18 - YEAR ROAD ATTENDANCE FIGURES, 1960 - 1977

Year	Road Games	Attendance	Avg. Per Game
1960	11	243,111	22,101
1961	13	209,633	16,125
1962	11	250,427	22,755
1963	11	243,891	22,171
1964	10	251,094	25,109
1965	11	263,345	23,940
1966	10	330,134	33,013
1967	10	354,283	35,428
1968	8	307,372	38,421
1969	9	410,850	45,650
1970	9	432,000	48,000
1971	10	490,005	49,001
1972	9	512,217	51,222
1973	9	431,969	47,996
1974	9	465,782	51,753
1975	10	538,765	53,877
1976	9	474,720	52,746
1977	9	474,256	52,695

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Totals 178 6,683,854 37,550**

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR 354 HOME AND ROAD GAMES  
OVER THE PAST 18 YEARS**

13,090,529

36,979 PER GAME

## HOUSTON OILERS' ASTRODOME ATTENDANCE 1968 - 1977

Year	All Games	Regular Season	Average All Games	Average Regular Season	Sell-Outs
1968	(11) 460,628	283,383	41,875	40,483	3
1969	(11) 494,220	309,420	44,929	44,203	6
1970	(11) 472,072	294,479	42,915	42,068	5
1971	(11) 470,598	289,954	42,781	41,422	5
1972	(11) 453,821	285,851	41,256	40,836	4
1973	(11) 418,896	270,094	38,081	38,585	3
1974	(11) 377,003	264,215	34,273	37,745	1
1975	(10) 464,515	336,458	46,452	48,065	5
1976	(11) 503,398	331,895	45,763	47,413	6
1977	(11) +519,660	*345,820	47,242	49,403	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>(109) 4,634,811</b>	<b>3,011,569</b>	<b>42,521</b>	<b>43,022</b>	<b>44</b>

\* - Denotes Oiler one-season regular season attendance record.

+ - Denotes Oiler one-season attendance record.

## HOUSTON OILERS' JEPPESEN STADIUM ATTENDANCE, 1960 - 1964

Year	All Games	Regular Season	Average All Games	Average Regular Season	Sell-Outs
1960	(9) 190,819	140,136	21,202	20,019	0
1961	(7) 197,016	197,016	28,145	28,145	2
1962	(9) 257,208	200,285	28,578	28,612	0
1963	(8) 187,011	163,376	23,376	23,339	0
1964	(9) 191,444	141,777	21,271	20,254	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>(42) 1,023,498</b>	<b>842,590</b>	<b>24,369</b>	<b>24,074</b>	<b>2</b>

## HOUSTON OILERS' RICE STADIUM ATTENDANCE 1965 - 1967

Year	All Games	Regular Season	Average All Games	Average Regular Season	Sell-Outs
1965	(8) 260,999	230,857	32,624	32,979	0
1966	(8) 214,831	177,896	26,854	25,414	0
1967	(9) 254,616	185,129	28,920	26,447	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>(25) 730,446</b>	<b>593,882</b>	<b>29,218</b>	<b>28,280</b>	<b>0</b>

1960 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	32,183
1962 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	37,981
	644,046

## OILERS' TOP TEN ATTENDANCE FIGURES IN LEAGUE PLAY, 1960 - 1977

### HOME GAMES

Year	Opponent	Crowd
1974	Dallas	52,837A*
1965	New York Jets	52,680R
1976	Pittsburgh	52,437A*
1969	New York Jets	51,923A*
1975	Washington	51,911A*
1975	Pittsburgh	51,851A*
1975	Miami	51,755A*
1968	New York Jets	51,710A*
1977	Pittsburgh	51,644A*
1977	Denver Broncos	51,455A*

### ROAD GAMES

Year	Opponent	Crowd
1974	Buffalo	80,020
1973	Kansas City	78,000
1972	Miami	77,821
1970	Cleveland	74,723
1973	Cleveland	69,500
1975	Kansas City	65,449
1969	New York Jets	63,841
1976	Buffalo	63,677
1977	Seattle Seahawks	63,817
1973	New York Giants	62,892

\* Standing Room Only

A - Astrodome

J - Jeppesen Stadium

R - Rice Stadium

(Crowd figures are actual tickets sold)

(Largest Jeppesen Stadium crowd was 37,981 in 1962 for championship game with Dallas Texans.)

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## NOTES

# 1977 NFL FINAL STANDINGS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

### EASTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	Pct	Pts.	Opp.
Colts . . . . .	10	4	0	.714	295	221
Dolphins . . . . .	10	4	0	.714	313	197
Patriots . . . . .	9	5	0	.643	278	217
Pets . . . . .	3	11	0	.214	191	300
Pills . . . . .	3	11	0	.214	160	313

### CENTRAL DIVISION

Steelers . . . . .	9	5	0	.643	283	243
Tillers . . . . .	8	6	0	.571	299	230
Engals . . . . .	8	6	0	.571	238	235
Rowns . . . . .	6	8	0	.429	269	267

### WESTERN DIVISION

Broncos . . . . .	12	2	0	.857	274	148
Raiders . . . . .	11	3	0	.786	351	230
Chargers . . . . .	7	7	0	.500	222	205
Seahawks . . . . .	5	9	0	.357	282	373
Shiefs . . . . .	2	12	0	.143	225	349

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

### EASTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Cowboys . . . . .	12	2	0	.857	345	212
Redskins . . . . .	9	5	0	.643	196	189
Cardinals . . . . .	7	7	0	.500	272	287
Eagles . . . . .	5	9	0	.357	220	207
Giants . . . . .	5	9	0	.357	181	265

### CENTRAL DIVISION

Vikings . . . . .	9	5	0	.643	231	227
Bears . . . . .	9	5	0	.643	255	253
Lions . . . . .	6	8	0	.429	183	252
Packers . . . . .	4	10	0	.286	134	219
Buccaneers . . . . .	2	12	0	.143	103	223

### WESTERN DIVISION

Rams . . . . .	10	4	0	.714	302	146
Falcons . . . . .	7	7	0	.500	179	129
9ers . . . . .	5	9	0	.357	220	260
Saints . . . . .	3	11	0	.214	232	336

\* - Division Champion

† - Wild Card for Playoffs

### DIVISION PLAYOFFS

Raiders 37, Colts 31  
Broncos 34, Steelers 21

Cowboys 37, Bears 7  
Vikings 14, Rams 7

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Broncos 20, Raiders 17  
Cowboys 23, Vikings 6

### SUPER BOWL XII

Cowboys 27, Broncos 10

### AFC-NFC PRO BOWL

NFC 14, AFC 13

## IMPORTANT 1978 PLAYER PERSONNEL DATES

- July 5 . . . . . Claiming period of 24 hours begins in waiver system.
- July 10 . . . . . Oilers open training camp.
- July 15 . . . . . Deadline for a player who has practiced and/or played in the Canadian Football League in 1978 to sign in the NFL, if he is to be eligible in the NFL for 1978.
- Mid-July . . . . . Pre-season training camps open. No veteran player, other than quarterbacks and injured players, is required to report to official pre-season camp earlier than 15 days (including one day for physicals) prior to the club's first pre-season game or July 15 whichever is later. In counting back, the day before the game should be counted as the first day. Example: if first game is August 5, camp may open July 21. Above does not apply to Hall of Fame Game participants, Miami and Philadelphia.
- July 29 . . . . . Hall of Fame Game, Canton, Ohio: Miami vs. Philadelphia.
- August 4-7 . . . . . First Pre-Season Weekend.
- August 15 . . . . . Roster cutdown to maximum of 60 players on Active List. All players who have cleared or who later clear Injured Waivers must count on the Active List. There is no Pre-Season Inactive List in effect in 1978.
- August 22 . . . . . Roster cutdown to maximum of 50 players on Active List.
- August 22 . . . . . Claims on players waived after this date and for the remainder of the season may not be withdrawn.
- August 22 . . . . . Simultaneously with the cutdown to 50 clubs who have players in the category of Physically Unable to Perform/Active must take one of the following options: place player on Physically Unable to Perform, Reserve, ask waivers, trade player, or continue to count on Active List.
- August 28 . . . . . Roster cutdown to a maximum of 43 players on Active List.
- August 22-29 . . . . . No-recall in effect for all waivers which (approximate) reduce a club's Active List to less than 50 through August 29. Rule begins when number reached, not on a particular date.
- August 29 . . . . . Two players may be added to bring active list to 45.

- August 30 . . . . . .Recallable waivers resume unless second waiver of player since July 5 or club reaches player limit simultaneously with waiver request.
- September 2 . . . . . .Regular Season begins.
- September 19 . . . . . .Priority on multiple waiver claims in the same conference is now based on the current season's standings.
- October 8-25 . . . . . .Players on Physically Unable to Perform/Reserve may begin practice in regular team sessions. After a maximum of two weeks, club must activate, waive, trade, or keep player on Reserve List for remainder of the season.
- October 10 . . . . . .All trading ends.
- October 10 . . . . . .After this date and for the remainder of 1978, vested veterans placed on waivers will no longer have the option of electing free agency if claimed and would be assigned to another club.
- October 10 . . . . . .Deadline for re-signing free agents released earlier in the year by the same club, provided players have not been with another club in the interim.
- November 18 . . . . . .Deadline for reinstatement of retired players.
- November 8 . . . . . .Deadline for waiver requests in 1978.
- November 19 . . . . . .Post-Season rosters frozen.
- Mid-December . . . . . .Balloting for AFC-NFC Pro Bowl.  
(Exact date to be determined.)
- December 19 . . . . . .Clubs may begin signing free agent players for 1979 season.
- December 24 . . . . . .NFL First round playoffs.
- December 30 & 31 . . . . . .AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs.

### 1979

- January 7 . . . . . .AFC and NFL Championship Games.
- January 21 . . . . . .Super Bow. XIII, Miami.
- January 22 . . . . . .Waiver system resumes with 10-day claiming period.
- January 22 . . . . . .Intra-conference trading begins.
- January 22 . . . . . .AFC-NFL Pro Bowl squads begin practice, Los Angeles, Calif.
- January 29 . . . . . .AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, Los Angeles, Calif.

- January 30. . . . . Inter-conference trading begins.
- February 1. . . . . Expiration date of all player contracts due to expire in 1979.
- February 1. . . . . Deadline for exercising options for 1979 on all players who have option clauses in their contracts, regardless of whether they have signed a Standard Player Contract, an NFL Player Contract, or any new form later approved.
- February 1. . . . . Deadline for submission of "qualifying offers" by clubs to their option players and those whose contracts had no option clause but were due to expire on February 1.
- February 1. . . . . From this date through trading deadline, vested veterans placed on waivers may opt for free agency if claimed and would not be assigned to another club.
- February 1. . . . . Clubs must declare three players from the 1978 Injured Reserve lists as tradeable for 1979.
- March 12-16. . . . . NFL Annual Meeting, Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- April 15 . . . . . Deadline for submission of "qualifying offers" by New Clubs to option players (whenever made, offers must be returned to Old Club within seven days).
- April 22 . . . . . Deadline for decision by Old Club on whether to exercise right of first refusal or to accept appropriate compensation (whenever New Club's "qualifying offer" is made, Old Club must make decision within seven days).

### BUM'S VIEW OF 1978 SEASON

"We are looking forward to 1978 more than any year I have been here. We have good depth at several positions, especially in the offensive backfield. We have Coleman, Carpenter and Tim Wilson back from last year and have added to that position with Earl Campbell and Anthony Davis. Our offensive line is young and improving plus we have Morris Towns (our first pick in 1977) to add more talent and depth. Defensively we should be better than we were last year. They are young but have been playing together for three years now."

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TIEBREAKER FORMULA

The following procedure will be used to break ties for postseason playoffs:

To Break A Tie Within A Division, these steps will be taken, in order:

1. Best won-lost percentage in head-to-head competition.
2. Best won-lost percentage in games within division.
3. Best won-lost percentage in games within conference, provided teams played equal number of intraconference games.
4. Best point differential in head-to-head competition.
5. Best average point differential applied to division games.
6. Best average point differential applied to conference games.
7. Best point differential applied to an entire regular season schedule.
8. Coin Flip.

If, in selecting the wild card teams, there are two or more teams tied with the leading won-lost percentage, these steps will be taken, in order:

1. If there are more than two teams tied and two are from the same division, the division tie first will be broken using the above division tie-breaking system. The surviving ties then are broken as follows:

### Conference Ties

1. Best percentage in head-to-head competition, when applicable. This is applicable in a three-way tie only if one club beat both others or one club lost to both others.
2. Best won-lost percentage in games within conference, provided teams played equal number of interconference games.
3. Best point differential in head-to-head competition.
4. Best average point differential applied to conference games.
5. Best point differential applied to an entire regular season schedule.
6. Coin Flip.

### Notes

- a. If there is a first place tie in a division, the loser or losers under the tie-breaking system above becomes a candidate for Wild Card.
- b. The point differential is determined by subtracting the points allowed from the points scored. The average point differential is included because of the possibility of an unequal number of division or interconference games.

## 1978 PLAYING RULE PROPOSALS PASSED

1. Whenever the ball is carried across the line of scrimmage, no legal forward pass can be thrown.
2. Clarified the unsportsmanlike conduct rule to include forms of taunting or baiting by players towards opponents as violations at any time during a game.
3. Further clarified pass blocking rule interpretation to permit extended arms and open hands.
4. Permitted defenders to maintain contact on receivers in a five-yard zone beyond the line of scrimmage, but restricted their contact on receivers beyond that point.
5. Legalized double touch of a forward pass and made it illegal to bat a pass in flight forward toward opponent's goal line.
6. Clarified officials right not to stop the clock, or if stopped, to run 10 seconds off the clock during the last two minutes of a half when a team deliberately attempts to conserve time.
7. Stipulated that a 15-yard penalty be assessed during a down involving a double foul without change of possession when one foul carries a penalty of 15 yards and the other only 5.
8. Reduced penalty for intentional grounding in the field of play from a loss of down and 15, to loss of down and ten, and assessed a penalty of a safety when passer illegally grounds the ball in the end zone.
9. Reduced 15 yard penalties to 10 yards for all fouls except those involving unnecessary roughness, unsportsmanlike conduct, personal fouls, disqualification or palpably unfair acts.
10. Eliminated hurdling as a foul.
11. During last two minutes of a half, placed responsibility on defensive team to line up properly when referee signals ready for play after offensive team is set in position.
12. Increased crew of game officials from six to seven.

# 1978 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

(All times local)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (First Weekend)

New York Giants at Tampa Bay 8:00

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Green Bay at Detroit	1:00	
HOUSTON AT ATLANTA	1:00	
Kansas City at Cincinnati	1:00	
Los Angeles at Philadelphia	1:00	
Miami at New York Jets	1:00	
Minnesota at New Orleans	1:00	
Oakland at Denver	2:00	(NBC)
Pittsburgh at Buffalo	1:00	
St. Louis at Chicago	1:00	
San Diego at Seattle	1:00	
San Francisco at Cleveland	1:00	
Washington at New England	1:00	

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Baltimore at Dallas 8:00 (ABC)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (Second Weekend)

Detroit at Tampa Bay 8:00

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Atlanta at Los Angeles	1:00	
Chicago at San Francisco	1:00	
Cincinnati at Cleveland	1:00	
Dallas at New York Giants	1:00	
HOUSTON AT KANSAS CITY	1:00	
Miami at Baltimore	4:00	(NBC)
New England at St. Louis	1:00	
New Orleans vs Green Bay at Milw.	1:00	
New York Jets at Buffalo	4:00	
Oakland at San Diego	1:00	
Philadelphia at Washington	1:00	
Seattle at Pittsburgh	1:00	

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Denver at Minnesota 8:00 (ABC)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (Third Weekend)

Buffalo at Miami	4:00	
Chicago at Detroit	1:00	
Cleveland at Atlanta	1:00	
Dallas at Los Angeles	1:00	(CBS)
Kansas City at New York Giants	1:00	
Oakland at Green Bay	1:00	
Philadelphia at New Orleans	1:00	
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	1:00	
San Diego at Denver	2:00	
SAN FRANCISCO AT HOUSTON	1:00	
Seattle at New York Jets	1:00	
Tampa Bay at Minnesota	1:00	
Washington at St. Louis	1:00	

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Baltimore at New England 9:00 (ABC)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (Fourth Weekend)

Atlanta at Tampa Bay	4:00	
Baltimore at Buffalo	1:00	
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	1:00	
Denver at Kansas City	1:00	
Detroit at Seattle	1:00	
Green Bay at San Diego	1:00	
LOS ANGELES AT HOUSTON	1:00	
Miami at Philadelphia	1:00	
New England at Oakland	6:00	(ABC)
New Orleans at Cincinnati	1:00	
New York Jets at Washington	1:00	
St. Louis at Dallas	3:00	(CBS)
San Francisco at New York Giants	4:00	

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Minnesota at Chicago 8:00 (ABC)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 (Fifth Weekend)

Cincinnati at San Francisco	1:00	
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milw.	1:00	
HOUSTON AT CLEVELAND	1:00	
Kansas City at Buffalo	1:00	
Los Angeles at New Orleans	1:00	
Minnesota at Tampa Bay	1:00	
New York Giants at Atlanta	1:00	
Oakland at Chicago	3:00	(NBC)
Philadelphia at Baltimore	2:00	
Pittsburgh at New York Jets	1:00	
St. Louis at Miami	1:00	
San Diego at New England	1:00	
Seattle at Denver	2:00	

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Dallas at Washington	9:00	(ABC)
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 (Sixth Weekend)

Atlanta at Pittsburgh	1:00	
Baltimore at St. Louis	1:00	
Buffalo at New York Jets	1:00	
Chicago at Green Bay	1:00	
Cleveland at New Orleans	1:00	
Denver at San Diego	1:00	
HOUSTON AT OAKLAND	1:00	
Minnesota at Seattle	1:00	
New York Giants at Dallas	1:00	
Philadelphia at New England	1:00	
San Francisco at Los Angeles	1:00	(CBS)
Tampa Bay at Kansas City	1:00	
Washington at Detroit	1:00	

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Cincinnati at Miami	8:30	(ABC)
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 (Seventh Weekend)

BUFFALO AT HOUSTON	1:00	
Dallas at St. Louis	1:00	
Detroit at Atlanta	1:00	
Kansas City at Oakland	1:00	
Los Angeles at Minnesota	3:00	(CBS)
Miami at San Diego	1:00	
New England at Cincinnati	1:00	
New Orleans at San Francisco	1:00	
New York Jets at Baltimore	2:00	
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	1:00	
Seattle vs. Green Bay at Milw.	1:00	
Tampa Bay at New York Giants	1:00	
Washington at Philadelphia	1:00	

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Chicago at Denver	7:00	(ABC)
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 (Eighth Weekend)

Atlanta at San Francisco	1:00	
Chicago at Tampa Bay	1:00	
Cincinnati at Buffalo	1:00	
Cleveland at Kansas City	1:00	
Denver at Baltimore	4:00	(NBC)
Green Bay at Minnesota	1:00	
Miami at New England	1:00	
New Orleans at Los Angeles	1:00	
Oakland at Seattle	1:00	
Philadelphia at Dallas	1:00	
St. Louis at New York Jets	1:00	
San Diego at Detroit	1:00	
Washington at New York Giants	1:00	

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

HOUSTON AT PITTSBURGH	9:00	(ABC)
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 (Ninth Weekend)

Minnesota at Dallas	7:30	(ABC)
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Baltimore at Miami	4:00	(NBC)
Buffalo at Cleveland	1:00	
Denver at Seattle	1:00	
Detroit at Chicago	1:00	

HOUSTON AT CINCINNATI	1:00	
Kansas City at Pittsburgh	1:00	
New York Giants at New Orleans	1:00	
New York Jets at New England	1:00	
St. Louis at Philadelphia	1:00	
San Diego at Oakland	1:00	
San Francisco at Washington	1:00	
Tampa Bay at Green Bay	1:00	

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Los Angeles at Atlanta	9:00	(ABC)
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 (Tenth Weekend)

Cincinnati at San Diego	1:00	
CLEVELAND AT HOUSTON	1:00	
Dallas at Miami	4:00	(CBS)
Detroit at Minnesota	1:00	
Green Bay at Philadelphia	1:00	
New England at Buffalo	1:00	
New Orleans at Pittsburgh	1:00	
New York Giants at St. Louis	12:00	
New York Jets at Denver	2:00	
Oakland at Kansas City	1:00	
San Francisco at Atlanta	1:00	
Seattle at Chicago	1:00	
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles	1:00	

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Washington at Baltimore	9:00	(ABC)
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (Eleventh Weekend)

Atlanta at New Orleans	1:00	
Baltimore at Seattle	1:00	
Chicago at Minnesota	3:00	(CBS)
Dallas vs. Green Bay at Milw.	1:00	
Denver at Cleveland	1:00	
HOUSTON AT NEW ENGLAND	1:00	
Kansas City at San Diego	1:00	
Miami at Buffalo	1:00	
New York Giants at Washington	1:00	
New York Jets at Philadelphia	1:00	
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles	5:00	(ABC)
St. Louis at San Francisco	1:00	
Tampa Bay at Detroit	1:00	

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Oakland at Cincinnati	9:00	(ABC)
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 (Twelfth Weekend)

Atlanta at Chicago	1:00	
Buffalo at Tampa Bay	1:00	
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	4:00	
Cleveland at Baltimore	2:00	
Detroit at Oakland	1:00	
Green Bay at Denver	2:00	
Los Angeles at San Francisco	1:00	(CBS)
New England at New York Jets	1:00	
New Orleans at Dallas	1:00	
Philadelphia at New York Giants	1:00	
St. Louis at Washington	1:00	
San Diego at Minnesota	1:00	
Seattle at Kansas City	1:00	

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

MIAMI AT HOUSTON	8:00	(ABC)
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 (Thirteenth Weekend)  
(Thanksgiving Day)

Denver at Detroit	12:30	(NBC)
Washington at Dallas	2:30	(CBS)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CINCINNATI AT HOUSTON	1:00	
Los Angeles at Cleveland	1:00	
Minnesota at Green Bay	1:00	
New England at Baltimore	4:00	(NBC)
New York Giants at Buffalo	1:00	
New York Jets at Miami	1:00	
New Orleans at Atlanta	1:00	
Philadelphia at St. Louis	1:00	
San Diego at Kansas City	1:00	

Seattle at Oakland 1:00  
 Tampa Bay at Chicago 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Pittsburgh at San Francisco 6:00 (ABC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 (Fourteenth Weekend)

Atlanta at Cincinnati 1:00  
 Baltimore at New York Jets 1:00  
 Buffalo at Kansas City 1:00  
 Cleveland at Seattle 1:00  
 Denver at Oakland 6:00 (ABC)  
 Detroit at St. Louis 1:00  
 Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00  
 Los Angeles at New York Giants 1:00  
 Miami at Washington 1:00  
 New England at Dallas 3:00 (NBC)  
 Philadelphia at Minnesota 1:00  
 PITTSBURGH AT HOUSTON 1:00  
 San Francisco at New Orleans 1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Chicago at San Diego 6:00 (ABC)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 (Fifteenth Weekend)

Baltimore at Pittsburgh 1:00 (NBC)  
 Minnesota at Detroit 4:00 (CBS)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Buffalo at New England 1:00  
 Dallas at Philadelphia 1:00  
 Green Bay at Chicago 1:00  
 HOUSTON AT NEW ORLEANS 1:00  
 Kansas City at Denver 2:00  
 New York Jets at Cleveland 1:00  
 Oakland at Miami 4:00 (NBC)  
 St. Louis at New York Giants 1:00  
 Seattle at San Diego 1:00  
 Tampa Bay at San Francisco 1:00  
 Washington at Atlanta 1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Cincinnati at Los Angeles 6:00 (ABC)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 (Sixteenth Weekend)

Chicago at Washington 1:00 (CBS)  
 Pittsburgh at Denver 2:00 (NBC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Atlanta at St. Louis 1:00  
 Buffalo at Baltimore 2:00  
 Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00  
 Dallas at New York Jets 1:00  
 Green Bay at Los Angeles 1:00  
 Kansas City at Seattle 1:00  
 Minnesota at Oakland 1:00 (CBS)  
 New Orleans at Tampa Bay 1:00  
 New York Giants at Philadelphia 1:00  
 SAN DIEGO AT HOUSTON 3:00  
 San Francisco at Detroit 1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

New England at Miami 9:00 (ABC)





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# OILER RADIO

The Houston Oilers radio broadcasts are handled through the facilities of Texas State Network and will be carried by some 60 odd stations throughout the southwest. The Oilers and TSN have announced a multi-year agreement and according to TSN vice-president and general manager David Day, KTRH-Radio in Houston will continue to be the flagship station. The Oiler broadcast team of Ron Franklin and Ron Stone will continue to handle play-by-play and color of the Oiler games.

As of June 29, 1978, members of the Oiler network were:

WKC	Abilene	KLBK	Lubbock
BIC	Alice	KDEY	Lufkin
COKE-FM	Austin	KRIO	McAllen
CWB	Ballinger	KLMT	Marlin
NEL	Brady	KMHT	Marshall
TTX	Brenham	KBGH	Memphis
WHI	Brenham	KVKM	Monahans
XYL	Brownwood	KJCS	Nacogdoches
TAW	Bryan	KWBC	Navasota
GAS	Carthage	KNBT	New Braunfels
EYS	Corpus Christi	KYXX	Odessa
LAND	Corsicana	KRCT	Ozona
IVY	Crockett	KNET	Palestine
EWS	Cuero	KGRO	Pampa
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NAF	Fredericksburg	WOAI	San Antonio
GBC	Galveston	KSEY	Seymour
GTN	Georgetown	KTXO	Sherman
KTRH	Houston	KSNY	Snyder
KSAM	Huntsville	KDWT	Stamford
KMBL	Junction	KWWM	Stephenville
KPET	Lamesa	KXOX-FM	Sweetwater
VAML	Laurel, Mississippi	KOSY-FM	Taxarkana
KLVT	Levelland	KRMG	Tulsa, Okla.
KPXE	Liberty	KNUE	Tyler
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