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August	2	St. Louis (H)	7:00 p.m.	(A)
	12	N.Y. Jets (H)	12:30 p.m.	(B)
	18	Dallas (A)	8:00 p.m.	(C)
	24	New Orleans (A)	7:00 p.m.	(A)

Championship Season

September	2	Washington (A)	1:00 P.M.	(A)
	9	Pittsburgh (A)	1:00 P.M.	(A)
	16	Kansas City (H)	1:00 P.M.	(A)
	23	Cincinnati (A)	1:00 P.M.	(A)
	30	Cleveland (H)	1:00 P.M.	(A)
October	7	St. Louis (H)	1:00 P.M.	(B)
	14	Baltimore (A)	2:00 P.M.	(A)
	21	Seattle (A)	1:00 P.M.	(A)
	28	N.Y. Jets (H)	12:00 Noon	(A)
November	5	Miami (A)	9:00 P.M.	(C)
	11	Oakland (H)	12:00 Noon	(A)
	18	Cincinnati (H)	3:00 P.M.	(A)
	22	Dallas (A)	3:00 P.M.	(A)
December	2	Cleveland (A)	1:00 P.M.	(A)
	10	Pittsburgh (H)	8:00 P.M.	(C)
	16	Philadelphia (H)	3:00 P.M.	(B)

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

K. S. "Bud" Adams this year celebrates his 20th season as owner-president of the Houston Oilers, and he hopes the upcoming season will culminate the way it all began back in 1960 — with an Oiler Championship!

Co-Founder of the American Football League (Present American Football Conference), the man who brought major league sports

to Houston, and Chairman of the Board of K.S.A. Industries and chairman and founder of Adams Resources and Energy Corp. (formerly Ada Resources, Inc.) — the keystone of Adams' interest — Bud Adams' name has been synonymous with sports and diversified business interests in the Southwest for more than twenty years.

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

Following military service in World War II, Adams came to Houston in 1946 to launch his business career, and on June 3, 1947 his company was incorporated as Ada Oil Company. Through an exchange offer in 1974 Ada Resources, Inc., was formed, and in May, 1979 the corporate name was changed to Adams Resources and Energy Corporation to reflect the changing nature of the company's interests.

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,



K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. and Orville Trask



K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr.

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.

Typifying Adams' dedicated involvement in local community activities was his decision to support the construction of Ronald McDonald House, a home away from home for parents and families of children undergoing treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses at Texas Children's Hospital. The Oilers have engaged in various activities which have raised thousands of dollars toward construction of the Ronald House in the Plaza Del Oro area.

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 is serving on the executive committee of the San Jacinto area Boy Scouts council, and is participating in a wide variety of civic and charitable activities. He also has been honored as Houston's "Salesman of the Year," "Sportsman of the Year," and "Westerner of the Year."



K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. and NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle



Lou Rymkus, first Oiler Head Coach and K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr.



O. A. "Bum" PHILLIPS Head Coach/ General Manager

Perhaps the most well known of all modern day Texans, Bum Phillips has climbed the coaching ladder of success to become one of the most respected leaders in the weekly NFL wars. His quick wit and charm allows him to keep folks at ease, but hidden behind that stern yet friendly face is one of the brightest minds in modern football history.

Bum will be the last one to take credit for the good fortunes of the 1978 season, which ended one game short of the Super Bowl. Instead he heaps praise on his players for their efforts and the coaching staff, which according to Bum, does all the actual coaching. By listening to him talk, one would think he was a casual observer rather than the master mind which has brought the Oilers to a peak not achieved since the Oilers first began playing in the AFL and were champions of that league in 1960-61.

O. A. "Bum" Phillips first came to the Oilers in March of 1974 as defensive coordinator under then Head Coach Sid Gillman. His presence was evidenced in the fact that the defense gave up a total of 282 points in his first year, as compared with the total of 447 points given up the previous year with basically the same personnel, after installing the 3-4 defense.

The following year, Bum was named Head Coach and the team went from a 7-7 won lost record in '74 to a 10-4 in his first year at the Oiler helm. The Oilers just missed going to the playoffs that year, being undefeated outside the AFC Central, but stayed home as both Pittsburgh and Cincinnati went to the playoffs.

Following the '76 season, Bum took on the additional title of General Manager and began building the squad into an even more balanced team. The defense had established itself with a stable of stars and Bum began building a young offensive team built around several proven veterans. Going into the 1979 season the offense has so many weapons that opposing coaches no doubt spend many hours trying to figure ways to defense "Bum's Bunch."

Bum's knack for bringing the best out of his players probably is best exemplified by the 1978 season. Early in training camp at San Angelo, Texas, Bum stressed the importance of confidence and team play. It was these characteristics, along with the strong desire to play for their coach and their "friend" that brought the '78 Oilers to within one victory of Super Bowl XIII. When injuries sidelined up to six of Bum's regulars, their replacements came on as starters and almost sent Bum to the Super Bowl. And by the way, that will be the only way he ever will attend a Super Bowl game, on the sideline with a coaches' bench pass.



Bum Phillips, Houston Oilers Head Coach/General Manager

Before coming to Houston, Bum spent 1967-71 with the San Diego Chargers as defensive coordinator, where his relationship began with Sid Gillman, who was serving as the Charger Head Coach. Prior to coaching in the pro ranks, Bum had collegiate stops at Oklahoma State, SMU, Texas A&M, Houston and Texas-El Paso. Bum is no stranger to local high school coaches, having jobs with four Texas high schools (Nederland, Port Neches, Amarillo and Jacksonville).

What is it about this man that enables him to get grown men to make such sacrifices and perform beyond their potential? Paul "Bear" Bryant says "Bum 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's 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



Bum Phillips

players as if they were his own children." These men, all great coaches, give you a little closer insight into the man behind the Texan cowboy hat.

Enough said about the coach, what is Bum the man, the father and husband like? Following three years of combat duty in the Marines during World War II, Bum returned to his home in East Texas and took a job in a petroleum refinery. When asked to donate to a specific charity by his supervisor, Bum instead asked to donate to one of his own choice. When told "no" by his boss, he told the man "to have my check ready at the gate, because I'm leaving." This brought about a problem the 21 year-old newly married man wasn't quite sure how to handle. "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 happened 33 years ago, and Bum is today doing what he loves in a city that he loves. He spends a lot of his time with his horses, which he keeps for both business and pleasure. Perhaps Bum's ability to make such schrewd trades for the Oilers are due in part to his ability to make good deals with the horses. But regardless, his percentages are high among both his horse trading and player swaps.

We've mentioned "Bum" many times, the nickname was given him by his younger sister Edrina whose attempts to say brother emerged as "Bumble" and later, when her vocabulary improved, to "Bum." He has remained "Bum" to his friends over the years, not letting the success change him. A super countrywestern music lover, he takes pride talking of his friendships with such C&W music stars as Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings.

The father of six children, Bum and wife Helen are also three-time grandparents. Son Wade, the defensive line coach, and wife Laurie have two children, daughter Tracy and son Wesley Wade. Bum's other grandchild, Brandon, is the son of daughter Susan (Reeves) of Orange, Texas. Other members of the Phillips' clan include daughters Cicely (Springer), Andrea, Dee Jean and Kim Ann.



ED BILES

Defensive Coordinator/ Linebackers

Since joining the Oilers in 1974 from the New York Jets, Biles has built Houston's defense into one of the NFL's strongest hitting units. Biles has played a large role in the development of NFL stars Ted Washington, Burgess Owens, and Robert Brazile. Born in Glendale, Ohio, Biles attended Miami of Ohio on an athletic scholar-

arship playing under famed Coach Ara Parseghian. His first professional experience came in New Orleans as administrative coordinator under head coach Tom Fears. Biles later moved to defensive backfield coach before joining New York in 1971. As defensive coordinator with the Oilers, the defense was ranked first in rushing defense in the NFL allowing just 3.4 yards a play in 1975. Biles, along with head coach Bum Phillips' developments in the 3-4 defense, has drawn praise from many coaching circles. His seven year record as head coach of Xavier of Ohio was 40-27-3, and under his leadership the freshman team posted two unbeaten seasons. Biles lectures at numerous clinics throughout the nation and is highly regarded as a defensive strategist. Biles and wife Jackie reside in Missouri City, and have four children: Jim, Jay, Mike, and Sharon.



JOE BUGEL

Offensive Line

With Joe Bugel's arrival in 1976 to Houston's much maligned offensive line, the Oilers turned around a losing proposition into a solid contender. Bugel's efforts were rewarded in 1978, with the line allowing fewest QB sacks (17) in NFL and blocking for NFL's leading rusher. The Oilers running game became a major threat opening consistent holes through

defensive lines under Bugel. Bugel began his coaching career at his alma mater of Western Kentucky in 1964. In 1970 he moved to the United States Naval Academy where he was offensive line coach for four years under Rick Forzano. After 1974 coaching action with Iowa State, Bugel joined Woody Hayes' staff at Ohio State. Serving two years with the Detroit Lions developing players such as Lyn Boden and David Hill, Bugel joined Houston in 1976. Joe received his BS degree at Western Kentucky in physical education where he had the best academic rating of any athlete. Joe and his wife Brenda have three children: Angie, Holly, and Jennifer. The family resides in Missouri City, Texas.



ANDY BOURGEOIS

Offensive Backfield

A Louisiana native, Bourgeois joined the Oilers in 1973 after successful stints at Tulane and Texas Christian Universities. After an outstanding high school career, Andy attended Louisiana State University where he lettered in football and baseball. At LSU, Bourgeois would play on LSU's '59 and '60 Sugar Bowl teams as a member of

the famous "Chinese Bandits." After receiving his BS degree from LSU in Education, Bourgeois earned a masters degree in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola of New Orleans. Late in '74, Andy was moved to offensive backfield coach where he has helped to develop Ronnie Coleman, Rob Carpenter, Tim Wilson, and Earl Campbell. Andy has put three offensive backs on the NFL all-rookie team in the last four years, Don Hardeman, Rob Carpenter and Earl Campbell. Bourgeois and wife Lola have three children: Troy, Blake, and Drew, and reside in Missouri City, Texas.



BOB GAMBOLD

Defensive Backfield

After six seasons with the Denver Broncos, Bob Gambold came to the Oilers in February of 1978 to coach the defensive backs. After graduating from Washington State University in 1952, Bob served as an aide on John Ralston's Stanford Cardinal team for nine years, coaching linebackers and overseeing defensive lineups. Bob's NFL career

includes quarterbacking the Philadelphia Eagles in 1953 and the Chicago Cardinals in 1954. As a coach of Denver's defensive backs for six years, Gambold was very instrumental in the success of their famous "Orange Crush" defense. He has tutored many All-Pro players including Billy Thompson and Louie Wright of Denver. The Oiler defensive backs gained strength in their play in 1978, especially late in the season as Houston faced playoff competition. Bob and wife Shirley have seven children: Valarie, Robin, Cheri, Barry, Victoria, Traci and Leslie. The Gambolds reside in Missouri City, Texas.



KING HILL

Receivers

The dean of Oiler coaches, King Hill grew up in the Houston area and still resides in the city he loves. An all-state high school football, basketball, and golf performer, Hill would travel to Rice University where he was a three sport standout. Hill tutored under famous head football coach Jess Neely at Rice and was named the most valuable player by his teammates. Hill played in the 1958 Hula Bowl and was recently inducted into the Rice University Hall of Fame. Since joining the Oilers as a scout in 1970, Hill worked with the Oiler quarterbacks in 1971. Recently, King has coached the offensive receivers under Bum Phillips. Before coaching, Hill played twelve years in the NFL. Four with the St. Louis Cardinals, seven with the Philadelphia Eagles, and the last with the Minnesota Vikings. He served on the Executive Committee which negotiated the first collective bargaining agreement between the players and the NFL, and was Vice President of the NFL Players Association and team representative for 11 years. Born in Hamilton, Texas, King and wife Sharon currently live in Houston with one son, Cody.



WADE PHILLIPS

Defensive Line

Since joining Houston in 1976, Phillips has tutored at least one All-Pro lineman each year, and in 1978 coached two, Curley Culp and Elvin Bethea. Born in nearby Orange, Texas, Phillips was a standout on Port Neches-Groves basketball, football, and baseball teams. He attended the University of Houston where he started for three straight years on the football team. Phillips received his BS degree in physical education and speech before starting his coaching career at his alma mater, Houston, under Bill Yeoman in 1969. In 1970, Phillips moved to Orange, Texas High where he served as defensive coordinator for three years until joining the Oklahoma State coaching staff in '73. In 1975, Phillips was the defensive line coach at Kansas until 1976. Phillips oversees the defensive line positions for the Oilers that have had four All-Pro's in the last four years. Son of Oiler coach Bum Phillips, Wade and wife Laurie have two children, Tracy and Wesley.



JOHN PAUL YOUNG

Special Teams

A native Texan, John Paul joined the Oilers in March 1978 as special teams coach for his first professional experience. Young, born in Dallas, led Abilene High to three straight state championships. He attended the University of Texas, El Paso, and in 1962 coached under O. A. "Bum" Phillips as linebacker coach. After two years at UTEP, Young

served as defensive coordinator for three years at Jacksonville High School until 1967 when he was on the staff of SMU. Young joined the Texas A&M staff in 1970 under Gene Stallings as linebacker coach. During Young's tenure at A&M, the Aggies led the conference in total defense four consecutive seasons. In his playing days at UTEP, Young was a four year starter and three-time all-conference linebacker. A second team All-America, Young was selected one of eleven All-Time players from UTEP. With the Oilers last year, Young's special teams allowed only one opponent touchdown throughout the season. John and wife Dolores have two sons, John Paul, Jr. and Jason Phillips. The Youngs reside in Quail Valley, Texas.



JOE WOOLLEY

Director of College Scouting

Woolley 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 coordinator 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.



JERREL WILSON

Scout

One of the top punters in the NFL for 16 years, Jerrel Wilson joined the scouting department with the Oilers in April of 1979. Wilson's scouting duties will include West Coast colleges and universities. Wilson, 38, spent 15 of his 16 year playing career with the Kansas City Chiefs finishing his career with New England in 1978. He holds the NFL record for

most career punts (1,068) and most yards punting (46,139). Jerrel was named to the all-time American Football League team by the Pro-Football Hall of Fame and is tied for most punting titles in a career with the legendary Sammy Baugh, (4). Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jerrel attended Southern Mississippi before joining the Chiefs. Jerrel resides in Huntsville, Texas where he enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, and ranching.



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. Dora-

mus, 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 which is unbeaten over the past three years. Greg is married to the former Sharon Mihalko of San Antonio, Texas and has two children, Karen and Joshua. The Doramus' reside in Houston.



JERRY MEINS

Head 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.

**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 KSA Industries, 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 KSA Industries' 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 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 the firm's executive team in 1975. During his tenure with the firm, he was consultant to clients in numerous industries including the Cleveland Browns for five years. The 33-year-old Herczeg is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Beta Gamma Sigma, and the Pacesetters of Ohio State University. He serves on the board of Children's Oncology Services of Texas, Inc., the organization which is spearheading construction of Ronald McDonald House. Herczeg is married to the former Kathleen M. Vinson of Bedford, Ohio and resides in Missouri City, 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,



Peppler 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 later 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, 30; Susan Hamachek, 28; Walter, 27; Terry, 23; John, 18; and Jim 17.



MIKE MCCLURE

**Vice President
Director of Public
Relations/Marketing**

Mike McClure joined the Oilers organization on March 5, 1979 as Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing. McClure has a broad background in communications and sports administration, and prior to joining the Oilers served five years as Director of Public Relations and Marketing for the Chicago Bulls of the NBA. A native of Chicago,

he attended DePauw University of Greencastle, Indiana, where he majored in Speech with emphasis on radio and TV broadcasting. He began his career with the City News Bureau of Chicago and joined the staff of the Chicago Tribune in 1965 as a reporter in the financial department. He was a Public Relations Advisor for Peoples Gas Company from 1966-69 when he entered the sports field as sports director of WLFI-TV in Lafayette, Indiana. In 1970 he was named Director of the Big Ten Conference Service Bureau, and he served three years for the late Commissioner Bill Reed and current Commissioner Wayne Duke. The 37-year-old McClure won back-to-back Best in the Nation awards in 1971 and 1972 for publications he produced. He was honored as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Citizens in Chicago in 1973, and

was included in the 1973 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. He is a member of the Houston Advertising Federation, the Houston Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association, and numerous professional, fraternal and charitable organizations. McClure is married to the former Brenda G. Jones of Thawville, Illinois, and they reside in Missouri City with their two sons, Michael, 12 and Matthew, 9.



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. Rick currently is the youngest ticket manager in the NFL. 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 and they are the parents of one child, Rhett. The Nichols' reside in Spring.

**1979 BUM'S BUNCH
PLAYER PROFILES**



WILLIE ALEXANDER, DB**19****Alcorn A&M****6-3 195****Born: September 21, 1949****Year Oiler: 9****Year NFL: 9****How Acquired: Drafted 6th,
1971**

Led team in interceptions last year with five (career high) Played in all 19 games last season, despite broken jaw which was wired for several games Credited with 40 tackles and one fumble recovery in '78 Returned interception 95 yards for TD vs Green Bay in 1977 Earned starting berth in rookie year and has since played in 112 games Collected 21 career interceptions 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 Native of Montgomery, Alabama George Washington Carver High 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.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	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
1978	5	51	10.2	0	29
Totals	21	352	16.8	1	95t

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

Started every game last season Led team in average gain per catch (16.0) in '78 Second on club in both receptions (32) and TDs receiving (3) Grabbed nine passes for 21.7 average and two TDs in three playoff games last year. . . . Missed the 1976 season because of tendonitis First team All-American, AP and NEA Senior Bowl 57 collegiate career receptions for 1,235 yards and 17 TD's First catch as a collegian was a school record 94-yard TD Two-time All-America Placed in both 440-yard and 120-yard hurdle races in Southland Conference track meet Born in Marshall, Texas White Oak High QB and MLB Has own business, designs and

manufactures bands for western style hats . . . Enjoys outdoors, hunting and fishing . . . Resides in Houston.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1977	9	94	10.4	1	23
1978	32	513	16.0	3	72t
Totals	41	607	14.8	4	72t

STEVE BAUMGARTNER, LB

63



Purdue

6-7 225

Born: March 26, 1951

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 7

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

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 . . . Prior to 1978 season, moved to LB from DE to utilize size and speed . . . Saw action in all 19 games last year as LB and special teamer . . . All-Big Ten selection in 1972 . . . Credited with 140 tackles, 18 for losses in final two years at Purdue . . . Received degree in economics . . . 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 5 and 3 . . . Resides in Metairie, Louisiana.

ELVIN BETHEA, DE

65



North Carolina A&T

6-2 260

Born: March 1, 1946

Year Oiler: 12

Year NFL: 12

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

Came off surgery for broken arm in 1977 to gain All Pro honors in '78 . . . Led team in sacks (8) during regular season and added two more in playoffs . . . 51 tackles and 53 assists plus two fumble recoveries in '78 . . . Selected for Pro Bowl for sixth time last year (also named 1971-76) . . . Set Oiler record for most consecutive games played (135) before arm injury vs. Oakland ended streak in 1977 . . . Was team leader in sacks six times in the last ten years . . . Made 4 QB sacks and recovered one fumble vs San Diego in '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 . . . Two-year NAIA All-American at North Carolina

A&T . . . Also participated in track program . . . Born in Trenton, New Jersey . . . Central High in Trenton . . . Enjoys fishing and hunting and archery . . . Nickname: Big E . . . Elvin and wife Charlie have two children, Lamonte and Brittany, ages 6 and 4 and reside in Houston.

GREGG BINGHAM, MLB

54



Purdue

6-1 230

Born: March 13, 1951

Year Oiler: 7

Year NFL: 7

How Acquired: Drafted 4th,
1973

Has started every game since joining the Oilers in '73 a string of 89 games going into the '79 season . . . Has led the Oilers in tackles and assists each of the past six seasons . . . '78 totals include 109 tackles, 114 assists, two fumbles forced, one sack and one fumble recovery . . . Game high tackles in '78 was 10 vs. Kansas City . . . Grabbed two interceptions during '78 playoffs . . . 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 . . . 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 . . . Native of Chicago, Illinois . . . Gordon Tech High . . . Married to the former Maureen Foster of Long Beach, California and has one daughter, Stevie . . . Resides in Houston and operates a fleet of car wash agencies.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	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
1978	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	169	12.0	0	30

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

ROBERT BRAZILE, OLB

52



Jackson State

6-4 238

Born: February 7, 1953

Year Oiler: 5

Year NFL: 5

How Acquired: Drafted 1st,
1975

Has been a starter since joining the Oilers . . . Rapidly estab-

lishing himself as one of premier linebackers in NFL Defensive Rookie of Year in '75 and has made All Pro the last three years ('76-'78) Second on team in both tackles (91) and assists (94) in '78, also credited with 5 sacks . . . '78 high was 10 tackles vs. Buffalo One interception, returned for 30 yards in '78 Selected by NFL Players Association as top linebacker in AFC Has 4.6 speed in the 40 Has seen action on special teams and was a stand-out performer 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 Senior Bowl and College All-Star Games Was the 6th player selected in the '75 NFL draft 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 with the Boys Club of America Camp in Tampa, Fla. . . . Was honored by the Big Brothers in 1977.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1975	1	8	8	8	0
1976	3	40	13.3	16	0
1978	1	30	30	30	0

KEN BURROUGH, WR

00



Texas Southern

6-4 210

Born: July 14, 1948

Year Oiler: 9

Year NFL: 10

How Acquired: Trade from

**New Orleans,
1971**

Ranks as second all time leading Oiler receiver (337 catches) behind Charlie Hennigan (410) Finished '78 season with 47 receptions, team high Led team in receptions past five years Grabbed nine passes in playoffs for 21.6 average and two TDs Drafted by New Orleans, 1st round in 1970 Number one in NFL in average catch (19.0) in 1977 Holds team record for most consecutive games making pass reception (52) 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 day Was also used as a kickoff return man early in his NFL career, 23 returns for 455 yards. . . . 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 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 Board of Directors with the Leukemia Society of America, Inc. . . . Houston Lawyers Ass. Award, 1975 Nickname: Double O Married to former Adrian Cooper of Fort Worth, Texas, who

graduated from Prairie View University Resides in Houston.

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	Team	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
1978	(Hou)	47	624	13.3	2	44
Totals		337	5592	16.6	36	85t

* — denotes led the NFL
 ** — denotes led the AFC

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

EARL CAMPBELL, RB

34



Texas

5-11 224

Born: March 29, 1955

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Drafted 1st,
 1978

Completed one of most spectacular rookie seasons in NFL history, winning 29 major awards and establishing numerous NFL and Oiler records (see page 84) Top game of '78 vs. Miami, 199 yards and four TDs, scored three TDs vs. Pittsburgh Oct. 23 (both Monday night games, giving him seven of his 13 TDs in nationally televised games) First rookie to lead NFL in rushing since Jim Brown in 1957 Rushed for 264 yards (3.5 avg.) and two TDs in '78 playoffs 81 yard run for TD vs. Miami, second longest rush in Oiler history 1977 Heisman Trophy winner Consensus All-American in 1977, four time first team All-Southwest Conference Rushed for 4,444 yards during college career Returned to Texas and graduated with degree in speech communication following rookie year Born in Tyler, Texas and resides in Houston.

CAREER RUSHING

Year	Att.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	302	1450*	4.8	81t	13

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	12	48	4.0	20	0

* — denotes led NFL

ROB CARPENTER, RB**26****Miami, Ohio****6-1 214****Born: April 20, 1955****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Drafted 3rd
choice in 3rd
round, 1977**

Finished third on team in rushing yardage despite missing final five games due to knee injured in comeback victory over New England Two of Rob's five TD's of '78 came vs. Patriots after Oilers fell behind 23-0, clutch performance by Rob and teammates brought 26-23 win Second leading rusher on club in '77, top game in career vs. Chiefs in '77, 149 yards and his 77 yard run in that game is the third longest run from scrimmage in Oiler history Named to AFC All Rookie team following '77 season, top rookie ground gainer in AFC Rushed for over 1,000 yards last two seasons of collegiate career Played on three winning Tangerine Bowl teams 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 Broke Rex Kern's total and single season yardage records at Lancaster High Rushed for 1556 yards Senior year including 300 in one game 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, a graduate of Ohio State University.

CAREER RUSHING

Year	TC	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1977	144	652	4.5	1	77
1978	82	348	4.3	5	20
Totals	226	1000	4.4	6	77

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1977	23	156	6.8	27	0
1978	17	150	8.8	37	0
Totals	40	306	7.7	37	0

DAVID CARTER, C**58****Western Kentucky****6-2 225****Born: November 27, 1953****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Drafted 2nd
choice in 6th
round, 1977**

Has seen action in every game during his two years with the

Oilers Handles most deep snaps and is solid special teams performer Credited with one fumble recovery in 1977 All-Ohio Valley Conference in junior year Played in North-South All-Star game Starter in Division II national playoffs in 1973-75 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 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.

RICH CASTER, WR

88



Jackson State

6-5 230

Born: November 16, 1948

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 10

How Acquired: Trade from
New York
Jets, 1978

Acquired from N.Y. Jets prior to '78 season Led Oilers in TDs receiving with five clutch grabs Playoff stats show Rich with 8 catches for 67 yards With Burrough and Caster in lineup, Oilers have 20 years of NFL experience at WR and with their great speed will give secondary many things to think about Left Jets with impressive credentials: third in career catches (245) and yards receiving (2,733), second in career TDs via receptions (36) Named to Pro Bowl following '72, '74 and '75 seasons Topped NFL tight ends in yardage in '74 and '75 Best game of career in '72 at Baltimore: six catches for 204 yards with TDs of 80, 79 and 10 Wide receiver and tight end at Jackson State Caught 160 passes for 3,638 yards and 28 TDs averaged 27.4 yards per catch as a senior played in Chicago College All-Star Game also a track standout Rich and wife, America have one daughter, Shannon has degree in mathematics served as chairman of the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon in New York City in 1976 and 1977 received Gordon's Good Guy Award for his efforts enjoys playing tennis and basketball birthplace Mobile, Ala. and resides in Westbury, N.Y.

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	Team	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1970	Jets	14	19	393	20.7	72t	3
1971	Jets	14	26	454	17.5	57t	6
1972	Jets	14	39	833	21.4	80t	10
1973	Jets	14	35	593	16.9	49	4
1974	Jets	13	38	745	19.6	89t	7
1975	Jets	14	47	820	17.4	91*	4
1976	Jets	14	31	391	12.6	41	1
1977	Jets	10	10	205	20.5	58	1
1978	Oilers	19	20	316	15.8	47t	5
	Totals	126	264	4750	17.9	91t	41

RONNIE COLEMAN, RB

47



Alabama A&M

5-10 198

Born: July 9, 1951

Year Oiler: 6

Year NFL: 6

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1974

Performed excellently in key third down situations, being called in because of uncanny knack for reading defenses Most of his 19 catches were for first downs as he became "Mr. Clutch" Top career single game effort — 142 yards rushing vs. Tampa Bay in '76 Returned punt 69 yards for TD vs. Bengals in '76 Top Oiler ground gainer '75-'76-'77 Stand-out 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 TDs on offense while his brother, Percy a middle linebacker, scored two on interceptions Received Bachelor of Science Degree in social studies Born in Jasper, Alabama Walker High, QB, RB, DB and LB Hobbies include: Bowling, diving, swimming, sledding, hunting and fishing Nickname: Bubble Eyes Honored when his hometown, Jasper, Ala. celebrated 'Ronnie Coleman Day' in 1977 Married to the former Linda Means of Eutan, Ala. . . . The Colemans and their daughter Tiffany and son Karon Rashad make their home in Houston.

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
1978	59	180	3.4	1	34
Totals	583	2327	3.9	13	46t

CAREER 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
1978	19	246	12.9	1	33
Totals	265	1518	5.7	14	33

CAREER 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				
1978	3	45	15.0	0	28
Totals	14	285	20.4	0	39

CAREER 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					
1978	16	1	142	8.9	0	32
Totals	24	3	233	9.7	69t	1

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**

One of strongest lineman in NFL, Curley earned All Pro honors for the fourth consecutive year with the Oilers and the fifth time in his career (Kansas City in '72) Finished season with 61 tackles, 26 assists, 2 fumbles forced and 3 sacks Recorded 7 tackles vs. Bengals (2) for '78 high Pro Bowl participant in 1972 with KC and Oilers ('75-'78) co-captain of AFC squad in '77 Selected by NEA as NFL's Most Outstanding Defensive Player in 1975 Member of Super Bowl champions KC in 1970 Led Oilers in sacks in '75 with 11½ Houston Professional Athlete of Year in '75 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 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 WAC lineman of year in '68 Who's Who Among College and Universities in '67 Graduated with B average Born in Yuma, Arizona Excellent paddle ball player One of ten children Stengthened body tossing 50-pound barrels on fathers farm Enjoys music Makes home in Houston with wife Delores and son Christopher.

BILL CURRIER, DB**20****South Carolina****6-0 190****Born: January 5, 1955****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Drafted 9th,
1977**

Two year starter, member of '77 AFC All Rookie team 48 tackles, 37 assists, 2 fumbles forced, one fumble recovery and one interception in '78 Recorded seven tackles vs. Pittsburgh (2) for top game of '78 Three year starter at South Carolina 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.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Yards	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1977	2	0	0.0	0	0
1978	1	8	8.0	0	8
Totals	3	8	2.7	0	8

JIMMY DEAN, DE**67**

Texas A&M

6-4 252

Born: January 8, 1955

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Trade from
Buffalo

Played in three games in '78 before injury 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 and resides in Houston.

JOHNNY DIRDEN, WR**81**

6-0 190

Born: March 14, 1952

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1978

Played in all 19 games in '78 10th in NFL in kickoff returns in '78 32 returns for 780 yards (24.4 avg.) Used on special teams and back up wide receiver Signed as free agent after trying out with Oilers Cement truck driver before signing with Oilers Attended Sam Houston State Resides in Houston with wife Delores Ann and children Maryann, Shawn and Thomas.

CAREER KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	32	780	24.4	60	0

ANDY DORRIS, DE**69**

New Mexico State

6-4 240

Born: August 11, 1951

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 7

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1977

Played in all 19 games last season Played primarily in

passing situations, was responsible for four key quarterback sacks during the year Had 22 tackles, 19 assisted in '78 Starter for New Orleans Saints in '75-'76 Drafted by Cleveland in 1973, also with St. Louis First team all-Missouri Valley team in 1972 Teams MVP in 1972 Works with New Orleans police department during off-season Andy and wife Mary have two children, daughter Meridith, and son Zach The Dorrises reside in New Orleans.

TOM DUNIVEN, QB

11



Texas Tech

6-3 210

Born: May 20, 1954

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 3

How Acquired: Claimed via
waivers from
Cincinnati,
1977

Did not see game action in '78 Was on inactive roster in rookie season of '77 Three-year starter at Texas Tech Career completion average better than 55% Tommy is married and resides in Houston, Texas, and he and his wife are expecting their first child.

ED FISHER, OG

60



Arizona State

6-3 250

Born: May 31, 1949

Year Oiler: 6

Year NFL: 6

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1974

Started all 19 games in '78 Helped solidify offensive line that gave up fewest sacks in NFL Signed as a free agent in 1973 by Kansas City Claimed by Houston in '74 All-Conference OT at Arizona State Received Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education Born in Stockton, California Lincoln High, OT and DT Hobbies: working with stain glass windows, racketball and restoring antiques Resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

EDDIE FOSTER, WR**89****Houston****5-10 185****Born: June 5, 1954****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Drafted 8th,
1977**

Suffered season long leg injury at beginning of '78 season and saw no game action . . . Fully rehabilitated for '79 . . . Started every game of '77 rookie season . . . Played tight end last season in college after starting at split end . . . Played for Southwest Conference Champion and participated in three bowl games . . . Resides in Houston.

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	LG
1977	15	208	13.8	0	56
1978	Did Not Play — Injured				
Totals	15	208	13.8	0	56

TONI FRITSCH, K**16****No College****5-7 195****Born: July 10, 1945****Year Oiler: 3****Year NFL: 9****How Acquired: Free Agent,
1977**

Finished 3rd in NFL in field goal accuracy in '78 . . . Made 14 of 18 attempts during season . . . Decided four games with successful field goals . . . Hit 31 of 33 extra points in '78 . . . Previously played for San Diego and Dallas . . . Austrian soccer player for eight years before being signed by Dallas . . . Can speak four languages fluently . . . Lives in Dallas with wife Sonja and children Hans and Sasha.

CAREER SCORING

Year	Team	FGA	FGM	LG	PAT	TP
1971	Dallas	8	5	46	2-2	17
1972	Dallas	26	21	54	36-36	99
1973	Dallas	28	18	37	43-43	97
1974	Did Not Play — Injured					
1975	Dallas	35	22	43	38-40	104
1976	San Diego	12	6	48	11-14	29
1977	Houston	16	12	46	19-20	55
1978	Houston	18	14		31-33	73
	Totals	143	98	54	180-188	474

LARRY HARRIS, G**74****Oklahoma State****6-3 274****Born: August 4, 1954****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Free Agent,
1978**

Originally signed by Houston in '76, he was claimed by Buffalo in '77 before rejoining the Oilers in '78 . . . Played for Jim Stanley's Oklahoma State Cowboy team.

CONWAY HAYMAN, G**70****Delaware****6-3 260****Born: January 9, 1949****Year Oiler: 5****Year NFL: 7****How Acquired: Free Agent,
1975**

Started all 19 games in '78 . . . Helped Houston's offensive line record fewest sacks against average (17) in NFL . . . Three year letterman at Delaware . . . Drafted by Washington in 6th round in 1971 . . . All-MAC, All-East and All-America . . . Also played basketball . . . 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 with wife and sons Troy and Tony.

AL JOHNSON, DB**15****Cincinnati****6-0 200****Born: June 17, 1950****Year Oiler: 8****Year NFL: 8****How Acquired: Free Agent,
1972**

Saw action in 10 games in '78 after retiring at beginning of season . . . Excellent special teams captain . . . Returned 8 kickoffs for 150 yards in '76 . . . QB at Univ. of Cincinnati . . . Outstanding Offensive Back Award three years in row . . . Co-captain . . . Born in Baltimore, Maryland . . . Hobbies include music and cars . . . Married to Cheryl and have one son Albert III . . . Resides in Missouri City, Texas.



Widener

5-9 170

Born: January 21, 1952

Year Oiler: 6

Year NFL: 6

How Acquired: Drafted 15th, 1974

Appears to have fully recovered from knee surgery which cut short '78 season . . . Suffered injury in preseason and though he saw some action, was unable to perform up to his potential . . . Has worked extremely hard since surgery with off-season weight program and running . . . All time NFL punt return leader with 13.4 average . . . Combined career yardage is 6,793 yards on 423 plays for 16.1 average gain each time he touches ball . . . Led NFL in punt returns in '77, 35 for 539 yards (15.4 average, longest 87 yards) and 2 TD's . . . 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 . . . Co-holder of NFL record for most TD's (4) 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. . . . Two-time NCAA Division II rushing leader, 1,494 yards in '73 and 1,556 in '74 . . . Career rushing average 8.8, 2,946 yards on 332 carries . . . Scored 63 career TD's including record 20 in '73 . . . Career total offense was 3,737 yards and he scored in 25 consecutive games . . . Averaged 41.7 yards on his TD runs and scored every 7.7 times he touched the ball . . . 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.

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	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
1978	1	10	10.0	0	10
Totals	134	1698	12.7	10	71t

CAREER PUNT RETURNS

Year	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
1978	8	0	60	7.5	0	20
Totals	151	21	2021	13.4	6	87t

CAREER 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
1978	4	73	18.3	0	23
Totals	117	2865	24.5	1	81t

Year	TC	CAREER RUSHING			TD	LG
		Yards	Avg.			
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	
1978	0	0	0.0	0	0	
Totals	22	207	9.4	2	61t	

CAREER 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
1978	60	73	133
Totals	2023	2865	4888

CAREER COMBINED YARDAGE (Rush - Receiving - P-Ret - KO-Ret)

Year	Total Plays	Rush Yds.	Rec. Yds.	P-Ret. Yds.	KOR Yds.	Total Yds.	Avg.	TD's	LG
							Per Play		
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
1978	13	0	10	60	73	143	11.0	0	23
Totals	423	207	1788	1002	2865	6793	16.1	19	87t

KEN KENNARD, MG

71



Angelo State University

6-2 245

Born: October 4, 1954

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 3

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1977

Played in all 19 Oiler games in '78 . . . Valuable special team player . . . Made 10 tackles and assisted on 16 tackles in '78 . . . Recorded 1 QB sack . . . Born October 4, 1954 in Ft. Worth and resides in Houston with wife Pansey and son Ken, Jr.

STEVE KINER, LB

57



Tennessee

6-1 225

Born: June 12, 1947

Year Oiler: 6

Year NFL: 9

How Acquired: Trade from
New England,
1974

Started all 19 contests in '78 and has not missed a game in past 5

seasons 3rd round pick by Dallas in 1970 Recorded 69 tackles, 90 assisted, 1 forced fumble, and recovered 1 fumble Played in '70 Sugar Bowl game A four year starter Southeastern Conference Sophomore of the Year Two-time All-American at Tennessee Born in Sandstone, Minnesota Resides in Houston, where he owns and operates several car washes.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Team	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	(Hou)	1	18	18.0	0	18
1978	(Hou)	1	3	3.0	0	3
Totals		10	115	11.5	0	34

KURT KNOFF, DB

25



Kansas

6-2 188

Born: April 6, 1954

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 4

**How Acquired: Free Agent,
1977**

Key interception vs. Pittsburgh (1) last season played in all 19 games in '78 contributed 27 tackles, 13 assisted tackles, and 1 interception had two games of 9 tackles in '78 previously with Denver Broncos Four-year starter for Kansas Degree in Business Administration High school athlete of the year in Minnesota A three time All-Big Eight Selection Outstanding baseball prospect Considered a block busting tackler Kurt resides in Houston.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	1	6	6	6	0

CARL MAUCK, C

55



Southern Illinois

6-4 250

Born: July 7, 1947

Year Oiler: 5

Year NFL: 11

**How Acquired: Trade from
San Diego,
1975**

Helped lead Houston's NFL record of fewest QB sacks made by opponent (17) on Houston Played and started all 19 games

in '78 . . . Recovered one fumble for a TD in '72 . . . A dedicated player, plays with great intensity . . . His version of the "Oiler Cannonball" became hot selling 45 RPM record in playoff stretch . . . Has started 116 consecutive NFL Games . . . Business management degree from SIU (4.57 out of possible 5.0) . . . Captain of Oiler basketball team undefeated last 3 years . . . Resides in Houston with wife Vickie and their three children, Timmy, Christina and Teresa.

GUIDO MERKENS, WR

29



6-1 200

Born: August 14, 1955

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Free Agent '78

Returned 13 punts for 132 yards in '78 . . . Switched from Defensive back to receiver when injuries depleted roster . . . Very versatile, caught 1 pass for 6 yards . . . Recommended for tryout by softball teammate Jerrel Wilson, now an Oiler scout . . . Attended Sam Houston State . . . Guido and wife Vicki have one child, Guido A. Merkens III (Trey) . . . The Merkens reside in Houston.

CAREER PUNT RETURNS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	13	132	10.2	42	0

Additional statistics: Caught 1 pass for 6 yards ('78).
Returned two KOs in playoffs for 57 yards, long 35.

JIM MOL, DE

68



Morningside

6-6 245

Born: March 29, 1956

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

How Acquired: Drafted 9th,
1978

On injured reserve throughout '78 season . . . At Morningside, was credited with 54 tackles, 48 assists, and 12 sacks . . . Good physical strength . . . Born in Sioux Center, Iowa . . . Named Defensive Player of the Year at Morningside in 1977 . . . Resides in Houston during year.

GIFFORD NIELSEN, QB**14****Brigham Young****6-4½ 205****Born: October 25, 1954****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Drafted 3rd,
1978**

Played entire game in Houston's 27-13 victory over Dallas in pre-season . . . Completed two of four passes in regular season action . . . Led nation in 1976 while at BYU in passing (3,192), TD passes (29) . . . Played varsity basketball at BYU first 2 years . . . Threw 111 consecutive passes in college without an interception in 1977 . . . Holds for Toni Fritsch on field goals and extra points . . . Gifford and wife Wendy reside in Houston with daughters Kacey and Kelhi.

CLIFF PARSLEY, Punter**18****Oklahoma State****6-1 211****Born: December 26, 1954****Year Oiler: 3****Year NFL: 3****How Acquired: Trade from
New Orleans,
1977**

Punted for 38.9 average on 91 attempts in '78 racking up 3544 yards . . . His longest punt was 59 yards . . . Had 24 punts land inside opponents 20-yard line . . . Led Big-Eight in punting four consecutive years . . . Majored in advertising at Oklahoma State . . . Resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

Year	No.	CAREER PUNTING			In20	LG
		Yards	Avg.	TB		
1977	77	3030	39.3	9	12	55
1978	91	3544	38.9	6	24	59
Totals	168	6574	39.1	15	36	59

Had one punt blocked in 1978.

DAN PASTORINI, QB**7****Santa Clara****6-3 205****Born: May 26, 1949****Year Oiler: 9****Year NFL: 9****How Acquired: Drafted 1st,
1971**

Has been the Oilers starting QB since rookie season . . . Com-

pleted '78 season wearing specially designed flak jacket to protect season-long rib injury . . . Connected on a career high 16 TDs and 2473 yards in '78 . . . Completed 199 of 368 attempts for a 54.1 percentage . . . Led Oilers to playoffs where he threw for 290 yards against Miami and 200 yards and 3 Tds against New England . . . Playoff passing rating of 85.5 . . . In 1975 he piloted the Oilers to a 10-4 season barely missing the playoffs . . . 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 . . . 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 . . . 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 . . . Resides in Houston.

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
1978	368	199	.54.1	2473	16	80t	17	6.7
Totals	2443	1263	51.7	14756	82	85t	121	6.0

CAREER 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
1978	18	11	-0.6	0	11
Totals	187	633	3.4	8	27

CAREER 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				
1978	None				
Totals	314	12530	39.9	74	3

JEFFREY PERLINGER, DT



Michigan

Born: July 2, 1953

Year Oiler: 1

Year NFL: 1

6-3 250

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1978

74

On injured reserve throughout '78 season Played with CFL's Calgary Stampeders in '76 Philadelphia Eagles in 1977 Majored in Education Resides in Crystal, Minnesota.

LARRY POOLE, RB

39



Kent State
Born: July 31, 1952
Year Oiler: 1
Year NFL: 5
How Acquired: Free Agent, 1978

Returned 4 kickoffs for 107 yards in '78 Saw special teams duty Scored 38 touchdowns in his college career at Kent State Acquired from Cleveland after sitting out '75 season with injury Resides in Akron, Ohio.

CAREER RUSHING					
Year	Att.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1975	17	114	6.7	26	0
1976	78	356	4.6	26	1
1977	38	118	3.1	t12	1
Totals	133	588	4.4	26	2

CAREER RECEIVING					
Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1975	1	5	5.0	5	0
1976	14	70	5.0	21	0
1977	17	137	8.1	21	3
1978	None				
Totals	32	212	6.6	21	3

CAREER PUNT RETURNS						
Year	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1975	6	0	35	5.8	11	0
1976	None					
1977	None					
1978	None					

CAREER KICKOFF RETURNS					
Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1975	2	65	32.5	40	0
1976	3	62	20.7	21	0
1978	4	107	26.8	31	0
Totals	9	234	26.0	40	0

GEORGE REIHNER, G

64



Penn State
6-4½ 263
Born: April 27, 1955
Year Oiler: 3
Year NFL: 3
How Acquired: Drafted 2nd, 1977

Participated in 13 games in '78 Missed 6 games because of slight knee injury Was on offensive line that recorded

fewest QB sacks allowed in NFL Named to Pro Football Weekly's All Rookie Team in 1977 Three year starter at tackle at Penn State Played in four post season bowls: Sugar, Orange, Cotton, and Gator Played in Senior Bowl Health and Physical Education major Honorable mention All-America on several teams as senior Resides in Houston with wife Judy, and is expecting first child in early 1980.

MIKE REINFELDT, S

37

Wisconsin-Milwaukee

6-2 195

Born: May 6, 1953

Year Oiler: 4

Year NFL: 5

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1976



Started every game of '77 and '78 years Credited with 52 tackles, 47 assists, 2 fumbles recovered, and 1 interception Two interceptions in '78 New England Playoff game Signed as Free Agent by Oakland in '75 Second team All Rookie selection in '76 Established school record of 24 career interceptions Four year college starter Received BS degree in Business Born in Baraboo, Wisconsin Baraboo High All-Conference and three-year starter in football and basketball Hobbies: tennis, golf, and real estate Resides in Missouri City, Texas.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	LG
1976	1	19	19.0	0	19
1977	5	78	15.6	0	30
1978	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	7	97	13.9	0	30

Recovered two fumbles in 1978.

MIKE RENFRO, WR

82

Texas Christian University

6-0 185

Born: June 19, 1955

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Drafted 4th,
1978



On way to possible Rookie honors before mid-season knee injury took him out of action Son of former Cleveland Browns All-Pro receiver Ray Renfro Caught 26 passes for 339 yards (13.0 avg) in '78 Scored two TDs Holds 8 TCU school marks for receiving Set SWC mark for most TDs in season (10) Studied business Winner of Davey O'Brien Award as T.C.U.'s most outstanding athlete Born and resides in Fort Worth, Texas.

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	26	339	13.0	58t	2

CONRAD RUCKER, TE**87****Southern****6-3 260****Born: November 15, 1954****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Free Agent,
1978**

Extremely strong, considered outstanding athlete Used primarily in two tight end alignments during '78 season Valuable blocking as a receiver Caught 2 passes for 78 yards Outstanding special teams player Holds degree in Speech Communication Resides in Cincinnati, Ohio Used primarily as blocker in wishbone offensive alignment at Southern Nickname: Hulk.

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	2	38	19.0	22	0

GREG SAMPSON, T**73****Stanford****6-6 270****Born: October 25, 1950****Year Oiler: 8****Year NFL: 8****How Acquired: Drafted 1st,
1972**

Played in all 19 games in '78 Named 1st team All-NFL by Newark Star Ledger Named UPI All-AFC 2nd Team in '78 On offensive line that allowed fewest (17) sacks in NFL in '78 Played defensive tackle first two years in Houston AFC All-Rookie team in '72 Started DE on Stanfords '71 and '72 Rose Bowl champions Pro scouts All-America Greg and wife Kathy reside in Missouri City, Texas with one child.

JOHN SCHUHMACHER, OG**62****Southern California****6-3½ 275****Born: September 23, 1955****Year Oiler: 2****Year NFL: 2****How Acquired: Drafted 12th,
1978**

Played in 14 games in '78 . . . Outstanding special teams play . . . Three year letterman at USC . . . Two year starter at tackle at USC . . . Helped anchor offensive line that led backs to 3,231 yards rushing in 1977 . . . Outstanding golfer and bowler . . . Resides in Houston with wife Sheree.

GREG STEMRICK, CB

27

Colorado State

5-11 185

Born: October 25, 1951

Year Oiler: 5

Year NFL: 5

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1975



Played in all 19 games last season . . . Participated in 44 tackles, 24 assisted tackles, and recorded a remarkable 4 forced fumbles . . . Intercepted three passes in '78 . . . Had 8 tackles against Los Angeles in '78 . . . Honorable Mention All-America in college . . . First team All-WAC . . . Born in Cincinnati, Ohio . . . Greg and wife Pamela have one son Gregory and reside in Houston . . . Lincoln Heights High . . . Brother Ken coaches at Oklahoma Christian . . . Enjoys music . . . Nickname: Stem.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Team	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	LG
1974	Chicago (WFL)					
1975	Houston					
1976	Houston	1				
1977	Houston	1	18	18.0	0	18
1978	Houston	3	65	21.7	0	38
Totals		5	83	39.7	0	56

ART STRINGER, OLB

53

Ball State

6-2 223

Born: January 30, 1954

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 3

How Acquired: Drafted 9th,
1976



Saw action in 7 games before leg injury took him out for year . . . Recorded 12 tackles, 16 assisted, 1 forced fumble, 1 QB sack, and 1 interception in '78 . . . First team All-MAC in '75 . . . Three year starter . . . Standout on special teams . . . Has also played fullback . . . Born in Troy, Alabama . . . All-State and All-America in high school . . . Writes poetry as a hobby . . . Makes home in Houston.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1977	1	20	20.0	20	0
1978	1	20	20.0	20	0

TED THOMPSON, LB**51****Southern Methodist****6-1 220****Born: January 17, 1953****Year Oiler: 5****Year NFL: 5****How Acquired: Free Agent,
1975**

Participated in all 19 games last season . . . Outstanding special teams player . . . Used on key passing situations for opponents . . . Plays both inside and middle linebacking spots . . . Backup punter and place kicker . . . Three-year starting linebacker at Southern Methodist . . . Academic All-SWC . . . Named on Outstanding College Athletes of America . . . Also played baseball . . . Received Bachelors Degree in business administration. . . . 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: 3****Year NFL: 3****How Acquired: Drafted 1st,
1977**

Broke into starting lineup in '78 after being injured in '77 . . . Played in all 19 games in '78 . . . Helped Oilers record fewest QB sacks allowed (17) in NFL '78 . . . Placed on injured reserve for remainder of season after participating in first four games of 1977 . . . 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 . . . Vashon High-All State selection twice at defensive tackle . . . Likes all outdoor sports, fishing and enjoys basketball . . . Morris and wife Iris reside in Houston, Texas.

TED WASHINGTON, LB**59****Mississippi Valley****6-1 245****Born: February 16, 1948****Year Oiler: 6****Year NFL: 7****How Acquired: Traded from
Jets, 1974**

One of most underrated Linebackers in NFL . . . Participated

in all 19 games last season Traded by Jets to Houston in 1974 KC's 17th round choice in 1972 Five year starter, forced 4 fumbles and 7½ sacks on quarterbacks Notched 10 tackles vs. LA for '78 season high AP All-America 3rd team in '72 Received BS degree in physical education Had 90 tackles, 38 assisted in '78 Selected by Kansas City 17th round, 1972 Led Oilers in sacks in '74 with 11 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 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.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1977	3	26	8.7	19	0
1978	None				

JAMES WILSON, DB

33



Pittsburgh

6-0 177

Born: March 11, 1956

Year Oiler: 2

Year NFL: 2

How Acquired: Drafted 8th,
1978

Played in all 19 games as a rookie in '78 Credited with 16 tackles, 11 assists, and two key interceptions Good special teams performer Named to AP and UPI All-East team in 1976 and 1977. Returned two interceptions for 35 yards Usually the first man down on kickoff and punt returns Enjoys horseback riding as favorite hobby Majored in Economics Born in Cleveland, Ohio and resides in Houston.

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	2	10	5.0	10	0

TIM WILSON, RB

45



Maryland

6-3 220

Born: January 14, 1954

Year Oiler: 3

Year NFL: 3

How Acquired: Drafted 1st
choice in 3rd
round, 1977

The unsung hero in Houston's running success in '78, Tim

played in all 19 games Primarily a blocking back at Maryland, he was second leading rusher in '78 with 431 yards 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 KO's for 16.5 average. . . . Played in Gator, Liberty, and Senior bowls at Maryland Resides in Houston.

Year	No.	CAREER RUSHING		TD	LG
		Yards	Avg.		
1977	99	343	3.5	3	16
1978	129	431	3.3	0	24
Totals	228	774	3.4	3	24

Year	No.	CAREER RECEIVING		TD	LG
		Yards	Avg.		
1977	20	107	5.4	0	17
1978	15	91	6.1	1	14
Totals	35	198	5.7	1	17

Year	No.	CAREER KICKOFF RETURNS		TD	LG
		Yards	Avg.		
1977	2	33	16.5	0	18
1978	2	29	14.5	0	16
Totals	4	62	15.5	0	18

C. L. WHITTINGTON, S

38

Prairie View A&M

6-1 200

Born: August 1, 1952

Year Oiler: 6

Year NFL: 6

How Acquired: Free Agent,
1972



Played in 15 games last season Played primarily on special teams in '78 Made 1 interception Considered among the best special teams players Two year starter in '75-76 Led team in interceptions in '76 Spent entire '77 season on injured reserve Scored on a 96-yard fumble recovery return against New Orleans in '77 Rookie year he played tight end, wide receiver, running back, linebacker and defensive back Considered among the elite as a special teams player; is nearly always the first man down under punts and kickoffs. . . . All Conference Played defensive back and linebacker Born in Beaumont, Texas Charlton-Pollard High, LB and TE Makes home in Houston.

Year	No.	CAREER INTERCEPTIONS		TD	LG
		Yards	Avg.		
1974	None				
1975	1	5	5.0	0	5
1976	5	103	20.6	0	50
1977	Injured	— Did Not Play			
1978	1	6	6.0	0	6
Totals	7	114	16.3	0	50

ROBERT WOODS, WR**42****Grambling****5-7 170****Born: July 3, 1955****Year Oiler: 1****Year NFL: 1****How Acquired: Free Agent,
1978**

Played in 6 games in '78 after being signed during mid-season Made key winning touchdown in Houston's playoff clinching win over New Orleans Had 6 receptions for 96 yards and 2 TD's Residing in Houston with wife Sheree.

CAREER RECEIVING

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	6	96	16.0	80t	1

CAREER KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	3	59	19.7	24	0

CAREER PUNT RETURNS

Year	No.	FC	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1978	9	0	82	9.1	14	0

JAMES YOUNG, DE**77****Texas Southern****6-2 260****Born: July 8, 1950****Year Oiler: 3****Year NFL: 3****How Acquired: Free Agent,
1977**

Started in 19 games in '78 Had 50 tackles, 50 assisted tackles, and 5½ sacks during the season Is tied with Elvin Bethea for career safeties with two for Oiler team record Went to camp with Washington in 1976 after playing in '75 with Oklahoma City Native Houstonian, works for Houston Fire Department during off season James and wife Joyce have two children.

1979 DRAFT CHOICES

MIKE STENSRUD, DE

67



Iowa State

6-5 270

Born: February 19, 1956

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

**How Acquired: Drafted
2nd Round
1979**

Two time consensus All Big Eight selection Second team AP All-America Named to six preseason All-America teams Led Big Eight in quarterback sacks with 15 in 1977 Selected for '79 Senior Bowl game 4.85 speed in 40-yard dash Mike and wife Laura have one son, Andrew.

Year	Tackles	Unassisted	Total	Loss	
1974	25	29	54	11-66	
1975	0	2	2	0-0	(Injured)
1976	21	25	46	3-11	
1977	59	54	113	15-91	
1978	57	34	91	20-67	
Totals:	162	144	306	49-235	

JESSE BAKER, DE

75



Jacksonville State (Ala.)

6-4 256

Born: July 10, 1957

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

**How Acquired: Drafted
2nd Round
1979**

Selected to start in '79 Senior Bowl game Participated in '79 East-West Shrine game Sporting News Honorable Mention All-America Made all-conference three times Grantland Rice Bowl MVP in 1977 Opposing teams ran away from Baker in his senior year Ran 100-yard dash in high school 4.75 speed in 40-yard dash Resides in Conyers, Ga.

Year	Tackles	Unassisted	Total	QB Sacks
1977	26	30	56	10
1978	20	51	71	9
Totals:	46	81	127	19

KENNY KING, RB**30****Oklahoma****5-11 203****Born: March 7, 1957****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Drafted
3rd Round
1979**

Selected as starter for '79 Senior Bowl Participated in '79 East-West Shrine Game AP Honorable Mention All-America Honorable Mention all Big-Eight Leading rusher on OU squad in 1976 Considered vicious blocker with excellent speed Born and residing in Clarendon, Texas.

Year	Attempts	Yards	Average	TD's
1975	8	59	7.3	0
1976	141	791	5.6	4
1977	114	640	5.6	3
1978	99	779	7.9	3
Totals:	362	2,269	6.3	10

DARYL HUNT, LB**50****Oklahoma****6-3 220****Born: November 3, 1956****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Drafted
6th Round
1979**

1978 Football News 1st team All-America AP & UPI All-America in '78 College and Pro Football weekly All-America 3rd team Participated in '79 East-West Shrine game '79 Senior Bowl game starter Led OU in tackles for three consecutive years Born and residing in Odessa, Texas.

Year	Tackles	Unassisted	Totals
1975	27	10	37
1976	82	90	172
1977	81	71	152
1978	60	85	145
Totals:	250	256	406

MIKE MURPHY, LB**61****Southwest Mo. State****6-2 222****Born: January 14, 1957****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Drafted
6th Round
1979**

Sporting News All-America Honorable Mention in '78
 Named to MIAA all-conference 1st team in '76 and '78 Fif-
 teen times during career totalled double figure tackles
 Played defensive tackle before moving to linebacker in '75
 Born and residing in St. Louis, Mo.

Year	Games	Tackles	Unassisted	Total	QB Sacks
1975	6	3	6	9	0
1976	11	67	40	107	9/31
1977	4	35	9	44	2/26
1978	11	120	38	158	6/26
Totals:	32	225	93	318	17/83

TIM RIES, CB**23****Southwest Mo. State****5-11 175****Born: March 10, 1956****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Drafted
7th Round
1979**

A four-year letterman at Southwest Returned punts and
 kickoffs for 22-yard average Named all-MIAA 1st team in
 '78 A December graduate, described as very intelligent
 Born and resides in Blue Springs, Mo.

Year	Games	Tackles	Assists	Total	Interceptions
1975	11	24	14	38	3
1976	11	23	20	43	3
1977	10	28	29	57	2
1978	11	29	43	72	5
Totals:	43	104	106	210	13

CARTER HARTWIG, DB**36**

Southern California

6-0 205

Born: February 27, 1956

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Drafted
8th Round
1979

Three-year letterman at USC Played both cornerback and rover positions High school All-American as defensive back and wide receiver Played in Rose Bowl in '76 and '78 seasons Played in Bluebonnet Bowl in '77 Also selected to play in '78 Hula Bowl and Senior Bowl Games Resides in Los Angeles, Ca.

Year	Tackles	Interceptions
1976	19	2
1977	28	0
1978	37	1
Totals:	84	3

RICHARD ELLENDER, WR**25**

McNeese State

5-11 171

Born: June 9, 1957

Year Oiler: Rookie

Year NFL: Rookie

How Acquired: Drafted
9th Round
1979

Set five school records at McNeese Ran back punts and kickoffs to hold many school records in those categories AP Honorable Mention All-America in '78 All-Southland Conference 1st team Holds for extra points Born and resides in Sulphur, La.

Year	Games	Passes	Yards	Punt Returns/	Yards
1975	4	3	59	0	0
1976	12	14	215	12	131
1977	11	17	292	13	45
1978	11	23	402	22	348
Totals:	38	57	968	47	524

MIKE TAYLOR, OT**66****Georgia Tech****6-7 270****Born: March 23, 1957****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Drafted
11th Round
1979**

Three-year letterman at Tech . . . His blocking helped Eddie Lee Ivery to school and national rushing records . . . Selected Tech's outstanding lineman over first round choice Kent Hill . . . Good pass blocker with 5.3 forty-yard dash speed . . . An industrial management major . . . Born and resides in Alma, Ga.

WAYNE WILSON, RB**24****Shepherd College****6-3 208****Born: September 4, 1957****Year Oiler: Rookie****Year NFL: Rookie****How Acquired: Drafted
12th Round
1979**

Led Shepherd to two division championships in West Virginia Conference . . . Gained Honorable Mention All-America in '78 . . . Four year starter at Shepherd . . . Consistent 4.5 Forty-yard sprinter . . . Born in Ellicott, Md., now residing in Howard Co., Md.

Year	Carries	Yards/Gained	Catches/Yards	Kickoffs/Yards
1975	107	460	6/95	14/292
1976	161	640	4/64	11/220
1977	115	568	8/155	8/160
1978	129	665	16/314	8/179
Totals:	512	2,333	34/628	41/851

Houston Oiler Final 1978 Team Statistics

Oilers	TEAM STATISTICS	Opponent				
276	TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	292				
135	Rushing	120				
119	Passing	144				
22	Penalty	28				
106-232	Third Down: Made/Att.	90-221				
45.7	Third Down Efficiency	40.7				
4824	TOTAL NET YARDS	4914				
301.5	Avg. Per Game	307.1				
994	Total Plays	1077				
4.9	Avg. Per Play	4.6				
2476	NET YARDS RUSHING	2072				
154.8	Avg. Per Game	129.5				
605	Total Rushes	556				
2338	NET YARDS PASSING	2842				
146.1	Avg. Per Game	177.6				
17-135	Tackled/Yards Lost	38-290				
2473	Gross Yards	3132				
374-201	Attempts/Completions	428-240				
53.7	Pct. of Completions	56.1				
17	Had Intercepted	17				
91-38.9	PUNTS/AVERAGE	81-42.1				
102-833	NET PUNTING AVERAGE					
35-21	PENALTIES/YARDS	101-957				
	FUMBLES/BALL LOST	27-17				
35	TOUCHDOWNS	34				
19	Rushing	14				
16	Passing	17				
0	Returns	3				
283	TOTAL POINTS	298				
SCORE BY PERIODS						
	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Oilers	38	80	65	100	0	283
Opponents	43	119	67	69	0	298

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
RUSHING					
CAMPBELL	302	1450	4.8	81t	13
T. WILSON	129	431	3.3	24	0
CARPENTER	82	348	4.3	20	5
COLEMAN	59	180	3.1	34	1
CASTER	5	32	6.4	11	0
BARBER	2	14	7.0	13	0
PASTORINI	18	11	—	11	0
RENFRO	1	9	9.0	9	0
WOODS	2	4	2.0	5	0
DUNCAN	1	0	0.0	0	0
BURROUGH	3	-11	—	—	0
OILERS TOTAL	605	2476	4.1	81t	19
Opp. Total	556	2072	3.7	65	14
RECEIVING					
BURROUGH	47	624	13.3	44	2
BARBER	32	513	16.0	72t	3
RENFRO	26	339	13.0	58t	2
CASTER	20	316	15.8	47t	5
COLEMAN	19	246	12.9	33	1
CARPENTER	17	150	8.8	37	0
T. WILSON	15	91	6.1	14	1
CAMPBELL	12	48	4.0	20	0
WOODS	6	96	16.0	80t	2
RUCKER	2	38	19.0	22	0
DUNCAN	2	0	0.0	0	0
JOHNSON	1	10	10.0	10	0
MERKENS	1	6	6.0	6	0
SAMPSON	1	-4	—	—	0
OILERS TOTAL	201	2473	12.3	80t	16
Opp. Total	240	3132	13.1	58	17

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
ALEXANDER	5	51	10.2	29	0
STEMRICK	3	65	21.7	38	0
J. C. WILSON	2	10	5.0	10	0
BRAZILE	1	30	30.0	30	0
STRINGER	1	20	20.0	20	0
CURRIER	1	8	8.0	8	0
WHITTINGTON	1	6	6.0	6	0
KNOFF	1	6	6.0	6	0
KINER	1	3	3.0	3	0
REINFELDT	1	0	—	—	0
OILERS TOTAL	17	199	11.7	38	0
Opp. Total	17	174	10.2	33	0

PUNTING	NO.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG	Blk.
PARSLEY	91	3544	38.9	6	24	59	1
OILERS TOTAL	91	3544	38.9	6	24	59	1
Opp. Total	81	3407	42.1	10	14	61	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
MERKENS	13	1	132	10.2	42	0
WOODS	9	0	82	9.1	14	0
COLEMAN	16	1	142	8.9	32	0
JOHNSON	8	0	60	7.5	20	0
THOMPSON	0	2	0	0	0	0
OILERS TOTAL	46	4	416	9.0	42	0
Opp. Total	54	19	516	9.5	82t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
POOLE	4	107	26.8	31	0
DIRDEN	32	780	24.4	60	0
WOODS	3	59	19.7	24	0
DUNCAN	2	38	19.0	21	0
COLEMAN	3	45	15.0	28	0
T. WILSON	2	39	14.5	16	0
OTHERS	13	251	19.3	31	0
OILERS TOTAL	58	1309	22.6	60	0
Opp. Total	58	1360	23.4	47	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Avg./Att.	TD
PASTORINI	368	199	2473	54.1	6.7	16
NIELSEN	4	2	0	50.0	—	0
BURROUGH	1	0	0	—	—	0
OILERS TOTAL	373	210	2473	53.9	6.6	16
Opp. Total	400	240	3132	56.1	7.3	17

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	PAT	FG	SAF	TP
CAMPBELL	13						78
FRITSCH				31-33	14-18		73
CARPENTER	5						30
CASTER		5					30
BARBER		3					18
BURROUGH		2					12
RENFRO		2					12
COLEMAN	1	1					12
WOODS		2					12
T. WILSON		1					6
OILERS TOTAL	19	16	0	31-34	14-18		283
Opp. Total	14	17	3	32-33	20-31	2	298

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
FRITSCH	2-2	2-3	7-9	3-4	0-0	14-18
Opp. Total	1-1	5-9	8-11	6-10	0-2	20-32



INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE LEADERS
1976-1978
(16 Game Totals)

TACKLES	78	77	76
Bingham	109	95	100
Brazile	91	92	82
Washington	90	84	82
Kiner	69	68	87
Culp	61	64	69
Reinfeldt	52	46	—
Bethea	51	—	—
Young	50	51	—
Currier	48	42	—
Stemrick	44	—	—
Alexander	40	72	42
ASSISTS	78	77	76
Bingham	114	95	91
Brazile	94	77	75
Kiner	90	75	70
Bethea	53	—	—
Young	50	59	—
Reinfeldt	47	54	—
Washington	38	42	37
Currier	37	42	—
Culp	26	24	42
Stemrick	24	—	—
Alexander	18	27	—
SACKS	78	77	76
Bethea	8	2	14½
Washington	7½	3½	5½
Young	5½	7½	—
Brazile	5	5	6½
Dorris	4	1	—
Culp	3	½	7
Bingham	1	2½	2
Stringer	1	—	—
Kennard	1	3½	—
INTERCEPTIONS	78	77	76
Alexander	5	3	—
Stemrick	3	1	1
Wilson	2	—	—
Brazile	1	3	1
Reinfeldt	1	5	1
Currier	1	2	—
Knoff	1	—	—
Stringer	1	1	—
Whittington	1	—	—
FUMBLES FORCED	78	77	76
Washington	4	4	2
Stemrick	4	—	—
Bingham	2	2	2
Culp	2	3	3
Currier	2	—	—
Kiner	1	2	2
Young	1	—	—
Stringer	1	—	—

FUMBLES RECOVERED	78	77	76
Washington	2	—	—
Reinfeldt	2	—	—
Bethea	2	—	—
Bingham	1	—	—
Kiner	1	2	—
Young	1	—	—
Currier	1	2	—
Alexander	1	—	—
Thompson	1	2	—
Stringer	1	2	—



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1979 HOUSTON OILERS VETERAN ROSTER

No. Name	Pos.	Hgt. Wgt.	NFL	Birthdate	Birthplace	College	Residence	Games In '78
19 Alexander, Willie	CB	6-3 195	9	9/21/51	Montgomery, AL	Alcorn U.	Houston, TX	19
86 Barber, Mike	TE	6-3 235	3	6/4/53	White Oak, TX	Louisiana Tech	Houston, TX	19
63 Baumgartner, Steve	LB	6-7 235	6	3/26/51	Chicago, IL	Purdue	New Orleans, LA	19
65 Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-2 255	12	3/1/46	Trenton, NJ	No. Carolina A&T	Houston, TX	19
54 Bingham, Gregg	LB	6-1 230	7	3/13/51	Chicago, IL	Purdue	Houston, TX	19
52 Brazile, Robert	LB	6-4 238	5	2/7/53	Pineland, AL	Jackson State	Houston, TX	19
00 Burrough, Ken	WR	6-3 210	10	7/14/48	Jacksonville, FL	Texas Southern	Houston, TX	19
34 Campbell, Earl	RB	5-11 224	2	3/29/55	Tyler, TX	Texas	Houston, TX	18
26 Carpenter, Rob	RB	6-1 214	3	4/20/55	Lancaster, OH	Miami, Ohio	Houston, TX	11
58 Carter, David	C	6-2 225	3	11/27/53	Vincennes, IN	Western Kentucky	Houston, TX	19
88 Caster, Rich	WR	6-5 230	10	11/16/48	Mobile, AL	Jackson State	Westbury, NY	19
47 Coleman, Ronnie	RB	5-11 198	6	7/9/51	Jasper, AL	Alabama A&M	Houston, TX	18
78 Culp, Curley	MG	6-1 265	12	10/10/46	Yuma, AZ	Arizona State	Houston, TX	19
20 Currier, Bill	DB	6-0 190	3	1/5/55	Glen Burnie, MD	South Carolina	Houston, TX	17
66 Dean, Jimmy	DE	6-4 252	2	1/8/55	Bryan, TX	Texas A&M	Houston, TX	3
81 Dirden, Johnnie	WR	6-0 190	2	3/14/52	Houston, TX	Sam Houston St.	Houston, TX	19
69 Dorris, Andy	DE	6-4 240	7	8/11/51	Bellaire, OH	New Mexico St.	New Orleans, LA	19
11 Duniven, Tommy	QB	6-3 210	3	5/20/54	Pampa, TX	Texas Tech	Houston, TX	0
60 Fisher, Ed	G	6-3 250	6	5/31/49	Stockton, CA	Arizona St.	Scottsdale, AZ	19
89 Foster, Eddie	WR	5-10 185	2	6/5/54	Houston, TX	Houston	Houston, TX	0
16 Fritsch, Toni	K	5-7 195	8	7/10/45	Vienna, Austria	None	Dallas, TX	19
61 Harris, Larry	G	6-3 274	2	8/4/54	Sherman, TX	Oklahoma St.	Houston, TX	0
70 H... ..	T	6-3 260	6	1/9/49	Newark, DE	Delaware	Houston, TX	18

15	Johnson, Al	DB	6-0	200	8	6/17/50	Baltimore, MD	Cincinnati	Houston, TX	10
84	Johnson, Billy	WR	5-9	170	6	1/21/52	Marcus Hook, PA	Widener	Houston, TX	7
71	Kennard, Ken	MG	6-2	245	3	10/4/54	Ft. Worth, TX	Angelo St.	Houston, TX	19
57	Kiner, Steve	LB	6-1	225	9	6/12/47	Sandstone, MN	Tennessee	Houston, TX	19
25	Knoff, Kurt	DB	6-2	188	4	4/6/54	E. Grand Forks, MN	Kansas	Lawrence, KS	19
55	Mauck, Carl	C	6-4	250	11	7/7/47	McLeansboro, IL	Southern Ill.	Houston, TX	19
29	Merkens, Guido	DB	6-1	200	2	8/14/55	San Antonio, TX	Sam Houston St.	Houston, TX	14
68	Mol, Jim	DE	6-6	245	1	3/29/56	Sioux Center, IA	Morningside	Houston, TX	0
14	Neilsen, Gifford	QB	6-4	205	2	10/25/54	Provo, UT	Brigham Young	Houston, TX	5
18	Parsley, Cliff	P	6-1	211	3	12/26/54	Kansas City, MO	Oklahoma State	Grand View, MO	19
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-3	205	9	5/26/49	Sonora, CA	Santa Clara	Houston, TX	19
74	Perlinger, Jeff	DT	6-3	250	1	7/2/53	Minneapolis, MN	Michigan	Houston, TX	0
39	Poole, Larry	RB	6-1	195	4	7/31/52	Akron, OH	Kent State	Cleveland, Ohio	12
64	Reihner, George	G	6-4	263	3	4/27/55	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn. State	Houston, TX	13
37	Reinfeldt, Mike	DB	6-2	195	4	5/6/53	Baraboro, WI	Wisconsin (MWK)	Houston, TX	19
82	Renfro, Mike	WR	6-0	184	2	6/19/55	Ft. Worth, TX	Texas Christian	Ft. Worth, TX	14
87	Rucker, Conrad	TE	6-3	260	2	11/15/54	Cincinnati, OH	Southern	Houston, TX	16
73	Sampson, Greg	T	6-6	270	8	12/25/50	Long Beach, CA	Stanford	Houston, TX	19
62	Schuhmacher, John	OG	6-3	275	2	9/23/55	Salem, OR	Southern Cal	Houston, TX	14
27	Stemrick, Greg	DB	5-11	185	5	10/25/51	Cincinnati, OH	Colorado State	Houston, TX	19
53	Stringer, Art	LB	6-1	223	3	1/30/54	Troy, AL	Ball State	Houston, TX	7
51	Thompson, Ted	LB	6-1	220	5	1/17/53	Atlanta, TX	SMU	Houston, TX	19
76	Towns, Morris	T	6-4	275	2	1/10/54	St. Louis, MO	Missouri	Houston, TX	19
59	Washington, Ted	LB	6-1	245	7	2/16/48	Tampa, FL	Miss. Valley	Tuskegee, AL	19
38	Whittington, C. L.	DB	6-1	200	6	8/1/52	Beaumont, TX	Prairie View	Houston, TX	15
33	Wilson, J. C.	DB	6-0	177	2	3/11/56	Cleveland, OH	Pittsburgh	Houston, TX	19
45	Wilson, Tim	RB	6-3	220	3	1/14/54	New Castle, DE	Maryland	Houston, TX	19
42	Woods, Robert	WR	5-7	170	2	7/3/55	New Orleans, LA	Grambling	Houston, TX	6
77	Young, James	DE	6-2	260	3	7/8/50	Houston, TX	Texas Southern	Houston, TX	19

HOUSTON OILERS 1979 FIRST-YEAR ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Birthplace	College	Residence	How Acq.
Anderson, Richard	TE	6-2	228	9/15/54	Frankfurt, Germany	Salem	Alexandria, VA	FA
Baker, Jesse	DE	6-5	265	7/10/57	Conyers, GA	Jacksonville State	Conyers, GA	D2b
Banks, Norris	RB	6-2	218	1/21/54	Houston, TX	Kansas	Houston, TX	FA
Bell, Bruce	DB	6-0	175	9/22/54	Fort Worth, TX	North Texas State	Missouri City, TX	FA
Briscoe, Joel	RB	5-11	195	10/13/54	Fort Worth, TX	Texas Southern	Houston, TX	FA
Brown, Chuck	C	6-1	235	3/15/57	Houston, TX	Houston	Missouri City, TX	FA
Cahill, Mark	QB	6-1	198	11/8/55	Sacramento, CA	Nevada-Las Vegas	Houston, TX	FA
Calcote, Mike	LB	6-2	240	7/29/53	Lubbock, TX	Angelo State	Reedsport, OR	FA
Chambers, Steve	OT	6-5	260	1/24/56	San Luis Obispo, CA	Arizona State Univ.	Tempe, AZ	FA
Cunningham, Wilbert	OT	6-4	272	9/11/55	Galveston, TX	Texas Tech	Galveston, TX	FA
Davis, Jesse	RB	6-0	205	9/16/54	Bartlett, TX	Southwest Texas St.	San Marcos, TX	FA
Ellender, Richard	RB	5-11	171	6/9/57	Sulphur, LA	McNeese State	Sulphur, LA	D9
Evans, Robert	DB	6-0	200	9/1/54	Denton, TX	Kansas State	Denton, TX	FA
Gadoken, Danny	LB	6-2	225	11/2/55	Neligh, Neb.	Nebraska (Omaha)	Neligh, Nebraska	FA
Hartwig, Carter	DB	6-0	205	2/27/56	Culver City, GA	Southern Cal	Los Angeles, CA	D8
Holt, Raymond	RB	5-11	197	10/24/55	Bay City, TX	Texas-El Paso	Matagorda, TX	FA
Hunt, Daryl	LB	6-3	220	11/3/56	Odessa, TX	Oklahoma	Odessa, TX	D6a
Jones, Timothy	OG	6-5	260	3/12/57	Fort Worth, TX	Stephen F. Austin	Decatur, TX	FA
Jordinelli, Kris	QB	6-3	200	6/18/57	Denver, CO	Mesa College	Brighton, CO	FA
King, Franklin	OG	6-0	255	3/3/57	Pocatello, ID	Kansas University	Pocatello, ID	FA
King, Kenny	RB	5-11	203	3/7/57	Clarendon, TX	Oklahoma	Clarendon, TX	D3
Lee, Billy Wayne	TE	6-6	240	11/3/53	Freeport, TX	Sam Houston State	Minden, LA	FA
Maddox, Rickey	WR	6-1	198	10/11/55	Houston, TX	Houston	Houston, TX	FA
Moore, Michael	RB	6-1	210	9/7/56	Chattanooga, TN	Middle Tenn. State	Nashville, TN	FA
Murphy, Gregory	DE	6-3	245	3/12/53	New Bern, NC	Penn State	Brooklyn, NY	FA

Murphy, Mike	LB	6-2	222	1/14/57	St. Louis, MO	Southwest Mo. State	St. Louis, MO	D6b
Papham, John	TE	6-5	230	7/22/56	Green Bay, WI	Northern Illinois	Green Bay, WI	FA
Perry, Vernon	DB	6-2	211	9/22/53	Jackson Hind, MS	Jackson State	Jackson, MS	FA
Phea, Willie	RB	5-9	188	12/16/55	Bonham, TX	Howard Payne	Bonham, TX	FA
Phillips, Wesley	G-T	6-5	275	8/1/54	Atlanta, GA	Lenoir Rhyme	Tucker, GA	FA
Ponder, Keith	DB	5-11	185	11/16/55	Macon, GA	Phoenix College	Marquette, MI	FA
Quintela, Michael	WR	6-0	185	6/9/57	Port Arthur, TX	Louisiana State	Port Arthur, TX	FA
Ramirez, Oscar	QB	6-0	195	5/22/56	Tempe, AZ	Texas-El Paso	Guadalupe, AZ	FA
Ries, Tim	DB	5-11	180	3/10/56	Blue Springs, MO	Southwest Mo. State	Blue Springs, MO	D7
Seifert, Robert	G-T	6-4	290	8/20/54	Philadelphia, PA	Eastern New Mexico	Houston, TX	FA
Settles, Gene	LB	6-1	235	2/25/53	Houston, TX	UCLA	Houston, TX	FA
Smith, David	DB	5-10	181	1/22/56	San Angelo, TX	Southwest Texas	San Antonio, TX	FA
Smith, Garry	TE	6-4	235	4/18/57	El Paso, TX	Central State	Edmond, OK	FA
Smith, Kelvin	MLB	6-0	230	11/22/56	Sherman, TX	Angelo State	Plano, TX	FA
Stahle, Jan	K	5-10	185	7/15/57	Linkoping, Sweden	Southwest Mo. State	Springfield, MO	FA
Stensrud, Mike	DE	6-5	270	2/19/56	Lake Mills, IA	Iowa State	Lake Mills, IA	D2a
Stewart, Mark	OT	6-2	250	10/26/56	Ardmore, OK	West Texas St.	Sweetwater, TX	FA
Stoffer, Brad	WR	6-2	187	1/17/57	Portland, OR	Lewis & Clark	Portland, OR	FA
Stoglin, Elroy	DE	6-4	220	8/1/56	Taylor, TX	Texas-El Paso	Taylor, TX	FA
Talbert, Paul	LB	6-0	238	6/19/56	Dallas, TX	Howard Payne	Brownwood, TX	FA
Tanner, Scott	P	6-1	205	9/15/56	El Dorado, AR	Arkansas	El Dorado, AR	FA
Taylor, Kenneth	DB	6-1	185	1/27/57	West, TX	Texas A&M	Dallas, TX	FA
Taylor, Mike	OT	6-7	260	3/23/57	Alma, GA	Georgia Tech	Alma, GA	D11
Towns, Tony	LB	6-2	230	3/10/56	Louisville, KY	Western Kentucky	Louisville, KY	FA
Walton, Juan	LB	6-2	230	4/29/54	Gainesville, FL	Texas Southern	Houston, TX	FA
Wilson, Wayne	RB	6-2	201	9/4/57	Ellicott, MD	Shepherd College	Howard Co., MD	D12
Young, Randall	G-C	6-4 ^{1/2}	252	7/4/54	Montgomery, Ala.	Iowa State	Miami, Fla.	FA
Young, Steve	TE	6-4	223	3/30/56	Akin, SC	Wake Forest	Gaithersburg, MD	D10

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OPPONENTS



PRESEASON GAMES

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS at Houston, Aug. 2—7:30 p.m.

200 Stadium Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Head Coach: Bud Wilkinson (6-10-0) Second Year

Public Relations Director: Bing Devine (314) 421-0777

1978 Record: 6-10 (Tied for fourth, NFC East)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Jim Hart (240 of 477, 3121 yards, 16 TDs); **Rushing—**Jim Otis (197-664 yards, 8 TDs); **Receiving—**Pat Tilley (62-900 yards, 3 TDs); **Interceptions—**Ken Stone (9-139 yards); **Scoring—**Jim Bakken (11-22 FG, 27-30 PAT, 60 points).

NEW YORK JETS at Houston, Aug. 12—12:30 p.m.

598 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022

Head Coach: Walt Michaels (11-19-0) Third Year

Public Relations Director: Frank Ramos (212) 421-6600

1978 Record: 8-8 (Third in AFC East)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Matt Robinson (124 of 266, 2002 yards, 13 TDs); **Rushing—**Kevin Long (214-954 yards, 10 TDs); **Receiving—**Wesley Walker (48-1169, 8 TDs); **Interceptions—**Bobby Jackson (5-26 yards); **Scoring—**Pat Leahy (22-30 FG, 41-42 PAT, 107 points).

DALLAS COWBOYS at Dallas, Aug. 18—8:00 p.m.

6116 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75206

Head Coach: Tom Landry (161-99-6) 20th Year

Public Relations Director: Doug Todd (214) 369-8000

1978 Record: 12-4 (First in NFC East)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Roger Staubach (231 of 413, 3190 yards, 25 TDs); **Rushing—**Tony Dorsett (290-1325 yards, 7 TDs); **Receiving—**Preston Pearson (47-526 yards); **Interceptions—**Benny Barnes (5-72 yards); **Scoring—**Rafael Septien (16 of 26 FG, 46 of 47 PAT, 94 points).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at New Orleans,

Aug. 24—7:00 p.m.

1500 Poydras St. (SUPERDOME), New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Head Coach: Dick Nolan (7-9-0) Second Year

Public Relations Director: Jerry Wynn (504) 525-4011

1978 Record: 7-9 (Third in NFC West)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Archie Manning (291 of 471, 3416 yards, 17 TDs); **Rushing—**Tony Galbreath (186-635 yards, 5 TDs); **Receiving—**Tony Galbreath (74-582 yards, 2 TDs); **Interceptions—**Tom Myers (6-167 yards, 1 TD); **Scoring—**Tony Galbreath (42 points).

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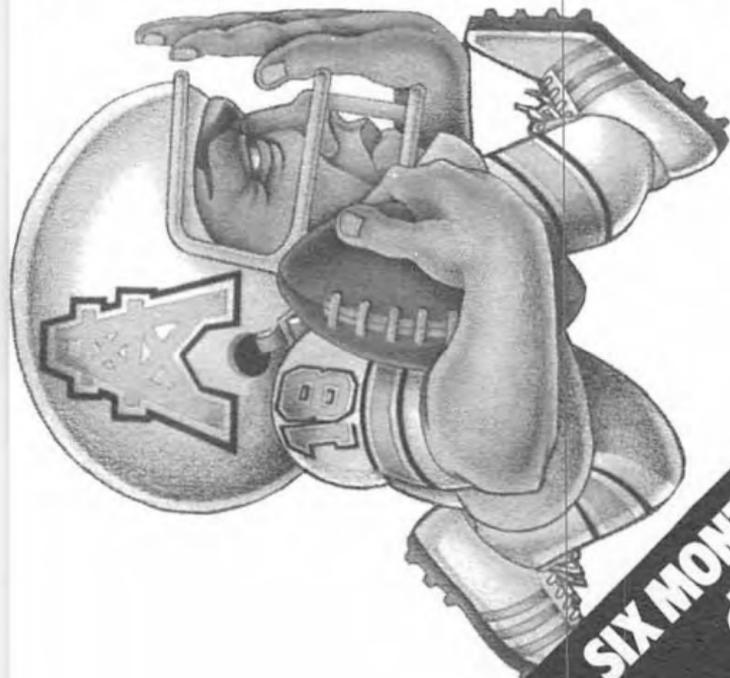
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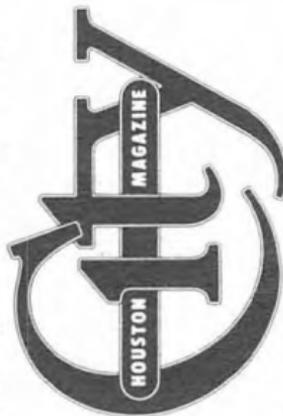


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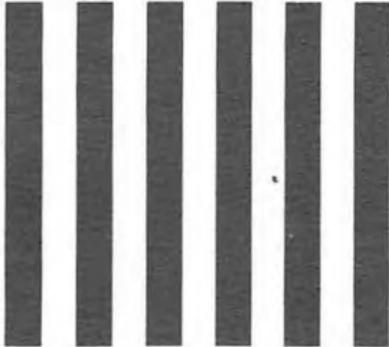
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REGULAR SEASON

WASHINGTON REDSKINS at Washington,

Sept. 2—1:00 p.m.

Redskin Park, P.O. Box 17247

Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C. 20041

Head Coach: Jack Pardee (8-8-0) Second Year

Public Relations Director: Joe Blair (703) 471-9100

1978 Record: 8-8 (Third in NFC East)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Joe Theismann (187 of 390, 2593 yards, 13 TDs); **Rushing**—John Riggins (248-1014 yards, 5 Tds); **Receiving**—Danny Buggs (36-575 yards, 2 TDs); **Interceptions**—Jake Scott (7-72 yards); **Scoring**—Mark Mosely (19 of 30 FG, 30 of 31 PAT, 87 points).

PITTSBURGH STEELERS at Pittsburgh,

Sept. 9—1:00 p.m.

300 Stadium Circle, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212

Head Coach: Chuck Noll (76-23-1) 8th Year

Public Relations Director: Joe Gordon (412) 323-1200

1978 Record: 14-2 (First AFC Central)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Terry Bradshaw (207 of 368, 2915 yards, 28 TDs); **Rushing**—Franco Harris (310-1082 yards, 8 TDs); **Receiving**—Lynn Swann (61-880 yards, 11 TDs); **Interceptions**—Tony Dungy (6-95 yards); **Scoring**—Roy Gerela (12 of 26 FG, 44 of 45 PAT, 80 points).

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS at Houston, Sept. 16—1:00 p.m.

One Arrowhead Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64129

Head Coach: Marv Levy (4-12-0) Second Year

Public Relations Director: Bob Sprenger (816) 924-9300

1978 Record: 4-12 (Fifth AFC West)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Mike Livingston (159 of 290, 1573 yards, 5 TDs); **Rushing**—Tony Reed (206-1053 yards, 5 TDs); **Receiving**—Tony Reed (48-483 yards, 1 TD); **Interceptions**—Tim Gray (6-118 yards); **Scoring**—Jan Stenerud (20 of 30 FG, 25 of 26 PAT, 85 points).

CINCINNATI BENGALS at Cincinnati, Sept. 23—1:00 p.m.

200 Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Head Coach: Homer Rice (4-7-0) Second Year

Public Relations Director: Al Heim (513) 621-3550

1978 Records: 4-12 (Fourth AFC Central)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Ken Anderson (173 of 319, 2219 yards, 10 TDs); **Rushing**—Pete Johnson (180-762 yards, 7 TDs); **Receiving**—Isaac Curtis (47-737 yards, 3 TDs); **Interceptions**—Dick Jauron (4-52 yards, 1 TD); **Scoring**—Chris Bahr (16 of 30 FG, 26 of 29 PAT, 74 points).

CLEVELAND BROWNS at Houston, Sept. 30—1:00 p.m.

Tower B, Cleveland Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Head Coach: Sam Rutigliano (8-8-0) Second Year

Public Relations Director: Nate Wallack (216) 696-5555

1978 Record: 8-8 (Third AFC Central)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Brian Sipe (222 of 339, 2906 yards, 21 TDs); **Rushing**—Greg Pruitt (176-960 yards, 3 TDs); **Receiving**—Reggie Rucker (43-893 yards, 8 TDs); **Interceptions**—Thom Darden (10-200 yards); **Scoring**—Don Cockroft (19 of 28 FG, 37 of 40 PAT, 94 points).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS at Houston, Oct. 7—1:00 p.m.
See Preseason Directory

BALTIMORE COLTS at Baltimore, Oct. 14—2:00 p.m.
Executive Plaza 111, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031
Head Coach: Ted Marchibroda (36-22-0) Fifth Year
Public Relations Director: Jim Husbands (301) 667-4400
1978 Record: 5-11 (Fifth AFC Eastern)
1978 Leaders: Passing—Bill Troup (154 of 296, 1882 yards, 10 TDs); **Rushing—**Joe Washington (240-956 yards); **Receiving—**Joe Washington (45-377 yards, 1 TD); **Interceptions—**Norm Thompson (6-52 yards); **Scoring—**Toni Linhart (8 of 17 FG, 27 of 31 PAT, 51 points).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS at Seattle, Oct. 21—1:00 p.m.
5305 Lake Washington Boulevard, Kirkland, Washington 98033
Head Coach: Jack Patera (16-28) Fourth Year
Public Relations Director: Don Anderson (206) 827-9777
1978 Record: 9-7 (Tied for second, AFC West)
1978 Leaders: Passing—Jim Zorn (248 of 443, 3283 yards, 15 TDs); **Rushing—**Sherman Smith (165-805 yards, 6 TDs); **Receiving—**Steve Largent (71-1168 yards, 8 TDs); **Interceptions—**Cornell Webster (5-9 yards); **Scoring—**David Sims (90 points).

NEW YORK JETS at Houston, Oct. 28—12:00 Noon
See Preseason Directory

MIAMI DOLPHINS at Miami, Nov. 5—9:00 p.m.
330 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33132
Head Coach: Don Shula (94-23-1) Tenth Year
Public Relations Director: Bob Kearney (305) 379-1851
1978 Record: 11-5 (Second AFC East)
1978 Leaders: Passing—Bob Griese (148 of 235, 1791 yards, 11 TDs); **Rushing—**Delvin Williams (272-1258 yards, 8 TDs); **Receiving—**Nat Moore (48-645 yards, 10 TDs); **Interceptions—**Tim Foley (6-12 Yards); **Scoring—**Garo Yepremian (22 of 30 FG, 41 of 42 PAT, 107 points).

OAKLAND RAIDERS at Houston, Nov. 11—12:00 Noon
7811 Oakport Street, Oakland, California 94621
Head Coach: Tom Flores (First Year)
Public Relations Director: John Herrera (415) 562-5900
1978 Record: 9-7 (Tied for second AFC West)
1978 Leaders: Passing—Ken Stabler (237-406, 2944 yards, 16 TDs); **Rushing—**Mark van Eeghen (270-1080 yards, 9 TDs); **Receiving—**Dave Casper (62-852 yards, 9 TDs); **Interceptions—**Charles Phillips (6-121 yards, 1 TD); **Scoring—**Errol Mann (12 of 20 FG, 33 of 38 PAT, 69 points).

CINCINNATI BENGALS at Houston, Nov. 18—3:00 p.m.
See Above Listing

DALLAS COWBOYS at Dallas, Nov. 22—3:00 p.m.
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CLEVELAND BROWNS at Cleveland, Dec. 2—1:00 p.m.
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PITTSBURGH STEELERS at Houston, Dec. 10—8:00 p.m.
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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at Houston, Dec. 16—3:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Veteran's Stadium
Broad Street and Pattison Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19148

Head Coach: Dick Vermeil (18-26-0)

Public Relations Director: Jim Gallagher (215) 463-0341

1978 Record: 9-7 (Second in NFC East)

1978 Leaders: Passing—Ron Jaworski (206-398, 2487 yards, 16 TDs); **Rushing—**Wilbert Montgomery (259-1220 yards, 9 TDs);

Receiving—Harold Carmichael (55-1072 yards, 8 TDs);

Interceptions—Herman Edwards (7-59 yards); **Scoring—**Wilbert Montgomery (60 points).

REVIEW OF 1978 OILER SEASON

GAME 1 — ATLANTA 20, HOUSTON 14

Sunday, Sept. 3, 1978

Atlanta Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

The Atlanta Falcons scored an opening day upset defeating the Oilers 20-14 in Atlanta. Houston scored early with Earl Campbell's 73-yard TD run from a Pastorini pitch out. The Falcons then scored fourteen unanswered points grabbing a 14-7 halftime advantage. Pastorini would hit Rich Caster for an 8-yard touchdown knotting the score in the third quarter. The Falcon defense stiffened in the fourth quarter as two Pastorini fumbles turned into Fred Steinfort field goals of 30 and 48-yards for Atlanta. The Falcons held on for a 20-14 victory.

Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i>	7	0	7	0	— 14
<i>Atlanta</i>	0	14	3	3	— 20

Scoring

- Houston — Campbell 73-yard run (Fritsch kick)
- Atlanta — Bean 38-yard pass from June Jones (Steinfort kick)
- Atlanta — Moriarty recovered blocked punt in end zone (Steinfort kick)
- Houston — Caster 8-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
- Atlanta — Steinfort 30-yard field goal
- Atlanta — Steinfort 48-yard field goal

Individual leaders vs Falcons

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 15-137; (Passing): Pastorini, 36-19-2-136 & 1 TD. (Receiving): Burrough, 6-56, Caster, 5-44 & 1 TD. (Tackles): Stemrick 6 and Kiner 6; (QB Sacks): Brazile 2.

GAME 2 — HOUSTON 20, KANSAS CITY 17

Sunday, Sept. 10, 1978

Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.

Trailing 17-6 entering the fourth quarter, the Houston Oilers roared from behind to edge the Chiefs 20-17 in Kansas City. Houston scored first grabbing a 6-0 lead on Toni Fritsch field goals of 23 and 49 yards. A Stenerud field goal and 3-yard run by Ted McKnight helped Kansas City to a 10-6 halftime lead.

The third quarter saw Reed scamper for a 19-yard TD run making the score 17-6. In the final quarter, Earl Campbell capped off a seven play drive with a one-yard TD plunge. Outstanding offensive line play helped the Oilers drive to the Chiefs goal with two minutes remaining. Earl Campbell again finished off the 9 play, 65-yard drive, diving over from two yards out giving Houston it's first victory of the '78 season.

Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i>	3	3	0	14	— 20
<i>Kansas City</i>	0	10	7	0	— 17

Scoring

- Houston — Fritsch 23-yard field goal
- Houston — Fritsch 49-yard field goal
- Kansas City — Stenerud 41-yard field goal
- Kansas City — McKnight 3-yard run (Stenerud kick)
- Kansas City — Reed 19-yard run (Stenerud kick)
- Houston — Campbell 1-yard run (Fritsch kick)
- Houston — Campbell 2-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Individual leaders vs Chiefs

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 22-111; (Passing): Pastorini, 12-7-0-47; (Receiving): Wilson, 3-7; (Tackles): Bingham 10; (QB Sacks): Jim Young 2.

GAME 3 — HOUSTON 20, SAN FRANCISCO 19

Sunday, Sept. 17, 1978

Astrodome, Houston, Texas

Scoring on the first and last possessions of the game, the Oilers defeated the San Francisco 49ers 20-19 in the Astrodome. The Oilers capped an 8-minute drive with Earl Campbell's 4-yard TD run to take a 7-0 lead. A Toni Fritsch 38-yard field goal increased the margin to 10-0. San Francisco rallied behind quarterback Steve DeBerg scoring on two Ray Wersching field goals.

Pastorini responded teaming up with Ken Burrough on a 13-yard TD pushing Houston's lead to 17-6. DeBerg responded linking up with Fred Solomon and Bruce Seal on two scoring tosses. Pastorini then drove Houston into field goal range as Toni Fritsch booted a 19-yard field goal with 1:16 remaining giving the Oilers a 20-19 win.

Score by Periods

<i>San Francisco</i>	0	6	6	7	— 19
<i>Houston</i>	7	3	7	3	— 20

Scoring

Houston — Campbell 4-yard run (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Fritsch 38-yard field goal
San Francisco — Wersching 26-yard field goal
San Francisco — Wersching 19-yard field goal
Houston — Burrough 13-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
San Francisco — Solomon 58-yard pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
San Francisco — Seal 8-yard pass from DeBerg (Wersching kick)
Houston — Fritsch 19-yard field goal

Individual leaders vs San Francisco

Houston — (Rushing): Earl Campbell 26-76; (Passing): Pastorini 24-15-1-179 & 1 TD; (Receiving): Burrough, 7-83; (Tackles): Bingham 6; (QB Sacks): 0.

GAME 4 — LOS ANGELES 10, HOUSTON 6

Sunday, Sept. 24, 1978

Astrodome, Houston, Texas

Astrodome fans were treated to a defensive struggle as the Los Angeles Rams trudged their way to a 10-6 victory over Houston. The Rams scored on their opening possession driving 62-yards in 12 plays as Cullen Bryant scored on a three-yard plunge. Key third-down conversions highlighted the Rams second score coming off a Frank Corral 25-yard field goal in the second period. Two long Pastorini passes set up a Toni Fritsch 32-yard field goal at the half.

Dan Pastorini and Earl Campbell guided Houston in the fourth stanza as the Oilers drove deep into Ram territory. The Oilers offense was stymied at the Los Angeles 20-yard line as Toni Fritsch kicked his second successful field goal of the day. Luck seemed to be with the Oilers when Gregg Bingham recovered a Ram fumble in Oiler territory. However, Pastorini's first down pass was intercepted by veteran Pat Thomas to seal the Rams' 10-6 victory over Houston.

Score by Periods

<i>Los Angeles</i>	7	3	0	0	— 10
<i>Houston</i>	0	3	0	3	— 6

Scoring

Los Angeles — Bryant 3-yard run (Corral kick)
Los Angeles — Corral 25-yard field goal
Houston — Fritsch 32-yard field goal
Houston — Fritsch 20-yard field goal

Individual leaders vs Rams

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 13-77; (Passing): Pastorini, 20-10-1-120; (Receiving): Carpenter, 4-54; (Tackles): Washington 10; (QB Sacks): Brazile 1.

GAME 5 — HOUSTON 16, CLEVELAND 13

Sunday, October 1, 1978

Municipal Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

The Oilers rallied in the second half edging the Browns 16-13 in a key AFC Central contest. After a 41-yard Don Cockroft field goal, Brian Sipe found receiver Dave Logan on a 7-yard TD pass late in the first half. Pastorini responded in the second half finding Rich Caster behind Cleveland defenders for a 41-yard TD. Rob Carpenter would later climax an 8-play drive with a 7-yard TD jaunt giving Houston the advantage 13-10. The Browns responded with a 40-yard field goal before Houston cashed in on a Greg Pruitt fumble. Pastorini lofted a bomb to Ken Burrough which Browns defender Ron Bolton claimed possession as both men hit the turf. Houston was awarded the ball as Toni Fritsch clinched the win with a 19-yard field goal as the Oilers won 16-13.

Score by Periods

Houston	0	0	6	10	— 16
Cleveland	3	7	0	3	— 13

Scoring

Cleveland — Cockroft 41-yard field goal
Cleveland — Logan 7-yard pass from Sipe (Cockroft kick)
Houston — Caster 41-yard pass from Pastorini (Kick blocked)
Houston — Carpenter 7-yard run (Fritsch kick)
Cleveland — Cockroft 40-yard field goal
Houston — Fritsch 19-yard field goal

Individual leaders vs Browns

Houston — (Rushing): Wilson, 16-72; (Passing): Pastorini, 29-14-1-215 & 1 TD; (Receiving): Burrough, 3-68; (Tackles): Knoff 9; (QB Sacks): Washington and Bethea 1.

GAME 6 — OAKLAND 21, HOUSTON 17

Sunday, October 8, 1978

Oakland-Alameda Coliseum, Oakland, Ca.

The Oakland Raiders' 21-17 win over the Oilers in Oakland took a victory out of the grasp of Houston. Looking to increase their lead to 24-7 with a touchdown, Earl Campbell received the ball from Pastorini from the Oakland four-yard line. Going in for the TD, the ball was stripped loose, scooped up by Raider defensive back Charles Phillips, and returned 96-yards for a Raider score. The turn of events overshadowed two Pastorini scoring tosses and an early 35-yard field goal from Toni Fritsch. Ken Stabler would find tight-end Dave Casper in the final minutes giving Oakland the come from behind victory over Houston 21-17.

Score by Periods

Houston	0	10	7	0	— 17
Oakland	0	7	7	7	— 21

Scoring

Houston — Fritsch 35-yard field goal
Oakland — Whittington 4-yard run (Mann kick)
Houston — Renfro 58-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Barber 17-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
Oakland — Phillips 96-yard fumble return (Mann kick)
Oakland — Casper 3-yard pass from Stabler (Mann kick)

Individual leaders vs Raiders

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 26-103; (Passing): Pastorini, 17-9-1-168 & 2 TDs; (Receiving): Renfro, 3-72; (Tackles): Brazile 8; (QB Sacks): Stringer and Washington 1.

GAME 7 — HOUSTON 17, BUFFALO 10

Sunday, October 15, 1979

Astrodome, Houston, Texas

Houston survived a late Buffalo Bills comeback bid by knocking off the Bills 17-10 in the Astrodome. On Buffalo's first play, Curtis Brown fumbled as Curley Culp pounced on the ball for Houston. Pastorini responded with a 4-yard TD to Rich Caster as the Oilers went ahead 7-0. Buffalo countered with a Dempsey field goal and a Griff Moody 82-yard punt return for a TD to lead at halftime 10-7.

Rob Carpenter's third quarter 18-yard TD run would give Houston the lead for good 14-10. Toni Fritsch sealed the Houston victory with a 43-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter.

Score by Periods

<i>Buffalo</i>	3	7	0	0	— 10
<i>Houston</i>	7	0	7	3	— 17

Scoring

Houston — Caster 4-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Buffalo — Dempsey 33-yard field goal

Buffalo — Moody 82-yard punt return (Dempsey kick)

Houston — Carpenter 18-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Houston — Fritsch 43-yard field goal

Individual leaders vs Bills

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 19-105; (Passing): Pastorini, 22-12-0-158 & 1 TD. (Receiving): Renfro, 3-55; (Tackles): Brazile 10; (QB Sacks): Bethea and Dorris 1.

GAME 8 — HOUSTON 24, PITTSBURGH 17

Monday, October 23, 1978

Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Oilers shocked the previously undefeated Pittsburgh Steelers 24-17 on a nationally televised game. Earl Campbell was the offensive star for the game scoring three touchdowns. Houston grabbed the lead 7-0 on Campbell's 1-yard run before Bradshaw connected with Lynn Swann for a score. Gerela added a field goal for Pittsburgh as the Oilers' Toni Fritsch would respond with a 39-yard boot tying the game at halftime 10-10.

Campbell's 3-yard TD slant, and 1-yard TD run, gave Houston the lead 24-10 late in the third quarter. Lynn Swann would bring the Steelers back into contention 24-17 before the Oilers' Kurt Knoff's clutch interception of a Bradshaw aerial proved to be the game winner for Houston.

Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i>	0	10	7	7	— 24
<i>Pittsburgh</i>	0	10	0	7	— 17

Scoring

Houston — Campbell 1-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Pittsburgh — Swann 25-yard pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Pittsburgh — Gerela 30-yard field goal

Houston — Fritsch 39-yard field goal

Houston — Campbell 3-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Houston — Campbell 1-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Pittsburgh — Swann 6-yard pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Individual leaders vs Steelers

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 21-89; (Passing): Pastorini, 19-13-0-160; (Receiving): Barber, 3-47, Carpenter 4-23; (Tackles): Knoff 9; (QB Sacks) none.

GAME 9 — CINCINNATI 28, HOUSTON 13

Sunday, October 29, 1978

Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

The Oilers awoke a sleeping Bengal tiger in Cincinnati as the previously winless Bengals defeated Houston, 28-13. Cincinnati jumped to a 7-0 first quarter lead on Pete Johnson's one-yard plunge. The lead stood up until the third quarter when Anderson connected with Isaac Curtis for a 57-yard completion. Tony Davis then leaped into the end zone for a Bengal lead of 14-0. Pete Johnson scored late in the third quarter from 1-yard out giving the Bengals a 21-0 lead.

Pastorini then tossed a 16-yard scoring pass to Ken Burrough as the Oilers cut the Cincinnati lead to 21-6 as Fritsch's point after was no good. Two minutes later, Anderson found Curtis again, this time on a 45-yard bomb over the Oiler defense as the Bengals increased the lead to 28-6. The Oilers countered with a Pastorini to Renfro TD pass late in the game giving Houston their final score.

Score by Periods

Houston	0	0	0	13	— 13
Cincinnati	7	0	14	7	— 28

Scoring

Cincinnati — Johnson 1-yard run (Bahr kick)

Cincinnati — Davis 1-yard run (Bahr kick)

Cincinnati — Johnson 1-yard run (Bahr kick)

Houston — Burrough 16-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick failed)

Cincinnati — Curtis 45-yard pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)

Houston — Renfro 6-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Individual leaders vs Bengals

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 18-102; (Passing): Pastorini 27-13-0-143 & 2 TDs; (Receiving): Renfro, 4-56; (Tackles): Bingham and Kiner 7; (QB Sacks): Washington and Bethea 1.

GAME 10 — HOUSTON 14, CLEVELAND 10

Sunday, November 5, 1978

Astrodome, Houston, Texas

The Oiler defense sacked Cleveland quarterback Brian Sipe seven times in defeating the Browns 14-10 in the Astrodome. After a scoreless first quarter, Sipe kept on a quarterback sneak to take a 7-0 advantage. With the Oilers still trailing, Pastorini audibled at the scrimmage line catching the Browns in a short yardage defense. The strategy worked as Pastorini found Mike Barber all alone behind Brown defenders for a 73-yard TD. Cleveland took the lead 10-7 on Don Cockroft's field goal, but Houston would drive 66-yards as Rob Carpenter's one-yard run would give the Oilers a 14-10 victory.

Score by Periods

Cleveland	0	7	3	0	— 10
Houston	0	0	7	7	— 14

Scoring

Cleveland — Sipe 1-yard run (Cockroft kick)

Houston — Barber 72-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Cleveland — Cockroft 40-yard field goal

Houston — Carpenter 1-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Individual leaders vs Browns

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 19-71; (Passing): Pastorini, 25-17-2-242 & 1 TD; (Receiving): Burrough, 5-64, Barber, 3-92; (Tackles): Brazile 7; (QB Sacks): Washington and Young 2.

GAME 11 — HOUSTON 26, NEW ENGLAND 23

Sunday, November 12, 1978

Shaefer Stadium, Foxboro, Mass.

The Oilers made one of the greatest comebacks in their history edging the New England Patriots 26-23. The Patriots scored on their first five possessions of the game as the score mounted to 23-0. The Oilers finally capitalized on a Patriot fumble with Rob Carpenter's 8-yard TD run before halftime.

Carpenter again scored from 1-yard out in the third quarter putting the Oilers back in the game 23-14. An Earl Campbell 1-yard plunge early in the fourth quarter would close the deficit to 23-20 as the point after failed. Pastorini would again guide Houston back into Patriot territory finally hitting Rich Caster alone in the end zone for an Oiler touchdown making the final score 26-23.

Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i>	0	7	7	12	— 26
<i>New England</i>	6	17	0	0	— 23

Scoring

New England — Posey 32-yard field goal
New England — Posey 34-yard field goal
New England — Ivory 3-yard run (Posey kick)
New England — Posey 37-yard field goal
New England — Grogan 7-yard run (Posey kick)
Houston — Carpenter 8-yard run (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Carpenter 1-yard run (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Campbell 1-yard run (Fritsch kick failed)
Houston — Caster 10-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick failed)

Individual leaders vs Patriots

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 24-74; (Passing): Pastorini, 28-15-1-200 & 1 TD; (Receiving): Barber, 4-54, Carpenter, 4-38; (Tackles): Brazile and Bingham 8; (QB Sacks): none.

GAME 12 — HOUSTON 35, MIAMI 30

Monday, November 20, 1978

Astrodome, Houston, Texas

The Houston Oilers outdueled the Bob Griese led Miami Dolphins 35-30 before a capacity Astrodome crowd and a national TV audience. The Dolphins scored on their first possession on a Griese to Nat Moore TD pass. Pastorini and Campbell would lead the Oilers back with Campbell diving over from 1-yard out. Mike Barber would tally for the Oilers from a pass from Pastorini as Houston led 14-7. The Dolphins ended the first half with Delvin Williams 1-yard TD run knotting the score at 14-14.

Earl Campbell would score his second of four TD's from 6-yards out putting Houston up 21-14. The Dolphins tied the score and then jumped ahead on A. J. Duhe's safety on Pastorini. The Oilers wound up once again with Campbell giving Houston a 28-23 advantage late in the fourth quarter. After a Steve Kiner interception for Houston, Earl Campbell swept right end as he galloped 81-yards with a clinching touchdown and an Oiler 35-30 victory.

Score by Periods

<i>Miami</i>	7	7	7	9	— 30
<i>Houston</i>	7	7	7	14	— 35

Scoring

Miami — Moore 10-yard pass from Griese (Yeapremian kick)
Houston — Campbell 1-yard run (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Barber 15-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
Miami — Williams 1-yard run (Yeapremian kick)
Houston — Campbell 6-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Miami — Harris 1-yard run (Yeapremian kick)
 Miami — Safety — Pastorini tackled in end zone by Duhe (Yeapremian kick)
 Houston — Campbell 12-yard run (Fritsch kick)
 Houston — Campbell 81-yard run (Fritsch kick)
 Miami — Cefalo 11-yard pass from Griese (Yeapremian kick)

Individual leaders vs Dolphins

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 28-199; (Passing): Pastorini, 16-10-1-156 & 1 TD; (Receiving): Barber, 3-56; (Tackles): Washington 9; (QB Sacks): Bethea, Young, and Kennard 1.

GAME 13 — HOUSTON 17, CINCINNATI 10

Sunday, November 25, 1978

Astrodome, Houston, Texas

The Oilers rebounded from the first meeting loss to Cincinnati by defeating the Bengals 17-10 as the Oilers inched closer to a play-off spot. Don Bass grabbed a 7-yard TD pass from Ken Anderson in the first quarter as the Bengals broke to an early advantage, 7-0. Cincinnati drove into field goal range again as Matt Bahr converted on a 34-yard kick. Ronnie Coleman received Pastorini's call smashing into the end zone for the Oiler TD from 4-yards out in the second quarter. Pastorini would later find receiver Rich Caster for a 47-yard bomb giving the Oilers a 14-10 halftime lead.

The final half turned into a defensive struggle with the Oilers taking the upper hand. Toni Fritsch's 38-yard field goal early in the third quarter would clinch Houston's ninth victory in a 17-10 grudge match against the Bengals.

Score by Periods

<i>Cincinnati</i>	7	3	0	0	— 10
<i>Houston</i>	0	14	3	0	— 17

Scoring

Cincinnati — Bass 7-yard pass from Anderson (Bahr kick)
 Cincinnati — Bahr 34-yard field goal
 Houston — Coleman 4-yard run (Fritsch kick)
 Houston — Caster 47-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Houston — Fritsch 38-yard field goal

Individual leaders vs Bengals

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 27-122; (Passing): Pastorini, 20-9-2-157 & 1 TD; (Receiving): Burrough, 4-44; (Tackles): Stemrick and Culp 7; (QB Sacks): Bethea 2.

GAME 14 — PITTSBURGH 13, HOUSTON 3

Sunday, December 3, 1978

Astrodome, Houston, Texas

The Pittsburgh Steelers used a stingy defense and the 102-yard performance of Franco Harris to propel them past the Oilers 13-3 in the Astrodome. The Steelers grabbed an early 3-0 lead on Roy Gerela's 41-yard field goal. In the second quarter, Curly Culp jumped on a Steeler fumble deep in their territory. The Oilers were forced to settle for Toni Fritsch's 37-yard field goal knotting the score at halftime 3-3.

Pittsburgh retaliated with a 23-yard Roy Gerela field goal as the Steelers led 6-3. With time running out in the game, Pittsburgh launched a time consuming 80-yard drive highlighted by a Bradshaw to Stallworth first down pass covering 34-yards. The drive ended with another Bradshaw to Stallworth pass in the end zone covering 5-yards as Pittsburgh put the game out of the Oilers reach, 13-3.

Score by Periods

<i>Pittsburgh</i>	3	0	3	7	— 13
<i>Houston</i>	0	3	0	0	— 3

Scoring

Pittsburgh — Gerela 41-yard field goal
Houston — Fritsch 37-yard field goal
Pittsburgh — Gerela 23-yard field goal
Pittsburgh — Stallworth 5-yard pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)

Individual leaders vs Steelers

Houston — (Rushing): Coleman, 15-45; (Passing): Pastorini, 27-10-3-91; (Receiving): Burrough 3-19; (Tackles): Washington 9; (QB Sacks): Bethea and Culp 1.

GAME 15 — HOUSTON 17, NEW ORLEANS 12 Sunday, December 10, 1978

Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans, La.

The Oilers held off a late New Orleans Saints comeback attempt edging them 17-12 in the Superdome and clinched a spot in the playoffs. Campbell climaxed a 76-yard, 16-play drive in the first quarter with a 2-yard sweep around end giving Houston a 7-0 lead. With short sideline passes to newly acquired Robert Woods, the Oilers tacked on a Toni Fritsch field goal of 22-yards giving Houston a 10-0 halftime mark.

Archie Manning of the Saints hit Tinker Owens with a 6-yard end zone strike putting the Saints within striking distance at 10-7. Robert Woods would again make his mark on the Superdome crowd taking a Dan Pastorini swing pass and traveling 80-yards for the Oilers second touchdown of the day and a 17-7 lead. New Orleans scored a safety when Earl Campbell scooped up a Pastorini fumble and was forced into the end zone. The subsequent free kick by Houston led to a Steve Mike-Mayer 21-yard field goal as time ran out on the Saints 17-12.

Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i>	7	3	0	7	— 17
<i>New Orleans</i>	0	0	7	5	— 12

Scoring

Houston — Campbell 2-yard run (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Fritsch 22-yard field goal
New Orleans — Owens 6-yard pass from Manning (Mike-Mayer kick)
Houston — Woods 80-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
New Orleans — Safety — Campbell runs out of end zone
New Orleans — Mike-Mayer 21-yard field goal

Individual leaders vs Saints

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 24-63; (Passing): Pastorini, 18-12-0-136 & 1 TD; (Receiving): Woods, 4-75, Burrough, 5-29; (Tackles): Bingham and Kiner 6; (QB Sacks): Culp and Washington 1.

GAME 16 — SAN DIEGO 45, HOUSTON 24 Sunday, December 17, 1978

Astrodome, Houston, Texas

The Oilers ran into one of the hottest teams in the NFL as the San Diego Chargers defeated the Oilers 45-24, in the final regular season game. The combination of rookie receiver John Jefferson and veteran quarterback Dan Fouts propelled the Chargers to a 7-0 lead. Pastorini hit Robert Woods on a 21-yard TD to tie at 7-7. Toni Fritsch made a 43-yard attempt before San Diego countered with a Fouts to McDonald TD pass. San Diego's Don Woods ended a long scoring drive with a 3-yard TD run. Houston's Ronnie Coleman would grab a Pastorini pass for a 7-yard TD as the Oilers trailed at half 21-17. The Chargers would score three

more TD's and a field goal before a Pastorini to Tim Wilson 2-yard TD pass would end Houston's scoring. The Chargers 45-24 victory over Houston would send San Diego home, while Houston would look toward the playoffs.

Score by Periods

<i>San Diego</i>	0	21	10	14	— 45
<i>Houston</i>	0	17	0	7	— 24

Scoring

San Diego — Jefferson 33-yard pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 Houston — Woods 21-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Houston — Fritsch 43-yard field goal
 San Diego — McDonald 37-yard pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 San Diego — Woods 3-yard run (Benirschke kick)
 Houston — Coleman 7-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 San Diego — Benirschke 19-yard field goal
 San Diego — Klein 10-yard pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)
 Houston — Wilson 2-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 San Diego — Woods 18-yard run (Benirschke kick)
 San Diego — Jefferson 36-yard pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)

Individual leaders vs Chargers

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 14-77; (Passing): Pastorini, 29-14-2-165 & 3 TDs; (Receiving): Wilson, 4-31, Burrough, 3-67; (Tackles): Bingham 8; (QB Sacks): Brazile 1.

1978 STATISTICAL REVIEW

	First Downs	Opp First Downs	Total Yards	Opp Total Yards	Rushes-Yards	Opp Rushes-Yards	Net Yards Passing	Opp Yards Passing	Other Passes	Opponent Passes	Had QB Sacked	Opp Had QB Sacked	Other Punts	Opponent Punts	Fumbles-Lost	Opp Fumbles	Penalties-Yards	Opp Penalties
L 14 20 at Atlanta	13	11	261	171	21-156	35-100	105	71	36-19-2	23-10-0	4-31	4-33	10-33.4	9-42.7	4-2	3-1	7-52	8-75
W 20 17 at Kansas City	15	19	228	295	41-181	41-261	47	34	13-7-0	14-9-1	0-0	3-26	5-42.6	3-44.7	3-1	1-1	6-50	7-98
W 20 19 SAN FRANCISCO	23	18	330	383	50-151	27-62	179	321	24-15-1	32-20-1	0-0	0-0	4-39.5	4-38.3	1-1	2-2	9-66	7-58
L 6 10 LOS ANGELES	10	26	232	387	23-112	50-175	120	212	20-10-1	26-17-0	0-0	1-7	5-30.6	3-47.3	2-1	4-3	5-29	1-14
W 16 13 at Cleveland	20	11	379	182	46-164	23-78	215	104	29-14-1	32-12-3	0-0	1-2	4-35.8	4-42.3	3-3	2-1	7-68	6-45
L 17 21 at Oakland	20	22	373	279	52-205	33-123	168	156	17-9-1	23-14-3	0-0	2-12	6-38.7	3-41.3	1-1	2-2	6-72	3-30
W 17 10 BUFFALO	17	15	330	222	39-178	38-149	152	80	22-15-0	22-9-0	1-6	2-15	6-35-0	6-41.2	1-0	1-1	7-80	7-70
W 24 17 at Pittsburgh	20	21	329	328	43-169	31-113	160	215	19-13-0	33-17-1	0-0	1-11	4-40.5	3-41.3	2-1	2-0	6-51	7-53
L 13 28 at Cincinnati	13	28	256	436	27-137	48-189	119	247	27-13-0	16-11-0	2-24	3-21	9-35.5	6-40.8	2-2	2-1	8-63	5-85
W 14 10 CLEVELAND	28	10	392	194	41-156	22-28	236	166	25-17-2	29-15-1	1-6	7-54	7-41.6	10-40.7	2-2	1-0	8-70	6-31
W 26 23 at New England	24	16	322	274	46-128	35-144	194	130	28-15-1	18-9-2	1-6	0-0	3-34.7	0-0.0	3-3	3-2	5-35	2-10
W 35 30 MIAMI	23	27	406	447	42-265	32-127	141	320	16-10-1	33-23-1	2-15	4-29	4-45.2	5-46.4	0-0	2-1	8-58	9-96
W 17 10 CINCINNATI	17	19	301	337	37-153	36-142	148	95	20-9-1	25-17-0	1-9	5-46	5-41.0	7-49.9	1-0	0-0	6-35	5-35
L 3 13 PITTSBURGH	9	17	163	251	26-81	48-177	82	74	27-10-3	25-11-1	1-8	2-23	5-47.8	5-40.2	4-3	0-0	5-35	6-55
W 17 12 at New Orleans	16	18	223	297	42-104	19-56	119	241	18-12-0	37-25-1	2-18	2-10	7-41.1	6-44.8	2-0	1-1	4-44	8-90
L 24 45 SAN DIEGO	14	24	270	517	27-117	39-149	153	368	33-16-2	41-21-2	2-12	1-1	8-38.4	4-37.0	3-1	1-1	6-35	11-90
W 17 9 at Miami	23	14	455	209	45-165	25-91	290	118	30-20-0	30-12-3	2-16	2-19	5-44.0	5-48.6	3-1	2-2	5-37	1-5
W 31 14 at New England	21	15	344	263	54-174	20-83	170	180	15-12-1	35-16-3	3-30	4-26	5-34.8	4-43.3	1-0	2-0	2-25	8-92
L 5 34 at Pittsburgh	10	21	168	379	26-72	47-179	70	200	26-12-5	19-11-2	4-26	0-0	6-39.5	1-53.0	6-4	6-3	5-48	4-32

HOUSTON OILERS ALL-TIME SERIES SCORES

HOUSTON vs. ATLANTA	(W-1 / L-2 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. BALTIMORE	(W-1 / L-2 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. BUFFALO	(W-17 / L-7 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. CHICAGO	(W-1 / L-1 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. CINCINNATI	(W-7 / L-11 / T-1)
HOUSTON vs. CLEVELAND	(W-6 / L-10 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. DALLAS COWBOYS	(W-0 / L-2 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. DENVER	(W-16 / L-8 / T-1)
HOUSTON vs. DETROIT	(W-1 / L-1 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. GREEN BAY	(W-1 / L-1 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. KANSAS CITY	(W-9 / L-17 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. LOS ANGELES	(W-0 / L-2 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. MIAMI	(W-8 / L-6 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. NEW ENGLAND	(W-12 / L-12 / T-1)
HOUSTON vs. NEW ORLEANS	(W-2 / L-1 / T-1)
HOUSTON vs. NEW YORK GIANTS	(W-0 / L-1 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. NEW YORK JETS	(W-13 / L-8 / T-1)
HOUSTON vs. OAKLAND	(W-8 / L-18 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. PHILADELPHIA	(W-0 / L-1 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. PITTSBURGH	(W-5 / L-14 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. SAN DIEGO	(W-10 / L-15 / T-1)
HOUSTON vs. SAN FRANCISCO	(W-2 / L-1 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. SEATTLE	(W-1 / L-0 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. ST. LOUIS	(W-0 / L-2 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. TAMPA BAY	(W-1 / L-0 / T-0)
HOUSTON vs. WASHINGTON	(W-1 / L-1 / T-0)

HOUSTON OILERS ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON SCORES

1960
WON 10 **LOST 4** **TIED 0**
COACH: LOU RYMKUS

Date	Houston		Final Score		Attendance
			Opponent		
9-11	37		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	18,026
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		Attendance
			Opponent		
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		Attendance
			Opponent		
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		Attendance
			Opponent		
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	22,851
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	21,871
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	30,155
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	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
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	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
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	39,216

POINTS SCORED: Houston 278 **Opponents 279**
ATTENDANCE: Home 309,420 **Away 290,442**

1970
WON 3 **LOST 10** **TIED 1**
COACH: Wally Lemm

Date	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
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	Final Score		Opponent	Attendance	
	Houston				
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	Houston		Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
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
11-1	14	at			Baltimore 38	60,020
11-7	7				Cleveland 21	47,073
11-14	27	at			Cincinnati 31	59,574
11-21	16	at			Pittsburgh 32	47,947
11-28	20				Atlanta 14	41,039
12-5	10	at			Cleveland 13	60,226
12-11	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	Houston		Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
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
11-6	47				Chicago 0	51,177
11-13	29	at			Oakland 34	54,598
11-20	22	at			Seattle 10	63,817
11-27	34				Kansas City 20	47,701
12-4	14				Denver 24	51,455
12-11	19	at			Cleveland 15	46,788
12-18	21				Cincinnati 16	50,924
POINTS SCORED: Houston 299					Opponents 230	
ATTENDANCE: Home 339,378					Away: 375,514	

*Overtime

1978
WON 10 LOST 6 TIED 0
COACH: O. A. "Bum" Phillips

Date	Houston		Final Score		Opponent	Attendance
9-3	14	at			Atlanta 20	59,733
9-10	20	at			Kansas City 17	41,754
9-17	20				San Francisco 19	49,242
9-24	6				Los Angeles 10	49,216
10-1	16	at			Cleveland 13	73,481
10-8	17	at			Oakland 21	54,468
10-15	17				Buffalo 10	51,207
10-23	24	at			Pittsburgh 17	48,021
10-29	13	at			Cincinnati 28	56,346
11-5	14				Cleveland 10	51,024
11-12	26	at			New England 23	61,297
11-20	35				Miami 30	51,874
11-26	17				Cincinnati 10	51,331
12-3	3				Pittsburgh 13	55,133
12-10	17	at			New Orleans 12	65,975
12-17	24				San Diego 45	52,625
POINTS SCORED: Houston 283					Opponents 298	
ATTENDANCE: Home 411,652					Away: 461,075	

OILER RECORDS ESTABLISHED BY EARL CAMPBELL

MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN A ROOKIE SEASON:

13 by Earl Campbell (All by Rushing). Old record was 12 by Bill Groman (All By Pass Receptions) in 1960.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING IN A SINGLE SEASON:

13 by Earl Campbell. Old record was 7 by four players (Charles Tolar '62; Billy Cannon '62; Don Trull '66; and Hoyle Granger '68)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING IN A SINGLE GAME:

4 by Earl Campbell. Old Record was three by four players (George Blanda vs L. A. Chargers 9/18/60; Billy Cannon vs New York Titans 12/10/61; Bill Tobin vs New York Titans 11/10/63; and Sid Blanks vs New York Jets 12/13/64.)

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES SCORING A TOUCHDOWN BY RUSHING:

3 by Earl Campbell, 1978; Robert Holmes, 1971; and Willie Rogers, 1974.

MOST YARDS RUSHING BY A ROOKIE IN A SINGLE SEASON:

1450 by Earl Campbell. Breaks old record of 756 by Sid Blanks in 1964. Note: It is also a National Football League Record, breaking the old record of 1162 by Don Woods of San Diego in 1974.

MOST 100 YARD GAMES RUSHING IN SINGLE SEASON:

7 by Earl Campbell. Tied old record of Hoyle Granger in 1967.

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS IN A SINGLE SEASON :

302 by Earl Campbell. Old record was 244 by Charles Tolar, 1962.

MOST YARDS RUSHING BY AN OILER IN A SINGLE SEASON:

1450 by Earl Campbell. Old record was 1194 by Hoyle Granger, 1967.

MOST POINTS IN A ROOKIE SEASON BY A NON-KICKER:

78 by Earl Campbell. Old record was 72 by Bill Groman, 1960. Note: Roy Gerela had 29 PATs and 19 FGs in 1969 for 86 points.

EARL CAMPBELL'S 29 AWARDS:

A.P. Player of the Year • A.P. All-Pro • U.P.I. All-AFC
Sporting News All AFC • Pro Football Weekly All-NFL
Pro Football Weekly All-AFC
Pro Football Weekly Top Offensive Player in NFL
Pro Football Weekly Offensive Rookie of the Year
NEA Awarded Jim Thorpe Trophy (MVP in NFL)
NEA Awarded Bert Bell Trophy (Rookie of the Year in NFL)
NEA Awarded Third Down Trophy (MVP of Oilers, voted by teammates)
NEA All-Pro • Selected to play in Pro Bowl
Football News AFC Player of the Year
Pro Football Writers Player of the Year
Pro Football Writers All-Pro
Mutual Broadcasting Company NFL Player of the Year
Football Digest NFL Player of the Year
Football Digest Top Running Back in the NFL
Football Digest Offensive Rookie of the Year
Freshen Up Gum/Pro Football Hall of Fame Rookie of the Year in AFC
voted by fans
Bill Ennis Award (Given by Houston area sportswriters and
sportscasters)
Seagram's Seven Crown of Sports (Outstanding Player in NFL)
Field Scovell Award of Dallas Sports Association
Pro Athlete of the Year of Texas Sportswriters Association
Texaco Youth Award for Pro Football, 1978
Sporting News AFC Player of the Year
Sporting News AFC Rookie of the Year
NFLPA's AFC Rookie of the Year

OILER HISTORY



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 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 32 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 pro record.
- December 5 — Oilers defeat previously unbeaten San Diego, 33 - 13, before Houston's largest crowd, 37,845. Charles Hennigan caught 10 passes for 214 yards and three TD's. Blanda hits on 20 of 34 attempts for 351 yards and four TD's and kicks AFL 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 to 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 pro team in history to score over 500 points in one season with 513 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.
- 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 15 — Oilers win third consecutive Eastern Division title, 44 - 10, over New York. Charlie Tolar gets 107 yards on 18 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

- November 1 — Oilers suffer worst defeat in history — 45 - 3 to Boston in Boston.

1964

- March 1 — Oilers announce building of a new training site at Fannin and Braeswood.
- 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 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.

1965

- 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.
- 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.

1966

- January 13 — K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. names Don Klosterman as Oilers' Executive Vice-President and General Manager.
- 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.
- 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.

1967

- March 14 — First common draft between AFL and NFL: Oilers take Michigan State All-American George Webster as their No. 1 choice.
- 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.

- 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 15 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's defensive Rookie of the Year.
- December 23 — Oilers complete regular season with 41 - 10 romp 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.
- 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 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 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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 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.

1971

- January 21 — Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. names Ed Hughes to be the sixth head coach in Oiler history.
- 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.
- 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.
- June 24 — Oilers' number one draft choice, Dan Pastorini of Santa Clara, signs contract.
- 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 9 — Oilers open home season with 35 - 6 walloping of New York Giants in the Astrodome.
- 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 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 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

- 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 19 — Oilers defeat Green Bay Packers, 20 - 3, in Astrodome for first pre-season victory of 1972.
- October 1 — Oilers stun Joe Namath and New York Jets, 26 - 20, in the Astrodome for only victory of 1972 season.
- December 23 — Guy Murdock, Oilers' rookie center, named to UPI's NFL All-Rookie team.

1973

- 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 13 — Andy Bourgeois named special teams coach by Oilers. First year in pros after coaching at T.C.U.
- August 23 — Oilers upset Dallas Cowboys, 27 - 24, in an exhibition game in Houston for Oilers' first win in last 15 games.
- 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 8 — Former New Orleans and New York Jets coach Ed Biles joins Oilers as defensive assistant.

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.

April 20 — NFL owners, meeting in New York, vote in sweeping rule changes designed to open up the game with more offense.

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.

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 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.

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 Stenrick 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Pepler 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.
- 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." Bum 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.

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.

July 9 — Rookies report to Oiler training camp at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

October 23 — Houston ends Pittsburgh's seven game win streak with Monday night victory over the Steelers, 21-17, Houston's first win ever on Monday night football.

November 12 — Houston comes from behind 23-0, to capture 26-23 game vs. New England Patriots.

November 20 — Earl Campbell rushes for 4-touchdowns vs. Miami Dolphins in Oiler 35-30 victory. Campbell's two Monday night appearances netted him 7 of his 13 season TD's.

November 26 — Earl Campbell gains 100 yards rushing to tie NFL record for most 100 yard games by a rookie — 7 (ties Franco Harris and Don Woods). Also broke Oiler club records of most yards rushing (Hoyle Granger — 1194 yards in 1967) and most attempts rushing (Charlie Tolar — 224 yards in 1962), vs. Cincinnati before home crowd.

December 10 — Houston captures 17-12 decision over New Orleans Saints to clinch berth in AFC Wild Card game vs. Miami.

December 24 — Houston wins first playoff game since 1961 by defeating Miami 17-9 in the Orange Bowl.

December 31 — Oilers continue playoff march with 31-14 win against New England before 61,297 chilled fans in Foxboro, Mass.

1979

January 7 — Houston playoff dreams end as Pittsburgh takes 34-5 victory in AFC championship game. Oilers welcomed by 50,000 loyal fans in the Astrodome as radio station KILT sponsors homecoming.

January 30 — Earl Campbell, Elvin Bethea, Robert Brazile, and Curley Culp, represent Houston in the Pro Bowl game in Los Angeles.

May 4 — Mike Stensrud of Iowa State selected in Round 2 of 1979 NFL Draft. (Oilers first-round choice traded to Kansas City Chiefs).

July 2 — Rookies report to first day of training camp in San Angelo, as the Oilers return to Angelo State University for their second year and the first year of a new five year contract.

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

Oilers — Granger 14 for 19, Campbell 6 for 15, Blanks 1 for 6, Beathard 1 for -2.

Raiders — Dixon 21 for 144, Banaszak 15 for 116, Lamonica 5 for 22, Biletznikoff 1 for -10, Todd 4 for -8, 2 for -1.

Passing

Oilers — Beathard 15 of 35 for 142 yards, 1 interception, 1 TD.

Raiders — Lamonica 10 of 24 for 111 yards, 2 TD; Blanda 0 of 2.

Receiving

Oilers — Frazier 7 for 81, Reed 4 for 60, Taylor 1 for 6, Campbell 2 for 5, Granger 1 for -10.

Raiders — Miller 3 for 32, Cannon 2 for 31, Biletznikoff 2 for 19, Kocourek 1 for 17, Dixon 1 for 8, Banaszak 1 for 4.

**The Orange Bowl — Miami, Florida
Sunday, December 24, 1978**

HOUSTON 17, MIAMI 9 — The first round of the AFC playoffs saw the Houston Oilers defeat the favored Miami Dolphins 17-9 in the Orange Bowl. The Dolphins jumped off to an early 7-0 lead as Bob Griese hit tight-end Andre Tillman on a 13-yard scoring strike. Pastorini guided Houston back launching a 13-yard toss to running back Tim Wilson for the TD and a 7-7 score. Toni Fritsch successfully completed a 35-yard field goal putting Houston in front 10-7. Griese threw errantly to Oiler linebacker Gregg Bingham to set up Houston in Dolphin territory. Earl Campbell did the rest diving over the goal from 1-yard out giving Houston the lead. After a safety conceded by Houston, a Mike Reinfeldt interception of a Don Strock pass sealed the 17-9 Oiler win.

Score by Periods

Houston	7	0	0	10	-17
Miami	7	0	0	2	-9

Scoring

Miami — Tillman 13-yard pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)

Houston — Wilson 13-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)

Houston — Fritsch 27-yard field goal

Houston — Campbell 1-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Miami — Pastorini runs out of end zone

Individual leaders vs Dolphins

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 26-84; (Passing): Pastorini, 29-20-0-306 & 1 TD; (Receiving): Burrough 6-103, Barber, 4-112; (Tackles): Currier 6; (QB Sacks): Washington and Bethea 1.

Schaefer Stadium — Foxboro, Massachusetts Sunday, December 31, 1978

HOUSTON 31, NEW ENGLAND 14 — The Oilers stung the New England Patriots with twenty-one second quarter points to defeat the Pats 31-14 in frigid Massachusetts. With Pastorini under heavy rush, New England was caught in a safety blitz as Ken Burrough latched onto a Pastorini bomb covering 71-yards and a TD. Pastorini hit tight-end Mike Barber on a 19-yard TD eluding two Patriot defenders on his way. Another Pastorini-Barber combination paid off in a 13-yard score putting Houston up 21-0 at halftime.

Toni Fritsch booted a 3-yard field goal in the second half before New England got on the board scoring on an Andy Johnson to Harold Jackson pass. The Patriots would cut the lead to 24-14 before Earl Campbell would seal the victory with a 2-yard plunge in the fourth quarter.

Score by Periods

Houston	0	21	3	7	—31
New England	0	0	7	7	—14

Scoring

Houston — Burrough 71-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Barber 19-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Barber 13-yard pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
Houston — Fritsch 30-yard field goal
New England — Jackson 24-yard pass from A. Johnson (Posey kick)
New England — Francis 24-yard pass from Owen (Posey kick)
Houston — Campbell 2-yard run (Fritsch kick)

Individual leaders vs. Patriots

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 27-118; (Passing): Pastorini, 15-12-1-200 & 3 TDs; (Receiving): Barber, 5-83, Burrough, 3-91; (Tackles): Kiner 7; (QB Sacks): Brazile, Washington, Bethea, Young, 1.

Three Rivers Stadium — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Sunday, January 7, 1979

PITTSBURGH 34, HOUSTON 5 — The Pittsburgh Steelers crushed the Oilers Super Bowl dream 34-5 in Three Rivers Stadium. Driving rain and 26° temperatures was a dominant force as the two teams fumbled a total of twelve times.

Franco Harris lumbered in for a 7-yard touchdown in the first quarter as his running mate Rocky Bleier would also score from 15-yards giving the Steelers a 14-0 early lead. Houston countered with a Toni Fritsch 19-yard field goal, but Pittsburgh responded scoring seventeen points in a span of 1:23 to literally put the game on ice. After a Roy Gerela field goal of 22-yards increased the Steeler lead to 34-3, the Oiler defense collected a safety catching Rocky Bleier in the end zone.

Score by Periods

<i>Houston</i>	0	3	2	0	—5
<i>Pittsburgh</i>	14	17	3	0	—34

Scoring

- Pittsburgh — Harris 7-yard run (Gerela kick)
- Pittsburgh — Bleier 17-yard run (Gerela kick)
- Houston — Fritsch 19-yard field goal
- Pittsburgh — Swann 29-yard pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
- Pittsburgh — Stallworth 17-yard pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)
- Pittsburgh — Gerela 37-yard field goal
- Pittsburgh — Gerela 22-yard field goal
- Houston — Bleier tackled in end zone by Washington — Safety

Individual leaders vs. Steelers

Houston — (Rushing): Campbell, 22-62; (Passing): Pastorini, 26-12-5-96;
(Receiving): Caster, 5-44, Wilson, 5-33; (Tackles): Young 10, Brazile
9; (QB Sacks): none.

HOUSTON OILERS' ALL-TIME DRAFT LISTS

1960

Player	Pos.	School	Status
Peter Arena	G	Northwestern	OILERS
Dick Bass	HB	College of Pacific	Rams
William Bohler	T	St. Ambrose	OILERS
Larry Cadwell	T	Louisville	OILERS
BILLY CANNON	HB	LOUISIANA STATE	OILERS
DOUG CLINE	LB	CLEMSON	OILERS
DeJustice Coleman	HB	Illinois	
Bob Crandall	HB	New Mexico	OILERS
Cleatus Drinnon	C	Hardin-Simmons	OILERS
John Gremer	G	Illinois	
George Herring	T	North Texas State	
Don Hitt	C	Oklahoma State	OILERS
Steve Johnson	QB	Pepperdine	OILERS
John Lands	E	Montana	Eagles
JACKY LEE	QB	CINCINNATI	OILERS
Bruce Maher	HB	Detroit	Lions
Don Mattson	T	Southern California	
Mike McGee	G	Duke	Cardinals
Hugh McInnis	E	Mississippi State	Cardinals
Max Messner	T	Cincinnati	Lions
George Mulholland	E	New Mexico State	OILERS
Gary O'Steen	HB	Alabama	
Gene Prebola	E	Boston University	Raiders
Palmer Pyle	T	Michigan State	Colts
William Roach	T	Texas Christian	OILERS
Robert Simms	E	Rutgers	Giants
Phillip Snowden	QB	Missouri	OILERS
Don Underwood	T	McNeese State	
Duane Whetstone	FB	George Washington	
BOB WHITE	FB	OHIO STATE	OILERS
Maury Youmans	T	Syracuse	Bears

SECONDARY SELECTIONS

Clair Branch	RB	Texas-Austin	OILERS
Dave Chamberlain	HB	Miami (Ohio)	
Stan Fanning	DE	Idaho	Bears
Don Cochran	T	Alabama	
Jim Glasgow	T	Jackson State	
Dave Graham	E	Virginia	Eagles
Bob Haas	HB	Missouri	OILERS
Lowell Hughes	QB	Kent State	
Dale Johansson	T	Augustana	OILERS
Jim Marshall	DT	Ohio State	Browns
RON MORRISON	T	NEW MEXICO	OILERS
Jerry Muennink	C	Texas-Austin	DNP
Paul Oglesby	T	UCLA	OILERS
John Peppercorn	E	Kansas	OILERS
Bob Peterson	C	Oregon	
BOB TALAMINI	G	KENTUCKY	OILERS
Bob Towns	E	Georgia	OILERS
Bob Wasden	E	Auburn	
Jim Welch	HB	Southern Methodist	Colts
Jim Wolff	HB	Panhandle A&M	OILERS

1961

Round	Player	Pos.	School	Status
1	Mike Ditka	E	Pittsburgh	Bears
2	TOM GOODE	C	MISSISSIPPI STATE	OILERS
3	WALTER SUGGS	T	MISSISSIPPI STATE	OILERS
4	Bobby Walden	HB	Georgia	Vikings
5	Monte Lee	LB	Texas-Austin	Cardinals
6	Jake Gibbs	QB	Mississippi	Baseball
7	Dick Reynolds	T	North Carolina State	OILERS
8	Houston Antwine	G	Southern Illinois	Lions
9	Ralph White	T	Bowling Green	OILERS
10	Charles Lee	C	Iowa	Steelers
11	Robert Bird	G	Bowling Green	OILERS
12	BOB McLEOD	E	ABILENE CHRIST.	OILERS
13	Gerald Hinton	G	Louisiana Tech	Canada
*14	Jimmy King	T	Clemson	Cardinals
15	Dennis Ferriter	C	Marquette	
16	Larry Wood	HB	Northwestern	Canada
17	Sam Fewell	T	South Carolina	Bears
18	Mike Grimsley	HB	Michigan State	Colts
19	Myron Pearson	HB	Colorado State	
20	Lewis Johnson	HB	Florida A&M	Packers
*21	Ron Miller	QB	Wisconsin	Rams
22	BOB KELLY	E	NEW MEXICO STATE	OILERS
*23	James Anderson	FB	Mississippi	49ers
24	Ken Gregory	E	Whittier	OILERS
25	Jack Kreider	HB	Tulsa	
*26	Don Fuell	QB	Mississippi Southern	OILERS
27	Boyd King	C	Rice	Cowboys
*28	JOHN FRONGILLO	C	BAYLOR	OILERS
29	Tom Lewis	E	Lake Forest	OILERS
29a	Errol Linden	DE	Houston	Lions
30	Jim Stroud	T	Rice	OILERS

*—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 JANCNIK	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 BRAHAM	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 Hallstock	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 Cochrane	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&I	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
	(Choice from Green Bay in Lynn Dickey trade)			
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	SQUAD
	Choice from Tampa Bay.			
2	Traded to Tampa Bay, part of Earl Campbell trade.			
3	Gifford Nielson	QB	Brigham Young U.	SQUAD
4	Mike Renfro	WR	Texas Christian U.	SQUAD
5	Traded to Kansas City, part of Otis Taylor trade.			
6	Conray Rucker	TE	Southern University	SQUAD
7	Traded to Buffalo, part of Jimmy Dean trade.			
8	James Wilson	DB	U. of Pittsburgh	SQUAD
9	Jim Mol	DE	Morningside Col. (Iowa)	SQUAD
10	Stephen Young	TE	Wake Forest U.	Waived—
11	Willie Thicken	WR	Alabama State U.	Cut
12	John Schuhmacher	OG	U. of Southern Calif.	SQUAD

1979

Round	Player	Pos.	School
1	Traded to Kansas City for second round choice		
2	Mike Stensrud	DE	Iowa State
2	Jesse Baker	DE	Jacksonville State
3	Kenny King	RB	Oklahoma Univ.
4	Traded to San Diego		
5	Traded to Tampa Bay		
6	Daryl Hunt (Choice from Buffalo)	LB	Oklahoma Univ.
6	Mike Murphy	LB	Southwest Missouri
7	Tim Ries (Choice from Baltimore)	DB	Southwest Missouri
8	Carter Hartwig	DB	Southern California
9	Richard Ellender	WR	McNeese State Univ.
10	Choice forfeited — Supplemental Selection for Johnnie Dirden		
11	Mike Taylor	OT	Georgia Tech
12	Wayne Wilson	RB	Shepherd College

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; Curley Culp, MG

1978

Offense: Earl Campbell, RB
Defense: Robert Brazile, OLB; Curley Culp, MG; Elvin Bethea,

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
'78	Dan Pastorini	368	199	2473	.541	17	16	6.7	8

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
1978	Earl Campbell	302	1450	4.8	81t	13	1

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
1978	Ken Burrough	47	624	13.3	2	44	12

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
1978	Ronnie Coleman	16	142	8.9	0	32

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
1978	Johnnie Dirden	32	780	24.4	0	60

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.

1978

Earl Campbell, RB;

Robert Brazile, OLB; Elvin
Bethea, DE; Curley Culp, MG

HOUSTON OILERS'

ALL-TIME ROSTER, 1960-78

PLAYER	POS.	SCHOOL	YEARS AS OILER	
Aldridge, Allen	DE	Prairie View	1971-72	(2)
Alexander, Willie	CB	Alcorn A&M	1971-78	(8)
Allen, Dalva	DE	Houston	1960-61	(2)
Allen, George	DT	West Texas State	1966-67	(2)
Alston, Mack	TE	Maryland State	1973-76	(4)
Amundson, George	RB	Iowa State	1973-74	(2)
Anderson, Billy	QB	Tulsa	1967	(1)
Anderson, Warren	WR	W. Va. State	1977	(1)
Appleton, Scott	DT	Texas-Austin	1964-66	(3)
Atchason, Jack	TE	Western Illinois	1960	(1)
Atkins, Bob	FS	Grambling	1970-75	(6)
Autry, Hank	C	So. Mississippi	1969-70	(2)
Babb, Gene	LB	Austin College	1962-63	(2)
Baker, Johnny	LB	Mississippi State	1963-66	(4)
Baker, Ed	QB	Lafayette	1972	(1)
Baker, Melvin	WR	Texas Southern	1976	(1)
Banfield, Tony	CB	Oklahoma State	1960-65	(6)
Barber, Mike	TE	La. Tech	1976-78	(3)
Barnes, Pete	LB	Southern	1967-68	(2)
Bass, Glenn	WR	East Carolina	1967-68	(2)
Baumgartner, Steve	DE	Purdue	1977-78	(2)
Beathard, Pete	QB	So. California	1967-69	(3)
Beams, Byron	DT	Notre Dame	1961	(1)
Beck, Braden	Ki	Stanford	1971	(1)
Beirne, Jim	WR	Purdue	1968-73;76-76	(8)
Belotti, George	C	So. California	1960-61	(2)
Benson, Duane	LB	Hamline	1974-76	(3)
Bergey, Bruce	DT	U.C.L.A.	1971	(1)
Bethen, Elvin	DE	No. Carolina A&T	1968-78	(11)
Beverly, David	P	Auburn	1974	(1)
Billingsley, Ron	DT	Wyoming	1971-72	(2)
Bingham, Gregg	LB	Purdue	1973-78	(6)
Bishop, Sonny	G	Fresno State	1964-69	(6)
Blahak, Joe	FS	Nebraska	1973	(1)
Blanda, George	QB	Kentucky	1960-66	(7)
Blanks, Sid	RB	Texas A&I	1964-68	(5)
Botchan, Ron	LB	Occidental	1961	(1)
Boyette, Garland	LB	Grambling	1966-72	(7)
Brabham, Danny	LB	Arkansas	1963-67	(5)
Brazile, Robert	LB	Jackson State	1975-78	(4)
Brezina, Bobby	RB	Houston	1963	(1)
Broadnax, Jerry	TE	Southern	1974	(1)
Brooks, Leo	DT	Texas-Austin	1970-72	(3)
Brown, Don	RB	Houston	1960	(1)
Burke, Ed	G	Notre Dame	1964	(1)
Burrell, Ode	RB	Mississippi State	1964-69	(6)
Burrough, Ken	WR	Texas Southern	1971-78	(8)
Burton, Al	DE	Bethune-Cookman	1976	(1)
Butler, Jim	TE	Tulsa	1972	(1)
Butler, Skip	Ki	Texas-Arlington	1972-76	(5)
Campbell, Earl	RB	Texas	1978	(1)
Campbell, Woody	RB	Northwestern	1967-71	(5)
Cannon, Billy	RB	Louisiana State	1960-63	(4)
Carpenter, Rob	RB	Miami (O)	1977-78	(2)
Carr, Levert	T	No. Central State	1972-73	(2)
Carrell, John	LB	Texas Tech	1966	(1)
Carrington, Ed	TE	Virginia	1969	(1)
Carroll, Ronnie	G	Sam Houston State	1974-75	(2)
Carson, John	TE	Georgia	1960	(1)
Carter, David	C	W. Kentucky	1977-78	(2)
Carwell, Larry	CB	Iowa State	1967-68	(2)
Caster, Rich	WR	Jackson State	1978	(1)
Caviness, Ron	LB	Arkansas	1966-68	(3)
Chancellor, Ken	C	Houston	1964	(1)
Charles, John	SS	Purdue	1971-74	(4)
Cheek, Richard	G	Auburn	1972	(1)
Cheeks, B. W.	RB	Texas Southern	1965	(1)
Cindrich, Ralph	LB	Pittsburgh	1973-75	(3)
Cline, Doug	LB	Clemson	1960-66	(7)
Cochrane, Kelly	QB	Miami (Fla.)	1972	(1)
Cole, Linzy	WR	Texas Christian	1971	(1)
Coleman, Ronnie	RB	Alabama A&M	1974-78	(5)
Compton, Dick	WR	McMurry	1965	(1)
Cotney, Mark	SS	Cameron State	1975	(1)
Cowlings, Al	LB	So. California	1973-74	(2)
Craig, Dobie	WR	Howard Payne	1964	(1)
Croyle, Phil	LB	California-Berk.	1971-73	(3)
Culp, Curley	MG	Arizona State	1974-78	(5)
Culpepper, Ed	DT	Alabama	1962-63	(2)
Cunningham, Dick	LB	Arkansas	1973	(1)
Currier, Bill	DB	S. Carolina	1977-78	(2)

Curry, Bill	C	Georgia Tech	1973	(1)
Cutsinger, Gary	DE	Oklahoma State	1962-68	(7)
Darby, Al	WR	Florida	1976	(1)
Davidson, Pete	WR	The Citadel	1960	(1)
Davis, Bob	QB	Virginia	1967-69	(3)
Davis, Donnie	TE	Southern	1970	(1)
Davis, Marvin	LB	Southern	1974	(1)
Dawkins, Joe	RB	Wisconsin	1970;78	(2)
Dawson, Rhett	WR	Florida State	1972	(1)
Dean, Jimmy	DE	Texas A&M	1978	(1)
Dempsey, Tom	K	Palomar J.C.	1977	(1)
Deweall, Willard	TE	Southern Methodist	1961-64	(4)
Dickey, Lynn	QB	Kansas State	1971-75	(5)
Dirden, Johnnie	WR	Sam Houston	1978	(1)
Dickinson, Bo	RB	Miss. Southern	1963	(1)
Domres, Tom	DT	Wisconsin	1968-71	(4)
Dorris, Andy	DE	N. Mexico St.	1977-78	(2)
Douglas, John	CB	Texas Southern	1969-70	(2)
Drungo, Elbert	T	Tennessee State	1969-77	(9)
Dukes, Mike	LB	Clemson	1960-63	(4)
Duncan, Brian	RB	SMU	1978	(1)
Duniven, Tom	QB	Texas Tech	1977-78	(2)
Eglin, 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)
Failey, 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	1974-78	(5)
Floyd, Don	DE	Texas Christian	1960-68	(9)
Foote, James	QB	Delaware Valley	1974-76	(2)
Foster, Eddie	WR	Houston	1977-78	(2)
Fowler, Jerry	G	S. W. Louisiana	1964	(1)
Frazier, Charles	WR	Texas Southern	1962-68	(7)
Frazier, Wayne	C	Auburn	1965	(1)
Frazier, Willie	TE	Arkansas A&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	1977-78	(2)
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	K	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, Hoyte	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)
Harris, Larry	G	Oklahoma State	1978	(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	1975-78	(4)
Haymond, Alvin	S	Southern	1973	(1)
Helluin, Jerry	DT	Tulane	1960	(1)
Hennigan, Charles	WR	N. W. Louisiana	1960-66	(7)
Herchman, 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)

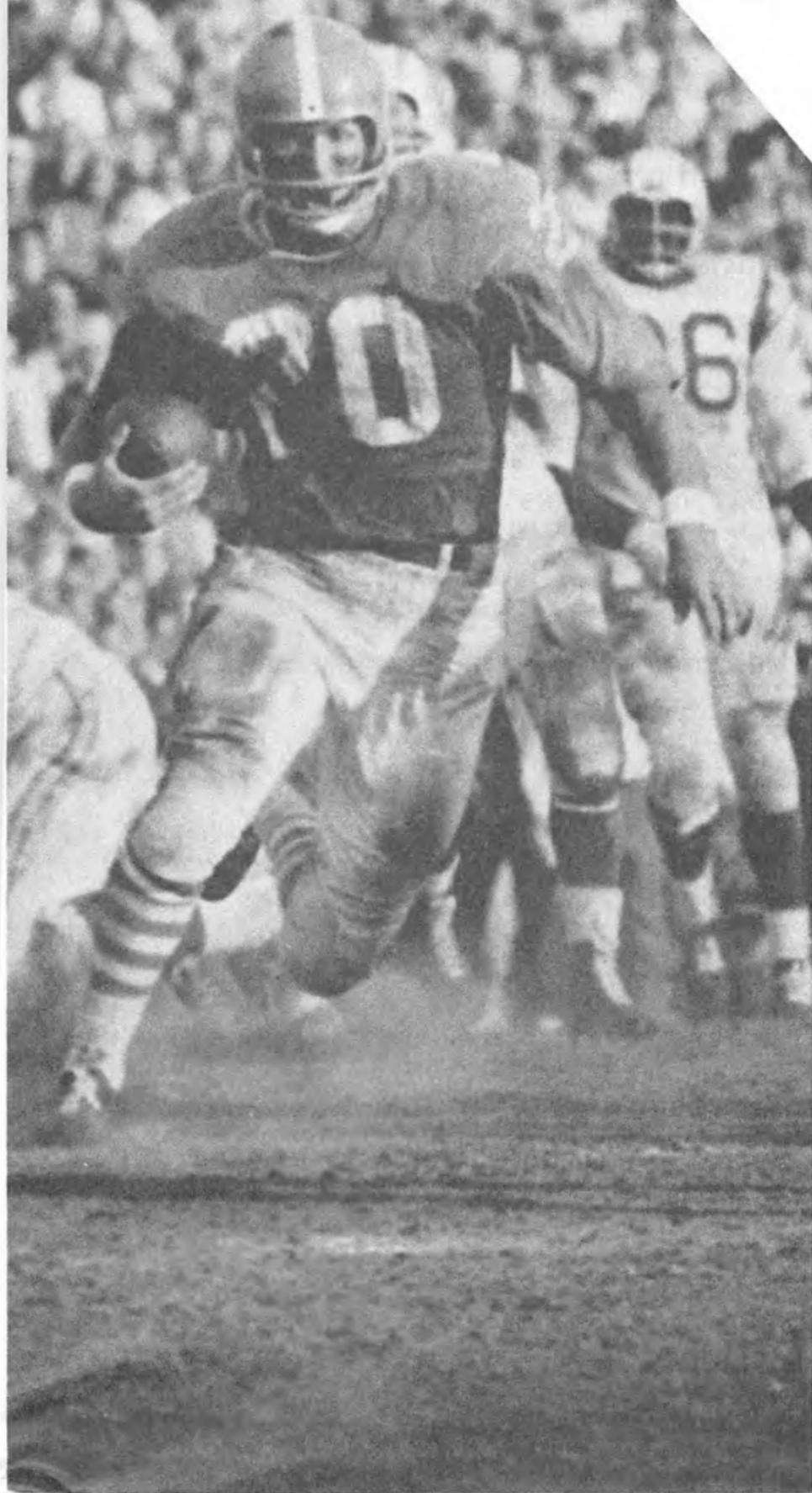
Hopkins, Andy	RB	S. F. Austin	1971	(1)
Hopkins, Roy	RB	Texas Southern	1967-71	(5)
Houston, Ken	SS	Prairie View	1967-72	(6)
Humphrey, Buddy	QB	Baylor	1966	(1)
Hunt, Calvin	C	Baylor	1972-73	(2)
Hunt, Kevin	T	Doane (Neb.)	1973-77	(5)
Husmann, Ed	DT	Nebraska	1961-65	(5)
Jackson, Bob	RB	New Mexico State	1964	(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	1972-78	(7)
Johnson, Benny	CB	J. C. Smith	1970-73	(4)
Johnson, Billy	WR	Widener	1974-78	(5)
Johnson, Charley	QB	New Mexico State	1970-71	(2)
Johnson, John H.	RB	Arizona State	1966	(1)
Johnson, Rich	RB	Illinois	1969	(1)
Johnston, Mark	CB	Northwestern	1960-63	(4)
Joiner, Charlie	WR	Grambling	1969-72	(4)
Jolley, Lewis	RB	North Carolina	1972-73	(2)
Jones, Gene	CB	Rice	1961	(1)
Jones, Harris	G	J. C. Smith	1973-74	(2)
Jones, Spike	P	Georgia	1970	(1)
Jones, Willie	DE	Kansas State	1967	(1)
Kelly, Bob	DT	New Mexico State	1961-63	(3)
Kendall, Chuck	S	U.C.L.A.	1960	(1)
Kennard, Ken	MG	Angelo State	1977-78	(2)
Kerbow, Randy	WR	Rice	1963-64	(2)
Kinderman, Keith	RB	Florida State	1963	(1)
Kiner, Steve	LB	Tennessee	1974-78	(5)
King, Claude	RB	Houston	1961	(1)
Kinney, George	DE	Wylie	1965	(1)
Kirk, Ernest	DE	Howard Payne	1977	(1)
Klotz, Jack	T	Penn Military	1964	(1)
Knoff, Kurt	DB	Kansas	1977-78	(2)
Ladd, Ernie	DT	Grambling	1966-67	(2)
Lanphear, Dan	DE	Wisconsin	1960/62	(2)
Laraway, Jack	LB	Purdue	1961	(1)
Lee, Jacky	QB	Cincinnati	1960-63/66-67	(6)
Ledbetter, Monte	WR	N. W. Louisiana	1967	(1)
LeMoine, Jim	G	Utah State	1968-69	(2)
LeVias, Jerry	WR	Southern Methodist	1969-70	(2)
Lewis, Jess	LB	Oregon State	1970	(1)
Lewis, Richard	LB	Portland State	1972	(1)
Little, John	MG	Oklahoma State	1975-76	(2)
Lou, Ron	C	Arizona State	1972-73; 76	(3)
Lumpkin, Ron	CB	Arizona State	1975	(1)
Majors, Joe	DB	Florida State	1960	(1)
Maple, Bobby	C	Baylor	1965-70	(6)
Marcontell, Ed	G	Lamar Tech	1967	(1)
Marshall, Rich	DT	S. F. Austin	1967-68	(2)
Matuszak, John	DT	Tampa	1973	(1)
Mauck, Carl	C	Southern Illinois	1975-78	(4)
Maxwell, Tommy	FS	Texas A&M	1974	(1)
Mayes, Ben	DT	Drake	1969	(1)
Mayo, Ron	TE	Morgan State	1973	(1)
McCanless, Jim	G	Clemson	1960	(1)
McCollum, Bubba	MG	Kentucky	1974	(1)
McConnell, Brian	LB	Michigan	1973	(1)
McDaniel, Wahoo	LB	Oklahoma	1960	(1)
McDole, Ron	DE	Nebraska	1962	(1)
McFadin, Bud	DT	Texas-Austin	1964-65	(2)
McLeod, Bob	TE	Abilene Christian	1961-65	(6)
McNeil, Clifton	WR	Grambling	1973	(1)
Meredith, Dudley	DT	Lamar Tech	1963/68	(2)
Merkens, Guido	DB	Sam Houston	1978	(1)
Meyer, John	LB	Notre Dame	1966-67	(2)
Michael, Rich	T	Ohio State	1960-66	(7)
Miller, Bill	DT	N. Mex. Highlands	1962	(1)
Miller, Ralph	G	Alabama State	1972-73	(2)
Milstead, Charles	QB	Texas A&M	1960-61	(2)
Mitchell, Leroy	CB	Texas Southern	1969-70	(2)
Montgomery, Mike	WR	Kansas State	1974	(1)
Moore, Zeke	CB	Lincoln	1967-77	(11)
Morris, Dennis	LB	Oklahoma	1960-61	(2)
Morrison, Ron	T	New Mexico	1960	(1)
Moseley, Mark	Ki	S. F. Austin	1971-72	(2)
Murdock, Guy	C	Michigan	1972	(1)
Musgrove, Spain	T	Utah State	1970	(1)
Naponic, Bob	QB	Illinois	1970	(1)
Nelson, Benny	S	Alabama	1964	(1)
Nery, Ron	DE	Kansas State	1963	(1)
Nicholson, Oliver	LB	Texas Southern	1975	(1)
Nielsen, Gifford	QB	Brigham Young	1978	(1)
Nix, Kent	QB	Texas Christian	1972	(1)
Norton, Jim	SS	Idaho	1960-68	(9)
Odom, Sammy	LB	N. W. Louisiana	1964	(1)

Olerich, Dave	LB	San Francisco	1971	(1)
Onesti, Larry	LB	Northwestern	1962-65	(4)
Owens, Joe	DE	Alcorn State	1976	(1)
Parker, Willie	DT	Arkansas AM&N	1967-70	(4)
Parks, Billy	WR	Cal. St.-Long Beach	1973-75	(3)
Parks, Dave	WR	Texas Tech	1973	(1)
Parrish, Bernie	CB	Florida	1966	(1)
Parsley, Cliff	P	Oklahoma State	1977-78	(2)
Pastorini, Dan	QB	Santa Clara	1971-78	(8)
Peacock, Johnny	S	Houston	1969-70	(2)
Perkins, Willis	G	Texas Southern	1961/63	(2)
Perlo, Phil	G	Maryland	1960	(1)
Pitts, Hugh	C	Texas Christian	1960	(1)
Pritchard, Ron	LB	Arizona State	1969-72	(4)
Poole, Bob	TE	Clemson	1966-67	(2)
Poole, Larry	RB	Kent State	1978	(1)
Post, Dickie	RB	Houston	1971	(1)
Queen, Jeff	TE	Morgan State	1974	(1)
Quinn, Steve	C	Notre Dame	1968	(1)
Reed, Alvin	TE	Prairie View	1967-72	(6)
Reed, Leo	G	Colorado State	1961	(1)
Regner, Tom	G	Notre Dame	1967-72	(6)
Reihner, George	G	Penn. State	1977-78	(2)
Reinfeldt, Mike	S	Wisconsin-Milw.	1976-78	(3)
Renfro, Mike	WR	TCU	1978	(1)
Rhome, Jerry	QB	Tulsa	1970	(1)
Rice, Andy	DT	Texas Southern	1967	(1)
Rice, Floyd	LB	Alcorn A&M	1971-73	(3)
Rice, George	DT	Louisiana State	1966-70	(5)
Richardson, Mike	RB	Southern Methodist	1969-71	(3)
Rieves, Charles	LB	Houston	1964	(1)
Roberts, Guy	LB	Maryland	1972-75	(4)
Robertson, Bob	T	Illinois	1968	(1)
Robinson, Paul	RB	Arizona	1972-73	(2)
Rodgers, Willie	RB	Kentucky State	1972-75	(4)
Rossovich, Tim	LB	Southern California	1976	(1)
Rucker, Conrad	TE	Southern	1978	(1)
Rudolph, Council	DE	Kentucky State	1972	(1)
Rushing, Marion	LB	Southern Illinois	1968	(1)
Sampson, Greg	T	Stanford	1972-78	(7)
Saul, Ron	G	Michigan State	1970-75	(6)
Sawyer, John	TE	So. Mississippi	1975-76	(2)
Schmidt, Bob	C	Minnesota	1961-63	(3)
Schuhmacher, John	OG	USC	1978	(1)
Severson, Jeff	S	Cal. St.-Long Beach	1973-74	(2)
Shirkey, George	DT	S. F. Austin	1960-61	(2)
Simerson, John	G	Purdue	1960	(1)
Simonsen, Todd	T	South Dakota State	1976	(1)
Sledge, Leroy	RB	Bakersfield JC	1971	(1)
Smiley, Tom	RB	Lamar Tech	1970	(1)
Smith, Bob	S	Miami (Ohio)	1968	(1)
Smith, Bubba	DE	Michigan State	1975-76	(2)
Smith, Dave	RB	Ripon	1960-64	(5)
Smith, Dave	WR	Indiana-Pa.	1972	(1)
Smith, Sid	C	So. California	1974	(1)
Smith, Tody	DE	So. California	1973-76	(4)
Sowells, Rich	DB	Alcorn St.	1977	(1)
Spence, Julian	S	Huston-Tillotson	1960-61	(2)
Spikes, Jack	RB	Texas Christian	1965	(1)
Stemrick, Greg	CB	Colorado State	1975-78	(4)
Stith, Carel	DT	Nebraska	1967-69	(3)
Stoepel, Terry	T	Tulsa	1970	(1)
Stone, Donnie	RB	Arkansas	1966	(1)
Stotter, Rich	LB	Houston	1968	(1)
Strahan, Arthur	DE	Texas Southern	1965	(1)
Stringer, Art	LB	Ball State	1977-78	(2)
Sturm, Jerry	C	Illinois	1971	(1)
Suci, Bob	S	Michigan State	1962	(1)
Suggs, Walt	T	Mississippi State	1962-71	(10)
Sutton, Mickey	S	Auburn	1966	(1)
Swatland, Dick	G	Notre Dame	1968	(1)
Talamini, Bob	G	Kentucky	1960-67	(8)
Taylor, Altie	RB	Utah State	1976	(1)
Taylor, Lionel	WR	N. Mex. Highlands	1967-68	(2)
Thomas, Bill	RB	Boston College	1973	(1)
Thomas, Earl	WR	Houston	1976	(1)
Thomas, Lee	DE	Jackson State	1975	(1)
Thompson, Ted	LB	Southern Methodist	1975-78	(4)
Tillemar, Mike	DT	Montana	1971-72	(2)
Tobin, Bill	RB	Missouri	1963	(1)
Tolar, Charles	RB	N. W. Louisiana	1960-66	(7)
Tolbert, Jim	CB	Lincoln	1972	(1)
Towns, Morris	T	Missouri	1977-78	(2)
Trammell, Allen	S	Florida	1966	(1)
Trask, Orville	DT	Rice	1960-61	(2)
Trull, Don	QB	Baylor	1964-69	(6)

Underwood, Olen	LB	Texas-Austin	1966-70	(5)
Vanoy, Vernon	DT	Kansas	1973	(1)
Viltz, Theo	CB	So. California	1966	(1)
Voight, Mike	RB	N. Carolina	1977	(1)
Wainscott, Lloyd	LB	Texas-Austin	1969-70	(2)
Walker, Wayne	KI	N. W. Louisiana	1968	(1)
Wallner, Fred	G	Notre Dame	1960	(1)
Walsh, Ward	RB	Colorado	1971-72	(2)
Walton, Sam	T	East Texas State	1971	(1)
Washington, Ted	LB	Mississippi Valley	1973-78	(6)
Washington, Vic	RB	Wyoming	1974	(1)
Watson, Ed	LB	Grambling	1969	(1)
Webster, George	LB	Michigan State	1967-72	(6)
Wegener, Bucky	DT	Missouri	1962-63	(2)
Weger, Mike	S	Bowling Green	1976-77	(2)
Weir, Sammy	WR	Arkansas State	1965	(1)
Wells, Robert	T	J. C. Smith	1972	(1)
Wells, Terence	RB	So. Mississippi	1974	(1)
Wharton, Hogan	G	Houston	1960-63	(4)
White, Bob	RB	Ohio State	1960	(1)
White, Jim	DE	Colorado State	1974-75	(2)
White, John	TE	Texas Southern	1960-61	(2)
Whittington, C. L.	FS	Prairie View	1974-78	(5)
Whittington, C. L.	FS	Prairie View	1974-77	(4)
Wilkerson, Doug	G	N. Carolina Central	1970	(1)
Williams, Maxie	G	Southeast Louisiana	1965	(1)
Williams, Sam	CB	New Mexico High.	1976	(1)
Willis, Fred	RB	Boston College	1972-77	(6)
Wilson, J. C.	DB	Pittsburgh	1978	(1)
Wilson, Tim	RB	Maryland	1977-78	(2)
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)
Woods, Robert	WR	Grambling	1978	(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 Southern	1977-78	(2)
Zaeske, Paul	WR	North Park College	1969-70	(2)

PLAYER MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVE FOR THREE GAMES TO QUALIFY.

OLDER RECORDS



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).
- 78 — Earl Campbell, 1978 (13-td)
- 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).
- 13 — Earl Campbell, 1978 (13td).

MOST TOUCHDOWNS — ROOKIE SEASON

- 13 — Earl Campbell, 1978 (13-r)
- 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

302 - Earl Campbell, 1978

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

1450 - Earl Campbell, 1978

MOST YARDS GAINED - GAME

216 - Billy Cannon vs New York Titans, 12/10/61 (25-att).

199 - Earl Campbell vs Miami 11/20/78

MOST GAMES, 100 YARDS OR MORE RUSHING - CAREER

7 - Hoyle Granger, 1966-70

7 - Earl Campbell, 1978

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.

81 - Earl Campbell vs Miami 11/20/78

MOST YARDS RUSHING - ROOKIE SEASON

1450 - Earl Campbell, 1978

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**

13 — Earl Campbell, 1978

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING — GAME

4 — Earl Campbell, 11/20/78

**MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES SCORING
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS**3 — Robert Holmes, 1971.
3 — Willie Rodgers, 1974.
3 — Ronnie Coleman, 1977.
3 — Earl Campbell, 1978.**PASSING****MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED — CAREER**2784 — George Blanda, 1960 - 66 (1347 completions).
2075 — Dan Pastorini, 1971-77 (1064 completions)**MOST PASSES COMPLETED — SEASON**262 — George Blanda, 1962 (505 attempts).
199 — Dan Pastorini (368 attempts).**MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED — GAME**68 — George Blanda vs Buffalo, 11/1/64 (37 completions).
60 — George Blanda vs Oakland, 11/7/65.**COMPLETIONS****MOST PASSES COMPLETED — CAREER**1347 — George Blanda, 1960 - 66 (2784 attempts).
1064 — Dan Pastorini, 1971-77. (1064 attempts)**MOST PASSES COMPLETED — SEASON**262 — George Blanda, 1962 (505 attempts).
199 — Dan Pastorini (368 attempts)
180 — Pete Beathard, 1969 (370 attempts).**MOST 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****MOST YARDS GAINED — CAREER**19149 — George Blanda, 1960 - 66.
12,283 — Dan Pastorini, 1971-77.**MOST YARDS GAINED — SEASON**3330 — George Blanda, 1961.
2473 — Dan Pastorini, 1978**MOST YARDS GAINED — GAME**464 — George Blanda vs Buffalo, 10/29/61 (32-18).
457 — Jacky Lee vs Boston, 10/13/61 (41-27).**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.
82 — Dan Pastorini, 1971-78.**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.

PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED — CAREER

189 — George Blanda, 1960-66.

121 — Dan Pastorini, 1971-78.

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED — SEASON

42 — George Blanda, 1962.

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.

337 — Ken Burrough, 1971-78.

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.

YARDS RECEIVING

MOST YARDS GAINED — CAREER

6823 — Charles Hennigan, 1960-66.

5592 — Ken Burrough, 1971-78.

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).

LONGEST PASS RECEPTION

98 — TD, Willard Dewveall (Jacky Lee) vs San Diego, 11/25/62.

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.

36 — Ken Burrough, 1971-78.

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES — SEASON

17 — Bill Groman, 1961.

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 PASS

8 — Bill Groman, 1961.

5 — Ken Burrough, 1977.

INTERCEPTIONS BY

MOST INTERCEPTIONS BY — CAREER

45 — Jim Norton, 1960-68.

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).

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).

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.

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.

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

- 151 - Billy Johnson, 1974-78.

MOST PUNT RETURNS - SEASON

- 40 - Billy Johnson, 1975.
- 39 - Billy Johnson, 1976.

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).

MOST YARDS GAINED - SEASON

- 612 - Billy Johnson, 1975 (40 returns).
- 539 - Billy Johnson, 1977 (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.

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

- 87 — Billy Johnson vs Cleveland, 10/16/77.
- 83 — TD, Billy Johnson vs Miami, 11/16/75.

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.

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS — SEASON

- 45 — Bobby Jancik, 1963.

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.
- 2865 — Billy Johnson, 1974-78.

MOST YARDS GAINED — SEASON

- 1317 — Bobby Jancik, 1963.

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
- 10 – 1978

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).

MOST POINTS – GAME

- 56 – vs New York Titans, 10/14/62.
- 55 – vs Oakland, 9/9/61.
- 55 – vs Denver, 11/5/61.

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).

MOST POINTS, ONE QUARTER

- 28 – vs Kansas City (3Q), 10/24/65.
- 28 – vs San Diego (3Q), 12/19/71.

MOST POINTS, ONE QUARTER – BOTH TEAMS

- 49 – Houston (21) vs Oakland (28), (2Q), 12/22/63.

MOST POINTS, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

- 101 – Houston 49 vs Oakland 52, 12/22/63.

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).

MOST TOUCHDOWNS – SEASON

- 66 – 1961

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

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.

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED – SEASON

48 – 1962 (475 attempts).

FEWEST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED – SEASON

17 – 1975 (347 attempts).

17 – 1978 (368 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 – 1978

91 – 1978

FEWEST PUNTS – SEASON

54 – 1964

MOST PUNTS – GAME

11 – vs Pittsburgh, 12/11/76

11 – vs Oakland, 12/31/60.

FEWEST PUNTS – GAME

0 – vs Buffalo, 9/9/62.

HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE – SEASON

43.7 – 1965

PUNT RETURNS**MOST PUNT RETURNS – SEASON**

52 – 1968

FEWEST PUNT RETURNS – SEASON

15 – 1960

MOST PUNT RETURNS – GAME

10 – vs Tampa Bay, 9/12/76.

MOST YARDS GAINED PUNT RETURNS – SEASON

620 – 1975

539 – 1977

MOST YARDS GAINED PUNT RETURNS – GAME

149 – vs Cleveland, 9/22/74.

127 – vs Cincinnati, 10/5/75.

HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE – SEASON

15.4 – 1977

14.4 – 1975

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

FEWEST KICKOFF RETURNS – SEASON

43 – 1961

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS – GAME

10 – vs Oakland, 12/22/63.

MOST YARDS GAINED KICKOFF RETURNS – SEASON

1755 – 1963

1669 – 1965

FEWEST YARDS GAINED KICKOFF RETURNS – SEASON

936 – 1961

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

FEWEST FUMBLES – SEASON

17 – 1962

MOST FUMBLES – GAME

8 – vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.

MOST FUMBLES LOST – SEASON

24 – 1963

FEWEST FUMBLES LOST – SEASON

7 – 1968

9 – 1967

MOST FUMBLES LOST – GAME

5 – vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.

MOST OPPONENTS' FUMBLES RECOVERED – SEASON

28 – 1977 (39 fumbles).

28 – 1960 (42 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

FEWEST PENALTIES – SEASON

58 – 1963

MOST PENALTIES – GAME

14 – vs Detroit, 10/17/71 (144 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).

FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED – SEASON

565 – 1963 (58 penalties).

581 – 1972 (54 penalties).

MOST YARDS PENALIZED – GAME

180 – vs Buffalo, 10/21/65.

EXTRA POINTS – FIELD GOALS**MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN – SEASON**

65 – 1961

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

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.

MOST FIELD GOALS – SEASON

19 – 1969

18 – 1970

18 – 1975

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

MOST FIRST DOWNS – GAME

- 28 – vs San Diego, 9/12/64.
- 28 – vs Denver, 9/3/66.
- 28 – vs Cleveland, 11/5/78

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS – GAME

- 4 – vs Cleveland, 10/21/73.

MOST FIRST DOWNS, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

- 53 – Houston (21) vs Kansas City (32), 10/24/65.

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

- 135 – 1978

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING – SEASON

- 62 – 1971

MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING – GAME

- 17 – vs San Diego, 9/23/62.
- 16 – vs Denver, 11/12/67.

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING – GAME

- 0 – 4 games

MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING – SEASON

- 193 – 1964

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS PASSING – SEASON

- 86 – 1967

MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING – GAME

- 24 – vs Buffalo, 11/1/64.

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS PASSING – GAME

- 1 – vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.

MOST FIRST DOWNS PENALTY – SEASON

- 26 – 1960
- 26 – 1966

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS PENALTY – SEASON

- 10 – 1967

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

FEWEST YARDS GAINED – SEASON

- 3191 – 1972

MOST YARDS GAINED – GAME

- 582 – vs Denver, 11/5/61.
- 573 – vs New York Titans, 12/10/61.

FEWEST YARDS GAINED – GAME

- 83 – vs Pittsburgh, 12/9/73.
- 89 – vs Oakland, 10/9/72.

MOST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

- 1063 – Houston (475) vs Oakland (588), 12/22/63.

FEWEST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

- 242 – Houston (158) vs Pittsburgh (89), 12/1/74.

RUSHING**MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS – SEASON**

- 605 – 1978

FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS – SEASON

- 324 – 1965

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS – GAME

56 – vs San Diego, 9/28/75.
 55 – vs Oakland, 9/9/61.

FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS – GAME

9 – vs Cincinnati, 10/24/76.

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

85 – Houston (33) vs New England (52), 9/21/75.
 85 – Houston (52) vs Oakland (33), 10/8/78.

FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

39 – Houston (25) vs Denver (14), 12/2/62.

MOST YARDS GAINED RUSHING – SEASON

2476 – 1978

FEWEST YARDS GAINED RUSHING – SEASON

1106 – 1971

MOST YARDS GAINED RUSHING – GAME

279 – vs Miami, 12/2/67.
 277 – vs San Diego, 9/23/62.

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.

FEWEST YARDS GAINED RUSHING, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

58 – Houston (72) vs Boston (-14), 11/25/60.

HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN RUSHING – SEASON

4.4 – 1967

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING – SEASON

19 – 1978
 16 – 1968

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING – GAME

5 – vs Los Angeles Chargers, 9/18/60.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

6 – Houston (4) vs Miami (2), 11/20/78.

PASSING**MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED – SEASON**

592 – 1964

FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED – SEASON

333 – 1967

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED – GAME

68 – vs Buffalo, 11/1/64 (37 completed).

FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED – GAME

11 – vs Buffalo, 11/10/74 (6 completed).

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

97 – Houston (44) vs Denver (53), 12/2/62.

FEWEST PASSES ATTEMPTED, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

35 – Houston (23) vs Miami (12), 10/6/68.

MOST PASSES COMPLETED – SEASON

299 – 1964

FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED – SEASON

144 – 1967

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).

MOST PASSES COMPLETED, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

53 – Houston (18) vs Denver (35), 12/20/64.

FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED, BOTH TEAMS – GAME

13 – Houston (7) vs Miami (6), 10/6/68.
 13 – Houston (6) vs Cincinnati (7), 10/31/71.

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Net) – SEASON

4392 – 1961

FEWEST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Net) – SEASON

1390 – 1967

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Net) – GAME

464 – vs Buffalo, 10/29/61.
 448 – vs Boston, 10/13/61.

FEWEST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Net) – GAME

-14 – vs Pittsburgh, 10/23/77.

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING, BOTH TEAMS (Net) – GAME

749 – Houston (342) vs Oakland (407), 12/22/63.

FEWEST YARDS GAINED PASSING, BOTH TEAMS (Net) – GAME

31 – Houston (83) vs Cincinnati (-52), 10/31/71.

- MOST TIMES TACKLED ATTEMPTING TO PASS – SEASON**
45 – 1972
- FEWEST TIMES TACKLED ATTEMPTING TO PASS – SEASON**
11 – 1962
- 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.

HOUSTON OILER TEAM RECORDS – DEFENSE

SCORING

- FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED – SEASON**
199 – 1967
226 – 1975
- MOST POINTS ALLOWED – SEASON**
458 – 1973
- FEWEST TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED – SEASON**
18 – 1967
- MOST TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED – SEASON**
53 – 1973

FIRST DOWNS

- FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED – SEASON**
183 – 1969
- MOST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED – SEASON**
282 – 1960
- FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON**
75 – 1962
77 – 1969
- MOST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON**
147 – 1972
- FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED PASSING – SEASON**
89 – 1976
- MOST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED PASSING – SEASON**
164 – 1960
- FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED PENALTY – SEASON**
13 – 1968
13 – 1969
- MOST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED PENALTY – SEASON**
28 – 1960
28 – 1965

NET YARDS ALLOWED

(Rushing and Passing)

- FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED – SEASON**
3375 – 1968
- MOST YARDS ALLOWED – SEASON**
5241 – 1964

RUSHING

- FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON**
1027 – 1960
- MOST YARDS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON**
2683 – 1965
- FEWEST TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON**
6 – 1960
7 – 1967
- MOST TOUCHDOWNS ALLOWED RUSHING – SEASON**
23 – 1972
22 – 1971
- FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED RUSHING – GAME**
-14 – Boston, 11/25/60.
5 – San Francisco, 12/7/75.
- MOST YARDS ALLOWED RUSHING – GAME**
398 – Dallas Texans, 10/1/61.

PASSING

- FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED PASSING – GAME**
-52 – vs Cincinnati, 10/31/71.
-16 – vs Chicago, 11/6/77.
-7 – vs Denver, 9/3/66.

MOST YARDS ALLOWED PASSING – GAME

405 – vs Buffalo, 11/11/64.
 401 – vs Denver, 11/6/60.

FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED PASSING (Net) – SEASON

1671 – 1968

MOST YARDS ALLOWED PASSING (Net) – SEASON

3874 – 1960

MOST OPPONENTS TACKLED**ATTEMPTING PASSES – SEASON**

50 – 1976

FEWEST TOUCHDOWN PASSES ALLOWED – SEASON

10 – 1967

11 – 1971

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES ALLOWED – SEASON

35 – 1966

INTERCEPTIONS BY**MOST OPPONENTS' PASSES INTERCEPTED BY – SEASON**

36 – 1963

35 – 1962

FEWEST OPPONENTS' PASSES INTERCEPTED BY – SEASON

6 – 1972

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES INTERCEPTING PASSES

17 – 1963 - 64

MOST YARDS RETURNED INTERCEPTED PASSES – SEASON

676 – 1967 (26)

MOST YARDS GAINED**RETURNING INTERCEPTED PASSES – GAME**

245 – vs New York Jets, 10/15/67 (6 intercepts).

MOST TOUCHDOWNS**RETURNING INTERCEPTED PASSES – SEASON**

7 – 1967

5 – 1968

MOST TOUCHDOWNS**RETURNING INTERCEPTED PASSES – GAME**

3 – vs San Diego, 12/19/71.

PUNT RETURNS**FEWEST PUNT RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON**

20 – 1961

MOST PUNT RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

60 – 1976

FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED**ON PUNT RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON**

196 – 1969

MOST YARDS ALLOWED**ON PUNT RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON**

668 – 1976

KICKOFF RETURNS**FEWEST KICKOFFS RETURNED BY OPPONENTS – SEASON**

32 – 1970

MOST KICKOFFS RETURNED BY OPPONENTS – SEASON

64 – 1961

FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED**ON KICKOFF RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON**

741 – 1970

792 – 1969

MOST YARDS ALLOWED**ON KICKOFF RETURNS BY OPPONENTS – SEASON**

1481 – 1961

OILERS' LONGEST PLAYS, 1960 - 77**RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE**

91-yards – TD, Sid Blanks, 12/13/64, at Houston 33, New York 17.

81-yards – TD, Earl Campbell 11/20/78, at Houston 35, Miami 30

77-yards – Rob Carpenter, 11/27/77, at Houston 34, Kansas City 20

73-yards – TD, Earl Campbell, 9/3/78, at Atlanta 20, Houston 14

PASS 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).

PASS 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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

FIELD GOAL RETURNS (Runbacks of missed FG attempts)

- 71-yards— TD, Ken Houston, 10/15/67, at New York 28, Houston 28.

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.

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.

PASS INTERCEPTION RETURNS

- 98-yards— TD, Bob Suci, Boston, 11/1/63, at Boston 45, Houston 3.
91-yards— Booker Edgeron, Buffalo, 11/1/64, at Buffalo 24, Houston 10.

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.

PUNT RETURNS

- 93-yards— TD, Billy Baird, New York, 11/10/63, at Houston 31, New York 27.
85-yards— TD, Jon Stagers, Green Bay, 11/19/72, at Houston 10, Green Bay 10.

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.

FIELD GOALS

- 54-yards— Jan Stenerud, Kansas City, 9/9/67, at Houston 20, Kansas City 25.

FIELD GOAL RETURNS (Runbacks of missed FG attempts)

- 97-yards— TD, Marshall Starks, New York, 9/22/63, at New York 24, Houston 17.

1977 ATTENDANCE FIGURES

HOUSTON OILERS' 19 - YEAR HOME ATTENDANCE FIGURES, 1960 - 1978

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)
1978	11	561,631	51,573	Astrodome (50,000)
19-YR. Totals	187	6,968,306	37,263	

(Includes pre-season and regular season games)

HOUSTON OILERS' 19 - YEAR ROAD ATTENDANCE FIGURES, 1960 - 1978

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
1978	9	523,317	58,146
19-YR. Totals	187	7,207,171	38,541

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR 373 HOME AND ROAD GAMES
OVER THE PAST 19 YEARS**
14,175,477 37,902 PER GAME

OILERS' TOP TEN ATTENDANCE FIGURES IN LEAGUE PLAY, 1960 - 1978

HOME GAMES			ROAD GAMES		
Year	Opponent	Crowd	Year	Opponent	Crowd
1974	Dallas	52,837A*	1974	Buffalo	80,020
1965	New York Jets	52,680R	1973	Kansas City	78,000
1976	Pittsburgh	52,437A*	1972	Miami	77,821
1969	New York Jets	51,923A*	1970	Cleveland	74,723
1975	Washington	51,911A*	1973	Cleveland	69,500
1975	Pittsburgh	51,851A*	1975	Kansas City	65,449
1975	Miami	51,755A*	1969	New York Jets	63,841
1968	New York Jets	51,710A*	1976	Buffalo	63,677
1977	Pittsburgh	51,644A*	1977	Seattle Seahawks	63,817
1977	Denver Broncos	51,455A*	1973	New York Giants	62,892
1978	Pittsburgh	55,133*	1978	Cleveland	73,481

* Standing Room Only

A - Astrodome J - Jeppesen Stadium R - Rice Stadium

(Crowd figures are actual tickets sold)
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