

1961 AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Final Standings

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>
Houston Oilers	10	3	1	.769	513	242
Boston Patriots	9	4	1	.692	413	313
New York Titans	7	7	0	.500	301	390
Buffalo Bills	6	8	0	.429	294	342
<u>Western Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>
San Diego Chargers	12	2	0	.857	396	219
Dallas Texans	6	8	0	.429	334	343
Denver Broncos	3	11	0	.214	251	432
Oakland Raiders	2	12	0	.143	237	458

AFL Championship: Houston 10, San Diego 3

WEEK ONE

Saturday, September 9, 1961 (Night), at Houston
Jeppesen Stadium. Att: 16,231

Oakland Raiders	0	0	0	0	-	0
Houston Oilers	7	21	10	17	-	55

Hou-Tolar, 27 run (Blanda kick)
Hou-Hennigan, 78 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
Hou-Groman, 13 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
Hou-Smith, 2 run (Blanda kick)
Hou-Groman, 20 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
Hou-FG, Blanda 27
Hou-FG, Blanda 14
Hou-Smith, 2 run (Blanda kick)
Hou-Smith, 28 pass from Lee (Milstead kick)

Sources-Oakland *Tribune*, San Francisco *Chronicle*,
San Francisco *Examiner*

Saturday, September 9, 1961 (Night), at Boston
Nickerson Field. Att: 16,683

New York Titans	7	7	0	7	-	21
Boston Patriots	0	7	10	3	-	20

NYT-Dorow, 2 run (Shockley kick)
Bos-Parilli, 1 run (Cappelletti kick)
NYT-Cooper, 16 pass from Dorow (Shockley kick)
Bos-Cappelletti 10 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
Bos-FG, Cappelletti 27
NYT-Maynard, 37 pass from Dorow (Shockley kick)
Bos-FG, Cappelletti 32

Source-New York *Times*

Sunday, September 10, 1961, at Buffalo
War Memorial Stadium. Att: 16,636

Denver Broncos	7	8	7	0	-	22
Buffalo Bills	8	0	0	2	-	10

Den-Taylor, 50 pass from Mingo (Mingo kick)
Buf-Dubenion, 65 run (Lucas run)
Den-Frazier, 23 pass from Tripucka (Frazier run)
Den-Taylor, 52 pass from Mingo (Mingo kick)
Buf-Safety, Herring ran out of end zone

Sources-New York *Times*, 1962 Buffalo media guide

Sunday, September 10, 1961, at Dallas
Cotton Bowl. Att: 24,500

San Diego Chargers	6	6	0	14	-	26
Dallas Texans	0	0	0	10	-	10

SD -Lowe, 87 run (kick failed)
SD -FG, Blair, 18
SD -FG, Blair, 17
Tex-FG, Spikes 27
SD -Laraba, 1 run (Blair kick)
SD -Roberson, 59 run (Blair kick)
Tex-Spikes, 74 run (Spikes kick)

Sources-San Diego *Union*, New York *Times*

WEEK TWO

Saturday, September 16, 1961 (Night), at Boston
Nickerson Field. Att: 14,479

Boston Patriots	3	7	21	14	-	45
Denver Broncos	3	0	7	7	-	17

Den-FG, Mingo 34
Bos-FG, Cappelletti 35
Bos-Colclough, 14 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
Den-Mingo, 69 pass from Tripucka (Hill kick)
Bos-Cappelletti, 52 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
Bos-Colclough, 18 pass from Yewcic (Cappelletti kick)
Bos-Stephens, 8 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
Bos-Yewcic, 1 run (Cappelletti kick)
Den-Taylor, 3 pass from Tripucka (Hill kick)
Bos-Lott, 28 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)

Sources-New York *Times*, Denver *Post*

Sunday, September 17, 1961, at San Diego
Balboa Stadium. Att: 20,216

San Diego Chargers	14	16	0	14	-	44
Oakland Raiders	0	0	0	0	-	0

SD -Harris, 41 int (Blair kick)
SD -Lowe, 2 run (Blair kick)
SD -Roberson, 34 run (Blair kick)
SD -Flowers, 2 run (kick failed)
SD -FG, Blair 34
SD -Flowers, 1 run (Blair kick)
SD -Roberson, 17 run (Blair kick)

Sources-New York *Times*, San Diego *Union*, Oakland *Tribune*,
San Francisco *Chronicle*, San Francisco *Examiner*

Sunday, September 17, 1961, at Buffalo
War Memorial Stadium. Att: 15,584

New York Titans	17	7	7	0	-	31
Buffalo Bills	7	21	7	6	-	41

NYT-Maynard, 4 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
NYT-FG, Guesman 16
NYT-Maynard, 14 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
Buf-Brown, 93 kick ret (Atkins kick)
Buf-Baker, 1 run (Atkins kick)
NYT-Cooper, 26 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
Buf-Dubenion, 72 run (Atkins kick)
Buf-Bass, 45 pass from Lucas (Atkins kick)
Buf-Dubenion, 33 pass from Lucas (Atkins kick)
Buf-FG, Hergert 12
NYT-Powell, 12 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
Buf-FG, Hergert 27

Sources-New York *Times*, 1962 Buffalo media guide

WEEK THREE

Saturday, September 23, 1961 (Night), at Buffalo
War Memorial Stadium. Att: 21,504

Boston Patriots	3	3	14	3	-	23
Buffalo Bills	7	0	7	7	-	21

Bos-FG, Cappelletti 36
Buf-Carlton, 1 run (Atkins kick)
Bos-FG, Cappelletti 35

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Bos-Garron, 67 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Stephens, 1 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Buf-Reynolds, 1 run (Atkins kick)
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 46
 Buf-Dubenion, 10 pass from Reynolds (Atkins kick)
 Sources-New York *Times*, 1962 Buffalo media guide, Relentless:

Sunday, September 24, 1961, at San Diego
 Balboa Stadium. Att: 29,210

San Diego Chargers	3	28	3	0	-	34
Houston Oilers	3	0	7	14	-	24

SD -FG, Blair 44
 Hou-FG, Blanda 28
 SD -Kocourek, 7 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 SD -Lowe, 2 run (Blair kick)
 SD -McNeil, 76 int ret (Blair kick)
 SD -Hayes, 37 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 Hou-Hall, 13 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 SD -FG, Blair 14
 Hou-White, 40 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Tolar, 3 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)

Sources-Houston *Post*, New York *Times*

Sunday, September 24, 1961, at San Francisco
 Candlestick Park. Att: 6,737

Dallas Texans	7	7	13	15	-	42
Oakland Raiders	3	17	7	8	-	35

Oak-FG, Fleming 45
 Tex-Haynes, 47 pass from Duncan (Spikes kick)
 Oak-Crow, 4 run (Fleming kick)
 Oak-Hardy, 8 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Oak-FG, Fleming 24
 Tex-Burford, 31 pass from Davidson (Spikes kick)
 Tex-Robinson, 69 pass from Davidson (Spikes kick)
 Oak-Flores, 1 run (Fleming kick)
 Tex-Spikes, 30 run (kick failed)
 Tex-Dickinson, 1 run (Spikes kick)
 Oak-Coolbaugh, 28 pass from Flores (Crow pass from Flores)
 Tex-Robinson, 13 run (Spikes run)

Sources-San Francisco *Chronicle*, San Francisco *Examiner*,
 Oakland *Tribune*, Dallas *Times Herald*

Sunday, September 24, 1961, at New York
 Polo Grounds. Att: 14,381

Denver Broncos	7	0	7	14	-	28
New York Titans	14	14	7	0	-	35

NYT-Christy, 70 punt ret (Shockley kick)
 NYT-Maynard, 34 pass from Dorow (Shockley kick)
 Den-Stone, 5 pass from Tripucka (Mingo kick)
 NYT-Christy, 64 punt ret (Shockley kick)
 NYT-Maynard, 39 pass from Dorow (Shockley kick)
 NYT-Powell, 11 pass from Dorow (Shockley kick)
 Den-Stone, 9 run (Mingo kick)
 Den-Bukaty, 3 run (Mingo kick)
 Den-Bukaty, 1 run (Mingo kick)

Sources-Rocky Mountain *News*, Denver *Post*

WEEK FOUR

Saturday, September 30, 1961 (Night), at Buffalo
 War Memorial Stadium. Att: 20,742

San Diego Chargers	13	0	6	0	-	19
Buffalo Bills	0	11	0	0	-	11

SD -Harris, 56 int (Blair kick)
 SD -Lowe, 30 run (kick failed)
 Buf-FG, Hergert 16
 Buf-Dubenion, 29 pass from Reynolds (Lucas run)
 SD -FG, Blair 38
 SD -FG, Blair 11

Sources-New York *Times*, 1962 Buffalo media guide

Sunday, October 1, 1961, at San Francisco
 Candlestick Park. Att: 8,361

Denver Broncos	0	3	0	16	-	19
Oakland Raiders	7	19	7	0	-	33

Oak-Crow, 1 run (Fleming kick)
 Oak-Miller, 18 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Den-FG, Mingo 24
 Oak-Safety, Herring stepped out of end zone
 Oak-FG, Fleming 54
 Oak-Coolbaugh, 27 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Oak-Miller, 1 run (Fleming kick)
 Den-Bukaty, 2 run (Bukaty pass from Herring)
 Den-Prebola, 5 pass from Herring (Prebola pass from Herring)
 Sources-Oakland *Tribune*, San Francisco *Examiner*,
 San Francisco *Chronicle*

Sunday, October 1, 1961, at Dallas
 Cotton Bowl. Att: 28,000

Houston Oilers	7	0	0	14	-	21
Dallas Texans	6	14	0	6	-	26

Hou-Cannon, 70 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Tex-Spikes, 31 run (kick blocked)
 Tex-Spikes, 2 run (kick blocked)
 Tex-Haynes, 24 run (Dickinson pass from Duncan)
 Tex-Spikes, 73 run (run failed)
 Hou-Groman, 6 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Hennigan, 63 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Sources-Dallas *Morning News*, Houston *Post*

Sunday, October 1, 1961, at New York
 Polo Grounds. Att: 15,189

New York Titans	0	20	3	14	-	37
Boston Patriots	9	0	14	7	-	30

Bos-FG, Cappelletti 34
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 30
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 16
 NYT-Mathis, 2 run (Shockley kick)
 NYT-Cooper, 5 pass from Dorow (pass failed)
 NYT-Powell, 4 pass from Scrabis (Shockley kick)
 Bos-Garron, 27 pass from Cappelletti (Cappelletti kick)
 NYT-FG, Shockley 26
 Bos-Colclough, 33 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 NYT-Mathis, 2 run (Shockley kick)
 Bos-Cappelletti, 32 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 NYT-Maynard, 13 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
 Source-Pittsburgh *Press*

WEEK FIVE

Saturday, October 7, 1961 (Night), at Boston
 Nickerson Field. Att: 17,748

San Diego Chargers	7	24	0	7	-	38
Boston Patriots	0	14	7	6	-	27

SD -Hayes, 12 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 Bos-Lott, 1 run (Cappelletti kick)
 SD -Zeman, 35 blocked kick (Blair kick)
 SD -FG, Blair 10
 Bos-Stephens, 17 fumble run (Cappelletti kick)
 SD -Kocourek, 75 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 SD -Norton, 30 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 Bos-Colclough, 30 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 SD -Kemp, 3 run (Blair kick)
 Bos-Cappelletti, 47 pass from Parilli (kick failed)
 Sources-New York *Times*, San Diego *Union*

Sunday, October 8, 1961, at Denver
 Mile High Stadium. Att: 14,500

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Denver Broncos	0	0	0	12	-	12
Dallas Texans	9	7	3	0	-	19

Tex-Dickinson, 1 run (kick failed)
 Tex-FG, Spikes 21
 Tex-Burford, 24 pass from Davidson (Spikes kick)
 Tex-FG, Spikes 18
 Den-Frazier, 12 pass from Tripucka (run failed)
 Den-Taylor, 22 pass from Tripucka (pass failed)
 Sources-Rocky Mountain *News*, Dallas *Morning News*,
 Denver *Post*, Los Angeles *Times*

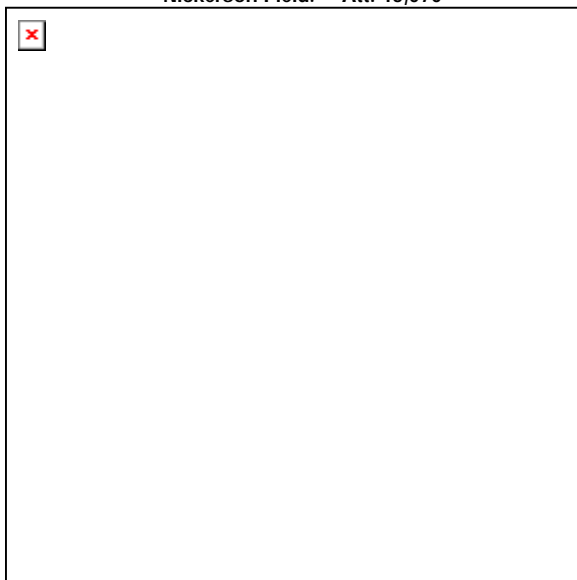
Sunday, October 8, 1961, at Houston
 Jeppesen Stadium. Att: 22,761

Buffalo Bills	0	7	0	15	-	22
Houston Oilers	0	10	2	0	-	12

Buf-Brown, 4 run (Atkins kick)
 Hou-Groman, 54 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 Hou-FG, Blanda 14
 Hou-Safety, punt blocked by Morris out of end zone
 Buf-Richards, 15 pass from Rabb (Lucas run)
 Buf-Carlton, 27 run (Atkins kick)
 Sources-1962 Buffalo media guide, Buffalo *Evening News*,
 Houston *Post*

WEEK SIX

Friday, October 13, 1961 (Night), at Boston
 Nickerson Field. Att: 15,070



a game highlighted by offensive fireworks, the Oilers and Patriots battled to a tie. Oilers QB Jackey Lee threw for 457 yards and 2 TDs. Charley Hennigan had 13 catches for 232 yards and 1 TD while Bill Groman had 5 catches for 148 yards and 1 TD. The Patriots were led by Gino Cappelletti who hauled in 6 catches for 131 yards and 1 TD.

Houston Oilers	0	14	7	10	-	31
Boston Patriots	7	3	14	7	-	31

Bos-Parilli, 1 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Hou-Groman, 44 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Hennigan, 48 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 17
 Bos-Garron, 89 kick ret (Cappelletti kick)
 Hou-Tolar, 2 run (Blanda kick)
 Bos-Burton, 1 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 2 run (Blanda kick)
 Bos-Cappelletti, 3 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Hou-FG, Blanda 25
 Sources-New York *Times*, Houston *Post*, Houston *Chronicle*

Sunday, October 15, 1961, at New York
 Polo Grounds. Att: 25,136

San Diego Chargers	7	10	0	8	-	25
New York Titans	0	7	3	0	-	10

SD -Kemp, 1 run (Blair kick)
 NYT-Mathis, 4 pass from Dorow (Shockley kick)
 SD -FG, Blair 20
 SD -Kemp, 1 run (Blair kick)
 NYT-FG, Shockley 31
 SD -Lowe, 25 run (Gibson run)
 Sources-San Diego *Union*, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, October 15, 1961, at Denver
 Mile High Stadium. Att: 11,129

Denver Broncos	7	7	0	13	-	27
Oakland Raiders	0	10	7	7	-	24

Den-Stone, 7 run (Hill kick)
 Oak-Fleming, 13 run (Fleming kick)
 Den-Stone, 1 run (Hill kick)
 Oak-FG, Fleming 15
 Oak-Hardy, 34 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Oak-Miller, 1 run (Fleming kick)
 Den-Frazier, 26 pass from Tripucka (Hill kick)
 Den-FG, Hill 10
 Den-FG, Hill 27
 Sources-San Francisco *Chronicle*, Oakland *Tribune*,
 San Francisco *Examiner*

Sunday, October 15, 1961, at Buffalo
 War Memorial Stadium. Att: 20,678

Dallas Texans	3	0	0	21	-	24
Buffalo Bills	3	7	7	10	-	27

Tex-FG, Spikes 19
 Buf-FG, Hergert 32
 Buf-Reynolds, 1 run (Atkins kick)
 Buf-Bass, 76 pass from Rabb (Atkins kick)
 Buf-FG, Hergert 45
 Tex-Haynes, 69 pass from Davidson (Spikes kick)
 Tex-Haynes, 3 run (Spikes kick)
 Buf-Lucas, 19 fumble run (Atkins kick)
 Tex-Haynes, 87 kick ret (Spikes kick)
 Sources-*Buffalo News*, 1962 Buffalo media guide

WEEK SEVEN

Sunday, October 22, 1961, at Boston
 Nickerson Field. Att: 9,398

Boston Patriots	17	21	7	7	-	52
Buffalo Bills	0	0	0	21	-	21

Bos-Lott, 14 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 12
 Bos-Colclough, 58 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Lott, 43 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Webb, 26 int (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Cappelletti, 5 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Lott, 25 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Buf-Richards, 4 pass from Rabb (Atkins kick)
 Buf-Rychlec, 9 pass from Rabb (Atkins kick)
 Bos-Garron, 85 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Buf-Rychlec, 21 pass from Rabb (Atkins kick)
 Sources-*Buffalo News*, 1962 Buffalo media guide, *Relentless*

Sunday, October 22, 1961, at San Francisco
 Candlestick Park. Att: 12,014

San Diego Chargers	20	14	7	0	-	41
Oakland Raiders	7	0	3	0	-	10

Oak-Coolbaugh, 28 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 SD -Lowe, 35 run (kick failed)
 SD -Lowe, 46 run (Blair kick)

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SD -Norton, 15 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 SD -Flowers, 1 run (Blair kick)
 SD -Kemp, 1 run (Blair kick)
 Oak-FG, Fleming 44
 SD -Enis, 2 run (Blair kick)
 Sources-San Francisco *Examiner*, San Francisco *Chronicle*,
 Oakland *Tribune*

Sunday, October 22, 1961, at Denver
 Mile High Stadium. Att: 12,508

Denver Broncos	7	0	3	17	-	27
New York Titans	0	10	0	0	-	10

Den-Frazier, 58 pass from Tripucka (Hill kick)
 NYT-Christy, 51 pass from Dorow (Shockley kick)
 NYT-FG, Shockley 17
 Den-FG, Hill 32
 Den-Stone, 5 pass from Herring (Hill kick)
 Den-FG, Hill 22
 Den-Mingo, 18 lateral from Prebola on pass from Herring
 (Hill kick)

Sources-Denver *Post*, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, October 22, 1961, at Houston
 Jeppesen Stadium. Att: 23,228

Dallas Texans	7	0	0	0	-	7
Houston Oilers	0	21	3	14	-	38

Tex-Burford, 42 pass from Davidson (Spikes kick)
 Hou-Hennigan, 66 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 18 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Groman, 18 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-FG, Blanda 53
 Hou-King, 17 run (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Groman, 80 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)

Sources-Houston *Post*, Dallas *Morning News*

WEEK EIGHT

Sunday, October 28, 1961, at San Diego
 Balboa Stadium. Att: 32,584

San Diego Chargers	3	14	10	10	-	37
Denver Broncos	0	0	0	0	-	0

SD -FG, Blair 16
 SD -Laraba, 57 int (Blair kick)
 SD -Allen, 58 int (Blair kick)
 SD -FG, Blair 13
 SD -Norton, 33 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 SD -FG, Blair 42
 SD -Lincoln, 34 pass from Enis (Blair kick)

Sources-Denver *Post*, San Diego *Union*

Sunday, October 29, 1961, at San Francisco
 Candlestick Park. Att: 7,138

New York Titans	7	0	0	7	-	14
Oakland Raiders	0	3	3	0	-	6

NYT-Mathis, 9 run (Guesman kick)
 Oak-FG, Fleming 30
 Oak-FG, Fleming 33
 NYT-Mathis, 1 run (Guesman kick)

Sources-San Francisco *Examiner*, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, October 29, 1961, at Dallas
 Cotton Bowl. Att: 20,500

Dallas Texans	0	3	7	7	-	17
Boston Patriots	0	7	0	11	-	18

Bos-Webb, 40 fumble run (Cappelletti kick)
 Tex-FG, Agajanian 25
 Tex-Boydston, 10 pass from Davidson (Agajanian kick)
 Tex-Burford, 24 pass from Davidson (Agajanian kick)
 Bos-Johnson, 4 pass from Songin (Parilli run)

Bos-FG, Cappelletti 24

Sources-Dallas *Morning News*, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, October 29, 1961, at Buffalo
 War Memorial Stadium. Att: 21,237

Houston Oilers	7	7	7	7	-	28
Buffalo Bills	0	3	7	6	-	16

Hou-Hennigan, 56 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Buf-FG, Hergert 38
 Hou-Groman, 32 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Buf-Atkins, 56 run (Atkins kick)
 Hou-Hennigan, 80 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Buf-Reynolds, 1 run (run failed)
 Hou-Groman, 68 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)

Sources-Houston *Post*, Dallas *Morning News*,
 1962 Buffalo media guide, Relentless:

WEEK NINE

Friday, November 3, 1961 (Night), at Boston
 Nickerson Field. Att: 25,063

Dallas Texans	7	7	7	0	-	21
Boston Patriots	14	0	14	0	-	28

Bos-Colclough, 14 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Cappelletti, 7 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Tex-Burford, 42 pass from Davidson (Agajanian kick)
 Tex-Haynes, 3 run (Agajanian kick)
 Bos-Parilli, 1 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Tex-Dickinson, 40 pass from Davidson (Agajanian kick)
 Bos-Burton, 91 kick ret (Cappelletti kick)

Sources-Dallas *Morning News*, New York *Times*

Sunday, November 5, 1961, at San Diego
 Balboa Stadium. Att: 33,391

San Diego Chargers	0	7	28	13	-	48
New York Titans	7	6	0	0	-	13

NYT-Mathis, 5 run (Guesman kick)
 NYT-Dorow, 1 run (kick failed)
 SD -Kemp, 1 run (Blair kick)
 SD -Kemp, 1 run (Blair kick)
 SD -Lowe, 61 run (Blair kick)
 SD -Norton, 13 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 SD -McNeil, 41 int (Blair kick)
 SD -Enis, 1 run (kick failed)
 SD -Hayes, 17 pass from Enis (Blair kick)

Sources-San Diego *Union*, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, November 5, 1961, at Buffalo
 War Memorial Stadium. Att: 17,027

Buffalo Bills	0	15	0	7	-	22
Oakland Raiders	14	0	14	3	-	31

Oak-Fuller, 85 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Oak-Miller, 1 run (Fleming kick)
 Buf-Dubenion, 61 pass from Green (Atkins kick)
 Buf-Bohling, 5 run (Rabb run)
 Oak-Asad, 30 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Oak-Miller, 55 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Buf-Bass, 9 pass from Green (Atkins kick)
 Oak-FG, Fleming 45

Sources-1962 Buffalo media guide, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, November 5, 1961, at Denver
 Mile High Stadium. Att: 11,564

Houston Oilers	3	24	14	14	-	55
Denver Broncos	0	0	7	7	-	14

Hou-FG, Blanda 48
 Hou-McLeod, 14 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Groman, 2 run (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Groman, 14 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)

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Hou-FG, Blanda 33
 Den-Herring, 1 run (Hill kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 31 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 3 run (Blanda kick)
 Hou-King, 17 run (Blanda kick)
 Den-Stone, 14 run (Hill kick)
 Hou-Groman, 80 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 Sources-Houston *Post*, Denver *Post*, Pittsburgh *Press*

WEEK TEN

Saturday, November 11, 1961 (Night), at New York
 Polo Grounds. Att: 16,811

New York Titans	0	13	7	3	-	23
Oakland Raiders	0	6	0	6	-	12

Oak-Hardy, 55 pass from Flores (kick failed)
 NYT-FG, Guesman 22
 NYT-Mathis, 1 run (Guesman kick)
 NYT-FG, Guesman 40
 NYT-Mathis, 21 run (Guesman kick)
 NYT-FG, Guesman 18
 Oak-Fuller, 43 pass from Papac (pass failed)

Sources-Oakland *Tribune*, New York *Times*

Sunday, November 12, 1961, at Denver
 Mile High Stadium. Att: 7,859

Denver Broncos	7	2	0	7	-	16
San Diego Chargers	0	0	12	7	-	19

Den-Bukaty, 1 run (Hill kick)
 Den-Safety, Maguire fumbled in end zone
 SD -Lincoln, 91 pass from Kemp (kick failed)
 SD -Harris, 30 int (kick failed)
 Den-Frazier, 87 pass from Tripucka (Hill kick)
 SD -Scarpitto, 16 pass from Kemp (Laraba kick)
 Sources-Denver *Post*, Pittsburgh *Press*, San Diego press guide

Sunday, November 12, 1961, at Dallas
 Cotton Bowl. Att: 15,000

Buffalo Bills	3	7	0	20	-	30
Dallas Texans	3	14	0	3	-	20

Tex-FG, Agajanian 22
 Buf-FG, Atkins 37
 Tex-Robinson, 14 pass from Davidson (Agajanian kick)
 Buf-Green, 1 run (Atkins kick)
 Tex-Jackson, 52 pass from Davidson (Agajanian kick)
 Tex-FG, Agajanian 51
 Buf-Bohling, 2 run (run failed)
 Buf-Carlton, 3 run (Atkins kick)
 Buf-Meulhaupt, recovered fumble in end zone (Atkins kick)
 Sources-Buffalo *News*, 1962 Buffalo media guide

Sunday, November 12, 1961, at Houston
 Jeppesen Stadium. Att: 35,649

Boston Patriots	0	6	3	6	-	15
Houston Oilers	7	13	0	7	-	27

Hou-Groman, 17 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-FG, Blanda 25
 Hou-FG, Blanda 19
 Hou-Cline 12 fumble run (Blanda kick)
 Bos-Colclough, 3 pass from Songin (kick blocked)
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 33
 Bos-Parilli, 1 run (run failed)
 Hou-Dewveall, 6 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 Sources-Houston *Post*, Pittsburgh *Press*

WEEK ELEVEN

Friday, November 17, 1961, at Boston
 Nickerson Field. Att: 17,169

Boston Patriots	7	6	0	7	-	20
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Oakland Raiders	0	14	3	0	-	17
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Bos-Burton, 6 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Oak-Hardy, 31 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 29
 Oak-Asad, 5 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 33
 Oak-FG, Fleming 16
 Bos-Moore recovered punt in end zone (Cappelletti kick)
 Sources-Oakland *Tribune*, New York *Times*

Sunday, November 19, 1961, at San Diego
 Balboa Stadium. Att: 33,788

San Diego Chargers	0	17	0	7	-	24
Dallas Texans	0	0	7	7	-	14

SD -FG, Blair 30
 SD -Kocourek, 61 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 SD -Laraba, 61 int (Blair kick)
 Tex-Davidson, 1 run (Davidson kick)
 SD -Scarpitto, 53 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 Tex-Robinson, 34 pass from Davidson (Davidson kick)
 Sources-San Diego *Union*, Pittsburgh *Press*, Dallas *Times Herald*

Sunday, November 19, 1961, at Denver
 Mile High Stadium. Att: 7,645

Buffalo Bills	0	10	0	13	-	23
Denver Broncos	7	0	3	0	-	10

Den-Bukaty, 45 run (Hill kick)
 Buf-FG, Atkins 39
 Buf-Dubenion, 34 pass from Green (Atkins kick)
 Den-FG, Hill 13
 Buf-Richards, 43 pass from Green (kick failed)
 Buf-Barber, 21 int (Atkins kick)
 Sources-Denver *Post*, 1962 Buffalo media guide

Sunday, November 19, 1961, at Houston
 Jeppesen Stadium. Att: 33,428

New York Titans	0	6	0	7	-	13
Houston Oilers	21	14	7	7	-	49

Hou-Hennigan, 28 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 6 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 78 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 NYT-Maynard, 4 pass from Dorow (kick failed)
 Hou-Groman, 66 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 6 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Groman, 46 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Groman, 11 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 NYT-Cooper, 11 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
 Sources-Houston *Post*, Pittsburgh *Press*

WEEK TWELVE

Thursday, November 23, 1961, at New York
 Polo Grounds. Att: 12,023

New York Titans	7	7	7	0	-	21
Buffalo Bills	7	0	0	7	-	14

Buf-Dubenion, 8 pass from Green (Atkins kick)
 NYT-Renn, 67 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
 NYT-Dorow, 2 run (Guesman kick)
 NYT-Felt, 55 int (Guesman kick)
 Buf-Reynolds, 1 run (Atkins kick)
 Sources-Buffalo *News*, 1962 Buffalo media guide; Relentless:

Sunday, November 26, 1961, at Dallas
 Cotton Bowl. Att: 14,500

Dallas Texans	14	7	22	0	-	43
Oakland Raiders	0	3	0	8	-	11

Tex-Robinson, 30 pass from Davidson (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Haynes, 66 pass from Davidson (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Haynes, 5 run (Davidson kick)

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Oak-FG, Fleming 45
 Tex-Haynes, 1 run (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Haynes, 33 run (Dickinson pass from Duncan)
 Tex-Haynes, 27 run (Davidson kick)
 Oak-Papac, 1 run (Coolbaugh pass from Papac)
 Sources-New York *Times*, Oakland *Tribune*, Dallas *Times Herald*

Sunday, November 26, 1961, at Houston
 Jeppesen Stadium. Att: 27,874

Houston Oilers	7	14	0	24	-	45
Denver Broncos	7	0	0	7	-	14

Den-Stinnette, 9 pass from Herring (Hill kick)
 Hou-Hennigan, 10 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Tolar, 1 run (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Johnston, 62 missed field goal ret (Blanda kick)
 Hou-FG, Blanda 9
 Hou-Cline, recovered fumble in end zone (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 15 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 Hou-King, 44 pass from Lee (Blanda kick)
 Den-Herring, 19 run (Hill kick)

Sources-New York *Times*, Denver *Post*, Houston *Post*

WEEK THIRTEEN

Sunday, December 3, 1961, at Houston
 Jeppesen Stadium. Att: 37,854

Houston Oilers	13	6	14	0	-	33
San Diego Chargers	7	0	0	6	-	13

SD -Norton, 10 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)
 Hou-McLeod, 17 pass from Blanda (kick blocked)
 Hou-Hennigan, 31 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-FG, Blanda 55
 Hou-FG, Blanda 23
 Hou-Hennigan, 14 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Hennigan, 32 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 SD -Norton, 4 pass from Kemp (run failed)

Sources-Houston *Post*, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, December 3, 1961, at San Francisco
 Candlestick Park. Att: 8,011

Oakland Raiders	0	7	7	7	-	21
Buffalo Bills	6	6	7	7	-	26

Buf-Bohling, 21 pass from Green (kick failed)
 Oak-Miller, 15 pass from Papac (Fleming kick)
 Buf-Baker, 1 run (run failed)
 Buf-Carlton, 2 run (Atkins kick)
 Oak-Daniels, 39 run (Fleming kick)
 Buf-Baker, 10 run (Atkins kick)
 Oak-Miller, 15 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)

Sources-1962 Buffalo media guide, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, December 3, 1961, at Denver
 Mile High Stadium. Att: 9,303

Boston Patriots	14	0	0	14	-	28
Denver Broncos	0	7	3	14	-	24

Bos-Lott, 1 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Lott, 6 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Den-Stone, 23 pass from Tripucka (Hill kick)
 Den-FG, Mingo 18
 Den-Frazier, 55 punt ret (Mingo kick)
 Bos-Garron, 51 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Parilli, 7 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Den-Frazier, 90 kick ret (Mingo kick)

Sources-Rocky Mountain *News*, Denver *Post*, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, December 3, 1961, at New York
 Polo Grounds. Att: 14,117

New York Titans	0	14	7	7	-	28
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Dallas Texans	0	0	7	0	-	7
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NYT-Powell, 7 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
 NYT-Christy, 1 run (Guesman kick)
 NYT-Christy, 2 run (Guesman kick)
 Tex-Dickinson, 6 pass from Davidson (Davidson kick)
 NYT-Dorow, 40 run (Guesman kick)

Sources-Dallas *Morning News*; Pittsburgh *Press*

WEEK FOURTEEN

Saturday, December 9, 1961, at San Diego
 Balboa Stadium. Att: 24,486

Buffalo Bills	10	0	0	0	-	10
San Diego Chargers	0	14	14	0	-	28

Buf-FG, Shockley 20
 Buf-McDonald, 24 fumble run (Atkins kick)
 SD -Lincoln, 57 punt ret (Blair kick)
 SD -Hudson, 5 int (Blair kick)
 SD -Lowe, 4 run (Blair kick)
 SD -Kocourek, 76 pass from Kemp (Blair kick)

Sources-1962 Buffalo media guide, Pittsburgh *Press*

Saturday, December 9, 1961, at San Francisco
 Candlestick Park. Att: 6,500

Boston Patriots	7	14	7	7	-	35
Oakland Raiders	7	0	7	7	-	21

Bos-Colclough, 5 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Oak-Coolbaugh, 36 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Bos-Lott, 1 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Lott, 18 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Oak-Burch, 54 pass from Flores (Fleming kick)
 Bos-Lott, 3 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Oak-Morris, 35 int (Fleming kick)
 Bos-Garron, 8 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)

Sources-New York *Times*, Oakland *Tribune*

Sunday, December 10, 1961, at Dallas
 Cotton Bowl. Att: 8,000

Denver Broncos	0	7	0	14	-	21
Dallas Texans	7	14	14	14	-	49

Tex-Dickinson, 1 run (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Robinson, 45 pass from Davidson (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Jackson, 49 run (Davidson kick)
 Den-Stone, 7 pass from Herring (Mingo kick)
 Tex-Jackson, 8 run (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Jackson, 20 pass from Davidson (Davidson kick)
 Den-Gavin, 23 run with blocked punt (Mingo kick)
 Den-Frazier, 18 pass from Stone (Mingo kick)
 Tex-Jackson, 30 run (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Headrick, 31 int (Davidson kick)

Sources-Denver *Post*, Dallas *Morning News*

Sunday, December 10, 1961, at New York
 Polo Grounds. Att: 9,462

New York Titans	7	0	7	7	-	21
Houston Oilers	10	10	7	21	-	48

Hou-Cannon, 67 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 NYT-West, 21 run (Guesman kick)
 Hou-FG, Blanda 16
 Hou-Cannon, 15 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-FG, Blanda 27
 NYT-Maynard, 45 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 61 run (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Hennigan, 32 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 52 run (Blanda kick)
 NYT-Powell, 48 pass from Dorow (Guesman kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 2 run (Blanda kick)

Sources-Houston *Post*, Philadelphia *Evening-Bulletin*

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WEEK FIFTEEN

Sunday, December 17, 1961, at San Diego
Balboa Stadium. Att: 21,339

San Diego Chargers	0	0	0	0	-	0
Boston Patriots	17	10	7	7	-	41

Bos-FG, Cappelletti 40
 Bos-Colclough, 33 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Webb, 31 int (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Lott, 5 run (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-FG, Cappelletti 38
 Bos-Cappelletti, 7 pass from Parilli (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos-Webb, 20 return of a blocked punt (Cappelletti kick)
 Sources-San Diego *Union*, Pittsburgh *Press*

Sunday, December 17, 1961, at San Francisco
Candlestick Park. Att: 4,821

Houston Oilers	0	26	14	7	-	47
Oakland Raiders	0	9	7	0	-	16

Oak-FG, Fleming 26
 Hou-FG, Blanda 12
 Hou-Safety, Flores tackled in end zone by Cline
 Hou-Dewveall, 35 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Daniels, 10 run (kick failed)
 Hou-Groman, 7 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Dewveall, 66 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Oak-Louderback, 46 int (Fleming kick)
 Hou-Tolar, 2 run (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Groman, 17 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)
 Hou-Cannon, 25 run (Blanda kick)
 Sources-San Francisco *Examiner*, Oakland *Tribune*,
 San Francisco *Chronicle*

Sunday, December 17, 1961, at Dallas
Cotton Bowl. Att: 12,500

New York Titans	0	21	3	0	-	24
Dallas Texans	14	14	7	0	-	35

Tex-Grayson, 99 int (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Haynes, 4 run (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Haynes, 2 run (Davidson kick)
 Tex-Headrick, 56 lateral from Nix after int (Davidson kick)
 NYT-Scrabis, 1 run (Guesman kick)
 NYT-West, 24 run (Guesman kick)
 NYT-West, 7 run (Guesman kick)
 NYT-FG, Guesman 38
 Tex-Robinson, 6 run (Davidson kick)
 Sources-New York *Times*, Dallas *Morning News*

1961 AFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
HOUSTON 10, SAN DIEGO 3

December 24, 1961, at San Diego. Attendance 29,556

The Houston Oilers defeated the San Diego Chargers 10-3 to win the AFL title in the fifth game that the two teams had played during the year. The Chargers had won the two preseason contests, and the two teams had split during the regular season.

The game was marked by sloppy play, which was reflected in both the score and the turnovers: Houston had seven and San Diego six. The only score of the first half came on a 46-yard field goal by George Blanda, which followed a nine-yard San Diego punt.

In the third quarter, the Oilers put together the only sustained drive of the game, moving 80 yards. With a third-and-five at the San Diego 35, Blanda rolled to his right and found Billy Cannon open at the 17. Cannon jumped to make the catch, shrugged off a would-be tackler, and motored into the end zone for a touchdown that, with Blanda's extra point, put Houston up 10-0.

The Chargers scored early in the fourth quarter on a 12-yard field goal by George Blair, but they could not get on the scoreboard again.

Houston Oilers	0	3	7	0	-	10
San Diego Chargers	0	0	0	3	-	3
Hou - FG Blanda 46						
Hou - Cannon 35 pass from Blanda (Blanda kick)						
SD - FG Blair 12						

TEAM STATISTICS

	HOU	SD
First Downs	18	15
Rushing	6	6
Passing	8	8
Penalty	4	1
Total Yardage	256	256
Net rushing yardage	96	79
Net passing yardage	160	177
Passes att.-comp.-had int.	41-18-6	32-17-4

RUSHING

Houston - Tolar 16 for 52; Cannon 15 for 48; Blanda 2 for -4.
 San Diego - Roberson 8 for 37; Lowe 5 for 30; Lincoln 3 for 7; Kemp 4 for 5.

PASSING

Houston - Blanda 18 of 40 for 160, 1 TD, 5 int.; Groman 0 of 1, 1 int.
 San Diego - Kemp 17 of 32 for 226, 4 int.

RECEIVING

Houston - Cannon 5 for 53, 1 TD; Hennigan 5 for 43; Groman 3 for 32; Dewveall 2 for 10; Tolar 2 for 2; McLeod 1 for 20.
 San Diego - 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.

Source: *Total Football*