

49ers Beat Rams To Gain 3-Way Tie For Division Lead

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to throw the Rams off balance. This new lineup, with quarterback John Brodie still seven yards behind the line, sent the three remaining backs either right or left of the tackle, with the end spread even farther out. From it, Brodie had a remarkable passing record of 11 completions in 18 throws, including one that went to Clyde Conner for a total of 65 yards and a touchdown. This is the longest play of the year for the heretofore relatively puny 49ers.

It also opened up the Rams defenses for some solid running by J. D. Smith and C. R. Roberts, the latter accounting for 100 yards on 22 shots at the Rams.

Particularly effective was an inside handoff to Smith or Roberts after a fake to the other. Used to send Smith outside tackle several times, it was finally turned around by Brodie to give Roberts his shot and he booted almost untouched to a touchdown from 10 yards out.

He could have gone 50, if necessary, behind crushing blocks by Mike Magee and St. Clair.

Perhaps one of the most productive parts of the shotgun attack came on the plays where it wasn't employed. For the first time in weeks, the 49ers could make solid chunks of yardage running from their standard version of the T because the Rams were so shaken up trying to defend new versions of the spread.

When first installed for the Baltimore game a week earlier, the shotgun attack was considered primarily a passing weapon, getting five receivers into the open quickly as it did.

But Brodie kept the 49ers pretty much on the ground yesterday against the Rams, calling 43 rushes to but 16 passes. From the mixed up maneuver, Roberts had a best of 30 yards and Smith a top of 25, unusual lengths of ground to be covered by a 49er this year.

All of this potent attack was accomplished with R. C. Owens, the top receiver up to the Rams game, participating in but two plays because of a shoulder injury. And on neither did Brodie throw to him, although he had called R.C.'s number on a play where John was trapped and had to run.

Not only was this an offensive victory, nor was the story of the defense told by the interceptions by Baker.

Rather, it was the concentrated rush put on the Rams passers—Billy Wade and Frank Ryan—as well as con-

sistent corraling of one of the finest sets of running backs in pro football. Wade, particularly, had a rough time as he completed but six of 16 throws as Dan Colechio, Leo Nomellini, Monte Clark and Charley Krueger chased him out of his pocket time after time.

And, while 134 yards in 29 carries is pretty good rushing, it is far below the standards usually accomplished by Jon Arnett, Dick Bass, Joe Marconi and Ollie Matson.

Perhaps one of the most significant items in the 49er victory was the "breaks," something you have to have to win in pro football.

The first ones came early, when Jim Phillips and Del Shofner couldn't hang on to long Wade passes that got the two completely behind all 49er defenders.

Coming as they did in the opening minutes, they could have completely changed the complexion of the game—and possibly the outcome—had they been completed as they have so many times in the past.

Phillips continued to be a big problem to the 49ers all day, catching eight for 114 yards. But Shofner never got a one. And the six caught by the other Rams were never of a threatening kind.

Indicative of the strength of the 49er defense, which has hung in there all year despite many letdowns by the offense, is the fact the Rams penetrated past the 49er 33 but once in the ball game.

That came midway of the fourth period, after the 49ers had scored all their points. The first time they got into 49er territory, the Rams missed on a field goal try by Danny Villaneuva and the second time Nomellini blocked his kick.

There were times when the 49er attack sputtered because of bad execution by one man or another. But when it rolled, Bruce Bosley, St. Clair, Magee, Hugh McElhenny and many others were getting in solid blocks on their Ram targets.

Brodie called one of his better games, it appeared from the stands, as he rallied the 49er forces at critical times. And he got enough offense out of the attackers at times to indicate that, if they can ever put together a full game, the 49er offense has a chance to really roll someday.

It will have to do that in the next two games, as Hickey pointed out to his players. But it is not an impossible task that the players feel now can and will be accomplished.

Baker in Right Places, Sets 49er Interception Record

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in Baltimore," Baker declared. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Now if you want a real job of intercepting, take that one Eddie got from Del Shofner in the Rams game in Kezar or the one Abe Woodson took away from Ray Berry last week in Baltimore."

Baker said that the game hall, given him by unanimous acclaim of his teammates, will "make a nice Christmas present for my mother and father, who probably will never get any closer than that ball to a pro football game out here." They are in business in Oklahoma.

Jerry Mertens, who plays the wing on Baker's side of the field, lightly chided Baker for "taking two more interceptions away from" him.

"I had one of them, then he had it and finally he got it all by himself," grinned Mertens. "He really worked for them, I'll tell you."

Mertens may have hit the core of one of the secrets of the resurgence by the 49ers when he declared that "as you practice, so you play."

It has been noticeable in recent weeks that, stripped of pads for midweek sessions, the 49ers have gone at their work with a new vigor. And it has built up over the days until it has reached a zenith on game day.

Learning rapidly since they are a young defensive team, the 49ers adjusted yesterday to the lack of great variety in the Rams attack. They stuck to a tight T formation almost throughout.

This was unexpected, since they had used it but little.

The 49ers, in fact, thought Coach Bob Waterfield might come in with some shotgun stuff similar to their own. But he didn't, so they could pretty well tie up the Rams.

Hickey noted that the 49ers stuck pretty well to their standard defenses, employing a new one they had installed the week previous for the Colts only on rare occasions.

There was one other big change in the 49er attitude toward this game with the Rams.

Several years ago, just as the 49ers went onto the Coliseum field it was announced a certain team had been beaten, leaving the division leadership wide open for the winner of the 49ers-Rams game.

Instead of looking at it from the angle of what was in store for them if they won, the 49ers were heard to comment on what the Rams could do if they won and the Rams did.

Yesterday, Hickey said he felt a little reaction on the bench when the Green Bay victory and Baltimore defeat were announced.

"But I noticed that those who reacted were those who already were doing a pretty good job out there," Hickey said. "They were pepped up right from the start. They knew that if we won, no matter what happened elsewhere, we would be in a good spot."

That spot is better than ever, with the Packers and Colts ahead, both tied with the 49ers for the division lead.

The 49ers came out of the bruising affair with the Rams with no major injuries.

—By Wally Willis



TOM FLORES SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS AS HE GETS OFF A PASS WHICH GAINED 53 YARDS. Don Manoukian (67), Jim Otto (50) and Wayne Hawkins (65) protect passer against two L.A. Chargers.

Raiders Protest L.A. Win For Use of Ex-Oak Player

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used Bansavage in the game after he had been informed not to by Foss.

"Foss told me Saturday that he called Gillman and informed him about his decision in the Bansavage case," Soda said.

"Then yesterday after the game I talked with Gillman and he said he'd talked with Foss. Gillman said he tried to reach me about the matter before the game, but that's all he said."

In the dressing room after the game, Gillman, speaking to reporters, poo-pooed the protest and refused to say whether he had been contacted before the game regarding Bansavage's status.

A forfeiture, if it is forthcoming, would leave the Raiders with a mathematical chance of gaining a piece of the AFL's Western Division title since L.A.'s lead would be reduced to one game.

As it stands now, Los Angeles has clinched at least a tie for the division title with an 8-4 record with two games remaining. Dallas, 2-0 victor over Eastern Division leader Houston, stands at 6-6 and has a chance of sharing in the title if it scores two victories while L.A. is dropping two.

Oakland is in third place and out of contention with a 5-7 record, but for three quarters yesterday the Raiders appeared on their way to an upset victory which would have given them a chance for title glory, even without a protest.

Leading 17-14 after three quarters of the best football they've played this year, the Raiders were stunned by a four-touchdown Charger outburst in the final period, resulting from Oakland fumbles and a brilliant passing and catching performance by Los Angeles.

Charger quarterback Jack Kemp, who had passed for two touchdowns in the second quarter, clicked for another aerial score and ran for two himself in the final period as the Raider secondary fell apart.

As was the case in L.A. last week, Kemp sent his two fine ends, Don Norton and Dave Kocourek on criss-cross patterns that left the Raider defenders and 12,061 partisan fans gasping in amazement.

Kemp touched off the bomb early in the final period after a Wayne Crow punt rolled dead on the Charger 34.

Kemp hit Kocourek over the middle for 16 on the first play and then, after a running play got one to the Raider 49, he spotted Paul Lowe at the Raider 30.

Lowe, a great runner, took the pass in a crowd, slid away from two defenders, faked another on the dead run and carted it in.

It took just three plays, and after Ben Agajanian's PAT the Chargers led, 21-17, and were just warming up.

Minutes later Oakland quarterback Tom Flores fumbled after running 14 yards for a first down and the Chargers took over on the Oakland 44.

This time it took Kemp five plays to get the TD. He spotted

ted Norton for 11 and 24. After Lowe got three, Jack rolled out 6 yards to score himself. Agajanian's kick made it 28-17 with 8:35 left.

Oakland had to kick and then forced the Chargers into punt formation. The boot by Bob Laraba sailed between Raiders Bill Reynolds and Jack Larscheid. Both signaled for a fair catch and both went after the ball. They collided and L.A. recovered the loose hide on the Oakland 27.

Two running plays failed to gain and then Kemp sent Kocourek zooming across the middle and hit him for an 18-yard gain to the Raider nine. Kemp threw one incomplete to Norton and then rolled out again to notch it himself. The PAT made it 25-17 with 2:54 gone.

The three touchdown explosion took about 10 minutes—10 minutes that the Raiders will never forget, for in that time they saw a possible victory turn into a devastating rout.

It would seem 35-17 was enough but the Chargers weren't through. Following the kickoff, Oakland tried two passes and on the third down QB Babe Parilli was nailed at midfield and he fumbled the ball. Linebacker Rommie Loudd scooped it up on the Raider 49 and went for the TD unmolested. Agajanian's kicked failed and the final score was 41-17.

Kemp was brilliant in the second half after being outplayed by Raider Tom Flores was near perfect in that opening half as he completed 14 out of 21 for 169 yards.

Tom, for the first time this season, fired long to spread end Charley Hardy. Hardy made two great catches and for the day hauled in four for a whopping 123 yards.

Flores, nursing an aching arm, slacked off after the intermission but he finished the afternoon with a very respectable 16 for 27 and 219 yards.

Against this Kemp hit 17 for 25 and 289 yards. He completed nine for 12 in the second half for 175 yards. That's great passing in any league.

Flores' passing led a Raider attack that amassed 409 total yards, compared to 399 for Los Angeles, but the Chargers made their yardage count for more points and that was the difference.

While the Raiders held Lowe and Kemp in close check in the first quarter, the Chargers drew first blood when they went 73 yards in four plays early in the second stanza.

Lowe was sprung for 43 yards on the first down from the 27 and Kemp hit Norton over the middle for 21 as the drive carried to the six. Two running plays got 3 yards and then Kemp threw to Royce Womble for the score.

Oakland came right back, moving 72 yards in seven plays as Flores found Hardy for 43 yards on the first down. Tom hooked up with tight end Gene Prohala for 11 and 9 yards and after Larschied got four to the two, fullback Billy Lott boomed it in.

As the second period drew to a close the Raiders moved from their own 46 to a score in six plays. An 18-yard pass to Hardy kept the drive going and then the pair teamed on an 11-yard shot for the go-ahead touchdown.

But, the Chargers' explosiveness came into play minutes later when Kemp moved his team 70 yards in six plays, most of the yardage coming on a 27-yard strike to Kocourek and a 34-yard beauty to Norton. The TD found Kemp tossing to Norton over the middle for 21 yards. That ended the half at 14-14.

It looked real good for Oakland early in the third period as the Raiders rose up in a magnificent goal line stand that saw Charley Powell leading a defense which halted Charger fullback Howie Ferguson on a fourth down plunge from the half-yard line.

The Oaklanders moved from that point to the Charger 18, with Flores and Hardy combining on a beautiful pass play that covered 52 yards. But the drive bogged down and Larry Barnes, who had missed two earlier field goals, put the Raiders in front for the last time with a perfect kick from the 25.

Oakland forced L.A. to punt on its next series but then came the 27-point spurge that ruined the Raiders.

Oakland Raider coach Eddie Erdelatz could offer little comment after the game.

"Things looked good for a while but then the roof caved in," he observed.

The game was the first ever played in the Giants' Candlestick Park and the big stadium got an unqualified stamp of approval from the fans in attendance.

Everyone had a choice seat so close to the action they could almost hear the players. The turf and baseball infield held up remarkably well under the pounding. Although the going was a mile soft after the recent rains, none of the players complained.

Not Worried Over Protest, Says Gillman

Amid the usual hoots and hollers heard in the victors' dressing room, coach Sid Gillman called for quiet and congratulated the Los Angeles Chargers on winning no less than a tie in the Western Division of the American Football League yesterday.

The Chargers accomplished this by virtue of a 41-17 licking of the Oakland Raiders in the first football game played at Candlestick Park.

Following Gillman's congratulatory message to his players, Chet Soda, Oakland president-general, man a n a g e r, visited the Chargers' dressing room. After complimenting Gillman on the victory Soda informed Sid that there would be a protest lodged to the effect that he, Gillman, had used an illegal player.

At Bansavage was the player in question. According to a ruling by league commissioner Joe Foss, Bansavage is the property of the Raiders. Bansavage has refused to play for the Raiders.

Asked if he wasn't taking a chance playing Bansavage in the game, Gillman replied: "I'm not worried at all about any protest. Let them go ahead and protest if they want."

When questioned if he knew for a fact about Foss' ruling Gillman would not give a direct answer, and angrily ended the interview with the press.

Preceding Soda's visit, Gillman held the game ball aloft and announced that it was decided to award the ball to Don Norton, former All-American from Iowa. Norton caught six passes for 84 yards, most of which came in clutch spots, and included one touchdown.

Dave Kocourek, who operated at the opposite end with Norton, came in for some praise as Gillman offered "he had a real fine day," which can be attested by 144 yards on seven receptions.

49er Scoring

Following is a summary of the scoring sequences of yesterday's 49ers-Rams pro football game in Los Angeles:

FIRST QUARTER
No scoring.

SECOND QUARTER
Starting from their own 30 midway of the period, the 49ers took seven plays to move to their opening line. The first was an 11-yard John Brodie pass to Clyde Conner and C. R. Roberts, four right and 10-yard runs by J. D. Smith, an 18-yard run by Brodie and then Roberts' 10-yard ball to the end zone. Tommy Davis converted. Time: 12:04.
Score: 49ers 7, Rams 0.

Dave Baker intercepted his second pass of the game on the Rams 40 and ran it back to the 26. After a mix-up on signals between the referee and two officials when the 49ers reached the two, Davis kicked a nine-yard field goal. Time: 14:49.
Score: 49ers 10, Rams 0.

THIRD QUARTER
Given a big boost when Abe Woodson returned the second half kickoff 32 yards to the 49er 49, the 49ers moved on Brodie passes to Hugh McElhenny and Dick Shockey to the Rams 15. Farced back to the 21, Davis kicked a 27-yard field goal. Time: 5:21.
Score: 49ers 13, Rams 0.

When a fast shotgun punt was good for 18 yards, the 49ers took over on their own 27. The first two plays lost to the 35. Then Brodie and Conner connected on the crucial play. By J. D. Smith, an 18-yard run by Brodie and then Roberts' 10-yard ball to the end zone. Tommy Davis converted. Time: 10:57.
Score: 49ers 20, Rams 0.

FOURTH QUARTER
Baker's third interception early in the period set up another 49er drive from their own 31 to the Rams 7. But again it stalled and Davis kicked a seven-yard field goal. Time: 4:22.
Score: 49ers 27, Rams 0.

After that score, the Rams put on their only drive past the 49er 35. Frank Ryan passed for most of the yardage and then he ran 11 in from the two. Tommy Davis converted. Time: 10:08.
Final Score: 49ers 27, Rams 7.

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knew practically everyone in the stands, in fact had played golf with most.

We doubt that even we have lived long enough to have played 18 holes with 10,000 different people.

For the first time Mother Nature cooperated with the Raiders. Perhaps she had been influenced by complaints she had discriminated against Oakland in the past.

She provided one of those tidy winter days. First she scrubbed things thoroughly with a series of wind and rain storms, with a bit of hail to scour the dirty corners. Then she turned on the infra-red light known as the sun a day in advance so things would be reasonably dry.

Just so there would be no misunderstanding, the Old Mother brought in a few high alba cirrus clouds, or perhaps they were stratus, to keep the sun thin and demonstrate that had she been pro-49ers she could have delivered a downpour.

It was a beautiful day for football, much better than could be expected when only 18 shopping days remain before Christmas.

The setting, too, was beautiful, in many respects superior to Kezar. In truth, many who attended and enjoyed now are wondering if the Raiders would have been wiser if they had started in Candlestick instead of Kezar, where the memories all are of the 49ers and their truly wondrous feats.

For one thing, Candlestick seemed warmer in December than on many of those July days, when the stadium became known as the world's largest wind tunnel.

The heavy winds which threatened to blow an undersized infielder into the right field stands, were a mere whisper.

That calm condition is standard this time of year on the scenic site which overlooks the Hunter's Point and the garbage dumps.

The field, neatly marked along the third base line, looked compact, perhaps because of the wide expanse of unused right field turf. The feeling of nearness was increased by the compactness.

Candlestick is perfect for 15,000 or possibly 20,000. It provides a close look at this roughest of games, so close in fact you can hear the signals, catch the grunts of those being elbowed in the mid-riff, and see the expressions of joy and frustration without the need of 7x50 binoculars.

Things wouldn't have been as perfect for all if the stadium had been filled along the right field line. However, the Raiders won't have to worry about that this year. In fact, they would love to worry about capacity crowds next season.

The bare dirt portion of the infield base paths proved the best footing yesterday, hard and fast. The left field turf, new grass with shallow roots, still held much of the recent rain so was soft and slippery, but satisfactory under the circumstances.

Perhaps the most pleasant thing about the game was the parking space, acres of lovely asphalt all within short walking distance of the stadium.

It was a pleasant contrast to Kezar and the genial parking lot and service station bandits who charge up to \$5 to put a few \$100 dents—any dent is a \$100 job these days—in your auto.

The ample parking space and the ease of entry and exit undoubtedly had considerable to do with the increased crowd.

We didn't mean to slight the actual game to discuss the stadium, in fact had intended to write mostly about the game until the point deluge came in the final quarter. Nevertheless, despite the score, it was a successful house warming. The football was excellent and so was the stadium.

It could be that the Raiders finally have found a home, a home where the profit (and the heart) is.

49er Stats

TEAM STATISTICS		Rams		49ers	
Total first downs	18	16	8	11	8
First downs passing	11	6	6	6	6
First downs rushing	7	10	0	0	0
First downs penalty	0	0	0	0	0
Yards gained passing (net)	273	244	134	169	224
Yards gained rushing (net)	134	185	18	158	158
Yards gained passing (net)	129	159	16	158	158
Passes attempted	28	36	14	21	21
Passes completed	14	11	11	17	17
Yards lost attempting to pass	30	6	6	6	6
Passes intercepted	4	4	0	0	0
Yards interceptions returned	0	4	0	0	0
Number of punts	4:20	52:00	0	0	0
Average punting	3	3	0	0	0
Punts returned	29	0	0	0	0
Yards punts returned	0	0	0	0	0
Number of kickoffs	4	4	0	0	0
Yards kickoffs returned	45	63	0	0	0
Penalties	8	2	0	0	0
Yards penalized	60	24	0	0	0
Fumbles	0	0	0	0	0
Fumbles lost	0	0	0	0	0
Number of rushing plays	29	4:42	4:32	0	0
Average gain per rush	5.8	4.38	0	0	0
Total offensive plays, includes plays attempting to pass	66	69	0	0	0
Average gain per play	3.58	4.98	0	0	0

Raider Stats

THE YARDSTICK		Chargers		Raiders	
First Downs Rushing	3	9	3	7	12
First Downs Passing	0	0	0	0	0
First Downs Penalties	0	0	0	0	0
Total First Downs	3	9	0	0	12
Net Yards Rushing	110	158	18	158	158
Net Yards Passing	289	224	0	0	224
Net Yards	399	409	18	158	409
Passes Attempted	25	36	14	21	21
Passes Completed	17	19	11	17	17
Yards Interceptions	0	1	0	0	0
Returned by	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Rushing Plays	24	33	0	0	0
Rushing Play	3.24	4.79	0	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	59	69	0	0	0
Average Gain per Play	6.76	5.92	0	0	0
Number of Punts	5	3	0	0	0
Average Length of Punts	22.6	38.2	0	0	0
Number of Punt Returns	0	0	0	0	0
Yards of Punt Returns	0	0	0	0	0
Returned	0	0	0	0	0
Yard of Kickoff Returns	66	128	0	0	0
Penalties	14	2	0	0	0
Yards Lost on Penalties	4	4	0	0	0
Fumbles	0	0	0	0	0
Ball Lost on Fumbles	0	0	0	0	0
Ball Lost on Downs	1	0	0	0	0
(Yards Lost Attempting to Pass)	21	7	0	0	0
(Plays/Yards Lost to Pass)	1	1	0	0	0
Note: Yards Lost Attempting to Pass are listed as an item of general information only.					
Score by Quarters					
Oakland	0	14	3	0	17
Los Angeles	0	14	0	27	41
Chargers—Womble 3 pass from Kemp (Agajanian kick).					
Raiders—Lott 27 plunge (Barnes kick).					
Raiders—Hardy 21 pass from Flores (Barnes kick).					
Chargers—Norton 21 pass from Kemp (Agajanian kick).					
Raiders—EG Barnes 25.					
Chargers—Lowe 4 pass from Kemp (Agajanian kick).					
Chargers—Kemp 9 run (Agajanian kick).					
Chargers—Loudd 49 run with fumble (kick failed).					

Northwestern Back Picked By Raiders

Ray Purdin, a halfback from Northwestern, has been selected by the Oakland Raiders in the seventh round of the American Football League draft in Dallas today.

The first six rounds of the AFL draft were conducted earlier in the season. In today's session, the Oakland team is being represented by Raider scout Wes Fry, assistant coach Marty Feldman and co-owner Wayne Valley.

After the selection of Purdin, the Raiders grabbed halfback Tom Watkins of Iowa State in the eighth round and followed up with guard Richard Price of Mississippi.

Canada Sextet Loses

MOSCOW, Dec. 5—(A)—The Soviet Army's Central Sports Club scored a 5-2 victory today over the touring Charham Maroons, Canadian amateur ice hockey champions.