

GAME SUMMARY

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DATE October 29, 1972 DAY OF WEEK SUNDAY STARTING TIME 2:00 P.M.

VISITING TEAM CLEVELAND BROWNS VS. HOME DENVER BRONCOS AT DENVER MILE HIGH STADIUM

WEATHER Cloudy TEMPERATURE 37° WIND AND DIRECTION North 17-27

OFFICIALS REFEREE 12 Dreith UMPIRE 78 Demmas LINE JUDGE 85 Glover

LINESMAN 4 Finlayson BACK JUDGE 29 Javie FIELD JUDGE 83 O'Brien

VISITORS				LINEUPS				HOME			
OFFENSE		DEFENSE		OFFENSE		DEFENSE		OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
WR	43 Hooker	LE	87 Jackson	WR	84 Sherman	LE	65 Voss	WR	84 Sherman	LE	65 Voss
LT	73 Di ken	LT	71 Johnson	LT	78 Montgomery M.	LT	70 Smith	LT	78 Montgomery M.	LT	70 Smith
LG	66 Hickerson	RT	72 Sherk	LG	68 Jackson	RT	55 Duranko	LG	68 Jackson	RT	55 Duranko
C	61 DeMarco	RE	81 Roman	C	59 Kaminski	RE	77 Alzado	C	59 Kaminski	RE	77 Alzado
RG	65 Demarie	LLB	59 Hall	RG	61 Lyons	LLB	58 McKoy	RG	61 Lyons	LLB	58 McKoy
RT	78 McKay	MLB	82 Houston	RT	74 Current	MLB	83 Graham	RT	74 Current	MLB	83 Graham
TE	89 Morin	RLB	52 Andrews	TE	81 Masters	RLB	54 Myrtle	TE	81 Masters	RLB	54 Myrtle
WR	25 Pitts	LCB	22 Scott, C.	WR	80 Simmons	LCB	41 Mitchell	WR	80 Simmons	LCB	41 Mitchell
QB	15 Phipps	RCB	28 Davis	QB	12 Johnson	RCB	21 Montgomery R.	QB	12 Johnson	RCB	21 Montgomery R.
RB	44 Kelly	LS	27 Darden	RB	44 Little	LS	20 Greer	RB	44 Little	LS	20 Greer
RB	35 Scott	RS	29 Sumner	RB	11 Anderson	RS	36 Thompson	RB	11 Anderson	RS	36 Thompson

SUBSTITUTIONS

Briggs, Garlington, Morris,
Hoaglin, Pena, Glass, Brown, Lefear,
Cornell, KINGEA, COCKROFT, BROOKS, LONG,
MAJORS, STAROBA

SUBSTITUTIONS

Moses, Sharp, Cottrell, Maples, Schnitker,
Odons, Lynch, Dawkins, C. Turner,
Domres, Gaddes, Forsberg, Simons, Frasco,
Sainas, J. Turner, Van Hausen

DID NOT PLAY

NELSON, RICHARDSON, COTTON

RAMSEY

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Morin 1, Staroba 1, Phipps 1

TOUCHDOWNS Anderson, Little

Cockroft 3

P.A.T.'S J. Turner 2

Cockroft 2 (27, 57)

FIELD GOALS J. Turner 2 (32, 43)

FIELD GOALS MISSED J. Turner 1 (27, third quarter)

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
CLEVELAND BROWNS (Visitor)	3	7	3	14	27
DENVER BRONCOS (Home)	10	0	7	3	20

TEAM	PERIOD	ELAPSED TIME	SCORING PLAY	SCORE	
				VISITOR	HOME
Clev.	1	5:36	FG Cockroft 27	3	0
Den.	1	7:49	Anderson 28 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)	3	7
Den.	1	13:23	FG J. Turner 32	3	10
Clev.	2	7:51	Morin 2 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)	10	10
Den.	3	6:19	Little 19 pass from Johnson (J. Turner kick)	10	17
Clev.	3	9:22	FG Cockroft 57	13	17
Clev.	4	1:50	Staroba 19 pass from Phipps (Cockroft kick)	20	17
Den.	4	4:26	FG J. Turner 43	20	20
Clev.	4	12:10	Phipps 1 run (Cockroft kick)	27	20

ATTENDANCE 51,656

TIME OF GAME 2:42

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At: DENVER MILE HIGH STADIUM

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	VISITING TEAM	HOME TEAM
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	<u>26</u>	<u>17</u>
FIRST DOWNS RUSHING	<u>12</u>	12 <u>6</u>
FIRST DOWNS PASSING	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDAGE	<u>343</u> 358	<u>272</u>
TOTAL NO. OFFENSIVE PLAYS (Inc. times thrown passing)	<u>73</u>	<u>48</u>
AVERAGE GAIN PER OFFENSIVE PLAY	<u>4.7</u>	<u>5.7</u>
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	<u>172</u>	<u>146</u>
TOTAL RUSHING PLAYS	<u>39</u>	<u>22</u>
AVERAGE GAIN PER RUSHING PLAY	<u>4.4</u>	<u>6.6</u>
NET PASSING YARDAGE	<u>171</u>	<u>126</u>
GROSS YARDS GAINED PASSING	<u>178</u>	<u>140</u>
TIMES THROWN AND YARDS LOST ATTEMPTING TO PASS	<u>1-7</u>	<u>2-14</u>
PASSES ATTEMPTED—COMPLETED—HAD INTERCEPTED	<u>33-15-1</u>	<u>24-14-1</u>
AVERAGE GAIN PER PASS PLAY (Inc. times thrown passing)	<u>5.1</u>	<u>5.1</u>
PUNTS—NUMBER AND AVERAGE	<u>3-51.7</u>	<u>3-40.3</u>
HAD BLOCKED	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FUMBLES—NUMBER AND LOST	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>
PENALTIES—NUMBER AND YARDS	<u>5-55</u>	<u>4-30</u>
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE	<u>71</u>	<u>178</u>
NO. AND YARDS PUNT RETURNS	<u>2-17</u>	<u>3-41</u>
NO. AND YARDS KICKOFF RETURNS	<u>2-46</u>	<u>5-130</u>
NO. AND YARDS INTERCEPTION RETURNS	<u>1-8</u>	<u>1-7</u>
NO. AND YARDS MISCELLANEOUS RETURNS (Fumbles, Field Goals and Blocked Punts)	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>

DENVER BRONCOS VS. CLEVELAND BROWNS
October 29, 1972

Cleveland won toss and will receive. Denver will defend north goal

FIRST QUARTER

J. Turner kicks ff to goal. Brown returns 29. Cleveland penalized 14 for clipping. Roman
1/10/ C 14--14:50 left--Kelley at right side for 0. Voss tackler.
2/10/ C 14--Phipps passes to Pitts for 12. Mitchell tackler.
1/10/ C 26--Scott at left side for 2 Duranko tackler.
2/8/ C 28--Phipps trapped, runs for 14. Smith tackler.
1/10/ C 42--Pitts passes to Mitchell for 6. Mitchell tackler.
2/4/ C 48--Kelly on a draw for 6. Duranko tackler.
1/10/ D 46--Phipps passes to Martin for 14. Greer runs him out of bounds.
1/10/ D 32--SCOTT AT THE MIDDLE for 0. Myrtle tackler.
2/10/ D 32--Phipps passes incomplete but Denver draws 5 for defensive holding. Mitchell guilty
1/10/ D 27--Scott on a draw for 10. Graham tackler.
1/10/ D 12--Scott at left end loses 3. Alzado tackler.
2/13/ D 20--Phipps' screen pass dropped by Scott. McKay defender.
3/13/ D 20--Phipps' pass too high for Glass, incomplete. Thompson defender.
4/13/ D 20--Cockroft kicks 27-yard field goal.

SCORE: Cleveland 3, Denver 0. Time elapsed: 5:36

Cockroft kicks off to D 10. Dawkins returns 19. Cornell tackler.

1/10/ D 29--9:05 left--Little at right end for 3. Hall tackler.
2/7/ D 32--Anderson through the middle for 40. Davis tackler.
1/10/ C 28--Johnson passes to Anderson on screen at 29 and he goes for touchdown.
J. Turner converts.

SCORE: Denver 7, Cleveland 3. Time elapsed: 7:49

J. Turner bounces kickoff out of end zone.

2/10/ C 20--7:04 left--Kelly at right side for 4. Graham tackler.
2/6/ C 24--Phipps' pass too long for Pitts. Mitchell defender.
3/6/ C 24--Phipps' pass to Kelly stripped away by Myrtle.
4/6/ C 24--Cockroft punts to D 32. Little returns 23. Kingray tackler.
1/10/ C 45--6:03 left--Little at left side for 0. Briggs tackler.
2/10/ C 45--Little at right end for 14. Scott tackler. Jackson.
1/10/ C 31--Johnson's pass to Simmons incomplete but Cleveland penalized to own 15 for PF. /
1/10/ C 15--Little at right side for -2. Jackson tackler.
2/12/ C 17--Anderson on pitch at left end for 4. Sherk tackler.
3/8/ C 17--Offsetting penalties on 10-yard Johnson loss.
3/8/ C 17--Johnson's screen pass to Little loses 12. Hall tackler.
4/20/ C 25--J. Turner kicks 32-yard field goal.

SCORE: Denver 10, Cleveland 3. Time elapsed: 13:23.

J. Turner kicks off out of end zone.

1/10/ C 20--1:32 left--Kelly on pitch at left end for 9. Alzado tackler.
2/1/ C 29--Phipps on a sneak for 4. Smith tackler.
1/10/ C 33--Brown at right side for 2. Smith tackler.

SCORE END OF FIRST PERIOD: Denver 10, Cleveland 3.

Third down plays: Cleveland 2, made 0. Denver 1, made 0.

SECOND QUARTER

2/8/ C 35--Phipps passes to H_oker for 10. Runs ut f bounds.
1/10/ C 45--Phipps trapped, runs for 3. Domres tackl r.
2/7/ C 48--Phipps pass too long for Kelly. Myrtle defender.
3/7/ C 48--Phipps on a screen to Kelly for 9. Graham tackler.
1/10/ D 43--Phipps pass to Scott incomplete. Graham forced premsture throw.
2/10/ D 43--Phipps passes over middle to Glass for 8. Graham tackler.
3/2/ D 35--Kelly gains 1 but Denver draws 5 for offside. Smith lined up offside.
1/10/ D 30--Phipps juggles handoff, stopped for 0. Alzado tackler.
2/10/ D 30--Phipps' screen pass dropped by Scott.
3/10/ D 30--Phipps passes to Hooker for 12. Montgomery tackler.
1/10/ D 18--Kelly on halfback pass, loses 7. McKay tackler.
2/17/ D 25--Kelly at the middle for 4. Alzado tackler.
3/13/ D 21--Phipps passes to Pitts for 15. Mitchell tackler.
1/goal/ D 6--Kelly at left side for 3. Smith tackler.
2/goal/ D 3--Scott at left end for 1. Montgomery, Alzado tacklers.
3/goal/ D 2--Phipps passes to Morin in end zone for touchdown. Cockroft converts.

SCORE: Denver 10, Cleveland 10. Time elapsed: 7:51

Cockroft's kickoff downed in end zone.

1/10/ D 20--7:02 left--Anderson at the middle for 4. Houston tackler.
2/6/ D 24--Little at left side for 5. Davis tackler.
3/1/ D 29--Anderson gains 5 but Cleveland draws 5 for offside.
1/10/ D 34--Anderson at right side for 2. Houston tackler.
2/8/ D 36--Johnson passes to Sherman for 13. Davis tackler.
1/10/ D 49--Johnson's pass too long for Simmons. Scott defender.
2/10/ D 49--Little at left end for 3. Andrews tackler.
3/7/ C 48--Johnson's pass to Sherman knocked away by Davis.
4/7/ C 48--Van Heusen's punt goes to 15. Darden fair catches.

1/10/ C 15--3:02 left--Phipps pass too Long for Glass. Thompson defender.
2/10/ C 15--Phipps' pass to Pitts knocked down by Myrtle.
3/10/ C 15--Scott on a draw for 5. Graham tackler.
4/5/ C 20--Cockroft punts to D 15. Sherman returns 14. Cornell tackler.

1/10/ D 29--2-minute notifoication-- Little at right side for 6. Johnson tackler.
2/4/ D 35--Anderson at left side for 1. Briggs tackler.
3/3/ D 36--Anderson on a draw for 4.
1/10/ D 40--0:24 left--Johnson sacked, loses 9. Johnson tackler.
2/19/ D 31--

SCORE AT HALFTIME: Denver 10, Cleveland 10.

Third down plays: Cleveland 5, made 4. Denver 2, made 1.
F r the half: Cleveland 7, made 4. Denver 3, made 1.

THIRD QUARTER

C Cockroft kicks off to 2. Montgomery r turns 19 . Star ba tackler.

1/10/ D 21--14:35 left--Johnson passes to Sherman for 10. Davis tackl r.
1/10/ D 31--Little at left sid for 11. Briggs tackler.
1/10/ D 42--Johnson passes to Sherman for 8 . Scott tackler.
2/2/ 50--Johnson passes to Sherman for 9 . Davis tackler.
1/10/ C 41--Little at right side for 6. Johnson tackler.
2/4/ C 35--Johnson's pass to Sherman broken up by Davis.
3/4/ C 35--Johnson on a swing pass to Anderson for 11. Houston tackler.
1/10/ C 24--Little at right side loses 6 . Jackson tackler.
2/16/ C 30--Johnson's pass to Masters incomplete in end zone. Davis defender.
3/16/ C 30--Anderson on a draw for 10. Darden tackler.
4/6/ C 20--J. Turner misses 27-yard field goal.

1/10/ C 20--10:02 left--Phipps passes to C 28, Graham intercepts, returns 7.

1/10/ C 17--9:30 left--Little at right side loses 2. Jackson tackler.
2/12/ C 19--Johnson passes to Little on 16 and he dances in for touchdown. J. Turner converts.

SCORE: Denver 17, Cleveland 10. Time elapsed: 6:19

J. Turn r kicks off to C 12. Majors returns 18. C. Turner tackler.

1/10/ C 30--8:25 left--Kelly on pitch at left end for 6 . Montgomery tackler.
2/4/ C 36--Scott on a draw for 6 . McKoy tackler.
1/10/ C 42--Scott at left side for 6 but Denver draws 5 for offside.
1/5/ C 47--Scott on pitch at right end for 0. Voss tackler.
2/5/ C 47--Pitts on a reverse at right end for 3. McKoy tackler.
3/2/ 50--Phipps' pass to Kelly broken up by Thompson.
4/2/ 50--Cockroft kicks 57-yard field goal.

SCORE: Denver 17, Cleveland 13. Time elapsed: 9:22.

Cockroft kicks off to goal . Montgomery returns 48. Cornell tackler.

1/10/ D 48--5:23 left--Anderson at right side for 2. Johnson tackler.
2/8/ 50--Johnson passes to Anderson for 2 . Sumner tackler.
3/6/C48--Johnson's pass to Sherman almost intercepted by Davis.
4/6/ C 48--Van Deusen punts to C 12. Darden returns 1. Preece tackler.

1/10/ C 13--3:25 left--Phipps' pass to Pitts bounces, incomplete.
2/10/ C 13--Phipps' pass to Kelly incomplete. Thompson defender.
3/10/ C 13--Phipps passes to Morin for 15. Thompson tackler.
1/10/ C 28--Scott at left end for 1 . Greer tackler.
2/9/ C 28--Phipps passes to Morin for 20. Greer, Thompson tackler.
1/10/ C 49-- Phipps' pass to Hooker incomplete. Montgomery tackler.
2/10/ C 49--Scott on a draw for 12. Thompson tackler.
1/10/ D 39--

SCORE END OF THIRD PERIOD: Denver 17, Cleveland 13.

Third down plays: Cleveland 3, made 1. Denver 2, made 1.

FOURTH QUARTER

1/10/ D 39--Pitts on a double reverse for 13. Mitchell, Smith tackler.
1/10/ D 26--Phipps passes to Kelly for 11. Myrtle tackler.
1/10/ D 15--Phipps pass to Pitts incomplete in end zone. Mitchell defender.
2/10/ D 15--Phipps passes to Scott for loss of 4. Forsberg tackler.
3/19/ D 19--Phipps passes to Staroba on 1 and he goes in for touchdown. Cockroft converts.

SCORE: Cleveland 20, Denver 17. Time elapsed: 1:50.

Cockroft kicks off to D 6. Montgomery returns 29. Scott tackler.

1/10/ D 35--13:00 left--Little at left side for 5. Briggs tackler.
2/5/ D 40--Johnson passes behind line to Anderson for 28. Darlington forces him out.
1/10/ C 32--Little at left end for 11. Sherk tackler. Little.
1/10/ C 21--Johnson's pass to Little incomplete. Denver draws 15 for offensive interference.
2/25 C 36--Johnson pressured by Johnson, throws short to Sherman, incomplete.
3/25/ C 36--Johnson's pass to Simmons incomplete. Sumner defender.
3/25/ C 36--Johnson pressured by Sherk, passes too high for Moses in end zone. Sumner defender.
4/25/ C 36--J. Turner kicks 43-yard field goal.

SCORE: Cleveland 20, Denver 20. Time elapsed: 4:26

J. Turner kicks off out of end zone.

1/10/ C 20--10:29 left--Kelly at left side for 2. Graham tackler.
2/8/ C 22--Phipps' pass to M Pitts incomplete. Mitchell defender.
3/8/ C 22--Phipps pass too long for Morin. Greer defender.
4/8/ C 22--Cockroft punts to D 32. Little returns 4. Glass tackler.

1/10/ D 36--Johnson trapped, loses 5. Sherk tackler.
2/15/ D 31--Johnson pressured by Sherk, who tips pass, incomplete.
3/15/ D 31--Johnson passes to Little for 7. Hall tackler.
4/8/ D 38--Van Heusen punts to C 10. Majors returns 16. Lynch tackler.

1/10/ C 24--7:55 left--Phipps pass to Pitts incomplete. Mitchell defender.
2/10/ C 24--Phipps chased, passes to Hooker for 29. Mitchell knocks him out.
1/10/ D 45--Kelly at left side for 9. Greer tackler.
2/1/ D 36--Kelly at right side for 0. Graham tackler.
3/1/ D 36--Phipps dives over for 3.
1/10/ D 33--Scott at left end for 8. Thompson tackler.
2/2/ D 25--Kelly at the middle for 2. Voss tackler.
1/10/ D 23--Scott at right end for 16. Thompson tackler.
1/goal/ D 7--Scott at left side for 4. Alsado tackler.
2/goal/ D 3--Cleveland draws 5 for delay of game.
2/goal/ D 8--Scott on a draw for 4. Duranko tackler.
3/goal/ D 4--Kelly at the middle to one-foot line. McKoy tackler.
4/goal/ one-foot line--Phipps on a sneak for touchdown. Cockroft converts.

SCORE: Cleveland 27, Denver 20. Time elapsed: 12:10.

Cockroft kicks off to 11. Montgomery reverses to Lenah for return of 15. Staroba tackler.

1/10/ D 26--2:35 left--Johnson pressured, overthrows Masters. Roughing the passer called against Cleveland. Briggs.
1/10/ D 41--Johnson passes to Anderson for 9. Houston runs him out of bounds.
2/1/ 50--Johnson passes to Anderson for 7. Scott tackler.
1/10/ C 43--1:58 notification--Little at left side for 25. Hall tackler.
1/10/ C 18--Johnson passes to Anderson for 1. Scott tackler.
2/9/ C 17--1:12 left--Johnson passes to 5. Berden intercepts, returns 8. Masters forces out.
1/10/ C 13--1:02 left--Kelly at left side for 7. McKoy tackler.
2/3/ C 20--Kelly at left side for 5. Duranko tackler.
1/10/ C 25--0:19 left--Phipps at the middle for 3. Duranko tackler.
2/7/ C 28--0:10 left--Phipps falldown at the middle for 0. Graham tackler.

FINAL SCORE: Cleveland 27, Denver 20.

Third down plays: Cleveland 5, made 3. Denver 2, made 0.
For the game: Cleveland 14, made 8. Denver 8, made 2.

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	Tackles	Assists	Fumble Recovery	Pass Defensed	Pass Intercepted	Punt, FG, PAT Blocked	Tackled Passer		Tackles	Assists	Fumble Recovery	Pass Defensed	Pass Intercepted	Punt, FG, PAT Blocked	Tackled Passer
DENVER BRONCOS								CLEVELAND BROWNS							
15 Turner, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 Cockroft	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Greer	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	22 Scott, C.	5	-	-	1	-	-	-
21 Montgomery R.	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	23 Brooks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Freec	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 Majors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 Seines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27 Darden	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
36 Thompson	4	1	-	4	-	-	-	28 Davis	5	-	-	5	-	-	-
41 Mitchell	4	1	-	4	-	-	-	29 Sumner	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
42 Van Housen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 Garlington	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
51 Simone	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	51 Lindsey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52 Forsberg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	52 Andrews	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
54 Myrtle	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	53 Long	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 Duranko	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	59 Hall	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
57 Geddes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71 Johnson	4	-	-	1	-	-	1
58 McKay	5	-	-	1	-	-	1	72 Sherk	4	1	-	1	-	-	1
64 Schmitker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81 Roman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 Voss	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	82 Houston	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
70 Smith	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	84 Briggs	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
76 Doures	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	87 Jackson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
77 Alzado	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	83 Glass	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
83 Graham	8	1	-	2	1	-	-	33 Cornell	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
33 Dawkins	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	58 Kingree	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 C. Turner	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	85 Staroba	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 Lynch	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 Pipes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
61 Lyons	-	1	-	-	-	-	-								
81 Masters	1	-	-	-	-	-	-								