

# Colts beat Redskins on passing of QB Jones

BALTIMORE (AP) — Bert Jones drilled two key third-down passes to Freddie Scott early in the fourth quarter, including a 12-yard touchdown toss, to give the Baltimore Colts a 10-3 victory over the Washington Redskins in a National Football League struggle last night.

Rain that fell throughout the nationally televised game hampered the passing of Jones, the American Conference leader. But he completed four of six attempts for 47 yards on the winning drive.

Completions of 24 yards to Glenn Doughty and 11 yards to Raymond Chester gave the Colts a first down at the Washington 24 as the third period ended.

Then, on a third-and-seven play, Scott grabbed a pass and made a first down by inches at the 14. The TD toss, threaded between two defenders, was grabbed by an off-balance Scott just before he tumbled into the end zone.

The victory gave Baltimore a 7-1 record, enabling the first-place Colts to regain their 1-game lead over the Miami Dolphins in the AFC East. Washington is 4-4, 1 game behind St. Louis and four back of unbeaten Dallas in the National Conference East.

Before getting hot late in the game,

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Jones had completed only 6 of 18 passes. He finished with completions on 13 of 27 passes for 180 yards. Jones entered the game with only 1 interception for the season, but the Redskins picked off 2 of his attempts. Lydell Mitchell gained 111 yards on 29 carries to keep the Colts moving most of the game.

Washington's opportunistic veterans managed to forge a 3-3 first-half tie while being out-gained 180 yards to 87 and running only 22 offensive plays to Baltimore's 44.

Mark Murphy of the Redskins downed

a Mike Bragg punt at the Baltimore 2-yard line midway in the second quarter, setting up a 40-yard field goal by Mark Moseley with 1:28 left in the first half. It came after Baltimore failed to move far out of its own territory.

That field goal matched one of 26 yards by Toni Linhart of Baltimore with 4:04 to go in the first quarter. It followed a pass interception by Colts linebacker Stan White. The ball was initially tipped by linebacker Ed Simonini, then White ran it back 13 yards to the Washington 26.

# Rozelle: Any team could win

On any given weekend, Commissioner Pete Rozelle is fond of saying, any National Football League team is capable of beating, or, for that matter, losing to any other member of the 28-club lodge.

And if you don't believe the boss, check out what has been going on in his playground this season.

The barometer for any league's success is balance and, except for unbeaten Dallas and winless Tampa Bay, the NFL has been a picture of parity this season.

Eight weeks into the season, only five teams are more than two games over

.500 and the standings reflect the kind of topsy turvy year it has been.

Three division leaders — Cleveland in the American Conference Central and Minnesota and Los Angeles in the National Conference Central and West, respectively — have very ordinary 5-3 records.

Upsets continue to dot each week's action, leaving favorites stumbling and underdogs scoring unexpected victories.

Item — Buffalo, battered 56-17 a week earlier by expansionist Seattle and playing without injured O.J. Simpson and on the road against playoff-hopeful New England, stuns the Patriots 24-14.

Item — San Diego jolts Miami with a last-second touchdown to give Miami its second defeat of the season. Then, sky-high from the emotional victory, the Chargers go into Detroit and are blanked 20-0.

Item — Los Angeles embarrasses Minnesota 35-3 on a Monday night, then loses to lowly New Orleans the following Sunday. The Saints then lose to Philadelphia 28-7.

Item — Minnesota recovers from its one-sided Monday night loss to Los Angeles by beating Atlanta, then returns triumphantly home only to be battered by St. Louis 27-7.


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### Knee surgery scheduled

## O.J. puts off decisions on future

BUFFALO (AP) — Pride and a desire to "end my career on a positive note" may cause star running back O.J. Simpson to return to the Buffalo Bills next season, but he said yesterday he would like to come back from his knee injury playing for a championship contender.

Simpson will undergo surgery today or tomorrow for cartilage damage to his left knee and will miss the rest of the National Football League season.


"I'm glad it's a cartilage and not a ligament. If you have to have a knee injury, mine is the kind to have. You often don't need a cast and are off crutches after three to four weeks," Simpson said.

He said his chances of returning to the Bills are "as good as any," but said he would wait until after his rehabilitation to make a decision.

Among the factors that will shape the decision:

— "I'd like to end my career on a positive note," he said.

— "I don't want to end my career sitting on the bench," he said, explaining he would not return if he doesn't feel in peak form.




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