NFL roundup

Colts, Bills, Jets share lead in AFC East

The Buffalo Bills, shutting out Dan Marino for the first time in more than two years, were among three teams tied for the AFC East lead after yesterday's games.

The Bills defeated Miami 27-0, preventing Marino from throwing a touchdown pass for the first time since Nov. 3, 1985 at New England. The Miami quarterback had thrown touchdown passes in 30 straight games. The NFL record is 47 by Johnny Unitas.

"Regardless of whether you get pressure on him, he's going to get the ball off," Bills defensive end Bruce Smith said of Marino. "But we got so much pressure on him, he was always aware of who was

The day began with all five teams in the division at 5-5. Buffalo, Indianapolis and the New York Jets now are 6-5, with Miami and New England one game back.

The Colts defeated Houston 51-27, the Jets beat Cincinnati 27-20 and Philadelphia downed New England 34-31 in overtime.

In the rest of the NFL, it was Chicago 23, Green Bay 10: New Orleans 20, Pittsburgh 16, and St. Louis 34, Atlanta 21.

Three later games had Tampa Bay at the Los Angeles Rams, the New York Giants at Washington and Denver at San Diego. Cleveland was at San Francisco yesterday night.

The Los Angeles Raiders play in Seattle tonight.

Bills 27, Dolphins 0

Buffalo's defense held Miami to 229 total yards - just 23 on the ground — in handing the Dolphins their first shutout since 1982. The Dolphins are now 1-5 against AFC East opponents.

The Buffalo defense intercepted Marino three times, and Don Strock replaced him in the fourth quarter.

The Buffalo quarterback, Jim Kelly, threw two touchdown passes and Ronnie Harmon ran for 119 yards. Kelly completed 15-of-21 passes for 217 yards, while Marino was 13-of-28 for 165 yards. Marino didn't complete a pass to either of

Indianapolis running back Eric Dickerson high steps across the goal line to score the Colts' first touchdown during their win over Houston yesterday.

his two favorite receivers, Mark Clayton and Mark Duper, until midway through the third quarter.

Miami Coach Don Shula said he didn't see much to be happy about in the game. "The only thing we had today was Reggie Roby's punting.

The Bills beat Miami 34-31 in an

early-season overtime game, giving Buffalo a two-game sweep of the season series for the first time since the Dolphins joined the American Football League in 1966.

Colts 51, Oilers 27 Indianapolis kept pace in the AFC East with its highest point total since a 58-20 victory over Buffalo on Dec. 12, 1976 when the franchise was in Baltimore.

Albert Bentley caught two touchdown passes, and Eric Dickerson ran for two more. The scoring passes to Bentley were the first to an Indianapolis back since

Jets 27, Bengals 20

The Jets remained in a tie with Buffalo and Indianapolis when Barry Bennett blocked a Cincinnati field goal attempt and Rich Miano returned it 67 yards for a tie-breaking touchdown with 1:48 to play.

Jim Breech had missed a 46yard try seconds earlier, but the play was nullified by the two-minute warning. Bennett blocked the second effort, and Miano ran the ball down the left sideline for the score, getting key blocks from Bennett and Carl Howard.

Miano then intercepted a long pass attempt by Boomer Esiason to seal the victory.

Bears 23, Packers 10 Kevin Butler kicked three field

goals — one of which broke a 10-10 halftime tie — and Neal Anderson and Thomas Sanders each scored touchdowns as the Bears improved their NFC Central Division-leading record to 9-2. Green Bay fell to 4-6-1 and was eliminated from title contention.

Anderson caught a 20-yard scoring pass from Jim McMahon in the first half, and Sanders ran seven yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Butler kicked field goals of 21, 27 and 52 yards. The 27varder broke the second-half tie shortly after Todd Bell blocked a Max Zendejas field goal attempts in the third quarter.

Cardinals 34, Falcons 21 Neil Lomax passed for 369 yards and two touchdowns as St. Louis

beat Atlanta. The Cardinals scored on three of their first four possessions in building a 21-7 lead. Earl Ferrell also scored twice on 1-yard runs, and the St. Louis defense set up two touchdowns and a field goal with turnovers in hand-

ing the Falcons their sixth loss in a

row. The Falcons are 2-9.

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