

# Bengals postseason game summaries

## 1970 SEASON

### AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF Colts 17, Bengals 0

Saturday, Dec. 26, 1970, at Memorial Stadium

In their first season in the NFL after two in the American Football League, the Bengals made a furious run to reach the playoffs, winning their last seven games after a 1-6 start and claiming the first AFC Central Division title. But the powerful Colts, who would go on to defeat Dallas in Super Bowl V, were too much for Cincinnati. Legendary Baltimore QB Johnny Unitas threw TD passes to WRs Roy Jefferson and Ed Hinton in the first and fourth quarters, and the Baltimore defense came through on a cold, windy day, limiting Cincinnati to 63 yards rushing and 76 passing. Colts rookie RB Norm Bulaich rushed for 116 yards on 25 carries. Jim O'Brien, the Colts kicker from the University of Cincinnati, kicked a 44-yard FG. O'Brien would wind up making the game-winning FG as time expired in Super Bowl V. Cincinnati's lone scoring attempt, a 50-yard FG try by K Horst Muhlmann, was blocked by LB Ray May.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	—	0
Baltimore	7	3	0	7	—	17

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Balt. — Jefferson 45 pass from Unitas (O'Brien kick)	1-0:59
Balt. — O'Brien 44 field goal	2-7:37
Balt. — Hinton 53 pass from Unitas (O'Brien kick)	4-7:07

**Missed FGs:** O'Brien (50B, 44WR), Muhlmann (50B).  
**Attendance:** 51,127. **Time:** 2:19.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BALT.
First downs	7	15
Third down conversions-attempts	3-14	6-14
Total net yards	139	299
Net yards rushing	63	170
Net yards passing	76	129
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	21-8-1	17-6-0
Sacks against-yards lost	3-17	2-16
Punts-average	8-39.1	6-38.3
Punt returns-yards	2-6	7-28
Kickoff returns-yards	3-46	1-0
Penalties-yards	1-5	6-63
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Time of possession	NA	NA

### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Robinson	5	25	9	0	Bulaich	25	116	13	0
Carter	2	16	9	0	Nowatzke	10	25	6	0
Phillips	10	12	4	0	Unitas	2	18	17	0
Lewis	3	10	9	0	Hill	3	11	8	0
Johnson	2	0	3	0	Jefferson	3	5	8	0
					Havrilak	3	0	1	0
					Hinton	1	-5	-5	0
TOTALS	22	63	9	0	TOTALS	47	170	17	0

### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Carter	20	7	64	0-1	Unitas	17	6	145	2-0
Wyche	1	1	29	0-0					
TOTALS	21	8	93	0-1	TOTALS	17	6	145	2-0

### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Myers	4	66	29	0	Hinton	3	86	53t	1
Phillips	2	12	6	0	Jefferson	2	51	45t	1
Thomas	1	9	9	0	Mackey	1	8	8	0
Johnson	1	6	6	0					
TOTALS	8	93	29	0	TOTALS	6	145	53t	2

### Defense/special teams/misc.

**Cincinnati** — ST-AT-TT: Bergy 7-7-14, Chomyszak 5-6-11, Avery 5-4-9, Beauchamp 6-2-8, Berry 4-4-8, Dyer 3-5-8, Reid 6-1-7, Carpenter 4-2-6, Parrish 4-0-4, Smith 3-0-3, Roman 2-1-3, Baccaglio 2-0-2, Lamb 1-1-2, Guillory 1-0-1, Johnson 1-0-1, Peterson 1-0-1, Riley 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Berry 1-8, Chomyszak 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Riley 2, Berry 1, Chomyszak 1, Parrish 1. **FF:** NA. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

**Baltimore** — ST-AT-TT: M.Curtis 5-3-8, Volk 6-1-7, May 5-0-5, Hilton 1-4-5, Duncan 3-1-4, Bi.Smith 3-1-4, Logan 2-1-3, Bu.Smith 2-1-3, Hendricks 1-1-2, Miller 1-1-2, Grant 2-0-2, Gardin 1-0-1, Newsome 1-0-1, Nichols 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Bu.Smith 1-9, Miller 1-3, Hilton 0.5-2.5, Bi.Smith 0.5-2.5. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Curtis 1-0. **PD:** Duncan 3, Logan 2, Stukes 2, M.Curtis 1, Volk 1. **FF:** NA. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

## 1973 SEASON

### AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF Dolphins 34, Bengals 16

Sunday, Dec. 23, 1973, at the Orange Bowl

As was the case in their first postseason appearance three years earlier, the Bengals lost in the opening playoff round to the team that would go on to win the Super Bowl. The Bengals had tied Pittsburgh at 10-4 atop the AFC Central Division and won the title by virtue of a better AFC record. Miami took the first step toward a Super Bowl VIII win over Minnesota by outgaining Cincinnati 400-194 in net yards and posting 27 first downs to Cincinnati's 11. Cincinnati trailed only 21-16 at halftime after being down 21-3 midway through the second quarter, but the Dolphins shut out Cincinnati in the second half while getting a 7-yard TD pass from QB Bob Griese to TE Jim Mandich and a pair of FGs from K Garo Yepremian. Miami RB Mercury Morris rushed for 106 yards on 20 carries and FB Larry Csonka had 71 yards on 20 carries. The Bengals did not score an offensive TD, getting their only TD on a 45-yard INT return by S Neal Craig.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	3	13	0	0	—	16
Miami	14	7	10	3	—	34

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Mia. — Warfield 13 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)	1-9:37
Cin. — Muhlmann 24 field goal	1-5:38
Mia. — Csonka 1 run (Yepremian kick)	1-0:21
Mia. — Morris 4 run (Yepremian kick)	2-7:37
Cin. — Craig 45 interception return (Muhlmann kick)	2-3:26
Cin. — Muhlmann 46 field goal	2-0:08
Cin. — Muhlmann 12 field goal	2-0:04
Mia. — Mandich 7 pass from Griese (Yepremian kick)	3-9:42
Mia. — Yepremian 50 field goal	3-4:48
Mia. — Yepremian 46 field goal	4-11:20

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 74,770. **Time:** 2:36.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	MIA.
First downs	11	27
Third down conversions-attempts	5-14	10-14
Total net yards	194	400
Net yards rushing	97	241
Net yards passing	97	159
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	27-14-1	19-11-2
Sacks against-yards lost	3-16	0-0
Punts-average	7-36.3	2-49.0
Punt returns-yards	2-26	2-6
Kickoff returns-yards	2-42	2-14
Penalties-yards	2-19	1-5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Time of possession	NA	NA

### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	MIA.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Clark	7	40	15	0	Morris	20	106	18	1
Anderson	3	26	22	0	Csonka	20	71	12	1
E.Johnson	2	17	14	0	Kiick	10	51	27	0
Elliott	7	15	5	0	Leigh	1	8	8	0
Curtis	1	-1	-1	0	Nottingham	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	20	97	22	0	TOTALS	52	241	27	2

### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	MIA.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Anderson	27	14	113	0-1	Griese	18	11	159	2-1
					Briscoe	1	0	0	0-1
TOTALS	27	14	113	0-1	TOTALS	19	11	159	2-2

### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	MIA.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Elliott	9	53	16	0	Warfield	4	95	48	1
Joiner	2	33	18	0	Mandich	3	28	13	1
Clark	2	18	12	0	Kiick	3	19	8	0
Curtis	1	9	9	0	Briscoe	1	17	17	0
TOTALS	14	113	18	0	TOTALS	11	159	48	2

### Defense/special teams/misc.

**Cincinnati** — ST-AT-TT: Bergy 7-5-12, Carpenter 7-5-12, Beauchamp 9-2-11, Casanova 9-1-10, Berry 5-1-6, White 5-0-5, Riley 4-1-5, Avery 3-2-5, Craig 3-2-5, Parrish 3-2-5, Pritchard 3-2-5, Adams 1-0-1, DeLeone 1-0-1, Jackson 1-0-1, LeClair 1-0-1, Trumpy 1-0-1, Reid 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** Craig 1-45, Casanova 1-0. **PD:** Casanova 1, Craig 1, White 1. **FF:** NA. **FR.-YDS.:** LeClair 1-0.

**Miami** — ST-AT-TT: Kolen 6-2-8, Scott 5-2-7, Anderson 5-1-6, Den Herder 5-1-6, Matheson 3-3-6, Bouniconti 3-1-4, Mumphord 2-2-4, Stanfill 2-2-4, Heinz 1-2-3, Bannon 2-0-2, Swift 1-1-2, M.Moore 0-2-2, Babb 1-0-1, Ball 1-0-1, Mandich 1-0-1, Johnson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Matheson 2-11, Stanfill 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** Anderson 1-19. **PD:** Scott 2, Anderson 1, Johnson 1, Matheson 1. **FF:** NA. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

# 1975 SEASON

## AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

### Raiders 31, Bengals 28

Sunday, Dec. 28, 1975, at Oakland Coliseum

The 1975 Bengals posted what stands as the best regular-season winning percentage in franchise history (.786), and they led the NFL in passing yards. But their 11-3 record earned them only a Wild Card spot behind 12-2 Pittsburgh in the AFC Central Division, and they drew a road game at 12-2 Oakland in the first playoff round. QB Ken Stabler, who went on to lead the Raiders to the AFC Championship game for the third straight year, started Oakland's postseason run with 3 TD passes against Cincinnati. The Bengals closed a 31-14 fourth-quarter deficit to 31-28 with QB Ken Anderson's TD passes of 25 and 14 yards to WRs Charlie Joiner and Isaac Curtis, and Cincinnati had a chance to win after DT Ron Carpenter recovered a Raiders fumble on the Oakland 38 with 4:19 still to play. But a sack by future Hall-of-Fame LB Ted Hendricks helped the Raiders hold the Bengals without a first down, and after failing on a fourth-down try, the Bengals never regained possession. Stabler finished the game completing 17 of 23 attempts for 199 yards, 3 TDs and just 1 INT, while the Raiders as a team rushed for 173 yards. Anderson completed 17 of 27 passes for 201 yards, 2 TDs and no INTs, but he was sacked five times.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	7	7	14	—	28
Oakland.....	3	14	7	7	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Oak. — Blanda 27 field goal.....	1-2:13
Oak. — Siani 9 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick).....	2-12:53
Cin. — Fritts 1 run (Green kick).....	2-5:50
Oak. — Moore 8 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick).....	2-1:54
Oak. — Banaszak 6 run (Blanda kick).....	3-10:00
Cin. — Elliott 6 run (Green kick).....	3-4:46
Oak. — Casper 2 pass from Stabler (Blanda kick).....	4-13:03
Cin. — Joiner 25 pass from Anderson (Green kick).....	4-10:13
Cin. — Curtis 14 pass from Anderson (Green kick).....	4-5:44

**Missed FGs:** Blanda (41SH, 21B).  
**Attendance:** 53,039. **Time:** 2:50.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	OAK.
First downs.....	17	27
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-11	6-14
Total net yards.....	258	358
Net yards rushing.....	97	173
Net yards passing.....	161	185
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	27-17-0	23-17-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	5-40	1-14
Punts-average.....	6-35.8	1-38.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-7	4-64
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-71	5-121
Penalties-yards.....	5-37	7-64
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	2-1
Time of possession.....	NA	NA

### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	OAK.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Clark	8	46	10	0	Davis	16	63	18	0
Elliott	4	25	9	1	Banaszak	17	62	18	1
Fritts	6	14	6	1	Hubbard	12	33	8	0
Anderson	3	12	8	0	J.Phillips	3	16	8	0
E.Johnson	3	0	6	0	Van Eeghen	1	3	3	0
Williams	1	0	0	0	Stabler	2	-4	-2	0
TOTALS	25	97	10	2	TOTALS	51	173	18	1

### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	OAK.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Anderson	27	17	201	2-0	Stabler	23	17	199	3-1
TOTALS	27	17	201	2-0	TOTALS	23	17	199	3-1

### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	OAK.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Clark	4	38	26	0	Moore	6	57	17	1
Myers	3	67	37	0	Branch	5	89	36	0
Joiner	3	60	28	1	Siani	3	35	15	1
Curtis	3	20	14t	1	Davis	2	16	10	0
Coslet	2	14	9	0	Casper	1	2	2t	1
Elliott	1	9	9	0					
Trumpy	1	-7	-7	0					
TOTALS	17	201	37	2	TOTALS	17	199	36	3

### Defense/special teams/misc.

**Cincinnati — ST-AT-TT:** LeClair 13-0-13, Jackson 9-0-9, Casanova 7-0-7, Pritchard 7-0-7, Riley 4-0-4, White 4-0-4, Beauchamp 3-0-3, K.Johnson 3-0-3, Brown 2-0-2, Carpenter 2-0-2, Parrish 2-0-2, Cousino 1-0-1, Green 1-0-1, Harris 1-0-1, Novak 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Brown 1-14. **INT.-YDS.:** Riley 1-34. **PD:** Riley 2, Casanova 1, Jackson 1, LeClair 1, Parrish 1. **FF:** NA. **FR-YDS.:** Carpenter 1-0.

**Oakland — ST-AT-TT:** Hendricks 7-0-7, Johnson 5-0-5, C.Phillips 5-0-5, Irons 4-1-5, Colzie 4-0-4, Thoms 4-0-4, Villapiano 3-1-4, Sistrunk 3-0-3, Thomas 3-0-3, Atkinson 2-0-2, Jones 2-0-2, Tatum 2-0-2, Banaszak 1-0-1, Dennery 1-0-1, Van Eeghen 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Hendricks 3-26, Thoms 1-8, Sistrunk 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Johnson 3, Colzie 2, Thomas 2, C.Phillips 1, Tatum 1, Villapiano 1. **FF:** NA. **FR-YDS.:** None.

# 1981 SEASON

## AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

### Bengals 28, Bills 21

Sunday, Jan. 3, 1982, at Riverfront Stadium

It took four tries, but the AFC Central Division Champion Bengals finally won a playoff game — their first-ever at home — when they held off a rallying Bills Wild Card team, taking the first step toward Super Bowl XVI. Cincinnati, which failed to produce a postseason win in their first three playoff appearances in 1970, '73 and '75, lost leads of 14-0 and 21-14 before eventually winning with what was a solid performance by the entire team. The offense didn't yield a turnover while the defense intercepted 2 Buffalo passes, and the special teams played soundly the entire game. QB Ken Anderson, who was the NFL's top-rated quarterback and its consensus MVP in the regular season, connected on a 16-yard TD pass to rookie WR Cris Collinsworth with 10:39 remaining in the fourth quarter to break a tie and take a 28-21 lead. The Bills were again poised to tie the game and set up an overtime period after driving 50 yards to the Bengals' 20 with just over three minutes left, but a costly delay-of-game penalty on fourth down led to giving the ball back to Cincinnati, and Buffalo was unable to mount another serious threat. Anderson completed 14 of 21 passes for 192 yards and directed a 305-yard attack, and TE Dan Ross recorded a game-high 6 receptions for 71 yards. The Bills held Bengals FB Pete Johnson, who had a career-high 1077 rushing yards in the regular season, to just 45 yards on 17 carries. But HB Charles Alexander — Johnson's blocker for the majority of the regular season — responded for Cincinnati with a season-high 72 yards, with 2 TD runs.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Buffalo.....	0	7	7	7	—	21
Cincinnati.....	14	0	7	7	—	28

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — Alexander 4 run (Breech kick).....	1-8:56
Cin. — Johnson 1 run (Breech kick).....	1-2:40
Buff. — Cribbs 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick).....	2-0:20
Buff. — Cribbs 44 run (Mike-Mayer kick).....	3-10:23
Cin. — Alexander 20 run (Breech kick).....	3-6:56
Buff. — Butler 21 pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer kick).....	4-14:52
Cin. — Collinsworth 16 pass from Anderson (Breech kick).....	4-10:39

**Missed FGs:** Breech (33B). **Attendance:** 55,420. **Time:** 2:50.

TEAM STATISTICS	BUFF.	CIN.
First downs.....	21	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-9	6-11
Total net yards.....	336	305
Net yards rushing.....	134	136
Net yards passing.....	202	169
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	31-15-2	21-14-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	4-23
Punts-average.....	3-42.0	4-44.5
Punt returns-yards.....	2-8	1-27
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-82	4-94
Penalties-yards.....	6-56	5-44
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	28:19	31:41

### Rushing

BUFF.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Cribbs	15	90	44t	2	Alexander	13	72	20t	2
Hooks	9	30	7	0	Johnson	17	45	9	1
Leaks	3	12	6	0	Anderson	2	15	13	0
Brown	1	2	2	0	A.Griffin	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	28	134	44t	2	TOTALS	33	136	20t	3

### Passing

BUFF.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Ferguson	31	15	202	1-2	Anderson	21	14	192	1-0
TOTALS	31	15	202	1-2	TOTALS	21	14	192	1-0

### Receiving

BUFF.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Butler	4	98	54	1	Ross	6	71	18	0
Lewis	3	38	19	0	Johnson	3	23	9	0
Brammer	3	23	11	0	Collinsworth	2	24	16t	1
Leaks	2	16	9	0	Kreider	1	42	42	0
Hooks	2	15	9	0	Curtis	1	22	22	0
Jessie	1	12	12	0	Alexander	1	10	10	0
TOTALS	15	202	54	1	TOTALS	14	192	42	1

### Defense/special teams/misc.

**Buffalo — ST-AT-TT:** Haslett 3-6-9, Robertson 5-3-8, Simpson 2-5-7, Villapiano 2-5-7, Freeman 4-2-6, Sanford 3-1-4, Smerlas 2-2-4, White 1-3-4, Kush 1-2-3, Brown 1-1-2, Nixon 1-1-2, Ritcher 1-1-2, Johnson 1-0-1, Jones 1-0-1, Kadish 1-0-1, Romes 1-0-1, C.Williams 1-0-1, Cater 0-1-1, B.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Johnson 1-NA, Smerlas 1-NA, White 1-NA, B.Williams 1-NA. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Romes 2, Simpson 2, Freeman 1, Kush 1, Sanford 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati — ST-AT-TT:** B.Harris 6-2-8, Cameron 3-4-7, Williams 2-4-6, Browner 4-1-5, Hicks 3-2-5, LeClair 2-3-5, Edwards 2-2-4, Kemp 0-4-4, Breeden 3-0-3, Dinkel 1-2-3, R.Griffin 2-0-2, Riley 2-0-2, Simmons 1-1-2, Whitley 1-1-2, Davis 0-2-2, Fuller 1-0-1, Verser 1-0-1, Bush 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** B.Harris 1-16, Riley 1-0. **PD:** Breeden 4, Kemp 3, Riley 2, Williams 2, Cameron 1, B.Harris 1, LeClair 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

## 1981 SEASON

### AFC CHAMPIONSHIP (The "Freezer Bowl")

**Bengals 27, Chargers 7**

Sunday, Jan. 10, 1982, at Riverfront Stadium

This game not only brought the Bengals their first AFC Championship and a berth in Super Bowl XVI, it was played in conditions that made the 46,302 fans on hand feel like champions themselves. With a temperature of minus-9 degrees, winds gusting from 20 to 35 miles per hour and an incredible wind-chill factor of minus-59, this famous game became known as the "Freezer Bowl." To this day, no NFL game has ever been played with a wind chill so cold. More than 13,000 ticket holders stayed home, but those who came saw the Bengals dominate their opponents from sunny San Diego. The Bengals first attacked them mentally, as every Cincinnati offensive and defensive lineman — along with FB Pete Johnson — took the psychological initiative to tough the cold and play in short sleeves. The teams were relatively even in yards gained, with Cincinnati leading 318 to 301, but the Bengals won the turnover battle 4-0, intercepting 2 Dan Fouts passes and recovering 2 fumbles. Fouts clearly struggled more in the arctic atmosphere than Bengals QB Ken Anderson, who, despite the conditions, completed 14 of 22 passes for 161 yards, 2 TDs and no INTs. TE Dan Ross led Cincinnati with 5 receptions for 69 yards, while FB Pete Johnson rushed for 80 yards and 1 TD on 21 carries. Only one player suffered a weather-related injury in the game — Bengals DE Eddie Edwards with a frostbitten right ear.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
San Diego	0	7	0	0	—	7
Cincinnati	10	7	3	7	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — Breech 31 field goal	1-8:05
Cin. — M.Harris 8 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)	1-7:06
S.D. — Winslow 33 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick)	2-13:34
Cin. — Johnson 1 run (Breech kick)	2-9:57
Cin. — Breech 38 field goal	3-7:47
Cin. — Bass 3 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)	4-6:52

**Missed FGs:** Benirschke (37SH, 50SH).  
**Attendance:** 46,302. **Time:** 2:47.

TEAM STATISTICS	S.D.	CIN.
First downs	18	19
Third down conversions-attempts	5-12	5-11
Total net yards	301	318
Net yards rushing	128	143
Net yards passing	173	175
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	28-15-2	23-15-0
Sacks against-yards lost	2-12	0-0
Punts-average	2-29.5	3-30.6
Punt returns-yards	1-7	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	7-132	1-40
Penalties-yards	2-15	3-25
Fumbles-lost	4-2	3-1
Time of possession	29:42	30:18

#### Rushing

S.D.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Muncie	23	94	11	0	Johnson	21	80	11	1
Brooks	6	23	9	0	Alexander	9	22	4	0
Fouts	1	6	6	0	Anderson	5	39	13	0
Cappelletti	1	5	5	0	Collinsworth	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	31	128	11	0	TOTALS	36	143	13	1

#### Passing

S.D.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Fouts	28	15	185	1-2	Anderson	22	14	161	2-0
TOTALS	28	15	185	1-2	TOTALS	23	15	175	2-0

#### Receiving

S.D.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Chandler	6	79	25	0	Ross	5	69	19	0
Winslow	3	47	33t	1	Alexander	3	25	16	0
Joiner	3	41	21	0	Collinsworth	2	28	16	0
Brooks	2	5	4	0	Curtis	2	28	15	0
Sievers	1	13	13	0	Johnson	1	14	14	0
TOTALS	15	185	33t	1	TOTALS	15	175	19	2

#### Defense/special teams/misc.

**San Diego** — ST-AT-TT: King 6-3-9, Johnson 7-1-8, Kelcher 5-1-6, Edwards 4-1-5, Lowe 4-0-4, Woodcock 3-1-4, Young 3-1-4, Buchanan 2-1-3, Laslavic 2-1-3, Shaw 2-1-3, M.Williams 2-1-3, Horn 2-0-2, Preston 1-1-2, Fouts 1-0-1, Jones 1-0-1, Ferguson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Shaw 2, Buchanan 1, Edwards 1, King 1, Lowe 1. **FF:** Buchanan 1, Edwards 1. **FR-YDS.:** Buchanan 1-8.

**Cincinnati** — ST-AT-TT: Hicks 8-1-9, Browner 6-3-9, Williams 5-2-7, Cameron 3-4-7, B.Harris 5-1-6, Breeden 4-1-5, Kemp 3-2-5, LeClair 3-1-4, Whitley 2-2-4, R.Griffin 3-0-3, Dinkel 2-0-2, Frazier 1-1-2, Edwards 1-1-2, Breech 1-0-1, Davis 1-0-1, Fuller 1-0-1, St. Clair 1-0-1, Riley 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Edwards 1-7, B.Harris 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** Kemp 1-24, Breeden 1-0. **PD:** Kemp 4, Riley 3, Breeden 2, Hicks 2, LeClair 2, Bass 1, R.Griffin 1. **FF:** Cameron 1, Hicks 1, Razzano 1, Williams 1. **FR-YDS.:** Bass 1-0, Browner 1-0.

## 1981 SEASON

### SUPER BOWL XVI 49ers 26, Bengals 21

Sunday, Jan. 24, 1982, at Pontiac Silverdome  
(Pontiac, Mich.)

Cincinnati outgained San Francisco by 81 yards (356-275), marking the first time in Super Bowl history the losing team led in scrimmage yardage. Bengals QB Ken Anderson set Super Bowl records (since surpassed) for completions (25) and completion percentage (73.5), and his 300 passing yards nearly doubled the 157 by 49ers QB Joe Montana, the game's MVP. But Cincinnati suffered 4 turnovers to San Francisco's 1, and 3 of those giveaways led to 17 first-half points for the 49ers, who led 20-0 at intermission. Leading 20-7, San Francisco staged a memorable goal-line stand late in the third quarter, stopping Cincinnati for no gain on three straight plays from the 1-yard line. The Bengals still closed the gap to 20-14 with a 4-yard TD pass from Anderson to TE Dan Ross with 10:06 left, but the 49ers added FGs of 40 and 23 yards by K Ray Wersching to pull away. Cincinnati crept to within 26-21 with 16 seconds left on a second Anderson-to-Ross TD pass, but San Francisco recovered the Bengals' ensuing onside kick to seal the victory. Wersching's 4 FGs tied a Super Bowl record (still tied) and Ross' 11 receptions set a Super Bowl record (since tied).

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
San Francisco	7	13	0	6	—	26
Cincinnati	0	0	7	14	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
S.F. — Montana 1 run (Wersching kick)	1-5:52
S.F. — Cooper 11 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)	2-6:53
S.F. — Wersching 22 field goal	2-0:15
S.F. — Wersching 26 field goal	2-0:02
Cin. — Anderson 5 run (Breech kick)	3-11:25
Cin. — Ross 4 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)	4-10:06
S.F. — Wersching 40 field goal	4-5:25
S.F. — Wersching 23 field goal	4-1:57
Cin. — Ross 3 pass from Anderson (Breech kick)	4-0:16

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 81,270. **Time:** 3:21.

TEAM STATISTICS	S.F.	CIN.
First downs	20	24
Third down conversions-attempts	8-15	6-12
Total net yards	275	356
Net yards rushing	127	72
Net yards passing	148	284
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	22-14-0	34-25-2
Sacks against-yards lost	1-9	5-16
Punts-average	4-46.3	3-43.7
Punt returns-yards	1-6	4-35
Kickoff returns-yards	2-40	7-52
Penalties-yards	8-65	8-57
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-2
Time of possession	30:34	29:26

#### Rushing

S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Patton	17	55	10	0	Johnson	14	36	5	0
Cooper	9	34	14	0	Alexander	5	17	13	0
Montana	6	18	7	1	Anderson	4	15	6	1
Ring	5	17	7	0	A.Griffin	1	4	4	0
Davis	2	5	4	0	TOTALS	24	72	13	1
Clark	1	-2	-2	0	TOTALS	40	127	14	1

#### Passing

S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Montana	22	14	157	1-0	Anderson	34	25	300	2-2
TOTALS	22	14	157	1-0	TOTALS	34	25	300	2-2

#### Receiving

S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Solomon	4	52	20	0	Ross	11	104	16	2
Clark	4	45	17	0	Collinsworth	5	107	49	0
Cooper	2	15	11t	1	Curtis	3	42	21	0
Wilson	1	22	22	0	Kreider	2	36	19	0
Young	1	14	14	0	Johnson	2	8	5	0
Patton	1	6	6	0	Alexander	2	3	3	0
Ring	1	3	3	0	TOTALS	14	157	22	1
TOTALS	14	157	22	1	TOTALS	25	300	49	2

#### Defense/special teams/misc.

**San Francisco** — ST-AT-TT: Leopold 6-1-7, Reynolds 6-1-7, Harper 6-0-6, Reese 5-1-6, Williamson 5-0-5, Wright 5-0-5, Lott 4-1-5, Hicks 2-3-5, Stuckey 3-1-4, Board 2-1-3, Gervais 2-1-3, Harty 2-0-2, Turner 2-0-2, Bunz 1-0-1, Cross 1-0-1, Dean 1-0-1, Lawrence 1-0-1, McColl 1-0-1, Puki 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Stuckey 1-6, Dean 1-4, Turner 1-4, Reynolds 1-2, Leopold 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** Hicks 1-27, Wright 1-25. **PD:** Wright 2, Hicks 1. **FF:** Wright 1. **FR-YDS.:** McCall 1-0, Thomas 1-0.

**Cincinnati** — ST-AT-TT: Browner 10-0-10, Breeden 7-0-7, Kemp 6-0-6, Williams 5-1-6, Razzano 4-0-4, Riley 4-0-4, Cameron 3-1-4, Hicks 3-1-4, B.Harris 2-2-4, LeClair 1-2-3, St. Clair 1-2-3, Edwards 2-0-2, Hargrove 1-0-1, R.Griffin 1-0-1, Montoya 1-0-1, Whitley 1-0-1, Wilson 1-0-1, Dinkel 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Browner 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Cameron 2, Breeden 1, Riley 1, Williams 1. **FF:** Montoya 1. **FR-YDS.:** Simmons 1-0.

## 1982 SEASON

### AFC FIRST-ROUND PLAYOFF

#### N.Y. Jets 44, Bengals 17

Sunday, Jan. 9, 1983, at Riverfront Stadium

In one of the most disappointing games in team history, the defending AFC Champion Bengals squandered an early 14-3 lead and were dismantled by the underdog Jets. The 7-2 Bengals were the AFC's No. 3 seed in the "Super Bowl Tournament," a 16-team playoff system organized after the strike-shortened regular season. It was the first playoff victory since the 1968 season for the Jets, who were the No. 6 seed. New York RB Freeman McNeil rushed for 202 yards and a TD against the Cincinnati's No. 3-ranked rush defense, and he also tossed a second-quarter TD pass. Jets FS Darrol Ray set an NFL postseason record for longest INT return (since broken) with a 98-yarder for a TD in what was a particularly demoralizing fourth quarter for the Bengals. Cincinnati trailed only 23-17 after three periods, but in addition to Ray's return, the Bengals in the final period had a 69-yard TD pass nullified by a false start penalty, missed a 46-yard FG, threw another INT, lost a fumble and allowed 2 Jets rushing TDs.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
N.Y. Jets .....	3	17	3	21	—	44
Cincinnati .....	14	0	3	0	—	17

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — Curtis 32 pass from Anderson (Breech kick) .....	1-8:30
NYJ — Leahy 32 field goal .....	1-5:59
Cin. — Ross 2 pass from Anderson (Breech kick) .....	1-1:46
NYJ — Gaffney 14 pass from McNeil (Leahy kick) .....	2-12:55
NYJ — Walker 4 pass from Todd (Leahy kick) .....	2-4:02
NYJ — Leahy 24 field goal .....	2-0:34
NYJ — Leahy 47 field goal .....	3-9:30
Cin. — Breech 20 field goal .....	3-2:28
NYJ — McNeil 20 run (Leahy kick) .....	4-8:24
NYJ — Ray 98 interception return (Leahy kick) .....	4-4:50
NYJ — Crutchfield 1 run (Leahy kick) .....	4-1:56

**Missed FGs:** Breech (46WR). **Attendance:** 57,560. **Time:** 3:13.

TEAM STATISTICS	NYJ	CIN.
First downs .....	27	23
Third down conversions-attempts .....	6-9	7-10
Total net yards .....	517	395
Net yards rushing .....	234	62
Net yards passing .....	283	333
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions .....	29-21-1	36-26-3
Sacks against-yards lost .....	0-0	4-21
Punts-average .....	0-0.0	2-43.0
Punt returns-yards .....	1-2	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards .....	4-69	8-138
Penalties-yards .....	12-95	7-60
Fumbles-lost .....	2-1	2-1
Time of possession .....	28:44	31:16

#### Rushing

NYJ	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
McNeil	21	202	35	1	Johnson	9	26	14	0
Dierking	3	11	9	0	A.Griffin	3	17	8	0
Harper	2	9	9	0	Alexander	7	14	6	0
Newton	2	6	4	0	Anderson	2	5	3	0
Todd	3	3	8	0					
Augustyniak	2	2	1	0					
Crutchfield	1	1	1t	1					
TOTALS	34	234	35	2	TOTALS	21	62	14	0

#### Passing

NYJ	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Todd	28	20	269	1-1	Anderson	35	26	354	2-3
McNeil	1	1	14	1-0	Schonert	1	0	0	0-0
TOTALS	29	21	283	2-1	TOTALS	36	26	354	2-3

#### Receiving

NYJ	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Walker	8	145	49	1	Collinsworth	7	120	53	0
Gaffney	4	50	20	1	Ross	6	89	26	1
Harper	2	35	19	0	Curtis	3	63	32t	1
L.Jones	2	22	12	0	Kreider	3	41	17	0
Dierking	2	9	5	0	A.Griffin	3	14	6	0
Barkum	1	9	9	0	Johnson	3	7	9	0
McNeil	1	9	9	0	M.Harris	1	20	20	0
Augustyniak	1	4	4	0					
TOTALS	21	283	49	2	TOTALS	26	354	53	2

#### Defense/special teams/misc.

**N.Y. Jets — ST-AT-TT:** Mehl 9-1-10, Neil 7-0-7, Schroy 6-0-6, Crable 3-3-6, Buttle 4-0-4, Jackson 4-0-4, Holmes 3-0-3, Ray 3-0-3, Lynn 2-0-2, Sohn 2-0-2, Lyons, 1-1-2, Salaam 1-1-2, Barber 1-0-1, Bennett 1-0-1, Gastineau 1-0-1, Johnson 1-0-1, B.Jones 1-0-1, Newton 1-0-1, Shuler 1-0-1, Woodring 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Salaam 1-8, Lynn 1-7, Gastineau 1-4, Lyons 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** Lynn 2-40, Ray 1-98. **PD:** Lynn 2, Crable 1, Ray 1. **FF:** Bennett 1, B.Jones 1. **FR.-YDS.:** Crable 1-0.

**Cincinnati — ST-AT-TT:** Cameron 8-0-8, Browner 6-2-8, Williams 6-1-7, Riley 5-1-6, R.Griffin 5-0-5, Kemp 5-0-5, Fuller 4-0-4, B.Harris 4-0-4, LeClair 2-2-4, Breeden 1-2-3, Edwards 2-0-2, Hicks 2-0-2, Simmons 2-0-2, Davis 1-0-1, Frazier 1-0-1, Jackson 1-0-1, Munoz 1-0-1, Ross 1-0-1, Verser 1-0-1, Whitley 1-0-1, Razzano 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** Riley 1-0. **PD:** Kemp 1, Riley 1, Whitley 1. **FF:** Kemp 2. **FR.-YDS.:** Fuller 1-20.

## 1988 SEASON

### AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

#### Bengals 21, Seahawks 13

Saturday, Dec. 31, 1988, at Riverfront Stadium

Unbeaten at home in eight regular-season games, the AFC Central Division Champion Bengals ran their Riverfront Stadium mark to 9-0 by rushing for a season-high 254 yards. They scored all 3 of their TDs in the first half and withstood a 13-point Seattle fourth quarter. The Seahawks pulled to within 21-13 on QB Dave Krieg's 1-yard sneak with 6:05 to play, but K Norm Johnson's missed PAT left the visitors still two scores short, as the 2-point conversion would not be added to NFL rules until 1994. The victory earned the Bengals their first trip to the AFC Championship game since the 1981 season. Bengals rookie FB Ickey Woods rushed for 126 yards on 23 carries, and his 1-yard TD run midway through the second quarter gave Cincinnati a 21-0 halftime lead. A pair of 3-yard TD runs in the first and second quarters by FB Stanley Wilson opened the Bengals' scoring. Wilson added 45 rushing yards on 7 attempts, while HB James Brooks rushed for 72 yards on 13 attempts. Cincinnati's defense held Seattle to just 22 yards rushing the entire game and only 49 total net yards in the first half. The Bengals stayed on the ground to win, getting only 7 completions from QB Boomer Esiason, the NFL's top-rated quarterback and its consensus MVP in the regular season, and only one reception from WR Eddie Brown, who led the AFC in the regular season with 1273 receiving yards.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Seattle .....	0	0	0	13	—	13
Cincinnati .....	7	14	0	0	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — Wilson 3 run (Breech kick) .....	1-9:11
Cin. — Wilson 3 run (Breech kick) .....	2-11:35
Cin. — Woods 1 run (Breech kick) .....	2-7:40
Sea. — Williams 7 pass from Krieg (Johnson kick) .....	4-11:40
Sea. — Krieg 1 run (kick failed) .....	4-6:05

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 58,560. **Time:** 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	SEA.	CIN.
First downs .....	19	22
Third down conversions-attempts .....	2-12	6-13
Total net yards .....	294	345
Net yards rushing .....	22	254
Net yards passing .....	272	91
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions .....	50-24-2	19-7-0
Sacks against-yards lost .....	3-25	2-17
Punts-average .....	6-44.1	6-46.0
Punt returns-yards .....	5-30	3-19
Kickoff returns-yards .....	3-66	3-54
Penalties-yards .....	5-45	2-29
Fumbles-lost .....	1-1	3-2
Time of possession .....	24:41	35:19

#### Rushing

SEA.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Warner	7	15	8	0	Woods	23	126	30	1
Williams	8	6	3	0	Brooks	13	72	26	0
Krieg	1	1	1t	1	Wilson	7	45	20	2
					Esiason	4	11	11	0
TOTALS	16	22	8	1	TOTALS	47	254	30	3

#### Passing

SEA.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Krieg	50	24	297	1-2	Esiason	19	7	108	0-0
Warner	0	0	0	0-0					
TOTALS	50	24	297	1-2	TOTALS	19	7	108	0-0

#### Receiving

SEA.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Williams	11	137	37	1	Holman	3	44	24	0
Blades	5	78	24	0	Collinsworth	1	30	30	0
Butler	2	40	32	0	Brown	1	23	23	0
Largent	2	17	12	0	Brooks	1	9	9	0
Skansi	1	11	11	0	Riggs	1	2	2	0
Clark	1	8	8	0					
Spagnola	1	7	7	0					
Warner	1	-1	-1	0					
TOTALS	24	297	37	1	TOTALS	7	108	30	0

#### Defense

**Seattle — ST-AT-TT:** Robinson 9-2-11, Comeaux 7-1-8, Scholtz 6-1-7, Wyman 6-0-6, Green 5-1-6, Jenkins 3-1-4, Clarke 3-0-3, Woods 3-0-3, Moyer 2-1-3, Nash 2-1-3, Taylor 2-0-2, Dean 1-0-1, Spagnola 1-0-1, Gaines 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Clarke 1-9, Green 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Robinson 1, Scholtz 1. **FF:** Clarke 1, Green 1. **FR.-YDS.:** Nash 1-0.

**Cincinnati — ST-AT-TT:** Krumrie 5-2-7, Billups 4-2-6, Fulcher 4-1-5, Buck 1-4-5, Thomas 4-0-4, Wilcots 4-0-4, Williams 3-1-4, White 3-0-3, Zander 1-2-3, Dixon 2-0-2, Horton 2-0-2, Grant 1-1-2, Kelly 1-1-2, Skow 1-1-2, Bussey 1-0-1, King 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Williams 1-11, Skow 1-10, Buck 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** Thomas 1-0, Wilcots 1-0. **PD:** Thomas 6, Billups 4, Dixon 1, Fulcher 1, Wilcots 1. **FF:** Krumrie 1. **FR.-YDS.:** Skow 1-0.

# 1988 SEASON

## AFC CHAMPIONSHIP Bengals 21, Bills 10

Sunday, Jan. 8, 1989, at Riverfront Stadium

The week before the AFC Championship game was filled with controversy, as Bills head coach Marv Levy convinced the NFL office that Bengals head coach Sam Wyche's no-huddle offense was illegal. Cincinnati had developed and employed the no-huddle attack all season, but shortly before kickoff, the league informed the team that game officials would severely restrict its use. Wyche would eventually prevail in this rule book battle. Nevertheless, his offense, forced to abandon its no-huddle tactics for this contest, returned to basics and led the charge in beating Buffalo for a berth in Super Bowl XXIII. It was Cincinnati's third victory of the year over Buffalo, the Bengals having also downed the Bills in the preseason and regular season. Cincinnati won with a punishing rushing game, running the ball on 50 of 73 offensive plays and gaining 175 of their 249 total yards on the ground. Cincinnati's defense recorded a solid performance, holding the Bills to 181 total yards, including just 53 in the second half. Cincinnati made 8-of-16 combined third-down and fourth-down conversions while allowing the Bills a debilitating none-of-11. Bengals rookie FB Ickey Woods had his second 100-yard rushing game of the postseason, gaining 102 on 29 carries. The Bengals advanced to the Super Bowl from what was, at the time, the worst previous-season finish (4-11) of any Super Bowl qualifier. Even to the present time, only the 1999 St. Louis Rams (4-12 in '98) have gone farther.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Buffalo.....	0	10	0	0	—	10
Cincinnati.....	7	7	0	7	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — Woods 1 run (Breech kick).....	1-1:51
Buff. — Reed 9 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick).....	2-13:21
Cin. — Brooks 10 pass from Esiason (Breech kick).....	2-2:21
Buff. — Norwood 39 field goal.....	2-0:22
Cin. — Woods 1 run (Breech kick).....	4-14:56

**Missed FGs:** Norwood (43WL). **Attendance:** 59,747. **Time:** 3:10.

TEAM STATISTICS	BUFF.	CIN.
First downs.....	10	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	0-10	7-15
Total net yards.....	181	249
Net yards rushing.....	45	175
Net yards passing.....	136	74
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	30-14-3	20-11-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-27	3-20
Punts-average.....	6-45.1	6-36.8
Punt returns-yards.....	1-2	3-24
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-57	3-30
Penalties-yards.....	5-50	4-45
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-0
Time of possession.....	20:31	39:29

### Rushing

BUFF.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Mueller	8	21	13	0	Woods	29	102	16	2
Kelly	2	10	5	0	Wilson	5	29	9	0
Thomas	4	6	2	0	Esiason	7	26	29	0
Riddick	1	4	4	0	Jennings	2	12	8	0
Byrum	1	3	3	0	Brooks	7	6	5	0
Harmon	1	1	1	0					
TOTALS	17	45	13	0	TOTALS	50	175	29	2

### Passing

BUFF.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Kelly	30	14	163	1-3	Esiason	20	11	94	1-2
TOTALS	30	14	163	1-3	TOTALS	20	11	94	1-2

### Receiving

BUFF.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Reed	5	55	18	1	Holman	4	38	21	0
Riddick	3	28	14	0	Brooks	2	21	11	1
Harmon	3	18	9	0	Riggs	2	16	13	0
T.Johnson	2	48	26	0	McGee	2	14	8	0
Metzelaars	1	14	14	0	Collinsworth	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	14	163	26	1	TOTALS	11	94	21	1

### Defense

**Buffalo — ST-AT-TT:** Talley 7-4-11, Still 9-0-9, Bentley 5-4-9, L.Smith 4-2-6, Bennett 4-1-5, B.Smith 4-1-5, Burroughs 4-0-4, Conlan 3-1-4, Odomes 3-1-4, Radecic 3-1-4, Kelso 2-1-3, Jackson 2-0-2, Cocroft 1-0-1, Davis 1-0-1, Riddick 1-0-1, Ritcher 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** B.Smith 2-13, Still 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** Kelso 1-25, Bentley 1-0. **PD:** Bentley 2, Kelso 2, Burroughs 1, Talley 1, Radecic 1. **FF:** Odomes 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati — ST-AT-TT:** Krumrie 3-3-6, White 4-1-5, Thomas 4-0-4, Bussey 3-0-3, Barker 2-1-3, Fulcher 1-2-3, Horton 1-2-3, Wilcots 1-2-3, Williams 1-2-3, Buck 2-0-2, Zander 2-0-2, Dixon 1-1-2, Kelly 1-1-2, Grant 1-0-1, Skow 1-0-1, Billups 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Buck 1-10, Grant 1-10, Williams 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** Thomas 1-26, Fulcher 1-0, Billups 1-(-3). **PD:** Thomas 4, Billups 2, Fulcher 2, Wilcots 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

# 1988 SEASON

## SUPER BOWL XXIII 49ers 20, Bengals 16

Sunday, Jan. 22, 1989, at Joe Robbie Stadium  
(Miami, Fla.)

NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle termed it the most exciting of the first 23 games in Super Bowl history, and the result regained some respect for the AFC, which had lost the last four contests by an average of more than 27 points. But the dominant emotion of the day still was heartbreak for head coach Sam Wyche's underdog Bengals, who took a 16-13 lead with 3:20 to play on Jim Breech's 40-yard FG before succumbing to a 92-yard, 11-play TD drive led by San Francisco QB Joe Montana. WR John Taylor's game-winning 10-yard TD catch from Montana came with just 34 seconds remaining. Never before had a Super Bowl been won on a TD so late in the game. Cincinnati played without FB Stanley Wilson, who was suspended for a substance abuse violation that occurred the night before the game. In addition, the Bengals played almost the entire contest without All-Pro NT Tim Krumrie, who suffered a severely broken leg early in the first quarter. The teams were tied 3-3 at halftime, tied again at 6-6 late in the third quarter, and then swapped TDs in quick succession. A 93-yard kickoff return by Cincinnati HB Stanford Jennings was countered by a four-play San Francisco TD drive. The third of Breech's 3 FGs gave Cincinnati its third lead of the day before Montana's final heroics saved the day for the 49ers. San Francisco WR Jerry Rice tied a Super Bowl record with 11 receptions (still tied; originally set by Bengals TE Dan Ross in Super Bowl XVI) for 215 yards and 1 TD, earning the game's MVP award. Montana completed 23 of 36 passes for 357 yards, 2 TDs and no INTs. The victory made San Francisco the first NFC team to win three Super Bowls.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	3	10	3	—	16
San Francisco.....	3	0	3	14	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
S.F. — Cofer 41 field goal.....	1-3:14
Cin. — Breech 34 field goal.....	2-1:15
Cin. — Breech 43 field goal.....	3-5:39
S.F. — Cofer 32 field goal.....	3-0:50
Cin. — Jennings 93 kickoff return (Breech kick).....	3-0:34
S.F. — Rice 14 pass from Montana (Cofer kick).....	4-14:03
Cin. — Breech 40 field goal.....	4-3:20
S.F. — Taylor 10 pass from Montana (Cofer kick).....	4-0:34

**Missed FGs:** Cofer (19WL, 49WR). **Attendance:** 75,129. **Time:** 3:24.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	S.F.
First downs.....	13	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-13	4-13
Total net yards.....	229	453
Net yards rushing.....	106	112
Net yards passing.....	123	341
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	25-11-1	36-23-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	5-21	4-16
Punts-average.....	5-44.6	4-37.0
Punt returns-yards.....	2-5	3-56
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-132	5-77
Penalties-yards.....	7-65	4-32
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	4-1
Time of possession.....	32:43	27:17

### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Woods	20	79	10	0	Craig	17	71	13	0
Brooks	6	24	11	0	Rathman	5	23	11	0
Jennings	1	3	3	0	Montana	4	13	11	0
Esiason	1	0	0	0	Rice	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	28	106	11	0	TOTALS	27	112	13	0

### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Esiason	25	11	144	0-1	Montana	36	23	357	2-0
TOTALS	25	11	144	0-1	TOTALS	36	23	357	2-0

### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Collinsworth	3	40	23	0	Rice	11	215	44	1
Brown	3	32	17	0	Craig	8	101	40	0
Brooks	2	32	20	0	Frank	2	15	8	0
McGee	2	23	18	0	Rathman	1	16	16	0
Hillary	1	17	17	0	Taylor	1	10	10t	1
TOTALS	11	144	23	0	TOTALS	23	357	44	2

### Defense

**Cincinnati — ST-AT-TT:** Williams 9-1-10, Wilcots 7-0-7, Billups 5-0-5, Fulcher 5-0-5, Bussey 4-1-5, Zander 4-0-4, Buck 3-1-4, Grant 3-0-3, Horton 3-0-3, Thomas 2-1-3, Barker 2-0-2, McClendon 2-0-2, Dixon 1-0-1, White 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Fulcher 1-6, Buck 1-5, Williams 1-3, Grant 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Billups 1, Bussey 1, Fulcher 1. **FF:** Fulcher 1, Horton 1. **FR-YDS.:** Skow 1-0.

**San Francisco — ST-AT-TT:** Fagan 6-0-6, Haley 6-0-6, McKyer 6-0-6, Lott 5-0-5, Fuller 4-1-5, Griffin 4-0-4, Carter 3-0-3, Roberts 3-0-3, Fahnhorst 1-1-2, Holt 1-0-1, Romanowski 1-0-1, Stubbs 1-0-1, Turner 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Haley 2-10, Stubbs 1-8, Carter 1-3, Fagan 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** Romanowski 1-0. **PD:** Fuller 1, Griffin 1, Lott 1, Romanowski 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

## 1990 SEASON

### AFC WILD CARD PLAYOFF

**Bengals 41, Oilers 14**

Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991, at Riverfront Stadium

Having been involved in a feisty regular-season rivalry with Houston for several years, Cincinnati got the chance to tangle with the Oilers in the postseason and responded with the most lopsided playoff win in team history. The Bengals outgained the Oilers by 123 yards (349-226) and set team postseason records for points (still stands) and victory margin (still stands), using an offensive attack that was as well-balanced as it was effective. Cincinnati inflicted the most damage on the ground, where it outgained Houston 187-67, yet no Bengals rusher totaled more than 57 rushing yards. Cincinnati's passing game added another 162 net yards, yet no Bengals receiver had more than 2 catches. Houston, however, was unable to mount a serious threat the entire game. The Bengals led 34-0 before the Oilers scored their first point late in the third quarter. Ironically, it was the Oilers who helped put the Bengals in the playoffs the previous week. Houston beat Pittsburgh 34-14 in its Sunday night regular-season finale, allowing Cincinnati to win the AFC Central Division on a tiebreaker (the Bengals, Oilers and Steelers all finished with 9-7 regular-season records). Bengals QB Boomer Esiason showed no gratitude, completing 14 of 20 passes for 150 yards and 2 TDs while running for another TD.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Houston	0	0	7	7	—	14
Cincinnati	10	10	14	7	—	41

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — Woods 1 run (Breech kick)	1-8:36
Cin. — Breech 27 field goal	1-1:10
Cin. — Green 2 pass from Esiason (Breech kick)	2-9:18
Cin. — Breech 30 field goal	2-0:43
Cin. — Ball 3 run (Breech kick)	3-11:34
Cin. — Esiason 10 run (Breech kick)	3-11:09
Hou. — Givins 16 pass from Carlson (Garcia kick)	3-5:15
Cin. — Kattus 9 pass from Esiason (Breech kick)	4-14:09
Hou. — Givins 5 pass from Carlson (Garcia kick)	4-6:59

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 60,012. **Time:** 3:05.

TEAM STATISTICS	HOU.	CIN.
First downs	13	24
Third down conversions-attempts	2-9	4-13
Total net yards	226	349
Net yards rushing	67	187
Net yards passing	159	162
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	33-16-1	25-15-0
Sacks against-yards lost	1-6	0-0
Punts-average	6-42.6	3-45.0
Punt returns-yards	1-19	3-42
Kickoff returns-yards	6-114	3-58
Penalties-yards	5-33	4-40
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-0
Time of possession	20:15	39:45

#### Rushing

HOU.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Pinkett	5	43	16	0	Esiason	5	57	14	1
Carlson	4	22	12	0	Green	11	55	12	0
White	4	2	5	0	Ball	7	33	14	1
					Brooks	6	17	14	0
					Jennings	6	16	10	0
					Woods	6	11	4	1
					Wilhelm	3	-2	0	0
TOTALS	13	67	16	0	TOTALS	44	187	14	3

#### Passing

HOU.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Carlson	33	16	165	2-1	Esiason	20	14	150	2-0
					Wilhelm	5	1	12	0-0
TOTALS	33	16	165	2-1	TOTALS	25	15	162	2-0

#### Receiving

HOU.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Givins	6	60	16t	2	Holman	2	51	46	0
Harris	4	37	17	0	McGee	2	23	19	0
Jeffires	2	33	23	0	Kattus	2	19	10	1
Duncan	1	15	15	0	Green	2	15	13	1
Pinkett	1	10	10	0	Jennings	2	15	12	0
Hill	1	5	5	0	Brown	2	14	9	0
White	1	5	5	0	Woods	2	13	9	0
					Barber	1	12	12	0
TOTALS	16	165	23	2	TOTALS	15	162	46	2

#### Defense

**Houston — ST-AT-TT:** Kinard 8-4-12, McDowell 7-0-7, Grimsley 4-3-7, Lathon 6-0-6, Dishman 4-1-5, Childress 4-0-4, Meads 3-0-3, Allen 2-0-2, Fuller 2-0-2, S.Jones 2-0-2, D.Smith 2-0-2, Maggs 1-0-1, A.Smith 1-0-1, E.Johnson 0-1-1, R.Johnson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** McDowell 2, Kinard 1, Lathon 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati — ST-AT-TT:** Thomas 6-1-7, Bussey 5-0-5, Grant 3-1-4, Francis 3-0-3, Jones 2-1-3, Krumrie 2-1-3, Fulcher 0-3-3, Billups 2-0-2, Carter 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** (Team) 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** Fulcher 1-43. **PD:** Fulcher 2, Grant 2, Billups 1, Francis 1, Jones 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** Francis 1-0.

## 1990 SEASON

### AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

**L.A. Raiders 20, Bengals 10**

Sunday, Jan. 13, 1991, at Los Angeles Coliseum

Los Angeles QB Jay Schroeder, who would join the Bengals as a free agent in 1993, threw 2 TD passes to help the Raiders defeat Cincinnati and advance to the AFC Championship game. Cincinnati scored first on Jim Breech's 27-yard FG in the second quarter, but Schroeder hit WR Mervyn Fernandez with a 13-yard scoring strike to give Los Angeles a 7-3 halftime lead. The Raiders increased their lead to 10-3 on K Jeff Jaeger's 49-yard FG in the third quarter, and put the game away with 10 unanswered fourth-quarter points on a 41-yard Schroeder pass to TE Ethan Horton and a 25-yard Jaeger FG. The Raiders rushed for 235 yards, including 140 on 21 carries by RB Marcus Allen. DE Greg Townsend had 3 of the Raiders' 4 sacks. Raiders RB Bo Jackson, a popular two-sport professional athlete who also played Major League Baseball, rushed for 77 yards on 6 carries. This game, however, is best remembered by many as the contest that ended Jackson's NFL career. He suffered a hip injury on a tackle by Cincinnati LB Kevin Walker in the third quarter and, though the injury was not considered particularly severe at the time, Jackson never fully recovered to play in the NFL again.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	3	0	7	—	10
L.A. Raiders	0	7	3	10	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — Breech 27 field goal	2-12:07
Raid. — Fernandez 13 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick)	2-7:29
Raid. — Jaeger 49 field goal	3-5:41
Cin. — Jennings 8 pass from Esiason (Breech kick)	4-11:49
Raid. — Horton 41 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick)	4-8:52
Raid. — Jaeger 25 field goal	4-0:19

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 92,045. **Time:** 2:35.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	RAID.
First downs	12	20
Third down conversions-attempts	5-12	5-11
Total net yards	182	389
Net yards rushing	124	235
Net yards passing	58	154
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	15-8-0	21-11-1
Sacks against-yards lost	4-46	3-18
Punts-average	5-51.6	2-39.5
Punt returns-yards	0-0	3-40
Kickoff returns-yards	4-82	1-18
Penalties-yards	1-5	0-0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Time of possession	28:17	31:43

#### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	RAID.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Woods	11	73	18	0	Allen	21	140	20	0
Brooks	11	26	5	0	Jackson	6	77	34	0
Ball	5	14	6	0	Smith	5	18	5	0
Esiason	2	11	8	0					
TOTALS	29	124	18	0	TOTALS	32	235	34	0

#### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	RAID.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Esiason	15	8	104	1-0	Schroeder	21	11	172	2-1
TOTALS	15	8	104	1-0	TOTALS	21	11	172	2-1

#### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	RAID.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Holman	2	51	40	0	Horton	4	77	41t	1
Brown	2	18	15	0	T.Brown	3	42	26	0
Brooks	1	22	22	0	Fernandez	2	24	13t	1
Jennings	1	8	8t	1	Allen	1	24	24	0
Woods	1	5	5	0	Smith	1	5	5	0
McGee	1	0	0	0					
TOTALS	8	104	40	1	TOTALS	11	172	41t	2

#### Defense

**Cincinnati — ST-AT-TT:** Bussey 7-0-7, Fulcher 5-1-6, Grant 4-1-5, Walker 4-1-5, Zander 4-1-5, Francis 3-2-5, Krumrie 4-0-4, McClendon 3-1-4, White 3-0-3, Billups 2-0-2, Thomas 2-0-2, Wilcots 1-1-2, Buck 1-0-1, Jones 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Zander 1-10, Grant 1-5, Buck 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** Fulcher 1-11. **PD:** Fulcher 2, Thomas 1, Wilcots 1, Zander 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

**L.A. Raiders — ST-AT-TT:** Ellison 10-1-11, Benson 5-4-9, Golic 5-4-9, Anderson 3-3-6, Harden 4-1-5, Townsend 4-0-4, Davis 3-1-4, McDaniel 3-0-3, Long 2-1-3, Gordon 1-1-2, Robinson 1-0-1, Washington 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** Townsend 3-36, Long 1-10. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** Anderson 1, Benson 1, Ellison. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

# 2005 SEASON

## AFC WILD CARD PLAYOFF Steelers 31, Bengals 17

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Paul Brown Stadium

The atmosphere was super-charged at Paul Brown Stadium as the AFC North Champion Bengals made their first postseason appearance in 15 years. But Cincinnati was dealt a devastating blow on its second offensive play, as QB Carson Palmer was lost to a serious knee injury while completing his first NFL postseason pass — a club postseason-record 66 yards to WR Chris Henry. Backup QB Jon Kitna took over for Palmer and helped Cincinnati fashion a 17-14 halftime lead, but Pittsburgh owned the second half. The Bengals' offense, deflated without Palmer, had just 6 first downs and 105 net yards in the final two periods and failed to score another point. The Steelers used a botched snap on a Bengals FG attempt and two INTs by Kitna to control the second half and claim the first-ever postseason meeting between the longtime divisional rivals. Pittsburgh, which had finished second to the Bengals in the AFC North and entered the playoffs as the No. 6-seeded Wild Card team, went on to win Super Bowl XL.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh.....	0	14	14	3	—	31
Cincinnati.....	10	7	0	0	—	17

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — S.Graham 23 field goal.....	1-6:54
Cin. — R.Johnson 20 run (S.Graham kick).....	1-1:09
Pitt. — W.Parker 19 pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick).....	2-13:11
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 7 pass from J.Kitna (S.Graham kick).....	2-6:13
Pitt. — H.Ward 5 pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick).....	2-3:48
Pitt. — J.Bettis 5 run (J.Reed kick).....	3-5:12
Pitt. — C.Wilson 43 pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick).....	3-1:13
Pitt. — J.Reed 21 field goal.....	4-10:29

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 65,870. Time: 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs.....	19	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-11	9-16
Total net yards.....	346	327
Net yards rushing.....	144	84
Net yards passing.....	202	243
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	21-14-0	41-25-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-6	4-20
Punts-average.....	3-47.0	3-43.7
Punt returns-yards.....	2-21	2-15
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-94	6-127
Penalties-yards.....	6-39	7-90
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-0
Time of possession.....	28:57	31:03

### Rushing

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Bettis	10	52	25	1	R.Johnson	13	56	20t	1
V.Haynes	3	46	26	0	J.Kitna	4	25	12	0
W.Parker	16	38	7	0	C.Perry	2	3	2	0
A.Randle El	1	5	5	0	K.Larson	1	0	0	0
B.Roethlisberger	4	3	6	0					
TOTALS	34	144	26	1	TOTALS	20	84	20t	1

### Passing

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Roethlisberger	19	14	208	3-0	J.Kitna	40	24	197	1-2
J.Bettis	1	0	0	0-0	C.Palmer	1	1	66	0-0
A.Randle El	1	0	0	0-0					
TOTALS	21	14	208	3-0	TOTALS	41	25	263	1-2

### Receiving

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Wilson	3	104	54	1	C.Perry	6	11	6	0
W.Parker	3	41	19t	1	K.Walter	5	73	24	0
H.Miller	2	15	9	0	C.Johnson	4	59	24	0
A.Randle El	2	15	15	0	T.Houshmandzadeh	4	25	8	1
H.Ward	2	10	5t	1	R.Johnson	2	14	11	0
V.Haynes	1	14	14	0	M.Schobel	2	11	8	0
J.Tuman	1	9	9	0	C.Henry	1	66	66	0
					R.Kelly	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	14	208	54	3	TOTALS	25	263	66	1

### Defense

**Pittsburgh** — ST-AT-TT: T.Carter 7-0-7, L.Foote 4-3-7, D.Townsend 5-1-6, T.Polamalu 4-2-6, J.Farrior 3-1-4, C.Haggans 2-2-4, I.Taylor 3-0-3, C.Hope 1-2-3, A.Smith 1-2-3, J.Porter 0-3-3, C.Hampton 0-2-2, C.Hoke 1-1-2, B.McFadden 1-0-1, S.Morey 1-0-1, T.Kirschke 1-0-1, A.Frazier 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Hoke 1-2, L.Foote 0.5-4.5, C.Haggans 0.5-4.5, T.Polamalu 0.5-2.5, J.Porter 0.5-2.5, (team) 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** J.Farrior 1-22, T.Polamalu 1-4, C.Hope 0-5. **PD:** I.Taylor 2, D.Townsend 2, J.Farrior 1, C.Hope 1, T.Polamalu 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** — ST-AT-TT: D.Pollack 5-3-8, O.Thurman 3-5-8, K.Kaesviharn 4-2-6, I.Ohaleta 4-0-4, D.O'Neal 4-0-4, T.James 3-1-4, B.Simmons 3-1-4, J.Smith 3-1-4, R.Geathers 2-0-2, L.Johnson 0-2-2, B.Robinson 1-0-1, R.Bauman 0-1-1, H.Navies 0-1-1, S.Smith 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** D.Pollack 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PBU:** R.Geathers 1, D.O'Neal 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.