

1978 ★ DALLAS COWBOYS STATISTICS ★ 1978

| FIRST PLACE, NFC EAST HEAD COACH: TOM LANDRY | | | |
|---|-----|-------|------------------|
| PRESEASON (3-1) | | | |
| Date | W/L | Score | Opponent |
| 8/5 | W | 41-24 | SAN FRANCISCO |
| 8/12 | W | 21-14 | @ Denver |
| 8/19 | L | 13-27 | HOUSTON |
| 8/26 | W | 16-13 | PITTSBURGH |
| REGULAR SEASON (12-4) | | | |
| 9/4 | W | 38-0 | BALTIMORE |
| 9/10 | W | 34-24 | @ N.Y. Giants |
| 9/17 | L | 14-27 | @ Los Angeles |
| 9/24 | W | 21-12 | ST. LOUIS |
| 10/2 | L | 5-9 | @ Washington |
| 10/8 | W | 24-3 | N. Y. GIANTS |
| 10/15 | W | 24-21 | @ St. Louis (OT) |
| 10/22 | W | 14-7 | PHILADELPHIA |
| 10/26 | L | 10-21 | MINNESOTA |
| 11/5 | L | 16-23 | @ Miami |
| 11/12 | W | 42-14 | @ Green Bay |
| 11/19 | W | 27-7 | NEW ORLEANS |
| 11/23 | W | 37-10 | WASHINGTON |
| 12/3 | W | 17-10 | NEW ENGLAND |
| 12/10 | W | 31-13 | @ Philadelphia |
| 12/17 | W | 30-7 | @ N.Y. Jets |
| 1978 DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF | | | |
| 12/30 | W | 27-20 | ATLANTA |
| 1978 NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME | | | |
| 1/7/79 | W | 28-0 | @ L.A. Rams |
| SUPER BOWL XIII (MIAMI) | | | |
| 1/21/79 | L | 31-35 | Pittsburgh |

| TEAM STATISTICS | DALLAS | OPP |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 342..... | 232 |
| Rushing..... | 146..... | 83 |
| Passing..... | 167..... | 128 |
| Penalty..... | 29..... | 21 |
| Third Down-Made/Att..... | 118/235..... | 78/220 |
| Third Down Efficiency..... | 50.2..... | 35.5 |
| Fourth Down-Made/Att..... | 4/8..... | 8/13 |
| TOTAL NET YARDS..... | 5,959..... | 4,009 |
| Avg. Per Game..... | 372.4..... | 250.6 |
| Total Plays..... | 1,107..... | 967 |
| Avg. Per Play..... | 5.4..... | 4.1 |
| NET YARDS RUSHING..... | 2,783..... | 1,721 |
| Avg. Per Game..... | 173.9..... | 107.6 |
| Total Rushes..... | 625..... | 477 |
| Avg. Per Rush..... | 4.5..... | 3.6 |
| NET YARDS PASSING..... | 3,176..... | 2,288 |
| Sacked/Yards Lost..... | 33/229..... | 58/442 |
| Gross Yards..... | 3,405..... | 2,730 |
| Attempts/Completions..... | 449/251..... | 432/202 |
| Pct. of Completions..... | 55.9..... | 46.8 |
| Had Intercepted..... | 17..... | 23 |
| PUNTS/AVERAGE..... | 77/39.9..... | 108/39.2 |
| Net Punting Average..... | 33.1..... | 32.4 |
| PUNT RET./AVG..... | 63/8.0..... | 40/7.8 |
| KICKOFF RET./AVG..... | 47/19.1..... | 73/23.4 |
| INT./AVG. RET..... | 23/13.7..... | 17/10.4 |
| PENALTIES/YARDS..... | 96/816..... | 95/783 |
| FUMBLES/BALL LOST..... | 36/18..... | 27/13 |
| TOUCHDOWNS..... | 48..... | 25 |
| Rushing..... | 22..... | 13 |
| Passing..... | 25..... | 11 |
| Returns..... | 1..... | 1 |
| EXTRA POINTS/ATTEMPTS..... | 46/48..... | 23/25 |
| FIELD GOALS/ATTEMPTS..... | 16/26..... | 11/22 |
| AVG. TIME OF POSS..... | 32:24..... | 27:36 |

| RUSHING | ATT | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------|-----|-------|------|-----|----|
| Dorsett | 290 | 1,325 | 4.6 | 63 | 7 |
| Newhouse | 140 | 584 | 4.2 | 24 | 8 |
| Laidlaw | 75 | 312 | 4.2 | 59 | 3 |
| Staubach | 42 | 182 | 4.3 | 23 | 1 |
| P. Pearson | 25 | 104 | 4.2 | 18 | 0 |
| Brinson | 18 | 96 | 5.3 | 39† | 2 |
| Dennison | 14 | 75 | 5.4 | 23 | 1 |
| Blackwell | 9 | 37 | 4.1 | 13 | 0 |
| D. Pearson | 3 | 29 | 9.7 | 33 | 0 |
| Hill | 3 | 17 | 5.7 | 14 | 0 |
| DuPree | 1 | 15 | 15.0 | 15 | 0 |
| D. White | 5 | 7 | 1.4 | 4 | 0 |
| Cowboys | 625 | 2,783 | 4.5 | 63 | 22 |
| Opponents | 477 | 1,721 | 3.6 | 52† | 13 |

| RECEIVING | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------|-----|-------|------|-----|----|
| P. Pearson | 47 | 526 | 11.2 | 34 | 0 |
| Hill | 46 | 823 | 17.9 | 54 | 6 |
| D. Pearson | 44 | 714 | 16.2 | 53† | 3 |
| Dorsett | 37 | 378 | 10.2 | 91† | 2 |
| DuPree | 34 | 509 | 15.0 | 38 | 9 |
| Newhouse | 20 | 176 | 8.8 | 24 | 2 |
| Johnson | 12 | 155 | 12.9 | 23 | 0 |
| Laidlaw | 6 | 108 | 18.0 | 44† | 1 |
| Saldi | 3 | 8 | 2.7 | 5 | 2 |
| Dennison | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 6 | 0 |
| Richards | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 2 | 0 |
| Cowboys | 251 | 3,405 | 13.6 | 91† | 25 |
| Opponents | 202 | 2,730 | 13.5 | 51 | 11 |

| INTERCEPTIONS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|---------------|----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Barnes | 5 | 72 | 14.4 | 38 | 0 |
| Waters | 4 | 61 | 15.3 | 22 | 0 |
| Harris | 4 | 26 | 6.5 | 23 | 0 |
| Kyle | 3 | 20 | 6.7 | 17 | 0 |
| Hughes | 2 | 80 | 40.0 | 56 | 0 |
| Thurman | 2 | 35 | 17.5 | 23 | 0 |
| Cole | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 13 | 0 |
| Martin | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 7 | 0 |
| Breung | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 2 | 0 |
| Cowboys | 23 | 316 | 13.7 | 56 | 0 |
| Opponents | 17 | 176 | 10.4 | 43† | 1 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | TB | IN20 | LG | BL | NET |
|----------|-----|-------|------|----|------|----|----|------|
| D. White | 77 | 3,076 | 39.9 | 11 | 16 | 56 | 1 | 33.1 |
| Cowboys | 77 | 3,076 | 39.9 | 11 | 16 | 56 | 1 | 33.1 |
| Opp. | 108 | 4,257 | 39.4 | 13 | 16 | 61 | 0 | 32.4 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | FC | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|--------------|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Johnson | 51 | 12 | 401 | 7.9 | 23 | 0 |
| Hill | 11 | 0 | 101 | 9.2 | 20 | 0 |
| Thurman | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowboys | 63 | 12 | 502 | 8.0 | 23 | 0 |
| Opponents | 40 | 13 | 311 | 7.8 | 38 | 0 |

| KICKOFF RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|-----------------|----|-------|------|----|----|
| Johnson | 29 | 603 | 20.8 | 56 | 0 |
| Brinson | 6 | 93 | 15.5 | 31 | 0 |
| Blackwell | 3 | 70 | 23.3 | 31 | 0 |
| Dennison | 3 | 63 | 21.0 | 24 | 0 |
| Thurman | 3 | 42 | 14.0 | 20 | 0 |
| R. White | 1 | 15 | 15.0 | 15 | 0 |
| Lawless | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 10 | 0 |
| Saldi | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowboys | 47 | 896 | 19.1 | 56 | 0 |
| Opponents | 73 | 1,709 | 23.4 | 57 | 0 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | YDS | PCT | AVG | TD | INT | PCT | PCT | LG | SKS/YDS | RATING |
|-----------|-----|------|-------|------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Staubach | 413 | 231 | 3,190 | 55.9 | 7.7 | 25 | 6.1 | 16 | 3.9 | 91† | 32/219 | 84.9 |
| D. White | 34 | 20 | 215 | 58.8 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 2.9 | 35† | 1/10 | 65.3 |
| Hill | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0/0 | 39.6 |
| Dorsett | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0/0 | 42.3 |
| Cowboys | 449 | 251 | 3,405 | 55.9 | 7.6 | 25 | 5.6 | 17 | 3.8 | 91† | 33/229 | 83.1 |
| Opponents | 432 | 202 | 2,730 | 46.8 | 6.3 | 11 | 2.5 | 23 | 5.3 | 51 | 58/442 | 53.7 |

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | T |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| Cowboys | 58 | 121 | 118 | 84 | 3 | 384 |
| Opponents | 83 | 43 | 25 | 57 | 0 | 208 |

| FIELD GOALS | 11-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-60 |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Septien | 2-3 | 8-8 | 3-5 | 6-11 | 0-0 |
| Cowboys | 2-3 | 8-8 | 3-5 | 6-11 | 0-0 |
| Opponents | 0-0 | 3-3 | 3-7 | 4-10 | 1-2 |

| Septien: (18M,45M,48), (,49M), (,19), (22), (49M,47), (40M), (25), (30,39,24), (33M), (47M,24,26), (33,21,38M,44), (26), (44M,18,43M), (22) |
|---|
| Opponents: (37M), (42), (47M), (23,47M,44B,42M), (52,42,27), (37), (33M), (,47M), (45,23,33), (,1), (48,53B), (46B,30,36B,39M), (,1) |

| SCORING | TDR | TD | TDR† | FG | PAT | S | TP |
|------------|-----|----|------|-------|-------|----|-----|
| Septien | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16/26 | 46/47 | 0 | 94 |
| Dorsett | 7 | 2 | 1a | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 60 |
| Newhouse | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 60 |
| DuPree | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 54 |
| Hill | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 36 |
| Laidlaw | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 24 |
| D. Pearson | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 18 |
| Brinson | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 12 |
| Saldi | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 12 |
| Dennison | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 6 |
| Staubach | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 6 |
| Waters | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1+ | 2 |
| Cowboys | 22 | 25 | 1 | 16/26 | 46/48 | 1 | 384 |
| Opponents | 13 | 11 | 1* | 11/22 | 23/25 | 1# | 282 |

a 54 fumble return vs. N. Y. Jets (11/7)
+ sacked in end zone vs. Washington (10/2)
* Perry 43 int. return vs. Los Angeles (9/17)
Thaxton block punt out end zone vs. St. Louis (9/24)
\$ fumbled snap on PAT @ N.Y. Jets (12/17)

USUAL STARTERS

| | | | |
|----|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| WR | Tony Hill | LE | Ed Jones |
| LT | Pat Donovan | LT | Jethro Pugh (13) |
| LG | Herb Scott | | Larry Cole (3) |
| C | John Fitzgerald | RT | Randy White |
| RG | Tom Raftery | RE | Harvey Martin |
| RT | Rayfield Wright (11) | LLB | Thomas Henderson |
| | Andy Frederick (3) | MLB | Bob Breunig |
| TE | Billy Joe DuPree | RLB | D.D. Lewis |
| WR | Drew Pearson | LCB | Benny Barnes |
| QB | Roger Staubach | RCB | Aaron Kyle (3) |
| RB | Tony Dorsett | SS | Charlie Waters |
| FB | Robert Newhouse (12) | FS | Cliff Harris |
| | Scott Laidlaw (4) | P | Danny White |
| K | Raphael Septien | | |

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