

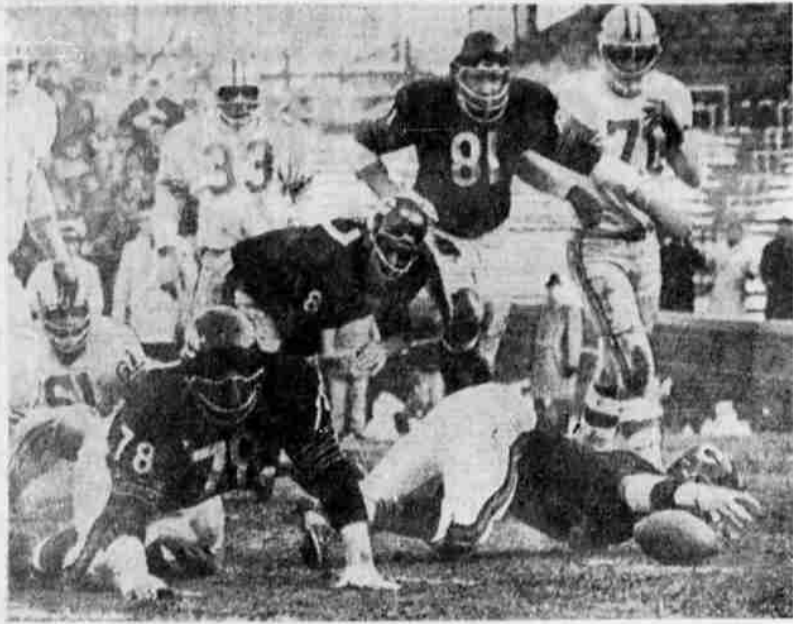
# Chicago Bears, New York Giants Win Title Playoff Spots

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**A KEY FUMBLE** — One of the important plays in the Chicago Bears' victory over the Detroit Lions Sunday in Chicago was this third quarter fumble by the Lions which was recovered by the Bears with the score 10-7. Three plays later the Bears scored again for a 17-7 lead. Lions never did catch up and Bears won 24-14. Bears' Stan Jones (78) recovered fumble. Others are Nick Pietrosanta (33), Lions; Ed O'Bradovich (87), Bears; Doug Atkins (81), Bears, and Daryl Sanders (70), Lions.

## Bald Eagle Of The Bronx Proves Sensational Passer

By OSCAR FRALEY  
UPI Sports Writer  
MIAMI (UPI)—The guy who saw it "live" is always scornful. Tell him you watched it on television and it's two to one, if he was there in the flesh, he'll condescend to straighten you out. Your angle was wrong, the referee had to be in your way, you couldn't tell how hard the punches were and what do you know, anyhow.

They couldn't have seen what I saw on the video tube. They had to be blowing on numb fingers, imbibing coffee or other warming liquids or watching the clock like the TV announcers were doing through the last three minutes. So, to set them straight, I'd like them to know that they saw the best pitcher this side of Sandy Koufax. And maybe the other side too.

named Yelberton Abraham Tittle. For the benefit of those who were in the clubhouse that Ruth built on the Sabbath, I can tell them that thanks to the electronic eyeball I never took my orbs off him for a single play. I can't take all the credit. Some must go to the cameramen, who did a great job. But in case anybody up there missed it, the Bald Eagle of the Bronx was somewhat more than sensational.

## Rebuilding Job Begun For Luckless SF 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The rebuilding job on the San Francisco Forty Niners starts today. The Forty Niners, who lost their final ball game on Saturday to the Green Bay Packers but won a lot of friends doing it, will be loaded with new faces when the 1964 roll call is sounded.

"These coaches should get a chance to continue with the boys." "I sure hope Christiansen is retained as coach," said quarterback John Brodie, who was out most of the season with an arm injury. The Forty Niners put on one of their finest exhibitions of the season in the loss to Green Bay. The vaunted Packer ground game, featuring fullback Jim Taylor and halfback Tom Moore, was fought to a standstill. It gained only 105 yards all day.

He flipped two in the first quarter, one for 22 yards and another for 41 yards and the Giants had gone 68 yards for their first touchdown. **Three 4-Yard Strike** In the second quarter he whipped a 44-yard strike and then lofted a three-yard touchdown pass. Then, in the third quarter, he covered 76 yards with three pitches. It was 29 yards, 25 yards and 22 yards and another fat six points. To cap it off, old Y.A. then whipped a 31-yard strike which was compounded by a 15-yard penalty good for a total of 46 yards. Next he pitched one to the one-yard stripe and Joe Morrison did a swan dive over the middle for the big six. All this man Tittle did was pitch three touchdown passes, running his season's total to a record 36, and set up the clincher in a 33-17 rout.

superb defense against Y. A. Tittle and pro football's most explosive offense in the National League's championship playoff, Dec. 29. And who could ask for a more dramatic match-up? Although the Bears should be slight favorites for the showdown at Chicago, the New York Giants undoubtedly consider them a refreshing change from the Green Bay Packers, who walloped them two straight years in the title game. This will be the sixth playoff meeting between the Bears and Giants. No NFL division rivals ever have met as many times. The Bears haven't won a playoff title since 1946—when they beat the Giants. And the Giants' last playoff win was in 1956—when they beat the Bears.

The Bears clinched their 10th Western crown Sunday when Billy Wade took some pressure off the overworked defense by throwing a pair of third-period touchdown strikes that produced a 24-14 victory over the Detroit Lions. And the Giants extended their record total of Eastern Division championships to 14 with a 33-17 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in their winner-take-all game in New York. Both conference races thus were decided on the final Sunday of the season. Chicago finished with a record of 11 wins, one defeat and two ties; the Giants have an 11-3 record. The Packers and Cleveland Browns wound up in second place to qualify for the Playoff (runnerup) Bowl game at Miami, Fla., Jan. 5. Cleveland defeated the Washington Redskins, 27-20, giving them a 10-4 record. The Packers edged the San Francisco Forty Niners, 21-17, Saturday to finish with 11 wins, two defeats and one tie. In Sunday's other games, the Dallas Cowboys upset the St. Louis Cardinals, 28-24; the Baltimore Colts edged the Los Angeles Rams, 19-16; and the Minnesota Vikings trounced the Philadelphia Eagles, 34-13. To get an idea of the offense vs. defense battle shaping up in the title playoff game: The Giants scored a total of 448 points during the season, 79 more than any other team in the NFL and 147 more than Chicago. The Bears help opponents to 144 points, 62 less than any other club in the league and 136 less

than the Giants. Sunday's 24-14 score does not adequately tell the role the Bears' defense played in the victory. The defenders held the Lions within range while the Bears' pugnacious offense could produce only a field goal in the first half. Wade helped overcome the 7-3 halftime deficit by completing a pair of touchdown passes within three minutes and 21 seconds of the third period. He threw 51 yards to Johnny Morris and 27 yards to Mike Ditka for a 17-7 lead. The Lions, still full of fight, battled back to score on a four-yard run by Terry Barr and then the Bears' defense was called on for its finest efforts to keep Detroit from going ahead. First, the Bears stopped

a Detroit penetration to the Chicago 27-yard line. Then, in the final minute, Dave Whitsett intercepted a pass and ran 39 yards for a clinching touchdown with only 25 seconds remaining. Tittle threw three scoring passes against the Steelers to set an NFL record of 36 for a season. Joe Morrison caught two of these and scored another TD on a one-yard plunge. The two crucial plays of the game, however, were a fumble by the Steelers' Gary Ballman after he had caught a pass and was about a stride from the goal line; and a spectacular one-handed catch of a low pass by New York's Frank Gifford that started the Giants on an important touchdown drive. Ballman, after catching the pass from Ed Brown early in

the game, had the ball knocked out of his hands by Dick Lynch of the Giants. The ball rolled into the end zone, where New York's Erich Barnes picked it up and ran it out 34 yards. Tittle shortly followed with a 41-yard touchdown bomb to Del Sholter. Gifford made his amazing grab of a 30-yard pass immediately after the Steelers had cut the Giants' lead to 16-10 in the third period. Another 25-yard pass to Gifford and a 22-yarder to Morrison on the next two plays produced a New York touchdown. On the next series of downs, Tittle threw 31 yards to Aaron Thomas, then 14 yards to Gifford and Morrison bucked the final yards for a score that opened a 30-10 lead.

each netted 32 points for the Wolverines against a team that lost to Loyola by only three points.

## AFL Grid Battle Is Muddled Mess

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ties hopes alive with a 35-31 victory over Denver. San Diego's record now is 10-3 and Oakland's is 9-4. That means there could be a playoff between them if Denver defeats San Diego next Sunday and Oakland beats Houston. On Saturday Buffalo beat the New York Jets, 19-10 and Boston got kicked around 35-3 by Kansas City. The Oilers managed to keep the outcome of Sunday's game with the Chargers in doubt until the last play. Houston was driving on San Diego's 35 at the final gun after scoring earlier in the period on Bo Dickinson's one-yard plunge. The Chargers scored all but three of their 20 points in the second quarter after intercepting three passes thrown by Houston quarterback Jacky Lee and George Blanda. San Diego quarterback Tobin Roe went over from the one following a 59-yard run by teammate Paul Lowe and Charger fullback Bob Jackson also scored from the one-yard line after linebacker Earl Karas picked off a Blanda pass. George Blair's 22-yard field goal, his first of two during the game, proved the decisive point. Flores tossed two touchdowns apiece to Art Powell and Clem Daniels in Oakland's victory over Denver after opening the game with a 32-yard scoring pass to Bo Roberson. Although the underdog Broncos pulled to within four points of the Raiders twice, they never were able to draw even. Powell produced the winning touchdown midway in the final quarter when he made a tumbling catch of Flores' fifth TD pass.

**Sunday's Results**  
San Diego 20 Houston 14  
Oakland 35 Denver 31  
**Saturday's Results**  
Kansas City 35 Boston 3  
Buffalo 19 New York 10

The American Football League race has come up with more possible endings than a ride through the tunnel of love. One playoff already is guaranteed and there may even be two. The Boston Patriots and Buffalo Bills are tied for the Eastern Division lead so they'll meet in a playoff for the title at Buffalo on Dec. 28. The San Diego Chargers clinched at least a tie for the Western Division championship by knocking over the Houston Oilers, 20-14, Sunday in a game loaded down with "firsts." It was the first time the Oilers failed to win the Western Division title since the league was formed in 1960; it was the first time the Chargers ever beat the Oilers in Houston, and it also was the first time the young AFL ever has been faced with the possibility of two playoffs. That prospect came about when Tom Flores passed for five touchdowns Sunday to keep Oakland's Western Division ti-

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## Jolly Roger Picked As Player Of Season

NEW YORK (UPI)—Midshipman Roger Staubach, the most celebrated sailor since John Paul Jones, has been named the college football player of the year by the United Press International. It was another in a long line of steady laurels for the personable 21-year-old Navy quarterback, who also accumulated such other awards as the Heisman Trophy and Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Trophy among many others. Staubach's designation as player of the year came by landslide proportions as he polled 210 votes out of a possible 291 among the nation's sportswriters and sportscasters who took part in the balloting. There was no one even remotely close to six-foot-two, 190-pound Jolly Roger, of whom his coach, Wayne Hardin says, "he's the greatest football player I've ever seen." Previously chosen college football's back of the year by the UPI, Staubach piled up a 199-vote margin over his nearest competitor, Baylor quarterback Don Trull, in the voting for the player of the year. Trull received 11 votes while Texas tackle Scott Appleton, UPI lineman of the year, and

Georgia Tech quarterback Billy Lothridge, each collected 10 votes. Hallback Sherm Lewis of Michigan State drew eight votes, Auburn quarterback Jimmy Sidle six and Illinois center Dick Butkus 5. Staubach, a junior from Cincinnati who also plays baseball and basketball at the Naval Academy, was the second Navy man to gain the player of the year award since it was inaugurated 14 years ago. Joe Bellino was the first Middle to be named in 1950. Possibly the most exciting player in the East this season, Staubach, who next sees action against top-ranked Texas in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, already has set an all-time Navy record for pass completions and total yardage for a single season. Staubach led the nation's quarterbacks in pass completions with a near incredible 68.7 percentage, that figure taking in 103 completions along with seven touchdown passes.

## Top-Rated Loyola Hitting 102 Clip

By GARY KALE  
UPI Sports Writer  
Loyola of Chicago is scoring at a fever pitch of 102 points a game and picking up momentum. The Ramblers, 1963 NCAA college basketball champions, take on South Dakota tonight in a final prep for the Quaker City tournament in Philadelphia, Dec. 27-30. Top-ranked Loyola went over the century mark twice last week in extending its unbeaten record through four games. But only a handful of other elite members managed to boast total success during this period. No. 5 Michigan, heralded as the team to beat in the Big Ten Conference, walloped Western Michigan, 104-81, to highlight Saturday's action. Bill Buntin and Cazzle Russell

each netted 32 points for the Wolverines against a team that lost to Loyola by only three points.

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