

1968 AFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME DECEMBER 29, 1968

JETS 27, RAIDERS 23

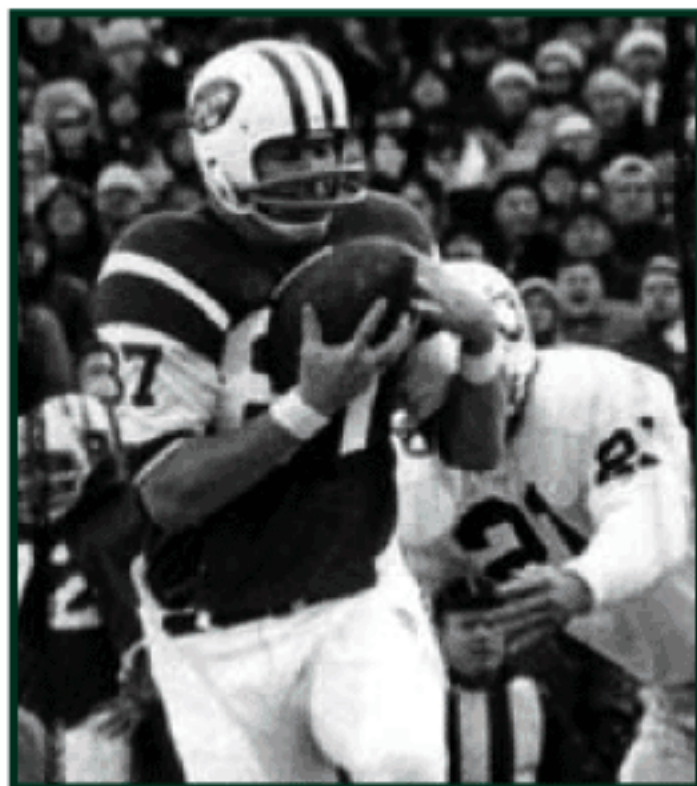
Oakland Raiders	0	10	3	10	-	23
New York Jets	10	3	7	7	-	27



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The Jets advanced to Super Bowl III with this thrilling, see-saw 27-23 victory over Oakland before a record crowd of 62,627 in chilly and windy Shea Stadium. A bizarre play, Daryle Lamonica's lateral pass to Charlie Smith that rolled free and was recovered by the Jets' Ralph Baker inside the final two minutes, sealed the victory. The Jets opened the scoring when Joe Namath, with three touchdown passes on the day, threw his first, a 14-yarder to Don Maynard. After a Jim Turner field goal extended the lead, Lamonica hit Fred Biletnikoff on a 29-yard scoring strike to pull the Raiders to 10-7. With the score 13-13, Namath struck again, this time 20 yards to tight end Pete Lammons. After a George Blanda field goal, George Atkinson returned a Namath interception to the Jets' five yard line, where Pete Banaszak's TD run gave the Raiders their first lead, 23-20, midway through the fourth quarter.



Pete Lammons

Namath brought the Jets back quickly and efficiently, and his six yard scoring pass to Maynard gave the Jets the lead to stay and a date with destiny and the Baltimore Colts in Miami. The victory also gave head coach Weeb Ewbank the distinction of becoming the first coach to win titles in both the NFL and AFL.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Jets	Raiders
First Downs	25	18
Rushes-Yards	34-144	19-44
Passing Yards	256	383
Total Yards	266	391
Pass Att-Comp-INT	49-19-0	47-20-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-10	2-8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yds. Lost	4-26	2-23

SCORING

Team	Play	Score
Jets	Maynard 14 yd. pass from Namath (J. Turner kick)	0-7
Jets	J. Turner 33 yd. FG	0-10
Raiders	Biletnikoff 29 yd. pass from Lamonica (Blanda kick)	7-10
Jets	J. Turner 36 yd. FG	7-13
Raiders	Blanda 26 yd. FG	10-13
Raiders	Blanda 9 yd. FG	13-13
Jets	Lammons 20 yd. pass from Namath (J. Turner kick)	13-20
Raiders	Blanda 20 yd. FG	16-20
Raiders	Banaszak 5 yd. run (Blanda kick)	23-20
Jets	Maynard 6 yd. pass from Namath (J. Turner kick)	23-27

PASSING

Jets	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD-I	Raiders	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD-I
Namath	49	19	266	3-1	Lamonica	47	20	401	1-0
Totals	49	19	266	3-1	Totals	47	20	401	1-0

RUSHING

Jets	Att	Yds	TD	Raiders	Att	Yds	TD
Snell	19	71	0	Dixon	8	42	0
Boozer	11	51	0	Smith	5	1	0
Mathis	3	8	0	Banaszak	3	6	1
Namath	1	14	0	Lamonica	3	-5	0
Totals	34	144	0	Totals	19	44	1

RECEIVING

Jets	Rec	Yds	TD	Raiders	Rec	Yds	TD
Sauer	7	70	0	Biletnikoff	7	190	1
Maynard	6	118	2	Dixon	5	48	0
Lammons	4	52	1	Cannon	4	69	0
Snell	1	15	0	Wells	3	83	0
Boozer	1	11	0	Banasza	1	11	0
Totals	19	266	3	Totals	20	401	1

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Jets: **INT:** None; **Sacks:** N/A.

Raiders: **INT:** Atkinson 1-33; **Sacks:** N/A.

Shea Stadium

STARTING LINEUPS

Jets Offense

E	Sauer
LT	Hill
LG	Talamini
C	Schmitt
RG	Herman
RT	Walton
TE	Lammons
FL	Maynard
QB	Namath
RB	Boozer
RB	Snell

Raiders Defense

LE	Lassiter
LDT	Birdwell
RDT	Oats
RDE	Davidson
LLB	Oliver
MLB	Conners
RLB	G. Otto
LH	Atkinson
RH	Brown
S	Bird
S	Grayson

Jets Defense

LE	Philbin
DT	Rochester
DT	Elliott
RE	Biggs
OLB	Baker
MLB	Atkinson
OLB	Grantham
LH	Samole
RH	Beverly
S	Hudson
S	Baird

Raiders Offense

E	Wells
LT	Svibus
LG	Upshaw
C	J. Otto
RG	Harvey
RT	Schun
TE	Cannon
FL	Biletnikoff
QB	Lamonica
RB	Smith
RB	Dixon