

New York Jets Jolt Colts, 16-7



MIAMI (AP) — Jaunty Joe Namath put his great passing arm where his mouth had been as he directed the New York Jets to the world professional football championship with an astounding 16-7 victory over the heavily-favored Baltimore Colts Sunday.

The 25-year-old Namath had goaded the National Football League champion Colts all

	Jets	Colts
First downs	18	13
Passing yards	182	101
Rushing yards	152	129
Points	16-7	7-0
Field goals	1-0	1-0
Fumbles lost	1	2
Penalties	13	11

last week — calling them inferior and down-grading their quarterback Earl Morrall as no better than sixth ranked.

Broadway Joe publicly guaranteed a Jet victory and then went out and engineered it.

"Today we won," he said. "We'd win tomorrow or any other time."

Thanks to Namath, and an unheralded New York defense, the 9-year-old American Football League owns its first Super Bowl victory over the proud, 40-year-old NFL. The Jets succeeded where Kansas City and Oakland failed in the first two

games of this pro football world series.

Namath, the 185-pounder from the University of Alabama, directed the Jets 80 yards on 12 plays in the second quarter for a touchdown and a lead the AFL champs never relinquished.

He added insult to injury by scoring on the Colts' strength, the defense against the rush. He sent fullback Mst Snell barreling around the left side four yards into the end zone. Jim Turner converted and the Jets were headed for one of the big pro football upsets of all time.

Namath, true to his style, glomted in the dressing room after the upset over the 18-point favorite Colts.

"Never were so many people wrong," he said, his long sideburns glistening with sweat.

"Eighteen point favorites?" he shouted. "I told 'em all. Anybody who saw it can believe it."

Namath's big mouth and bigger plays netted the Jet players \$15,000 each while the defeated Colts received \$7500 each.

The Jets led 7-0 at halftime thanks to the one big touchdown drive and three pass interceptions that stalled

Baltimore threats. There weren't many in the crowd of 77,377 in the Orange Bowl, nor the millions of television watchers, however, who didn't believe the Colts would overcome their mistakes and provide a third consecutive title for the NFL.

In all the Jets broke the back of the Colts offense with four interceptions, including two key ones by Randy Faverly in the end zone, chalking off what looked like almost certain touchdowns. Johnny Sample made another on the Jet 5.

The Jets added three field goals by their leading scorer, Jim Turner, for 32, 30 and nine yards to lead 16-0, before ciling Johnny Unitas, the golden arm of football, came off the Baltimore bench and engineered a last gasp Colt touchdown.

He sparked a brilliant 80-yard touchdown march with Jerry Hill finally bulging through from the 1 after the Jets twice had held with their backs to the goal.

Again the Colts came back, using an inside kick to get possession of the ball on the Jet 44. Passes from Unitas to Willie Richardson and Jimmy Orr carried to the Jet 19 but there Unitas was felled three

times in a row and the Jets took over.

The Jets' second quarter touchdown came moments after it appeared that the Colts couldn't be stopped.

A bouncing punt by David Lee gave the Jets the ball on their 3. In two tries Snell smashed to the 12 and then Namath passed to George Sauer Jr., who had a first down in grasp only to fumble when hit hard by Lenny Lytes.

Ron Porter recovered for the Colts on the Jet's 12. Tom Matle carried to the 6 and Earl Morrall hit Tom Mitchell in the end zone, but he juggled the ball and Beverly intercepted for the Jets.

Thus saved from disaster, the Jets went to work from their 20 with a vengeance. In two tries Snell made it first down on the 33 and then galloped to the 48 for another

first down.

Bill Mallis picked up six on the ground, and Namath passed to Sauer for 14 yards and a first down on the Colts' 34. Another pass to Sauer put the ball on the Colt 23. Emerson Boozar smashed for two and Namath connected with Snell to put the ball on the 6.

Snell bulled his way through the formidable Colt line for five and then carried over from the 4. Turner converted to make it 7-0. The march was made in 11 plays.

The last play of the first half was bizarre. With the Colts in possession on the Jet 41, Morrall handed off to Matle who ran to his right and then calmly tossed the ball to Morrall who was standing unnoticed and alone.

Morrall thereupon threw a long pass cross field intended for Jerry Hill, but Jim

Hudson came up fast and intercepted it — the third Jet interception of the first half — on the Jet 12 and ran it back to the 21 where he slipped and fell on turf made slippery by an all-night rain.

The longest run of the first period was a beautiful dodging effort by Matle, good for 58 yards and put the ball on the Jet 13. Again a touchdown for the Colts seemed imminent. But Sample intercepted Morrall's pass on the Jet 2. Curley Johnson kicked out of danger.

Matle's fumble on the first play of the third period set up Turner's first yard field goal. Ralph Baker recovered for the Jets on the Colt 33.

Emerson Boozar and Snell carried in the Colt 11 but here the mighty Colt defense stiffened and pushed the New Yorkers back to the 24, with Bibba Smith cornering Namath for an eight-yard loss.

With the ball held down on the Colt 32, Turner connected for a field goal despite a tricky, quattering wind.

Namath, the most valuable player of the American Football League, connected 17 times on 28 attempts for 206 yards. Morrall, his counterpart in the National Foot-

ball League, made good on six of 17 for 71 yards.

Snell, the big running gun of the Jet backfield, carried 27 times for 114 yards.

The Colts went into the game with a brilliant 15-1 season's record, upholding the pride of the National Football League which had won the two previous Super Bowls. The Green Bay Packers won the first one, defeating Kansas City 35-10, and the Packers also took the second one, beating Oakland 33-14.

The Jets had a 12-3 season's record.

"It is obvious the New York Jets have taken tremendous strides on behalf of the American Football League," said Commissioner Pete Rozelle in presenting the orna-

ment game trophy to Coach Weeb Ewbank, an elated, bubbling coach.

From tackle to tackle, starting from the left, it is made up of Winston Hill, Bob Talmin, John Schmitt, Dave Herman and Sam Walton.

"The Baltimore Colts are a fine football team but we had a couple of interceptions and they dropped the ball. If it hadn't been for that it might have been a different game," Namath said after the game.

"It's real tough to see it go down the drain like this," said coach Don Schula of the Colts. "We just couldn't get going. I hate to see this happen after all we have accomplished."

"You've got to give Namath credit the way he moved their offense. We didn't play our ball game. It's tough not playing it in a game like this."

"I had a lot of respect for them, and I think our team had a lot of respect. We still didn't get it done and they did. It's going to be a long winter."

Ewbank has the distinction of being the first coach ever to win a championship in both leagues. He won the NFL two times at Baltimore before the Colts dropped him in 1962.

A key part of the game was played by the Jets' offensive line, which clearly out-played Baltimore's awesome defense, protected Namath and opened the way for Snell's ground game.

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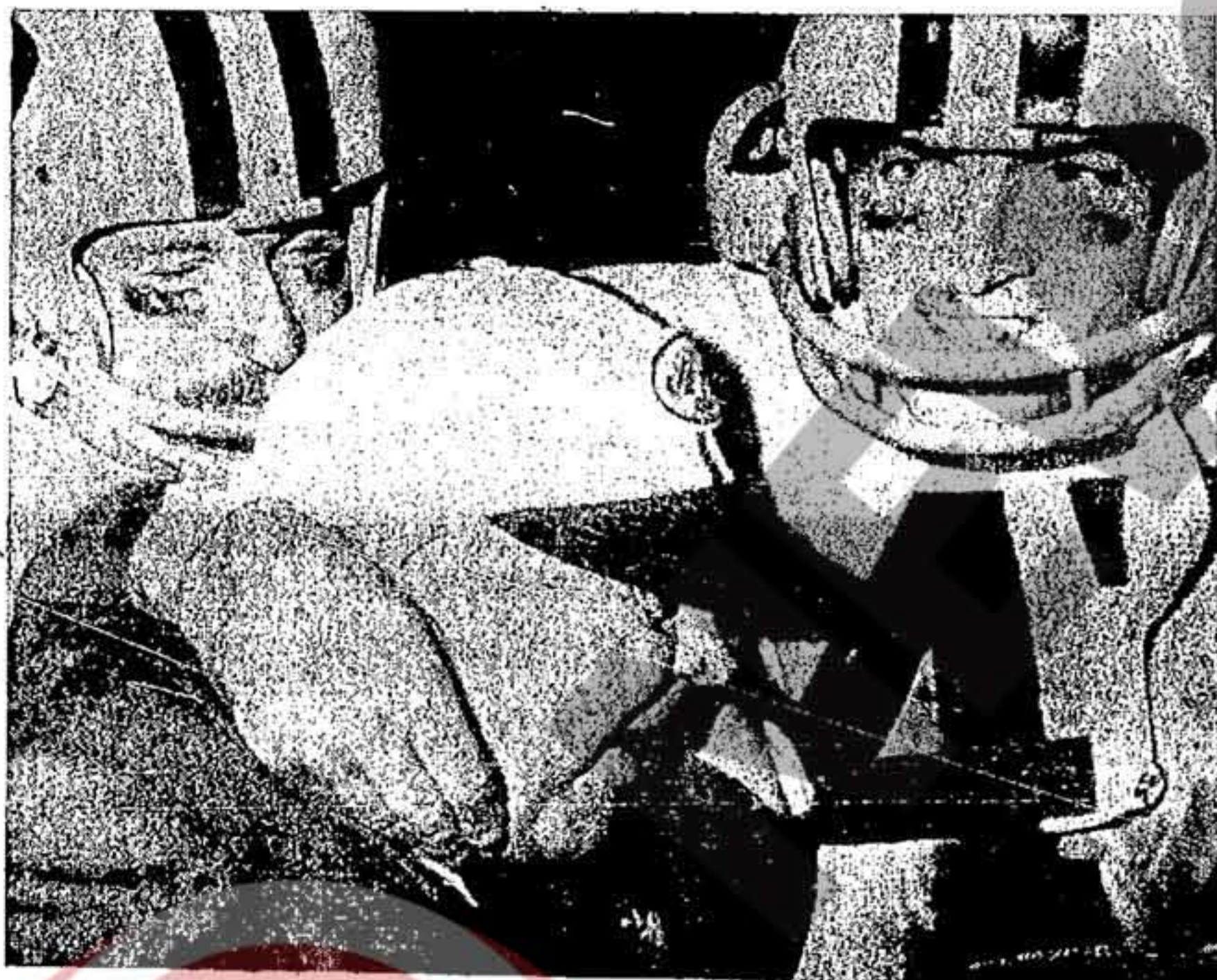
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WHEE, WHEE: Jet end Bake Turner, left, and defensive back Mike D'Amato congratulate Coach Weeb Ewbank as they leave the field after claiming the world football championship. (UPI Telephotos)



HO, HO JOE: An ecstatic Joe Namath gets a happy hug from his father, John, in the dressing room after Namath quarterbacked the Jets to the world championship Sunday. (UPI Telephotos)

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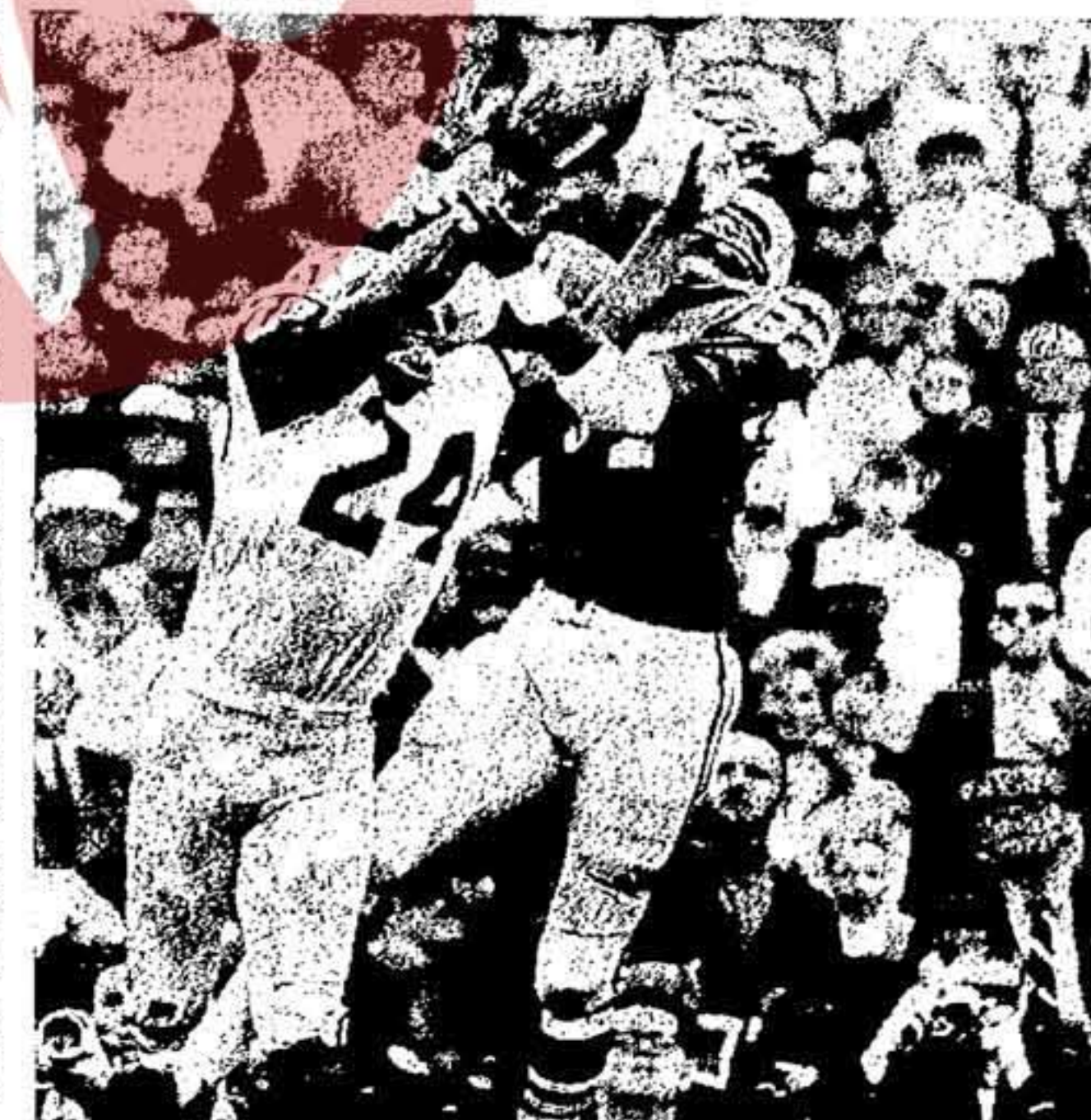
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COLTS TASTE SAMPLE: New York Jet defensive back John Sample No. 24, tries to intercept a pass to Baltimore Colt flanker Willie Richardson in the second quarter of the Super Bowl at Miami, Fla. The pass from Earl Morrall fell incomplete, but Sample pulled off one key interception in helping the Jets to an upset 16-7 victory. (UPI Telephoto)

ready. With such fine pass protection I don't believe Joe made a bad call."

There was hardly a player in the steaming dressing room who didn't come in for a share of the plaudits.

As one worked his way down the benches on which the Jets were sitting as they soaked up congratulations and let loose with their own feelings, here is what was heard:

GERRY PHILBIN defensive end: "We showed them. We proved it. We know that if we stopped them, Joe would take over. The defense played one of its best games. The linebackers, where we had been a little weak, came through. Look at those interceptions, four of them. It was a long time coming."

JERRY GRANITH a m linchbacker: "It is so sweet. We were so far down when I joined the club in 1960 I thought that we would never get to the top. But we came through. The odds were foolish. We were confident that Joe would get the points. Baltimore undersold our defense."

George Sauer offensive end: "I believe I was the primary receiver on all except three passes tossed in my direction. Joe just put that ball in there. He truly was great."

RANDY BEVERLY defensive back was asked how many passes he intercepted: "You don't catch me on that one. I know it was two, and they were a mighty important two."

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