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GREATEST COMEBACKS IN NFL HISTORY (Most Points Overcome To Win Game)

REGULAR SEASON GAMES

FROM 28 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

December 7, 1980, at San Francisco

New Orleans	14	21	0	0	0	—	35
San Francisco	0	7	14	14	3	—	38

NO — Harris 33 pass from Manning (Ricardo kick)
 NO — Childs 21 pass from Manning (Ricardo kick)
 NO — Holmes 1 run (Ricardo kick)
 SF — Solomon 57 punt return (Wersching kick)
 NO — Holmes 1 run (Ricardo kick)
 NO — Harris 41 pass from Manning (Ricardo kick)
 SF — Montana 1 run (Wersching kick)
 SF — Clark 71 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)
 SF — Solomon 14 pass from Montana (Wersching kick)
 SF — Elliott 7 run (Wersching kick)
 SF — FG Wersching 36

FROM 26 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN: September 21, 1997, at Buffalo

Indianapolis	14	12	0	9	—	35
Buffalo	0	10	6	21	—	37

Ind — Bailey 10 pass from Harbaugh (Blanchard kick)
 Ind — Faulk 10 run (Blanchard kick)
 Ind — FG Blanchard 39
 Ind — FG Blanchard 36
 Ind — FG Blanchard 49
 Ind — FG Blanchard 22
 Buff — Johnson 16 pass from Collins (Christie kick)
 Buff — FG Christie 27
 Buff — A. Smith 15 run (2-pt attempt failed)
 Ind — FG Blanchard 25
 Buff — Early 4 pass from Collins (Christie kick)
 Buff — A. Smith 1 run (Christie kick)
 Buff — A. Smith 54 run (Christie kick)
 Ind — Harrison 2 pass from Justin (2-pt attempt failed)

FROM 25 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN: November 8, 1987, at St. Louis

Tampa Bay	7	7	14	0	—	28
St. Louis	0	3	0	28	—	31

TB — Carrier 5 pass from DeBerg (Igwebuikie kick)
 TB — Carter 3 pass from DeBerg (Igwebuikie kick)
 STL — FG Gallery 31
 TB — Smith 34 pass from DeBerg (Igwebuikie kick)
 TB — Smith 3 run (Igwebuikie kick)
 STL — Awalt 4 pass from Lomax (Gallery kick)
 STL — Noga 23 fumble recovery (Gallery kick)
 STL — J. Smith 11 pass from Lomax (Gallery kick)
 STL — J. Smith 17 pass from Lomax (Gallery kick)

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

October 27, 1946, at Washington

Philadelphia	0	0	14	14	—	28
Washington	10	14	0	0	—	24

Wash — Rosato 2 run (Poillon kick)
 Wash — FG Poillon 28
 Wash — Rosato 4 run (Poillon kick)
 Wash — Lapka recovered fumble in end zone (Poillon kick)
 Phil — Steele 1 run (Lio kick)
 Phil — Pritchard 45 pass from Thompson (Lio kick)
 Phil — Steinke 7 pass from Thompson (Lio kick)
 Phil — Ferrante 30 pass from Thompson (Lio kick)

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

October 20, 1957, at Detroit

Baltimore	7	14	6	0	—	27
Detroit	0	3	7	21	—	31

Balt — Mutscheller 15 pass from Unitas (Rechichar kick)
 Det — FG Martin 47
 Balt — Moore 72 pass from Unitas (Rechichar kick)
 Balt — Mutscheller 52 pass from Unitas (Rechichar kick)
 Balt — Moore 4 pass from Unitas (kick failed)
 Det — Junker 14 pass from Rote (Layne kick)
 Det — Cassady 26 pass from Layne (Layne kick)
 Det — Johnson 1 run (Layne kick)
 Det — Cassady 29 pass from Layne (Layne kick)

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

October 25, 1959, at Minneapolis

Philadelphia	0	0	21	7	—	28
Chicago Cardinals	7	10	7	0	—	24

Cardinals — Crow 10 pass from Roach (Conrad kick)
 Cardinals — J. Hill 77 blocked field goal return (Conrad kick)
 Cardinals — FG Conrad 15
 Cardinals — Lane 37 interception return (Conrad kick)
 Phil — Barnes 1 run (Walston kick)
 Phil — McDonald 29 pass from Van Brocklin (Walston kick)
 Phil — Barnes 2 run (Walston kick)
 Phil — McDonald 22 pass from Van Brocklin (Walston kick)

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

October 23, 1960, at Denver

Boston	10	7	7	0	—	24
Denver	0	0	14	17	—	31

Bos — FG Cappelletti 12
 Bos — Colclough 10 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos — Wells 6 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Bos — Miller 47 pass from Songin (Cappelletti kick)
 Den — Carmichael 21 pass from Tripucka (Mingo kick)
 Den — Jessup 19 pass from Tripucka (Mingo kick)
 Den — Carmichael 35 lateral from Taylor, pass from Tripucka (Mingo kick)
 Den — Taylor 8 pass from Tripucka (Mingo kick)
 Den — FG Mingo 9

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

December 15, 1974, at Miami

New England	21	3	0	3	—	27
Miami	0	17	7	10	—	34

NE — Hannah recovered fumble in end zone (J. Smith kick)
 NE — Sanders 23 interception return (J. Smith kick)
 NE — Herron 4 pass from Plunkett (J. Smith kick)
 NE — FG J. Smith 46
 Mia — Nottingham 1 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia — Baker 37 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)
 Mia — FG Yepremian 28
 Mia — Baker 46 pass from Morrall (Yepremian kick)
 NE — FG J. Smith 34
 Mia — Nottingham 2 run (Yepremian kick)
 Mia — FG Yepremian 40

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

December 4, 1977, at Minnesota

San Francisco	0	10	14	3	—	27
Minnesota	0	0	7	21	—	28

SF — Delvin Williams 2 run (Wersching kick)
 SF — FG Wersching 31
 SF — Dave Williams 80 kickoff return (Wersching kick)
 SF — Delvin Williams 5 run (Wersching kick)
 Minn — McClanahan 15 pass from Lee (Cox kick)
 Minn — Rashad 8 pass from Kramer (Cox kick)
 Minn — Tucker 9 pass from Kramer (Cox kick)
 SF — FG Wersching 31
 Minn — S. White 69 pass from Kramer (Cox kick)

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

September 23, 1979, at Denver

Seattle	10	10	14	0	—	34
Denver	0	10	21	6	—	37

Sea — FG Herrera 28
 Sea — Doornink 5 run (Herrera kick)
 Den — FG Turner 27
 Sea — Doornink 5 run (Herrera kick)
 Den — Armstrong 2 run (Turner kick)
 Sea — FG Herrera 22
 Sea — McCullum 13 pass from Zorn (Herrera kick)
 Sea — Smith 1 run (Herrera kick)
 Den — Studdard 2 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den — Moses 11 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den — Upchurch 35 pass from Morton (Turner kick)
 Den — Lytle 1 run (kick failed)

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

September 23, 1979, at Cincinnati

Houston	0	10	17	0	3	—	30
Cincinnati	14	10	0	3	0	—	27

Cin — Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin — Alexander 2 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin — Johnson 1 run (Bahr kick)
 Cin — FG Bahr 52
 Hou — Burrough 35 pass from Pastorini (Fritsch kick)
 Hou — FG Fritsch 33

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Hou — Campbell 8 run
(Fritsch kick)
Hou — Caster 22 pass from Pastorini
(Fritsch kick)
Hou — FG Fritsch 47
Cin — FG Bahr 55
Hou — FG Fritsch 29

**FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:
November 22, 1982, at Los Angeles**

San Diego 10 14 0 0 — 24
L.A. Raiders 0 7 14 7 — 28

SD — FG Benirschke 19
SD — Scales 29 pass from Fouts
(Benirschke kick)
SD — Muncie 2 run
(Benirschke kick)
SD — Muncie 1 run
(Benirschke kick)
Raiders — Christensen 1 pass from
Plunkett (Bahr kick)
Raiders — Allen 3 run (Bahr kick)
Raiders — Allen 6 run (Bahr kick)
Raiders — Hawkins 1 run (Bahr kick)

**FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:
September 26, 1988, at Denver**

L.A. Raiders 0 0 14 13 3 — 30
Denver 7 17 0 3 0 — 27

Den — Dorsett 1 run (Karlis kick)
Den — Dorsett 1 run (Karlis kick)
Den — Sewell 7 pass from Elway
(Karlis kick)
Den — FG Karlis 39
Raiders — Smith 40 pass from
Schroeder (Bahr kick)
Raiders — Smith 42 pass from
Schroeder (Bahr kick)
Raiders — FG Bahr 28
Raiders — Allen 4 run (Bahr kick)
Den — FG Karlis 25
Raiders — FG Bahr 44
Raiders — FG Bahr 35

**FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:
December 6, 1992, at Tampa**

L.A. Rams 0 3 21 7 — 31
Tampa Bay 6 21 0 0 — 27

TB — FG Murray 34
TB — FG Murray 47
TB — Armstrong 81 pass from
Testaverde (Murray kick)
TB — Jones 26 fumble recovery
(Murray kick)
Rams — FG Zendejas 18
TB — Carrier 10 pass from
Testaverde (Murray kick)
Rams — Anderson 40 pass from
Everett (Zendejas kick)
Rams — Chadwick 27 pass from
Everett (Zendejas kick)
Rams — Lang 1 run (Zendejas kick)
Rams — Carter 8 pass from Everett
(Zendejas kick)

**FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:
October 2, 2011, at Dallas**

Detroit 0 3 14 17 — 34
Dallas 7 13 10 0 — 30

Dall — Bryant 25 pass from Romo
(Bailey kick)
Dall — Bryant 6 pass from Romo
(Bailey kick)
Dall — FG Bailey 41
Det — FG Hanson 33
Dall — FG Bailey 35
Dall — Witten 1 pass from Romo
(Bailey kick)

Det — Carpenter 34 interception
return (Hanson kick)
Det — Houston 56 interception
return (Hanson kick)
Dall — FG Bailey 23
Det — Johnson 23 pass from
Stafford (Hanson kick)
Det — FG Hanson 51
Det — Johnson 2 pass from Stafford
(Hanson kick)

POSTSEASON GAMES

FROM 32 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

AFC First-Round Playoff Game

January 3, 1993, at Buffalo

Houston 7 21 7 3 0 — 38
Buffalo 3 0 28 7 3 — 41

Hou — Jeffires 3 pass from Moon
(Del Greco kick)
Buff — FG Christie 36
Hou — Slaughter 7 pass from Moon
(Del Greco kick)
Hou — Duncan 26 pass from Moon
(Del Greco kick)
Hou — Jeffires 27 pass from Moon
(Del Greco kick)
Hou — McDowell 58 interception
return (Del Greco kick)
Buff — Davis 1 run (Christie kick)
Buff — Beebe 38 pass from Reich
(Christie kick)
Buff — Reed 26 pass from Reich
(Christie kick)
Buff — Reed 18 pass from Reich
(Christie kick)
Buff — Reed 17 pass from Reich
(Christie kick)
Hou — FG Del Greco 26
Buff — FG Christie 32

FROM 24 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

NFC First-Round Playoff Game

January 5, 2003, at San Francisco

N.Y. Giants 7 21 10 0 — 38
San Francisco 7 7 8 17 — 39

SF — Owens 76 pass from Garcia
(Chandler kick)
NYG — Toomer 12 pass from Collins
(Bryant kick)
NYG — Shockey 2 pass from Collins
(Bryant kick)
SF — Barlow 1 run (Chandler kick)
NYG — Toomer 8 pass from Collins
(Bryant kick)
NYG — Toomer 24 pass from Collins
(Bryant kick)
NYG — Barber 6 run (Bryant kick)
NYG — FG Bryant 21
SF — Owens 26 pass from Garcia
(Owens from Garcia)
SF — Garcia 14 run
(Owens from Garcia)
SF — Garcia 14 run
(Owens from Garcia)
SF — FG Chandler 25
SF — Streets 13 pass from Garcia
(2-pt attempt failed)

FROM 20 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

Western Conference Playoff Game

December 22, 1957, at San Francisco

Detroit 0 7 14 10 — 31
San Francisco 14 10 3 0 — 27

SF — Owens 34 pass from Tittle
(Soltau kick)
SF — McElhenny 47 pass from
Tittle (Soltau kick)

Det — Junker 4 pass from Rote
(Martin kick)
SF — Wilson 12 pass from Tittle
(Soltau kick)
SF — FG Soltau 25
SF — FG Soltau 10
Det — Tracy 2 run (Martin kick)
Det — Tracy 58 run (Martin kick)
Det — Gedman 3 run (Martin kick)
Det — FG Martin 14

FROM 18 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

NFC Divisional Playoff Game

December 23, 1972, at San Francisco

Dallas 3 10 0 17 — 30
San Francisco 7 14 7 0 — 28

SF — Washington 97 kickoff return
(Gossett kick)
Dall — FG Fritsch 37
SF — Schreiber 1 run
(Gossett kick)
SF — Schreiber 1 run
(Gossett kick)
Dall — FG Fritsch 45
Dall — Alworth 28 pass from Morton
(Fritsch kick)
SF — Schreiber 1 run
(Gossett kick)
Dall — FG Fritsch 27
Dall — Parks 20 pass from Staubach
(Fritsch kick)
Dall — Sellers 10 pass from
Staubach (Fritsch kick)

FROM 18 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

AFC Divisional Playoff Game

January 4, 1986, at Miami

Cleveland 7 7 7 0 — 21
Miami 3 0 14 7 — 24

Mia — FG Reveiz 51
Cle — Newsome 16 pass from
Kosar (Bahr kick)
Cle — Byner 21 run (Bahr kick)
Cle — Byner 66 run (Bahr kick)
Mia — Moore 6 pass from Marino
(Reveiz kick)
Mia — Davenport 31 run
(Reveiz kick)
Mia — Davenport 1 run
(Reveiz kick)

FROM 18 POINTS BEHIND TO WIN:

AFC Divisional Playoff Game

January 21, 2007, at Indianapolis

New England 7 14 7 6 — 34
Indianapolis 3 3 15 17 — 38

NE — Mankins 0 fumble recovery
(Gostkowski kick)
Ind — FG Vinatieri 42
NE — Dillon 7 run (Gostkowski
kick)
NE — Samuel 39 interception return
(Gostkowski kick)
Ind — FG Vinatieri 26
Ind — Manning 1 run (Vinatieri kick)
Ind — Klecko 1 pass from Manning
(Harrison from Manning)
NE — Gaffney 6 pass from Brady
(Gostkowski kick)
Ind — Saturday 0 fumble recovery
(Vinatieri kick)
NE — FG Gostkowski 28
Ind — FG Vinatieri 36
NE — FG Gostkowski 43
Ind — Addai 3 run (Vinatieri kick)