

The World Series Of Billiards?

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HOUSTON — For the first time, the World Series will be entirely played in stadiums with artificial surfaces. Call this one the World Series of billiards.

As with almost every outdoor game, except perhaps tennis, baseball is meant to be played on God's grass, not on a chemist's carpet. On an artificial surface, baseball is unnatural. The ball bounces too quickly through the infield, the ball bounces too quickly and too high in the outfield. To compensate for these unnatural bounces, infielders and outfielders play deeper. On that flat, green carpet, a batter seems to resemble a pool hustler lining up a three-cushion shot. For this World Series, maybe the managers should be Willie Mosconi and Minnesota Fats.

The progressive argue that there are no bad hops on an artificial surface. Wrong. Hops that are too quick or too high on a carpet are just as bad as, if not worse than, those that squirt crazily off grass or dirt.

At least a bad hop off grass or dirt has a natural charm to it, sometimes a historic charm. Back in the '60 World Series, the Yankees believed they lost the seventh game to the Pittsburgh Pirates

because a bad hop struck their shortstop, Tony Kubek in the throat. In his current role as a broadcaster for this World Series, a bad hop in the throat would put him on NBC's disabled list. But in 1960 only the World Series was at stake, not his voice. And that memorable bad hop was soon accepted as part of World Series lore.

In contrast, there is no charm to a ball that bounces unnaturally high off a chemist's carpet and an outfield fence that prevents a base-runner on first from scoring a run that might affect the World Series outcome.

But tomorrow night (Tuesday night, Oct. 14) the World Series of billiards began in Philadelphia, then transfer to Kansas City for the weekend games. As if the World Series is not already unnatural enough with its risk of cold October night games and the use of the designated hitter in alternate years, it's now about to be decided on a chemist's carpet.

The designated chemist entered baseball in 1965 when the Houston Astrodome opened as the world's first covered baseball stadium.

Pats 34, Dolphins 0

Miami	0	0	0	0	0
New England	10	7	0	17	34
NE—FG Smith 30					
NE—Calhoun 1 run (Smith kick)					
NE—Jackson 33 pass from Grogan (Smith kick)					
NE—Francis 12 pass from Cavanaugh (Smith kick)					
NE—FG Smith 36					
NE—Clark 14 run (Smith kick)					
A—81,297					

First downs	8	21
Rushes-yards	20-61	44-180
Passing yards	27	180
Return yards	35	175
Passes	14-35-4	15-24-3
Punts	10-44	4-48
Fumbles-lost	4-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	3-39	5-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Miami, Howell 7-24, Williams 7-16, Nathan 3-15, New England, Ferguson 14-82, Clark 7-37, Calhoun 12-31, Foreman 8-24.
PASSING — Miami, Strock 3-7-2-16, Woodley 11-28-2-48, New England, Grogan 11-18-3-173, Cavanaugh 4-6-0-48.
RECEIVING — Miami, Giauquinto 4-9, Williams 3-14, Nathan 2-15, Robiskie 2-5, New England, Jackson 4-92, Morgan 4-80, Francis 4-51.

Chiefs 21, Oilers 20

Houston	3	7	3	7	20
Kansas City	0	0	14	7	21
Hou—FG Fritsch 41					
Hou—Campbell 3 run (Fritsch kick)					
KC—Marshall 31 pass from Fuller (Lowery kick)					
KC—Spani 47 pass interception (Lowery kick)					
Hou—FG Fritsch 46					
Hou—Barber 26 pass from Stabler (Fritsch kick)					
KC—Fuller 38 run (Lowery kick)					
A—75,048					

First downs	21	14
Rushes-yards	45-199	30-147
Passing yards	131	134
Return yards	89	173
Passes	11-17-2	11-18-1
Punts	1-39	3-41
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	2-14	1-5

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Houston, Campbell 38-178, Wilson 3-15, Kansas City, McKnight 12-63, Fuller 8-45.
PASSING — Houston, Stabler 11-17-2-131, Kansas City, Fuller 11-18-1-148.
RECEIVING — Houston, Barber 4-62, Coleman 4-46, Kansas City, Reed 4-54, Marshall 2-51.

Vikings 13, Bears 7

Chicago	0	0	7	0	7
Minnesota	3	0	3	7	13
Min—FG Danmeier 35					
Min—FG Danmeier 37					
Chi—Earl 3 pass from Phipps (Thomas kick)					
Min—Brown 1 run (Danmeier kick)					
A—46,751					

First downs	12	16
Rushes-yards	38-161	34-92
Passing yards	73	144
Return yards	41	33
Passes	12-20-4	15-33-1
Punts	5-42	7-38
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-yards	6-54	7-51

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Chicago, Payton 23-102, Harper 11-58, Minnesota, Brown 15-62, Young 15-28.
PASSING — Chicago, Phipps 12-19-4-83, Evans 0-1-0-0, Minnesota, Kramer 13-32-1-155, Senser 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING — Chicago, Watts 3-37, Scott 2-31, Harper 2-8, Minnesota, Rashad 4-48, Brown 4-25, S.White 2-34.

Packers 14, Bucs 14

Green Bay	7	7	0	0	14
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	7	14
GB—Middleton 3 run (Birney kick)					
TB—Wood 55 interception (Yepremian kick)					
GB—Coffman 5 pass from Dickey (Birney kick)					
TB—Williams 5 run (Yepremian kick)					
A—64,854					

First downs	32	15
Rushes-yards	47-154	35-180

NFL SCOREBOARD

Passing yards	415	82
Return yards	47	127
Pages	35-51-2	6-26-0
Punts	8-37	11-34
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	8-70	4-25

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Green Bay, Ivery 18-74, Adkins 18-44, Middleton 6-21, Tampa Bay, Bell, 21-85, Williams 5-48, Eckwood 5-42.
PASSING — Green Bay, Dickey 35-51-2-418, Tampa Bay, Williams 6-24-0-103, Eckwood 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING — Green Bay, Ivery 11-128, Coffman 9-109, A.Thompson 7-102, Tampa Bay, Giles 2-65, Bell 2-17, Eckwood 1-12.

Bengals 17, Steelers 16

Cincinnati	10	7	0	0	17
Pittsburgh	0	0	16	0	16
Cin—Alexander 1 run (Sunter kick)					
Cin—FG Sunter 24					
Cin—Johnson 26 pass from Anderson (Sunter kick)					
Pit—Davis 1 run (kick blocked)					
Pit—Smith 13 pass from Bradshaw (Bahr kick)					
Pit—FG Bahr 35					
A—53,688					

First downs	17	15
Rushes-yards	32-120	28-123
Passing yards	184	208
Return yards	48	83
Passes	18-36-1	14-35-1
Punts	6-43	6-36
Fumbles-lost	0-0	6-1
Penalties-yards	5-35	4-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Cincinnati, Alexander 12-72, Johnson 11-24, Anderson 2-13, Pittsburgh, Harris 13-47, Thornton 6-41.
PASSING — Cincinnati, Anderson 17-32-1-179, Thompson 1-4-0-15, Pittsburgh, Bradshaw 14-35-1-237.
RECEIVING — Cincinnati, Bass 5-58, McNally 3-36, Ross 3-25, Johnson 1-28, Pittsburgh, Smith 5-98, Grossman 3-65, Swensen 2-44.

Cowboys 59, 49ers 14

San Francisco	0	7	0	7	14
Dallas	14	24	14	7	59
Dal—D.Pearson 16 pass from White (Septien kick)					
Dal—Springs 1 run (Septien kick)					
Dal—FG Septien 26					
Dal—D.Pearson 22 pass from White (Septien kick)					
SF—Clark 52 pass from DeBerg (Weraching kick)					
Dal—Dorsett 2 run (Septien kick)					
Dal—D.Pearson 17 pass from White (Septien kick)					
Dal—DuFree 12 pass from White (Septien kick)					
Dal—Springs 20 run (Septien kick)					
Dal—Newhouse 3 run (Septien kick)					
SF—Clark 19 pass from DeBerg (Weraching kick)					
A—83,399					

First downs	14	26
Rushes-yards	13-78	59-234
Passing yards	147	226
Return yards	22	141
Passes	12-35-5	18-23-0
Punts	4-50	4-34
Fumbles-lost	4-4	0-0
Penalties-yards	8-72	9-95

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — San Francisco, Cooper 7-49, Elliott 2-12, Dallas, Springs 18-81, Dorsett 19-75.
PASSING — San Francisco, DeBerg 12-35-5-173, Dallas, White 18-22-0-239, Carrano, 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING — San Francisco, Clark 8-148, Cooper 2-13, Dallas, Saldi 3-77, D.Pearson 3-55.

Colts 17, Bills 12

Baltimore	10	7	0	0	17
Buffalo	0	9	0	3	12
Bal—Siani 38 pass from Jones (Mike-Mayer kick)					
Bal—FG Mike-Mayer 21					
Bal—Leaks 1 run (run failed)					
Bal—McCauley 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick)					
Bal—FG Mike-Mayer 49					
Bal—FG Mike-Mayer 20					
A—73,634					

First downs	22	24
Rushes-yards	42-149	39-162
Passing yards	206	201
Return yards	4	8
Passes	10-21-1	17-36-1

Punts	2-40	6-33
Fumbles-lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-34	10-68

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Baltimore, Washington 22-74, Franklin 13-57, Jones 4-9, McCauley 3-9, Buffalo, Cribbs 18-76, Brown 12-58, Leaks 7-17.
PASSING — Baltimore, Jones, 10-21-1-206, Buffalo, Ferguson, 17-36-1-210.
RECEIVING — Baltimore, Siani 4-91, Carr 3-81, Butler 1-19, Buffalo, Butler 4-45, Hooks 4-42, Cribbs 4-42, Lewis, 3-52.

Jets 14, Falcons 7

New York Jets	7	0	0	7	14
Atlanta	0	0	0	7	7
NYJ—Dierking 1 run (Leahy kick)					
Atl—Cain 1 run (Mazzetti kick)					
NYJ—Long 1 run (Leahy kick)					
A—57,458					

First downs	19	18
Rushes-yards	46-190	23-97
Passing yards	89	143
Return yards	40	17
Passes	8-19-0	20-32-3
Punts	6-43	5-39
Fumbles-lost	1-0	4-1
Penalties-yards	5-35	4-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — New York, Long 25-100, Dierking 12-36, Atlanta, Cain 15-66, Andrews 7-31.
PASSING — New York, Todd 8-19-0-104, Atlanta, Bartkowski 20-31-2-168, James 0-1-1-0.
RECEIVING — New York, J.Jones 2-23, Atlanta, Andrews 7-56, Francis 5-57, Miller 4-16.

Eagles 31, Giants 16

Philadelphia	0	3	14	14	31
N.Y. Giants	7	9	0	0	16
NYG—Simms 1 run (Danelo kick)					
NYG—Perkins 15 pass from Simms (kick failed)					
Phi—FG Franklin 41					
NYG—FG Danelo 42					
Phi—Giammona 1 run (Franklin kick)					
Phi—Harrington 19 run (Franklin kick)					
Phi—Giammona 3 run (Franklin kick)					
Phi—Krapfle 6 pass from Jaworaki (Franklin kick)					
A—71,051					

First downs	23	13
Rushes-yards	39-124	32-82
Passing yards	205	79
Return yards	51	0
Passes	18-28-0	14-33-2
Punts	4-32	7-49
Fumbles-lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties-yards	4-45	7-79

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Philadelphia, Giammona 16-42, Campfield 11-28, Harrington 4-24, New York, Taylor 14-29, Simms 5-21, Matthews 8-21.
PASSING — Philadelphia, Jaworaki 18-28-0-212, Pisarcik 0-0-0-0, New York, Simms 14-33-2-91.
RECEIVING — Philadelphia, Campfield 5-51, Giammona 4-52, Carmichael 3-30, New York, Matthews 3-6, Perkins 2-20, Shirk 2-16, Pittman 2-16.

Browns 27, Seahawks 3

Cleveland	7	6	7	7	27
Seattle	0	3	0	0	3
Cle—M. Pruitt 2 run (Cockroft kick)					
Sea—FG Herrera 29					
Cle—Wright 39 pass from Sipe (kick failed)					
Cle—White 3 run (Cockroft kick)					
Cle—M.Pruitt 22 run (Cockroft kick)					
A—61,366					

First downs	24	20
Rushes-yards	38-176	27-118
Passing yards	211	205
Return yards	15	4
Passes	12-24-0	23-29-0
Punts	3-34	3-51
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	4-27	9-64

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Cleveland, M.Pruitt, 24-116, White 10-37, Seattle, Moore 6-37, Zorn 3-34.
PASSING — Cleveland, Sipe 12-24-0-211, Seattle, Zorn 23-29-0-222.
RECEIVING — Cleveland, M.Pruitt 3-13, Newsome 2-80, Logan 2-38, Seattle, Moore 6-63, McCullum 5-61, Doornink 4-39.

Lions 24, Saints 13

New Orleans	0	3	7	3	13
Detroit	0	3	7	14	24
NO—FG Ricardo 46					
Det—Scott 48 run (Murray kick)					
NO—Chandler 4 pass from Manning (Ricardo kick)					
Det—Sims 9 run (Murray kick)					
NO—FG Ricardo 22					
Det—Sims 1 run (Murray kick)					
A—78,147					