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Cowboys 30, Bills 13

Buffalo loses fourth straight Cowboys dominate second half, win second consecutive Super Bowl

Associated Press- ATLANTA (AP) -- The Dallas Cowboys, behind NFL most valuable player Emmitt Smith, took charge of the Super Bowl on Sunday, scoring 24 points in the second half for a 30-13 lead.

Trailing 13-6 at halftime, Dallas immediately turned around the game in the third period. Leon Lett, making up for his gaffe in last year's game, forced Thurman Thomas' fumble at the Bills' 46. James Washington's patient return as he awaited his blocking to develop -- Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly and receiver Don Beebe were the only players with a chance at him -- tied it just 55 seconds into the quarter.

Buffalo went nowhere on its next possession and Smith went everywhere. He carried seven times for 61 yards on a 64-yard drive, scoring from the 15 for a 20-13 lead. Jeff Wright had Smith trapped in the backfield, but the Cowboys' star runner eluded him and sped to the end zone.

Suddenly, everything the Bills achieved in a superb first half was

negated. And they lost defensive end Phil Hansen to a knee injury and Thomas with leg cramps.

But with Troy Aikman struggling, the Bills held firm and the quarter ended 20-13 before a Georgia Dome record crowd of 72,817.

However, Washington's interception on the first play of the fourth quarter gave Dallas the ball on the Buffalo 35. The Cowboys plowed down to the 1, where Smith went over on fourth down for a 27-13 lead with 9:50 left.

Buffalo, which turned the ball over nine times last year in a 52-17 blowout, allowed 17 points after three turnovers this year.

Eddie Murray added a 20-yard field goal with 2:50 remaining after Alvin Harper's 35-yard reception gave the Cowboys the ball at the 1.

Thomas' 4-yard touchdown run was the difference through two quarters, when the Bills led 13-6.

Trailing 6-3, the Bills got a break on a running-into-the-punter penalty. Buffalo converted two third-down plays, with a 6-yarder to Beebe getting the ball to the Dallas' 4. Thomas burst up the middle for the touchdown, his fourth in a Super Bowl, tying a record for rushing TDs.

That made it 10-6. Both teams then were forced to start drives at their 1-yard line, but neither flinched.

The Cowboys got to the Bills' 37 late in the half when they made a major mistake. Aikman's deep pass for Harper was way short and Nate Odomes -- who tied for the NFL lead with nine interceptions this season -- picked it off. His superb return of 41 yards set up the Bills at Dallas' 48.

A 13-yard pass play to Thomas and a 22-yarder to Reed got it to the 12. Dallas held and Steve Christie made a 28-yard field goal as the half ended.

Eddie Murray made kicks of 41 and 24 yards, while Christie set a Super Bowl record with a 54-yarder in the first quarter.

The Cowboys started off like champions, with rookie Kevin Williams speeding down the left sideline for a 50-yard kickoff return. He was tackled at the Buffalo 48 and Aikman immediately found Michael Irvin on a slant-in for 20 yards.

But the Bills held and Murray kicked his 41-yarder. It was the third-fastest score at the start of a Super Bowl, coming 2:19 into the game.

Buffalo struck right back. Thomas turned a short flare pass into a 24-yard gain when cornerback Larry Brown missed a tackle. Christie then nailed his 54-yard field goal.

When Thomas fumbled after a shovel pass from Kelly later in the quarter, Darren Woodson recovered.

The Cowboys used a 22-yard pass to Harper to get to the 15 before faltering. Buffalo, doing well containing Smith, forced Murray to kick a 24-yard field goal.

It was fitting that field goals were prominent: three-pointers came in record numbers this season, with kickers making 76.6 percent of their field goal attempts.

Bud Light defeats Budweiser in Bud Bowl VI

NBC Sports--For the sixth straight year, the 'Bud Bowl,' in which beer bottles battle it out for their own championship, aired during the Super Bowl.

And by the time the real Super Bowl's fourth quarter came around, the Bud Bowl was the only game with any suspense left in it.

Bud Light defeated Budweiser in the beer showdown, 20 to 14.