

## Super Bowl XIII Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31

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**MIAMI** — This was more than just the first rematch in Super Bowl history: It re-staged what many still consider the most enjoyable and dramatic Super Bowl battle to that point. Opportunity—recognizing it and capitalizing on it—was the theme. Failure to embrace it would play a hand too. It was the Steelers, though, who managed a 35-31 victory.

Dallas had its chances. The Cowboys took a 14-7 lead in the second quarter when linebacker Mike Hegman simply took the ball away from Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw and ran 37 yards to score. But Bradshaw countered immediately with a 75-yard touchdown strike to John Stallworth.

In the third quarter, trailing 21-14, Dallas marched from its 42 to the Steelers' 10. On third-and-three, Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach saw tight end Jackie Smith alone in the end zone. Smith slipped and fell reaching for Staubach's pass and Dallas settled for a 27-yard field goal.

Pittsburgh scored two touchdowns early in the fourth quarter—a 22-yard run by Franco Harris and an 18-yard pass from Bradshaw to Swann. Harris' score followed a pass-interference call against Dallas cornerback Benny Barnes, who was covering Swann. The mistake cost the Cowboys 33 yards. Dallas did score touchdowns with 2:27 and 22 seconds to play, on passes from Staubach to tight end Billy Joe Dupree and Butch Johnson, but Pittsburgh held on to win, 35-31.

With the victory, the Steelers became the first team to win three Super Bowls. The two teams set a Super Bowl record for points scored.

### Game Summary

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<b>STEELERS</b>	7	14	0	14	35
<b>Cowboys</b>	7	7	3	14	31

TEAM	Q	TIME	PLAY	DRIVE	SCORE
PIT	1	9:47	Stallworth 28 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)	7:35;3:12	7-0
DAL	1	0:00	Hill 39 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)	3:41;1:00	7-7
DAL	2	12:08	Hegman 37 fumble recovery return (Septian kick)	—;—	7-14
PIT	2	10:25	Stallworth 75 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)	3:75;1:43	14-14
PIT	2	0:26	Bleier 7 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)	5:56;1:15	21-14
DAL	3	2:56	Septien 27 FG	10:32;4:52	21-17
PIT	4	7:10	Harris 22 run (Gerela kick)	8:88;4:58	28-17
PIT	4	6:51	Swann 18 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick)	1:18;0:07	35-17
DAL	4	2:23	DuPree 7 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)	8:89;4:24	35-24
DAL	4	0:22	Johnson 4 pass from Staubach (Septien kick)	9:52;2:05	35-31

### Team Statistics

	Steelers	Cowboys
First Downs	19 (2-15-2)	20 (6-13-1)
Third Downs	9-15 (60%)	9-16 (56%)
Total Net Yards	357	317
Plays-Avg.	58-6.2	67-4.7
Rushing Yards	66	141
Att.-Avg.	24-2.8	32-4.4
Passing Yards	291	176
Pass.-Att.-Comp.	30-17-1	30-17-1
Punts-Avg.	3-43.0	5-39.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-2
Penalties-Yds.	5-35	9-89

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** **Pit.** - Harris 20-68, 1 TD; Bleier 2-3; Bradshaw 2-(-5).  
**Dal.** - Dorsett 15-96; Newhouse 8-3; Pearson 1-(-13); Staubach 4-37; Pearson 1-6; Laidlaw 3-12.

**PASSING:** **Pit.** - Bradshaw 30-17-1, 318, 4 TD. **Dal.** - Staubach 30-17-1, 228, 3 TD.

**RECEIVING:** **Pit.** - Swann 7-154, 1 TD; Stallworth 3-115, 2 TDs; Grossman 3-29; Harris 1-22; Bleier 1-7, 1 TD; Bell 2-21. **Dal.** - Dorsett 5-44; D. Pearson 4-73; Hill 2-49, 1 TD; Johnson 2-30, 1 TD; Dupree 2-17, 1 TD; P. Pearson 2-15.