

You are required to complete a story that captures the essence of the game based on the material provided to you. That material includes the following:

- A box score from the game.
- A listing of the scoring drives.
- A series of quotes from both coaches.
- A series of quotes from several players.

The story should run between 400 and 500 words, and do the following:

- Capture the core of the 5Ws and 1H early in the story.
- Demonstrate a sense of news value in terms of inclusion and order within the story. Include a minimum of two human sources.
- Contain quotes that are properly attributed.
- Follow AP style.
- Apply proper grammar and spelling.

Note: You *must* use the information below to complete this assignment. You *may not* select a different game of your choosing.

TEAM A (Record Coming in: 5-1) vs. Team B (Record Coming in 5-1)
Tied for top of the division

	1	2	3	4	Final
TEAM A	3	10	0	17	30
TEAM B	7	14	7	0	28

Scoring

Quarter	Tm	Detail	TEAM A	TEAM B
1	B	Richard Dowton 97 yard kickoff return (Karl Klemens kick)	0	7
	A	Terry Frick 37 yard field goal	3	7
2	B	Elmore Thurman 1 yard rush (Karl Klemens kick)	3	14
	B	Elmore Thurman 1 yard rush (Karl Klemens kick)	3	21
	A	Terry Frick 45 yard field goal	6	21
	A	Vance Tamland 28 yard pass from Robbie Johnson (Terry Frick kick)	13	21
3	B	Elmore Thurman 1 yard rush (Karl Klemens kick)	13	28
4	A	Terry Frick 27 yard field goal	16	28
	A	Riley Wills 20 yard pass from Frank Dodger (Terry Frick kick)	23	28
	A	Peter Byers 10 yard pass from Frank Dodger (Terry Frick kick)	30	28

	TEAM A	TEAM B
First Downs	22	13
Rush-Yds-TDs	31-165-0	37-105-3
Cmp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	20-41-270-3-2	12-22-150-0-2
Sacked-Yards	5-33	0-0
Net Pass Yards	237	150
Total Yards	402	255
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	5-1
Turnovers	5	3
Penalties-Yards	3-35	7-56

TEAM A STATS

Player	Cmp	Passing							Rushing					Receiving			Fumbles	
		Att	Yds	TD	Int	Sk	Yds	Lng	Att	Yds	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	TD	Lng	Fmb	FL
Robbie Johnson	8	21	96	1	2	1	2	28	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	
Frank Dodger	12	20	174	2	0	4	31	27	3	23	0	21	0	0	0	0	1	
D'Wayne Mack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	125	0	48	1	6	0	6	2	
Garrison White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	15	0	4	3	24	0	8	0	
Riley Wills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	136	1	27	0	
Vance Tamland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	1	28	0	
Peter Byers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	1	11	0	

TEAM B STATS

Player	Cmp	Passing							Rate	Rushing				Receiving			Fumbles	
		Att	Yds	TD	Int	Sk	Yds	Lng		Att	Yds	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	TD	Lng	Fmb
Brady Johns	12	22	150	0	2	0	0	52	38.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Herschel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10	56	0	22	1	8	0	8	1
Elmore Thurman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		26	52	3	6	3	20	0	8	1
Burdette Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	3	76	0	52	0
Oscar Brooks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	4	41	0	23	1

POST-GAME COMMENTARY:

GEORGE KNOX, COACH TEAM A:

“Well, that was one hell of a game, wasn’t it? (Laughs) I really have to tip my cap to our guys. It would have been so easy to pack it in at the end there, but they fought to win this thing. Clearly, Dodger gave us a spark coming in there in the fourth quarter and leading us to the win. If it hadn’t been for Frank Dodger, we’d be second in the division, looking up at a rival we clearly can’t stand...”

QUESTION: Coach, when did you decide to go with Dodger? What made you make that move?

“Frank’s our starting QB and has been all season, there’s no question about that. He injured his calf in practice this week and we really never expected him to play. His mobility is such a big part of his game, so we just figured that Robbie could do the job. Clearly we were wrong.”

“About two seconds after Robbie threw his second interception, Frank came to me and was like, ‘Coach, I think I can give it a shot.’ I told him to start warming up and see. Then, Robbie can’t move the ball at all in the fourth quarter, we’re down 15 with 8 minutes to go and I figured we might as well make the switch.”

QUESTION: Coach, can you take us through the last two minutes of the game? What were you seeing at that point?

“Our coaching staff noticed that their defense kept losing track of Wills on crossing routes, so we told Frank to look for him more often. Sure enough, we get a few plays into our first touchdown drive near the end of the game there, and they leave Wills wide open. Frank hits him on a nice gainer and we’re in business. We just kept going to the well until the well went dry on that play. Then, once they start dropping an extra guy into coverage to take care of Wills, the whole middle of the field opens up for Frank to scramble. I honestly don’t think he was healthy enough to take advantage of that, but there he went.”

“The touchdown to Wills was important, but you also have to credit our special teams play as well. We’re down 12 points with two minutes left. Frank tosses one to Wills and now we’re down 5 with about a minute left. Everyone on Earth knows we’re going for an onside kick. Somehow Terry Frick manages to pop that sucker up just right and we get the ball back.”

QUESTION: When did you think it was really possible that your guys could come back and win this?

“Once we got the ball back into Frank’s hands, I knew we would win. That kid just doesn’t know how to lose when the game is in the balance and he’s in control. With 30 second left, he finds Pete Byers in the corner of the endzone. That kid couldn’t catch a cold if he were naked in Alaska in February, but he managed to catch two passes when they mattered: The first one on the game-winning drive and the TD to seal it. Absolutely amazing.”

JAMES SUTTON, COACH TEAM B:

“I shouldn’t have to be here right now on the losing end of this thing. We had ‘em. I mean, we (EXPLETIVE) had ‘em! I have no idea how we gave up 17 points in the fourth quarter or how we got beat by those guys. I’m just...”

QUESTION: Coach, can you give us your assessment of Frank Dodger’s performance? How he did out there?

“If he had a gimpy leg like they say he did, I sure as hell didn’t see it. Just before that final TD, he takes off for 20-something yards on us. It was right up the middle. We had four guys in the vicinity and we couldn’t get within 10 feet of him. I have no idea what the hell happened there. I’ll have to watch some film on that.”

QUESTION: Coach Knox mentioned that they kept going to Wills at the end of the game because he was uncovered. Was this a case of a coaching approach not working or did the players fail to execute?

“So, you’re asking if I’m an idiot or if my players are idiots? Is that where this is going? Look... We were pretty clearly covering everybody right up until the fourth quarter when Dodger came in. Look at the stats, for Pete sakes. Johnson had a quarterback rating in the 20s. Wills caught one pass all game before they made the switch. The difference in this game was Frank Dodger. If he stays on the bench, we’re leading the division and we’re walking out of here with a big rivalry win. That’s it. I’m done.”

BRADY JOHNS, QB LOSING TEAM:

“It’s quite a letdown, I can say that much. We played well for three quarters, but that’s why you have to play the whole game. I really feel bad for Elmore, because he had a ridiculously good game. Three touchdowns on the ground against the top rushing defense in the division is just unbelievable. We really should have been able to win when that happens.”

QUESTION: What was it like for you throughout the fourth quarter as they started coming back?

“It felt terrible, to be quite honest. Watching Dodger finding ways to get just enough done to keep the chains moving was like watching a relative die of a terminal illness. It was horrible to watch and there was nothing you could do. I’m over there on the sidelines and thinking, ‘OK, let’s get the ball back and run some clock,’ but every time we got the ball, we just couldn’t make a first down. It seemed like if we needed five yards, we got four. If we needed 10, we got nine. We just couldn’t keep our defense off the field and that’s on me.”

“Also, I had to start thinking about the first half of the game and how we had chances to put extra points on the board here and there. A completion here or there, we put the game out of reach and they don’t have a chance in hell of coming back. Instead, we gave them just a big

enough window to come back and they did, so that's something great for them, but horrible for us."

FRANK DODGER, QB WINNING TEAM:

"That was really, really something, wasn't it? Holy cow... First and foremost, this was a team win. The defense really locked things down in the second half and gave us a chance. Terry and the special teams picked up points when we needed them. That onside kick was a thing of beauty. Also, Robbie played a lot better than the box score is going to show. He really did some nice work in there and kept us in it. I just did my part like everybody else who played."

QUESTION: Frank, how is the leg and what made you think it could hold up out there?

"The leg feels a lot better because we won, that's for sure. (laughs) For most of the week, I couldn't put any real weight on it. They kept calling it a sprain or a pull or something technical, but all I knew was that it hurt like heck. Today, however, as I was watching the game, I started getting antsy and started bouncing up and down on my feet. Just nervous energy really. I felt it start to strengthen up so I eventually tried taking a few snaps with our backup center and that worked. Then, I jogged a bit and that kind of worked, so I figured I'd tell coach I thought I could give it a shot."

QUESTION: What was the feeling when you took the field and you knew you had to be almost perfect to win?

"I honestly wished I had more time when coach put me in, but I started figuring out things in my head about what we could do and how we could do it. Coach gave me a great tip about Wills not getting covered as much as he should be and that opened some things up for us. My only real concern was that run I made near the end. The defense just parted like the Red Sea and I'm thinking I need to take off and take advantage of that. Then I'm wondering if the leg is going to hold up or not, so I hesitated for about a second and then decided, 'Well, if you didn't think you could play, you should have kept your mouth shut on the sidelines.' I started to run and the leg felt great. The hit I took from whoever hit me didn't feel that great, but I didn't have a lot of time to think about that. I needed to get back up and keep us moving toward the endzone. In the end, everything worked out the way it should have and I'm grateful for it."