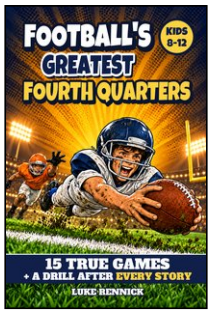
FOURTH-QUARTER CARDS

A free bonus for Football's Greatest Fourth Quarters by Luke Rennick



WHAT'S INSIDE

16 story cards, one for every story in Football's Greatest Fourth Quarters, in book order. One of them, the indoor title game, is a wild card. There is also a quick rules card and a blank card, so you can make a card for your own team's big fourth quarter.

HOW TO PRINT

Print pages 2 and 3 on card stock or thick paper, at actual size (100%), one side only. Black and white is fine. Cut along the gray lines around each card. A grown-up with a paper trimmer makes this much faster.

FOURTH-QUARTER BATTLE (2 TO 4 PLAYERS)

1. Shuffle the 16 story cards and deal them all out, face down. Any spare cards go in the middle. Keep your pile face down and look only at your top card.
2. The youngest player goes first. Pick one of the three numbers on your top card and read it out: "Points behind, 7!"
3. Everyone reads the number in the same spot on their own top card. The highest number wins the round. A bigger number means a bigger comeback, or a longer time ago.
4. The winner takes all the top cards, plus any cards in the middle. Before keeping them, the winner tells everyone one thing about the winning comeback. Stuck? Look it up on the page shown on the card.
5. A tie? Put the tied cards in the middle. The next winner takes them too.
6. The indoor title game is the wild card. When it is your top card, you win the round, whatever number was picked.
7. The winner picks the number for the next round. Whoever has all the cards, or the most when time is up, wins the game.

TELL THE FOURTH QUARTER (ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS)

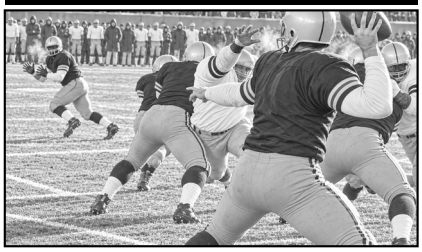
Take a card from the pile without looking. Tell its fourth quarter in 30 seconds, without the book. How far behind were they, and how did they get back? Everyone else checks the page. Get it right and keep the card.

ABOUT THE NUMBERS

Every card has three numbers, always in the same three spots. The first spot shows how deep the hole was. The second shows the fightback. The third is Years Ago, counted from 2026, the year this book came out. Most cards count points. The wild card counts something else the story tells you, yards and fans. When both teams came back, the card says which team its numbers belong to. The label says what it counts. Always compare the numbers in the same spot. Every number comes from the book.

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 1



GREEN BAY PACKERS VS DALLAS COWBOYS

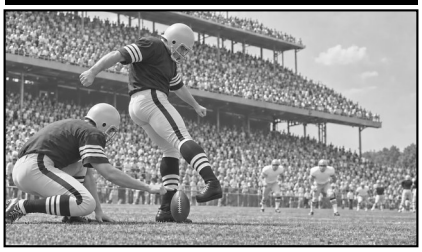
NFL Championship Game, 1967
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Down 17-14 on an icy field, they won 21-17 with a quarterback sneak.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
3	7	59

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 2



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS VS DETROIT LIONS

NFL game, 1970
New Orleans, Louisiana

Two seconds left, a 63-yard kick, and a 19-17 win on the last play.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
1	3	56

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 3



CALIFORNIA VS STANFORD

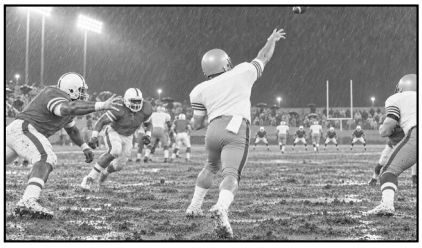
The Big Game, college football, 1982
Berkeley, California

Four seconds left, five laterals, and a run through the band.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
1	6	44

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 4



BOSTON COLLEGE VS MIAMI

College football, 1984
Miami, Florida

Four points down with six seconds left, a long Hail Mary won it 47-45.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
4	6	42

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 5



DENVER BRONCOS VS CLEVELAND BROWNS

AFC Championship Game, 1987
Cleveland, Ohio

Down 20-13, they went 98 yards to tie, then won 23-20 in overtime.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
7	10	39

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 6



PLANO EAST VS JOHN TYLER

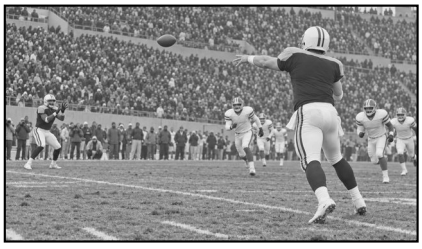
Texas high school playoffs, third round, 1994
Irving, Texas

Plano East came back from 24 down, then John Tyler won 48-44.

PLANO EAST POINTS BEHIND	PLANO EAST POINTS SCORED	YEARS AGO
24	27	32

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 7



TENNESSEE TITANS VS BUFFALO BILLS

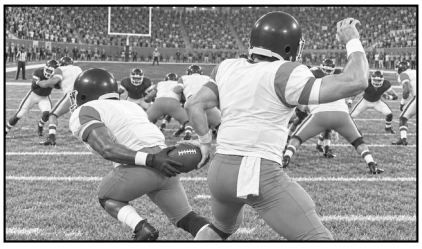
NFL wild-card game, 2000
Nashville, Tennessee

A kickoff, a handoff, a throw across the field, and a 75-yard run.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
1	7	26

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 8



BOISE STATE VS OKLAHOMA

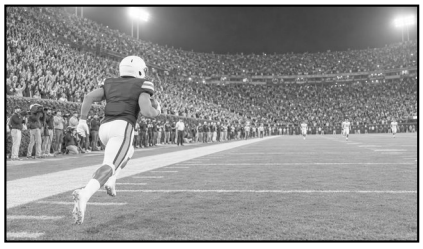
Fiesta Bowl, 2007
Glendale, Arizona

Down 35-28, Boise State used three trick plays to win 43-42 in overtime.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
7	15	19

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 9



AUBURN VS ALABAMA

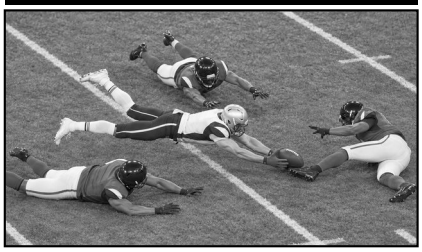
College football, 2013
Auburn, Alabama

A missed 57-yard kick was run all the way back as time ran out.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
7	13	13

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 10



NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS VS ATLANTA FALCONS

Super Bowl, 2017
Houston, Texas

Down 28-3, they tied it 28-28 and won in overtime, 34-28.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
25	31	9

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 11



MINNESOTA VIKINGS VS NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

NFL playoff game, 2018
Minneapolis, Minnesota

A catch at the sideline, a missed tackle, and a 61-yard run on the last play.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
1	6	8

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 12



OCEAN SPRINGS VS GEORGE COUNTY

High school football, 2018
Ocean Springs, Mississippi

The homecoming queen kicked the extra point that won it 13-12.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
6	7	8

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 13



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS VS SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Super Bowl, 2020
Miami Gardens, Florida

Down 20-10, they scored 21 points in a row to win 31-20.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
10	21	6

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 14



BLOOMFIELD HILLS VS BERKLEY

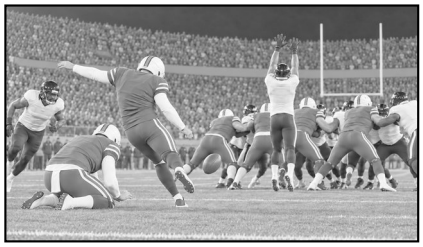
High school football, 2020
Oakland County, Michigan

Berkley missed an extra point, and Bloomfield Hills' kick won it.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
6	7	6

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FOURTH-QUARTER CARD 15



BUFFALO BILLS VS BALTIMORE RAVENS

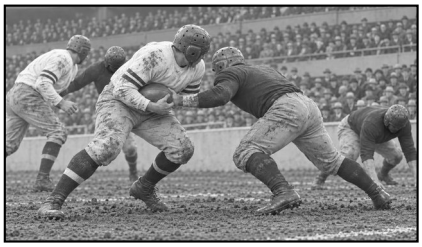
NFL season opener, 2025
Orchard Park, New York

Down 40-25 with four minutes left, they won 41-40 on a field goal.

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO
15	16	1

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WILD CARD



CHICAGO BEARS VS PORTSMOUTH SPARTANS

The indoor title game, 1932
Chicago, Illinois

Wild card: when this is your top card, you win the round.

YARDS OF FIELD	FANS CAME	YEARS AGO
60	11,000+	94

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QUICK RULES

FOURTH-QUARTER BATTLE

2 to 4 players

1. Deal out all 16 story cards, face down.
2. Look only at your top card.
3. Pick a number on it and read it out.
4. Everyone reads the number in the same spot. Highest wins all the top cards.
5. Tell one thing about the winning comeback before you keep them.
6. A tie? Cards go in the middle. Next winner takes them.
7. The indoor game wins any round it is on top.
8. Most cards at the end wins.

Full rules on page 1

YOUR FOURTH QUARTER

Draw your fourth quarter here

Match: _____

Place and year: _____

What happened: _____

POINTS BEHIND	COMEBACK POINTS	YEARS AGO

Your team counts too