

6 BY GALE SAYERS

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The six touchdowns I saw Gale Sayers score is the greatest feat I have ever witnessed. Old Wrigley Field was cold and wet that Sunday afternoon in December of 1965, but Sayers was probably the best mudder in the history of the N.F.L. The 49ers chased him all over the field, but he had a great knack of knowing just when to cut back. It was as if he had eyes in the back of his head.

When he scored the fourth touchdown, we all started searching the record book to see when was the last time anyone had done that. After the sixth touchdown, the place just went up for grabs.

Believe it or not, he could have scored a seventh touchdown. Jon Arnett zipped over on a short plunge for the last TD and I believe Sayers was on the field at the time.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (AP) -- Gale Sayers scored six touchdowns today, raising his season total to 21 -- a National Football League record -- as the Chicago Bears routed the San Francisco 49ers, 61-20.

Sayers established a Bear scoring record for one game and also matched the single game N.F.L. mark for touchdowns set by Ernie Nevers in 1929 and matched by Dub Jones in 1951.

Sayer's season total bettered the league record of 20 by Lenny Moore of the Baltimore Colts and matched this year by Jimmy Brown of the Cleveland Browns.

The triumph, avenging an opening game 52-24 defeat at San Francisco, kept alive the Bears' chances of sharing the Western Conference title. They now have a 9-4 won-lost mark.

The remarkable rookie from Kansas scored in the first quarter, taking a screen pass from Rudy Bukich and running 80 yards.

In the second period, Sayers scored on runs of 21 and 7 yards.

Sayers cut through tackle and raced 50 yards in the third period. Later in this quarter, he dived over from the 1. His final touchdown, in the fourth quarter, came on a punt return of 85 yards.

Chicago Bears	13	14	13	21-61
San Francisco 49ers	0	13	0	7-20

Chi-Sayers, 80, pass from Bukich (pass failed).

Chi-Ditka, 29, pass from Bukich (Laclerc, kick).

S.F.-Parks, 9, pass from Brodie (Davis kick).

Chi-Sayers, 21, (Leclerc kick)

S.F.-Crow, 15, pass from Brodie (kick failed).

Chi-Sayers, 7, (Leclerc kick)

Chi-Sayers, 50, (Leclerc kick)

Chi-Sayers, 1, (run failed)

S.F.-Kopay, 2, (Davis kick)

Chi-Jones, 8, pass from Bukich (Leclerc kick)

Chi-Sayers, 85, punt return (Leclerc kick)

Chi-Arnett, 2, run (Leclerc kick)

Attendance - 46,278.

STATISTICS OF THE GAME

	Bears	49ers
First Downs	21	19
Rushing yardage	183	58

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Passing yardage	401	272
Passes	17-33	23-44
Interceptions by....	2	0
Punts	3-33	6-49
Fumbles lost	0	0
Yards penalized	30	14