

Hampton Reached, Then Lost His 1,000

ATLANTA (UPI). — Dave Hampton of the Atlanta Falcons Sunday achieved the goal of every running back — a \$1,000-yard season, only to lose it in the most frustrating experience of his pro career.

Hampton picked up a yard

★ ★ ★ Chiefs Nip Falcons on Late Pass

ATLANTA (AP). — Veteran Len Dawson tossed two scoring passes in peppering Atlanta's pass defense with amazing accuracy, guiding the Kansas City Chiefs to a 17-14 National Football League victory over the Falcons Sunday in the season finale for both clubs.

The Chiefs closed out the season with an 8-6 mark and second place in the American Conference West while Atlanta eliminated a day earlier from the National Conference West ended at 7-7.

Dawson fired a seven-yard winning touchdown pass to Ed Podolak with 2:1 left to play. Earlier Dawson put the Chiefs ahead 10-7, when he hit Otis Taylor with a 15-yard touchdown pass with 59 seconds remaining in the third period.

ATLANTA had gone ahead 14-10 early in the final period on Bob Berry's 17-yard TD strike to Ken Burrow before Dawson took Kansas City on its winning 81-yard 13-play march.

The Falcons led 7-3 at half-time on a one-yard scoring run by Art Malone 2½ minutes before the intermission.

Jan Stenerud had booted a 28-yard field goal for the Chiefs earlier in the period.

ATLANTA'S Dave Hampton honored at halftime as the Falcons' most valuable player fell five yards short of reaching the 1000-yard rushing plateau this season.

He needed 70 yards but got only 65 in 19 carries to close with 995.

In Kansas City's first touchdown drive Dawson connected for eight consecutive passes capping the 71-yard drive with his scoring toss to Taylor. Dawson hit on three more passes on the next drive before ending his string at 11 straight completions four short of his own record set in 1967.

Kansas City 0 3 7 7-17
Atlanta 0 7 0 7-14
KC—FG Stenerud 28
AT—Malone 1 run (Bell kick)
KC—Taylor 15 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)
AT—Burrow 17 pass from Berry (Bell kick)
KC—Podolak 7 pass from Dawson (Stenerud kick)
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STATISTICS

	Chiefs	Falcons
First downs	19	16
Rushes—yards	43-102	31-85
Passing—yards	108	156
Return yards	-1	67
Passes	15-26-1	11-25-2
Punts	4-39	3-39
Fumbles lost	0	1
Penalties—yards	2-20	3-25

up in the middle early in the fourth quarter of the Falcons' season finale, won by Kansas City, 17-14, and hit the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the year.

The game was stopped, he was handed the ball, the crowd gave him a standing ovation and his teammates rushed up to shake the hand of the first Falcon ever to achieve such a goal.

"It was something the whole team wanted to see me get," he later recalled. "We all worked for it."

ONE DRIVE LATER, Hampton had his first opportunity to add to his yardage total. Quarterback Bob Berry started to pitch out to him but slipped on ice. Berry completed the pitchout but his slip permitted a host of Chief defenders to swarm over Hampton and drop him for a six-yard loss.

That lowered Hampton's season total to 994 yards.

Berry completed a touchdown pass to Ken Burrow on the next play, putting the Falcons ahead, 14-10. There was still nearly 10 minutes left and it appeared Hampton's setback would be only temporary.

But Kansas City then drove 81 yards on a time-consuming drive to regain the lead at 17-14. Only 2:19 remained when Atlanta got the ball back.

BERRY, trying to catch up, had to go to the air. Hampton was handed the ball only once. He got a yard and when the game ended he was five yards short of that coveted 1,000 mark.

"Right now, it's the most disappointing thing that ever happened to me," the dejected Hampton said. "A thousand yards is the goal of every running back."

Ron Smith, D... But Bears Fal...

OAKLAND (UPI).—Charlie Smith grabbed a pair of touchdown passes, Clarence Davis ran 46 yards for a third and Pete Banaszak another Sunday as the playoff-bound Oakland Raiders defeated the Chicago Bears, 28-21, for their 10th victory.

The loss was Chicago's ninth against four victories and a tie but quarterback Bobby Douglass and kickoff return specialist Ron Smith established individual league marks.

Douglass, who runs every chance he gets, picked up 127 yards rushing in 14 carries for a year's total of 968 which made him the all-time NFL quarterback rushing champ.

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