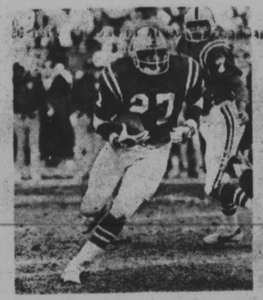

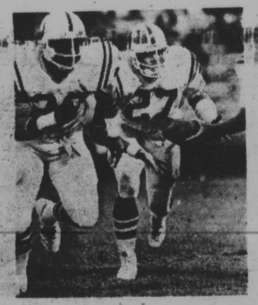

27 CURTIS DICKEY RB
BALTIMORE COLTS

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Despite several "down" years when they were suffering through periods of adjustment, the Colts remain among the NFL's best in won - lost statistics.

Since Baltimore joined the league in 1953, the teams have won 213 regular season games, lost 163 and tied six.

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The look of a speedball

CURTIS DICKEY (27) 2nd Yr. RB 6 - 0 201 Texas A&M D-1a '80 Birthdate: November 27, 1956

PRO: Entering his second season with the Colts . . . Was the Colts first selection in the opening round of the '80 draft . . . Fifth player selected in the draft.

1980: Played in 15 games . . . Was a starter in last 5 games . . . Missed season opener at N. Y. Jets (9-7) with thigh injury . . . Colts leading rusher with 800 yards on 176 carries . . . Ranked 7th in AFC rushing . . . His 4.5 yard average per carry was third best among top 10 rushers in AFC . . . Colts second leading scorer with 78 points . . . Scored total of 13 TDs (11 rushing, 2 receiving) to tie for AFC scoring leadership . . . Set Colt rookie marks for total TDs scored (13) and TDs rushing (11) . . . Had string of 7 consecutive games (11 - 2 - KC through 12 - 14 - Miami) where he scored at least one TD rushing . . . Scored first career TD vs NY Jets (9 - 28) on 3 yd run . . .

Had first 100 plus yard rushing game in first career starting assignment at New England (11 - 23) . . . Gained 102 yds on 16 carries and scored 2 TDs . . . Had two 90 plus yd games . . . Rushed for 94 yds on 15 carries at Houston (9 - 21) and gained 92 yds on 18 attempts vs Miami (12 - 14) . . . Had 87 yds on 14 carries vs. Cleveland (11 - 9) . . . Longest run of season was 51 yd TD jaunt at Kansas City (11 - 2) . . . Also had 38 yd run for a score vs Miami (12 - 14) . . . Caught 25 passes for 204 yards and scored 2 TDs. . . Best receiving game came at Cincinnati (12 - 7) when he caught 5 passes for 43 yds including a 22 yd TD reception . . . Also caught 5 passes for 33 yds vs. Miami (12 - 14) . . . Longest reception of season was 32 yds at New England (11 - 23) . . . Also returned 4 kickoffs for 86 yds . . . Longest return was 28 yds at Miami (10 - 5) . . . Had 3 returns for 56 yds vs NY Jets (9 - 28) . . . Sustained wrist injury at Miami (10 - 5) and played the next 5 weeks (10 - 12 - Buffalo through 11 - 9 - Cleveland) with a cast covering his left hand, wrist and forearm.

RECORDS: Established Colt rookie records in 1980 with 13 total TDs and 11 rushing TDs . . . His 11 rushing TDs tie him with Tom Matte (1969) and Lydell Mitchell (1975) for the second highest total of rushing TDs in a single season . . . His 800 yards rushing was second highest rookie total in Colts history behind Alan Ameche's 961 yds in 1955 . . . Only third rookie to ever lead the Colts in rushing along with Ameche (1955) and Norm Bulaich (1970).

NOTES: As a starter over the last 5 games of the '80 season he compiled the following statistics . . . 81 rushing attempts for 372 yards (4.6 avg) and scored 6 TDs . . . 18 receptions for 156 yards (8.7 avg) and 1 TD . . . Over the entire season, he gained 10 or more yards on 25 of his 176 rushing attempts (14 percent) . . . He gained 15 or more yards on 14 different carries . . . He had 7 different carries for over 20 yards . . . 3 carries in excess of 25 yards . . . 2 carries over 35 yards.

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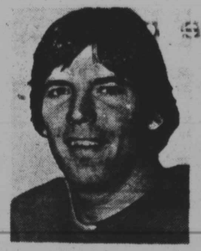

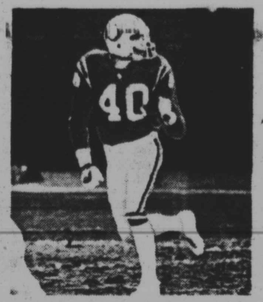

40 BRUCE LAIRD SS
BALTIMORE COLTS

Laird bears load of anchor

It isn't just because Bruce Laird is the "old man" back there that he serves as the anchor in the Baltimore Colts' secondary. He is brilliant at what he does — and what he does includes so many things.

Laird is entering his tenth season with the Colts . . . Was drafted by the Colts in the sixth round of the '72 College Draft.

1980: Started the 15 games in which he played . . . Missed only the NY Jets (9 - 29) game due to a groin injury . . . Had All Pro calibre season . . . Credited with 97 tackles and 31 assists to rank third on the club . . . Best effort came vs Buffalo (11 - 30) when he made 11 tackles . . . Had 10 tackles vs Cleveland (11 - 9) . . . Recorded 9 tackles vs New England (10 - 19) and at Miami (10 - 5) . . . Led the team in interceptions with a career high of 5 for 71 yards . . . Picked off two passes for 35 yds in season opener at NY Jets (9 - 7) . . . Finished second on the club in pass deflections with 19 . . . Credited with one QB sack vs Cleveland (11 - 9).

CAREER HILITES: Started 15 games in '79 . . . Missed Miami game (11 - 25) because of knee injury . . . Tied for second on the club in tackles . . . Had 114 tackles and 20 assists. . . Had best game against Houston (10 - 14) with 12 tackles . . . Intercepted 3 passes for team - leading 101 yards . . . Had longest career interception return of 68 yds vs Houston (10 - 14) . . . Was team leader in pass deflections with 12 . . . Started in 14 games in '78 . . . Ranked fifth on the team in tackles with 95 and 19 assists . . . Had four games with 9 tackles . . . Credited with 11 pass deflections . . . Caused 3 fumbles and recovered 2

RECORDS: Holds Colt career marks of most kickoff returns and most kickoff return yardage . . . From '72 - '79, he had 137 returns for 3406 yds . .

HONORS: Earned the following honors for his 1980 performance: Selected to Sports Illustrated All Pro Team . . . Named All - AFC by Pro Football Weekly and N. Y. Daily News . . . Earned Honorable Mention on UPI AFC All Star Team . . . Named first alternate at strong safety on 1981 AFC Pro Bowl Team . . . Played in 1973 Pro Bowl as kickoff returner.

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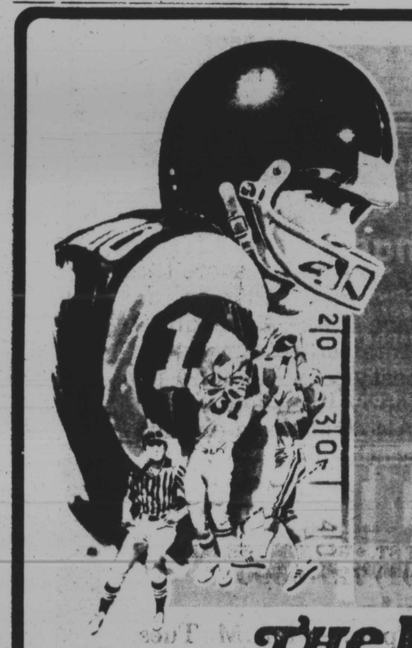

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