



HEADLINE GAMES

“In the NFL,” says **BILL BELICHICK**, head coach of the Super Bowl XXXVIII champion New England Patriots, “every game is important. Each one matters. In this league, the most important game is the next one you play.”

With only 16 per team, he’s right. It’s just that, some weeks, some games seem to be even *more* important!

Following is a Weeks 1-17 list of “2004 Headline Games.” but they are far from the only ones:

Week 1	Indianapolis at New England	Season kicks off in primetime with rematch of AFC Championship Game.
Week 2	Minnesota at Philadelphia	Culpepper-to-Moss versus McNabb-to-Owens.
Week 3	Dallas at Washington	Parcells vs. Gibbs on Monday night. What else is there to say?
Week 4	Denver at Tampa Bay	Long-time Buccaneer S John Lynch returns to Tampa as a Bronco.
Week 5	Tennessee at Green Bay	McNair vs. Favre – two of the toughest athletes in sports.
Week 6	Carolina at Philadelphia	Last time Panthers were here, they punched their ticket to Super Bowl XXXVIII.
Week 7	Philadelphia at Cleveland	Former 49ers teammates Terrell Owens and Jeff Garcia meet for first time.
Week 8	Miami at New York Jets	Last Monday meeting (10/23/00) was voted <i>Monday Night Football's</i> greatest.
Week 9	Dallas at Cincinnati	Hey cuz! Cousins Keyshawn (Dallas) & Chad (Cincinnati) Johnson face off.
Week 10	Detroit at Jacksonville	Sites of the next two Super Bowls: Jacksonville (XXXIX) and Detroit (XL).
Week 11	Atlanta at New York Giants	Falcons QB Michael Vick plays first regular-season game in spotlight of NY.
Week 12	Ind. at Det./Chi. at Dal.	An American tradition: turkey & football.
Week 13	Tennessee at Indianapolis	Co-MVPs Steve McNair & Peyton Manning meet. Will AFC South be at stake?
Week 14	Cincinnati at New England	Patriots RB Corey Dillon welcomes former club to new home.
Week 15	Saturday triple-header!	Pit. at NYG (1:30 PM ET), Wash. at SF (5:00 PM ET) & Car. at Atl. (8:30 PM ET)
Week 16	Oak. at KC/Den. at Tenn.	Christmas Day doubleheader! What could be a better present?
Week 17	Dallas at New York Giants	Final game of year, and could decide NFC East.

THE LAST TIME...
(2003 Games in Italics)

PASSING

500 YARDS, GAME: 504, Elvis Grbac, Kansas City vs. Oakland, Nov. 5, 2000
7 TD PASSES, GAME: Joe Kapp, Minnesota vs. Baltimore, Sept. 28, 1969
(Tied with four others: Sid Luckman, Adrian Burk, George Blanda, Y.A. Tittle)
60 ATTEMPTS, GAME: 61, *Brad Johnson, Tampa Bay vs. Carolina, Sept. 14, 2003*
20 CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS, GAME: 22, Rich Gannon, Oakland vs. Denver, Nov. 11, 2002
99-YARD TD PASS: Trent Green to Marc Boerigter, Kansas City vs. San Diego, Dec. 22, 2002

RECEIVING

3 100-YARD GAMES, SAME TEAM: Kansas City vs. Oakland, Nov. 5, 2000
Derrick Alexander, 9-139-2; Tony Gonzalez, 9-134-0; Sylvester Morris, 6-102-0
300 YARDS, GAME: 336, Willie Anderson, L.A. Rams vs. New Orleans, Nov. 26, 1989 (OT)
15 RECEPTIONS, GAME: 16, Troy Brown, New England vs. Kansas City, Sept. 22, 2002
4 TDs, GAME: *Joe Horn, New Orleans vs. NY Giants, Dec. 14, 2003*

RUSHING

5 TDs, GAME: *Clinton Portis, Denver vs. Kansas City, Oct. 12, 2003*
4 TDs, GAME: Shaun Alexander, Seattle vs. Minnesota, Sept. 29, 2002
40 ATTEMPTS, GAME: 43, *Rudi Johnson, Cincinnati vs. Houston, Nov. 9, 2003*
250 YARDS, GAME: 295, *Jamal Lewis, Baltimore vs. Cleveland, Sept. 14, 2003*

INTERCEPTIONS

4, GAME: Deltha O’Neil, Denver vs. Kansas City, Oct. 7, 2001
3, GAME: Terrance Newman, Dallas vs. Washington, Dec. 14, 2002
2 TDs, GAME: Aaron Glenn, Houston vs. Pittsburgh, Dec. 8, 2002
4 TDs, SEASON: Eric Allen, Philadelphia, 1993
100-YARD TD RETURN: 102, Artrell Hawkins, Cincinnati vs. Houston, Nov. 3, 2002

SCORING

7 PATs, GAME: *Mike Vanderjagt, Indianapolis vs. New Orleans, Sep. 28, 2003*
3 FGs, 50 YARDS OR MORE, GAME: Morten Andersen, Atlanta vs. New Orleans, Dec. 10, 1995
2 FGs, 50 YARDS OR MORE, GAME: Mike Vanderjagt, Indianapolis vs. Denver, Nov. 24, 2002
60 OR MORE POINTS, GAME, TEAM: Cincinnati (61) vs. Houston (7), Dec. 17, 1989
100 OR MORE POINTS, GAME, BOTH TEAMS: 113, Washington (72) vs. N.Y. Giants (41), Nov. 27, 1966
LAST SCORELESS TIE: N.Y. Giants vs. Detroit, Nov. 7, 1943

KICKOFF RETURNS

2 TDs, GAME: Chad Morton, N.Y. Jets vs. Buffalo, Sept. 8, 2002
2 CONSECUTIVE TDs, BOTH TEAMS, GAME: Atlanta vs. St. Louis, Oct. 15, 2000
90 YARDS, NO TD, GAME: 91, *Brad Pyatt, Tampa Bay vs. Indianapolis, Oct. 6, 2003*

PUNT RETURNS

2 TDs, GAME: Steve Smith, Carolina vs. Cincinnati, Dec. 8, 2002