

**BYES: GOOD OR BAD?**

Ever since the NFL introduced the “bye week” in 1990, coaches have viewed it as a gift or a hurdle.

Here are some few coaches’ feelings on bye weeks:

COACH	BYE COMMENT
Tom Coughlin, NY Giants	“I think the biggest thing for every coach and player is how you’ll do coming off a bye week”
Tony Dungy, Indianapolis	“I think byes are good. We’ve gotten used to it now that it’s been in place for a while. You kind of build towards the bye, get your time off, get a little break. Mentally, it helps you. If you’ve had some injuries, it helps you physically.”
Ed Donatell, Atlanta	“I like the bye because it gives a team the opportunity to work on part of its game it may be lacking.”
Joe Gibbs, Washington	“The bye helps you get well physically and can get you to breathe mentally. It also depends on where it falls on the schedule and what your injury situation is at the time.”
Jim Mora, Atlanta	“I think it depends on the point in time in which your bye occurs and how your season is going at that time. If it is early in the season and you’re off to a good start, I think a bye can disrupt your momentum. If it’s early in the season and you are off to a poor start, it can give you a chance to regroup.”
Marty Schottenheimer, San Diego	“If you’re winning, you don’t want a bye week. If you’re on a losing streak, you’d probably like to have a bye week.”

**BEST AFTER BYES - PAST FIVE SEASONS**

Teams (2000-04)	Record After Bye Week
Philadelphia Eagles	5-0
St. Louis Rams	4-1
Green Bay Packers	4-1
Minnesota Vikings	4-1

**ON GRASS? ON THE ROAD? HOW DO THEY DO?**

Who scores the most touchdowns on turf? Who’s the most productive on the road? Which special teams unit reaches the end zone the most? Where is the home-field advantage in the NFL? The NFL tracks touchdowns in these categories and more throughout the season.

A rundown of the 2004 leaders in six “Touchdown Tracker” categories:

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS SCORED ON GRASS, ON TURF & IN THE FOURTH QUARTER**

<u>ON GRASS</u>		<u>ON TURF</u>		<u>4TH QUARTER</u>	
Team	Touchdowns	Team	Touchdowns	Team	Touchdowns
Kansas City	60	Indianapolis	42	Kansas City	19
San Diego	49	Minnesota	37	Minnesota	18
New England	41	Philadelphia	34	Carolina	16
Denver	38	New Orleans	27	Buffalo	15
Tennessee	38	Atlanta	24	Houston	15
		St. Louis	24	Indianapolis	15

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS SCORED HOME/AWAY**

<u>HOME</u>		<u>AWAY</u>	
Team	Touchdowns	Team	Touchdowns
Indianapolis	36	Indianapolis	30
Kansas City	35	Kansas City	27
San Diego	33	New England	27
Seattle	25	Green Bay	26
Denver	24	Minnesota	26
Green Bay	24		
Minnesota	24		
New York Jets	24		

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS SCORED ON KICK/PUNT RETURNS**

TEAM	TOUCHDOWNS
Buffalo	5
Detroit	4
Baltimore	2
Kansas City	2
New Orleans	2
New York Giants	2