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DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Commissioner **PAUL TAGLIABUE** announced today the schedule of sites, dates and times for the National Football League Divisional Playoffs of January 14-15 (all times Eastern):

NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, January 14

NFC: 4:30 PM ET **(IF TAMPA BAY WINS WILD CARD)** Tampa Bay (11-5) at Chicago (11-5) (FOX-TV)

OR

(IF WASHINGTON WINS WILD CARD) Washington (10-6) at Seattle (13-3) (FOX-TV)

AFC: 8:00 PM ET Cincinnati (11-5), New England (10-6) or Jacksonville (12-4) at Denver (13-3) (CBS-TV)

Sunday, January 15

AFC: 1:00 PM ET New England (10-6), Jacksonville (12-4) or Pittsburgh (11-5) at Indianapolis (14-2) (CBS-TV)

NFC: 4:30 PM ET **(IF TAMPA BAY WINS WILD CARD)** New York Giants (11-5) or Carolina (11-5) at Seattle (13-3) (FOX-TV)

OR

(IF WASHINGTON WINS WILD CARD) New York Giants (11-5) or Carolina (11-5) at Chicago (11-5) (FOX-TV)

In the Divisional Playoffs, the division champion with the best record in each conference (i.e. Indianapolis and Seattle) is host to the surviving team with the lowest playoff ranking.

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As previously announced, Wild Card Weekend is this Saturday and Sunday, January 7-8. The schedule:

NFL WILD CARD WEEKEND

Saturday, January 7

NFC: 4:30 PM ET Washington (10-6) at Tampa Bay (11-5) (ABC-TV)

AFC: 8:00 PM ET Jacksonville (12-4) at New England (10-6) (ABC-TV)

Sunday, January 8

NFC: 1:00 PM ET Carolina (11-5) at New York Giants (11-5) (FOX-TV)

AFC: 4:30 PM ET Pittsburgh (11-5) at Cincinnati (11-5) (CBS-TV)

2005 PLAYOFF SEEDINGS

American Football Conference

1. Indianapolis (South Division champion)
2. Denver (West Division champion)
3. Cincinnati (North Division champion)
4. New England (East Division champion)
5. Jacksonville
6. Pittsburgh

National Football Conference

1. Seattle (West Division champion)
2. Chicago (North Division champion)
3. Tampa Bay (South Division champion)
4. New York Giants (East Division champion)
5. Carolina
6. Washington

The AFC and NFC Championship Games will be played on Sunday, January 22. The AFC Championship will be at 3:00 PM ET on CBS-TV, and the NFC Championship at 6:30 PM ET on FOX-TV.

Super Bowl XL will be played at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan on Sunday, February 5 at 6:30 PM ET and televised by ABC-TV.

The annual AFC-NFC Pro Bowl will be played at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii on Sunday, February 12 at 6:00 PM ET and televised on ESPN.

All NFL playoff games also are broadcast on Westwood One/CBS Radio.

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