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## **DOLPHINS TO HOST GIANTS IN LONDON; REGULAR-SEASON GAME SET FOR OCTOBER 28 AT WEMBLEY**

MIAMI -- The Miami Dolphins will host the New York Giants at London's Wembley Stadium in the first NFL regular-season game to be played outside of North America, National Football League Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL** announced today.

Speaking in Miami two days before Super Bowl XLI, Commissioner Goodell said the game will be played on Sunday, October 28 – in Week 8 of the 2007 season – and will kick off at 1:00 PM ET (6:00 PM local time).

NFL owners voted in October to play up to two games outside of the United States every year for the next five years, with the series kicking off with a single game in 2007. London was named last month as the site of that game, with the new Wembley – due to open later this year – now confirmed as the venue.

"The international popularity of the NFL grows every year," said Goodell in announcing the teams and stadium for the game. "That interest will be seen as the far corners of the world watch Super Bowl this Sunday. That is a fascination we will build upon. London and its international stature adds to the impact of the game."

The Giants-Dolphins game will be shown live in the United States on FOX-TV. Both teams will have a bye scheduled for the following week.

The Dolphins and Giants are two of the most recognizable teams in the NFL, with four Super Bowl wins between them. In 1972, Miami became the only team in history to post an undefeated season on its way to winning Super Bowl VII with an overall 17-0 record. The Dolphins successfully defended their title the next year. The Giants have been NFL champions on six occasions, including victories in Super Bowls XXI and XV following the 1986 and 1990 seasons.

"The Dolphins are proud to be a part of such a historic occasion," said Miami owner **H. WAYNE HUIZENGA**. "We were one of the first NFL teams to play in the United Kingdom with our American Bowl appearance in London in 1988. Dolphins games always have been among the most popular NFL telecasts in England. We have a great following there, including fan clubs

throughout the country. We look forward to playing in front of our overseas fans, as well as our U.S. supporters who will make the trip overseas.”

The Giants owners were similarly enthused about the historic game.

“We are looking forward to bringing our team to London, which has long been a center of attention and enthusiasm for the NFL overseas dating back to the league’s first game there in 1983,” said **JOHN MARA**, president and chief executive officer of the Giants. “Playing in London in late October means our fans there will see a midseason contest. It will signal the beginning of the second half of the season when teams begin their playoff run.”

Giants Chairman and Executive Vice President **STEVE TISCH** cited the game as one more step in the growth of the NFL internationally. “The NFL over the past 25 years has become a fixture for sports fans globally,” said Tisch. “First under **PETE ROZELLE**, then with the direction of **PAUL TAGLIABUE**, and now under Commissioner Goodell, our league has taken advantage of the popularity of the NFL on a worldwide basis to reach fans beyond our borders. There can be no greater commitment by our league than to play a regular-season game internationally.”

The Mayor of London, **KEN LIVINGSTONE**, said the city is excited to be hosting the game. “We are very pleased about having teams of the caliber of the Dolphins and Giants coming to London,” said Livingstone. “We are looking forward to giving them a memorable experience. We are expecting nearly 10,000 American fans to travel to London to watch the game as well as people from Europe. There will be many millions of TV viewers in the United States alone, so it will be a great opportunity to showcase London to new visitors and for people to see the way we uniquely enjoy our sport.

“After London’s success in winning the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, our aim has been to bring to Londoners the best of all sports. The Tour de France, which will start in London later this year, and now the NFL is a great step towards this.”

Wembley Stadium will open later this year, resuming its position as the home of English soccer, as well as the site of other major sporting events and music concerts. The old Wembley, closed in 2000, hosted its first NFL preseason game in 1983 and eight NFL American Bowl games from 1986-93.

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