

BEST OPENING MONTH RECORDS, PAST 10 YEARS

Getting off to a strong start is important. In the past 10 years, 17 teams have a combined record of .500 or better in the season's opening month. Those 17 clubs have combined for 83 playoff appearances in those years, and accounted for all 10 Super Bowl championships over that period.

The top opening-month records (.500 or better) of the past 10 years (1997-06):

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
Denver	26-10-0	.722	Kansas City	20-15-0	.571
Jacksonville	22-12-0	.647	Baltimore	19-15-0	.559
New England	21-12-0	.636	N.Y. Giants	19-16-0	.543
Seattle	22-13-0	.629	St. Louis	19-16-0	.543
Miami	20-12-0	.625	Dallas	17-15-0	.531
Indianapolis	20-13-0	.606	Oakland	18-16-0	.529
Minnesota	21-14-0	.600	New Orleans	17-16-0	.515
Tampa Bay	20-14-0	.588	Pittsburgh	16-16-0	.500
Green Bay	21-15-0	.583			



BEST OPENING GAME PERFORMANCES, 1933-06

MOST YARDS RUSHING

	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
O.J. Simpson, Buffalo vs. New England, 9/16/73	250	29	80t	2
Eddie George, Tennessee vs. Oakland, 8/31/97	216	35	29t	1
George Rogers, New Orleans vs. St. Louis, 9/4/83	206	24	76t	2
Gerald Riggs, Atlanta vs. New Orleans, 9/2/84	202	35	57	2
Duce Staley, Philadelphia vs. Dallas, 9/3/00	201	26	60	1
Norm Bulaich, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets, 9/19/71	198	22	67t	1
Curtis Martin, N.Y. Jets vs. Cincinnati, 9/12/04	196	29	24t	1
Alan Ameche, Baltimore vs. Chicago, 9/25/55	194	21	79t	1
Otis Anderson, St. Louis vs. Dallas, 9/2/79	193	21	76t	1
Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams vs. St. Louis, 9/7/86	193	38	25	2

MOST YARDS PASSING

	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>INT</u>
Norm Van Brocklin, L.A. Rams vs. N.Y. Yanks, 9/28/51	554	41	27	5	2
Dan Marino, Miami vs. New England, 9/4/94	473	42	23	5	1
Kurt Warner, St. Louis vs. Denver, 9/4/00	441	35	25	3	3
Drew Bledsoe, New England vs. Miami, 9/4/94	421	51	32	4	2
Glen Foley, N.Y. Jets vs. San Francisco, 9/6/98	415	30	58	3	1
Pete Beathard, Houston vs. Kansas City, 9/9/68	413	48	23	2	3
Phil Simms, N.Y. Giants vs. Philadelphia, 9/2/84	409	30	23	4	0
Johnny Unitas, Baltimore vs. Atlanta, 9/17/67	401	32	22	2	1
Bill Kenney, Kansas City vs. New Orleans, 9/8/85	397	34	22	3	1
Warren Moon, Houston vs. Atlanta, 9/9/90	397	52	31	4	2

MOST YARDS RECEIVING

	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
Frank Clarke, Dallas vs. Washington, 9/16/62	241	10	58t	3
Anquan Boldin, Arizona vs. Detroit, 9/7/03	217	10	71t	2
Hugh Taylor, Washington vs. Philadelphia, 9/28/47	212	8	62t	3
Lance Alworth, San Diego vs. Denver, 9/11/65	211	7	48	1
Irving Fryar, Miami vs. New England, 9/4/94	211	5	54t	3
Wes Chandler, New Orleans vs. Atlanta, 9/2/79	205	6	42	1
Don Maynard, N.Y. Jets vs. Kansas City, 9/15/68	203	8	57t	2
Marty Booker, Chicago vs. N.Y. Giants, 9/8/02	198	8	54	1
Tim Smith, Houston vs. Green Bay, 9/4/83	197	8	47t	1