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COLTS KEEP ROLLING: GO FOR 9-0; SEASON'S SECOND HALF KICKS OFF WITH BIG DIVISION CLASHES

8-0 and 16-of-17.

Those records for this season and over the past two seasons are the NFL's best. And they both belong to the Indianapolis Colts.

With their 40-21 victory Monday night over New England, the Colts are the NFL's only undefeated team...only the 23rd club in history with an 8-0 record (their best start ever)...and the winningest club (16 of 17, .941) over their past 17 regular-season weeks. This Sunday against Houston, they can become the first club to go 9-0 since the 2003 Kansas City Chiefs.

"We're halfway there," says Colts running back **EDGERRIN JAMES**. "We've got to keep it rolling."

The Colts are definitely rolling as the NFL begins the second half of its 2005 season, but there are other teams that are also moving along quite nicely, some surprisingly so off their record of last year.

Three of the NFL's divisions are led by teams that did not reach the playoffs last year – the AFC North (Cincinnati, 7-2; 8-8 in 2004), NFC East (New York Giants, 6-2; 6-10) and NFC North (Chicago, 5-3; 5-11). Carolina (6-2; 7-9), which missed the playoffs last year, is tied with Atlanta for the NFC South lead. The Panthers have won five in a row, Chicago and Seattle four straight, and Atlanta, the Giants and Pittsburgh are on 3-0 streaks.

But there's a lot of the season left to go. "It's like nobody remembers halftime scores," says Carolina head coach **JOHN FOX**. "Same way with this season."

Some key matchups as the NFL's second half begins:

ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-4) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (6-2)

STORYLINE: NFL's "best back" vs. the return of the Big Three.

But some background first. The Seahawks and Rams – boasting the NFL's top two offenses, respectively -- have become fierce division rivals since realignment in 2002. Their past six games have been decided by an average of six points. That includes a 27-20 Rams Wild Card triumph last season. The Seahawks reversed St. Louis' 4-0 winning streak in the series this October 9 with a 37-31 win.

In that game, St. Louis got a dose of what it can expect more of Sunday – **SHAUN ALEXANDER**. The Seahawks running back – seemingly unstoppable this year – delivered 119 yards and a pair of scores. Alexander leads the league in rushing (949 yards, on pace for an 1,898-yard season), rushing TDs (14), has the best per-carry average (5.4) of the top-10 rushers, the most successful third-and-one rush attempts (7 of 7), and the second most rushing first downs (54) and 100-yard games (5) to Indy's James (56 and 6). That has all helped propel Seattle to the league's top offense (387.3).

"I think right now he's playing like the best back in the NFL," says Arizona head coach **DENNIS GREEN**. "I don't think it's just the yardage. He also can catch the ball, and does a decent job of pass protection. He makes big plays."

So do three of the main St. Louis cogs who are expected to return Sunday after missing games due to injury – **QB MARC BULGER** and **WRs ISAAC BRUCE** and **TORRY HOLT**. They provide much of the fuel that gives the Rams – winners of their past two – the NFL's No. 2 offense (369.6). "We're getting a lot of the key pieces back this week," says St. Louis

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RECORD 88s: Seattle Seahawks running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** broke an 88-yard touchdown run last week, matching his career-long (11/11/01). Alexander joins only three other players in NFL history with two TD runs of 88 yards or longer -- **AHMAN GREEN** (98 and 90), **BO JACKSON** (92 and 91) and **O.J. SIMPSON** (94 and 88).

G CLAUDE TERRELL. “Any time you get Marc, Isaac and Torry back, that’s an All-Star roster in itself.”

DENVER BRONCOS (6-2) at OAKLAND RAIDERS (3-5)

STORYLINE: Battle of the efficient QBs.

In perhaps the two most important statistics for a quarterback – touchdowns and interceptions – Denver’s **JAKE PLUMMER** and Oakland’s **KERRY COLLINS** match up perfectly. Each has 12 TDs on the season and only three INTs apiece – tying for the second fewest pickoffs in the NFL.

Of course, the big difference through the season’s first half is wins and losses. Here Plummer outranks Collins, although three of Oakland’s losses come by a total of only 13 points.

The game’s running backs are matched evenly too. At the 600-yard mark are Denver’s **MIKE ANDERSON** (604) and **TATUM BELL** (562) and Oakland’s **LA MONT JORDAN** (592).

This is one of the NFL’s great rivalries, no matter the records (Denver has won 15 of the last 20 meetings under coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**). “It’s Raiders-Broncos,” says Denver K **JASON ELAM**. “It’s tough to beat that anywhere in the NFL.”

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (5-3) at TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (5-3)

STORYLINE: The veteran quarterback against the veteran coordinator.

In other words, **MARK BRUNELL**, who has seen it all in 13 years as an NFL QB, against Buccaneers D-coordinator **MONTE KIFFIN**, who has thrown it all against offenses in his 23 seasons as an NFL assistant. Kiffin’s defense finished no lower than fifth in the league in the last three years and is ranked first entering Week 10.

It will be a test of wiles. Brunell has the fewest interceptions of NFC starters (3) and no pickoffs on third down. He faces a defense that ranks first in third-down efficiency (27.0).

Man for the Bucs to watch for: Rejuvenated Redskins **LB LA VAR ARRINGTON**, starting again and named a team captain last Sunday while tying for the most Washington tackles (6).

CLEVELAND BROWNS (3-5) at PITTSBURGH STEELERS (6-2) (Sunday night, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: For the Steelers, the division race is right here, right now.

This is always a big game because of the longstanding rivalry and the cities being separated by only 132 miles.

But for the Steelers, this is yet another division game in a tight time span. Starting October 23, Pittsburgh plays five division foes in seven weeks. After December 4, they have only one other divisional game (Cleveland on December 24).

The Browns hope they have the antidote to the Steelers’ begrudging ground defense that ranks fourth in the league. Pittsburgh has not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 20 games – the best active mark in the NFL. Cleveland got its second 100-yard game of the year last week with **REUBEN DROUGHNS** rumbling for 116 yards (with 73 yards in catches). He had 100 on October 23.

DALLAS COWBOYS (5-3) at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-4) (Monday night, ABC, 9:00 PM ET)

STORYLINE: Eagles have top passing game, but Cowboys switched the tables last time.

Philadelphia is *the* NFL passing team by far. It averages almost 300.0 air yards a game (295.1) and has the league’s biggest differential (+ 193) in passes to rushes (337 to 144). So what happened when these teams met a month ago? The Cowboys came out flinging and routed the Eagles 33-10 by throwing for 289 yards. With that game, the teams started on opposite streaks. Dallas has gone 3-1 since and Philly 1-3.

The Eagles – with rookie **WR REGGIE BROWN** now replacing **TERRELL OWENS** (Brown posted 94 yards and a TD on five catches last Sunday) – know they have to balance the passing with a running game so they are not too predictable.

The Cowboys, in their game before last week’s bye, believe they have solidified their run game with rookie **MARION BARBER**, who rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns against Arizona. “He does everything required of the position,” says Dallas head coach **BILL PARCELLS**. “He’s not perfect, but there are a lot of kids who don’t know how to do what he already knows.”

WEEK 10
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (5-3) AT BUFFALO BILLS (3-5)

SERIES

	<u>CHIEFS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>
LEADER		18-16-1
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Vermeil: 4-0	Mularkey: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 27-23 vs. Raiders	Bye (Wk. 8: L 21-16 at Patriots)
LAST GAME	10/26/03: Bills 5 at Chiefs 38. Kansas City RB Priest Holmes scores 3 TDs while Chiefs' defense forces 7 turnovers as Chiefs remain unbeaten.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/22/96: Bills 20, Chiefs 9. Buffalo QB Jim Kelly throws 2 TD passes in 4th quarter to help lead Bills to victory.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Green: 163-265-1,931-7-3-87.8	Holcomb: 82-121-790-6-3-92.0
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 97-506-5.2-6	McGahee: 185-790 (3C)-4.3-4
RECEIVING	Kennison: 37-548-14.8-2	Moulds: 37-363-9.8-3
OFFENSE	357.0	257.5
TAKE/GIVE	+5	+8
DEFENSE	355.3	307.6
SACKS	Allen: 5.0	Schobel: 5.0
INTs	Wesley: 3	Vincent: 3
PUNTING	Colquitt (R): 41.1	Moorman: 45.7
KICKING	Tynes: 68 (1C) (20/20 PAT; 16/18 FG)	Lindell: 62 (11/11 PAT; 17/19 FG)

NOTES

CHIEFS: In 2 career starts vs. BUF, **QB TRENT GREEN** is 2-0. Has not thrown INT in 145 attempts. Green has 86.5+ passer rating in 7 of past 8 starts vs. AFC East.....**RB PRIEST HOLMES** has 4 rush TDs in 2 career starts vs. Bills. RBs Holmes (6) & **LARRY JOHNSON** (6) comprise NFL's only duo to each have 6+ rush TDs. Since Wk. 12 in '04, RB Johnson (15) has 3rd-most rush TDs in NFL.....**WR EDDIE KENNISON** (14.8) has 2nd-best per-catch avg. among AFC players with 35+ receptions. In 3 career starts vs. BUF, **TE TONY GONZALEZ** has 3 TDs & 17 catches.....**G WILL SHIELDS** to start in 200th consecutive game.....Defense has allowed less than 200 net pass yds in 3 games. **S GREG WESLEY** has INT in 3 games in row; 1st Chief to do so since **DONNIE EDWARDS** (2002).....**K LAWRENCE TYNES** has made FG in 11 consecutive games & needs FG vs. BUF to tie **PETE STOYANOVICH** (12, 1997) for 2nd-longest streak in club history (HOFer **JAN STENERUD**, 16, 1969-70). Tynes has made 13 FGs in row.....**BILLS:** Team was 6-2 (.750) over final 8 games of '04 under head coach **MIKE MULARKEY**. Bills are 10-6 (.626) in games following bye.....In 2 career starts vs. KC (w/CLE), **QB KELLY HOLCOMB** has completed 46 of 66 passes (69.7 pct.) for 475 yards with 4 TDs vs. 1 INT for 104.0 passer rating. In last Nov. start (11/28/04 w/CLE), Holcomb passed for career-high 5 TDs.....Team is 10-2 (.833) when **RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** has 20+ attempts. In those 12, McGahee has 10 100s & has rushed for 1,379 yds (114.9/game) with 12 TDs.....**WR ERIC MOULDS** has TD in 3 of past 4 & has 27 catches in those 4. In last season's 2nd half, **WR LEE EVANS** had 7 TDs.....**DE AARON SCHOBEL** aims for sack in 3rd game in row; has 3.0 sacks in past 2. **S LAWYER MILLOY** (2) & **S TROY VINCENT** (2) have 4 career INTs vs. KC.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-6) AT CHICAGO BEARS (5-3)

SERIES

	<u>49ERS</u>	<u>BEARS</u>
LEADER	Series tied: 27-27-1	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Nolan: 0-0	Smith: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 24-6 vs. Giants	W 20-17 at Saints (Baton Rouge)
LAST GAME	10/31/04: 49ers 13 at Bears 23. Chicago CB Nathan Vasher's 71-yard interception return with 3:52 remaining propels Bears to victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/31/04	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Bill Maas	

STATS

PASSING	Pickett: 13-22-112-0-1-53.6	Orton (R): 122-225-1,186-7-9-62.9
RUSHING	Barlow: 114-424-3.7-2	Jones: 167-753-4.5-6 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Barlow (RB): 23-177-7.7-0	Muhammad: 37-471-12.7-2
OFFENSE	204.3	267.3
TAKE/GIVE	-6	0
DEFENSE	416.9	265.3 (3L)
SACKS	Young: 8.0 (2L)	Urlacher: 6.0
INTs	Parrish: 2	Vasher: 4 (T3L)
PUNTING	Lee: 42.7	Maynard: 41.0
KICKING	Nedney: 45 (12/12 PAT; 11/12 FG)	Gould: 27 (R) (9/9 PAT; 6/9 FG)

NOTES

49ERS: Asst. head coach/LBs **MIKE SINGLETARY** had Hall of Fame career with Bears from '81-'92. Faces former club for 1st time.....**QB CODY PICKETT** made 1st career start last week, passing for 102 yards & completing 12 of 21 atts.....**RB KEVAN BARLOW** has avgd. 64.5 rushing yards per game in past 4 games (258 yards). **RB FRANK GORE** ranks 3rd among NFL rookies with 271 yards rushing (51 carries) & 5.3 yards per carry avg.....**WR JOHNNIE MORTON** has 21 career 100-yard receiving games, including 5 vs. Bears, his most vs. any club. Had career best 174 yards (7 catches, 2 TDs) vs. Chi on 9/22/96 with Lions. Among players with 20+ catches, **WR BRANDON LLOYD** ranks 4th, avging. 18.2 yards per catch (22-400). **WR ARNAZ BATTLE** has career bests 17 catches, 188 yards & 2 TDs.....Defense limits foes to 3.7 yards per rush, 7th in NFL.....**DE BRYANT YOUNG** ranks 2nd in NFL with 8 sacks & needs 2 for 1st 10-sack year by 49er since **ANDRE CARTER** (12.5) in '02.....**S TONY PARRISH** spent 1st 4 seasons with Bears, starting every game from '98-'01.....**BEARS:** Off to best start since 7-2 in '01.....Since **LOVIE SMITH** became head coach in '04, club leads NFL with 7 TDs on INT returns.....Rookie **QB KYLE ORTON** has 6 TD passes vs. 3 INT in past 5 games. Has 2 INT in past 88 pass attempts. Needs 3 TD passes, 316 yards & 6 comp. for club rookie records (**JIM MC MAHON**, '82, 9 TDs & 1,501 yards; **CADE MC NOWN**, '99, 127 comp).....**RB THOMAS JONES** has increased rushing total in every season since '00 rookie year. Accounts for 38.3 pct. of club's total yards (819 of 2,138). Rookie **RB CEDRIC BENSON** rushed for 79 yards on 14 carries vs. Saints.....In his past 8 games vs. SF, **WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** has 9 TD receptions & 4 100-yard receiving games. Needs 4 TD catches for 50 career. **WR JUSTIN GAGE** had 4 catches for 28 yards with 4-yard TD catch vs. Saints.....Defense surrenders NFL best 4.2 yards per play & has allowed 98 points, tied for fewest in NFL.....**LB BRIAN URLACHER** leads NFL LBs with 6 sacks & needs 2.5 for career high.....Second-year **CB NATHAN VASHER** leads club with 4 INTs & seeks to lead team in INTs for 2nd consecutive season (5 in '04).

ARIZONA CARDINALS (2-6) AT DETROIT LIONS (3-5)

SERIES

	<u>CARDINALS</u>	<u>LIONS</u>
LEADER		30-21-5
STREAKS	5 of past 7	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Green: 12-9	Mariucci: 6-0
LAST WEEK	L 33-19 vs. Seahawks	L 27-14 at Vikings
LAST GAME	12/5/04: Cardinals 12 at Lions 26. Detroit RB Kevin Jones rushes for 196 yards & Jason Hanson kicks 4 FGs as Lions remain in playoff hunt.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/04	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Tim Ryan	

STATS

PASSING	Warner: 93-149-1,030-2-5-73.4	Harrington: 104-191-1,061-5-10-57.5
RUSHING	Shipp: 97-241-2.5-0	Jones: 129-381-3.0-4
RECEIVING	Fitzgerald: 52(3L)-713-13.7-4	Vines: 21-227-10.8-0
OFFENSE	332.3	260.6
TAKE/GIVE	-7	+3
DEFENSE	322.4	300.1
SACKS	Okeafor: 3.5	K. Edwards: 6.0
INTs	Dansby, Tate: 2	Holt, Kennedy, McQuarters: 2
PUNTING	Player: 46.1 (3C)	Harris: 43.6
KICKING	Rackers: 86 (8/8 PAT; 26/26 FG)	Hanson: 41 (14/14 PAT; 9/13 FG)

NOTES

CARDINALS: Club ranks 4th in NFL avging. 261.1 passing yards per game..... Head coach **DENNIS GREEN** has 64-36 (.640) record indoors in reg-season.....**QB KURT WARNER** returned to starting lineup last week, passing for 334 yards & 1 TD. Has 40-23 (.635) career record as starter.....**MARCEL SHIPP** ranks 3rd among NFC RBs with 24 receptions (181 yards).....With 52 catches in 8 games, 2nd-year **WR LARRY FITZGERALD** needs 7 catches to surpass rookie total (58). Has NFL best 4 TDs on 15 3rd down receptions (244 yards). Ties for 2nd in NFL with 13 catches of 20+ yards after posting 15 in '04. **WR BRYANT JOHNSON** made 1st start of '05 last week, posting 6 catches for 66 yards with 6-yard TD catch.....Rookie 4th-round **G ELTON BROWN** has played in 7 games with 7 starts.....Defense ranks 9th in NFL holding opponents to 35.8 3rd down conversion pct. (34 of 95).....Second-year **LB KARLOS DANSBY** is 1 of 4 NFL LBs with 2+ INT & 2+ sacks.....**K NEIL RACKERS** has NFL bests 13 FGs from 40+ yards & 20 TBs on KOs. Needs 4 TBs to top his own single-season club record. Has hit franchise-best 26 FGs in row.....**LIONS**: **QB JEFF GARCIA** has won 3 of past 4 starts vs. Cards, tossing 9 TDs vs. 1 INT. Had career high-tying 2 rushing TDs vs. Ariz on 12/7/03. **QB JOEY HARRINGTON** had career high 4 TD passes vs. Cards on 9/7/03.....Second-year **RB KEVIN JONES** rushed for 15 yards last week, topping 1,500 career (1,514) in 23 games.....**WR MIKE WILLIAMS** ties for 4th among NFL rookies with 19 receptions (224 receiving yards). **WR SCOTTIE VINES** has led or tied for team lead in receptions in 3 consecutive games. Had 1st career 100-yard receiving game (109 yards) vs. Vikings (9 receptions).....Among TEs with 20+ receptions, **MARCUS POLLARD** ranks 2nd with 14.1 yards per catch avg. (20 for 281).....Defense ranks 2nd in NFL with 5.3 INT pct. (13 INT, 246 att).....Club ties for 3rd in NFL with 20 takeaways & ties for 2nd in league with 13 INTs.....**DE KALIMBA EDWARDS** has 6 sacks & needs 1 for career high. Has 2 multiple-sack games in '05.....**LB EARL HOLMES** leads club with 56 tackles & seeks 7th consecutive 100-tackle season.

HOUSTON TEXANS (1-7) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (8-0)

SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>COLTS</u>
LEADER		7-0
STREAKS		7-0
COACHES VS. OPP.	Capers: 2-7	Dungy: 7-0
LAST WEEK	L 21-14 at Jaguars	W 40-21 at Patriots
LAST GAME	10/23/05: Colts 38 at Texans 20. Indianapolis RB Edgerrin James rushes for 139 yards & 2 TDs as Colts give head coach Tony Dungy 100th career victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/14/04: Colts 49, Texans 14. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning passes for 5 TDs & Colts' defense records 5 sacks & 4 turnovers, including 2 scores.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	Carr: 117-192-1,126-7-6-76.4	Manning: 167-241-1,872-14 (T2C)-6-101.2 (3L)
RUSHING	Davis: 141-547-3.9-1	James: 197-905 (1C)-4.6-8 (2C)
RECEIVING	Gaffney: 30-302-10.1-1	Wayne: 46-561-12.2-3
OFFENSE	216.8	366.1 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	-7	+9 (T2C)
DEFENSE	364.8	279.1 (2C)
SACKS	Payne: 3.0	Mathis: 9.0 (1L)
INTs	T. Evans, Robinson: 1	June: 5 (2L)
PUNTING	Stanley: 40.4	Smith: 43.3
KICKING	K. Brown: 39 (9/9 PAT; 10/12 FG)	Vanderjagt: 55 (28/28 PAT; 9/10 FG)

NOTES

TEXANS: QB **DAVID CARR** has either rushed or passed for TD in 12 consecutive games.....In 5 career games vs. IND, RB **DOMANICK DAVIS** has at least 98 rush yds & 1 TD in each, including 3 multi-TD games. Davis (8) is 3rd among AFC RBs in 3rd down receptions & is 1 of 5 AFC players with 10+ 1st downs rushing (21) & receiving (10).....In past 4 vs. division on road, WR **ANDRE JOHNSON** has 23 catches for 262 yds (11.4 avg.) & 1 TD. In his 1st game since Wk. 5, Johnson caught 9 passes for 91 yds last Sunday. TE **MARK BRUENER** to play in 150th career game. Offense has scored TD in 28 consecutive games.....Rookie DE **TRAVIS JOHNSON** recorded 1st career sack last wk. at JAX. DT **SETH PAYNE** has sack in 3 of past 4 games. CB **DUNTA ROBINSON** intercepted IND QB Manning in previous mtg. (10/23).....Rookie WR-KR **JEROME MATHIS** (30.4) is No. 2 in NFL KR avg. & had franchise-long 89-yd KR-TD in 1st mtg.....**COLTS:** Club is NFL's lone unbeaten team & seeks 1st 9-0 start in franchise history. Team is 17-4 (.810) vs. AFC South rivals.....Head coach **TONY DUNGY** (7-0) has never lost to Texans.....In 7 career games vs. HOU – all wins – QB **PEYTON MANNING** has 114.0 passer rating with 16 TDs vs. 4 INTs on 149 of 211 passing (70.6 pct.). Manning (230) needs 3 TD passes to surpass HOFer **STEVE YOUNG** (232) for 18th on all-time list.....RB **EDGERRIN JAMES** has 20+ carries in 7 career games vs. HOU & has 4 100s in those 7. RB James (9) & WR **MARVIN HARRISON** (7) have 16 TDs combined, which is more than 12 teams. WR **REGGIE WAYNE** has 6+ catches in 5 of past 6, including 9 catches in consecutive games. Wayne caught 9 passes at HOU in last mtg.....Defense (12.3) tied w/ CHI for fewest points allowed per game; last season through 8 games, Colts allowed 25.8 points/game (No. 28 in NFL). Club has 5 sacks vs. QB Carr in each of past 3 mtgs. DE **ROBERT MATHIS** has sack in 8 consecutive games & can tie **KEVIN GREENE** (9) & **BRUCE SMITH** (9) for 2nd-longest such streak since 1982 (**SIMON FLETCHER**, 10).

BALTIMORE RAVENS (2-6) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (5-3)**SERIES**

	<u>RAVENS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
LEADER		8-6
STREAKS	Past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Billick: 6-2	Del Rio: 0-1
LAST WEEK	L 21-9 vs. Bengals	W 21-14 vs. Texans
LAST GAME	11/2/03: Jaguars 17 at Ravens 24. Baltimore's defense forces 3 turnovers in 2nd half & Ravens QB Kyle Boller throws 33-yard TD to TE Todd Heap.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/25/01: Ravens 24, Jaguars 21. Baltimore QB Elvis Grbac throws game-winning 3-yard TD pass to TE Shannon Sharpe with 9 seconds remaining.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Don Criqui, Steve Beuerlein	

STATS

PASSING	Boller: 164-266-1,582-6-9-71.7	Leftwich: 135-232-1,636-11-5-86.8
RUSHING	J. Lewis: 145-436-3.0-1	Taylor: 139-614-4.4-2
RECEIVING	Mason: 49 (3C)-552-11.3-1	J. Smith: 29-483-16.7-4
OFFENSE	292.1	317.6
TAKE/GIVE	-8	+7
DEFENSE	262.5 (1C)	288.9 (3C)
SACKS	Thomas: 4.0	Hayward, Spicer: 5.5
INTs	4 tied: 1	Mathis: 4 (T3L)
PUNTING	Zastudil: 43.8	Hanson: 43.8
KICKING	Stover: 55 (7/7 PAT; 16/20 FG)	Scobee: 48 (15/15 PAT; 11/15 FG)

NOTES

RAVENS: Club has won 6 in row vs. Jaguars. Team is 34-19 (.642) in Nov.-Dec./Jan. games under head coach **BRIAN BILLICK** (since 1999).....**QB KYLE BOLLER** won only career start vs. Jags. Has won 3 of past 4 in Nov. & has 30+ pass att. in each of those 4In 2 career starts vs. JAX, **RB JAMAL LEWIS** has 187 rush yds (93.5 avg.). In past 16 games, **RB CHESTER TAYLOR** averages 4.4 yds/carry (139 for 618) & has catch in 15 of those games.....**WR DERRICK MASON** (49) & **TE TODD HEAP** (37) combine for 86 receptions – most in NFL by WR-TE duo. Mason has TD catch in 3 of past 4 November games. **TE TODD HEAP** (2,500) needs 97 scrimmage yards to surpass former Raven **MICHAEL JACKSON** (2,596) for 7th-most in club history.....**T JONATHAN OGDEN** to make 145th career start..... Defense ranks No. 1 in AFC (262.5 yds) & is 1 of 3 teams in league (CHI, TB) to stand in NFL's top 10 vs. rush (No. 10) & pass (No. 4). **LB ADALIUS THOMAS** has sack or INT in 5 of past 6 games. **CB SAMARI ROLLE** has 8 INTs in 11 career starts vs. JAX.....**JAGUARS:** Head coach **JACK DEL RIO** was BALT LB coach from 1999-01 & helped team win SB XXXV in '00. Club aims for 2nd 6-3 start in as many seasons, which would mark 1st time since 1998-99 that team began consecutive seasons 6-3 or better.....**QB BYRON LEFTWICH** is 2-0 vs. AFC North on season w/3 TDs vs. 1 INT. Last wk vs. HOU, Leftwich was 11 for 11 in 2nd half for 162 yds & TD.....Club is 14-5 (.737) when **RB FRED TAYLOR** has 25+ carries, incl. playoffs. Taylor posted career-long catch (78-TD) vs. BALT on 11/1/98.....**WR JIMMY SMITH** has 7+ catches in 7 of past 8 vs. BALT, including career-best 15 receptions & 291 yds on 9/10/00 at BALT. In past 2 games, **WR ERNEST WILFORD** has 10 catches for 234 yds & 2 TDs.....Defense No. 3 in NFL in 3rd down conversion pct. (30.7 pct.; 31 of 101). **DE REGGIE HAYWARD** has 18.0 sacks in 27 career starts. **CB RASHEAN MATHIS** has 3 INTs in past 3 games. In 14 career games vs. BALT's WR Mason, team has not allowed 100 rec. yds

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (4-4) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (3-5)

SERIES

	<u>PATRIOTS</u>	<u>DOLPHINS</u>
LEADER		45-31
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Belichick: 5-7	Saban: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 40-21 vs. Colts	L 17-10 vs. Falcons
LAST GAME	12/20/04: Patriots 28 at Dolphins 29. Miami QB A.J. Feeley completes 21-yard TD pass to WR Derrius Thompson with 1:23 remaining to lead Dolphins past Patriots on Monday night.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/20/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Brady: 179-282-2,285 (T1C)-12-4-97.0	Frerotte: 140-267-1,512-8-9-65.3
RUSHING	Dillon: 126-441-3.5-7 (T3C)	Brown: 126-611-4.8-3
RECEIVING	Branch: 45-587 (3C)-13.0-3	Chambers: 30-417-13.9-3
OFFENSE	353.5	305.3
TAKE/GIVE	-7	-4
DEFENSE	370.9	313.4
SACKS	Colvin, McGinest, Vlabel: 2.5	Carter, Taylor: 4.0
INTs	Vlabel: 2	Schulters: 2
PUNTING	Miller: 46.8 (1C)	D. Jones: 44.1
KICKING	Vinatieri: 48 (21/22 PAT; 9/13 FG)	Mare: 54 (15/15 PAT; 13/15 FG)

NOTES

HEAD COACHES BILL BELICHICK (NE) & **NICK SABAN** (MIA) worked together for 4 years in Cleveland. Belichick was Browns' head coach while Saban served as club's defensive coordinator.....**PATRIOTS**: Team is 39-6 (.867) after Nov. 1 since 2001, including playoffs, best record in NFL in that span. Club is 21-6 (.778) vs. AFC East since start of 2001.....

QB TOM BRADY has won 4 of past 5 in series & has 2+ TDs in 4 of past 6 starts vs. MIA. Club ranks No. 1 in AFC in pass offense (275.9).....In 3 career starts vs. MIA, **RB COREY DILLON** has 325 rush yds (108.3 avg.) on 66 carries (4.9 yds per carry).....**WRs DEION BRANCH** (45) & **DAVID GIVENS** (44) are 1 of 2 AFC WR duos to each post 40+ catches (**MARVIN HARRISON**, 46; **REGGIE WAYNE** 46). **WR TROY BROWN** recorded career-long 82-yd catch (TD) at MIA on 10/19/03 in OT. Redzone offense stands tied for 5th in NFL at 62.5 pct. (15 TDs in 24 trips).....All 45 Patriots saw action in last week's game vs. IND.....In past 5 vs. MIA, **LB TEDY BRUSCHI** has 3 PDs, including 5-yd INT-TD, & 2 FFs. **LB WILLIE MC GINEST** has at least 0.5 sack in 3 of past 4 vs. MIA.....**DOLPHINS**: In 1 career start vs. NE (10/13/96), **QB GUS FREROTTE** passed for 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs, completing 18 of 33 (54.5 pct.) for 280 yds & 103.1 passer rating in victory. Frerotte has 2 TD passes in 2 of 4 home games & is on pace for 2nd career 3,000+ passing yd season (1,512).....Rookie **RB RONNIE BROWN** (736) is 8th in AFC scrimmage yds & leads rookies. Brown is 5 of 5 on 3rd & 1 rush attempts for 1st down; only SEA's **SHAUN ALEXANDER** (7 of 7) has more with 1.000 pct. Brown aims to be only 2nd rookie to rush for 100 yds vs. Belichick-led Patriots (**CLINTON PORTIS**, 111, 10/27/02).....Among players w/ 19+ catches, **WR MARTY BOOKER** is 5th in AFC w/ 16.1-yd avg. **WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** has 2 TDs on 16 receptions in past 4 vs. NE.....**DE JASON TAYLOR** has at least 1.0 sack in 4 consecutive home games vs. NE & has 5.0 sacks in those 4. In 2 career home games vs. NE, **DE DAVID BOWENS** has 1.0 sack in each & also notched 2 PDs in last mtg. **DE VONNIE HOLLIDAY** to play in 100th career game.....PR coverage unit stands No. 3 in NFL, allowing 4.4-yd avg.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (3-5) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (6-2)**SERIES**

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	<u>GIANTS</u>
LEADER	9-8	
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Tice: 0-3	Coughlin: 2-1
LAST WEEK	W 27-14 vs. Lions	W 24-6 at 49ers
LAST GAME	10/31/04: Giants 34 at Vikings 13. New York RB Tiki Barber rushes for 101 yards & 2 TDs as Giants race to 34-0 lead.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/99: Vikings 34, Giants 17. Minnesota WR Randy Moss throws 27-yard TD pass to WR Cris Carter that helps earn Vikings 7th postseason appearance in 8 years.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	B. Johnson: 28-51-298-3-0-91.8	Manning: 133-258-1,811-14(T3C)-5-84.3
RUSHING	Moore: 92-368-4.0-1	Barber: 152-760(3C)-5.0-5
RECEIVING	Wiggins (TE): 36-306-8.5-0	Burress: 45-656-14.6-5
OFFENSE	302.1	340.4
TAKE/GIVE	-6	+13 (2L)
DEFENSE	352.1	341.8
SACKS	Johnstone: 4.5	Strahan: 6.5
INTs	Sharper, Winfield: 2	Alexander, Pierce, Williams: 2
PUNTING	Kluwe (R): 47.1 (2L)	Feagles: 44.1
KICKING	Edinger: 50 (11/11 PAT; 13/18 FG)	Feely: 77 (26/26 PAT; 17/18 FG)

NOTES

VIKINGS: Head coach **MIKE TICE** was born in Bayshore, NY & lettered in football, basketball & lacrosse at Central Islip High School on Long Island.....**QB BRAD JOHNSON** needs 4 TD passes for 150 career. Made 100th career start last week & improved to 59-41 (.590) as starter.....**RB MICHAEL BENNETT** rushed for 106 yards vs. Lions. Has 2,878 career rushing yards & needs 122 to become 8th Viking with 3,000 career. Had career high 167 rushing yards vs. Giants on 11/10/02.....**WR MARCUS ROBINSON** leads team with 349 yards receiving (20 catches). First-round **WR TROY WILLIAMSON** ranks 1st among NFL rookies with 276 receiving yards, avgng. 15.3 yards per catch.....**TE JERMAINE WIGGINS** leads team with 36 catches & needs 4 for 2nd consecutive 40-catch season.....**DE LANCE JOHNSTONE** had 2 sacks vs. Lions. Has 67 career sacks & needs 3 to become 10th active player with 70.....**P CHRIS KLUWE** ranks 2nd in NFL with 47.1-yard avg. & 4th with 40.1 yard net avg.....**GIANTS:** Seek 3rd 7-2 start since '90. Both previous 7-2 seasons ('90, '00) concluded with Super Bowl appearance. Club leads NFL with 29.1 points per game & ranks 2nd with +13 turnover ratio.....Need win to join Bears (665) & Packers (637) as only franchises with 600 total victories.....**QB ELI MANNING** has TD pass in 9 consecutive games, longest current streak in NFL. Has 91.2 4th quarter passer rating, 9th in league..... **RB TIKI BARBER** has 58 career TDs & needs 2 to join **FRANK GIFFORD** (78) & **JOE MORRISON** (65) as only Giants ever with 60. Fourth-round **RB BRANDON JACOBS** ranks 2nd among NFL rookies with 5 TDs.....**WR PLAXICO BURRESS** has 45 catches (656 yards) & is on pace for career best 90. **WR AMANI TOOMER** is Giants all-time leader with 493 receptions & needs 7 for 500 career.....**JEREMY SHOCKEY** ranks 2nd among NFL TEs with 530 receiving yards (32 catches). His 16.6 yards per catch avg. ranks 1st among TEs with 10+ catches.....Defense has gone 9 consecutive quarters without allowing TD.....**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** has 124.5 career sacks & needs 2.5 to pass **DERRICK THOMAS** (126.5) for 10th in NFL history. **DE OSI UMENYIORA** has 6 sacks & needs 1.5 for career high.

NEW YORK JETS (2-6) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (6-2)

SERIES

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>PANTHERS</u>
LEADER	2-1	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 1-0	Fox: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 31-26 vs. Chargers	W 34-14 at Buccaneers
LAST GAME	10/28/01: Jets 13 at Panthers 12. New York K John Hall's 34-yard FG with 4:53 remaining lifts Jets to victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/28/01	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:05 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts	

STATS

PASSING	Bollinger: 37-68-349-2-0-78.6	Delhomme: 131-218-1,893-14(T3C)-8-94.5 (2C)
RUSHING	Martin: 158-533-3.4-5	S. Davis: 133-406-3.1-11 (3L)
RECEIVING	Coles: 41-449-11.0-2	S. Smith: 55(1L)-903(1L)-16.4-9 (1L)
OFFENSE	246.0	321.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+5 (3C)
DEFENSE	315.3	305.8
SACKS	Abraham: 5.5	Rucker: 6.0
INTs	Law: 4 (T3L)	Gamble: 3
PUNTING	Graham (R): 44.1	Baker: 43.3
KICKING	Nugent (R): 34 (13/13 PAT; 7/11 FG)	Kasay: 58 (25/26 PAT; 11/15 FG)

NOTES

JETS: Are 12-5 (.706) under head coach **HERMAN EDWARDS** in Nov, including 7-2 (.778) mark on road. Have won 4 of past 6 vs. NFC.....Last wk. vs. SD, **QB BROOKS BOLLINGER** threw for 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs on 11 of 20 (55 pct.) passing for 106 yds & 103.3 rating. Bollinger has 0 INTs in 77 career pass atts.....**RB CURTIS MARTIN** has 456 scrimmage yards (354 rush, 102 rec.) & 4 TDs in 3 career meetings (152.0 per game). Martin averages 118 rush yards per game vs. Car & needs 100-yard game to tie HOFer **JIM BROWN** (58) for 6th all-time.....**WR LAVERANUES COLES** has 4+ catches in 14 consecutive Nov games & ties for 2nd-most 3rd down catches (14) in AFC. In career, 115 of **WR JUSTIN MC CAREINS'** 145 receptions result in 1st down (79.3 pct.).....In past 12 vs. NFC, **DE SHAUN ELLIS** has 14.5 sacks. Has 0.5+ sacks in 11 of those 12.....**LB JOHN ABRAHAM** had 1 sack in only meeting. Jets are 20-13 (.606) when Abraham has 1+ sack. **CB TY LAW** has faced Car 2 times (w/NE) – had 46-yard INT-TD in reg. season meeting & 5 tackles & 1 PD in SB XXXVIII win. Tied for 3rd in NFL with 4 INTs.....**PANTHERS:** Seek 6th consecutive win.....Offense leads NFL with 76.9 red zone TD pct. (20 TDs, 26 trips).....**JOHN FOX** has 34 wins as club's head coach, 18 by 7 points or less.....In club's 5 game winning streak, **QB JAKE DELHOMME** has multiple TD passes or 100+ passer rating in each game. Ranks 3rd in NFL with 106.1 4th quarter passer rating. Has 7 300-yard passing games with Panthers & needs 1 more to tie **STEVE BEUERLEIN** for franchise record.....**RB STEPHEN DAVIS** has team single season record 11 rushing TDs. Among RBs with 10+ catches, **DE SHAUN FOSTER** leads NFL with 14.1-yards per catch avg. (15 catches).....**WR STEVE SMITH** seeks 5th consecutive 100-yard receiving game. Leads NFL with 14 catches of 20+ yards. Is on pace for 1,806 receiving yards, which would be 2nd best single season total in league history..... Defense ranks 1st in NFL allowing 74 rushing yards per game.....Club has 20 takeaways, tied for 3rd most in NFL.....**CB CHRIS GAMBLE** leads club with 3 INTs & scored on 61-yard INT return vs. Buccaneers.

DENVER BRONCOS (6-2) AT OAKLAND RAIDERS (3-5)

SERIES

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
LEADER		53-34-2
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 15-5	Turner: 1-3
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 8: W 49-21 vs. Eagles)	L 27-23 at Chiefs
LAST GAME	11/28/04: Raiders 25 at Broncos 24. Oakland QB Kerry Collins passes for 4 TDs & Raiders hold on to win when Oakland's Langston Walker blocks FG with 17 seconds left.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/17/04: Broncos 31, Raiders 3. Denver QB Jake Plummer passes for 3 TDs & Broncos RB Reuben Droughns rushes for 176 yards with 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:05 PM PT): Dick Enberg, Dan Dierdorf, Armen Keteyian (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Plummer: 144-242-1,644-12-3-91.3	Collins: 157-283-2,057-12-3-88.3
RUSHING	Mi. Anderson: 133-604-4.5-4	Jordan: 154-592-3.8-7 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Smith: 42-559-13.3-3	Jordan (RB): 40-339-8.5-2
OFFENSE	368.1 (1C)	334.5
TAKE/GIVE	+9 (T2C)	+1
DEFENSE	332.8	335.9
SACKS	Warren: 2.0	Burgess: 7.0 (3C)
INTs	Bailey: 3	Sapp: 1
PUNTING	Sauerbrun: 45.5	Lechler: 46.6 (2C)
KICKING	Elam: 57 (24/24 PAT; 11/17 FG)	Janikowski: 57 (18/18 PAT; 13/17 FG)

NOTES

BRONCOS: Club is 12-4 (.750) in game following bye. Head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN** is 15-5 (.750) vs. former team (LA Raiders head coach for 20 games, 1988-89).....In last game, Broncos became 1st team in NFL history to have 300-yard passer (**QB JAKE PLUMMER**) & 2 100-yard rushers (**RBs MIKE ANDERSON & TATUM BELL**) in same game. QB Plummer has won all 3 starts at OAK with 5 TDs vs. 2 INTs. Has not thrown INT in past 6 games (171 attempts) & has 11 TDs with 108.4 passer rating in those 6.....Club is 12-2 (.857) when RB Anderson has 20+ carries. In those 14, Anderson has 1,900 yards (135.7 per game) & 19 TDs. In past 4, RB Bell averaging 8.7 yards per carry & 102.0 per game (47 att., 408 yards).....**WR ROD SMITH** (65) needs 1 TD to pass **TERRELL DAVIS** for most in franchise history. Smith has 9 receiving TDs vs. OAK, his most vs. any team. **WR ASHLEY LELIE** had career-best 8 catches vs. OAK (11/11/02) & 2 of his 4 career 100-yard games are vs. Raiders.....**S JOHN LYNCH** has caused turnover in each of past 2 meetings (1 INT, 1 FF). **CB CHAMP BAILEY** has 2 of 3 INTs on road.....**RAIDERS:** Team has scored 23+ points in 3 consecutive games. Team last scored 23+ points in 4 games in row in 2002 when team advanced to SB XXXVII.....**QB KERRY COLLINS** has 283 pass attempts on season for 12 TDs & only 3 INTs for NFL-low INT pct. of 1.1.....**RB LA MONT JORDAN** already has career-high 931 scrimmage yds, ranking him 4th in NFL. Club is 3-0 when Jordan has 20+ carries, 0-5 when he does not.....In last mtg, **WR JERRY PORTER** caught 3 TD passes for 1st time in career..... Defense has never allowed 100-yard receiving game to DEN WR Smith (20 meetings). Defense has had at least 1 player register 2.0+ sacks in 5 consecutive games (**DE DERRICK BURGESS**, Wks. 4, 6-7; **DT WARREN SAPP**, Wk. 8; **DE TOMMY KELLY**, Wk. 9).....**P SHANE LECHLER** has 50+ yd punt in 29 gms in row, longest active streak in NFL. Team stands No. 3 in NFL in avg. drive start after KOs (30.8). Rookie **CB-KR-PR CHRIS CARR** is 5th AFC w/ 25.1 KR avg.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (5-3) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (5-3)**SERIES**

	<u>REDSKINS</u>	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>
LEADER	7-5	
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gibbs: 3-0	Gruden: 1-2
LAST WEEK	W 17-10 vs. Eagles	L 34-14 vs. Panthers
LAST GAME	9/12/04: Buccaneers 10 at Redskins 16. Washington RB Clinton Portis rushes for 64-yard TD on 1st carry with Redskins to lead team to victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/8/96: Buccaneers 24, Redskins 10. Tampa Bay QB Trent Dilfer throws 22-yard TD pass to TE Jackie Harris & RB Mike Alstott rushes 13 yards for TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Brunell: 148-255-1,781-12-3-90.3	Simms: 52-86-592-2-4-69.5
RUSHING	Portis: 148-620-4.2-4	Williams (R): 123-496-4.0-2
RECEIVING	Moss: 49(3C)-856(2L)-17.5-5	Galloway: 44-731-16.6-6 (T3L)
OFFENSE	342.6	310.1
TAKE/GIVE	-9	-1
DEFENSE	289.8	236.9 (1L)
SACKS	Griffin: 3.0	Rice: 5.0
INTs	Clark: 2	Kelly: 3
PUNTING	Frost: 41.9	Bidwell: 47.3 (1L)
KICKING	Hall: 14 (2/2 PAT; 4/4 FG)	M. Bryant: 48 (15/15 PAT; 11/13 FG)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES 2 OF 8 ACTIVE HEAD COACHES TO HAVE WON SUPER BOWL – JOE GIBBS (SB XVII, XXII, XXVI) & **JON GRUDEN** (SB XXXVII).....**REDSKINS: QB MARK BRUNELL** has 3 INTs in 255 att. for 1.2 INT pct, 3rd best in NFL. Has 93.5 passer rating on 3rd downs, 7th in NFL. Has 94+ passer rating in 3 of past 4 games.....**RB CLINTON PORTIS** rushed for 148 yards in last meeting. Club has 7-1 record when Portis rushes for 100 yards.....**WR SANTANA MOSS** needs 144 yards for 2nd career 1,000 yard receiving season. Ranks 2nd in NFL with 18 3rd down receptions (254 yards). Avgs. 21.3 yards per catch on 1st downs (11 for 234).....Second-year **TE CHRIS COOLEY** has 35 receptions, tied for 3rd among NFC TEs, & needs 3 to surpass rookie total. **MIKE SELLERS** ties for 4th among NFL TEs with 4 TD catches.....Defense allows 15 1st downs per game, 4th in NFL.....**LB LA VAR ARRINGTON** tied for team lead with 6 tackles last week. Has 10+ tackles or sack in all 3 career games vs. Bucs.....Club leads NFL in holding opponents to 19.5-yard avg. on KR.....**BUCCANEERS: Seek 5th consecutive home win vs. Wash, including playoffs.....QB CHRIS SIMMS** has 250+ passing yards in past 2 games.....**RB CARNELL “CADILLAC” WILLIAMS** ranks 2nd among NFL rookies with 496 rushing yards. **RB MICHAEL PITTMAN** avgs. 5.4 yards per carry (50-271).....Among NFL’s top 15 in receptions, **WR JOEY GALLOWAY** ranks 2nd with 16.6 yards per catch avg. Seeks TD in 4th consecutive game & has 11 TD receptions in past 13 games. Second-year **WR MICHAEL CLAYTON** has 1,468 receiving yards & needs 32 for 1,500 career. Avgs. 61.2 receiving yards per game in 24 career games.....Rookie 3rd round **TE ALEX SMITH** ties for 4th among rookies with 19 receptions (177 yards).....Defense ranks 1st overall (236.9), 2nd vs. run (75.9) & pass (161.0).....**DE SIMEON RICE** has 110 career sacks & needs 3.5 to pass **SEAN JONES** (113) for 13th all time.....**RONDE BARBER** needs 1 sack to become 1st cornerback in NFL history with 20+ sacks & INTs.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (1-7) AT ATLANTA FALCONS (6-2)**SERIES**

	<u>PACKERS</u>	<u>FALCONS</u>
LEADER	11-10	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Sherman: 1-2	Mora: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 20-10 vs. Steelers	W 17-10 at Dolphins
LAST GAME	9/8/02: Falcons 34 at Packers 37 (OT). Green Bay's Ryan Longwell kicks 34-yard FG with 5:15 remaining in OT for Packers victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/4/92: Falcons 24, Packers 10. Atlanta QB Chris Miller throws 3 TDs, including 2 to WR Andre Rison, in Falcons victory.	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston & Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Favre: 194-296-2,064(2C)-15(3L)-14-82.9	Vick: 88-157-951-6-6-70.8
RUSHING	Fisher: 31-71-2.3-1	Dunn:160-820(2C)-5.1-3
RECEIVING	Driver: 41-596-14.5-3	Crumpler (TE): 33-440-13.3-2
OFFENSE	323.0	333.9
TAKE/GIVE	-9	+6 (2C)
DEFENSE	296.4	322.0
SACKS	Gbaja-Biamila: 3.5	Coleman: 7.0 (T2C)
INTs	Carroll, Harris: 2	D. Hall: 4 (T3L)
PUNTING	Sander: 42.3	Koenen (R): 42.6
KICKING	Longwell: 38 (17/18 PAT; 7/11 FG)	Peterson: 53 (20/20 PAT; 11/11 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS MEET IN ATLANTA FOR 1ST TIME SINCE '92.....PACKERS: Offensive line has yielded 10 sacks, tied for 2nd fewest in NFL.....**QB BRETT FAVRE** needs 5 TD passes to extend his NFL record streak of 11 consecutive 20-TD-pass seasons. Has started 213 games in row, 4th longest recorded streak of consecutive starts all time. Threw 1st NFL pass as member of Falcons on 11/10/91 vs. Wash after 2nd round selection by Atl in '91 draft.....Rookie FA **RB SAM GADO** scored 1st career TD (1 yard run) last week, rushing for 62 yards.....**WR DONALD DRIVER** is on pace to become 4th player in franchise history with 3 career 1,000-yard receiving seasons (1,192). **WR ANTONIO CHATMAN** has career highs with 27 receptions & 326 receiving yards.....**TE BUBBA FRANKS** needs TD to join **PAUL COFFMAN** (39) as only Packer TEs with 30 career.....Defense holds foes to 3.6 yards per rush, 6th in NFL. Unit held Pitt to 0 of 8 on 3rd down conversion atts..... **DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** has 54 career sacks & needs 1.5 to pass **TIM HARRIS** (55) for 2nd in team history.....**P B.J. SANDER** ranks 9th in NFL with net avg. of 38.9 yards.....**FALCONS:** Club has 11-2 record at home, including playoffs, under head coach **JIM MORA**.....Club ranks 1st in NFL with 184.9 rushing yards per game & 3rd with 5.2-yard per rush avg.....**QB MICHAEL VICK** had a personal season high 71.0 comp. pct. (22 of 31) last week (min. 10 att), passing for his '05 best 228 yards. Leads NFL QBs with 340 yards rushing.....**RB WARRICK DUNN** needs 180 rushing yards for his 2nd consecutive & 4th career 1,000-yard rushing season. Is 1 of 3 RBs avging. 100+ yards per game (102.5) & ties for 2nd in NFL with 7 runs of 20+ yards.....**BRIAN FINNERAN** leads club WRs with 27 catches & 330 yards.....**ALGE CRUMPLER** ranks 4th among NFL TEs with 440 receiving yards (33).....Defense held Miami to 0 for 9 on 3rd downs & ranks 2nd in NFL limiting foes to 27.6 3rd down conversion pct. (24 of 87).....**CB DE ANGELO HALL** ties for 3rd in NFL & 1st in NFC with 4 INTs. On pace for most by Falcon since **SCOTT CASE** (10) in '88.

ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-4) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (6-2)

SERIES

	<u>RAMS</u>	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>
LEADER	9-5	
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Vitt: 0-0	Holmgren: 8-7
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk 8: W 24-21 vs. Jaguars)	W 33-19 at Cardinals
LAST GAME	10/9/05: Seahawks 37 at Rams 31. Seattle WR Joe Jurevicius posts career-best 9 receptions for 137 yards & TD & RB Shaun Alexander rushes for 119 yards & 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/10/04: Rams 33, Seahawks 27 (OT). St. Louis WR Shaun McDonald catches 52-yard TD pass from QB Marc Bulger in OT as Rams overcome 17-point deficit.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Curt Menefee, JC Pearson, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Bulger: 145-223-1,769-11-8-90.8	Hasselbeck: 164-256-1,877-10-5-90.9 (3C)
RUSHING	S. Jackson: 138-659-4.8-6 (T3C)	Alexander: 175-949(1L)-5.4-14 (1L)
RECEIVING	Holt: 44-638-14.5-4	Engram: 30-340-11.3-0
OFFENSE	369.6 (2L)	387.3 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	-9	+1
DEFENSE	367.8	308.6
SACKS	Little: 4.0	Fisher: 7.0 (T2C)
INTs	Furrey: 2	Babineaux: 3
PUNTING	Barker: 42.7	Rouen: 40.2
KICKING	Wilkins: 56 (23/23 PAT; 11/13 FG)	J. Brown: 58 (25/26 PAT; 11/13 FG)

NOTES

RAMS: Seek 3rd consecutive win vs. Seahawks in Seattle, including playoffs. Offense avgs. 5.9 yards per play, 2nd in NFL.....**QB MARC BULGER** may make 1st start since 10/17. Completes 65 pct. of pass atts, 5th in NFL (145 of 223). Has 4-1 record in past 5 starts vs. Sea, including playoffs, posting 90+ passer rating in 4 of 5.....**RB STEVEN JACKSON** has avgd. 5.6 yards per carry & totaled 190 4th quarter rushing yards. Ties for 4th in NFL with 5 runs of 20+ yards. Ranks 5th among NFL RBs with 218 receiving yards & ties for 5th with 26 catches. **MARSHALL FAULK** has 742 career receptions & needs 8 to become 2nd RB in NFL history with 750 (**LARRY CENTERS**, 827).....**WR TORRY HOLT** has 36 career 100-yard receiving games & needs 100-yard game to tie **LANCE ALWORTH** & **MARVIN HARRISON** for 2nd most in 1st 7 seasons all time (**RANDY MOSS**, 41). Third-year WR **KEVIN CURTIS** has career highs with 34 catches, 536 yards & 4 TDs.....**DE LEONARD LITTLE** has 55.5 career sacks, 3rd in club history since stat was instituted in '82.....

SEAHAWKS: Seek 3rd 7-2 start in franchise history ('99, '84).....Offense ranks 1st in NFL in yards per game (387.3), yards per play (6.1) & yards per rush (5.3).....Have won 17 of past 20 reg-season home games under head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**.....**QB MATT HASSELBECK** has thrown 5 of his 10 TD passes in final 2 minutes of half or game. Has 103.0 passer rating in '05 division games with 3 TDs vs. 0 INT.....**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** needs 1 TD to become 1st player in NFL history with 15+ TDs in 5 consecutive seasons. Needs 51 yards for franchise record 5th 1,000-yard rushing season. With 88-yard TD run last week, joined **AHMAN GREEN**, **BO JACKSON** & **O.J. SIMPSON** as only players ever with 2 88+ yard TD runs.....**WR JOE JUREVICIUS** leads club with career high 5 TD catches.....**JERRAMY STEVENS** is 1 of 8 NFL TEs with 5 catches of 20+ yards.....**DE GRANT WISTROM** totaled 41.5 sacks with Rams from '98-'03 while **DE BRYCE FISHER** needs 2 sacks to top career high established with Rams in '04 (8.5).

SUNDAY NIGHT
CLEVELAND BROWNS (3-5) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (6-2)

SERIES

	<u>BROWNS</u>	<u>STEELERS</u>
LEADER	55-49	
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Crennel: 0-0	Cowher: 17-5
LAST WEEK	W 20-14 vs. Titans	W 20-10 at Packers
LAST GAME	11/14/04: Steelers 24 at Browns 10. Pittsburgh RB Jerome Bettis rushes for 103 yards & 2 TDs as Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger becomes 1st rookie since 1970 to win 1st 7 starts.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/10/04: Steelers 34, Browns 23. Pittsburgh outgains Cleveland in total yards 401-296 & Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger scores 2 TDs.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (8:30 PM ET): Mike Patrick, Paul Maguire, Joe Theismann, Suzy Kolber (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Joel Meyers, John Riggins, Rick Walker (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Dilfer: 148-246-1,717-8-9-76.9	Batch: 9-16-65-0-1-39.8
RUSHING	Droughns: 145-646-4.5-0	Parker: 132-615-4.7-3
RECEIVING	Bryant: 33-481-14.6-2	Ward: 30-424-14.1-5
OFFENSE	303.9	298.5
TAKE/GIVE	-3	+8
DEFENSE	339.6	295.4
SACKS	4 tied: 2.0	Haggans, Porter: 4.0
INTs	Baxter, Bodden, McCutcheon: 2	Hope: 3
PUNTING	Richardson: 41.8	Gardocki: 41.3
KICKING	P. Dawson: 54 (9/10 PAT; 15/16 FG)	Reed: 63 (21/21 PAT; 14/17 FG)

NOTES

AFC'S OLDEST RIVALRY, clubs meet for 107th time (incl. playoffs).....**BROWNS**: Head coach **ROMEO CRENNEL**'s defense in NE had 3 INTs vs. PIT QB Roethlisberger in last year's AFC Championship, most in his career (has only 2 INTs in '05).....In 28 career Nov. starts, **QB TRENT DILFER** is 20-8 (.714) with 39 TDs vs. 23 INTs.....In 12 games with 19+ carries, **RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** averaging 116.6 yards per game (1,399 yards).....**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** attended University of Pittsburgh. Six Browns have TD catch, only 3 teams in AFC teams have more (CIN 8, NE 7, TENN 7). Last wk. vs. TENN, **WR DENNIS NORTHCUTT** (111) posted 4th-highest career scrimmage yd total (80 rec., 31 rush). Northcutt has 2+ catches vs. PIT in 6 games in row.....In past 4 vs. PIT, **CB DAYLON MC CUTCHEON** has 2 INTs, including 75-yd INT-TD. In past 2 vs. PIT, **S CHRIS CROCKER** has 10 tackles, 1.0 sack & INT-TD.....**STEELERS**: Have won 9 of past 10 vs. CLE (incl. playoffs). Head coach **BILL COWHER** is 17-5 (.773) vs. Browns (incl. playoffs). Club has won past 7 vs. AFC North.....In division games, **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** is 7-0 & has 98.2 passer rating in those 7 starts. **QB CHARLIE BATCH** won 1st start w/Steelers last wk. at GB.....**RB JEROME BETTIS** rushed for 103 yards & 2 TDs in last meeting & has 60 career 100-yard games, most among active players. **RB DUCE STALEY** rushed for 76 yds & 1 TD on 15 carries last wk. (5.1 avg.). **RB WILLIE PARKER** has 4 100s with 3 TDs in past 9.....**WR HINES WARD** (535) needs 3 catches to surpass HOFer **JOHN STALLWORTH** (537) for most in club history. Rookie **TE HEATH MILLER** has TD catch in 4 of past 5 games & 5 total TD catches in those games.....**LB JAMES HARRISON** had 1st career sack vs. CLE (11/14/04). Club has 8 players w/ at least 1 INT, tied for most in NFL (NYG).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
DALLAS COWBOYS (5-3) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-4)

SERIES

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>EAGLES</u>
LEADER	50-39	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 11-10	Reid: 10-3
LAST WEEK	Bye (Week 8: W 34-13 vs. Cardinals)	L 17-10 at Redskins
LAST GAME	10/9/05: Eagles 10 at Cowboys 33. Dallas QB Drew Bledsoe leads team to scores on 6 of the 1st 7 drives while defense holds Eagles to 129 total yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/19/04: Eagles 12, Cowboys 7. Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb scrambles 31 yards in final minutes to set up winning 2-yard TD by RB Dorsey Levens.	
BROADCAST	ABC (9:00 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Samantha Ryan (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Bledsoe: 156-244-2,019(3C)-13-6-97.4 (1C)	McNabb: 192-323-2,338(1L)-16(2L)-8-88.0
RUSHING	J. Jones: 112-407-3.6-3	Westbrook: 95-328-3.5-1
RECEIVING	K. Johnson: 37-430-11.6-5	Westbrook: 43-478-11.1-4
OFFENSE	357.8 (3C)	353.8
TAKE/GIVE	+3	+2
DEFENSE	282.6 (3C)	347.9
SACKS	Ellis: 5.0	Kearse: 4.0
INTs	Henry: 3	S. Brown, Sheppard: 2
PUNTING	McBriar: 43.8	Hodges (R): 37.9
KICKING	Suisham (R): 10 (4/4 PAT; 2/2 FG)	Cortez: 52 (16/17 PAT; 12/16 FG)

NOTES

COWBOYS: Offense avgs. 21.1 1st downs per game, 5th in NFL, while defense allows 14.6, 2nd in league.....Head coach **BILL PARCELLS** has 170 career wins & needs 1 to pass **PAUL BROWN** for 9th in NFL history.....**QB DREW BLEDSOE** has 234 career TD passes & needs 4 to pass **GEORGE BLANDA** (236) & **JIM KELLY** (237) for 15th all-time. Avgs. 8.27 yards per pass, 3rd in NFL. Has 95.9 3rd down rating, 5th in NFL.....In 13 games, 2nd-year **RB JULIUS JONES** avgs. 94.3 rush yards per game (1,226 yards). **MARION BARBER** ranks 4th among NFL rookies with 253 rushing yards.....**WR TERRY GLENN** ties for NFL lead with 5 receptions of 40+ yards. Avgs. 18.9 yards per catch, 3rd among players with 20+ receptions. Has 682 rec. yards & is on pace for career best 1,364.....**JASON WITTEN** ranks 2nd among NFL TEs with 13 catches (134 yards) on 3rd downs..... Defense ranks 5th in NFL (282.6).....**LB DE MARCUS WARE** ranks 2nd among NFL rookies with 4 sacks.....**EAGLES:** Seek 7th consecutive win vs. Cowboys at home.....Club has won 8 of its 11 games on Monday nights under head coach **ANDY REID**.....**QB DONOVAN MC NABB** needs 4 TD passes for 4th career 20 TD pass season. Has won 8 of 11 career starts vs. Cowboys.....**BRIAN WESTBROOK** leads NFL RBs with 43 receptions, 478 receiving yards & 5 catches of 20+ yards. Has 100 yards from scrimmage in 2 of past 3 vs. Dal.....Rookie 2nd-round **WR REGGIE BROWN** had 5 catches for 94 yards vs. Redskins, including 1st career TD (56 yards). Third-year **WR GREG LEWIS** has career highs with 31 catches & 341 yards.....**TE L.J. SMITH** ties for 5th among NFL TEs with 36 receptions (361 yards).....Defense holds opponents to 34.8 3rd down conversion rate (39 of 112), 8th in NFL.....**DE JEVON KEARSE** needs 1 sacks for 60 career.....**LB JEREMIAH TROTTER** has sack in 2 of past 4 games vs. Cowboys.....Club holds opponents to 4.4-yard PR avg, 4th in NFL.....**K DAVID AKERS** has hit 17 FGs in row vs. Dal.

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (NOV. 6-7)

Byes: Buffalo, Dallas, Denver, St. Louis
(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, November 6

Cincinnati 21, BALTIMORE 9
CLEVELAND 20, Tennessee 14
JACKSONVILLE 21, Houston 14
KANSAS CITY 27, Oakland 23
Atlanta 17, MIAMI 10
MINNESOTA 27, Detroit 14
San Diego 31, N.Y. JETS 26
Carolina 34, TAMPA BAY 14

Sunday, November 6, cont.'d

Seattle 33, ARIZONA 19
N.Y. Giants 24, SAN FRANCISCO 6
Chicago 20, NEW ORLEANS 17 (Baton Rouge)
Pittsburgh 20, GREEN BAY 10
WASHINGTON 17, Philadelphia 10

Monday, November 7

Indianapolis 40, NEW ENGLAND 21

2005 NFL STANDINGS

<u>AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>							<u>NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>						
<u>East Division</u>							<u>East Division</u>						
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>
New England	4	4	0	.500	180	220	N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.750	233	143
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	128	159	Dallas	5	3	0	.625	181	137
Miami	3	5	0	.375	146	151	Washington	5	3	0	.625	152	149
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	118	170	Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	173	184
<u>North Division</u>							<u>North Division</u>						
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778	210	134	Chicago	5	3	0	.625	139	98
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	189	124	Detroit	3	5	0	.375	131	152
Cleveland	3	5	0	.375	114	136	Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	130	207
Baltimore	2	6	0	.250	97	141	Green Bay	1	7	0	.125	168	159
<u>South Division</u>							<u>South Division</u>						
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>
Indianapolis	8	0	0	1.000	229	98	Atlanta	6	2	0	.750	192	143
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	150	139	Carolina	6	2	0	.750	220	163
Tennessee	2	7	0	.222	175	231	Tampa Bay	5	3	0	.625	140	121
Houston	1	7	0	.125	107	216	New Orleans	2	7	0	.222	142	242
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>
Denver	6	2	0	.750	201	152	Seattle	6	2	0	.750	214	146
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	196	183	St. Louis	4	4	0	.500	208	231
San Diego	5	4	0	.556	252	192	Arizona	2	6	0	.250	146	211
Oakland	3	5	0	.375	185	185	San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	117	246

WEEK 10 NFL SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 13-14

Byes: Cincinnati, New Orleans, San Diego, Tennessee
(All times local)

Sunday, November 13

Kansas City at Buffalo, 1:00 PM
San Francisco at Chicago, 12:00 PM
Arizona at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Houston at Indianapolis, 1:00 PM
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM
New England at Miami, 1:00 PM
Minnesota at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 PM
N.Y. Jets at Carolina, 4:05 PM

Sunday, November 13, cont'd.

Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:15 PM
Denver at Oakland, 1:05 PM
Green Bay at Atlanta, 4:15 PM
St. Louis at Seattle, 1:15 PM
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:30 PM (ESPN)

Monday, November 14

Dallas at Philadelphia, 9:00 PM

