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COLTS SEEK TO JOIN '72 DOLPHINS AS NFL'S ONLY 14-0 TEAMS; THREE SATURDAY NATIONAL TV GAMES HIGHLIGHT PLAYOFF SCRAMBLE

W+W+W+W+W+W+W+W+W+W+W+W+W+W = a chance to match history!

Add up all the Ws the Indianapolis Colts have posted this year and you get 13 in a row to start the season. Add one more "W" this week and one of the NFL's most vaunted records will be equaled – most consecutive wins to start a season. That mark, of course, belongs to the 1972 Miami Dolphins, who went on to compile the NFL's only perfect season – 17-0 – by winning Super Bowl VII.

With three more weeks in the regular season – the most wonderful time of the year! -- the Colts could go 16-0, which would be an NFL regular season first.

But hold on, says their head coach **TONY DUNGY**. "Going 16-0 would be great, but it's not the most important thing," he says. "I like history. I appreciate it. But I just think it's best to not look too far ahead."

Wise thought. History's 13-0 teams have a .500 record when it comes to winning their 14th game (with the Dolphins, ironically, shutting out the Baltimore **Colts** 16-0 on December 16, 1972 to complete their 14-0 season):

13-0 TO 14-0?

TEAM	RECORD	14TH GAME
1934 Chicago Bears	13-0	Season ended at 13th game
1972 Miami Dolphins	13-0	Defeated Baltimore Colts 16-0 (12/16/72)
1998 Denver Broncos	13-0	Lost to New York Giants 20-16 (12/13/98)

Before the Colts go for history on Sunday at home against San Diego, there are three national television games on Saturday with playoff implications. And if the NFL is playing on Saturday, it must be mid-December when the playoff scramble is in full tilt. A rundown of Saturday's games:

- **1:30 PM ET (FOX): TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (9-4) at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (8-5)** – The sunbelt travels to the snowbelt. The last time Tampa Bay head coach **JON GRUDEN** led a warm-weather team into Foxboro, his Oakland Raiders lost to New England in overtime 16-13 on January 19, 2002 in that memorable "tuck/blizzard" Divisional Playoff game. The Bucs face a quarterback, **TOM BRADY**, who is 14-0 in games played in 35 degrees or below. And since 1971, the Pats are 9-0 in games in snowstorms. That all said, the Bucs are 5-2 on the road this year and feature the NFL's leading rookie rusher, **CADILLAC WILLIAMS** (924 yards) -- the third Bucs rookie to run for at least 900 yards (**ERRICT RHETT**, 1994; and **WARRICK DUNN**, 1997). Shaking off early-season injuries, Williams has averaged 102 yards in his last four games.
- **5:00 PM ET (CBS): KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (8-5) at NEW YORK GIANTS (9-4)** – Tiki vs. Larry – two of the top five. That's what it could come down to as night falls on Giants Stadium. "You have to run the ball in December, no matter what," says Chiefs head coach **DICK VERMEIL**. And the game's two main backs definitely can. The Giants' **TIKI BARBER** ranks third in the NFL in rushing (1,357 yards) and has pounded out four 100-yard games in a row. The Chiefs' **LARRY JOHNSON**, No. 4 in the league (1,251), is the hottest RB in 100-yard games, producing six in a row. But...they go against top-10 rush defenses – the Chiefs' No. 6 and the Giants' No. 8. If it all comes down to the fourth quarter, you've got two top-10 quarterbacks leading things – KC's **TRENT GREEN** (No. 3 in fourth quarter, 103.9) and NY's **ELI MANNING** (No. 10, 85.9).
- **8:30 PM ET (ESPN): DENVER BRONCOS (10-3) at BUFFALO BILLS (4-9)** – Buffalo in December shouldn't

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SHAUN TO SET TD RECORD?: Seattle Seahawks running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** – on the cover of this week's *Sports Illustrated* -- is on pace to set the NFL season touchdown record. Alexander leads the league with 23 TDs and is on target to score 28, which would better by one the NFL mark of Kansas City running back **PRIEST HOLMES** in 2003.

bother the Rockies-hardened Broncos. The only thing that could make Denver sweat is not winning. With a victory, they earn a playoff berth. With a win or tie and other scenarios, they can clinch the AFC West (see below). And although the Bills are out of the playoffs, the Broncos and **QB JAKE PLUMMER** will not have an easy time of it. Buffalo ties Chicago for the sixth most takeaways in the league (27). "Buffalo is a tough place to play," says Plummer. "We know it's going to be as hard of a win as we've had all year, but we have to keep stacking them up."

How things stack up in the playoff races in Week 15, with 13 of the 16 games packing playoff implications:

- **AFC EAST:** The reigning Super Bowl champion New England Patriots (8-5) this week can win their third division championship in the past four years (which, of course, coincides with their Super Bowl title count in that time). After eight successive weeks of following a win with a loss, the Pats have won four of their past five. "We're starting to roll," says New England **DL RICHARD SEYMOUR**.

The Patriots this Saturday against Tampa Bay can clinch the AFC East with:

1. NE win, OR
2. MIA loss, OR
3. NE tie + MIA tie.

The Miami Dolphins (6-7) are still in playoff contention but cannot clinch a berth this week. Buffalo and the New York Jets have been eliminated from the playoff race.

- **AFC NORTH:** The Cincinnati Bengals (10-3) have won their most games since their last Super Bowl season (12-4 in 1988; SB XXIII) and this week in Detroit can capture their first division title since 1990. "It feels good to get 10 wins," says 10-year Bengals **T WILLIE ANDERSON**. "We still have to finish it off."

The Bengals take the AFC North crown this Sunday with:

1. CIN win, OR
2. PIT loss, OR
3. CIN tie + PIT tie.

Cincinnati can clinch its first playoff berth since 1990 with:

1. CIN tie + KC loss + SD loss.
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The Pittsburgh Steelers (8-5) propelled themselves back into the playoff hunt last Sunday with a 21-9 victory over Chicago, but cannot clinch a postseason berth this week. Baltimore and Cleveland have been eliminated.

- **AFC SOUTH:** The Indianapolis Colts (13-0) have clinched it all by winning homefield advantage throughout the playoffs. It is the Colts' first top-seed position since the NFL went to that system in 1975. "We will not let down," says Indy **DT MONTAE REAGOR**. "We don't want to lose. A 13-0 record doesn't guarantee us anything."

The Jacksonville Jaguars have the fourth most wins in the conference (9-4) and this week can earn their first playoff berth since they were the AFC's top seed in 1999 with:

1. JAX win + PIT loss + KC loss + SD loss + DEN win or tie, OR
2. JAX win + PIT loss + KC loss + SD loss + DEN clinches strength of victory tiebreaker over PIT.
Strength of victory: The season-ending winning percentage of all opponents a team has defeated.

Houston and Tennessee have been eliminated from playoff contention.

- **AFC WEST:** A tight race here with three clubs in contention with games against each other still scheduled.

The division-leading Denver Broncos (10-3) pace the Kansas City Chiefs (8-5) and San Diego Chargers (8-5) by two games with three to go. The Broncs this week can win their first division crown since the year they started 13-0 (1998) and went on to win their second consecutive Super Bowl (XXXIII). "The division title is big," says Denver **DE TREVOR PRYCE**, "but it's not the title we want." The Broncos cop the division with:

1. DEN win + KC loss or tie + SD loss or tie, OR
2. DEN tie + KC loss + SD loss.

The Broncos can clinch their third playoff berth in a row with:

1. DEN win, OR
2. DEN tie + PIT loss or tie + KC loss, OR
3. DEN tie + PIT loss or tie + SD loss, OR
4. PIT loss + KC loss +SD loss.

The Chargers and Chiefs cannot earn playoff berths this week. Oakland has been eliminated.

- **NFC EAST:** Three teams in contention here too, with one able to take a playoff spot this week.

The New York Giants (9-4) are in the lead by one game over the Dallas Cowboys (8-5) and by two over the Washington Redskins (7-6). And the teams will play somewhat of a round-robin in the next three weeks. Dallas meets Washington this week and the Giants face the Redskins in Week 16. Then Washington finishes the season against the fourth division team, Philadelphia.

“We’re on top of the division and we’re pushing towards the playoffs,” says Giants **RB TIKI BARBER**. “But we have to keep getting better.” This week, the Giants can earn their first playoff berth in three years with:

1. NYG win + DAL-WASH tie + CAR loss + ATL loss.
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The Cowboys and Redskins cannot clinch playoff berths this week. Philadelphia has been eliminated.

- **NFC NORTH:** Another close one, even more so with the loss by the Chicago Bears (9-4) to Pittsburgh last Sunday and the sixth consecutive win by the Minnesota Vikings (8-5). These two conclude the season against each other on January 1, so hold on.

“It’s hard not to look ahead,” says Vikings **WR KOREN ROBINSON**. “You have to stay focused and understand that if we don’t handle our business, regardless of what the Bears do, we’re going to miss the playoffs.”

The Bears can make those playoffs this week with:

1. CHI win + NYG loss + DAL loss, OR
2. CHI win + DAL-WASH tie + CAR loss.

The Vikings cannot earn a playoff spot in Week 15. Detroit and Green Bay have been eliminated.

- **NFC SOUTH:** Things are so tight here, nobody can break away this week into the playoffs. The Carolina Panthers (9-4) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers (9-4) are knotted for first, thanks to the Bucs’ victory over the Panthers last week. With their win over New Orleans Monday night, the Atlanta Falcons (8-5) are only one game behind the leaders. And each team plays a division game in the final two weeks of the season.

“We’ve got to work for three more weeks,” says Carolina **S MIKE MINTER**, speaking really for all three clubs. “We’ve got to go out and take care of these next three weeks like it’s the playoffs.”

New Orleans has been eliminated from playoff contention.

- **NFC WEST:** It’s all the Seattle Seahawks (11-2) here, with the second-best record in the league, and with their eyes on a home meeting against the team with the best record in the league, Indianapolis, in Week 16.

But first, there are good things that can be accomplished in Tennessee this Sunday. “We’re playing for something more important this week than the Colts’ game,” says Seattle head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**. “We’re playing for homefield advantage and a first round bye.” Indeed they are. The ‘Hawks can clinch a first-round bye with:

1. SEA win, OR
2. SEA tie + NYG loss or tie + CAR loss or tie + TB loss or tie, OR
3. SEA tie + NYG loss or tie + CHI loss, OR
4. SEA tie + CHI loss + CAR loss or tie + TB loss or tie, OR
5. NYG loss + CAR loss + TB loss.

Seattle – with a club record nine consecutive wins -- clinches the first homefield advantage in its history with:

1. SEA win + CHI loss or tie, OR
2. SEA tie + CHI loss + NYG loss or tie + TB loss or tie + CAR loss or tie.

Arizona, St. Louis and San Francisco have been eliminated from playoff contention.

WEEK 15
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (9-4) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (8-5)

SERIES

	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
LEADER		3-2
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gruden: 0-1	Belichick: 1-1
LAST WEEK	W 20-10 at Panthers	W 35-7 at Bills
LAST GAME	9/3/00: Buccaneers 21 at Patriots 16. Tampa Bay RB Mike Alstott rushes for 2 TDs & Buccaneers' defense records 6 sacks.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/3/00	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:30 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Simms: 129-212-1,452-6-5-80.9	Brady: 293-462-3,630 (1L)-20-12-91.3
RUSHING	Williams (R): 223-924-4.1-5	Dillon: 164-608-3.7-9
RECEIVING	Galloway: 67-1,114-16.6-8 (T2L)	Branch: 70-883-12.6-4
OFFENSE	296.1	362.8
TAKE/GIVE	+7	-8
DEFENSE	270.8 (2L)	353.5
SACKS	Rice: 9.0 (T3C)	Colvin: 5.5
INTs	Barber: 5 (T3C)	Hobbs (R): 3
PUNTING	Bidwell: 45.9 (2L)	Miller: 46.0 (1L)
KICKING	M. Bryant: 76 (25/25 PAT; 17/20)	Vinatieri: 82 (31/32 PAT; 17/22 FG)

NOTES

BUCCANEERS: Need win to equal franchise best single-season road record (6-2, '02).....Head coach **JON GRUDEN** returns to NE for 1st time since leading Raiders in '01 Divisional playoff game (NE, 16-13 in OT).....**QB CHRIS SIMMS** has won 4 of past 5 starts, passing for 4 TDs vs. 1 INT. Has thrown career best 83 consecutive passes without INT..... **RB CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS** needs 76 rushing yards to join **ERRICT RHETT** (1,011, '94) as only club rookies to rush for 1,000 yards. Has rushed for 100 yards 5 times in 11 games & needs 100-yard game to surpass **Ricky Bell, Warrick Dunn & James Wilder** for franchise single-season record.....**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** has 8 TD catches & needs 2 for single-season team record (**Mark Carrier, Bruce Hill, Kevin House**).....**TE ALEX SMITH** ties for NFC rookie lead with 28 catches (244 yards).....**DE SIMEON RICE** needs 1 sack for 5th 10-sack year in row & 8th career.....**CB RONDE BARBER** has 28 career INT & needs 3 to tie **DONNIE ABRAHAM** for franchise record.....**PATRIOTS:** Victory clinches third-consecutive AFC East title. Team has won 4 of past 5 games.....Including playoffs, **QB TOM BRADY** is 19-0 as starter when kickoff temperature is 40°F or colder. Brady recorded 4th 300-yd game of season last wk & now has 3,630 yds on season; needs 135 more to surpass career high of 3,764 (2002).....**RB COREY DILLON** has 88+ rush yds in 5 of past 6 Dec. games, including 3 100s. In his past 3 games, **RB KEVIN FAULK** has 17 catches for 188 yds (11.1 avg.).....**WR DEION BRANCH** has career-high 883 rec. yards & needs 117 more to be 1st Patriot with 1,000 since **TROY BROWN** (2001). Last week vs. BUF, offense recorded franchise-record 32 first downs.....Defense has allowed fewest points (10) in consecutive games in 19 years. Rookie **S JAMES SANDERS** posted 1st career INT last week & returned it 39 yards for TD. Rookie **CB ELLIS HOBBS** has team-high 3 INTs – all in past 5 games.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (8-5) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (9-4)**SERIES**

	<u>CHIEFS</u>	<u>GIANTS</u>
LEADER		8-2
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Vermeil: 13-5	Coughlin: 3-1
LAST WEEK	L 31-28 at Cowboys	W 26-23 (OT) at Eagles
LAST GAME	9/23/01: Giants 13 at Chiefs 3. New York's offense capitalizes on end zone INT by S Shaun Williams as RB Ron Dayne completes 80-yard drive with 7-yard TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/20/98: Giants 28, Chiefs 7. New York RB Gary Brown rushes for 103 yards & 1 TD as Giants use 4 INTs to win 3rd consecutive game.	
BROADCAST	CBS (5:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Green: 260-415-3,287 (3L)-14-9-89.5	Manning: 242-460-3,128(2C)-21(1C)-15-75.9
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 247-1,251 (2C)-5.1-14 (2C)	Barber: 28-1,357(2L)-4.8-6
RECEIVING	Gonzalez (TE): 64-737-11.5-2	Burress: 66-1,012-15.3-6
OFFENSE	380.9 (1L)	357.5 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	+6	+11 (T3L)
DEFENSE	342.2	321.0
SACKS	Allen: 10.0	Umenyiora: 12.5 (T2L)
INTs	Wesley: 6 (T3C)	Alexander: 4
PUNTING	Colquitt (R): 40.0	Feagles: 42.4
KICKING	Tynes: 105 (2C) (36/36 PAT; 23/28 FG)	Feely: 119 (35/35 PAT; 28/34 FG)

NOTES

CHIEFS: Under head coach **DICK VERMEIL**, club is 13-6 (.684) in December. Vermeil recorded 1st NFL head coaching win vs. NYG (9/19/76) w/PHIL & is 13-5 (.722) vs. NYG in his career, including playoffs.....**QB TRENT GREEN** has 33 TDs vs. 16 INTs in past 19 Dec. starts. In 19 starts vs. NFC w/ Chiefs, Green owns 92.6 passer rating with 25 TDs vs. 15 INTs.....In past 6 weeks, **RB LARRY JOHNSON** leads NFL with 852 rush yds, averaging 142.0 per game with 10 TDs. Has rushed for 100+ yds in club-record 6 consecutive games.....**WR EDDIE KENNISON** (911) needs 89 yds for 1,000. Kennison may reach 1st consecutive 1,000-yd rec. seasons in 9th & 10th years; other 4 to reach feat for 1st time in 10th season or later: HOFer **DON MAYNARD** (9th & 10th), **J.T. SMITH** (9th & 10th), **IRVING FRYAR** (10th & 11th), HOFer & KC WR coach **CHARLIE JOINER** (11th & 12th). **TE TONY GONZALEZ** (64) needs 6 receptions to reach 70 for 6th time in past 7 seasons.....**DEs ERIC HICKS** (11), **JARED ALLEN** (7) & **DT JOHN BROWNING** (7) are club's top 3 in tackles for loss.....**GIANTS:** Rank 5th in NFL with 345 points scored & need 3 TDs for 1st 40-TD season in 17 years (41, '88)..... **QB ELI MANNING** ranks 4th in NFL with 21 TD passes & has 2 TD pass game in 3 of past 4 games vs. AFC foes. Needs 4 TD passes for 1st 25 TD pass season by Giants QB since **FRAN TARKENTON** (29) in '67.....**RB TIKI BARBER** needs 143 rushing yards to become 1st Giant with consecutive 1,500-yard seasons. **BRANDON JACOBS** ties for 2nd among NFL rookies with 6 TDs.....**WR PLAXICO BURRESS** ties for 4th in NFL with 17 receptions of 20+ yards. **WR AMANI TOOMER** has 49 receptions (530 yards) & needs 1 for 7th consecutive 50-catch year..... **JEREMY SHOCKEY** avgs. 14.0 yards per catch, tops among TEs with 30+ catches. Needs 55 yards for career high (894, '02) & 160 for 1st 1,000-yd season.....Club ranks 2nd in NFL with 33 takeaways.....**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** needs 0.5 sacks to become 9th player all time with 130.....**DE OSI UMENYIORA** has 9.5 sacks in past 7 games.

DENVER BRONCOS (10-3) AT BUFFALO BILLS (4-9)
SERIES

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>
LEADER		17-13-1
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 3-1	Mularkey: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 12-10 vs. Ravens	L 35-7 vs. Patriots
LAST GAME	9/22/02: Bills 23 at Broncos 28. Denver QB Brian Griese throws 2 TDs in 2nd half to help Broncos to victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/26/97: Broncos 23, Bills 20 (OT). Denver RB Terrell Davis rushes for 207 yards & 1 TD while Broncos' Jason Elam kicks game-winning 33-yard FG in OT.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (8:30 PM ET): Mike Tirico, Sterling Sharpe	

STATS

PASSING	Plummer: 230-376-2,748-16-6-91.0	Losman: 113-228-1,340-8-8-64.9
RUSHING	Mi. Anderson: 208-871-4.2-9	McGahee: 271-1,032-3.8-4
RECEIVING	Smith: 68-866-12.7-5	Moulds: 54-511-9.5-3
OFFENSE	359.5	243.4
TAKE/GIVE	+18 (2L)	+6
DEFENSE	326.9	344.5
SACKS	Ekuban, Pryce: 3.0	Schobel: 10.0
INTs	Bailey: 8 (T2L)	McGee, Vincent: 3
PUNTING	Sauerbrun: 44.6 (3C)	Moorman: 45.8 (2C)
KICKING	Elam: 98 (35/36 PAT; 21/27 FG)	Lindell: 81 (18/18 PAT; 21/26 FG)

NOTES

BRONCOS: Victory assures team playoff spot. Club is 10-3 or better for 4th time under head coach **MIKE SHANANHAN** (since 1995).....Since Wk 6, **QB JAKE PLUMMER** owns NFL's No. 2 passer rating (101.7) with 11 TDs vs. 3 INTs (**PEYTON MANNING**, IND, 116.3)..... **RB MIKE ANDERSON** (12) needs 1 100-yd game to tie **OTIS ARMSTRONG** (13) for 4th-most in club history. Among AFC rushers, **RB TATUM BELL** (8) has 2nd-most runs of 20+ yds.....**WR ROD SMITH** (10,638) needs 79 receiving yds to pass **STANLEY MORGAN** (10,716) for 17th most in NFL history. In last mtg (9/22/02), Smith caught 7 passes for 94 yds & 1 TD. Among players with 10+ catches, **WR ASHLIE LELIE** leads NFL with 18.2 rec. avg.....Team is No. 2 in NFL turnover differential (+18).....**CB CHAMP BAILEY** has INT in club-record 5 consecutive games; tied for 2nd in NFL w/ 8 INTs.....**K JASON ELAM** (98) needs 2 points to be 1st player in NFL history with 100 points in each of 1st 13 seasons**BILLS:** Last wk vs. NE, **QB J.P. LOSMAN** became 7th QB in NFL this season to connect with 2 teammates for 50+ yd completions. Losman has TD pass in 4 of past 5 with 7 TDs in those games.....**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** stands 6th in AFC with 1,032 rush yds. McGahee needs 68 rush yds to be 4th Bill to post 1,100 in consecutive seasons (**TRAVIS HENRY** 2002-03; **THURMAN THOMAS** 1989-93; HOFer **O.J. SIMPSON** 1972-76).....In past 5 games, **WR LEE EVANS** is 1 of 5 NFL players with 5 TD catches & has the league's most catches of 25+ yards (6) in that span. Evans & **WR JOSH REED** have catch in each of team's 13 games. Reed scored on career-long reception of 51 yds last wk...Team has allowed fewer than 20 points in 5 of 7 home games. **DE AARON SCHOBEL** has sack in 6 of past 7 gms (8.0 sacks). Schobel (44.5) needs 1.0 more sack to tie **BEN WILLIAMS** (1976-85, 45.5) for 4th-most in club history. Rookie **CB ERIC KING** has 18 tackles in past 2 games.....**CB-KR TERRENCE MC GEE** stands No. 2 in NFL with 30.0 KR avg. **P BRIAN MOORMAN** (19) needs 1 punt inside 20 for career best in single season.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
ARIZONA CARDINALS (4-9) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (1-12)

SERIES

	<u>CARDINALS</u>	<u>TEXANS</u>
LEADER	First meeting in series	
STREAKS	--	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Green: 0-0	Capers: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 17-13 vs. Redskins	L 13-10 at Titans
LAST GAME	--	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Thom Brennaman, Terry Donahue	

STATS

PASSING	Warner: 232-365-2,598-10-9-83.6	Carr: 211-350-2,020-12-9-77.1
RUSHING	Shipp: 122-324-2.7-0	Davis: 230-976-4.2-2
RECEIVING	Fitzgerald: 86(2L)-1,151(3L)-13.4-7	Gaffney: 49-445-9.1-2
OFFENSE	346.2	242.0
TAKE/GIVE	-8	-8
DEFENSE	313.0	365.5
SACKS	Wilson: 6.0	Orr: 5.0
INTs	Dansby, Macklin, Tate: 2	4 tied: 1
PUNTING	Player: 43.4	Stanley: 38.8
KICKING	Rackers: 117 (15/15 PAT; 34/35 FG)	K. Brown: 77 (17/17 PAT; 20/25 FG)

NOTES

CARDINALS: Offense ranks 1st in NFL avging. 277.4 passing yards per game.....**QB KURT WARNER** ranks 3rd in NFL with 99.5 3rd down passer rating & 6th with 94.4 4th quarter rating. Avgs. 288.7 passing yards per game in 9 '05 games.....**WR LARRY FITZGERALD** needs 4 receptions to become 5th WR in club history with 90-catch season. **WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** needs 100-yard game to surpass **DAVID BOSTON** (4, '01) & **ROB MOORE** (4, '97) with team record 5th 100-yard game in row. Avgs. 100.5 yards per game in his 11 '05 games. Fitzgerald & Boldin need 149 & 194 yards to become 6th set of teammates with 1,300 in same season in NFL history. **WR BRYANT JOHNSON** has 34 catches (378 yards) & needs 6 for 2nd consecutive 40-catch season.....Defense ranks 9th in NFL allowing 17.5 1st downs per game... Rookie **CB ANTREL ROLLE** played in 1st game last week since 9/25 & posted 1st career INT. **S ADRIAN WILSON** leads NFL DBs with 6 sacks & could become 1st DB to lead club in team history.....**K NEIL RACKERS** has 34 FGs & needs 5 to tie **OLINDO MARE** ('99) & **JEFF WILKINS** ('03) for NFL single season record.....**TEXANS:** In 14 home starts since start of 2004, **QB DAVID CARR** has 17 TDs vs. 9 INTs with 64.8 comp pct. for 91.0 passer rating. Carr (290) needs 10 rush yds for career-high.....**RB DOMANICK DAVIS** 1 of 6 AFC rushers avging 20+ carries/game. In past 2 games, Davis has 294 rush yds on 51 carries (5.8 avg.) with 10 rec. for 66 yards & 1 TD. Davis is tied for 4th among AFC RBs in receptions (39). Davis needs 24 rush yds & 1 catch for 1,000 yds rushing & 40 receptions for 3rd consecutive season to begin career.....**WR JABAR GAFFNEY** (1,962) needs 38 receiving yards to reach 2,000 for career. Gaffney (49) needs 1 catch for 1st 50-catch season. Gaffney needs 1 catch & **WR ANDRE JOHNSON** (48) needs 2 to give Texans 2 players with 50 catches in same season for 2nd year in row. **TE MARK BREUNER** to play in 155th career game.....Defense had 14 sacks in 1st 10 games; has 11 in past 3. **LB SHANTEE ORR** became 1st Texan to record 3 sacks in 1 game in Wk. 12 (at BALT).....Rookie **WR-KR JEROME MATHIS** leads NFL with 30.8-yard KR avg. & is only NFL player w/ 2 KR-TDs.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (8-5) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (13-0)

SERIES

	<u>CHARGERS</u>	<u>COLTS</u>
LEADER	12-8	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Schottenheimer: 3-5	Dungy: 2-0
LAST WEEK	L 23-21 vs. Dolphins	W 26-18 at Jaguars
LAST GAME	12/26/04: Chargers 31 at Colts 34 (OT). Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning throws 2 TD passes to break single-season record with 48.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Dan Dierdorf, Armen Keteyian (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Brees: 275-420-3,092-22 (3L)-12-92.9	Manning: 269-394-3,290 (2L)-27 (T1L)-8-108.2 (1L)
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 282-1,247 (3C)-4.4-17 (1C)	James: 334-1,440 (1C)-4.3-12 (3C)
RECEIVING	Gates (TE): 76 (1C)-997 (2C)-13.1-9 (3C)	Harrison: 72 (3C)-992 (3C)-13.8-12 (1L)
OFFENSE	357.3	373.5 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	-3	+11 (T3L)
DEFENSE	309.8	285.8 (1C)
SACKS	Merriman (R): 7.0	Mathis: 11.5 (3C)
INTs	Jue: 3	June: 5
PUNTING	Scifres: 44.1	Smith: 44.3
KICKING	Kaeding: 96 (45/45 PAT; 17/20 FG)	Vanderjagt: 104 (3C) (47/47 PAT; 19/20 FG)

NOTES

CHARGERS: Head coach **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER**, when coaching Kansas City (1989-98), hired **TONY DUNGY** to be Chiefs' DB coach (1989-91).....Club is No. 3 in NFL in scoring, averaging 29.1 points per game. **QB DREW BREES** is NFL's No. 2-rated passer on 3rd down with 100.7 passer rating on 71 of 109 (65.1 pct.) passing for 800 yds with 7 TDs vs. 2 INTs.....**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has 79 TDs & needs 4 more to tie HOFer **LANCE ALWORTH** (83) for most in franchise history. Tomlinson has 4 100s in past 5 on road & has 2 of NFL's top 4 rushing totals on season (192, 184).....**WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** (810) needs 5 catches to surpass **HENRY ELLARD** (814) for 12th-most in NFL history. In his last game vs. IND, McCardell (w/ TB, 10/6/03) caught 4 passes for 106 yds & 2 TDs. Offense is NFL's best in redzone, scoring 33 TDs on 45 trips (73.3 pct.).....Defense sacked QB Manning 4 times in last mtg (12/26/04) & has denied RB James 100 yds in previous 2 mtgs. Rookie **DE SHAWNE MERRIMAN** (7.0) aims to be 1st rookie to lead team in sacks for season.....**COLTS:** Club has clinched AFC's No. 1 seed & is 3rd team in NFL history to open season 13-0 (MIA 14-0, 1972; DEN 13-0, 1998). Team has scored in 31 consecutive quarters & has not trailed in 438 minutes & 16 seconds. Club has won 21 of past 22 games.....**QB PEYTON MANNING** has TD passes in 111 of 125 career games (88.8 pct.). Manning is 3-0 vs. SD & in past 2 mtgs, has passed for 404 & 383 yds, respectively.....**RB EDGERRIN JAMES** (1,440) needs 60 rush yds for 1,500 & would join HOFers **BARRY SANDERS** (5), **ERIC DICKERSON** (4), & **WALTER PAYTON** (4) for most 1,500-yd rushing seasons in career. James (49) needs 1 100-yd game to be 3rd active player to reach 50 (**JEROME BETTIS**, 61; **CURTIS MARTIN** 57).....**WR MARVIN HARRISON** (992) needs 8 receiving yds to reach 1,000 for 7th time in career. **WR REGGIE WAYNE** (72) needs 6 catches to surpass career-high (77, 2004). Harrison (72) & Wayne (71) stand No. 3 & No. 4 in AFC receptions.....Club has No. 2 scoring defense in NFL (13.8/gm). **DE DWIGHT FREENEY** has sack in 29 of 49 career starts (59.2 pct.). **LB DAVID THORNTON** had 2 FFs last wk at JAX.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-11) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (9-4)**SERIES**

	<u>49ERS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
LEADER		1-0
STREAKS		1-0
COACHES VS. OPP.	Nolan: 0-0	Del Rio: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 41-3 at Seahawks	L 26-18 vs. Colts
LAST GAME	9/12/99: 49ers 3 at Jaguars 41. Jacksonville's defense forces 5 turnovers, records 4 sacks & scores 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Curt Menefee, J.C. Pearson	

STATS

PASSING	A. Smith (R): 48-96-462-0-9-24.7	Garrard: 49-81-481-3-1-84.4
RUSHING	Barlow: 176-581-3.3-3	Taylor: 155-625-4.0-2
RECEIVING	Lloyd: 41-661-16.1-4	J. Smith: 55-836-15.2-6
OFFENSE	209.6	310.0
TAKE/GIVE	-11	+8
DEFENSE	403.8	292.2 (3C)
SACKS	Young: 8.0	Hayward, Spicer: 7.5
INTs	Spencer: 3	Mathis: 4
PUNTING	Lee: 42.3	Hanson: 43.3
KICKING	Nedney: 74 (14/14 PAT; 20/22 FG)	Scobee: 85 (28/28 PAT; 19/24 FG)

NOTES

49ERS: Play 2nd of 3 consecutive games on road (at StL, 12/24).....Rookie **QB ALEX SMITH** seeks 1st win as NFL starter.....**KEVAN BARLOW** ranks 5th among NFC RBs with 31 receptions (241 yards). Needs 5 catches for career high (35, '03 & '04). Rookie 3rd-round **RB FRANK GORE** has 353 rushing yards with 4.8 yards per carry avg. Coral Gables, FL native plays 1st game in home state.....**WR BRANDON LLOYD** avgs. 16.1 yards per catch (41-661), 6th among NFL WRs with 40+ catches. **WR ARNAZ BATTLE** ranks 2nd on club with career high 3 TD catches..... Rookie **G/T ADAM SNYDER** has started past 5 games.....**DE BRYANT YOUNG** has 77.5 career sacks & needs 2.5 for 80. Needs 2 sacks for 1st 10-sack year since '99. **DE MARQUES DOUGLAS** ties for 9th in NFL with 2 defensive fumble recoveries.....Second-year **CB SHAWNTAE SPENCER** has started 25 of 29 career games & leads club with 3 INT..... **K JOE NEDNEY** has 147 career FGs & needs 3 for 150.....Club holds opponents to avg. drive start on KOs at 24.9 yard line, 3rd in NFL.....**JAGUARS:** Club has won 4 of past 5 vs. NFC. Team is 7-0 when scoring on opening drive..... Under head coach **JACK DEL RIO**, team is 12-2 (.857) when leading at halftime.....In past 2 games, **QB DAVID GARRARD** has led team to outscore opponents in 2nd half 32-9.....**RB GREG JONES** has led team in rushing in 5 consecutive games. In 24 career games vs. NFC, **RB FRED TAYLOR** has 15 100-yd performances.....**WR JIMMY SMITH** posted 3rd 100-yard performance of season last week & needs 164 receiving yards for 9th 1,000-yd season in past 10 years. Smith has 5+ catches in 3 of past 4 games & is 7th among AFC WRs in 1st downs (44). **WR MATT JONES** stands 4th among NFL rookies with 366 receiving yards. **TE GEORGE WRIGHTSTER** has 6 catches in past 2 games; had 7 through 1st 11 games.....Offensive line was 1st unit to deny IND sack last week.....**DE BOBBY MC CRAY** has sack in 3 of past 6 games (4.0) & has recorded career-best 4.5 on season. **DE REGGIE HAYWARD** notched 2.0 sacks vs. IND last week. Club 1 of 2 teams w/ 4 players posting 3+ INTs (CIN), led by **CB RASHEAN MATHIS** (4).

NEW YORK JETS (3-10) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (6-7)

SERIES

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>DOLPHINS</u>
LEADER	41-37-1	
STREAKS	12 of past 15	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 6-3	Saban: 0-1
LAST WEEK	W 26-10 vs. Raiders	W 23-21 at Chargers
LAST GAME	9/18/05: Dolphins 7 at Jets 17. New York QB Chad Pennington throws 2 TDs & no interceptions as Jets defeat Dolphins.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/3/04: Jets 17, Dolphins 9. New York RB Curtis Martin rushes for 110 yards & 1 TD while Jets CB Donnie Abraham has 66-yard INT-TD.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcots	

STATS

PASSING	Bollinger: 100-185-978-4-5-65.1	Frerotte: 213-413-2,530-14-11-70.8
RUSHING	Houston (R): 45-149-3.3-1	Brown (R): 187-841-4.5-4
RECEIVING	Coles: 60-642-10.7-2	Chambers: 68-958-14.1-8
OFFENSE	245.8	323.2
TAKE/GIVE	-6	-3
DEFENSE	307.0	322.2
SACKS	Abraham: 8.5	Taylor: 8.0
INTs	Law: 6 (T3C)	Schulters, Tillman: 3
PUNTING	Graham (R): 44.0	D. Jones: 43.8
KICKING	Nugent (R): 67 (16/16 PAT; 17/22 FG)	Mare: 82 (25/25 PAT; 19/23 FG)

NOTES

JETS: Club is 12-3 (.800) in past 15 vs. MIA. Club is 4th-least penalized team in NFL (78).....**QB BROOKS BOLLINGER** has completed 50 pct. or more of pass attempts in 7 of 8 games on season & has passer rating of 88.0+ in 2 of past 4 starts. Bollinger has thrown 0 INTs in 7 of 9 career games.....Rookie **RB CEDRIC HOUSTON** made 1st start last week, gaining 78 rush yds & 1 TD on 28 carries. **RB B.J. ASKEW** rushed 9 times for 54 yds (6.0 avg.) vs. OAK last Sunday; entered game with 8 rushes in 38 career games. **RB JERALD SOWELL** has 2+ receptions in 6 of past 7 games**WR LAVERANUES COLES** (19) stands tied for 4th in AFC 3rd-down receptions. Among players w/ 30+ catches, **WR JUSTIN MC CAREINS** ranks No. 3 in NFL with 17.0-yd avg.....Defense last allowed 300-yd passer on 12/28/03 at MIA (**JAY FIEDLER**, 304). **DE JOHN ABRAHAM** has sack in 3 consecutive games vs. MIA & has 7.0 sacks in 8 career mtgs. **LB VICTOR HOBSON** has 2 career INTs, both vs. MIA.....Rookie **P BEN GRAHAM** has 44.0-yd gross avg. Five times in club's 45 seasons did punter finish with 44.0-yd gross avg. or better.....**DOLPHINS:** Team aims for 1st 4-game win streak since Games 2-5 of 2003.....**QB GUS FREROTTE** had 128.8 passer rating last week at SD for 4th-highest of 12-year career.....**RB RICKY WILLIAMS** has rush TD in 2 of past 3 games. Williams has 28 rush TDs w/ MIA & needs 1 more to surpass **JIM KIICK** (28) for 4th-most in franchise history & with 3,618 rush yds, needs 27 more to surpass Kiick (3,644) for 3rd-most in club history. Rookie **RB RONNIE BROWN** needs 59 rush yds to become 2nd Dolphins rookie to rush for 900 (**KARIM ABDUL-JABBAR**, 1,116, 1996).....**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** ranks 4th in AFC rec. yds (958) & needs 42 more to be 1st MIA WR with 1,000 since **TONY MARTIN** (1,037) in 1999. Chambers has 100+ rec. yds in 3 consecutive games; only Dolphin to reach 100+ rec. yds in 4 games in row was **IRVING FRYAR** in 1994 (Wks. 10-13)..... **DE JASON TAYLOR** has at least 0.5 sack in 5 of past 7 vs. NYJ. **DE KEVIN CARTER** had 1.0 sack in Wk. 2 mtg.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (5-8) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (5-8)

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>RAMS</u>
LEADER		17-15-1
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 2-3	Vitt: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 26-23 (OT) vs. Giants	L 27-13 at Vikings
LAST GAME	12/27/04: Eagles 7 at Rams 20. St. Louis RB Steven Jackson rushes for 148 yards & 1 TD & Rams defense allows just 155 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/27/04	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Bill Maas, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	McMahon: 51-115-676-1-3-55.6	Fitzpatrick (R): 66-111-708-3-7-60.9
RUSHING	Gordon: 50-175-3.5-1	S. Jackson: 222-936-4.2-7
RECEIVING	Smith (TE): 55-600-10.9-3	Holt: 85 (3L)-1,112-13.1-7
OFFENSE	337.2	355.7 (3C)
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-15
DEFENSE	327.8	369.9
SACKS	Kearse: 6.5	Little: 4.0
INTs	S. Brown, Sheppard: 3	Furrey: 3
PUNTING	Landeta: 37.2	Barker: 43.5
KICKING	Akers: 55 (16/16 PAT; 13/19 FG)	Wilkins: 91 (31/31 PAT; 20/22 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: Are 8-3 (.727) in Dec. road games since '00.....**ANDY REID** owns 33-21 (.611) reg-season road record as head coach, best in club history..... **QB MIKE MC MAHON** has 368 career rushing yards (69 atts.) & avgs. 5.3 yards per rush. **QB KOY DETMER** has played in 100 games with Eagles & is 3rd QB in team history to reach 100 (**RON JAWORSKI**, 142; **RANDALL CUNNINGHAM**, 122).....Rookie **RYAN MOATS** rushed for 114 yards & 2 TDs vs. Giants. **RB LAMAR GORDON** was Rams 3rd-round pick in '02 & faces former team for 1st time.....Rookie **WR REGGIE BROWN** ranks 2nd among NFL rookies with 404 receiving yards (28 receptions). Has most catches & yards of any Eagles rookie WR under Reid.....**L.J. SMITH** ranks 8th among NFL TEs with 600 receiving yards (55 catches). **T JON RUNYAN** has started 141 consecutive games, 4th longest streak among active players.....Club holds opponents to 35.9 3rd down conversion pct, 8th in NFL.....**DE TRENT COLE** ranks 3rd among rookies with 5 sacks while rookie 1st-rounder **MIKE PATTERSON** leads rookie DTs with 3.5.....**RAMS**: Have converted 14 of 18 4th down attempts (77.8 pct.), 2nd in NFL.....Rookie **QB RYAN FITZPATRICK** has totaled 708 passing yards in 1st 3 career games.....**RB STEVEN JACKSON** needs 64 yards rushing for club's 1st 1,000-yard season since **MARSHALL FAULK** in '01 (1,382). Ranks 5th among RBs with 40 catches (299 yards). Club is 38-0 since '95 when Ram player rushes for 100 yards, including 4-0 when Jackson reaches 100. Faulk had 32 receiving yards vs. Min, giving him 6,801 career (753 catches), passing **LARRY CENTERS** (6,797) for most ever by RB.....**WR TORRY HOLT** had 10 catches last week, giving him 602 career, joining **MARVIN HARRISON** (665) as only players in NFL history with 600 in 1st 7 seasons. **WR ISAAC BRUCE** has 804 career receptions, 14th most in NFL history. **WR KEVIN CURTIS** ranks 2nd on club with career high 6 TD catches.....**S ADAM ARCHULETA** ties for 2nd among NFL defensive backs with 3.5 sacks.....**K JEFF WILKINS** has 244 career FGs & needs 6 to become 7th active player with 250.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (8-5) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (8-5)

SERIES

	<u>STEELERS</u>	<u>VIKINGS</u>
LEADER		8-5
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Cowher: 1-2	Tice: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 21-9 vs. Bears	W 27-13 vs. Rams
LAST GAME	12/2/01: Vikings 16 at Steelers 21. Pittsburgh builds 18-point lead & withstands furious 4th quarter rally by Vikings as QB Todd Bouman passes for 2 TDs in final minutes.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/21/86: Vikings 31, Steelers 7. Minnesota QB Tommy Kramer completes 19 of 27 passes for 257 yards & 3 TDs in Vikings win.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Kevin Harlan, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Roethlisberger: 138-217-1,875-16-7-102.2 (3L)	B. Johnson: 116-188-1,247-8-2-90.9 (3C)
RUSHING	Parker: 198-856-4.3-3	Moore: 137-551-4.0-1
RECEIVING	Ward: 59-819-13.9-10 (T2L)	Wiggins (TE): 57-500-8.8-0
OFFENSE	314.3	290.0
TAKE/GIVE	+5	+6
DEFENSE	297.3	329.2
SACKS	Haggans: 8.0	Johnstone: 6.5
INTs	Hope: 3	Sharper: 8 (2TL)
PUNTING	Gardocki: 41.3	Kluwe (R): 45.3 (2C)
KICKING	Reed: 91 (34/34 PAT; 19/24 FG)	Edinger: 82 (25/25 PAT; 19/27 FG)

NOTES

STEELERS: Club has won 6 of past 7 vs. NFC North & since 2000 team is 18-6 (.750) in Dec./Jan. games.....Under head coach **BILL COWHER**, team is 95-21-1 (.816) when scoring first.....**QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** has posted 100+ passer rating in 12 of 22 career starts & is 5-1 (.833) as starter in December, completing 97 of 144 (67.4 pct.) passes in the month.....In Dec./Jan. games, **RB WILLIE PARKER** has 57 carries for 267 yds (4.7 avg.). Last week **RB JEROME BETTIS** posted 50th 100-yd game w/ PITT; 1 of 5 RBs in NFL history to reach 50 100s for 1 team.....**WR HINES WARD** (6,874) needs 126 receiving yards to be 2nd Steeler to reach 7,000 in career (HOFer **JOHN STALLWORTH**, 8,723). Rookie **TE HEATH MILLER** (6) needs 1 TD catch to tie club's rookie record for TEs (**ERIC GREEN**, 7, 1990).....**LB LARRY FOOTE** leads team with 104 tackles. **LB CLARK HAGGANS** has sack in 10 of past 13 games.....**WR-KR QUINCY MORGAN** is 3rd in NFL with 27.1 KR avg.....**VIKINGS:** Club seeks 7th win in row.....**QB BRAD JOHNSON** is 6-0 as starter in '05, tying longest win streak of career ('97). Among active QBs with 100 starts, his .610 win pct. (64-41) ranks 3rd (**BRETT FAVRE**, 138-80, .633; **PEYTON MANNING**, 79-46, .632).....**RB MICHAEL BENNETT** has rushed for 278 of his 349 yards in past 6 games... **WR KOREN ROBINSON** has team leading 17.9 yards per catch avg. Of his 17 receptions, 5 have been for 20+ yards. Ranks 4th in NFL & 1st in NFC with 26.6-yard KR avg. **WR TRAVIS TAYLOR** has 30 career rec. (301 yards) vs. Pit, his 3rd-most vs. any club.....**TE JERMAINE WIGGINS** needs 3 catches for 2nd consecutive 60-catch year.....Club has held past 4 foes to 17 points or less & ranks 2nd in NFL with 23 INTs.....Rookie 6th-round **DT C.J. MOSLEY** has 3 sacks in past 3 games & ranks 2nd among NFL rookie DTs.....**CB DARREN SHARPER** ties for 2nd in NFL with 8 INTs & needs 2 to tie **PAUL KRAUSE** ('75) for team single-season record.....**CB ANTOINE WINFIELD** ties for 9th in NFL with 2 defensive fumble recoveries.

CAROLINA PANTHERS (9-4) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (3-10) (Baton Rouge)
SERIES

	<u>PANTHERS</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
LEADER		11-10
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fox: 4-3	Haslett: 7-4
LAST WEEK	L 20-10 vs. Buccaneers	L 36-17 at Falcons
LAST GAME	9/11/05: Saints 23 at Panthers 20. New Orleans RB Deuce McAllister rushes for 2 TDs & K John Carney connects on 3 FGs in Saints 1st game since Hurricane Katrina.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/04: Panthers 32, Saints 21. Carolina jumps out to 23-0 lead & controls ball for 41:51 to win 4th straight as QB Jake Delhomme passes for 294 yards & 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Delhomme: 221-363-2,822-19 (T3C)-14-86.6	Brooks: 240-431-2,882-13-17-70.0
RUSHING	Foster: 144-571-4.0-1	A. Smith: 127-546-4.3-3
RECEIVING	S. Smith: 87 (1L)-1,329 (1L)-15.3-10 (1L)	Stallworth: 57-735-12.9-6
OFFENSE	300.2	321.2
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (T2C)	-17
DEFENSE	280.0 (3L)	315.7
SACKS	Peppers: 7.5	W. Smith: 7.5
INTs	Gamble: 5 (T3C)	Craft: 3
PUNTING	Baker: 43.3	Berger: 42.8
KICKING	Kasay: 90 (33/34 PAT; 19/26 FG)	Carney: 74 (20/20 PAT; 18/25 FG)

NOTES

PANTHERS: Rank 5th in NFL with 30 takeaways & are 6-0 in '05 when posting positive turnover ratio.....Need win for 2nd 10-win year in 4 seasons under head coach **JOHN FOX**.....Offense ranks 4th in NFL converting 42 pct. on 3rd downs (73 of 174).....**QB JAKE DELHOMME** needs 73 passing yards to join **STEVE BEUERLEIN** (12,690) as only QBs in club history with 10,000. Ranks 5th in NFL with 100.2 4th quarter passer rating.....Among RBs with 25+ catches, **DE SHAUN FOSTER** ranks 2nd avgging. 11.7 yards per catch & ties for 1st with 6 receptions of 20+ yards.....**WR STEVE SMITH** needs 100-yard receiving game to become 18th player in NFL history with 9 100-yard receiving games in single season. His 6 catches of 40+ yards ties for tops in league. Sixteen-year veteran **WR RICKY PROEHL** had 1st career score on 37-yard TD catch vs. Saints on 9/23/90 with Cards.....Club allows 87.0 rushing yards per game, 3rd in NFL..... **DE JULIUS PEPPERS** has 4 sacks in 4 '05 games vs. NFC South.....**CB CHRIS GAMBLE** has 4 INT in past 6 games...

SAINTS: Four of past 5 NFC South games decided by 7 points or less.....Seek 3rd season sweep vs. Panthers in 6 years under head coach **JIM HASLETT**.....**QB AARON BROOKS** needs 118 passing yards for 5th consecutive 3,000-yard passing season. Has 97+ passer rating in past 2 games vs. Panthers. Ranks 3rd among QBs with 281 rushing yards..... **RB ANTOWAIN SMITH** has rushed for 199 of his 546 yards (36.4 pct) in 4 division games.....In 11 career games vs. Car, **WR JOE HORN** has 64 catches for 989 yards & 9 TDs. Has 46 career TD catches & needs 3 to pass **ERIC MARTIN** (48) for most in franchise history. **WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** has 6 TDs in past 8 games. Needs 33 receiving yards for career high (767, '04).....Defense ranks 5th in NFL allowing 180.0 passing yards per game, club's lowest avg. since permitting 177.1 in '96.....**DE WILL SMITH** leads club with 7.5 sacks & needs 0.5 to surpass '04 rookie total.....**K JOHN CARNEY** has 383 career FGs & needs 1 to pass **NICK LOWERY** (383) for 3rd in NFL history.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (11-2) AT TENNESSEE TITANS (4-9)**SERIES**

	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
LEADER	8-4	
STREAKS	Past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 2-0	Fisher: 0-4
LAST WEEK	W 41-3 vs. 49ers	W 13-10 vs. Texans
LAST GAME	11/29/98: Oilers 18 at Seahawks 20. Seattle's Todd Peterson kicks 48-yard game-winning FG with just 1 second remaining.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/11/94: Seahawks 16, Houston Oilers 14. Seattle RB Chris Warren rushes for career-best 185 yards, including 33-yard TD run.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Ron Pitts, Tim Ryan	

STATS

PASSING	Hasselbeck: 250-393-2,930-19 (T3C)-9-92.7 (2C)	McNair: 262-425-2,817-14-9-83.6
RUSHING	Alexander: 303-1,496(1L)-4.9-23 (1L)	Brown: 197-777-3.9-5
RECEIVING	Engram: 57-640-11.2-3	Kinney (TE): 54-537-9.9-2
OFFENSE	375.3 (2L)	323.2
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (T2C)	-4
DEFENSE	303.9	307.2
SACKS	Bernard: 8.5	Vanden Bosch: 12.5
INTs	Boulware: 4	Hill (R): 3
PUNTING	Rouen: 41.4	Hentrich: 42.9
KICKING	J. Brown: 97 (46/47 PAT; 17/22 FG)	Bironas: 88 (25/26 PAT; 21/27 FG)

NOTES

SEAHAWKS: With win, club clinches 1st-round bye & ties franchise record ('84) for most wins in single season. Need win for 1st 10-game winning streak in club history & to join '84 squad as only Seahawks teams to finish season with winning record on road.....**QB MATT HASSELBECK** seeks to guide club to 3rd consecutive 40+ point game. Has 8 TDs vs. 2 INT with 96.1 passer rating in 6 '05 road games.....**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has 23 touchdowns & needs 4 to tie **PRIEST HOLMES** ('03) for NFL single season record. Needs 104 rushing yards to become 5th player in NFL history with consecutive 1,600-yard seasons.....**WR DARRELL JACKSON** could see action for 1st time since 10/2. **WR BOBBY ENGRAM** needs 3 catches for 1st 60-catch year since '99 & 3rd career. **WR JOE JUREVICIUS** ties for 5th in NFL with 8 TD catches.....Defense has not allowed TD in past 2 games & ranks 2nd in NFL holding foes to 39.4 red zone TD pct. (16 TDs, 33 trips).....Rookie **LE ROY HILL** ties for NFL rookie lead with 7 sacks while rookie **LOFA TATUPU** is 1 of 2 NFL LBs with 3+ sacks (4) & 3+ INTs (3) (**MIKE PETERSON**).....**TITANS:** Four of team's 9 losses have been by 8 points or less.....**QB STEVE MC NAIR** (2,817) needs 183 pass yards to reach 3,000 for 4th time in past 5 yrs**RB CHRIS BROWN** has TD (rushing or receiving) in 4 of past 6 games.....**WR DREW BENNETT** has 50+ rec. yds in 7 of past 10 games. **TEs ERRON KINNEY** (54), **BEN TROUPE** (40) & rookie **BO SCAIFE** (30) make team 3rd in NFL history to have 3 TEs with 30+ catches (SD 1984; HOU 1980). Scaife (30) has 6th-most receptions among '05 rookies**LB KEITH BULLUCK** has led club in tackles for 3 consecutive seasons & currently leads team w/ 120. **DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** (12.5) is tied for 2nd in NFL in sacks. Vanden Bosch has 5.0 sacks in past 3 vs. NFC with at least 1.0 in each game.....Rookie **CB-PR-KR PACMAN JONES** leads NFL with 12.9 PR avg. & has 3 KR of 50+ yards.

CINCINNATI BENGALS (10-3) AT DETROIT LIONS (4-9)

SERIES

	<u>BENGALS</u>	<u>LIONS</u>
LEADER	5-3	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 0-0	Jauron: 1-0
LAST WEEK	W 23-20 vs. Browns	L 16-13 (OT) at Packers
LAST GAME	10/28/01: Bengals 31 at Lions 27. Cincinnati RB Corey Dillion rushes for 184 yards & scores 3 TDs in Bengals win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/28/01	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:05 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	Palmer: 287-426-3,242-27 (T1L)-8-103.2 (2L)	Garcia: 89-152-799-2-3-68.9
RUSHING	R. Johnson: 285-1,235-4.3-10	Jones: 168-586-3.5-5
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 73 (2C)-1,161 (1C)-15.9-7	R. Williams: 35-518-14.8-6
OFFENSE	366.8 (3C)	266.3
TAKE/GIVE	+24 (1L)	+3
DEFENSE	327.5	317.5
SACKS	J. Smith: 5.0	K. Edwards: 7.0
INTs	O'Neal: 9 (1L)	Bly: 5 (T3C)
PUNTING	Larson: 42.1	Harris: 43.5 (3C)
KICKING	Graham: 108 (1C) (39/39 PAT; 23/27 FG)	Hanson: 69 (21/21 PAT; 16/21)

NOTES

BENGALS: Victory assures team AFC North title; 1st division title since 1988.....**QB CARSON PALMER** (11) needs 1 100+ passer rating game for most in single season in NFL history. Palmer is tied for NFL-best 27 TDs & needs 3 more to surpass 24-year-old club record of 29 by **KEN ANDERSON** (1981). Anderson led Bengals to 12-4 record in '81, helping team advance to SB XVI in Detroit.....**RB RUDI JOHNSON** (1,235) is NFL's No. 6 rusher & needs 65 yds to be 2nd player in club history w/ consecutive 1,300-yd seasons (**COREY DILLON**, 2000-02). **RB CHRIS PERRY** has 48 catches; club record for most in season by RB is 55 (**JAMES BROOKS**, 1985). Perry is 1 of 7 AFC RBs with 250+ rush yds & 300+ receiving yards.....**WR CHAD JOHNSON** (1,161) leads AFC in rec. yds & aims to be 1st player to lead his conference 3 consecutive season since **TIM BROWN** (1993-95, OAK) & **JERRY RICE** (1993-95, SF).....**CB DELTHA O'NEAL** leads NFL with 9 INTs & needs 1 more to surpass club season-record of 9 (**KEN RILEY**, 1976). In past 10 KRrs, rookie **KR-WR TAB PERRY** averaging 31.1 yards.....**LIONS:** Seek 3rd consecutive win vs. AFC opponents.....**QB JEFF GARCIA** has 121.6 passer rating in 3 career games vs. Cin, tossing 9 TDs vs. 3 INT. Had career high 437 passing yards vs. Bengals on 12/5/99 with SF. **QB JOEY HARRINGTON** has 9,743 career passing yards & needs 257 for 10,000.....**RB SHAWN BRYSON** has catch in 28 consecutive games. Leads NFL RBs with 19 3rd down receptions (98 yards).....**WR ROY WILLIAMS** has team leading 518 receiving yards. Of his 35 receptions, 10 have been for 20+ yards. First-round **WR MIKE WILLIAMS** ranks 3rd among NFC rookies with 320 receiving yards & 27 catches.....**TE MARCUS POLLARD** has 296 career receptions & needs 4 to join **TONY GONZALEZ** (634) & **KYLE BRADY** (327) as only active TEs with 300.....**DT DAN WILKINSON** was selected by Bengals with No. 1 overall pick in '94 NFL Draft & spent '94-'97 with club. Dayton, OH native faces former team for 1st time.....**CB DRE BLY** has 29 career INTs & needs 1 for 30.....With 324 career FGs, **K JASON HANSON** ranks 13th in NFL history.

DALLAS COWBOYS (8-5) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (7-6)
SERIES

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>REDSKINS</u>
LEADER	54-33-2	
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 15-9	Gibbs: 13-14
LAST WEEK	W 31-28 vs. Chiefs	W 17-13 at Cardinals
LAST GAME	9/19/05: Redskins 14 at Cowboys 13. Washington QB Mark Brunell throws 2 TDs to WR Santana Moss, including game-winning 70-yarder with 2:35 remaining.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/27/04: Cowboys 21, Redskins 18. Dallas FB Richie Anderson throws 26-yard TD pass to WR Terry Glenn & Cowboys defense records 5 sacks to defeat Washington.	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Bledsoe: 251-408-3,035 (3C)-20 (2C)-11-89.5	Brunell: 234-398-2,634-16-8-83.7
RUSHING	J. Jones: 196-685-3.5-3	Portis: 275-1,184-4.3-8 (3L)
RECEIVING	K. Johnson: 58-633-10.9-6	Moss: 73-1,167 (2L)-16.0-6
OFFENSE	332.4	330.5
TAKE/GIVE	+2	-7
DEFENSE	300.7	298.8
SACKS	Ellis: 8.0	Washington: 4.5
INTs	A. Glenn: 4	Clark, Marshall, Rogers (R), Taylor: 2
PUNTING	McBriar: 43.0	Frost: 40.8
KICKING	Cundiff: 22 (10/10 PAT; 4/5 FG)	Hall: 46 (13/13 PAT; 11/13 FG)

NOTES

TEN OF 13 GAMES IN '05 FOR BOTH COWBOYS & REDSKINS & 8 of past 9 in series decided by 7 point or less.....

COWBOYS: Need win for winning record vs. NFC East for 2nd time in 3 years under head coach **BILL PARCELLS**..... **QB DREW BLEDSOE** is 15th in NFL history with 241 career TD passes.....In 18 career games, 2nd-year **RB JULIUS JONES** avgs. 83.6 rushing yards per game (1,504 yards). **RB MARION BARBER** ranks 4th among NFL rookies with 470 rushing yards.....Cowboys are only club with 3 active players with 600+ receiving yards – **TERRY GLENN** (979), **KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** (633) & **JASON WITTEN** (657). Johnson needs 2 catches for 9th 60-catch season in 10-year career. Glenn avgs. 18.1 yards per catch (54 catches), tops among WRs with 35+. Needs 21 yards for 3rd career 1,000-yard season & 1st since '99.....Defense allows 15.7 1st downs per game, 3rd in NFL.....Rookie **LB DE MARCUS WARE** has 4 sacks, tied for 4th among rookies.....**S ROY WILLIAMS** has sack or INT in 4 of 7 career games vs. Was.....**REDSKINS:** Need win for 1st season sweep vs. Dal since '95.....Head coach **JOE GIBBS** has 153 career wins & needs 1 to tie **MARV LEVY** for 12th in NFL history.....**QB MARK BRUNELL** needs 366 passing yards for 6th career 3,000-yard season & 1st since '01. Has 29,621 career passing yards & needs 379 to become 27th player in NFL history with 30,000.....**RB CLINTON PORTIS** needs 116 rushing yards to join **EARL CAMPBELL** ('78-'81) & **BARRY SANDERS** ('89-'92) as only players ever with 4 consecutive 1,300-yard seasons to start career..... **WR SANTANA MOSS** has 1,167 yards receiving & needs 133 for 1st 1,300-yard season by club WR since **HENRY ELLARD** (1,397) in '94. Moss ties for NFL lead with 6 catches of 40+ yards.....**CHRIS COOLEY** has 58 receptions (654 yards) & needs 10 to pass **JERRY SMITH** for franchise TE record (67, '67)..... Defense allows 16.1 1st downs per game, 5th in NFL..... **CB CARLOS ROGERS** has INT in 2 of past 3 games & ranks 2nd among conference rookies with 2.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-9) AT OAKLAND RAIDERS (4-9)

SERIES

	<u>BROWNS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
LEADER		9-5
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Crennel: 0-0	Turner: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 23-20 at Bengals	L 26-10 at Jets
LAST GAME	10/12/03: Raiders 7 at Browns 13. Cleveland RB William Green rushes for 165 yards & scores 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/24/00: Raiders 36, Browns 10. Oakland LB William Thomas has 2 INTs, including 42-yard INT-TD. Raiders RB Tyrone Wheatley rushes for 2 scores.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:05 PM PT): Don Criqui, Steve Beuerlein	

STATS

PASSING	Frye (R): 35-56-422-3-3-81.1	Tuiasosopo: 14-26-124-1-2-47.6
RUSHING	Droughns: 262-1,103-4.2-2	Jordan: 247-893-3.6-9
RECEIVING	Bryant: 51-750-14.7-3	Jordan (RB): 65-523-8.0-2
OFFENSE	298.7	317.1
TAKE/GIVE	-6	-4
DEFENSE	314.5	324.7
SACKS	McKinley, Thompson: 3.0	Burgess: 13.0 (1L)
INTs	4 tied: 2	Schweigert: 1
PUNTING	Richardson: 40.5	Lechler: 44.1
KICKING	P. Dawson: 83 (17/19 PAT; 22/24 FG)	Janikowski: 83 (26/26 PAT; 19/27 FG)

NOTES

BROWNS: Club has won 4 of past 5 in series after losing 8 of first 9.....Rookie **QB CHARLIE FRYE** can become 1st Browns rookie QB to rush or pass for 2 TDs in each of 1st 3 starts.....**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** (1,103) needs 97 yds to be 1st CLE rusher to post 1,200 since **MIKE PRUITT** (1,294) in 1979. Droughns stands 5th in AFC rushing & is tied for 3rd-most AFC rushes of 20+ yards with 6. In past 2 vs. OAK, Droughns has recorded 100+ yds & TD in each. In last game at OAK, Droughns (w/DEN) rushed for 178 yds on 38 carries – tying 2nd-most rush attempts in Broncos history..... **WR ANTONIO BRYANT** has 4+ catches on 5 of past 6 on road. Bryant averages 19.4 yds per 3rd down catch for best 3rd down avg. in AFC. Bryant (750) needs 64 rec. yds to surpass career-high (813, 2004). **WR DENNIS NORTHCUTT** caught 5 passes for 54 yds in last mtg (10/12/03).....Defense tied for 4th-fewest rush TDs allowed in conference (8). **LB CHAUN THOMPSON** leads team with 8 tackles for loss & is tied for team lead w/ 3.0 sacks. **DT ORPHEUS ROYE** (83) needs 3 tackles to surpass career-high 85 (2003).....**RAIDERS:** **QB MARQUES TUIASOSOPO** threw 1st TD pass in 2nd NFL start last wk.....**RB LA MONT JORDAN** needs 107 rush yds to be 3rd Raider w/ 1,000+ rush yds & 500+ rec. yds (HOFer **MARCUS ALLEN** 1983-85; **CLEM DANIELS** 1963). Jordan (9) needs 1 rush TD to be 3rd player in club history w/ 10+ in season (**PETE BANASZAK**, 1975; HOFer **MARCUS ALLEN**, 1982, '84-85, '90). Jordan (65) needs 7 catches to tie **CHARLIE GARNER** (72, 2001) for 2nd-most catches by OAK RB in season & is 5th in NFL 1st downs (78)**WR RANDY MOSS** needs 69 rec. yds to reach 10,000 in 123rd game for 4th-fewest games played to reach plateau. **WR DOUG GABRIEL** averages 16.4 yds/catch on 26 receptions; 7 have gone for 20+ yds.....**DE DERRICK BURGESS** leads NFL w/ 13.0 sacks. Burgess has 6 games w/ 2.0+ sacks – most ever by veteran player in 1st year with new team. Burgess needs 2.0 sacks to post 2nd-most by veteran player in 1st year w/ new team (**BRYCE PAUP**, BUF, 1995, 17.5).

SUNDAY NIGHT
ATLANTA FALCONS (8-5) AT CHICAGO BEARS (9-4)

SERIES

	<u>FALCONS</u>	<u>BEARS</u>
LEADER		11-10
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mora: 0-0	Smith: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 36-17 vs. Saints	L 21-9 at Steelers
LAST GAME	9/15/02: Bears 14 at Falcons 13. Chicago RB Anthony Thomas rushes for 84 yards & TD & WR David Terrell catches 14-yard TD in Bears victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/3/93: Bears 6, Falcons 0. Chicago K Kevin Butler connects on FGs of 52 & 48 yards & Bears force 3 turnovers.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:30 PM CT): Mike Patrick, Paul Maguire, Joe Theismann, Suzy Kolber (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Dave Sims, John Riggins, Rick Walker (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Vick: 170-305-2,014-13-10-76.6	Orton (R): 182-344-1,798-9-13-60.9
RUSHING	Dunn: 242-1,247(3L)-5.2-3	Jones: 250-1,077-4.3-7
RECEIVING	Crumpler (TE): 56-779-13.9-5	Muhammad: 56-652-11.6-3
OFFENSE	346.3	256.3
TAKE/GIVE	+4	+1
DEFENSE	317.5	270.5 (1L)
SACKS	Coleman: 8.5	Ogunleye: 9.0 (T3C)
INTs	D. Hall: 5 (T3C)	Vasher: 7 (2C)
PUNTING	Koenen (R): 42.2	Maynard: 42.0
KICKING	Peterson: 92 (32/32 PAT; 20/21 FG)	Gould (R): 62 (14/15 PAT; 16/21)

NOTES

FALCONS: Are 4-2 on road & need win for 4th winning season on road since '86 ('86, '98, '02).....Are 17-1 (.944) under head coach **JIM MORA** when leading at half.....**QB MICHAEL VICK** has 8 TD passes vs. 4 INT in past 6 games. Has 13 TD passes & needs 4 for career high (16, '02). Leads NFL QBs with 499 rushing yards.....Club leads NFL avging. 173.2 rushing yards per game.....Among RBs with 150+ carries, **WARRICK DUNN** ranks 1st with 5.2 yards per carry avg. Needs 53 yards for 1st career 1,300-yard season. **RB T.J. DUCKETT** has 30 career rushing TDs & needs 1 to pass **WILLIAM ANDREWS** (30) for 3rd most in franchise history.....**RODDY WHITE** avgs. 16.6 yards per catch. His 349 receiving yards (21 catches) rank 2nd among NFC rookies..... **ALGE CRUMPLER** ranks 3rd among NFL TEs with 779 rec. yards (56 catches).....Defense holds foes to 28.5 3rd down conversion pct (43 of 151), 1st in NFL.....**ROD COLEMAN** ties for 1st among NFL DTs with 8.5 sacks & needs 1.5 for 2nd consecutive & 3rd career 10-sack season..... **BEARS:** Seek to finish 7-1 at home for 1st time since '86.....**QB KYLE ORTON** has 9 TD passes & needs 1 to surpass **JIM MC MAHON** (9, '82) for team rookie record.....**RB THOMAS JONES** needs 123 rushing yards for 1st 1,200-yard season by Bear since **NEAL ANDERSON** in '89 (1,275). Has rushed for 632 yards & 4.7 yards per carry at home vs. 424 yards & 3.8 per carry on road (111 carries).....**WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** seeks 3rd consecutive 100-yard receiving game vs. Falcons.....Club has allowed less than 10 points in 7 of 13 games & has returned 8 INTs for TD in 2 seasons under head coach **LOVIE SMITH**. Defense has 27.3 red zone TD pct. (9 TDs, 33 trips), 1st in NFL & ranks 2nd holding foes to 29.9 pct. (59 of 197) on 3rd down conversions.....**DE ADEWALE OGUNLEYE** needs sack for 2nd 10-sack year... **CB NATHAN VASHER** has 12 INT in 29 career games.....**K ROBBIE GOULD** has made 10 of past 11 FG attempts.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
GREEN BAY PACKERS (3-10) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (4-9)

SERIES

	<u>PACKERS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
LEADER	2-0	
STREAKS	2-0	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Sherman: 1-0	Billick: 0-1
LAST WEEK	W 16-13 (OT) vs. Lions	L 12-10 at Broncos
LAST GAME	10/14/01: Ravens 23 at Packers 31. Green Bay QB Brett Favre passes for 337 yards & 3 TDs to lead Packers to victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
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	Favre: 307-490-3,161 (1C)-19 (T3C)-22-75.4	Boller: 113-196-1,106-5-9-63.0
RUSHING	Gado (R): 137-537-3.9-6	J. Lewis: 203-638-3.1-2
RECEIVING	Driver: 71-940-13.2-5	Mason: 69-800-11.6-2
OFFENSE	319.3	278.8
TAKE/GIVE	-15	-14
DEFENSE	286.0	290.2 (2C)
SACKS	Kampman: 6.5	Thomas: 6.0
INTs	Carroll, Harris: 2	Suggs, Thomas: 2
PUNTING	Sander: 39.4	Zastudil: 43.3
KICKING	Longwell: 71 (26/27 PAT; 15/20 FG)	Stover: 79 (13/13 PAT; 22/26 FG)

NOTES

PACKERS: Have surrendered 20 sacks, 3rd fewest in NFL.....Have won 21 of 26 Dec/Jan reg. season games under head coach **MIKE SHERMAN**.....**QB BRETT FAVRE** has 395 career TD passes & needs 5 to join **DAN MARINO** (420) as only players in NFL history with 400. Needs TD pass for his NFL record 12th consecutive 20 TD pass season..... **SAMKON GADO** has scored 7 TDs in 7 games, tops among NFL rookies. Needs 9 rushing yards to pass **GERRY ELLIS** (545, '80) for 2nd most rookie rushing yards in franchise history.....**WR DONALD DRIVER** needs 60 yards for 3rd career & 2nd consecutive 1,000 yard season.....Defense ranks 5th in NFL (286.0) overall & 1st vs. pass (163.3). Unit has allowed 1 TD or less in each of past 4 games.....**LB NICK BARNETT** ties for 3rd in NFL with 3 defensive fumble recoveries.....**CB AL HARRIS** has 1st 3 career sacks in '05 & ties for 4th among NFL defensive backs.....**RAVENS:** In 2 career starts vs. NFC at home, **QB KYLE BOLLER** is 2-0, posting 95.6 passer rating w/ 6 TDs vs. 0 INTs. Boller is 11-4 (.733) in career home starts.....**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** (399, 227) needs 1 rush yd to join 8 AFC RBs w/ 400+ rush & 200 rec. yds. Taylor averages 4.6 yds/carry in career at home (197 carries). In 16 career Dec. games, **RB JAMAL LEWIS** has 1,502 rush yds (93.9-yd avg.).....**WR DERRICK MASON** (25) & **TE TODD HEAP** (20) are No. 1 & No. 3 in AFC 3rd down catches. Mason (69) needs 7 catches to tie club's season record (**MICHAEL JACKSON**, 76, 1996). Rookie **WR MARK CLAYTON** has 7 catches in each of past 2 games for 191 yards & 1 TD; leads NFL rookies w/ 34 catches.....**T JONATHAN OGDEN** to play in 150th game – all starts.....Defense has allowed 6 TDs in 6 home games. In past 2 games, **LB ADALIUS THOMAS** has 2.0 sacks (1.0 in each), INT-TD, & 2 PDs.

2005 AFC Division Standings

AFC East												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
New England	8-5-0		4-0-0	0-0-0	6-4-0	.385	.521	20	36	0	5	35
Miami	6-7-0		1-3-0	0-0-0	4-5-0	.487	.485	20	42	0	-19	26
Buffalo	4-9-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	4-5-0	.346	.479	25	50	0	-91	18
New York Jets	3-10-0		1-2-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	.487	.533	26	52	0	-105	17

AFC North												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Cincinnati	10-3-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.377	.467	11	22	0	91	40
Pittsburgh	8-5-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.413	.515	10	20	0	61	34
Baltimore	4-9-0	1	2-3-0	0-0-0	4-7-0	.308	.550	22	45	0	-82	15
Cleveland	4-9-0	-1	0-4-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	.423	.527	17	35	0	-34	20

AFC South												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
*-Indianapolis	13-0-0		6-0-0	0-0-0	11-0-0	.408	.408	2	3	0	212	48
Jacksonville	9-4-0		2-2-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.419	.533	10	20	0	46	31
Tennessee	4-9-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	3-7-0	.154	.462	25	46	0	-77	27
Houston	1-12-0		0-5-0	0-0-0	1-10-0	.308	.574	29	58	0	-161	19

AFC West												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Denver	10-3-0		3-1-0	0-0-0	7-2-0	.492	.515	8	14	0	91	37
San Diego	8-5-0	1	3-1-0	0-0-0	6-3-0	.452	.497	8	16	0	126	47
Kansas City	8-5-0	-1	3-2-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.413	.462	16	29	0	41	37
Oakland	4-9-0		0-5-0	0-0-0	2-8-0	.442	.515	23	42	0	-63	29

2005 NFC Division Standings

NFC East												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
New York Giants	9-4-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	8-3-0	.419	.497	8	16	0	104	37
Dallas	8-5-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	6-3-0	.433	.509	11	21	0	51	33
Washington	7-6-0		2-1-0	0-0-0	7-2-0	.484	.544	14	28	0	12	30
Philadelphia	5-8-0		0-5-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	.385	.562	21	43	0	-62	28

NFC North												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Chicago	9-4-0		4-0-0	0-0-0	8-1-0	.393	.444	14	25	0	62	23
Minnesota	8-5-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	7-4-0	.337	.473	22	43	0	-40	27
Detroit	4-9-0		1-5-0	0-0-0	2-9-0	.288	.509	24	42	0	-54	22
Green Bay	3-10-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	3-7-0	.385	.527	17	33	0	0	30

NFC South												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Tampa Bay	9-4-0	1	3-1-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.444	.444	13	24	0	37	27
Carolina	9-4-0	1	2-2-0	0-0-0	6-3-0	.436	.462	9	15	0	86	35
Atlanta	8-5-0		2-2-0	0-0-0	5-4-0	.346	.450	11	23	0	59	35
New Orleans	3-10-0		1-3-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	.410	.527	29	56	0	-131	21

NFC West												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
y-Seattle	11-2-0		6-0-0	0-0-0	10-1-0	.371	.408	4	6	0	168	47
St. Louis	5-8-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	.323	.509	19	40	0	-71	35
Arizona	4-9-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	3-8-0	.250	.509	22	44	0	-67	20
San Francisco	2-11-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	2-9-0	.538	.586	32	62	0	-195	18

y-Clinched division

*- Clinched homefield advantage

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (DEC. 11-12)

(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, December 11

New England 35, BUFFALO 7
 Tampa Bay 20, CAROLINA 10
 CINCINNATI 23, Cleveland 20
 Indianapolis 26, JACKSONVILLE 18
 MINNESOTA 27, St. Louis 13
 N.Y. JETS 26, Oakland 10
 PITTSBURGH 21, Chicago 9
 TENNESSEE 13, Houston 10
 Washington 17, ARIZONA 13

Sunday, December 11, cont.'d

N.Y. Giants 26, PHILADELPHIA 23 (OT)
 SEATTLE 41, San Francisco 3
 DALLAS 31, Kansas City 28
 DENVER 12, Baltimore 10
 Miami 23, SAN DIEGO 21
 GREEN BAY 16, Detroit 13 (OT)

Monday, December 12

ATLANTA 36, New Orleans 17

WEEK 15 NFL SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 17-19

(All times local)

Saturday, December 17

Tampa Bay at New England, 1:30 PM (FOX)
 Kansas City at N.Y. Giants, 5:00 PM (CBS)
 Denver at Buffalo, 8:30 PM (ESPN)

Sunday, December 18

Arizona at Houston, 12:00 PM
 San Diego at Indianapolis, 1:00 PM
 San Francisco at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM
 N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1:00 PM
 Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 12:00 PM

Sunday, December 18, cont'd.

Carolina at New Orleans, 12:00 PM (Baton Rouge)
 Philadelphia at St. Louis, 12:00 PM
 Seattle at Tennessee, 12:00 PM
 Cincinnati at Detroit, 4:05 PM
 Cleveland at Oakland, 1:05 PM
 Dallas at Washington, 4:15 PM
 Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Monday, December 19

Green Bay at Baltimore, 9:00 PM (ABC)

