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HISTORY TO BE MADE SUNDAY NIGHT WHEN CARDS & 49ERS CLASH IN MEXICO CITY

It's Fútbol Americano in Mexico City! When the Arizona Cardinals take on the San Francisco 49ers Sunday night at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City, Mexico (ESPN/ESPN Deportes, 8:30 PM ET), the game will be an NFL first -- the first time that a regular-season contest is played outside the United States.

Estadio Azteca is the venue in which the largest attendance in NFL history was recorded -- 112,376 fans on August 15, 1994 in a preseason game when Houston topped Dallas 6-0. The stadium has since been reconfigured and holds 85,000. American football has been played in Mexico since 1890 when a game was played in Xalapa, Veracruz. Mexico has the most NFL fans outside of the United States.

The historic game will be celebrated in many ways in the NFL this weekend. Every NFL player will wear a "Fútbol Americano" decal on his helmet. Special "Fútbol Americano" banners will be hung at all NFL stadiums. NFL Network will air themed programming leading up to the game. A first-ever NFL Spanish-language youth-football PSA featuring Kansas City tight end **TONY GONZALEZ** and Pro Football Hall of Famer **ANTHONY MUÑOZ** will debut this weekend. And many teams are conducting Hispanic fan promotions during Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15).

FOUR CLUBS SEEK TO STAY SPOTLESS

Zeros in the loss column can mean zilch.

Especially this time of year, when most NFL clubs will reach only the quarter mark of their season. Being unbeaten -- as Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Tampa Bay and Washington are -- sure beats the alternative, but every player on those clubs is saying, "Hold on, let's not get carried away."

"Three games is nothing when you play a 16-game season," says quarterback **CARSON PALMER** of the 3-0 Cincinnati Bengals. "It's great to have this start. But we still have a lot of games -- a lot of big games -- ahead of us."

The numbers prove Palmer right. In the past five seasons, 10 clubs began the year with at least 3-0 records yet did not reach the playoffs. The high-water mark in the equation came in 2002, when six of the seven teams to begin 3-0 failed to make the playoffs.

"It feels good, it feels real good," says tackle **KENYATTA WALKER** of the 3-0 Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "But I'm not patting myself on the back just yet."

There will be plenty of time for that. Meanwhile, there is Week 4 to contend with:

DETROIT LIONS (1-1) at TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (3-0)

STORYLINE: Motor City tries to slow down a Cadillac.

Lions defensive coordinator **DICK JAURON** will try to do what three teams have failed to accomplish this year -- slow down Bucs rookie **RB CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS**. The first-round draft choice from Auburn leads the NFL in rushing (434 yards, the most ever in a rookie's first three games) and last Sunday, with an NFC season-high 158 yards, became the first rookie in history to start a career with three consecutive 100-yard rush games.

"There are a lot of great backs that have come through this league," says Bucs **CB RONDE BARBER**. "For him to outdistance them all in the first three games of his career, he should feel good about it."

NFL HISPANIC FACTOID

MOLINET THE FIRST: The first Hispanic player to play in the NFL was fullback **LOU MOLINET**, who appeared in nine games for the Frankford Yellowjackets in 1927 and scored one rushing touchdown. Molinet was born in Chaparra, Cuba.

Tampa Bay **QB BRIAN GRIESE** leads the NFC in completion percentage (66.2), but confronts a defense constructed to limit the long ball. The Lions allow the conference's fewest passing yards per game (159.5).

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (1-2) at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (2-1)

STORYLINE: *Tomlinson's hot, but the Pats plan to conjure up something.*

He was quiet in the Chargers' first two games (both losses), but last Sunday night, **RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** ignited the Bolts by having a hand in four of their six touchdowns in a 45-23 triumph over the Giants. Tomlinson ran for an NFL season-high 192 yards and three TDs and added a 26-yard scoring pass.

Patriots head coach **BILL BELICHICK**, as usual, will devise some surprising scheme aimed at negating Tomlinson. The New England 3-4 linebacking crew of **WILLIE MC GINEST**, **CHAD BROWN**, **MONTY BEISEL** and **MIKE VRABEL** (who played some safety last week) will have to immediately plug any holes that open when Tomlinson takes off. He averaged almost 10 yards per carry (9.1) in Week 3. You don't want him to reach the secondary.

For the game's two Big Ten quarterbacks, it's the rubber game. San Diego's **DREW BREES** (Purdue) topped New England's **TOM BRADY** (Michigan) in 2002, 21-14. The two squared off for the first time in college in 1999, with Brady's Wolverines defeating Brees' Boilermakers 38-12.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (2-1) at WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-0)

STORYLINE: *Seattle power game vs. Washington's power "D."*

Should be a rumbling FedExField ground game Sunday. The NFL's second leading rusher, Seattle's **SHAUN ALEXANDER** (357 yards), will show the East Coast what he's about when he goes against the league's No. 2 rush defense of the Redskins.

Alexander last Sunday ran for four touchdowns against Arizona – two in a 30-second span – and 140 yards. He will confront a rushing defense that has not allowed a 100-yard game this year.

Redskins **CB SHAWN SPRINGS** knows how dangerous Alexander can be, having played with him in Seattle from 2000-03. "You can't let Shaun get started," says Springs. "He's the type of guy where you might get him a couple of times for a negative run and then he will bust one loose. You just have to stop him."

DENVER BRONCOS (2-1) at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (2-1)

STORYLINE: *Mr. Smith meets Mr. Smith.*

And these old-timers can still be game-deciders. On Sunday, Jaguars **WR JIMMY SMITH**, in his 13th season, ran a slant-and-go pattern six minutes into overtime to make a game-deciding 36-yard TD catch in Jacksonville's win over the Jets. Then on Monday night, Denver's 11-year **WR ROD SMITH** caught seven passes for 80 yards, passing 10,000 for his career.

"You want to keep going and get more," says Rod Smith, really speaking for Jimmy also. "Then I'm helping my team."

Denver's defensive front – bulwarked by newcomers **COURTNEY BROWN** and **GERARD WARREN** – will look to shut down Jags **RB FRED TAYLOR**, who ran a club-record 37 times on Sunday (for 98 yards). The Broncs did just that Monday, limiting Kansas City's **PRIEST HOLMES** and **LARRY JOHNSON** to a combined 74 yards.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (0-3) at CAROLINA PANTHERS (1-2) (Monday night, ABC, 9:00 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Call it the "Amnesia Bowl."*

Both teams feel they are too good, and have too many good players, to have the records they have. Forget the past, they say. There's 13 more games to go. "You can't dwell on the past," says Packers defensive coordinator **JIM BATES**. "You put the blinders on, get back to work, bring it closer and go play. It's too early."

Bates and his men will have to slow down perhaps the difference-maker in this game – Panthers **WR STEVE SMITH**. Tied for the league lead with **KEENAN MC CARDELL** and **HINES WARD** with four receiving TDs, Smith – sometimes lining up in the backfield – tied a team record last Sunday for catches (11) and posted 170 yards – highest in the league this season – with three TDs.

The Monday night game comes 85 years to the day that the first games in NFL history were played – on October 3, 1920.

WEEK 4
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
HOUSTON TEXANS (0-2) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (3-0)

SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>BENGALS</u>
LEADER		2-0
STREAKS		2-0
COACHES VS. OPP.	Capers: 0-2	Lewis: 1-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 2: L 27-7 vs. Steelers)	W 24-7 at Bears
LAST GAME	11/9/03: Texans 27 at Bengals 34. Cincinnati RB Rudi Johnson rushes for 182 yards & 2 TDs while setting NFL record for most carries in non-OT game with 43.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/9/03	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Brent Jones	

STATS

PASSING	Carr: 25-47-237-1-3-47.9	Palmer: 69-97-786-8 (T1L)-2-114.0 (2L)
RUSHING	D. Davis: 29-107-3.7-0	R. Johnson: 73-300-4.1-0
RECEIVING	A. Johnson: 7-38-5.4-0	C. Johnson: 19 (3C)-307 (2C)-16.2-3 (T2C)
OFFENSE	170.5	389.3 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	-6	+12 (1L)
DEFENSE	352.0	310.7
SACKS	Peek, Simmons: 1.0	Powell, J. Smith: 1.0
INTs	0	O'Neal: 4 (1L)
PUNTING	Stanley: 41.6	Larson: 41.8
KICKING	K. Brown: 2 (2/2 PAT; 0/0 FG)	Graham: 28 (2C) (10/10 PAT; 6/6 FG)

NOTES

FROM 1992-94 head coaches **DOM CAPERS** of Houston & **MARVIN LEWIS** of Cincinnati were assistants on Pittsburgh head coach **BILL COWHER**'s staff. Steelers won 2 division titles & made playoffs in all 3 years.....**TEXANS:** Team was 3-1 in Oct. '04.....In Oct. '04 games (4), **QB DAVID CARR** had 108.2 passer rating & averaged 285.5 pass yds/gm with 6 TDs vs. 1 INT. In Oct. '04, had 14 completions of 25+ yds, 2nd-most in NFL (**JAKE PLUMMER**, Den., 15).....In 2 career games vs. AFC North (Cin. '03, Cle. '04), **RB DOMANICK DAVIS** has 2 100s: 207 rush yds on 32 carries (6.5 avg.) w/TDLast season, **WR ANDRE JOHNSON** scored 3 of his 6 TDs in Oct. Since '02, **WR COREY BRADFORD** averages 16.4 yds per catch on 98 receptions – tied for 4th in NFL in span, min. 60 catchesL.A. native & rookie **DE TRAVIS JOHNSON** wears No. 75 to honor HOF **DE DAVID “DEACON” JONES**.....In career, **CB-PR PHILLIP BUCHANON** has 74 PRs for 10.8-yd avg & 3 PR-TDs.....**BENGALS:** Have never lost to Texans (2-0). Club aims for 1st 4-0 start since 1988, which is last time team advanced to Super Bowl. In last meeting (11/9/03), Bengals possessed ball for 41:15..... Among NFL QBs, **CARSON PALMER** stands No. 1 in completion pct. (71.1), No. 2 in TD pct. (8.2) & No. 2 in passer rating (114.0). Thus far in 2005, when score is tied, Palmer has completed 7 of 11 for 180 yds (16.4 yds/att.) & 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 146.8 passer rating.....In past 9 games (since Wk. 12, 2004) **RB RUDI JOHNSON** leads NFL with 907 rush yds (100.8 per game). In AFC, **RB CHRIS PERRY** ties for 2nd-most catches on 3rd down (6).....**WR CHAD JOHNSON** (19) has 3rd-most receptions in AFC & has AFC's 5th-longest reception (70-TD).....**DE JUSTIN SMITH** (29.0) needs 4.0 sacks to tie **JAMES FRANCIS** (33.0) for 5th-most by Bengal.....**CB DELTA O'NEAL** leads NFL w/ 4 INTs. Team has 12 INTs through 1st 3 gms, NFL's most INTs by club since '70 after 4 gms is 13 (5 teams, most recently '85 Cowboys).

DENVER BRONCOS (2-1) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (2-1)

SERIES

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
LEADER	Series tied, 2-2	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 3-3	Del Rio: 1-0
LAST WEEK	W 30-10 vs. Chiefs	W 26-20 (OT) at Jets
LAST GAME	9/19/04: Broncos 6 at Jaguars 7. Jacksonville LB Akin Ayodele recovers fumble at Jaguars' 21 with 37 seconds remaining to preserve victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/19/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts	

STATS

PASSING	Plummer: 58-103-651-2-3-69.7	Leftwich: 49-83-627-4-1-93.8
RUSHING	Mi. Anderson: 39-152-3.9-1	Taylor: 73-255-3.5-1
RECEIVING	Smith: 22 (1C)-253-11.5-1	R. Williams: 13-133-10.2-0
OFFENSE	333.7	324.3
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+6 (T3L)
DEFENSE	308.0	252.7 (1C)
SACKS	6 tied: 1.0	Spicer: 3.0 (T3C)
INTs	Bailey: 2 (T2C)	5 tied: 1
PUNTING	Sauerbrun: 45.9	Hanson: 46.8 (1C)
KICKING	Elam: 24 (6/6 PAT; 6/9 FG)	Scobee: 25 (4/4 PAT; 7/9 FG)

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BRONCOS: Since joining Denver in 2003, in last 2:00 of regulation & OT, **QB JAKE PLUMMER** has 8 TDs vs. 3 INTs with 7.43 yds per att. & 87.5 passer rating. In 6 career games vs. AFC South, Plummer is 4-2 as starter with 11 TDs vs. 6 INTs on 112 of 176 passing (63.6 pct.) for 1,466 yds, resulting in his highest passer rating vs. any division (96.4).....**RB MIKE ANDERSON** (2,860) needs 40 rush yds to reach 3,000; would become only 2nd active NFL RB drafted in Rd. 6+ to reach 3,000 (Holmes, KC, 7,805). **RB RON DAYNE** has 50 yds on 11 carries for 4.5-yd avg.....**WR ROD SMITH** seeks 1st career 100-yd game vs. AFC South team – only division in NFL denying him 100-yd performance. Since 1997, Smith (712) & Jaguars WR Smith (699) stand No. 2 & No. 3, respectively, in most NFL receptions. Since 2004, **WR ASHLIE LELIE**, leads NFL WRs with 60+ receptions with 18.7-yd per catch avg..... In last mtg (9/19/04), defense limited Jax RB Taylor to 54 yds on 16 carries (3.4 avg.). **DTs GERARD WARREN & MICHAEL MYERS** lead D-line w/ 8 tackles eachRookie **CB-KR-PR DARRENT WILLIAMS** has 11 tackles & 3 PDs in 1st 3 games & leads AFC with 13.3-yard PR avg.....**JAGUARS:** Under head coach **JACK DEL RIO**, club is 4-1 (.800) vs. AFC West. Team is 2-0 at home vs. **MIKE SHANAHAN**-coached Broncos.....Since '04, **QB BYRON LEFTWICH** (1.0 pct.) has NFL's 2nd-lowest INT pct. at home. Has 9 TDs vs. 2 INTs in past 7 home games.....**RB FRED TAYLOR** stands 6th in AFC with 255 rush yds. Jaguars are 13-4 (.765) when Taylor rushes for 100+ yds at home.....Since 1995, **WR JIMMY SMITH** stands 3rd in NFL with 5,651 rec. yds in Wks 1-8. **WR REGGIE WILLIAMS** has 4+ receptions in each of 1st 3 games.....Defense ranks No. 1 in AFC (252.7 yds/gm). In last meeting (9/19/04) **LB AKIN AYODELE** had FR on Jags' 23-yd line with :37 left in game for 7-6 win. **DT JOHN HENDERSON** leads club with 3 tackles for loss. **DE PAUL SPICER** notched career-high 3.0 sacks last wk at NYJ with FF. Defense has INT in 7 games in row, tying Dal. & Min. for longest active streak.....**K JOSH SCOBEE** (7) tied for most TBs on kickoffs in NFL (**NEIL RACKERS**, Ariz.). **P CHRIS HANSON** leads NFL with 11 punts inside 20.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (1-2) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (2-1)**SERIES**

	<u>CHARGERS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
LEADER		17-12-2
STREAKS		10 of past 11
COACHES VS. OPP.	Schottenheimer: 6-1	Belichick: 2-3
LAST WEEK	W 45-23 vs. Giants	W 23-20 at Steelers
LAST GAME	9/29/02: Patriots 14 at Chargers 21. San Diego RB LaDainian Tomlinson ties club record by rushing for 217 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/14/01: Patriots 29, Chargers 26 (OT). New England's Adam Vinatieri helps Patriots cap off late comeback with 44-yard game-winning FG 4:05 into OT.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Brees: 52-80-575-4-3-87.2	Brady: 78-123-948 (1C)-3-2-88.4
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 59-316 (3C)-5.4-6 (1L)	Dillon: 59-160-2.7-4 (2C)
RECEIVING	McCardell: 17-257 (3C)-15.1-4 (T1L)	Branch: 21 (2C)-237-11.3-1
OFFENSE	329.7	364.3
TAKE/GIVE	-1	-3
DEFENSE	352.0	285.7
SACKS	Foley: 2.0	Seymour: 2.0
INTs	Jue: 1	Vrabel: 1
PUNTING	Scifres: 42.3	Miller: 46.2 (2C)
KICKING	Kaeding: 20 (11/11 PAT; 3/3 FG)	Vinatieri: 22 (7/8 PAT; 5/6 FG)

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CHARGERS: Head coach **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** was LB for Boston Patriots from 1969-70. As head coach, Schottenheimer is 6-1 (.857) vs. NE.....**QB DREW BREES** has completion of 65+ yards in 3 of past 4 road games. In past 5 on road, Brees has 7 TDs vs. 2 INTs. Since '04, Brees (101.9) is NFL's 5th-highest rated passer.....**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has TD in 15 games in row for 2nd-longest streak in NFL history (HOF **LENNY MOORE**, 19). Since 2001, Tomlinson (8,265) leads NFL in total scrimmage yards; 125.2 per game avg. Tomlinson recorded 4th-longest career run vs. NE (58-yd TD) on 9/29/02 in SD.....**WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** (4) tied for most TD catches in league. Since 1992 (rookie year), among active WRs, McCardell stands 4th in NFL receptions (772).....Rookie **KR-RB DARREN SPROLES** is 2nd among AFC KR leaders (31.9). In last meeting, **LB DONNIE EDWARDS** recorded INT & **DT JAMAL WILLIAMS** notched 2 PDs.....**PATRIOTS:** Club is 25-3 (.893) all-time including playoffs at Gillette Stadium & has won 21 games in row at home. Defeated Steelers last wk, halting Pittsburgh's 16-game win streak.....**QB TOM BRADY** has thrown 38 TDs vs. 11 INTs (3.5:1) in 25 regular season games at Gillette Stadium. Brady has thrown 828 of franchise's 836 passes at Gillette.....With 137 rush yards, **RB COREY DILLON** (9,863) will become 17th player in NFL history to reach 10,000. **RB KEVIN FAULK** (13) ranks 2nd among AFC RBs in receptions. Caught 7 passes vs. Pitt last week for 71 yards with long of 23 yards – longest reception in 16 games.....**WR TROY BROWN** (488) needs 3 catches to surpass **BEN COATES** (490) for 2nd-most receptions in team history (**STANLEY MORGAN**, 534). **WR DEION BRANCH** (21) is 1 of 2 AFC players with 20+ receptions (Smith, 22, Den.).....**LB WILLIE MC GINEST** has 73.0 career sacks for 3rd-most in team history, trailing **JULIUS ADAMS** (79.5) & **ANDRE TIPPETT** (100.0). **DL RICHARD SEYMOUR** posted 1st career multi-sack game last wk at Pitt. with 2.0.....Since 2001, **K ADAM VINATIERI** has made 21 of 23 4th qtr FGs (91.3 pct.).

BUFFALO BILLS (1-2) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (1-2) (At San Antonio, Texas)**SERIES**

	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
LEADER	4-3	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mularkey: 0-0	Haslett: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 24-16 vs. Falcons	L 33-16 at Vikings
LAST GAME	9/9/01: Saints 24 at Bills 6. New Orleans QB Aaron Brooks passes for 3 2nd-half TDs to rally Saints to win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/27/98: Bills 45, Saints 33. Buffalo QB Rob Johnson throws 3 TDs as Bills race to early lead.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Don Criqui, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	Losman: 38-79-358-1-1-60.0	Brooks: 57-101- 766-2-5-66.7
RUSHING	McGahee: 62-291-4.7-1	McAllister: 55-174-3.2-3
RECEIVING	Reed: 9-101-11.2-0	Horn: 15-220-14.7-1
OFFENSE	223.7	336.3
TAKE/GIVE	+5	-7
DEFENSE	280.3 (2C)	342.3
SACKS	Schobel: 2.0	Bryant: 2.5
INTs	Vincent: 2 (T2C)	Craft, McKenzie: 1
PUNTING	Moorman: 43.3	Berger: 41.5
KICKING	Lindell: 29 (1C) (2/2 PAT; 9/9 FG)	Carney: 19 (4/4 PAT; 5/6 FG)

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GAME will be 1st of 3 played in San Antonio's Alamodome (10/16, 12/24).....**BILLS:** Team has won 9 of past 13 games.....**QB J.P. LOSMAN** attended Tulane in New Orleans, resides in Top 10 in 18 of school's passing records. Had string of 75 passes without INT until 4th qtr INT last wk.....In past 13 games, **RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** has 14 rush TDs, 3rd-most in NFL in that span. McGahee (9) needs 100-yd rush game to tie **COOKIE GILCHRIST** (10) for 5th-most 100s by Bills RB.....**WR ERIC MOULDS** has 8 catches in 2 of past 3 games vs. NFC. Last wk, Moulds (602) became 2nd player in club history to reach 600+ career receptions (**ANDRE REED**, 941). **WR LEE EVANS** has 1st downs on 42 of 54 (77.8 pct.) career receptions.....Since 1996, **S LAWYER MILLOY** (5.0) has 2nd-most sacks among AFC safeties vs. NFC (**RODNEY HARRISON**, 9.0). Since 2004, club is 4th in AFC in sacks (51).....**CB-KR TERENCE MC GEE** has 30+ yd KR in 11 of past 17 games. McGee stands 3rd in NFL with 29.3-yd KR avg.....**SAINTS:** Head coach **JIM HASLETT** was selected by Bills in 2nd round of '79 NFL Draft, earning AP Defensive Rookie of Year honors as LB. Spent 1979-86 with Bills.....**QB AARON BROOKS** has 9 career 300-yard passing games & needs 1 to pass **ARCHIE MANNING** (9) for most in club history. Passed for 3 TDs & posted 118.0 passer rating in only game vs. Bills (9/9/01).....**RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** has 38 career TDs & needs 2 to become 4th player in team history with 40. Has 4 TDs in last 4 games vs. AFC opponents.....Club 18-7 (.720) when **WR JOE HORN** has 100+ yards receiving. Has 46 TD catches with NO & needs 3 to pass **ERIC MARTIN** (48) for most in club history. Second-year **WR DEVERY HENDERSON** had career-high 95 receiving yards (3 catches) vs. Min. **WR DONTE STALLWORTH** avgs. 15.7 yards per catch (12-188).....Defense has not allowed 4th-quarter TD in 7 consecutive games.....**DE TONY BRYANT** had career-high 2.5 sacks vs. Vikes.....**CB MIKE MC KENZIE** has 6 INTs in 13 games with NO.

ST. LOUIS RAMS (2-1) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (2-1)

SERIES

	<u>RAMS</u>	<u>GIANTS</u>
LEADER	25-11	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Martz: 2-2	Coughlin: 0-1
LAST WEEK	W 31-27 vs. Titans	L 45-23 at Chargers
LAST GAME	9/7/03: Rams 13 at Giants 23. New York's defense recorded 6 sacks & forced 4 turnovers, including fumble recovery for TD as Giants stifle Rams.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/7/03	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Sam Rosen, Bill Maas, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Bulger: 73(T3L)-113(2C)-870(2C)-6(T3L)-3-94.6 (3C)	Manning: 47-88-689-5-2-88.7
RUSHING	S. Jackson: 49-201-4.1-1	Barber: 50-205-4.1-2
RECEIVING	Holt: 23(T1L)-358(1L)-15.6-2	Burress: 15-192-12.8-2
OFFENSE	354.0	318.7
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+5 (2C)
DEFENSE	310.3	408.3
SACKS	Little: 3.5 (2C)	Strahan: 2.5
INTs	Archuleta, Groce, Hawthorne: 1	Five tied: 1
PUNTING	Hodges (R): 40.1	Feagles: 43.8
KICKING	Wilkins: 25 (7/7 PAT; 6/6 FG)	Feely: 26 (11/11 PAT; 5/5 FG)

NOTES

RAMS: Under head coach **MIKE MARTZ**, club has 14-4 (.778) mark in October.....In 41 career starts, including playoffs, **QB MARC BULGER** has led club to wins in OT or after trailing in 4th quarter 9 times. Leads NFL with 3 4th-quarter TD passes. Ties for 3rd in NFL with 73 completions...Second-year **RB STEVEN JACKSON** avgs. 4.4 yards per carry in 6 career starts (93 for 407). **RB MARSHALL FAULK** has 12,064 career rushing yards & needs 57 to pass **THURMAN THOMAS** (12,074) & **FRANCO HARRIS** (12,120) for 10th-most in NFL history.....**WR TORRY HOLT** avgs. 5.2 catches & 88 yards in 5 games vs. NYG. **WR ISSAC BRUCE** has 11,889 career receiving yards & needs 111 to become only active player with 12,000. Has 786 career receptions & needs 14 to become 13th player all-time with 800.....**G ADAM TIMMERMAN** has played in 161 games in row.....After finishing '04 29th vs. run (136.2), defense ranks 3rd (67.7) in '05. Third-year **DT JIMMY KENNEDY** has 1st 2 career sacks in '05. Was high school star at Roosevelt HS in Yonkers, NY.....**GIANTS:** Lead NFL with 92 points scored & tie for 5th in league with +5 turnover ratio.....Have 3-1 mark under head coach **TOM COUGHLIN** when scoring on 1st possession.....**QB ELI MANNING** has thrown TD pass in 4 consecutive games. Passed for career-high 352 yards vs. SD, completing 24 of 41 attempts. Has 0 INT in last 75 pass attempts.....**RB TIKI BARBER** is 1 of 3 players (**WALTER PAYTON**, Chi; **JAMES WILDER**, TB) to lead franchise in both rushing & receptions. Rookie 4th-round **RB BRANDON JACOBS** ties for NFL rookie lead with 2 rushing TDs.....**TE JEREMY SHOCKEY** has 196 receptions in 42 career games & needs 4 to become 2nd fastest TE to reach 200 catches (**KELLEN WINSLOW**, 39). Ranks 2nd in NFL among TEs with 194 receiving yards (13 catches). Had 6 catches for 101 yards vs. SD, his 4th-career 100-yard game.....**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** has 120.5 career sacks & needs 1.5 to pass **CLYDE SIMMONS** (121.5) for 11th-most all-time.

DETROIT LIONS (1-1) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (3-0)**SERIES**

	<u>LIONS</u>	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>
LEADER	26-23	
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mariucci: 0-2	Gruden: 1-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk 2: L 38-6 at Bears)	W 17-16 at Packers
LAST GAME	12/15/02: Buccaneers 23 at Lions 20. Tampa Bay clinches berth in NFC playoffs as Martin Gramatica kicks 39-yard FG to break 20-20 tie.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/09/01: Buccaneers 15, Lions 12. Tampa Bay WR Keyshawn Johnson catches 1st TD pass of season from QB Brad Johnson with 45 seconds remaining.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Curt Menefee, JC Pearson	

STATS

PASSING	Harrington: 34-65-363-3-5-52.3	Griese: 51-77-488-4-3-84.8
RUSHING	Jones: 33-109-3.3-0	Williams (R): 88(1L)-434(1L)-4.9-2
RECEIVING	K. Johnson: 8-70-8.8-0	Clayton: 15-185-12.3-0
OFFENSE	244.0	318.7
TAKE/GIVE	-2	+6 (T3L)
DEFENSE	276.0	218.3 (1L)
SACKS	S. Rogers: 2.0	Rice: 2.0
INTs	Holt, Kennedy: 1	Kelly: 3 (T2L)
PUNTING	Harris: 42.4	Bidwell: 46.8 (T2L)
KICKING	Hanson: 5 (2/2 PAT; 1/1 FG)	M. Bryant: 16 (7/7 PAT; 3/3 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS WERE NFC CENTRAL RIVALS from 1977-01. Last 3 meetings decided by 3 points.....Head coaches **STEVE MARIUCCI** (QBs) & **JON GRUDEN** (WRs) coached together at GB from 1992-94.....**LIONS: QB JOEY HARRINGTON** has started 34 consecutive games. Last Lion QB to start 35 in row was **GREG LANDRY** (41, 1970-73).....**RB KEVIN JONES** rushed for 934 yards in last 9 games. Second-year **WR ROY WILLIAMS** avgd. 15.1 yards per catch as rookie & avgs. 15.6 through 2 games. Rookie 1st-round **WR MIKE WILLIAMS** scored 1st NFL TD in Week 2. Tampa, FL native had 38 receptions for 789 yards & 12 TDs as senior at Plant HS.....**TE MARCUS POLLARD** has 7 catches (89 yards) through 2 games, his best start since '98.....Defense allows 159.5 passing yards per game, 3rd-best in NFL..... D-line has 4 of club's 6 sacks after posting 30.5 of 38 in '04.....**DT SHAUN ROGERS** has 2 sacks in 2 games, his most at this point in 5-year career.....**CB DRÉ BLY** needs 1 INT to become only active player with 7 years-or-less experience with 25 INTs.....**BUCCANEERS:** Have started 4-0 twice ('79 & '97), qualifying for playoffs each time.....**QB BRIAN GRIESE** passed for 2 TDs last week, giving him 100 career. Has 4-1 career record as starter vs. NFC North.....Rookie **RB CARNELL WILLIAMS** leads NFL with 434 rushing yards, highest total by rookie after 3 games in NFL history. Rushed for 158 yards vs. GB, becoming 1st rookie ever with 3 consecutive 100-yard games to start career.....Second-year **WR MICHAEL CLAYTON** has 95 career receptions in 19 games & needs 5 to tie for 2nd-fastest all-time with 100. **WR JOEY GALLOWAY** has 7 TDs in last 9 games after 2 TD catch effort vs. GB.....**TE ALEX SMITH** needs TD catch to tie **CALVIN MAGEE** (3) for most by Bucs rookie TE.....Defense has allowed 2 TDs in 3 games, tied for 2nd-fewest in NFL. Club's 6 INTs tie for 2nd in league.....**DE SIMEON RICE** has 107 career sacks & needs 3 to pass **PAT SWILLING** (107.5) & **GREG TOWNSEND** (109.5) for 14th all-time.....Second-year **S WILL ALLEN** had career-high 2 INTs vs. GB.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (3-0) AT TENNESSEE TITANS (1-2)**SERIES**

	<u>COLTS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
LEADER	11-9	
STREAKS	Past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Dungy: 4-4	Fisher: 3-4
LAST WEEK	W 13-6 vs. Browns	L 31-27 at Rams
LAST GAME	12/5/04: Titans 24 at Colts 51. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning passes for 425 yards & 3 TDs as Colts set NFL record with 4th consecutive game scoring 40+ points.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/19/04: Colts 31, Titans 17. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning passes for 254 yards & 2 TDs. Colts RB Edgerrin James rushes for 124 yards & 2 TDs.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Kevin Harlan, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 53-87-604-2-2-79.9	McNair: 61-101-675-4-3-81.1
RUSHING	James: 77-324 (2C)-4.2-1	Brown: 39-179-4.6-0
RECEIVING	Harrison: 15-158-10.5-1	Kinney (TE): 14-135-9.6-0
OFFENSE	315.7	309.3
TAKE/GIVE	+2	-2
DEFENSE	322.3	322.0
SACKS	Freeney: 4.0 (T2L)	Vanden Bosch: 5.0 (1L)
INTs	Brackett: 2 (T2C)	Kassell, Ta. Williams: 1
PUNTING	Smith: 42.2	Hentrich: 44.5
KICKING	Vanderjagt: 17 (5/5 PAT; 4/4 FG)	Bironas: 21 (6/6 PAT; 5/6 FG)

NOTES

COLTS: Under head coach **TONY DUNGY**, team is 18-7 (.720) on road. Club is 15-4 (.789) vs. division.....**QB PEYTON MANNING** to play in 116th consecutive game & will surpass **C KEN MENDENHALL** (115) for longest streak in franchise history.....**RB EDGERRIN JAMES** has 42 100-yd games in 84 career games played. Team is 36-6 (.857) when James rushes for 100+. James leads AFC with 418 scrimmage yards. Has 24 1st downs, best in league. In 5 career games vs. Tenn., James averages 103.2 rush yds & has 7 rush TDs.....**WR BRANDON STOKLEY** recorded career-high 153 rec. yds in last mtg vs. Tenn. (12/5/04)Offensive line is only unit in NFL not to allow sack in '05.....Defense is 6th post-WWII to limit 1st 3 opponents to single-digit points in each of 1st 3 games; only eventual NFL champ 1962 Packers did it in 1st 4 games. Since 2003, **DEs ROBERT MATHIS** (10) & **DWIGHT FREENEY** (9) stand tied for 1st & 3rd, respectively, in most FFs in NFL. Freeney has sack in 25 of 40 career starts. Club (13.0) has NFL's 2nd-most sacks – all registered by D-linemen.....**TITANS:** Club has won past 2 at home.....In 5 career games vs. Colts, **QB STEVE MC NAIR** has 94.3 passer rating, completing 95 of 143 (66.4 pct.) for 965 yds with 5 TDs vs. 1 INT. His 66.4 comp. pct. vs. Indy is his highest vs. any foe he's faced more than once.....**RB CHRIS BROWN** posted 2 100s against Indy in '04 for total of 256 rush yds on 45 carries (5.7 avg.). Had career-best 152 rush yds in last meeting at Tenn. (9/19/04).....Among WRs with 12+ catches, **WR DREW BENNETT** is 3rd in NFL with 18.9-yd avg. **TE ERRON KINNEY** is 2nd among AFC TEs w/ 14 catches. In past 2 at home vs. Indy, Kinney has 10 catches for 86 yds**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** (5.0) leads NFL in sacks. D-line combines for 8.0 sacks: DE Vanden Bosch (5.0), **DE TRAVIS LA BOY** (1.5), **DT RANDY STARKS** (1.5). Lead AFC defenses with 26 plays of negative yards.....KR coverage gives opponents worst avg. drive start after kickoff (20.4-yd line). **P CRAIG HENTICH** is 3rd in NFL with 8 punts inside 20. PR coverage unit allowing NFL-low 1.2 yds/PR.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (2-1) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-0)

SERIES

	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>	<u>REDSKINS</u>
LEADER		8-4
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 0-3	Gibbs: 4-0
LAST WEEK	W 37-12 vs. Cardinals	Bye (Wk. 2: W 14-13 at Cowboys)
LAST GAME	11/9/03: Seahawks 20 at Redskins 27. Washington WR Rod Gardner completes 10-yard TD pass to Trung Canidate with 1:57 remaining as Redskins snap 4-game losing streak.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/9/03	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Tim Ryan, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Hasselbeck: 61-98-769-4-2-91.8	Brunell: 28-48-361-2-1-87.2
RUSHING	Alexander: 64(3C)-357(2L)-5.6-5 (2L)	Portis: 38-173-4.6-0
RECEIVING	D. Jackson: 22(T3L)-321-14.6-1	Moss: 9-255-28.3-2
OFFENSE	399.0 (2L)	334.5
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-3
DEFENSE	283.7	258.5 (3L)
SACKS	Fisher: 3.0	Evans, Griffin: 1
INTs	Babineaux: 1	Marshall: 1
PUNTING	Araguz: 41.6	Frost (CLE '04): 40.0
KICKING	J. Brown: 18 (9/9 PAT; 3/3 FG)	Novak: 2 (2/2 PAT; 0/0 FG)

NOTES

SEAHAWKS: Head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN** has wins vs. 29 of 32 NFL clubs & seeks 1st vs. Wash (Hou, Ind).....**QB MATT HASSELBECK** has 11 career 300-yard passing games & needs 1 to pass **DAVE KRIEG** for most in franchise history. Since becoming starter in '01, Hasselbeck has 49 red zone TD passes vs. 2 INTs.....**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has 75 TDs since '01, 2nd-most in NFL (**PRIEST HOLMES**, 78). Has 24 career 100-yard rushing games & needs 100-yard game to pass **CHRIS WARREN** for most in club history.....**WR DARRELL JACKSON** has 35 career TD catches & needs 2 to pass **DARYL TURNER** (36) & **JOEY GALLOWAY** (36) for 2nd in club history (**STEVE LARGENT**, 100). **WR BOBBY ENGRAM** has 18 receptions through 3 games, his most since joining club in '01. Jackson (T3) & Engram (T9) are 1 of 2 sets of teammates in NFL top 10 in receptions (Ariz, Larry Fitzgerald, 7, Anquan Boldin, T9). **WR JOE JUREVICIUS** has TD in 2 of 3 games.....Since '04, defense yields 110.7 rushing yards (1,328 in 12) per game with **DE GRANT WISTROM** in lineup vs. 146.7 without.....**DE BRYCE FISHER** seeks sack in 4th game in row with new team.....

REDSKINS: Seek 1st 3-0 start since '91.....Since head coach **JOE GIBBS'** 1st season in '81, club has started 3-0 3 times ('82, '86, '91), qualifying for playoffs in each, winning 2 SBs.....**QB MARK BRUNELL** ranks 1st in NFL with 136.9 4th quarter passer rating (8 of 15, 183 yards, 2 TD, 0 INT). Played in 3 Rose Bowl games during college career at Washington.....In 46 career games, **RB CLINTON PORTIS** avgs. 99.7 rushing yards per game. Rushed for 136 yards in only career game vs. Sea on 11/17/02 (with Den).....With 9 catches & 255 receiving yards through 2 games, **WR SANTANA MOSS** is off to best start of career. Has catch of 47+ yards in 3 of last 4. **WR JAMES THRASH** had career-highs with 10 catches, 165 yards & 64-yard TD catch vs. Sea on 9/23/01 (with Phi).....Defense yields 18 points or less in 8 consec. games & less than 100 rush yards in 7 in row, both longest active streaks in NFL.....**CB SHAWN SPRINGS** spent '97-03 with Sea & faces former club for 1st time. Started 88 of 93 career games with Sea, posting 20 INT.

NEW YORK JETS (1-2) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (0-2)

SERIES

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
LEADER		3-1
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 0-1	Billick: 2-0
LAST WEEK	L 26-20 (OT) vs. Jaguars	Bye (Wk. 2: L 25-10 at Titans)
LAST GAME	11/14/04: Ravens 20 at Jets 17 (OT). Baltimore's Matt Stover kicks game-winning 42-yard FG in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/24/00: Ravens 34, Jets 20. Baltimore's Jermaine Lewis has PR-TDs of 54 and 89 yards as Ravens outscore Jets 34-6 after 1st quarter.	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:05 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Dan Dierdorf, Armen Keteyian (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Bollinger (Pre.): 19-41-171-1-0-66.2	Wright: 44-71-426-2-3-70.5
RUSHING	Martin: 69-196-2.8-0	J. Lewis: 26-57-2.2-0
RECEIVING	Coles: 15-151-10.1-1	Mason: 16-159-9.9-1
OFFENSE	276.3	291.5
TAKE/GIVE	-1	-5
DEFENSE	310.7	315.0
SACKS	Abraham: 3.0 (T3C)	R. Green: 1.0
INTs	Barrett, Law, Rhodes (R): 1	0
PUNTING	Graham (R): 46.0 (T3C)	Zastudil: 41.4
KICKING	Nugent (R): 14 (5/5 PAT; 3/4 FG)	Stover: 5 (2/2 PAT; 1/4 FG)

NOTES

JETS: Under head coach **HERMAN EDWARDS**, team is 27-7 (.794) with positive turnover ratio.....**QB BROOKS BOLLINGER** makes 1st career NFL start. Bollinger (Wisconsin) is 1 of 7 players in Big 10 Conference history to pass for 30+ TDs & rush for 20+ TDs.....Club is 31-11 (.738) when **RB CURTIS MARTIN** rushes for 100+ yds. Martin has not rushed for 100 yds in past 3 games; has not gone 4 games w/o 100 rush yds since games 3-6 of 2003.....**WR LAVERANUES COLES** (8) leads AFC in 3rd-down receptions. In 2 career games vs. Ravens, **WR JUSTIN MC CAREINS** has 4 receptions for 66 yds – all 4 for 1st downs. Among NFL TEs, **TE CHRIS BAKER** (15.6) has highest avg. yds/catch. Stands 5th among AFC TEs with 11 receptions.....Team has forced at least 1 turnover in 12 consecutive victories.....**LB JONATHAN VILMA** has led club in tackles in each of 1st 3 games & has club-high 5 tackles for losses. **LB JOHN ABRAHAM** (3.0) has sack in each of 1st 3 games of '05. In 2 games vs. Balt. RB Lewis, defense has allowed only 123 yards on 52 carries (2.4 avg.).....**RAVENS**: Club has won 12 of past 15 (.800) at home. Team has not lost consecutive home games since 2002 (Wks 14 & 16).....In past 7 starts for Ravens, **QB ANTHONY WRIGHT** is 5-2 (.714) & has 10 TD passes in those 7 games.....**RB JAMAL LEWIS** has recorded 9 & 48 rush yds in Wks. 1 & 2, respectively; has never had 3 games in row in career w/ less than 50 rush yds in each. **RB CHESTER TAYLOR** has catch in 9 of past 10 games. In 3 career games with 20+ carries, Taylor averages 4.8 yds per rush (69-332-1).....**WR CLARENCE MOORE** caught career-high 2 TDs in last mtg (11/14/04). **WR DERRICK MASON** has at least 8 catches in consecutive games for 5th time in career. **TEs TODD HEAP** (9-94-0) & **DANIEL WILCOX** (8-78-1) combine for 172 yards & 1 TD on 17 catches in 2 gms.....**S ED REED** recorded game-altering 78-yd INT return in last mtg for Ravens win. Defense yields AFC's 4th-lowest 3rd down conversion pct. (34.5) & has allowed only 1 TD in 4 opponents' possessions inside 20.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (1-2) AT ATLANTA FALCONS (2-1)

SERIES

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	<u>FALCONS</u>
LEADER	14-7	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Tice: 1-1	Mora: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 33-16 vs. Saints	W 24-16 at Bills
LAST GAME	10/5/03: Vikings 39 at Falcons 26. Minnesota WR Randy Moss catches 2 TDs & Vikings score 27 unanswered points in less than 20 minutes for win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/5/03	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger	

STATS

PASSING	Culpepper: 64-99-769-3-8-64.8	Vick: 38-69-446-3-2-77.3
RUSHING	Moore: 31-130-4.2-0	Dunn: 52-268-5.2-0
RECEIVING	Taylor: 13-153-11.8-2	Finneran: 11-104-9.5-1
OFFENSE	324.0	315.0
TAKE/GIVE	-5	+1
DEFENSE	381.7	312.3
SACKS	Johnstone: 2.0	Coleman: 3.0
INTs	5 tied: 1	D. Hall: 2
PUNTING	Kluwe (R): 49.9 (1L)	Koenen (R): 42.9
KICKING	Edinger: 22 (4/4 PAT; 6/7 FG)	Peterson: 12 (6/6 PAT; 2/2 FG)

NOTES

ELEVEN OF LAST 14 games in series, including playoffs, decided by 7 points or less.....**VIKINGS**: Club has 7-3 (.700) record in October under head coach **MIKE TICE**.....**QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER** has 19 career 300-yard passing games & needs 1 to surpass **TOMMY KRAMER** for most in franchise history. Improved to 24-8 (.750) when posting 100.0+ passer rating after finishing with 140.0 rating vs. NO.....Second-year **RB MEWELDE MOORE** made 1st start of year last week, rushing for 101 yards. In 5 career games with multiple carries, has 469 rushing yards & 3 100-yard rushing games.....**WR TRAVIS TAYLOR** tied career-high with 2 TD catches vs. Saints. Had 1st-career 100-yard receiving game (127) in only meeting vs. Falcons (11/3/02, with Bal). Rookie 1st-round **WR TROY WILLIAMSON** scored 1st-career TD on 53-yard catch vs. Saints.....**TE JERMAINE WIGGINS** has 13 catches through 3 games, tied for 5th among NFL TEs.....After posting 5 sacks as rookie in '04, **DE KENECHI UDEZE** had 1st sack of '05 last week. Rookie **P CHRIS KLUWE** leads NFL with 49.9 punting average & 42.3-yard net average.....**FALCONS**: Club averages NFL best 183.7 rushing yards per game & 5.3 yards per rush, 2nd-best in league & 183.7 rushing yards per game.....**QB MICHAEL VICK** is 25-13-1 as starter (.654), best in franchise history. Tied career high with 2 TD passes last week. Club has won 12 of 13 games in which Vick has passed for 2 TDs.....With 268 yards through 3 games, **RB WARRICK DUNN** ties ('97) for best start of career. **RB T.J. DUCKETT** rushed for 75 yards vs. Bills. Ties for 4th in conference with 3 TD runs. Club is only NFL team with 3 players – Dunn, Duckett, Vick (175) – with 100 yards rushing in '05.....Second-year **WR MICHAEL JENKINS** avgs. 18.8 yards per catch (8 for 150). **WR BRIAN FINNERAN** has 11 receptions, 7 for 1st downs.....**TE ALGE CRUMPLER** ties for 3rd among NFL TEs with 3 catches for 20+ yards.....**DE PATRICK KERNEY** has 48.5 career sacks & needs 1.5 for 50. **DT ROD COLEMAN** has 3 sacks, tied for 2nd among NFL DTs.....Special teams holds opponents to avg. drive start on KOs of 20.6 yard-line, 2nd-best in NFL.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (2-1) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (2-1)

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>CHIEFS</u>
LEADER	Series tied, 2-2	
STREAKS	Past 1	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 1-0	Vermeil: 0-3
LAST WEEK	W 23-20 vs. Raiders	L 30-10 at Broncos
LAST GAME	11/29/01: Eagles 23 at Chiefs 10. Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb passes for 269 yards & throws 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/29/01	
BROADCAST	FOX (3:15 PM CT): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	McNabb: 77(2L)-126(1L)-964(1L)-8(T1L)-2-99.4 (2C)	Green: 56-98-658-1-1-76.8
RUSHING	Westbrook: 40-204-5.1-1	Holmes: 55-221-4.0-2
RECEIVING	Owens: 21-335-16.0-3	Kennison: 16-240-15.0-0
OFFENSE	444.0 (1L)	342.7
TAKE/GIVE	0	+2
DEFENSE	275.3	358.3
SACKS	Walker: 2.5	6 tied: 1.0
INTs	4 tied: 1	Surtain: 1
PUNTING	Johnson: 38.5	Colquitt (R): 40.4
KICKING	Akers: 14 (8/8 PAT; 2/5 FG)	Tynes: 24 (6/6 PAT; 6/8 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: Club 36-3 (.923) under head coach **ANDY REID** when leading in time of possession. Reid has 32-17 (.653) road record, tops among active coaches.....**QB DONOVAN MC NABB** is NFL's top-rated passer on 3rd down, posting 133.3 rating on 18 of 27 for 330 yards, 2 TDs vs. 0 INT. Has led club to wins in 27 of last 34 starts. Has passed for 300 yards in consecutive games for 1st time.....**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** seeks to post 100+ scrimmage yards in 10th consecutive game. Had career-best 208 scrimmage yards vs. Raiders, including 140 yards receiving. Leads NFL RBs with 235 receiving yards & ties for tops with 16 catches.....**WR TERRELL OWENS** has 98 career receiving TDs & needs 2 to become 5th player all-time with 100. Has 10,107 career receiving yards & needs 99 to pass **ANDRE RISON** (10,205) in 20th all-time.....**TE L.J. SMITH** leads NFL TEs with 17 receptions (198 yards).....Rookie **DT MIKE PATTERSON** made 1st career start vs. Raiders & notched 1st-career sack & FF.....**K DAVID AKERS** played in 100th NFL game last week & kicked 7th-career game-winning FG.....**CHIEFS**: Head coach **DICK VERMEIL** coached Eagles from 1976-82, leading team to first Super Bowl berth in 1980.....Team is 16-4 (.800) in past 20 at Arrowhead. In those 20 games, Chiefs own +17 turnover ratio.....**QB TRENT GREEN** is 13-4 (.765) in past 17 starts at home. Has 27 TDs vs. 11 INTs in those past 17 home starts for ratio of 2.5 TDs to 1 INT. Green (16,761 needs 239 yards to be 3rd QB in club history to reach 17,000 w/KC (**BILL KENNEY**, 17,277; **HOF LEN DAWSON**, 28,507).....**RB PRIEST HOLMES** (1,443) needs 3 touches from scrimmage for most in club history (**ED PODOLAK**, 1,445). Team has won 12 consecutive at home when KC RB has 2+ TDs.....**TE TONY GONZALEZ** (54) tied with **WESLEY WALLS** (54) for 3rd-most TDs by TE in NFL history. **WR EDDIE KENNISON** (53) needs 1 more 20+ yard reception to surpass **WILLIE DAVIS** for 3rd-most in club annals.....Rookie **LB DERRICK JOHNSON** stands 2nd on team w/ 18 tackles & leads defense with 2 FFs.

DALLAS COWBOYS (2-1) AT OAKLAND RAIDERS (0-3)

SERIES

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
LEADER		5-3
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 3-3	Turner: 4-9
LAST WEEK	W 34-31 at 49ers	L 23-20 at Eagles
LAST GAME	10/7/01: Cowboys 21 at Raiders 28. Oakland RB Tyrone Wheatley rushes for 2 TDs while Raiders QB Rich Gannon completes 21 of 28 passes for 209 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/7/01	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Bledsoe: 63-98-850(3C)-6(T3L)-2-103.7 (1C)	Collins: 63-116-873 (2C)-6 (T2C)-0-95.9 (3C)
RUSHING	J. Jones: 74(3L)-259-3.5-3	Jordan: 49-148-3.0-1
RECEIVING	T. Glenn: 14-336(3C)-24.0-1	Jordan (RB): 16-125-7.8-1
OFFENSE	365.0 (3C)	343.3
TAKE/GIVE	+3 (3C)	0
DEFENSE	342.3	393.7
SACKS	Ellis: 2.0	Burgess, Grant: 1.0
INTs	5 tied: 1	Sapp: 1
PUNTING	McBriar: 44.9	Lechler: 46.0 (T3C)
KICKING	Cortez: 13 (7/8 PAT; 2/3 FG)	Janikowski: 15 (6/6 PAT; 3/7 FG)

NOTES

COWBOYS: Head coach **BILL PARCELLS** has 167 career victories & needs 1 to tie **BUD GRANT** for 10th-most in NFL history.....**QB DREW BLEDSOE** has 40,658 career passing yards & needs 342 to become 8th player all time with 41,000. Seeks to post 90.0+ passer rating for 4th consecutive game. Has 130.0 3rd down passer rating, completing 75.9 pct (22 of 29) with 3 TDs vs. 1 INT. Ranks 2nd in league with 8.67-yard average per pass attempt.....**RB JULIUS JONES** has 20+ carries in all 10 career starts. Had 2 TDs vs. SF & club improved to 3-0 when Jones scores 2+ TDs.....**WR TERRY GLENN** seeks to post 3 100-yard games in row for 1st time. Among WRs with 10+ catches, Glenn leads NFL averaging 24 yards per catch. **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** leads club with 3 TD catches.....**DT LA'ROI GLOVER** needs 0.5 sacks for 70 career sacks, 3rd-most among active DTs. Started career with Oak in '96. Rookie **DE DE MARCUS WARE** had 3 tackles, including 1st career sack vs. SF.....Rookie **KR TYSON THOMPSON** ranks 3rd in NFC with 24.6-yard KR avg.....**RAIDERS:** **QB KERRY COLLINS** has 50+ yd completion in 7 of past 11 games. Collins has not thrown INT on season (116 attempts).....**RB LA MONT JORDAN** leads club & is tied for NFL RB-best 16 catches (Westbrook, Phil.). Jordan (273) tied for 10th in AFC scrimmage yds. Since 1999, **RB ZACK CROCKETT** has 34 rush TDs on 289 carries for avg. of 1 rush TD every 8.5 carries.....**WR RANDY MOSS** has 100+ rec. yds in 43 of 112 (38.4 pct.) career games. In 4 career games vs. Dallas, Moss has 9 TDs & averages 106.3 receiving yards/game. Moss (343) leads AFC & is 2nd in NFL in rec. yards & has 22.9 yds/catch avg. **WR JERRY PORTER** has 5+ catches in 10 of 15 career games vs. NFC. **TE COURTNEY ANDERSON** recorded 1st career 100-yd game last wk at Phil, with 5 catches for 100.....Defense (13) has forced 2nd-most "3 & Out" possessions in NFL (Phil., 14). **DT WARREN SAPP** posted 4th career INT last week & 1st since '02. Rookie **LB KIRK MORRISON** has started past 2 games.....Rookie **PR-CB CHRIS CARR** is 3rd among NFL rookie PRs w/ 7.3-yd avg. **P SHANE LECHLER** tied for 3rd in AFC with 46.0-yard punt avg.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-2) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (0-3) (At Mexico City, Mexico)

SERIES

	<u>49ERS</u>	<u>CARDINALS</u>
LEADER	17-10	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Nolan: 0-0	Green: 2-7
LAST WEEK	L 34-31 vs. Cowboys	L 37-12 at Seahawks
LAST GAME	12/12/04: 49ers 31 at Cardinals 28 (OT): San Francisco K Todd Peterson connects on 31-yard FG in overtime & QB Ken Dorsey passes for 3 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:30 PM CT): Mike Patrick, Joe Theismann, Paul Maguire, Suzy Kolber (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Joel Meyers, John Riggins, Clemson Smith Muniz (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Rattay: 45-76-541-5-5-75.6	Warner: 64-101-696-1-2-78.7
RUSHING	Barlow: 36-121-3.4-1	Shipp: 29-105-3.6-0
RECEIVING	Battle: 15-171-11.4-2	Fitzgerald: 20-266-13.3-1
OFFENSE	249.7	321.0
TAKE/GIVE	-3	-3
DEFENSE	477.0	339.7
SACKS	Young: 4.0 (T2L)	Berry: 3.0
INTs	Parrish: 2	Dansby: 2
PUNTING	Lee: 41.6	Player: 46.4 (3C)
KICKING	Nedney: 14 (8/8 PAT; 2/2 FG)	Rackers: 31 (1/1 PAT; 10/10 FG)

NOTES

CONTEST IS 1ST REGULAR-SEASON GAME TO BE PLAYED OUTSIDE U.S. IN NFL HISTORY...To commemorate occasion, all NFL clubs will wear "Fútbol Americano" helmet decal in Week 4...Cards are home team at Estadio Azteca...

49ERS: QB **TIM RATTAY** tied career high with 3 TDs last wk. Had career highs with 417 yards & 38 comp. vs. Ariz on 10/10/04. Played at Phoenix (AZ) Christian HS.....RB **KEVAN BARLOW** had career-high 154 rush yards vs. Cards (12/7/03). Avgd. 5.4 yards (12-65) vs. Dal. Rookie RB **FRANK GORE** rushed for 42 yards vs. Dal & avgs. 4.9 per carry (15-74).....With 15 rec & 171 yards, WR **ARNAZ BATTLE** has career highs. WR **BRANDON LLOYD** ranks 3rd in NFL avging 22.4 yards per catch (10-224). Had 1st-career 100-yard game vs. Dal (142) & NFL '05-long 89-yard catch (TD).....Totaled 29 sacks in '04 & now ranks 3rd in NFL with 11.....DT **BRYANT YOUNG** leads NFL DTs with 4 sacks & ranks 2nd among active DTs with 73.5 (Warren Sapp, 79.5).....S **TONY PARRISH** started all 114 career games & tied career high with 2 INTs.....Club avgs. 28.3 yards per PR, 1st in NFL.....K **JOE NEDNEY** hit 13 of 19 FG with '98 Cards.

CARDINALS: QB **JOSH MC COWN** has 5 career TD passes vs. SF. Had career-best 307 passing yards in last meeting.....RB **MARCEL SHIPP** had career best 165 yards rushing vs. 49ers on 10/26/03.....Cards are only team w/ 2 WRs - WR **ANQUAN BOLDIN** (269) & WR **LARRY FITZGERALD** (266) – with 250+ yards receiving. Fitzgerald (7) & Boldin (T9) join Seattle's **DARRELL JACKSON** (T3) & **BOBBY ENGRAM** (T9) as only teammates in top 10 in receptions. Boldin & Fitzgerald each have 16 1st downs, tied for 10th in NFL.....DE **BERTRAND BERRY** has 28 sacks in last 35 games. DE **CHIKE OKEAFOR** spent 1st 4 years with SF (1999-02), posting 12.5 sacks..... Second-year LB **KARLOS DANSBY** is only NFL player with 2 INT & 2 sacks.....Rookie 1st-round CB **ANTREL ROLLE** posted 11 tackles vs. Sea. K **NEIL RACKERS** has NFL best 10 FGs, including 4 of 4 from 40+.....Ties for NFL lead with 7 touchbacks on KOs.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3
GREEN BAY PACKERS (0-3) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (1-2)

SERIES

	<u>PACKERS</u>	<u>PANTHERS</u>
LEADER	5-2	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Sherman: 3-1	Fox: 0-2
LAST WEEK	L 17-16 vs. Buccaneers	L 27-24 at Dolphins
LAST GAME	9/13/04: Packers 24 at Panthers 14. Green Bay RB Ahman Green rushes for 119 yards & scores 3 TDs to lead Packers to victory on Monday night.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/13/04	
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: 73(T3L)-112(3C)-738-5-7-72.7	Delhomme: 49-92-651-4-4-72.3
RUSHING	Green: 47-170-3.6-0	S. Davis: 54-194-3.6-4 (T3L)
RECEIVING	Green (RB): 13-106-8.2-0	S. Smith: 23-342(3L)-14.9-4 (T1L)
OFFENSE	309.3	299.7
TAKE/GIVE	-8	-2
DEFENSE	312.7	298.0
SACKS	Kampman: 2.0	T. Davis(R), Rucker: 1.0
INTs	Carroll: 1	Gamble, Witherspoon: 1
PUNTING	Sander: 40.8	Baker: 42.8
KICKING	Longwell: 13 (4/5 PAT; 3/4 FG)	Kasay: 23 (8/8 PAT; 5/5 FG)

NOTES

PACKERS: Club 4-1 all-time at Car.....**QB BRETT FAVRE** has 92.0+ passer rating in 4 of 5 road games vs. Panthers, tossing 13 TDs vs. 9 INT.....**RB AHMAN GREEN** has 49 career rushing TDs & needs 1 for 50. Has 48 rushing TDs with Pack & needs 3 to pass **PAUL HORNUNG** (50) for 2nd in club history. Club 25-3 (.893) when Green rushes for 100 yards. Had career-high 33 carries in last meeting.....**WR DONALD DRIVER** had 1st-career multi-TD game (2) vs. Car on 9/29/02. **WR ROBERT FERGUSON** leads club with 2 TD catches. Has 93 career receptions & needs 7 for 100. **WR ANTONIO CHATMAN** avgs. 17 yards per catch (7 for 119).....**TE BUBBA FRANKS** has 195 career receptions & needs 5 to join **ED WEST** (202) & **PAUL COFFMAN** (322) as only TEs in franchise history with 200.....**DE KABEER GBAJABIAMILA** has 50.5 career sacks & needs 5 to pass **TIM HARRIS** (55) for 2nd in team history (**REGGIE WHITE**, 68.5)..... Special teams holds foes to avg. drive start on KOs at 23.8 yard-line, 3rd in NFC & 8th in NFL.....**PANTHERS:** Rank 2nd in NFL with 85.7 red zone TD pct. (6 of 7) & convert 47.5 pct. on 3rd down (19 of 40), 3rd-best in NFL.....**QB JAKE DELHOMME** has played in 35 games with club & has 7,759 passing yards. Needs 241 to become fastest to 8,000 in team history.....**RB STEPHEN DAVIS** ties for 3rd in NFL with 4 rushing TDs. Has 25 career 100-yard games & seeks 1st vs. GB. **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** avgs. 4.4 yards per carry (24-105).....**WR STEVE SMITH** had career highs with 11 catches, 170 yards & 3 TDs last week. Ties for NFL lead with 4 TD catches. Has 8 3rd-down receptions (116 yards), tied for most in NFL.....**TE KRIS MANGUM** has increased catches & yards in each year since '01 & with 6 catches in 3 games is off to best start of career.....**DE MIKE RUCKER** has 41 sacks & needs 1 to pass **KEVIN GREENE** (41.5) for team record.....Club avgs. NFL 2nd-best 16.1 yards per PR (SF, 28.3) & holds foes to 1.3 PR avg, 2nd in NFL (Ten, 1.2).

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (SEPT. 25-26)

Byes: Baltimore, Detroit, Houston, Washington
(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, September 25

Atlanta 24, BUFFALO 16
Cincinnati 24, CHICAGO 7
Tampa Bay 17, GREEN BAY 16
INDIANAPOLIS 13, Cleveland 6
MIAMI 27, Carolina 24
MINNESOTA 33, New Orleans 16
Jacksonville 26, N.Y. JETS 20 (OT)
PHILADELPHIA 23, Oakland 20

Sunday, September 25, cont.'d

ST. LOUIS 31, Tennessee 27
Dallas 34, SAN FRANCISCO 31
SEATTLE 37, Arizona 12
New England 23, PITTSBURGH 20
SAN DIEGO 45, N.Y. Giants 23

Monday, September 26

DENVER 30, Kansas City 10

2005 NFL STANDINGS

<u>AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>							<u>NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>						
<u>East Division</u>							<u>East Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	2	1	0	.667	68	51	Washington	2	0	0	1.000	23	20
New England	2	1	0	.667	70	67	Dallas	2	1	0	.667	75	69
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	41	50	N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	92	74
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	44	60	Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	75	37
<u>North Division</u>							<u>North Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cincinnati	3	0	0	1.000	88	28	Detroit	1	1	0	.500	23	41
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	81	37	Chicago	1	2	0	.333	52	39
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	45	64	Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	54	77
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	17	49	Green Bay	0	3	0	.000	43	60
<u>South Division</u>							<u>South Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Indianapolis	3	0	0	1.000	47	16	Tampa Bay	3	0	0	1.000	60	32
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	55	44	Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	56	47
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	59	75	Carolina	1	2	0	.333	71	67
Houston	0	2	0	.000	14	49	New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	49	80
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	2	1	0	.667	60	61	St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	73	67
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	60	54	Seattle	2	1	0	.667	72	56
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	86	71	San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	62	101
Oakland	0	3	0	.000	57	76	Arizona	0	3	0	.000	43	96

WEEK 4 NFL SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2-3

Byes: Chicago, Cleveland, Miami, Pittsburgh
(All times local)

Sunday, October 2

Houston at Cincinnati, 1:00 PM
Denver at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM
San Diego at New England, 1:00 PM
Buffalo at New Orleans (San Antonio), 12:00 PM
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 PM
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM
Seattle at Washington, 1:00 PM
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 12:00 PM
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 4:05 PM
Philadelphia at Kansas City, 3:15 PM

Sunday, October 2, cont'd.

Minnesota at Atlanta, 4:15 PM
Dallas at Oakland, 1:15 PM
San Francisco at Arizona (Mexico City), 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Monday, October 3

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

