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BIG DIVISION CLASHES HIGHLIGHT HALLOWEEN WEEKEND GAMES

The NFL's lone unbeaten team this year will not wear its familiar horseshoe-and-stripes outfit this Halloween weekend (they're off). But 28 other teams will sport some of America's most popular costumes -- NFL uniforms, as the league begins the turn to November.

The horseshoe-wearing Indianapolis Colts, the NFL's only undefeated team at 7-0, can enjoy that status for at least another two weeks due to their bye this Sunday. They will prepare for their big meeting with New England in Week 9 as the 36th team in the NFL's 86-year history to attain a 7-0 record. But, the Colts say, they have a long way to go.

"It's a good start, but that's all it is," says Indianapolis quarterback **PEYTON MANNING**. "It doesn't guarantee anything. I'm just glad we've taken care of business these first seven weeks."

There will be a lot "TCBing," or at least attempts at it, this week, highlighted by key division battles.

And if it's anything like last week -- see the "NFL Factoid" below -- there should be a lot of tricks 'n treats:

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (4-2) at NEW YORK GIANTS (4-2)

STORYLINE: Experience vs. Youthful Exuberance.

In other words, it's 35-year-old Redskins **QB MARK BRUNELL** against 24-year-old Giants **QB ELI MANNING**. Both teams proved last week that either approach to quarterbacking can work wonders.

Brunell directed the Redskins' biggest point outburst in 14 years with a 52-17 victory over San Francisco (56 points against Atlanta on 11/10/91). Manning engineered two touchdown drives in the final 4:11 to wipe out a 13-point deficit in topping Denver 24-23.

Both teams, along with Philadelphia, are tied for first in the NFC East. The Giants will have to contend with a balanced attack. Only Washington and Seattle have offenses with top-10 NFL rankings in overall, rush and pass offense. The Redskins will have to tightly protect the ball because the Giants have picked up on their head coach **TOM COUGHLIN's** mantra of forcing turnovers by tallying the NFL's second-most takeaways (19 to Cincinnati's 23), off which they have scored the third-most points (57; Cincinnati, 77; Indianapolis, 63).

A key could be Redskins **WR SANTANA MOSS**, with four 100-yard receiving games in the past five weeks. This is a "home" game for him, having spent 2001-04 with the Giants Stadium co-tenant New York Jets.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (4-2) at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (3-4)

STORYLINE: Watch it, Chiefs -- LaDainian was under 50.

Or, don't make Superman mad. The Chargers' **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** -- who many call the best RB in the NFL -- was held to a career-low seven rushing yards last week by Philadelphia. But the record shows that LaDainian comes back *big time* after an "off" game.

Since his 2001 rookie year, Tomlinson has rushed for under 50 yards 10 times. In five of the 10 games after his sub-50 performance, Tomlinson has rushed for 100 yards -- twice totaling 200 yards. In the other five, he has averaged 82.4 yards.

NFL FACTOID

MOST COMEBACKS IN HISTORY: This past Sunday there were five games that featured teams coming back from seven-point-or-more deficits in the fourth quarter to win in regulation -- the most such games in NFL history on a single day. The teams to perform the feat: Minnesota, New York Giants, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Seattle.

"Tomlinson does things that are impossible for anyone to do," says Chiefs head coach **DICK VERMEIL**. "You say, 'How did he do that?' I think he's playing better right now than I've ever seen him play."

The Chiefs have their own powerful rush package in tandem **PRIEST HOLMES** and **LARRY JOHNSON**, who, combined, tie Tomlinson for the second-most NFL rushing touchdowns (10; **SHAUN ALEXANDER**, 12).

CHICAGO BEARS (3-3) at DETROIT LIONS (3-3)

STORYLINE: An ol' time NFC Central/North defensive battle?

Could be. This is one of only two games this week (see Baltimore-Pittsburgh below) that features teams ranked in the top 10 in the NFL in defense.

It's No. 3 Chicago against No. 9 Detroit. Brings back memories of linebackers Bill George vs. Joe Schmidt, or Mike Singletary vs. Chris Spielman. Now it's **BRIAN URLACHER** vs. **BOSS BAILEY**.

The teams are tied atop the division (Chicago beat Detroit in Week 2, 38-6) and come off wins that indicate their quarterbacking situation is in steady hands.

Rookie **KYLE ORTON** has taken the Bears to two wins in a row while throwing only one interception in his last three games. Seven-year vet **JEFF GARCIA** made his Lions debut Sunday after a preseason broken leg and completed 22 of 34 for 210 yards with no interceptions or sacks while even running for a TD in a 13-10 win over Cleveland. "He's our QB," says head coach **STEVE MARIUCCI**.

Tidbit: With a win, the 86-year-old Bears become the first NFL club with 650 regular-season victories.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-2) at DENVER BRONCOS (5-2)

STORYLINE: One leads their division, the other is tied for the lead. Yet they've got "problems"?

All of a sudden, the Eagles – tied for first in the NFC East -- "can't rush the ball," people say. And it's true that they are a quixotic team on offense. Philadelphia leads the NFL in passing offense with almost 300 yards per game (299.7), yet sits last in rushing (57.5).

Not good, of course, says their quarterback **DONOVAN MC NABB**, but we *are* winning, and isn't *that* the important thing? "We have to run the ball more," says McNabb, "but when you get into a rhythm, you have to stay with what's working."

And what was working last week for the Eagles in their win over San Diego was the passing game. McNabb set a club record for completions, 35, out of 54 attempts.

Denver – leading the AFC West -- is just about the opposite of the Eagles on offense, ranking No. 2 in the league in rushing and 25th in passing. But...they are allowing late-game comebacks. Sunday it was the third such game in a row and it cost them (see Redskins-Giants above). "We've got to finish people," says Broncos **S JOHN LYNCH**. "That has to be done when you have leads. We flirted with it the last couple of weeks and it caught up to us."

The game-turners could be two of the league's top 10 receivers, Philly's **TERRELL OWENS** (tied with **TORRY HOLT** for first with 44 catches) and Denver's **ROD SMITH** (seventh, tie, 37).

BALTIMORE RAVENS (2-4) at PITTSBURGH STEELERS (4-2) (Monday night, ABC, 9:00 PM ET)

STORYLINE: "Mr. Nighttime" vs. Steel 100-yard Curtain.

It's a primetime game, Pittsburgh, so watch out for **JAMAL LEWIS**.

The Ravens' running back has averaged 116.0 yards in the club's last seven primetime games, with Lewis breaking the 100-yard mark in five of those outings. One was against division-rival Pittsburgh (114 yards, 12/28/03).

The thing is that the Steelers, seventh in the league against the run, have not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 18 games. "You just have to control the line of scrimmage against Lewis," says Pittsburgh defensive coordinator **DICK LE BEAU**. "You can't give him that cutback lane. He can run away from you if he gets a little bit of a crack."

The Steelers **RBs JEROME BETTIS** and fleet **WILLIE PARKER**, and passing combo of **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** and **WR HINES WARD** go against one of the league's three teams (Chicago and Tampa Bay) with top-10 overall, rush and pass defensive rankings.

WEEK 8
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
MINNESOTA VIKINGS (2-4) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (4-2)

SERIES

	VIKINGS	PANTHERS
LEADER	3-2	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Tice: 0-1	Fox: 1-0
LAST WEEK	W 23-20 vs. Packers	Bye (Wk. 6: W 21-20 at Lions)
LAST GAME	9/22/02: Panthers 21 at Vikings 14. Carolina RB Lamar Smith rushes for 154 yards & 2 4th-quarter TDs as Panthers improve to 3-0.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Curt Menefee, JC Pearson	

STATS

PASSING	Culpepper: 136-212-1,536-6-12-71.6	Delhomme: 99-170-1,336-10-8-83.4
RUSHING	Moore: 72-289-4.0-0	S. Davis: 104-318-3.1-7 (T3L)
RECEIVING	Wiggins (TE): 32-259-8.1-0	S. Smith: 39-596-15.3-7 (1L)
OFFENSE	313.2	305.3
TAKE/GIVE	-8	+1
DEFENSE	346.5	320.5
SACKS	Johnstone: 2.5	Rucker: 3.5
INTs	6 tied: 1	Lucas, McCree: 2
PUNTING	Kluwe (R): 46.9	Baker: 42.0
KICKING	Edinger: 40 (7/7 PAT; 11/14 FG)	Kasay: 40 (16/17 PAT; 8/11 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS MEET FOR 1ST TIME IN CAROLINA.....VIKINGS: QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER has 25-8 (.758) record when posting 100+ passer rating. Has 19 career 300-yard passing games & needs 1 to surpass **TOMMY KRAMER** for most in franchise history. With 2,458 career rushing yards, needs 42 to join **FRAN TARKENTON** (2,548) as only Vikes QBs with 2,500.....**RB MEWELDE MOORE** has 2 100-yard rushing games in 6 career starts. Had 105 yards from scrimmage vs. GB (45 rush, 60 rec), with 14-yard TD catch**WR NATE BURLESON** saw 1st action last week since Week 2, posting 3 catches for 37 yards. Rookie 1st-round **WR TROY WILLIAMSON** ranks 3rd among rookies with 214 receiving yards (14 catches). Has catch in 5 consecutive games, including TD in 2 of past 4.....**JERMAINE WIGGINS** ranks 4th among NFL TEs with 32 catches (259 yards). Spent '02-'03 with Panthers.....**DE LANCE JOHNSTONE** has played in 5 games, posting 3 sacks.....Rookie **P CHRIS KLUWE** ranks 2nd in NFL with 46.9-yard avg. & 4th with 40.2-yard net avg.....

PANTHERS: Seek 4th consecutive win after winning past 3 by 4 points or less.....**QB JAKE DELHOMME** directs offense that avgs. 24.7 points per game, 9th in NFL. In past 4 games, has 61.2 comp. pct. (69-113) with 9 TDs & 96.8 rating. Has 5.9 TD pct. (10 TDs, 170 att), 5th in league.....**RB STEPHEN DAVIS** has 7 rushing TDs, tied for 3rd-most in NFL. Needs 2 to surpass his single-season franchise record (8, '03). Has rushed for 1,854 yards with club & needs 146 to become 3rd Panther to reach 2,000. **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** is only NFL RB with 10+ catches (12) to avg. 15.0 yards per catch (15.7). Has 188 receiving yards & needs 20 for career high (207).....**WR STEVE SMITH** has 100+ rec. yards in 4 of 6 '05 games & leads NFL with 7 TD catches. Has 197 career receptions & needs 3 to become 3rd Panther with 200.....Defense allows 3.1 yards per rush, 2nd in NFL, & 77.7 rush yards per game, 3rd in NFL.....**LB DAN MORGAN** leads club with 45 tackles & has career high 2.5 sacks.....**S MIKE MINTER** has started club record 115 career games.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (1-5) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (5-2)

SERIES

	<u>PACKERS</u>	<u>BENGALS</u>
LEADER	5-4	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Sherman: 0-0	Lewis: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 23-20 at Vikings	L 27-13 vs. Steelers
LAST GAME	9/20/98: Packers 13 at Bengals 6. Green Bay QB Brett Favre passes for 274 yards & 1 TD while Packers' defense limits Bengals to just 7 1st downs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/20/98	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Sam Rosen, Bill Maas, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Favre: 148-222-1,571-14(1L)-8-93.1 (3L)	Palmer: 164-233-1,800 (2L)-13 (1C)-4-104.4 (2L)
RUSHING	Fisher: 14-20-1.4-0	R. Johnson: 140-609-4.4-2
RECEIVING	Driver: 31-456-14.7-3	C. Johnson: 43 (1C)-655 (1C)-15.2-5 (T2C)
OFFENSE	327.2	370.3 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	-3	+16 (1L)
DEFENSE	306.8	315.6
SACKS	Gbaja-Biamila, Kampman: 2.5	J. Smith: 2.0
INTs	Harris: 2	O'Neal: 4 (T2L)
PUNTING	Sander: 41.6	Larson: 42.6
KICKING	Longwell: 32 (14/15 PAT; 6/9 FG)	Graham: 60 (1C) (18/18 PAT; 14/17 FG)

NOTES

PACKERS: Club ranks 4th in NFL converting 44.2 pct. (34 of 77) on 3rd downs.....Under head coach **MIKE SHERMAN**, club is 38-4 (.905) when committing no more than 1 turnover.....**QB BRETT FAVRE** has started 211 consecutive games, passing **FRED COX & JIM OTTO** (210) last week for 4th longest starting streak ever recorded. Has 51,305 career passing yards & 7,225 pass attempts & needs 171 yards & 26 attempts to surpass **JOHN ELWAY** (51,475, 7,250) for 2nd-most all-time.....**RB TONY FISHER** could make 2nd career start & 1st of '05. Native of Euclid, Ohio, earned state's prestigious "Mr. Football" award in '97 & roster spot as free agent after college career at Notre Dame.....**WR DONALD DRIVER** has catch in 54 consecutive games, 4th longest streak in club history. **TE BUBBA FRANKS** needs 2 receptions to become 3rd Packer TE with 200.....**DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** has 53 career sacks & needs 2.5 to pass **TIM HARRIS** (55) for 2nd most in team history.....**K RYAN LONGWELL** has 996 career points & needs 4 for 1,000.....

BENGALS: Club hosts GB for only 3rd time since 1976. Team has won 6 in row vs. NFC & is 5-0 on season with positive turnover differential.....In 2 games vs. NFC this season, **QB CARSON PALMER** is 2-0 & has completed 43 of 63 (68.3 pct.) for 506 yds & 6 TDs vs. 1 INT for 117.6 passer rating. Palmer (104.4) is NFL's 2nd-highest rated passer (**BEN ROETHLISBERGER**, PITT, 120.7).....In past 3 vs. NFC, **RB RUDI JOHNSON** has 75 carries for 273 rush yds (91.0 yds/game) & 3 TDs. **RB CHRIS PERRY** has 4+ receptions in 5 of past 7 games & stands 2nd among NFL RBs in catches with 32.....In past 10 home games, **WR CHAD JOHNSON** has 6 TDs and 875 rec. yds on 66 receptions. **WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** has 5+ catches in 6 of past 7 games played.....**G ERIC STEINBACH** has started 37 of 1st 38 career games.....Offense (21.3) is No. 2 in AFC in 1st downs/game & 4th in AFC TOP (31:49).....Team leads NFL with +16 turnover differential; club was +3 thru Wk. 7 in '04.....Rookie **LB ODELL THURMAN** has led team in tackles in 5 of 7 games. **CBs DELTHA O'NEAL** (4) & **TORY JAMES** (3) combine for 7 INTs, tied for most in NFL by teammates.

ARIZONA CARDINALS (2-4) AT DALLAS COWBOYS (4-3)

SERIES

	<u>CARDINALS</u>	<u>COWBOYS</u>
LEADER		53-27-1
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Green: 4-3	Parcells: 15-4-1
LAST WEEK	W 20-10 vs. Titans	L 13-10 at Seahawks
LAST GAME	10/5/03: Cardinals 7 at Cowboys 24. Dallas QB Quincy Carter passes for 277 yards & 2 TDs while Cowboys' defense registers 2 safeties to defeat Arizona.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/5/03	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Matt Vasgersian, Brian Baldinger	

STATS

PASSING	McCown: 88-153-1,072-5-6-73.8	Bledsoe: 137-220-1,799(3L)-12(T3L)-6-94.9 (2C)
RUSHING	Shipp: 72-177-2.5-0	J. Jones: 112-407-3.6-3
RECEIVING	Fitzgerald: 40(3C)-575-14.4-4	T. Glenn: 33-617(3C)-18.7-3
OFFENSE	344.5	359.1
TAKE/GIVE	-2	+2
DEFENSE	310.8	292.6
SACKS	Berry: 5.0	Ware (R): 4.0
INTs	Dansby, Tate: 2	Henry, Newman: 2
PUNTING	Player: 46.8 (3C)	McBriar: 42.9
KICKING	Rackers: 66 (6/6 PAT; 20/20 FG)	Suisham (Pre, PIT): 4 (1/1 PAT; 1/1 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS SPENT '70-'01 AS NFC EAST RIVALS.....**CARDINALS**: Club avgs. 273.3 passing yards per game, 4th best in NFL.....Since '04, **QB JOSH MC COWN** has 8-8 record as starter. Has 2+ TD passes in 4 of past 6 starts. Was high school star in Jacksonville, TX, 125 miles southeast of Dallas. Rookie 2nd-round **RB J.J. ARRINGTON** rushed for 30 yards on 6 carries vs. Ten.....**WRs LARRY FITZGERALD** (40 catches, 575 yards) & **ANQUAN BOLDIN** (36 catches, 547 yards) are NFL's only teammates with 35+ catches, 500+ receiving yards. Boldin has 193 career receptions in 32 career games & needs 7 catches to become fastest to 200 all-time.....Defense allows 16.3 1st downs per game, 7th in NFL.....**DE BERTRAND BERRY** ranks 3rd in NFL with 31 sacks since '03.....**KARLOS DANSBY** is only NFL LB with 3 sacks & 2 INTs.....**CB DAVID MACKLIN** had 60-yard INT TD vs. Ten, his 1st career TD.....**K NEIL RACKERS** has 9 FGs from 40+ yards & needs 3 to top his own single-season club record. Has hit franchise-best 20 consecutive FGs.....

COWBOYS: Head coach **BILL PARCELLS** has 169 career wins & needs 1 to tie **PAUL BROWN** (170) for 9th in NFL history.....**QB DREW BLEDSOE** has 233 career TD passes & needs 5 to pass **GEORGE BLANDA** (236) & **JIM KELLY** (237) for 15th all-time Has thrown 10 consec. TD passes w/o INT vs. Cards, 3rd-longest active streak vs. 1 opponent..... Has led his club to victory in 10 of past 14 starts.....In 13 career games, 2nd-year **RB JULIUS JONES** avgs. 94.3 rush yards per game (1,226 yards).....**WR TERRY GLENN** ties for NFL lead with 5 rec. of 40+ yards. His 18.7 avg. per catch ranks 3rd in NFL among players with 20+ receptions. **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** has catch in 142 consec. games, 2nd-longest active streak (**MARVIN HARRISON**, 146).....**JASON WITTEN** ranks 4th among NFL TEs with 364 rec. yards (30 catches). Leads TEs with 12 catches & 112 yards on 3rd downs...**G MARCO RIVERA** has started 106 games in row, 1 of 5 active o-linemen with 100+ consecutive starts...**LB DE MARCUS WARE** leads NFL rookies with 4.0 sacks.

CHICAGO BEARS (3-3) AT DETROIT LIONS (3-3)

SERIES

	<u>BEARS</u>	<u>LIONS</u>
LEADER	84-62-5	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Smith: 1-2	Mariucci: 4-3
LAST WEEK	W 10-6 vs. Ravens	W 13-10 at Browns
LAST GAME	9/18/05: Lions 6 at Bears 38. Chicago's defense intercepts 5 passes, including 2 by CB Nathan Vasher & 1 by S Mike Brown, who returns pick 41 yards for TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/04: Lions 19, Bears 13. Detroit K Jason Hanson connects on 4 FGs & RB Kevin Jones rushes for 114 yards & 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Tim Ryan	

STATS

PASSING	Orton (R): 93-168-819-5-7-61.1	Garcia: 22-34-210-0-0-81.7
RUSHING	Jones: 134-641(3C)-4.8-6	Jones: 104-300-2.9-3
RECEIVING	Muhammad: 30-337-11.2-1	Pollard (TE): 13-204-15.7-1
OFFENSE	248.5	253.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+5
DEFENSE	260.2 (3L)	297.2
SACKS	Urlacher: 6.0 (T2C)	Edwards: 4.0
INTs	Vasher: 3	Bly: 4 (T2L)
PUNTING	Maynard: 40.8	Harris: 42.4
KICKING	Gould (R): 12 (6/6 PAT; 2/4 FG)	Hanson: 32 (11/11 PAT; 7/9 FG)

NOTES

TEN OF PAST 13 IN SERIES DECIDED BY 8 POINTS OR LESS.....BEARS: Need win to become 1st club with 650 reg-season victories.....Defense ranks in top 10 in multiple categories, including yards per play (1, 4.1), total yards (3, 248.5), rushing yards (4, 83.0) & 3rd down efficiency (4, 30 pct).....Rookie **QB KYLE ORTON** earned 1st NFL win in last meeting. Directs offense that avgs. 69.2 red zone TD pct. (9 TDs in 13 trips), tied for 2nd in NFL.....**RB THOMAS JONES** has 6 rushing TDs & needs 2 for career high. With 106.8 rushing yards per game, is 1 of 5 players to avg. 100+. Has increased rushing total in each season since '00 rookie year, posting career high 948 yards in '04.....**WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** was high school standout at Waverly in Lansing, MI & collegiately at Michigan State. Rookie 2nd-round **WR MARK BRADLEY** has 13 catches for 142 yards.....Club is only NFL defense to not allow rushing TD. Leads NFL in red zone defense, allowing 7.7 TD pct. (1 TD, 13 trips).....**LB BRIAN URLACHER** leads NFL LBs with 6 sacks.....

LIONS: Seek 4th consecutive win vs. Bears at home.....**QB JEFF GARCIA** made 1st start with Lions last week, passing for 210 yards & adding 1-yard TD run. Has won 2 of 3 career starts vs. Bears, tossing 2 TDs in each contest. Had career high 81.8 comp. pct. (36 of 44) vs. Chi on 12/17/00 (w/ SF), helping **TERRELL OWENS** to NFL single-game record 20 receptions.....Second-year **RB KEVIN JONES** has 100-yard rushing games in 3 of past 6 vs. NFC North with avg. of 94.5 rushing yards per game (567 yards).....Second-year **WR ROY WILLIAMS** has started 15 career games, posting 57 catches for 916 yards & 9 TDs. Had career-long 51-yard catch (TD) vs. Bears in last meeting. Rookie 1st-round **WR MIKE WILLIAMS** has personal season highs with 5 catches for 95 yards vs. Browns.....**TE MARCUS POLLARD** avgs. 15.7 yards per catch (13 catches, 204 yards), 2nd among NFL TEs with 10+ catches.....Defense ranks 3rd in NFL with 18 takeaways.....With 4 sacks in 6 games, **DE KALIMBA EDWARDS** is off to best start of career.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (2-4) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (0-6)

SERIES

	<u>BROWNS</u>	<u>TEXANS</u>
LEADER	2-0	
STREAKS	2-0	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Crennel: 0-0	Capers: 0-2
LAST WEEK	L 13-10 vs. Lions	L 38-20 vs. Colts
LAST GAME	1/2/05: Browns 22 at Texans 14. Cleveland's Phil Dawson kicks 5 FGs while Browns RB Lee Suggs rushes for 131 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/2/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts	

STATS

PASSING	Dilfer: 118-187-1,260-6-8-75.6	Carr: 85-142-769-5-5-71.6
RUSHING	Droughns: 105-431-4.1-0	D. Davis: 113-456-4.0-1
RECEIVING	Bryant: 26-304-11.7-2	Gaffney: 24-231-9.6-1
OFFENSE	277.5	203.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	-7
DEFENSE	359.5	380.2
SACKS	Crocker, McKinley, Thompson: 2.0	Payne, Peek: 2.0
INTs	Baxter, McCutcheon: 2	T. Evans, Robinson: 1
PUNTING	Richardson: 43.2	Stanley: 40.0
KICKING	P. Dawson: 36 (6/7 PAT; 10/10 FG)	K. Brown: 24 (6/6 PAT; 6/7 FG)

NOTES

BROWNS: Team has not lost to Texans (2-0).....Head coach **ROMEO CRENNEL** was Patriots' defensive coordinator in '03, helping NE win SB XXXVIII in Houston's Reliant Stadium.....In past 3 starts vs. AFC South teams, **QB TRENT DILFER** has completed 60 of 88 (68.2 pct.) with 200+ passing yards in each start.....In last meeting vs. HOU, **RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** (w/DEN, 11/7/04) gained 120 rush yds on 29 rushes (4.1 avg.). Droughns has 50+ rush yds in each of 1st 6 games w/Browns & registered 1st 100-yd game of season last wk. In Wk. 17 last season (1/2/05), **RB LEE SUGGS** rushed 26 times vs. HOU for 131 yds, including 39-yd rush.....**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** has 4+ catches in 9 of 16 games w/CLE. Rookie **WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** returned to field last wk last after missing 2 games & caught 3 passes for 30 yds. Since start of '04, **WR DENNIS NORTHCUTT** has 39 catches on road w/12.7-yard-per-catch avg..... Club has forced turnover in 19 consecutive games.....**LB ANDRA DAVIS** leads club in tackles (91) & QB pressures (5).....Rookie **WR-KR JOSHUA CRIBBS** recorded 90-yd KR-TD last wk. **K PHIL DAWSON** is 10 for 10 in FG tries on season.....**TEXANS:** **QB DAVID CARR** has TD pass in 5 consecutive games; 1 game shy of longest streak in career.....**RB DOMANICK DAVIS** has scored TD in 12 of past 15 games & is 2nd on team in catches (21). Davis has 100+ rush yds in 9 of 35 career games. In 1 career mtg vs. CLE, Davis rushed for 103 yds & 1 TD on 17 carries (6.1 avg.) & caught 5 passes for 42 yds. **RB JONATHAN WELLS** attended Ohio State & scored TD vs. CLE in last mtg.....**WR JABAR GAFFNEY** has 22 catches in past 4 games for 224 yds & 1 TD. Gaffney (24 catches for 231 yds) looking for career-highs in each category (41 catches & 632 yds). **WR COREY BRADFORD** has 4 catches for 100 yds & 2 TDs in past 2 vs. CLE..... **CB DEMARCUS FAGGINS** recorded INT in last mtg. **CB DUNTA ROBINSON** recorded 1st INT of season last wk vs. IND's Manning.....Rookie **WR-KR JEROME MATHIS** scored franchise's 1st-ever KR-TD last wk (89 yds). Mathis stands 2nd in NFL w/ 29.1 KR avg. **K KRIS BROWN** has scored in 25 games in row.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (4-2) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (4-2)**SERIES**

	<u>REDSKINS</u>	<u>GIANTS</u>
LEADER		81-59-4
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gibbs: 13-14	Coughlin: 2-3
LAST WEEK	W 52-17 vs. 49ers	W 24-23 vs. Broncos
LAST GAME	12/5/04: Giants 7 at Redskins 31. Washington scores more than 20 points for 1st time all season as RB Clinton Portis scores 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/19/04: Giants 20, Redskins 14. New York QB Kurt Warner passes for 232 yards & 1 TD while Giants' defense forces 7 turnovers.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Brunell: 116-198-1,492-12(T3L)-2-98.3 (1C)	Manning: 103-194-1,414-12(T3L)-4-88.7
RUSHING	Portis: 123-544-4.4-3	Barber: 107-483-4.5-4
RECEIVING	Moss: 38-743(1L)-19.6-5	Burress: 36-535-14.9-5
OFFENSE	387.2 (2L)	332.2
TAKE/GIVE	-6	+9 (2L)
DEFENSE	266.0 (3C)	411.8
SACKS	Griffin: 3.0	Strahan: 5.5
INTs	Marshall, Taylor: 1	Williams: 2
PUNTING	Frost: 40.7	Feagles: 43.9
KICKING	Novak: 30 (15/15 PAT; 5/7 FG)	Feely: 53 (20/20 PAT; 11/11 FG)

NOTES

REDSKINS: QB MARK BRUNELL has started 5 games, tossing 2+ TDs in each start. Has 100.0+ rating & 3 TD passes in each of past 2 starts. Has 2 INTs, tied for 3rd-fewest in NFL.....RB CLINTON PORTIS has 4,958 rushing yards in 50 career games & needs 42 yards to tie JAMAL LEWIS for 5th fastest to 5,000 all time. Portis' teams are 19-7 (.731) when he rushes for 100 yards. Avgs. 108.5 yards per game in 2 games vs. NYG.....WR SANTANA MOSS played home games at Meadowlands from '01-'04 with Jets. Ties for 2nd in league with 15 3rd down rec. (211 yards). Among players with 20+ catches, Moss ranks 2nd in NFL with 19.6-yard avg. WR DAVID PATTEN played in 44 games with NYG from '97-'99.....Second-year TE CHRIS COOLEY avgs. 49.8 rec. yards per game. Had 1st career TD in last game at Giants & seeks TD in 3rd game in row vs. NYG..... Defense allows 14 1st downs per game, 2nd in NFL.....CORNELIUS GRIFFIN spent '00-'03 with Giants. Ties for 4th among NFL DTs with 3 sacks.....GIANTS: Club avgs. 28.8 points per game, most in NFL.....QB ELI MANNING has TD pass in 7 games in row, tossing 15 TDs vs. 5 INTs in that span. Has 6.2 TD pct. (12 TDs in 194 att), 3rd best in NFL.....With 90 rushing yards, RB TIKI BARBER becomes 1st Giant with 7,500 career. Has 45 career rushing TDs & needs 4 to tie RODNEY HAMPTON for club record.....WR PLAXICO BURRESS has 297 career receptions & needs 3 for 300. WR AMANI TOOMER has 39 career receiving TDs & needs 1 to become 4th Giant ever with 40.....JEREMY SHOCKEY has 100+ receiving yards in 2 of past 4 games. Ties for lead among NFL TEs with 8 catches of 20+ yards & ranks 2nd among TEs with 424 yards (25 catches). His 17.0-yard per catch avg. tops TEs with 10+ catches. Has 5+ catches in 4 of 5 career games vs. Wash..... DE MICHAEL STRAHAN has 123.5 career sacks & needs 3.5 to pass DERRICK THOMAS (126.5) for 10th in NFL history. Has 15 sacks vs. Wash, his 2nd-most vs. any club (Phi, 18.5).....LB ANTONIO PIERCE faces former team for 1st time. Spent '01-'04 with Wash.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (4-2) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (3-4)

SERIES

	<u>JAGUARS</u>	<u>RAMS</u>
LEADER		1-0
STREAKS		1-0
COACHES VS. OPP.	Del Rio: 0-0	Vitt: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 6: W 23-17 (OT) at Steelers)	W 28-17 vs. Saints
LAST GAME	10/20/96: Jaguars 14 at Rams 17. St. Louis defense intercepts 5 passes & stops Jacksonville at 5-yard line as time expires.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/20/96	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PT CT): Dick Enberg, Dan Dierdorf, Armen Keteyian (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Leftwich: 98-176-1,205-8-4-82.7	Martin: 35-50-332-1-2-78.1
RUSHING	Taylor: 105-401-3.8-1	S. Jackson: 113-480-4.2-6
RECEIVING	J. Smith: 23-404-17.6-4	Holt: 44(T1L)-638(3L)-14.5-4
OFFENSE	300.3	367.3 (3C)
TAKE/GIVE	+5	-8
DEFENSE	274.3 (2C)	359.3
SACKS	Hayward: 5.5	Little: 4.0
INTs	Mathis, Peterson: 2	4 tied: 1
PUNTING	Hanson: 45.1	Barker: 44.0
KICKING	Scobee: 42 (9/9 PAT; 11/13 FG)	Wilkins: 50 (20/20 PAT; 10/12 FG)

NOTES

JAGUARS: Team has won 7 of past 11 on road, including 4 of past 5.....**QB BYRON LEFTWICH** is 17-16 (.515) as starter; 1st time in career Leftwich is +.500 as starter. Team is 9-0 when Leftwich throws 2+ TDs.....**RB GREG JONES** gained career-high 77 rush yds on 18 carries vs. PIT in Wk. 6. Rookie **RB-PR ALVIN PEARMAN** has 165 scrimmage yds & ranks 1st among rookies with 143 PR yards (8.9 average).....In 1 career game vs. STL (10/20/96), **WR JIMMY SMITH** caught 7 passes for 65 yds. Jags have won 9 of past 11 games when Smith makes TD catch. Rookie **WR MATT JONES** scored 1st career TD in last game.....Offense has scored 20 or more points in 4 of 6 games & team is 4-0 in those games. Club outscoring opponents 26-0 in 1st qtr; NFL's only club not to allow 1st qtr points.....Pass defense (153.5) ranked No. 2 in AFC. **CB RASHEAN MATHIS** has 5 INTs in past 9 games. Ended game vs. PIT for Jags' win with 41-yd INT-TD in OT.....**K JOSH SCOBEE** has made 7 consecutive FGs for longest streak of career.....**RAMS:** Club 41-10 (.804) at home since '99.....**QB JAMIE MARTIN** made 1st start of season last week, passing for 198 yards with 0 INT. Completing 70.5 pct. of pass attempts (35 of 50).....**RB STEVEN JACKSON** seeks rushing TD in 5th consecutive game. Ranks 4th among NFL RBs with 24 receptions (197 yards). **RB MARSHALL FAULK** has 12,106 career rushing yards & needs 15 to pass **FRANCO HARRIS** (12,120) for 10th-all-time.....**WR TORRY HOLT** has 36 career 100-yard games & needs 100-yard game to tie **LANCE ALWORTH & MARVIN HARRISON** for 2nd-most in 1st 7 seasons all-time. Has 100-yard games in 5 of past 9. Third-year **WR KEVIN CURTIS** has career high with 454 receiving yards & has equaled career best with 32 receptions.....**DT JIMMY KENNEDY** ties for 4th among NFL DTs with 3 sacks.....**LB PISA TINOISAMOA** leads club with 44 tackles & bids to lead team for 3rd consecutive season.....**S ADAM ARCHULETA** leads NFL DBs with 3.5 sacks & needs 1.5 to equal career high ('03).....Special teams holds opponents to avg. drive start on KOs at 24.1-yard line, 3rd best in NFL.....**K JEFF WILKINS** is club's all-time leader with 192 FGs.

OAKLAND RAIDERS (2-4) AT TENNESSEE TITANS (2-5)**SERIES**

	<u>RAIDERS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
LEADER	22-17	
STREAKS		4 of past 6
COACHES VS. OPP.	Turner: 1-2	Fisher: 4-3
LAST WEEK	W 38-17 vs. Bills	L 20-10 at Cardinals
LAST GAME	12/19/04: Titans 35 at Raiders 40. Oakland QB Kerry Collins passes for 371 yards & 5 TDs, including 3 to Raiders WR Jerry Porter.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/7/03: Titans 25, Raiders 20. Tennessee QB Steve McNair passes for 269 yards & 2 TDs while Titans P Craig Hentrich kicks 3 FGs in emergency duty.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Kevin Harlan, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Collins: 119-214-1,644 (3C)-7-1-89.4	McNair: 137-210-1,374-7-6-82.9
RUSHING	Jordan: 115-432-3.8-7 (T2C)	Brown: 99-409-4.1-2
RECEIVING	Jordan (RB): 30-245-8.2-1	Kinney (TE): 34-316-9.3-0
OFFENSE	348.2	325.1
TAKE/GIVE	0	-7
DEFENSE	340.0	306.7
SACKS	Burgess: 7.0 (T3L)	Vanden Bosch: 7.5 (2L)
INTs	Sapp: 1	4 tied: 1
PUNTING	Lechler: 46.1	Hentrich: 43.3
KICKING	Janikowski: 38 (14/14 PAT; 8/12 FG)	Bironas: 50 (14/14 PAT; 12/15 FG)

NOTES

RAIDERS: In past 2 starts vs. TENN, **QB KERRY COLLINS** has 7 TDs vs. 1 INT, completing 43 of 73 (58.9 pct.) for 654 yds & 114.8 passer rating. In last mtg (12/19/04), Collins had career-high 5 TDs & 3rd-highest career pass yd total (371). Collins has 1 INT on 214 attempts in '05.....**RB LA MONT JORDAN** recorded 3 rush TDs last wk vs. BUF for career-high & tied franchise record shared w/ 6 other Raiders. Jordan has scored TD in 5 games in row. Entering '05, Jordan (w/NYJ) had career-best rush total of 115 yds; has topped that figure in 2 of past 3 games.....**WR DOUG GABRIEL** has topped career-high in rec. yds in consecutive wks: 85 yds on 5 catches in Wk. 6 vs. SD & 101 yds on 5 catches last week vs. BUF. Last season vs. TENN, **WR JERRY PORTER** set career-highs in catches (8), rec. yds (148), & tied career-best in TDs (3).....**DE DERRICK BURGESS** has 2.0 sacks in 3 games in row & has 7.0 sacks on season. Prior to '05, 5th-yr pro had season-high of 6.0 in '01 (w/PHIL). **DT WARREN SAPP** has sack in 2 of past 3 games.....**TITANS: QB STEVE MC NAIR** is 4-1 (.800) vs. OAK & accounted for TD (pass/rush) in all 5 games. In '02 AFC Champ. vs. OAK, McNair passed for TD & ran for 2 more. McNair (147) needs 3 TDs to be 3rd in club history w/150 (**WARREN MOON**, HOFer **GEORGE BLANDA**).....In past 2 gms, **RB CHRIS BROWN** averaging 4.3 yds/carry on 28 carries. **RB JARRETT PAYTON** had career-high 12 carries last week.....**WR TYRONE CALICO** had career-high 6 catches in Week 7 at OAK. **WR BRANDON JONES** tops NFL rookies with 274 rec. yds on 21 catches. **TEs ERRON KINNEY** (34) & **BEN TROUPE** (26) stand 1st & 4th among AFC TEs in receptions. Kinney & Troupe have combined for 8+ catches in 6 of 7 games.....**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** has at least 1.0 sack in 6 games in row, tying **JESSE BAKER** ('79, '81-82), **SEAN JONES** (1990), & **WILLIAM FULLER** (1991) for 2nd-longest streak in club history; team record is 8 games (**CURLEY CULP**, '74-75).....Rookie **CB-PR ADAM "PACMAN" JONES** had personal season-best 19-yd PR last week.

MIAMI DOLPHINS (2-4) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (2-5) (Baton Rouge)**SERIES**

	<u>DOLPHINS</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
LEADER	5-3	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Saban: 0-0	Haslett: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 30-20 vs. Chiefs	L 28-17 at Rams
LAST GAME	11/29/98: Saints 10 at Dolphins 30. Miami QB Dan Marino throws his 400th career TD pass while Dolphins' defense forces 4 turnovers & records 6 sacks.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/15/95: Saints 33, Dolphins 30. New Orleans QB Jim Everett throws 4 TDs & Saints' defense holds off Miami for win.	
BROADCAST	CBS (3:05 PM CT): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	Frerotte: 111-217-1,241-7-7-65.9	Brooks: 121-221-1,573-6-9-69.4
RUSHING	Brown (R): 91-438-4.8-3	A. Smith: 52-217-4.2-2
RECEIVING	Chambers: 23-352-15.3-2	Stallworth: 32-459-14.3-2
OFFENSE	315.3	340.6
TAKE/GIVE	-5	-12
DEFENSE	320.3	301.1
SACKS	Carter, Taylor: 3.0	W. Smith: 3.0
INTs	Schulters: 2	Craft: 2
PUNTING	D. Jones: 44.0	Berger: 41.7
KICKING	Mare: 37 (13/13 PAT; 8/9 FG)	Carney: 47 (11/11 PAT; 12/18 FG)

NOTES

BATON ROUGE to host first-ever regular season NFL game.....**DOLPHINS**: Head coach **NICK SABAN** leads team to Tiger Stadium on LSU campus where he directed Tigers to '03 National Title.....In 1 career start vs. N.O. (12/3/00), **QB GUS FREROTTE** (w/Den) posted 132.3 passer rating on 11 of 16 passing for 201 yds & 1 TD vs. 0 INTsWith 100 rush yds, **RB RONNIE BROWN** would be 6th Dolphin rookie to record 2 or more 100s. **RB RICKY WILLIAMS** was 1st rd pick (No. 5) of Saints in '99 & led team in rushing from '99-'01 until traded to MIA.....**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** (256) needs 1 catch to surpass **BRUCE HARDY** (256) for 7th most in club history & (94) needs 22 rush yds to surpass HOFer **PAUL WARFIELD** (115 in 1971) for most in single-season by WR. **WR MARTY BOOKER** seeks catch in 80th game in row.....**LB ZACH THOMAS** (90) needs 10 tackles for 10th 100-tackle season to begin career. **CB SAM MADISON** to start 60th game in row...With 50+ yd FG, **K OLINDO MARE** (13) ties **PETE STOYANOVICH** (14) for most in club history..

SAINTS: Club plays 1st of 4 games in Baton Rouge.....Aves. 21.7 1st downs per game, 4th in NFL.....**QB AARON BROOKS** has 113 career TD passes & needs 3 to pass **ARCHIE MANNING** (115) for most in franchise history. With 300-yard game, Brooks will surpass Manning (9) for most all-time by Saint. Among QBs with 10+ rushes, Brooks leads league with 8.0 yards per carry avg (192 yards).....**RB ANTOWAIN SMITH**'s teams have 12-1 (.923) record when Smith rushes for 100 yards, including 2-0 vs. Dolphins..... In past 3 games, **WR AZ-ZAHIR HAKIM** has 17 catches for 293 yards & 1 TD, posting 100-yard receiving games in 2 of past 3. **WR JOE HORN** has 46 receiving TDs & needs 3 to pass **ERIC MARTIN** (48) for most by Saint.....**TE ERNIE CONWELL** has 195 career receptions & needs 5 for 200.....**CB FRED THOMAS** has 2 defensive fumble recoveries, tied for 2nd most in NFL.....Special teams holds foes to 4.5-yard PR avg, 4th in NFL.....**P MITCH BERGER** ranks 2nd in NFL with 15 punts inside 20-yard line (**CHRIS HANSON**, 17).

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (4-2) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (3-4)

SERIES

	<u>CHIEFS</u>	<u>CHARGERS</u>
LEADER		47-41-1
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Vermeil: 5-4	Schottenheimer: 5-4
LAST WEEK	W 30-20 at Dolphins	L 20-17 at Eagles
LAST GAME	1/2/05: Chiefs 17 at Chargers 24. San Diego QB Doug Flutie passes for 1 TD & runs for another while Chargers rookie QB Philip Rivers also tosses for 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/2/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:05 PM PT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Green: 110-187-1,349-4-3-81.6	Brees: 128-199-1,505-10 (3C)-6-91.4
RUSHING	Holmes: 105-413-3.9-6	Tomlinson: 150-659 (2C)-4.4-10 (1C)
RECEIVING	Kennison: 25-373-14.9-1	Gates (TE): 33-430-13.0-3
OFFENSE	352.8	333.7
TAKE/GIVE	+4	0
DEFENSE	359.2	323.7
SACKS	Allen: 5.0	Foley, Scott: 2.5
INTs	McCleon, Surtain, Wesley: 1	Jue: 3
PUNTING	Colquitt (R): 41.2	Scifres: 44.4
KICKING	Tynes: 51 (15/15 PAT; 12/14 FG)	Kaeding: 55 (2C) (22/22 PAT; 11/12 FG)

NOTES

EIGHT OF LAST NINE GAMES in series decided by 7 points or less.....**CHIEFS: QB TRENT GREEN** is 6-3 (.667) in career as starter vs. SD. Green (98) needs 2 TD passes to become 3rd QB in team history to throw 100 (HOFer **LEN DAWSON** 237; **BILL KENNEY** 105).....In past 5 vs. SD, **RB PRIEST HOLMES** has 571 rush yds (114.2/game) & 6 TDs along with 22 catches for 239 yards (10.9 avg.). Holmes (5,895) needs 105 rush yds to be 1st Chief in history to reach 6,000 & (2,345) needs 112 rec. yds to surpass **ED PODOLAK** (2,456) for 3rd-most by RB in club history. **RB LARRY JOHNSON** averaging 5.0 yds/carry on 69 rushes. Team is 3-0 on season when Johnson scores TD.....**WR-KR-PR DANTE HALL** has 15 career TDs coming from average of 78.8 yds – longest avg. distance in NFL history, min. 10 TDs.....**C CASEY WIEGMANN** to make 70th consecutive start Sunday. **LS-TE KENDALL GAMMON** to play in 215th consecutive game this week – NFL's longest active streak among non-kickers..... **LB KAWIKA MITCHELL** leads team w/ 52 tackles. **S GREG WESLEY** has INT in each of past 3 played vs. SD.....**CHARGERS:** Head coach **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** was KC head coach from 1989-98. Had 101-58-1 (.634) record & led team to 7 playoff berths.....In last start vs. KC (11/28/04), **QB DREW BREES** completed 28 of 37 for career-high 378 yds w/ 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 125.7 passer rating. Brees has passed for 2 TDs in 4 consecutive games vs. KC.....**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** had streak of consecutive games w/ TD snapped last wk at 18 – shares record w/ HOFer **LENNY MOORE** (1963-65). Team is 18-3 (.857) when Tomlinson registers 25+ carries. Tomlinson (854) stands 2nd in NFL scrimmage yds (**EDGERRIN JAMES**, IND, 973).....**TE ANTONIO GATES** has 5+ catches in 6 of past 7 games. In his last game vs. KC (11/28/04), Gates had 7 catches for 92 yds & 2 TDs. In past 2 vs. KC, **WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** has 11 catches for 180 yds (16.4 avg.) & 1 TD.....Six Chargers have 2.0+ sacks. Defense tied for 6th in NFL w/ 20 sacks; had 13 sacks through 7 games in '04. **LB STEVE FOLEY** has 12.5 sacks since '04.....Rookie **RB-KR DARREN SPROLES** is 6th in NFL with 26.8 KR avg.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-2) AT DENVER BRONCOS (5-2)

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>BRONCOS</u>
LEADER	6-3	
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 0-0	Shanahan: 1-1
LAST WEEK	W 20-17 vs. Chargers	L 24-23 at Giants
LAST GAME	10/4/98: Eagles 16 at Broncos 41. Denver RB Terrell Davis rushes for 168 yards & 2 TDs while Broncos QB Bubby Brister passes for 4 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/4/98	
BROADCAST	FOX (2:05 PM MT): Dick Stockton, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	McNabb: 158-254-1,751(3C)-12(T3L)-5-90.2	Plummer: 122-207-1,335-8-3-84.9
RUSHING	Westbrook: 65-256-3.9-1	Mi. Anderson: 112-478-4.3-3
RECEIVING	Owens: 44(T1L)-609-13.8-5	Smith: 37 (T2C)-483 (3C)-13.1-2
OFFENSE	357.2	340.1
TAKE/GIVE	+4	+7
DEFENSE	321.0	330.1
SACKS	Dawkins, Walker: 2.5	Warren: 2.0
INTs	S. Brown, Sheppard: 2	Bailey: 3
PUNTING	Johnson: 41.1	Sauerbrun: 46.8 (1C)
KICKING	Cortez: 49 (13/14 PAT; 12/16 FG)	Elam: 50 (17/17 PAT; 11/17 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: Club ranks 1st in NFL avgng. 299.7 passing yards per game.....Head coach **ANDY REID** has 33-18 (.647) road record, tops among active coaches. Is 8-5 (.615) on road vs. AFC opponents.....**QB DONOVAN MC NABB** has 60-25 (.706) career record as starter, including 24-5 (.828) mark when passing for 250+ yards. Had franchise record 35 completions vs. SD (54 att.).....**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** leads NFL RBs with 35 receptions & 367 rec. yards.....**WR TERRELL OWENS** has 100 career TD catches & needs 1 to surpass **TIM BROWN & STEVE LARGENT** for 4th most in NFL history. Avgs. 21.6 yards per 3rd down reception, (9 catches, 194 yards) tops among NFL's top 20 3rd down receivers. Third-year **WR GREG LEWIS** has career highs with 25 catches & 269 yards receiving.....**TE L.J. SMITH** ties for lead among NFL TEs with 34 receptions (350 yards). Is 1 of 6 NFL TEs to avg. 50+ receiving yards per game..... Rookie 1st-round **DT MIKE PATTERSON** has 2 sacks & is 1 of 5 NFL rookies with 2-or-more.....**CB MATT WARE** returned blocked FG 65 yards for TD vs. SD, marking 1st time in history club returned opponents' blocked FG for TD.

BRONCOS: Under head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**, team is 17-4 (.810) at home vs. NFC. Club has won 6 in row at INVESCO Field at Mile High; longest such streak since stadium opened in '01.....**QB JAKE PLUMMER** has TD in 10 of 11 career games vs. PHIL. Plummer is 15-3 (.833) as DEN starter at home & has 0 INTs since Wk. 2.....Only team in NFL w/ 2 RBs w/ 450+ rushing yds: **MIKE ANDERSON** (478) & **TATUM BELL** (455). In past 3 games, Bell has 301 rush yds on 33 atts. (9.1 avg.).....**WR ROD SMITH** (64) needs 1 TD to tie **TERRELL DAVIS** (65) for most TDs in club history. Smith (749) needs 1 catch to surpass HOFer **CHARLIE JOINER & MICHAEL IRVIN** (750) for 16th-most receptions in NFL history. In past 2 gms, **WR ASHLIE LELIE** has 8 catches for 145 yds (18.1 avg.) w/ 25+ yd reception in both..... Defense (89.6) allowing 5th-fewest rush yds/gm in NFL. In 5 regular-season mtgs, **S JOHN LYNCH** has 5 PDs vs. PHIL, including 2 INTs.....**P TODD SAUERBRUN** leads AFC with 46.8 gross avg. & has AFC's 2nd-most TBs on kickoffs (11).

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (5-1) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-5)**SERIES**

	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>	<u>49ERS</u>
LEADER		13-3
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gruden: 2-2	Nolan: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk 6. W 27-13 vs. Dolphins)	L 52-17at Redskins
LAST GAME	11/21/04: 49ers 3 at Buccaneers 35. Tampa Bay QB Brian Griese passes for 210 yards & 2 TDs, both to WR Joe Jurevicius.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/19/03: 49ers 24, Buccaneers 7. San Francisco RB Garrison Hearst has 117 of 49ers' 212 rushing yards & defense forces 4 turnovers.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Craig Shemon, Dale Hellestrae	

STATS

PASSING	Simms: 6-10-69-0-0-80.8	Smith (R): 23-50-200-0-5-17.5
RUSHING	Williams (R): 99-447-4.5-2	Barlow: 78-319-4.1-2
RECEIVING	Galloway: 31-499-16.1-4	Lloyd: 19-369-19.4-3
OFFENSE	322.7	214.7
TAKE/GIVE	+6 (3C)	-8
DEFENSE	233.3 (1L)	452.7
SACKS	Rice: 5.0	Young: 6.0 (T2C)
INTs	Kelly: 3	Parrish: 2
PUNTING	Bidwell: 48.0 (1L)	Lee: 42.8
KICKING	M. Bryant: 42 (12/12 PAT; 10/11 FG)	Nedney: 24 (12/12 PAT; 4/4 FG)

NOTES

BUCCANEERS: Seek 1st 6-1 in franchise history.....Club avgs. 138.5 rushing yards per game, 5th in NFL.....Head coach **JON GRUDEN** began NFL coaching career as offensive asst. with SF in '90.....**QB CHRIS SIMMS** makes 3rd career start & 1st of '05.....**RB CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS** leads NFL rookies with 447 rushing yards & ranks 2nd in NFL avgging. 111.8 rushing yards per game. In 4 games, has 5 runs of 20+ yards, tied for 4th-most in league. **RB MICHAEL PITTMAN** avgs. 6.1 yards per carry, rushing for 252 yards.....**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** has 498 career receptions & needs 2 for 500. Leads NFL with 292 receiving yards on 3rd downs (15 catches). Has 5+ catches in 5 of 6 games. With 58 career TD catches, needs 2 to become 7th active player with 60 TD catches.....Defense ranks 1st in NFL overall (233.3), vs. run (62.0), yards per rush (2.9), 1st downs per game (12.8) & 3rd down efficiency (28.2 pct, 20 of 71).....**CB RONDE BARBER** has 24 career INTs & 19 sacks. Needs 1 sack to become 1st CB in NFL history with 20 INT & sacks.....**49ERS:** Have 9-1 mark all-time vs. Bucs at home & seek 7th consecutive home win vs. TB.....Rookie **QB ALEX SMITH** seeks 1st NFL win.....**RB KEVAN BARLOW** rushed for 54 yards, with 17-yard TD run last week. Rushed for 75 yards with 5.0 yards per carry avg. in last home game vs. Bucs. Rookie 3rd-round **RB FRANK GORE** has rushed for 198 yards, 3rd-most among NFL rookies. Scored 1st career TD vs. Wash on 72-yard run, 5th longest run by SF rookie in club history.....Third-year **WR BRANDON LLOYD** has TD catch in 8 of past 17 games. Avgs. 19.4 yards per catch (19-369), 3rd most in NFL, min. 15 catches. Third-year **WR ARNAZ BATTLE** has career highs with 15 receptions, 171 yards & 2 TDs.....**DE BRYANT YOUNG** ties for 5th in NFL with 6 sacks & seeks 3rd-career 10-sack season ('96, '99).....**S TONY PARRISH** has 4 career 2 INT games, including 1 vs. TB on 11/21/04.....Club avgs. 13.9 yards per PR, tops in NFL, while holding opponents to 18.3 yards per KR, fewest in NFL.

**SUNDAY NIGHT
BUFFALO BILLS (3-4) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (3-3)**

SERIES

	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
LEADER		48-40-1
STREAKS		8 of past 9
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mularkey: 0-2	Belichick: 8-3
LAST WEEK	L 38-17 at Raiders	Bye (Wk. 6: L 28-20 at Broncos)
LAST GAME	11/14/04: Bills 6 at Patriots 29. New England's Tom Brady passes for 2 TDs, Patriots' Adam Vinatieri kicks 5 FGs & New England's defense allows just 125 total yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/14/04	
BROADCAST	ESPN (8:30 PM ET): Mike Patrick, Paul Maguire, Joe Theismann, Suzy Kolber (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Marv Albert, John Riggins, Rick Walker (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Holcomb: 62-88-527-5-2-95.2	Brady: 143-228-1,821 (1L)-8-4-92.0
RUSHING	McGahee: 154-654 (3C)-4.2-4	Dillon: 96-329-3.4-5
RECEIVING	Moulds: 28-238-8.5-2	Branch: 37 (T2C)-437-11.8-1
OFFENSE	238.0	377.8 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (T2C)	-6
DEFENSE	312.6	353.3
SACKS	Denney, Schobel: 3.0	McGinest: 2.5
INTs	Vincent: 3	Vrabel: 1
PUNTING	Moorman: 46.1 (3C)	Miller: 46.8 (2C)
KICKING	Lindell: 52 (3C) (10/10 PAT; 14/15 FG)	Vinatieri: 42 (15/16 PAT; 9/12 FG)

NOTES

HOME TEAM has won 4 of past 5 in series.....**BILLS: QB KELLY HOLCOMB** has led team to TD on opening drive in all 3 starts. Holcomb has 72.2 comp. pct. in 3 starts for BUF.....**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** (654) is 1 of 5 NFL rushers with 650+ yds.....**WR ERIC MOULDS** has 18 catches in past 3 games. Moulds, **WR LEE EVANS & WR JOSH REED** each have catch in all 7 games. Evans & Reed caught TDs last wk at OAK.....**LB ANGELO CROWELL** has 1.0 sack in consecutive games for 1st time in career. **LB LONDON FLETCHER** stands 2nd on team with 64 tackles & Bills are 5-1 (.833) when he records FR. Bills' defense (9/7/03) is 1 of 3 to record 4 INTs off Brady in single game. Leading tackler **S LAWYER MILLOY** (67) is former Patriot ('96-'02) & had 100+ tackles for NE in 5 seasons.....With 57-yd KR last week, **CB-KR TERRENCE MC GEE** became 1st Bill to post 40+ yd KR in 4 games in row & leads NFL w/ 34.3 KR avg. McGee has started all 7 games at CB & has 2 INTs in past 3.....**PATRIOTS:** Team is 25-4 (.863) at home since Gillette Stadium opened in '02 (including playoffs). Club has not lost consecutive games in 39 games. Patriots are 20-6 (.769) since '01 in division games.....**QB TOM BRADY** is 7-1 (.875) in career vs. Bills. In past 3 starts vs. BUF, Brady has 8 TDs vs. 1 INT, completing 57 of 97 (58.8 pct.) for 735 yds & 105.8 passer rating.....**RB COREY DILLON** posted 230 rush yds & 1 TD on 45 carries (5.1 avg.) in '04 vs. BUF. **RB PATRICK PASS** has rush TD in 2 games in row.....**WR TROY BROWN** (491) needs 9 catches to become 2nd Patriot to record 500 (**STANLEY MORGAN**, 534). **WRs DEION BRANCH** (37) & **DAVID GIVENS** (31) are 1 of 2 AFC WR tandems with 30+ receptions each.....**LB WILLIE MC GINEST** (74.5) needs 0.5 sack to become 3rd in club history w/ 75.0 (**ANDRE TIPPETT**, 100.0; **JULIUS ADAMS**, 79.5).....Since '02, **K ADAM VINATIERI** has made 84.6 pct. of FG tries (55 of 65) in Gillette Stadium; opponents have made 64.6 pct. (31 of 48) in Gillette.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31
BALTIMORE RAVENS (2-4) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (4-2)

SERIES

	<u>RAVENS</u>	<u>STEELERS</u>
LEADER		12-6
STREAKS		5 of past 7
COACHES VS. OPP.	Billick: 5-8	Cowher: 13-6
LAST WEEK	L 10-6 at Bears	W 27-13 at Bengals
LAST GAME	12/26/04: Ravens 7 at Steelers 20. Pittsburgh rookie QB Ben Roethlisberger passes for 2 TDs to lead Steelers to 13th consecutive win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/04	
BROADCAST	ABC (9:00 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Samantha Ryan (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Joel Meyers, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Wright: 120-192-1,177-5-7-73.2	Roethlisberger: 61-100-1,006-9-1-120.7 (1L)
RUSHING	J. Lewis: 113-326-2.9-1	Parker: 113-539-4.8-3
RECEIVING	Mason: 37 (T2C)-401-10.8-1	Ward: 21-337-16.0-5 (T2C)
OFFENSE	296.5	319.0
TAKE/GIVE	-7	+5
DEFENSE	251.7 (1C)	296.2
SACKS	Thomas: 3.0	Porter: 4.0
INTs	R. Lewis, McAlister, Suggs: 1	Hope: 2
PUNTING	Zastudil: 43.6	Gardocki: 40.2
KICKING	Stover: 33 (6/6 PAT; 9/12 FG)	Reed: 47 (17/17 PAT; 10/12 FG)

NOTES

RAVENS: Club handed Steelers only loss of 2004.....Since taking over at QB due to injury to **KYLE BOLLER** in Wk. 1, **ANTHONY WRIGHT** has completed 120 of 192 passes for 62.5 pct. Wright is 7-5 (.583) as Ravens starter.....**RBs JAMAL LEWIS & CHESTER TAYLOR** have combined for 140+ rush yds in 2 of past 3 games. Taylor averages 6.0 yds per carry on 37 rushes in '05.....**WR DERRICK MASON** has 37 receptions thru 6 games; last season no Raven reached 37 catches.....Since 1999, team is 37-9 (.804) when scoring 21 points or more.....Defense has allowed 19 rush TDs since 2003 – 2nd-fewest in NFL (TB, 18).....**LB RAY LEWIS** (21) & **S ED REED** (21) tied for franchise's career INT lead. Club is 14-3 (.824) when **LB TERRELL SUGGS** records 1.0+ sack & is 6-0 when he notches 2.0+. Club has allowed 6 total points in its 2 wins (3.0 per game).....**PR-KR B.J. SAMS** has 3rd-best PR avg. in NFL (11.6).....**STEELERS:** Club has won 10 home MNF games in row.....In 1 career start vs. BALT (12/26/04), **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** completed 14 of 19 for 221 yards & 2 TDs vs. 1 INT for 125.1 passer rating. Roethlisberger is 6-0 as starter vs. AFC North.....**RB JEROME BETTIS** rushed for 117 yards in last meeting. Bettis (49) needs 1 100-yd game to become 5th in NFL history to reach 50 100s for single team (HOFer **WALTER PAYTON**, CHI, 77; HOFer **BARRY SANDERS**, DET, 76; **EMMITT SMITH**, DAL, 75; HOFer **JIM BROWN**, CLE, 58). Team is 4-0 when **RB WILLIE PARKER** has 100+ rush yds.....**WR HINES WARD** (526) needs 12 receptions to surpass HOFer **JOHN STALLWORTH** (537) for most catches in club history. In past 3 home games vs. BALT, Ward has 17 catches, 3 for TDs. Rookie **TE HEATH MILLER** has TD catch in 4 of 1st 6 games. **TE JERAME TUMAN** scored last TD vs. BALT.....**LB JAMES HARRISON** tops club w/ 4 tackles for loss. **CB IKE TAYLOR** (7) leads team in PDs.....**DE BRETT KEISEL & S TYRONE CARTER** each have team-best 8 ST tackles.

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (OCT. 21, 23-24)

Byes: Carolina, Jacksonville, New England, Tampa Bay
(Home team in CAPS)

Friday, October 21

Kansas City 30, MIAMI 20

Sunday, October 23

Pittsburgh 27, CINCINNATI 13
Detroit 13, CLEVELAND 10
Indianapolis 38, HOUSTON 20
MINNESOTA 23, Green Bay 20
PHILADELPHIA 20, San Diego 17
ST. LOUIS 28, New Orleans 17

Sunday, October 23, cont.'d

WASHINGTON 52, San Francisco 17
SEATTLE 13, Dallas 10
ARIZONA 20, Tennessee 10
CHICAGO 10, Baltimore 6
N.Y. GIANTS 24, Denver 23
OAKLAND 38, Buffalo 17

Monday, October 24

ATLANTA 27, N.Y. Jets 14

2005 NFL STANDINGS

<u>AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>							<u>NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>						
<u>East Division</u>							<u>East Division</u>						
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>
New England	3	3	0	.500	138	164	N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667	173	137
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	112	138	Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	142	118
Miami	2	4	0	.333	115	128	Washington	4	2	0	.667	135	103
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	92	139	Dallas	4	3	0	.571	147	124
<u>North Division</u>							<u>North Division</u>						
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	168	111	Chicago	3	3	0	.500	100	68
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	149	95	Detroit	3	3	0	.500	104	106
Baltimore	2	4	0	.333	69	100	Minnesota	2	4	0	.333	90	155
Cleveland	2	4	0	.333	78	103	Green Bay	1	5	0	.167	144	118
<u>South Division</u>							<u>South Division</u>						
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>
Indianapolis	7	0	0	1.000	189	77	Tampa Bay	5	1	0	.833	116	72
Jacksonville	4	2	0	.667	108	101	Atlanta	5	2	0	.714	175	133
Tennessee	2	5	0	.286	136	177	Carolina	4	2	0	.667	148	136
Houston	0	6	0	.000	74	179	New Orleans	2	5	0	.286	119	201
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>OP</u>
Denver	5	2	0	.714	152	131	Seattle	5	2	0	.714	181	127
Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	149	132	St. Louis	3	4	0	.429	184	210
San Diego	3	4	0	.429	193	146	Arizona	2	4	0	.333	114	144
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	128	133	San Francisco	1	5	0	.167	96	212

WEEK 8 NFL SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 30-31

Byes: Atlanta, Indianapolis, N.Y. Jets, Seattle
(All times local)

Sunday, October 30

Minnesota at Carolina, 1:00 PM
Green Bay at Cincinnati, 1:00 PM
Arizona at Dallas, 12:00 PM
Chicago at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Cleveland at Houston, 12:00 PM
Miami at New Orleans (Baton Rouge), 3:05 PM
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 PM
Jacksonville at St. Louis, 12:00 PM
Oakland at Tennessee, 12:00 PM

Sunday, October 30, cont'd.

Kansas City at San Diego, 1:05 PM
Philadelphia at Denver, 2:15 PM
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 1:15 PM
Buffalo at New England, 8:30 PM (ESPN)

Monday, October 31

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 9:00 PM (ABC)

