



MONDAY NIGHT NOTES

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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?! EAGLES-FALCONS SET FOR NFC TITLE GAME REMATCH ON MNF

What a way to kick it off...**DONOVAN MC NABB** and **MICHAEL VICK** on Monday night!

There will be plenty of intriguing storylines as the Atlanta Falcons host the Philadelphia Eagles before a nationwide audience on *ABC's NFL Monday Night Football* this week to conclude NFL Kickoff 2005 Weekend -- not the least of which surrounds the two men under center.

McNabb and Vick have established themselves as two of the premier quarterbacks in football, each with the ability to amaze with both their arm and legs. They will share the Monday night stage together for the first time as ABC kicks off its 36th season of *MNF*, the longest continuously running prime-time entertainment series in television history.

In addition to the excitement generated by the QBs, the game is a rematch of last season's exciting NFC Championship, won by Philadelphia 27-10 on a cold, blustery January day in Philadelphia. Throw in the Falcons' first Monday night opener in franchise history, an enthusiastic sellout crowd, and a pair of clubs with Super Bowl aspirations, and the contest is definitely a must see!

"We're all excited that Week 1 is here," says Falcons running back **WARRICK DUNN**. "Hopefully on Monday night we will come out and play our best game and be able to get a W."

MONDAY NIGHT DEBUT: He has already taken part in the playoffs, the Pro Bowl and a national championship game while at Virginia Tech. Next up is another rite of passage for Michael Vick -- his debut on *Monday Night Football*.

Vick's quarterback counterpart this week, Donovan McNabb, was victorious in his first appearance on the signature series. McNabb's debut came on October 22, 2001, when he led the Eagles to a 10-9 road win over the NFC East-rival New York Giants, connecting with wide receiver **JAMES THRASH** on an 18-yard touchdown pass with 1:52 remaining in the game for the win.

A look at how the modern-era quarterbacks enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame have fared in their debut on *Monday Night Football*, along with McNabb:

QB	Team	Date	Opp.	Comp.	Att.	Yards	TD	Int	Rating	Result
Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh	11/2/70	Cin	4	12	40	0	0	43.8	W 21-10
Len Dawson	Kansas City	9/28/70	at Bal	9	12	152	4	1	121.5	W 44-24
John Elway	Denver	10/15/84	GB	11	20	101	0	1	48.1	W 17-14
Dan Fouts	San Diego	12/15/75	NYJ	6	11	86	0	0	80.1	W 24-16
Bob Griese	Miami	11/30/70	at Atl	8	11	94	0	1	60.4	W 20-7
Sonny Jurgensen	Washington	10/19/70	at Oak	24	31	232	2	0	119.3	L 34-20
Jim Kelly	Buffalo	10/17/88	at NYJ	16	27	302	3	1	119.7	W 37-14
Dan Marino	Miami	9/19/83	at Oak	11	17	90	2	0	117.3	L 27-14
Joe Montana	San Francisco	12/19/83	Dal	14	26	223	4	1	106.3	W 42-17
Joe Namath	NY Jets	9/21/70	at Clev	18	31	298	1	3	61.7	L 31-21
Bart Starr	Green Bay	10/12/70	at SD	16	20	158	2	0	132.9	W 22-20
Roger Staubach	Dallas	11/16/70	at StL	2	8	61	0	1	19.3	L 38-0
Fran Tarkenton	NY Giants	11/23/70	at Phi	15	30	178	0	0	68.5	L 23-20
Johnny Unitas	Baltimore	9/28/70	KC	5	15	58	0	2	6.4	L 44-24
Steve Young	San Francisco	12/14/87	Chi	9	19	100	4	0	103.1	W 41-0
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	10/22/01	NYG	15	26	154	1	1	71.6	W 10-9

MONDAY NIGHT MUSINGS – PHILADELPHIA EAGLES AT ATLANTA FALCONS

FALCONS ASSIST IN HURRICANE RELIEF MONDAY NIGHT

- At Monday night's game, the Atlanta Falcons are asking fans to "Band With The Bayou" by contributing at least \$5 to aid those affected by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast. Fans will receive purple-and-green KARE (Katrina Relief) wrist bands in return for their donation.

Concurrently, the Arthur Blank Family of Businesses, which includes the Falcons, is collectively raising money for Hurricane Katrina relief through an internal challenge. The goal is to raise \$300,000 from players, coaches and associates. The money raised by the Blank Family of Businesses will be matched 2-to-1 through the company's matching gift program.

"This is a critical time for the people of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama," said Falcons owner & CEO **ARTHUR BLANK**. "In times like this, the need to join together to help is most important. The Falcons are committed to helping those whose lives have been deeply affected by this horrible tragedy, and with our partnership, we can have an even greater impact."

The Falcons have already raised more than \$75,000 through a silent auction and donations that were collected during their annual Kickoff Luncheon on August 31.

ENGINEERED TO SACK

- Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle **DARWIN WALKER** uses the slogan "Engineered to Sack" for his personal website (<http://DarwinWalker.com>). Walker earned a degree in civil engineering from Tennessee and went on to co-found Progressive Engineering, a civil and structural engineering firm in Knoxville, Tennessee, with a satellite office in Philadelphia.

Progressive Engineering recently formed a strategic alliance with Pennoni Associates, Inc, an *Engineering News Record* Top 150 consulting engineering firm. In the spring of 2005, Walker was hired by Pennoni as vice president and chief development officer, and in turn became a stockholder in the company.

In addition to his relationship with Pennoni, Walker is also the owner and founder of Darwin Walker Properties LLC, a civil engineering firm that is involved with a number of different developmental projects through investment, design and construction.

BROOKING STARS FOR UNITED WAY

- Atlanta Falcons linebacker **KEITH BROOKING** is one of seven NFL players who star in the 2005 NFL/United Way public service television campaign. The new campaign focuses on volunteerism and community involvement.

The longest-running public service advertising campaign in TV history, this year's series has been designed to spotlight United Way projects and serve as a call to action for the public.

In the spot featuring Brooking, titled "Storybook," the linebacker reads a Dr. Seuss story to a stadium filled with children. But only a fraction can hear him. Brooking shows the community it will take more than just one person to read to children.

The overall theme of the campaign – "One Person Alone" – is reflected at the end of the spot.

T.O. VISITS HURRICANE VICTIMS

- Eagles wide receiver **TERRELL OWENS** spent his off-day this week visiting victims of Hurricane Katrina at the Astrodome in Houston.

The Pro Bowl wide receiver distributed clothes, food and water, played football and interacted with the families, talked to the volunteers and helped them place clothing in bags for the evacuees.

"It was just something he chose to do on his day off," says **KIM ETHEREDGE**, an associate of Owens. "He wanted to reach out and interact with the people whose lives have been impacted by this tragedy."