

NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 3

DOWN BUT NOT OUT: History shows that 0-2 teams advance to the playoffs more often than people might think. Since 1990, 17 teams have begun 0-2 and still qualified for the postseason. The 0-2 Dallas Cowboys in 1993 won Super Bowl XXVIII, the 0-2 New England Patriots of 1996 played in Super Bowl XXXI, and in 2001, the 0-2 Patriots won Super Bowl XXXVI.

Following are the 0-2 teams since 1990 to qualify for the playoffs:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TEAM (WINLESS START)</u>	<u>ADVANCED TO:</u>
1990	Houston Oilers (0-2)	Wild Card Playoffs
	Philadelphia Eagles (0-2)	Wild Card Playoffs
	New Orleans Saints (0-2)	Wild Card Playoffs
1991	Atlanta Falcons (0-2)	Wild Card Playoffs
1992	San Diego Chargers (0-4)	Divisional Playoffs
1993	Pittsburgh Steelers (0-2)	Wild Card Playoffs
	Dallas Cowboys (0-2)	Won Super Bowl XXVIII
1994	New England Patriots (0-2)	Wild Card Playoffs
1995	Detroit Lions (0-3)	Wild Card Playoffs
1996	New England Patriots (0-2)	Lost Super Bowl XXXI
1998	Arizona Cardinals (0-2)	Divisional Playoffs
	Buffalo Bills (0-3)	Wild Card Playoffs
	New York Jets (0-2)	Championship Game
2001	New England Patriots (0-2)	Won Super Bowl XXXVI
2002	Atlanta Falcons (0-2)	Divisional Playoffs
	Pittsburgh Steelers (0-2)	Divisional Playoffs
2003	Philadelphia Eagles (0-2)	Championship Game

MANNING THE RECORD BOOKS: Indianapolis Colts quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** has passed for two or more touchdowns in 65 of his 114 career games. With multiple touchdown passes in 57.0 percent of his games, Manning owns the highest such mark in NFL history (minimum 100 games). Green Bay's **BRETT FAVRE**, the only other active quarterback in the top five in the category, is second to Manning with a 56.9 percent mark (120 of 211 games).

Following are the top five quarterbacks with the highest percentage of games with multiple touchdown passes (minimum 100 games):

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM(S)</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>MULTI-TD GAMES</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
<i>Peyton Manning</i>	<i>Indianapolis</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>57.0*</i>
<i>Brett Favre</i>	<i>Atlanta, Green Bay</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>56.9*</i>
Dan Marino	Miami	242	127	52.5
Joe Montana	San Francisco, Kansas City	192	89	46.4
Steve Young	Tampa Bay, San Francisco	169	72	42.6
*Active				

RUSH HOUR: Tampa Bay Buccaneers rookie running back **CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS** leads the NFL with 276 rushing yards, running for 148 and 128 yards in each of his first two games.

Williams is only the third rookie in history to rush for at least 125 yards in each of his first two games (**ALAN AMECHE** and **BILLY SIMS**) and can become the first rookie ever to rush for 100 yards in each of his first three games when the Buccaneers play at Green Bay Sunday. Williams' 276 rushing yards are the fifth most for a rookie in his first two games. He needs 135 yards Sunday for the most by a rookie in his first three games.

The rookies with the most rushing yards in their first three games:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
Alan Ameche	Baltimore Colts	1955	410
Billy Sims	Detroit	1980	382
Lionel Vital	Washington	1987	346
Ottis Anderson	St. Louis Cardinals	1979	339
Curt Warner	Seattle	1983	330

*Through first two games

PATRIOT GAMES: New England Patriots quarterback **TOM BRADY** has a career regular-season record of 49-15 (.766) and can win his 50th game this Sunday in Pittsburgh. With a win, Brady would reach 50 career regular-season victories in 65 starts, the second-fewest games needed by a quarterback to reach the 50-win mark since 1970.

The quarterbacks to reach 50 victories in the fewest number of starts (since 1970):

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>GAMES STARTED</u>
Ken Stabler	Oakland	62
Danny White	Dallas	69
Jim McMahon	Chicago	70
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	71
Dan Marino	Miami	74

Tom Brady New England 64*

*Has 49 career victories

Brady and head coach **BILL BELICHICK** have a 49-15 (.766) record together and can win their 50th game this weekend. With a win against Pittsburgh, the Belichick-Brady combination will have the highest winning percentage (.769) by a head coach-quarterback duo since 1970 with at least 50 victories.

The head coach-quarterback tandems since 1970 with the highest winning percentage (minimum 50 wins):

<u>HEAD COACH-QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
John Madden-Ken Stabler	Oakland	60-19-1	.756
Tom Landry-Roger Staubach	Dallas	84-29	.743
George Seifert-Steve Young	San Francisco	62-23	.729
Andy Reid-Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	57-24	.704
Bud Grant-Fran Tarkenton	Minnesota	64-27-2	.699

Bill Belichick-Tom Brady New England 49-15 .766*

*Have 49 wins together

SWEET 16: Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** has won all 15 of his regular-season starts and this Sunday seeks to extend his NFL record streak to 16, which would equal one full NFL season. The Steelers host the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots at Heinz Field.

The quarterbacks with the most wins in their first 16 career starts (since 1970):

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>WINS</u>
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	15*
Dan Marino	Miami	14
Mike Tomczak	Chicago	14
Tom Brady	New England	13
Marc Bulger	St. Louis	13
Pat Haden	LA Rams	13
Jay Schroeder	Washington	13
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	13

*Through first 15 starts

Roethlisberger had an NFL rookie record 98.1 passer rating last year and currently leads the NFL with a 153.6 rating. In his 15 starts, he has completed 207 of 307 attempts (67.4 percent) for 2,917 yards with 19 touchdowns versus nine interceptions for a 106.3 rating.

The quarterbacks with the highest passer rating in their first 16 career starts (since 1970):

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TEAM(S)</u>	<u>PASSER RATING</u>
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	109.2
Chad Pennington	NY Jets	108.9
Dan Marino	Miami	108.4
Rob Johnson	Jacksonville, Buffalo	100.8
Daunte Culpepper	Minnesota	98.0

Ben Roethlisberger Pittsburgh

*Through first 15 starts

106.3*