



NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WILD CARD WEEKEND

2005 PLAYOFFS – A STRONG FIELD: The 12 participants in the 2005 NFL playoffs have the most victories of any playoff field ever – 138. Their combined winning percentage (.719, 138-54) is the highest by a playoff field in 28 years (1977; .732, 82-30).

Ten of the teams (Carolina, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, New York Giants, Pittsburgh, Seattle and Tampa Bay) have at least 11 wins, the most ever in a season.

A look at the 2005 and 1977 playoff participants:

<u>2005 TEAMS</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>1977 TEAMS</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
Indianapolis	14-2	Dallas	12-2
Denver	13-3	Denver	12-2
Seattle	13-3	Oakland	11-3
Jacksonville	12-4	Baltimore	10-4
Carolina	11-5	LA Rams	10-4
Chicago	11-5	Chicago	9-5
Cincinnati	11-5	Minnesota	9-5
NY Giants	11-5	Pittsburgh	9-5
Pittsburgh	11-5	TOTAL	82-30, .732
Tampa Bay	11-5		
New England	10-6		
Washington	10-6		
TOTAL	138-54, .719		

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FROM WILD CARD TO SUPER BOWL: Wild Card teams/non-division winners have advanced to the Super Bowl eight times – including the Baltimore Ravens in 2000 when they became the fourth Wild Card team/non-division winner to win a Super Bowl.

The Kansas City Chiefs performed the Super Bowl feat in 1969, the Oakland Raiders in 1980 and the Denver Broncos in 1997.

The eight Wild Card/non-division winners to play in Super Bowls:

<u>SEASON</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SUPER BOWL RESULT</u>
1969	Kansas City Chiefs	Defeated Minnesota in Super Bowl IV, 23-7
1975	Dallas Cowboys	Lost to Pittsburgh in Super Bowl X, 21-17
1980	Oakland Raiders	Defeated Philadelphia in Super Bowl XV, 27-10
1985	New England Patriots	Lost to Chicago in Super Bowl XX, 46-10
1992	Buffalo Bills	Lost to Dallas in Super Bowl XXVII, 52-17
1997	Denver Broncos	Defeated Green Bay in Super Bowl XXXII, 31-24
1999	Tennessee Titans	Lost to St. Louis in Super Bowl XXXIV, 23-16
2000	Baltimore Ravens	Defeated New York Giants in Super Bowl XXXV, 34-7

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ON THE ROAD: Since 1990, when the current 12-team playoff format was instituted, at least one road team has won a Wild Card game in 13 of those 15 postseasons (86.7 percent).

STREAKING PATS: On their way to winning three of the past four Super Bowls, the New England Patriots have won nine consecutive playoff games. That streak gives New England's **TOM BRADY** the most consecutive playoff wins by a quarterback who began his career in the Super Bowl era.

It also places the Patriots in a tie for the most consecutive playoff wins by a team. With a victory Saturday night over Jacksonville, New England will move into first place in the category.

Following are the five most consecutive playoff wins by a team all-time, and the five most consecutive playoff wins by a quarterback in the Super Bowl era:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SEASONS</u>	<u>CONSC. WINS</u>	<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>SEASONS</u>	<u>CONSC. WINS</u>
Green Bay	1961-62, 65-67	9	Tom Brady	2001-04	9
New England	2001, 2003-04	9	Terry Bradshaw	1974-76	7
Pittsburgh	1974-76	7	Joe Montana	1988-1990	7
San Francisco	1988-90	7	Troy Aikman	1992-94	7
Dallas	1992-94	7	John Elway	1997-99	7
Denver	1997-98	7			
Miami	1972-73	6			
Pittsburgh	1978-79	6			
Washington	1982-83	6			

JOE ON THE GO: Pro Football Hall of Fame member and Washington Redskins head coach **JOE GIBBS** has the highest winning percentage among the top five coaches with the most career playoff victories (.762, 16-5).

With a win Saturday against Tampa Bay, Gibbs will move into sole possession of third place in total playoff wins.

The most career playoff victories by head coaches:

<u>COACH</u>	<u>PLAYOFF WINS</u>	<u>WIN PCT.</u>
Tom Landry, Dallas	20	.566, 20-16
Don Shula, Baltimore-Miami	19	.528, 19-17
Joe Gibbs, Washington	16	.762, 16-5
Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh	16	.667, 16-8
Marv Levy, Buffalo	11	.579, 11-8
Bill Parcells, NY Giants-New England-NY Jets	11	.611, 11-7
Dan Reeves, Denver-NY Giants-Atlanta	11	.550, 11-9

PLAYOFF GIANT: The New York Giants have won their division for an NFL-record 21st time and qualified for the playoffs for the 27th time, tying the NFL record for most playoff seasons by a club.

The most playoff seasons by a team:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PLAYOFF SEASONS</u>
N.Y. Giants	27
Dallas	27
Cleveland/LA/ St. Louis Rams	27
Cleveland	24
Minnesota	24

STEEL CONSISTENCY: This Sunday against Cincinnati, the Pittsburgh Steelers will play the 43rd postseason game in their history, moving them into a tie for second place all-time in the category. With a victory, Pittsburgh also will move into a second-place tie for most playoff wins.

Teams with the most playoff games and games-won all-time:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PLAYOFF GAMES</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PLAYOFF GAMES WON</u>
Dallas	54	Dallas	32
Oakland/LA Raiders	43	Oakland/LA Raiders	25
Cleve./LA/ St. Louis Rams	43	San Francisco	25
San Francisco	42	Green Bay	24
Minnesota	42	Pittsburgh	24
Pittsburgh	42		