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THEY'RE HERE! PLAYOFFS KICK OFF WITH WILD CARD WEEKEND

Sports' ultimate reality show is ready for its grand finale.

The NFL playoffs are here with its hard reality: win and you go on, lose and you go home.

"Playoffs, playoffs, playoffs!" says New York Jets running back **LEON WASHINGTON**. "It feels good to say it."

It feels good – no, great – for all 12 clubs in the 2006 playoffs. They earned it through 17 hard weeks of competition, surviving with honors:

- The cumulative winning percentage for all 12 clubs is .672 (129-63). Eight of the 12 teams won at least 10 games.
- Many of the clubs enter the playoffs on a roll. San Diego has won 10 in a row – the third team since 2000 to begin the playoffs with that lengthy a streak (2003, New England, 12; 2004, Pittsburgh, 14). Baltimore has won nine of its last 10, New England six of its last seven, the New York Jets five of their last six, and Philadelphia five in a row.
- It is a "fresh face" playoffs, with seven clubs – Baltimore, Dallas, Kansas City, New Orleans, New York Jets, Philadelphia and San Diego – making the final 12 after missing out last year. It is the 10th consecutive year that at least five clubs accomplished such a feat.
- It's a solid playoffs, led by teams that have been consistently good over the years, with winning percentages of .600 or more over the past five seasons – Indianapolis (.750), New England (.738), Philadelphia (.663) and Seattle (.600).
- It's a resilient playoffs. Three of the teams – Baltimore, New Orleans and Philadelphia -- went from "worst to first" in their divisions, winning their divisions after finishing last in 2005. It is the first time in history that three teams achieved such a turnaround, and fifth time since 2000 that two teams did it.

So, 25 years after "The Catch" (Montana to Clark) in the 1981 NFC Championship Game (1/10/82) and 20 years after "The Drive" by John Elway in the 1986 AFC Championship Game (1/11/87), who knows what the NFL playoffs have in store:

NFL WILD CARD WEEKEND

Saturday, January 6

AFC: 4:30 PM ET Kansas City (9-7) at Indianapolis (12-4) (NBC-TV)

NFC: 8:00 PM ET Dallas (9-7) at Seattle (9-7) (NBC-TV)

Sunday, January 7

AFC: 1:00 PM ET New York Jets (10-6) at New England (12-4) (CBS-TV)

NFC: 4:30 PM ET New York Giants (8-8) at Philadelphia (10-6) (FOX-TV)

NFL PLAYOFF FACTOID

YOUNG 'UN: The New York Jets' **ERIC MANGINI** (35) this Sunday can become the third-youngest head coach to win a playoff game, after **JOHN MADDEN** (33, Oakland, 1969) and **RAY FLAHERTY** (34, Washington, 1937).

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (9-7) at INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (12-4) (Saturday, NBC, 4:30 PM ET)
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STORYLINE: *KC's LJ vs. Indy's DL.*

That's **LARRY JOHNSON**, who set a league record for carries this season (416; and finished No. 2 in NFL rushing with 1,789 yards) against an Indianapolis defense that finished 32nd in the league against the rush. "We've got to get ready for him," says Colts head coach **TONY DUNGY**, who confronts his old assistant head coach in Tampa Bay – Chiefs coach **HERMAN EDWARDS**. "He's a great back. We'll have our hands full."

Of course, that will go both ways. The Chiefs' 18th ranked pass defense will go up against the league's No. 2 passing offense directed by the NFL's leading passer this year, **PEYTON MANNING** (101.0), and abetted by Indy's two 1,000-yard receivers, **MARVIN HARRISON** and **REGGIE WAYNE**. The duo has 21 TD catches between them, most for any team's top two receivers in 2006.

DALLAS COWBOYS (9-7) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (9-7) (Saturday, NBC, 8:00 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Matt vs. DeMarcus.*

Of course, that's not the only key matchup of the game – you've got Dallas **RBs JULIUS JONES** (1,084 yards) and **MARION BARBER** (14 rush TDs, third most in the league) against 2007 Pro Bowl LBs **JULIAN PETERSON** and **LOFA TATUPU** -- but it may be pivotal.

The Seahawks and **QB MATT HASSELBECK** have operated behind an OL in injury flux this year, and have surrendered the most sacks of the 12 playoff teams – 49. The Cowboys come off a loss to Detroit in which they used a four-man front that helped produce five sacks. Three came from starting Pro Bowl **LB DE MARCUS WARE**, who tied San Diego's **SHAUN PHILLIPS** (11.5) for the second-most LB sacks this season.

"The NFC East is a very physical division," says Seahawks head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**. "When you play Dallas, you know you've got to deal with their defense. They are capable of not giving up any points."

Of course, Dallas can't over-commit, or **RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** – with an NFL-best string of 64 games with a run of 10 yards or more – can burn them.

NEW YORK JETS (10-6) at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (12-4) (Sunday, CBS, 1:00 PM ET)
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STORYLINE: *You guys again, Part I.*

The first of two Sunday East Division playoff matchups (see Giants-Eagles below). And it's the rubber game in each, with each winning at the other's place. A total of 10 points separated the Jets and Patriots this year, with New England winning 24-17 in September in New Jersey, and New York 17-14 in November in Foxboro.

This one's got a lot of storylines aside from the Jets' **ERIC MANGINI**-Pats' **BILL BELICHICK** head-coaching connection. Like, what does Jets defensive coordinator **BOB SUTTON** concoct to negate **QB TOM BRADY**, who is 10-1 in the playoffs and has thrown only five pickoffs in those 11 games – for a 1.36 interception percentage, lowest in playoff history.

Or can the Patriots handle the constantly shifting and adjusting offense – including the no-huddle -- of Jets coordinator **BRIAN SCHOTTENHEIMER**? All that motion is helped by **WRs JERRICHO COTCHERY** and **LAVERNAUES COLES**, who tied for second in the league in third-down receptions (29) with six TDs between them.

NEW YORK GIANTS (8-8) at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (10-6) (Sunday, FOX, 4:30 PM ET)
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STORYLINE: *You guys again, Part II.*

First, there was that 17-point Giants comeback win in overtime in Philly in September. Then **JEFF GARCIA**'s 19-yard TD pass to give the Eagles a 36-22 win in December. Now comes the '06 tiebreaker.

The Eagles are hot, and the Giants seem to have heated up at just the right time. Philly, under QB Garcia (who replaced an injured **DONOVAN MC NABB** on November 19), is on a five-game win streak. A lot of the credit for that goes to **RB BRIAN WESTBROOK**, who has averaged 102 yards per game since November, not including last Sunday when his load was lightened once the Eagles had won the division.

New York's Week 17 win over Washington was sparked by a vintage **TIKI BARBER** rushing production, this one a team-record-setting 234-yard, three-TD night. Barber finished fourth in the league with 1,662 yards, but the Eagles, led by **LB JEREMIAH TROTTER**, limited him to 126 yards in this season's two meetings.

NEW YORK...NEW YORK!: This is the fifth time in the history of the Jets and Giants that the teams have appeared in the same playoffs (1981, 1985, 1986 and 2002).

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2006 PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

(All times Eastern)

AFC: Kansas City Chiefs (9-7) at Indianapolis Colts (12-4), 4:30 PM, Saturday, January 6 (NBC)

NFC: Dallas Cowboys (9-7) at Seattle Seahawks (9-7), 8:00 PM, Saturday, January 6 (NBC)

AFC: New York Jets (10-6) at New England Patriots (12-4), 1:00 PM, Sunday, January 7 (CBS)

NFC: New York Giants (8-8) at Philadelphia Eagles (10-6), 4:30 PM, Sunday, January 7 (FOX)

2006 AFC Division Standings

AFC East												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
y-New England	12-4-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	8-4-0	.469 (90)	.496 (127)	5	9	0	148	22
x-New York Jets	10-6-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	7-5-0	.400 (64)	.469 (120)	16	24	0	21	1
Buffalo	7-9-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.446 (50)	.574 (147)	20	33	0	-11	-2
Miami	6-10-0		1-5-0	0-0-0	3-9-0	.531 (51)	.543 (139)	18	34	0	-23	-5

AFC North												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
yz-Baltimore	13-3-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	10-2-0	.447 (93)	.461 (118)	7	13	0	152	17
Cincinnati	8-8-0	1	4-2-0	0-0-0	6-6-0	.453 (58)	.535 (137)	15	25	0	42	3
Pittsburgh	8-8-0	1	3-3-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.414 (53)	.496 (127)	15	23	0	38	6
Cleveland	4-12-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	3-9-0	.438 (28)	.535 (137)	28	52	0	-118	15

AFC South												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
y-Indianapolis	12-4-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	9-3-0	.505 (97)	.500 (128)	16	25	0	67	9
Tennessee	8-8-0	1	4-2-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.484 (62)	.570 (146)	25	47	0	-76	10
Jacksonville	8-8-0	1	2-4-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.555 (71)	.531 (136)	8	13	0	97	10
Houston	6-10-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	6-6-0	.417 (40)	.504 (129)	28	53	0	-99	12

AFC West												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
*yz-San Diego	14-2-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	10-2-0	.424 (95)	.457 (117)	7	8	0	189	26
x-Kansas City	9-7-0	1	4-2-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.444 (64)	.492 (126)	17	26	0	16	3

Denver	9-7-0	1	3-3-0	0-0-0	8-4-0	.438 (63)	.531 (136)	17	25	0	14	5
Oakland	2-14-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	1-11-0	.406 (13)	.555 (142)	28	50	0	-164	18

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y-Philadelphia	10-6-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	9-3-0	.450 (72)	.477 (122)	9	21	0	70	13
x-Dallas	9-7-0		2-4-0	0-0-0	6-6-0	.438 (63)	.457 (117)	10	24	0	75	12
x-New York Giants	8-8-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	7-5-0	.422 (54)	.520 (133)	16	35	0	-7	-1
Washington	5-11-0		1-5-0	0-0-0	3-9-0	.513 (41)	.512 (131)	21	47	0	-69	-7

NFC North												
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*yz-Chicago	13-3-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	11-1-0	.404 (84)	.430 (110)	2	5	0	172	18
Green Bay	8-8-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	7-5-0	.383 (49)	.500 (128)	22	47	0	-65	-9
Minnesota	6-10-0		2-4-0	0-0-0	6-6-0	.344 (33)	.488 (125)	18	40	0	-45	0
Detroit	3-13-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	2-10-0	.479 (23)	.523 (134)	25	51	0	-93	13

NFC South												
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yz-New Orleans	10-6-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	9-3-0	.425 (68)	.461 (118)	6	18	0	91	9
Carolina	8-8-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	6-6-0	.469 (60)	.473 (121)	17	35	0	-35	-5
Atlanta	7-9-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.375 (42)	.457 (117)	18	40	0	-36	-5
Tampa Bay	4-12-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	2-10-0	.422 (27)	.535 (137)	25	52	0	-142	18

NFC West												
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y-Seattle	9-7-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	7-5-0	.382 (55)	.453 (116)	14	33	0	-6	-2
St. Louis	8-8-0		2-4-0	0-0-0	6-6-0	.352 (45)	.465 (119)	18	38	0	-14	-7
San Francisco	7-9-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.411 (46)	.500 (128)	28	56	0	-114	16
Arizona	5-11-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.425 (34)	.500 (128)	22	48	0	-75	-9

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title
z-clinched first-round bye
*-clinched home-field advantage

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (DEC. 30-31)

(Home team in CAPS)

Saturday, December 30

N.Y. Giants 34, WASHINGTON 28

Sunday, December 31

HOUSTON 14, Cleveland 6

Detroit 39, DALLAS 31

New England 40, TENNESSEE 23

Seattle 23, TAMPA BAY 7

Pittsburgh 23, CINCINNATI 17 (OT)

N.Y. JETS 23, Oakland 3

Sunday, December 31, cont.'d

Carolina 31, NEW ORLEANS 21

St. Louis 41, MINNESOTA 21

KANSAS CITY 35, Jacksonville 30

SAN DIEGO 27, Arizona 20

San Francisco 26, DENVER 23 (OT)

PHILADELPHIA 24, Atlanta 17

INDIANAPOLIS 27, Miami 22

BALTIMORE 19, Buffalo 7

Green Bay 26, CHICAGO 7

2006 NFL POSTSEASON

Saturday, January 6

Sunday, January 7

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

Sunday, January 21

Sunday, February 4

Saturday, February 10

AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs (NBC)

AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs (CBS and FOX)

AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (CBS and FOX)

AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (CBS and FOX)

AFC and NFC Championship Games (CBS and FOX)

Super Bowl XLI at Dolphin Stadium, South Florida (CBS)

AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii (CBS)



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KANSAS CITY AT INDIANAPOLIS SATURDAY, NEW YORK JETS AT NEW ENGLAND SUNDAY IN AFC WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

KANSAS CITY-AFC WEST (9-7) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS-AFC SOUTH (12-4)

SERIES

	CHIEFS	COLTS
LEADER		8-7
STREAKS		5 of past 6
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 2-2	Dungy: 2-1
COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD	2-3	5-8
VS. COMMON OPP.	KC: 2-3 (Cin. 0-1, Den. 1-1, Jax. 1-0, Mia. 0-1) Ind.: 4-1 (Cin. 1-0, Den. 1-0, Jax. 1-1, Mia. 1-0)	
PLAYOFF RECORD	8-12	13-16
LAST WEEK	W 35-30 vs. Jaguars	L 27-22 vs. Dolphins
LAST GAME	10/31/04: Colts 35 at Chiefs 45. Kansas City RB Priest Holmes rushes for 143 yards & 3 TDs. Chiefs QB Trent Green throws for 3 TDs, including 2 to TE Tony Gonzalez.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/7/99: Colts 25, Chiefs 17. Indianapolis scores 9 unanswered points in 4th-quarter, including 7-yard TD run by QB Peyton Manning & 37-yard FG by K Mike Vanderjagt.	
LAST PLAYOFF	1/11/04: Colts 38 at Chiefs 31. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning completes 22 of 30 passes (73.3 pct.) for 304 yards & 3 TDs as Colts advance to AFC title game.	
BROADCAST	NBC (4:30 PM ET): Tom Hammond, Cris Collinsworth, Bob Neumeier (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dick Enberg, Bob Trumpy, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood); 125 (KC), 123 (Ind.).	

STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Green: 121-198-1,342-7-9-74.1	Manning: 362-557-4,397 (1C)-31 (1L)-9-101.0 (1L)
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 416-1,789 (2L)-4.3-17 (2L)	Addai (R): 226-1,081-4.8-7
RECEIVING	Gonzalez (TE): 73-900-12.3-5	Harrison: 95 (2C)-1,366 (2L)-14.4-12 (1C)
OFFENSE	321.4	379.4 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	+4	+7
DEFENSE	328.9	332.3
SACKS	Hali (R): 8.0	Mathis: 9.5
INTs	Law: 4	Harper, June: 3
PR	Hall: 8.9	Wilkins: 9.2
KOR	Hall: 22.8	Wilkins: 24.5
PUNTING	Colquitt: 44.3	Smith: 44.4 (3C)
KICKING	Tynes: 107 (35/46 PAT; 24/31 FG)	Vinatieri: 113 (38/38 PAT; 25/28 FG)

HEAD COACHES HERM EDWARDS of KC & **TONY DUNGY** of Ind both served Chiefs from 1990-91. Edwards was KC scout, Dungy was team's DB coach. Both are former NFL DBs & each played in Super Bowl (Dungy, Pit, SB XIII; Edwards, Phil, SB XV).

CHIEFS: Head coach Edwards guides team to playoffs in 1st year at helm. Edwards is 5th HC in NFL history to lead 2 teams to playoffs in 1st season w/ those clubs; most recent to achieve feat was **WADE PHILLIPS** (Den 1993; Buf 1998)... In 3 career meetings vs. Colts, including 1 playoff, **QB TRENT GREEN** has 7 TDs vs. 3 INTs. In 51 career road starts,

Green has completed 59.6 pct. of passes. Green (21,459) is franchise's 2nd-leading all-time passer, trailing only **HOFer LEN DAWSON** (28,507). Dawson is team's color radio analyst...**RB LARRY JOHNSON** has 21 100-yd games in past 2 yrs. Johnson (1,789) set club rushing record for 2nd consecutive season. His rush yds & rush TDs (17) both 2nd in NFL behind San Diego's **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**. Johnson set NFL record in 2006 w/ 416 rush attempts. In 3 career starts in domes, Johnson has 419 rush yds on 79 carries (5.3 avg.) w/ 3 TDs. Team is 3-0 in those games. Johnson finished 3rd among AFC RBs w/ 410 receiving yds...**WR EDDIE KENNISON** (5) & **TE TONY GONZALEZ** (5) tied for club lead in TD catches. Kennison has TD catch in 3 of past 5 games & has posted 5 catches in each of 2 career meetings vs. Ind. Gonzalez caught 8 passes for 125 yds & 2 TDs in last game vs. Ind (10/31/04)...Rookie **DE TAMBA HALI** led club w/ 8.0 sacks in '06 for 3rd most by rookie in club history. Hali finished season w/ sack in 3 games in row. **CB TY LAW** (w/NE) posted 3 INTs vs. Colts in 2003 AFC Championship. Including playoffs, Law has 7 INTs in past 11 games vs. Colts...**P DUSTIN COLQUITT** finished the season with a 39.3 net punting average, tops in NFL & 2nd highest in Chiefs history. Colquitt is son of former NFL **P CRAIG COLQUITT**, who punted for Colts in 1987, was part of 2 SB champion Steelers teams (SB XIII, XIV), & was Steelers teammate of Colts HC Dungy.

COLTS: Head coach Dungy has led his teams to playoffs in 8 consecutive seasons. In 25 yrs as NFL head coach or assistant, Dungy's defenses have scored 71 TDs. Dungy aims to join **HOFer MIKE DITKA & TOM FLORES** as 3rd person to win Super Bowl as player & head coach...In 5 career games vs. KC, including playoffs, **QB PEYTON MANNING** is 4-1 (.800) & has passed for 12 TDs vs. 3 INTs for 110.1 passer rating. Manning has 15 TDs vs. 8 INTs in 9 career playoff games. Manning completed '06 w/ NFL-best 101.0 passer rating, leading league in category for 3rd consecutive season & marks 1st time since **HOFer STEVE YOUNG** (four, 1991-94) that QB has posted 100+ passer rating in 3 yrs in row...Rookie **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** leads team & all rookie rushers w/ 1,081 yds, averaging 4.8 yds per carry w/ 7 rush TDs. Addai has at least 1 rush of 10+ yds in 11 of past 13 games...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** has 80+ catches in 8 seasons in row. Harrison (122) stands 8th in career total TDs. Manning & Harrison have combined for 106 TD receptions – most in NFL history by any tandem. Including playoffs, Harrison has 6 TDs in 6 career games vs. KC w/ at least 5 catches in each. WRs Harrison (1,366) & **WR REGGIE WAYNE** (1,310) compose 7th teammate tandem in NFL history to post 1,300 rec. yds each in same season. Team No. 1 in AFC total offense (379.4) & is No. 1 in NFL w/ 56.1 in 3rd down conversion pct. (105 of 187)...**DE DWIGHT FREENEY** has 56.5 sacks in 79 career games. **LB CATO JUNE** (162) led club on season in tackles. **CBs JASON DAVID & NICK HARPER** tied for team lead w/ 11 PDs in '06...**K ADAM VINATIERI** has made 26 playoff FGs, tied for 2nd most in NFL postseason history (**GARY ANDERSON**, 32). Vinatieri has made FG in 12 consecutive playoff games & needs 1 more to tie NFL record (**TONI FRITSCH**, 13).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

NEW YORK JETS–AFC EAST (10-6) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS–AFC EAST (12-4)

SERIES

	JETS	PATRIOTS
LEADER	48-44-1	
STREAKS		7 of past 8
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mangini: 1-1	Belichick: 10-6
COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD	Mangini: 0-0	Belichick: 11-2
VS. COMMON OPP.	NYJ: 8-4 (Buf. 1-1, Chi. 0-1, Det. 1-0, GB 1-0, Hou. 1-0, Ind. 0-1, Jax. 0-1, Mia. 2-0, Min. 1-0, Ten. 1-0) NE: 10-2 (Buf. 2-0, Chi. 1-0, Det. 1-0, GB 1-0, Hou. 1-0, Ind. 0-1, Jax. 1-0, Mia. 1-1, Min. 1-0, Ten. 1-0)	
PLAYOFF RECORD	8-10	17-11
LAST WEEK	W 23-3 vs. Raiders	W 40-23 at Titans
LAST GAME	11/12/06: Jets 17 at Patriots 14. New York QB Chad Pennington completes 22-yard TD to WR Jericho Cotchery as Jets snap 7-game losing streak vs. New England.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/12/06	
LAST PLAYOFF	12/2/85: Patriots 26, Jets 14. New England defense forces 4 turnovers as Patriots advance to divisional playoff round.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. Westwood One Radio: Bill Rosinski, Dan Reeves, Jeff Bostic (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood); 125 (NYJ), 123 (NE).	

STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Pennington: 313-485-3,352-17-16-82.6	Brady: 319-516-3,529 (3C)-24 (3C)-12-87.9
RUSHING	L. Washington (R): 151-650-4.3-4	Dillon: 199-812-4.1-13 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Coles: 91 (3C)-1,098-12.1-6	Caldwell: 61-760-12.5-4
OFFENSE	305.7	335.6
TAKE/GIVE	+/- 0	+8 (3C)
DEFENSE	331.6	294.4
SACKS	B. Thomas: 8.5	Colvin: 8.5

INTs	Dyson, Rhodes: 4	Samuel: 10 (T1L)
PR	Dwight: 10.4	Faulk: 10.6
KOR	Miller: 28.3 (1L)	Maroney (R): 28.0 (2L)
PUNTING	Graham: 44.2	Sauerbrun: 40.8
KICKING	Nugent: 106 (34/35 PAT; 24/27 FG)	Gostkowski (R): 103 (43/44 PAT; 20/26 FG)

HEAD COACHES **ERIC MANGINI** of Jets & Patriots' **BILL BELICHICK** have working relationship dating to 1994. Mangini was ball boy & coaching assistant under head coach Belichick in Cleveland (1994-95), both served on **BILL PARCELLS'** NYJ staff from 1997-99, & Mangini was assistant under Belichick in NE from 2000-05, helping team win 3 SBs in 5-yr span. Both Wesleyan (Conn.) graduates, Mangini earned degree in political science, Belichick economics.

PATRIOTS: Team seeks 4th SB title in 6-year span & would join '74-79 Steelers as only 2nd team in NFL history to achieve feat...Club has won 8 consecutive home playoff games, 5 under head coach **BILL BELICHICK**. Belichick is 11-2 (.846) in career playoff games, 2nd-best all-time behind HOF coach **VINCE LOMBARDI** (9-1, .900). SB victory would tie Belichick w/ HOF coach **CHUCK NOLL** (4) for most in career. Since Gillette Stadium opened in 2002, team has best home record in NFL, including playoffs: 35-9 (.795). Team has won 16 of past 18 when kickoff temp is below 34°F...**QB TOM BRADY** is 10-1 (.909) in career playoff starts, including 3-0 in SB. Brady owns 1.36 playoff INT pct. (367-5) for lowest in NFL postseason history, min. 150 attempts...Since **RB COREY DILLON** joined NE in 2004, team is 35-8 (.814) in games he's played & 1-4 (.200) in games he's missed. Patriots are 22-3 (.880) when Dillon rushes for TD & are 15-0 at home when he posts 15+ carries. Dillon has rush TD in both career playoff games. **RB KEVIN FAULK** is club's all-time leading RB in receptions w/ 276, including 43 in 2006. Rookie **RB-KR LAURENCE MARONEY** has 939 scrimmage yds & finished 2nd in NFL w/ 28.0 KR avg to NYJ's Miller (28.6). Maroney has 30+ yd KR in 5 of his past 7 games played. **WR-PR TROY BROWN** (557) is club's all-time leading receiver & stands 3rd in all-time playoff PRs w/ 30 (**DAVID MEGGETT** & **BRIAN MITCHELL**, 34). **WR RECHE CALDWELL** leads team w/ career-high 61 receptions...Defense allowed 237 points in '06, fewest in team history for 16-game season. **S RODNEY HARRISON** is only player in NFL history w/ 25+ sacks (28.5) & 30+ INTs (32). **CB ASANTE SAMUEL** (10) tied for NFL lead in INTs, 7 of which came at home. Samuel has 5 INTs in club's past 3 home games. Including playoffs, team is 12-1 (.923) when Samuel posts INT.

JETS: Club in playoffs for 4th time in past 6 seasons. Team has won 6 of past 8 games, including at NE (17-14) on 11/12...**QB CHAD PENNINGTON** passed for career-best 3,352 yds in '06, starting all 16 games. Started only 3 games in '05 due to injury. Team is 2-0 in playoffs when Pennington passes for 2+ TDs, 0-2 w/ 1 or none. Including playoffs, team is 7-3 (.700) on road when Pennington posts 100.0+ passer rating...Rookie **RB LEON WASHINGTON** averaging 102.0 scrim. yds in past 2 games. Washington rushed for team-high 650 yds, 4th most by rookie in NYJ history. In last mtg (NYJ victory), **RB KEVAN BARLOW** rushed for 75 yds & TD on 17 carries for 4.3 avg. **RB CEDRIC HOUSTON** has scored 4 of 5 rush TDs on road...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** No. 3 in AFC & No. 1 in AFC East w/ 91 receptions for 1,098 yds & 6 TDs. Coles & **WR JERRICO COTCHERY** (82) mark 1st time 2 Jets have 80+ catches in same season. **TE CHRIS BAKER** has caught 5 of past 6 TD receptions on road...In past 8 games, club allowing meager average of 12.8 points. Defense has intercepted NE QB Brady in 3 games in row. **DT DEWAYNE ROBERTSON** has 2.5 sacks in each of 3 career games at NE, including at least 0.5 sack in each. **DE BRYAN THOMAS** posted team-high 8.5 sacks; had total of 6.5 sacks in 1st 4 seasons (2002-05). **LB VICTOR HOBSON** has 4.0 sacks in past 4 games. **LB MATT CHATHAM** played for Patriots from 2000-05. **S KERRY RHODES** tops AFC DBs w/ 5.0 sacks...AFC All-Star **KR JUSTIN MILLER** (28.3) leads NFL in PR avg. Miller recorded 62-yd KR at NE in previous meeting. **K MIKE NUGENT** has made 18 FGs in row.



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DALLAS AT SEATTLE SATURDAY, NEW YORK GIANTS AT PHILADELPHIA SUNDAY IN NFC WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

DALLAS COWBOYS–NFC EAST (9-7) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS–NFC WEST (9-7)

SERIES

	DALLAS	SEAHAWKS
LEADER	6-4	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 5-5	Holmgren: 4-8
COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD	11-7	11-9
VS. COMMON OPP.	Dal.: 3-2 (Arz. 1-0, Det. 0-1, NYG 1-1, TB 1-0) Sea.: 4-1 (Arz. 1-1, Det. 1-0, NYG 1-0, TB 1-0)	
PLAYOFF RECORD	32-22	5-8
LAST WEEK	L 39-31 vs. Lions	W 23-7 at Buccaneers
LAST GAME	10/23/05: Cowboys 10 at Seattle 13. Seattle S Jordan Babineaux interception with 5 seconds remaining sets up K Josh Brown's 50-yd FG as time expires.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/23/05	
LAST PLAYOFF	--	
BROADCAST	NBC (5:00 PM PT): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Sam Wyche, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood); 125 (Dal.), 123 (Sea.).	

STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Romo: 220-337-2,903-19-13-95.1 (3C)	Hasselbeck: 210-371-2,442-18-15-76.0
RUSHING	J. Jones: 267-1,084-4.1-4	Alexander: 252-896-3.6-7
RECEIVING	Owens: 85-1,180-13.9-13 (1L)	Jackson: 63-956-15.2-10 (T2C)
OFFENSE	360.8 (3C)	311.1
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-8
DEFENSE	322.8	330.3
SACKS	Ware: 11.5	Peterson: 10.0
INTs	Williams: 5	Hamlin: 3
PR	Newman: 10.1	Burleson: 9.5
KOR	Austin: 26.0 (3C)	Burleson: 24.7
PUNTING	McBriar: 48.2 (1L)	Plackemeier (R): 45.0 (3C)
KICKING	Gramatica: 44 (23/23 PAT; 7/9 FG)	Brown: 111 (36/36 PAT; 25/31 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS MEET for 1st time in postseason. Head coaches **BILL PARCELLS** (Dallas) & **MIKE HOLMGREN** (Seattle) tie for 6th-most playoff wins with 11 & can tie **BILL COWHER** for 5th most with next postseason victory. Parcells (NYG, NE) & Holmgren (GB, Sea.) are 2 of 5 coaches in NFL history to guide 2 different teams to Super Bowl.

COWBOYS: Club plays 55th playoff game, most in NFL history. Cowboys have won 32 postseason games, tops in league annals. Team makes 28th playoff appearance, tied with NYG for most in history....Head coach **BILL PARCELLS** can become 1st head coach in NFL history to record postseason victory with 4 different teams. Is 1 of 3 coaches to win playoff game with 3 different teams (NYG, NE, NYJ)...**QB TONY ROMO** makes 1st career playoff start. Has won 6 of 10 starts & has completed 220 of 337 passes (65.3 pct.) for 2,903 yards with 19 TDs vs. 13 INTs for 95.1 passer rating, 3rd-

best mark in NFC. Romo is 1 of only 7 QBs to be named to Pro Bowl in year of 1st career start...**RB MARION BARBER** has TD in 11 of past 15 games. Led NFC with 14 rush TDs & tied for NFC-lead with 16 TDs. Cowboys are 9-3 (.750) when **RB JULIUS JONES** rushes for 90+ yards in his career. Jones had career-best 198 rush yards & 3 TDs vs. Sea. (12/6/04)...**WR TERRELL OWENS** has posted 12 TDs in past 12 games. Has 334 receiving yards in past 3 playoff games (111.3 per game) & 2 TDs. Owens hold NFL postseason record with 2 career 2-point conversions. Since start of 2005, **WR TERRY GLENN** has NFL-best 16.5 avg. with 132 catches for 2,183 yards (min. 100 receptions). **JASON WITTEN** has 217 receptions & 2,491 yards since 2004, 3rd among TEs in both categories....Pro Bowl **LB DE MARCUS WARE** has 15.5 sacks in past 18, including tying career-best with 3.0 sacks in Week 17. All-Star **ROY WILLIAMS** had 5 INTs, most by S in NFC. Had INT in last game vs. Sea. Forced fumble in only career playoff game. **CB-PR TERENCE NEWMAN** had 56-yard PR-TD in Week 17. Has INT & 2 FFs in 2 games vs. Sea...**P MAT MC BRIAR** was selected to 1st career Pro Bowl & attended U. of Hawaii. Led NFL with 48.2 gross avg. & was 2nd in NFC with 38.6 net avg.

SEAHAWKS: Head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN** has guided his teams to 7 division titles, including 3 in row with Seattle... **QB MATT HASSELBECK** has 6 TDs vs. 3 INTs in 5 career playoff starts, including 2 300-yard games. Owns 1.57 INT pct. (3 INTs in 191 attempts) in postseason, which ranks 3rd in NFL history (min. 150 attempts). Hasselbeck has won 25 of past 32 starts at home (including playoffs), passing for 7,225 yards with 53 TDs vs. 28 INTs...**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has 227 rush yards (113.5 per game) & 2 TDs in past 2 playoff games. Has scored 107 TDs in 106 career games & is 1 of 4 players in NFL history to average 1.0+ TDs per game. Has 5 rush TDs in 4 games vs. Dal...**T WALTER JONES** earned 7th Pro Bowl selection & has been named to past 6...**WR DARRELL JACKSON** has TD catch in 3 of past 4 postseason games & has 396 yards (99.0 per game) in those 4. Including playoffs, **WR DEION BRANCH**'s teams are 16-3 (.842) when he has TD reception. Branch has 4 100-yard receiving games in postseason career & can tie HOfer **JOHN STALLWORTH & ANDRE REED** (5) for 3rd in NFL history. **TE JERRAMY STEVENS** aims for 3rd consecutive playoff game with TD...**LBs JULIAN PETERSON** (3rd) & **LOFA TATUPU** (2nd) were selected to represent Seattle in Pro Bowl. Peterson led club with career-best 10.0 sacks. **CB KELLY HERNDON** has 2 career postseason INTs, including Super Bowl record 76-yard INT return (SB XL). **S MICHAEL BOULWARE** has INT in past 2 playoff games. Aims for 3rd postseason game in row with INT & would tie for 2nd longest streak in NFL annals. Had INT in last game vs. Dal. **DT ROCKY BERNARD** has 3.0 sacks in 3 playoff games at home. **DE GRANT WISTROM** has 5.0 career postseason sacks. Aims for 4th game in row vs. Dal. with sack. **DE BRYCE FISHER** had 2.0 sacks in last meeting. Seahawks have won 8 of past 9 when Fisher has 1.0+ sack.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

NEW YORK GIANTS–NFC EAST (8-8) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES–NFC EAST (10-6)

SERIES

	GIANTS	EAGLES
LEADER	76-66-2	
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Coughlin: 5-3	Reid: 8-9
COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD	4-5	7-5
VS. COMMON OPP.	NYG: 7-5 (Atl. 1-0, Car. 1-0, Dal. 1-1, Hou. 1-0, Ind. 0-1, Jax. 0-1, NO 0-1, TB 1-0, Ten. 0-1, Was. 2-0) Phi.: 7-5 (Atl. 1-0, Car. 1-0, Dal. 2-0, Hou. 1-0, Ind. 0-1, Jax. 0-1, NO 0-1, TB 0-1, Ten. 0-1, Was. 2-0)	
PLAYOFF RECORD	16-22	16-16
LAST WEEK	W 34-28 at Redskins	W 24-17 vs. Falcons
LAST GAME	12/17/06: Eagles 36 at Giants 22. Philadelphia QB Jeff Garcia throws for 237 yards & 1 TD. Eagles RB Brian Westbrook gains 137 yards from scrimmage w/ 2 rushing TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/17/06: Giants 30, Eagles 24 (OT). New York QB Eli Manning throws for 371 yards & 3 TDs, including 31-yd TD pass to WR Plaxico Burress w/ 3:11 remaining in OT.	
LAST PLAYOFF	12/7/01: Eagles 10 at Giants 20. New York KR Ron Dixon returns opening kickoff 97 yards for TD & CB Jason Sehorn returns INT 32 yards for TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:30 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, John Dockery (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood); 125 (NYG), 123 (Phi.).	

STAT LEADERS

PASSING	E. Manning: 301-522-3,244-24 (T2C)-18-77.0	Garcia: 116-188-1,309-10-2-95.8
RUSHING	Barber: 327-1,662 (2C)-5.1-5	Westbrook: 240-1,217-5.1-7
RECEIVING	Shockey (TE): 66-623-9.4-7	Westbrook (RB): 77-699-9.1-4
OFFENSE	325.9	381.4 (2L)
TAKE/GIVE	+/- 0	+5
DEFENSE	342.4	328.1

SACKS	Umenyiora: 6.0	T. Cole: 8.0
INTs	7 tied: 2	Sheppard: 6 (3C)
PR	Morton: 9.2	Mahe: 9.4
KOR	Morton: 21.6	Mahe: 22.2
PUNTING	Feagles: 40.2	D. Johnson: 42.6
KICKING	Feely: 107 (38/38 PAT; 23/27 FG)	Akers: 102 (48/48 PAT; 18/23 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS MEET for 3rd time in postseason & 147th time overall. NYG leads regular-season series 76-66-2 & Giants have won both playoff games between teams.

GIANTS: Giants make 28th postseason appearance, tied with Dallas for most in league history. Team has reached playoffs in back-to-back seasons for 1st time since 1989-90. Club posted 5-3 record on road...**QB ELI MANNING** notched 2nd consecutive 3,000-yard season (3,244) & tied career-high with 24 TDs. Is 1st Giant QB since **PHIL SIMMS** (1984-86) with consecutive 20 TD seasons. Manning has 6 career games with 3+ TD passes, including 2 vs. Phi. Giants are 5-1 (.833) in those 6 contests...All-Star **RB TIKI BARBER** rushed for franchise-record 234 yards last week, passing HOFer **CLIFF BATTLES** (165) for highest total in final regular-season game. Has 5 career 200-yard games, 2nd in NFL annals behind HOFer **O.J. SIMPSON** (6). Rushed for 3 TDs & is only Giant to run for 250+ yard TDs in game. Ranked 2nd in NFC with 1,662 yards & passed HOFer **JIM BROWN** (1,544) for most rush yards in player's final season. Barber has led team in rushing for 80 consecutive games, longest streak in history. Giants are 9-4 (.692) when **RB BRANDON JACOBS** rushes for TD...**WR PLAXICO BURRESS** had TD in 10 of 15 games played. In postseason, Burress has 23 receptions & all 23 have resulted in TD or 1st down. Has 3 100-yard games in past 4 vs. Phi. Since entering NFL in 2002, **JEREMY SHOCKEY** is 2nd among TEs with 314 catches & 3,609 yards. Was named to 4th Pro Bowl...Defense has not allowed opponents to score on opening drive in past 14 games, longest current streak in NFL. **DE OSI UMENYIORA** has 2.5 sacks in past 3 vs. Eagles. In only playoff game, had 1.0 sack & 1 FF. **FRED ROBBINS** was only DT in NFL with 5.0+ sacks (5.5) & 2+ INTs (2). Rookie **DE MATHIAS KIWANUKA** had 4.0 sacks, 2 INTs & 2 FFs in 9 starts. **S WILL DEMPS** had 1.0 sack, 1 INT & 1 FF in last meeting.

EAGLES: Head coach **ANDY REID** has guided Eagles to postseason in 6 of 8 seasons, including 5 division titles. Has franchise-best 7 career playoff victories. Team finished season with 5-game winning streak, longest since 1949 when team won NFL Championship...Offense gained 6,103 yards this season, most in franchise history. Club led NFL with 74 offensive plays of 20+ yards...**QB JEFF GARCIA** has won 5 of 6 starts this year with 9 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 105.2 passer rating. Passed for 331 yards with 3 TDs vs. 1 INT for 97.8 passer rating in 2002 Wild Card game vs. NYG (with SF). Guided 49ers to 25 unanswered points as team overcame 38-14 deficit...**RB BRIAN WESTRBOOK** ranked 4th in NFC with 1,916 scrimmage yards (1,217 rush, 699 rec.). Westbrook has 100+ scrimmage yards in past 3 playoff games (118.7 per game). Is 1st Eagle to post 1,000+ rush yards & 600+ receiving yards in season...**G SHAWN ANDREWS** selected to start in 1st Pro Bowl...**WR REGGIE BROWN** has 9 TDs (8 rec., 1 rush) on 49 touches (18.4 pct.). Has TD catch in 3 of 4 career games vs. NYG. **WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** averages 19.1 yards per catch, 2nd-most in NFL (min. 25 catches). **TE L.J. SMITH** had TD catch in last playoff game (SB XXXIX). **WR HANK BASKETT** is only 2nd rookie in NFL history with 2 85+ yard TD catches in season (**BILLY HOWTON**, 1952)...Pro Bowl **CB LITO SHEPPARD** averages 29.0 yards per INT in career (15-435). Pro Bowl **S BRIAN DAWKINS** has 32 INTs with Eagles, most by active player with current team. Including playoffs, in past 22 games with INT, Eagles are 19-3 (.864) when Dawkins has INT. Team was 5-0 this season when defense scored. Club had 4 INT-TDs – Sheppard (102 yards), **S MICHAEL LEWIS** (84), **CB SHELDON BROWN** (70) & **DE TRENT COLE** (19). Eagles are 2nd team in NFL history with 3 players with 70+ INT-TDs. Cole had 19-yard INT-TD in last game vs. NYG.