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STEELERS & DOLPHINS KICK OFF SEASON THURSDAY NIGHT ON NBC

It all begins Thursday night.

NFL Kickoff 2006 starts then when the Super Bowl XL champion Pittsburgh Steelers host the Miami Dolphins in the season's first game (NBC, 8:30 PM ET) that will be the culmination of kickoff festivities in both Pittsburgh and South Florida, site of Super Bowl XLI.

The "surf and turf" spectacular -- "NFL Opening Kickoff 2006 Presented by Sprint" -- will begin at 8:00 PM ET on NBC. **RASCAL FLATTS**, **DIDDY** and **CASSIE** will perform.

The performances are part of the two-city celebration to kick off 2006, honor the Super Bowl champion Steelers and the city of Pittsburgh, and look ahead to Super Bowl XLI on February 4 in South Florida.

Rascal Flatts will perform at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh and **MARTINA MC BRIDE** will sing the national anthem. Diddy and Cassie will appear in Miami as part of a free concert on a specially designed stage on South Beach.

NFL ROARS BACK!

America's favorite reality show kicks off its fall season this week.

For drama...suspense...surprises...plot-twists...and shocking endings, nothing beats the National Football League – the *ultimate* reality show.

"We're ready," says 2005 NFL MVP **SHAUN ALEXANDER** of the Seattle Seahawks, speaking for every NFL player. "We've been ready for two weeks."

America's No. 1 sport kicks off its 87th season this Thursday night (above) and continues on Sunday and Monday. Interspersed throughout Kickoff Weekend and the succeeding 16 weeks of the season will be features of NFL '06 -- both big and small – that will be sure to give the season a singular stamp.

"Every NFL season is unique unto itself," says Atlanta Falcons general manager RICH MC KAY.

Heading into kickoff, some of the elements that can give this season its uniqueness:

- A NEW BALL: "The Duke" is back! The NFL will play with a new/old football this year "The Duke," the ball used by the league from 1941-69 that contained the nickname of the late New York Giants owner WELLINGTON MARA. The ball will carry the signature of new NFL Commissioner ROGER GOODELL.
- CAN THE STEELERS REPEAT?: They haven't even kicked off yet and they already have an emergency! The man who became the youngest quarterback in history (23) to win a Super Bowl last season, the Pittsburgh Steelers' BEN ROETHLISBERGER, had an appendectomy last Sunday and will miss the Thursday opener. "It's a situation that can happen to any football team," says Steelers head coach BILL COWHER. "That's the nature of the business." It's also the nature of NFL business to have all 31 other clubs gunning for the Super Bowl champ. "We're starting 0-0 with a big bull's-eye on our chest," says Cowher.
- THE SAINTS COME HOME: The new-look New Orleans Saints (SEAN PAYTON, DREW BREES, REGGIE BUSH) will return to their refurbished Louisiana Superdome home on Monday night, September 25 for the first time in over a year. The game the conclusion to a whole day of re-opening festivities in the Crescent City will be a rejuvenation for the team and its city. "We can give New Orleans some stability, some hope," says Saints wide receiver JOE HORN.
- ON-FIELD TRENDS: There are always new wrinkles on the field. That's why coaches are in their offices till
 midnight. A lot of people like new Saints head coach Payton think that the usage of tight ends in the passing

game, and two-tight end alignments, will be more prevalent this season. New Buffalo head coach **DICK JAURON** believes the speed of the game will keep increasing. New Kansas City coach **HERM EDWARDS** thinks that defenses will be more dominant. One respected football observer, **BOB OATES** of the *Los Angeles Times*, believes that this will be the year of the pass, with more offenses throwing rather than running first – thanks to such QBs as Roethlisberger, **TOM BRADY**, **PEYTON MANNING** and **CARSON PALMER**. According to Oates, this quartet is the most talented four QBs at any one time in NFL history.

- **BIG-TIME ANNIVERSARIES**: Speaking of the passing game, 2006 will be the 100th anniversary of the legalization of the forward pass. And what those rules-changers wrought! In this decade, 18 passers have thrown for 4,000 yards apiece compared to 22 such passers for all of the 1990s. And this year is also the 50th anniversary of the 1956 NFL title game won by the Giants 47-7 over Chicago. One of the men who played in the game Pro Football Hall of Famer **FRANK GIFFORD** believes it was more important to the success of the NFL than the heralded "Greatest Game Ever Played" two years later (the 1958 "sudden death" NFL championship).
- <u>NEW COACHES/NEW ADDRESSES</u>: There are 10 new NFL head coaches, including three in the NFC North –
 BRAD CHILDRESS (Minnesota), ROD MARINELLI (Detroit) and MIKE MC CARTHY (Green Bay). That trio
 comprises three of the seven "rookie" head coaches in the league this year those with no previous NFL head coaching experience. That is the most rookie head coaches in any one year in 40 years (1966). The other
 rookies: GARY KUBIAK (Houston), SCOTT LINEHAN (St. Louis), ERIC MANGINI (NY Jets) and SEAN
 PAYTON (New Orleans). The "veteran" new head coaches: HERM EDWARDS (Kansas City), DICK JAURON
 (Buffalo) and ART SHELL (Oakland).

Players? There are a lot of well-known faces in new uniforms. ADAM ARCHULETA is in Washington, DREW BREES in New Orleans, DAUNTE CULPEPPER in Miami, STEVE HUTCHINSON in Minnesota, EDGERRIN JAMES in Arizona, KEYSHAWN JOHNSON in Carolina, TY LAW in Kansas City, KEVIN MAWAE in Tennessee, WILLIE MC GINEST in Cleveland, STEVE MC NAIR in Baltimore, TERRELL OWENS in Dallas, JULIAN PETERSON in Seattle, ANTWAAN RANDLE EL in Washington, and ADAM VINATIERI in Indianapolis – to name but a few changes!

• FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING DEBUTS, NBC RETURNS: Weeks 10-15 and Week 17 will be like no others in NFL history. In those weeks, the opponents in the Sunday night game will be determined 12 days before the game (six days in Week 17). This "flexible scheduling" will ensure quality matchups on Sunday nights in those weeks and give surprise teams a chance to play their way onto the primetime schedule.

Along with that major change to the NFL TV landscape comes other significant developments. NBC will return as an NFL TV partner for the first time since 1998 to carry the Sunday night game with **AL MICHAELS** and **JOHN MADDEN** as the broadcast team. *Monday Night Football* will now be carried by ESPN with **MIKE TIRICO**, **JOE THEISMANN** and **TONY KORNHEISER** as the announcers. **JOE BUCK** will now host *Fox NFL Sunday*, and **JAMES BROWN** CBS' *NFL Today*. And beginning Thanksgiving night (Denver at Kansas City), NFL Network will broadcast eight primetime games (six Thursdays and two Saturdays).

• NFL COMPETITIVENESS: Suspense? It seems ingrained in the NFL. Last year, 17 percent of games were decided in the final two minutes or overtime. Almost half the games (48 percent) were decided by one score (eight points or less) and almost a quarter (24 percent) by three or less points. The average margin of victory for all 256 games was 11.7 points.

"There is nothing predictable in the unpredictable NFL," says new Pro Football Hall of Famer TROY AIKMAN.

• **REALIGNMENT, YEAR FIVE:** This will be the fifth year of realignment, and it has produced solid competition. In its first four years, 26 of the 32 NFL teams have qualified for the playoffs at least once. In that time, 21 different teams have won division titles.

"The number of teams that have qualified for the playoffs, the variety of different division winners and the quality of the postseasons prove that we have a very competitive league," says Tennessee Titans head coach **JEFF FISHER**, co-chairman of the NFL Competition Committee.

So where will it all end? The only thing for sure is that the 2006 NFL season will be played under the theme of "One Game. One Dream" – symbolizing the one vital game each team plays each week, leading to the one "dream" game of the year, Super Bowl XLI this February in South Florida.

Linebacker **ANTONIO PIERCE** of the Giants sums it up in another four-word season theme – "Super Bowl," he says. "Nothing else."

NFL KICKOFF 2006 WEEKEND

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

MIAMI DOLPHINS VS. PITTSBURGH STEELERS

SERIES

	DOLPHINS	STEELERS
SERIES LEADER	9-8	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Saban: 0-0	Cowher: 4-2
LAST GAME	9/26/04: Steelers 13 at Dolphins 3. Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger makes 1st career start.	
	Steelers' defense allows 169 total yards & forces 4 turnovers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/20/94: Steelers 16, Dolphins 13 (OT). Pittsburgh QB Mike Tomczak passes for 343 yds &	
	K Gary Anderson connects on 39-yard game-winner 10:19 into OT.	
BROADCAST	NBC: (8:30 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter).	
	CBS Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Culpepper (Min): 139-216-1,564-6-12-72.0	Batch: 23-36-246-1-1-81.5
RUSHING	Brown: 207-907-4.4-4	Parker: 255-1,202-4.7-4
RECEIVING	Chambers: 82-1,118 (3C)-13.6-11 (T2C)	Ward: 69-975-14.1-11(T2C)
OFFENSE	324.9	321.8
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+7
DEFENSE	317.4	284.0 (1C)
SACKS	Taylor: 12.0	Porter: 10.5
INTs	Schulters: 4	Hope: 3
PUNTING	Jones: 43.5	Gardocki: 41.8
KICKING	Mare: 108 (33/33 PAT; 25/30 FG)	Reed: 117 (45/45 PAT; 24/29 FG)

NOTES

DOLPHINS: Club riding 1st 6-game winning streak since 1992 & aims for 1st 7-game since 1985. Since 1990, team owns NFL's top Sept. winning percentage: .685 (37-17). Team makes 1st trip to Heinz Field where it opens against Super Bowl participant for 4th time in club history (9/2/87at Wash, 9/1/91 at Buf, 9/13/99 at Den)...Head coach NICK SABAN followed Steelers as youngster...QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER makes Dolphins debut. Culpepper can become 1st player in history to lead AFC & NFC (2000, '04) in TD passes for season...RB RONNIE BROWN can become 1st RB since KARIM ABDUL-JABBAR ('96-'97) to lead club in rushing in 1st 2 seasons... TE RANDY MC MICHAEL (15) needs 2 TD rec. to surpass DAN JOHNSON ('83-'87) for 4th-most by TE in club history...Club tied team-record 49 sacks last season, led by Pittsburgh native DE JASON TAYLOR (12.0)...STEELERS: Club is winningest franchise in league since 1992, compiling 141-82-1 (.632) record, 8 div. titles & 1 Super Bowl...Head Coach BILL COWHER has averaged 10 wins per season for career, placing 3rd among all 19 coaches elected to HOF (DON SHULA, 10.5; BILL WALSH, 10.2)...QB CHARLIE BATCH to start. Batch, Pittsburgh-area native, has passed for 3 TDs 6 times in career...RB WILLIE PARKER rushed for NFL-best 161 yds on Kickoff Weekend in '05...WR HINES WARD has club-record 119 consecutive games (11/9/98 vs. GB) with at least 1 reception. With 3 100-yd rec. games, Ward (14) moves to 2nd place (LOUIS LIPPS, 16) on club's all-time list, trailing Stallworth (25) ...LB JOEY PORTER (53.0) needs 1.0 sack to surpass LB GREG LLOYD (53.5) for 5th place on club's all-time list. LB CLARK HAGGANS had 9.0 sacks in '05, 3rd-most in NFL by LB.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 ATLANTA FALCONS AT CAROLINA PANTHERS

SERIES

	FALCONS	PANTHERS
SERIES LEADER	14-8	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mora: 2-2	Fox: 3-5
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Panthers 44 at Falcons 11. Carolina's defense registers 5 sacks & 4 takeaways as	
	Panthers clinch playoff berth.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/4/05: Panthers 24, Falcons 6. Carolina RB DeShaun Foster rushes for 131 yards &	
	scores 2 TDs.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Matt Vasgerian, JC Pearson, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Vick: 214-387-2,412-15-13-73.1	Delhomme: 262-435-3,421-24 (T1C)-16-88.1
RUSHING	Dunn: 280-1,416-5.1-3	Foster: 205-879-4.3-2
RECEIVING	Crumpler (TE): 65-877-13.5-5	S. Smith: 103 (T1L)-1,563 (1L)-15.2-12 (T1L)
OFFENSE	326.6	309.4
TAKE/GIVE	0	+16 (1C)
DEFENSE	325.0	282.6 (3L)
SACKS	Coleman: 10.5	Peppers: 10.5
INTs	Hall: 6	Gamble: 7 (3C)
PUNTING	Koenen: 42.3	Baker: 43.3
KICKING	Koenen: 3 (0/0 PAT; 1/2 FG)	Kasay: 121 (43/44 PAT; 26/34 FG)

NOTES

FALCONS: Head coach JIM MORA has perfect 2-0 record on Kickoff Weekend...Pro Bowl QB MICHAEL VICK has 31-19-1 (.618) career record, 6th-best among active QBs (min. 35 starts)... RB WARRICK DUNN rushed for career-best 1,416 yards last year, earning 3rd All-Star selection... WR ASHLEY LELIE plays 1st game with Falcons. Since '02 rookie year, has NFL-best 17.9-yard rec. avg...**TE ALGE CRUMPLER** named to 3rd consecutive Pro Bowl after setting franchise records for TE in catches (65) & yards (877) in '05...DT ROD COLEMAN led NFL interior linemen with 10.5 sacks in '05 & was named All Star. LB KEITH BROOKING led club with 150 tackles & tied team record with 5th consecutive Pro Bowl berth...DE JOHN ABRAHAM & S LAWYER MILLOY make Atl. debuts. Abraham recorded 53.5 sacks in 73 games with NYJ & was named to 3 Pro Bowls. Milloy is 4-time All Star & was member of NE's Super Bowl XXXVI championship team...PANTHERS: Have won past 2 in series by 68-17 margin...Head coach JOHN FOX has 41 wins in 4 seasons (including playoffs); team had 20 in previous 4 years...In past 3 games vs. Atl, Pro Bowl QB JAKE DELHOMME has 106.1 passer rating. Aims for 2+ TD passes in 4th consecutive game vs. Atl...RB DE SHAUN FOSTER rushed for 296 yards vs. Falcons in '05 (148.0 per game). Aims for 4th meeting in row with TD (4 TDs in past 3)...All Star WR STEVE SMITH had NFL-best 1,563 rec. yards in '05, tying for 1st with 103 receptions & 12 TDs, just 3rd player since 1970 to lead in all 3 (JERRY RICE, '90 & STERLING SHARPE, '92). WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON enters 11th season & 1st with Panthers. Has reception in 151 games in row, 7th-longest streak in NFL history...Pro Bowl **DE JULIUS PEPPERS** (40.5) needs 1.5 sacks to pass KEVIN GREENE (41.5) for 2nd in team history (DE MIKE RUCKER, 47.5). Peppers & Rucker have 73.5 sacks since '02, 3rd-best total by teammates in that span.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS AT CLEVELAND BROWNS

SERIES

	SAINTS	BROWNS
SERIES LEADER		11-3
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Payton: 0-0	Crennel: 0-0
LAST GAME	11/24/02: Browns 24 at Saints 15. Cleveland RB William Green rushes for 114 yards & 1	
	TD. Browns' defense intercepts 3 passes.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/93: Browns 17, Saints 13. Cleveland's defense records 9 sacks & holds New Orleans	
	to 22 yards in 2nd half.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Terry Donahue	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Brees (SD): 323-500-3,576-24-15-89.2	Frye: 98-164-1,002-4-5-72.8
RUSHING	McAllister: 93-335-3.6-3	Droughns: 309-1,232-4.0-2
RECEIVING	Horn: 49-654-13.3-1	Jurevicius (Sea): 55-694-12.6-10 (T2C)
OFFENSE	314.4	284.4
TAKE/GIVE	-24	-7
DEFENSE	312.1	316.8
SACKS	W. Smith: 8.5	McGinest (NE): 6.0
INTs	Craft: 3	Bodden, Russell: 3
PUNTING	Weatherford (R) (Pre): 46.7	Zastudil (Bal): 43.5
KICKING	Carney: 97 (22/22 PAT; 25/32 FG)	Dawson: 100 (19/21 PAT; 27/29 FG)

NOTES

SAINTS: Kick off 40th season in '06...SEAN PAYTON makes head coaching debut...QB DREW BREES joins Saints after winning 21 of past 32 starts with SD, posting 84.9 passer rating in 5 seasons with Chargers...RB DEUCE MC **ALLISTER** returns to action for 1st time since 10/9/05. Has 100-yard games in 2 of 3 career meetings vs. AFC North. Rookie 1st-round RB REGGIE BUSH makes NFL debut. Avgd 5.4 yards per rush in preseason...WR JOE HORN (6,943) needs 57 rec. yards to join ERIC MARTIN (7,854) as only Saints with 7,000. Rookie 7th-rounder MARQUES COLSTON may start at WR. Had 8 catches for 84 yards in preseason...C JEFF FAINE joined club in offseason trade with Cle. Started 36 games with Browns from '03-'05...Third-year **DE WILL SMITH** has 5.5 sacks in past 6 games vs. AFC opponents...LB MARK SIMONEAU joins club in trade from Phi...K JOHN CARNEY leads all active players with 1,634 career points & 390 FGs...BROWNS: Host NO for 3rd time in 23 yrs...In 5 career starts, QB CHARLIE FRYE has completed 60.5 pct. of atts. (92 of 152)...RB REUBEN DROUGHNS can be 1st Cle RB w/ consec. 1,200+ yd seasons since HOFer LEROY KELLY (1967-68). In lone career game vs. NO (11/21/04), Droughns (w/Den) rushed for 166 yds & 1 TD on 28 carries (5.9-yd avg.). FB TERRELLE SMITH was Saint from 2000-03...In 2 career starts vs. Saints, WR JOE JUREVICIUS has 6 catches for 97 yds & 2 TDs. Jurevicius (10) was 1 of 8 players w/ 10+ TD receptions in '05. In last mtg, WR DENNIS NORTHCUTT had 3 receptions for 68 yds & recorded 36-yd rushing TD. TE KELLEN WINSLOW makes 1st appearance in game since 9/19/04...G COSEY COLEMAN is New Orleans native...LB WILLIE MC GINEST & DT TED WASHINGTON make Browns debuts. Defense ranked No. 1 in AFC inside 20 in '05, permitting only 22 TDs in 50 trips (44.0 pct.). Team notched 2nd-most sacks in club history vs. Saints with 9 on 12/5/93 (11 vs. Atl, 11/18/84).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS AT DETROIT LIONS

SERIES

	SEAHAWKS	<u>LIONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	5-4	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 12-6	Marinelli: 0-0
LAST GAME	11/16/03: Lions 14 at Seahawks 35. WR Bobby Engram has 34-yard TD reception & returns	
	punt 83 yards for TD in 3-minute span. RB Shaun Alexander rushes for 110 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/17/96: Lions 17, Seahawks 16. Detroit K Jason Hanson completes 43-yard FG with 4:32	
	remaining & RB Barry Sanders rushes for 134 yards on 16 carries.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Hasselbeck: 294-449-3,459-24-9-98.2	Kitna: 17-29-99-0-2-36.4
RUSHING	Alexander: 370-1,880-5.1-27	Jones: 186-664-3.6-5
RECEIVING	Engram: 67-778-11.6-3	Pollard (TE): 46-516-11.2-3
OFFENSE	369.7	269.9
TAKE/GIVE	+10	+1
DEFENSE	316.8	322.4
SACKS	Fisher: 9.0	Edwards: 7.0
INTs	Boulware: 4	Bly: 6
PUNTING	Plackemeier (R): 44.0	Harris: 43.5
KICKING	Brown: 110 (56/57 PAT; 18/25 FG)	Hanson: 84 (27/27 PAT; 19/24 FG)

NOTES

SEAHAWKS: MIKE HOLMGREN (149-95) needs win to become 16th head coach in NFL history with 150 career, including playoffs...QB MATT HASSELBECK (86.6) is highest rated passer in club history. Needs 4 TD passes for 100 career...RB SHAUN ALEXANDER has 100 career TDs & needs 2 to surpass STEVE LARGENT (101) for franchise record. In 7 career games vs. NFC North, has 12 TDs (10 rush, 2 rec) & 5 100-yard rushing games... WR DARRELL JACKSON (17) needs 100-yard rec. game to surpass BRIAN BLADES (17) for 2nd in club history (Largent, 40). WR NATE BURLESON was high school star at Seattle's O'Dea HS & joins club after 3 years in Min. Has 4 of 12 career TDs vs. Det, his most vs. any foe...Pro Bowl LB LOFA TATUPU led club in tackles in '05, joining TERRY BEESON ('77) as only Sea rookies to accomplish feat...2nd-year LB LE ROY HILL finished '05 3rd among NFL rookies with 7.5 sacks...LIONS: Seek 4th consecutive Kickoff Weekend win...ROD MARINELLI makes head coaching debut...QB JON KITNA enters season as starter after joining club from Cin. In last full season as starter ('03), passed for 3,591 yards, 26 TDs & 87.4 passer rating. Native of Tacoma, WA, spent 1st 4 NFL seasons ('97-'00) with Sea...RB KEVIN JONES has led club in rushing in each of his 2 seasons. With 167 games played, FB CORY SCHLESINGER can tie DARRIS MC CORD (168) for 5th among non-kickers in club history...WR ROY WILLIAMS has 8 TD receptions in each of 1st 2 seasons...With 309 career receptions, TE MARCUS POLLARD ranks 2nd among active TEs (TONY GONZALEZ, 648)...Rookie 1st-round LB ERNIE SIMS could make 1st career start...CB DRE' BLY ties for 10th among active players with 30 INT...... JASON HANSON has 27 career 50-yard FGs, 4th-best all-time.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES AT HOUSTON TEXANS

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>TEXANS</u>
SERIES LEADER	1-0	
STREAKS	1-0	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 1-0	Kubiak: 0-0
LAST GAME	9/29/02: Texans 17 at Eagles 35. Philadelphia RB Duce Staley rushes for 2 TDs as Eagles	
	win 3rd consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE		
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	McNabb: 211-357-2,507-16-9-85.0	Carr: 256-423-2,488-14-11-77.2
RUSHING	Westbrook: 156-617-4.0-3	D. Davis: 230-976-4.2-2
RECEIVING	Smith (TE): 61-682-11.2-3	A. Johnson: 63-688-10.9-2
OFFENSE	319.3	253.3
TAKE/GIVE	-7	-8
DEFENSE	325.4	364.0
SACKS	Kearse: 7.5	Orr: 7.0
INTs	S. Brown: 4	Earl: 2
PUNTING	Johnson: 41.4	Stanley: 38.8
KICKING	Akers: 71 (23/23 PAT; 16/22 FG)	K. Brown: 102 (24/24 PAT; 26/34 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: Are 15-9 (.625) vs. AFC since '00...In 14 years as NFL coach (7 hc & 7 asst), ANDY REID's teams have made playoffs 11 times...QB DONOVAN MC NABB has 60-28 (.682) career record, best mark among active QBs (min. 80 starts). Has 134 TDs vs. 66 INTs for 2.03 TD-INT ratio, 2nd-best mark in NFL history (STEVE YOUNG, 2.17)...RB BRIAN WESTBROOK has 60+ catches & 600+ receiving yards in each of past 2 years. Has 460 scrimmage yards & 3 TDs in past 4 vs. AFC (115 per game). RB CORRELL BUCKHALTER may see 1st action since 12/27/03...Second-year WR REGGIE BROWN led '05 NFL rookies with 571 rec. yards & set club rookie mark with 43 catches. WR DONTE STALLWORTH acquired in trade with NO after posting career bests 70 catches, 945 yards in '05...TE L.J. SMITH had career-highs in receptions (61) & yards (682) in '05...DE DARREN HOWARD makes Phil debut after posting 44.5 sacks in 6 seasons with Saints...Pro Bowl S BRIAN DAWKINS became 1st player in NFL history with sack, INT, FR & TD reception in game vs. Hou. (9/29/02)...TEXANS: First game under head coach & Houston native GARY KUBIAK...QB DAVID CARR posted 4 TDs vs. 2 INTs vs. NFC in '05. Carr threw 5 TDs in final 3 home games of '05...In Wk 17 start last season, RB VERNAND MORENCY caught 4 passes for 46 yds & rushed 21 times for 83 yards (4.0 avg.) & 1 TD...WR ERIC MOULDS (48) tied for 9th-most TD receptions among active WRs & needs 904 receiving yards to be 34th player to reach 10,000 in career...Offensive line allowed fewest sacks in AFC during preseason (4)...No. 1 overall draft selection DE MARIO WILLIAMS makes NFL debut. Defense shifting to 4-3 from 3-4 alignment. Rookie LB DE MECO RYANS to start in 1st NFL game. LB SHANTEE ORR recorded 6.0 sacks in last 6 games of '05. CB DUNTA ROBINSON started 16 games in '05 & led club with 21 passes defensed...Pro Bowl WR-KR JEROME MATHIS finished 2nd in NFL with 28.6-yard KR average last season. Mathis was only player in NFL with 2 KR-TDs in '05.

CINCINNATI BENGALS AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

SERIES

	BENGALS	CHIEFS
SERIES LEADER		12-10
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 1-1	Edwards: 2-0
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Bengals 3 at Chiefs 37. Kansas City RB Larry Johnson rushes for 201 yards & 3 TDs	
	as Chiefs win head coach Dick Vermeil's final game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/1/06	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Gus Johnson, Randy Cross	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Palmer: 345-509-3,83(3C)6-32(1L)-12-101.1 (2L)	Green: 317-507-4,014(2C)-17-10-90.1
RUSHING	R. Johnson: 337-1,458-4.3-12	L. Johnson: 336-1,750(1C)-5.2-20 (1C)
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 97(1C)-1,432(1C)-14.8-9	Gonzalez (TE): 78-905-11.6-2
OFFENSE	358.1	387.0 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	+24 (1L)	+8
DEFENSE	338.7	328.1
SACKS	J. Smith: 6.0	Allen: 11.0
INTs	O'Neal: 10 (T1L)	Law (NYJ): 10 (T1L)
PUNTING	Larson: 43.2	Colquitt: 39.4
KICKING	Graham: 131 (1C) (47/47 PAT; 28/32 FG)	Tynes: 125 (2C) (44/45 PAT; 27/33 FG)

NOTES

BENGALS: Club has won 7 of past 9 on road. Offense returns all starters for 2nd-consecutive season...QB CARSON PALMER set club record w/ 32 TD passes in '05, tops in NFL & posted league-best +20 TD-INT differential. Last Sept., Palmer was NFL's most accurate passer of month, completing 69 of 97 for 71.1 pct...RB RUDI JOHNSON had careerlong 51-yd rush vs. KC on 11/16/03. RB Johnson needs 64 rush yds to be 4th Bengal w/ 4,000 in career... WR CHAD JOHNSON has led AFC in rec. yds for 3 consecutive seasons. WR Johnson (34) needs 1 rec. TD to tie BOB TRUMPY for 6th-most in club history. WRs Johnson (97) & T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH (78) set club record for most catches by duo (175) for 2nd-consecutive season...Team set turnover differential club record (+24) in '05...Since 2001, CBs TORY JAMES (26) & DELTHA O'NEAL (29) lead active NFL teammates in INTs by duo w/ 55. DT SAM ADAMS makes Cincy debut; finished '05 w/ 2.0 sacks vs. NYJ in Wk. 17 (w/Buf)...CHIEFS: First game under head coach HERM EDWARDS. Team is 19-5 (.792) at home since '03 & is 12-4 (.750) in home openers since '90...QB TRENT GREEN is only NFL QB to pass for 4,000+ yds in each of past 3 seasons. Makes 81st consecutive start Sunday, 3rd-longest among active QBs...RB LARRY JOHNSON owns active streak of 9 100-yd rush games, tied for 3rd-longest in history. Set NFL record for most rush vds (1,351) from Nov. 1 to season's end in '05...In last mtg (1/1/06), WR EDDIE KENNISON caught 7 passes for season-high 151 yds. TE TONY GONZALEZ tops active TEs in receptions (648) & rec. yds (7,810)...G WILL SHIELDS to start in 208th consecutive game Sunday, 2nd-longest streak among actives (BRETT FAVRE, 221)...DE JARED ALLEN has 8.0 sacks in past 9 home games. CB TY LAW plays 1st game as Chief, tied for NFL INT lead (10) in '05. Club has won 19 consec. home games when allowing 21 points or less... WR-KR-PR DANTE HALL has 6 career KR-TDs, tied for most in history w/ OLLIE MATSON, GALE SAYERS, TRAVIS WILLIAMS, & MEL GRAY.

BUFFALO BILLS AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

SERIES

	BILLS	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		50-40-1
STREAKS		Past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Jauron: 1-1	Belichick: 10-3
LAST GAME	12/11/05: Patriots 35 at Bills 7. New England QB Tom Brady passes for 2 TDs & rushes for	
	another as Patriots' defense allows just 183 total yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/30/05: Patriots 21, Bills 16. New England RB Corey Dillon scores 2 4th-quarter TDs & LB	
	Tedy Bruschi returns to Patriots line-up with 7 tackles.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Losman: 113-228-1,340-8-8-64.9	Brady: 334-530-4,110 (1L)-26 (3C)-14-92.3
RUSHING	McGahee: 325-1,247-3.8-5	Dillon: 209-733-3.5-12
RECEIVING	Evans: 48-743-15.5-7	T. Brown: 39-466-11.9-2
OFFENSE	257.6	352.0
TAKE/GIVE	+4	-6
DEFENSE	343.5	330.2
SACKS	Schobel: 12.0 (T3C)	Colvin: 7.0
INTs	McGee, Vincent: 4	Hobbs, Samuel: 3
PUNTING	Moorman: 45.7 (1L)	Miller: 45.1 (3C)
KICKING	Lindell: 113 (26/26 PAT; 29/35 FG)	Gostkowski (Pre): 38 (11/11 PAT; 9/9 FG)

NOTES

BILLS: Head coach DICK JAURON makes Buffalo debut. Massachusetts native rooted for Boston Patriots as youngster...QB J.P. LOSMAN has 4 TD passes in past 2 road starts. Has thrown only 1 INT in 79 career Sept. pass attempts...RB WILLIS MC GAHEE is 5th Bill to reach 1,000+ rush yds in consecutive seasons. McGahee has rush of 10+ yds in 26 of past 29 games. Since '04, McGahee has 63 rushes of 10+ yds, tied for 5th-most in league during span. McGahee's 325 carries in '05 was tied for 5th-most in club annals. FB DAIMON SHELTON has blocked for 3 RBs who produced 5 1,000-yd seasons... WR LEE EVANS made 7 receptions of 40+ yds in '05, tied for 2nd-most in league. Evans has 123 career rush yds on 9 carries (13.7 avg.)...DE AARON SCHOBEL has 10.0 sacks in past 10 games. S TROY VINCENT equaled career-high 2 INTs vs NE on 12/19/99 (w/Phil.)...CB-KR TERRENCE MC GEE established clubrecord 30.2-yd KR avg. last season...PATRIOTS: Recorded 32 1st downs in last mtg. (12/11/05) for club record...QB **TOM BRADY** is 9-1 (.900) in career vs. Bills w/ 17 TDs vs. 9 INTs for 92.2 passer rating. Brady has passed for multiple TDs in 4 of past 5 mtgs. Brady (58-20, .744) owns 2nd-best win pct. among QBs in Super Bowl era w/ 40+ starts, trailing only HOFer ROGER STAUBACH (85-29, .746)...RB COREY DILLON has either rushed for TD or 150 yds in 5 of 6 career gms vs. Bills. Dillon scored TD in each of final 4 games of '05. RB KEVIN FAULK has 25+ catches in 6 seasons in row...WR TROY BROWN (5,982) needs 18 rec. yds to be 2nd Patriots player to reach 6,000 (STANLEY MORGAN, 10,352)...Gs LOGAN MANKINS & STEPHEN NEAL started every game in '05...LB JUNIOR SEAU makes NE debut. CB ERIC WARFIELD (w/KC) set career-high with 2 INTs vs. Bills on 10/26/03 (since tied). S JAMES SANDERS posted 39-yd INT-TD in last mtg. on 1st career INT. DT VINCE WILFORK registered 1st career sack vs. Bills (10/3/04).

DENVER BRONCOS AT ST. LOUIS RAMS

SERIES

	BRONCOS	RAMS
SERIES LEADER	Series tied 5-5	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 2-2	Linehan: 0-0
LAST GAME	9/8/02: Rams 16 at Broncos 23. Denver QB Brian Griese completes 18 of 27 passes for 202	
	yards & 2 TDs as Broncos upset defending NFC champions.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/4/00: Rams 41, Broncos 36. St. Louis QB Kurt Warner passes for career-high 441 yards &	
	3 TDs while RB Robert Holcombe scores go-ahead TD with 3:02 remaining.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Plummer: 277-456-3,366-18-7-90.2	Bulger: 192-287-2,297-14-9-94.4
RUSHING	T. Bell: 173-921-5.3-8	S. Jackson: 254-1,046-4.1-8
RECEIVING	Smith: 85-1,105-13.0-6	Holt: 102 (3L)-1,331-13.0-9
OFFENSE	360.4 (3C)	348.2
TAKE/GIVE	+20 (2L)	-10
DEFENSE	312.9	350.1
SACKS	Ekuban, Lynch: 4.0	3 tied
INTs	Bailey: 8 (3C)	Groce, Tinoisamoa: 2
PUNTING	Ernster (Pre): 41.7	Turk (Mia '04): 41.7
KICKING	Elam: 115 (43/44 PAT; 24/32 FG)	Wilkins: 117 (36/36 PAT; 27/31)

NOTES

BRONCOS: Head coach MIKE SHANAHAN is 10-3 (.769) in season openers. Team has won 13 of past 17 openers & owns NFL-best 106-54 (.663) record in past 10 seasons...QB JAKE PLUMMER is 32-11 (.744) as Broncos starter, 3rdbest win pct. among QBs since '03. Faces Rams for 1st time as Bronco...Undrafted rookie RB MIKE BELL may join TERRELL DAVIS (1995) & FLOYD LITTLE (1967) as 3rd Broncos rookie RB to start in season opener since 1967. Among '05 rushers with 150+ carries, **RB TATUM BELL** led NFL w/ 5.3-yd avg. Ten times in past 11 yrs Den RBs have rushed for 1,000+ yds in season, most in NFL in that span... WR ROD SMITH (797) needs 3 catches to be 15th player in NFL history w/ 800. Smith (11,979) needs 21 combined yds to be 2nd in club annals to reach 12,000 (Little, 12,173). WR JAVON WALKER makes Denver debut...C TOM NALEN starts in 168th career game Sunday, most by OLman in club history...CB CHAMP BAILEY had career-best 8 INTs in '05, tied 4th-most in NFL...RAMS: Have won 9 of past 11 home openers in St. Louis ... SCOTT LINEHAN makes head coaching debut... QB MARC BULGER has 28-16 (.636) record as starter, 4th among active QBs with min. 20 starts. Has won 8 of 12 games vs. AFC opponents, posting 96.8 passer rating with 23 TDs vs. 13 INTs...Club 4-0 all-time when RB STEVEN JACKSON rushes for 100 yards. Seeks 3rd consecutive 100 vs. AFC foes... WR TORRY HOLT has posted 1,300+ rec. yards in 6 consecutive seasons. WR ISAAC BRUCE (813-12,278) needs 7 catches to pass HENRY ELLARD (814), SHANNON SHARPE (815), & STEVE LARGENT (819) & 10 rec. yards to pass JIMMY SMITH (12,287) for 11th in NFL history in rec. & rec. yards...DT LA'ROI GLOVER makes Rams' debut. Named to past 6 NFC Pro Bowl teams...LB PISA TINOISAMOA has led club in tackles in each of his 1st 3 yrs...K JEFF WILKINS has connected on 311 consecutive PATs, 2nd-longest streak in NFL history (JASON ELAM, 371).

BALTIMORE RAVENS AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

SERIES

	RAVENS	BUCCANEERS
SERIES LEADER		2-0
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Billick: 0-2	Gruden: 1-1
LAST GAME	9/15/02: Buccaneers 25 at Ravens 0. Tampa PR Karl Williams scores on 56-yard punt	
	return & LB Derrick Brooks has 97-yard interception return for TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/29/01: Buccaneers 22, Ravens 10. Tampa LB Derrick Brooks returns interception 53	
	yards to set up QB Brad Johnson's 1-yard TD sneak.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	McNair (Ten): 292-476-3,161-16-11-82.4	Simms: 191-313-2,035-10-7-81.4
RUSHING	J. Lewis: 269-906-3.4-3	Williams: 290-1,178-4.1-6
RECEIVING	Mason: 86-1,073-12.5-3	Galloway: 83-1,287-15.5-10
OFFENSE	293.3	294.8
TAKE/GIVE	-10	+7
DEFENSE	284.7 (2C)	277.8 (1L)
SACKS	A. Thomas: 9.0	Rice: 14.0
INTs	3 Tied: 2	Barber: 5
PUNTING	Araguz (Sea): 40.2	Bidwell: 45.6
KICKING	Stover: 113 (23/23 PAT; 30/34 FG)	Bryant: 94 (31/31 PAT; 21/25 FG)

NOTES

RAVENS: Are 8-4 (.667) in past 3 seasons vs. NFC...Head coach BRIAN BILLICK led team to Super Bowl XXXV win in Raymond James Stadium (1/28/01)...QB STEVE MC NAIR makes Ravens debut in 140th career game. McNair is 2-0 in career as starter vs. TB. On 11/8/98 at TB, McNair recorded career-long 71-yd rush (TD). In 15 career road starts vs. NFC, McNair owns 10-5 (.667) record with 21 TDs vs. 6 INTs...RB JAMAL LEWIS has rush TD in 7 of past 10 Sept. starts. RB MIKE ANDERSON plays 1st game as Raven. Anderson has 120+ rush yds in 2 of past 3 vs. NFC...WR DERRICK MASON notched club-record 86 receptions in 2005. TE TODD HEAP has at least 4 catches in each of his 5 career Kickoff Weekend games. Mason (30) & Heap (26) ranked Nos. 1 & 2 in AFC 3rd down rec. in '05...T JONATHAN OGDEN named to 9th consecutive Pro Bowl last season...LB ADALIUS THOMAS recorded sack in each of last 5 games of '05. All-Star LB RAY LEWIS hails from Bartow, FL, 40 miles east of Tampa...BUCCANEERS: JON GRUDEN (SB XXXVII) & Brian Billick (SB XXXV) are 2 of 8 active head coaches to have led a team to SB win...QB CHRIS SIMMS started final 10 games of '05, winning 4 of past 5 & posting 81.4 passer rating...Club has 6-0 record when 2nd-year RB CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS rushes for 100 yards......WR JOEY GALLOWAY posted career-best 83 catches in '05. WR DAVID BOSTON makes Bucs' debut...2nd-year pro ALEX SMITH led rookie TEs with 41 receptions (367 yards) in '05. **TE DOUG JOLLEY** joins club in trade with Jets...Defense ranked 1st overall in '05 (277.8), 6th vs. pass (183.1) & 6th vs. run (94.7)...DE SIMEON RICE ranks 13th all-time with 119 sacks...LB DERRICK BROOKS begins 12th year with club, capping '05 season by earning Pro Bowl Player of Game award...CB RONDE BARBER has 28 career INTs & needs 3 to tie **DONNIE ABRAHAM** (31) for franchise record.

NEW YORK JETS AT TENNESSEE TITANS

SERIES

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
SERIES LEADER		20-14-1
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mangini: 0-0	Fisher: 3-2
LAST GAME	12/1/03: Titans 17 at Jets 24. On Monday night, New York QB Chad Pennington passes for	
	2 TDs to lead Jets.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/2/98: Jets 24, Titans 3. New York QB Vinny Testaverde passes for 237 yards & 2 TDs as	
	Jets win on road.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcots	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Pennington: 49-83-530-2-3-70.9	Collins (Oak): 302-565-3,759-20-12-77.3
		Volek: 50-88-474-4-2-77.6
RUSHING	Barlow (SF): 176-581-3.3-3	Brown: 224-851-3.8-5
RECEIVING	Coles: 73-845-11.6-5	Bennett: 58-738-12.7-4
OFFENSE	248.1	320.1
TAKE/GIVE	-6	-6
DEFENSE	308.8	319.4
SACKS	Robertson, Thomas: 3.5	Vanden Bosch: 12.5 (2C)
INTs	Barrett: 5	Hill: 3
PUNTING	Graham: 43.7	Hentrich: 43.2
KICKING	Nugent: 90 (24/24 PAT; 22/28 FG)	Bironas: 99 (30/32 PAT; 23/29 FG)

NOTES

JETS: ERIC MANGINI, 35, is youngest head coach in NFL...QB CHAD PENNINGTON hails from Knoxville, TN. Has career .568 win pct. (21-16) & 92.1 passer rating, both tops in club history. In only game vs. Titans (12/1/03), posted 101.3 rating...RB KEVAN BARLOW plays 1st game as Jet. Rushed for 3,614 yards & 24 TDs in 5 seasons (72 games) with SF. RB CEDRIC HOUSTON led University of Tennessee in rushing 2 seasons...WR LAVERANUES COLES has 26 catches for 346 yards in past 3 Sept. road games (115.3 yards per game)...First-round draft picks T D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON (No. 4) & C NICK MANGOLD (No. 29) make NFL debuts...Pro Bowl LB JONATHAN VILMA led team in tackles last year with 187. **DE SHAUN ELLIS** was All-SEC in senior year at Tennessee & has 43.5 sacks over past 6 seasons. CB-KR JUSTIN MILLER was 3rd in NFL with 26.3 KR avg. & set club record with 1,577 return yards. DT **DEWAYNE ROBERSTON** is from Memphis, TN...TITANS: Head coach JEFF FISHER (102) is 1 of 17 coaches all-time to reach 100+ wins with 1 team. Fisher's teams are 7-4 (.636) on Kickoff Weekend...QB BILLY VOLEK has 2,789 passing yards in 1st 10 starts, most in NFL history...QB KERRY COLLINS (33,637) stands 3rd among active QBs in passing yds. (BRETT FAVRE, GB, 53,615; DREW BLEDSOE, Dal., 43,447)...RB CHRIS BROWN is club's rushing leader for past 2 years & posted career-best 25 receptions in 2005. RB TRAVIS HENRY has posted 3 of 13 career 100yard rush games vs. NYJ his most vs. 1 opponent...WR DAVID GIVENS joins club after 4 years with NE. TE ERRON KINNEY set career-highs in receptions (55) & rec. yards (543) in 2005...LB KEITH BULLUCK (150) led club in tackles for 5th season in row last year...DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH ranked 2nd in AFC with career-best 12.5 sacks. Recorded 100 tackles; 1st time club's DLman reached 100 tackles since 1986: RAY CHILDRESS (172) & RICHARD BYRD (124).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS AT ARIZONA CARDINALS

SERIES

	49ERS	CARDINALS
SERIES LEADER	17-12	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Nolan: 0-2	Green: 4-6
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Cardinals 17 at 49ers 10. Arizona QB Kurt Warner passes for 354 yards & gamewinning 54-yard 4th-quarter TD to WR Anquan Boldin as Cardinals sweep season series.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/12/04: 49ers 31, Cardinals 28 (OT). San Francisco QB Ken Dorsey throws 3 TDs & K Todd Peterson completes 31-yard FG in OT for win.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Josh Lewin, Bill Maas	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	A. Smith: 84-165-875-1-11-40.8	Warner: 242-375-2,713-11-9-85.8
RUSHING	Gore: 127-608-4.8-3	James (Ind): 360-1,506-4.2-13
RECEIVING	Bryant (Cle): 69-1,009-14.6-4	Fitzgerald: 103-1,409-13.7-10
OFFENSE	224.2	348.4
TAKE/GIVE	-9	-11
DEFENSE	391.2	295.6
SACKS	Young: 8.0	Wilson: 8.0
INTs	M. Adams, Spencer: 4	Dansby: 3
PUNTING	Lee: 41.6	Player: 43.9
KICKING	Nedney: 97 (19/19 PAT; 26/28 FG)	Rackers: 140 (20/20 PAT; 40/42 FG)

NOTES

49ERS: MIKE NOLAN begins 2nd season as head coach & seeks 2nd consecutive Kickoff Weekend win...QB ALEX SMITH begins 2nd season after starting 7 games in '05 rookie year...2nd-year RB FRANK GORE is starter after rushing for 608 yards in '05, 3rd-best among NFL rookies. Was 1st rookie to lead SF in rushing since DEXTER CARTER (460) in '90... WR ANTONIO BRYANT makes SF debut after posting career highs with 69 catches, 1,009 yards with Cle in '05...TE ERIC JOHNSON returns to action after missing '05 due to injury. Set franchise records for TE with 82 receptions & 825 receiving yards in '04...DE BRYANT YOUNG ranks 8th among active players with 77.5 career sacks...LB DEREK SMITH has posted 100+ tackles in 5 consecutive seasons. LB BRANDON MOORE finished 5th among NFC LBs with career-best 5 sacks in '05...K JOE NEDNEY spent '97-'99 with Cards & also completed internship in club's community relations dept......CARDINALS: Begin 1st season in Cardinals Stadium. Play Week 1 home game for 1st time in Ariz......Were only club in top 10 in offense (No. 8, 348.4) & defense (No. 8, 295.6) in '05......Head coach **DENNIS** GREEN's 1st pro coaching job was SF special teams coach in '79...QB KURT WARNER is 2nd-highest rated passer in NFL history at 94.1 (Steve Young, 96.8). Is 6-0 as starter vs. SF with 14 TD passes & 98.9 rating...RB EDGERRIN JAMES makes club debut. Has 1,500+ rush yards in 4 of 7 NFL seasons. In 4 career games vs. NFC West, has 508 rush yards (127 avg. per game) & 7 rush TDs...In '05, WRs LARRY FITZGERALD (103, 1,409) & ANQUAN BOLDIN (102, 1,402) became 2nd teammates in NFL history (Herman Moore, Brett Perriman, Det, '95) with 100+ catches, 1,400+ yards in single season...DE BERTRAND BERRY has 5 sacks in past 3 games vs. SF & seeks 3rd 2-sack game in past 4 vs. 49ers...**S ADRIAN WILSON** set NFL record for sacks by DB with 8 in '05.

CHICAGO BEARS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

SERIES

	BEARS	PACKERS
SERIES LEADER	86-78-6	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Smith: 3-1	McCarthy: 0-0
LAST GAME	12/25/05: Bears 24 at Packers 17. Chicago's defense intercepts 4 passes as Bears win NFC	
	North, clinch 1st-round bye & sweep Packers for 1st time since '91.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/25/05	
BROADCAST	FOX (3:15 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Grossman: 20-39-259-1-2-59.7	Favre: 372-607-3,881(1C)-20-29-70.9
RUSHING	Jones: 314-1,335-4.3-9	Gado: 143-582-4.1-6
RECEIVING	Muhammad: 64-750-11.7-4	Driver: 86-1,221-14.2-5
OFFENSE	256.3	319.9
TAKE/GIVE	+6	-24
DEFENSE	281.8 (2C)	293.1
SACKS	Ogunleye: 10.0	Gbaja-Biamila: 8.0
INTs	Vasher: 8 (2C)	Harris: 3
PUNTING	Maynard: 41.0	Ryan (Pre): 49.1
KICKING	Gould: 82 (19/20 PAT; 21/27 FG)	Rayner (Pre): 16 (10/10 PAT; 2/2 FG)

NOTES

BEARS: Seek 3rd consecutive win vs. Pack for 1st time since 5-game win streak from '90-'92...LOVIE SMITH named '05 AP Coach of Year...QB REX GROSSMAN is 2-0 all-time as starter vs. GB. QB BRIAN GRIESE joins club from TB. Posted NFL '06 preseason best 141.7 passer rating with 4 TDs vs. 0 INT...With 1,335 rushing yards in '05, **RB THOMAS** JONES joined WALTER PAYTON as only players in franchise history with 1,300-yard rushing season. Since rushing for 373 yards as '00 rookie, Jones has increased rushing total from previous season in each of past 5 years. Has rushed for 100 yards in 4 of 6 career games vs. GB...WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD (48) needs 2 TD receptions for 50 career. WR BERNARD BERRIAN avgd. 18.9 yards per catch in '05 (13-246)...Defense allowed NFL-low 202 points in '05...DE ADEWALE OGUNLEYE posted 2nd career 10-sack season in '05...LB BRIAN URLACHER, '05 AP Defensive Player of Year, has 32.5 career sacks, 2nd in franchise history for LB (OTIS WILSON, 36)...Since '04 CB NATHAN VASHER ties for 2nd in NFL with 13 INTs... PACKERS: MIKE MC CARTHY makes head coaching debut...BRETT FAVRE has started 221 consecutive games, most all-time by QB. Has 396 career TD passes & needs 4 to join **DAN MARINO** (420) as only players in NFL history with 400. Owns 21-7 (.750) career record vs. Bears...RB AHMAN GREEN has 48 rushing TDs with GB & needs 2 to become 3rd Packer with 50 career. RB SAMKON GADO set club rookie record with 6 rushing TDs in '05... WR DONALD DRIVER seeks 3rd consecutive 1,200-yard receiving season. Rookie 2nd-round WR GREG JENNINGS led NFL in '06 preseason with 328 receiving yards (12 catches)...DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA (58.5) needs 1.5 sacks to join **REGGIE WHITE** (68.5) as only Packers with 60 career. Has 6.0 sacks in past 3 games vs. Bears...LB NICK BARNETT has led club in tackles in each of 1st 3 seasons. Rookie LB A.J. HAWK may make 1st NFL start...CB AL HARRIS was 1 of 2 NFL DBs with at least 3.0 sacks & 3 INTs in '05.

DALLAS COWBOYS AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

SERIES

	COWBOYS	<u>JAGUARS</u>						
SERIES LEADER	2-1							
STREAKS	2-1							
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 3-1	Del Rio: 0-0						
LAST GAME	11/24/02: Jaguars 19 at Cowboys 21. Dallas QB Chad Hutchinson throws 2 TD passes to							
	WR Joey Galloway to lead Cowboys past Jaguars.							
LAST GAME AT SITE								
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)							

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Bledsoe: 300-499-3,639 (3C)-23-17-83.7	Leftwich: 175-302-2,123-15-5-89.3
RUSHING	J.Jones: 257-993-3.9-5	Taylor: 194-787-4.1-3
RECEIVING	Witten (TE): 66-757-11.5-6	Wilford: 41-681-16.6-7
OFFENSE	325.1	321.8
TAKE/GIVE	-5	+11
DEFENSE	300.9	290.9 (3C)
SACKS	Ellis, Ware: 8.0	Hayward: 8.5
INTs	A. Glenn: 4	Mathis: 5
PUNTING	McBriar: 42.5	Hanson: 42.9
KICKING	Vanderjagt (Ind): 121 (3C) (52/52 PAT; 23/25 FC	G) Scobee: 107 (38/39 PAT; 23/30 FG)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES NFL's top 2 teams on Kickoff Weekend – Jaquars are 8-3 (.727) & Cowboys are 31-14-1 (.689)... COWBOYS: Are 29-17 (.630) in road openers, best mark in NFL. Head coach BILL PARCELLS has 8 wins on Kickoff Weekend, tied for most among NFC coaches (MIKE HOLMGREN). Is 3-1 (.750) vs. Jags, including 2 playoff wins...In 4 games vs. Jags, QB DREW BLEDSOE has 102.0 passer rating with 6 TDs vs. 1 INT...RB JULIUS JONES rushed for 993 yards last year & aims to be 1st Cowboy since '01 with 1,000 yards (EMMITT SMITH)... WR TERRELL OWENS makes Cowboy debut. Last game at Jax. was SB XXXIX (w/ Phi) where Owens had 9 rec. for 122 yards. WR TERRY GLENN led club with 1,136 yards & aims to be 1st Cowboy since MICHAEL IRVIN ('97-'98) with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. Pro Bowler JASON WITTEN is only TE in team history with 65+ catches in back-to-back years...All Star S ROY WILLIAMS was 1 of 3 DBs with 2+ sacks & 3+ INTs last year. DE DE MARCUS WARE was only 3rd Cowboy rookie to lead or tie for team lead in sacks (8.0)...JAGUARS: Finished 2005 winning 8 of final 9 games. Are 6-2 (.750) in past 2 seasons vs. NFC. One of 4 NFL clubs to win 12+ games last season. Team has won 8 of past 10 openers...Head coach JACK DEL RIO was Cowboys LB from 1989-91, starting 44 of 48 games...QB BYRON LEFTWICH had career-best 89.3 passer rating in 2005. Is 5-1 (.833) in past 6 Sept. starts. Team is 10-1 (.909) when Leftwich passes for 2+ TDs...RB FRED TAYLOR has 100+ rush yards in 7 of past 10 vs. NFC. Taylor ran for AFC's longest rush of 2005 – 71 yards (TD) & has rush of 10+ yards in 85 of 97 career games (87.6 pct.)... WR ERNEST WILFORD has 7 TD catches in past 14 games. Jags are 8-1 (.889) when Wilford has TD catch...DEs REGGIE HAYWARD (8.5) & PAUL SPICER (7.5) accounted for 1 of 4 AFC tandems to post 7.5+ sacks each in 2005. Hayward has 9.0 sacks in his past 15 home games. Club posted 19 INTs last season, tying franchise record... RB-KR DERRICK WIMBUSH led club with 18 ST tackles in '05.

SUNDAY NIGHT

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS AT NEW YORK GIANTS

SERIES

	COLTS	GIANTS					
SERIES LEADER	Series tied 6-6						
STREAKS		3 of past 4					
COACHES VS. OPP.	Dungy: 2-2 Coughlin: 0-4						
LAST GAME	12/22/02: Giants 44 at Colts 27. New York QB Kerry Collins completes 23 of 29 passes for						
	366 yards & 4 TDs.						
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/14/99: Colts 27, Giants 19. Indianapolis WR Marvin Harrison has 6 receptions for 109						
	yards & 2 TDs as Colts win 5th consecutive game.						
BROADCAST	NBC (8:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter).						
	CBS Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).						

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Manning: 305-453-3,747-28(2L)-10-104.1	Manning: 294-557-3,762(2C)-24(T1C)-17-
	(1L)	75.9
RUSHING	Rhodes: 40-118-3.0-4	Barber: 357-1,860(2L)-5.2-9
RECEIVING	Wayne: 83-1,055-12.7-5	Burress: 76-1,214-16.0-7
OFFENSE	362.4 (2C)	361.7 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	+12 (3C)	+12 (2C)
DEFENSE	307.1	327.5
SACKS	Mathis: 11.5	Umenyiora: 14.5 (1C)
INTs	June: 5	5 tied: 2
PUNTING	Smith: 44.3	Feagles: 42.1
KICKING	Vinatieri (NE): 100 (40/41 PAT; 20/25 FG)	Feely: 148 (1L)(43/43 PAT; 35/42 FG)

NOTES

GAME MARKS 1st time in NFL history brothers face each other as starting QBs. Manning brothers face each other for 1st time at any level....COLTS: Team has won 22 of past 25 games...QB PEYTON MANNING owns NFL-best marks in 1st 8 seasons by QB in games played (128), completions (2,769), comp. pct. (63.9), yards (33,189) & TDs (244)...RB DOMINIC RHODES has 4.5-yd./carry avg. in 363 career rushes. Rookie RB JOSEPH ADDAI recorded 5th-most rush yds (2,576) in LSU history & 8th-most carries (490) for 5.3-yd avg...WRs REGGIE WAYNE (83) & MARVIN HARRISON (82) were only AFC duo w/ 80+ catches each last season. WR Wayne matched career-best 2 TDs vs. NYG on 12/22/02 ...DEs ROBERT MATHIS (11.5) & DWIGHT FREENEY (11.0) only AFC tandem with 10+ sacks in '05...GIANTS: TOM COUGHLIN is 7-3 (.700) all-time on Kickoff Weekend...QB ELI MANNING has won 8 of past 9 at home w/ 17 TD passes. Club scored 422 points in '05, 2nd-most in team history (448, '63)...RB TIKI BARBER had 2,390 scrimmage yards in '05 (1,860 rush, 530 rec), 2nd-most in NFL history (MARSHALL FAULK, 2,429, '99). Has 4 200-yard rushing gms & needs 1 to break 5-way tie for 2nd all-time (O.J. SIMPSON, 6). RB BRANDON JACOBS was NFL preseason leader w/ 5 TDs & tied for tops w/ 217 rush yds...WR AMANI TOOMER is franchise all-time leader with 529 rec. & 7,797 rec. yds...JEREMY SHOCKEY (248) needs 2 catches to become 3rd TE in club history with 250 career...DE MICHAEL STRAHAN (129.5) needs 3.5 sacks to pass LAWRENCE TAYLOR (132.5) for club record...LB LA VAR ARRINGTON makes NYG debut.

MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 11

MINNESOTA VIKINGS AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS

SERIES

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	REDSKINS						
SERIES LEADER		7-5						
STREAKS	2 of past 3							
COACHES VS. OPP.	Childress: 0-0 Gibbs: 8-0							
LAST GAME	1/2/05: Vikings 18 at Redskins 21. Washington QB Patrick Ramsey throws 2 TDs & RB							
	Ladell Betts rushes for 118 yards & TD.							
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/2/05							
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:00 PM ET): Mike Tirico, Joe Theismann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber & Michelle							
	Tafoya (Field reporters). CBS Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).							

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	B. Johnson: 184-294-1,885-12-4-88.9	Brunell: 262-454-3,050-23-10-85.9
RUSHING	C. Taylor (Bal): 117-487-4.2-0	Portis: 352-1,516-4.3-11
RECEIVING	Wiggins (TE): 69-568-8.2-1	Moss: 84-1,483-17.7-9
OFFENSE	288.3	330.6
TAKE/GIVE	+5	+1
DEFENSE	323.3	297.9
SACKS	James, Scott, K. Williams: 4.0	Daniels: 8.0
INTs	Sharper: 9	Marshall: 4
PUNTING	Kluwe: 44.1	Frost: 40.4
KICKING	Longwell: 90 (30/31 PAT; 20/27 FG)	Hall: 63 (27/27 PAT; 12/14 FG)

NOTES

VIKINGS: BRAD CHILDRESS makes head coaching debut. Helped Eagles to 6-2 record vs. Wash as club's offensive coordinator from '02-'05...QB BRAD JOHNSON led club to 7-2 mark in 9 starts in '05. Owns 65-43 (.602) career record as starter, 3rd among active QBs with 100+ starts. Spent '99-'00 with Wash, earning Pro Bowl honors after '99 season...RB CHESTER TAYLOR makes 1st appearance with club after spending 1st 4 seasons with Ravens...WR TROY WILLIAMSON enters 2nd season after finishing 3rd among NFC rookies with 372 receiving yards in '05...TE JERMAINE WIGGINS led club with 69 catches in '05, becoming 1st Min TE since STEVE JORDAN ('85-'86) to lead team in consecutive seasons...3-time All-Star G STEVE HUTCHINSON joins club after 5 years in Sea...S DARREN SHARPER leads NFL with 40 INT since '00... REDSKINS: Seek 5th consecutive Kickoff Weekend win...JOE GIBBS has led club to playoffs in 9 of 14 seasons as head coach...QB MARK BRUNELL seeks to lead club to consecutive playoff berths for 1st time since '90-'92. Ranks 4th among active players with 174 TD passes...RB CLINTON PORTIS has rushed for 1,500+ yards in 3 of his 4 seasons including franchise record 1,516 in '05. With 5,930 career rushing yards in 60 games, needs 70 to become 5th fastest player all time to 6,000. WR SANTANA MOSS set franchise record with career-high 1,483 receiving yards in '05. Seeks to become 1st Redskin with consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons since HENRY ELLARD ('94-'96). WR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL joins club after helping Steelers to SB win...CHRIS COOLEY had franchise TE record 71 catches (774 yards) in '05...DE PHILLIP DANIELS has 6 sacks in past 3 games...ADAM ARCHULETA joins club after spending 1st 5 seasons with Rams.

MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 11

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS AT OAKLAND RAIDERS

SERIES

	CHARGERS	RAIDERS						
SERIES LEADER		54-36-2						
STREAKS	Past 5							
COACHES VS. OPP.	Schottenheimer 25-7 Shell 6-6							
LAST GAME	12/4/05: San Diego 34 vs. Raiders 10. Chargers QB Drew Brees throws for 160 yards and 2 TDs, including a six-yard TD to TE Antonio Gates.							
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/16/05: San Diego 27 at Raiders 14. Chargers RB LaDainian Tomlinson runs for 140 yards on 31 carries and totals three multi-purpose TDs.							
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:15 PM PT): Brad Nessler, Dick Vermeil, Ron Jaworski. CBS Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).							

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Rivers: 12-22-115-0-1-50.4	Brooks (NO): 240-431-2,882-13-17-70.0
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 339-1,462-4.3-18	Jordan: 272-1,025-3.8-9
RECEIVING	Gates: 89-1,101-12.4-10	Porter: 76-942-12.4-5
OFFENSE	347.9	309.4
TAKE/GIVE	-8	-4
DEFENSE	309.2	330.8
SACKS	Merriman: 10.0	Burgess: 16.0 (1L)
INTs	Jue: 3	Schweigert: 2
PUNTING	Scifres: 43.7	Lechler: 45.7 (T1L)
KICKING	Kaeding: (49/49 PAT; 21/24 FG)	Janikowski: (30/30 PAT; 20/25 FG)

NOTES

CHARGERS: Club has won 21 games since '04 for most in back-to-back years by SD since 1979-80 (23)...Head coach MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER is 25-7 (.781) vs. Raiders. Schottenheimer's 25 wins vs. Raiders are his most vs. 1 team... QB PHILIP RIVERS makes 1st NFL start...RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON has scored TD in 7 of past 8 mtgs & 22 of past 28 games overall. Tomlinson is only player in history to score 10+ TDs in each of 1st 5 seasons (2001-05). Tomlinson has rushed for at least 140 yds in 4 of past 6 vs. Oak... WR KEENAN MC CARDELL (825) needs 3 catches to surpass LARRY CENTERS (827) for 9th place on NFL's all-time receptions list. TE ANTONIO GATES (1,101) last season posted most rec. yds by Charger TE since HOFer KELLEN WINSLOW (1,172) in 1983...LB SHAWNE MERRIMAN led NFL rookies in '05 w/ 10.0 sacks. DE IGOR OLSHANSKY (2.0) recorded 1st career multi-sack game at Oak (10/16/05)... RAIDERS: Led by new head coach ART SHELL. Shell coached Raiders from 1989-94 & posted 56-41 (.577) record... QB AARON BROOKS makes Oak debut. In past 5 seasons, Brooks (111) is tied w/ TRENT GREEN for 4th-most TD passes, trailing PEYTON MANNING (159), BRETT FAVRE (141) & TOM BRADY(123) & has thrown TD pass in 14 of 16 career Sept. starts...RB LA MONT JORDAN led NFL RBs w/ 70 catches in '05 & became 8th Raider in history to rush for 1,000 yds (1,025)... WR RANDY MOSS has at least 7 catches in 3 of 4 gms vs. SD. Moss (98) needs 2 TD catches for 100 in 126 gms; only JERRY RICE (120) achieved 100 TD rec. in less than 140 gms... DE DERRICK BURGESS led AFC w/ 16.0 sacks in '05 & posted 2.0 sacks vs. SD in last mtg. at Oak (10/16/05). LB KIRK MORRISON is Oakland native & attended San Diego State...In past 3 yrs, K SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI is 34 of 40 (85.0 pct.) in FG attempts at home

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS

(Home team in CAPS)

Thursday, August 31

Buffalo 20, DETROIT 13
Carolina 15, PITTSBURGH 13
Jacksonville 20, ATLANTA 17
N.Y. GIANTS 31, New England 23
MIAMI 29, St. Louis 9
BALTIMORE 17, Washington 10
Chicago 20, CLEVELAND 7
DALLAS 10, Minnesota 10 (OT)
HOUSTON 16, Tampa Bay 13

Thursday, August 31, Cont.'d

KANSAS CITY 10, New Orleans 9 Denver 29, ARIZONA 23 SEATTLE 30, Oakland 7

Friday, September 1

Tennessee 35, GREEN BAY 21 Cincinnati 20, INDIANAPOLIS 3 N.Y. JETS 20, Philadelphia 17 SAN FRANCISCO 23, San Diego 14

FINAL 2006 PRESEASON STANDINGS

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East Division							East Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	2	2	0	.500	78	69	N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	1.000	78	46
New England	2	2	0	.500	117	60	Dallas	3	0	1	.875	70	27
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	57	60	Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	73	70
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	81	91	Washington	0	4	0	.000	27	104
North Division							North Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cincinnati	4	0	0	1.000	131	54	Minnesota	2	1	1	.625	70	43
Baltimore	2	2 2	0	.500	60	67	Chicago	2	2 3	0	.500	74	61
Cleveland	2		0	.500	54	73	Detroit	1	3	0	.250	52	74
Pittsburgh	0	4	0	.000	43	69	Green Bay	1	3	0	.250	79	110
South Division							South Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Houston	3	1	0	.750	81	64	Carolina	4	0	0	1.000	65	46
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	90	78	Atlanta	2	2 3	0	.500	73	87
Indianapolis	1	3	0	.250	64	83	New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	49	83
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	67	95	Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	57	61
West Division							West Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	83	63	Arizona	2	2	0	.500	70	88
Denver	3	1	0	.750	94	67	San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	65	68
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	40	62	Seattle	2	2	0	.500	83	68
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	65	70	St. Louis	1	3	0	.250	60	89

NFL KICKOFF WEEKEND SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 7, 10-11

(All times local)

Thursday, September 7

Miami at Pittsburgh, 8:30 PM (NBC)

Sunday, September 10

Atlanta at Carolina, 1:00 PM
New Orleans at Cleveland, 1:00 PM
Seattle at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Philadelphia at Houston, 12:00 PM
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 12:00 PM
Buffalo at New England, 1:00 PM
Denver at St. Louis, 12:00 PM

Sunday, September 10, Cont.'d.

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 12:00 PM San Francisco at Arizona, 1:15 PM Chicago at Green Bay, 3:15 PM Dallas at Jacksonville, 4:15 PM Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, September 11

Minnesota at Washington, 7:00 PM (ESPN) San Diego at Oakland, 7:15 PM (ESPN)