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# PLAYOFF RACES TIGHTEN AS SEASON HEADS INTO FINAL FOUR WEEKS; FOUR DIVISION CROWNS CAN BE CLINCHED THIS WEEK

Four...final...games.

It's that simple. The NFL season has come down to its final quarter. If you're going to qualify for the playoffs, you've got four games to work with, starting this week.

"It's going to be a heck of a stretch," says San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**, three scores away from setting an NFL season TD record. "Anything can happen."

Indeed. Right now, only one playoff berth has been clinched (Chicago has won the NFC North Division). Four of the divisions have only a two-game separation between the first- and second-place clubs. Three divisions have a three-game separation, but in two of them (AFC South and West), those teams still have to play each other.

"It's December," says New England Patriots quarterback TOM BRADY. "A good team starts making a push at this point."

Brady's Patriots are one of four teams that can earn division titles in Week 14. Others can clinch playoff berths. <u>A</u> rundown:

- **BALTIMORE RAVENS** can earn a playoff berth with a win plus losses by Cincinnati, Denver and the New York Jets, and by clinching the strength of victory tiebreaker over the Jets.
- CHICAGO BEARS can secure a first-round bye with a win and Dallas and Seattle losses.
- <u>DALLAS COWBOYS</u> can clinch a playoff berth with a win plus losses by Atlanta and Philadelphia, and losses or ties by Minnesota, St. Louis and San Francisco.
- INDIANAPOLIS COLTS can claim the AFC South with a win or tie. The Colts can earn a playoff berth with losses by the Jets, Cincinnati, Denver and Kansas City.
- **<u>NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS</u>** can win the AFC East with a win and a Jets loss.
- <u>NEW ORLEANS SAINTS</u> can earn a playoff berth with a win, plus losses by Carolina and Philadelphia and a loss
  or tie by Minnesota, <u>or</u> a Saints win plus losses by Atlanta and the New York Giants and a Minnesota loss or tie,
  <u>or</u> a Saints win plus losses by Atlanta and Philadelphia and a Minnesota loss or tie.
- <u>SAN DIEGO CHARGERS</u> can clinch the AFC West with a win and a Kansas City loss or tie, <u>or</u> a Chargers tie with a Kansas City loss. The Chargers can earn a playoff berth with different scenarios.
- <u>SEATTLE SEAHAWKS</u> can take the NFC West with a win and a San Francisco loss or tie, <u>or</u> a tie and a San Francisco loss and a St. Louis loss or tie.

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#### NFL FACTOID

**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROZELLE DEATH:** This Wednesday (December 6) will mark the 10th anniversary of the death of **PETE ROZELLE**, NFL Commissioner from 1960-89. Rozelle was named the "Most Powerful Person in Sports in the 20th Century" by *The Sporting News* in 1999.

A biography on Rozelle has recently been published -- "Commissioner: The Legacy of Pete Rozelle," written by John Fortunato and published by Taylor Trade Publishing.

# CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-8) at PITTSBURGH STEELERS (5-7) (Thursday, NFL Network, 8:00 PM ET)

## STORYLINE: Forget this year's records -- it's Browns-Steelers!

And the Browns would like to forget another record – six consecutive losses to their bitter rivals. But maybe they have the solution in 6-6 **QB DEREK ANDERSON**, who will start if **CHARLIE FRYE** (wrist) cannot make it. In his first substantial NFL action last Sunday in replacing the injured Frye, the second-year QB led the Browns to an overtime win against Kansas City with two TD tosses and a 33-yard dash to set up the winning OT kick.

The Browns will confront a tough Steelers defense that has not allowed a 100-yard rusher this year and comes off a fivesack, four-takeaway win over Tampa Bay.

"When we get a young quarterback against our defense, we feel we have a good chance of messing with him," says Steelers LB JOEY PORTER.

# INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (10-2) at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (7-5)

#### STORYLINE: The road to a division championship goes through Jacksonville.

At least for the Colts this week it does (a win gives them a club-record four division titles in a row). But facing the Jaguars has never been easy for Indy. Although it has won four of the past five meetings, the average point differential in games between the two since realignment in 2002 has been basically a touchdown (6.3 points).

The Jags are tough at home. They have allowed 7.8 points per game at Alltel Stadium this season, the lowest such average in the league. Thirteen of their 17 interceptions have come at home. But they face a team that has not lost two games in a row in a year (December 18-24, 2005).

"Jacksonville makes everybody play better," says Colts head coach TONY DUNGY.

# BALTIMORE RAVENS (9-3) at KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (7-5)

#### STORYLINE: LJ vs. JL.

That is as in two top-10 AFC running backs – Kansas City's **LARRY JOHNSON** (1,312 yards, No. 2) and Baltimore's **JAMAL LEWIS** (796, No. 8).

But each will face some unbending defenses Sunday.

The Ravens rank second in the league in rush defense (75.8), the Chiefs have not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 21 home games – the best such record in the NFL.

"This team is a different team at home," says Ravens head coach **BRIAN BILLICK** of the Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. Kansas City is 12-2 at home since 2005.

# DENVER BRONCOS (7-5) at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (10-2)

#### STORYLINE: SD can get the crown and LT can get the record.

The Chargers can win their second division crown in three years, and the NFL season touchdown record can be set for the second consecutive year.

Chargers **RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** -- whose production is not even slowed by freezing weather (he scored twice on Sunday in Buffalo) – can break the NFL season TD mark set in 2005 by Seattle's **SHAUN ALEXANDER** by notching three scores before the home folks to give him 29 – and counting!

The last time these AFC West rivals met (November 19) – San Diego has not swept the season series since 1982 -- the Chargers became the first NFL team to win back-to-back games after trailing by 17 points or more. And LT scored four times, reaching 100 career TDs in the fewest games ever (89).

"He's the best running back ever, next to JIM BROWN," says Broncos DT GERARD WARREN.

# NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (8-4) at DALLAS COWBOYS (8-4) (Sunday, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

#### STORYLINE: It's Romo Redux!

It certainly is for Saints first-year head coach **SEAN PAYTON**. When he left Eastern Illinois, Payton had thrown for a school-record 10,665 yards. He also kept his eye on an EIU QB named **TONY ROMO**, now the starter for the Cowboys.

In 2003, when Romo was signed by Dallas as a free agent, the team's assistant head coach/quarterbacks was – Sean Payton. They worked together through last year. Romo – who had never thrown a regular-season NFL pass before this year -- now owns a 5-1 record and leads the NFL in passer rating (102.4).

"That's pretty good for the second-best quarterback out of Eastern Illinois," quips Payton, who acquired starting LBs **SCOTT FUJITA** and **SCOTT SHANLE** from Dallas this offseason.

Of course, the Saints – who will send the NFL's No. 1 offense against the league's seventh-ranked defense – have their own stellar QB in **DREW BREES**, who had his first sub-300-yard game in his last six starts on Sunday, yet leads the league in passing yards (3,649). A big part of that offense last week proved to be explosive rookie **RB REGGIE BUSH**, with a spectacular 168 scrimmage-yard, four-TD game against San Francisco.

These division leaders each come into the meeting knowing a win is a necessity along with other scenarios to earn a playoff berth.

# CHICAGO BEARS (10-2) at ST. LOUIS RAMS (5-7) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

# STORYLINE: Bears going for more.

Chicago is the lone club to clinch a 2006 playoff berth. It captured its second consecutive NFC North crown last week, and with a win and Dallas and Seattle losses, the Bears earn a first-round bye.

"It was hard for us to get into the playoffs and for us to do that in the first week of December, so we're going to cherish that right now," says Bears head coach **LOVIE SMITH**.

Chicago comes into St. Louis – where the Rams are 45-17 (.726) since 1999 – tied with Indianapolis and San Diego for the NFL's best record and allowing the league's fewest points (150). They have allowed only two 300-yard games this year, but will confront the NFL's 10th-ranked offense.

St. Louis will concentrate on getting the ball to **WR TORRY HOLT**, who broke out of a slow season with a 115-yard effort last week against Arizona. "He's one of the best there is," says Rams head coach **SCOTT LINEHAN**. "People have done a good job defending him. He is a focus to opposing teams in terms of what they have to stop first."

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#### <u>WEEK 14</u>

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

#### CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-8) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (5-7)

#### <u>SERIES</u>

|                   | BROWNS  | STEELERS              |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| SERIES LEADER     | 55-52   |                       |
| STREAKS           |   | 10 of past 11         |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Crennel: 0-3  | Cowher: 20-5          |
| LAST WEEK         | W 31-28 (OT) vs. Chiefs   | W 20-3 vs. Buccaneers |
| LAST GAME         | 11/19/06: Steelers 24 at Browns 20. Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger shovels 4-yard TD pass to RB Willie Parker with 32 seconds remaining.  |                       |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 11/13/05: Steelers 34, Browns 21. Pittsburgh WR Hines Ward hauls in 8 passes for 124 yards to become Steelers' all-time leader in receptions.   |                       |
| BROADCAST         | NFLN (8:00 PM ET): Bryant Gumbel, Cris Collinsworth. Westwood One Radio: Dick Enberg,<br>Sam Wyche, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 123 (Westwood); 125 (Cle.), 124<br>(Pit.). |                       |

| PASSING   | Frye: 227-358-2,267-10-16-72.0   | Roethlisberger: 225-372-2,727-14-20-73.2 |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| RUSHING   | Droughns: 169-546-3.2-4          | Parker: 232-976 (3C)-4.2-9               |
| RECEIVING | Winslow (TE): 67-675-10.1-3      | Ward: 57-786-13.8-6                      |
| OFFENSE   | 267.5                            | 346.5                                    |
| TAKE/GIVE | -11                              | -9                                       |
| DEFENSE   | 340.2                            | 301.4                                    |
| SACKS     | Wimbley (R): 7.5                 | Porter: 7.0                              |
| INTs      | Jones: 5                         | Polamalu: 3                              |
| PUNTING   | Zastudil: 44.5                   | Gardocki: 41.5                           |
| KICKING   | Dawson: 75 (21/21 PAT; 18/22 FG) | Reed: 73 (31/31 PAT; 14/20 FG)           |

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# <u>NOTES</u>

**BROWNS:** Club has won 2 of past 4 on road...QB CHARLIE FRYE posted 89.1 passer rating vs. Pit in Wk 11 mtg, completing 17 of 27 (63.0 pct.). Last wk vs. KC, QB DEREK ANDERSON relieved injured Frye to complete 12 of 21 (57.1 pct.) for 171 yds w/ 2 TDs vs. 1 INT for 95.5 passer rtg, rallying club from 14-pt 4th qtr deficit...RB JASON WRIGHT rushed for 74 yds in Wk 11 – 4th most by Cle RB vs. Pit since '90. RB REUBEN DROUGHNS has 3 rush TDs in past 5 games...TE KELLEN WINSLOW (67) leads NFL TEs in receptions. WR BRAYLON EDWARDS posted career-high 137 rec. yd in last mtg. Edwards has TD catch in past 2 on road. TE STEVE HEIDEN caught 2 4th qtr TDs from QB Anderson last wk...Defense recorded 3 INTs in Wk 11 mtg, 2 by CB DAVEN HOLLY, including 57-yd INT-TD...WR-KR JOSHUA CRIBBS has 7 returns of 40+ yds...<u>STEELERS</u>: Head coach BILL COWHER is 18-5 vs. Cle...QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER is 26-10 (.722) in career as starter. Roethlisberger is 4-0 vs. Browns, completing 64 of 101 (63.4 pct.) for 863 yds w/ 4 TDs vs. 5 INTs & needs 273 pass yds to reach 1st 3,000-yd season...RB WILLIE PARKER has 4 rush TDs in past 4 vs. division & is 4th in NFL w/ 12 TDs...In past 3 vs. Cle, WR HINES WARD has 22 catches for 310 yds w/ TD in 2 of those 3. Of those 22 catches, 18 were for 1st dwns (81.8 pct.). WR NATE WASHINGTON had career-high 78 rec. yds last wk. TE HEATH MILLER has 7 of 10 career TD catches at home...Club has allowed only 2 Browns RBs 100+ rush yds since '90. Defense sacked QB Frye 5 times in Wk 11; DE TRAVIS KIRSCHKE had sack & FF. LB CLARK HAGGANS has sack vs. Cle in 3 mtgs in row. In past 3 vs. Cle, LB JOEY PORTER has 5.0 sacks, INT, & FF.

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

#### NEW YORK GIANTS (6-6) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (6-6)

#### **SERIES**

|                   | GIANTS  | PANTHERS          |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| SERIES LEADER     |   | 2-0               |
| STREAKS           |   | Past 2            |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Coughlin: 2-1   | Fox: 2-0          |
| LAST WEEK         | L 23-20 vs. Cowboys   | L 27-24 at Eagles |
| LAST GAME         | 12/28/03: Panthers 37 at Giants 24. Carolina defense limits New York to 175 total net yards |                   |
|                   | & forces 5 turnovers, including 27-yard INT-TD by CB Ricky Manning.                         |                   |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 11/10/96: Panthers 27, Giants 17. Carolina QB Kerry Collins passes for 202 yards & 1 TD.    |                   |
|                   | Panthers' defense forces 4 turnovers.   |                   |
| BROADCAST         | FOX (1:00 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 153           |                   |
|                   | (NYG), 143 (Car.).  |                   |

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| PASSING   | Manning: 235-398-2,615-19 (2C)-15-78.9 | Delhomme: 240-404-2,598-15-11-79.4 |
|-----------|--|------------------------------------|
| RUSHING   | Barber: 249-1,170 (2C)-4.7-1           | Foster: 165-651-3.9-2              |
| RECEIVING | Burress: 50-710-14.2-8 (T2C)           | Smith: 66-958 (2C)-14.5-6          |
| OFFENSE   | 337.7                                  | 309.4                              |
| TAKE/GIVE | +/- 0                                  | -4                                 |
| DEFENSE   | 323.5                                  | 304.2                              |
| SACKS     | Robbins: 5.5                           | Peppers: 11.0 (1L)                 |
| INTs      | Four tied: 2                           | Marshall: 3                        |
| PUNTING   | Feagles: 40.5                          | Baker: 45.3 (2C)                   |
| KICKING   | Feely: 77 (29/29 PAT; 16/20 FG)        | Kasay: 79 (22/22 PAT; 19/21 FG)    |
|           | NOTES                                  |                                    |

#### **NOTES**

GIANTS: QB ELI MANNING has TD pass in 27 of past 29 starts...RB TIKI BARBER has led team in rushing for 76 consecutive games, longest streak in history. Barber has 34 runs of 10+ yards, tied for 2nd in NFL. Needs 43 yards to reach 10,000 rushing yards. Team is 9-3 (.750) when RB BRANDON JACOBS rushes for TD. In career, 50 of 115 rush attempts have resulted in TD or 1st down (43.5 pct.)... WR PLAXICO BURRESS has TD in 8 games this year & his teams are 21-9-1 (.694) when he has TD catch. In 12/15/02 meeting vs. Car. (with Pit.), Burress had 6 catches for 120 vards & 1 TD. Since entering NFL in 2002, JEREMY SHOCKEY is 2nd among TEs with 298 catches & 3,493 vards... Defense has sacked Car. QB Delhomme 9 times in 2 career meetings. Rookie DE MATHIAS KIWANUKA has 3.0 sacks, 2 INTs & 2 FFs in 6 career starts. FRED ROBBINS is only DT in NFL with 5.5 sacks & 2 INTs...PANTHERS: Have won all 3 in series, incl. last year's playoff...QB JAKE DELHOMME has won 2 starts vs. NYG (incl. playoff) & has 3 TDs vs. 1 INT...Rookie RB DE ANGELO WILLIAMS had 175 scrimmage yards (74 rush, 101 rec.) last week with 35-yard rec. TD. **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushed for 151 yards in last year's playoff game. Club is 7-0 overall when Foster rushes for 95+ yards & 17-4 (.810) when he has 15+ carries... WR-PR STEVE SMITH had 53-yard PR-TD vs. NYG in last reg. season meeting & had 2 TDs (1 rec., 1 rush) in playoff game. Leads NFL with 95.8 receiving yards per game & aims for TD in 5th game in row. In 29 games since start of 2005 (incl. playoffs), Smith has 196 catches for 2,856 yards (98.5 per game), 423 return yards (363 PR, 60 KR), 108 rush yards & 25 total TDs (21 rec, 3 rush, 1 PR). WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON (801) reached 800 career catches last week...DE JULIUS PEPPERS has 14.0 sacks in past 13 games. DE MIKE RUCKER (52.0) & Peppers (51.5) are No. 1 & 2 in team annals. Peppers has sack in each of 2 career meetings vs. NYG.

# OAKLAND RAIDERS (2-10) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (7-5)

SERIES

|                   | RAIDERS   | BENGALS                             |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| SERIES LEADER     | 17-7  |                                     |
| STREAKS           | Past 3  |                                     |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Shell: 4-2  | Lewis: 0-1                          |
| LAST WEEK         | L 23-14 vs. Texans  | W 13-7 at Ravens                    |
| LAST GAME         | 9/14/03: Bengals 20 at Raiders 23. Oakland K Sebastian Janikowski kicks 39-yard FG with 9 seconds remaining.                        |                                     |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 11/5/95: Raiders 20, Bengals 17. Oakland RB Harvey Williams runs for 134 yards & 1 TD.<br>Raiders amass 184 rushing yards for game. |                                     |
| BROADCAST         | CBS (1:00 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Steve Taske  | er. SIRIUS: 155 (Oak.), 144 (Cin.). |

#### **STATS**

|           | NOTES                                |   |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|
| KICKING   | Janikowski: 54 (15/15 PAT; 13/19 FG) | Graham: 92 (2C) (32/33 PAT; 20/24 FG)           |
| PUNTING   | Lechler: 48.0 (1C)                   | Larson: 44.0                                    |
| INTs      | Asomugha: 5                          | Kaesviharn: 6 (T3L)                             |
| SACKS     | Burgess: 10.0                        | Geathers: 8.5                                   |
| DEFENSE   | 275.8                                | 357.9   |
| TAKE/GIVE | -13                                  | +9 (3C)   |
| OFFENSE   | 245.0                                | 342.3   |
| RECEIVING | Moss: 40-525-13.1-3                  | C. Johnson: 72 (3L)-1,146 (1L)-15.9-7           |
| RUSHING   | Fargas: 117-410-3.5-1                | R. Johnson: 246-937-3.8-8                       |
| PASSING   | Brooks: 61-108-672-2-5-62.0          | Palmer: 249-386-3,102 (2C)-22 (T1L)-8-99.7 (3L) |

<u>NOTES</u>

RAIDERS: Club has lost 3 of past 4 games by one-possession scores... In 9 career Dec. road starts, QB AARON BROOKS has thrown at least 1 TD in all 9 games w/ INTs in only 2. Brooks' teams are 8-5 (.615) on road when he completes 60.0+ pct...RB JUSTIN FARGAS averages 4.5 yds/carry in career in Dec. (33 rushes). RB ZACK CROCKETT is 4 of 5 (80.0 pct.) in 3rd & 1 rush atts. RB RE SHARD LEE notched career-highs in rush (42) & rec. (57) yds last wk...In 1 career game vs. Cin (11/15/98 w/ Min), WR RANDY MOSS had 4 catches for 99 yds & 1 TD (61-yd TD). In past 2 Dec. games, WR RONALD CURRY has 12 catches for 173 yds & 2 TDs & leads team w/ 15 3rd dwn catches... Defense has not allowed more than 17 points in 6 of past 8. DE DERRICK BURGESS (10.0) is 1st Raider w/ consecutive 10+ sack seasons since LANCE JOHNSTONE (1998-99) & tied for 5th among NFL sack leaders. DT WARREN SAPP has 5.0 sacks in past 7 games...BENGALS: Team has won 3 in row...QB CARSON PALMER has passed for 3 TDs in 3 of past 4 & has passer rating of at least 94.0 in 8 of past 10. Palmer (22) tied for NFL TD pass lead (PEYTON MANNING, Ind)... Team is 16-0 when RB RUDI JOHSON posts 25+ rushes. RB Johnson has 16 100-yd rush games & needs 1 more to tie JAMES BROOKS (17) for 2nd most in team history (COREY DILLON, 28)...WR CHAD JOHNSON (1,146) leads NFL in rec. yds & aims to be 1st Bengal to lead NFL in category. Johnson (20) needs 1 100-yd game to surpass ISAAC CURTIS (20) for most in team annals. Johnson & WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH each have 7 TD catches. Houshmandzadeh (23) tied for 2nd most 3rd down catches in league...Defense has allowed 1 TD in past 8 quarters. DEs ROBERT GEATHERS (8.5) & JUSTIN SMITH (7.0) aim to become 1st Bengal duo w/ 10+ sacks each since 1981 when team advanced to SB XVI (REGGIE WILLIAMS 11, EDDIE EDWARDS 10). Geathers 1.5 sacks shy of being 1st Bengal w/ 10 since ALFRED WILLIAMS (10) in 1992. S KEVIN KAESVIHARN leads team w/ 6 INTs, tied for 3rd in NFL.

# MINNESOTA VIKINGS (5-7) AT DETROIT LIONS (2-10)

SERIES

|                   | VIKINGS   | LIONS               |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| SERIES LEADER     | 59-29-2   |                     |
| STREAKS           | 15 of past 17   |                     |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Linehan: 1-0  | Marinelli: 0-1      |
| LAST WEEK         | L 23-13 at Bears  | L 28-21 at Patriots |
| LAST GAME         | 10/8/06: Lions 17 at Vikings 26. Minnesota overcomes 14-point 4th-quarter deficit with 23 |                     |
|                   | unanswered points, including 45-yard INT-TD by LB E.J. Henderson.                         |                     |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 12/4/05: Vikings 21, Lions 16. Minnesota QB Brad Johnson finds WR Koren Robinson for      |                     |
|                   | 80-yard TD on Vikings' 1st play from scrimmage as Vikes win 5th consecutive game.         |                     |
| BROADCAST         | FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Jesse Palmer, Jennifer Hammond (Field reporter).             |                     |
|                   | SIRIUS: 125 (Min.), 147 (Det.).   |                     |

#### STATS

| PASSING   | Br. Johnson: 245-399-2,483-8-14-71.2 | Kitna: 273-442-3,190 (2C)-13-16-78.3 |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| RUSHING   | C. Taylor: 265-1,098 (3C)-4.1-5      | Jones: 172-692-4.0-6                 |
| RECEIVING | T. Taylor: 44-477-10.8-1             | Furrey: 65-773-11.9-4                |
| OFFENSE   | 326.1                                | 319.8                                |
| TAKE/GIVE | -1                                   | -8                                   |
| DEFENSE   | 283.1 (2C)                           | 348.3                                |
| SACKS     | K. Williams: 5.0                     | Redding: 6.0                         |
| INTs      | Winfield: 4                          | Holt: 3                              |
| PUNTING   | Kluwe: 40.7                          | N. Harris: 44.2                      |
| KICKING   | Longwell: 79 (19/10 PAT; 20/23 FG)   | Hanson: 82 (22/22 PAT; 20/24 FG)     |

VIKINGS: Seek 10th consecutive win in series, most by club vs. Lions since 13-game win streak from 1968-74. Vikings have won 12 of 13 games vs. Det. since 2000...QB BRAD JOHNSON aims for 7th win in row vs. Lions. Is 6-0 in past 6 starts with 7 TDs, 3 INTs & 86.6 passer rating...RB CHESTER TAYLOR rushed for 99 yards last week & registered 1st 1,000-yard rushing season of career (1,098 yards). Has 265 rush attempts & is on pace to set single-season record (ROBERT SMITH, 295 in 2000). Had 123 rush yards in last meeting...WR MARCUS ROBINSON has TD in 4 of 8 games played & has 3 TDs of 20+ yards...Club has NFL's best run defense, allowing 58.8 yards per game & 2.8 yards per rush. Team forced 3 INTs & recovered 2 fumbles last week. Vikings scored 2 defensive TDs in last meeting: FR-TD by LB BEN LEBER & 45-yard INT-TD by LB E.J. HENDERSON. Leber had INT & FR last week. S DARREN SHARPER had INT in last meeting & has 8 INTs vs. Lions, most vs. single opponent. Has 3 INTs in past 5 meetings, incl. 36-yard INT-TD...LIONS: QB JON KITNA is 3rd in NFL with 3,190 passing yards & is on pace for 2nd 4,000-yard season in franchise history...RB KEVIN JONES ranks 4th among RBs with 55 receptions (453 yards). Has 1,145 scrimmage yards (692 rush, 453 rec.). Had 1st career 100-yard rushing game vs. Vikings (11/21/04) & Lions are 4-2 (.667) when Jones has 100+ rush yards...WR ROY WILLIAMS had 7 catches for 104 yards with 2 TDs in 1st start vs. Vikings (12/19/04). Has 5 100-yard games this season & averages 140.4 yards per game in those 5. DAN CAMPBELL averages 14.5 yards per catch (17-247), 2nd-highest by TE with 15+ catches. Had TD catch in last meeting. WR MIKE FURREY had 9 catches for 123 yards last week & leads club with career-best 65 catches. Ranks 2nd on club with career-high 773 yards & aims for 1st 1,000-yard season...Since entering NFL in 1999, CB DRE' BLY has 32 INTs, tied for 4th-most in that time. DE KALIMBA EDWARDS has 3.0 sacks in past 4 meetings. DT CORY REDDING has 4.5 sacks in past 4 games.

# **TENNESSEE TITANS (5-7) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (4-8)**

SERIES

|                   | TITANS   | TEXANS             |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| SERIES LEADER     | 7-2  |                    |
| STREAKS           | Past 3   |                    |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Fisher: 7-2  | Kubiak: 0-1        |
| LAST WEEK         | W 20-17 vs. Colts  | W 23-14 at Raiders |
| LAST GAME         | 10/29/06: Texans 22 at Titans 28. Tennessee rookie QB Vince Young runs & throws for TD |                    |
|                   | as Titans win consecutive games for 1st time since 2003.                               |                    |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 10/9/05: Titans 34, Texans 20. Tennessee QB Steve McNair throws for 220 yards & 2      |                    |
|                   | scores & adds 1 rushing TD in Titans' victory.   |                    |
| BROADCAST         | CBS (12:00 PM CT): Don Criqui, Richard Baldinger. SIRIUS: 158 (Hou.)                   |                    |

#### STATS

|           | NOTES                               |                                    |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| KICKING   | Bironas: 61 (22/22 PAT; 13/17 FG)   | K. Brown: 63 (18/19 PAT; 15/21 FG) |
| PUNTING   | Hentrich: 43.5                      | Stanley: 41.2                      |
| INTs      | Three tied: 3                       | Robinson: 2                        |
| SACKS     | Vanden Bosch: 4                     | Williams (R): 4.5                  |
| DEFENSE   | 374.8                               | 343.9                              |
| TAKE/GIVE | +1                                  | -4                                 |
| OFFENSE   | 296.3                               | 291.2                              |
| RECEIVING | Bennett: 36-549-15.3-3              | A. Johnson: 85 (1L)-991-11.7-5     |
| RUSHING   | Henry: 192-849-4.4-5                | Lundy (R): 115-448-3.9-4           |
| PASSING   | Young (R): 129-257-1,486-10-10-64.8 | Carr: 244-353-2,251-10-7-87.4      |

<u>NOTES</u>

TITANS: Team aims for 4th win in row & is 7-2 (.778) all-time vs. Texans...Club is 41-2 (.953) under head coach JEFF FISHER when entering 4th qtr w/ lead. Rookie QB VINCE YOUNG is 1st rookie QB in NFL history to bring team back from pair of 14-point-or-more deficits for victories - has done so in consecutive wks. Young is Houston native, attended Madison H.S. & U. of Texas, leading Longhorns to 2005 nat'l title. Club is 0-3 in games not started by Young, 5-4 (.556) in games he does start. Young (1,486) needs 235 vds to surpass DAN PASTORINI (1,702) for most by rookie in club history...Team averaged 70.3 rush yds in 1st 4 gms; is averaging 165.5 yds.gm since. RB TRAVIS HENRY has 120+ rush yds in 3 of past 4 on road...WR DREW BENNETT (3,845) needs 91 rec. yds to surpass CURTIS DUNCAN (3,935) for 9th on club's all-time receiving yds list...CB-PR PACMAN JONES (2) needs 1 PR-TD to tie BILLY "WHITE SHOES" JOHNSON (3, 1975) for single-season club record. K ROB BIRONAS has game-winning FGs in consecutive wks. Made 60-yd FG for win last wk vs. Ind, 1 of 6 FGs in NFL history 60 yds or longer...TEXANS: Club has won 2 of past 3 at home...QB DAVID CARR leads NFL w/ 69.1 completion pct.; NFL avg. is 59.9 pct. Carr (87.4) is AFC's 5th rated passer & has completed at least 50.0 pct. of passes in 12 consecutive games. Carr has TD pass in 6 of past 7 vs. Ten...Rookie RB WALI LUNDY has 3 TDs in 4 games. In last mtg vs. Titans, RB Lundy rushed for career-best 116 yds. RB RON DAYNE rushed for season-high 95 yds in win last wk at Oak...WR ANDRE JOHNSON leads NFL w/ 85 catches & needs 9 rec. yds for 2nd 1,000-yd season in past 3 yrs. Johnson caught 9 passes for 78 yds in Wk 8 mtg. Rookie TE OWEN DANIELS tied for 2nd among AFC TEs w/ 5 TDs. Offense tied for 3rd in league in 4th down efficiency, converting 7 of 10 (70.0 pct.)...Last wk at Oak, rookie LB DE MECO RYANS notched 1.0 sack, INT & 2 other PDs w/ team-high 15 tackles. CB-PR DEXTER WYNN had career-best 58-yd PR last wk & is 2nd in AFC w/ 12.4 PR avg. Foes' long '06 KR is 39 yds.

# INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (10-2) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (7-5)

SERIES

|                   | COLTS   | JAGUARS  |  |
|-------------------|---|--|--|
| SERIES LEADER     | 9-2   |  |  |
| STREAKS           | Past 3  |  |  |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Dungy: 7-3  | Del Rio: 2-5   |  |
| LAST WEEK         | L 20-17 at Titans   | W 24-10 at Dolphins  |  |
| LAST GAME         | 9/24/06: Jaguars 14 at Colts 21. Indianapolis WR-KR Terrence Wilkins has 82-yard PR-TD & QB Peyton Manning throws 1 TD pass & rushes for another.           |  |  |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 12/11/05: Colts 26, Jaguars 18. Indianapolis WR Marvin Harrison catches 2 TDs & K Mike Vanderjagt adds 4 FGs as Colts become 4th team to begin season 13-0. |  |  |
| BROADCAST         | CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannor   | CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon. SIRIUS: 121 (Ind.), 181 (Jac.). |  |

**STATS** 

| PASSING   | Manning: 265-407-3,315 (1C)-22 (T1L)-8-100.1 (1C) | Garrard: 88-149-1,088-7-4-86.2    |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| RUSHING   | Addai (R): 171-845-4.9-7                          | Taylor: 213-952-4.5-4             |
| RECEIVING | Harrison: 68-993 (3C)-14.6-6                      | R. Williams: 37-413-11.2-4        |
| OFFENSE   | 384.9 (1C)  | 320.3                             |
| TAKE/GIVE | +8  | +4                                |
| DEFENSE   | 323.6   | 278.9 (3C)                        |
| SACKS     | Mathis: 8.5                                       | McCray: 8.0                       |
| INTs      | Harper: 3   | Mathis: 7 (T1L)                   |
| PUNTING   | Smith: 44.6                                       | Hanson: 41.4                      |
| KICKING   | Vinatieri: 83 (26/26 PAT; 19/22 FG)               | Scobee: 91 (3C) (28/28 PAT; 21/25 |
|           |   | FG)                               |
|           | NOTES   |                                   |

#### <u>NOTES</u>

COLTS: Win or tie clinches AFC South title. Playoff berth would mark 9th time in 11 seasons head coach TONY DUNGY has led his team to postseason...Club is 23-5 (.821) vs. AFC South, including wins in 12 of past 13 vs. division...QB PEYTON MANNING owns 8-2 (.800) career mark vs. Jax, completing 209 of 336 passes (62.2 pct.) for 2,613 yards (261.3 avg.), 20 TDs vs. 5 INTs & 100.0 passer rtg. Manning (22) tied w/ Cin.'s CARSON PALMER (22) for TD pass lead...RB JOSEPH ADDAI tops NFL rookies with 845 rush yards, needs 155 rush yards to become 4th rookie in club history w/ 1,000. RB DOMINIC RHODES tied season-high 5 catches last wk...WR MARVIN HARRISON (995) needs 5 catches to be 4th player in NFL history with 1,000; can reach mark in 167th career game Sunday, topping JERRY RICE (181) in reaching mark in fewest games. WR REGGIE WAYNE has 8 TD catches in past 8...DE ROBERT MATHIS (8.5) needs 1.5 sacks for 3rd year in a row with 10. CB JASON DAVID has 2 INTs in past 4 mtgs...JAGUARS: Under head coach JACK DEL RIO team is 17-2 (.895) when leading after 1st guarter. Club has won 4 of past 5 in December...QB DAVID GARRARD has posted 3 games w/118.0+ passer rating in past 5. Made 1st career start vs. Ind & completed 74.3 pct. of passes (26 of 35) for 250 yards & 1 TD in last meeting (12/11/05). Has not thrown INT in 2 career starts vs. Ind... Offense 3rd in NFL rush yds/game (143.0). RB FRED TAYLOR (952) needs 48 rush yds for 6th 1,000-yd season in 9-yr career. Has 70+ yards in 7 of 10 career games vs. Ind. Team is 44-26 (.628) when Taylor rushes for 70+ yards. Rookie RB-KR MAURICE JONES-DREW (500) averages 5.3 yards on 95 rushes. Jones-Drew tops rookies & is tied for 6th in NFL w/ 9 TDs (7 rush)...WR MATT JONES posted career-high 128 rec. yds last wk w/ 1 TD on 6 catches. WR REGGIE WILLIAMS (99) needs 1 catch for 100 career. Opposing QB's passer rating is 63.0, 3rd lowest in NFL & defense has allowed 8 TDs inside 20, 2nd fewest in NFL (Bal, 7). CB RASHEAN MATHIS has 3 INTs in past 3 at home vs. division.

# BALTIMORE RAVENS (9-3) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (7-5)

SERIES

|                   | RAVENS  | <u>CHIEFS</u>          |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| SERIES LEADER     |   | 3-0                    |
| STREAKS           |   | Past 3                 |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Billick: 0-3  | Edwards: 0-2           |
| LAST WEEK         | L 13-7 at Bengals   | L 31-28 (OT) at Browns |
| LAST GAME         | 10/4/04: Chiefs 27 at Ravens 24. Kansas City TDs. Chiefs defense limits Baltimore to 207 to | •                      |
| LAST GAME AT SITE |   |                        |
| BROADCAST         | CBS (12:00 PM CT): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf. SIRIUS: 130 (Bal.), 119 (KC).                 |                        |
|                   | STATS   |                        |

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|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| PASSING   | McNair: 230-371-2,295-12-9-80.2  | Green: 57-85-1,824-11-1-97.6           |
| RUSHING   | J. Lewis: 224-796-3.6-6          | L. Johnson: 210-1,312 (2L)-4.2-13 (2L) |
| RECEIVING | Heap (TE): 55-564-10.3-6         | Gonzalez (TE): 57-728-12.8-5           |
| OFFENSE   | 303.1                            | 328.3                                  |
| TAKE/GIVE | +14 (1L)                         | +4                                     |
| DEFENSE   | 267.4 (1L)                       | 319.1                                  |
| SACKS     | Thomas: 9.0                      | Allen: 6.5                             |
| INTs      | McAlister: 4                     | Law: 3                                 |
| PUNTING   | Koch: 43.4                       | Colquitt: 45.1 (2C)                    |
| KICKING   | Stover: 84 (27/27 PAT; 19/21 FG) | Tynes: 81 (27/28 PAT; 18/23 FG)        |
|           | NATEO                            |  |

# <u>NOTES</u>

RAVENS: Team travels to Arrowhead for 1st time...Club is 18-10 (.643) in Dec. under head coach BRIAN BILLICK (since 1999). Under Billick, team is 45-1 (.978) - including 6-0 in '06 - with 14+ point lead in game...QB STEVE MC NAIR is 24-13 (.649) in career as Dec. starter. McNair (2,295) needs 265 pass yds to surpass KYLE BOLLER (2,559; 2004) for 2nd most in single season by Raven (4,177; VINNY TESTAVERDE, 1996). McNair to make 1st career start at Arrowhead...In 2 career games vs. KC, RB JAMAL LEWIS has 1 rush TD in each w/ 188 total rush yds. Club has won 5 games in row when RB Lewis rushes for TD...WR DERRICK MASON's teams are 13-6 (.684) in Dec. when he posts 5+ receptions. TE TODD HEAP (6) needs 1 TD catch to tie career-high (7, 2005) & catch 3rd-most by Raven in single season...T JONATHAN OGDEN to play in 165th career game - most in club history...Club leads NFL w/ +14 turnover differential ... Defense (15.0) ranks 2nd in NFL in points allowed per game & has scored 19 TDs since 2003 - most in NFL in that span. LB ADALIUS THOMAS (5) & CB CHRIS MC ALISTER (5) tied w/ ROD WOODSON for most defensive TDs in club history...CHIEFS: Team has won 5 of past 7 games & is 5-1 (.833) when leading at halftime under head coach HERM EDWARDS...In 2 career starts vs. Bal, QB TRENT GREEN has 94.0 passer rtg w/ 38 of 59 (64.4 pct.) passing for 382 yds, 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs. Club has won 11 of past 13 at home when Green starts...RB LARRY JOHNSON has 100+ rush yds in 6 of past 7 starts; stands No. 2 in NFL w/ 1,312 rush yds. Johnson (43) needs 1 rush TD to tie HOFer MARCUS ALLEN (44) for 2nd most in team annals (PRIEST HOLMES, 76)...WR SAMIE PARKER has at least 5 catches in 3 games in '06 & needs 1 more to reach 4 such games in season for 1st time. TE TONY GONZALEZ (61) needs 1 TD to tie SHANNON SHARPE (62) for most TD catches by TE in NFL history...G WILL SHIELDS to make clubrecord 220th start in row Sunday...DE JARED ALLEN leads NFL w/ 4 defensive FRs. LB DERRICK JOHNSON has at least 1.0 sack in 3 of past 4 at home...WR-KR-PR DANTE HALL had game-winning 97-yd KR-TD vs. Bal on 9/28/03.

# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (9-3) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (5-7)

SERIES

|                   | PATRIOTS                                      | DOLPHINS                                   |
|-------------------|---|--|
| SERIES LEADER     |   | 46-33                                      |
| STREAKS           | 6 of past 8                                   |  |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Saban: 1-2                                    | Belichick: 7-8                             |
| LAST WEEK         | W 28-21 vs. Lions                             | L 24-10 vs. Jaguars                        |
| LAST GAME         | 10/8/06: Dolphins 10 at Patriots 20. New Engl | and QB Tom Brady passes for 2 TDs & rookie |
|                   | K Steve Gostkowski connects on 2 FGs.         |  |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 11/13/05: Patriots 23, Dolphins 16. New Engla | and QB Tom Brady passes for 275 yards & 2  |
|                   | TDs & K Adam Vinatieri connects on 3 FGs.     |  |
| BROADCAST         | CBS (1:00 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross    | s. SIRIUS: 110 (NE), 152 (Mia.).           |

| PASSING   | Brady: 248-405-2,868 (3C)-20 (3C)-12-86.7 | Harrington: 193-326-1,984-11-13-71.4 |
|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| RUSHING   | Maroney (R): 155-624-4.0-4                | Morris: 39-173-4.4-0                 |
| RECEIVING | Watson (TE): 48-638-13.3-3                | Welker: 58-598-10.3-1                |
| OFFENSE   | 348.1 (3C)                                | 318.8                                |
| TAKE/GIVE | +3  | -2                                   |
| DEFENSE   | 293.0                                     | 285.6                                |
| SACKS     | Colvin: 6.5                               | Taylor: 10.5 (T1C)                   |
| INTs      | Samuel: 7 (T1L)                           | Hill, Taylor: 2                      |
| PUNTING   | Walter: 38.4                              | Jones: 42.6                          |
| KICKING   | Gostkowski (R): 71 (32/32 PAT: 13/17 FG)  | Mare: 73 (19/19 PAT; 18/28 FG)       |
|           | NOTES                                     |                                      |

STATS

PATRIOTS: Clinch division w/ win & NYJ loss. Club is 1 of 3 in NFL to rank in top 10 in both total offense (No. 6) & total defense (No. 9). Since 2001, team is 29-8 (.784) vs. division under head coach BILL BELICHICK...QB TOM BRADY is 18-3 (.857) in career Dec. starts, including wins in 13 of past 14. Brady (20) needs 3 TD passes to reach at least 23 for 5th consecutive season...In 4 career gms w/ at least 1 carry vs. Mia, RB COREY DILLON has avg'd at least 4.5 yds/rush in each. Dillon tied club record w/ 3 rush TDs last wk...TE BENJAMIN WATSON posted 271 rec. yds in 1st 6 games of season & has 367 in past 6. Watson leads team w/ career-best 638 rec. yds. WR RECHE CALDWELL has TD catch in 3 of past 6...Defense has 5 INTs in 2 career mtgs vs. Mia QB Harrington & has allowed 0 TDs. DT RICHARD SEYMOUR has 3.5 sacks in past 4 road division games. DE JARVIS GREEN has registered 4.5 of 5.5 sacks on road. CB ASANTE SAMUEL had 2 INTs in Wk 4 mtg & has 4 in past 2 gms. Samuel tied for NFL lead w/7 INTs...DOLPHINS: Club has won 4 of past 5 games in row...QB JOEY HARRINGTON has passed for at least 2 TDs in 3 of past 6 starts... Team is 4-2 (.667) when RB SAMMY MORRIS rushed for at least 60 yds...WR CHRIS CHAMBERS has TD catch in 9 of past 10 home games vs. AFC East & has catch in 59 games in row. Chambers has 3 TDs in past 3 at home vs. NE. Club has won 3 of past 4 at home when Chambers has TD catch. WR MARTY BOOKER has posted catch of at least 50 yds in 2 of past 3 Dec. games & has 3 TD catches in past 2 games...LB ZACH THOMAS to play in 160th career game, most by Dolphin defender all-time. DT VONNIE HOLLIDAY has 6.5 sacks & needs 1.5 more to equal career-high (8.0; 1998 w/ GB). Holliday (49.0) needs 1.0 sack to reach 50 in career. In past 11 vs. NE, DE JASON TAYLOR 8.5 sacks. Taylor has 10.5 sacks on season, tied for 2nd in NFL (JULIUS PEPPERS, Car, 11.0). DE KEVIN CARTER has 0.5+ sack in 3 of past 6 games vs. NE. Team has 8 INTs in past 5 vs. Brady, limiting him to sub-80.0 passer rating in 5 of past 6 mtgs.

# ATLANTA FALCONS (6-6) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (3-9)

SERIES

|                   | FALCONS                                       | BUCCANEERS                                    |
|-------------------|---|---|
| SERIES LEADER     |   | 15-11   |
| STREAKS           |   | 3 of past 4                                   |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Mora:2-3                                      | Gruden: 7-3                                   |
| LAST WEEK         | W 24-14 at Redskins                           | L 20-3 at Steelers                            |
| LAST GAME         | 9/17/06: Buccaneers 3 at Falcons 14. Atlanta  | sets franchise record with 306 rushing yards, |
|                   | including 134 for RB Warrick Dunn & 127 for G | QB Michael Vick.                              |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 12/24/05: Buccaneers 27, Falcons 24 (OT). Ta  | ampa Bay K Matt Bryant connects from 41       |
|                   | yards with 15 seconds remaining in OT as Atla | anta is eliminated from playoff contention.   |
| BROADCAST         | FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johns  | ston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter). SIRIUS: |
|                   | 128 (Atl.), 107 (TB).                         |   |

#### **STATS**

|           | NOTES                              | 1                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|
| KICKING   | Andersen: 70 (19/19 PAT; 17/20 FG) | Bryant: 49 (16/16 PAT; 11/14 FG)       |
| PUNTING   | Koenen: 42.6                       | Bidwell: 42.6                          |
| INTs      | Hall: 4                            | Barber: 3                              |
| SACKS     | Mallard: 4.0                       | D. White, Wyms: 4.0                    |
| DEFENSE   | 342.8                              | 334.5                                  |
| TAKE/GIVE | +8 (T2C)                           | -11                                    |
| OFFENSE   | 341.6                              | 254.2                                  |
| RECEIVING | Crumpler (TE): 39-588-15.1-7       | Galloway: 44-734-16.7-5                |
| RUSHING   | Dunn: 229-952-4.2-4                | C. Williams: 194-724-3.7-1             |
| PASSING   | Vick: 157-307-1,892-15-9-74.5      | Gradkowski (R): 159-293-1,503-9-9-66.1 |

#### **NOTES**

FALCONS: Only team in NFL with 2 players with 900+ rush yards each – RB WARRICK DUNN (952) & QB MICHAEL VICK (929). Vick needs 40 yards to pass BOBBY DOUGLASS (968 yards, Chicago, 1972) for most rush yards by QB in single season. Rushed for 127 yards in last meeting. Has 6 TDs (5 pass, 1 rush) in past 3 vs. TB. Passed for 2 TDs last week & Falcons are 17-4 (810) when he has 2+ pass TDs...Dunn had 134 rushing yards in last game vs. former team (1997-01). Rookie RB JERIOUS NORWOOD had career-high 107 rush yards last week, incl. 69-yard TD. Averages 73.5 vards per TD run (2 TDs)...ALGE CRUMPLER leads NFL TEs with 11 catches of 20+ yards. Has 6 TDs in past 7. WR MICHAEL JENKINS has TD reception in 5 of past 7. In 3 games vs. TB, WR RODDY WHITE averages 19.6 yards per catch (8-157)...CB DE ANGELO HALL has 3 INTs & 143 return yards in past 2 vs. Bucs. Has 308 INT return yards (10 INTs, 30.8 avg.) since 2005, most in NFL. LB KEITH BROOKING has INT in 2 of past 3 meetings. DT ROD COLEMAN aims for 3rd in row vs. TB with sack. Has 4.5 sacks in past 5 meetings... BUCCANEERS: QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI leads NFC rookie QBs with 9 TD passes. In 3 starts vs. division, has 5 TDs vs. 2 INTs...Bucs are 7-1 (.875) when RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS has 100+ yards and 9-0 when he has more than 20 carries. Has 2 100-yard performances in 3 games vs. Atl. along with 2 TDs. RB MIKE ALSTOTT has 5 TDs in past 5 vs. Falcons (4 rush, 1 rec.)...In past 2 meetings, WR JOEY GALLOWAY has 17 catches for 258 yards (129.0 per game)...Defense has allowed Falcons 203 net passing yards in past 2 meetings (101.5 per game). LB DERRICK BROOKS had INT in last meeting & has 2 INTs in career vs. Falcons, incl. 15-yard INT-TD (10/6/02). Had INT last week vs. Pit. CB RONDE BARBER has 31 INTs & can pass **DONNIE ABRAHAM** (31) for franchise record. Leads club with 3 INTs & 103 return yards.

# PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (6-6) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (4-8)

SERIES

|                   | EAGLES  | REDSKINS                                       |
|-------------------|---|--|
| SERIES LEADER     |   | 74-63-5  |
| STREAKS           | 8 of past 10  |  |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Reid: 10-5  | Gibbs: 19-11                                   |
| LAST WEEK         | W 27-24 vs. Panthers  | L 24-14 vs. Falcons                            |
| LAST GAME         | 11/12/06: Redskins 3 at Eagles 27. Philadelpl   | hia QB Donovan McNabb passes for 257 yards     |
|                   | & 2 TDs, including 84-yarder to WR Donte' Sta   | allworth.                                      |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 11/6/05: Redskins 17, Eagles 10. Washington RBs Clinton Portis & Mike Sellers each rush |  |
|                   | for 1 TD. Redskins K John Hall connects on 2  | 24-yard FG.                                    |
| BROADCAST         | FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldir  | nger, Jay Glazer (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 146 |
|                   | (Phi.), 123 (Was.).   |  |

#### **STATS**

| PASSING  | Garcia: 66-111-641-6-0-93.7     | J. Campbell: 48-95-531-5-3-71.9 |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RUSHING  | Westbrook: 177-907-5.1-5        | Betts: 141-643-4.6-2            |
| ECEIVING | Westbrook (RB): 66-586-8.9-4    | Moss: 41-587-14.3-4             |
| OFFENSE  | 386.6 (2L)                      | 312.1                           |
| AKE/GIVE | +/- 0                           | -3                              |
| DEFENSE  | 324.8                           | 351.8                           |
| SACKS    | T. Cole: 8.0                    | A. Carter, Daniels: 3.0         |
| NTs      | Sheppard: 5 (T2C)               | Five tied: 1                    |
| PUNTING  | Johnson: 42.4                   | Frost: 42.0                     |
| KICKING  | Akers: 78 (36/36 PAT; 14/17 FG) | Suisham: 7 (4/4 PAT; 1/3 FG)    |

EAGLES: QB JEFF GARCIA has won past 2 starts vs. Redskins. In last meeting (10/3/04 with Cle.), posted 112.2 passer rating. Passed for 312 yards with 3 TDs & 0 INTs last week...RB BRIAN WESTBROOK ranks 6th in NFL with 1,493 scrimmage yards (907 rush, 586 rec.)...WR REGGIE BROWN had 56-yard TD in last game at Was. This season, has scored 8 TDs (7 rec., 1 rush) on 39 touches (20.5 pct.). WR DONTE' STALLWORTH had 6 catches for 139 yards (23.2 avg.), incl. 84-yard TD in only meeting vs. Was. Has 31 catches for 638 yards & leads NFL with 20.6 yards per catch avg. (min. 30 rec.). Offense leads NFL with 61 plays of 20+ yards...Club (29) needs 1 sack to pass last season's total. S BRIAN DAWKINS has 30 INTs with Eagles, 2nd-most by active player with current team (RONDE BARBER, TB, 31). Eagles are 13-3 (.813) in past 15 when Dawkins has INT. CB SHELDON BROWN had 70-yard INT-TD in last game vs. Redskins. CB LITO SHEPPARD averages 31.0 yards per INT return in career (14 INTs). DE TRENT COLE had 1st career sack vs. Was. (11/6/05)...REDSKINS: Head coach JOE GIBBS has 19 wins vs. Eagles, his 2nd-most vs. single opponent (Arz, 21)...QB JASON CAMPBELL has 5 TDs in 1st 3 NFL starts & aims for 4th in row with TD pass...In 9 career games with 15+ carries, RB LADELL BETTS averages 102.7 yards per game (924 yards) & has scored 4 rush TDs. Betts had career-best 155 yards last week. Club is 5th in NFC averaging 128.4 rush yards per game...Since joining Redskins in 2005, WR SANTANA MOSS has averaged 16.6 yards per catch avg. (125-2,070), tops in NFL among players with 100+ catches. TE CHRIS COOLEY has TD catch in 5 of past 7. Since entering league in 2004, has 18 TDs, tied for 3rd among TEs. WR-PR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL is 5th in NFC with 9.9 PR avg., with 87-yard PR-TD...LB WARRICK HOLDMAN had 1.0 sack in last meeting. S TROY VINCENT was Eagle from 1996-2003 & was selected to 5 Pro Bowls. **DE PHILLIP DANIELS** has 5.5 sacks in 6 meetings & has 4.0 sacks in past 4 meetings vs. Eagles.

# SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (8-4) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (3-9)

SERIES

| SERIES LEADER8-7STREAKS7 of past 8COACHES VS. OPP.Holmgren: 7-2Green: 1-5LAST WEEKW 23-20 at BroncosW 34-20 at RamsLAST GAME9/17/06: Cardinals 10 at Seahawks 21. Seattle WR Darrell Jackson hauls in 5 receptions for<br>127 yards, including 47-yard score.LAST GAME AT SITE11/6/05: Seahawks 33, Cardinals 19. Seahawks RB Shaun Alexander runs for 173 yards &<br>2 scores, including club-record 88-yard TD run.BROADCASTFOX (2:05 PM MT): Thom Brennaman, Barry Alvarez, Charles Davis, Chris Myers (Field<br>reporter). SIRIUS: 130 (Sea.). 147 (Arz.). |                   | <u>SEAHAWKS</u>                            | CARDINALS                                      |
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| COACHES VS. OPP.Holmgren: 7-2Green: 1-5LAST WEEKW 23-20 at BroncosW 34-20 at RamsLAST GAME9/17/06: Cardinals 10 at Seahawks 21. Seattle WR Darrell Jackson hauls in 5 receptions for<br>127 yards, including 47-yard score.LAST GAME AT SITE11/6/05: Seahawks 33, Cardinals 19. Seahawks RB Shaun Alexander runs for 173 yards &<br>2 scores, including club-record 88-yard TD run.BROADCASTFOX (2:05 PM MT): Thom Brennaman, Barry Alvarez, Charles Davis, Chris Myers (Field   | SERIES LEADER     | 8-7  |  |
| LAST WEEKW 23-20 at BroncosW 34-20 at RamsLAST GAME9/17/06: Cardinals 10 at Seahawks 21. Seattle WR Darrell Jackson hauls in 5 receptions for<br>127 yards, including 47-yard score.LAST GAME AT SITE11/6/05: Seahawks 33, Cardinals 19. Seahawks RB Shaun Alexander runs for 173 yards &<br>2 scores, including club-record 88-yard TD run.BROADCASTFOX (2:05 PM MT): Thom Brennaman, Barry Alvarez, Charles Davis, Chris Myers (Field  | STREAKS           | 7 of past 8                                |  |
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|  | LAST GAME AT SITE |  |  |
| reporter). SIRIUS: 130 (Sea.). 147 (Arz.).   | BROADCAST         | FOX (2:05 PM MT): Thom Brennaman, Barry A  | Alvarez, Charles Davis, Chris Myers (Field     |
|  |                   | reporter). SIRIUS: 130 (Sea.). 147 (Arz.). |  |

# STATS

| PASSING   | Hasselbeck: 136-240-1,574-13-11-75.6     | Leinart (R): 164-295-1,939-8-9-72.1 |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|
| RUSHING   | Alexander: 148-515-3.5-3                 | James: 252-810-3.2-3                |
| RECEIVING | Jackson: 58-896-15.4-9 (1L)              | Boldin: 66-920-13.9-4               |
| OFFENSE   | 305.9                                    | 295.3                               |
| TAKE/GIVE | -3                                       | +/- 0                               |
| DEFENSE   | 326.9                                    | 355.9                               |
| SACKS     | Peterson: 9.0                            | Dansby: 5.0                         |
| INTs      | Hamlin: 3                                | Wilson: 4                           |
| PUNTING   | Plackemeier (R): 45.0                    | Player: 44.5                        |
| KICKING   | J. Brown: 90 (T3C) (27/27 PAT; 21/27 FG) | Rackers: 77 (23/23 PAT; 18/25 FG)   |
|           | NOTES                                    |                                     |

SEAHAWKS: Head coach MIKE HOLMGREN has won 7 of 9 meetings against Arz...QB MATT HASSELBECK is 6-1 (.857) in career vs. Arz. as starter. Has won 8 in row vs. division with 13 TDs, 5 INTs & 98.0 passer rating...In past 8 vs. Arz., RB SHAUN ALEXANDER has rushed for 849 yards (106.1 per game) & 15 TDs. Has 103 TDs in 102 career games & is 1 of only 4 players in NFL history to average 1.0+ TD per game. Seahawks are 29-5 (.853) when Alexander rushes for 100+ yards...Incl. playoffs, WR DEION BRANCH's teams are 16-3 (.842) when he has TD reception. WR DARRELL JACKSON has 9 TDs in past 11. Has 40 catches for 769 yards (109.9 per game) & 4 TDs in 7 games vs. Arz. (6 100vard games)...LB JULIAN PETERSON had 1.0 sack in last meeting & has sack in 7 of 1st 12 games with Sea. Rookie DE DARRYL TAPP had 25-yard INT-TD last week. Had sack in last game vs. Arz. S KEN HAMLIN has 2.0 sacks & 2 FFs in past 3 meetings. K JOSH BROWN had game-winning 50-yard FG last week, tying single-season record with 4th game-winning FG in final minute...CARDINALS: QB MATT LEINART has passed for 200+ yards in 6 of 8 starts...RB EDGERRIN JAMES rushed for career-best 219 yards & 3 TDs in 1st meeting vs. Sea. (10/15/00 with Ind.). When James has 2+ rush TDs, his teams are 15-0. RB MARCEL SHIPP had career-high 3 TDs last week...WR ANQUAN BOLDIN aims for 6th in row vs. Sea. with 6+ catches. Has 37 catches for 441 yards (88.2 per game) & 2 TDs in past 5 meetings. WR LARRY FITZGERALD has 12 catches for 175 yards (87.5 per game) & 1 TD in 2 home meetings. WR BRYANT JOHNSON averages 17.8 yards per catch...S ADRIAN WILSON had 2.0 sacks & 1 INT in last meeting. Is only player in NFC with 4.0 sacks & 4 INTs. Has 2 99-yard TDs this season (FR-TD, INT-TD) & is only player with 2 defensive TDs of 99+ yards. DT DARNELL DOCKETT had 1.0 sack in last meeting. LB KARLOS DANSBY had 1st career INT vs. Sea. & has 5.0 sacks in past 7. DE CHIKE OKEAFOR tied career-high with 2.5 sacks last week. Was Seahawk from 2003-04.

# GREEN BAY PACKERS (4-8) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (5-7)

SERIES

|                   | PACKERS                                      | <u>49ERS</u>                                 |
|-------------------|--|--|
| SERIES LEADER     | 27-25-1                                      |  |
| STREAKS           | Past 6                                       |  |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | McCarthy: 0-0                                | Nolan: 0-0                                   |
| LAST WEEK         | L 38-10 vs. Jets                             | L 34-10 at Saints                            |
| LAST GAME         | 11/23/03: 49ers 10 at Packers 20. Green Bay  | QB Brett Favre passes for 2 TDs, including   |
|                   | 66-yarder to WR Javon Walker. Packers RB A   | Ahman Green rushes 27 times for 154 yards.   |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 12/15/02: Packers 20, 49ers 14. Green Bay so | cores 17 2nd-half points as Packers win 3rd  |
|                   | consecutive game. Packers RB Ahman Greer     | rushes for 90 yards & 1 TD.                  |
| BROADCAST         | FOX (1:05 PM PT): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pears  | son, Tim Ryan, Laura Okmin (Field reporter). |
|                   | SIRIUS: 110 (GB), 125 (SF).                  |  |

#### **STATS**

| PASSING   | Favre: 254-450-2,848-15-12-75.5  | A. Smith: 196-327-2,143-12-12-76.3 |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| RUSHING   | Green: 183-790-4.3-4             | Gore: 223-1,217 (1C)-5.5-5         |
| RECEIVING | Driver: 64-943 (3C)-14.7-6       | Gore (RB): 46-346-7.5-0            |
| OFFENSE   | 336.9                            | 295.6                              |
| TAKE/GIVE | -5                               | -5                                 |
| DEFENSE   | 352.7                            | 340.8                              |
| SACKS     | Kampman: 10.0 (T2C)              | Moore: 5.5                         |
| NTs       | Woodson: 5 (T2C)                 | W. Harris: 6 (1C)                  |
| PUNTING   | Ryan: 45.3 (3C)                  | Lee: 44.4                          |
| KICKING   | Rayner: 75 (24/24 PAT; 17/23 FG) | Nedney: 81 (21/21 PAT; 20/26 FG)   |

PACKERS: Head coach MIKE MC CARTHY was 49ers offensive coordinator last year...Packers have won 10 of past 11 meetings, incl. 5 playoff games...QB BRETT FAVRE is 6-0 vs. SF with 1,515 yards & 10 TDs. In past 4 meetings, Favre has 100.6 passer rating...RB AHMAN GREEN has 284 rush yards & 3 TDs in 3 career meetings (94.7 yards per game), incl. 154 yards in last game vs. SF. Has 790 yards & is on pace for 6th 1,000-yard season with Packers, which would pass Pro Football HOFer JIM TAYLOR (5) for most in team history...WR DONALD DRIVER leads team with 943 receiving yards & needs 57 yards for 3rd consecutive 1,000-yard season. WR GREG JENNINGS had 3 TDs & can become 1st rookie WR with 4 receiving TDs since Pro Football Hall of Famer JAMES LOFTON in 1978...DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA had 1.0 sack in last meeting. DE AARON KAMPMAN leads team with 10.0 sacks & is only 8th Packer to record 10.0+ sacks in season. CB CHARLES WOODSON has 3 INTs in past 2 & has tied his career-high with 5 INTs. CB PATRICK DENDY had INT last week & has 2 INTs in past 4 games...49ERS: QB ALEX SMITH has career-high 12 TDs. Has posted 100.0+ passer rating 3 times this year & 49ers are 3-0...RB FRANK GORE has 545 rush yards (136.3 per game) in past 4, incl. team-record 212 yards in Week 11. Is 5th in NFL with 1,563 scrimmage yards (1,217 rush, 346 rec.) & leads NFL with 12 rushes of 20+ yards...In career, WR ANTONIO BRYANT has 247 catches for 3,782 yards for 15.3 yards per catch avg., 7th-highest (min. 200 catches) since Bryant entered NFL in 2002. Had 48-yard TD last week. WR ARNAZ BATTLE has catch in 16 consecutive games & is 2nd on team with 42 receptions & 467 yards. Ties Bryant for club lead with 3 rec. TDs...Team is 36-19 (.655) when DE BRYANT YOUNG has 1.0+ sack in career. LB BRANDON MOORE has 3.5 sacks in past 6 & leads team with 5.5 sacks. In past 4, S KEITH LEWIS has 2 INTs, 1.0 sack, 1 FF & 1 FR. Club has forced 13 turnovers in past 5 (6 INT, 7 FR). CB WALT HARRIS leads NFC with career-high 6 INTs.

## BUFFALO BILLS (5-7) AT NEW YORK JETS (7-5)

SERIES

|                   | BILLS  | JETS                                       |
|-------------------|--|--|
| SERIES LEADER     | 49-42  |  |
| STREAKS           |  | Past 2                                     |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Jauron: 1-2                                      | Mangini: 1-0                               |
| LAST WEEK         | L 24-21 vs. Chargers                             | W 38-10 at Packers                         |
| LAST GAME         | 9/24/06: Jets 28 at Bills 20. New York LB Victor | or Hobson returns fumble 32 yards for TD & |
|                   | RBs Kevan Barlow & Cedric Houston each rus       | sh for TDs.                                |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 1/1/06: Jets 30, Bills 26. New York KR Justin    | Miller has 95-yard KR-TD & Jets' defense   |
|                   | forces 4 turnovers.                              |  |
| BROADCAST         | CBS (4:15 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcot      | ts. SIRIUS: 181 (Buf.), 152 (NYJ).         |

#### **STATS**

| PASSING   | Losman: 206-327-2,191-12-10-82.0  | Pennington: 226-352-2,437-13-13-81.4 |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|           |                                   |                                      |  |  |  |  |
| RUSHING   | McGahee: 182-668-3.7-4            | L. Washington (R): 120-511-4.3-3     |  |  |  |  |
| RECEIVING | Evans: 65-925-14.2-4              | Coles: 71 (3L)-854-12.0-4            |  |  |  |  |
| OFFENSE   | 253.8                             | 302.9                                |  |  |  |  |
| TAKE/GIVE | -3                                | +1                                   |  |  |  |  |
| DEFENSE   | 338.6                             | 351.6                                |  |  |  |  |
| SACKS     | Schobel: 9.5                      | B. Thomas: 6.5                       |  |  |  |  |
| INTs      | 3 tied: 2                         | Dyson, Rhodes: 4                     |  |  |  |  |
| PUNTING   | Moorman: 44.5                     | Graham: 44.8 (3C)                    |  |  |  |  |
| KICKING   | Lindell: 74 (23/23 PAT; 17/19 FG) | Nugent: 67 (28/29 PAT; 13/16 FG)     |  |  |  |  |
|           | NOTES                             |                                      |  |  |  |  |

#### <u>NOTES</u>

BILLS: Eight of team's 12 games decided by one-possession scores...Team has won 3 of past 4 games when QB J.P. LOSMAN completes 65.0+ pct. of passes...RB WILLIS MC GAHEE has 4 consecutive 110+ yd games vs. NYJ, averaging 134.5 yds in those contests. McGahee (3,043) needs 14 rush yds to surpass COOKIE GILCHRIST (3,056) for 6th most in club history. McGahee has posted at least 20 carries in 6 road divisional games in row...WR LEE EVANS caught 8 passes for 107 yds in Wk 3 mtg. Evans (929) needs 71 rec. yds to post 15th 1.000-yd rec. season in club history & 1st since ERIC MOULDS (2004)...DE CHRIS KELSAY has sack in 3 of past 5 vs. NYJ. DT LARRY TRIPPLETT has sack in 2 of past 3 games...CB-KR TERRENCE MC GEE has 30+ yd KR in 8 of 12 games. WR-PR ROSCOE PARRISH has 15+ yd PR in 6 of past 8 games & 20+ yds return in 3 of past 6 & stands 2nd in NFL w/ 13.5 avg...JETS: Club has won past 4 at home in series, scoring at least 30 points in 3 of those 4 victories. Team has 7 wins under rookie head coach ERIC MANGINI & needs 1 more to double 2005 victory total (4)...Last wk, QB CHAD PENNINGTON (11,058) became 5th NYJ QB to surpass 11,000 career pass yds. Club is 3-0 vs. Buf when Pennington posts 90.0+ passer rating & 0-2 when he does not. Pennington is 6-2 (.750) in home Dec. starts...RBs LEON WASHINGTON (511) & KEVAN BARLOW (334) combine for 845 rush yds on 233 carries & 9 rush TDs. Washington stands 4th in rush yds among rookies. Barlow (6) needs 2 rush TDs for career best (7, 2004 w/ SF). Last wk, RB CEDRIC HOUSTON posted careerbest 105 rush yds & 2 TDs...WR LAVERANUES COLES stands 3rd in AFC w/ 71 catches & ties for AFC lead w/ 23 3rd down catches. WRs Coles & JERRICHO COTCHERY (60) 1 of 3 AFC WR tandems w/ 60 receptions apiece. TE CHRIS BAKER has TD in 2 of past 4 vs. Bills...Jets (56) tied for 3rd fewest penalties committed in AFC...LB VICTOR HOBSON recorded 32-yd FR-TD in last mtg (Wk 3). CB ANDRE DYSON has returned 4 of 20 career INTs (20.0 pct.) for TD.

# **DENVER BRONCOS (7-5) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (10-2)**

#### SERIES

|                   | BRONCOS  | CHARGERS                                  |
|-------------------|--|---|
| SERIES LEADER     | 52-40-1  |   |
| STREAKS           | 2 of past 3  |   |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Shanahan: 19-7   | Schottenheimer: 12-22                     |
| LAST WEEK         | L 23-20 vs. Seahawks   | W 24-21 at Bills                          |
| LAST GAME         | 11/19/06: Chargers 35 at Broncos 27. San Die<br>scrimmage yards (105 rush, 74 receiving) & 4 | •   |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 12/31/05: Broncos 23, Chargers 7. Denver S sacks that lead to 9 Broncos' points.             | John Lynch forces 2 fumbles & records 2.0 |
| BROADCAST         | CBS (1:15 PM PT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. SI  | IRIUS: 143 (Den.), 123 (SD).              |

#### **STATS**

| PASSING   | Cutler (R): 10-21-143-2-2-62.3 | Rivers: 232-360-2,600-16-6-93.8        |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| RUSHING   | T. Bell: 174-782-4.5-2         | Tomlinson: 257-1,324 (1L)-5.2-23 (1L)  |
| RECEIVING | Walker: 53-871-16.4-6          | Gates (TE): 57-694-12.2-6              |
| OFFENSE   | 304.1                          | 361.8 (2C)                             |
| TAKE/GIVE | +/- 0                          | +11 (2L)                               |
| DEFENSE   | 317.2                          | 291.5                                  |
| SACKS     | Dumervil (R): 7.0              | Merriman, Phillips: 10.5 (T1C)         |
| INTs      | Bailey: 6 (T3L)                | Jammer: 4                              |
| PUNTING   | Ernster: 41.9                  | Scifres: 43.3                          |
| KICKING   | Elam: 77 (23/23 PAT; 18/20)    | Kaeding: 99 (1C) (45/45 PAT; 18/21 FG) |
|           | NOTES                          | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  |

#### <u>NOTES</u>

BRONCOS: Head coach MIKE SHANAHAN is 19-7 (.760) vs. SD & has guided club to wins in 7 of past 10 mtgs... Rookie QB JAY CUTLER made 1st NFL start last week, passing for 2 TDs, including 71-yarder to rookie WR BRANDON MARSHALL...RB TATUM BELL rushed for season-high 133 yds (5.8 avg.) last wk & scored career-high 3 TDs in last meeting vs. SD (12/31/05). Team is 7-1 (.875) when Bell rushes for TD. Rookie RB MIKE BELL rushed for 90 yds & 2 TDs in Wk 11 mtg. Rookie Bell has carried ball 25 times on rushes Nos. 11-20 in game & averages 6.6 vds on those carries...WR JAVON WALKER has converted 22 of 29 receptions (75.9 pct.) on road for 1st downs this season. Walker (871) needs 129 to reach 1,000 for 2nd time in past 3 seasons. WR ROD SMITH has 110 career receptions vs. SD - his 2nd most vs. 1 team (KC, 123)...Defense has limited foes to 20 points or less in 9 of 12 games. Club has not allowed SD TE Gates TD catch in 7 mtgs. CB CHAMP BAILEY ties for 3rd in league with 6 INTs. DE ELVIS DUMERVIL ranks 2nd among NFL rookies with 7.0 sacks... CHARGERS: Victory clinches playoff berth... Club has won 6 games in a row, scoring at least 32 points in 4 of those 6... Head coach MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER (201) needs 1 victory to pass DAN REEVES (201) for 6th most wins in NFL history...QB PHILIP RIVERS completed 73.1 pct. of passes (19 of 26) for 222 passing yards & 2 TDs in last mtg. for 92.1 passer rtg. Rivers (123.8) is NFL's highest-rated 4th-guarter passer, completing 49 of 70 (70.0 pct.) for 585 yards with 6 TDs vs. 0 INTs...RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON (26) needs 2 TDs to tie SHAUN ALEXANDER (28, 2005) most in single season. Tomlinson (1,324) needs 176 rush yds for 1,500 for 3rd time in 6-yr career...TE ANTONIO GATES has 5+ receptions in 7 of past 8. Team has won past 2 vs. Den when WR ERIC PARKER makes 25-yd catch...Defense leads NFL with 44 sacks, topped by LBs SHAWNE MERRIMAN (10.5), who had 2.0 sacks last wk, & SHAUN PHILLIPS (10.5), who has 1+ sacks in 4 games in row. Phillips has sack in past 2 vs. Den.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT

# NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (8-4) AT DALLAS COWBOYS (8-4)

#### SERIES

|                   | SAINTS                                      | COWBOYS                                       |
|-------------------|---|---|
| SERIES LEADER     |   | 14-7  |
| STREAKS           | Past 4                                      |   |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Payton: 0-0                                 | Parcells: 3-5                                 |
| LAST WEEK         | W 34-10 vs. 49ers                           | W 23-20 at Giants                             |
| LAST GAME         | 12/12/04: Saints 27 at Cowboys 13. New Orle | ans RB Deuce McAllister rushes for 2 TDs as   |
|                   | Saints rally to defeat Dallas.              |   |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 12/12/04                                    |   |
| BROADCAST         | NBC (7:15 PM CT): Al Michaels, John Madder  | n, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood   |
|                   | One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Ki  | ley (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 123 (Westwood); |
|                   | 125 (NO), 130 (Dal.).                       |   |

# <u>STATS</u>

| PASSING   | Brees: 292-441-3,649 (1L)-20 (1C)-10-97.4 | Romo: 145-214-1,913-13-7-102.4 (1L) |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| RUSHING   | McAllister: 181-790-4.4-8 (T2C)           | J. Jones: 224-877-3.9-3             |  |  |  |  |
| RECEIVING | Bush (RB) (R): 73-562-7.7-1               | Owens: 69-915-13.3-8 (T2L)          |  |  |  |  |
| OFFENSE   | 400.2 (1L)                                | 375.6 (3C)                          |  |  |  |  |
| TAKE/GIVE | -6  | +7                                  |  |  |  |  |
| DEFENSE   | 313.4                                     | 288.8 (3C)                          |  |  |  |  |
| SACKS     | Smith: 8.5                                | Ware: 6.0                           |  |  |  |  |
| INTs      | 3 tied: 2                                 | R. Williams: 5 (T2C)                |  |  |  |  |
| PUNTING   | Weatherford (R): 43.2                     | McBriar: 48.7 (1L)                  |  |  |  |  |
| KICKING   | Carney: 90 (T3C) (33/34 PAT; 19/21 FG)    | Gramatica: 23 (11/11 PAT; 4/5 FG)   |  |  |  |  |
|           | NOTEO                                     |                                     |  |  |  |  |

# <u>NOTES</u>

SAINTS: Head coach SEAN PAYTON was asst. coach with Dal. from 2003-05...Team has 1,910 total net yards (477.5 per game) in past 4. Offense ties for NFL lead with 15 TDs of 20+ yards (13 pass, 2 rush) & ranks 2nd with 50 pass plays of 20+ yards...QB DREW BREES has 2,140 pass yards in past 6 (356.7 per game). In past 5 on road, Brees has 1,763 yards (5 300-yard games) with 9 TDs vs. 1 INT for 112.5 passer rating...RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER rushed for 83 yards & 2 TDs in last meeting. Rookie RB Bush tied WR JOE HORN's franchise record with 4 TDs (3 rush, 1 rec.) last week & became 1st NFL player since 1967 (DONNY ANDERSON) with 3 rush TDs & 100+ rec. yards (131) in same game...WR TERRANCE COPPER has 3 TDs in past 4 games. Had 1 TD in 26 career games with Dal. (2004-05)...DE CHARLES GRANT has sack in each of 2 games vs. Dal. CB MIKE MC KENZIE had 2 INTs last week. LB SCOTT FUJITA played 16 games (8 starts) with Dal. last year...COWBOYS: QB TONY ROMO has won 5 of 6 career starts & has completed 129 of 187 passes (69.0 pct.) for 1,651 yards with 10 TDs vs. 4 INTs for 105.3 rating...In only meeting, RB JULIUS JONES had 88 rushing yards & 1 TD. RB MARION BARBER has TD in 9 of past 11 & leads NFC with 13 TDs, incl. NFC-best 11 rush TDs. Has 2+ TDs in 3 games in row, 1st Cowboy to accomplish feat since EMMITT SMITH (1994) ... WR TERRELL OWENS has 7 TDs in past 8 games. Owens has 11 TDs in past 9 vs. NO, incl. 4 games with 2 TDs. In career, Owens' teams are 20-5 (.800) when he has 2+ TD catches. In 3 games vs. NO, WR TERRY GLENN has 15 catches with 11 going for 1st down or TD (73.3 pct.). Has 3 TDs in past 4...LB DE MARCUS WARE has 10.0 sacks in past 14. S ROY WILLIAMS had INT in last meeting. Cowboys have won 4 in row & 6 of past 7 when Williams has INT.

#### **MONDAY NIGHT**

# CHICAGO BEARS (10-2) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (5-7)

# SERIES

|                   | BEARS  | RAMS  |
|-------------------|--|---|
| SERIES LEADER     | 47-34-3  |   |
| STREAKS           |  | Past 4  |
| COACHES VS. OPP.  | Smith: 0-0                                     | Linehan: 0-0                                  |
| LAST WEEK         | W 23-13 vs. Vikings                            | L 34-20 vs. Cardinals                         |
| LAST GAME         | 11/16/03: Rams 23 at Bears 21. St. Louis K J   | eff Wilkins connects on game-winning 38-yard  |
|                   | FG with 38 seconds left in 4th quarter. Rams   | WR Torry Holt has 124 yards receiving & 1 TD. |
| LAST GAME AT SITE | 11/18/02: Rams 21, Bears 16. St. Louis QB M    | larc Bulger passes for 347 yards & 2 TDs,     |
|                   | including 9-yarder to WR Ricky Proehl in 4th q | uarter.                                       |
| BROADCAST         | ESPN (7:30 PM CT): Mike Tirico, Joe Theisma    | ann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber & Michelle  |
|                   | Tafoya (Field reporters). Westwood One Radi    | o: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John          |
|                   | Dockery (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 124 (Westw   | /ood); 125 (Chi.), 123 (StL.).                |

|           | <u>51415</u>                             |   |
|-----------|--|---|
| PASSING   | Grossman: 198-365-2,424-18 (T3C)-17-72.0 | Bulger: 281-443-3,172 (3C)-16-7-90.2    |
| RUSHING   | Jones: 247-977-4.0-4                     | S. Jackson: 239-1,028-4.3-6             |
| RECEIVING | Muhammad: 47-637-13.6-4                  | S. Jackson (RB): 72 (2C)-622-8.6-0      |
| OFFENSE   | 309.3                                    | 340.7                                   |
| TAKE/GIVE | +10 (1C)                                 | +8 (2C)                                 |
| DEFENSE   | 268.2 (1C)                               | 341.8                                   |
| SACKS     | Anderson (R): 8.0                        | Little: 10.0 (T2C)                      |
| INTs      | R. Manning: 5 (T2C)                      | Atogwe, Hill: 3                         |
| PUNTING   | Maynard: 44.5                            | Turk: 42.7                              |
| KICKING   | Gould: 112 (1L) (34/34 PAT; 26/27 FG)    | Wilkins: 102 (2L) (21/21 PAT; 27/30 FG) |
|           | NOTES                                    |   |

**BEARS:** Head coach **LOVIE SMITH** was defensive coordinator (2001-03) & asst. head coach (2003) with Rams before joining Bears. Club has won 20 of past 24 under Smith...QB REX GROSSMAN has won 14 of 1st 19 career starts. Team is 11-1 (.917) when Grossman has TD pass...In past 15 when RB THOMAS JONES has more than 20 attempts, club is 14-1 (.933). Jones has 1,434 yards & 8 TDs in those 15...WR BERNARD BERRIAN averages 37.0 yards per TD catch (6 TDs, 222 yards), incl. 4 for 40+ yards...LB BRIAN URLACHER has 19 tackles & 1.0 sack in 2 games vs. Rams. Had INT last week as Bears recorded 4 INTs, incl. CB RICKY MANNING's 54-yard INT-TD. DE ALEX BROWN had sack in last meeting. Rookie CB-PR DEVIN HESTER had 45-yard PR-TD last week & tied NFL rookie record with 4 return TDs (3 PR-TDs & 108-yard return of missed FG)...<u>RAMS</u>: QB MARC BULGER is 23-7 (.767) in career as starter at home with 8,238 yards, 54 TDs, 26 INTs & 97.5 passer rating. Is 2-0 in career vs. Bears with 587 yards & 4 TDs. Has 300+ yards passing in 4 of past 5 at home. Has 3,172 yards & is on pace for 1st 4,000-yard season, becoming 3rd Ram to reach that mark...Club is 40-1 (.976) with 100-yard rusher since 1995. RB STEVEN JACKSON leads NFC with 1,650 scrimmage yards (1,028 rush, 622 rec.). Has rush TD in 5 of past 7...WR TORRY HOLT has 8 TDs in past 11. Had 9 catches for 124 yards & 1 TD in last meeting. WR ISAAC BRUCE has 867 career receptions & last week passed JIMMY SMITH (862) for 7th-most all-time...Club ties for 2nd in NFC with +8 turnover ratio. DE LEONARD LITTLE has 5.0 sacks in past 5. CB JERAMETRIUS BUTLER had INT in last meeting. Rams are 7-1 (.875) when Butler has INT.

#### STATS

# **AFC Division Standings**

|               | AFC East |      |          |        |        |                        |                      |            |      |                |     |    |
|---------------|----------|------|----------|--------|--------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|------|----------------|-----|----|
|               | Overall  |      | Division |        | Conf   | Strength<br>of Victory | Strength of Schedule | PF +<br>PA | PA   | Common<br>Game | Net |    |
| Team          | Record   | Head | Record   | Record | Record | (Wins)                 | (Wins)               | Rank       | Rank | Net Pts        | Pts | TD |
| New England   | 9-3-0    |      | 4-1-0    | 0-0-0  | 5-3-0  | .463 (50)              | .514 (74)            | 6          | 11   | 0              | 116 | 34 |
| New York Jets | 7-5-0    |      | 3-1-0    | 0-0-0  | 5-4-0  | .405 (34)              | .514 (74)            | 17         | 28   | 0              | 3   | 29 |
| Buffalo       | 5-7-0    | 1    | 1-3-0    | 0-0-0  | 3-5-0  | .417 (25)              | .569 (82)            | 23         | 40   | 0              | -37 | 23 |
| Miami         | 5-7-0    | -1   | 0-3-0    | 0-0-0  | 2-6-0  | .483 (29)              | .486 (70)            | 18         | 36   | 0              | -15 | 22 |

|            | AFC North |  |                    |       |       |            |                      |    |    |                           |     |    |  |  |
|------------|-----------|--|--------------------|-------|-------|------------|----------------------|----|----|---------------------------|-----|----|--|--|
| Team       | Overall   |  | Division<br>Record |       | Conf  | of Victory | Strength of Schedule |    | PA | Common<br>Game<br>Net Pts | Net | TD |  |  |
| Baltimore  | 9-3-0     |  | 3-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 6-2-0 | .463 (50)  | .486 (70)            | 9  | 16 | 0                         | 96  | 28 |  |  |
| Cincinnati | 7-5-0     |  | 4-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 5-3-0 | .512 (43)  | .556 (80)            | 12 | 20 | 0                         | 50  | 33 |  |  |
| Pittsburgh | 5-7-0     |  | 1-2-0              | 0-0-0 | 3-6-0 | .450 (27)  | .521 (75)            | 18 | 31 | 0                         | 2   | 31 |  |  |
| Cleveland  | 4-8-0     |  | 0-4-0              | 0-0-0 | 3-6-0 | .458 (22)  | .563 (81)            | 28 | 52 | 0                         | -65 | 21 |  |  |

|              | AFC South         |  |                    |       |       |                                  |                      |    |    |                           |     |    |
|--------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----|----|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Team         | Overall<br>Record |  | Division<br>Record |       | Conf  | Strength<br>of Victory<br>(Wins) | Strength of Schedule |    | PA | Common<br>Game<br>Net Pts | Net | TD |
| Indianapolis | 10-2-0            |  | 3-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 7-1-0 | .500 (60)                        | .507 (73)            | 14 | 20 | 0                         | 74  | 38 |
| Jacksonville | 7-5-0             |  | 1-3-0              | 0-0-0 | 4-4-0 | .500 (42)                        | .479 (69)            | 8  | 15 | 0                         | 85  | 28 |
| Tennessee    | 5-7-0             |  | 2-2-0              | 0-0-0 | 2-6-0 | .500 (30)                        | .597 (86)            | 26 | 47 | 0                         | -73 | 25 |
| Houston      | 4-8-0             |  | 2-2-0              | 0-0-0 | 4-4-0 | .438 (21)                        | .500 (72)            | 30 | 54 | 0                         | -71 | 22 |

|             | AFC West |   |                    |       |       |            |           |    |                               |                           |     |    |  |
|-------------|----------|---|--------------------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|----|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|----|--|
| Team        | Overall  |   | Division<br>Record |       | Conf  | of Victory |           |    | Overall<br>PF +<br>PA<br>Rank | Common<br>Game<br>Net Pts | Net | TD |  |
| San Diego   | 10-2-0   |   | 3-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 8-2-0 | .392 (47)  | .438 (63) | 8  | 12                            | 0                         | 140 | 46 |  |
| Kansas City | 7-5-0    | 1 | 3-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 3-5-0 | .476 (40)  | .472 (68) | 13 | 23                            | 0                         | 21  | 29 |  |
| Denver      | 7-5-0    | 1 | 3-2-0              | 0-0-0 | 7-3-0 | .452 (38)  | .542 (78) | 15 | 27                            | 0                         | 27  | 23 |  |
| Oakland     | 2-10-0   |   | 0-5-0              | 0-0-0 | 1-8-0 | .333 (8)   | .549 (79) | 26 | 45                            | 0                         | -96 | 15 |  |

# **NFC Division Standings**

| NFC East        |         |    |                    |       |       |                                  |                      |    |    |                           |     |    |  |
|-----------------|---------|----|--------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----|----|---------------------------|-----|----|--|
|                 | Overall |    | Division<br>Record |       | Conf  | Strength<br>of Victory<br>(Wins) | Strength of Schedule |    | PA | Common<br>Game<br>Net Pts | Net | TD |  |
| Dallas          | 8-4-0   |    | 2-3-0              | 0-0-0 | 5-3-0 | .427 (41)                        | .444 (64)            | 4  | 9  | 0                         | 114 | 40 |  |
| New York Giants | 6-6-0   | 1  | 3-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 5-3-0 | .431 (31)                        | .549 (79)            | 12 | 28 | 0                         | 10  | 31 |  |
| Philadelphia    | 6-6-0   | -1 | 2-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 5-3-0 | .431 (31)                        | .486 (70)            | 12 | 27 | 0                         | 31  | 36 |  |
| Washington      | 4-8-0   |    | 1-3-0              | 0-0-0 | 2-6-0 | .521 (25)                        | .514 (74)            | 23 | 49 | 0                         | -61 | 24 |  |

| NFC North |                   |  |          |                           |       |                                  |                      |    |    |                           |      |    |  |
|-----------|-------------------|--|----------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----|----|---------------------------|------|----|--|
| Team      | Overall<br>Record |  | Division | Common<br>Games<br>Record | Conf  | Strength<br>of Victory<br>(Wins) | Strength of Schedule |    | PA | Common<br>Game<br>Net Pts | Net  | TD |  |
| y-Chicago | 10-2-0            |  | 4-0-0    | 0-0-0                     | 8-0-0 | .417 (50)                        | .444 (64)            | 3  | 5  | 0                         | 168  | 34 |  |
| Minnesota | 5-7-0             |  | 1-3-0    | 0-0-0                     | 5-4-0 | .383 (23)                        | .493 (71)            | 18 | 35 | 0                         | -20  | 22 |  |
| Green Bay | 4-8-0             |  | 2-1-0    | 0-0-0                     | 3-5-0 | .313 (15)                        | .507 (73)            | 26 | 52 | 0                         | -105 | 24 |  |
| Detroit   | 2-10-0            |  | 0-3-0    | 0-0-0                     | 1-7-0 | .458 (11)                        | .500 (72)            | 25 | 50 | 0                         | -78  | 22 |  |

| NFC South   |                   |    |                    |       |       |                                  |                                   |    |    |                           |      |    |  |
|-------------|-------------------|----|--------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|----|---------------------------|------|----|--|
| Team        | Overall<br>Record |    | Division<br>Record |       | Conf  | Strength<br>of Victory<br>(Wins) | Strength of<br>Schedule<br>(Wins) |    | PA | Common<br>Game<br>Net Pts | Net  | TD |  |
| New Orleans | 8-4-0             |    | 4-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 7-1-0 | .385 (37)                        | .444 (64)                         | 9  | 22 | 0                         | 59   | 36 |  |
| Atlanta     | 6-6-0             | 1  | 2-2-0              | 0-0-0 | 4-4-0 | .389 (28)                        | .451 (65)                         | 13 | 33 | 0                         | -23  | 24 |  |
| Carolina    | 6-6-0             | -1 | 3-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 4-5-0 | .444 (32)                        | .472 (68)                         | 14 | 29 | 0                         | -4   | 22 |  |
| Tampa Bay   | 3-9-0             |    | 0-5-0              | 0-0-0 | 2-7-0 | .472 (17)                        | .549 (79)                         | 26 | 57 | 0                         | -127 | 16 |  |

| NFC West      |                   |   |                    |       |       |                                  |                      |    |    |                           |      |    |  |
|---------------|-------------------|---|--------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----|----|---------------------------|------|----|--|
| Team          | Overall<br>Record |   | Division<br>Record |       | Conf  | Strength<br>of Victory<br>(Wins) | Strength of Schedule |    | PA | Common<br>Game<br>Net Pts | Net  | TD |  |
| Seattle       | 8-4-0             |   | 3-1-0              | 0-0-0 | 6-3-0 | .354 (34)                        | .424 (61)            | 14 | 31 | 0                         | -3   | 28 |  |
| San Francisco | 5-7-0             | 1 | 2-2-0              | 0-0-0 | 4-5-0 | .367 (22)                        | .493 (71)            | 30 | 58 | 0                         | -110 | 21 |  |
| St. Louis     | 5-7-0             | 1 | 2-4-0              | 0-0-0 | 4-5-0 | .350 (21)                        | .472 (68)            | 20 | 43 | 0                         | -45  | 23 |  |
| Arizona       | 3-9-0             |   | 2-2-0              | 0-0-0 | 3-7-0 | .333 (12)                        | .465 (67)            | 21 | 45 | 0                         | -63  | 24 |  |

# LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (NOV. 30, DEC. 3-4)

(Home team in CAPS)

# Thursday, November 30

CINCINNATI 13, Baltimore 7

# Sunday, December 3

San Diego 24, BUFFALO 21 CHICAGO 23, Minnesota 13 CLEVELAND 31, Kansas City 28 (OT) N.Y. Jets 38, GREEN BAY 10 NEW ENGLAND 28, Detroit 21 NEW ORLEANS 34, San Francisco 10 Arizona 34, ST. LOUIS 20

# Sunday, December 3, cont.'d.

TENNESSEE 20, Indianapolis 17 Atlanta 24, WASHINGTON 14 Jacksonville 24, MIAMI 10 Houston 23, OAKLAND 14 Dallas 23, N.Y. GIANTS 20 PITTSBURGH 20, Tampa Bay 3 Seattle 23, DENVER 20

# Monday, December 4

PHILADELPHIA 27, Carolina 24

# WEEK 14 NFL SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 7, 10-11

(All times local)

# Thursday, December 7

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:00 PM (NFLN)

# Sunday, December 10

N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 1:00 PM Oakland at Cincinnati, 1:00 PM Minnesota at Detroit, 1:00 PM Tennessee at Houston, 12:00 PM Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM Baltimore at Kansas City, 12:00 PM New England at Miami, 1:00 PM

# Sunday, December 10, cont.'d.

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM Philadelphia at Washington, 1:00 PM Seattle at Arizona, 2:05 PM Green Bay at San Francisco, 1:05 PM Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 PM Denver at San Diego, 1:15 PM New Orleans at Dallas, 7:15 PM (NBC)

#### Monday, December 11

Chicago at St. Louis, 7:30 PM (ESPN)