



THREE WEEKS TO GO! FIVE DIVISION TITLES UP FOR GRABS, WILD CARD RACE TIGHT; ALL FOUR NATIONAL TV GAMES HOLD PLAYOFF IMPLICATIONS

"It's a crazy year. Anything's possible."

You got that right, coach!

And there are 24 other NFL head coaches who will readily agree with Philadelphia's **ANDY REID**. The 25 make up the total number of teams still in Super Bowl contention -- tied for the second most ever in a 16-game schedule with three weeks to go in the season.

Sure there are the Chicagos and San Diegos who basically have been steady throughout the season. But then there are the Cincinnati (4-5 at one point this season) and Philadelphia (5-6 in late November) who have uprooted their seasons and are taking serious aim at the postseason.

As the NFL heads into Week 15, Chicago and San Diego are the lone division champs. No other playoff spots have been claimed. Five division titles can be won this week.

The jockeying for each conference's Wild Card spots? It's as tight as linemen on a kneel-down. In the AFC, two clubs are 8-5 and three 7-6. In the NFC, three teams are at 7-6. And then there are the teams bunched right below that level.

"There is still a ton to play for," says San Diego quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS**, who has led the Chargers to the AFC West title in his first year as a starter. "You'll see a hungry team out there the next few weeks. We're playing for a lot."

Philip speaks for every club still in the race. Three weeks to go. Little margin for error. Every game critical. In fact, 13 of this weekend's 16 games have tiebreaker implications, including Week 15's four nationally televised matchups (with their tiebreaker scenarios in the division sections below):

- **THURSDAY: SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (5-8) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (8-5) (NFL Network, 8:00 PM ET)** – Niners can sweep their first season series against Seattle since they did so in the first year of realignment in 2002. San Francisco **RB FRANK GORE** – his 5.6 yards per carry average is the most for a 49ers leading rusher since **JOE "THE JET" PERRY**'s 6.1 in 1958 – rushed for a club-record 212 yards in the teams' first meeting on November 19, a 20-14 San Francisco win. It will be tough for the Niners, though. The Seahawks can take the division with a victory, they have won 15 of their past 16 at Qwest Field, and **RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has rushed for 100 yards in three of his past four games against San Francisco.
- **SATURDAY: DALLAS COWBOYS (8-5) at ATLANTA FALCONS (7-6) (NFL Network, 8:00 PM ET)** – Is Michael & Company back? Was Sunday night an aberration? This Saturday night may answer those questions. The **MICHAEL VICK**-led Falcons have won two in a row after losing four straight to vault back into the Wild Card

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L.A. STARS: There may not be an NFL team in Los Angeles, but that did not stop several L.A. products from contributing mightily to their team's triumphs this past week.

Just look around the league in Week 14: Jacksonville rookie **RB MAURICE JONES-DREW (UCLA)** ran for an NFL career high 166 yards and two TDs (303 all-purpose yards); New Orleans rookie **RB REGGIE BUSH (USC)** posted 162 scrimmage yards, including 125 receiving with a TD; Arizona rookie **QB MATT LEINART (USC)** led the Cardinals to their third win in the past four games by tossing two TDs; and Los Angeles product **J.P. LOSMAN**, QB of the Bills, also took Buffalo to its third victory in the past four with two TDs.

race. The high-flying Cowboys were handed a 42-17 defeat Sunday night by New Orleans. Now their sixth-rated NFL rush defense faces the league's top ground offense, one that may be missing mainstays **WARRICK DUNN** and rookie **JERIOUS NORWOOD**. No problem. Falcons fullback **JUSTIN GRIFFITH** took over with 57 second-half yards and a TD on Sunday. **FRED MC CRARY** can take Griffith's place.

- **SUNDAY: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (7-6) at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (11-2) (NBC, 8:15 PM ET)** – The top two RBs in the business – as far as rushing yards are concerned – square off. Kansas City's **LARRY JOHNSON** leads the league in rush yards with 1,432 – a scant five yards in front of San Diego's new NFL TD record-holder (29) **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** (1,427). The Chargers' No. 7 rush defense has surrendered only five 100-yard games since 2004. Johnson has two of them, including 132 this past October 22 in a 30-27 KC win. Two of the NFL's top tight ends square off. KC's **TONY GONZALEZ** and SD's **ANTONIO GATES** join Cleveland's **KELLEN WINSLOW** as the league's only TEs with 60 catches. Says four-year vet Gates of seven-time Pro Bowl selection Gonzalez: "Tony has definitely set a high standard at tight end. He's done it year in and year out."
- **MONDAY: CINCINNATI BENGALS (8-5) at INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (10-3) (ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)** – Colts, losers of three of their last four, will confront a hot Bengals team. Cincy has won its past four, turning around a 4-5 season. "We're peaking at the right time," says always-confident Bengals **WR CHAD JOHNSON**. The last time these teams met – in November 2005 – they piled up the second most points (62) ever in a first half (Jets-Bucs, 70 in 1985). Cincy faces an angry Colts who will come out with all their firepower. Their 32nd-ranked rush defense confronts bulldozer **RB RUDI JOHNSON**, the league's ninth-leading rusher (1,054) fresh off a 117-yard, two-TD game.

Meanwhile, is there scrambling going on! A rundown of the NFL division races and tiebreaker scenarios:

- **AFC EAST:** The whole division is in playoff contention!

The New England Patriots (9-4) can win their fourth consecutive division championship this week, which can tie Indianapolis (if they also do so this year) for the longest active such streak. The Pats host Houston on Sunday, then finish the season with two road games. New England lost its first road game of the year last week (in Miami), its first shutout (21-0) since 2003.

"We're 9-4," says Patriots head coach **BILL BELICHICK**. "There are a lot of teams who would like to have that record. We'll be judged by the body of our work."

The Patriots this Sunday can clinch the AFC East with:

1. NE win + NYJ loss or tie, OR
2. NE tie + NYJ loss.

The New York Jets (7-6), Buffalo Bills (6-7) and Miami Dolphins (6-7) – with the last two on 3-1 streaks -- are still in playoff contention but cannot clinch a berth this week.

- **AFC NORTH:** The Baltimore Ravens (10-3) have a two-game lead on the streaking Cincinnati Bengals (8-5 and winners of four in a row) and can clinch their first division title since 2003 on Sunday when they host AFC North rival Cleveland.

The Ravens have won six of their past seven, with a good amount of the credit due to their dominating defense. Baltimore has surrendered a league-low 170 points. "You always want to play your best football in December," says Ravens **LB BART SCOTT**. "They don't hand out too many trophies in the first half of the year."

The Ravens can take the AFC North crown this week with:

1. BAL win + CIN loss or tie, OR
2. BAL tie + CIN loss.

Baltimore can clinch a playoff berth with:

1. BAL win or tie, OR
2. CIN loss or tie + BAL clinches strength of victory tiebreaker over NYJ, OR
3. DEN loss or tie + BAL clinches strength of victory tiebreaker over NYJ, OR
4. NYJ loss or tie + CIN loss or tie, OR
5. NYJ loss or tie + DEN loss or tie, OR
6. NE loss + CIN loss or tie + JAX loss, OR
7. NE loss + DEN loss or tie + JAX loss.
<i>Strength of victory: The season-ending won-lost-tied percentage of all opponents a team has defeated.</i>

Cincinnati and the Pittsburgh Steelers (6-7) are still in playoff contention but cannot clinch a berth this week. Cleveland has been eliminated.

- **AFC SOUTH:** A two-game separation here also, with one team smarting from last week's meeting with the other.

The Indianapolis Colts (10-3) can win their fourth successive division championship Monday night against Cincinnati. They come off a 44-17 loss to the AFC South second-place Jacksonville Jaguars (8-5), therefore splitting the season series.

"We need a convincing win where we can get our confidence and swagger back," says Colts **LB CATO JUNE**. A win would give Indianapolis at least a playoff berth and tie head coach **TONY DUNGY** with **TOM LANDRY** (1966-73) and **CHUCK NOLL** (1972-79) for the second-most consecutive playoff berths in history – eight, behind Landry's nine from 1975-83.

The Colts win the division with:

1. JAX loss, OR
2. IND win or tie + JAX tie.

Indianapolis clinches its fifth playoff berth in a row with:

1. IND win or tie, OR
2. DEN loss or tie.

The Jaguars – winners of three of their past four and seeded sixth right now in the AFC – and Tennessee Titans (6-7) are still in playoff contention but cannot clinch a berth this week. Houston has been eliminated.

- **AFC WEST:** One goal down, another one reachable Sunday night. That's the mission of the San Diego Chargers (11-2), the top-ranked team in the AFC. The Bolts won the division last week, their second crown in three years, and can earn a first-round bye this week.

Coupled with those possibilities is Chargers wunderkind **RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** possibly breaking another revered NFL record. Last week, Tomlinson established the league mark for season TDs with 29. Sunday night he can surpass an NFL record that has stood for 46 years – most total points scored in a season. Green Bay Packers Pro Football Hall of Fame **RB PAUL HORNUNG** registered 176 points in 1960. Tomlinson enters Week 15 with 174 points.

With all the Tomlinson fireworks, the Chargers this week can secure a first-round bye with:

1. SD win + IND loss.

The Denver Broncos (7-6) and Kansas City Chiefs (7-6) are still in contention but cannot secure a playoff berth this week. Oakland has been eliminated.

- **NFC EAST:** This one is tight. And the principals still have at least one division battle on their hands.

The Dallas Cowboys (8-5) sit atop the division, tightly pursued by the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles, both one game behind at 7-6. Dallas has one NFC East game left (Week 16 vs. Philadelphia) and the Giants and Eagles each have two division games left.

"We have pressure on us to play well, but we're still in a good position if we take advantage of it," says Cowboys head coach **BILL PARCELLS**. "If we win out, we win the division."

Dallas can secure a playoff berth Saturday night against Atlanta with:

1. DAL win + MIN loss or tie + NO win or tie, OR
2. DAL win + MIN loss or tie + CAR loss or tie.

The Eagles visit the Giants in a Sunday showdown. New York came back from a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to defeat Philly 30-24 in Week 2 on a 31-yard TD pass from **ELI MANING** to **PLAXICO BURRESS** in overtime. Neither can earn a playoff berth this weekend. Washington has been eliminated.

- **NFC NORTH:** It's all Chicago here. The 11-2 Bears boast a five-game lead over the Minnesota Vikings (6-7), are the top seed in the NFC with three weeks to go, and have clinched the division and a first-round bye. They will seek homefield advantage Sunday.

"To beat a team like the Bears, you almost have to play perfect," says **QB MARC BULGER** of the St. Louis Rams, losers to Chicago this past Monday night. The Bears play two of their last three at home.

Chicago can earn homefield advantage in the NFC this week with:

1. CHI win + NO loss or tie, OR
2. CHI tie + NO loss.

Minnesota and the Green Bay Packers (5-8) are still in playoff contention but cannot earn a berth this week. Detroit has been eliminated.

- **NFC SOUTH:** The Saints are looking like the comeback story of the year.

After Hurricane Katrina last year, playing their home games in Baton Rouge and San Antonio, and a 3-13 record, New Orleans returned home to the Louisiana Superdome this season and has built a 9-4 mark under rookie head coach **SEAN PAYTON** to now sit atop the NFC South with a lot in the offing this week.

With the Saints' 42-17 win over Dallas last Sunday, "We let a lot of people know what we are all about," says New Orleans **QB DREW BREES**. They may know even more this week.

The Saints can clinch their first division title since 2000 with:

1. NO win, OR
2. NO tie + ATL loss or tie, OR
3. ATL loss + CAR loss or tie.

New Orleans earns a first-round bye with:

1. NO win + DAL loss + NYG loss or tie + SEA loss.
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The Saints can clinch a playoff berth with:

1. NO tie, OR
2. MIN loss or tie + PHI loss, OR
3. MIN loss or tie + CAR loss or tie, OR
4. MIN loss or tie + DAL loss + PHI/NYG tie.

The Atlanta Falcons (7-6) and Carolina Panthers (6-7) are in contention but cannot clinch a playoff berth this week. Tampa Bay has been eliminated.

- **NFC WEST:** The Seahawks are in the driver's seat.

First-place Seattle (8-5) -- the 2005 NFC Champions -- has built a three-game lead with three to go, and can win its third division title in a row this Thursday when it hosts division-rival San Francisco.

"It's a big game," says Seahawks head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**. "We have what we want in front of us, and it's Thursday night."

The Seahawks can clinch the NFC West with:

1. SEA win or tie.

The St. Louis Rams (5-8) and San Francisco 49ers (5-8) are still in playoff contention, but cannot clinch a berth this week. Arizona has been eliminated.

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WEEK 15**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14****SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (5-8) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (8-5)****SERIES**

	<u>49ERS</u>	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>
SERIES LEADER		8-7
STREAKS		6 of past 7
COACHES VS. OPP.	Nolan: 1-2	Holmgren: 11-4
LAST WEEK	L 30-19 vs. Packers	L 27-21 at Cardinals
LAST GAME	11/19/06: Seahawks 14 at 49ers 20. San Francisco RB Frank Gore runs for club-record 212 yards, including 51-yard run.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/11/05: Seahawks 41, 49ers 3. Seattle QB Matt Hasselbeck throws 4 TD passes & Seahawks' defense seats club record allowing 113 total yards for clubs 9 consecutive victory.	
BROADCAST	NFLN (5:00 PM PT): Bryant Gumbel, Cris Collinsworth. Westwood One Radio: Dick Enberg, Cris Carter, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 123 (Westwood); 125 (SF), 124 (Sea.).	

STATS

PASSING	A. Smith: 208-356-2,344-13-14-74.0	Hasselbeck: 156-268-1,817-16-11-81.6
RUSHING	Gore: 242-1,347 (3L)-5.6-6	Alexander: 170-591-3.5-3
RECEIVING	Gore (RB): 49-384-7.8-0	Branch: 41-572-14.0-4
OFFENSE	299.0	309.2
TAKE/GIVE	-8	-5
DEFENSE	346.9	328.3
SACKS	Moore: 6.5	Peterson: 9.0
INTs	W. Harris: 6 (1C)	Hamlin: 3
PUNTING	Lee: 44.5	Plackemeier (R): 45.3 (3C)
KICKING	Nedney: 88 (22/22 PAT; 22/28 FG)	Brown: 93 (30/30 PAT; 21/27 FG)

NOTES

49ERS: Are 3-0 all-time on Thursday night...**QB ALEX SMITH** posted 105.9 passer rating in last meeting. 49ers are 4-0 when Smith has rating of 95.0+. Scored 2 TDs in that game (1 pass, 1 rush)...In Week 11 meeting, **RB FRANK GORE** had franchise-record 212 rush yards. Leads NFC with 1,347 rush yards & is 4th in NFL with 1,731 scrimmage yards. Leads NFL with 13 rushes of 20+ yards...In career, **WR ANTONIO BRYANT** has 248 catches for 3,821 yards for 15.4 yards per catch avg., 7th-highest (min. 200 catches) since Bryant entered NFL in 2002. **WR ARNAZ BATTLE** had TD reception in last meeting. Rookie **TE VERNON DAVIS** had 52-yard TD last week...**DE BRYANT YOUNG** has 8.5 sacks in past 8. Team is 36-19 (.655) when has 1.0+ sack. In past 5, **S KEITH LEWIS** has 2 INTs, 1.0 sack, 1 FF & 1 FR. **CB WALT HARRIS** had 2 INTs in last meeting & leads NFC with career-high 6 INTs...**SEAHAWKS:** Head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN** is 11-4 (.733) in career vs. SF, incl. 3 playoff wins...**QB MATT HASSELBECK** has 13 TDs vs. 4 INTs & 108.4 passer rating in past 6 vs. SF (6-0). Completed 20 of 28 passes (71.4 pct.) for 243 yards with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 133.5 passer rating last week ...**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has 9 TDs (8 rush, 1 rec.) & 556 rush yards (92.7 per game) in past 6 vs. 49ers. In past 12 division games, Alexander has 1,512 rush yards (126.0 per game) with 9 100-yard games & 20 TDs...Incl. playoffs, **WR DEION BRANCH's** teams are 16-3 (.842) when he has TD reception. Had TD in both games vs. SF. **WR D.J. HACKETT** had 4 catches for 104 yards (26.0 avg.) & 1 TD last week, Hackett's 1st career 100-yard game...**LB JULIAN PETERSON** was 1st round pick, played 6 years (2000-05) with 49ers & was named to 2 Pro Bowls.

SATURDAY NIGHT**DALLAS COWBOYS (8-5) AT ATLANTA FALCONS (7-6)****SERIES**

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>FALCONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	12-8	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 4-2	Mora: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 42-17 vs. Saints	W 17-6 at Buccaneers
LAST GAME	9/7/03: Falcons 27 at Cowboys 13. Atlanta QB Doug Johnson passes for 2 TDs & runs for another to help Falcons defeat Dallas in Bill Parcells' head coaching debut w/ Cowboys.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/11/01: Falcons 20, Cowboys 13. Third-string Atlanta QB Doug Johnson tosses 1-yd TD pass w/ 5:20 remaining to seal Falcons' victory.	
BROADCAST	NFLN (8:00 PM ET): Bryant Gumbel, Dick Vermeil. Westwood One Radio: Joel Meyers, Cris Carter. SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood); 125 (Dal.), 123 (Atl.).	

STATS

PASSING	Romo: 161-247-2,162-14-9-96.6 (2C)	Vick: 171-330-2,047-15-10-73.6
RUSHING	J. Jones: 234-993-4.2-4	Dunn: 240-997-4.2-4
RECEIVING	Owens: 72-971-13.5-9 (T3L)	Crumpler: (TE): 42-618-14.7-7
OFFENSE	373.4 (3C)	336.8
TAKE/GIVE	+5	+9 (2C)
DEFENSE	307.8	337.4
SACKS	Ware: 7.0	Abraham, Mallard: 4.0
INTs	Williams: 5 (T2C)	Hall: 4
PUNTING	McBriar: 48.0 (1C)	Koenen: 42.2
KICKING	Gramatica: 28 (13/13 PAT; 5/7 FG)	Andersen: 75 (21/21 PAT; 18/21 FG)

NOTES

COWBOYS: QB **TONY ROMO** has won 5 of 7 career starts & has completed 145 of 220 passes (65.9 pct.) for 1,900 yards with 11 TDs vs. 6 INTs for 98.3 rating...RB **MARION BARBER** has TD in 9 of past 12 & leads NFC with 13 TDs, incl. NFC-best 11 rush TDs. RB **JULIUS JONES** rushed for 116 yards last week, incl. career-long 77-yard TD run. Cowboys are 9-3 (.750) when Jones rushes for 90+ yards...WR **TERRELL OWENS** has 8 TDs in past 9 games. In past 2 vs. Atl., Owens has 16 catches for 295 yards (147.5 per game) & 3 TDs. WR **TERRY GLENN** had 8 catches for 150 yards last week. When Glenn has 100+ receiving yards, his teams are 17-5 (.773). Since entering NFL in 2003, **JASON WITTEN** ranks 3rd among TEs with 237 catches & is 4th with 2,670 yards...LB **DE MARCUS WARE** has 11.0 sacks in past 15. ROY **WILLIAMS** has 5 INTs, most by S in NFC. Cowboys have won 4 in row & 6 of past 7 when Williams has INT...**FALCONS:** Have won past 7 primetime home games...Only team in NFL with 2 players with 900+ rush yards – RB **WARRICK DUNN** (997) & QB **MICHAEL VICK** (934). Vick needs 35 yards to pass **BOBBY DOUGLASS** (968 yards, Chicago, 1972) for most rush yards by QB in season. Falcons are 14-5 (.737) at home when Vick passes for TD...Dunn rushed for career-best 210 yards & 2 TDs vs. Dal. (12/3/00 with TB). RB **JUSTIN GRIFFITH** scored 1st career rush TD last week (21 yards)...TE **ALGE CRUMPLER** has TD in both meetings vs. Dal. Ties for 1st among TEs with 11 catches of 20+ yards. Has 6 TDs in past 8. WR **MICHAEL JENKINS** has TD reception in 5 of past 8...CB **DE ANGELO HALL** has 308 INT return yards (10 INTs, 30.8 avg.) since 2005, most in NFL. DE **JOHN ABRAHAM** has 4.0 sacks & 4 FFs in 5 games played this year. Had sack & FF that led to LB **DEMORRIO WILLIAMS** 54-yard FR-TD last week. In only home game vs. Dal., LB **KEITH BROOKING** had INT. Falcons are 8-4 (.667) in games when Brooking has INT.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-9) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (10-3)**SERIES**

	<u>BROWNS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
SERIES LEADER		10-5
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Crennel: 1-2	Billick: 10-5
LAST WEEK	L 27-7 at Steelers	W 20-10 at Chiefs
LAST GAME	9/24/06: Ravens 15 at Browns 14. Baltimore TE Todd Heap catches 3-yard TD pass from QB Steve McNair. Ravens K Matt Stover connects on 3 FGs (32, 43, 52).	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/16/05: Ravens 16, Browns, 3. Baltimore QB Anthony Wright passes for 213 yards & 1 TD. Ravens K Matt Stover connects on 3 FGs (39, 27, 38).	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts. SIRIUS: 158 (Cle.), 130 (Bal.).	

STATS

PASSING	Anderson: 33-58-447-3-2-84.5	McNair: 251-398-2,578-13-9-83.1
RUSHING	Droughns: 174-552-3.2-4	J. Lewis: 248-877-3.5-7
RECEIVING	Winslow (TE): 71-694-9.8-3	Mason: 59-690-11.7-2
OFFENSE	269.5	308.7
TAKE/GIVE	-12	+16 (1L)
DEFENSE	354.6	268.1 (1L)
SACKS	Wimbley (R): 7.5	Thomas: 10.0
INTs	Jones: 5	McAlister, Reed: 4
PUNTING	Zastudil: 43.9	Koch (R): 43.2
KICKING	Dawson: 76 (22/22 PAT; 18/23 FG)	Stover: 92 (29/29 PAT; 21/23 FG)

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BROWNS: QB CHARLIE FRYE posted career-high 298 pass yds vs. Ravens in Wk 3. Frye's Wk 3 passer rating (90.2) is 2nd-highest posted vs. Bal on season. QB DEREK ANDERSON was 6th-Rd pick (No. 213 overall) of Ravens in '05. Anderson posted NFL's 9th-best passing yd total in Wk 14 w/ 276...Team is 4-1 (.800) when RB REUBEN DROUGHNS rushes for 100. Droughns (4 of 5) & RB JASON WRIGHT (4 of 5) combine for 8 of 10 (.800) in 3rd & 1 rush atts...In Wk 3 vs. Bal, WR BRAYLON EDWARDS caught 5 for 116 yds & 1 TD. TE KELLEN WINSLOW (694) aims to be 1st Browns TE w/ 1,000 yds since HOFer & Ravens GM OZZIE NEWSOME (1,001, 1985). Winslow (71) leads NFL TEs in receptions & is only TE with more than 64...LB WILLIE MC GINEST has sack in 2 of past 3 games & notched 1st sack w/ Cle vs. Bal (Wk 3). Rookie DE KAMERION WIMBLEY (7.5) has surpassed franchise's previous rookie sack high (MICHAEL DEAN PERRY, 6.0, 1988) & has at least 1.0 sack in 4 of past 6...**RAVENS:** Team is 44-18 (.710) at home under BRIAN BILLICK...In past 5 vs. Cle, QB STEVE MC NAIR has 9 TDs vs. 1 INT & 98.6 passer rating. McNair (29,719; 3,548) needs 281 pass yds to join HOFers FRAN TARKENTON & STEVE YOUNG as 3rd QB in NFL history to post 30,000 pass yds & 3,500 rush yds...RB JAMAL LEWIS has 1,415 rush yds in 11 career games vs. Cle (128.6 avg.), including NFL-record 295 yds on 9/14/03. Lewis has 5 rush TDs in past 3 at home...WR DERRICK MASON (598) needs 2 catches for 600 career & (7,877) needs 123 rec. yds for 8,000 career. TE TODD HEAP has 17 catches & 3 TDs in past 3 Dec. games...Team ranks No. 1 in total defense (268.1) & No. 1 in points allowed (13.1). DE TERRELL SUGGS has 7.0 sacks in 7 games vs. Cle w/ at least 0.5-sack in 6 of those 7. Ravens are 21-4 (.840) when Suggs records 1.0 sack, including 5-0 in '06. Suggs has 9 career FRs, 2nd most in club history (RAY LEWIS, 11). Club 1 of 5 in NFL w/ 2 players w/ 4 INTs each: CB CHRIS MC ALISTER (4) & S ED REED (4)...K MATT STOVER is 14-14 in FGs in past 5 vs. Cle.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (6-7) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (6-7)

SERIES

	<u>STEELERS</u>	<u>PANTHERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-1	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Cowher: 2-1	Fox: 0-1
LAST WEEK	W 27-7 vs. Browns	L 27-13 vs. Giants
LAST GAME	12/15/02: Panthers 14 at Steelers 30. Pittsburgh outgains Carolina 332-131 & Steelers RB Jerome Bettis runs for 2 scores.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/22/96: Panthers 18, Steelers 14. Carolina S Chad Cota intercepts pass in end zone with 29 seconds remaining as Panthers clinch NFC West title.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross. SIRIUS: 152 (Pit.), 110 (Car.).	

STATS

PASSING	Roethlisberger: 236-393-2,952 (3C)-15-20-74.9	Delhomme: 240-404-2,598-15-11-79.4
RUSHING	Parker: 264-1,199 (3C)-4.5-10 (T3C)	Foster: 173-674-3.9-2
RECEIVING	Ward: 57-786-13.8-6	Smith: 71-1,025 (3C)-14.4-6
OFFENSE	360.5 (3C)	321.2
TAKE/GIVE	-8	-7
DEFENSE	300.8	304.4 (3C)
SACKS	Porter: 7.0	Peppers: 11.0 (1C)
INTs	Polamalu: 3	Marshall: 3
PUNTING	Gardocki: 41.2	Baker: 45.3 (3L)
KICKING	Reed: 82 (34/34 PAT; 16/23 FG)	Kasay: 86 (23/23 PAT; 21/23 FG)

NOTES

STEELERS: Team has won 10 of past 11 vs. NFC, outscoring foes 290-178...Under head coach **BILL COWHER**, team is 116-13-1 (.896) when leading at half...**QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** is 9-1 (.900) in career vs. NFC, posting 14 TDs vs. 6 INTs, attaining 101.5 passer rating. Roethlisberger also is 9-1 (.900) as December starter, including 5 Dec. wins in row...**RB WILLIE PARKER** attended U. of North Carolina & set franchise record last wk w/ 223 rush yds. Parker (13) tied for 3rd in NFL TDs & needs 3 more TDs to establish club's single-season record (**LOUIS LIPPS**, 15, 1985). Parker (1,199) is 4 yds from surpassing 2005 total (1,202)...**WR HINES WARD** has 7+ catches in 3 of past 4 on road. Rookie **WR SANTONIO HOLMES** has 21 catches in past 6 games; had 14 in his 1st 6...Defense (3.5) No. 4 in NFL in yds allowed/carry. **LB JOEY PORTER** has 3 2.0-sack games on season & has 16.5 in past 21 games vs. NFC...**K JEFF REED** attended UNC...**PANTHERS:** **QB JAKE DELHOMME** has won 4 of past 5 starts vs. AFC with 86.6 passer rating in those 5 games...Rookie **RB DE ANGELO WILLIAMS** has 445 scrimmage yards (252 rush, 193 rec.) in past 4 & is only player in franchise history with 100-yard rushing & 100-yard receiving game in same season. Incl. playoffs, club is 7-0 when **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushes for 95+ yards & 17-4 (.810) when he has 15+ att...In 30 games since start of 2005 (incl. playoffs), **WR-PR STEVE SMITH** has 201 catches for 2,923 yards (97.4 per game), 434 return yards (374 PR, 60 KR), 108 rush yards & 25 total TDs (21 rec, 3 rush, 1 PR). **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** has 24 catches for 352 yards (117.3 per game) & 2 TDs in 3 career meetings. **WR DREW CARTER** had career-best 8 catches & 144 yards with 1 TD last week...**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** has 14.0 sacks in past 14 games. **DE MIKE RUCKER** (52.0) & Peppers (51.5) are No. 1 & 2 in team annals. Peppers has 5.5 sacks in past 5 vs. AFC. **S MIKE MINTER** has 2 INTs & 87 return yards in 2 games vs. Pit. Aims for 3rd in row vs. Pit. with INT. Defense leads NFC allowing just 4.49 yards per 1st down play.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (3-10) AT CHICAGO BEARS (11-2)**SERIES**

	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>	<u>BEARS</u>
SERIES LEADER		34-17
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gruden: 3-1	Smith: 1-1
LAST WEEK	L 17-6 vs. Falcons	W 42-27 at Rams
LAST GAME	11/27/05: Bears 13 at Buccaneers 10. Chicago defense registers 4 sacks as club wins 7th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/29/02: Buccaneers 15, Bears 0. Tampa Bay K Martin Gramatica kicks 5 FGs (30, 32, 33, 26, 33) as Buccaneers secure 1st rd. bye in NFC playoffs.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 119 (TB), 125 (Chi.).	

STATS

PASSING	Gradkowski (R): 172-317-1,624-9-9-66.3	Grossman: 211-388-2,624-20 (3C)-17-74.5
RUSHING	C. Williams: 214-772-3.6-1	Jones: 258-1,053-4.1-5
RECEIVING	Galloway: 49-798-16.3-5	Muhammad: 50-687-13.7-5
OFFENSE	255.5	314.1
TAKE/GIVE	-12	+11 (2L)
DEFENSE	330.3	280.7 (3L)
SACKS	D. White, Wyms: 4.0	Anderson (R): 10.0
INTs	Barber: 3	R. Manning, Tillman: 5 (T2C)
PUNTING	Bidwell: 42.8	Maynard: 44.0
KICKING	M. Bryant: 55 (16/16 PAT; 13/17 FG)	Gould: 118 (1L) (40/40 PAT: 26/29 FG)

NOTES

BUCCANEERS: Rookie **QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI** has completed 10 passes of 25+ yards...Bucs are 7-1 (.875) when **RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** has 100+ yards and 9-0 when he has more than 20 carries. **RB MIKE ALSTOTT** had rush TD in last meeting. In past 2 starts vs. Bears, **RB MICHAEL PITTMAN** has 199 rush yards (99.5 per game) & 83 receiving yards (141.0 scrimmage yards per game)...In only game vs. Chi., **WR JOEY GALLOWAY** had 7 catches for 138 yards (19.7 avg.) & had 6 1st downs (85.7 pct.). Since entering league in 1995, Galloway has 599 receptions for 9,299 yards & 15.5 avg., 2nd-highest avg. during that time (min. 500 catches)...**LB DERRICK BROOKS** has 161 tackles in past 13 games vs. Bears, incl. 11 games with 10+ tackles. **CB RONDE BARBER** has 31 INTs & can pass **DONNIE ABRAHAM** (31) for franchise record. Had career-high 2.5 sacks vs. Chi. (9/10/00). **DE ELLIS WYMS** has 1.0 sack in each of 2 career meetings vs. Bears...**BEARS**: Are 19-5 (.792) at home vs. TB. Head coach **LOVIE SMITH** was LB coach with TB (1996-2000). Club has won 21 of past 25 under Smith...**QB REX GROSSMAN** has won 15 of 1st 20 career starts. Team is 12-1 (.923) 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. Jones spent 2003 season with TB...**WR BERNARD BERRIAN** averages 36.6 yards per TD catch (7 TDs, 256 yards), incl. 4 for 40+ yards...**LB BRIAN URLACHER** has 75 tackles in 6 starts vs. TB & aims for 7th meeting in row with 10+ tackles. In last meeting, **DE ADEWALE OGUNLEYE** & **DE ALEX BROWN** each had 2.0 sacks. Rookie **CB-PR DEVIN HESTER** had 2 KR-TDs last week & set NFL record for most return TDs in season with 6 (3 PR, 2 KR, 1 missed FG). **CB CHARLES TILLMAN** tied career-high with 5th INT last week. In past 3, rookie **S DANIEAL MANNING** has 1 INT, 3 FFs & 1 FR. **DE MARK ANDERSON** leads rookies with 10.0 sacks.

DETROIT LIONS (2-11) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS (5-8)**SERIES**

	<u>LIONS</u>	<u>PACKERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		81-64-7
STREAKS		4 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Marinelli: 0-1	McCarthy: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 30-20 vs. Vikings	W 30-19 at 49ers
LAST GAME	9/24/06: Packers 31 at Lions 24. Green Bay QB Brett Favre throws for 340 yards & 3 TDs, including 400th of career.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/11/05: Packers 16, Lions 13 (OT). Green Bay rookie RB Samkon Gado runs for 171 yards, including 64-yd TD. Packers K Ryan Longwell connects from 28 yards for winning FG.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Ron Pitts, Jesse Palmer, Jay Glazer (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 121 (Det.), 181 (GB).	

STATS

PASSING	Kitna: 301-483-3,484 (3C)-14-19-77.3	Favre: 276-484-3,141-17-12-78.0
RUSHING	A. Harris: 20-67-3.4-1	Green: 204-867-4.3-5
RECEIVING	Furrey: 74-857-11.6-4	Driver: 73-1,103 (2C)-15.1-7
OFFENSE	316.8	343.3
TAKE/GIVE	-12	-2
DEFENSE	346.8	351.7
SACKS	Redding: 7.0	Kampman: 10.5 (T2C)
INTs	Holt: 3	Woodson: 5 (T2C)
PUNTING	N. Harris: 44.2	Ryan: 45.0
KICKING	Hanson: 90 (24/24 PAT; 22/26 FG)	Rayner: 87 (27/27 PAT; 20/26 FG)

NOTES

LIONS: QB JON KITNA has passed for 2 TDs in each of 2 career starts vs. GB. Threw for 342 yards in Week 3 meeting. Ranks 3rd in NFL with 3,484 passing yards & is on pace for 2nd 4,000-yard season in franchise history (**SCOTT MITCHELL**, 4,338 yards in 1995)... In 3 games with 15+ carries, RB ARLEN HARRIS has 227 yards (75.7 per game) & 4 rush TDs...WR ROY WILLIAMS has 5 100-yard games this season & averages 140.4 yards per game in those 5. Had 7 catches for 138 yards (19.7 avg.) in Week 3 & aims for 3rd meeting in row with TD. DAN CAMPBELL averages 14.6 yards per catch (19-277), 2nd-highest by TE with 15+ catches. WR MIKE FURREY leads club with career-best 74 catches. Ranks 2nd on club with career-high 857 yards & aims for 1st 1,000-yard season. Needs 5 catches for 100 receptions in career...CB DRE' BLY has 4 INTs in career vs. GB. CB JAMAR FLETCHER played at Wisconsin & had 88-yard INT-TD last week. DT CORY REDDING has 5.5 sacks in past 5 games... **PACKERS:** QB BRETT FAVRE is 14-0 at home in career vs. Lions with 3,409 yards, 24 TDs, 8 INTs & 97.2 passer rating. Favre is 27-5 (.844) in home games played on Dec. 1 & after. Had season-high 127.1 passer rating vs. Lions in Week 3...RB AHMAN GREEN has 1,307 scrimmage yards (991 rush, 316 rec.) & 8 TDs in 11 starts vs. Det. Packers are 6-0 vs. Lions when Green has 70+ rush yards. Has 867 yards & needs 133 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 had 160 yards last week & recorded 3rd consecutive 1,000-yard season (1,103). Rookie WR GREG JENNINGS had 1st career 100-yard game (101), incl. 75-yard TD in last meeting. Needs 1 TD to become 1st rookie WR with 4 receiving TDs since Pro Football Hall of Famer JAMES LOFTON in 1978...S MARQUAND MANUAL had 29-yard INT-TD in last game vs. Lions. Rookie LB A.J. HAWK recorded 1st career sack in Week 3 & had 1st career INT last week. DE AARON KAMPMAN leads team with 10.5 sacks.

NEW YORK JETS (7-6) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (6-7)**SERIES**

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>VIKINGS</u>
SERIES LEADER	6-1	
STREAKS	Past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mangini: 0-0	Childress: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 31-13 vs. Bills	W 30-20 at Lions
LAST GAME	10/20/02: Vikings 7 at Jets 20. New York QB Chad Pennington throws for 324 yards & 1 TD. Jets' defense registers 3 INTs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/20/94: Jets 31, Vikings 21. New York DB Marcus Turner records 3 INTs, including a 90-yard INT-TD to help lead Jets to victory.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf. SIRIUS: 146 (NYJ), 123 (Min.).	

STATS

PASSING	Pennington: 248-387-2,619-14-15-79.6	B. Johnson: 259-421-2,642-8-15-71.0
RUSHING	L. Washington (R): 127-566-4.5-3	C. Taylor: 265-1,098-4.1-5
RECEIVING	Coles: 75 (3C)-921-12.3-5	T. Taylor: 45-507-11.3-1
OFFENSE	300.9	326.1
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+3
DEFENSE	349.0	282.8 (2C)
SACKS	B. Thomas: 7.5	Scott: 5.5
INTs	Dyson, Rhodes: 4	D. Smith, Winfield: 4
PUNTING	Graham: 44.5 (3C)	Kluwe: 41.4
KICKING	Nugent: 74 (29/30 PAT; 15/18 FG)	Longwell: 85 (22/23 PAT; 21/24 FG)

NOTES

JETS: After 2-3 start, team has gone 5-3...Win would double club's '05 season win total of 4...**QB CHAD PENNINGTON** (2,619) needs 502 passing yds in final 3 games to reach career-high (3,120; 2002)...Rookie **RB LEON WASHINGTON** has 566 rush yds & needs 58 more to surpass **FREEMAN MC NEIL** (623, 1981) for 4th most by rookie in club history...In 2 career games vs. Min, **WR LAVERANUES COLES** has 9 catches for 123 yds & 1 TD. Coles (921) & **WR JERRICHO COTCHERY** (802) aim to become 1st NYJ duo to reach 1,000 rec. yds each since 1998 when team advanced to AFC Championship Game (**WAYNE CHREBET**, 1,083; **KEYSHAWN JOHNSON**, 1,131)...Team is 4-2 (.667) when penalized for less than 40 yds...Defense has allowed only 3 rush TDs in past 8 games...**DE BRYAN THOMAS** has at least 1.0 sack in 5 of past 6 games. **DE SHAUN ELLIS** (48.5) needs 1.5 sacks for 50 career. **S KERRY RHODES** has forced fumble on 3 of 4 sacks...**VIKINGS:** In only start vs. NYJ with Vikings (11/23/97), **QB BRAD JOHNSON** completed 24 of 35 passes (68.6 pct.) for 312 yards with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 124.9 passer rating. Johnson's teams are 10-2 (.833) in his starts with 120.0+ rating...**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** has career-best 1,098 yards and needs 202 yards to join **ROBERT SMITH** (1,521 in 2000) as only Vikings to rush for 1,300 yards in season. Has 265 rush attempts & needs 30 carries to set single-season record (Smith, 295 in 2000). **RB ARTOSE PINNER** rushed for career-high 125 yards & 3 TDs last week...**WR MARCUS ROBINSON** has TD in 4 of 9 games played & has 3 TDs of 20+ yards. **JERMAINE WIGGINS** ties for 5th among NFC TEs with 41 receptions (356 yards, 1 TD). Began career with NYJ & played 1 season with Jets (2000)...Club has NFL's best run defense, allowing 54.1 yards per game & 2.7 yards per rush. Team has forced 6 INTs & recovered 5 fumbles in past 2 games. **S DARREN SHARPER** had INT in only meeting vs. NYJ (9/3/00 with GB). Sharper had INT last week & his teams are 33-9 (.786) when he has INT. Rookie **CB CEDRIC GRIFFIN** had INT, FF & FR last week.

HOUSTON TEXANS (4-9) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (9-4)**SERIES**

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		1-0
STREAKS		Past 1
COACHES VS. OPP.	Kubiak: 0-0	Belichick: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 26-20 (OT) vs. Titans	L 21-0 at Dolphins
LAST GAME	11/23/03: Patriots 23 at Texans 20 (OT). New England K Adam Vinatieri connects on 28-yard FG with 41 seconds remaining for Patriots' 7th consecutive win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon. SIRIUS: 144 (Hou.), 107 (NE).	

STATS

PASSING	Carr: 261-376-2,391-10-7-87.5	Brady: 260-430-2,946-20 (3C)-12-84.9
RUSHING	Lundy (R): 120-462-3.9-4	Dillon: 157-654-4.2-10 (T3C)
RECEIVING	A. Johnson: 92 (1L)-1,059-11.5-5	Watson (TE): 49-643-13.1-3
OFFENSE	287.2	335.8
TAKE/GIVE	-2	+/- 0
DEFENSE	349.6	294.7
SACKS	Williams (R): 4.5	Colvin, Warren: 6.5
INTs	Faggins, Robinson: 2	Samuel: 7 (T1L)
PUNTING	Stanley: 41.2	Walter: 35.9
KICKING	K. Brown: 71 (20/21 PAT; 17/23 FG)	Gostkowski (R): 71 (32/32 PAT; 13/17 FG)

NOTES

TEXANS: Club has won 2 of past 3 on road. Club is 4-1 (.800) when allowing 15 points or less...Team (4) has doubled last season's win total of 2 under head coach **GARY KUBIAK**...**QB DAVID CARR** leads NFL w/ 69.4 comp. pct. Since 1970, only 3 players have reached 70.0 pct. for season: **KEN ANDERSON**, Cin., 70.6, 1982; **HOFer STEVE YOUNG**, SF, 70.3, 1994; **HOFer JOE MONTANA**, 70.2, 1989. Carr has won 3 of past 5 Dec. road starts...**RB RON DAYNE** equaled career-high 2 rushing TDs last wk. Rookie **RB WALI LUNDY** (462) needs 68 rush yds to surpass **JONATHAN WELLS** (529, 2002) for 2nd most by rookie in team's 5-yr history. Club has won 3 of past 5 when Lundy posts at least 9 carries...**WR ANDRE JOHNSON** tops NFL w/ 92 catches; no other player in league has 83. WR Johnson has at least 98 rec. yds in 5 of 13 games. Johnson has at least 6 catches in 9 consecutive road games & is tied w/ rookie **TE OWEN DANIELS** for team lead in TDs (5). Daniels' 5 TDs is most ever by Texans TE...**G CHESTER PITTS** to start 78th consecutive game...**DE JASON BABIN** has 3.0 sacks in past 5 games...**PATRIOTS:** Win coupled w/ NYJ loss or tie would clinch team's 5th AFC East title in past 6 yrs...Club is 20-6 (.769) in Dec. under head coach **BILL BELICHICK** (since '00) & is 34-9 (.791) all-time in Gillette Stadium, including playoffs. Team has scored at least 28 points in 4 of past 5 Dec. games...**QB TOM BRADY** has posted 100.0+ passer rating in 32 of 91 (35.2 pct.) career starts & club is 31-1 (.969) in those contests. Brady to start 92nd consecutive regular season game, 3rd longest active streak among NFL QBs (**BRETT FAVRE**, 234; **PEYTON MANNING**, 141)...**RB COREY DILLON** (34) needs 1 TD to tie **STEVE GROGAN** (35) for 3rd most in franchise history. Dillon (10) tied for 4th in NFL rushing TDs...Five-yr vet **WR RECHE CALDWELL** has 47 receptions; entered season w/ career-high of 28 (2005, w/ SD). **TE BENJAMIN WATSON** leads team w/ 49 catches & can be NE's 1st TE since **BEN COATES** (67) in 1998 to reach 50 in season...Defense No. 3 in NFL in points allowed (14.3/gm). **CB ASANTE SAMUEL** tied for NFL lead w/ 7 INTs; last Patriot w/ 8 was **RONNIE LIPPETT** (1986).

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (4-9) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (9-4)**SERIES**

	<u>REDSKINS</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
SERIES LEADER	13-7	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gibbs: 5-1	Payton: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 21-19 vs. Eagles	W 42-17 at Cowboys
LAST GAME	11/30/03: Saints 24 at Redskins 20. New Orleans QB Aaron Brooks runs for 2 TDs & throws another to help Saints rally to defeat Washington.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/30/01: Redskins 40, Saints 10. Washington RB Stephen Davis runs for 111 yards & 1 TD. Redskins' defense forces 4 turnovers to help overcome early 10-pt. deficit.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger, Chris Myers (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 143 (Was.), 147 (NO).	

STATS

PASSING	Campbell: 63-122-713-6-5-68.8	Brees: 318-479-4,033 (1L)-25 (1L)-10-101.2 (1L)
RUSHING	Betts: 174-814-4.7-2	McAllister: 202-901-4.5-8 (T2C)
RECEIVING	Moss: 43-621-14.4-4	Bush (RB) (R): 79 (2C)-687-8.7-2
OFFENSE	320.0	410.6 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-4
DEFENSE	344.9	316.0
SACKS	A. Carter, Daniels: 3.0	Smith: 10.5 (T2C)
INTs	5 tied: 1	4 tied: 2
PUNTING	Frost: 42.3	Weatherford (R): 43.5
KICKING	Suisham 20 (5/5 PAT; 5/7 FG)	Carney: 96 (3C) (39/40 PAT; 19/21 FG)

NOTES

REDSKINS: Head coach **JOE GIBBS** is 5-1 (.833) in career vs. NO...**QB JASON CAMPBELL** has 6 TDs in 1st 4 NFL starts & aims for 5th in row with TD pass...In 6 career games with 20+ carries, **RB LADELL BETTS** averages 124.5 yards per game (747 yards) & has scored 3 rush TDs. Betts has 430 rush yards (143.3 per game) in past 3 & aims for 4th 100-yard game in row. Club is 2nd in NFC averaging 134.7 rush yards per game...Since joining Redskins in 2005, **WR SANTANA MOSS** has averaged 16.6 yards per catch avg. (127-2,104), tops in NFL among players with 100+ catches. **TE CHRIS COOLEY** has TD catch in 5 of past 8. **WR-PR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** had 85 receiving yards, incl. 34-yard TD & completed 40-yard pass to **WR BRANDON LLYOD** last week...**DE ANDRE CARTER** has 1.0+ sack in each of 3 games vs. NO (4.0 sacks). **S TROY VINCENT** has 2 INTs & 2 FRs in past 3 meetings. **S ADAM ARCHULETA** tied career-high with 2.0 sacks vs. NO (10/23/05 with StL). Teams are 9-4 (.692) when Archuleta has sack ...**SAINTS:** Team has 2,446 total net yards (489.2 per game) in past 5. Offense leads NFL with 18 TDs of 20+ yards (16 pass, 2 rush) & 55 pass plays of 20+ yards...**QB DREW BREES** has 2,524 pass yards in past 7 (360.6 per game) with 6 300-yard games. Leads NFL with 4,033 yards, 1st 4,000-yard season in team history...**RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** aims for 3rd 100-yard game in row vs. Was. & has 286 yards in past 2 (143.0 per game). Rookie **RB REGGIE BUSH** is 2nd in NFC with 79 catches. Has 125 & 131 receiving yards in past 2 weeks & is 3rd RB in NFL history with consecutive games with 125+ yards (**LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**, **LENNY MOORE**). **FB MIKE KARNEY** scored 3 TDs (2 rec., 1 rush) last week & had 0 TDs in 43 career games...**WR DEVERY HENDERSON** leads NFL with 23.4 yards-per-catch avg. **WR JAMAL JONES** scored 1st career TD last week. Rookie **WR MARQUES COLSTON** needs 83 yards for 1,000-yard season...**DE WILL SMITH** has 7.0 sacks in past 5 & aims for 4th in row with sack. **DE CHARLES GRANT** has sack in 2 of past 3.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (8-5) AT TENNESSEE TITANS (6-7)**SERIES**

	<u>JAGUARS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
SERIES LEADER		12-11
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Del Rio: 4-3	Fisher: 12-11
LAST WEEK	W 44-17 vs. Colts	W 26-20 (OT) at Texans
LAST GAME	11/5/06: Titans 7 at Jaguars 37. Jacksonville QB David Garrard passes for 177 yards & 3 TDs, earning 120.6 passer rating. Jaguars RB Fred Taylor rushes for 79 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/20/05: Jaguars 31, Titans 28. Jacksonville QB Byron Leftwich passes for 3 TDs & rushes for another to rally Jaguars to victory.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker. SIRIUS: 153 (Jax.).	

STATS

PASSING	Garrard: 96-163-1,167-7-5-82.5	Young (R): 148-286-1,704-10-11-65.7
RUSHING	Taylor: 222-1,083-4.9-5	Henry: 212-937-4.4-7
RECEIVING	R. Williams: 40-429-10.7-4	Bennett: 42-662-15.8-3
OFFENSE	330.1	305.7
TAKE/GIVE	+4	-1
DEFENSE	283.5 (3C)	364.4
SACKS	McCray: 8.0	Vanden Bosch: 4.0
INTs	Mathis: 7 (T1L)	3 tied: 3
PUNTING	Hanson: 41.0	Hentrich: 43.4
KICKING	Scobee: 105 (2C) (33/33 PAT; 24/29 FG)	Bironas: 69 (24/24 PAT; 15/19 FG)

NOTES

JAGUARS: Team has won 4 of past 6 games...**QB DAVID GARRARD** has won 4 of past 5 starts inside division, including past 2 vs. Titans. Garrard has won 8 of past 10 starts overall. Since Nov. 1, Garrard owns NFL's 8th-best passer rating (83.7), completing 86 of 146 (58.9 pct.) for 1,080 yds w/ 7 TDs vs. 5 INTs...**RB FRED TAYLOR** (1,083) aims for 6th 1,200-yd rushing season in 9-yr career & has avg'd at least 4.6 yds/carry in 6 of past 7 mtgs. Rookie **RB-KR MAURICE JONES-DREW** set yds/carry club record last week w/ 11.1 on 15 rushes & is 5th in NFL w/ 12 TDs. Posted team-record 303 all-purpose yds last wk, rushed for 2 TDs & had 93-yd KR-TD. Only other Jaguar rookie to reach 12 TDs was RB Taylor (17, 1998)...Defense has allowed 10 100-yd rushers since **JACK DEL RIO** became head coach in 2003, 2nd fewest in NFL in that span. Since rookie **LB CLINT INGRAM** became starter, club has limited 6 of 8 foes to 17 points or less. **CB RASHEAN MATHIS** tied for NFL lead w/ 7 INTs; had 2 INTs in last mtg...**TITANS**: Team has won 6 of past 8 & has won 3 games on season after trailing by 11 points or more...Club is 41-2 (.953) under head coach **JEFF FISHER** when entering 4th qtr w/ lead...In past 4 games, **QB VINCE YOUNG** has passed for 5 TDs & rushed for 2 more, including 39-yd TD rush in OT last wk. Young (1,704) has surpassed **DAN PASTORINI** (1,702) for most pass yds by rookie in club history. Club was 0-3 before Young was starter & 6-4 (.600) since...**RB TRAVIS HENRY**'s teams are 7-2 (.778) in Dec. when he posts 20+ carries. Henry (937) needs 63 rush yds for 1st 1,000-yd season since '03 (w/ Buf)...**WR BRANDON JONES** has TD catch in 2 of past 3. **WR DREW BENNETT** has catch of at least 18 yds in 6 of 8 career mtgs. Since 2004 (10 games), Bennett stand 3rd in NFL w/ 891 Dec. receiving yds w/ NFL-best 12 TDs...Defense has allowed RB Taylor only 1 rush TD in past 11 meetings. Five-yr vet **S CHRIS HOPE** (3) needs 1 INT to reach career-high. Club is 1 of 5 NFL teams w/ 3 players w/ at least 3 INTs: Hope, **CB PACMAN JONES** (3), & **S LAMONT THOMPSON** (3).

DENVER BRONCOS (7-6) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (4-9)

SERIES

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>CARDINALS</u>
SERIES LEADER	6-0-1	
STREAKS	Past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 3-0	Green: 2-1
LAST WEEK	L 48-20 at Chargers	W 27-21 vs. Seahawks
LAST GAME	12/29/02: Cardinals 7 at Broncos 37. Denver RB Clinton Portis runs for 228 yards & 2 TDs. Broncos' offense outgains Arizona 450-207.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/23/01: Broncos 38, Cardinals 17. Denver QB Brian Griese throws 3 TD passes & WR Rod Smith sets club-record w/ 14 receptions.	
BROADCAST	CBS (2:05 PM MT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. SIRIUS: 130 (Den.), 143 (Arz.).	

STATS

PASSING	Cutler (R): 27-51-331-4-2-83.0	Leinart (R): 185-329-2,171-10-10-73.9
RUSHING	T. Bell: 191-898-4.7-2	James: 278-925-3.3-4
RECEIVING	Walker: 57-923-16.2-6	Boldin: 70-967-13.8-4
OFFENSE	305.9	299.2
TAKE/GIVE	+/- 0	+2
DEFENSE	325.0	355.3
SACKS	Dumervil (R): 7.0	Okefor: 5.5
INTs	Bailey: 6	Wilson: 4
PUNTING	Ernster: 41.7	Player: 44.3
KICKING	Elam: 85 (25/25 PAT; 20/22 FG)	Rackers: 86 (26/26 PAT; 20/28 FG)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES starting QBs drafted in 1st round of 2006 NFL Draft: Arizona's **MATT LEINART** (No. 10) & Denver's **JAY CUTLER** (No. 11)...**BRONCOS:** Club has won 8 of past 12 on road. Team is 30-16 (.652) vs. NFC under head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN** (since 1995)...Rookie QB Cutler can be 1st Den QB to post winning start since **HOFer JOHN ELWAY** (12/11/83). Reserve **QB JAKE PLUMMER** is Cardinals' 3rd-leading pass all-time w/ 17,622 yds...**RB TATUM BELL** has 100+ in 4 of past 5 vs. NFC, averaging 106.0 yds/game & 7.4 yds/carry. T. Bell has rush of 30+ yds in all 5 career games vs. NFC. Rookie **RB MIKE BELL** is Phoenix native, attended Tolleson H.S. & U. of Arizona. Bell (481) needs 19 rush yds to be 1st undrafted Denver rookie to rush for 500...**WR JAVON WALKER** averages 16.2 yds/catch, 2nd best mark in NFL among players w/ 800+ rec. yds. Walker (923) needs 77 yds to reach 1,000 for 2nd time in 5-yr career. **WR ROD SMITH** (42) needs 8 receptions to reach 50 in 10 consecutive seasons...**CB CHAMP BAILEY** has 6 INTs in 7 career games vs. Cards...**CARDINALS:** QB Leinart has passed for 200+ yards in 7 of 9 starts. Has 2,171 yards & needs 33 yards to pass **JAKE PLUMMER** (2,203) for most by rookie in team history...**RB EDGERRIN JAMES** aims for 3rd in row with 100+ rush yards. Teams are 45-6 (.882) when James has 100+ yards & 65-15 (.813) when he has 20+ carries...Since 2005, **WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** (87.7) ranks 3rd & **WR LARRY FITZGERALD** (82.8) is 6th in receiving yards per game. Fitzgerald aims for 6th game in row vs. AFC with TD catch. **WR BRYANT JOHNSON** averages 18.6 yards per catch & had 56-yard TD last week. Aims for 3rd in row vs. AFC with 80+ receiving yards...**S ADRIAN WILSON** is only player in NFC with 4.0 sacks & 4 INTs. Has 2 99-yard TDs this year (FR-TD, INT-TD) & is only player in NFL history with 2 defensive TDs of 99+ yards in single season. **LB KARLOS DANSBY** has 5.0 sacks in past 8. **DE CHIKE OKEAFOR** has 3.5 sacks in past 2. Has 1.5 sacks in 2 career games vs. Den.

MIAMI DOLPHINS (6-7) AT BUFFALO BILLS (6-7)**SERIES**

	<u>DOLPHINS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>
SERIES LEADER	49-31-1	
STREAKS		4 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Saban: 1-2	Jauron: 1-1
LAST WEEK	W 21-0 vs. Patriots	W 31-13 at Jets
LAST GAME	9/17/06: Bills 16 at Dolphins 6. Buffalo K Rian Lindell kicks 3 FGs (33, 45, 43) & Bills defense has 7 sacks.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/9/05: Bills 20, Dolphins 14. Buffalo builds 17-0 lead at half & survives late surge by Miami. Bills RB Willis McGahee rushes for 86 yards & 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Don Criqui, Steve Beuerlein. SIRIUS: 155 (Mia.), 128 (Buf.).	

STATS

PASSING	Harrington: 211-356-2,174-12-13-72.9	Losman: 216-342-2,348-14-10-84.8
RUSHING	Brown: 202-783-3.9-5	McGahee: 198-793-4.0-5
RECEIVING	Welker: 59-597-10.1-1	Evans: 67-1,016-15.2-5
OFFENSE	318.5	258.8
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-1
DEFENSE	278.2 (3C)	333.8
SACKS	Taylor: 11.5 (3C)	Schobel: 12.5 (T1L)
INTs	Hill, Taylor: 2	Fletcher-Baker: 3
PUNTING	Jones: 42.5	Moorman: 44.2
KICKING	Mare: 80 (20/20 PAT; 20/30 FG)	Lindell: 81 (27/27 PAT; 18/20 FG)

NOTES

DOLPHINS: **QB JOEY HARRINGTON** has 9 TD passes in past 6 games. Harrington (12) needs 3 TD passes to post 15+ in 3 of past 4 seasons...Club is 6-3 when **RB SAMMY MORRIS** rushes for 50+ yds...**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** posted career-bests in catches (15) & rec. yds (238) vs. Bills (12/4/05). **TE RANDY MC MICHAEL** (49) needs 1 catch to give team 4 players w/ 50 catches in same season for 3rd time in franchise history (**WES WELKER** 59; Chambers 55; & **WR MARTY BOOKER** 51). Team has 3 WRs w/ 50+ catches for 1st time in club history. Booker has TD catch in 3 consecutive games...Defense shutout NE last wk, 21-0, for club's 1st shutout since 9/3/00 (23-0 vs. Sea). **DE KEVIN CARTER** to play in 190th consecutive game Sunday. **DE JASON TAYLOR** has 15.0 sacks in 17 career starts vs. Buf, including pair of 3.0-sack performances. **CB WILL ALLEN** recorded 3 FRs from '01-05; Allen 3 FRs this season...**BILLS**: In 2 career starts vs. Mia, **QB J.P. LOSMAN** has 4 TDs vs. 1 INT, completing 24 of 44 (54.5 pct.) for 307 yds & 97.4 passer rating. Losman has 50+ yd completion in 5 of past 7 division games...Team is 4-0 vs. Miami when **RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** rushes for 85+ yds. McGahee has 608 rush yds in past 6 vs. AFC East (101.3 avg.)...**WR LEE EVANS** recorded career-best 3 TDs vs. Mia on 12/4/05. Two of Evans' top 3 career games in rec. yds vs. Mia (117, 110). Evans is 1st player in Bills history to post 3 TD receptions of 75+ yds in single season & is 1st in NFL since 1989 (**WEBSTER SLAUGHTER**, Cle). **WR PEERLESS PRICE** (25) needs 1 TD to surpass **PETE METZELAARS** (25) for 6th most TD catches in club history...**DE AARON SCHOBEL** has at least half-sack in 6 of past 8 vs. Dolphins. Schobel (59.0) needs 1.0 sack to be 3rd Bill to reach 60 in career. **DE RYAN DENNEY** posted career-high 3.0 sacks in Wk 2 mtg. Denney has sack in 2 of past 3 vs. Mia at home & has career-best 5.0 on season. **CB-KR TERENCE MC GEE** has KR of at least 37 yds in 3 of past 4 vs. Mia, including franchise-record 104-yd KR-TD on 12/5/04. McGee 4th in AFC w/ 26.8 KR avg.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (7-6) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (7-6)

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>GIANTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		76-65-2
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 7-9	Coughlin: 5-2
LAST WEEK	W 21-19 at Redskins	W 27-13 at Panthers
LAST GAME	9/17/06: Giants 30 at Eagles 24 (OT). New York QB Eli Manning throws for 371 yards & 3 TDs, including 31-yd TD pass to WR Plaxico Burress w/ 3:11 remaining in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/11/05: Giants 26, Eagles 23 (OT). Giants K Jay Feely connects from 36 yards w/ 3:55 remaining in overtime. Giants RB Tiki Barber runs for 124 yards & adds 1 rec. TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 123 (Phi.), 147 (NYG).	

STATS

PASSING	Garcia: 81-134-805-8-0-97.4	E. Manning: 252-431-2,787-22 (2C)-15-80.3
RUSHING	Westbrook: 194-995-5.1-5	Barber: 269-1,282 (2C)-4.8-1
RECEIVING	Westbrook (RB): 69-624-9.0-4	Shockey (TE): 56-556-9.9-7
OFFENSE	377.1 (3L)	335.3
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+3
DEFENSE	331.7	334.2
SACKS	T. Cole: 8.0	Robbins: 5.5
INTs	Sheppard: 5 (T2C)	6 tied: 2
PUNTING	Johnson: 42.5	Feagles: 40.6
KICKING	Akers: 81 (39/39 PAT; 14/17 FG)	Feely: 86 (32/32 PAT; 18/22 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: QB JEFF GARCIA has 7 TDs vs. 0 INTs & 113.7 passer rating in 3 starts this season. Has won 2 of 3 career starts vs. NYG, incl. playoffs...In past 6 meetings, RB BRIAN WESTRBOOK has 721 scrimmage yards (120.2 per game) & 8 TDs (4 rush, 3 rec., 1 PR). Ranks 6th in NFL with 1,619 scrimmage yards (995 rush, 624 rec.)...WR REGGIE BROWN has scored 8 TDs (7 rec., 1 rush) on 42 touches (19.0 pct.). WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH aims for 3rd in row with TD catch. In 2 starts vs. NYG, has 13 catches for 222 yards (111.0 per game) & 1 TD. TE L.J. SMITH had 7 catches for 111 yards in last meeting. Offense leads NFL with 63 plays of 20+ yards...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 16 when Dawkins has INT. S MICHAEL LEWIS had 84-yard INT-TD last week & Eagles are 2nd team in NFL history with 3 players with 70+ yard INT-TDs in single season (CBs SHELDON BROWN & LITO SHEPPARD)...**GIANTS:** QB ELI MANNING has won past 3 vs. Eagles. Aims for 3rd meeting in row with 300+ yards. Has 3 TD passes in 2 of past 3 vs. Phi. & Giants are 5-1 (.833) when Manning passes for 3+ TDs, incl. last week...RB TIKI BARBER had 112 yards last week & has led team in rushing for 77 consecutive games, longest streak in history. In past 8 vs. Phi., Barber has 915 rush yards (114.4 per game), incl. 6 100-yard games. Became 20th player in NFL history with 10,000 rushing yards last week...WR PLAXICO BURRESS had TD in 9 of 12 games played & aims for 5th in row with TD. Since entering NFL in 2002, JEREMY SHOCKEY is 2nd among TEs with 304 catches & 3,542 yards...DE MICHAEL STRAHAN has 20.5 sacks in career vs. Eagles, most vs. opponent. Giants are 52-32-1 (.618) when Strahan has 1.0+ sack. Rookie DE MATHIAS KIWANUKA has 4.0 sacks, 2 INTs & 2 FFs in 7 career starts. DE OSI UMENYIORA has 2.5 sacks in past 2 meetings. S GIBRIL WILSON had career-high 2 INTs last week. In 3 games vs. Eagles, Wilson has 1 INT, 1.0 sack & 1 FF.

ST. LOUIS RAMS (5-8) AT OAKLAND RAIDERS (2-11)**SERIES**

	<u>RAMS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		7-3
STREAKS		4 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Linehan: 0-0	Shell: 2-0
LAST WEEK	L 42-27 vs. Bears	L 27-10 at Bengals
LAST GAME	10/13/02: Raiders 13 at Rams 28. St. Louis QB Marc Bulger passes for 3 TDs & rushes for another in 1st NFL start.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/28/97: Raiders 35, Rams 17. Oakland QB Jeff George throws 4 TD passes, including 2 to TE Rickey Dudley, who has 5 receptions for 106 yards.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson, Tim Ryan (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (StL), 110 (Oak.).	

STATS

PASSING	Bulger: 315-498-3,528 (2C)-19-8-90.3	Brooks: 84-147-871-3-6-64.2
RUSHING	S. Jackson: 257-1,109 (3C)-4.3-7	Fargas: 130-447-3.4-1
RECEIVING	S. Jackson (RB): 82 (1C)-680-8.3-1	Moss: 42-553-13.2-3
OFFENSE	347.8	243.3
TAKE/GIVE	+7 (3C)	-11
DEFENSE	344.1	288.3
SACKS	Little: 10.0	Burgess: 10.0
INTs	Atogwe, Hill (R): 3	Asomugha: 7 (T1L)
PUNTING	Turk: 43.0	Lechler: 48.1 (1L)
KICKING	Wilkins: 105 (3L) (24/24 PAT; 27/31 FG)	Janikowski: 58 (16/16 PAT; 14/21 FG)

NOTES

RAMS: QB **MARC BULGER** made 1st NFL start vs. Oak. & passed for 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 134.1 passer rating, highest mark of career. Rams are 7-2 (.778) when Bulger has 3+ TDs. Has 3,528 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 1,789 scrimmage yards (1,109 rush, 680 rec.). Has rush TD in 6 of past 8...**WR TORRY HOLT** has 10 TDs in past 12. Has 985 yards & needs 15 for 7th consecutive 1,000-yard receiving season. Since 2000, Holt has 9,684 yards, most in NFL. **WR ISAAC BRUCE** has 13,104 receiving yards & needs 95 to pass **ANDRE REED** (13,098) for 7th-most all-time...**DE LEONARD LITTLE** has 5.0 sacks in past 6. **DT LA'ROI GLOVER** was 5th round pick by Oak. in 1996. **S COREY CHAVOUS** has 1 INT & 1.0 sack in past 3 vs. AFC. **CB JERAMETRIUS BUTLER** has 3 INTs in past 7 vs. AFC. Rams are 7-1 (.875) when Butler has INT...**RAIDERS**: Club has won 3 of past 5 at home vs. NFC...O-line coach & **HOFer JACKIE SLATER** played 20 yrs for Rams, starred in 7 Pro Bowls...**QB AARON BROOKS** has 12 TD passes vs. 6 INTs in 6 career games vs. StL. Brooks is 25-11 (.694) as starter when not throwing INT...**RB JUSTIN FARGAS** has career-best 447 rush yds. In last home game, **RB RE SHARD LEE** rushed for 42 yds on 6 carries for 7.0-yd avg...Team has held TOP edge in 3 of past 4 games...In 3 career gms vs. StL, **WR RANDY MOSS** has 20 catches for 312 yds (104.0 avg.) w/ 2 TDs. Moss has 20+ yd catch in all 3 mtgs. In past 3 Dec. gms, **WR RONALD CURRY** has 20 catches for 272 yds & 3 TDs & is tied for most 3rd down catches by AFC West WR w/ 19...Defense has not allowed more than 17 pts in 6 of past 9 gms. Club 1 of 5 in NFL w/ 2 players w/ 4 or more INTs each: **CBs NNAMDI ASOMUGHA** (7) & **FABIAN WASHINGTON** (4)...**DT WARREN SAPP** has 5.0 sacks in 3 career games vs. StL w/ 2.0 in 2 of 3 meetings.

SUNDAY NIGHT**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (7-6) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (11-2)****SERIES**

	<u>CHIEFS</u>	<u>CHARGERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	49-42-1	
STREAKS		3 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 4-1	Schottenheimer: 6-6
LAST WEEK	L 20-10 vs. Ravens	W 48-20 vs. Broncos
LAST GAME	10/22/06: Chiefs 30 at Chargers 27. Kansas City K Lawrence Tynes converts game-winning 53-yard FG with 6 seconds left in 4th quarter. Chiefs RB Larry Johnson runs for 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/30/05: Chargers 28, Chiefs 20. San Diego TE Antonio Gates has 10 catches for 145 yards & 3 TDs. Chargers LB Shawne Merriman records 2.0 sacks & forces fumble.	
BROADCAST	NBC (5:15 PM PT): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 123 (Westwood); 125 (KC), 130 (SD).	

STATS

PASSING	Green: 72-112-828-5-5-82.7	Rivers: 247-383-2,879-18-6-96.3 (3C)
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 333-1,432 (1L)-4.3-13 (2L)	Tomlinson: 285-1,427 (2L)-5.0-26 (1L)
RECEIVING	Gonzalez (TE): 60-759-12.7-5	Gates (TE): 64-798-12.5-8 (T1C)
OFFENSE	324.2	366.2 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	+2	+11 (T2L)
DEFENSE	323.5	294.3
SACKS	Allen: 6.5	Merriman: 12.5 (T1L)
INTs	Law: 3	Jammer: 4
PUNTING	Colquitt: 44.6 (2C)	Scifres: 43.3
KICKING	Tynes: 85 (28/29 PAT; 19/25 FG)	Kaeding: 111 (1C) (51/51 PAT; 20/23 FG)

NOTES

FOUR OF PAST 5 games coached between **HERMAN EDWARDS** (NYJ '01-05) & **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** decided by 6-points-or-less, including '04 Div. Playoffs (OT)...**CHIEFS**: Club has won 3 of past 4 at SD in Dec...Asst. coach & **HOFer CHARLIE JOINER** was 3-time All-Star for SD (1977, '80-81)...**QB TRENT GREEN** is 7-4 (.636) in career as starter vs. SD. In past 2 starts vs. SD, Green has 4 TDs vs. 0 INTs...**RB LARRY JOHNSON** has 100+ rush yds in 7 of past 8 starts; leads NFL w/ 1,432 rush yds. Johnson (43) needs 1 rush TD to tie **HOFer MARCUS ALLEN** (44) for 2nd most in team annals (**PRIEST HOLMES**, 76)...**TE TONY GONZALEZ** (61) needs 1 TD to tie **SHANNON SHARPE** (62) for most TD catches by TE in NFL history...**DE JARED ALLEN** has sack in each of past 2 vs. SD...**CHARGERS**: Have clinched AFC West; earn 1st Rd bye w/ win & Indy loss... Has won 12 of past 16 vs. division. Win would be team's 12th, tying club record for most in season...**QB PHILIP RIVERS** is 6-0 as home starter, completing 112 of 177 (63.3 pct.)...Last wk **RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** scored 29th TD for NFL season record, surpassing **SHAUN ALEXANDER** (28, 2005). Tomlinson (174) needs 3 points to surpass **HOFer PAUL HORNUNG** (176; GB, 1960) for most scored in season & needs 2 TDs to surpass NFL record for consec. games w/ multiple TDs (**HOFer JOHN RIGGINS**, 7, 1983)...**WR ERIC PARKER** (42) needs 5 catches for 47 for 3rd yr in row. In 5 career games vs. KC, **TE ANTONIO GATES** has 8 TDs, including at least 1 in every mtg...Defense sacked QB Green 4 times in last mtg at SD. Club leads NFL w/ 48 sacks, topped by **LBS SHAWNE MERRIMAN** (12.5) & **SHAUN PHILLIPS** (10.5). **CB QUENTIN JAMMER** has INT in 2 of past 3 games.

MONDAY NIGHT**CINCINNATI BENGALS (8-5) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (10-3)****SERIES**

	<u>BENGALS</u>	<u>COLTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		13-8
STREAKS		Past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 0-1	Dungy: 4-0
LAST WEEK	W 27-10 vs. Raiders	L 44-17 at Jaguars
LAST GAME	11/20/05: Colts 45 at Bengals 37. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning passes for 365 yards & 3 TDs, including 21-yarder to TE Dallas Clark. Colts improve to 10-0.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/6/02: Colts 28, Bengals 21. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning passes for 2 TDs & runs for another. Colts defense allows 410 yards but forces 4 turnovers in the victory.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (8:30 PM ET): Mike Tirico, Joe Theismann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber & Michelle Tafoya (Field reporters). Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood); (Cin.), 123 (Ind.).	

STATS

PASSING	Palmer: 269-414-3,399 (2C)-24 (1C)-11-98.7 (1L)	Manning: 290-457-3,628 (1C)-22 (2C)-9-95.9
RUSHING	R. Johnson: 276-1,054-3.8-10 (T3C)	Addai (R): 182-867-4.8-7
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 77 (2C)-1,247 (1L)-16.2-7	Harrison: 74-1,094 (3C)-14.8-6
OFFENSE	349.7	381.4 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	+7	+8 (3C)
DEFENSE	347.5	333.1
SACKS	Geathers: 10.5	Mathis: 9.5
INTs	Kaesviharn: 6	Harper: 3
PUNTING	Larson: 44.0	Smith: 43.9
KICKING	Graham: 95 (3C) (35/27 PAT; 20/24 FG)	Vinatieri: 88 (28/28 PAT; 20/23 FG)

NOTES

CITIES SEPARATED by 114 road miles...**BENGALS**: Team has 8 victories for 4th consecutive season for 1st time – all 4 seasons under head coach **MARVIN LEWIS**. Bengals are 11-4 in past 15 on road...**QB CARSON PALMER** has 2+ TD passes in 6 of past 8...Team is 17-0 when **RB RUDI JOHNSON** carries 25+ times, including 6-0 on season. RB Johnson rushed for 2 TDs last wk & has rushed for TD in 5 of past 7...NFL rec. yds leader **WR CHAD JOHNSON** (1,247) needs 186 to surpass own single-season club record (1,432, '05) & is on pace to be 1st Bengal to lead NFL for season. **WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** has TD catch in 3 gms in row & leads team w/ 8 on season. WR Johnson & Houshmandzadeh stand 2nd among NFL WR duos w/ 2,141 rec .yds...Defense has allowed total of 17 points in past 3, team's best 3-gm mark. **DE ROBERT GEATHERS** has 1.0+ sack in 7 of 13 gms. **S KEVIN KAESVIHARN** (6) tied for 4th in NFL INTs...**COLTS**: Win or tie clinches playoff berth. Playoff trip would mark 9th time in 11 seasons head coach **TONY DUNGY** has led his team to postseason...In 4 career starts vs. Cin, **QB PEYTON MANNING** (4-0) has 10 TDs vs. 3 INTs & has at least 2 TD passes in all 4 mtgs...Rookie **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** & **RB DOMINIC RHODES** combine for 1,399 rush yds & 12 rushing TDs...Last wk **WR MARVIN HARRISON** (1,001) became 4th player to surpass 1,000 career catches & did so in 167th game, topping **JERRY RICE** (181) in reaching mark in fewest games played. In last mtg (11/20/05), **WR REGGIE WAYNE** caught 5 for 117 yds, includ. 66-yd TD. WRs Wayne (1,129) & Harrison (1,094) have surpassed 1,000 for 2nd yr in row...**DE ROBERT MATHIS** has 11.0 sacks in past 12 at home; w/ 9.5 sacks needs 0.5 for 10 or more for 3rd yr in row.

AFC Division Standings

AFC East												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
New England	9-4-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	5-4-0	.487 (57)	.515 (87)	8	14	0	95	34
New York Jets	7-6-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	5-5-0	.418 (38)	.509 (86)	20	34	0	-15	30
Buffalo	6-7-0	1	2-3-0	0-0-0	4-5-0	.462 (36)	.562 (95)	20	35	0	-19	27
Miami	6-7-0	-1	1-3-0	0-0-0	3-6-0	.526 (41)	.509 (86)	17	31	0	6	24

AFC North												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Baltimore	10-3-0		3-1-0	0-0-0	7-2-0	.485 (63)	.497 (84)	8	14	0	106	30
Cincinnati	8-5-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	6-3-0	.462 (48)	.521 (88)	9	14	0	67	37
Pittsburgh	6-7-0		2-2-0	0-0-0	4-6-0	.423 (33)	.509 (86)	15	25	0	22	34
Cleveland	4-9-0		0-5-0	0-0-0	3-7-0	.442 (23)	.556 (94)	28	53	0	-85	22

AFC South												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Indianapolis	10-3-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	7-2-0	.500 (65)	.515 (87)	16	29	0	47	40
Jacksonville	8-5-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	5-4-0	.548 (57)	.503 (85)	7	12	0	112	33
Tennessee	6-7-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	3-6-0	.462 (36)	.568 (96)	26	47	0	-67	28
Houston	4-9-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	4-5-0	.462 (24)	.503 (85)	29	55	0	-77	24

AFC West												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
y-San Diego	11-2-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	9-2-0	.406 (58)	.444 (75)	9	13	0	168	52
Kansas City	7-6-0	1	3-1-0	0-0-0	3-6-0	.462 (42)	.491 (83)	15	25	0	11	30
Denver	7-6-0	1	3-3-0	0-0-0	7-4-0	.440 (40)	.544 (92)	17	30	0	-1	25
Oakland	2-11-0		0-5-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	.385 (10)	.544 (92)	27	49	0	-113	16

NFC Division Standings

NFC East												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Dallas	8-5-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	5-4-0	.423 (44)	.467 (79)	8	17	0	89	42
New York Giants	7-6-0	1	3-1-0	5-4-0	6-3-0	.429 (39)	.533 (90)	11	25	35	24	34
Philadelphia	7-6-0	-1	3-1-0	5-4-0	6-3-0	.396 (36)	.467 (79)	12	27	6	33	39
Washington	4-9-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	.500 (26)	.515 (87)	24	49	0	-63	25

NFC North												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
yz-Chicago	11-2-0		4-0-0	0-0-0	9-0-0	.427 (61)	.450 (76)	2	4	0	183	40
Minnesota	6-7-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	6-4-0	.333 (26)	.467 (79)	14	31	0	-10	26
Green Bay	5-8-0		2-1-0	0-0-0	4-5-0	.354 (23)	.503 (85)	23	48	0	-94	27
Detroit	2-11-0		0-4-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	.500 (13)	.503 (85)	25	52	0	-88	24

NFC South												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
New Orleans	9-4-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	8-1-0	.419 (49)	.467 (79)	8	19	0	84	42
Atlanta	7-6-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	5-4-0	.374 (34)	.444 (75)	14	30	0	-12	26
Carolina	6-7-0		3-1-0	0-0-0	4-6-0	.436 (34)	.479 (81)	17	35	0	-18	23
Tampa Bay	3-10-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	2-8-0	.487 (19)	.556 (94)	25	53	0	-138	16

NFC West												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Seattle	8-5-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	6-4-0	.356 (37)	.414 (70)	16	33	0	-9	31
San Francisco	5-8-0	1	2-2-0	0-0-0	4-6-0	.354 (23)	.485 (82)	30	58	0	-121	23
St. Louis	5-8-0	1	2-4-0	0-0-0	4-6-0	.354 (23)	.491 (83)	21	44	0	-60	27
Arizona	4-9-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	4-7-0	.385 (20)	.467 (79)	21	45	0	-57	27

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (DEC. 7, 10-11)

(Home team in CAPS)

Thursday, December 7

PITTSBURGH 27, Cleveland 7

Sunday, December 10

N.Y. Giants 27, CAROLINA 13
CINCINNATI 27, Oakland 10
Minnesota 30, DETROIT 20
Tennessee 26, HOUSTON 20 (OT)
JACKSONVILLE 44, Indianapolis 17
Baltimore 20, KANSAS CITY 10
MIAMI 21, New England 0

Sunday, December 10, cont.'d.

Atlanta 17, TAMPA BAY 6
Philadelphia 21, WASHINGTON 19
ARIZONA 27, Seattle 21
Green Bay 30, SAN FRANCISCO 19
Buffalo 31, N.Y. JETS 13
SAN DIEGO 48, Denver 20
New Orleans 42, DALLAS 17

Monday, December 11

Chicago 42, ST. LOUIS 27

WEEK 15 NFL SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 14, 16-18

(All times local)

Thursday, December 14

San Francisco at Seattle, 5:00 PM (NFLN)

Saturday, December 16

Dallas at Atlanta, 8:00 PM (NFLN)

Sunday, December 17

Cleveland at Baltimore, 1:00 PM
Miami at Buffalo, 1:00 PM
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 1:00 PM
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 12:00 PM
Detroit at Green Bay, 12:00 PM

Sunday, December 17, cont.'d.

N.Y. Jets at Minnesota, 12:00 PM
Houston at New England, 1:00 PM
Washington at New Orleans, 12:00 PM
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 12:00 PM
Denver at Arizona, 2:05 PM
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 PM
St. Louis at Oakland, 1:15 PM
Kansas City at San Diego, 8:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, December 17

Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 8:30 PM (ESPN)

