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## **11 TEAMS SCRAMBLE FOR FINAL THREE PLAYOFF SPOTS AS SEASON CONCLUDES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Table for three. That's the final NFL New Year's Eve reservation.

As the league plays the last week of its season this weekend, more than a third of the league (11 teams) is still in contention for the final three playoff spots available.

Can it get any tighter than this? Looked at in another way, 20 teams are still in contention for Super Bowl XLI, the most ever with one week left to the season since the advent of the 16-game schedule in 1978.

"Teams that are playing the best at the end of the season are the teams that win," says defensive tackle **DARWIN WALKER** of the 9-6 Philadelphia Eagles, who have won four in a row and five of seven in the second half of the season.

There's a bunch of hot teams vying for that "table for three." The Titans have won six in a row, the Jets four of their last five, the Packers three in a row and the Rams two in a row.

How the playoff field stacks up for the final week:

### **WEEK 17 PLAYOFF LANDSCAPE**

CATEGORY	TEAMS
Homefield Won	Chicago
Homefield Can Be Won	Baltimore, San Diego
First-round Bye Won	New Orleans, San Diego
First-round Bye Can Be Won	Baltimore, Indianapolis
Division Title Won	Chicago, Baltimore, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, San Diego, Seattle
Playoff Berth Won	Dallas, Philadelphia
Division Can Be Won With Win	Philadelphia
Division Can Be Won With Win & Help	Dallas
Playoff Berth Can Be Won With Win/Tie	Denver, NY Jets
Playoff Berth Can Be Won With Win & Help	Atlanta, Carolina, Cincinnati, Green Bay, Jacksonville, Kansas City, NY Giants, St. Louis, Tennessee

A division-by-division breakdown of the NFL playoff races (Week 17 tiebreakers were published on December 26):

### **AFC EAST**

Pats have won it, Jets are close.

That sums up the division. The **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (11-4) captured their fourth consecutive AFC East crown last week, and the fifth in Pats **QB TOM BRADY**'s seven-year career. In those four years, New England has compiled a 49-14 (.778) record – tying the Indianapolis Colts for the best mark in the league in that time.

"Winning the division is our first goal," says New England **LB TEDY BRUSCHI**. "We've accomplished something now. Then you go from there."

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### **NFL FACTOID**

**WORST TO FIRST:** For the fifth time since 2000, at least two teams have gone from last place in their divisions to the division title. This year, the Baltimore Ravens (tie for last in 2005) and New Orleans Saints have accomplished the feat.

With a win Sunday (or other scenarios), the Philadelphia Eagles can make it three such teams this year.

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The goal for the **NEW YORK JETS** (9-6) this week is to make the playoffs. They can do so with a win or tie at home against Oakland. Rookie head coach **ERIC MANGINI** has more than doubled the team's victory total (4-12 in 2005) and can join **HERMAN EDWARDS** (2001) as the only coaches in Jets history to lead the team to the playoffs in their first year.

"We like controlling our own destiny and not having to rely on someone else to help us," says Jets **DE SHAUN ELLIS**.

Buffalo and Miami have been eliminated from playoff contention.

### **AFC NORTH**

The division-champ **BALTIMORE RAVENS** (12-3) go for homefield. It's either them or San Diego for the coveted spot in the AFC.

Baltimore, on an 8-1 streak since the end of October, has matched the franchise record for wins reached by the Super Bowl XXXV champion Ravens.

"We're in a prime position to get homefield advantage," says Ravens **LB RAY LEWIS**. "With the way we're playing defense and the way our offense is clicking, we're going to be a hard team to beat in the playoffs."

The team Baltimore lost to in its streak was the division-rival **CINCINNATI BENGALS**, one of four 8-7 AFC teams going for the playoffs. Cincy has to win this week and get help to earn its second playoff berth in a row. "You hate to have to root for another team," says Bengals **DT BRYAN ROBINSON**.

Cleveland and Pittsburgh have been eliminated from playoff contention.

### **AFC SOUTH**

One in, two seeking to get there.

The **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** (11-4) have won their fourth division title in a row, matching New England for the best such active streak. They can clinch a first-round bye with a win and a Baltimore loss.

But Indy has lost three of its last four – not the desired way to enter the playoffs. "This is a critical time for us," says Colts **QB PEYTON MANNING**. "As a team we need to stay together and guys just need to do their jobs a little bit better across the board in all three phases of the game."

Among the six AFC teams vying for the last two conference playoff spots are the **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** and **TENNESSEE TITANS**, both 8-7.

The Titans, with six consecutive wins, are the second-hottest team in the league (after San Diego with nine in a row). With a win and other results, the Titans will become the first team in history to make the playoffs after an 0-5 start.

The Jaguars began their season with two wins followed by two losses, and have repeated that record in the past four weeks. They have to win this Sunday, plus have other scenarios go their way, to earn their second consecutive playoff berth. Houston has been eliminated.

### **AFC WEST**

The division with the team that ties the Chicago Bears for the best record in the league – the **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS** (13-2). A big reason for that is that San Diego boasts the most 2007 Pro Bowl selections in the NFL – nine.

The Bolts can earn homefield advantage – their first since 1980 – with a win or tie against Arizona. They already have their first first-round bye since 1994 and have set a team record for wins in a season. Homefield beckons.

"You have to be able to win at home on a consistent basis," says Chargers All-Star **RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**. "That's where you make your mark."

The **DENVER BRONCOS** (9-6) have won their last two with new starter **JAY CUTLER** at the helm. The rookie has become the first quarterback in history to throw for multiple touchdowns in each of his first four games. A win or tie will earn the Broncos their fifth playoff berth in a row.

**The KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** (8-7) can clinch their first playoff spot in three years with a win over Jacksonville and other

scenarios. Oakland has been eliminated.

### **NFC EAST**

Two tied at the top, another one scrambling to get in. Just another NFC East donnybrook.

With the Christmas win by the **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** (9-6) over the **DALLAS COWBOYS** (9-6), Philly returns to the playoffs after a one-year absence and is now the third seed in the NFC. With a win Sunday, it will earn its fifth division title in the past six seasons.

"We've had a playoff mentality for the past four weeks now," says Eagles **QB JEFF GARCIA**, who is 4-1 as the club's starter. "Everyone's accountable on this team."

The Cowboys need a win and a Philadelphia loss or tie, or a tie and an Eagles loss to win the division. The **NEW YORK GIANTS** (7-8) have a set of scenarios that must unfold – including the strength of victory tiebreaker – to reach the playoffs. Washington has been eliminated.

### **NFC NORTH**

Homefield to the Bears!

The **CHICAGO BEARS** (13-2) have clinched the first homefield advantage in their history and tie San Diego for the league's best record. Plus they take a four-game win streak into Week 17 and definitely want to keep it going entering the playoffs.

Chicago will play the league's final game of the regular season. Their matchup against the visiting **GREEN BAY PACKERS** (7-8) has been moved to 8:15 PM ET on NBC on New Year's Eve. "We want to finish out the season with another victory," says Bears **WR RASHIED DAVIS**. "That's it."

The Packers must defeat Chicago and have other scenarios go their way to enter the playoffs. Detroit and Minnesota have been eliminated.

### **NFC SOUTH**

The division may have the story of the year in the **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** (10-5).

From the tribulations of Hurricane Katrina and a 3-13 record to a "worst-to-first" division crown thanks to the tripling of its win total, the Saints of new head coach **SEAN PAYTON** and newcomers **DREW BREES** and **REGGIE BUSH** have written a true comeback story.

New Orleans topped off its division crown last week by earning a first-round bye. "With all the turnover, a new coach, new assistants, a lot of new faces, including myself, when you have a good group of people and you come together for one purpose, it's amazing what you can accomplish," says QB Brees.

The **ATLANTA FALCONS** and **CAROLINA PANTHERS**, both 7-8, can take playoff spots with wins and other scenarios. Tampa Bay has been eliminated.

### **NFC WEST**

Division titlist for the third year in a row.

That's the **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** (8-7). And in spite of losing their last three, the 'Hawks are in a positive playoff mood.

"I am more on the upbeat side than the downbeat side," says Seattle head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**. "Our first goal was to win the division, and we won the division. I'll take it."

The **ST. LOUIS RAMS** (7-8), winners of two in a row, will take what they are entitled to this week. They have to win or tie in their game at Minnesota and benefit from other results to earn a playoff spot.

Arizona and San Francisco have been eliminated.

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**WEEK 17****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30****NEW YORK GIANTS (7-8) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (5-10)****SERIES**

	<b><u>GIANTS</u></b>	<b><u>REDSKINS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	83-60-4	
<b>STREAKS</b>	2 of past 3	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Coughlin: 4-4	Gibbs: 14-16
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 30-7 vs. Saints	L 37-31 at Rams (OT)
<b>LAST GAME</b>	10/8/06: Redskins 3 at N.Y. Giants 19. New York defense limits Washington to 164 total yards. Giants K Jay Feely connects on 3 FGs (24, 34, 32).	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/24/05: Redskins 35, Giants 20. Washington WR Santana Moss has 160 yards receiving & 3 TD catches.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	NFLN (8:00 PM ET): Bryant Gumbel, Cris Collinsworth. SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood); 125 (NYG), 123 (Was.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	E. Manning: 289-496-3,143-23 (T2C)-18-77.4	J. Campbell: 89-176-1,077-8-5-73.0
<b>RUSHING</b>	Barber: 304-1,428 (2C)-4.7-2	Betts: 225-1,062-4.7-4
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Shockey (TE): 66-623-9.4-7	Cooley (TE): 52-685-13.2-6
<b>OFFENSE</b>	323.9	323.3
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-2	-3
<b>DEFENSE</b>	339.1	355.5
<b>SACKS</b>	Umenyiora: 6.0	A. Carter: 5.0
<b>INTs</b>	7 tied: 2	6 tied: 1
<b>PUNTING</b>	Feagles: 40.1	Frost: 42.8
<b>KICKING</b>	Feely: 97 (34/34 PAT; 21/25 FG)	Suisham: 37 (10/10 PAT; 9/11 FG)

**NOTES**

**GIANTS: QB ELI MANNING** aims for 4th in row vs. Was. with TD pass. Has won 7 of past 10 vs. division...Pro Bowl **RB TIKI BARBER** had 71 yards last week & has led team in rushing for 79 consecutive games, longest streak in history. In past 3 vs. Was., Barber has 409 rush yards (136.3 per game). Leads NFC RBs with 43 rushes of 10+ yards. Giants are 9-4 (.692) when **RB BRANDON JACOBS** rushes for TD...**WR PLAXICO BURRESS** had TD in 10 of 14 games played & had TD in last meeting. Since entering NFL in 2002, **JEREMY SHOCKEY** is 2nd among TEs with 314 catches & 3,609 yards. Was named to 4th career Pro Bowl...**DE OSI UMENYIORA** has 3.0 sacks in past 3 vs. Was. **DT FRED ROBBINS** had sack in last meeting. Is only DT in NFL with 5.0+ sacks (5.5) & 2+ INTs (2). Rookie **DE MATHIAS KIWANUKA** has 4.0 sacks, 2 INTs & 2 FFs in 8 starts. Giants have 7 players with 2+ INTs...**REDSKINS: QB JASON CAMPBELL** has 8 TDs in 1st 6 NFL starts & aims for 7th in row with TD pass...In 8 career games with 20+ carries, **RB LADELL BETTS** averages 124.4 yards per game (995 yards) & has scored 5 rush TDs. Betts has 678 rush yards (135.6 per game) in past 5 & aims for 6th 100-yard game in row. Registered 1st 1,000-yard season...**WR SANTANA MOSS** had 5 catches for 160 yards & 3 TDs in last home game vs. NYG. Has 3 games with career-best 3 rec. TDs & 2 games have come vs. NYG. Since 2005, Moss has averaged 16.3 yards per catch avg. (133-2,170), 2nd in NFL among players with 100+ catches. **WR-PR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** recorded only 100-yard game (149 yards, 1 TD) vs. NYG (12/18/04 with Pit.). **TE CHRIS COOLEY** has TD in 3 of 5 meetings. Had TD last week...**DE PHILLIP DANIELS** has 2.0 sacks in past 4 vs. NYG.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS (7-8) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (8-7)**

**SERIES**

	<b><u>STEELERS</u></b>	<b><u>BENGALS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	42-30	
<b>STREAKS</b>	3 of past 5	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Cowher: 21-9	Lewis: 3-5
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 31-7 vs. Ravens	L 24-23 at Broncos
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/24/06: Steelers 20 at Bengals 28. Cincinnati QB Carson Palmer throws for 193 yards & 4 TDs, including 2 4th-quarter scores to WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (9, 30).	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	10/23/05: Steelers 27, Bengals 13. Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger passes for 2 TDs & K Jeff Reed kicks 2 FGs as Steelers pull within half game of 1st-place Cincinnati.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts. SIRIUS: 110 (Pit.), 146 (Cin.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Roethlisberger: 261-441-3,233-17-22-74.0	Palmer: 304-482-3,784 (2C)-26 (T2L)-13-94.1 (3C)
<b>RUSHING</b>	Parker: 300-1,360 (3C)-4.5-11	R. Johnson: 328-1,262-3.8-12 (T3C)
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Ward: 69-924-13.4-6	Houshmandzadeh: 86-1,037-12.1-9 (T2C)
<b>OFFENSE</b>	349.5 (3C)	344.5
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-6	+5
<b>DEFENSE</b>	300.7	346.6
<b>SACKS</b>	Porter: 7.0	Geathers: 10.5
<b>INTs</b>	McFadden, Polamalu: 3	Kaesviharn: 6
<b>PUNTING</b>	Gardocki: 41.7	Larson: 44.0
<b>KICKING</b>	Reed: 96 (39/39 PAT; 19/26 FG)	Graham: 110 (3C) (38/40 PAT; 24/28 FG)

**NOTES**

**STEELERS:** Head coach **BILL COWHER** (20-9, .690) has more wins vs. Cin than any other opponent...**QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (3,233) needs 182 yds to surpass **TOMMY MADDOX** (3,414) for 2nd most single-season pass yds in club history (**HOFer TERRY BRADSHAW**, 3,724, 1979)...In 3 career starts vs. Cin, Pro Bowl **RB WILLIE PARKER** averages 111.7 yds/game. Parker (14) needs 2 TDs to surpass **LOUIS LIPPS** (15, 1985) for most TDs in season by Steeler...**WR HINES WARD** (7,954) needs 46 rec. yds to become 2nd player in club annals w/ 8,000 career & w/ 58 career TD catches, needs 2 more to be 2nd Steeler w/ 60 career (**HOFer JOHN STALLWORTH**, 8,723 yds & 63 TDs). Rookie **WR SANTONIO HOLMES** is 2nd on team w/ 45 catches & has catch in every game...Defense (39) needs 1 sack to reach 40 for 5th time in past 6 seasons. In past 2 vs. Cin, **LB CLARK HAGGANS** has 3.0 sacks & 1 FF...**BENGALS:** Team needs win & other specific outcomes to reach playoffs...AFC All-Star **QB CARSON PALMER** has 7 TDs in past 2 games vs. Steelers. Palmer aims to mark 4th time QB has passed for total of 10+ TDs in 3 consecutive mtgs vs. Pitt: **BRIAN SIPE**, Cle, 12, '79-80; Sipe, 10, '78-79; **HOFer JIM KELLY**, Buf, 10, '88-92. Palmer (3,784) needs 216 pass yds to become 1st Bengal QB to reach 4,000...**RB RUDI JOHNSON** has 13 rushing TDs in past 13 vs. AFC North & club is 11-2 (.846) in those games. RB Johnson has 12 rushing TDs for 3rd consecutive year...**WR CHAD JOHNSON** leads NFL w/ 1,316 rec. yds. & can be 1st Bengal to lead league in category. In past 2 games vs. Pitt, **WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** has 14 catches for 182 yds (91.0 avg.) w/ 4 TDs (2 TDs in each). Houshmandzadeh tops club w/ 9 TD recs...Defense has allowed less than 17 pts in 4 of past 6 gms. **DE ROBERT GEATHERS** (10.5) needs 1.5 sacks to be 1st Cin DL w/ 12.0 since **EDDIE EDWARDS** (13.0) in '83.

**DETROIT LIONS (2-13) AT DALLAS COWBOYS (9-6)****SERIES**

	<b><u>LIONS</u></b>	<b><u>COWBOYS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		10-8
<b>STREAKS</b>		Past 3
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Marinelli: 0-0	Parcells: 8-3
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 26-21 vs. Bears	L 23-7 vs. Eagles
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/20/05: Lions 7 at Cowboys 20. Dallas rookie RB Marion Barber scores 2 rushing TDs & K Billy Cundiff connects on club-record 56-yard FG as Cowboys post 3rd consecutive victory.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/20/05	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger, Jay Glazer (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 153 (Det.), 121 (Dal.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Kitna: 344-554-3,902 (3C)-17-21-77.6	Romo: 197-305-2,582-17-12-93.2 (3C)
<b>RUSHING</b>	A. Harris: 39-129-3.3-1	J. Jones: 257-1,057-4.1-4
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Furrey: 87 (3C)-984-11.3-5	Owens: 79-1,063-13.5-12 (1L)
<b>OFFENSE</b>	305.8	360.5 (3C)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-12	+4
<b>DEFENSE</b>	344.3	320.2
<b>SACKS</b>	Redding: 7.0	Ware: 8.5
<b>INTs</b>	3 tied: 3	Williams: 5
<b>PUNTING</b>	N. Harris: 44.9	McBriar: 48.0 (1L)
<b>KICKING</b>	Hanson: 102 (27/27 PAT; 25/29 FG)	Gramatica: 37 (19/19 PAT; 6/8 FG)

**NOTES**

**LIONS:** QB JON KITNA ranks 4th in NFL with 3,902 passing yards & needs 98 yards for 2nd 4,000-yard season in franchise history (**SCOTT MITCHELL**, 4,338 yards in 1995). Passed for 283 yards with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs last week...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. DAN CAMPBELL averages 14.7 yards per catch (21-308), highest by TE with 20+ catches. WR MIKE FURREY leads club with career-best 87 catches. Ranks 2nd on club with career-high 984 yards & needs 16 yards for 1st 1,000-yard season. Had career-best 10 catches (107 yards, 1 TD) last week...CB JAMAR FLETCHER has INT in 2 of past 3 games, incl. 88-yard INT-TD. Since entering league in 1999, CB DRE' BLY has 33 INTs, 4th-most in NFL. Had 2 INTs in last meeting (10/31/04), incl. 55-yard INT-TD. DT CORY REDDING has 5.5 sacks in past 7. K JASON HANSON has 102 points, his 9th career 100-point season...

**COWBOYS:** Head coach BILL PARCELLS has won 8 of 11 career meetings vs. Det...Pro Bowl QB TONY ROMO has won 6 of 9 career starts & has completed 181 of 278 passes (65.1 pct.) for 2,320 yards with 14 TDs vs. 9 INTs for 94.4 passer rating. Romo is 1 of only 7 QBs to be named to Pro Bowl in year of 1st career start...RB MARION BARBER has TD in 10 of past 14. Leads NFC with 15 TDs & 13 rush TDs. In only game vs. Det., Barber rushed for 2 TDs...RB JULIUS JONES rushed for 92 yards in last meeting. Cowboys are 9-3 (.750) when Jones rushes for 90+ yards...WR TERRELL OWENS has 11 TDs in past 11 games. Aims for 5th meeting in row with TD & has 5 TDs in past 4 vs. Lions. WR TERRY GLENN had career-high 3 rec. TDs vs. Lions (10/19/03). When Glenn has 2+ rec. TDs, his teams are perfect 4-0...Pro Bowl LB DE MARCUS WARE has 12.5 sacks in past 17. All-Star ROY WILLIAMS has 5 INTs, most by S in NFC. CB ANTHONY HENRY had INT last week. Had 1st INT vs. Det. & had career-best 3 INTs (9/23/01 with Cle.).

**CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-11) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (5-10)****SERIES**

	<b><u>BROWNS</u></b>	<b><u>TEXANS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	2-1	
<b>STREAKS</b>	2 of past 3	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Crennel: 0-1	Kubiak: 0-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 22-7 vs. Buccaneers	W 27-24 vs. Colts
<b>LAST GAME</b>	10/30/05: Browns 16 at Texans 19. Houston K Kris Brown converts 40-yard FG with 2:54 remaining in 4th quarter to seal win for Texans.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	10/30/05	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Don Criqui, Richard Baldinger. SIRIUS: 130 (Cle.), 119 (Hou.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Dorsey (Pre.): 21-39-175-0-1-55	Carr: 293-427-2,681-11-11-83.3
<b>RUSHING</b>	Droughns: 201-675-3.4-4	Dayne: 151-612-4.1-5
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Winslow (TE): 78-782-10.0-3	A. Johnson: 101 (1L)-1,135-11.2-5
<b>OFFENSE</b>	261.8	285.7
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-13	-5
<b>DEFENSE</b>	355.9	339.6
<b>SACKS</b>	Wimbley (R): 10.0	Babin: 5.0
<b>INTs</b>	Jones: 5	Faggins, Robinson: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Zastudil: 44.0	Stanley: 41.3
<b>KICKING</b>	Dawson: 82 (25/25 PAT; 19/26 FG)	K. Brown: 81 (24/25 PAT; 19/25 FG)

**NOTES**

**BROWNS:** Strength of schedule (.547) 3rd highest in NFL...In 5 career December starts, **QB CHARLIE FRYE** has 86.9 passer rating. In 2 career road starts, **QB DEREK ANDERSON** has 220+ pass yds w/ at least 1 TD in both games...In 2 career games vs. Hou, **RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** has at least 99 rush yds in each, totaling 219 yds on 49 carries (4.5-yd avg.). Five of Droughns' 49 carries vs. Texans have gone for 10+ yds...**WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** (838) needs 162 rec. yds to be 6th player in team history w/ 1,000 in season. Edwards has TD catch in 5 of past 8 games, including 3 in past 4...**TE KELLEN WINSLOW** (78) leads all TEs in receptions & needs 11 catches to tie **HOFer OZZIE NEWSOME** (89, 1983 & 1984) for most by Browns player in season. Winslow has 33 catches in past 5 on road (6.6 avg.) w/ 50+ rec. yds in 5 of those 6. Rookie **LB KAMERION WIMBLEY** (10.0) is 4th LB in club history to reach 10.0+ sacks in season, joining **CHIP BANKS** (11.0, 1985), **CLAY MATTHEWS** (12.0, 1984) & **JAMIR MILLER** (13.0, 2001). **S SEAN JONES** stands tied for 6th in AFC w/ 5 INTs...**KR-WR JOSHUA CRIBBS** has 4 KR of 50 yds or more on season...**TEXANS:** Team has won 3 of past 5 at home...**QB DAVID CARR** has TD pass in each of 3 career mtgs vs. Browns. Carr owns NFL's No. 1 completion pct of 68.6 (293 of 427). Carr tied for 3rd most 4th qtr TD passes w/ 7 (8, **CARSON PALMER**, Cin & **MARC BULGER**, StL)...**RB RON DAYNE** has at least 87 rushing yards in 4 consecutive games – longest such stretch in career. Dayne has TD in 3 consecutive games for 3rd time in career...Pro Bowl **WR ANDRE JOHNSON** (101) only player in NFL w/ 100+ receptions. Johnson has 6+ receptions in 10 of past 11 home games & has at least 1 20+ yd catch in 6 of past 7 at home. **WR ERIC MOULDS** (55) needs 5 catches to reach 60 in 9th consecutive season. Offense is 9 of 13 (69.2 pct.) on 4th down conversion tries, 3rd highest conversion ratio in league. Offense ranks No. 5 in NFL inside opponents' 20-yd line, converting 59.0 pct. of trips into TDs (23 of 39)...Rookie **LB DE MECO RYANS** has 10+ tackles in 4 of past 5 games. **DE JASON BABIN** has 4.0 sacks in past 7 games...**CB-PR DEXTER WYNN** (11.0) stands 4th in NFL PR avg.

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (8-7) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (8-7)****SERIES**

	<b><u>JAGUARS</u></b>	<b><u>CHIEFS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	4-1	
<b>STREAKS</b>	Past 2	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Del Rio: 1-0	Edwards: 1-2
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 24-21 vs. Patriots	W 20-9 at Raiders
<b>LAST GAME</b>	10/17/04: Chiefs 16 at Jaguars 22. Jacksonville QB Byron Leftwich passes 2 TDs, including 14-yarder to WR Cortez Hankton with 45 seconds remaining to seal come-from-behind win.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	9/15/02: Jaguars 23, Chiefs 16. Jacksonville QB Mark Brunell passes for 320 yards & 2 TDs. Jaguars RB Fred Taylor rushes for 114 & 1 TD.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker. SIRIUS: 125 (Jax.), 107 (KC).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Garrard: 135-223-1,595-9-8-80.8	Green: 107-177-1,161-6-7-74.6
<b>RUSHING</b>	Taylor: 224-1,120-5.0-5	L. Johnson: 383-1,651 (2L)-4.3-14 (2L)
<b>RECEIVING</b>	R. Williams: 46-526-11.4-4	Gonzalez (TE): 71-879-12.4-5
<b>OFFENSE</b>	335.1	316.5
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-1	+6
<b>DEFENSE</b>	276.2 (2L)	324.3
<b>SACKS</b>	McCray: 9.0	Allen: 7.5
<b>INTs</b>	Mathis: 7	3 Tied: 3
<b>PUNTING</b>	Hanson: 40.7	Colquitt: 44.6 (2C)
<b>KICKING</b>	Scobee: 113 (2C) (38/38 PAT; 25/31 FG)	Tynes: 102 (30/31 PAT; 24/31 FG)

**NOTES**

**JAGUARS:** Team needs victory & other outcomes to earn playoff berth...Club has scored 20+ points in 5 of past 6 games...Under head coach **JACK DEL RIO**, team is 22-5 (.815) when scoring 1st...In past 6 road starts, **QB DAVID GARRARD** is 4-2 (.667), completing 62.4 pct of passes w/ 8 TDs vs. 4 INTs for 91.3 passer rating. Garrard has completed 50.0+ pct of attempts in 13 of past 14 starts...**RB FRED TAYLOR** (1,120) needs 80 yds to reach 1,200 for 6th time in 9-yr career. Rookie **RB-KR MAURICE JONES-DREW** has 15 TDs – 6th most by rookie since 1990. Jones-Drew has rushing TD in 7 consecutive games, tying **CURTIS DICKEY** (7, 1980) for longest such streak by rookie in NFL history...**WR ERNEST WILFORD** has reached 1st down on 25 of 34 receptions (73.5 pct.)...Club is No. 2 in NFL in total defense (276.2) & ranks No. 3 in NFL in red zone, allowing 11 TDs in 29 trips (37.9 percent). **DE BOBBY MC CRAY** leads team w/ 9.0 sacks. Entering '06, McCray totaled 9.0 sacks for his 1st 2 seasons. **CB RASHEAN MATHIS** tied for 4th in NFL w/ 7 INTs. Team has 18 INTs, 1 shy of club record (19, '99 & '05)...**CHIEFS:** Team needs victory & other outcomes to earn playoff berth...In last mtg (10/17/04), **QB TRENT GREEN** completed 23 of 33 (69.7) for 315 yds w/ 2 TDs vs. 1 INT for 107.5 passer rating. KC is 15-1 (.938) at home when Green posts 100+ passer rating...**RB LARRY JOHNSON** (1,651) needs 100 rush yds to surpass own club record (1,750) established last season. Johnson has single-season club-record 383 rush attempts & w/ 44 rush TDs, is tied w/ HOFer **MARCUS ALLEN** (44) for 2nd most in team history (**PRIEST HOLMES** 76)...**WR EDDIE KENNISON** has 70+ rec. yds in 9 of past 19 (47.4 pct.) at home...Club has limited 7 of past 8 opponents to 20 points or less. **S JARRAD PAGE** posted 1st career 2-INT game last wk. Rookie **DE TAMBA HALI** has club rookie-record 6 FFs & has 6.0 sacks. **DE JARED ALLEN** leads club w/ 7.5 sacks. Allen leads NFL defenders w/ 6 FRs & is tied w/ **DERON CHERRY** ('89) & **DAN SALEAUMUA** ('90) for most by Chief in season.



**ST. LOUIS RAMS (7-8) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (6-9)****SERIES**

	<b><u>RAMS</u></b>	<b><u>VIKINGS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		17-13-2
<b>STREAKS</b>		6 of past 8
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Linehan: 0-0	Childress: 0-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 37-31 vs. Redskins (OT)	L 9-7 at Packers
<b>LAST GAME</b>	12/11/05: Rams 13 at Vikings 27. Minnesota's defense forces 6 turnovers as Vikings win 6th consecutive game.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/11/05	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Don McLaughlin, Tony Boselli. SIRIUS: 152 (StL.), 147 (Min.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Bulger: 351-558-4,053 (2C)-23 (T2C)-8-92.5	Jackson (R): 27-47-262-1-2-62.5
<b>RUSHING</b>	Jackson: 321-1,386 (3C)-4.3-10 (T2C)	C. Taylor: 291-1,185-4.1-5
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Jackson (RB): 88 (2C)-782-8.9-2	T. Taylor: 52-597-11.5-2
<b>OFFENSE</b>	356.7	310.0
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+12 (2C)	+6 (T3C)
<b>DEFENSE</b>	337.9	292.5 (2C)
<b>SACKS</b>	Little: 12.0 (T3C)	Scott: 5.5
<b>INTs</b>	3 tied: 3	3 tied: 4
<b>PUNTING</b>	Turk: 43.3	Kluwe: 42.1
<b>KICKING</b>	Wilkins: 120 (2C) (30/30 PAT; 30/35 FG)	Longwell: 87 (24/25 PAT; 21/25 FG)

**NOTES**

**RAMS:** Head coach **SCOTT LINEHAN** was offensive coordinator/QB coach for Vikings from 2002-04. Team ranked 1st, 2nd & 4th in offense...Rams had 3 players selected to Pro Bowl: **QB MARC BULGER**, **RB STEVEN JACKSON** & **WR TORRY HOLT**...QB Bulger was named player of game in 2004 Pro Bowl. Has 1st career 4,000-yard season (4,053) & is 3rd Ram to reach mark...Club is 42-1 (.977) with 100-yard rusher since 1995. RB Jackson leads NFC with 2,168 yards from scrimmage (1,386 rush, 782 rec.). Had 252 yards (150 rush, 102 rec.) & 2 TDs last week, incl. game-winner in OT...WR Holt is 6-time All Star & ranks 3rd in NFC with 1,098 yards, his 7th consecutive 1,000-yard receiving season. Since 2000, Holt has 9,797 yards, most in NFL. Has 27 catches for 369 yards (123.0 per game) in 3 meetings. **WR ISAAC BRUCE** had 148 rec. yards last week & has 13,310 career yards, passing **ANDRE REED** (13,198) for 7th-most all-time...**DE LEONARD LITTLE** has 7.0 sacks in past 8. **DT LA'ROI GLOVER** has 4.0 sacks in past 6. Rams are 7-1 (.875) when **CB JERAMETRIUS BUTLER** has INT...**VIKINGS:** Rookie **QB TARVARIS JACKSON** makes 1st NFL start at home. Passed for 177 yards with TD in last home game...**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** has career-best 1,185 yards and needs 115 yards to join **ROBERT SMITH** (1,521 in 2000) as only Vikings to rush for 1,300 yards in season. Has 291 attempts & needs 5 to set team single-season record (Smith, 295 in 2000)...**JERMAINE WIGGINS** ties for 6th among NFC TEs with 45 receptions (381 yards, 1 TD). Needs 5 catches for 3rd consecutive season with 50+ receptions ...Club has NFL's best run defense, allowing 54.5 yards per game & 2.6 yards per rush. Team has forced 9 INTs & recovered 7 fumbles in past 4. Vikings forced 6 turnovers in last game vs. StL, incl. 5 INTs. **S DARREN SHARPER** has 1 INT, 3 FFs & 1 FR in past 3 meetings. Sharper's teams are 33-10 (.767) when he has INT. **CB ANTOINE WINFIELD** had INT in only meeting. Has 4 INTs & needs INT to set career high (2005). **CB FRED SMOOT** had 47-yard INT-TD last week.

**CAROLINA PANTHERS (7-8) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (10-5)****SERIES**

	<b><u>PANTHERS</u></b>	<b><u>SAINTS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	12-11	
<b>STREAKS</b>	Past 2	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Fox: 6-3	Payton: 0-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 10-3 at Falcons	W 30-7 at Giants
<b>LAST GAME</b>	10/1/06: Saints 18 at Panthers 21. Carolina QB Jake Delhomme connects with WR Drew Carter on 4-yard TD pass midway through 4th quarter to seal Panthers' win.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/18/05: Panthers 27, Saints 10 (Baton Rouge, LA). Carolina WR Steve Smith rushes for TD and catches another as Panthers move into 1st place in NFC South.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan. SIRIUS: 128 (Car.), 118 (NO).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Delhomme: 240-404-2,598-15-11-79.4	Brees: 352-549-4,372 (1L)-26 (1C)-11-96.1 (1C)
<b>RUSHING</b>	Foster: 208-818-3.9-2	McAllister: 244-1,057-4.3-10 (T2C)
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Smith: 76-1,081-14.2-6	Bush (RB) (R): 86-729-8.5-2
<b>OFFENSE</b>	307.3	397.8 (1L)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-7	-2
<b>DEFENSE</b>	296.0 (3C)	306.9
<b>SACKS</b>	Peppers: 13.0 (2C)	Smith: 10.5
<b>INTs</b>	Lucas, Marshall: 3	4 tied: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Baker: 45.5 (2C)	Weatherford (R): 43.7
<b>KICKING</b>	Kasay: 93 (24/24 PAT; 23/26 FG)	Carney 112 (3C) (43/44 PAT; 23/25 FG)

**NOTES**

**PANTHERS:** QB JAKE DELHOMME is 5-2 (.714) vs. former team (1998-2002) with 7 TDs vs. 3 INTs. Posted 104.0 passer rating in Week 4 meeting & Delhomme's teams are 12-3 (.800) when he posts 100.0+ rating...In 5 games with 10+ carries, rookie RB DE ANGELO WILLIAMS has 407 rush yards for 81.4 yards per game average. Incl. playoffs, club is 8-0 when RB DE SHAUN FOSTER rushes for 95+ yards & 18-4 (.818) when he has 15+ att...Pro Bowl WR STEVE SMITH aims for 4th meeting in row with TD & 5th consecutive game vs. NO with 85+ yards. In past 4 meetings, Smith has 410 yards (102.5 per game) & 4 TDs (3 rec., 1 rush). WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON has catch in 166 consecutive games. WR DREW CARTER had TD catch in last meeting...Pro Bowl DE JULIUS PEPPERS has 16.0 sacks in past 16 games. Peppers has 53.5 career sacks, most in team annals, passing DE MIKE RUCKER (52.5). DT KRIS JENKINS was named to 3rd Pro Bowl...**SAINTS:** Offense leads NFL with 18 TDs of 20+ yards (16 pass, 2 rush) & 60 pass plays of 20+ yards...Pro Bowl QB DREW BREES leads NFL with 4,372 yards, 1st 4,000-yard season in team history. Passed for 349 yards in Week 4 meeting. Has 8 300-yard games this season...RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER has 403 rush yards in past 4 (100.8 per game). Aims for 4th in row vs. Car. with TD (4 TDs). Rookie RB REGGIE BUSH recorded 1st career 100-yard rush game (126) with 1 TD last week. Has 86 receptions, most in NFL history by rookie RB...WR MARQUES COLSTON leads team with 1,038 yards & is 1st player drafted in 7th round or later to record 1,000 yards in rookie season. Had 5 catches for 132 yards, incl. 86-yard TD in last meeting. WR DEVERY HENDERSON leads NFL with 22.5 yards-per-catch avg. (30-674)...Pro Bowl DE WILL SMITH leads team with career-best 10.5 sacks. DE CHARLES GRANT has sack in 6 games this year & Saints are 6-0. Defense did not allow NYG to take snap in NO territory last week.

**OAKLAND RAIDERS (2-13) AT NEW YORK JETS (9-6)****SERIES**

	<b><u>RAIDERS</u></b>	<b><u>JETS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	19-13-2	
<b>STREAKS</b>		3 of past 4
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Shell: 2-0	Mangini: 0-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 20-9 vs. Chiefs	W 13-10 at Dolphins
<b>LAST GAME</b>	12/11/05: Raiders 10 at Jets 26. New York defense forces 4 TOs & registers 6 sacks. Jets QB Brooks Bollinger sets club single-game record for QB rushing yards (56).	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/11/05	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf. SIRIUS: 144 (Oak.), 123 (NYJ).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Brooks: 95-166-969-3-7-62.6	Pennington: 291-455-3,195-16-16-81.7
<b>RUSHING</b>	Fargas: 161-580-3.6-1	L. Washington (R): 136-597-4.4-3
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Curry: 57-680-11.9-1	Coles: 89 (T3L)-1,074-12.1-6
<b>OFFENSE</b>	248.7	308.3
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-20	-3
<b>DEFENSE</b>	286.1	339.8
<b>SACKS</b>	Burgess: 11.0	B. Thomas: 8.5
<b>INTs</b>	Asomugha: 8 (T2L)	Dyson, Rhodes: 4
<b>PUNTING</b>	Lechler: 47.6 (1C)	Graham: 44.2
<b>KICKING</b>	Janikowski: 67 (16/16 PAT; 17/24 FG)	Nugent: 95 (32/33 PAT; 21/24 FG)

**NOTES**

**RAIDERS**: Club has denied opponents more than 21 points in 9 of past 11 games...Club has won 2 of past 5 starts by **QB ANDREW WALTER**. In 27 career December starts, **QB AARON BROOKS** has passed for 41 TDs vs. 29 INTs...**RB JUSTIN FARGAS** rushed for career-best 90 yds last week on 19 carries (4.7-yd avg.)...**WR RONALD CURRY** has 28 receptions in past 3 games – most in any 3-game stretch in career. Posted career-high 11 receptions vs. KC last wk & has at least 87 rec. yds in each of past 3. Last Raider player to post 11+ catches in game was **TIM BROWN** (13) on 10/27/02...Defense is 6th in NFL in redzone, allowing 25 TDs on 57 trips (43.9 pct.)...**CB NNAMDI ASOMUGHA** (8) tied for 2nd in NFL in INTs. Last Raider to post 9+ in season was **LESTER HAYES** (13) in 1980. **DT WARREN SAPP** has 9.0 sacks on season, his most since 2000 w/ TB (16.5). Needs 1.0 sack to reach 10+ for 4th time in 12-year career...In past 9 games, **KR-PR-CB CHRIS CARR** has 26.9 KR avg. **K SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI** has 155 career FGs & needs 1 more to tie **HOFer GEORGE BLANDA** (156) for most in franchise history...**JETS**: Victory clinches postseason berth...Team has won 7 of past 10. Victory earns Jets 6-victory improvement vs. 2005...In 2 career starts vs. Oak, **QB CHAD PENNINGTON** has completed 40 of 61 (65.6 pct.) for 534 yds w/ 4 TDs vs. 1 INT for 108.2 passer rating. Pennington (3,195) needs 205 yds to mark 7th time Jets passer has reached 3,400 in season...Team has won 4 of 5 (80.0 pct.) when **RB KEVAN BARLOW** rushes for TD. Rookie **RB LEON WASHINGTON** has 597 rush yds & needs 27 more to surpass **FREEMAN MC NEIL** (623, 1981) for 4th most by Jets rookie. In past 3 games played **RB CEDRIC HOUSTON** has 3 rushing TDs & 208 rush yds on 61 carries...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** (1,074) & **WR JERRICHO COTCHERY** (908) 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)...**LB VICTOR HOBSON** has 4.0 sacks in past 3 games. **DE BRYAN THOMAS** has at least 1.0 sack in 6 of past 8 games...Club No. 3 in NFL in avg. drive start after kickoff (31.3).

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (8-7) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (4-11)****SERIES**

	<b><u>SEAHAWKS</u></b>	<b><u>BUCCANEERS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	5-1	
<b>STREAKS</b>	5 of past 6	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Holmgren: 13-4	Gruden: 5-4
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 20-17 vs. Chargers	W 22-7 at Browns
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/19/04: Seahawks 10 at Buccaneers 6. Seattle QB Matt Hasselbeck connects with WR Koren Robinson (27 yards) for game's lone touchdown.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	9/14/04	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson, Chip Carter (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 158 (Sea.), 143 (TB).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Hasselbeck: 193-342-2,226-17-15-74.5	Rattay: 45-74-563-3-2-86.7
<b>RUSHING</b>	Alexander: 224-804-3.6-6	Pittman: 38-172-4.5-1
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Jackson: 63-956-15.2-10 (T2C)	Galloway: 54-939-17.4-6
<b>OFFENSE</b>	308.9	268.9
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-9	-11
<b>DEFENSE</b>	333.2	328.5
<b>SACKS</b>	Peterson: 9.0	D. White, Wymys: 5.0
<b>INTs</b>	Hamlin: 3	Barber, Brooks: 3
<b>PUNTING</b>	Plackemeier (R): 45.0 (3C)	Bidwell: 43.2
<b>KICKING</b>	Brown: 100 (34/34 PAT; 22/28 FG)	M. Bryant: 72 (21/22 PAT; 17/21 FG)

**NOTES**

**SEAHAWKS:** Head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN** is 13-4 (.765) in career vs. TB, incl. playoff win...In past 11 on road, **QB MATT HASSELBECK** is 8-3 (.727) with 14 TDs vs. 3 INTs for 99.5 passer rating...**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has scored 106 TDs in 105 career games & is 1 of 4 players in NFL history to average 1.0+ TDs per game. Club is 29-6 (.829) when Alexander has rushed for 100+ yards & has won 14 of past 15. **T WALTER JONES** was named to 7th Pro Bowl...**WR DARRELL JACKSON** has scored 10 TDs in 13 games played. Incl. playoffs, **WR DEION BRANCH**'s teams are 16-3 (.842) when he has TD reception. **WR D.J. HACKETT** is averaging 17.2 yards per catch on road this year (14-241)...**LBs JULIAN PETERSON** (3rd) & **LOFA TATUPU** (2nd) were named to Pro Bowl. Peterson leads club with career-high 9.0 sacks in 1st season with Seahawks. **DE GRANT WISTROM** had 2.0 sacks in last meeting. Club has won 8 of past 9 when **DE BRYCE FISHER** has 1.0+ sacks. **DT ROCKY BERNARD** had sack in only career game vs. TB. Nine different Seahawks have INT, led by **S KEN HAMLIN** (3)...**BUCCANEERS:** **QB TIM RATTAY** made 1st start of season last week. Has passed for 563 yards with 3 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 86.7 passer rating in 3 games this year. In only start vs. Sea., Rattay had 94.8 rating with 259 yards, 2 TDs & 1 INT...Team is 7-1 (.875) when **RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** has 100+ yards and 9-0 when he has more than 20 carries. Team is perfect 7-0 when **RB MIKE ALSTOTT** has 100+ rush yards. **RB MICHAEL PITTMAN** had 86 yards & 1 TD last week...Since entering league in 1995 as 1st round pick by Seahawks, **WR JOEY GALLOWAY** has 604 receptions for 9,440 yards & 15.6 avg., 2nd-highest avg. during that time (min. 500 catches). Galloway 39-yard TD catch in last game vs. former team...Pro Bowl **CB RONDE BARBER** has 31 career INTs & can pass **DONNIE ABRAHAM** for franchise record. **LB DERRICK BROOKS** had 21-yard INT-TD last week, tying for most INT-TDs in NFL history by LB (6). Has INT in each of past 2 meetings. **S JERMAINE PHILLIPS** had 2 INTs last week.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (11-4) AT TENNESSEE TITANS (8-7)****SERIES**

	<b><u>PATRIOTS</u></b>	<b><u>TITANS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	19-15-1	
<b>STREAKS</b>	4 of past 6	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Belichick: 6-7	Fisher: 2-3
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 24-21 at Jaguars	W 30-29 at Bills
<b>LAST GAME</b>	10/5/03: Titans 30 at Patriots 38. New England RB Mike Cloud has 7 rushes for 73 yards & 2 scores, including go-ahead 15-yard TD with 3:15 remaining in 4th quarter.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/16/02: Titans 24, Patriots 7. Tennessee QB Steve McNair rushes for 49 yards & 2 TDs (11, 1) to go along with 136 passing yards.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross. SIRIUS: 181 (NE).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Brady: 304-492-3,304 (3C)-23 (3C)-12-87.0	Young (R): 169-321-1,972-12-11-69.7
<b>RUSHING</b>	Dillon: 187-745-4.0-11	Henry: 249-1,109-4.5-7
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Caldwell: 57-626-11.0-3	Bennett: 42-662-15.8-3
<b>OFFENSE</b>	330.3	297.9
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+5	+5
<b>DEFENSE</b>	291.2	366.7
<b>SACKS</b>	Colvin: 7.5	Vanden Bosch: 5.5
<b>INTs</b>	Samuel: 8 (T2L)	Hope: 5
<b>PUNTING</b>	Sauerbrun: 33.0	Hentrich: 42.8
<b>KICKING</b>	Gostkowski (R): 93 (39/39 PAT; 18/23 FG)	Bironas: 87 (30/30 PAT; 19/24 FG)

**NOTES**

**PATRIOTS:** Club has clinched AFC East for 5th time in past 6 seasons. Team is 6-1 (.857) on road & has won 5 of past 6 overall...**QB TOM BRADY** is 25-4 in games decided by less than 7 points & has completed at least 64.5 pct. of passes in 6 of past 7. Brady is 20-4 (.833) in career Dec. starts w/ 31 TDs vs. 15 INTs...**RB COREY DILLON** (11) needs 1 rushing TD for 3rd season in row w/ 12. Dillon has 37 TDs in 42 games w/ NE. Club is 20-3 (.870) in games which Dillon scores TD. Dillon has 12 rushing TDs in 11 career games vs. Tenn. Rookie **RB LAURENCE MARONEY** scored 6th TD of season last week on 27-yd run vs. Jax, club's longest scoring run of season...Rookie **TE DAVID THOMAS** caught 1st career TD pass last wk (22 yds), totaling 5 catches for 83 yds...**DL JARVIS GREEN** registered strip-sack w/ 1:46 left in game last wk to preserve 3-point lead & eventual victory. Green has 6.5 sacks on season; recorded 6.5 in 2004-05 combined. **CB ASANTE SAMUEL** tied for 2nd in NFL w/ 8 INTs (**CHAMP BAILEY**, Den, 9) & can be 2nd Patriot to top NFL in category (**TY LAW**, 9, 1998)...Rookie **K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI** has made 11 FGs in row...**TITANS:** After beginning season 0-5, club can earn postseason berth with win or tie joined by select Wk 17 results. Team owns NFL's 2nd-longest win streak at 6 games (SD 9)...Rookie **QB VINCE YOUNG** is 8-4 (.667) as starter & has engineered 4 comebacks in 4th qtr or OT. Led team to 2 scoring drives in final 12:00 last wk. On 4th & 2 play last wk, Young rushed for 36-yd TD & has 6 rushing TDs on season. With 1 more rush TD, Young will mark 6th time QB has rushed for 7+ since 2000...Titans are 6-2 (.750) when **RB TRAVIS HENRY** rushes for 70+ yds. Henry (1,109) needs 91 rushing yds for 3rd 1,200+-yd season in past 5 yrs...**WR BRANDON JONES** posted career-high 101 rec. yds & 1 TD on 5 receptions last week, including long reception of 32 yds...**LB KEITH BULLUCK** will lead club in tackles for 5th consecutive season. Club posted 3 sacks last wk – all from DL: **DE TRAVIS LA BOY**, **DT ALBERT HAYNESWORTH**, **DT RANDY STARKS**.

**BUFFALO BILLS (7-8) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (12-3)****SERIES**

	<b><u>BILLS</u></b>	<b><u>RAVENS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	Series tied: 1-1	
<b>STREAKS</b>	1-1	1-1
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Jauron: 0-1	Billick: 1-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 30-29 vs. Titans	W 31-7 at Steelers
<b>LAST GAME</b>	10/24/04: Bills 6 at Ravens 20. Baltimore defense registers 4 sacks & 4 INTs, including 48-yard INT-TD by CB Deion Sanders.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	10/24/04	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon. SIRIUS: 143 (Buf.), 130 (Bal.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Losman: 248-394-2,814-18-12-86.8	McNair: 272-433-2,834-16-11-83.4
<b>RUSHING</b>	McGahee: 248-967-3.9-6	J. Lewis: 294-1,063-3.6-9
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Evans: 75-1,147-15.3-7	Heap (TE): 68-705-10.4-6
<b>OFFENSE</b>	267.9	316.3
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-3	+15 (1L)
<b>DEFENSE</b>	329.7	264.8 (1L)
<b>SACKS</b>	Schobel: 14.0 (2C)	Pryce: 12.0
<b>INTs</b>	Clements: 3	Landry, McAlister: 5
<b>PUNTING</b>	Moorman: 43.7	Koch (R): 43.2
<b>KICKING</b>	Lindell: 101 (32/32 PAT; 23/25 FG)	Stover: 108 (36/36 PAT; 24/26 FG)

**NOTES**

**BILLS:** Club has won 4 of past 6...**QB J.P. LOSMAN** (2,814) needs 186 yds for 1st 3,000-yd season. In past 3 games, Losman has 42 of 67 (62.7 pct.) w/ 6 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 110.5 passer rating...**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** (14) aims to become 3rd player in Bills history w/ 15 100-yd games (**THURMAN THOMAS** 46; **HOFer O.J. SIMPSON**, 41). McGahee (967) needs 33 rush yds for 3rd consecutive 1,000+ yd season...**WR LEE EVANS** posted 23rd TD catch last wk for 9th most in club history. Evans has TD catch in 3 games in row...Pro Bowl **DE AARON SCHOBEL** stands 3rd in NFL w/ 14.0 sacks. Last Bills player to lead league in category was **BRYCE PAUP** (17.5) in 1995. Schobel has sack in career-best 6 consecutive games. Schobel (60.5) needs 1.5 sacks to surpass **PHIL HANSEN** (61.5) for 2nd most in club history (Smith, 171.0)...**CB-KE TERRENCE MC GEE** has 4 KR of 50+ yds, tying career-high ('05). AFC All-Star **P BRIAN MOORMAN** is No. 2 in NFL w/ 39.5-yd net avg...**RAVENS:** Club has clinched AFC North & can earn 1st Rd bye with victory or Colts loss. Team has won 8 of past 9 games...In past 13 Dec. home starts, **QB STEVE MC NAIR** is 10-3 (.769) w/ 19 TDs vs. 4 INTs for 100.0 passer rating. McNair & **WR DERRICK MASON** (5,570) stand No. 2 among active QB-WR duos in passing yds (**MANNING-HARRISON**, Ind, 11,259)...**RB JAMAL LEWIS** has 7 rushing TDs in past 6 games. Team is 27-8 (.771) when Lewis rushes for TD, including 8 wins in row...**WRs MARK CLAYTON** (913) & Mason (720) can be club's 1st WR duo w/ 800 rec. yds apiece since '97 (**DERRICK ALEXANDER** 1,009; **MICHAEL JACKSON** 918)...Offensive line has allowed 1 sack in past 5 games...Club stands No. 1 in NFL w/ +15 turnover ratio... Defense No. 1 in NFL in total yds (264.8), points allowed (12.9) & denying foes on 3rd down conv. tries (28.2 pct.). Pro Bowl **LB ADALIU THOMAS** has 28.0 sacks since '04, most by LB in span. **S ED REED** (27) is club's all-time INT leader, averaging 27.8 yds/return. **DT TREVOR PRYCE** (12.0) needs 3.0 sacks to tie **PETER BOULWARE** (15.0, '01) for club record, career-high is 13.0 ('99).

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (6-9) AT DENVER BRONCOS (9-6)****SERIES**

	<b><u>49ERS</u></b>	<b><u>BRONCOS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		6-4
<b>STREAKS</b>		6 of past 8
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Nolan: 0-0	Shanahan: 3-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 26-20 vs. Cardinals	W 24-23 at Bengals
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/15/02: Broncos 24 at 49ers 14. Denver RBs Mike Anderson & Olandis Gary combine for 156 rushing yards while scoring 1 TD apiece.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/23/00: Broncos 38, 49ers 9. Denver RB Mike Anderson rushes for 85 yards & 2 TDs as Broncos finish regular season with 11-5 record.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (2:15 PM MT): Curt Menefee, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (SF), 128 (Den.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	A. Smith: 240-410-2,696-15-15-75.2	Cutler (R): 60-105-771-8-4-89.8
<b>RUSHING</b>	Gore: 281-1,542 (1C)-5.5-8	T. Bell: 221-977-4.4-2
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Gore (RB): 59-453-7.7-1	Walker: 65-1,059-16.3-8
<b>OFFENSE</b>	300.0	308.4
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-7	+2
<b>DEFENSE</b>	345.5	324.2
<b>SACKS</b>	Moore: 6.5	Lang, Dumervil (R): 7.0
<b>INTs</b>	W. Harris: 6 (T2C)	Bailey: 9 (1L)
<b>PUNTING</b>	Lee: 44.8	Ernster: 41.7
<b>KICKING</b>	Nedney: 102 (27/27 PAT; 25/31 FG)	Elam: 104 (32/32 PAT; 24/26 FG)

**NOTES**

**49ERS:** **QB ALEX SMITH** has 5 TDs vs. 2 INTs & 108.7 passer rating in past 2 vs. AFC. Club is 5-0 in games when Smith has 95.0+ rating...Pro Bowl **RB FRANK GORE** leads NFC with 1,542 rush yards & can become 1st player in franchise history to lead conference in rushing. Needs 29 rush yards to set franchise record (**GARRISON HEARST**, 1,570 in 1998). Has 870 rush yards (124.3 per game) in past 7, incl. 5 100-yard games. Ranks 2nd in NFC with 1,995 scrimmage yards. Leads NFL with 14 rushes of 20+ yards...**G LARRY ALLEN** was chosen to 11th career Pro Bowl & is senior member of 2007 NFC team... Rookie **TE VERNON DAVIS** had career-best 91 yards last week. Has TD in 2 of past 3. **ARNAZ BATTLE** leads SF WRs with career-high 55 catches...**DE BRYANT YOUNG** has 8.5 sacks in past 10. Club is 36-19 (.655) when Young has 1.0+ sack. **CB WALT HARRIS** ties for 2nd in NFC with career-high 6 INTs. **LB RODERICK GREEN** had career-best 2.0 sacks last week & aims for 3rd in row with sack...**BRONCOS:** Club clinches playoff berth with win or tie...Club is 19-3 at home in Dec. (.864) under head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**...In 1st 4 career starts, rookie **QB JAY CUTLER** owns 89.8 passer rating w/ 8 TDs vs. 4 INTs. Cutler has 2 TD passes in each of his 4 starts...**RB TATUM BELL** (977) is 23 rush yds shy of marking 11th time that team has produced 1,000-yd rusher since 1995. Rookie **RB MIKE BELL** has 3 rush TDs in past 2 games, leads team w/ 8...**WR ROD SMITH** (844) needs 7 catches to tie **IRVING FRYAR** (851) for 10th most in NFL history...Defense (18.6) ranks No. 6 in NFL in points allowed. **CB CHAMP BAILEY** has career-high & NFL-best 9 INTs. Last Bronco to lead NFL in category was **TYRONE BRAXTON** (9), who tied for league-best in 1996. Bailey (20) & needs 1 more INT to surpass **LBs RANDY GRADISHAR** (20) & **TOM JACKSON** (20) for 8th most in club history. **DE ELVIS DUMERVIL** (7.0) stands 3rd among NFL rookies in sacks.

**MIAMI DOLPHINS (6-9) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (11-4)**

**SERIES**

	<b><u>DOLPHINS</u></b>	<b><u>COLTS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	44-22	
<b>STREAKS</b>	3 of past 4	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Saban: 0-0	Dungy: 3-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 13-10 vs. Jets	L 27-24 at Texans
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/2/03: Colts 23 at Dolphins 17. Indianapolis RB Edgerrin James rushes for 89 yards & 1 TD. Colts K Mike Vanderjagt kicks 3 FGs (50, 44, 25).	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	9/15/02: Dolphins 21, Colts 13. Miami RBs Ricky Williams & Rob Konrad catch 1 TD pass apiece while QB Jay Fielder runs for another.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. SIRIUS: 181 (Mia.), 153 (Ind.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Harrington: 223-388-2,236-12-15-68.2 <b><u>OR</u></b> Lemon: 20-32-202-2-3-77.0	Manning: 340-520-4,115 (1C)-29 (1L)-9-100.9 (1L)
<b>RUSHING</b>	Brown: 220-893-4.1-5	Addai (R): 205-1,017-5.0-7
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Welker: 64-664-10.4-1	Harrison: 90 (2L)-1,292 (2L)-14.4-11 (1C)
<b>OFFENSE</b>	307.1	378.1 (1C)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+2	+7 (3C)
<b>DEFENSE</b>	281.7 (3L)	330.8
<b>SACKS</b>	Taylor: 13.5 (3C)	Mathis: 9.5
<b>INTs</b>	Hill, Taylor: 2	Harper: 3
<b>PUNTING</b>	Jones: 42.9	Smith: 44.4 (3C)
<b>KICKING</b>	Mare: 84 (21/21 PAT; 21/31 FG)	Vinatieri: 104 (35/35 PAT; 23/26 FG)

**NOTES**

**DOLPHINS:** **QB JOEY HARRINGTON** aims for 6th win of season, tying career high (2004 w/ Det). In past 2 games, **QB CLEO LEMON** has completed 20 of 32 passes (62.5 pct.) for 202 yds w/ 1 TD vs. 0 INTs for 90.9 passer rating...**RB RONNIE BROWN** aims for 4th 100-yd game in his past 8 games played...**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** has 5 TD catches in 4 career games vs. Ind. Club has 4 players w/ 50+ catches for 3rd time in history: **WR WES WELKER** (64), **TE RANDY MC MICHAEL** (58), **WR Chambers** (56), & **WR MARTY BOOKER** (51)... Club is 7-3 (.700) vs. Indy QB Manning & has intercepted him 18 times in 10 career mtgs. **S YEREMIAH BELL** (2.0) needs 1.0 sack to tie franchise record for most in season by DB. Bell (3.0 in '05) shares record w/ **LIFFORT HOBLEY** (1990) & **JERRY WILSON** (1999). Pro Bowl **LB ZACH THOMAS** to start in 163rd game; only players w/ more career starts w/ Mia are **DAN MARINO** (240; 1983-99) & **BOB KUECHENBERG** (176; 1970-84). AFC All-Star **DE JASON TAYLOR** has sack in 10 of past 12 games...**COLTS:** Victory & Ravens loss earns team 1st Rd bye...When ahead by 14+ points, head coach **TONY DUNGY's** teams are 62-1 (.984)...Last wk **QB PEYTON MANNING** (4,115) became 1st QB in NFL history to pass for more than 4,000 yds in 7 seasons. Manning passed for 302 yds in 1st NFL game vs. Mia (9/6/98)...**RB JOSEPH ADDAI** leads rookies w/ 1,017 rush yds & needs 83 more to be 4th rookie in team history w/ 1,100 (**EDGERRIN JAMES** 1,553; **MARSHALL FAULK** 1,282; **DOMINIC RHODES** 1,104)...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** accounts for 8 of 16 (50.0 pct.) 1,000-yd rec. seasons in team history & is only player in NFL w/ 10+ TD catches in 8 seasons in row. **WR REGGIE WAYNE** has 16 100-yd rec. games & Ind is 11-5 (.688) in those games...Offense is No. 1 in NFL in converting 3rd down tries: 56.1 pct. (97 of 173). O-line has only allowed 15 sacks in 15 games...**DE DWIGHT FREENEY** has sack in 44 of 71 (62.0 pct.) career games.



**ATLANTA FALCONS (7-8) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (9-6)****SERIES**

	<b><u>FALCONS</u></b>	<b><u>EAGLES</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		11-10-1
<b>STREAKS</b>		2 of past 3
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Mora: 1-1	Reid: 4-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 10-3 vs. Panthers	W 23-7 at Cowboys
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/12/05: Eagles 10 at Falcons 14. Atlanta RB Warrick Dunn runs 21 times for 117 yards & QB Michael Vick adds 1 rushing TD.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	10/1/00: Eagles 38, Falcons 10. Philadelphia KR Brian Mitchell returns kick 89 yards for TD & adds 85-yard run for another score.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 110 (Atl.), 123 (Phi.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Vick: 196-374-2,393-19-13-74.9	Garcia: 115-185-1,280-10-2-96.2
<b>RUSHING</b>	Dunn: 267-1,082-4.1-4	Westbrook: 239-1,214-5.1-7
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Crumpler (TE): 50-716-14.3-7	Westbrook (RB): 76-670-8.8-4
<b>OFFENSE</b>	328.8	380.7 (2C)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+6 (T3C)	+5
<b>DEFENSE</b>	328.8	324.7
<b>SACKS</b>	Coleman: 6.0	T. Cole: 8.0
<b>INTs</b>	Hall: 4	Sheppard: 6 (T2C)
<b>PUNTING</b>	Koenen: 42.6	Johnson: 42.6
<b>KICKING</b>	Andersen: 82 (25/25 PAT; 19/22 FG)	Akers 96 (45/45 PAT; 17/21 FG)

**NOTES**

**FALCONS**: Are 1st team in NFL history with QB-RB tandem with 1,000 yards each – **RB WARRICK DUNN** (1,082) & **QB MICHAEL VICK** (1,022). Club leads NFL averaging 185.3 rush yards per game & 5.5 avg...QB Vick is 1st QB in NFL history with 1,000 rush yards in season. Registered 68 yards rushing & 1 TD in last game vs. Phi...RB Dunn rushed for 117 yards in last meeting. When Dunn has 100+ yards, his teams are 22-6-1 (.776). **RB JUSTIN GRIFFITH** has 3 TDs (2 rec., 1 rush) in past 2...**TE ALGE CRUMPLER** was named to 4th consecutive Pro Bowl. Has 6 TDs in past 10...**WR MICHAEL JENKINS** has TD catch in 6 of past 10...**CB DE ANGELO HALL** has 308 INT return yards (10 INTs, 30.8 avg.) since 2005, most in NFL. Had INT & 38 yards in last meeting. Will make 2nd consecutive Pro Bowl start this year...**DE JOHN ABRAHAM** has 4.0 sacks & 4 FFs in 6 starts this year. **DT ROD COLEMAN** aims for 3rd meeting in row with sack. **LB KEITH BROOKING** had FR in last meeting...**EAGLES**: **QB JEFF GARCIA** is 4-1 (.800) with 9 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 106.0 passer rating in 5 starts. Is 4-2 (.667) vs. Atl. as starter with 9 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 100.4 rating...**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** rushed for 122 yards last week & is 3rd Eagle with 6 100-yard games in season. Is 3rd in NFC with 1,884 scrimmage yards (1,214 rush, 670 rec.)...**G SHAWN ANDREWS** selected to start in 1st Pro Bowl...**WR REGGIE BROWN** has 9 TDs (8 rec., 1 rush) on 49 touches (18.4 pct.). **WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** averages 19.1 yards per catch, 2nd-most in NFL...Pro Bowl **CB LITO SHEPPARD** averages 29.0 yards per INT in career (15-435). Pro Bowl **S BRIAN DAWKINS** has 32 INTs with Phi., most by active player with current team. Incl. playoffs, has INT in 3 consecutive meetings. In past 22 games with INT, incl. playoffs, Eagles are 19-3 (.864) when Dawkins has INT. **DT DARWIN WALKER** aims for 3rd meeting in row with sack (2.5 sacks). **DE DARREN HOWARD** has 5.0 sacks in past 7 meetings.

**ARIZONA CARDINALS (5-10) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (13-2)****SERIES**

	<b><u>CARDINALS</u></b>	<b><u>CHARGERS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		7-3
<b>STREAKS</b>		5 of past 7
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Green: 1-1	Schottenheimer: 6-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 26-20 at 49ers	W 20-17 at Seahawks
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/22/02: Chargers 23 at Cardinals 15. San Diego RB LaDainian Tomlinson rushes for 91 yards & 2 TDs. Chargers LB Donnie Edwards adds 20-yard INT-TD in 4th quarter to seal victory.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/25/01: Cardinals 20, Chargers 17. Arizona WR David Boston has 6 catches for 121 yards, including a 37-yard TD. San Diego QB Doug Flutie passes for 308 yards & 2 TDs.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Matt Devlin, Dale Hellestrae. SIRIUS: 147 (Arz.), 121 (SD).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Warner: 86-136-1,021-5-5-83.0	Rivers: 265-436-3,157-20-8-90.5
<b>RUSHING</b>	James: 321-1,093-3.4-5	Tomlinson: 332-1,749 (1L)-5.3-28 (1L)
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Boldin: 79-1,091-13.8-4	Gates (TE): 67-868-13.0-8
<b>OFFENSE</b>	303.7	363.5 (2C)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+3	+13 (T2L)
<b>DEFENSE</b>	346.9	292.1
<b>SACKS</b>	Okeafor: 7.5	Merriman: 15.5 (T1L)
<b>INTs</b>	Wilson: 4	Jammer: 4
<b>PUNTING</b>	Player: 44.7	Scifres: 41.9
<b>KICKING</b>	Rackers: 108 (30/30 PAT; 26/35 FG)	Kaeding: 127 (1C) (55/55 PAT; 24/27 FG)

**NOTES**

**CARDINALS:** In only start vs. SD (10/1/00 with StL), **QB KURT WARNER** posted perfect 158.3 passer rating, completing 24 of 30 (80.0 pct.) for 390 yards with 4 TDs vs. 0 INTs...**RB EDGERRIN JAMES** rushed for 105 yards last week & when he has 100+ yards, his teams are 46-6 (.885). Has 1,093 yards, his 6th 1,000-yard season of career...**WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** was named to 2nd career Pro Bowl. Has 1,091 yards & is 2nd Cardinal with 3 1,000-yard seasons in career (**ROY GREEN**). **WR LARRY FITZGERALD** has TD catch in 5 of past 6 games vs. AFC. Fitzgerald needs 87 yards for 2nd career 1,000-yard season. Boldin, Fitzgerald & James can become 1st trio in team annals with 2 1,000-yard receivers & 1,000-yard rusher in same season...Pro Bowl **S ADRIAN WILSON** is only player in NFL with 5.0 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 6.0 sacks in past 10. **DE CHIKE OKEAFOR** has 5.5 sacks in past 4. Cardinals have forced 32 turnovers (17 FR, 15 INT) this season, 3rd most in NFC...**CHARGERS:** Win or tie clinches homefield advantage thru playoffs. Team has 13 wins – most in club history...**QB PHILIP RIVERS** is 7-0 as home starter. Rivers (116.6) is NFL's No. 1 4th qtr passer w/ 7 TDs vs. 1 INT...**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** tops NFL w/ franchise-record 1,749 rush yds & NFL-record 31 TDs. Tomlinson (46) needs 3 rush TDs for NFL-best mark in 2-yr span (**PRIEST HOLMES**, 48, '02-03). **RB LORENZO NEAL** (8 for 8), **RB MICHAEL TURNER** (4 for 4), & QB Rivers (4 for 4) are combined 16 for 16 on 3rd & 1 rush attempts for 1st downs...**TE ANTONIO GATES** leads NFL TEs in TD catches (8) & 20+ yd catches (13). Gates needs 2 TD catches to be 1st TE in NFL history w/ 10 or more 3 yrs in row...**LBs SHAWNE MERRIMAN** (15.5) & **SHAUN PHILLIPS** (11.5) can be 1st SD duo w/ 12+ sacks apiece since '89 (**DE LEE WILLIAMS** 14.0 & **DE LESLIE O'NEAL** 12.5). Merriman needs 2.0 sacks to surpass **LESLIE O'NEAL** (17.0, 1992) for club record.

**SUNDAY NIGHT**  
**GREEN BAY PACKERS (7-8) AT CHICAGO BEARS (13-2)**

**SERIES**

	<b><u>PACKERS</u></b>	<b><u>BEARS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		87-78-6
<b>STREAKS</b>		4 of past 5
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	McCarthy: 0-1	Smith: 4-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 9-7 vs. Vikings	W 26-21 at Lions
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/10/06: Bears 26 at Packers 0. Chicago K Robbie Gould connects on 4 FGs & rookie KR Devin Hester returns punt for 84-yard TD.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/4/05: Bears 19, Packers 7. Chicago rookie K Robbie Gould connects on 4 FGs & CB Nathan Vasher returns INT 45 yards for TD.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	NBC (7:15 PM CT): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumphy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 123 (Westwood); 125 (GB), 130 (Chi.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Favre: 322-571-3,600-17-17-72.9	Grossman: 260-468-3,160-23 (T2C)-17-77.8
<b>RUSHING</b>	Green: 244-988-4.0-5	Jones: 287-1,183-4.1-6
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Driver: 89 (1C)-1,272 (1C)-14.3-7	Muhammad: 59-836-14.2-5
<b>OFFENSE</b>	339.0	325.5
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-5	+13 (1C)
<b>DEFENSE</b>	321.2	288.9 (1C)
<b>SACKS</b>	Kampman: 15.5 (T1L)	Anderson (R): 12.0 (T3C)
<b>INTs</b>	Woodson: 7 (1C)	R. Manning, Tillman: 5
<b>PUNTING</b>	Ryan: 44.8	Maynard: 44.4
<b>KICKING</b>	Rayner: 101 (29/29 PAT; 24/32 FG)	Gould: 142 (1L) (46/46 PAT; 32/36 FG)

**NOTES**

**PACKERS:** QB **BRETT FAVRE** became 1st player in NFL history with 5,000 career completions. Has 21-8 (.724) career record vs. Bears. In games played on or after Dec. 1, Favre is 48-18 (.727)...RB **AHMAN GREEN** has 988 rush yards & needs 12 for 6th 1,000-yard season with Packers, which would pass HOFer **JIM TAYLOR** (5) for most in team history...Pro Bowl **WR DONALD DRIVER** leads team with career-best 1,272 yards, his 3rd consecutive 1,200-yard season. Aims for 4th in row vs. Bears with 6+ catches...Pro Bowl **DE AARON KAMPMAN** leads NFC with career-high 15.5 sacks. **DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** has 6.0 sacks in past 4 vs. Bears, incl. career-best 4.0 in 1/2/05 meeting. In last game at Chi., **CB CHARLES WOODSON** had 2 INTs & 1 FR...**BEARS:** Placed NFC-best 7 players on Pro Bowl team. Club has won 23 of past 27 under head coach **LOVIE SMITH**. Smith is 1st head coach to guide Bears to consecutive division titles since **MIKE DITKA**...QB **REX GROSSMAN** has won 17 of 1st 22 career starts. Has 23 TDs & needs 2 to join HOFer **SID LUCKMAN & ERIK KRAMER** as only Bears to pass for 25+ TDs...In past 15 when **RB THOMAS JONES** has more than 20 attempts, club is 14-1 (.933)...**WR BERNARD BERRIAN** had 49-yard TD in Week 1 & averages 33.6 yards per TD catch (8 TDs, 269 yards), incl. 4 for 40+ yards. **WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** had 6 catches for 102 yards in Week 1...Defense has not allowed TD to GB QB Favre in past 3 games & has 8 INTs during that span. **BRIAN URLACHER** is 1st Bear LB since HOFer **MIKE SINGLETARY** (10) to be named to 6 Pro Bowls. Rookie **CB-PR-KR DEVIN HESTER** was named to Pro Bowl & has NFL-record 6 return TDs in season. Had 84-yard PR-TD in Week 1.

## 2006 AFC Division Standings

AFC East												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
y-New England	11-4-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	7-4-0	.473 (78)	.502 (113)	6	10	0	131	41
New York Jets	9-6-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.430 (58)	.498 (112)	19	31	0	1	33
Buffalo	7-8-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	5-6-0	.448 (47)	.556 (125)	19	31	0	1	32
Miami	6-9-0		1-5-0	0-0-0	3-8-0	.533 (48)	.524 (118)	18	34	0	-18	25

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
y-Baltimore	12-3-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	9-2-0	.456 (82)	.471 (106)	7	11	0	140	37
Cincinnati	8-7-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.450 (54)	.538 (121)	14	23	0	48	41
Pittsburgh	7-8-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	4-7-0	.410 (43)	.507 (114)	17	25	0	32	39
Cleveland	4-11-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	3-8-0	.433 (26)	.547 (123)	29	54	0	-110	25

AFC South												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
y-Indianapolis	11-4-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	8-3-0	.521 (86)	.516 (116)	15	26	0	62	47
Tennessee	8-7-0	1	4-2-0	0-0-0	5-6-0	.475 (57)	.556 (125)	23	42	0	-59	34
Jacksonville	8-7-0	1	2-4-0	0-0-0	5-6-0	.550 (66)	.524 (118)	8	13	0	102	38
Houston	5-10-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	5-6-0	.467 (35)	.529 (119)	28	54	0	-107	28

AFC West												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory (Wins)	Strength of Schedule (Wins)	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
yz-San Diego	13-2-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	10-2-0	.436 (85)	.467 (105)	7	8	0	182	56
Denver	9-6-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	8-4-0	.437 (59)	.529 (119)	14	22	0	17	32
Kansas City	8-7-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	4-7-0	.433 (52)	.493 (111)	16	25	0	11	32
Oakland	2-13-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	1-10-0	.400 (12)	.542 (122)	28	49	0	-144	16

## 2006 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
x-Philadelphia	9-6-0	2	5-1-0	0-0-0	8-3-0	.444 (60)	.480 (108)	10	24	0	63	46
x-Dallas	9-6-0	-2	2-4-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.437 (59)	.476 (107)	8	22	0	83	48
New York Giants	7-8-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.438 (46)	.542 (122)	15	34	0	-13	37
Washington	5-10-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	3-8-0	.520 (39)	.516 (116)	20	45	0	-63	30

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	13-2-0		5-0-0	0-0-0	11-0-0	.390 (76)	.413 (93)	2	5	0	191	46
Green Bay	7-8-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.314 (33)	.476 (107)	22	48	0	-84	29
Minnesota	6-9-0		2-4-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.322 (29)	.480 (108)	17	36	0	-25	29
Detroit	2-13-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	1-10-0	.467 (14)	.524 (118)	28	56	0	-101	27

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
yz-New Orleans	10-5-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	9-2-0	.427 (64)	.458 (103)	7	16	0	101	46
Carolina	7-8-0	1	4-1-0	0-0-0	5-6-0	.457 (48)	.471 (106)	17	36	0	-45	24
Atlanta	7-8-0	1	3-3-0	0-0-0	5-6-0	.381 (40)	.449 (101)	15	37	0	-29	30
Tampa Bay	4-11-0		0-6-0	0-0-0	2-9-0	.433 (26)	.542 (122)	24	51	0	-126	22

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
y-Seattle	8-7-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.383 (46)	.458 (103)	16	35	0	-22	35
St. Louis	7-8-0		2-4-0	0-0-0	5-6-0	.343 (36)	.462 (104)	18	39	0	-34	34
San Francisco	6-9-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.367 (33)	.489 (110)	28	56	0	-117	28
Arizona	5-10-0		4-2-0	0-0-0	5-7-0	.387 (29)	.467 (105)	22	48	0	-68	31

## LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (DEC. 21, 23-25)

(Home team in CAPS)

<b>Thursday, December 21</b>	<b>Sunday, December 24, cont.'d.</b>
GREEN BAY 9, Minnesota 7	New England 24, JACKSONVILLE 21
	HOUSTON 27, Indianapolis 24
<b>Saturday, December 23</b>	Chicago 26, DETROIT 21
Kansas City 20, OAKLAND 9	Arizona 26, SAN FRANCISCO 20
	San Diego 20, SEATTLE 17
<b>Sunday, December 24</b>	DENVER 24, Cincinnati 23
Tampa Bay 22, CLEVELAND 7	
Tennessee 30, BUFFALO 29	<b>Monday, December 25</b>
Carolina 10, ATLANTA 3	Philadelphia 23, DALLAS 7
ST. LOUIS 37, Washington 31 (OT)	N.Y. JETS 13, Miami 10
Baltimore 31, PITTSBURGH 7	
New Orleans 30, N.Y. GIANTS 7	

## 2006 NFL POSTSEASON

Saturday, January 6  
 Sunday, January 7  
 Saturday, January 13  
 Sunday, January 14  
 Sunday, January 21  
 Sunday, February 4  
 Saturday, February 10

AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs (NBC)  
 AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs (CBS and FOX)  
 AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (CBS and FOX)  
 AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (CBS and FOX)  
 AFC and NFC Championship Games (CBS and FOX)  
 Super Bowl XLI at Dolphin Stadium, South Florida (CBS)  
 AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii (CBS)

