



BIG DIVISION GAMES ALREADY? WEEK 2 HAS 'EM!

Big division games? It's never too soon for that in the NFL! And Week 2, indeed, has them!

In the NFC East, you have the whole division going at it, with the New York Giants at Philadelphia and Washington at Dallas Sunday night. In the NFC South, there's Tampa Bay-Atlanta. In the AFC East, New England comes down to visit the Jets. Also, there's Lions-Bears, Browns-Bengals and Chiefs-Broncos among others.

"One of the goals every team has is to take care of business in your division," says Seattle Seahawks head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**, whose club faces the NFC West Arizona Cardinals this week.

So after a Kickoff Weekend that saw surprises (11 road teams won, the most on an opening weekend in 23 years [12 in 1983])...debuts (Heisman Trophy-winner **REGGIE BUSH** accounted for 141 total yards for New Orleans in rushing, receiving and returning)...and comebacks (Jets quarterback **CHAD PENNINGTON** posted a 123.2 passer rating vs. Tennessee in his return from shoulder surgery), the NFL comes right back in Week 2 with who-knows-what's in store?

And leave it to a player -- the Jets' Pennington, who missed most of a whole season last year -- to capture the exuberance a player feels in the return of an NFL season. "It's an honor to play this game," says Pennington. "That's the way I look at it."

Key Week 2 games include:

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (0-1) at ATLANTA FALCONS (1-0)

STORYLINE: The right time for Falcons' revenge?

Coming off Kickoff Weekend, it would certainly seem so. But this is "Bucs-Falcons," so "last week" doesn't mean much. In Week 1, Atlanta, sparked by a leaner **MICHAEL VICK** at quarterback, rang up 385 total yards against Carolina's No. 3 NFL defense of last year. The Bucs, meanwhile, were shut out at home for the first time in 10 years.

But...look at the recent history between these two. It is basically one-sided towards Tampa Bay. Since the creation of the NFC South in realignment in 2002, the Bucs have won six of the eight meetings between the clubs, including both last season by three points apiece.

In November, Bucs linebacker **DERRICK BROOKS** forced a Vick fumble that led to a winning field goal. In December, a **MATT BRYANT** kick won it for the Bucs in overtime. "There are big plays all over the field when we play each other," says Tampa Bay cornerback **RONDE BARBER**.

Key stat: Sixteen of Tampa Bay's 20 sacks of Vick have come in the last four games between the teams.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (1-0) at NEW YORK JETS (1-0)

STORYLINE: Meet your mentor!

And what better type of mentor can you have than one who has won three of the past five Super Bowls? That is Patriots head coach **BILL BELICHICK**, under whom new Jets coach **ERIC MANGINI** was an assistant/defensive coordinator for with the Browns, Jets and Patriots for 10 seasons through last year. Tack on a second Mangini NFL mentor -- **BILL PARCELLS** -- and "that's like getting your M.B.A. from Harvard, only the football version," says Mangini.

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A YOUNG 'UN! With his team's Week 1 win, the New York Jets' **ERIC MANGINI** (35 years, 234 days) became the third youngest "rookie" NFL head coach to win his first game. Cincinnati's **DAVE SHULA** (33) and Pittsburgh's **BILL COWHER** (35 years, 121 days) both won their debuts on September 6, 1992.

All that coziness aside, Mangini and his Jets – coming off a satisfying 23-16 win over Tennessee – have to reverse a six-game losing streak to the Patriots. They aren't the only AFC Easters to suffer at the hands of New England. The Pats have won 16 of their past 18 division games, including last week against Buffalo.

Jets have to watch/key on: Pats running attack of first-round draft choice **LAURENCE MARONEY** (86 yards) and vet **COREY DILLON** (73), who combined for 159 rushing yards vs. Buffalo. "He runs one way, I run another and we keep fresh legs in the game," says Maroney.

NEW YORK GIANTS (0-1) at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (1-0)

STORYLINE: *Tiki or Donté?*

Off past and this-past-week performances, these two could have a lot to do with the outcome of this NFC Easter.

Giants running back **TIKI BARBER**, No. 2 in the league in rushing last year, has topped 100 ground yards in his past five games against Philly. He has averaged 5.4 yards per carry against the Eagles. And he already has a 100-yarder to his credit in '06 (against Indianapolis, 110).

In Week 1, the Eagles believe they found the deep threat they were looking for in wide receiver **DONTÉ STALLWORTH**, acquired from New Orleans right before the season. The five-year vet had six catches against Houston for a career-high-tying 141 yards (vs. the Giants, 9/19/05) and a TD. A 37-yard Stallworth reception set up another score.

"They brought me here to do a job," says Stallworth. "I know I can get better every day, every week and make sure I'm really working with (quarterback) **DONOVAN MC NABB** to make sure we're in sync."

Matchup to watch: Giants **RT KAREEM MC KENZIE** against speedy **DE JEVON KEARSE**, who has led Philly in sacks the past two years and already has one in '06.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (0-1) at DALLAS COWBOYS (0-1) (Sunday, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)
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STORYLINE: *Same place, same week. And what a game it was!*

A year ago on Week 2's Monday night in Dallas, "one of the greatest moments in sports for me" took place, according to Redskins head coach **JOE GIBBS**.

There were the Cowboys on top 13-0 with 5:58 left in the game. And there was fleet **SANTANA MOSS** with 39- and 70-yard TD catches from **MARK BRUNELL** in the final 3:46 for a shocking 14-13 Washington victory. "You've got to learn to close the show," said Dallas head coach **BILL PARCELLS**. "We didn't do that."

It was the first Washington triumph in Dallas in 10 years (1995) and Gibbs' first win in his last nine meetings with Parcells. Three months later, he tacked on another in a 35-7 Redskins victory for their first series sweep in 10 years.

Fast forward a year and each team has added new offensive tools – wide receivers **ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** and **BRANDON LLOYD** for Washington and **TERRELL OWENS** for Dallas. They didn't translate to wins in Week 1, but here comes Week 2!

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-0) at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (1-0) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Like old times!*

These two were AFC Central mates from 1995-01 and split every season series except in '99 (Jaguars). A real good rivalry developed that was solidified even more last year when Jacksonville cornerback **RASHEAN MATHIS** returned an interception 41 yards for an overtime TD in a 23-17 win.

Jacksonville finished with a better record (12-4) last season than Pittsburgh (11-5), but, of course, the Steelers went on to their Super Bowl XL triumph.

If Pittsburgh quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (appendectomy) is not ready to go, the Steelers are in good hands with **CHARLIE BATCH** (3-0 as a Steelers starter). Pittsburgh has allowed only one 100-yard rusher since 2004, so if they shut down those lanes, the Jaguars can spread the ball to their three receivers as they did in their Kickoff win over Dallas. WRs **MATT JONES**, **ERNEST WILFORD** and **REGGIE WILLIAMS** combined for 14 catches for 176 yards.

Monday night note: Steelers head coach **BILL COWHER** (18-7, .720) has third-best *MNF* record in history (minimum 15 games) after **TOM FLORES** (15-4, .789) and **GEORGE SEIFERT** (18-6, .750).

WEEK 2—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
DETROIT LIONS (0-1) AT CHICAGO BEARS (1-0)

SERIES

	<u>LIONS</u>	<u>BEARS</u>
LEADER		85-62-5
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Marinelli: 0-0	Smith: 2-2
LAST WEEK	L 9-6 vs. Seahawks	W 26-0 at Packers
LAST GAME	10/30/05: Bears 19 at Lions 13 (OT). Chicago CB Charles Tillman returns INT 22 yards for TD in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/18/05: Bears 38, Lions 6. Chicago RB Thomas Jones rushes for 139 yards & 2 TDs. Bears' defense intercepts 5 passes.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Kitna: 21-37(T3C)-229-0-0-75.2	Grossman: 18-26-262-1-1-98.6 (3C)
RUSHING	K. Jones: 14-35-2.5-0	Jones: 21-63-3.0-0
RECEIVING	Furrey: 5-55-11.0-0	Muhammad: 6-102-17.0-0
OFFENSE	251.0	361.0
TAKE/GIVE	0	+2 (T2C)
DEFENSE	264.0	267.0
SACKS	Hall, S. Rogers: 2 (T2C)	Three tied: 1.0
INTs	0	D. Manning (R), Tillman: 1
PUNTING	N. Harris: 43.0	Maynard: 47.3
KICKING	Hanson: 6 (0/0 PAT; 2/3 FG)	Gould: 14 (T2L) (2/2 PAT; 4/4 FG)

NOTES

12 OF PAST 16 IN SERIES DECIDED BY 8 POINTS OR LESS...Head coaches **ROD MARINELLI** (DL) & **LOVIE SMITH** (LB) spent 5 seasons ('96-'00) as assts together in TB...**LIONS**: **QB JON KITNA** has 15-4 (.789) record as starter all-time when posting 100+ passer rating...**RB KEVIN JONES** avgs. 74.7 rushing yards per game as starter vs. NFC North...**WR ROY WILLIAMS** had 16 TD catches in 1st 2 seasons, most in franchise history. Faces former Texas teammate in Bears **CB Vasher**. **WR-PR-KR EDDIE DRUMMOND** is 2nd in team history with 4 PR TDs & tied for 2nd with 2 KR TDs...With 311 career receptions, **TE MARCUS POLLARD** ranks 3rd among active TEs, trailing **TONY GONZALEZ** (658) & **KYLE BRADY** (329)...**DE KALIMBA EDWARDS** has led club in sacks in 2 of his 4 seasons...Rookie 1st-round **LB ERNIE SIMS** started & tied for team lead with 10 tackles...Since joining Lions in '03, **CB DRE BLY** ties for 5th in NFL with 16 INTs...**K JASON HANSON** (1,426) needs 14 points to pass **JIM TURNER** (1,439) for 14th in NFL history...**BEARS**: **QB REX GROSSMAN** is 4-2 (.667) as starter vs. division opponents. His grandfather, **REX**, played 4 games at LB for '50 Lions...**RB THOMAS JONES** has rushed for 387 yards (96.8 avg. per game) & 4 TDs vs. Lions since joining club in '04...**WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** (48) needs 2 TD catches for 50 career. Was all-state RB & LB at Lansing, Michigan's Waverly HS & college star at Michigan State...**TE DESMOND CLARK** (1,973) needs 27 rec. yards for 2,000 career...5-time Pro Bowl **C OLIN KREUTZ** has started every game he has played in (103) for club since '99...Club seeks to post consecutive shutouts for 1st time since 11/17-11/24/85 en route to SB XX win...**ADEWALE OGUNLEYE** seeks to become 1st Bear DE with consecutive 10-sack seasons since **RICHARD DENT** ('90-'91)...**BRIAN URLACHER** has 6 career sacks vs. Det, tied for most vs. any club. With 32.5 career sacks, needs 4 to pass **OTIS WILSON** (36) for most ever by Bears LB.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (0-1) AT ATLANTA FALCONS (1-0)**SERIES**

	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>	<u>FALCONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	15-10	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gruden: 7-2	Mora: 1-3
LAST WEEK	L 27-0 vs. Ravens	W 20-6 at Panthers
LAST GAME	12/24/05: Falcons 24 at Buccaneers 27 (OT). Tampa Bay rookie RB Cadillac Williams rushes for 150 yards & Buccaneers' Matt Bryant kicks 41-yard FG with 15 seconds left in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/20/05: Buccaneers 30, Falcons 27. Tampa Bay scores 10 points in final 2 minutes capped by Matt Bryant's game-winning 45-yard FG.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Simms: 17-29-133-0-3-30.5	Vick: 10-22-140-2 (T3C)-0-96.8
RUSHING	C. Williams: 8-22-2.8-0	Dunn: 29-132 (1L)-4.6-0
RECEIVING	C. Williams (RB): 5-25-5.0-0	Jenkins: 3-77-25.7-1 (T1L)
OFFENSE	142.0	385.0
TAKE/GIVE	-3	+2 (T2C)
DEFENSE	271.0	215.0 (2C)
SACKS	D. White: 1.0	Abraham: 2.0 (T2C)
INTs	0	Webster: 1 (T1C)
PUNTING	Bidwell: 46.5	Koenen: 41.8
KICKING	Bryant: 0 (0/0 PAT; 0/0 FG)	Koenen: 8 (2/2 PAT; 2/4 FG)

NOTES

BUCCANEERS: Have won 9 of past 11 meetings, including past 3...**QB CHRIS SIMMS** is 2-0 vs. Falcons with 65.6 comp. pct. (40 of 61). Had career-best 29 completions & 285 yards in last meeting...Bucs are 6-0 when **RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** has 100+ rush yards. Williams aims for 3rd game in row vs. Atl with 100 yards...**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** has 15.5 career rec. career rec. avg. (550 catches, 8,501 yards), 2nd-highest among active players (min. 350 catches)...**TE ALEX SMITH** had career-best 8 catches & 75 yards in last meeting...**DE SIMEON RICE** aims for 5th game in row vs. Atl with sack (6 sacks in past 4). Had 2 sacks in last meeting & his 18 games with 2-or-more sacks with TB is club record... **LB DERRICK BROOKS** has 10+ tackles in all 11 career starts vs. Falcons. Aims for 4th game in row vs. Atl with sack... **CB RONDE BARBER** (28) needs 2 INTs to become 3rd player in NFL history with 20.0 sacks & 30 INTs...**FALCONS:** Are 6-1 (.857) in Sept. games under head coach **JIM MORA**. Seeks 3rd consecutive win in home openers...**QB MICHAEL VICK** posted 101.5 passer rating vs. TB last year (4 TDs vs. 0 INTs). Has rushed for 60+ yards in 3 of past 4 meetings... **RB WARRICK DUNN** is 3rd in Bucs' history with 4,200 rushing yards & currently ranks 4th in Falcons' annals with 4,253 rushing yards. Rushed for Week 1-best 132 yards...**TE ALGE CRUMPLER** had career-high 118 receiving yards (4 catches) vs. TB (11/14/04)...**WR MICHAEL JENKINS** aims for 3rd consecutive game vs. TB with TD. In 2 meetings, Jenkins has 88.9% 1st-down conversion rate (8 of 9 catches)...**DT ROD COLEMAN** has 23 sacks as Falcon. Club is 12-4 (.750) when he has at least 1 sack...**LB KEITH BROOKING** had INT in each of 2 games vs. Bucs in '05...**CB DE ANGELO HALL** had INT & career-long 65-yard INT return in last game vs. TB.

OAKLAND RAIDERS (0-1) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (1-0)**SERIES**

	<u>RAIDERS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-1	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shell: 0-0	Billick: 1-1
LAST WEEK	L 27-0 vs. Chargers	W 27-0 at Buccaneers
LAST GAME	12/14/03: Raiders 20 vs. Ravens 12. Raiders QB Rick Mirer passes for 186 yards and 1 TD & Oakland defense limits Baltimore to 4 FGs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/8/98: Ravens 13 vs. Raiders 10. Ravens K Matt Stover connects on 30-yard FG in 4th quarter as Baltimore wins 1st November game in franchise history.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	Brooks: 6-14-68-0-0-58.0	McNair: 17-27-181-1-0-94.8
RUSHING	Fargas: 5-35-7.0-0	J. Lewis: 18-78-4.3-1
RECEIVING	Moss: 4-47-11.8-0	Heap (TE): 5-46-9.2-0
OFFENSE	129.0	271.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+3 (1C)
DEFENSE	302.0	142.0 (2L)
SACKS	0	Scott: 2.0 (T2C)
INTs	0	Three tied: 1
PUNTING	Lechler: 46.7	Koch: 47.0 (2C)
KICKING	0	Stover: 9 (T3C) (3/3 PAT; 2/2 FG)

NOTES

HEAD COACHES: Ravens' **BRIAN BILLICK** is 3-1 vs. Oak. including PS...Raiders' **ART SHELL** faces Bal. for 1st time...**RAIDERS:** Face Ravens for 4th time in regular season...In 1 career start vs. Bal. (12/8/02 w/NO) **QB AARON BROOKS** threw for 123 yds and 1 TD in 37-25 road victory...**RB LA MONT JORDAN** led NFL RBs w/ 70 catches in '05 & became 8th Raider in history to rush for 1,000 yds (1,025). Jordan hails from Suitland, MD and is Univ. of Maryland's all-time leading rusher (4,147 yds)...**WR RANDY MOSS** played for Ravens' Billick (then offensive coordinator) in Minnesota as rookie (1998). **TE COURTNEY ANDERSON** has caught all 4 career TD receptions on road...When **DT WARREN SAPP** records 1.0+ sack, his teams are 39-20 (.661)...**P SHANE LECHLER** kicked NFL-best 4 punts inside 20 last week...**RAVENS:** Club aims for 80th win in franchise history...Under head coach **BRIAN BILLICK**, team is 50-6 (.893) when leading entering 4th qtr...**QB STEVE MC NAIR** to make 1st home start as Raven. In 6 starts vs. Oak., McNair is 4-2, averaging 228.3 passing yds/game...In 1 career game vs. Oak., **RB JAMAL LEWIS** rushed for 125 yds on 24 carries (5.2 avg.) w/ 4 rushes of 10+ yards. As a Bronco, **RB MIKE ANDERSON** faced Oak. 9 times and rushed for 447 yds, including a 187-yd performance in a 33-24 win at Oak on 9/17/00. Anderson has 12 carries of 10+ yds vs. Raiders – his most vs. 1 team...In past 3 mtgs., **WR DERRICK MASON** is averaging 106.3 rec. yds/gm vs. Raiders...Defense posted 8th shutout since 1999 last week. Club held TB to 141 yds, registering 3 sacks and 3 INTs...Since 1999, defense allowing Sept. avg. of 82.6 rush yds/game – best in NFL...**CB CHRIS MC ALISTER** notched 60-yd INT-TD last week. **LB RAY LEWIS** posted team-high 7 solo tackles, 1 sack & 3 PDs in Wk 1. Since '03, club leads NFL in defensive TDs (15).

CLEVELAND BROWNS (0-1) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (1-0)**SERIES**

	<u>BROWNS</u>	<u>BENGALS</u>
SERIES LEADER	33-32	
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Crennel: 0-2	Lewis: 4-2
LAST WEEK	L 19-14 vs. Saints	W 23-10 at Chiefs
LAST GAME	12/11/06: Browns 20 at Bengals 23. Cincinnati's Shayne Graham kicks 37-yard FG as time expires.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/11/06	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts	

STATS

PASSING	Frye: 16-27-132-1-2-53.3	Palmer: 13-19-127-0-0-87.0
RUSHING	Frye (QB): 6-44-7.3-1	R. Johnson: 28-96-3.4-1
RECEIVING	Winslow (TE): 8-63-7.9-1	C. Johnson: 5-48-9.6-0
OFFENSE	186.0	236.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+2
DEFENSE	326.0	289.0
SACKS	0	J. Smith: 3.0 (1L)
INTs	S. Jones: 1 (T2L)	M. Williams: 1 (2TL)
PUNTING	Zastudil: 44.2	Larson: 42.6
KICKING	Dawson: 2 (2/2 PAT; 0/0 FG)	Graham: 11 (2C) (2/2 PAT; 3/3 FG)

NOTES

AFTER 65 MEETINGS, Browns lead all-time score in series: 1,354 to 1,345. Series tied for 2nd-smallest point differential (9) between teams who have faced each other 25+ times (Buffalo 750, Kansas City 744; 26 mtgs.). Teams meet in Sept. for 5th time in past 7 yrs, splitting previous 4 meetings in Sept...**BROWNS**: Team has been opponent in 5 Bengals' home openers, winning 3 of those 5...Offense scored 2 TDs in 3 trips inside red zone last week...**QB CHARLIE FRYE** has TD passes in 4 of 6 career starts, including 1 last week along w/ 1-yd TD rush. Frye posted TD pass & rush in last mtg...**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** has posted at least 20 carries in 14 of 33 (42.4 pct.) career starts at RB (6 starts at FB). Rookie **RB JEROME HARRISON** posted 14-yd rush last week, longest by Browns RB...**WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** has recorded 1st down on 24 of 34 career receptions...In 1st game since 9/19/04, **TE KELLEN WINSLOW** caught 8 passes for 63 yds & 1 TD. Last Browns TE to catch 8 or more passes in consecutive games: HOFer **OZZIE NEWSOME** (11/25-12/2/84)...Defense limited Bengals WR Johnson to 22 yds on 2 receptions in last mtg...**LB ANDRA DAVIS** has 2 of 5 career INTs vs. Bengals...**DE ORPHEUS ROYE** (w/Pitt.) posted career-best 2.0 sacks vs. Cin. on 11/28/99...**K PHIL DAWSON** is 19 of 21 (90.5 pct.) on career FG tries vs. Bengals...**BENGALS**: Club is 22-16 (.579) all-time in home openers...Under head coach **MARVIN LEWIS**, team is 18-1 (.947) w/ positive turnover differential, w/ 1 loss coming against Browns (10/17/04)...**QB CARSON PALMER** has 7 multi-TD pass games in past 9 vs. AFC North...In past 3 mtgs., **RB RUDI JOHNSON** is averaging 165.7 yds per game, including career-best 202 yds (11/28/04)...**WR CHAD JOHNSON** has 5+ catches in 12 of past 15 home games. WR Johnson (384) needs 3 catches to surpass **DARNAY SCOTT** (386) for 4th-most catches in club history. **WR TAB PERRY** caught career-long 30-yd reception last week...Defense halted KC RB Larry Johnson's 100-yd rushing game streak at 9 last Sunday...**DE JUSTIN SMITH** posted 2nd career 3.0-sack game of career last week & led team with 7 tackles. **DT JOHN THORNTON** has started every game since joining club in '03. **DT SAM ADAMS** to play in 180th NFL game Sunday.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (1-0) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS (0-1)**SERIES**

	<u>SAINTS</u>	<u>PACKERS</u>
LEADER		14-5
STREAKS		4 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Payton: 0-0	McCarthy: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 19-14 at Browns	L 26-0 vs. Bears
LAST GAME	10/9/05: Saints 3 at Packers 52. Green Bay QB Brett Favre throws 3 TDs & Packers' defense forces 5 turnovers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/9/05	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Ron Pitts, Terry Donahue	

STATS

PASSING	Brees: 17-31-176-1-1-68.8	Favre: 15-29-170-0-2-40.9
RUSHING	McAllister: 22-90-4.1-0	Green: 20-110 (T3C)-5.5-0
RECEIVING	Bush (RB) (R): 8-58-7.3-0	Driver: 7 (T2C)-96-13.7-0
OFFENSE	326.0	267.0
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-2
DEFENSE	186.0 (3L)	361.0
SACKS	Young: 3.0 (T1L)	Kampman: 1.0
INTs	Bullocks, Fujita: 1	Barnett: 1
PUNTING	Weatherford (R): 45.0	Ryan: 45.0
KICKING	Carney: 13 (3C) (1/1 PAT; 4/4 FG)	Rayner: 0 (0/0 PAT; 0/1 FG)

NOTES

SAINTS: Seek to open season with 2 consecutive road wins for 1st time in franchise history...**QB DREW BREES** is 11-6 (.647) in past 17 road starts, with 63.3 comp. pct. (316-499) for 3,695 yards, 19 TDs vs. 13 INTs & 87.5 pass rating...**RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** is club all-time rushing leader with 4,619 yards. Returned to action last week for 1st time since 10/9/05 at GB, rushing for 90 yards vs. Browns. Rookie **RB REGGIE BUSH** totaled 119 scrimmage yards (61 rush, 58 rec) in NFL debut.....**WR JOE HORN** (488-6,968) needs 12 receptions & 32 rec. yards to join **ERIC MARTIN** (532-7,854) as only Saints with 500 rec. & 7,000 rec. yards. Rookie 7th-rounder **MARQUES COLSTON** was only rookie WR in NFL to start Kickoff Weekend. Posted 4 catches for 49 yards, including 12-yard TD catch...**TE ERNIE CONWELL** (195) needs 5 catches for 200 career.....**CB MIKE MC KENZIE** had 15 INTs with GB from '99-'04...**K JOHN CARNEY** leads all active players with 1,647 career points & 394 FGs. Has connected on 55.9 pct on FGs from 50+ all-time (19 of 34).

PACKERS: Head coach **MIKE MC CARTHY** spent '00-'04 as Saints offensive coordinator...**QB BRETT FAVRE** (396) needs 4 TD passes to join **DAN MARINO** (420) as only players in NFL history with 400. In 4 career games vs. Saints, has 108.1 passer rating, 10 TDs vs. 1 INT...**RB AHMAN GREEN** has 48 rushing TDs with GB & needs 2 to become 3rd Packer with 50 career. Has 9,570 scrimmage yards with club & needs 143 to pass **JIM TAYLOR** (9,712) for 2nd in team history (**JAMES LOFTON**, 9,901). Rushed for 110 yards vs. Bears last week...**WR DONALD DRIVER** has 170 career catches at Lambeau Field & needs 9 to pass **STERLING SHARPE** (174) & Lofton (178) for 2nd in stadium history, trailing leader **ANTONIO FREEMAN** (213)...**TE BUBBA FRANKS** (1,936) needs 64 receiving yards to become 6th TE in club history with 2,000...**LB NICK BARNETT** has led club in tackles in each of 1st 3 seasons. Had team-best 9 tackles with INT last week...**CB-PR CHARLES WOODSON** made club debut & returned 3 punts for 44 yards (14.7-yard avg).

HOUSTON TEXANS (0-1) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (1-0)

SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>COLTS</u>
LEADER		8-0
STREAKS		Past 8
COACHES VS. OPP.	Kubiak: 0-0	Dungy: 8-0
LAST WEEK	L 24-10 vs. Eagles	W 26-21 at Giants
LAST GAME	11/13/05: Texans 17 at Colts 31. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning passes for 297 yards & 3 TDs as Colts improve to 9-0.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/13/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon	

STATS

PASSING	Carr: 18-27-208-1-0-102.1	Manning: 25-41-276-1-1-78.9
RUSHING	Lundy (R): 11-32-2.9-0	Rhodes: 16-29-1.8-1
RECEIVING	A. Johnson: 6-101-16.8-0	Harrison: 9 (T1L)-113 (2C)-12.6-0
OFFENSE	241.0	327.0
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+1
DEFENSE	441.0	433.0
SACKS	Weaver: 1.0	0
INTs	Simmons: 1	Harper: 1
PUNTING	Stanley: 44.6	Smith: 51.0
KICKING	K. Brown: 4 (1/1 PAT; 1/1 FG)	Vinatieri: 14 (T2L) (2/2 PAT; 4/4 FG)

NOTES

TEXANS: QB **DAVID CARR** has TD pass in 9 consecutive games vs. AFC South opponents. Carr (49) needs 1 TD pass to reach 50 in career. In 8 career starts vs. Colts, Carr has completed 61.1 pct. of passes. Carr has thrown 0 INTs in 3 of 4 career starts at Indy...Rookie **RB WALI LUNDY** started in 1st career game last wk. **RB RON DAYNE** (w/NYG) rushed for 5 1st downs vs. Indy on 12/22/02...**WR ERIC MOULDS** has 30+ yd reception in 4 of past 7 vs. Colts & has 20+ yd reception in 7 of past 9 games played in domes. **WR ANDRE JOHNSON** (2,907) needs 93 receiving yds to reach 3,000 for career. WR Johnson has 4+ catches in 4 of 5 career games vs. Colts...**G CHESTER PITTS** has started all 65 games in team's history...**LB ANTWAAN PEEK** has 4.0 sacks in past 9 games, including 1.0 vs. Colts in last mtg. (11/13/05). Rookie **LB DE MECO RYANS** posted game-high 13 tackles in NFL debut. In past 5 vs. AFC South, **DT SETH PAYNE** has 2.0 sacks & 2 PDs...**COLTS:** Club has led or has tied for AFC South lead in 62 of 69 weeks. Team is 8-0 vs. Texans & has won 23 of past 26 games overall...Head coach **TONY DUNGY** (49-16, .754) aims for his 50th win w/ Colts. In head coaching career, Dungy is 77-7 (.917) when his teams gain 10+ point lead...QB **PEYTON MANNING** has TD pass in 12 consecutive games w/ 15+ attempts & has thrown TD in all 8 games vs. Hou. Manning (2,794) is 3 completions shy of surpassing HOFer **JOHNNY UNITAS** (2,796) for most by Colt...**RB DOMINIC RHODES** averages 4.4 yds/carry in 379 career rushes. Rookie **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** is Houston native, attended Sharpstown H.S...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** has TD catch in 9 of past 11 games vs. AFC South. Harrison (936) needs 5 catches to surpass **ART MONK** (940) for 5th-most receptions in NFL history. Harrison (670) needs 9 points to surpass HOFer **LENNY MOORE** (678) for most scored by non-kicker in team annals. **WR REGGIE WAYNE** has at least 7 catches in 3 games in row vs. Texans...**DT MONTAE REAGOR** posted 37-yd FR-TD vs. Texans on 10/23/05 for 1st career TD. **LBs GARY BRACKETT** (3) & **CATO JUNE** (5) combined for 8 INTs last season.

BUFFALO BILLS (0-1) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (0-1)**SERIES**

	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>DOLPHINS</u>
SERIES LEADER		49-30-1
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Jauron: 0-1	Saban: 1-1
LAST WEEK	L 19-17 at Patriots	L 28-17 at Steelers
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Bills 23 at Dolphins 24. Miami WR Chris Chambers sets club records with 15 catches & 238 yards, including game-winning TD with 6 seconds remaining.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/4/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf	

STATS

PASSING	Losman: 15-23-164-0-0-86.1	Culpepper: 18-37-262 (3C)-0-2-49.6
RUSHING	McGahee: 20-70-3.5-0	Brown: 15-30-2.0-2 (T1L)
RECEIVING	Reed: 3-40-13.3-0	Chambers: 5-59-11.8-0
OFFENSE	240.0	278.0
TAKE/GIVE	+2 (T2C)	-1
DEFENSE	319.0	339.0
SACKS	Three tied: 1.0	Three tied: 1.0
INTs	Whitner (R): 1 (T2L)	0
PUNTING	Moorman: 40.2	Jones: 36.7
KICKING	Lindell: 5 (2/2 PAT; 1/1 FG)	Mare: 5 (2/2 PAT; 1/1 FG)

NOTES

BILLS: Have scored on 1st possession in 12 of past 17 gms...In last mtg. (12/4/05), **QB J.P. LOSMAN** set career-highs in TD passes (3) & pass yds (224)...**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** has 3 100-yd rush gms in past 6 vs. AFC East. Bills are 3-0 vs. Dolphins when McGahee rushes for 85+ yds. McGahee attended Univ. of Miami & Miami's Central H.S.... **WR LEE EVANS** posted career bests in rec. yds (117) & TD catches (3) in last mtg. **WR PEERLESS PRICE** caught career-long 73-yd catch (TD) vs. Mia. (12/1/02) & tied career-best 2 TDs in that game...**DE AARON SCHOBEL** (47.5) needs 2.5 sacks to be 4th Bill w/ 50. Schobel has at least 0.5 sack in 6 of past 7 vs. Mia. **LB LONDON FLETCHER-BAKER**'s 5-yd FR-TD :12 into game last wk equaled fastest TD of season by team in season opener (**TYRONNE DRAKEFORD**, Saints, FR-TD, 1999). **S TROY VINCENT** to play in 200th career game. Vincent leads active players w/ 47 INTs...Rookie **S DONTE WHITNER** notched INT in 1st career game last week...**DOLPHINS**: Under head coach **NICK SABAN**, team is 9-8 (.529); in previous 17 games prior to Saban, club was 5-12 (.294). Offensive coordinator **MIKE MULARKEY** was Bills head coach from 2004-05...In 2 career games vs. Bills, **QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER** has completed 42 of 74 (56.8 pct.) for 532 yds w/ 6 TDs vs. 1 INT for 100.7 passer rating...**RB RONNIE BROWN** recorded 4 runs of 10+ yds vs. Bills in 1st mtg. last season (10/9/05)...**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** (39) needs 1 TD reception to be 4th Dolphin to catch 40. Chambers has TD catch in 4 of past 6 vs. Buf. & in last mtg. established career-bests in receptions (15) & rec. yds (238), earning AFC Offensive Player of Week honors. **TE RANDY MC MICHAEL** (2,466) needs 34 rec. yds to be 1st Miami TE to reach 2,500 in career...**DT VONNIE HOLLIDAY** aims to start in 100th NFL game Sunday. **LB CHANNING CROWDER** (90) was 2nd on team in tackles in last season behind All-Star **LB ZACH THOMAS** (166).

CAROLINA PANTHERS (0-1) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (1-0)**SERIES**

	<u>PANTHERS</u>	<u>VIKINGS</u>
SERIES LEADER	Series tied, 3-3	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fox: 2-0	Childress: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 20-6 vs. Falcons	W 19-16 at Redskins
LAST GAME	10/30/05: Vikings 13 at Panthers 38. Carolina WR Steve Smith has 11 catches & sets team record with 201 receiving yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/22/02: Panthers 21, Vikings 14. Carolina RB Lamar Smith rushes for 154 yards & scores 2 TDs in 4th quarter.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Steve Byrnes, Bill Maas	

STATS

PASSING	Delhomme: 21-39-186-0-1-56.1	B. Johnson: 16-30-223-1-0-88.6
RUSHING	Foster: 15-54-3.6-0	C. Taylor: 31-88-2.8-1 (T1C)
RECEIVING	Carter: 5-62-12.4-0	Wiggins (TE): 5-29-5.8-0
OFFENSE	215.0	309.0
TAKE/GIVE	-2	0
DEFENSE	385.0	266.0
SACKS	Lewis: 1.0	0
INTs	0	0
PUNTING	Baker: 51.5 (3L)	Kluwe: 38.0
KICKING	Kasay: 6 (0/0 PAT; 2/2 FG)	Longwell: 7 (1/1 PAT; 2/3 FG)

NOTES

PANTHERS: Have won past 3 in series & 6 of past 7 road games overall...**QB JAKE DELHOMME** won only career start vs. Vikings (10/30/05), completing 21 of 30 passes (70 pct.) for 341 yards with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 141.1 passer rating. Has won 8 of past 10 road starts (incl. playoffs)...Panthers are 4-0 (incl. playoffs) when **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushes for 100+ yards...**WR STEVE SMITH** had 11 catches for franchise-record 201 yards in last meeting. In past 5 road games (incl. playoffs), Smith has scored 8 TDs (5 rec, 2 rush, 1 PR). **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** has 4 career 100-yard games vs. Vikings, his most vs. single opponent...**CB CHRIS GAMBLE** had INT in 5 of his 7 road games last year. Led NFL with 6 road INTs. **DE JULIUS PEPPERS** (40.5) needs 1.5 sacks to pass **KEVIN GREENE** (41.5) for 2nd in team history (**DE MIKE RUCKER**, 47.5). Peppers & Rucker have 73.5 sacks since '02, 3rd- best total by teammates in that span.

VIKINGS: Head coach **BRAD CHILDRESS** makes home debut. As Eagles offensive coordinator ('02-'05), offense averaged 351.7 yards & 23.9 points per game at home...**QB BRAD JOHNSON** has 4-2 (.667) record as starter vs. Panthers with 11 TDs vs. 3 INTs. In 5 starts at Metrodome last year, Johnson was 4-1 (.800) & had 100.0+ passer rating in 3 games...**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** had 131 yards from scrimmage (88 rushing, 43 receiving) in Vikings debut with 4-yard TD run...**TE JERMAINE WIGGINS** was member of Panthers ('02-'03) & played in SB XXXVIII. His 145 catches (1,302 yards) ranks 4th among TEs since 2004...**WR TROY WILLIAMSON** averages 16.0 yards per reception (28 for 449 yards) in career. 21 of 28 career catches result in 1st downs (.750)...**CB FRED SMOOT** had career-high 10 tackles in last meeting. **S DARREN SHARPER** has 40 INTs since 2000, most in NFL.

NEW YORK GIANTS (0-1) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (1-0)**SERIES**

	<u>GIANTS</u>	<u>EAGLES</u>
SERIES LEADER	75-65-2	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Coughlin: 4-2	Reid: 7-8
LAST WEEK	L 26-21 vs. Indianapolis	W 24-10 at Houston
LAST GAME	12/17/05: Giants 26 at Eagles 23 (OT). Giants K Jay Feely connects on 36-yard FG in OT & RB Tiki Barber rushes for 124 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/17/05	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 20-34-247-2 (T3C)-1-88.7	McNabb: 24-35-314 (1C)-3 (T1L)-1-113.3 (2C)
RUSHING	Barber: 18-110 (T3C)-6.1-0	Westbrook: 17-71-4.2-0
RECEIVING	Barber (RB): 5-61-12.2-0	Stallworth: 6-141 (1C)-23.5-1 (T1L)
OFFENSE	433.0 (2L)	441.0 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	-1	-1
DEFENSE	327.0	241.0 (3C)
SACKS	Robbins: 1.0	Cole: 2.0 (T2C)
INTs	McQuarters: 1 (T2L)	0
PUNTING	Feagles: 49.0	D. Johnson: 35.3
KICKING	Feely: 3 (3/3 PAT; 0/1 FG)	Akers: 6 (3/3 PAT; 1/1 FG)

NOTES

GIANTS: **QB ELI MANNING** is 5-2 in past 7 starts vs. NFC East...**RB TIKI BARBER** seeks 6th consecutive 100-yard rushing game vs. Eagles & has 100 rushing yards in 7 of past 8 games overall. Has 8,897 career rushing yards & needs 103 to become 21st player in NFL history with 9,000. 2nd-year **RB BRANDON JACOBS** has 8 rushing TDs in 17 career games. Club rushed for 186 yards & 6.6 yards per carry avg. vs. Colts...**WR AMANI TOOMER** (7,838) needs 162 receiving yards to become 1st Giant with 8,000 career...With 5 catches & 59 receiving yards in Week 1, **JEREMY SHOCKEY** became 3rd club TE with 250+ receptions (253) & 5th with 3,000+ receiving yards (3,045). Had 10 catches for 107 yards in last meeting vs. Eagles...**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** (129.5) needs 3.5 sacks to pass **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (132.5) for club record. Has 11.5 career sacks vs. Donovan McNabb, his most vs. any QB...**CB R.W. MC QUARTERS** had INT in 1st game with club...**EAGLES:** Head coach **ANDY REID** has 27-13 (.675) mark vs. division opponents since '00, tied for 3rd-best among active head coaches...**QB DONOVAN MC NABB** (19,747) needs 253 passing yards to become 3rd Eagle with 20,000 career. Has won past 7 starts vs. Giants, posting 107+ passer rating in past 3 with 7 TD & 0 INT...**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** has 100+ scrimmage yards in 4 consecutive games vs. NYG. Club is 18-4 when Westbrook posts 100+ yards from scrimmage...**WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** seeks 4th consecutive 100-yard receiving game vs. NFC East. Had 141 yards on 8 catches vs. NYG on 9/15/05 w/ Saints. Totaled 6 rec. for 141 yards, TD in debut with club last week. **WR REGGIE BROWN** avgs. 20 yards per catch vs. Giants (8 catches for 160 yards)...**T JON RUNYAN** has started 145 consecutive games...Since becoming starter in '02, **DARWIN WALKER** ranks 4th among NFL DTs with 20.5 sacks...**LB DHANI JONES** played in 47 games for Giants from '01-'03.

ST. LOUIS RAMS (1-0) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (0-1)**SERIES**

	<u>RAMS</u>	<u>49ERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	58-52-2	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Linehan: 0-0	Nolan: 2-0
LAST WEEK	W 18-10 vs. Broncos	L 34-27 at Cardinals
LAST GAME	12/24/05: 49ers 24 at Rams 20. San Francisco RB Maurice Hicks rushes for 109 yards, including 73-yd TD run as 49ers snap 7-game losing streak.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/11/05: 49ers 28, Rams 25. San Francisco S Mike Adams' INT at 49ers 20-yard line with 52 seconds remaining clinches Mike Nolan's 1st win as NFL head coach.	
BROADCAST	FOX: (1:05 PM PT): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson	

STATS

PASSING	Bulger: 18-34-217-0-0-72.8	Smith: 23-40-288-1-0-88.3
RUSHING	S. Jackson: 22-121(3L)-5.5-0	Gore: 16-87-5.4-2
RECEIVING	Holt: 7 (T3C)-80-11.4-0	Gore (RB): 6-83-13.8-0
OFFENSE	320.0	393.0 (T3L)
TAKE/GIVE	+5 (1L)	-1
DEFENSE	259.0	367.0
SACKS	Little: 2.0 (T2C)	3 tied: 1.0
INTs	3 tied: 1	0
PUNTING	Turk: 50.0	Lee: 36.3
KICKING	Wilkins: 18 (1L) (0/0 PAT; 6/7 FG)	Nedney: 9 (3/3 PAT; 2/3 FG)

NOTES

SERIES BEGAN IN '50 & AFTER 112 MEETINGS, CLUBS SEPARATED BY 23 POINTS (StL, 2,507; SF, 2,484)...

RAMS: Produced NFL best +5 takeaway/giveaway ratio in Week 1...**QB MARC BULGER** has 90.6 passer rating in 5 career starts vs. 49ers...Club 5-0 all-time when **RB STEVEN JACKSON** rushes for 100 yards. Rushed for 121 in win vs. Broncos...In 14 career games vs. SF, **WR TORRY HOLT** has 82 catches for 1,188 yards. Seeks 4th consecutive 10-catch, 100-yard game vs. 49ers & has 44 rec. for 676 yards (135.2 avg.) in past 5 vs. SF. **WR ISAAC BRUCE** ranks 1st all-time vs. 49ers with 104 receptions & 1,586 receiving yards & 3rd with 10 TD receptions. Has 818 career catches & needs 2 to pass **STEVE LARGENT** (819) for 11th in NFL history. With 12,342 career rec. yards, ranks 11th in NFL annals...Defense forced 5 turnovers & posted 4 sacks vs. Broncos...**DE LEONARD LITTLE** has sack in 6 consecutive games vs. SF & had 2 sacks last week...**K JEFF WILKINS** spent '95-'96 with SF, connecting on 42 of 47 (.893) FGs. Had club-record 6 FGs (26, 38, 29, 51, 48, 24) vs. Den...**49ERS**: Seek 1st 3-game win streak vs. Rams since winning 17 in row from '90-'98...**QB ALEX SMITH** earned 1st career win in last meeting, posting 98.7 passer rating. Passed for career-high 288 yards last week...2nd-year **RB FRANK GORE** avgd. 6.1 yards per carry (14-85) in 2 games vs. StL. Had 2 TD runs in last game vs. Rams. Posted career-best 170 yards from scrimmage (87 rush, 83 rec.) vs. Cards with 2 TDs...**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** has catch of 25+ yards in 9 of past 11 games. Posted 4 catches for 114 yards in 1st game with 49ers last week...Rookie **TE VERNON DAVIS** made NFL debut last week, scoring on 31-yard TD catch & totaling 5 rec. for 37 yards...**DE BRYANT YOUNG** ranks 6th among active players with 78.5 career sacks. Has 14 career sacks vs. Rams, his most vs. any club. Had 3 sacks in last home game vs. Rams...**S TONY PARRISH** ties for 3rd in NFL with 22 INT since joining club in '02. **WALT HARRIS** made SF debut last week, starting at CB. Posted sack, forced fumble & fumble recovery.

ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-0) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (1-0)**SERIES**

	<u>CARDINALS</u>	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>
SERIES LEADER	Series tied; 7-7	
STREAKS		Past: 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Green: 1-4	Holmgren: 6-2
LAST WEEK	W 34-27 vs. 49ers	W 9-6 at Lions
LAST GAME	11/6/05: Seahawks 33 at Cardinals 19. Seattle RB Shaun Alexander runs for 173 yards & 2 TDs. Seahawks win 4th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/25/05: Seahawks 37, Cardinals 12. Seattle RB Shaun Alexander runs for 140 yards & 4 scores.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:05 PM PT): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Warner: 23-37-301 (2C)-3 (T1L)-0-114.8 (1C)	Hasselbeck: 25-30-210-0-0-95.8
RUSHING	James: 26-73-2.8-1	Alexander: 19-51-2.7-0
RECEIVING	Fitzgerald: 9 (1C)-133 (2L)-14.8-0	Strong (FB): 6-30-5.0-0
OFFENSE	367.0	264.0
TAKE/GIVE	+1	0
DEFENSE	393.0	251.0
SACKS	Hayes: 1.0	3 tied: 1.0
INTs	0	0
PUNTING	Player: 43.3	Plackemeier: 52.6 (2L)
KICKING	Rackers: 10 (4/4 PAT; 2/2 FG)	J. Brown: 9 (0/0 PAT; 3/5 FG)

NOTES

CARDINALS: Play 2nd of 3 consecutive division games (vs. StL, 9/24)...Seek 1st 2-0 start since '91...**QB KURT WARNER** posted NFC-best (4th in NFL) 114.8 passer rating in Week 1. Is 24-12 (.667) when passing for 300+ yards... **RB EDGERRIN JAMES** had career-high 219 rushing yards vs. Sea on 10/15/00 with Colts. Has 9,299 career rushing yards & needs 109 to pass **EARL CAMPBELL** (9,407) for 19th in NFL history...**WR LARRY FITZGERALD** seeks 6th consecutive 100-yard receiving game vs. NFC West opponents. Has 7+ receptions in past 5 games vs. division. **WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** has catch of 30+ yards & avgs. 105.6 receiving yards in past 3 games vs. Sea...In 25 games with Cards, **DE BERTRAND BERRY** has 20.5 sacks. **DE CHIKE OKEAFOR** spent '03-'04 with Seahawks, starting 32 games & posting 16.5 sacks...**K NEIL RACKERS** has connected on 42 of past 44 FGs, including 25 in row from under 40 yards. **SEAHAWKS:** Are 22-3 (.880) in past 25 reg-season home games. Have won 10 in row at Qwest Field & need win for club record...**QB MATT HASSELBECK** is 21-4 (.840) in past 25 home starts with 42 TDs vs. 18 INT & 95.4 passer rating. Needs 4 TD passes for 100 career...**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has 100 career TDs & needs 2 to pass **STEVE LARGENT** (101) for club record. Has 9 consecutive 100-yard rushing games vs. division foes, longest such streak since '70. Has 9 TDs in past 3 vs. Cards, avging. 99.6 rush yards per game in 8 career games vs. Ari...**WR DARRELL JACKSON** (17) needs 100-yard game to surpass **Brian Blades** (17) for 2nd in club history (Largent, 40). **WR NATE BURLESON** was high school star at Seattle's O'Dea HS & plays 1st home game with club...**DE BRYCE FISHER** seeks sack in 3rd consecutive game vs. Cards...**LB JULIAN PETERSON** had 7 tackles & 1 sack in debut with club.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (0-1) AT DENVER BRONCOS (0-1)**SERIES**

	<u>CHIEFS</u>	<u>BRONCOS</u>
LEADER	51-40	
STREAKS		Past 5 at home
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 1-1	Shanahan: 13-13
LAST WEEK	L 23-10 vs. Bengals	L 18-10 at Rams
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Broncos 27 at Chiefs 31. Kansas City RB Larry Johnson rushes for 140 yards & scores 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/26/05: Broncos 30, Chiefs 10. Denver QB Jake Plummer passes for 1 TD & runs for another.	
BROADCAST	CBS (2:15 PM MT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms	

STATS

PASSING	Huard: 12-20-140-1-0-97.9	Plummer: 13-26-138-0-3-26.3
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 17-68-4-0-0	T. Bell: 15-103 (3C)-6.9-0
RECEIVING	Gonzalez (TE): 10-81-8.1-1	M. Bell (RB) (R): 4-30-7.5-0
OFFENSE	289.0	259.0
TAKE/GIVE	-2	-5
DEFENSE	236.0	320.0
SACKS	Allen: 1.0	Three tied: 1.0
INTs	0	0
PUNTING	Colquitt: 41.3	Ernster: 42.5
KICKING	Tynes: 4 (1/1 PAT; 1/2 FG)	Elam: 4 (1/1 PAT; 1/1 FG)

NOTES

CHIEFS: QB **DAMON HUARD** has 5-1 (.833) career record as starter. Huard has completed 58.9 pct. of career passes (182 of 309). Huard threw 1 TD vs. 0 INTs in reserve duty last wk vs. Cincy...RB **LARRY JOHNSON** has 483 yards from scrimmage (161.0 avg.) & 6 TDs in past 3 vs. division foes. With 62 rushes of 10+ yards Johnson needs 2 to pass **KIMBLE ANDERS** (63) for 3rd most in team history (**PRIEST HOLMES**, 186; HOFer **MARCUS ALLEN**, 71). Johnson had 9-game 100-yd rushing streak snapped last wk, tied for 3rd longest in NFL history...TE **TONY GONZALEZ** (57) needs 1 TD catch to surpass **OTIS TAYLOR** (57; 1965-75) for most by Chief. Gonzalez has reception in franchise-record 85 consecutive games. Gonzalez can tie **WESLEY WALLS** (86) this week for 4th-longest all-time consec. game w/ catch streak by TE...WR **EDDIE KENNISON** seeks 5th consecutive 100-yard receiving game vs. Den...WR **DANTE HALL** has 3 career 100-yard receiving games, including 2 at INVESCO Field...DE **JARED ALLEN** has 21.0 sacks in 32 career games. CB **LENNY WALLS** was Bronco from 2002-05...**BRONCOS:** QB **JAKE PLUMMER** owns 3-0 record vs. KC at home since '03, throwing 4 TDs vs. 2 INTs in those games w/ 98.6 passer rating...In 4 career games vs. KC, RB **TATUM BELL** averages 7.3 yards per rush (21-154). Had 5th career 100-yard (103) rushing game last week, team is 4-1 (.800) in those games. Rookie RB **MIKE BELL** rushed for 58 yards (10 carries) & 1 TD in NFL debut. Seeks to become 1st Broncos rookie to score in 1st 2 of career since WR **JACK DOLBIN** (1975)...WR **JAVON WALKER** has 599 yards (149.8 avg.) & 4 TDs in past 4 vs. AFC. WR **ROD SMITH** (800) had 3 catches (34 yds) vs. StL, becoming 1st in team history w/ 800 career. In 8 of 16 career starts vs. KC, Smith has 100+ rec. yds...In 5 red zone trips last wk, defense yielded total of 9 points (3 FGs) & has not allowed opponent to score more than 18 points in 5 games in row

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (1-0) AT NEW YORK JETS (1-0)**SERIES**

	<u>PATRIOTS</u>	<u>JETS</u>
SERIES LEADER		47-43-1
STREAKS	Past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Belichick: 9-5	Mangini: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 19-17 vs. Bills	W 23-16 at Titans
LAST GAME	12/26/05: Patriots 31 at Jets 21. New England LB Mike Vrabel catches 2 TD passes from QB Tom Brady as Patriots win on Monday night.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Brady: 11-23-163-2 (T2C)-1-82.3	Pennington: 24-33-319 (1L)-2 (T2C)-0-123.2 (2L)
RUSHING	Maroney (R): 17-86-5.1-0	Blaylock: 19-36-1.9-0
RECEIVING	Watson (TE): 3-50-16.7-0	Coles: 8 (T3C)-153 (1L)-19.1-0
OFFENSE	319.0	393.0 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	-2	+1
DEFENSE	240.0	328.0
SACKS	Three tied: 1.0	Hobson, B. Thomas: 1.0
INTs	0	Dyson: 2 (1L)
PUNTING	Miller: 45.8	Graham: 49.8 (1C)
KICKING	Gostkowski (R): 5 (2/2 PAT; 1/1 FG)	Nugent: 5 (2/3 PAT; 1/3 FG)

NOTES

PATRIOTS: Aim for 6th consecutive win at NYJ & 7th overall in series. Head coach **BILL BELICHICK** won 100th regular season game last week vs. Buf. Seven former assistants are now head coaches in NFL & college, including NYJ's Mangini...**QB TOM BRADY** is 26-7 (.788) in division games with 46 TDs vs. 24 INTs. Has 8-2 (.800) record vs. NYJ, including 5-0 mark at NY. Has not thrown INT in 7 of 10 vs. Jets & club is 34-7 (.829) when Brady has 0 INTs...**RB COREY DILLON** scored 3 TDs in 2 games vs. NYJ last year. His 13 total TDs in '05 trailed only current Jets RB **CURTIS MARTIN** for single-season mark in Pats history...**WR TROY BROWN** has 61 catches for 739 yds (12.1 avg.) in career vs. NY...In last mtg., **LB MIKE VRABEL** became only player in NFL history with 2 TDs & 1.0 sack in same game. Caught 2 TD passes on offense. Defense held Jets to 81 rush yards in 2 games last year (40.5/gm). Team is 24-3 (.885) when **DT RICHARD SEYMOUR** has at least 0.5 sack...**JETS:** Rookie head coach **ERIC MANGINI** faces mentor (Belichick) & former team (NE 2000-05). In 6 seasons with NE, Mangini was member of 4 division winners & 3 SB champions...**QB CHAD PENNINGTON** has 15-6 (.714) record as starter at home with 32 TDs vs. 18 INTs & 66.7 comp. pct. (412 of 618)...In only game vs. NE (1/2/05), **RB KEVAN BARLOW** rushed for 103 yards as 49er...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** had 2 TDs in last meeting. Has 4 career TD receptions vs. NE & 3 have been 25+ yards. **WR-PR TIM DWIGHT** had 8.5 PR avg. & 25.0 KR avg. as member of '05 Patriots...Rookie 1st-round draft pick **T D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON** makes home debut. Born in New York, NY & attended high school in Freeport, NY...**DE SHAUN ELLIS** has 7.0 sacks in career vs. NE & tied career-high with 12 tackles in 9/21/03 meeting. In past 2 vs. AFC East, **CB-KR JUSTIN MILLER** has 260 KR yards (37.1 avg.), including career-best 95-yard TD. Had career-best 6 tackles in last game vs. NE.

TENNESSEE TITANS (0-1) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (1-0)**SERIES**

	<u>TITANS</u>	<u>CHARGERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		20-13-1
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fisher: 0-2	Schottenheimer: 14-7
LAST WEEK	L 23-16 vs. Jets	W 27-0 at Raiders
LAST GAME	10/3/04: Chargers 38 vs. Titans 17. Chargers QB Drew Brees passes for 206 yards and 3 TDs & Chargers RB LaDainian Tomlinson rushes for 147 yards and 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/3/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:15 PM PT): Bill Macatee, Richard Baldinger	

STATS

PASSING	Collins: 17-38-223-0-2-41.9	Rivers: 8-11-108-1-0-133.9
RUSHING	Brown: 16-64-4.0-0	Tomlinson: 31-131 (2L)-4.2-1 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Bennett: 8 (T3C)-106 (3C)-13.3-0	Tomlinson (RB): 3-18-6.0-0
OFFENSE	328.0 (3C)	302.0
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+1
DEFENSE	393.0	129.0 (1L)
SACKS	0	Merriman: 3.0 (T1L)
INTs	0	0
PUNTING	Hentrich: 39.8	Scifres: 43.8
KICKING	0	Kaeding: 9 (T3C) (3/3 PAT; 2/2 FG)

NOTES

HEAD COACHES **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** (194) of SD & Titans' **JEFF FISHER** (102) are 2 of 11 active NFL head coaches with 100+ career victories...**TITANS**: Team has never finished a season with less than an average of 31:00 of ball possession...**QB KERRY COLLINS** has passed for at least 227 yds in each of past 4 starts vs. Chargers. Rookie **QB VINCE YOUNG** may make 1st NFL start. In 10 career starts, **QB BILLY VOLEK** has passed for 2+ TDs in 7 games...**RB CHRIS BROWN** (2,203) needs 39 rush yds to surpass **FRED WILLIS** (2,241) for 10th place on franchise's all-time rushing list. **RB TRAVIS HENRY** (2) rushed for 2+ TDs last wk for 8th time in career...In last game vs. SD, **WR DAVID GIVENS** (w/NE) caught 6 passes for 66 yds. **TE BEN TROUPE** has receptions of 20+ yds in each of past 4 starts...Since 1995 (88 games), defense has held opponents to avg. of 95.8 rush yds/gm on the road...**DT ALBERT HAYNESWORTH** registered career-high 85 tackles last season...**CHARGERS**: Club has won last 3 games in series...Head coach Schottenheimer is 14-7 (.667) in career vs. Titans...**QB PHILIP RIVERS** makes 1st home NFL start. Completed 8 of 11 for 108 yds & TD last week...**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has rushing TD in 18 of past 22 home games & has 5+ receptions in 6 of past 7 at home. Tomlinson (81) needs 2 TDs to tie HOFer **LANCE ALWORTH** (83) for most career TDs by Charger. In 3 career games w/ 10+ rushes, **RB MICHAEL TURNER** averages 4.7 yds/carry...**WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** (10,698) needs 19 yds to surpass **STANLEY MORGAN** (10,716) for 18th place on NFL's all-time receiving yd leader chart. In last mtg. (10/3/04), **TE ANTONIO GATES** caught 7 passes for 57 yds & 1 TD. Gates has TD catch in 6 of past 7 at home...**LB SHAWNE MERRIMAN** had 3.0 of team's 9 sacks last wk. Defense's 9 sacks tied 3rd-most in club annals. **DT JAMAL WILLIAMS** led club w/ 8 tackles for loss in '05. **LB RANDALL GODFREY** was Titan from 2000-02.

SUNDAY NIGHT

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (0-1) AT DALLAS COWBOYS (0-1)

SERIES

	<u>REDSKINS</u>	<u>COWBOYS</u>
SERIES LEADER	54-34-2	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gibbs: 14-14	Parcells: 15-10
LAST WEEK	L 19-16 vs. Vikings	L 24-17 at Jacksonville
LAST GAME	12/18/05: Redskins 35 vs. Cowboys 7. Redskins QB Mark Brunell passes for 163 yards and 4 TDs & Redskins RB Clinton Portis rushes for 112 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/19/05: Redskins 14 at Cowboys 13. Redskins WR Santana Moss catches 2 TDs from Brunell in final 4 minutes of game.	
BROADCAST	NBC (7:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Brunell: 17-28-163-0-0-76.9	Bledsoe: 16-33-246-1-3-45.8
RUSHING	Portis: 10-39-3.9-1	J. Jones: 17-72-4.2-1
RECEIVING	Randle El: 5-34-6.8-0	Owens: 6-80-13.3-1
OFFENSE	266.0	323.0
TAKE/GIVE	0	-2
DEFENSE	309.0	307.0
SACKS	Evans: 1.0	Ratliff: 1.0
INTs	0	R. Williams: 1 (T2L)
PUNTING	Frost: 43.0	McBriar: 53.2 (1L)
KICKING	Hall: 10 (1/1 PAT; 3/4 FG)	Suisham: 5 (2/2 PAT; 1/2 FG)

NOTES

REDSKINS: Seek consecutive wins at Dal for 1st time since 3-game win streak from '87-'89...**QB MARK BRUNELL** has 5 to 1 career TD-INT ratio vs. Cowboys (15-3). In 4 career starts at Texas Stad, Brunell has 100.5 passer rating...**RB CLINTON PORTIS** has 5,969 career rushing yards in 61 games & needs 31 to become 5th fastest player all-time to 6,000...**WR SANTANA MOSS** has 12 career catches vs. Dal (297 yards), 6 for 25+ yards. Had 2 TDs (39, 70) in final 4 minutes at Dal last year, leading to win...**TE CHRIS COOLEY** had career-high 3 TD catches in last meeting...**DE PHILLIP DANIELS** had 4 sacks in last game vs. Dal & 6 in past 4 games overall...Past 2 drafts have yielded DB starters **S SEAN TAYLOR** (1st-rd, '04) & **CB CARLOS ROGERS** (1st-rd, '05)...**K JOHN HALL** (197) needs 3 FGs for 200 career.

COWBOYS: Are 54-34-2 all-time vs. Wash, tied for their most wins vs. any foe (Ariz)...**QB DREW BLEDSOE** (245) needs 5 TD passes to become 12th player in NFL history with 250 career. Has 43,693 passing yards & needs 307 to become 7th player in NFL history with 44,000 career...**RB JULIUS JONES** rushed for 160 yards in 2 '05 games vs. Was. **WR TERRELL OWENS** plays 1st home game with club. Ranks 4th in NFL history with 102 TD rec. **WR TERRY GLENN**'s teams are 17-4 when he posts 100-yard game. Has (7,857) rec. yards & needs 143 for 8,000 career...All-Star **JASON WITTEN** (191) needs 9 rec. to become 4th TE in team history with 200 career. 2nd-year **LB DE MARCUS WARE** has 4 sacks in past 3 games...**S ROY WILLIAMS** has started every game since being drafted in 1st-round of '02 Draft.

MONDAY NIGHT

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-0) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (1-0)

SERIES

	<u>STEELERS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
LEADER		9-8
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Cowher: 8-9	Del Rio:1-1
LAST WEEK	W 28-17 vs. Dolphins	W 24-17 vs. Cowboys
LAST GAME	12/5/04: Jaguars 16 at Steelers 17. Steelers K Jeff Reed kicks 37-yard FG with 18 seconds remaining as Pittsburgh wins 10th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/16/05: Jaguars 23, Steelers 17(OT). Jaguars CB Rashean Mathis returns INT 41 yards for TD with 11:24 remaining in OT.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (8:30 PM ET): Mike Tirico, Joe Theismann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber & Michelle Tafoya (Field reporters). CBS Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Batch: 15-25-209-3-0-126.5 (1L)	Leftwich: 23-34-237-1-1-85.0
RUSHING	Parker: 29-115 (2C)-4.0-0	Taylor: 21-74-3.5-1
RECEIVING	Ward: 5-53-10.6-1	R. Williams: 6-47-7.8-1
OFFENSE	339.0	307.0
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+2
DEFENSE	278.0	323.0
SACKS	Porter: 2.0 (T3C)	Meier, Spicer: 1.0
INTs	Polamalu, Porter: 1 (T2L)	3 tied: 1
PUNTING	Gardocki: 46.6	Hanson: 44.0
KICKING	Reed: 4 (4/4 PAT; 0/1 FG)	Scobee: 6 (3/3 PAT; 1/2 FG)

NOTES

STEELERS: QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER is 22-3 (.880) in career as starter. Roethlisberger has completed 63.4 pct. (52 of 82) of passes in 3 career MNF games. QB CHARLIE BATCH is 3-0 as Steelers starter. In 1 career start vs. Jax (12/6/98 w/Lions), Batch tossed 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs...RB WILLIE PARKER has rushed for at least 115 yds in 3 games in row...With TD catch last wk, WR HINES WARD (332) is 5 points from surpassing KRIS BROWN (336) for 8th place on team's all-time scoring list. Only HOFer JOHN STALLWORTH (384) has more career points among Steelers WRs. Last wk, QB Batch & TE HEATH MILLER connected on 87-yd TD pass for team's longest pass play since KORDELL STEWART connected w/ BOBBY SHAW for 90-yd TD (12/16/01)...LB JOEY PORTER scored 1st career TD last week on 42-yd INT-TD. Porter has sack or INT in 4 of past 5 games. In last mtg., DE AARON SMITH notched 1.0 sack & CB BRYANT MC FADDEN recorded 1st career INT...**JAGUARS:** Club is 1 of 3 to have faced Cowher-coached Steelers 5+ times & own lead in series (9-8). Team has won 9 of past 10 games...QB BYRON LEFTWICH has TD pass in 33 of 41 career games. Leftwich to start 1st MNF game...RB FRED TAYLOR rushed for career-best 234 yds vs. Pitt. (11/19/00). Taylor averages 5.3 yds/carry in 5 career MNF games...WR MATT JONES caught 1st career TD at Pitt. last season. WR ERNEST WILFORD has TD catch in 2 of past 4 games. WR REGGIE WILLIAMS caught career-high 6 passes last week for 47 yds & 1 TD...In last mtg., defense limited RB Parker to 2.6 yds/carry on 21 rushes – his lowest avg. in a game w/ more than 10 rush attempts...LB MIKE PETERSON has registered sack or INT in 4 of past 6 games

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

(Home team in CAPS)

Thursday, September 7

PITTSBURGH 28, Miami 17

Sunday, September 10

Atlanta 20, CAROLINA 6
New Orleans 19, CLEVELAND 14
Seattle 9, DETROIT 6
Philadelphia 24, HOUSTON 10
Cincinnati 23, KANSAS CITY 10
NEW ENGLAND 19, Buffalo 17
ST. LOUIS 18, Denver 10

Sunday, September 10, Cont.'d.

Baltimore 27, TAMPA BAY 0
N.Y. Jets 23, TENNESSEE 16
ARIZONA 34, San Francisco 27
Chicago 26, GREEN BAY 0
JACKSONVILLE 24, Dallas 17
Indianapolis 26, N.Y. GIANTS 21

Monday, September 11

Minnesota 19, WASHINGTON 16
San Diego 27, OAKLAND 0

2006 NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE							NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE						
East Division							East Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New England	1	0	0	1.000	19	17	Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	23	16	Dallas	0	1	0	.000	17	24
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	17	19	N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	21	26
Miami	0	1	0	.000	17	28	Washington	0	1	0	.000	16	19
North Division							North Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	27	0	Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	26	0
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	10	Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	19	16
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	28	17	Detroit	0	1	0	.000	6	9
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	14	19	Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	0	26
South Division							South Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	26	21	Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	20	6
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	24	17	New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
Houston	0	1	0	.000	10	24	Carolina	0	1	0	.000	6	20
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	16	23	Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	0	27
West Division							West Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	27	0	Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	34	27
Denver	0	1	0	.000	10	18	St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	18	10
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	23	Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	9	6
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	0	27	San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	27	34

WEEK 2 NFL SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 17-18

(All times local)

Sunday, September 17

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1:00 PM
Oakland at Baltimore, 1:00 PM
Detroit at Chicago, 12:00 PM
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1:00 PM
New Orleans at Green Bay, 12:00 PM
Houston at Indianapolis, 1:00 PM
Buffalo at Miami, 1:00 PM
Carolina at Minnesota, 12:00 PM
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1:00 PM

Sunday, September 17, Cont.'d.

St. Louis at San Francisco, 1:05 PM
Arizona at Seattle, 1:05 PM
Kansas City at Denver, 2:15 PM
New England at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 PM
Tennessee at San Diego, 1:15 PM
Washington at Dallas, 7:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, September 18

Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 8:30 PM (ESPN)