



SAINTS RETURN TO SUPERDOME

After a year of unprecedented challenges, the 2-0 **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** will return to the Louisiana Superdome for the first time since Hurricane Katrina this Monday night when they host the 2-0 Atlanta Falcons on ESPN at 8:30 PM ET. The game will cap off day-long festivities and pregame activities.

During the day, the Saints will host a free football festival with elements from the NFL Experience and concerts for ticketholders and the general public on the Superdome concourses. The **GOO GOO DOLLS** will perform just prior to the official opening of the Superdome. As part of its 45-minute concert, the group will perform its hit single "Better Days," which served as a theme song for many throughout the Gulf Coast region in the weeks following the hurricane.

The pregame show will feature live performances by **U2** and **GREEN DAY** on ESPN at 8:20 PM ET. The performance will benefit Music Rising, the campaign launched to help bring music back to the Gulf Coast.

The national anthem will be performed by three legendary New Orleans artists -- **KERMIT RUFFIANS**, **IRMA THOMAS** and **ALLEN TOUISSAINT**. More than 150 first-responders from Gulf Coast search-and-rescue teams will be on the field during the coin toss ceremony, with former President **GEORGE H.W. BUSH** flipping the coin.

SAINTS REBIRTH IN NEW ORLEANS & PLAYOFF REPLAYS HIGHLIGHT WEEK 3 ACTION

Call it "Replay Weekend" in the NFL.

A combination of a team's return to its home after a year's absence...rematches of two 2005 playoff games...and a replay of one of last season's most memorable games all will help make for -- what else? -- a compelling NFL weekend this Sunday and Monday.

"Every week, you get great games," says head coach **JIM MORA** of the Atlanta Falcons, one of the teams involved in Week 3's highlight games.

A rundown of the NFL's "Replay Weekend":

CHICAGO BEARS (2-0) at MINNESOTA VIKINGS (2-0)

STORYLINE: *Never too early for a divisional "Battle of the Unbeatens" (there are three this week).*

And this one comes packed with storylines. It will be the NFL's oldest offensive player -- Vikings **QB BRAD JOHNSON** (38, from Florida State) -- against one of its freshest, Bears **QB REX GROSSMAN** (26, from Florida). Johnson has won 61 percent (67 of 110) of his games for four teams in his 15-year career. Grossman has had his four-year career interrupted by injuries but had perhaps his best game as a pro last Sunday as he compiled a 148.0 passer rating by completing 20 of 27 attempts for four touchdowns with no interceptions in a 34-7 win over Detroit.

Both quarterbacks will face versions of the "Tampa 2" defense learned by Bears head coach **LOVIE SMITH** and Vikings defensive coordinator **MIKE TOMLIN** when they were at Tampa Bay.

NEW YORK GIANTS (1-1) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (2-0)

STORYLINE: *Same teams, same place, and what a game it was!*

These two met last Thanksgiving weekend in a game that had one dramatic twist after another. The Giants outgained the Seahawks 490 yards to 355, led 13-7 in the third quarter, tied it at 21 at the end of regulation, suffered through three missed field-goal attempts by **JAY FEELY** (two in overtime), and then saw **JOSH BROWN**'s 36-yard kick win it 24-21 with 2:45 left in OT. "It was a gut-wrenching way to lose a game," says Giants head coach **TOM COUGHLIN**.

The rematch will feature the top two rushers of last year (who are facial look-alikes) – Seattle’s **SHAUN ALEXANDER** (1,880 yards) and New York’s **TIKI BARBER** (1,860). It also will feature a re-battle between Seahawks **LT WALTER JONES** and Giants **DE OSI UMENYIORA**, who had two sacks in the last game.

Who will prevail?: Giants tie Dallas and Seattle for an NFL-best 14-3 (.824) record in games played the week before a bye (they are off in Week 4), but the Seahawks have won 10 in a row at home.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (2-0) at INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (2-0)

STORYLINE: *Another unbeaten division battle, between teams that play it “thisclose.”*

Since the Colts and Jaguars joined the AFC South in realignment in 2002, the average point differential in games between the two has been basically a touchdown (6.3 points), with no game being decided by more than 10 points.

Which side of the scrimmage line will prevail? The Colts lead the NFL in points (69), rank No. 1 in passing yards and come off a 515 total-yard eruption against Houston. And they scored on six of their first seven possessions.

But, looking at the Jaguars’ performance last Monday night against Pittsburgh, the team just may have the defense to douse this explosiveness. Try to run it and you confront the roadblocks of **JOHN HENDERSON** and **MARCUS STROUD** at DT (the Steelers totaled 26 rushing yards Monday). Throw it and there waiting are people like **CBs RASHEAN MATHIS** (two interceptions, four passes defended Monday) and Vikings UFA **BRIAN WILLIAMS** (two passes defended).

CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-0) at PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-1)

STORYLINE: *It’s Steelers week! It’s Bengals week!*

“It’s going to be a fun week,” says Cincinnati **WR CHAD JOHNSON**. “This is a very big week.”

Indeed it is. These two are *big-time* rivals. Just look at last year. Each won at the other’s stadium. The Steelers rushed for a season-high 221 yards in Cincinnati, but were limited to 95 in Pittsburgh. They both finished with 11-5 records but Cincinnati won the division based on better division record. Then the Steelers knocked the Bengals out of the playoffs (Wild Card), along with their quarterback **CARSON PALMER** (knee)...and went on to win Super Bowl XL.

Palmer and the Steelers’ **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** may have the hottest quarterback rivalry going in the NFL. “I hate them even more than I hate UCLA,” says USC grad Palmer. Another reason for that dislike: including the ’05 Wild Card, Pittsburgh has won seven of its past nine games against Cincy.

DENVER BRONCOS (1-1) at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (2-0) (Sunday, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Playoff rematch!*

Last year, the Broncos killed the Patriots’ hopes of becoming the first team to win four Super Bowls in five years with a turnover-forcing 27-13 victory in the Divisional Playoffs, breaking New England’s NFL-record 10-game postseason win streak. The Broncs forced five turnovers that led to 24 points.

You can bet the wise, old-hand coaches **MIKE SHANAHAN** of the Broncos and **BILL BELICHICK** of the Patriots (with this outing, he totals the most games of a Patriots head coach, 110) will be retooling those Divisional game plans. “We’ve seen it all through the years,” says Shanahan. “If you pick up a weakness, it’s not there very long.” Shanahan is 4-1 against Belichick (including playoffs) since 2001, the season of the Patriots’ first Super Bowl win.

One “adjustment” the Broncos have made since the Divisionals is adding **WR JAVON WALKER** (trade, Green Bay). He had five catches for 79 yards against Kansas City in Week 2, setting up the winning OT field goal with a 24-yard grab.

ATLANTA FALCONS (2-0) at NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (2-0) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *The Saints return!*

And will the Superdome be hopping, as their “Who Dat?” boys have done their part for the festivities by winning their first two games on the road. They bring in two big newcomers in **QB DREW BREES** and **RB REGGIE BUSH** to pair with injury-free **RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER**. And from Hofstra...comes seventh-round draft choice **MARQUES COLSTON** – the only rookie WR to start on NFL Kickoff Weekend – who has two TD catches in two weeks.

The Falcons – who won all three of their Monday night games last season – bring in their own arsenal. Heading it up are **QB MICHAEL VICK** (5-0 lifetime against New Orleans) and **RB WARRICK DUNN**, who last week became only the third QB-RB duo to each top 100 yards rushing in the same game (Philadelphia **QB RANDALL CUNNINGHAM** & **RB HEATH SHERMAN** vs. New England, 11/4/90; and Philadelphia **QB DONOVAN MC NABB** & **RB DUCE STALEY** vs. NY Giants, 10/28/02).

WEEK 3
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
NEW YORK JETS (1-1) AT BUFFALO BILLS (1-1)

SERIES

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>
SERIES LEADER		49-41
STREAKS	5 of past 8	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mangini: 0-0	Jauron: 1-1
LAST WEEK	L 24-17 vs. Patriots	W 16-6 at Dolphins
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Bills 26 at Jets 30. New York KR Justin Miller has 95-yard KR-TD & Jets' defense forces 4 turnovers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/16/05: Bills 27, Jets 17. Buffalo QB Kelly Holcomb passes for 2 TDs while Bills' defense records 5 sacks.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Pennington: 46-70-625 (2C)-4 (T1C)-1-107.1 (3C)	Losman: 26-41-247-1-0-88.2
RUSHING	Barlow: 25-77-3.1-1	McGahee: 45-161-3.6-0
RECEIVING	Coles: 14 (T2C)-253 (1L)-18.1-1 (T2C)	Reed: 7-79-11.3-1 (T2C)
OFFENSE	365.0 (3C)	205.5
TAKE/GIVE	+2	+3 (T2C)
DEFENSE	343.0	300.5
SACKS	Three tied: 1.0	R. Denney: 3.0 (T1C)
INTs	Dyson: 2 (T2L)	Crowell, Whitner (R): 1 (T3C)
PUNTING	Graham: 39.8	Moorman: 40.8
KICKING	Nugent: 10 (4/5 PAT; 2/4 FG)	Lindell: 15 (3/3 PAT; 4/4 FG)

NOTES

JETS: QB CHAD PENNINGTON ranks 3rd in NFL passing yds (625) & 4th in passer rating (107.1)...In only start vs. Buf, RB KEVAN BARLOW rushed 15 times for 72 yards (4.8 avg.) & 1 TD...WR LAVERANUES COLES has 39 receptions in past 8 vs. Bills (4.9 per game) & 15.1 yards/catch avg. WR JERRICHO COTCHERY had 45-yd reception in last mtg, which was career-long before posting 71-yd TD catch last wk vs. NE. WRs Coles (253) & Cotchery (186) have 2nd-most rec. yds by duo in NFL...C TREY TEAGUE was 4-year member of Bills & started 60 games (2002-05)...Defense posted 6 INTs in 2 meetings vs. Bills last year. CB-KR JUSTIN MILLER had career-long 95-yard KR-TD in last game vs. Buf. LB JONATHAN VILMA had 20 tackles in 2 meetings last year. S ERIK COLEMAN led club in tackles (27) in each of 2 games vs. Bills last year, including career-best 14 (10/16/05). DE BRYAN THOMAS has 2.0 sacks, FR, & blocked FG in past 3 games...**BILLS:** Play 3rd consecutive division game. Last time Bills opened with 3 division games was 1990 when club advanced to Super Bowl XXV...QB J.P. LOSMAN has guided Bills to points on 6 of 10 opening drives (60.0 pct.) in career...RB WILLIS MC GAHEE aims for 4th game in row with 100+ yards vs. NYJ. Club is 11-3 (.786) when McGahee rushes for 90+ yds...WR LEE EVANS has posted 1st down on 70 of 100 career catches (70.0 pct.). Scored 1st career TD (46 yards) vs. NYJ (10/10/04). Offense has scored on 1st drive in 12 of past 18 games...Defense aims for 4th consecutive game with INT vs. Jets QB Pennington. In 4 career gms vs. NYJ, CB-KR TERRENCE MC GEE has 2 INTs & 26.1 KR avg. (16 KR, 418 yds). LB ANGELO CROWELL had 1st career game w/ 1.0 sack & 1 INT vs. NYJ (10/16/05). DE RYAN DENNEY last week became 1st Bill since PAT WILLIAMS (12/6/98 vs. Cin) to post 3.0 sacks in 1 half.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (0-2) AT DETROIT LIONS (0-2)**SERIES**

	<u>PACKERS</u>	<u>LIONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	80-64-7	
STREAKS	9 of past 11	
COACHES VS. OPP.	McCarthy: 0-0	Marinelli: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 34-27 vs. Saints	L 34-7 at Bears
LAST GAME	12/11/05: Lions 13 at Packers 16 (OT). Green Bay's Ryan Longwell kicks 3 FGs, including game-winning 28-yarder in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/11/05: Lions 17, Packers 3. Detroit QB Joey Harrington throws 2 TD passes. Lions' defense limits Packers to just 3 points.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Terry Donahue	

STATS

PASSING	Favre: 46-84-510-3-3-70.0	Kitna: 44-67-459-0-0-85.4
RUSHING	Green: 36-152-4.2-0	K. Jones: 26-79-3.0-0
RECEIVING	Driver: 15 (T2C)-249 (1C)-16.6-0	Furrey: 11-122-11.1-0
OFFENSE	326.0	248.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	-2
DEFENSE	370.5	323.5
SACKS	Kampman: 4.0 (T1L)	S. Rogers: 2.0
INTs	Barnett, Harris: 1	0
PUNTING	Ryan: 46.3 (T3C)	N. Harris: 43.0
KICKING	Rayner: 9 (3/3 PAT; 2/3 FG)	Hanson: 7 (1/1 PAT; 2/4 FG)

NOTES

PACKERS: Aim for 10th win in past 12 games in series...**QB BRETT FAVRE** (399) needs TD pass to join **DAN MARINO** (420) as only players in NFL history with 400. Has 19-9 (.679) career record vs. Lions with 7,260 passing yards, his most vs. any opponent...**RB AHMAN GREEN** has 928 yards in 10 starts vs. Det. (92.8 per game). Packers are 6-0 in meetings vs. Det when Green has 70+ yards. Has 48 rushing TDs with GB & needs 2 to become 3rd Packer with 50 career....**WR DONALD DRIVER** leads NFL with 117 3rd down receiving yards & ranks 2nd with 6 3rd down receptions. Has 4+ catches in 7 consecutive games vs. Det., including career-high tying 11 (11/10/02). **WR GREG JENNINGS** ranks 3rd among NFL rookies with 7 receptions (72 yards)...**TE BUBBA FRANKS** (1,954) needs 46 rec. yards to become 6th TE in club history with 2,000...**DE AARON KAMPMAN** had career-high tying 3 sacks vs. Saints. **DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** has 59.5 career sacks & needs 0.5 to join **REGGIE WHITE** (68.5) as only Packers in franchise history with 60.

LIONS: **QB JON KITNA** ranks 3rd in NFC & 8th in NFL with 65.7 completion percentage (44 of 67). Has not thrown INT in 67 pass attempts this season. Is 15-4 (.789) as starter when posting 100+ passer rating, including 113.7 rating in only career start vs. GB (w/ Sea, 11/1/99, W 27-7)...In 3 career starts vs. Packers, **RB KEVIN JONES** avgs. 102.0 rushing yards per game (306 yards)...**WR ROY WILLIAMS** has 7 TD receptions in past 10 games. **WR COREY BRADFORD** was 5th-round pick of Packers in '98 & spent 1st 4 NFL seasons with club, posting 71 catches for 1,190 receiving yards & 7 TDs. **WR-PR-KR EDDIE DRUMMOND** is 2nd in team history with 4 PR TDs & tied for 2nd with 2 KR TDs...Defense ranks 4th in NFL holding opponents to 3.0 yards per rush. Seek to hold QB Favre without TD pass in 3rd consecutive meeting between clubs...**DT SHAUN ROGERS** ties for 2nd among NFL DTs with 2.0 sacks after posting career-high 5.5 sacks in '05...**K JASON HANSON** (1,427) needs 13 points to pass **JIM TURNER** (1,439) for 14th in NFL history.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (0-2) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (0-2)**SERIES**

	<u>REDSKINS</u>	<u>TEXANS</u>
SERIES LEADER	1-0	
STREAKS	1-0	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gibbs: 0-0	Kubiak: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 27-10 at Cowboys	L 43-24 at Colts
LAST GAME	12/22/02: Texans 10 at Redskins 26. Washington RBs Ladell Betts (116) & Kenny Watson (110) each rush for 100 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Brunell: 35-61-360-0-1-67.7	Carr: 40-53-427-4 (T1C)-0-123.7 (1C)
RUSHING	Betts: 19-62-3.3-0	Lundy (R): 17-57-3.4-0
RECEIVING	Betts (RB): 10-88-8.8-0	A. Johnson: 10-157-15.7-1 (T2C)
OFFENSE	255.5	270.0
TAKE/GIVE	0	0
DEFENSE	338.0	478.0
SACKS	Evans, Marshall: 1.0	Three tied: 1.0
INTs	0	Simmons: 1 (T3C)
PUNTING	Frost: 48.3 (2C)	Stanley: 43.1
KICKING	Hall: 14 (2/2 PAT; 4/5 FG)	K. Brown: 10 (4/4 PAT; 2/2 FG)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES 5 members of University of Miami's '01 National Championship team: Washington **RB CLINTON PORTIS**, **CB MIKE RUMPH** & **S SEAN TAYLOR** vs. Houston **CB PHILLIP BUCHANON** & **WR ANDRE JOHNSON**...

REDSKINS: Head coach **JOE GIBBS** has defeated 27 different teams & aims for 1st victory vs. Hou...In only career start at Texans (11/17/02 with Jax.), **QB MARK BRUNELL** posted 99.4 passer rating in victory. In 4 starts vs. AFC last year, Brunell threw 6 TDs vs. 0 INTs...**RB Portis** has 5,969 career rushing yards in 61 games & needs 31 to become 5th fastest player all-time to 6,000. Portis has 32 career 100-yard games & his teams are 24-8 (.750). Has 100+ yards in each of past 5 games with 20+ carries. **RB-KR ROCK CARTWRIGHT** had 100-yard KR TD vs. Dal & ranks 2nd in NFL with 31.4-yard KR avg...In 2 road games vs. AFC last year, **WR SANTANA MOSS** had 18 receptions for 289 receiving yards (144.5 per game) & 2 TDs. In 8 career games vs. AFC opponents, **TE CHRIS COOLEY** has 5 TD receptions...Club has won past 3 games in which **LB MARCUS WASHINGTON** has posted 1 sack. **LB WARRICK HOLDMAN** was top prep LB at Elsie High School in Alief, TX, 17 miles west of Houston...**K JOHN HALL** (198) needs 2 FGs for 200 career. **TEXANS:** In past 9 vs. NFC, **QB DAVID CARR** has completed 164 of 269 passes (61.0 pct.) for 1,922 yards & 12 TDs vs. 3 INTs for 92.0 passer rtg. Carr (4 TDs vs. 0 INTs) stands 2nd among current starting QBs w/ 123.7 passer rtg. In 4th qtr, Carr is 14 of 19 (73.7 pct.) for 178 yds w/ 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 142.1 (2L) passer rtg...Team acquired **RB SAMKON GADO** via trade w/ GB (9/13). In 8 gms in '05, Gado had team-high 582 rush yds & franchise rookie record 6 rush TDs...In 4 of past 5 at home vs. NFC, WR Johnson has 100+ rec. yds. Johnson has 6+ catches in 3 of past 5. Johnson (10) & **WR ERIC MOULDS** (10) compose 1 of 4 AFC WR duos w/ at least 10 catches apiece. Moulds (49) needs 1 TD catch for 50 career...Rookie **LB DE MECO RYANS** tops club w/ 20 tackles. **CB DEXTER MC CLEON** notched 1st of 30 career INTs vs. Wash (11/30/97 w/StL)...Kickoff coverage unit ranks No. 2 in AFC in opponents' avg. drive start (21.9).

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (2-0) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (2-0)**SERIES**

	<u>JAGUARS</u>	<u>COLTS</u>
LEADER		8-2
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Del Rio: 2-4	Dungy: 6-3
LAST WEEK	W 9-0 vs. Steelers	W 43-24 vs. Texans
LAST GAME	12/11/05: Colts 26 at Jaguars 18. Indianapolis WR Marvin Harrison catches 2 TDs & K Mike Vanderjagt adds 4 FGs as Colts become 4th team to begin season 13-0.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/18/05: Colts 10, Jaguars 3. Indianapolis RB Ran Carthon scores 6-yard TD & Colts' RB Edgerrin James rushes for 128 yards on 27 carries.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf	

STATS

PASSING	Leftwich: 49-73-497-1-2-79.5	Manning: 51-79-676 (1L)-4 (T1C)-1-103.1
RUSHING	Taylor: 43-166-3.9-1	Addai (R): 23-108-4.7-0
RECEIVING	R. Williams: 14 (T2L)-142-10.1-1 (T2C)	Harrison: 16 (2L)-240 (2C)-15.0-0
OFFENSE	334.5	421.0 (2L)
TAKE/GIVE	+3 (T2C)	+2
DEFENSE	238.0 (3L)	366.0
SACKS	Four tied: 1.0	Mathis: 2.0
INTs	Mathis: 3 (1L)	Harper: 1 (T3C)
PUNTING	Hanson: 42.9	Smith: 49.0
KICKING	Scobee: 15 (3/3 PAT; 4/5 FG)	Vinatieri: 27 (1L) (6/6 PAT; 7/7 FG)

NOTES

JACKSONVILLE'S JACK DEL RIO ('85-95) & Indianapolis' **TONY DUNGY** ('77-79) are 2 of 10 active head coaches to have played in NFL...**JAGUARS**: In 4 career starts vs. Ind, **QB BYRON LEFTWICH** has completed 65.6 pct. (80-122) of passes for 995 yards (248.8 avg.) & has 4 TDs vs. 1 INT for 98.2 passer rating...**RB FRED TAYLOR** has 314 rush yds (104.7 avg.) in past 3 at RCA Dome. Team is 12-4 (.750) vs. division when Taylor rushes for 100 yds...**WR REGGIE WILLIAMS** is tied for 2nd in AFC w/ 14 catches for 142 yds (10.1 avg.). **WR ERNEST WILFORD** has converted 26 of 32 (81.3 pct.) of road catches for 1st downs. Wilford posted career-best 6 catches vs. Ind (10/3/04), tied once since (10/30/05 at StL)...**CB RASHEAN MATHIS** notched 2 INTs last wk vs. Pit, as Jags shutout defending SB champ for 1st time since 1981 (Oak). Mathis has 15 career INTs & needs 1 to pass **AARON BEASLEY** (15) for club record. Defense allowed Pit 0 rushing 1st downs & denied penetration past Jags' 46-yard line. **LB MIKE PETERSON**, former Colt (1999-'02) has INT or FR in past 2 at Ind. **K JOSH SCOBEE** has FG in 10 games in row, tied with **MIKE HOLLIS** (1999) for team record...

COLTS: Team has won 10 in row vs. division...**QB PEYTON MANNING** (248) needs 2 TD passes to be 12th in NFL history w/ 250 career. Manning is 7-2 (.778) vs. Jax w/ 19 TDs vs. 5 INTs...**RBs DOMINIC RHODES** & rookie **JOSEPH ADDAI** have 10 combined receptions thru 2 games. Rhodes averages 5.5 yards per carry vs. division at home. Addai posted 104 scrim. yds & 1st career TD last wk...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** (943) has most catches all-time by player in 1st 11 seasons. Harrison has 6 TDs vs. Jax in past 5 mtgs & can reach 100+ rec. yds in each of 1st 3 games of season for 3rd time in career. Among players w/ 9+ catches, **WR REGGIE WAYNE** (10) leads NFL w/ 20.2-yd/catch avg. Offense has scored on 8 of 9 1st half possessions...**DE DWIGHT FREENEY** has 11.0 sacks in past 9 games vs. AFC South.

TENNESSEE TITANS (0-2) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (0-2)**SERIES**

	<u>TITANS</u>	<u>DOLPHINS</u>
SERIES LEADER		16-13
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fisher: 2-5	Saban: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 40-7 at Chargers	L 16-6 vs. Bills
LAST GAME	12/24/05: Dolphins 24 vs. Titans 10. Miami RB Ricky Williams rushes for season-high 172 yards & 1 TD as Dolphins win 5th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/24/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon	

STATS

PASSING	Collins: 23-57-280-0-4-26.9	Culpepper: 41-69-512 (3C)-1-3-69.2
RUSHING	Brown: 22-73-3.3-0	Brown: 30-100-3.3-2
RECEIVING	Bennett: 11-151-13.7-1	Chambers: 9-114-12.7-1
OFFENSE	273.0	380.0
TAKE/GIVE	-3	-2
DEFENSE	434.5	256.5
SACKS	Finnegan, Vanden Bosch: 1.0	Carter: 2.0
INTs	0	0
PUNTING	Hentrich: 40.5	Jones: 41.9
KICKING	Bironas: 1 (1/1 PAT; 0/0 FG)	Mare: 5 (2/2 PAT; 1/2 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS MEET for 4th consecutive season & for 6th time in past 8 years...**TITANS:** When leading entering 4th qtr on road, head coach **JEFF FISHER** is 39-1 (.975) for best mark in NFL history...In 2 career road games vs. Mia, **QB KERRY COLLINS** has completed 65.0 pct of passes (52 of 80) for 502 yds (251.0 avg.). Rookie **QB VINCE YOUNG** threw 1st career TD last wk at SD on 18-yd pass to **WR DREW BENNETT**...**RB CHRIS BROWN** (2,212) needs 30 rush yds to pass **FRED WILLIS** (2,241) for 10th on club's all-time rushing list & 113 to pass **ALLEN PINKETT** (2,324) for 9th...WR Bennett has 8 TD catches in past 9 road games, including 55-yd TD at Mia in last meeting. Bennett (11) is tied for 7th among AFC reception leaders...Offense has 3 TDs in 5 redzone trips...**LB KEITH BULLUCK** (785) needs 4 tackles to surpass **BLAINE BISHOP** (788) for 6th-most in team annals...**KR-PR-CB PACMAN JONES** stands 4th in AFC w/ 26.0 KR avg. Team owns AFC's 5th-best avg. drive start after kickoffs (26.5). **K ROB BIRONAS** is 16 of 17 (94.1 pct.) in career on FG attempts inside 40 yds...**DOLPHINS:** **QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER** is 2-0 at home vs. AFC South. When Culpepper throws 1+ TD pass at home, his teams are 24-11 (.686)...**RB RONNIE BROWN** (9) stands tied for 3rd among AFC RBs in receptions. Brown tied career-best 6 receptions last wk vs. Buf. & is tied for 5th in AFC w/ 10 1st downs (7 rush, 3 rec.)...**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** has 2 TDs & 11 catches in past 2 vs. Ten. Chambers has catch in 49 consecutive games. **WR-KR WES WELKER** has 9 catches in past 2 games for most in career in consecutive weeks. Welker (2,867) needs 81 KR yds to surpass **FULTON WALKER** (2,944) & **MERCURY MORRIS** (2,947) for most in club history...Defense allowed 171 total offensive yds last wk – fewest surrendered by club since 9/21/03...**DE KEVIN CARTER** (Titan from '01-04) needs 1.0 sack to notch 1.0+ in 3 games in row in same season for 3rd time in career. **DT VONNIE HOLLIDAY** (w/GB) posted 2.0 sacks vs. Ten on 12/16/01 for 1 of 8 career 2.0+ sack games. With 1.0 sack last week, **S YEREMIAH BELL** has 4.0 in career, tied with **GLENN BLACKWOOD** & **CALVIN JACKSON** for 3rd-most by DB in club annals.

CHICAGO BEARS (2-0) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (2-0)

SERIES

	<u>BEARS</u>	<u>VIKINGS</u>
SERIES LEADER		48-39-2
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Smith: 2-2	Childress: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 34-7 vs. Lions	W 16-13 (OT) vs. Panthers
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Bears 10 at Vikings 34. Minnesota QB Brad Johnson throws 2 TD passes & RB Michael Bennett rushes for 82 yards, including 61-yard TD run.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/1/06	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Grossman: 38-53-551 (3C)-5 (T1L)-1-128.7 (1L)	B. Johnson: 35-61-466-1-1-80.4
RUSHING	Jones: 42-127-3.0-0	C.Taylor: 55-201-3.7-1
RECEIVING	Clark (TE): 10-162-16.2-1	Williamson: 10-179-17.9-0
OFFENSE	372.0	337.0
TAKE/GIVE	+4 (2C)	0
DEFENSE	256.0 (2C)	268.5
SACKS	T. Harris: 2.0	Harris, K. Williams: 1.0
INTs	D. Manning, Tillman: 1	0
PUNTING	Maynard: 46.0	Kluwe: 42.8
KICKING	Gould: 24 (2C) (6/6 PAT; 6/6 FG)	Longwell: 17 (2/2 PAT; 5/7 FG)

NOTES

HOME TEAM HAS WON 8 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS IN SERIES...Game is 90th reg-season contest between clubs...

BEARS: Head coach **LOVIE SMITH** is 7-1 (.875) all-time vs. NFC North opponents...**QB REX GROSSMAN** owns 5-2 (.714) mark as starter vs. division foes & had career-best 4 TD passes last week...**RB THOMAS JONES** is only player in NFL history to increase rushing total in each of 1st 5 seasons following rookie year (min. 100 carries)...**WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** (48) needs 2 TD catches for 50 career. **WR BERNARD BERRIAN** has career avg. of 17.9 yards per reception (34 catches for 609 yards)...**DESMOND CLARK** ranks 2nd among NFL TEs with 162 receiving yards (10 rec). Has 3 TDs in past 3 games vs. Vikes...Club has allowed 10 points or less in 11 of past 18 games & held opponents to 10 pct. 3rd down conversion rate (2 of 20) through 2 games, best in NFL...**BRIAN URLACHER** has 6 career sacks vs. Min, tied for his most vs. any club...**K ROBBIE GOULD** has connected on 14 of 15 (93.3 pct) career FGs vs. NFC North.

VIKINGS: Are 10-2 (.833) at home vs. NFC North since '02...**QB BRAD JOHNSON** has 67-43 (.609) career record as starter, 5th-best in NFL (min. 75 starts), including 12-5 (.706) with Vikes at Metrodome...**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** seeks to post 100 scrimmage yards in 3rd consecutive game...In 4 of 5 career starts, 2nd-year **WR TROY WILLIAMSON** has TD or 30+ yard reception. **WR MARCUS ROBINSON** has 6 TD catches in past 11 games. Spent '98-'02 with Bears & holds single-season receiving yards record with 1,400 in '99 (84 catches, 9 TDs)...**TE JERMAINE WIGGINS** had career-high 10 receptions (68 yards) vs. Bears on 10/16/05...**DT KEVIN WILLIAMS** seeks sack in 6th consecutive game vs. Bears. His 7 sacks in 7 career games vs. Bears is most vs. any opponent...**S DARREN SHARPER** ranks 2nd among active players with 45 INT (**Ty Law**, 46)...**K RYAN LONGWELL**'s 16-yard TD pass last week was 1st in club history by kicker.

CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-0) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-1)**SERIES**

	<u>BENGALS</u>	<u>STEELERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		42-29
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 2-5	Cowher: 21-8
LAST WEEK	W 34-17 vs. Browns	L 9-0 at Jaguars
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Bengals 38 at Steelers 31. Cincinnati QB Carson Palmer throws 3 TDs & RB Rudi Johnson adds 2 rushing scores.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/4/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms	

STATS

PASSING	Palmer: 37-59-479-2-2-85.3	Roethlisberger: 17-32-141-0-2-38.7
RUSHING	R. Johnson: 54-241 (1C)-4.5-3 (T1L)	Parker: 40-135-3.4-0
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 11-126-11.5-1	Ward: 7-82-11.7-1
OFFENSE	358.5	247.5
TAKE/GIVE	+3 (T2C)	+/- 0
DEFENSE	295.0	320.0
SACKS	J. Smith: 3.0 (T1C)	Porter: 2.0
INTs	3 tied: 1	3 tied: 1
PUNTING	Larson: 45.0	Gardocki: 45.5
KICKING	Graham: 21 (6/6 PAT; 5/6 FG)	Reed: 4 (4/4 PAT; 0/1 FG)

NOTES

BENGALS: Club has won 8 of past 10 on road. Team aims for 3rd win at Pit under head coach **MARVIN LEWIS** in past 4 yrs. Lewis is Pittsburgh native & former assistant at U. of Pittsburgh (1990-91) & Steelers (1992-95)...**QB CARSON PALMER** passed for 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs in last game at Pit, tying most TD passes thrown vs. Steelers since HOFer **TROY AIKMAN** threw 4 (8/31/97)...**RB RUDI JOHNSON** has at least 97 rush yds in 5 consecutive games vs. AFC North. RB Johnson (984) needs 16 rush attempts to be 4th player in club history w/ 1,000. RB Johnson has rush TD in 8 of past 10 games, including 2 TDs in last mtg...In past 7 mtgs, **WR CHAD JOHNSON** has 35 catches for 17.9 yd/catch avg. Has reception of 30+ yds in 5 of those 7...In past 5 vs. Pit, **DE JUSTIN SMITH** has 3.0 sacks, FR & PD. In past 3 mtgs, club has registered 10 sacks. Team notched 3 INTs off QB Roethlisberger in last mtg. **LB BRIAN SIMMONS** has INT in 2 of past 3 vs. AFC North. In 2 career games vs. Pit, **S MADIEU WILLIAMS** has notched team-high 11 tackles w/ FR (10/3/04) & 1st career sack w/ 7 tackles (11/21/04)...**STEELERS**: Club has won 26 of past 32 games...Head coach **BILL COWHER** is 20-8 (.714) vs. Cin – his most wins vs. any team...**QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** is 8-1 (.889) as starter in career vs. AFC North, only loss coming in last mtg. In those 9 starts, Roethlisberger has completed 68.1 pct. of passes (141 of 207) w/ 99.5 passer rating...**RB WILLIE PARKER** averages 101.0 yds/game vs. Bengals in 2 career starts. Posted 37-yd TD rush vs. Cin in Wk 7 last season for 2nd-longest TD rush of career. Offense has ranked in NFL's top 10 in rush yds 10 times in past 11 seasons...In past 3 at home vs. AFC North, **WR HINES WARD** has 8+ catches in each w/ 334 rec. yds (111.3 avg.) & 3 TDs. In AFC WC last season, **WR CEDRIC WILSON** led Steelers w/ 104 rec. yds on 3 catches (34.7 avg.), including 54-yd TD. **TE HEATH MILLER** leads AFC TEs w/ 112 rec. yds. Miller recorded career-high 6 catches vs. Cin (10/23/05) w/ 1 TD...**LBs JAMES FARRIOR & LARRY FOOTE** each have posted at least 7 tackles in 3 of past 4 meetings. Through 2 games, defense allowing 3.1 yds per rush play – 148 yds on 48 carries.

CAROLINA PANTHERS (0-2) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (0-2)**SERIES**

	<u>PANTHERS</u>	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	6-5	
STREAKS	5 of past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fox: 5-3	Gruden: 4-5
LAST WEEK	L 16-13 (OT) at Vikings	L 14-3 at Falcons
LAST GAME	12/11/05: Buccaneers 20 at Panthers 10. Tampa Bay RB Cadillac Williams rushes for 112 yards, including TD runs of 10 and 14 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/6/05: Panthers 34, Buccaneers 14. Carolina's defense forces 4 INTs and registers 5.0 sacks & WR Steve Smith posts 5 receptions for 106 yards & 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET):Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Delhomme: 38-72-367-0-1-61.5	Simms: 45-82-446-0-6-40.0
RUSHING	Foster: 28-80-2.9-0	C. Williams: 23-59-2.6-0
RECEIVING	Johnson: 9-146-16.2-0	Galloway: 9-161-17.9-0
OFFENSE	243.0	246.5
TAKE/GIVE	-2	-4
DEFENSE	375.0	326.5
SACKS	Peppers: 3.0	D. White: 2.0
INTs	Lucas: 1	Brooks: 1
PUNTING	Baker: 46.3 (T3C)	Bidwell: 45.2
KICKING	Kasay: 13 (1/1 PAT; 4/4 FG)	Bryant: 3 (0/0 PAT; 1/3 FG)

NOTES

PANTHERS: Seek 4th win in row at TB...**QB JAKE DELHOMME** is 3-0 as starter at TB & seeks to post 100+ passer rating in 3rd in row at Bucs. Delhomme (7) needs 300-yard game to tie **STEVE BEUERLEIN** (8) for most in club history. Club is 4-0 (incl. playoffs) when **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushes for 100 yards. **WR STEVE SMITH** may see 1st action of '06. Aims for 3rd 100-yard game in row vs. Bucs. **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** spent '00-'03 with TB, posting Bucs-record 106 catches in '01 & helping club win SB XXXVII. Faces former team for 1st time. With 9,902 career rec. yards, needs 98 to become 26th player with 10,000...In 5 games at TB, club allows 13.2 points per game...**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** had career-high 3 sacks in last game at TB, which he equaled last week. **DE MIKE RUCKER** has 3 sacks in past 2 vs. TB. In 2+ years with Car, **CB CHRIS GAMBLE** has 13 INTs & needs 1 to tie **DOUG EVANS** (14) for 3rd in team history.

BUCCANEERS: **QB CHRIS SIMMS** is 6-2 (.750) all-time vs. division foes. Had career-best 74.1 comp. pct. (20 of 27) in last game vs. Car...In 7 games vs. NFC South, **RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** avgs. 88.7 rush yards per game (621 yards). **MIKE ALSTOTT** is club leader with 68 TDs & needs 3 points for 3rd in club annals (**Donald Igwebuike**, 416)...**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** avgs. 15.5 career yards per catch (559 for 8,662 yards). **WR MICHAEL CLAYTON** had career-best 2 TDs vs. Car on 12/26/04...Club allowed 1,079 points since '02 (16.3 per game), best in NFL...**DE SIMEON RICE** has 4 sacks in past 3 vs. division. Ranks 2nd among active players with 119 sacks...With 175 career starts, **LB DERRICK BROOKS** ranks 2nd in club history (**Paul Gruber**, 183)...**CB RONDE BARBER** (28) needs 3 INTs to tie **Donnie Abraham's** (31) club record. With 2 INTs becomes 3rd player ever with 20 sacks & 30 INTs (**LeRoy Butler**, **Rodney Harrison**).

BALTIMORE RAVENS (2-0) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (0-2)**SERIES**

	<u>RAVENS</u>	<u>BROWNS</u>
SERIES LEADER	9-5	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Billick: 9-5	Crennel: 1-1
LAST WEEK	W 28-6 vs. Raiders	L 34-17 at Bengals
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Ravens 16 at Browns 20. Cleveland WR Dennis Northcutt returns punt 62 yards for TD to seal Browns victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/16/06	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:05 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	McNair: 33-60-324-2-1-74.6	Frye: 36-60-376-1-4-56.0
RUSHING	J. Lewis: 37-148-4.0-1	Droughns: 25-59-2.4-1
RECEIVING	Heap (TE): 10-63-6.3-1	Winslow (TE): 12-105-8.8-1
OFFENSE	267.5	243.5
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (1L)	-2
DEFENSE	152.0 (1L)	403.5
SACKS	Scott: 3.0 (T1C)	4 tied: 1.0
INTs	6 tied: 1	3 tied: 1
PUNTING	Koch: 45.0	Zastudil: 45.0
KICKING	Stover: 23 (3C) (5/5 PAT; 6/6 FG)	Dawson: 7 (4/4 PAT; 1/1 FG)

NOTES

RAVENS: Under head coach **BRIAN BILLICK**, club is 51-6 (.895) when leading after 3 qtrs...In last 4 games vs. Browns, **QB STEVE MC NAIR** has 8 TD passes with 104.3 QB rating...**RB JAMAL LEWIS** has 1,329 yds rushing & 7 TDs in 10 career games vs. Cle (Bal 7-3). Top 3 career rushing games all vs. Browns, including 2 200-yard efforts (9/14/03, 295; 12/21/03, 205; 9/30/02, 187). In 16 career Sept. starts, RB Lewis has averaged 94.3 rush yds w/ 11 TDs...**WR DERRICK MASON** had career long reception (71t) against Browns on 12/02/01. **TE TODD HEAP** needs 1 TD (21) to surpass **WR-KR JERMAINE LEWIS** for 2nd place on Ravens all-time TD list (Jamal Lewis, 39)...Club leads league in turnover differential (+8). Team tied club record last wk, forcing 6 turnovers...Defense has not allowed TD in 2006. Defense allowing NFL-low 152 yds/game & 32.5 rush yds/game (1.7 yd/carry avg.). **DE TERRELL SUGGS** has 10.0 sacks vs. Cle in 6 career games. **LB ADALIUS THOMAS** notched 2.0 sacks, including safety & INT last wk vs. Oak...In past 3 vs. Cle, **K MATT STOVER** is 10-for-10 in FG attempts...**BROWNS:** Club has won past 2 at home vs. Bal...**QB CHARLIE FRYE** had career high 244 passing yds. vs. Cin last week. With 2-yd TD run last week, Frye became 1st Browns QB since **BRIAN SIPE** (10/27/84-11/4/84) to register rush TD in consecutive games...**WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** (110) recorded 2nd career 100-yd game last wk (107 vs. GB, 9/18/05). Edwards' 75-yard catch was 2nd longest of career (80t vs. GB, 9/18/05). Team has scored TD in 4 of 6 (66.7 pct.) trips inside 20...Defense has limited Ravens RB Lewis to 286 rush yards on 86 attempts (3.3 avg.) in past 4 mtgs. **CB GARY BAXTER** hosts former club (2001-04) after registering INT in 1st meeting at Bal...**WR-PR DENNIS NORTHCUTT** (12.3) stands 3rd in AFC PR avg. **Ks PHIL DAWSON** and Bal's Stover rank 3rd & 4th respectively all-time for highest FG pct. (136/182, .840; 386/463, .834). Both attended Lake Highlands H.S. in Dallas. Dawson (3) is tied for AFC lead in TBs on kickoffs. **P DAVE ZASTUDIL** signed as free agent from Ravens (02-05) in past offseason. Kickoff coverage unit ranks No. 1 in NFL in opponents' avg. drive start (17.7).

ST. LOUIS RAMS (1-1) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-1)

SERIES

	<u>RAMS</u>	<u>CARDINALS</u>
LEADER	29-23-2	
STREAKS	6 of past 8	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Linehan: 0-0	Green: 4-4
LAST WEEK	L 20-13 at 49ers	L 21-10 at Seahawks
LAST GAME	11/20/05: Cardinals 38 at Rams 28. Arizona QB Kurt Warner passes for 3 TDs, including 2 in 4th quarter.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/18/05: Rams 17, Cardinals 12. St. Louis QB Marc Bulger completes 18 of 29 passes for 216 yards, including TD pass to WR Torry Holt.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Brad Sham, Bill Maas	

STATS

PASSING	Bulger: 37-68-402-1-0-77.0	Warner: 47-75-532-4-1-96.1
RUSHING	S. Jackson: 44-224 (3L)-5.1-0	James: 44-137-3.1-1 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Holt: 12-110-9.2-1	Fitzgerald: 13-185-14.2-0
OFFENSE	292.5	311.5
TAKE/GIVE	+5 (1L)	+1
DEFENSE	309.5	367.0
SACKS	Little: 2.0	Wilson: 2.0
INTs	Three tied: 1	Hayes, Wilson: 1.0
PUNTING	Turk: 45.8	Player: 41.4
KICKING	Wilkins: 25 (1C) (1/1 PAT; 8/10 FG)	Rackers: 14 (5/5 PAT; 3/5 FG)

NOTES

RAMS: QB MARC BULGER is 6-1 (.857) as starter vs. Cards, completing 60+ pct. of pass attempts in all 7 games...RB STEVEN JACKSON seeks 3rd consecutive 100-yard rushing game...WR ISAAC BRUCE (823) needs 5 receptions to pass LARRY CENTERS (827) for 10th in NFL history. In 8 career games vs. Cards, WR TORRY HOLT has 57 receptions for 816 yards (102.0 avg. yards per game), converting 41 catches (71.9 pct.) for 1st downs...Rookie 2nd-round TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN had 1st career catch last week vs. 49ers, posting 2 rec. for 34 yards...C RICHIE INCOGNITO was standout offensive lineman at Mountain Ridge High School in Glendale, AZ. G ADAM TIMMERMAN has played in 173 consecutive games...DE LEONARD LITTLE has 7.5 sacks in past 5 games...LB WILL WITHERSPOON has led team in tackles in each of 1st 2 games with club...S COREY CHAVOUS spent 1st 4 NFL seasons with Cards, seeing action in 61 games...K JEFF WILKINS is 8 of 11 (72.7 pct) in FG attempts all-time from 50+ yards vs. division opponents.

CARDINALS: Seek 1st 2-0 start at home since '87...QB KURT WARNER spent '98-'03 with Rams, earning 2 MVP awards & leading club to win in SB XXXIV. In 75 career games, has 19,746 career passing yards & needs 254 for 20,000. Would be 2nd-fastest to 20,000 all-time, trailing only DAN MARINO (74 games)...In 98 career games, RB EDGERRIN JAMES has 49 100-yard rushing games & can become 2nd-fastest to 50 all-time (ERIC DICKERSON, 83 games). His teams have 43-6 (.878) record when he rushes for 100 yards...In 14 career games vs. NFC West opponents, WR LARRY FITZGERALD has 77 receptions for 1,124 yards & 8 TDs while in 16 career division games WR ANQUAN BOLDIN has 114 catches for 1,517 yards & 9 TDs. WR BRYANT JOHNSON avging. 30.3 yards per catch in '06 (3 catches for 91 yards, TD)...DE BERTRAND BERRY had 2.0 sacks in last home game vs. Rams.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (1-1) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-1)

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>49ERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		16-8-1
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 2-2	Nolan: 0-1
LAST WEEK	L 30-24 (OT) vs. Giants	W 20-13 vs. Rams
LAST GAME	9/18/05: 49ers 3 at Eagles 42. Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb completes 23 of 29 passes for 342 yards & 5 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/25/02: Eagles 38, 49ers 17. Philadelphia QB Koy Detmer passes for 2 TDs & rushes for another as Eagles win on Monday night.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger	

STATS

PASSING	McNabb: 51-80-664 (1C)-5 (T1L)-1-105.4 (2C)	A. Smith: 34-62-521-2-0-93.5
RUSHING	Westbrook: 36-139-3.9-1 (T3C)	Gore: 45-214 (3C)-4.8-3 (T1L)
RECEIVING	Smith (TE): 13-167-12.8-0	Bryant: 8-245 (2C)-30.6-1
OFFENSE	446.0 (1L)	376.5
TAKE/GIVE	-1	-1
DEFENSE	322.5	316.0
SACKS	T. Cole: 4.0 (T1L)	Three tied: 2.0
INTs	Trotter: 1	0
PUNTING	D. Johnson: 40.9	Lee: 40.6
KICKING	Akers: 12 (6/6 PAT; 2/3 FG)	Nedney: 17 (5/5 PAT; 4/6 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: Have scored 108 points in past 3 vs. SF (36 per game). Since '00, club is 34-15 (.694) on road under head coach **ANDY REID**. Reid was offensive coordinator & line coach at San Francisco State ('83-'85)...**QB DONOVAN MC NABB** has 25-2 (.926) record as starter when posting 100+ passer rating, including career-best 155.4 rating in last meeting vs. SF (9/18/05)...In 2 career starts vs. SF, **RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** avgs. 5.9 yards per carry (20-118) & 8.8 yards per catch (8-70). Ties for 3rd among NFL RBs with 11 receptions (117 yards)...With 222 receiving yards (11rec) through 2 weeks, **WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** is off to best start of career...**L.J. SMITH** leads NFL TEs with 13 receptions & 167 receiving yards...Defense leads NFL with 13 sacks...2nd-year **LB TRENT COLE** seeks 3rd consecutive multiple sack game & has 5 multi-sack games in 17 career games...**S BRIAN DAWKINS** has 28 INTs with Eagles, most among active players with current team. **CB-PR DEXTER WYNN** avgs. 14.0 yards per PR, 2nd in NFC & 4th in NFL.

49ERS: Are 91-38 (.705) at home since '90, 5th-best record in NFL, outscoring opponents 3,332 to 2,317 during that span...2nd-year **QB ALEX SMITH** makes 10th career start & leads offense avgng. 6.6 yards per play, most in NFL. Avgs. 8.40 yards per pass attempt, 2nd in NFC & 4th in NFL. After tossing 11 INTs in '05, Smith has 0 INT in 62 pass attempts in '06...2nd-year **RB FRANK GORE** ties for NFL lead with 3 rushing TDs. Ranks 2nd in NFL with 307 yards from scrimmage. Seeks 3rd 100-yard outing in past 4 games...**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** ties for NFL lead with 2 receptions of 40+ yards. Seek 4th consecutive 100-yard receiving game. **WR-PR ARNAZ BATTLE** leads NFC & ranks 2nd in NFL with 19.5-yard PR avg. Club ranks 4th in NFL with avg. drive start on KOs at 29.8-yard line...After posting 28 sacks in all of '05, defense ties for 3rd in NFL with 9 through 2 games...1st-rounder **MANNY LAWSON** leads NFL rookies with 2 sacks & ties for 3rd among all NFL LBs...**S CHAD WILLIAMS** ties for sack lead among NFL DBs with 2.

NEW YORK GIANTS (1-1) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (2-0)**SERIES**

	<u>GIANTS</u>	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>
LEADER	7-4	
STREAKS		Past 3 at home
COACHES VS. OPP.	Coughlin: 1-4	Holmgren: 3-3
LAST WEEK	W 30-24 (OT) at Eagles	W 21-10 vs. Cardinals
LAST GAME	11/27/05: Giants 21 at Seahawks 24 (OT). Seattle's Josh Brown kicks 36-yard FG with 2:45 remaining in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/27/05	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 51-77-618 (2C)-5 (T1L)-2-101.5 (3C)	Hasselbeck: 37-57-431-1-2-78.9
RUSHING	Barber: 39-161-4.1-0	Alexander: 45-140-3.1-1 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Toomer: 17(1L)-178-10.5-2	Jackson: 10-174-17.4-1
OFFENSE	418.5 (3L)	302.5
TAKE/GIVE	-1	0
DEFENSE	389.0	253.5 (1C)
SACKS	Robbins, Umenyiora: 1.0	Peterson: 2.0
INTs	McQuarters: 1	Boulware: 1
PUNTING	Feagles: 44.1	Plackemeier (R): 45.6
KICKING	Feely: 9 (6/6 PAT; 1/2 FG)	J. Brown: 12 (3/3 PAT; 3/6 FG)

NOTES**7 OF 11 MEETINGS ALL-TIME, INCLUDING PAST 4, DECIDED BY 6 POINTS OR LESS...GIANTS: QB ELI**

MANNING ranks 2nd in NFC & 6th in NFL with 66.2 comp. pct. (51-77). Has thrown TD pass in 9 consecutive road games, posting 4-2 (.667) mark in past 6 on road...**RB TIKI BARBER** (8,948) needs 52 rushing yards to become 21st player all-time with 9,000 career. Among players with 1,900 career carries (1,929), ranks 4th with 4.64 yards per carry avg (**Jim Brown**, 5.22; **Barry Sanders**, 4.99; **OJ Simpson**, 4.67)...**RB BRANDON JACOBS** ranks 3rd among top 30 rushers with 6.8 yards per carry avg (13-89)...With NFL-best 17 receptions through 2 weeks, **WR AMANI TOOMER** is off to best start of 11-year career. Needs 25 receiving yards to become 1st Giant with 8,000 career. **WR PLAXICO BURRESS** ranks 3rd among top 25 in receptions with 19.4 yards per catch avg (10-194)...**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** (129.5) needs 3.5 sacks to pass **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (132.5) for most in team history...**SEAHAWKS**: Have won franchise-best 11 consecutive home games...**QB MATT HASSELBECK** is 22-4 (.846) in past 26 reg-season home starts with 43 TD passes vs. 20 INTs & 94.0 passer rating. Needs 3 TD passes for 100 career...**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** (101) needs TD to pass **STEVE LARGENT** (101) for franchise record. With 2 rushing TDs Alexander (90) will pass **Jerome Bettis** & **Franco Harris** (91) for 8th in NFL history...SB XXXIX MVP **DEION BRANCH** may see 1st action with club. **WR DARRELL JACKSON** (388) needs 12 receptions to become 4th Seahawk with 400 career. **WR-KR WILLIE PONDER** spent '03-'05 with Giants & ties for club record with 2 KR-TDs...Defense ranks 3rd in NFL surrendering 4.2 avg. yards per play...**LB JULIAN PETERSON** seeks sack in 3rd consecutive game with club. 2nd-year **LB LOFA TATUPU** had career-best 13 tackles in last meeting vs. NYG. 2nd-year **LB LE ROY HILL** made season debut last week, posting sack & helping hold opponents under 70 rushing yards for 2nd consecutive week. Has 8.5 sacks in 16 career games.

SUNDAY NIGHT**DENVER BRONCOS (1-1) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (2-0)****SERIES**

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
SERIES LEADER	23-15	
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 8-3	Belichick: 2-8
LAST WEEK	W 9-6 (OT) vs. Chiefs	W 24-17 at Jets
LAST GAME	10/16/05: Broncos 28 vs. Patriots 20. Denver scores 28 unanswered points as QB Jake Plummer throws for 274 yards & 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/27/02: Broncos 24, Patriots 16. Denver RB Clinton Portis rushes for 111 yards & 2 TDs as Broncos improve to 6-2.	
BROADCAST	NBC (8:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Plummer: 29-56-311-0-4-38.6	Brady: 26-52-383-3-2-77.6
RUSHING	T. Bell: 31/172-5.5-0	Dillon: 36-153.4-3.-1
RECEIVING	Walker: 8-120-15.0-0	Watson: 6-89-14.8-0
OFFENSE	288.5	338.5
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-3
DEFENSE	298.0	288.5
SACKS	Chukwurah, Ekuban: 1.5	Seymour: 2.0
INTs	0	Bruschi: 1 (T3C)
PUNTING	Ernster: 47.8 (3C)	Miller: 48.7 (2C)
KICKING	Elam: 13 (1/1 PAT; 4/5 FG)	Gostkowski: 11 (5/5 PAT; 2/3 FG)

NOTES

BRONCOS: Team did not commit penalty last wk in OT win vs. KC...In 1 regular-season start vs. NE, **QB JAKE PLUMMER** posted 2 TDs, 0 INT & 134.4. passer rating in 28-20 win (10/16/05). Plummer has won 33 of 45 (.733) starts w/ Broncos...Since '04 among RBs w/ 150+ carries, **RB TATUM BELL** owns NFL-best 5.3-yd/carry avg. (279-1,489) w/ 11 TDs. RBs Bell (172) & rookie **MIKE BELL** (100) are 1 of 3 AFC RB duos w/ at least 100 rush yds apiece...**C TOM NALEN** (169) to make 170th career start Sunday night to tie **DENNIS SMITH** (1981-94) for 5th most in club history...**WR ROD SMITH** (12,024) needs 150 yds to surpass **FLOYD LITTLE** (12,173) to become franchise leader in combined career yardage (rush, rec., returns). **WR JAVON WALKER** has 150+ rec. yds in 3 of past 5 vs. AFC...In AFC Divisional playoff (1/14/06), **CB CHAMP BAILEY** returned INT 100 yds for 2nd-longest INT return in NFL playoff history...**PATRIOTS:** Including playoffs, franchise's record (357-356-9) is plus-.500 for 1st time since 1968...Since Gillette Stadium's opening (2002), team is 31-6 (.838) at home, including PS...**QB TOM BRADY** has at least 299 pass yds in 3 games in row vs. Den & has led NE to wins in 60 of 80 (.750) career starts...**RB COREY DILLON** (10,582) is only active RB w/ 10,000+ career rush yds. Dillon needs 61 rush yds to surpass **RICKY WATERS** (10,643) for 15th place on NFL's all-time rushing list. Team is 25-4 (.862) when Dillon plays & 1-4 (.200) in his 5 games missed. Rookie **RB LAURENCE MARONEY** has 151 rush yds on 33 atts. (4.6 avg.), including 4 rushes of 10+ yds...**WR TROY BROWN** has 5+ catches in 4 of past 5 mtgs & has 4 TDs in those games...**S RODNEY HARRISON** has 5 career INTs in 17 gms vs. Den. Harrison only player in history w/ 25+ sacks (27.5) & 30+ INTs (31). Team is 25-3 (.893) when **DT RICHARD SEYMOUR** has at least 0.5 sack.

MONDAY NIGHT**ATLANTA FALCONS (2-0) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (2-0)****SERIES**

	<u>FALCONS</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
SERIES LEADER	43-30	
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mora: 3-1	Payton: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 14-3 vs. Buccaneers	W 34-27 at Packers
LAST GAME	12/12/05: Falcons 36 vs. Saints 17. Atlanta QB Michael Vick runs for 2 TDs & for another as Falcons shut out New Orleans in second half.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/04: Saints 26, Falcons 13. New Orleans QB Aaron Brooks throws for 226 yards & KR Michael Lewis 96-yard KO return for TD helps Saints win 3rd consecutive game.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:30 PM CT): Mike Tirico, Joe Theismann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber & Michele Tafoya (Field reporters). Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Vick: 20-37-232-3-1-89.0	Brees: 42-71-523-3-2-84.4
RUSHING	Dunn: 50-266 (1L)-5.3-0	McAllister: 34-137-4.0-2 (T2C)
RECEIVING	Jenkins: 5-91-18.2-1	Bush (RB): 15 (T2C)-120-8.0-0
OFFENSE	383.5 (3C)	353.0
TAKE/GIVE	+3	0
DEFENSE	283.0	285.5
SACKS	Abraham, Coleman: 2.0	Young: 3.0
INTs	Hall, Webster: 2 (T1C)	Three tied: 1
PUNTING	Koenen: 42.0	Weatherford: 45.9
KICKING	Koenen: 10 (4/4 PAT; 2/8 FG)	Carney: 23 (3C) (5/5 PAT; 6/6 FG)

NOTES

FALCONS: Head coach **JIM MORA** spent '92-'96 as asst with NO & his dad, **JIM MORA**, is winningest coach in club history (93-78)...**QB MICHAEL VICK** is 5-0 as starter vs. NO with 12 TDs (6 pass, 6 rush). Had 127 rush yards vs. TB as club totaled franchise-record 306...Baton Rouge's **WARRICK DUNN** has rushed for 880 yards with 5.0-yard avg. in 11 career games vs. NO. Seeks 3rd 100-yard game in row...**WR MICHAEL JENKINS** avgs. 15.0 career yards per catch (48-718) while **WR RODDY WHITE** avgs. 15.1 (31-469)...Since '03, **ALGE CRUMPLER** leads NFL TEs (min. 100 rec) with 14.0 yards per catch avg & is 3rd with 2,252 rec. yards (161 rec)...Club has allowed 9 points, 4th-fewest in NFL, & 0 TDs. Since '02, **ROD COLEMAN** leads all DTs with 40.5 sacks... **CB DE ANGELO HALL** had career-best 2 INTs vs. TB.

SAINTS: Play 1st regular-season game in NO since 26-13 win vs. Atl on 12/26/04...**SEAN PAYTON** needs win to become 1st Saints head coach to start 3-0 in 1st year with club...**QB DREW BREES** passed for 353 yards vs. GB & is 6-2 (.750) all-time when passing for 300 yards... Since becoming full-time starter in '02, **RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** avgs. 92.5 rush yards per game at Superdome. Had 2 TDs vs. GB last week. **RB REGGIE BUSH** ranks 1st among rookies & ties for 3rd in NFL overall with 15 receptions...**WR JOE HORN** (493) needs 7 receptions to join **ERIC MARTIN** (532) as only Saints with 500...7th-round **WR MARQUES COLSTON** has TD catch in each of 1st 2 games...**DE WILL SMITH** seeks sack in 3rd consecutive game...**K JOHN CARNEY** (396) needs 4 FGs to become 3rd player all-time with 400.

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (SEPT. 17-18)

(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, September 17

ATLANTA 14, Tampa Bay 3
BALTIMORE 28, Oakland 6
CHICAGO 34, Detroit 7
CINCINNATI 34, Cleveland 17
New Orleans 34, GREEN BAY 27
INDIANAPOLIS 43, Houston 24
Buffalo 16, MIAMI 6
MINNESOTA 16, Carolina 13 (OT)
N.Y. Giants 30, PHILADELPHIA 24 (OT)

Sunday, September 17, Cont.'d.

SAN FRANCISCO 20, St. Louis 13
SEATTLE 21, Arizona 10
DENVER 9, Kansas City 6 (OT)
New England 24, N.Y. JETS 17
SAN DIEGO 40, Tennessee 7
DALLAS 27, Washington 10

Monday, September 18

JACKSONVILLE 9, Pittsburgh 0

2006 NFL STANDINGS

<u>AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>							<u>NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>						
<u>East Division</u>							<u>East Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New England	2	0	0	1.000	43	34	Dallas	1	1	0	.500	44	34
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	33	25	N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	51	50
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	40	40	Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	48	40
Miami	0	2	0	.000	23	44	Washington	0	2	0	.000	26	46
<u>North Division</u>							<u>North Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	55	6	Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	60	7
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	57	27	Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	35	29
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	28	26	Detroit	0	2	0	.000	13	43
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	31	53	Green Bay	0	2	0	.000	27	60
<u>South Division</u>							<u>South Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	69	45	Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	34	9
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	33	17	New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	53	41
Houston	0	2	0	.000	34	67	Carolina	0	2	0	.000	19	36
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	23	63	Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	3	41
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	67	7	Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	30	16
Denver	1	1	0	.500	19	24	Arizona	1	1	0	.500	44	48
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	16	32	St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	31	30
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	6	55	San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	47	47

WEEK 3 NFL SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 24-25

Byes: Dallas, Kansas City, Oakland, San Diego

(All times local)

Sunday, September 24

N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1:00 PM
Green Bay at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Washington at Houston, 12:00 PM
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1:00 PM
Tennessee at Miami, 1:00 PM
Chicago at Minnesota, 12:00 PM
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:00 PM
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM
Baltimore at Cleveland, 4:05 PM

Sunday, September 24, Cont.'d.

St. Louis at Arizona, 1:15 PM
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 1:15 PM
N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 1:15 PM
Denver at New England, 8:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, September 25

Atlanta at New Orleans, 7:30 PM (ESPN)