



BEARS & COLTS REMAIN UNDEFEATED AT 5-0; TOUGH CHICAGO DEFENSE FACES ROOKIE QB LEINART ON MNF

Lovie ought to know.

A year ago at this time, the Chicago Bears were 1-3 and thought to be "going nowhere." What did they do? Won their next eight games on the way to an 11-5 season and the NFC North Division championship.

Fast forward to this year and the Bears are 5-0 – along with the Indianapolis Colts -- and ready for a big game Monday night against **MATT LEINART** and the Arizona Cardinals. Not so fast, says Chicago head coach **LOVIE SMITH**.

"I don't think you can peak after five games," says Lovie. In other words, as the NFL's Week 6 dawns, there is a *long* way to go. And Week 6 is only the start:

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-1) at NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (4-1)

STORYLINE: *Who dat? It's Donté and Darren!*

Two Eagles who are definitely up for this game are former Saints **WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** and **DE DARREN HOWARD**, both added to Philly this year. Stallworth had 222 yards receiving in his first two games but has been hampered with hamstring woes since. Howard comes off a monster game against Dallas, with seven tackles (including two for losses), two sacks, two QB hurries and a forced fumble.

Howard – who often switches positions with **DE TRENT COLE** (tied with Carolina's **JULIUS PEPPERS** for the NFL sack lead, 6.0) -- and his mates will confront the Saints' explosive RB duo of vet **DEUCE MC ALLISTER** and rookie **REGGIE BUSH**, who combined for 292 all-purpose yards last week.

In this battle of division leaders, New Orleans' ninth-ranked NFL pass defense goes against **QB DONOVAN MC NABB**, who leads the league in yards (1,602) average gain (9.10) and touchdowns (11). He spread his passes to seven different receivers last week.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (3-1) at ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-1)

STORYLINE: *You sure these are the Rams?*

Good thing St. Louis still wears those horns on its helmets, or the NFC West-rival Seahawks might not recognize them.

Under new coach **SCOTT LINEHAN**, St. Louis has scaled back its "Greatest Show on Turf" attack to a more balanced run-pass approach that utilizes **RB STEVEN JACKSON**, who ties San Francisco's **FRANK GORE** for the NFL rushing lead (465 yards). "We're definitely not the same," says **QB MARC BULGER**. "We've switched to more ball control."

Seattle – 3-1 for the third time in four years – comes off a bye, which means they have had time to work on their four-man WR rotation that comes with the recent addition of **DEION BRANCH**.

St. Louis has the best home record in the NFL (44-14, .759) since 1999, its Super Bowl XXXIV title season.

NEW YORK GIANTS (2-2) at ATLANTA FALCONS (3-1)

STORYLINE: *Could there be two more opposite quarterbacks?*

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IVY LEAGUE RAMS: The St. Louis Rams' signing of **LB ISIAH KACYVENSKI** last week gives the club two players from Harvard (Rams **QB RYAN FITZPATRICK**) – the first time in 82 years that an NFL team has had two players from the school on its roster at the same time. In 1924, Harvard **G CHARLIE CLARK** and **RB ARNIE HORWEEN** played for the Chicago Cardinals.

The Giants' **ELI MANNING** is a prototypical pocket QB. The Falcons' **MICHAEL VICK** is anything but. In fact, he is the NFC's 11th leading rusher (333 yards), even with a bye week off. Pair him with **RB WARRICK DUNN** (365 yards) and the Falcons boast the league's No. 1 rushing game that is somewhat modeled after the college option.

"Vick can make things happen at any given time," says Giants **LB ANTONIO PIERCE**. "Dunn is playing great. It will be a big challenge for us to see if we can stop these guys."

Of course, the Giants don't have to apologize for their rush attack that is ranked seventh in the league. **RB TIKI BARBER**, No. 2 in the NFL last year, averages 87.0 yards in the team's four games.

And which defense will prevail? Atlanta has not allowed a touchdown in three of its four games. New York limited its Week 5 opponent, Washington, to three of 11 successful third-down conversions.

CAROLINA PANTHERS (3-2) at BALTIMORE RAVENS (4-1)

STORYLINE: *Matchup heaven!*

There will be a lot of great matchups in this one: the Panthers' receiving twins – **KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** and **STEVE SMITH**, who have combined for 50 catches, 634 yards and three TDs – against top **CBs CHRIS MC ALISTER** (two INTS) and **SAMARI ROLLE** (one INT)...Carolina **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER**, the league's ninth-leading rusher (373 yards) and coming off a 106-yard game, against roadblock Ravens **LBs RAY LEWIS** and **BART SCOTT**...and Julius vs. Adalius.

That final duo won't actually face each other, but if you like defenders who can dominate, Carolina **DE JULIUS PEPPERS** and Baltimore **LB ADALIUS THOMAS** are quite a twosome. Peppers – "there is not another 290-pound guy who can move, that's as flexible or as strong as this guy," says Panthers **DE AL WALLACE** – ties for the NFL sack lead (6.0). Thomas, who has played eight different defensive positions, comes off a five-tackle, one sack, one QB-hurry game against Denver. "He's a guy teams have to account for," says Ravens coach **BRIAN BILLICK**, whose club is 8-2 at home since 2005.

OAKLAND RAIDERS (0-4) at DENVER BRONCOS (3-1) (Sunday, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Which trend will prevail?*

The Broncos have won 12 consecutive home games. The visiting team has won four of the past five in the series.

It's Broncos-Raiders! Throw out the records! "It's tough to beat 'Broncos-Raiders' anywhere in the league," says Denver **K JASON ELAM**.

Denver might be tough to beat. Coming off a three-interception Monday night of Baltimore's **STEVE MC NAIR**, the Broncos have given up the fewest points in the NFL (34) and are only the second team since 1940 (Miami in 2000) to allow only one touchdown through its first four games.

Both teams have strong running games. Denver **RB TATUM BELL** ranks No. 7 in the league (387 yards). Oakland paired **RB JUSTIN FARGAS** with **LA MONT JORDAN** in Week 5 and the duo combined for 134 yards. "It's a good combination," says Raiders head coach **ART SHELL**. "We've got to keep that going for us."

CHICAGO BEARS (5-0) at ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-4) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Rex vs. Matt.*

Of course, there is a lot more to this game than the two quarterbacks, but this indeed is a meeting of two of the great college QBs of recent vintage.

Chicago's **REX GROSSMAN** – the NFL's fourth-ranked passer (100.8) – led Florida to a 23-9 record from 1999-02, three bowl games and was the 2001 Heisman Trophy runner-up. Arizona's **MATT LEINART**, who will be starting his second NFL game, won the 2004 Heisman at USC, built a 37-2 record, and led the Trojans to back-to-back national championships (2003-04). Leinart had a 14-1 record in primetime games (only loss was to **VINCE YOUNG** and Texas in last season's Rose Bowl BCS championship).

Chicago has dominated opponents this year, scoring 156 points (No. 1) and allowing only 36 (No. 2, tie with San Diego). Its average margin of victory is 24.0 points. If new Cardinals **RB EDGERRIN JAMES** has his MNF cleats on, he can test Chicago's sixth-ranked NFL rush game. James has averaged 108.0 yards in seven Monday night career games.

Matchup to watch: Speedy, go-deep Bears **WR BERNARD BERRIAN** – with five catches of over 40 yards and four TDs – against Cards **S ADRIAN WILSON**, "one of the most underrated DBs in the NFL," according to CBS analyst and former Bengals **DB SOLOMON WILCOTS**.

WEEK 6**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15****NEW YORK GIANTS (2-2) AT ATLANTA FALCONS (3-1)****SERIES**

	<u>GIANTS</u>	<u>FALCONS</u>
SERIES LEADER		10-7
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Coughlin: 2-1	Mora: 1-0
LAST WEEK	W 19-3 vs. Redskins	Bye (Wk. 4: W 32-10 vs. Cardinals)
LAST GAME	11/21/04: Falcons 14 at Giants 10. Atlanta QB Michael Vick passes for 115 yards & 2 TDs & rushes for 104 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/8/00: Giants 13, Falcons 6. New York's defense records 4 sacks & forces 3 turnovers, which lead to 10 points.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 98-146-1,149-9 (3L)-5-97.1	Vick: 45-90-522-3-2-69.8
RUSHING	Barber: 76-348-4.6-0	Dunn: 82-365-4.5-0
RECEIVING	Toomer: 24-288-12.0-3	Crumpler (TE): 11-128-11.6-1
OFFENSE	396.3 (2L)	350.3
TAKE/GIVE	-2	+6 (3C)
DEFENSE	318.8	269.8 (2C)
SACKS	Robbins, Umenyiora: 2.0	Kerney: 3.0
INTs	McQuarters: 2	Hall: 3 (T2L)
PUNTING	Feagles: 44.1	Koenen: 43.6
KICKING	Feely: 28 (10/10 PAT; 6/8 FG)	Andersen: 20 (2/2 PAT; 6/7 FG)

NOTES

GIANTS: Have won past 5 in Atlanta...**QB ELI MANNING** made 1st career start vs. Falcons (11/21/04), passing for 162 yards & 1 TD. In 29 career games, Manning has 5,954 passing yards & needs 46 to join **KERRY COLLINS** (6,707) & **HOFer Y.A. TITTLE** (6,248) as only QBs to reach 6,000 yards in 1st 30 games with club...**RB TIKI BARBER** has 9,135 rushing yards & needs 134 receiving yards (4,866) to join **MARCUS ALLEN** (12,243 & 5,411) & **MARSHALL FAULK** (12,279 & 6,875) as only players in NFL history with 9,000+ rushing & 5,000+ receiving yards...**WR PLAXICO BURRESS** had career-best 253 yards (28.1 avg.) with 2 TDs vs. Atl (11/10/02 with Pitt). **WR AMANI TOOMER** has 47 career TD receptions, including 3 TDs in past 2 on road, & needs 2 to pass **KYLE ROTE** (48) for team record. **JEREMY SHOCKEY** (260) needs 7 catches to pass **MARK BAVARO** (266) for 2nd among NYG TEs...**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** (130.5) needs 2.5 sacks to pass **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (132.5) for most by Giant. Has recorded 40.5 sacks in October, his most in any month...**FALCONS:** Under head coach **JIM MORA**, team is 2-0 following bye & 13-5 (.722) at home...Club has NFL's top rush offense (234.3). **QB MICHAEL VICK** (38-333, 8.8 avg.) & rookie **RB JERIOUS NORWOOD** (26-217, 8.3 avg.) are only players in NFL with 8.0+ avg. (min. 25 att.). Falcons are 7-0 when Vick rushes for 100+ yards, including past 2 at home...**RB WARRICK DUNN** has 247 rushing yards on 37 carries (6.7 avg.), including 45-yard TD, in past 2 vs. NYG...**WR ASHLEY LELIE** averaging 19.4 yards per catch (7-136)...Defense ranks 1st in NFC versus run (69.3). Club has not allowed TD in 2nd half as Falcons have given up just 6 2nd-half points. **DE PATRICK KERNEY** has 56.5 career sacks & needs 2.5 to pass **CHUCK SMITH** (58.5) for most in team history (since 1982). Falcons have 6 INTs & have yet to allow passing TD, limiting opponents to 57.8 passer rating. **CB DE ANGELO HALL** ties for NFC lead with 3 INTs.

CAROLINA PANTHERS (3-2) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (4-1)**SERIES**

	<u>PANTHERS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-0	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fox: 1-0	Billick: 0-1
LAST WEEK	W 20-12 vs. Browns	L 13-3 at Denver
LAST GAME	9/8/02: Ravens 7 at Panthers 10. Carolina LB Dan Morgan makes late 4th quarter INT to preserve win. Panthers K John Kasay makes 27-yd FG in 2nd qtr for margin of victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan	

STATS

PASSING	Delhomme: 99-166-978-4-1-81.9	McNair: 93-165-911-5-6-67.0
RUSHING	Foster: 88-373-4.2-1	J. Lewis: 88-311-3.5-1
RECEIVING	Johnson: 27-373-13.8-2	Mason: 23-310-13.5-0
OFFENSE	289.6	267.6
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+7
DEFENSE	322.8	219.6 (2L)
SACKS	Peppers: 6.0 (T1L)	Scott: 5.0 (1C)
INTs	Four tied: 1	McAlister: 2 (T2C)
PUNTING	Baker: 46.4 (3C)	Koch (R): 44.0
KICKING	Kasay: 38 (8/8 PAT; 10/11 FG)	Stover: 37 (3C) (11/11 PAT; 7/7 FG)

NOTES

PANTHERS: Play 2nd of 3 in row vs. AFC North (at Cin, 10/22)...Club has won 7 of past 9 decided by 8 points-or-less. Club averaging 22.3 points per game over past 3 (9.5 in 1st 2)...**QB JAKE DELHOMME** has 0 INTs in 4 consecutive games & ranks 4th in NFL with 0.6 INT pct. (1 INT, 166 att.). Has 7 career 300-yard games with club & needs 1 to tie **STEVE BEUERLEIN** (8) for franchise record. Is 4-1 (.800) in past 5 vs. AFC...Club is 6-0 all-time (incl. playoffs) when **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushes for 100 yards & 10-1 (.909) when he has 20+ carries. Among NFC rookies with 20+ carries, 1st-round pick **RB DE ANGELO WILLIAMS** ranks 2nd with 5.3 yards per carry avg. (26-139)...**WR STEVE SMITH** has 59 catches for 727 yards & 7 TDs (5 rec, 1 rush, 1 PR) in past 7 (incl. playoffs). **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** had 5 catches last week, giving him 771 in career, 16th in NFL history...Defense holds foes to 24.6 3rd down conversion pct (16 of 65), 3rd in NFL...**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** seeks sack in 4th consecutive game (6.0 sacks). **DT MAAKE KEMOEAU** spent 1st 4 seasons (2002-05) with Balt...**RAVENS:** Team is 41-17 (.707) at home under head coach **BRIAN BILLICK**...**QB STEVE MC NAIR** is 22-9 (.710) in career starts vs. NFC w/ 43 TDs vs. 16 INTs & 91.9 passer rating. In past 10 vs. NFC, McNair has 18 TD passes w/ 2+ TDs in 7 of those games. McNair has 260+ pass yds in 3 of past 4 vs. NFC...**RB JAMAL LEWIS** (39) needs 1 TD to become 1st in club history w/ 40. Lewis has 3 TDs in past 2 vs. NFC South...**WR DERRICK MASON** has 5+ catches in 7 of past 10 Oct. games. Mason's teams are 6-2 (.750) when he catches TD in Oct. **TE TODD HEAP** has 6 TDs in past 8 games played & has at least 4 receptions in 7 of past 9...Club stands 3rd in NFL w/ +7 turnover ratio...**LB BART SCOTT** leads AFC w/ 5.0 sacks w/ at least 1.0 sack in 3 of 5 games. Club is 11-4 (.733) when **CB CHRIS MC ALISTER** records INT. Defense – ranked No. 2 in NFL (219.6) – has yet to allow more than 14 points in game on season. Team has allowed only 13 points in 2nd half of games this season...**K MATT STOVER** has made franchise-record 30 consecutive FG tries. Since 1990, Stover is 109 of 153 (71.2 pct.) in FGs between 40-49 yards.

HOUSTON TEXANS (1-3) AT DALLAS COWBOYS (2-2)

SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>COWBOYS</u>
SERIES LEADER	1-0	
STREAKS	1-0	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Kubiak: 0-0	Parcells: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 4: W 17-15 vs. Dolphins)	L 38-24 at Eagles
LAST GAME	9/8/02: Cowboys 10 at Texans 19. Houston QB David Carr passes for 2 TDs as Texans win 1st game in franchise history.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Carr: 81-111-865-7-2-108.9 (1L)	Bledsoe: 66-129-885-5-7-63.6
RUSHING	Dayne: 47-153-3.3-0	J. Jones: 86-388-4.5-2
RECEIVING	A. Johnson: 30 (T3C)-410 (3C)-13.7-2	T. Glenn: 20-290-14.5-3
OFFENSE	269.3	351.1
TAKE/GIVE	-3	-3
DEFENSE	435.0	291.0
SACKS	M. Williams (R): 1.5	Three tied: 2.5
INTs	Simmons: 1	R. Williams: 2
PUNTING	Stanley: 43.1	McBriar: 50.7 (1L)
KICKING	Brown: 16 (7/7 PAT; 3/3 FG)	Vanderjagt: 24 (12/12 PAT; 4/5 FG)

NOTES

TEXANS: Defeated Cowboys 19-10 in 1st game in franchise history (9/8/02)...**QB DAVID CARR** leads NFL with 108.9 passer rating, including league-best 73.0 comp. pct. (81 of 111). Made NFL debut against Cowboys, getting 1st win & throwing 2 TDs...**RB RON DAYNE** had 1st career 100-yard game (108) vs. Cowboys (10/15/00 with NYG). Rushed for 98 yards & 1 TD on 7 carries (14.0 avg.) in last meeting (11/24/05 with Den.)...**WR ANDRE JOHNSON** has 100+ receiving yards in 3 of 4 games this year & is tied for 4th in NFL with 30 catches for 410 yards. **WR ERIC MOULDS** has catch of 25+ yards in 3 of 4 games with Texans & 13 of 18 receptions have gone for 1st downs (72.2 pct.). Offense tied for 1st in AFC with 66.7 TD pct. in red zone (9 poss, 6 TDs)...No. 1 draft pick **DE MARIO WILLIAMS** recorded 1st career sack in last game (1.5). Rookie **LB DE MECO RYANS** leads club with 38 tackles. **DT SETH PAYNE** had sack for safety in last game vs. Cowboys. **DE N.D. KALU** has 3.0 sacks & 1 FF in past 4 vs. Dal...**COWBOYS:** Head coach **BILL PARCELLS** faces Houston for 1st time in career & can become 3rd coach (**TONY DUNGY**, **MIKE SHANAHAN**) to defeat all 32 current NFL franchises...**QB DREW BLEDSOE** is 6-2 (.750) in past 8 home games with 13 TDs vs. 5 INTs & 91.7 passer rating. Needs TD pass to become 12th player in NFL history with 250 career...In 18 career games with 20+ carries, **RB JULIUS JONES** has 1,869 yards for 103.8 per game avg. Cowboys have won 3 of past 4 when Jones has 20+ attempts...In past 10 vs. AFC, **WR TERRELL OWENS** has 9 TDs & has recorded TD in 8 of those 10 games. **WR TERRY GLENN**'s teams are 17-4 (.810) when he posts 100-yard game. Has 3 TDs in past 3. **TE JASON WITTEN** (201) became 4th TE in team history with 200 receptions with 4 catches last week...Defense ranks 3rd in NFC allowing 75.3 rush yards per game. **CB AARON GLENN** spent 3 years with Hou. (2002-04) & is 1 of 4 active players with 40 career INTs (40). Had INT for Texans in last meeting between teams. **LB DE MARCUS WARE** has 6.5 sacks in past 6 games & had 69-yard FR-TD last week. **LB GREG ELLIS** has posted 0.5+ sacks in 7 of past 9 home games (7.0 sacks).

BUFFALO BILLS (2-3) AT DETROIT LIONS (0-5)**SERIES**

	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>LIONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	3-3-1	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Jauron: 6-4	Marinelli: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 40-7 at Bears	L 26-17 at Vikings
LAST GAME	10/27/02: Lions 17 at Bills 24. Buffalo RB Travis Henry scores 2 rushing TDs & Bills QB Drew Bledsoe completes 21 of 36 passes for 302 yards, including 59-yarder to WR Peerless Price.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/24/94: Lions 35, Bills 21. Detroit QB Dave Krieg passes for 351 yards & 3 TDs as Lions win on Thanksgiving Day.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	Losman: 85-138-914-4-4-78.6	Kitna: 121 (1L)-191 (2L)-1,306 (2L)-5-6-78.6
RUSHING	McGahee: 113 (1L)-439 (1C)-3.9-1	K. Jones: 72-261-3.6-1
RECEIVING	Evans: 28-337-12.0-1	R. Williams: 26-391 (2C)-15.0-1
OFFENSE	265.8	301.4
TAKE/GIVE	-2	-5
DEFENSE	307.6	362.0
SACKS	Denney, Kelsay: 3.0	Hall, Rogers: 2.0
INTs	Crowell: 2 (T2C)	Fletcher: 1
PUNTING	Moorman: 44.6	N. Harris: 44.3
KICKING	Lindell: 29 (8/8 PAT; 7/8 FG)	Hanson: 28 (10/10 PAT; 6/8 FG)

NOTES

BILLS: Two of club's 3 losses have been by 8 points or less...Head coach **DICK JAURON** was Lions' interim head coach last season (1-4, .200). Jauron played safety for Lions from 1973-78...**QB J.P. LOSMAN** has led team to score on opening drive in 7 of 13 (53.8 pct.) career starts. Among AFC QBs, Losman ranks 5th in 4th quarter passer rating (99.4), completing 23 of 33 (69.7 pct.) for 231 yds w/ 1 TD vs. 0 INTs...**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** leads AFC w/ 439 rush yds & is 3rd w/ 23 1st downs. McGahee (2,814) needs 28 rush yds to surpass **JIM BRAXTON** (2,842) for 8th most in club history & 118 yds to surpass **ANTOWAIN SMITH** (2,932) for 7th...**WR LEE EVANS** posted career-high 9 catches last wk for 94 yds & TD. In past 3 vs. NFC, Evans has 21 receptions for 229 yds & 1 TD...Eight Bills have scored TD on season, tied w/ NE for 2nd most in AFC (Indy 10)...**DE AARON SCHOBEL** (48.5) needs 1.5 sacks to become 4th Bill to reach 50 career...**P BRIAN MOORMAN** (40.0) stands 4th in NFL in net avg. Punted 6 times last wk at Chi – each traveled 50+ yds...**LIONS:** Have scored 75 points in past 3 games (25.0 per game) after posting 13 in 1st 2 (6.5)...**QB JON KITNA** (1,306 yards) is on pace for 2nd 4,000-yard passing season in franchise history (**SCOTT MITCHELL**, 4,338, '95)...**KEVIN JONES** ranks 2nd among NFL RBs with 25 receptions (173 yards)...**WR ROY WILLIAMS** has 100-yard receiving game in 2 of past 3. Seeks TD catch in 3rd consecutive game vs. AFC & has 5 TDs in 7 career interconference contests. **WR AZ-ZAHIR HAKIM** had 8 catches (92 yards) last week, tying 2nd-highest single-game total. **WR-KR-PR EDDIE DRUMMOND** ranks 2nd in NFC with 533 KR yards. In past 5 games vs. AFC foes, has 3 return TDs (2 PR & 1 KR)...**DAN CAMPBELL** ties for 2nd among NFL TEs with 4 catches of 20+ yards. Among TEs with 5+ catches, ranks 2nd with 17.1 avg. (7-120)...Defense allowing 3.3 rushing yards per carry, 7th in NFL...**DT SHAUN ROGERS & DE JAMES HALL** tie for team lead with 2.0 sacks...Rookie 1st-round **LB ERNIE SIMS** has started every game.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-1) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (4-1)

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
SERIES LEADER	14-8	
STREAKS	Past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 2-0	Payton: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 38-24 vs. Cowboys	W 24-21 vs. Buccaneers
LAST GAME	11/23/03: Saints 20 at Eagles 33. Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb passes for 259 yards & 1 TD as Eagles win 6th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/24/00: Eagles 21, Saints 7. Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb passes for 2 TDs & Eagles PR Brian Mitchell has 72-yard PR TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Dick Stockton, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	McNabb: 103-176-1,602-11 (1L)-1-107.2 (1C)	Brees: 111-170-1,234-5-2-91.6
RUSHING	Westbrook: 55-289-5.3-4 (T1L)	McAllister: 79-380-4.8-4 (T1L)
RECEIVING	Smith (TE): 20-287-14.4-1	Bush (R) (RB): 34 (1L)-250-7.4-0
OFFENSE	417.8 (1L)	350.6
TAKE/GIVE	+4	0
DEFENSE	335.0	306.0
SACKS	Cole: 6.0 (T1L)	Young: 3.5
INTs	Sheppard: 2	Bullocks, Fujita, Stoutmire: 1
PUNTING	D. Johnson: 42.3	Weatherford (R): 44.4
KICKING	Akers: 35 (20/20 PAT; 5/7 FG)	Carney: 44 (3L) (11/11 PAT; 11/12 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: Seek 7th consecutive win vs. Saints (incl. playoffs) & 4th in row in New Orleans...Total (417.8) & pass (303.8) offense rank 1st in NFL. **QB DONOVAN MC NABB** (145) needs 5 TD passes to become 3rd player in club history with 150 (**RON JAWORSKI**, 175 & **RANDALL CUNNINGHAM**, 150). Has 288+ yards & 2+ TDs in every game this year. Leads league with 1,602 yards, 9.10 avg. gain & 11 TDs...**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** ranks 5th in NFL with 506 yards from scrimmage & his 6.7 avg. is best among top 10. Club is 18-5 (.783) all-time when Westbrook has 100 scrimmage yards...**WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** spent 1st 4 seasons with Saints (2002-05), setting franchise rookie record with 8 TD receptions in 2002. Rookie **HANK BASKETT** had 3 catches for 112 yards last week, including career-long 87-yard TD. **L.J. SMITH** has 5 catches of 20+ yards, most among TEs...**CB LITO SHEPPARD** became 1st player in NFL history with 2 career 100+ yard INT-TDs with 102-yard INT-TD last week. **DE TRENT COLE** has 11.0 sacks in 20 career games, including 4 games with 2.0+ sacks. **DE DARREN HOWARD** played 1st 6 seasons in NO (2000-05) & had 44.5 sacks as Saint... **SAINTS:** Head coach **SEAN PAYTON** was Eagles QB coach (1997-98)...**QB DREW BREES** passed for 299 yards with 2 TDs in only start vs. Phi. (10/23/05 with SD). Has 91.6 passer rating & can become 1st NO QB with 90.0+ rating in single season...**RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** rushed for career-best 184 yards with 2 TDs, including career-long 76-yard TD, in only meeting vs. Eagles (11/23/03). Has 38 rush TDs & needs 2 to pass **DALTON HILLIARD** (39) for most in franchise history. Rookie **RB-PR REGGIE BUSH** leads NFL with 34 receptions (250 yards) & scored 1st career TD on 65-yard PR-TD last week...**WR MARQUES COLSTON** leads NFL rookies with 374 receiving yards (23 catches & 3 TDs). Saints are 18-7 (.720) when **WR JOE HORN** has 100+ yards... Defense has not allowed point in 2nd quarter (36-0). Club is allowing 182.2 pass yards per game, 3rd-best in NFC. **BRIAN YOUNG** ranks 3rd among NFL DTs with 3.5 sacks.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (3-1) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-1)**SERIES**

	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>	<u>RAMS</u>
SERIES LEADER		9-6
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 9-7	Linehan: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 4: L 37-6 at Bears)	W 23-20 at Packers
LAST GAME	11/13/05: Rams 16 at Seahawks 31. Seattle RB Shaun Alexander rushes for 165 yards & 3 TDs to lead Seahawks past Rams.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/9/05: Seahawks 37, Rams 31. Seattle RB Shaun Alexander rushes for 119 yards & 2 TDs while Seahawks QB Matt Hasselbeck passes for 316 yards & 2 TDs.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Ron Pitts, Brian Baldinger, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Hasselbeck: 77-125-854-6-7-74.6	Bulger: 102-169-1,259-7-0-97.2 (3C)
RUSHING	Morris: 33-101-3.1-0	S. Jackson: 113-465 (T1L)-4.1-1
RECEIVING	Jackson: 22-293-13.3-3	Holt: 29 (2C)-372-12.8-4
OFFENSE	292.0	340.6
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+12 (1L)
DEFENSE	301.5	334.4
SACKS	Peterson, Tapp (R): 2.0	Little: 4.0
INTs	Boulware, Hamlin: 2	Atogwe, Brown: 2
PUNTING	Plackemeier (R): 45.3	Turk: 43.8
KICKING	J. Brown: 24 (9/9 PAT; 5/8 FG)	Wilkins: 61 (2L) (7/7 PAT; 18/21 FG)

NOTES

SEAHAWKS: Under head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**, club is 16-4 (.800) in past 20 games vs. NFC West...Offense has outscored opponents 38-10 in 1st quarter. **QB MATT HASSELBECK** has won past 7 division starts & has 95.8 passer rating in those 7. Is 6-2 (.750) in past 8 on road with 8 TDs vs. 2 INTs & 98.4 rating...**RB MAURICE MORRIS** makes 2nd consecutive start. Had franchise-record 231 KR yards & 97-yard TD return vs. StL (10/20/02). Team has rushed for 130+ yards in past 10 divisional games & club is 9-1 (.900)...**WR DARRELL JACKSON** has TD reception in 6 of 8 career meetings (incl. playoffs). Club has won past 5 reg. season contests when Jackson has 100+ yards. In past 4 October games, **WR DEION BRANCH** has 21 catches for 343 yards (16.3 avg.)...**DT ROCKY BERNARD** has 2.5 sacks in past 2 vs. Rams & aims for 3rd meeting in row with sack. **S MICHAEL BOULWARE** ties for team lead with 2 INTs (**S KEN HAMLIN**) & had INT in last game vs. StL. **LB LOFA TATUPU** has 2 INTs, 2 FRs & 2.0 sacks in 7 games vs. NFC West...

RAMS: **QB MARC BULGER** has 0 INTs in past 214 attempts, longest active streak in NFL. Last week passed **ROMAN GABRIEL** (206, 1968-69) for longest streak in franchise history. Aims for 3rd game vs. Sea. with 300+ yards...**RB STEVEN JACKSON** leads NFL with 649 scrimmage yards & ties for 1st with 465 rush yards. In 10 career games with 20+ carries, has rushed for 1,118 yards (111.8 per game) & club is 9-1 (.900). Has 2 100-yard games this season & team is 39-1 (.975) with 100-yard rusher since '95...**WR ISAAC BRUCE** has 12,621 career receiving yards & needs 101 to pass **ART MONK** (12,721) for 10th in NFL history. **WR TORRY HOLT** has 9,859 career receiving yards & needs 141 to become 27th player all-time with 10,000. With 41 career 100-yard receiving games, needs 1 to tie **CRIS CARTER** (42) for 9th all-time...Club leads NFL with +12 turnover ratio & ties for 1st with 15 takeaways (8 INTs, 7 fumbles)...**DE LEONARD LITTLE** has posted 0.5+ sacks in 52.0 pct. of games (53 of 102) & Rams are 35-18 (.660) in those 53 contests.

CINCINNATI BENGALS (3-1) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (0-4)**SERIES**

	<u>BENGALS</u>	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		5-3
STREAKS		Past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 0-0	Gruden: 2-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 4: L 38-13 vs. Patriots)	L 24-21 at Saints
LAST GAME	9/29/02: Buccaneers 35 at Bengals 7. Tampa Bay QB Brad Johnson throws 3 TDs & WR Keenan McCardell hauls in 4 receptions for 108 yards, including 65-yarder.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/8/95: Buccaneers 19, Bengals 16. Tampa Bay K Michael Husted kicks 53-yard FG with 29 seconds remaining to propel Buccaneers to 3rd consecutive victory.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon	

STATS

PASSING	Palmer: 75-120-917-6-4-88.8	Gradkowski (R): 22-37-245-2-0-97.2
RUSHING	R. Johnson: 87-353-4.1-4 (T1L)	C. Williams: 62-218-3.5-1
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 18-201-11.2-1	Galloway: 14-279-19.9-2 (T3C)
OFFENSE	310.5	277.0
TAKE/GIVE	+4	-4
DEFENSE	344.8	329.3
SACKS	Geathers, J. Smith: 4.0 (T2C)	D. White: 3.0
INTs	M. Williams: 2 (T2C)	Brooks: 1
PUNTING	Larson: 47.0 (2C)	Bidwell: 43.7
KICKING	Graham: 32 (11/11 PAT; 7/8 FG)	Bryant: 12 (6/6 PAT; 2/4 FG)

NOTES

BENGALS: Club's next 3 games vs. NFC South. Team owns 8-game win streak vs. NFC, outscoring interconference foes 227-91 during streak...In 6 career games vs. NFC, **QB CARSON PALMER** stands 6-0, completing 138 of 207 passes for 1,446 yards, 14 TDs & 97.2 QB rating...**RB RUDI JOHNSON** has 19+ rushes in 8 games in row vs. NFC. Club is 21-6 (.778) when RB Johnson has 20+ rushes & 13-0 (1.000) when he has 25+ carries...**WR CHAD JOHNSON** has catch in 64 games in row, tied w/ **PETER WARRICK** (64) for 2nd longest streak in club history (**CARL PICKENS**, 93). Johnson (17) needs 1 100-yd rec. game to tie **CRIS COLLINSWORTH** (18) & WR Pickens (18) for 2nd most in club annals (**ISAAC CURTIS**, 20). **WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** has posted 90+ rec. yds in 2 games in row for 2nd time in career. Club has scored all 12 times inside 20 (8 TDs, 4 FGs)...**DE ROBERT GEATHERS** (4.0) & **DE JUSTIN SMITH** (4.0) 1 of 5 NFL tandems posting at least 4.0 sacks apiece. Defense tied for 4th in NFL w/ 7 INTs, led by **S MADIEU WILLIAMS** (2)...**BUCCANEERS**: Rookie **QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI** completed 20 of 31 passes (64.5 pct.) for 225 yards with 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 107.6 passer rating last week vs. NO in 1st career start...**RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** rushed for 111 yards last week & Bucs are 6-1 (.857) when he rushes for 100+ yards. When Williams has more than 20 carries, TB is perfect 7-0...**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** aims for 4th consecutive game recording 100+ yards and/or TD. **TE ALEX SMITH** had TD last week & aims for 3rd game in row with 4+ catches for 1st time in career...With TD against NO last week, **FB MIKE ALSTOTT** (420) passed **DONALD IGWEBUIKE** (416) for 3rd-most points scored in club history. Has 4 rushing TDs in past 6 home games vs. AFC North...**DE SIMEON RICE** ranks 2nd among active players with 120.0 sacks & needs 2.0 to pass **CLYDE SIMMONS** (121.5) for 12th in NFL history. Has sack in 5 of past 6 vs. AFC (5.0 sacks) & has recorded 3.0 sacks in 4 career games vs. Bengals...Pass defense giving up 166.0 yds per game, 2nd best in NFC.

TENNESSEE TITANS (0-5) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-3)**SERIES**

	<u>TITANS</u>	<u>REDSKINS</u>
SERIES LEADER	5-4	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fisher: 2-1	Gibbs: 2-1
LAST WEEK	L 14-13 at Colts	L 19-3 at Giants
LAST GAME	10/6/02: Redskins 31 at Titans 14. Washington QB Patrick Ramsey passes for 268 yards & 2 TDs in his NFL debut.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/30/00: Titans 27, Redskins 21. Tennessee WR Derrick Mason returns punt 69 yards for TD & CB Samari Rolle scores on 81-yard INT return.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Don Criqui, Steve Beuerlein	

STATS

PASSING	Young (R): 34-74-351-2-4-46.6	Brunell: 89-140-1,059-4-2-90.1
RUSHING	Henry: 49-205-4.2-2	Portis: 72-313-4.3-4
RECEIVING	Bennett: 18-245-13.6-1	Moss: 20-365-18.3-3
OFFENSE	273.6	330.2
TAKE/GIVE	-6	+1
DEFENSE	374.8	331.0
SACKS	Finnegan (R), Vanden Bosch: 2.0	Evans: 2.0
INTs	Hope: 2 (T2C)	Daniels, Wright: 1
PUNTING	Hentrich: 41.1	Frost: 44.1
KICKING	Bironas: 18 (3/3 PAT; 5/6 FG)	Hall: 36 (9/9 PAT; 9/11 FG)

NOTES

PAST 4 IN WASHINGTON decided by 6 points-or-less...**TITANS**: Club is 9-4 (.692) vs. NFC East under head coach **JEFF FISHER**...**QB VINCE YOUNG** has passed or rushed for TD in 3 consecutive games...**RB TRAVIS HENRY** rushed for 123 yards on 19 carries (6.5 avg) last wk vs. Ind. Henry aims to post back-to-back 100-yd games for 4th time in career...Rookie **RB LEN DALE WHITE** ranks 2nd on team with 111 rush yds. **RB CHRIS BROWN** (2,245) needs 80 rush yds to surpass **ALLEN PINKETT** (2,324) for 9th most in club history. In 13 career Oct. games, RB Brown has 198 carries for 838 yards (4.2 avg.) & 6 TDs...**WR DREW BENNETT** (245) needs 5 catches to be 10th player in team annals to reach 250. **TE BO SCAIFE** ranks 2nd on team with 158 receiving yards (10 rec.)...**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** has 3.0 sacks in past 2 on road vs. NFC. **LB DAVID THORNTON** notched 14 tackles & FF last wk vs. former team Indy. Last wk, team limited Colts to 166 pass yds, their fewest since 9/18/05 (122 vs. Jax)...**REDSKINS**: Head coach **JOE GIBBS** (159) needs win to become 12th coach in NFL history with 160 career victories...Offense aims for 3rd interconference game in row w/ 30+ points; Redskins are 2-0 in previous 2 contests...**QB MARK BRUNELL** has won 6 of past 9 at home, throwing 15 TDs vs. 3 INTs for 100.4 passer rating in those games...**RB CLINTON PORTIS** ties for NFL lead with 4 rushing TDs. In past 6 vs. AFC, Portis has 758 scrimmage yards (557 rush, 201 rec.) for 126.3 yards per game. **RB LADELL BETTS** has rushed for 225 yards this year & needs 147 for new career high (371 yards in 2004)...Since joining Wash in 2005, **WR SANTANA MOSS** has 1,848 yards (104 receptions), most in NFL during that time. Averages 18.3 yards per catch (20-365), tops in NFL among players with 20+ receptions. Club is 1 of 3 in NFC with 4 players with 14 catches each (Moss 20, Betts 16, **TE CHRIS COOLEY** 15, **WR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** 14)...**DE DEMETRIC EVANS** has 2.0 sacks & needs 1.5 for career best (3.0 in 2005). **KR ROCK CARTWRIGHT** is 3rd in NFC with 26.5 avg., incl. 100-yard KR-TD.

MIAMI DOLPHINS (1-4) AT NEW YORK JETS (2-3)**SERIES**

	<u>DOLPHINS</u>	<u>JETS</u>
SERIES LEADER		41-38-1
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Saban: 1-1	Mangini: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 20-10 at Patriots	L 41-0 at Jaguars
LAST GAME	12/18/05: Jets 20 at Dolphins 24. Miami wins its fourth game in row. Dolphins WR Chris Chambers catch 4 passes and a TD. WR Marty Booker adds TD catch in win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/18/05: Jets 17, Dolphins 7. Jets score TD on 80-yard opening drive and never trail. Jets WRs Justin McCareins and Laveranues Coles post five receptions apiece.	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms	

STATS

PASSING	Harrington: 26-41-232-0-2-58.2	Pennington: 92-139-1,086 (2C)-6-5-89.2
RUSHING	Brown: 85-278-3.3-3	L. Washington (R) : 40-159-4.0-0
RECEIVING	Welker: 27-299-11.1-0	Coles: 33 (2L)-431 (2L)-13.3-1
OFFENSE	284.2	297.0
TAKE/GIVE	0	-2
DEFENSE	263.6	365.0
SACKS	Taylor: 4.0	Rhodes: 3.0
INTs	Three tied: 1	Barrett, Dyson: 2
PUNTING	Jones: 44.6	Graham: 45.3
KICKING	Mare: 25 (4/4 PAT; 7/11 FG)	Nugent: 18 (12/13 PAT; 2/3 FG)

NOTES

DOLPHINS: In 1st start w/ club last week, **QB JOEY HARRINGTON** completed 26 of 41 attempts (63.4 pct.). Harrington has 12 TD passes in 14 career Oct. starts...**RB RONNIE BROWN** tied for 6th among AFC scrimmage yard leaders (431; 278 rush, 153 rec.) & ties for most receptions by AFC RB w/ 20 (**LARRY JOHNSON**, KC)...**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** has TD catch in 2 of past 4 vs. NYJ. Chambers has 5 TD catches in past 6 games vs. AFC East. **WR-KR-PR WES WELKER** caught career-best 9 catches last wk, previous high was 5. Welker (27) needs 3 catches to surpass career-high 29, set last season. **TE RANDY MC MICHAEL** slated to make 70th consecutive start to begin career. McMichael (237) needs 3 receptions to be 2nd Dolphin TE to catch 240 in career (**BRUCE HARDY**, 256)...**LB ZACH THOMAS** has at least 10 tackles in 31 of past 36 games. **DE KEVIN CARTER** has not missed game in 12-yr NFL career. **DE JASON TAYLOR** has 12.5 sacks in 18 career games vs. NYJ, including 3.0 in last mtg. In past 3 games, defense allowing 2.9 yds per rush (89-206)...**K OLINDO MARE** (14) tied w/ **PETE STOYANOVICH** (14) for most FGs of 50+ yds in franchise history...**JETS:** In past 2 vs. Mia, **QB CHAD PENNINGTON** has 5 TDs vs. 0 INTs, completing 30 of 49 (61.2 pct.) for 379 yds & 119.3 passer rtg. Pennington (7.81) leads AFC in yds per att. & stands 2nd in conference in passing yds (1,086)...**RB KEVAN BARLOW** (24) ties for 2nd-most points by non-kicker in league...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** tops NFL WRs w/ 33 catches & tied for 6th in AFC w/ 20 1st downs. Coles has TD catch in 3 games in row vs. Mia. Third-yr **WR JERRICHO COTCHERY** (22) already has career-best season in receptions, topping previous best of 19 (2005). Offense ranks 4th in NFL in 3rd down efficiency: 41.4 pct. (29 of 70)...Club tied for 5th in AFC takeaways w/ 8 (5 INTs, 3 FRs)...**CB DAVID BARRETT** has INT in each of past 2 vs. Mia. **S KERRY RHODES** (3.0) tied for NFL DB lead in sacks & has notched FF on each of those 3 sacks. In past 2 meetings, defense limiting RB Brown to 80 rushing yards on 24 carries (3.3-yard avg.)...**KR-CB JUSTIN MILLER** owns NFL's longest KR of '06 (103t) & averages 27.6 yds/return, 4th in AFC.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (2-2) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-3)**SERIES**

	<u>CHIEFS</u>	<u>STEELERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		16-8
STREAKS	7 of past 11	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 1-3	Cowher: 4-4
LAST WEEK	W 23-20 at Cardinals	L 23-13 at Chargers
LAST GAME	9/14/03: Steelers 20 at Chiefs 41. Kansas City RB Priest Holmes scores 3 TDs & Chiefs defense forces 4 turnovers & 4 sacks.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/29/89: Steelers 23, Chiefs 17. Pittsburgh QB Bubby Brister throws 2 TD passes to WR Louis Lipps & Steelers K Gary Anderson converts 3 FGs.	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf	

STATS

PASSING	Huard: 73-104-769-5-0-107.4 (2L)	Roethlisberger: 55-102-569-0-7-41.7
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 90-331-3.7-2	Parker: 85-325-3.8-3 (T3C)
RECEIVING	L. Johnson (RB): 20-268-13.4-1	Ward: 13-148-11.4-1
OFFENSE	299.8	281.3
TAKE/GIVE	0	-3
DEFENSE	254.3 (3C)	306.8
SACKS	Hali: 2.5	Foote, Haggans: 3.0
INTs	Law: 2 (T2C)	6 tied: 1
PUNTING	Colquitt: 46.7 (3C)	Gardocki: 45.4
KICKING	Tynes: 32 (8/8 PAT; 8/9 FG)	Reed: 19 (7/7 PAT; 4/6 FG)

NOTES

CHIEFS: QB **DAMON HUARD** threw for career high 26 completions & 288 yards vs. Ariz. Huard has posted 100.0+ rating in back-to-back wks & ranks 2nd in NFL in rtg. (107.4)...RB **LARRY JOHNSON** has rushed for 125+ yds in 5 of 6 road games. Johnson leads team in receptions (20, 268), including career-long 78 yd catch vs. Arz & is tied for 1st among AFC RBs in catches (**RONNIE BROWN**, Mia). State College, PA native, Johnson attended Penn State Univ. & is 5th-leading rusher in school history (2,953 yards, 6.4 avg.). Johnson leads AFC in yds from scrim. (599)...KR-WR **DANTE HALL** had 100-yd KR-TD in 1 career game vs. Pit (9/14/03)...G **WILL SHIELDS** has played in 212 career games & is tied with K **NICK LOWERY** for most in club history...KC defense has posted 4.0 sacks in 2 games in row. Rookie DE **TAMBA HALI** (Penn St.) has started every game this season & leads team in sacks (2.5). LB **KENDRELL BELL** was Pit's 2nd-round pick in '01 draft (No. 39) & spent 3 years w/ club ('01-04), earning Pro Bowl trip in '02...P **DUSTIN COLQUITT** is son of former Steeler P **CRAIG COLQUITT** ('78-84), who helped Pit win 2 SBs (XIII & XIV)...**STEELERS:** Head coach **BILL COWHER** was Chiefs' defensive coordinator from 1989-91...Pittsburgh owns NFL-best 32-12 (.727) record in October since 1995 & is 14-4 (.778) at Heinz Field over past 3 seasons. Steelers are least-penalized team in NFL this season (10 penalties, 90 yards)...QB **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** has thrown for 2+ TD in 8 of 10 career games at home vs. AFC & is averaging 8.4 yds per attempt in those games (257 att., 2,171 yds). Roethlisberger has 22-6 (.786) career record as starter & will face KC for 1st time ...RB **WILLIE PARKER** has rushed for 100+ yards and/or scored a TD in 5 of 6 games. Pit is 7-1 (.875) when Parker rushes for 100 yds...In 4 of past 6 home games, WR **HINES WARD** has receiving TD. Ward (332 career points) needs 5 pts. to pass K **KRIS BROWN** (336) for 8th on club's all-time scoring list...LB **LARRY FOOTE** (3.0 sacks in 4 games) has already matched career best sack total (3.0 in '04 & '05) & is tied w/ LB **CLARK HAGGANS** for team lead. S **RYAN CLARK** posted 1st interception as Steeler last week at SD.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (3-1) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-3)**SERIES**

	<u>CHARGERS</u>	<u>49ERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		6-4
STREAKS		5 of past 6
COACHES VS. OPP.	Schottenheimer: 3-3	Nolan: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 23-13 vs. Steelers	W 34-20 vs. Raiders
LAST GAME	11/17/02: Chargers 20 at 49ers 17 (OT). San Diego K Steve Christie kicks 40-yd FG with 4:11 remaining in OT. Chargers QB Drew Brees passes for 336 yards & 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/23/97: 49ers 17, Chargers 10. San Francisco QB Steve Young completes 20 of 30 passes for 245 yards & DB Merton Hanks posts 2 INTs.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:15 PM PT): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts	

STATS

PASSING	Rivers: 70-105-730-5-2-94.5	A. Smith: 89-152-1,071-6-3-85.2
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 89-336-3.8-3 (T3C)	Gore: 102 -465 (T1L)-4.6-3
RECEIVING	Tomlinson (RB): 19-110-5.8-0	Gore (RB): 19-167-8.8-0
OFFENSE	350.8 (2C)	328.0
TAKE/GIVE	+6 (T2C)	-2
DEFENSE	204.5 (1L)	350.2
SACKS	Merriman: 4.5 (T2C)	Young: 3.0
INTs	Jammer: 2 (T2C)	W. Harris: 3 (T1C)
PUNTING	Scifres: 46.6	Lee: 42.1
KICKING	Kaeding: 43 (1C) (10/10 PAT; 11/12 FG)	Nedney: 33 (12/12 PAT; 7/11 FG)

NOTES

CHARGERS: Head coach **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** is 29-13 (.690) in career vs. NFC West teams...**QB PHILIP RIVERS** completing 66.7 pct. of passes (70 of 105) for 4th-most accurate mark in NFL. Rivers' passer rating (94.5) is 4th-highest in AFC...**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has 130+ rush yds in 3 of past 5 games vs. NFC. Tomlinson (83) needs 1 TD to surpass HOF WR **LANCE ALWORTH** (83) for most scored in career by Charger. Among NFL players w/ 40+ rushes **RB MICHAEL TURNER** (41) leads league w/ 6.8 yds per carry. Turner has 7 rushes of 10+ yds in past 3 games...**WR ERIC PARKER** has reached 1st down on 9 of past 11 receptions. **WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** (10,793) needs 64 receiving yds to surpass **GARY CLARK** (10,856) for 17th on NFL's all-time list...Club outscoring opponents 40-6 in 2nd qtr...**LB DONNIE EDWARDS** has started 125 consecutive games. **DE SHAWNE MERRIMAN** (4.5) & **LB SHAUN PHILLIPS** (4.0) 1 of 5 NFL teammate tandems with at least 4.0 sacks apiece. Defense has allowed 2nd-fewest points (36) in 1st 4 games of season in club history (34, 1977)...**49ERS:** **QB ALEX SMITH** has completed 60.9 pct. (53 of 87) for 691 yards with 5 TDs vs. 1 INT for 100.3 passer rating in 3 home starts. Had career-best 3 TDs last week vs. Oak ...**RB FRANK GORE** ties for NFL lead in rushing (465) & ranks 2nd in scrimmage yards (632). Rushed for career-best 134 yards vs. Oak. Has 23 rushing 1st downs, most in NFL. **RB-KR MAURICE HICKS** had 1st career TD reception last week (33 yards). Leads NFC with 27.0 KR avg. (18-486)...**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** ties for 3rd in NFL with 7 catches of 20+ yards. Averaging 19.8 yards per reception (17-337), 2nd-most among WRs with 15+ catches...**WR ARNAZ BATTLE** recorded 1st 2-TD game of career in Week 5...**CB WALT HARRIS** had career-best 3 INTs last week. **DT BRYANT YOUNG** had 1.0 sack vs. Oak. & has 80.5 in career, becoming 6th active player with 80.0. **S CHAD WILLIAMS** has 2.5 sacks & 1 INT with 43-yard return. Rookie **LB MANNY LAWSON** has 2.0 sacks & last week blocked punt vs. Oak.

SUNDAY NIGHT**OAKLAND RAIDERS (0-4) AT DENVER BRONCOS (3-1)****SERIES**

	<u>RAIDERS</u>	<u>BRONCOS</u>
SERIES LEADER	53-36-2	
STREAKS		5 of past 6
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shell: 11-1	Shanahan: 17-5
LAST WEEK	L 34-20 at 49ers	W 13-3 vs. Ravens
LAST GAME	12/24/05: Raiders 3 at Broncos 22. Denver QB Jake Plummer passes for 268 yards & rushes for 1 TD as Broncos claim 2nd-seed in AFC.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/24/05	
BROADCAST	NBC (6:15 PM MT): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Walter: 35-78-422-2-6-38.5	Plummer: 57-110-673-3-5-60.9
RUSHING	Jordan: 61-245-4.2-1	T. Bell: 77-387 (2C)-5.0-0
RECEIVING	Moss: 12-136-11.3-2	Walker: 16-313-19.6-2
OFFENSE	225.3	299.8
TAKE/GIVE	-8	-3
DEFENSE	294.8	305.8
SACKS	Burgess, Sapp: 2.0	Ekuban: 2.5
INTs	Asomugha: 2	Three tied: 1
PUNTING	Lechler: 49.6 (2L)	Ernster: 44.2
KICKING	Janikowski: 17 (5/5 PAT; 4/4 FG)	Elam: 25 (4/4 PAT; 7/8 FG)

NOTES

RAIDERS: Team was last club to defeat Denver at Invesco Field (11/28/04) & has won 2 of past 4 in Den...Head coach **ART SHELL**, including 1 playoff, has won 11 of 12 games vs. Den...**QB ANDREW WALTER** has TD pass in each of his 1st 2 career starts...**RB LA MONT JORDAN's** teams are 4-3 (.571) when he posts 20+ rushes. In those 7 games, Jordan has 8 total TDs & at least 4 receptions in 6 of those 7. Jordan has at least 5 receptions in 4 of past 6 vs. AFC West...**WR RANDY MOSS** caught 100th TD pass of career last wk. In past 3 vs. Den, Moss has 310 rec. yds on 21 receptions (14.8 avg.) w/ 1 TD. **WR RONALD CURRY** posted 2nd-highest career rec. yd total at Den (110) on 11/28/04...**G BARRY SIMS** has made 65 consecutive starts...**DE DERRICK BURGESS** has 7 2.0+ sack performances in past 17 games. In 2 games vs. Den last season, Burgess notched 1.0 sack, 4 tackles for loss & 1 FF. Defense limiting Den RB Tatum Bell to 140 rush yds on 39 carries (3.6-yd avg.) in 4 career games...**BRONCOS:** Club tied for NFL's longest active home win streak w/ 12 victories (Sea)...Head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN** is 17-5 (.739) vs. former team, including 9-2 (.818) at home (LA Raiders head coach for 20 games, 1988-89). Since Shanahan became Den head coach (1995), team has won 116 games for most in NFL during that span...**QB JAKE PLUMMER** has reached 93.0+ passer rating in 3 of past 4 vs. Oak. Club has won 9 of past 10 games when Plummer passes for 200+ yards...**RB TATUM BELL** averaging 5.0 yds /carry; best among NFL RBs w/ 75+ rushes. Club has rushed for 140+ yds vs. Oak in 9 of past 20 mtgs...**WR ROD SMITH** has 10 receiving TDs vs. Oak, his most vs. any team. Smith (11,001) 1 of 3 active players w/ 11,000+ career rec. yds (**MARVIN HARRISON**, Ind., 12,773; **ISAAC BRUCE**, StL, 12,621)...**LB AL WILSON** led club w/ 16 tackles & 2 PDs last wk in win vs. Bal. In last mtg, **S JOHN LYNCH** led team w/ 7 tackles, including 1.0 sack & FF. Club has allowed 1 TD on season. Has allowed 1 TD in foes' 11 trips inside 20 for NFL-best 9.1 TD pct., ranks 2nd in NFL w/ 8.5 pts allowed/game.

MONDAY NIGHT
CHICAGO BEARS (5-0) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-4)

SERIES

	<u>BEARS</u>	<u>CARDINALS</u>
SERIES LEADER	54-26-6	
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Smith: 0-0	Green: 14-7
LAST WEEK	W 40-7 vs. Bills	L 23-20 vs. Chiefs
LAST GAME	11/30/03: Cardinals 3 at Bears 28. Chicago QB Kordell Stewart passes for 2 TDs & rushes for another while Bears' defense allows just 9 1st downs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/11/98: Cardinals 20, Bears 7. Arizona RB Mario Bates scores 2 TDs & Cardinals LB Ronald McKinnon intercepts 3 passes.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (5:30 PM MST): Mike Tirico, Joe Theismann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber & Michelle Tafoya (Field reporters). Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Grossman: 93-152-1,243-10 (2L)-3-100.8 (2C)	Leinart (R): 28-44-307-2-2-80.4
RUSHING	Jones: 106-388-3.7-2	James: 112-343-3.1-2
RECEIVING	Muhammad: 26-334-12.8-1	Boldin: 28 (2C)-366-13.1-2
OFFENSE	356.4	291.0
TAKE/GIVE	+10 (2L)	-3
DEFENSE	234.6 (3L)	360.8
SACKS	Anderson (R): 5.5 (T3L)	Wilson: 3.0
INTs	R. Manning: 3 (T2L)	Wilson: 2
PUNTING	Maynard: 44.7	Player: 42.4
KICKING	Gould: 66 (1L) (15/15 PAT; 17/17 FG)	Rackers: 28 (10/10 PAT; 6/9 FG)

NOTES

TEAMS MEET for 1st time on Monday night...**BEARS**: Aim for 1st 6-0 start since 1986 when team finished 14-2 & can win 3 in row on road to start season for 1st time since 1988...Under head coach **LOVIE SMITH**, club has outscored opponents 156-36, including 90-12 in 1st half...**QB REX GROSSMAN** has 100.8 passer rating & can join HOF QB **SID LUCKMAN** (107.5, 1943) as only Bears to post 100.0+ rating in single season. **RB THOMAS JONES** faces former team for 1st time. Was 1st-round (7th overall) selection by Cardinals in 2000, rushing for 1,264 yards & 9 TDs in 3 seasons (2000-02)...**WR BERNARD BERRIAN** leads NFL with 5 catches of 40+ yards. Has TD reception in 4 of 5 games this season; entered season with 2 career TDs. **WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** seeks 3rd consecutive 100-yard receiving game on road...Defense has not allowed TD in 1st half. Rookie **DE MARK ANDERSON** (5.5) & **DT TOMMIE HARRIS** (5.0) are only teammates each with 5.0+ sacks...**CARDINALS**: Head coach **DENNIS GREEN** is 9-6 (.600) on MNF. Offense has scored 45 points in 1st quarter, most in NFL. Rookie **QB MATT LEINART** passed for 253 yards & 2 TDs in 1st NFL start last week vs. KC...**RB EDGERRIN JAMES** rushed for 204 yards in last meeting (11/21/04 with Ind.) & aims for 3rd game in row vs. Chi. with TD (3 total TDs). In 7 career MNF games, James has 5 100-yard performances & 2 games with 3 rushing TDs...Since entering league in 2003, **WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** averages 83.7 yards per game (3,768 yards, 45 games), 2nd-best mark in NFL over that time. **BRYANT JOHNSON** ranks 1st among WRs with 10+ catches with 22.7 avg. (10-227)...**S ADRIAN WILSON** leads NFL DBs with 11.0 sacks since 2005 & his 3.0 sacks this year is tied for most among DBs. Is only DB with 3.0+ sacks & 2+ INTs this year. **KR-RB J.J. ARRINGTON** leads NFL with 601 KR yards.

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (OCT. 8-9)

Byes: Atlanta, Cincinnati, Houston, Seattle
(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, October 8

CAROLINA 20, Cleveland 12
CHICAGO 40, Buffalo 7
St. Louis 23, GREEN BAY 20
INDIANAPOLIS 14, Tennessee 13
MINNESOTA 26, Detroit 17
NEW ENGLAND 20, Miami 10
NEW ORLEANS 24, Tampa Bay 21
N.Y. GIANTS 19, Washington 3

Sunday, October 8, cont.'d.

Kansas City 23, ARIZONA 20
JACKSONVILLE 41, N.Y. Jets 0
SAN FRANCISCO 34, Oakland 20
PHILADELPHIA 38, Dallas 24
SAN DIEGO 23, Pittsburgh 13

Monday, October 9

DENVER 13, Baltimore 3

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	4	1	0	.800	108	74	Philadelphia	4	1	0	.800	155	97
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	77	105	Dallas	2	2	0	.500	113	86
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	96	132	N.Y. Giants	2	2	0	.500	100	95
Miami	1	4	0	.200	61	91	Washington	2	3	0	.400	96	110
<u>North Division</u>							<u>North Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	89	46	Chicago	5	0	0	1.000	156	36
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	98	85	Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	89	82
Pittsburgh	1	3	0	.250	61	77	Green Bay	1	4	0	.200	87	138
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	81	109	Detroit	0	5	0	.000	88	141
<u>South Division</u>							<u>South Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	135	100	New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	118	86
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	118	74	Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	69	42
Houston	1	3	0	.250	66	113	Carolina	3	2	0	.600	86	90
Tennessee	0	5	0	.000	60	135	Tampa Bay	0	4	0	.000	48	91
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	3	1	0	.750	49	34	St. Louis	4	1	0	.800	111	98
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	103	36	Seattle	3	1	0	.750	78	83
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	80	52	San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	105	146
Oakland	0	4	0	.000	47	113	Arizona	1	4	0	.200	88	119

WEEK 6 NFL SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 15-16

Byes: Cleveland, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Minnesota, New England
(All times local)

Sunday, October 15

N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 1:00 PM
Carolina at Baltimore, 1:00 PM
Houston at Dallas, 12:00 PM
Buffalo at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 12:00 PM
Seattle at St. Louis, 12:00 PM
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM
Tennessee at Washington, 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 15, cont.'d.

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 PM
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 4:15 PM
San Diego at San Francisco, 1:15 PM
Oakland at Denver, 6:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, October 16

Chicago at Arizona, 5:30 PM (ESPN)

