



COLTS SEEK 6-0 START; "HUTCH" RETURNS TO FACE SEAHAWKS; COWBOYS & GIANTS CLASH ON MNF

The Colts return...so does **STEVE HUTCHINSON**...and a great rivalry is renewed.

It's going to be one great week in the NFL!

But aren't they always? If **TROY POLAMALU** isn't getting tackled by his hair...**TERRELL OWENS** is scoring three touchdowns...or **JOHN CARNEY** is booting a 31-yard, no-time-left field goal to lift New Orleans to 5-1.

That and a lot more happened in Week 6, where eight of 13 games were decided by three points or less, two on the final play of the game, with possible lead-changing or game-tying plays occurring in the last minute of three other games.

"Every week, you throw the records out in the NFL," says St. Louis Rams head coach **SCOTT LINEHAN**.

You've got that right, coach! This week looks like more of those records can perhaps be thrown out:

CAROLINA PANTHERS (4-2) at CINCINNATI BENGALS (3-2)

STORYLINE: *Weren't you a Corsair?*

Two of the centerpieces in this matchup were. **WRs CHAD JOHNSON** of the Bengals and **STEVE SMITH** of the Panthers were junior college teammates for the Corsairs of Santa Monica (CA) College. "What I see now on Sundays, Steve breaking tackles and doing all that craziness, he was doing in junior college," says Johnson. "He was hungry about the game."

The only time these JUCO teammates met in the NFL – on December 8, 2002 – there was some...showin' off. In a 52-31 Carolina win over Cincy, Smith had five receptions for 144 yards and a TD (and two punt-return TDs), and Johnson six catches for 114 yards.

Even with these two doing their thing – the Panthers have not lost since Smith returned from a hamstring injury four games ago – it could come down to the running game. Cincinnati – ranked No. 3 in the league in red-zone production – will try to un-track its running game, which has been hampered due to OL injuries. It's a must, because Carolina has not allowed a team to total 100 ground yards in its past four games. "We try to stop the run and make a team one-dimensional," says Panthers **S MIKE MINTER**.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (2-3) at ATLANTA FALCONS (3-2)

STORYLINE: *No. 1 rush vs. 2 in 2 years.*

In other words, the top NFL rushing game of the Falcons against a Steelers' defense that has allowed only two 100-yard rush games in two years (Cincinnati's **RUDI JOHNSON**, 10/3/04, 123 yards; Indianapolis' **EDGERRIN JAMES**, 11/28/05, 124 yards).

Atlanta, with **QB MICHAEL VICK** and **RBs WARRICK DUNN** and rookie **JERIOUS NORWOOD**, has the top two rushing games in the NFL this year (306 and 262 yards), and tops the league in rushing (232.0). The Falcons, thanks to the fleet Vick, have run 62 more times than they have thrown this season, by far the biggest such margin in the league. Defenses have to rotate to their right with the Falcons, because the left-handed Vick tends to go to that side.

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RARE BRONCS: It has been 72 years since an NFL team has had a start like the Denver Broncos. Denver has allowed one touchdown in five games, the first team to do so since the 1934 Detroit Lions (who shut out their first seven opponents).

"There's a college feel to their offense," says New York Giants **LB ANTONIO PIERCE**, who faced Atlanta in Week 6. "It's not the same NFL pro-style stuff. The quarterback can sit there and not hand the ball off and run on his own."

Meanwhile, the Steelers broke out -- big time! -- of an offensive rut last Sunday against Kansas City to score 45 points and rack up a week-high 457 total yards. The Vick antithesis, stay-in-the-pocket **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER**, threw his first two TD passes of the year, along with a season-high 238 yards.

"There's so much football left to be played," says Steelers **G ALAN FANECA**.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-4) at INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (5-0)

STORYLINE: *Colts seek to become ninth team in history to start at least 6-0 in consecutive seasons.**

Along with that, Indianapolis (which joins Chicago [6-0] as the NFL's only undefeated teams) is rested thanks to a bye. The Redskins, though, stand a chance of putting an end to this streak due to one of their strengths -- the running game.

When Washington has pounded **RB CLINTON PORTIS** this year, they have won. Portis' two highest-production games this season (112 yards on 10/1 and 86 on 9/24) resulted in victories. His six rushing TDs rank second in the league to **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**'s seven.

Whereas **PEYTON MANNING**'s Colts offense is No. 4 in the league, Indy's rush defense is No. 32 -- perfect for Portis.

* Buffalo All-Americans, 1920-21; Green Bay Packers, 1929-31 (3 seasons); Chicago Bears, 1933-34; Dallas Cowboys, 1968-69; Los Angeles Rams, 1968-69; Chicago Bears, 1985-86; Denver Broncos, 1997-98; St. Louis Rams, 1999-01 (3).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (3-2) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (4-1)

STORYLINE: *When was the last time the return of an offensive guard was anticipated?*

But this is no ordinary offensive guard. This is former Seahawks All-Star **LG STEVE HUTCHINSON**, who through last year formed one of the great left sides in OL history with **LT WALTER JONES**. They helped pave the way for 2005 NFL MVP **SHAUN ALEXANDER** to lead the league in rushing. Hutchison signed with Minnesota in the offseason.

"He's a million-mile-an-hour guy," says Vikings head coach **BRAD CHILDRESS**. "He's everything that I expected and then some in terms of personality."

Hutchinson is not the only newcomer who can have an impact on this game. New Vikings **RB CHESTER TAYLOR** (from Baltimore) looks like he's giving the club its strongest rushing game in years, ranking 12th in the NFL (421 yards). And new Seahawks **WR DEION BRANCH** (from New England) compiled six catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns on Sunday.

Hutchinson and his OL mates may have their hands full in protecting **QB BRAD JOHNSON**. The 'Hawks sacked St. Louis' **MARC BULGER** six times last week while mostly using a three-man front.

NEW YORK GIANTS (3-2) at DALLAS COWBOYS (3-2) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Battle of the 21s?*

Sure could be that way, looking at their seasons and their performances last week. **RBs TIKI BARBER** of the Giants and **JULIUS JONES** of the Cowboys -- who both wear No. 21 -- are hot indeed. Barber, who leads the league in rushing (533 yards), comes off a 185-yard game against Atlanta, with eight runs of at least 12 yards. He goes against the league's No. 1 rush unit. Jones -- No. 6 in the NFL (494) -- is fresh from his third consecutive 100-yard game (106), a career first.

And then there's...T.O.! Cowboys **WR TERRELL OWENS** had the fourth three-TD game of his career last Sunday. One of those was against the Giants in 2004 in his first year with Philadelphia.

These players considered, this is "Cowboys-Giants," a division battle, and -- even though it's not the first time -- New York facing its former boss, Cowboys head coach **BILL PARCELLS**. It was 20 years ago this season (1986) that Parcells led the Giants to their first Super Bowl title (XXI).

And because it's "Cowboys-Giants," the game will probably be close. Nine of the 12 meetings between the teams in the decade have been decided by seven points or less. "Whether both teams are 0-5 or 5-0, it's always a big game," says Giants **C SHAUN O'HARA**. "You throw in Monday night too, and it's going to be fun. Nobody will have a hard time getting up for it."

Halftime buzz: Cowboys will honor their 2006 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees **TROY AIKMAN** and **RAYFIELD WRIGHT** by presenting them with their Hall of Fame rings at halftime.

WEEK 7**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22****PITTSBURGH STEELERS (2-3) AT ATLANTA FALCONS (3-2)****SERIES**

	<u>STEELERS</u>	<u>FALCONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	11-1-1	
STREAKS	9 of past 10	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Cowher: 3-0-1	Mora: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 45-7 vs. Chiefs	L 27-14 vs. Giants
LAST GAME	11/10/02: Falcons 34 at Steelers 34 (OT). Pittsburgh QB Tommy Maddox throws for a club-record 473 yards. Atlanta's offense totals 447 total yards in NFL's last tie game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/27/96: Steelers 20, Falcons 17. Pittsburgh's Norm Johnson kicks 20-yard FG as time expires. Atlanta T Robbie Tobeck scores on tackle-eligible play in 1st quarter.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms	

STATS

PASSING	Roethlisberger: 71-121-807-2-7-60.2	Vick: 59-117-676-3-3-66.0
RUSHING	Parker: 106-434 (3C)-4.1-5 (2C)	Dunn: 96-511-5.3 (2C)-1
RECEIVING	Ward: 18-207-11.5-2	Crumpler (TE): 16-194-12.1-1
OFFENSE	316.4	346.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+6 (T2C)
DEFENSE	288.0	300.6
SACKS	Foote, Haggans: 3.0	Kerney: 4.0
INTs	Polamalu: 2	Hall: 4 (T1L)
PUNTING	Gardocki: 45.4	Koenen: 41.7
KICKING	Reed: 28 (13/13 PAT; 5/8 FG)	Andersen: 22 (4/4 PAT; 6/7 FG)

NOTES

STEELERS: Team is NFL-best 31-10 (.756) in Oct. since 1996...Team has not lost to Atl under head coach **BILL COWHER** (3-0-1) & is 11-1-1 in all-time series (.885)...**QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** is 7-0 (1.000) in career vs. NFC w/ 91.3 passer rating...**RB WILLIE PARKER** has rushed for at least 109 yds & notched 20+ yd rush in 5 of past 7 games. In 3 career games indoors, Parker has 235 rush yds on 51 carries for 4.6 avg. **RB VERRON HAYNES** (15), U. of Georgia alum, is 2nd on team in catches...**WR HINES WARD** can extend consecutive games-w/-catch streak to 125 games Sunday. Ward caught 11 passes for 139 yds & TD in last mtg (11/10/02). Ward attended Forest Park (GA) H.S. – 11 miles south of Atlanta & starred at U. of Georgia, gaining 3,870 all-purpose yds, 2nd only to **HERSCHEL WALKER** (5,749)...Defense stands No. 5 in NFL in average yards allowed per rush: 3.19. In last meeting, **LB JOEY PORTER** notched 1.0 sack, 2 PDs, & 1 FF. **LB LARRY FOOTE** has sack in 3 of past 4 games...**FALCONS:** Are 6-2 (.750) vs. AFC under head coach **JIM MORA**. Lead NFL with 232.0 rush yards per game & 6.4 yard per rush avg. Only team in NFL with 2 players with 400+ rush yards – **RB WARRICK DUNN** (511) & **QB MICHAEL VICK** (401)...Vick is perfect 6-0 vs. AFC at home. In only game vs. Pitt, passed for 294 yards & scored 2 TDs (1 pass, 1 rush). Ties for NFL lead with 19 rushes of 10+ yards...RB Dunn has 526 rushing yards (105.2 per game) in past 5 vs. AFC. Rookie **RB JERIOUS NORWOOD** (7.5) is only RB in NFL with 7.0+ rush avg. (min. 25 attempts)...**WR ASHLEY LELIE** had 2 catches of 30+ yards (1 TD) in AFC Champ. Game vs. Pitt (1/22/06 with Den). **TE ALGE CRUMPLER** aims for 4th in row vs. AFC with 65+ yards...Defense ties for NFC lead with 8 INTs, including 4 by **CB DE ANGELO HALL**. **DE PATRICK KERNEY** had 1.5 sacks in last meeting. Has 57.5 career sacks & needs 1.5 to pass **CHUCK SMITH** (58.5) for most in team history.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (4-1) AT BUFFALO BILLS (2-4)**SERIES**

	<u>PATRIOTS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>
SERIES LEADER	51-40-1	
STREAKS	Past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Belichick: 11-3	Jauron: 1-2
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 5 W 20-10 vs. Dolphins)	L 20-17 at Lions
LAST GAME	9/10/06: Bills 17 at Patriots 19. New England DE Ty Warren sacks Buffalo QB J.P. Losman for safety with 8:33 left in 4th quarter to propel Patriots over Bills.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/11/05: Patriots 35, Bills 7. New England QB Tom Brady passes for 2 TDs & rushes for another as Patriots' defense allows just 183 total yards.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf	

STATS

PASSING	Brady: 88-162-1,031-8 (T1C)-3-82.6	Losman: 106-172-1,121-6-5-80.1
RUSHING	Maroney (R): 78-332-4.3-3	McGahee: 130-505 (1C)-3.9-1
RECEIVING	Watson (TE): 16-211-13.2-0	Evans: 36 (3C)-419-11.6-1
OFFENSE	336.8	261.8
TAKE/GIVE	0	-4
DEFENSE	308.0	322.5
SACKS	Green: 4.5	Kelsay: 4.0
INTs	Samuel: 2	Crowell: 2
PUNTING	Miller: 43.4	Moorman: 43.9
KICKING	Gostkowski (R): 28 (13/13 PAT; 5/8 FG)	Lindell: 34 (10/10 PAT; 8/9 FG)

NOTES

PATRIOTS: Since 2001, team is 28-7 (.800) vs. AFC East. Club has 52 wins vs. Bills for its most vs. single foe...**QB TOM BRADY** is 10-1 (.909) in career vs. Buf with 19 TDs vs. 10 INTs & 91.5 passer rating. Brady (62-21, .747) owns NFL's best win pct. among active starting QBs, min. 32 starts (2 seasons). Brady has 2+ TD passes vs. Bills in 5 of past 6 mtgs...**RB COREY DILLON** has either rushed for TD or 100+ yds in 5 of 7 career games vs. Buf. Dillon has 7 rush TDs in past 8 games vs. AFC East. Team is 27-5 (.844) when Dillon plays & 1-4 (.200) when he has not. **RB KEVIN FAULK** registered career-long 45t-yd rush vs. Buf (11/3/02). Rookie **RB LAURENCE MARONEY** stands 3rd among NFL rookies w/ 408 scrim. yds (332 rush; 76 rec.)...**WR TROY BROWN** (529) needs 6 receptions to surpass **STANLEY MORGAN** (534) for most in club history. Club scored 17 of 20 points off turnovers in last gm (Wk 5 win vs. Mia)...**DE TY WARREN** leads team w/ 38 tackles. **DE JARVIS GREEN** (4.5) 1 of 5 AFC DEs with at least 4.5 sacks...**BILLS:** **QB J.P. LOSMAN** has TD pass in 5 consecutive games. Last team to deny Losman TD pass was NE (Wk 1)...**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** has 110+ rush yds in 4 of past 6 at home vs. AFC East w/ 3 TDs. McGahee leads AFC w/ 505 rush yds & w/ 2,880 in career, needs 53 to surpass **ANTOWAIN SMITH** (2,932) for 7th most in club history...**WR LEE EVANS** has 7+ catches in 4 games in row, 1st Bill to attain feat since **ERIC MOULDS** (2002). Evans has 80+ rec. yds in each of past 4. **WR PEERLESS PRICE** (4,970) needs 30 yds for 5,000 career. **WR ROSCOE PARRISH** has 2 TDs in past 4 games; had 1 TD in all of '05...In earlier mtg (Week 1), **DE AARON SCHOBEL** registered 1.0 sack & 2 PDs while **LB TAKEO SPIKES** had 1.0 sack & FF. Schobel (49.5) needs 0.5 sack to be 4th player in club annals w/ 50 career. **DE CHRIS KELSAY** tops team w/ 4.0 sacks, career-high is 4.5 ('04). Rookie **S KO SIMPSON** made 1st career INT last wk...**P BRIAN MOORMAN** has punt inside 20 in 18 of past 19 games. **K RIAN LINDELL** is 12 of 19 (63.2 pct.) in career FGs from 50+ yards.

CAROLINA PANTHERS (4-2) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (3-2)**SERIES**

	<u>PANTHERS</u>	<u>BENGALS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-0	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fox: 1-0	Lewis: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 23-21 at Ravens	L 14-13 at Buccaneers
LAST GAME	12/8/02: Bengals 31 at Panthers 53. Carolina QB Rodney Peete passes for 319 yards & 3 TDs as Panthers score 36 2nd-half points to pull away from Cincinnati.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Daryl Johnston, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Delhomme: 123-205-1,343-6-3-83.0	Palmer: 99-157-1,178 (3C)-7-4-90.1
RUSHING	Foster: 114-431-3.8-1	R. Johnson: 104-405-3.9-4 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Johnson: 32-419-13.1-2	C. Johnson: 24-300-12.5-1
OFFENSE	310.3	309.4
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+5
DEFENSE	317.7	335.8
SACKS	Peppers: 8.0 (1L)	Geathers, J. Smith: 5.0 (T3C)
INTs	Marshall (R): 2	Kaesviharn, M. Williams: 2
PUNTING	Baker: 45.8	Larson: 45.7
KICKING	Kasay: 49 (10/10 PAT; 13/14 FG)	Graham: 39 (12/12 PAT; 9/11 FG)

NOTES

HEAD COACHES JOHN FOX (NYG) of Carolina & **MARVIN LEWIS** (Balt) of Cincinnati met in SB XXXV as defensive coordinators...**PANTHERS**: Are 2-0 vs. Bengals, averaging 39.5 points per game. Play 3rd in row vs. AFC North. Club has won 8 of past 10 decided by 8 points-or-less. Averaging 22.5 points per game over past 4 (9.5 in 1st 2)...**QB JAKE DELHOMME** had career-best 365 yards last week & tied franchise record with 8th 300-yard game with club (**STEVE BEUERLEIN**). Has won 4 in row vs. AFC. In 15 games vs. AFC, Delhomme has 22 TDs...Incl. playoffs, club is 6-0 all-time when **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushes for 100+ yards & 11-1 (.917) when he has 20+ carries...In only career meeting (12/8/02), **WR-PR STEVE SMITH** scored 3 total TDs. Had 5 catches for 144 yards (28.8 avg.) with 1 TD & returned 3 punts for 153 yards (51.0) avg. with 2 TDs (61 & 87 yards). Posted 8 catches for 189 yards (1 TD) last week. **WR DREW CARTER** had career-long 42-yard TD last week...**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** seeks sack in 6th consecutive game & leads NFL with 8.0 sacks. Rookie **CB RICHARD MARSHALL** has INTs in consecutive games (1 TD)...**BENGALS**: Win would place team in tie w/ Bal for AFC North lead. Club is 16-10 (.615) at home under head coach Lewis. Club has won 8 of past 9 in row vs. NFC...In 7 career games vs. NFC, **QB CARSON PALMER** stands 6-1, completing 162 of 244 passes for 1,707 yds w/ 15 TDs vs. 7 INTs for 96.8 passer rtg...**RB RUDI JOHNSON** has 8 rush TDs in past 6 at home, averaging 5.1 yds/carry in those games...**WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** has 6+ receptions in 5 of past 7. In past 3, Houshmandzadeh has 291 rec. yds for 2nd-most in AFC in past 3 games played (**ANDRE JOHNSON**, Hou, 328). **WR CHAD JOHNSON** has catch in 65 consecutive games, 2nd-longest streak in club history (**CARL PICKENS**, 93). Offense has scored on all 13 trips inside 20 (8 TDs)...**G ERIC STEINBACH** played C, G, & T last week...**DE JUSTIN SMITH** (39.0) needs 1.0 sack to be 4th Bengal w/ 40 in career. **S KEVIN KAESVIHARN** has INT in 2 of past 3 games. Rookie **CB JOHNATHAN JOSEPH** is native of Rock Hill, SC, 28 miles south of Charlotte. Joseph stands 3rd on team w/ 6 PDs.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (3-2) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (1-4)**SERIES**

	<u>JAGUARS</u>	<u>TEXANS</u>
SERIES LEADER	Tied 4-4	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Del Rio: 3-3	Kubiak: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 5: W 41-0 vs. Jets)	L 34-6 at Cowboys
LAST GAME	12/24/05: Jaguars 38 at Texans 20. Jaguars clinch first playoff berth since 1999 as QB David Garrard completes 18 of 31 passes for 292 yds & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/24/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts	

STATS

PASSING	Leftwich: 94-155-1,034-7-5-82.0	Carr: 96-138-993-7-4-94.9
RUSHING	Taylor: 92-367-4.0-2	Dayne: 57-167-2.9-0
RECEIVING	R. Williams: 24-297-12.4-4	A. Johnson: 39-485-12.4-2
OFFENSE	317.0	261.8
TAKE/GIVE	+5	-6
DEFENSE	281.2	418.8
SACKS	McCray: 4.0	Ryans (R), Williams (R): 1.5
INTs	Mathis: 4	Simmons: 1
PUNTING	Hanson: 44.0	Stanley: 42.0
KICKING	Scobee: 40 (13/13 PAT; 9/12 FG)	K. Brown: 22 (7/7 PAT; 5/5 FG)

NOTES

JAGUARS: Club has won 11 of past 14 games & is 24-13 (.649) since 2004...**QB BYRON LEFTWICH** is 7-1 (.875) in past 8 vs. AFC foes & has 30+ yd completion in 4 of 5 games on season. Team is 11-2 (.846) when Leftwich passes for 2+ TDs...**RB FRED TAYLOR** averaging 4.5 yds/carry on 118 career rushes vs. Hou. Taylor has 20+ rushes in 5 of past 6 games. Rookie **RB-KR MAURICE JONES-DREW** has scored TD in 3 consecutive games & stands 4th in AFC w/ 25.3 KR avg...**WR REGGIE WILLIAMS** (4) tied for 2nd most TD catches in NFL, club season record is 8 (**JIMMY SMITH** 1998, '00-01). **TE GEORGE WRIGHSTER** (17) has career-high in receptions, previous best was 13 ('03, '05)...Club ranks 2nd in league in TOP: 33:28...Defense has shutout 2 of past 4 opponents. Two shutouts tie for most in team history for single season. Team (9) tied for 2nd most INTs, led by league co-leader **CB RASHEAN MATHIS** (4). **DE BOBBY MC CRAY** (4.0) & **DT JOHN HENDERSON** (3.0) combine for 7.0 sacks in past 4 games. Henderson to play in 70th game Sunday – has not missed game in career...**TEXANS:** Club has won 3 of past 6 meetings...**QB DAVID CARR** has passed for at least 219 yds in 5 of past 6 vs. Jax w/ at least 1 TD in 8 career meetings. In 8 career games vs. Jax, Carr has 69.4 comp. pct. (136-196) & 96.2 passer rating. Four of Carr's top 9 passer rating games have come vs. Jags. Carr has 90.0+ passer rating in 4 of past 5 games...**RB RON DAYNE** has rushed for 50+ yds in 3 of his past 5 games...**WR ANDRE JOHNSON** 2nd in NFL w/ 39 catches. Johnson has 7+ catches in 4 of past 6 vs. Jax. **WR ERIC MOULDS** (697) needs 3 catches for 700 career. In 1st 3 home games w/ Hou, Moulds has 14 catches for 171 yds (12.2 avg.) & 1 TD. **TEs MARK BRUENER** (2) & rookie **OWEN DANIELS** (2) comprise 1 of 3 TE duos w/ 2+ TDs each...Rookies **DE MARIO WILLIAMS** (1.5) & **LB DE MECO RYANS** (1.5) tied for club lead in sacks. Ryans has at least 0.5 sack in consecutive games. **LB SHANTEE ORR** posted 2.0 sacks in last meeting (12/24/05)...**WR-KR EDELL SHEPHERD** has 2 40+ yd KR on season. Club stands 3rd in NFL in opponents' avg. drive start after KO (21.3) & PR coverage is 6th in NFL, allowing 5.7-yd avg.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (4-1) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (2-3)**SERIES**

	<u>CHARGERS</u>	<u>CHIEFS</u>
SERIES LEADER		48-42-1
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Schottenheimer: 6-5	Edwards: 3-1
LAST WEEK	W 48-19 at 49ers	L 45-7 at Steelers
LAST GAME	12/24/05: Chargers 7 at Chiefs 20. Kansas City RB Larry Johnson scores 2 TDs & Chiefs' defense allows just 233 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/24/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon	

STATS

PASSING	Rivers: 99-144-1,064-7-2-100.6 (2L)	Huard: 89-136-931-5-1-94.3
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 110 (2C)-407-3.7-7 (1L)	Johnson: 105-357-3.4-3
RECEIVING	Tomlinson (RB): 26-174-6.7-0	L. Johnson: 23-274-11.9-1
OFFENSE	364.8 (3L)	282.4
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (2L)	-2
DEFENSE	218.4 (1L)	294.8
SACKS	Phillips: 6.0 (T3C)	Hali (R): 2.5
INTs	Jammer: 2	Law: 2
PUNTING	Scifres: 47.0	Colquitt: 47.2
KICKING	Kaeding: 55 (3L) (16/16 PAT; 13/14 FG)	Tynes: 33 (9/9 PAT; 8/9 FG_

NOTES

THREE OF PAST 4 games coached between **HERMAN EDWARDS** (NYJ '01-05) & **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** decided by 6-points-or-less, including '04 Divisional Playoffs (OT)...**CHARGERS:** Club owns NFL's 2nd-best point differential (+96; 151 to 55) & have won 9 of past 12 vs. AFC West....With 4 TDs last wk vs. SF, **RB LA DANIAN TOMLINSON** increased career total to 87, surpassing HOFer **LANCE ALWORTH** (83) for most in club history. Tomlinson (42) tied for NFL lead in points by non-kickers & joins **LARRY JOHNSON** (105; 23) & **FRANK GORE** (112; 24) as only players to lead team in carries & catches ...In past 3 on road, **WR ERIC PARKER** has reached 1st down on 8 of 12 catches. Parker leads team with 274 rec. yds. **TE ANTONIO GATES** has 7 TDs vs. Chiefs in 4 career games – his most vs. 1 opponent...**LB SHAUN PHILLIPS** (6.0) & **SHAWNE MERRIMAN** (5.5) are only NFL tandem with 5.5+ sacks each. Defense allowing fewest yds (218.4) per game in NFL...**P MIKE SCIFRES** leads NFL w/ 43.5 net avg...**CHIEFS:** Are 6-0 at home in Oct. vs. SD. Asst. coach **CHARLIE JOINER** was 3-time All-Star for SD. Holds team record for most career receptions (586, '76-86) & ranks 2nd in club annals with 9,203 rec. yds...**QB DAMON HUARD** has 1 INT in 136 atts., tying for fewest in NFL & ranks 4th w/ 65.4 comp. pct. (89 of 136). Is 4-0 in career as home starter w/ 6 TDs vs. 1 INT in those games...RB Johnson leads AFC with 631 scrimmage yds (357 rush; 274 rec.). In past 4 vs. AFC West, Johnson has 504 rush yds (126.0 avg.) & 5 TDs...**WR EDDIE KENNISON** has 14 100-yd rec. games & needs 1 to tie **TE TONY GONZALEZ** (15) for 3rd most in team annals. Gonzalez has 7,997 rec. yds & needs 3 to join **SHANNON SHARPE** as only TEs in NFL history with 8,000...**G WILL SHIELDS** (213) has played most games in club history...Rookie **DE TAMBA HALI** has 4 FFs. **CB TY LAW** has 2 INTs & 1.0 sack in past 3 games & tops NFL w/ 12 INTs since '05...Club T6L, allowing 21 of 67 (31.3) 3rd down conversion tries.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (1-4) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (1-5)**SERIES**

	<u>PACKERS</u>	<u>DOLPHINS</u>
SERIES LEADER		9-2
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	McCarthy: 0-0	Saban: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 5: L 23-20 vs. Rams)	L 20-17 at Jets
LAST GAME	11/4/02: Dolphins 10 at Packers 24. Green Bay RB Ahman Green scores 2 TDs & S Darren Sharper returns INT 89 yards for TD as Packers win on Monday Night.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/29/00: Dolphins 28, Packers 20. Miami overcomes 17-point 1st-half deficit as QB Jay Fiedler scores 2 TDs & Jeff Odgden returns punt 81 yards for TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson	

STATS

PASSING	Favre: 115-203-1,275-7-5-76.7	Harrington: 53-84-498-1-4-63.5
RUSHING	Green: 58-215-3.7-0	Brown: 107 (3C)-405-3.8-4
RECEIVING	Driver: 26-343-13.2-1	Welker: 33-355-10.8-0
OFFENSE	341.2	302.7
TAKE/GIVE	-5	-3
DEFENSE	378.0	265.0
SACKS	Kampman: 5.5	Taylor: 5.0
INTs	Three tied: 1	Three tied: 1
PUNTING	Ryan: 47.4	Jones: 44.2
KICKING	Rayner: 33 (9/9 PAT; 8/11 FG)	Mare: 30 (6/6 PAT; 8/13 FG)

NOTES

PAST 4 IN MIAMI decided by 8 points-or-less...**PACKERS:** Have won 8 of past 10 following bye...**QB BRETT FAVRE** has 54,890 career passing yards & needs 110 to join former Dolphin & HOF QB **DAN MARINO** (61,361) as only QBs with 55,000. Makes 2nd career start at Miami...**RB AHMAN GREEN** (48) needs 2 rushing TDs to tie HOFer **PAUL HORNUNG** (50) for 2nd in team annals. **RB NOAH HERRON** had 1st career 100-yard game (106) in Week 5, 5th-most rushing yards by Packer non-starter in past 20 years...**WR DONALD DRIVER** has 4,977 receiving yards & needs 23 for 5,000 career. Has catch in 69 consecutive games, 2nd-longest streak in team history (**STERLING SHARPE**, 103). **WR GREG JENNINGS** ranks 2nd among rookies with 364 receiving yards & 3 receivingTDs. On pace to become 2nd Packer rookie with 1,000 yards (**BILLY HOWTON**, 1,231)...In last meeting, **DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** had 3.0 sacks. Packers are 10-2 (.833) when he has 2.0+ sacks...**DOLPHINS:** Since '04 **QB JOEY HARRINGTON** has 82.6 4th quarter passer rating, completing 58.3 pct. (154 of 264) for 1,804 yards & 14 TDs (9 INTs). Had career-high 55 pass att. vs. GB (9/14/03)...Second-yr **RB RONNIE BROWN** registered 3rd 100-yard rushing game last week (127 yards & 1 TD), other 2 came against NFC foes. Has 4 TDs & needs 1 to top '05 total (4)...**WR WES WELKER** has 4+ receptions & 40+ yards in 6 consecutive games...**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** has 4,866 receiving yards & needs 134 to become 5th player in club history with 5,000. In past 4 vs. NFC at home Chambers has 365 receiving yards (91.3 avg.) & 2 TDs. Team is 8-3 (.727) when Chambers has 90+ yards & 1+ TD...**WR MARTY BOOKER** had career-high 12 catches vs. GB (10/7/02)...**TE RANDY MC MICHAEL** has 245 receptions & needs 5 to become 2nd Dolphin TE to catch 250 career (**BRUCE HARDY**, 256)...Offensive line did not allow sack last week vs. NYJ...**DE JASON TAYLOR** has 97.5 sacks & needs 2.5 to join **MICHAEL STRAHAN** (130.5) & **SIMEON RICE** (120.0) as only actives w/ 100. Seeks sack in 3rd game in row vs. GB.

DETROIT LIONS (1-5) AT NEW YORK JETS (3-3)**SERIES**

	<u>LIONS</u>	<u>JETS</u>
SERIES LEADER	6-4	
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Marinelli: 0-0	Mangini: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 20-17 vs. Bills	W 20-17 vs. Dolphins
LAST GAME	11/17/02: Jets 31 at Lions 14. New York QB Chad Pennington throws 4 TDs & completes 80.8 percent of passes (21 of 26).	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/17/00: Lions 10, Jets 7. Detroit RB James Stewart has 37 carries for 164 yards as Lions control ball for 34:18.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan	

STATS

PASSING	Kitna: 145-228-1,584 (3L)-6-7-80.0	Pennington: 109-168-1,261-8-5-90.9
RUSHING	K. Jones: 95-388-4.1-4 (T2C)	L. Washington (R): 51-217-4.3-0
RECEIVING	R. Williams: 36-552 (1L)-15.3-2	Coles: 38-537-14.1-3
OFFENSE	317.3	292.8
TAKE/GIVE	-3	+1
DEFENSE	342.0	370.0
SACKS	Hall: 5.5	Rhodes: 3.0
INTs	Fletcher, Holt: 1	Dyson: 3
PUNTING	N. Harris: 44.3	Graham: 44.9
KICKING	Hanson: 36 (12/12 PAT; 8/11 FG)	Nugent: 26 (14/15 PAT; 4/6 FG)

NOTES

LIONS: Have won 4 of past 5 vs. NYJ. Face AFC East opponent for 2nd week in row. Defensive coordinator **DONNIE HENDERSON** spent previous 2 seasons with Jets (2004-05)...**QB JON KITNA** leads NFL with 145 completions & is 3rd with 1,584 yards. On pace for 2nd 4,000-yard passing season (4,224) in franchise history (**SCOTT MITCHELL**, 4,338, '95)...**RB KEVIN JONES** ranks 2nd among NFL RBs with 31 receptions (209 yards)...**WR ROY WILLIAMS** set career-highs in catches (10) & yards (161) with 1 TD last week. Has 100-yard receiving game in 3 of past 4. Seeks TD catch in 4th consecutive game vs. AFC & has 6 TDs in 8 career interconference contests...**DAN CAMPBELL** ties for 3rd among NFL TEs with 4 catches of 20+ yards. Among TEs with 5+ catches, ranks 3rd with 17.1 avg. (7-120)...**DE JAMES HALL** tied career-high with 3.5 sacks last week & leads team with 5.5. Rookie **LB ERNIE SIMS** has started every game & leads team in tackles. **S JON MC GRAW** was 2nd round pick by Jets in 2002 & spent 3 years in NY (2002-04)...**JETS:** Have won 3 of past 4 at home vs. NFC. Club (3) needs 1 win to tie last season's victory total...In lone career game vs. Det on 11/17/02, **QB CHAD PENNINGTON** passed for career-best 4 TDs (since tied twice) and completed 21 of 26 (80.8 pct.) for 229 yds w/ 4 TDs vs. 1 INT for 126.9 passer rating to earn AFC Offensive Player of Week. Pennington completing NFL-best 68.5 pct. of passes (37 of 54) on 3rd down...Rookie **RB LEON WASHINGTON** (101) posted 1st career 100-yd game vs. Jax in Wk 5, becoming 1st NYJ rookie to post 100 since **BLAIR THOMAS** (1990). **RB KEVAN BARLOW** has rushing TD in 4 of past 8 games...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** stands 2nd among NFL WRs with 38 receptions. In past 2 games vs. Lions, Coles has 11 catches for 160 yds (14.5 avg.) with 1 TD & has 1st down on all 11 receptions. Rookie **WR BRAD SMITH** is 3 for 3 on 3rd & 1 rushes...**LB VICTOR HOBSON** recorded INT & FR in win last week & is tied for NFL lead with 2 defensive FRs. **DE/LB BRYAN THOMAS** has led team in tackles in each of past 2 games.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-2) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (1-4)

SERIES

	<u>EAGELS</u>	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	5-4	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 4-3	Gruden: 3-1
LAST WEEK	L 27-24 at Saints	W 14-13 vs. Bengals
LAST GAME	9/8/03: Buccaneers 17 at Eagles 10. Tampa Bay WR Joe Jurevicius catches 2 TDs in 1st game at Lincoln Financial Field.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/6/02: Eagles 17, Buccaneers 13. Philadelphia QB A.J. Feeley throws 2 TDs to WR Dameane Douglas in 26-second span late in 4th quarter to rally Eagles.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Brad Sham, Brian Baldinger	

STATS

PASSING	McNabb:122-208-1,849 (1L)-13 (1L)-2-104.8 (1L)	Gradkowski (R): 47-81-429-4-1-83.8
RUSHING	Westbrook: 71-361-5.1-4 (T2C)	C. Williams: 81-312-3.9-1
RECEIVING	Smith (TE): 24-335-14.0-2	Galloway: 21-346-16.5-2
OFFENSE	402.3 (1L)	281.6
TAKE/GIVE	+4	-5
DEFENSE	341.2	324.4
SACKS	T. Cole: 6.0 (3L)	D. White: 3.0
INTs	Sheppard: 3 (2C)	Brooks: 1
PUNTING	D. Johnson: 42.5	Bidwell: 44.4
KICKING	Akers: 41 (23/23 PAT; 6/8 FG)	Bryant: 14 (8/8 PAT; 2/5 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: Total (402.3) & pass (290.8) offense rank 1st in NFL. **QB DONOVAN MC NABB** has passed for 2+ TDs in every game this year. Needs 3 TD passes to become 3rd player in club history with 150 (**RON JAWORSKI**, 175 & **RANDALL CUNNINGHAM**, 150). Was HS teammate of TB DE Rice at Mt. Carmel in Chicago...**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** ties for 6th in NFL with 581 scrimmage yards & 6.2 avg. is best among top 10. Club is 18-5 (.783) when Westbrook has 100 scrimmage yards...Five different Eagles have led club in receiving yards. **WR REGGIE BROWN** had career-best 121 yards last week with 60-yard TD catch & 15-yard TD run. Four players have recorded 100-yard games – **WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** (141), WR Brown (121, 106), rookie **WR HANK BASKETT** (112), **TE L.J. SMITH** (111). TE Smith has 6 catches of 20+ yards, most among TEs...**DE TRENT COLE** has 11.0 sacks in 21 career games, including 4 games with 2.0+ sacks. **DT DARWIN WALKER** has sack in 2 of 3 vs. TB. **CB LITO SHEPPARD** aims for 3rd game in row with INT. Has 3 INTs (102-yard TD) in past 2. **S BRIAN DAWKINS** has 2 INTs & 1 FF in 6 career games vs. TB (incl. playoffs)...**BUCCANEERS:** Rookie **QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI** won 1st career game last week, capping comeback with 8-yard TD pass to **WR MICHAEL CLAYTON** with 35 seconds left...Bucs are 7-0 when **RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** has more than 20 carries & club is 6-1 (.857) when he rushes for 100+ yards. **RB MIKE ALSTOTT** has 295 career receptions & needs 4 to pass **KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** (298) for 3rd in team history...**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** has 1st down on 16 of 21 catches (76.2 pct.) this year...**DE SIMEON RICE** has 13.0 sacks in past 10 vs. Eagles, recording sack in 8 games & 2.0+ sacks in 4 of those 10. **LB DERRICK BROOKS** will play 182nd game with TB, 2nd-most in club history (**PAUL GRUBER**, 183). Made NFL debut vs. Phil. (9/3/95). **CB RONDE BARBER** (28) needs 1 INT to tie **CEDRIC BROWN** (29) for 2nd-most by Buc. His 28 INTs ranks 2nd by player with current team (Eagles S Dawkins, 29).

DENVER BRONCOS (4-1) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (1-4)**SERIES**

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>BROWNS</u>
SERIES LEADER	15-5	
STREAKS	Past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 2-0	Crennel: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 13-3 vs. Raiders	Bye (Wk. 5: L 20-12 at Panthers)
LAST GAME	12/14/03: Browns 20 at Broncos 23 (OT). Denver K Jason Elam kicks 36-yard FG with 6 seconds remaining in regulation & wins game with 25-yarder in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/7/93: Broncos 29, Browns 14. Denver QB John Elway throws for 244 yards & 3 TDs. Broncos' offense rushes for 159 yards.	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:05 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Plummer: 68-128-775-3-5-63.1	Frye: 105-168-1,039-5-9-67.5
RUSHING	T. Bell: 100-470 (2C)-4.7 (3C)-1	Droughns: 68-224-3.3-1
RECEIVING	Walker: 20-388-19.4 (1L)-2	Winslow (TE): 30-283-9.4-2
OFFENSE	286.8	261.2
TAKE/GIVE	-2	-9
DEFENSE	293.4	335.0
SACKS	Chukwurah, Ekuban: 2.5	Wimbley (R): 3.0
INTs	Bailey: 2	Jones: 2
PUNTING	Ernster: 43.2	Zastudil: 45.1
KICKING	Elam: 32 (5/5 PAT; 9/10 FG)	Dawson: 27 (9/9 PAT; 6/7 FG)

NOTES

BRONCOS: Club's .783 (18-5) overall winning pct. (reg. & post.) vs. Browns best mark against any opponent it has played at least 10 times. Club ranks 1st in AFC in rush yds/play (4.61) & 2nd in yards/game (142.0). Denver has started 4-1 in each of past 5 years...Club is 8-5 (.615) coming off bye week under head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**...In past 6 Oct. road games, **QB JAKE PLUMMER** has 9 TDs vs. 3 INTs. Plummer is 2-0 in career vs. Cle...Club is 5-1 when **RB TATUM BELL** runs for +100 yds. Has 100 rush yds in past 2 on road (103, Wk. 1 vs. St. L; 123, Wk. 4 vs. NE)...**WR JAVON WALKER** leads AFC with 19.4 yds/catch & had career-long rush (29) last week vs. Oakland...Defense leads NFL in scoring defense (7.4). Has allowed 1 TD in foes' 12 trips inside 20 for NFL-best 8.3 TD pct...**LB D.J. WILLIAMS** led team in tackles (6) last week...Defensive linemen **EBENEZER EKUBAN** ('04), **MICHAEL MYERS** ('03-'04) & **GERARD WARREN** ('01-'04) play against former club Cle for 1st time...**BROWNS:** **QB CHARLIE FRYE** has 3 rushing TDs – most by Browns QB since **BRIAN SIPE** (3) in 1978. Frye leads AFC in 4th quarter passing yardage (373)...**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** faces former club Den ('01-'04) for 1st time. Has rushed for 469 yds (93.8 yds./game) in past 5 games vs. AFC West opponents. Droughns currently tied for league lead in 3rd & 1 rushing (3/3)...**WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** stands 4th in conference with 17.6 yds per catch & 8th in receiving yardage (351). Edwards has at least 75 yards receiving in 3 of past 4 games. **TE KELLEN WINSLOW** leads NFL TEs w/ 30 catches. Winslow has 35 catches in 1st 7 NFL games, already standing 3rd for most in 1st 8 career games by TE (**KEITH JACKSON**, 48; **CHARLE YOUNG**, 36)...**LB ANDRA DAVIS** leads team w/ 48 tackles. Rookie **DE KAMERION WIMBLEY** has 2nd most sacks among rookies (3.0)...**WR-KR JOSHUA CRIBBS** leads NFL w/ 28.2 KR avg. Cribbs & **LB MASON UNCK** tied for team lead w/ 9 ST tackles each. **K PHIL DAWSON** tops NFL w/ 9 TBs on KOs; club tops AFC in opponents' avg. drive start after KO (20.6).

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-4) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (5-0)**SERIES**

	<u>REDSKINS</u>	<u>COLTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		17-10
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gibbs: 2-1	Dungy: 2-3
LAST WEEK	L 25-22 vs. Titans	Bye (Wk. 5: W 14-13 vs. Titans)
LAST GAME	10/27/02: Colts 21 at Redskins 26. Washington QB Shane Matthews passes for 210 yards & 2 TDs as Redskins score points on 1st 4 possessions of game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/19/99: Colts 24, Redskins 21. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning throws 2 TDs, including 37-yarder to RB Edgerrin James as Colts clinch 1st division title since 1987.	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Brunell: 105-169-1,239-5-3-86.9	Manning: 106-171-1,278 (1C)-8 (T1C)-2-95.6 (2C)
RUSHING	Portis: 86-371-4.3-6 (1C)	Rhodes: 79-273-3.5-3
RECEIVING	Moss: 25-415-16.6-3	Harrison: 32-442 (3C)-13.8-1
OFFENSE	326.0	357.2
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+6 (3C)
DEFENSE	333.2	325.4
SACKS	Carter, Daniels, Evans: 2.0	Mathis: 4.5
INTs	Daniels, Wright: 1	Doss: 2
PUNTING	Frost: 43.3	Smith: 45.7
KICKING	Hall: 36 (9/9 PAT; 9/11 FG)	Vinatieri: 27 (6/6 PAT; 7/7 FG)

NOTES

REDSKINS: Have scored 21+ points in all 8 meetings since 1981, averaging 31.3 points per game while compiling 6-2 (.750) record. Head coach **JOE GIBBS** (159) needs win to become 12th coach in NFL history with 160 career victories... **QB MARK BRUNELL** has 2+ TD passes in 3 of 4 career starts vs. Colts. Redskins have won 6 of past 9 when Brunell has 2+ TD passes...**RB CLINTON PORTIS** rushed for 2 TDs & 88 yards in only game vs. Ind. (11/24/02 with Den.). Has rushed for 5 TDs in 3 games vs. AFC this year & leads NFC with 6 rush TDs...Since joining club in 2005, **WR SANTANA MOSS** has 1,898 yards (109 receptions), 3rd-most in NFL during that time. Averages 16.6 yards per catch (25-415), tops in NFL among players with 25+ receptions. Had 48-yard TD in last meeting (11/16/03 with NYJ). With Redskins, team is 7-2 (.778) when Moss has 40-yard catch. **WR-PR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** was QB at Indiana Univ. where he became 1st player in NCAA history to pass for 40 TDs & score 40 TDs rushing & receiving...**LB MARCUS WASHINGTON** was 2nd round pick by Colts in 2000 & played 4 seasons (2000-03)...**COLTS:** One of 2 undefeated teams (Chi.)...Under head coach **TONY DUNGY**, club is 27-8 (.771) at home...**QB PEYTON MANNING** has won 9 of past 10 vs. NFC w/ 28 TDs vs. 4 INTs in those games for 124.2 passer rating. Manning has 2+ TD passes in past 5 Oct. games...Rookie **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** only NFL rookie with 200+ rush yards & 10+ catches...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** (111) needs 2 TDs to tie HOFer **LENNY MOORE** (113) for most scored in career by Colt & to tie for 9th most scored in NFL history. **WR REGGIE WAYNE** has 20+ yard catch in 4 of past 5 games. Wayne (10) & Harrison (9) have 19 combined catches on 3rd down – most by duo in AFC. **TE BRYAN FLETCHER** has scored TD on 3 of past 6 receptions at home...**DE ROBERT MATHIS** (4.5) tied for 8th in AFC sacks. Club is 26-8 (.765) when **DE DWIGHT FREENEY** records 1.0+ sack. Defense (158.6) stands 3rd in NFL in pass yards per game...**PR-WR TERRENCE WILKINS** stands 4th in NFL with 12.6-yd. PR avg.

ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-5) AT OAKLAND RAIDERS (0-5)**SERIES**

	<u>CARDINALS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		4-2
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Green: 1-2	Shell: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 24-23 vs. Bears	L 13-3 at Broncos
LAST GAME	11/24/02: Raiders 41 at Cardinals 20. Oakland QB Rich Gannon passes for 340 yards & 3 TDs as Raiders amass 540 total yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/2/01: Cardinals 34 at Raiders 31 (OT). Cardinals win 3rd game in row as QB Jake Plummer completes 29 of 45 passes for 249 yards & 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Matt Devlin, Tony Siragusa	

STATS

PASSING	Leinart (R): 52-86-539-4-2-84.4	Walter: 48-104-611-2-7-43.4
RUSHING	James: 148-398-2.7-2	Jordan: 84-314-3.7-1
RECEIVING	Boldin: 40 (1L)-502 (3C)-12.6-3	Moss: 17-222-13.1-2
OFFENSE	290.2	229.0
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-9
DEFENSE	328.7	282.8
SACKS	Wilson: 4.0	Burgess: 3.0
INTs	Hayes, Wilson: 2	Asomugha: 2
PUNTING	Player: 43.7	Lechler: 50.5 (1C)
KICKING	Rackers: 39 (12/12 PAT; 9/14 FG)	Janikowski: 20 (5/5 PAT; 5/6 FG)

NOTES

CARDINALS: Offense leads NFL with 59 points in 1st quarter. **QB MATT LEINART** is only player in NFL history to throw 2 TD passes in 1st quarter in each of 1st 2 career starts. Posted 22-2 (.917) record in games played in Cal. during college career at USC...**RB EDGERRIN JAMES** has 449 scrimmage yards (343 rush, 106 rec) & 3 TDs in 3 career games vs. Oak. Aims for 3rd meeting in row with 100 yards rushing. James' teams are 43-6 (.878) when he rushes for 100...**WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** has 299 catches in 46 career games & needs 1 catch to become fastest player in NFL history to reach 300 receptions (**LIONEL TAYLOR**, 54). Had career-high 12 catches (136 yards, 1 TD) last week. **BRYANT JOHNSON** ranks 3rd among WRs with 10+ catches with 20.3 avg. (12-244)...**S ADRIAN WILSON** leads NFL DBs with 12.0 sacks since 2005 & his 4.0 sacks this year leads DBs. Is only DB with 4.0+ sacks & 2+ INTs this year. Club forced 6 turnovers (4 INTs, 2 fumbles) last week...**RAIDERS:** Club has scored 20+ points in 4 of past 5 vs. Cards...**QB ANDREW WALTER** has TD pass in 2 of 1st 3 NFL starts...**RB LA MONT JORDAN** has 120+ rush yds in 3 of past 4 Oct. home games & has 7 rushing TDs in those 4 games. In 2 of past 3 at home, Jordan has rushed for at least 128 yds. **RB ZACK CROCKETT** (35) tied with **MARK VAN EEGHEN** (35) for 3rd most rush TDs in club history...In 2 career games vs. Arz, **WR RANDY MOSS** has 12 catches for 160 yds & has posted TD catch in each. **TE COURTNEY ANDERSON** has catch in 11 of past 12 games...Defense stands 5th in AFC, allowing 282.8 yards per game. Club owns AFC's No. 5 defense inside 20, allowing 10 TDs in 23 trips (43.5 pct.). Rookie **S MICHAEL HUFF** was key member of U. of Texas team that defeated USC & QB Leinart in '06 Rose Bowl for national championship. Huff led Longhorns w/ 12 tackles & 1 FR for victory. Huff has tackle for loss in 2 of 5 games. **DE DERRICK BURGESS** has 3.0 sacks in past 3 games...**CB-KR-PR CHRIS CARR** has averaged 25+ yds per KR in 4 of past 5 games. **P SHANE LECHLER** ranks No. 2 in NFL w/ 50.5-yard average.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (3-2) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (4-1)**SERIES**

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>
SERIES LEADER		6-3
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Childress: 0-0	Holmgren: 7-10
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 5: W 26-17 vs. Lions)	W 30-28 at Rams
LAST GAME	12/12/04: Seahawks 27 at Vikings 23. Seattle QB Matt Hasselbeck throws for 334 yards & 3 TDs. Seahawks K Josh Brown seals win on 28-yard FG with 3:40 remaining.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/29/02: Seahawks 48, Vikings 23. Seattle RB Shaun Alexander scores 5 TDs as Seahawks score 45 1st-half points.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Ron Pitts, Terry Donahue	

STATS

PASSING	Johnson: 107-170-1,128-3-4-78.3	Hasselbeck: 96-159-1,122-9-7-82.3
RUSHING	C. Taylor: 111-421-3.8-1	Morris: 56-175-3.1-0
RECEIVING	Williamson: 18-256-14.2-0	Jackson: 26-387-14.9-4 (T2C)
OFFENSE	325.2	306.4
TAKE/GIVE	-1	0
DEFENSE	275.4 (2C)	314.8
SACKS	K. Williams: 3.0	Peterson: 4.0
INTs	Five tied: 1	Boulware, Hamlin: 2
PUNTING	Kluwe: 40.4	Plackemeier (R): 44.4
KICKING	Longwell: 41 (5/6 PAT; 12/14 FG)	Brown: 36 (12/12 PAT; 8/12 FG)

NOTES

VIKINGS: QB BRAD JOHNSON is 25-12 (.676) in 37 career starts with Vikings. Has 62.9 comp. pct. (107 of 170) & aims for 11th consecutive season with 60.0+ pct. (min. 100 att.)...RB CHESTER TAYLOR has 539 scrimmage yards (421 rush, 118 rec) for 107.8 yards per game avg...WR MARCUS ROBINSON had career-best 4 TDs (7 catches, 131 yards) vs. Sea. (11/23/03 with Balt). WR TROY WILLIAMSON averaging 15.0 yards per catch in career (42-628). One of 3 teams in NFC with 4 players with 17+ receptions each (WR Williamson 18, WR TRAVIS TAYLOR 18, TE JERMAINE WIGGINS 17, RB Taylor 17). G STEVE HUTCHINSON was Seattle's 1st round pick in 2001 (No. 17). Selected to 3 Pro Bowls in his 5 seasons with Seahawks...Club has not allowed 20+ points in 6 consecutive games. Vikings have scored NFL-best 3 defensive TDs: 2 INT-TDs (LB E.J. HENDERSON & CB ANTOINE WINFIELD) & 1 FR-TD (LB BEN LEBER). Vikings have 5 players with INT...**SEAHAWKS:** Have won 12 in row at home under head coach MIKE HOLMGREN, outscoring opponents 352-190. In past 27 at home, club is 24-3 (.889)...QB MATT HASSELBECK threw 1st career TD pass vs. Min. (12/20/99 with GB). Passed for 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs last week. Has won past 11 at home, passing for TD in 10 of those 11, including 5 TDs in last home game...RB MAURICE MORRIS had 70 rush yards in 2nd half last week...WR DARRELL JACKSON aims for 3rd home game in row with TD (3 TDs). WR DEION BRANCH had career-high 2 TDs last week. Branch's teams are 13-2 (.867) when he has TD catch. WR NATE BURLESON was Viking (2003-05) & had 127 catches for 1,789 yards & 12 TDs...Seahawks have allowed just 143 points in past 10 at home (14.3 per game). Have held opponents under 20 points in 8 of those 10. DT ROCKY BERNARD had 1st career 2.0-sack game vs. Vikings (9/29/02). DE BRYCE FISHER & LB JULIAN PETERSON each had 2.0 sacks last week...K JOSH BROWN became 1st player in NFL history with 3 FGs of 49+ yards in 4th quarter, including game-winning 54-yarder.

MONDAY NIGHT
NEW YORK GIANTS (3-2) AT DALLAS COWBOYS (3-2)

SERIES

	<u>GIANTS</u>	<u>COWBOYS</u>
SERIES LEADER		51-34-2
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Coughlin: 4-3	Parcells: 4-4
LAST WEEK	W 27-14 at Falcons	W 34-6 vs. Texans
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Cowboys 10 at Giants 17. New York's defense records 4 sacks & forces 4 turnovers, including 12-yard FR-TD by LB Antonio Pierce.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/16/05: Cowboys 16, Giants 13 (OT). Dallas' Jose Cortez kicks 45-yard FG in OT in Cowboys' victory over Giants.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:30 PM CT): 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	Manning: 115-176-1,329-11 (2L)-7-92.3	Bledsoe: 83-157-1,053-7-7-70.4
RUSHING	Barber: 102-533 (1L)-5.2-0	J. Jones: 108-494-4.6-2
RECEIVING	Toomer: 26-306-11.8-3	T. Glenn: 25-337-13.5-3
OFFENSE	401.8 (2L)	352.0
TAKE/GIVE	-2	0
DEFENSE	320.8	279.2
SACKS	Umenyiora: 4.0	Ratliff: 3.0
INTs	McQuarters: 2	R. Williams: 2
PUNTING	Feagles: 42.3	McBriar: 51.8
KICKING	Feely: 37 (13/13 PAT; 8/10 FG)	Vanderjagt: 34 (16/16 PAT; 6/7 FG)

NOTES

GIANTS: QB **ELI MANNING** has won 6 of past 7 in division...RB **TIKI BARBER** rushed for season-high 185 yards last week & has rushed for 100+ in 5 of past 7 vs. NFC East. Has 9,320 rushing yards & needs 92 receiving yards (4,908) 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...WR **AMANI TOOMER** has 303 yards & 3 TDs in past 3 vs. division. Needs 2 TD receptions to pass **KYLE ROTE** (48) for team record. TE **JEREMY SHOCKEY** had career-best 129 yards (5 catches, 1 TD) in last meeting at Dallas. Had career-best 2 TDs last week...**MICHAEL STRAHAN** (130.5) needs 2.5 sacks to pass **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (132.5) for most in team history. Has 2.0+ sacks in 3 of past 4 meetings (7.0 sacks). Giants had 7 sacks last week, their most in game since 1998...**COWBOYS**: Have 39 wins on MNF, tied for most in NFL (Mia). Are 7-1 (.875) vs. NYG on MNF (4-0 at home). In those 7 wins, Cowboys have scored 30+ points 6 times...QB **DREW BLEDSOE** has 4-1 (.800) record vs. NYG. Threw 2 TDs last week (251), joining **BRETT FAVRE** (403) & **PEYTON MANNING** (252) as only active QBs with 250...RB **JULIUS JONES** has 357 scrimmage yards in 2 meetings (178.5 per game)...WR **TERRELL OWENS** has 15 TD catches on MNF, tied for 2nd-most all-time. Has TD in 7 of past 8 MNF games (11 TDs) & has 4 100-yard games in past 5 on MNF (646 yards). Tied career-high with 3 TDs last week. WR **TERRY GLENN** aims for 4th in row on MNF with 20+ yard TD. TE **JASON WITTEN** has 3 TDs vs. NYG, his most vs. opponent...LB **DE MARCUS WARE** has 6.0 sacks in past 7...Rookie LB **BOBBY CARPENTER**'s father (**ROB**) was RB for NYG (1981-85).

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (OCT. 15-16)

Byes: Cleveland, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Minnesota, New England
(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, October 15

N.Y. Giants 27, ATLANTA 14
Carolina 23, BALTIMORE 21
DALLAS 34, Houston 6
DETROIT 20, Buffalo 17
NEW ORLEANS 27, Philadelphia 24
Seattle 30, ST. LOUIS 28
TAMPA BAY 14, Cincinnati 13
Tennessee 25, WASHINGTON 22

Sunday, October 15, cont.'d.

N.Y. JETS 20, Miami 17
PITTSBURGH 45, Kansas City 7
San Diego 48, SAN FRANCISCO 19
DENVER 13, Oakland 3

Monday, October 16

Chicago 24, ARIZONA 23

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	2	0	.667	179	124
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	116	149	Dallas	3	2	0	.600	147	92
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	94	125	N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	127	109
Miami	1	5	0	.167	78	111	Washington	2	4	0	.333	118	135
<u>North Division</u>							<u>North Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	110	69	Chicago	6	0	0	1.000	180	59
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	111	99	Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	89	82
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	106	84	Green Bay	1	4	0	.200	87	138
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	81	109	Detroit	1	5	0	.167	108	158
<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	5	1	0	.833	145	110
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	118	74	Carolina	4	2	0	.667	109	111
Houston	1	4	0	.200	72	147	Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	83	69
Tennessee	1	5	0	.167	85	157	Tampa Bay	1	4	0	.200	62	104
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	4	1	0	.800	62	37	Seattle	4	1	0	.800	108	111
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	151	55	St. Louis	4	2	0	.667	139	128
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	87	97	San Francisco	2	4	0	.333	124	194
Oakland	0	5	0	.000	50	126	Arizona	1	5	0	.167	111	143

WEEK 7 NFL SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 22-23

Byes: Baltimore, Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis, San Francisco, Tennessee
(All times local)

Sunday, October 22

Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 1:00 PM
New England at Buffalo, 1:00 PM
Carolina at Cincinnati, 1:00 PM
Jacksonville at Houston, 12:00 PM
San Diego at Kansas City, 12:00 PM
Green Bay at Miami, 1:00 PM
Detroit at N.Y. Jets, 1:00 PM
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 22, cont.'d.

Denver at Cleveland, 4:05 PM
Washington at Indianapolis, 4:15 PM
Arizona at Oakland, 1:15 PM
Minnesota at Seattle, 1:15 PM

Monday, October 23

N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:30 PM (ESPN)

