



COLTS SEEK TO TIE 1929-31 PACKERS AS ONLY TEAMS TO GO 7-0 IN CONSECUTIVE SEASONS; BEARS AIM FOR 7-0 VS. 49ERS

Tony's approaching Curly.

And what **TONY DUNGY**'s Indianapolis Colts can accomplish this week has been done only once before in the 87-year history of the NFL – start a season at 7-0 in consecutive years.

Head coach **CURLY LAMBEAU**'s Green Bay Packers performed the feat three years in a row from 1929-31, finishing with the best record in the NFL all three seasons.

Dungy would like to repeat that end-of-season result, but knows his Colts have a long way to go. "It's hard to win games in the NFL," he says as Indy prepares to play at Denver. "You don't want to take it for granted."

Consecutive seasons of at least 7-0 starts:

TEAM	YEAR	CONSECUTIVE WINS TO START SEASON
Green Bay Packers	1929	10-0
Green Bay Packers	1930	8-0
Green Bay Packers	1931	9-0
Indianapolis Colts	2005	13-0
Indianapolis Colts	2006	6-0

The Colts aren't the only team looking to extend a spotless record in Week 8. The Chicago Bears return to action after a bye when they host San Francisco and look to reach 7-0 for the first time in 21 years, matching their 1985 Super Bowl XX championship season when they started 12-0.

So as Halloween approaches, NFL fans should get ready for tricks, treats, and more hair-raising, last-play finishes:

ATLANTA FALCONS (4-2) at CINCINNATI BENGALS (4-2)

STORYLINE: *"If he gets in the open field, it's going to be a long day."*

So says Cincinnati **DE JUSTIN SMITH** about Atlanta **QB MICHAEL VICK**. But Smith and his mates have a plan to defense "Mr. Unpredictable" – take care in rushing him.

Smith and DE cohort **ROBERT GEATHERS** each have six sacks apiece, ranking them in the top 10 in the NFL in the category. Their plan to contain Vick, a top-20 rusher with the highest average (8.6) who threw a career-high four TDs last week? "You have to be careful the way you rush," says Smith. "You can't do those sweeping rushes. You've got to stay in front of your blocker. With Vick, you run past him and he's gone."

Meanwhile, Vick and Cincy **QB CARSON PALMER** can utilize strong running games in top-10 rushers **WARRICK DUNN** of Atlanta – the fleet-type back – and bulldozer **RUDI JOHNSON** of Cincinnati.

NFC nemesis: Cincinnati has won nine of its past 10 games against NFC opponents.

NFL FACTOID

LAST MEETING OF BARBER TWINS?: When the New York Giants host the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this Sunday, it may be the last NFL meeting of the Barber twins – **RB TIKI** of the Giants and **CB RONDE** of the Buccaneers. Tiki Barber has said that he may retire after this season. The Barbers are among 10 sets of twins to have played in the NFL. Another set is active – the **BULLOCKS:** safeties **DANIEL** of Detroit and **JOSH** of New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-2) at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (4-2)

STORYLINE: Bolts to test Rams' new offense?

Could be. San Diego has the league's top defense. It will go against a St. Louis offense that is more conservative than in the old "Greatest Show" days -- one that utilizes the running game more.

That said, Rams **WR TORRY HOLT** leads the league in TD catches (7). And St. Louis **QB MARC BULGER** -- who has never had a game in his career in which he completed less than 50 percent of his passes -- has been checking off to **RB STEVEN JACKSON**, whose 25 catches make him the team's third leading receiver. Of course, when it comes to double-threats, the Chargers' **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** may be one the scariest. Tomlinson -- he and Jackson rank in the top 10 in NFL scrimmage yards -- caught and threw a TD pass last week.

Which will prevail?: SD has not allowed a 100-yard rusher in 17 home games, STL is 17-2 vs. the AFC since 1998.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (6-0) at DENVER BRONCOS (5-1)

STORYLINE: One loss between 'em!

...And two wins by the Colts the Broncos surely remember. Those came in successive Wild Card games in 2003 and 2004 (the last time they played) in Indianapolis. But now they meet in Denver, where the Broncos have won their past 13.

It will be the usual high-powered Colts offense (No. 3 in the NFL) against the Broncos' No. 4 defense that has surrendered a league-low 7.3 points per game, allowed two TDs, and held five consecutive opponents to single digits.

"To beat a team like the Colts, you have to be consistent," says Broncos head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**. "That's offense, defense and special teams. On defense, we have to play at another level because we're playing a quarterback (**PEYTON MANNING**) who is very consistent."

The key to the game could be Denver **RB TATUM BELL**, fresh off his third 100-yard effort of the year, going against Indy's 31st-ranked NFL rush defense.

DALLAS COWBOYS (3-3) at CAROLINA PANTHERS (4-3) (Sunday, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

STORYLINE: Pick your scenario.

Keyshawn meets his old team...T.O. matches up with Smith...top 10 rushers go at it.

Panthers **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** faces the club he led in catches (71) last season and receiving yards (981) the year before. But that's only part of Sunday night's receiving fireworks. Two of the best after-the catch wideouts in the NFL will go at it -- Dallas' **TERRELL OWENS** and Carolina's **STEVE SMITH**. Owens is tied for second in the league in TD catches (5), Smith is second in receptions (39).

But the receiver Carolina **CB CHRIS GAMBLE** thinks can be most destructive is the Cowboys' **TERRY GLENN**. "He doesn't get the credit he deserves," says Gamble. "His talent should place him in the big-name receiver category."

As if all these guys aren't hard enough to stop, two of the top 10 rushers in the league will be pounding it -- Dallas' **JULIUS JONES** (No. 6, 524 yards) and Carolina's **DE SHAUN FOSTER** (No. 10, 490).

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (5-1) at MINNESOTA VIKINGS (4-2) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: Clash of top 10s in rush offense & defense.

...And those rush offenses are led by not-yet-household names. But there is new Vikings **RB CHESTER TAYLOR** -- after backing up **JAMAL LEWIS** for four years in Baltimore -- second in NFL rushing (590) after coming off a mammoth Week 7 game (169 yards), including the longest run in Minnesota history (95 yards). "He's a special kind of back, in that he doesn't hit the hole and then keep running into the hole," says Seattle **DE BRYCE FISHER**. "He hits it to see if you're in there, and if you're not in there, then he'll keep going. If you're in there, then he'll look to somewhere else to go."

A rookie leads the Pats' rushing game in conjunction with veteran **COREY DILLON**. First-round draft choice **LAURENCE MARONEY** tops New England and all NFL rookies in rushing with 361 yards. "Boy, he's fast," says Patriots **FB HEATH EVANS**. "He has great feel. You look at film of some of the stuff he does and you say, 'How did you do that?'"

These fellows and their mates go against top-10 rushing defenses, which kept their Week 7 opponents to under 100 total rush yards. If New England **DE RICHARD SEYMOUR** (elbow) is limited, he will be spelled by **JARVIS GREEN** -- a sub who leads the Pats in sacks with 4.5.

And get ready, Metrodome: New England has won five in a row on the road, outscoring opponents 156-64.

WEEK 8**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29****SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-4) AT CHICAGO BEARS (6-0)****SERIES**

	<u>49ERS</u>	<u>BEARS</u>
SERIES LEADER		28-27-1
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Nolan: 0-1	Smith: 2-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 6: L 48-19 vs. Chargers)	Bye (Wk. 6: W 24-23 at Cardinals)
LAST GAME	11/13/05: 49ers 9 at Bears 17. Chicago CB Nathan Vasher sets NFL record by returning missed FG 108 yards for TD as Bears win 5th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/13/05	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Pat Summerall, Brian Baldinger. SIRIUS: 130 (SF), 119 (Chi.).	

STATS

PASSING	Smith: 109-183-1,285-8-4-86.4	Grossman: 107-189-1,387-10 (T3C)-7-82.0
RUSHING	Gore: 112-520-4.6-3	Jones: 116-432-3.7-2
RECEIVING	Gore (RB): 24-202-8.4-0	Muhammad: 27-336-12.4-1
OFFENSE	319.0	325.0
TAKE/GIVE	-4	+6 (3C)
DEFENSE	362.0	243.2 (1C)
SACKS	Young: 3.0	Anderson (R): 6.5 (T2L)
INTs	W. Harris: 3 (T2C)	R. Manning: 3 (T2C)
PUNTING	Lee: 43.0	Maynard: 46.0 (3C)
KICKING	Nedney: 38 (14/14 PAT; 8/12 FG)	Gould: 72 (1L)(18/18 PAT; 18/18 FG)

NOTES

49ERS: QB ALEX SMITH has 8 TD passes & will surpass team's total in 2005 with next TD. Smith has 86.4 passer rating which would be highest single-season mark by SF QB since 2001 (JEFF GARCIA , 94.8)...RB FRANK GORE is 1 of 4 RBs to lead team in rushing yards (520) & receptions (24). Last 49er to lead club in rushing yards & receptions was ROGER CRAIG (1988). Gore is 7th in NFL scrimmage yards (722) & ties for 6th with 32 1st downs...WR ANTONIO BRYANT had 2 4th quarter TDs (33 & 28 yards) vs. Bears last year (10/9/05 with Cle). Has 15.2 career avg., 6th-best in NFL since entering league in 2002 (min. 200 catches). WR ARNAZ BATTLE has 2+ catches in career-best 9 consecutive games...CB WALT HARRIS was 1st round pick by Bears in 1996 & played 6 seasons in Chicago. Had 15 INTs (3 TDs) in those 6 years. Leads club with 3 INTs. Ass't head coach/defense MIKE SINGLETARY played LB for Bears (1981-92) & was elected to HOF...**BEARS:** Aim for 1st 7-0 start since 1985 when club went 15-1 (.938) & won SB XX. Have outscored opponents by 121 points (180-59) vs. 91-point differential thru 1st 6 games in '85 (189-98). Under head coach LOVIE SMITH, Bears have won 16 of past 18...QB REX GROSSMAN is 3-0 at home, completing 52 of 85 (61.2 pct.) for 703 yards with 8 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 118.9 rating. Bears have scored 34+ points in all 3 at home (111)... Club has won past 11 when RB THOMAS JONES has 20+ carries...WR BERNARD BERRIAN leads NFL with 5 catches of 40+ yards & had 49-yard TD in only meeting. WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD has 2 career 3-TD games, both vs. SF (12/18/99, 11/14/04). TE DESMOND CLARK has 20-yard catch or TD in each of 4 vs. SF...CB NATHAN VASHER had 108-yard TD return in last meeting, longest play in NFL history. Defense has allowed 20 total points at home. DE MARK ANDERSON leads rookies with 6.5 sacks. TOMMIE HARRIS has 5.0 sacks, tied for most by DT. DEVIN HESTER is 3rd player in history with 2 80+ yard PR-TDs as rookie. Leads NFL with 13.6 PR avg. (27 PR, 367 yards) & 2 TDs.

ATLANTA FALCONS (4-2) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (4-2)**SERIES**

	<u>FALCONS</u>	<u>BENGALS</u>
SERIES LEADER		7-3
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mora: 0-0	Lewis: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 41-38 (OT) vs. Steelers	W 17-14 vs. Panthers
LAST GAME	9/22/02: Bengals 3 at Falcons 30. Atlanta QB Michael Vick passes for 2 1st-half TDs to WR Brian Finneran & K Jay Feely connects on 3 FGs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/24/96: Bengals 41, Falcons 31. Cincinnati QB Jeff Blake throws 4 TDs, including 3 to WR Carl Pickens.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 143 (Atl.), 147 (Cin.).	

STATS

PASSING	Vick: 77-147-908-7-5-73.2	Palmer: 122-196-1,418 (3C)-9-4-90.9
RUSHING	Dunn: 122-580 (3C)-4.8-2	R. Johnson: 130 (3C)-506 (3C)-3.9-4
RECEIVING	Crumpler (TE): 22-311-14.1-4	C. Johnson: 30-373-12.4-1
OFFENSE	354.8	314.8
TAKE/GIVE	+7 (T2L)	+6 (T2C)
DEFENSE	329.3	326.0
SACKS	Kerney: 4.0	Geathers, J. Smith: 6.0 (T2C)
INTs	Hall: 4 (T1L)	Kaesviharn: 3
PUNTING	Koenen: 43.4	Larson: 43.8
KICKING	Andersen: 33 (9/9 PAT; 8/10 FG)	Graham: 44 (2C) (14/14 PAT; 10/12 FG)

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FALCONS: Have won 7 of 9 vs. AFC under head coach **JIM MORA**. Lead NFL with 222.2 rush yards per game & 6.1 yards per rush avg. Only team in NFL with 2 players to rank in top 20 in rushing – **RB WARRICK DUNN** (580) & **QB MICHAEL VICK** (441)...QB Vick's 1st 2-TD pass game was vs. Cin. (9/22/02) & posted 106.9 passer rating. Falcons are 15-4 (.789) when Vick passes for 2+ TDs, including career-high 4 TDs last week vs. Pitt. Ranks 2nd in NFL with 21 rushes of 10+ yards...RB Dunn has 5 runs of 20+ yards, tied for most in NFL with Vick. RB Norwood (7.6) is only RB in NFL with 7.0+ rush avg. (min. 30 att.)...**TE ALGE CRUMPLER** had career-best 3 TDs last week (6 catches, 117 yards). Is 1 of 3 TEs to lead team in receptions (22) & yards (311). **WR MICHAEL JENKINS** has 1st-down reception in 11 games in row, including 17-yard TD last week...**CB DE ANGELO HALL** has 5 INTs in past 7. **DE PATRICK KERNEY** has 57.5 career sacks & needs 1.5 to pass **CHUCK SMITH** (58.5) for most in team history. Since 2002, **ROD COLEMAN** has 40.5 sacks, most by DT... **BENGALS:** Team is perfect 7-0 at home vs. NFC under head coach **MARVIN LEWIS** & aims for 5th consecutive defeat of Falcons in Cincy...Offense has scored on all 16 red zone possessions & ties for 4th in NFL with 62.5 TD pct. (10 of 16)...**QB CARSON PALMER** is 7-1 (.875) vs. NFC w/ 17 TDs v.s 6 INTs. Palmer has 2+ TDs in 5 of past 6 vs. NFC...With 101 rushing yards last week **RB RUDI JOHNSON** (15) passed **PETE JOHNSON** (14) for 3rd most 100-yard games in franchise history. Ten of Johnson's 15 100-yard outings have come at home...**WRs CHAD JOHNSON & T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** have combined for 5,365 receiving yards since '04, 3rd most by tandem during that time. **TE REGGIE KELLY** was drafted in 2nd-round by Atl. & spent 1st 4 seasons ('99-02) w/club, catching 69 passes for 790 yards...**DEs ROBERT GEATHERS** (6.0) & **JUSTIN SMITH** (6.0) are only NFL tandem with 6.0 sacks each.

ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-6) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS (2-4)**SERIES**

	<u>CARDINALS</u>	<u>PACKERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		41-22-4
STREAKS		4 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Green: 11-9	McCarthy: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 22-9 at Raiders	W 34-24 at Dolphins
LAST GAME	9/21/03: Packers 13 at Cardinals 20. Arizona QB Jeff Blake connects with RB James Hodgins for 1-yd TD with 4:03 remaining in 4th quarter as Cardinals outlast Green Bay.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/2/00: Packers 49, Cardinals 24. Green Bay RB Dorsey Levens scores 4 rushing TDs & rushes for 146 yards.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Ron Pitts, Terry Donahue. SIRIUS: 107 (Ariz.), 110 (GB).	

STATS

PASSING	Leinart (R): 65-118-742-4-4-71.4	Favre: 134-238-1,481-9-5-78.8
RUSHING	James: 161-432-2.7-2	Green: 76-333-4.4-1
RECEIVING	Boldin: 44 (1C)-561 (3C)-12.8-3	Driver: 36-436-12.1-2
OFFENSE	280.7	342.0
TAKE/GIVE	+4	-3
DEFENSE	338.1	389.7
SACKS	Berry, Wilson: 4.0	Kampman: 6.5 (T2C)
INTs	Wilson: 3 (T2C)	Barnett: 2
PUNTING	Player: 43.6	Ryan: 46.7 (2C)
KICKING	Rackers: 48 (12/12 PAT; 12/18 FG)	Rayner: 43 (13/13 PAT; 10/13 FG)

NOTES

CARDINALS: Offense leads NFL with 59 points in 1st quarter. Rookie **QB MATT LEINART** can become 1st rookie starting QB to win game for club since **JAKE PLUMMER** (1997)...In only game at GB (11/19/00 with Ind), **RB EDGERRIN JAMES** had 137 scrimmage yards (71 rush, 66 rec). Has 49 career 100s in 103 games & can become 3rd-fastest in NFL history to 50 such games behind HOFers **ERIC DICKERSON** (83) & **JIM BROWN** (102)...**WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** had 4 catches last week & became fastest player in NFL history to record 300 career receptions (47 games). Is 4th in NFL with 13 catches (209 yards, 2 TDs) on 3rd down. **BRYANT JOHNSON** had career-high 87 yards last week. Previous best was 86 yards (6 catches) vs. GB (9/21/03). Leads NFL with 22.1 avg. with 15 catches for 331 yards & 2 TDs (min. 15 rec.)...**DE BERTRAND BERRY** had 3.0 sacks last week, his 10th career multi-sack game. **S ADRIAN WILSON** leads NFL DBs with 12.0 sacks since 2005 & is only DB with 4.0+ sacks & 3+ INTs this year. Club leads NFL with 20 takeaways (9 INTs, 11 fumbles)...**PACKERS**: Have won past 7 meetings at home (incl. playoffs) dating back to 1955...**QB BRETT FAVRE** passed for 206 yards last week to become 2nd player in NFL history with 55,000 yards (**DAN MARINO**). Has posted 94.5 passer rating in 3 starts vs. Cardinals...**RB AHMAN GREEN** has 238 scrimmage yards in past 2 vs. Arz. (119.0 per game). Rushed for 118 yards & 1 TD last week. Has 49 rush TDs as Packer & needs 1 to tie HOFer **PAUL HORNUNG** (50) for 2nd in team annals...**WR DONALD DRIVER** had 10 catches for 93 yards (1 TD) last week & surpassed 5,000 yards for career (5,070). Has catch in 70 consecutive games, 2nd-longest streak in team history (**STERLING SHARPE**, 103). **WR GREG JENNINGS** ranks 2nd among rookies with 378 receiving yards & 3 receiving TDs. Can become 1st Packer rookie WR since 1978 (**JAMES LOFTON**, 6) with 4 TD catches...**DE AARON KAMPMAN** aims for 4th in row at home with sack (5.0 sacks). **CB AL HARRIS** recorded 1st career INT vs. Arz (9/12/99 with Phi).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (4-2) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (3-3)**SERIES**

	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>	<u>CHIEFS</u>
SERIES LEADER		30-18
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 4-5	Edwards: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 31-13 vs. Vikings	W 30-27 vs. Chargers
LAST GAME	11/24/02: Chiefs 32 at Seahawks 39. Seattle QB Matt Hasselbeck passes for 362 yards & 3 TDs. Seahawks and Kansas City total 1,086 yards offense.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/25/01: Chiefs 19, Seahawks 7. Kansas City QB Trent Green passes for 256 yards & RB Priest Holmes rushes for 120 yards to carry Chiefs past Seattle.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson, Jay Glazer (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 158 (Sea.), 128 (KC.).	

STATS

PASSING	Wallace: 15-27-140-0-2-39.1	Huard: 104-163-1,163-7-1 (T1L)-96.7 (3C)
RUSHING	Morris: 73-224-3.1-0	Johnson: 133-489-3.7-5 (2C)
RECEIVING	Jackson: 33-523-15.8-5 (T2L)	Gonzalez (TE): 27-325-12.0-1
OFFENSE	303.7	294.5
TAKE/GIVE	-3	0
DEFENSE	317.7	303.8
SACKS	Peterson: 6.0	Allen: 4.0
INTs	Boulware, Hamlin: 2	Law, Wesley: 2
PUNTING	Plackemeier (R): 45.7	Colquitt: 47.3 (2C)
KICKING	Brown: 43 (13/13 PAT; 10/14 FG)	Tynes: 39 (12/13 PAT; 9/11 FG)

NOTES

FOUR OF PAST 5 in series decided by 7 points-or-less...**SEAHAWKS:** Have won 7 of past 9 on road under head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**. Have outscored opponents 52-20 in 1st quarter...**QB SENECA WALLACE** to make 1st start in NFL career. Was 4th round pick by Seahawks in 2003...**RB MAURICE MORRIS** is averaging 7.8 yards per carry in past 3 vs. AFC, rushing 18 times for 141 yards with 1 TD. **FB MACK STRONG** has 10 career TD receptions & last TD catch came vs. KC (11/24/02)...**WR DEION BRANCH** aims for 4th in row vs. KC with 5+ catches. When Branch has 5+ catches, his teams are 20-6 (.769). Has 2 TDs in past 2 games & his teams are 13-2 (.867) when he has TD catch. **WR DARRELL JACKSON** has 5 TDs in past 5 & aims for TD catch in 5 of past 6. Led club with 7 catches & 136 yards (1 TD) last week. Ties for 2nd in NFL with 5 receiving TDs...**LB JULIAN PETERSON** leads team with 6.0 sacks & has sack in 4 of 1st 6 games with Seahawks. Aims for 3rd game in row with 2.0+ sacks. **DE BRYCE FISHER's** past 7.0 sacks have all come on road...**CHIEFS:** **QB DAMON HUARD** tied career high with 2 TD passes last wk vs. SD & posted 108.9 passer rating, marking 3rd straight game with +100 rating. Huard is 8-3 (.727) as starter...With 2 rushing TDs last week, **RB LARRY JOHNSON** (35) passed **ED PODOLAK** (34) and stands 5th all-time in club annals (**PRIEST HOLMES**, 76). Club is 12-4 (.750) when Johnson runs for +100 yds, including 9-0 at Arrowhead...**TE TONY GONZALEZ** extended franchise-record receiving streak to 90 games. Streak is 3rd longest with reception by TE in NFL history (**OZZIE NEWSOME**, 150)...**G WILL SHIELDS** to play in 215th consecutive game, extending his own club record...Team has won 16 consecutive games at home when posting positive turnover ratio, 3rd longest active streak in NFL...**DE JARED ALLEN** registered 2.0 sacks in Week 7, his 6th career multi-sack game. His 24 career sacks ties **DE-LB WHITNEY PAUL** for 10th all-time in club history. Club has not allowed 100-yd rusher in 18 consecutive home games, longest such streak in NFL.

BALTIMORE RAVENS (4-2) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (5-1)**SERIES**

	<u>RAVENS</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-1	
STREAKS		Past 1
COACHES VS. OPP.	Billick: 1-1	Payton: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 6: L 23-21 vs. Panthers)	Bye (Wk. 6: W 27-24 vs. Eagles)
LAST GAME	12/8/02: Saints 37 at Ravens 25. New Orleans RB Deuce McAllister rushes for 127 yards & 3 TDs & K John Carney connects on 3 FGs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross. SIRIUS: 152 (Bal.), 125 (NO).	

STATS

PASSING	McNair: 95-169-915-5-7-64.1	Brees: 138-207-1,509-8-4-92.8 (3C)
RUSHING	J. Lewis: 97-352-3.6-1	McAllister: 91-444-4.9-4
RECEIVING	Heap (TE): 27-235-8.7-4	Bush (RB) (R): 38-285-7.5-0
OFFENSE	271.7	354.2
TAKE/GIVE	+7 (T2L)	0
DEFENSE	252.0 (3L)	309.2
SACKS	Scott, Thomas: 5.0	W. Smith, Young: 3.5
INTs	McAlister: 3	Fujita: 2
PUNTING	Koch: 43.9	Weatherford (R): 44.8
KICKING	Stover: 40 (10/10 PAT; 10/10 FG)	Carney: 53 (3C) (14/14 PAT; 13/14 FG)

NOTES

RAVENS: Have won 4 consecutive games following bye, tying for 2nd longest active streak in NFL (Phi., 7)...In only career game vs. Saints, **QB STEVE MC NAIR** completed 22 of 33 (66.7 pct.) for 252 yards & 2 TDs (0 INTs). McNair's teams are 53-21 (.716) when he has 0 INTs...**RB JAMAL LEWIS** has 336 rush yds (112 avg.) in past 3 games indoors... **WR DERRICK MASON** leads team with 310 receiving yards, while **WR MARK CLAYTON** is averaging career-best 11.5 yards per catch (25 for 287)...**TE TODD HEAP** (4) tied for most TD catches by TE & has 5+ receptions in 4 of 6 games this season...Defense ranks 3rd overall, allowing 252.0 yards per game & limits opponents to 2.7 yards per rush, tops in NFL. Club is 21-5 (.808) when **LB TERRELL SUGGS** records sack & 8-0 (1.000) when he posts 2.0+ sacks. **CB CHRIS MC ALISTER** has 19 career INTs, including 2 in past 3 road games, & needs 1 to join **ED REED** (23) & Lewis (22) as only players in club history with 20. **K MATT STOVER** has made 30 FGs in row – longest active streak in NFL...**SAINTS:** Aim for 1st 4-0 start at home since 1991 when club went 11-5 & won division. Head coach **SEAN PAYTON** aims for 6-1 start, best in franchise history for rookie. Club has outscored opponents 43-3 in 2nd quarter. Only team in NFL to allow fewer than 12 points in 2nd quarter...**QB DREW BREES** has 25-12 (.676) record since 2004 with 59 TDs vs. 26 INTs. Leads NFL with 127.8 4th quarter passer rating...In only meeting (12/8/02), **RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** rushed for 127 yards & career-best 3 TDs. Has 38 rush TDs & needs 1 to tie **DALTON HILLIARD** (39) for most in team annals. **REGGIE BUSH** has 38 receptions, tops among all RBs & most by rookie...**WR MARQUES COLSTON** has NFL rookie-best 414 receiving yards & 4 TD catches. His 27 receptions is 2nd by rookie, trailing only RB Bush. **WR JOE HORN** had 7 catches for 87 yards in last game vs. Balt. When Horn has 85+ yards, Saints are 25-11 (.694)...Defense has 18 sacks, tied for 4th in NFC. Five Saints have 2.0+ sacks – **DE WILL SMITH** (3.5), **DT BRIAN YOUNG** (3.5), **DE CHARLES GRANT** (3.0), **LB SCOTT FUJITA** (2.5) & **LB SCOTT SHANLE** (2.0). **CB FRED THOMAS** had 1st career 2-INT game vs. Bal (12/8/02).

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (2-4) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (4-2)**SERIES**

	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>	<u>GIANTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		9-6
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gruden: 3-0	Coughlin: 1-1
LAST WEEK	W 23-21 vs. Eagles	W 36-22 at Cowboys
LAST GAME	11/24/03: Giants 13 at Buccaneers 19. Tampa Bay QB Brad Johnson throws for 269 yards with 1 TD & Buccaneers defense allows only 212 yards while forcing 4 turnovers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/30/97: Buccaneers 20, Giants 8. Tampa Bay RB Mike Alstott scores 2 TDs as Buccaneers clinch first full-schedule winning season since 1981.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan. SIRIUS: 122 (TB), 144 (NYG).	

STATS

PASSING	Gradkowski (R): 60-107-533-4-1-78.1	Manning: 127-202-1,518-13 (2L)-8-90.7
RUSHING	C. Williams: 104-394-3.8-1	Barber: 129-647 (1L)-5.0-0
RECEIVING	Galloway: 21-346-16.5-2	Toomer: 29-332-11.4-3
OFFENSE	267.3	389.5 (2L)
TAKE/GIVE	-1	0
DEFENSE	354.7	330.5
SACKS	White, Wyms: 3.0	Umenyiora: 5.0
INTs	Barber: 2	Madison, McQuarters, Robbins: 2
PUNTING	Bidwell: 43.7	Feagles: 43.1
KICKING	M. Bryant: 25 (10/10 PAT; 5/8 FG)	Feely: 47 (17/17 PAT; 10/12 FG)

NOTES

TWIN BROTHERS CB RONDE (TB) & **RB TIKI** (NYG) **BARBER** meet for 4th time in career...**BUCCANEERS**: Have won 3 of past 4 vs. NYG, outscoring NY 72-41 in those 4...Rookie **QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI** has led TB to victory in final minute in back-to-back weeks...Bucs are 8-0 when **RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** has more than 20 carries. In last game at NYG (11/30/97), **RB MIKE ALSTOTT** had 9-yard TD run & 1-yard TD catch...**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** aims for 5th in row vs. NYG with 20+ yard reception. Had 64-yard catch in last meeting. **WR IKE HILLIARD** was 1997 1st-round pick by NYG. Had 368 catches for 4,630 yards & 27 TDs with NY. **TE ALEX SMITH** has TD in 2 of past 3 ...**LB DERRICK BROOKS** will play 183rd game with TB, tying franchise record (**PAUL GRUBER**, 183). CB Barber had career-best 2 INT-TDs (37, 66) last week & now has 6 INT-TDs in career (incl. playoffs). **DE SIMEON RICE** (120.0) ranks 2nd among active players in sacks, trailing NY's Strahan (132.5). Has 5.0 sacks in past 4 vs. NYG. **MATT BRYANT** kicked 62-yard FG, 2nd-longest game-winner in NFL history...**GIANTS**: Have won 5 of 6 meetings at home...**QB ELI MANNING** has won 8 of past 10 at home with 17 TDs in those 10. Total (389.5) and rush (152.3) offense rank 2nd in NFL. Have outscored opponents 122-46 after halftime...RB Barber has led team in rushing in 70 consecutive games, longest streak in NFL history. Leads NFL with 647 rush yards & 869 scrimmage yards. Has 9,434 rushing yards & needs 60 receiving yards (4,940) 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...In 12/23/02 meeting (with Pitt.), **WR PLAXICO BURRESS** had 5 catches for 127 yards. **WR AMANI TOOMER** needs 2 TD receptions to pass **KYLE ROTE** (48) for team record. Giants have won 7 of past 10 when **TE JEREMY SHOCKEY** has TD. **DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** (132.5) can pass HOFer **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (132.5) for 1st in team history with next sack. Rookie **CB KEVIN DOCKERY** had 96-yard INT-TD last week.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (3-3) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-3)**SERIES**

	<u>JAGUARS</u>	<u>EAGLES</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-0	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Del Rio: 0-0	Reid: 0-1
LAST WEEK	L 27-7 at Texans	L 23-21 at Buccaneers
LAST GAME	10/6/02: Eagles 25 at Jaguars 28. Jacksonville wins 3rd straight game as QB Mark Brunell passes for 197 yards & 1 TD & WR Bobby Shaw returns punt 69 yards for TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf. SIRIUS: 153 (Jax.), 123 (Phi.).	

STATS

PASSING	Leftwich: 108-183-1,159-7-5-79.0	McNabb: 144-243-2,151 (1L)-16 (1L)-5-101.7 (2L)
RUSHING	Taylor: 108-451-4.2-2	Westbrook: 84-462-5.5-4
RECEIVING	R. Williams: 24-297-12.4-4	Westbrook (RB): 30-333-11.1-3
OFFENSE	300.8	417.1 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	+3	0
DEFENSE	292.5	320.6
SACKS	McCray: 4.0	T. Cole: 6.0
INTs	Mathis: 4 (T1L)	Sheppard: 3
PUNTING	Hanson: 43.6	D. Johnson: 42.6
KICKING	Scobee: 41 (14/14 PAT; 9/12 FG)	Akers: 44 (26/26 PAT; 6/8 FG)

NOTES

JAGUARS: QB BYRON LEFTWICH has won 5 of past 7 starts vs. NFC, throwing 12 TDs vs. 4 INTs in those games. Team is 11-2 (.846) when Leftwich has 2+ TD passes...RB FRED TAYLOR has rushed for 120+ yards in 4 of past 5 vs. NFC on road. Has 8,818 rushing yards & needs 82 to become 6th active player with 9,000...RB FRED TAYLOR has 20+ carries in 4 of 6 games...Rookie RB MAURICE JONES-DREW is 1 of 2 NFL players (BRIAN WESTBROOK, Phil) to have scored at least 3 TDs rushing & at least 2 TDs receiving. Jones-Drew's 3 rushing TDs tie him w/ GREG JONES (3, 2004) for 2nd most by rookie in club history (Taylor, 14, 1998)...WR REGGIE WILLIAMS has 3 TDs in past 2 vs. NFC & ties for 5th in NFL with 4 receiving TDs this season. TE KYLE BRADY is native of nearby New Cumberland, PA...Team (9) tied for 3rd most INTs, led by league co-leader CB RASHEAN MATHIS (4). Mathis needs 1 INT to tie career high (5, '04 & '03). Defense ties for 4th in NFL, allowing 15.2 1st downs per game...**EAGLES:** Lead NFL in total (417.1) & passing (291.9) offense. Club has outscored opponents 66-17 in 3rd quarter & hold 8-1 advantage in TDs. QB DONOVAN MC NABB has won 9 of past 11 vs. AFC. Has thrown 2+ TDs in every game this year & had 2 TD passes in only game vs. Jax. Eagles are 33-11 (.750) when McNabb has 2+ TD passes. In start vs. Jags, McNabb recorded 1st career 100-yard rush game (1 TD)...RB BRIAN WESTBROOK is 2nd in NFL with 795 scrimmage yards (462 rush, 333 rec.). Became 1st player since PRIEST HOLMES in 2002 with 100+ rushing (101) & 100+ rec. (113) yards in same game last week vs. TB...WR REGGIE BROWN has 6 TDs (5 rec., 1 rush) on just 27 touches. Has TD in each of past 3 (4 TDs). Five Eagles have recorded 100-yard rec. games – WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH (141), WR Brown (121, 106), RB Westbrook (113), rookie WR HANK BASKETT (112), TE L.J. SMITH (111). TE Smith has 6 catches of 20+ yards, tied for 2nd among TEs...DE TRENT COLE has 11.0 sacks in 22 career games. CB LITO SHEPPARD has 3 INTs (102-yard TD) in past 2. S BRIAN DAWKINS has 29 INTs, 2nd-most by active player with current team.

HOUSTON TEXANS (2-4) AT TENNESSEE TITANS (1-5)

SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
SERIES LEADER	6-2	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Kubiak: 0-0	Fisher: 6-2
LAST WEEK	W 27-7 vs. Jaguars	Bye (Wk. 6 W 25-22 at Redskins)
LAST GAME	12/11//05: Texans 10 at Titans 13. Tennessee K Rob Bironas connects on 2 FGs & Adam Jones returns punt 52 yards for TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/11/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker. SIRIUS: 181 (Hou.).	

STATS

PASSING	Carr: 121-172-1,217-9-4-97.9 (2C)	Young (R): 47-99-512-3-4-56.5
RUSHING	Dayne: 57-167-2.9-0	Henry: 81-383-4.7-3
RECEIVING	A. Johnson: 47(1L)-591 (1L)-12.6-3	Bennett: 21-305-14.5-1
OFFENSE	276.3	285.3
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-4
DEFENSE	385.7	363.2
SACKS	Williams: 2.5	Finnegan (R), Vanden Bosch: 2.0
INTs	Simmons: 1	Hope: 2
PUNTING	Stanley: 42.3	Hentrich: 41.3
KICKING	K. Brown: 31 (10/10 PAT; 7/8 FG)	Bironas: 29 (5/5 PAT; 8/9 FG)

NOTES

CLUB THAT HAS WON 1st meeting in season series is 4-0 in 2nd meeting...**TEXANS:** Club aims for 3rd win in past 4 games. Club outscoring opponents 60-45 in 4th qtr...**QB DAVID CARR** (70.3) leads NFL in comp. pct. & stands 2nd in AFC w/ 97.9 passer rating. Carr has TD pass in 11 consecutive division games. Carr has thrown 6 TDs vs. 1 INT in 4th qtr & owns AFC-best 125.6 4th qtr passer rating...Rookie **RB WALI LUNDY** posted 93 yds on 19 carries (4.9 avg) w/ 1 TD in victory vs. Jax last wk...**WR ANDRE JOHNSON** tops NFL in receptions (47) & receiving yds (591). Johnson (9) tied for most catches of 20+ yds among AFC WRs (**REGGIE WAYNE**, Ind). Johnson has 4 100s in past 6 games & at least 8 catches in 4 games in row. **WR ERIC MOULDS** has 700 catches in career. Rookie **TE OWEN DANIELS** tied for 5th in most TD catches by TE w/ 3...Rookie **DE MARIO WILLIAMS** has at least 1.0 sack in 2 of past 3 games...Punt coverage stands No. 1 in NFL, allowing 4.9 yds per PR. **K KRIS BROWN** is 47 of 52 (90.4 pct.) in career Oct. FG attempts inside 50 yds...**TITANS:** Club coming off bye week, eyes consecutive wins for 1st time since 2003. Club is 50-38 (.568) in division under head coach **JEFF FISHER**...**QB VINCE YOUNG** has rushed or passed for TD in 4 consecutive games. Young can become 1st rookie to lead club in passing since **OLIVER LUCK** in 1983...In past 2 games, **RB TRAVIS HENRY** has 51 carries for 301 yds (5.9-yd avg.) & 1 TD. In 2 career starts vs. Texans, Henry has 308 yds on 51 carries w/ 2 TDs. **RB CHRIS BROWN** (2,251) needs 74 rush yds to surpass **ALLEN PINKETT** (2,324) for 9th place on franchise's all-time rushing list...**WR DREW BENNETT** has 5 receptions in 4 of past 5 vs. Hou. Among AFC players with more than 20 catches, Bennett stands 6th with 14.5-yd. average...**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** leads team's D-linemen w/ 37 tackles. **DT RANDY STARKS** paces club with 4 tackles for loss. **CB PACMAN JONES** registered FF & FR in last game (Wk 6 win at Wash). Defense limited Texans to 82 passing yards in last meeting (12/11/05) & recorded 6 sacks as team; **LB KEITH BULLUCK** notched career-best 2.0 of those sacks. **S CHRIS HOPE** as INT in 2 of past 3 games.

ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-2) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (4-2)**SERIES**

	<u>RAMS</u>	<u>CHARGERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	5-3	
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Linehan: 0-0	Schottenheimer: 3-2
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 6: L 30-28 vs. Seahawks)	L 30-27 at Chiefs
LAST GAME	11/10/02: Chargers 24 at Rams 28. St. Louis QB Marc Bulger tosses 4 TDs, including 2 in 4th quarter, as Rams erase 10-point deficit.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/27/94: Chargers 31, Rams 17. San Diego PR Darrien Gordon has 75-yard TD & Chargers' defense intercepts 4 passes as team improves to 9-3.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:05 PM PT): Kenny Albert, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (St.L.), 130 (SD).	

STATS

PASSING	Bulger: 128-208-1,619 (3C)-10 (T3C)-1-99.8 (2C)	Rivers: 124-187-1,330-9 (T3C)-3-96.3
RUSHING	S. Jackson: 133-521-3.9-2	Tomlinson: 125-473-3.8-7 (1L)
RECEIVING	Holt: 37-526-14.2-7 (1L)	Tomlinson (RB): 32-246-7.7-1
OFFENSE	345.2	362.2
TAKE/GIVE	+11 (1L)	+6 (T2C)
DEFENSE	339.3	241.2 (1L)
SACKS	Little: 5.0	Phillips: 6.0 (T2C)
INTs	Atogwe, Brown: 2	Jammer: 2
PUNTING	Turk: 42.5	Scifres: 45.9 (3C)
KICKING	Wilkins: 65 (1L) (11/11 PAT; 18/21 FG)	Kaeding: 64 (1C) (19/19 PAT; 15/17 FG)

NOTES

RAMS: In only start vs. SD, **QB MARC BULGER** completed 36 of 48 passes (75.0 pct.) for career-best 453 yards with career-high 4 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 131.7 passer rating. Has 4 400-yard games in career, 3rd among active QBs (**PEYTON MANNING**, 7 & **DREW BLEDSOE**, 6). Is 9-4 (.692) vs. AFC. Rams have thrown NFL-low 1 INT...**RB STEVEN JACKSON** ranks 4th in NFL with 745 scrimmage yards (521 rush, 224 rec). Aims for 4th in row vs. AFC with 100+ yards & has 410 rush yards (136.7 per game) in past 3...**WR ISAAC BRUCE** aims for 3rd consecutive meeting with 160+ yards & 2+ TDs. In past 2 vs. SD, has 19 catches for 330 yards (165.0 per game) & 5 TDs. **WR TORRY HOLT** became fastest player to 10,000 yards with 154-yard performance in his 116th game in Week 6. Added career-best 3 TDs in that game. Rams are 10-1 (.909) vs. AFC when Holt has 100+ yards...Club leads NFL with +11 turnover ratio & ranks 3rd in NFC with 16 takeaways (8 INTs, 8 fumbles). Six Rams have INT. **DT LA'ROI GLOVER** aims for 3rd in row vs. SD with sack (3.0 sacks in past 2)...**CHARGERS:** **QB PHILIP RIVERS** has 2 passing TDs in 3 straight games & 1+ TD in all 6 starts this season. Rivers is 2nd in AFC in 4th-quarter passer rating (116.0)...**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has scored 1+ TD in 8 of past 9 vs. NFC. Tomlinson leads team in receptions (32) and is 2nd in AFC with 719 scrimmage yards (473 rush, 246 rec.). Tomlinson ran for 120 yards & 1 TD in lone start vs. Rams (11/10/02)...In 3 career starts vs. Rams, **WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** is averaging 110.7 yds/game, including career high 16 rec. & 232 yards on 10/20/96 w/ Jax. **TE ANTONIO GATES** has scored TD in 4 of 6 games in '06, including past 3...SD leads NFL in total defense (241.2 yds/game) and AFC in total sacks (23.0). **LB SHAUN PHILLIPS** is tied for NFL lead in LB sacks (6.0) with Seattle's **JULIAN PETERSON**. Phillips had career high 7.0 sacks in '05...**P MIKE SCIFRES** leads NFL with 43.0 net avg.

NEW YORK JETS (4-3) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (1-5)**SERIES**

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>BROWNS</u>
SERIES LEADER		10-7
STREAKS	3 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mangini: 0-0	Crennel: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 31-24 vs. Lions	L 17-7 vs. Broncos
LAST GAME	11/21/04: Jets 10 at Browns 7. New York RB Curtis Martin rushes for 88 & becomes 2nd player in NFL annals to rush for 1,000+ yards in each of 1st 10 seasons (Barry Sanders).	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/21/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts. SIRIUS: 119 (NYJ), 143 (Cle.).	

STATS

PASSING	Pennington: 125-190-1,450 (2C)-9-6-91.3	Frye: 124-201-1,188-6-10-67.3
RUSHING	L. Washington (R): 71-346-4.9-2	Droughns: 80-257-3.2-1
RECEIVING	Coles: 42 (2C)-566 (2C)-13.5-3	Winslow (TE): 33-317-9.6-2
OFFENSE	307.9	245.2
TAKE/GIVE	+2	-10
DEFENSE	372.3	337.0
SACKS	Rhodes: 3.0	Wimbley (R): 3.0
INTs	Dyson: 3 (T2C)	Davis, Jones: 2
PUNTING	Graham: 44.3	Zastudil: 44.3
KICKING	Nugent: 33 (18/19 PAT; 5/7 FG)	Dawson: 28 (10/10 PAT; 6/7 FG)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES HEAD COACHES **ERIC MANGINI** of NYJ & Cleveland's **ROMEO CRENNEL** – both defensive assistants under **BILL BELICHICK** at New England. Mangini succeeded Crennel as NE's def. coordinator following 2004 SB championship season. Road team has won 3 of past 4 in series....**JETS**: Team has equaled 2005 season win total (4)...Head coach Mangini began NFL career in 1994 as Browns ball boy. Off. coordinator **BRIAN SCHOTTENHEIMER** is son of former Browns HC **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** (1984-88)...**QB CHAD PENNINGTON** has won 5 of past 8 Oct. starts w/ comp. pct. of 60.0+ in 5 of past 7 in month. Pennington (91.3) is AFC's 5th-highest rated passer. Team is 20-8 (.714) when Pennington posts 90.0+ passer rating as starter...Rookie **RB LEON WASHINGTON** posted 1st career 2 TD-game last wk. Washington has 100+ yds in 2 of past 3 games, averaging 5.3 yds/carry in those 3 (54-288-2). **RB KEVAN BARLOW** has 5 rush TDs on season, tied for 3rd-most in NFL. Barlow has at least 5 rush TDs in 3 of past 4 seasons...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** has 42 receptions – most by Jet through 7 games since **AL TOON** (43) in 1986...**LB VICTOR HOBSON** tied for NFL lead w/ 2 defensive FRs. **CB ANDRE DYSON** (3), **S KERRY RHODES** (2) & **CB DAVID BARRETT** (2) comprise only AFC teammate trio w/ 2+ INTs each...**BROWNS**: **QB CHARLIE FRYE** has TD pass in 4 consecutive home games...**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** has at least 99 rush yds in 3 of past 5 Oct. games. Droughns (3 of 4) & **RB JASON WRIGHT** (2 of 2) are combined 5 of 6 (83.3 pct.) on 3rd & 1 rush attempts...**WR JOE JUREVICIUS** has TD catch in 2 of past 3 games & has 7 TDs in past 10. Among AFC players w/ 20+ receptions, **WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** (22) stands 3rd w/ 16.2-yd per catch avg. **TE KELLEN WINSLOW** (38) has 2nd most catches by TE in 1st 8 NFL games (**KEITH JACKSON** 48, 1988). Winslow leads NFL TEs on season w/ 33 receptions...**LB ANDRA DAVIS** 1 of 6 NFL LBs w/ 2 INTs – tied for most in league...**WR-KR-PR JOSHUA CRIBBS** leads NFL w/ 28.7-yd KR avg. Kickoff coverage unit ranks No. 1 in NFL, allowing 19.1-yd avg. Punt return coverage (5.3) stands No. 4 in league.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (6-0) AT DENVER BRONCOS (5-1)**SERIES**

	<u>COLTS</u>	<u>BRONCOS</u>
SERIES LEADER		11-4
STREAKS		5 of past 8
COACHES VS. OPP.	Dungy: 4-3	Shanahan: 2-4
LAST WEEK	W 36-22 vs. Redskins	W 17-7 at Browns
LAST GAME	1/2/05: Colts 14 at Broncos 33. Denver QB Jake Plummer throws 2 TDs & runs in another as Broncos clinch Wild Card playoff berth. Broncos K Jason Elam converts 4 FGs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/2/05	
BROADCAST	CBS (2:15 PM MT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. SIRIUS: 147 (Ind.), 123 (Den.).	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 131-206-1,620 (1C)-12 (1C)-2-103.2 (1L)	Plummer: 88-169-984-4-7-60.4
RUSHING	Addai (R): 70-354-5.1-1	T. Bell: 124-585 (1C)-4.7-2
RECEIVING	Harrison: 39 (3C)-515 (3C)-13.2-3	Walker: 29-495-17.1-2
OFFENSE	373.0 (1C)	296.8
TAKE/GIVE	+6 (T2C)	-1
DEFENSE	325.3	272.0 (3C)
SACKS	Mathis: 4.5	Dumervil (R): 5.0
INTs	Doss: 2	Bailey: 3 (T2C)
PUNTING	Smith: 45.8	Ernster: 41.6
KICKING	Vinatieri: 39 (9/9 PAT; 10/10 FG)	Elam: 37 (7/7 PAT; 10/12 FG)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES undefeated Colts (6-0) vs. 5-1 Broncos. Including playoffs, clubs meet for 7th time in past 6 seasons ...**COLTS**: Club is 9th in NFL history to begin consecutive seasons 6-0...**QB PEYTON MANNING** has thrown TD pass in 26 of 29 NFL venues played; has not thrown TD in Invesco Field, Edward Jones Dome & Qwest Field. Last wk vs. Wash, Manning threw for 4 TDs to reach 256 in career, surpassing HOF QBs **DAN FOUTS** (254) & **SONNY JURGENSEN** (255) for 10th most in NFL history...Rookie **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** leads club w/ 354 rush yds & stands 2nd among NFL rookies in category...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** caught 2 TDs last wk & now has 113 in career, tied with HOFer **LENNY MOORE** (113) for most in club history. Harrison & Manning have connected for 97 TD passes – most in NFL history. **WR REGGIE WAYNE** has 25+ yd catch in 5 of past 6 on road...**LB CATO JUNE** leads club w/ 64 tackles. **DE ROBERT MATHIS** has team-best 4.5 sacks on season. Club is 20-1 (.952) when Mathis record at least 1.0 sack. Defense has allowed only 10 points in 3rd qtr...**WR-KR-PR TERRENCE WILKINS** stands 4th in AFC w/ 11.0 PR avg...**BRONCOS**: Club has won 13 in row at home for longest current streak in NFL. Team owns +14 turnover differential & is outscoring opponents 297-143 during streak...Team is 5-1 or better for 7th time during head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**'s 12-year tenure...**QB JAKE PLUMMER** is 37-12 (.755) as Denver starter...**RB TATUM BELL** leads AFC w/ 585 rush yds. Bell has 3rd-most rushing 1st downs (25) in AFC & has 3 rushes for 20+ yds, 3rd-most among AFC RBs...**WR ROD SMITH** (819) needs 1 catch to surpass HOFer **STEVE LARGENT** (819) for 12th-most in league history. In last game vs. Colts (9/26/04), **WR JAVON WALKER** (w/GB) posted career-highs in rec. TDs (3), rec. yds (200) & catches (11, which he later tied)... Offensive line has not allowed DE Freeney sack in 3 meetings...Defense has allowed 2 TDs in 1st six games for best mark since 1934 Lions (0)...Rookie **DE ELVIS DUMERVIL** has 5.0 sacks in past 2 games. **CB CHAMP BAILEY** tied for 3rd in NFL w/ 3 INTs...**K JASON ELAM** (1,594) needs 1 point to surpass **EDDIE MURRAY** (1,594) for 9th-most points in NFL annals.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (2-4) AT OAKLAND RAIDERS (1-5)

SERIES

	<u>STEELERS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	8-8	
STREAKS	5 of past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Cowher: 5-1	Shell: 1-1
LAST WEEK	L 41-38 at Falcons	W 22-9 vs. Cardinals
LAST GAME	9/12/04: Raiders 21 at Steelers 24. Pittsburgh RB Jerome Bettis scores 3 rushing TDs & K Jeff Reed kicks 42-yard field goal with 7 seconds remaining for Steelers win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/10/95: Steelers 29, Raiders 10. Pittsburgh QB Neil O'Donnell throws for 330 yards & 2 scores. Steelers RB Eric Pegrum rushes for 122 yards.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:15 PM PT): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon. SIRIUS: 107 (Pit.), 110 (Oak.)	

STATS

PASSING	Roethlisberger: 87-143-1,045-5-7-74.5	Walter: 65-134-874-3-8-52.3
RUSHING	Parker: 126-481-3.8-5 (2C)	Jordan: 84-314-3.7-1
RECEIVING	Ward: 26-378-14.5-5 (1C)	Moss: 24-351-14.6-3
OFFENSE	342.5 (3C)	256.7
TAKE/GIVE	-2	-12
DEFENSE	306.5	273.0
SACKS	Foote, Haggans: 3.0	Burgess: 5.0
INTs	Polamalu: 3 (T2C)	Asomugha: 2
PUNTING	Gardocki: 44.7	Lechler: 49.9 (1C)
KICKING	Reed: 36 (18/18/ PAT; 6/9 FG)	Janikowski: 28 (7/7 PAT; 7/8 FG)

NOTES

STEELERS: Club is 27-19-1 in games decided by 3 points or less under head coach **BILL COWHER**...In past 2 games, **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** has completed 32 of 41 passes (78.0 pct.) for 476 yards with 5 touchdowns, & 154.6 passer rating... Pittsburgh's 5 passing TDs last week vs. Falcons tied club record, set 5 times, most recently 11/3/1996 vs. StL...**RB WILLIE PARKER** has at least 20 carries in 4 of 6 games...With career high 171 receiving yards last week vs. Atl, **WR HINES WARD** registered 15th career 100-yd game, trailing only **LOUIS LIPPS** (16) & **JOHN STALLWORTH** (25) in club annals. Also, recorded career-high in TDs (3). Can extend consecutive games-w/-catch streak to 126 games. Became 1st player in club history to record at least 600 receptions...Rookie **WR SANTONIO HOLMES** recorded career highs in receptions (5), yards (91) & kickoff return yardage (88)...Club stands 3rd in conference averaging 24.0 points & 228.5 pass yds/game...**LB JOEY PORTER** was named AFC Defensive POW (Wk. 1, 9/15/02) for efforts vs. Oak, registering 10 tackles, 3.0 sacks & 2 INTs w/ 114 return yards... **RAIDERS:** **QB ANDREW WALTER** registered career highs in passing yards (263) and rating (83.1) in victory last week vs. Cardinals...**RB LA MONT JORDAN** has 120+ rush yds in 3 of past 4 Oct. home games & has 7 rushing TDs in those 4. In 2 of past 3 at home, Jordan has rushed for at least 128 yds...Last week vs. Arizona, **RB JUSTIN FARGAS** recorded career highs in rushing attempts (23) & yards (66)...Ground game currently stands 2nd in AFC, averaging 4.4 yds/att...In his only previous mtg vs. Pit (12/2/02), **WR RANDY MOSS** caught 8 passes for 144 yards & 1 TD... Defense stands 1st in NFL allowing 140.5 passing yds per game & 4th in AFC allowing 273.0 yds per game. Club owns AFC's No. 4 defense inside 20, allowing 10 TDs in 25 trips (40.0 pct.)...**DE DERRICK BURGESS** has at least 1.0 sack in 3 of past 4 games & leads club w/ 5.0. **DT TERDELL SANDS** notched 1st career INT last wk. Defense limited Arz to 1 of 11 (9.0 pct) on 3rd down conversion atts in Wk 7 win...**P SHANE LECHLER** ranks No. 2 in NFL w/ 49.9-yard average.

SUNDAY NIGHT**DALLAS COWBOYS (3-3) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (4-3)****SERIES**

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>PANTHERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	5-1	
STREAKS	Past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 3-2	Fox: 1-3
LAST WEEK	L 36-22 vs. Giants	L 17-14 at Bengals
LAST GAME	12/24/05: Cowboys 24 at Panthers 20. Dallas RB Julius Jones rushes for 194 yards & 2 TDs & QB Drew Bledsoe throws 2-yard TD pass to WR Terry Glenn with 24 seconds remaining.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/24/05	
BROADCAST	NBC (8:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumphy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (Dal.), 130 (Car.).	

STATS

PASSING	Bledsoe: 90-169-1,164-7-8-69.2 Romo: 16-27-262-3-3-89.4	Delhomme: 143-239-1,581-8-4-83.7
RUSHING	J. Jones: 121-524-4.3-2	Foster: 128-490-3.8-1
RECEIVING	T. Glenn: 29-378-13.0-3	Smith: 39-576 (3L)-14.8-2
OFFENSE	356.5	305.6
TAKE/GIVE	-2	0
DEFENSE	287.3	321.1
SACKS	Ratliff, Ware: 3.0	Peppers: 8.0 (1L)
INTs	R. Williams: 2	Marshall (R): 2
PUNTING	McBriar: 50.5 (1L)	Baker: 44.9
KICKING	Vanderjagt: 36 (18/18 PAT; 6/7 FG)	Kasay: 51 (12/12 PAT; 13/14 FG)

NOTES

PAST 4 MEETINGS decided by 4 points-or-less...**COWBOYS**: Offense has scored 69 points in 4th quarter, 2nd-most in NFL. **QB DREW BLEDSOE** won only career start at Carolina (12/24/05). **QB TONY ROMO** could make 1st career start. Has thrown TD in each of past 2 games (3 TDs)...In last year's meeting, **RB JULIUS JONES** rushed for 194 yards & 2 TDs. **RB MARION BARBER** has rush TD in 4 of past 5...**WR TERRELL OWENS** has 9 TDs in 12 meetings. In past 5 vs. Panthers, Owens has 533 yards (106.6 per game) & 4 TDs, recording 96+ yards in all 5. **WR TERRY GLENN** had TD in last year's game & his teams are 24-13 (.649) when he has TD catch. Since entering NFL in 2003, **JASON WITTEN** has 208 catches & 2,321 yards, 4th-most among TEs...**LB DE MARCUS WARE** had career-best 3.0 sacks & 3 FFs vs. Carolina last year. Has 7.0 sacks in past 8. **S ROY WILLIAMS** aims for 3rd in row vs. Panthers with INT. Leads club with 2 INTs...**PANTHERS**: Club has won 8 of past 11 decided by 8 points-or-less...**QB JAKE DELHOMME** has passed for 260+ yards & 2+ TDs in each of 2 starts at home vs. Cowboys. Has won 7 of past 10 home starts with 14 TDs vs. 7 INTs...Incl. playoffs, club is 6-0 all-time when **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushes for 100+ yards...In 24 games since start of 2005 (incl. playoffs), **WR STEVE SMITH** has 169 catches for 2,474 yards (103.1 per game), 401 return yards (344 PR, 57 KR), 70 rush yards & 20 total TDs (17 rec, 2 rush, 1 PR). **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** played 2 seasons for Dal., hauling in 141 catches for 1,820 yards & 12 TDs. **WR DREW CARTER** scored 1st career TD (32 yards) vs. Cowboys...**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** aims for 4th meeting in row with sack. Has 7.0 sacks in 3 contests vs. Dal. (2 3.0-sack games). Has sack in 5 of past 6 (8.0 sacks). Rookie **CB RICHARD MARSHALL** has takeaway in 3 of past 4 (2 INTs, 1 FR) & 1 TD.

MONDAY NIGHT**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (5-1) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (4-2)****SERIES**

	<u>PATRIOTS</u>	<u>VIKINGS</u>
SERIES LEADER	5-4	
STREAKS	3 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Belichick: 1-3	Childress: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 28-6 at Bills	W 31-13 at Seahawks
LAST GAME	11/24/02: Vikings 17 at Patriots 24. New England QB Tom Brady throws 3 TDs, including 2 scores to TE Christian Fauria.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/2/97: Vikings 23, Patriots 18. Minnesota WR Cris Carter catches 8 passes for 116 yards with 1 TD as Vikings hold off a late rally by New England.	
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). SIRIUS: 125 (NE), 123 (Min.).	

STATS

PASSING	Brady: 106-189-1,226-10 (2C)-3-86.9	Br. Johnson: 122-194-1,299-4-4-80.7
RUSHING	Maroney (R): 86-361-4.2-3	C. Taylor: 137-590 (2L)-4.3-2
RECEIVING	Watson (TE): 21-271-12.9-0	C. Taylor (RB): 21-137-6.5-0
OFFENSE	324.8	326.3
TAKE/GIVE	+3	+2
DEFENSE	299.3	277.8 (2C)
SACKS	Green: 4.5	K. Williams: 4.0
INTs	Samuel: 3 (T2C)	E. Henderson: 2
PUNTING	Miller: 44.3	Kluwe: 40.4
KICKING	Gostkowski (R): 32 (17/17; 5/8 FG)	Longwell: 48 (9/10 PAT; 13/16 FG)

NOTES

PATRIOTS: Under head coach **BILL BELICHICK**, NE is 8-4 (.667) vs. NFC on road...In 1 career start vs. Min, **QB TOM BRADY** passed for 239 yards & 3 TDs (112.3 rating). Brady is 16-4 (.800) all-time vs. NFC with 90.8 passer rating... Rookie **RB LAURENCE MARONEY** attended Univ. of Minnesota & ranks No. 2 on school's all-time rushing list (3,933 yards on 660 att., 6.0 avg.). Maroney leads all rookies with 86 attempts & 361 rushing yards (4.2 avg.)...**WR DOUG GABRIEL** leads team w/ 3 TD rec., equaling career high...Through 6 games, **DE JARVIS GREEN** has career-best 4.5 sacks & leads the team in category. Veteran **LB JUNIOR SEAU** ranks 2nd on team with 39 tackles, incl. 9 at Buffalo in Week 7...**VIKINGS:** Have won past 4 at home on MNF...**QB BRAD JOHNSON** is 26-12 (.684) in 38 career starts with Vikings. Has won 6 of past 7 starts on Monday...**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** had career-high 169 yards last week, including 95-yard TD run, longest play from scrimmage by Viking & tied for 9th longest run in NFL history. Has 137 rush attempts & is on pace to set single-season record (**ROBERT SMITH**, 295 in 2000)...**TE JERMAINE WIGGINS** was member of NE's SB XXXVI championship team. Caught 15-yard TD pass from **RB MEWELDE MOORE** last week. In only career mtg, **WR MARCUS ROBINSON** had 44-yard TD. Hauled in 40-yard TD last week...Club has not allowed 20+ points in 7 consecutive games. Vikings have scored NFL-best 4 defensive TDs: 2 INT-TDs (**LB E.J. HENDERSON** & **CB ANTOINE WINFIELD**) & 2 FR-TDs (**LB BEN LEBER** & **DT KEVIN WILLIAMS**). CB Winfield had INT vs. NE QB Brady in 11/11/01 meeting (with Buff). **S DARREN SHARPER** has 46 career INTs & his teams are 32-8 (.800) when Sharper has INT.

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (OCT. 22-23)

Byes: Baltimore, Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis, San Francisco, Tennessee
(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, October 22

ATLANTA 41, Pittsburgh 38 (OT)
New England 28, BUFFALO 6
CINCINNATI 17, Carolina 14
HOUSTON 27, Jacksonville 7
KANSAS CITY 30, San Diego 27
Green Bay 34, MIAMI 24
N.Y. JETS 31, Detroit 24
TAMPA BAY 23, Philadelphia 21

Sunday, October 22, cont.'d.

Denver 17, CLEVELAND 7
INDIANAPOLIS 36, Washington 22
OAKLAND 22, Arizona 9
Minnesota 31, SEATTLE 13

Monday, October 23

N.Y. Giants 36, DALLAS 22

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	5	1	0	.833	136	80	N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667	163	131
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	147	173	Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	200	147
Buffalo	2	5	0	.286	100	153	Dallas	3	3	0	.500	169	128
Miami	1	6	0	.143	102	145	Washington	2	5	0	.286	140	171
<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	4	2	0	.667	128	113	Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	120	95
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	144	125	Green Bay	2	4	0	.333	121	162
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	88	126	Detroit	1	6	0	.143	132	189
<u>South Division</u>							<u>South Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Indianapolis	6	0	0	1.000	171	122	New Orleans	5	1	0	.833	145	110
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	125	101	Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	124	107
Houston	2	4	0	.333	99	154	Carolina	4	3	0	.571	123	128
Tennessee	1	5	0	.167	85	157	Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	85	125
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	5	1	0	.833	79	44	Seattle	4	2	0	.667	121	142
San Diego	4	2	0	.667	178	85	St. Louis	4	2	0	.667	139	128
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	117	124	San Francisco	2	4	0	.333	124	194
Oakland	1	5	0	.167	72	135	Arizona	1	6	0	.143	120	165

WEEK 8 NFL SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 29-30

Byes: Buffalo, Detroit, Miami, Washington
(All times local)

Sunday, October 29

San Francisco at Chicago, 12:00 PM
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 1:00 PM
Arizona at Green Bay, 12:00 PM
Seattle at Kansas City, 12:00 PM
Baltimore at New Orleans, 12:00 PM
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 PM
Jacksonville at Philadelphia, 1:00 PM
Houston at Tennessee, 12:00 PM

Sunday, October 29, cont.'d.

St. Louis at San Diego, 1:05 PM
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 4:15 PM
Indianapolis at Denver, 2:15 PM
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 1:15 PM
Dallas at Carolina, 8:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, October 30

New England at Minnesota, 7:30 PM (ESPN)

