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BEARS & COLTS SEEK TO BECOME FOURTH SET OF TEAMS TO START A SEASON AT 8-0; IT'S BRADY VS. MANNING AGAIN ON SUNDAY NIGHT!

Two 8-0 teams?

Win this week as the NFL reaches the midpoint of its season and the Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts can match a milestone reached only three times in NFL history and not since 1990.

Remember the Portsmouth Spartans (forerunner of the Detroit Lions)? They and the Green Bay Packers were the first to go 8-0 in a season:

TWO AT 8-0

SEASON	8-0 TEAMS
1931	Green Bay Packers & Portsmouth Spartans
1934	Chicago Bears & Detroit Lions
1990	New York Giants & San Francisco 49ers
2006	Chicago Bears & Indianapolis Colts (both 7-0)

The Colts last week tied the 1929-31 Packers as the only teams to win at least their first seven games in consecutive seasons. Green Bay started 10-0, 8-0 and 9-0 in those years.

"It's incredible," says Colts linebacker **GARY BRACKETT**. "Sometimes, people take it for granted that you're supposed to win. But 7-0 in two consecutive seasons is really something."

As the NFL reaches midseason, teams are starting to look down the road to the playoffs. "It's not over," says wide receiver **DONALD DRIVER** of the 3-4 Packers, who have won their last two. "We're still in the hunt." And that hunt continues this week:

CINCINNATI BENGALS (4-3) at BALTIMORE RAVENS (5-2)

STORYLINE: Jamal and Chad are licking their chops.

RB JAMAL LEWIS of the Ravens and **WR CHAD JOHNSON** of the Bengals have excelled against each other's team. Lewis has rushed for 100 yards in eight of his nine games against division-rival Cincinnati. Johnson has 772 receiving yards and six touchdowns in his last eight outings against Baltimore.

The thing is for Johnson, he and **QB CARSON PALMER** will be confronting that **RAY LEWIS-BART SCOTT-ED REED** defense that leads the league in interceptions (15) and ties Chicago for total takeaways (22).

Division-champ Cincinnati swept Baltimore last year, racking up 42 points against the NFL's fifth-rated '05 defense in their second game. They face a Ravens team fresh off a four-INT, two-sack win over New Orleans in which head coach **BRIAN BILLICK** opened up the passing game, including play-action fakes out of running formations.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (4-3) at ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-3)

STORYLINE: The Battle of Missouri!

Show me? These two -- who have not played since 2002 -- are evenly matched in a lot of ways. They are both 4-3. Their

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STELLAR TEAMS: At the 2006 midpoint, there are 19 clubs with a .500-or-above record, tying 1978 and 1987 for the second most since the 16-game season began in 1978. There were 20 such teams in 1989 after eight weeks.

quarterbacks rank No. 2 (St. Louis' **MARC BULGER**, 101.3) and No. 3 (Kansas City's **DAMON HUARD**, 100.4) in NFL passer rating, joining Indianapolis' **PEYTON MANNING** (108.0) as the only QBs with 100.0 ratings. And they each have NFL top-10 running backs – KC's **LARRY JOHNSON** and STL's **STEVEN JACKSON**.

The battle of the day may come between Johnson and Rams **MLB WILL WITHERSPOON**. Johnson comes off a monster day in KC's defeat of Seattle: 155 yards rushing on a team-record 39 carries with four overall TDs. He will be tracked by Witherspoon, an offseason UFA from Carolina who St. Louis defensive coordinator **JIM HASLETT** believes ranks with **BRIAN URLACHER** at the position. Witherspoon leads the Rams in tackles (58), with 12 last week against San Diego.

Matchup: Huard is 4-2 as the Chiefs' starter. He faces a Rams team that is 44-15 at home since 1999.

DALLAS COWBOYS (4-3) at WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-5)
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STORYLINE: *Throw out the records – it's 'Boys'-Skins!*

With this division rivalry, you never know what's in store. The Cowboys swept the series in 2003-04, the Redskins took it last year. Then Dallas won this year's first game on September 17, 27-10.

Fresh-from-a-bye Washington will face an excited Cowboys, a **TONY ROMO**-quarterbacked Cowboys. After not throwing a regular-season pass from 2003-05 and relieving this year in Week 7, Romo made his first NFL start last Sunday night and rallied Dallas from a 14-point first-quarter deficit, completing 24 of 36 attempts overall for 270 yards and one TD.

Sunday will be the first time this season that Redskins starting **CBs SHAWN SPRINGS** and **CARLOS ROGERS** start a game together, due to injuries. Springs respects Romo. "To me, he's close to **JAKE PLUMMER** or **DREW BREES**, one of those guys who is athletic enough to move out of the pocket, but still throw like a **MATT HASSELBECK**," says Springs.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (7-0) at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (6-1) (Sunday, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Peyton vs. Tom!*

Is there anything else to say? Of course – like new Colt **ADAM VINATIERI** facing the club his kicks won two Super Bowls for – but the hottest spotlight will be on **QBs PEYTON MANNING** of Indianapolis and **TOM BRADY** of New England.

And do they ever seem primed! Both come off sterling Week 8 performances, each throwing for 300-plus yards, totaling seven TDs (Brady, 4; Manning, 3) with only one INT (Brady). Since Brady became a starter on September 30, 2001 – ironically in a home win over Indianapolis – he (with 64) and Manning (59) rank Nos. 1 and 2 in the NFL in victories.

There's a lot of déjà vu here. These clubs were once division rivals, but new divisions for each didn't stop them. In 2003 and 2004, they *still* played each other twice, with the Patriots winning both the regular-season and playoff games (the '03 AFC Championship and '04 Divisional Playoff).

They even met last year (Sunday will be the clubs' fifth consecutive game in New England), with the Colts breaking a six-game Pats series win streak (40-21). Manning threw for 321 yards and three TDs, Brady for 265 and three TDs.

"We'll play one of the best teams in the league this week," says Brady. "We'll have to play the best we've played all year."

Evenly matched?: In two key areas, they are. Colts are plus-7, Pats plus-6 in turnover margin; and Pats tie Dallas for league's best red-zone TD percentage (64.3) with Colts fourth with a 63.3 mark.

OAKLAND RAIDERS (2-5) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (4-3) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Hey, you look familiar!*

These guys used to meet twice a season as members of the old AFC Western Division. Since then, they have played only in the first year of realignment (2002) in a 31-17 Raiders victory. Monday night, each will have considerable motivation to win – over and above that "everybody's watching," as Seahawks **LB LOFA TATUPU** says.

The Seahawks, tied for the NFC West lead with St. Louis, don't want to lose any ground to the Rams, who they face in Week 10. The Raiders have won their last two and definitely want to keep that up. "We're continuing to go in the right direction," says Oakland **RB ZACK CROCKETT**. "We've got no room to go but up."

There will be two matchups to watch. Seahawks **QB SENECA WALLACE**, subbing for Hasselbeck (knee) threw three TDs last week in his first NFL start. He will confront the NFL's No. 1 pass defense.

And then there will be the heavyweight matchup of **WALTER JONES** and **DERRICK BURGESS**. LT Jones – called "the best player in the league at any position" by former NFL OLman and FOX analyst **BRIAN BALDINGER** -- will go against the league's 2005 sack leader, DE Burgess (16.0), who had 2.5 sacks last week against Pittsburgh.

WEEK 9**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5****CINCINNATI BENGALS (4-3) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (5-2)****SERIES**

	<u>BENGALS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
SERIES LEADER		12-8
STREAKS	4 of past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 4-2	Billick: 9-5
LAST WEEK	L 29-27 vs. Falcons	W 35-22 at Saints
LAST GAME	11/27/05: Ravens 29 at Bengals 42. Cincinnati QB Carson Palmer passes for 3 TDs as Bengals build 34-0 lead before holding off late run by Baltimore.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/6/05: Bengals 21, Ravens 9. Palmer completes 3-yard TD pass to WR Chris Henry capping 12-play, 91-yard drive in 4th quarter.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross. SIRIUS: 158 (Cin.), 118 (Bal.).	

STATS

PASSING	Palmer: 146-232-1,684 (2C)-11 (3C)-4-93.4	McNair: 112-192-1,074-7-7-71.0
RUSHING	R. Johnson: 142-552-3.9-5 (T3C)	J. Lewis: 128-461-3.6-1
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 36-451-12.5-2	Heap (TE): 30-282-9.4-5 (T1C)
OFFENSE	317.1	274.7
TAKE/GIVE	+5	+11 (T1L)
DEFENSE	339.4	273.6 (2C)
SACKS	J. Smith: 6.5	Thomas: 6.0
INTs	Kaesviharn: 3 (T2C)	Landry, McAlister: 3 (T2C)
PUNTING	Larson: 43.9	Koch: 43.8
KICKING	Graham: 53 (2C) (17/17 PAT; 12/14 FG)	Stover: 45 (15/15 PAT; 10/10 FG)

NOTES

BENGALS: Head coach **MARVIN LEWIS** was defensive coordinator for Ravens from 1996-01 & helped team to SB XXXV championship; club allowed 165 points, lowest in NFL history (16-game schedule)...In past 3 starts vs. Ravens (all Cin. wins), **QB CARSON PALMER** has completed 70 of 92 (76.1 pct.) for 932 yards – including 2 300s – w/ 8 TDs vs. 2 INTs for 130.2 passer rating. Palmer 2 for 2 in 3rd & 1 rush attempts for 1st down on season...In 2 meetings in '05, **RB RUDI JOHNSON** rushed for 211 yards & 3 TDs...**WR CHAD JOHNSON** (415) needs 3 catches to surpass **ISAAC CURTIS** (416) & **CRIS COLLINSWORTH** (417) for 2nd-most in club history (**CARL PICKENS**, 530). In past 4 meetings, **WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** has 31 catches for 495 yards & 2 TDs – accounts for 5th-most rec. yds by 1 player vs. Bal. in 4-game span...Team is 4-1 (.800) when allowing 21 points or less. **DEs JUSTIN SMITH** (6.5, 4C) & **ROBERT GEATHERS** (6.0, T5C) 1 of 2 AFC teammate tandems in conference's top 5 in sacks...**RAVENS:** Team resides in 1st place in AFC North...In 12 career starts vs. Cin, **QB STEVE MC NAIR** is 9-3 (.750) w/ 19 TDs vs. 5 INTs on 193 of 322 (59.9 pct.) passing for 97.3 passer rating. McNair has won 8 of past 12 Nov. starts...**RB JAMAL LEWIS** has posted 3 of top 9 career rush days (186 yds, 180 yds, 135 yds) vs. Bengals. Club is 34-10 (.772) when RB Lewis posts 20 or more carries...**WR DERRICK MASON** has at least 4 catches in 4 of past 5 Nov. games. **WR MARK CLAYTON** has 17 receptions in past 4 vs. AFC North. In last meeting (11/27/05), **TE TODD HEAP** equaled career-high 2 TD catches on 6 catches for 87 yards...Club leads NFL w/ 15 INTs; team had 12 in all of '05. Team tied w/ Chi for NFL lead in takeaways (22) & in turnover ratio (+11)...Defense No. 1 in NFL in rush yds per game (66.0) & has allowed only 1 rushing TD on season. **LB ADALIU THOMAS** tied for 3rd among NFL LBs w/ 6.0 sacks.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (3-4) AT BUFFALO BILLS (2-5)**SERIES**

	<u>PACKERS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>
SERIES LEADER		6-3
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	McCarthy: 0-0	Jauron: 2-9
LAST WEEK	W 31-14 vs. Cardinals	Bye (Wk. 7: L 28-6 vs. Patriots)
LAST GAME	12/22/02: Bills 0 at Packers 10. Green Bay DE Vonnie Holliday records 5 sacks & QB Brett Favre connects with WR Donald Driver for 11-yard TD in 4th quarter.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/10/00: Bills 27, Packers 18. Buffalo QB Rob Johnson throws for 259 yards & 3 TDs. Bills WR Eric Moulds has 7 receptions for 103 yards.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Terry Donahue. SIRIUS: 107 (GB), 110 (Buf.).	

STATS

PASSING	Favre: 151-263-1,661-10-5-81.0	Losman: 122-197-1,313-6-6-78.9
RUSHING	Green: 97-439-4.5-3	McGahee:150-564-3.8-1
RECEIVING	Driver: 41-484-11.8-2	Evans: 37-429-11.6-1
OFFENSE	347.9	260.9
TAKE/GIVE	-2	-8
DEFENSE	365.1	314.3
SACKS	Kampman: 8.5 (T1L)	Kelsay, Schobel: 5.0
INTs	Barnett, Woodson: 2	Crowell: 2
PUNTING	Ryan: 47.1 (2C)	Moorman: 43.9
KICKING	Rayner: 50 (17/17 PAT; 11/14 FG)	Lindell: 40 (10/10 PAT; 10/11 FG)

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PACKERS: QB BRETT FAVRE has 8 TDs vs. 3 INTs in 4 career games vs. Bills, including 5 TDs vs. 1 INT in 2 games at Buffalo...RB AHMAN GREEN rushed for 116 yards in last meeting. Rushed for 2 TDs last week & passed HOfer PAUL HORNUMG (50) for 2nd in team annals with 51 rush TDs as Packer. Has 9 career runs of 60+ yards, most among active players...WR DONALD DRIVER has catch in 71 consecutive games, 2nd-longest streak in team history (STERLING SHARPE, 103). In past 8 vs. AFC, Driver has 53 catches for 766 yards (95.8 per game) & 4 TDs. 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...CB CHARLES WOODSON has 2.0 sacks & 1 INT (23-yard TD) in past 3 vs. AFC East. Packers have won 15 of past 16 when scoring defensive TD. DE AARON KAMPMAN ties for NFL lead with 8.5 sacks. DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA had sack in only career meeting. Packers are 26-14 (.650) when he has 1.0+ sack...**BILLS:** Head coach DICK JAURON was Packers defensive backs coach from 1986-94...QB J.P. LOSMAN to make 16th career start. Losman has at least 1 TD pass in 5 of past 6 games. In 4th qtr this season, Losman has 2 TDs w/o INT...RB WILLIS MC GAHEE (2,939) needs 61 rush yds to be 7th Bill to reach 3,000. Club is 4-1 (.800) vs. NFC when McGahee posts 100+ yds...WR LEE EVANS has 80+ rec. yds in 3 consecutive games vs. NFC. Evans has 3 TD catches in 4 career Nov. home games. WR PEERLESS PRICE has catch in 62 games in row as Bill. TE ROBERT ROYAL posted career-high 4 catches in last game (Wk 7 vs. NE)...Rookie T TERRANCE PENNINGTON slated to earn 1st NFL start at RT...CBs TERENCE MC GEE (9) & NATE CLEMENTS (7) stand 1st & 2nd on team in PDs. DE AARON SCHOBEL has at least 1.0 sack in 3 games in row. DE CHRIS KELSAY (5.0) has career-high in sacks, previous best was 4.5 ('05)...P BRIAN MOORMAN ranks 3rd in AFC w/ 39.6 net avg.; 12 of 38 punts inside 20.

MIAMI DOLPHINS (1-6) AT CHICAGO BEARS (7-0)**SERIES**

	<u>DOLPHINS</u>	<u>BEARS</u>
SERIES LEADER	6-3	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Saban: 0-0	Smith: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 7 L 34-24 vs. Packers)	W 41-10 vs. 49ers
LAST GAME	12/9/02: Bears 9 at Dolphins 27. Miami RB Ricky Williams becomes 1st player in 22 seasons to post back-to-back 200-yard rushing games with 219 yards & 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/24/91: Dolphins 16, Bears 13 (OT). Miami K Pete Stoyanovich connects on 27-yard FG 4:11 into OT.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf. SIRIUS: 144 (Mia), 130 (Chi).	

STATS

PASSING	Harrington: 86-146-912-3-7-64.1	Grossman: 130-218-1,639-13 (3C)-7-89.6
RUSHING	Brown: 122-464-3.8-4	Jones: 139-543-3.9-3
RECEIVING	Welker: 39-393-10.1-0	Muhammad: 32-401-12.5-2
OFFENSE	323.4	336.0
TAKE/GIVE	-5	+11 (T1L)
DEFENSE	276.6 (3C)	245.9 (1L)
SACKS	Taylor: 7.0 (3C)	Anderson (R): 7.5 (3C)
INTs	Three tied: 1	R. Manning: 3
PUNTING	Jones: 43.6	Maynard: 46.6 (3C)
KICKING	Mare: 40 (7/7 PAT; 11/17 FG)	Gould: 83 (1L) (23/23 PAT; 20/20 FG)

NOTES

DOLPHINS: Team owns 10-7 (.588) mark following bye...**QB JOEY HARRINGTON** passed for career-high 414 yards (2 TDs) in Wk. 7. Has won 3 of past 4 starts vs. Chi...In 5 career games vs. NFC, **RB RONNIE BROWN** averages 4.7 yards per rush (82-386) & has accumulated 2 of his 3 career 100-yard games...**WR WES WELKER** has 393 receiving yards & needs 42 for career-high (434, '05)...**RANDY MC MICHAEL** has 252 career receptions & needs 5 to pass **BRUCE HARDY** (256) for most by TE in club history...**WR MARTY BOOKER** was drafted by Chi. & spent 5 seasons with club ('99-03), catching 315 passes for 3,684 yards & 23 TDs. Led team in receptions & receiving yards for 3 consecutive seasons ('01-03)...**DE JASON TAYLOR** has 99.5 sacks & needs 0.5 to join **MICHAEL STRAHAN** (132.5) & **SIMEON RICE** (120.0) as only active players with 100. Has 0.5 sack in past 7 vs. NFC North (9.0 sacks)...**LB ZACH THOMAS** expected to make 155th career start, tying him with **DE TIM BOWENS** (155) for most in team annals by defensive player...**BEARS:** Aim for 4th 8-0 start in team history. Would join Green Bay as only franchises with 8-0 starts in 4 seasons. Last 8-0 start was 1985 when club won SB XX. Under head coach **LOVIE SMITH**, Bears have won 17 of past 19 & 10 in row at home. Are 1st team in NFL history to win 4 in row at home by 25+ points in same season. Have scored 34+ points in all 4 at home (152)...**QB REX GROSSMAN** is 4-0 at home with 11 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 124.0 passer rating. Bears have scored 30+ points 5 games in row for 1st time since 1956. Set franchise record with 24 1st quarter points & tied team mark with 41 1st half points last week...**RB THOMAS JONES** has 564 yards (112.8 per game) in past 5 vs. AFC, including 4 100-yard games...**DESMOND CLARK** had 2 TDs last week & leads TEs with 15.0-yard avg. (26-391)...Club has allowed 30 total points at home. **LB BRIAN URLACHER** had team-best 12 tackles & 1 FF in only meeting (12/9/02). **DE MARK ANDERSON** leads rookies with 7.5 sacks & 3 FFs. **TOMMIE HARRIS** has 5.0 sacks, tied for most by DT. **DEVIN HESTER** leads NFL with 14.6 PR avg. (28 PR, 409 yards) & 2 TDs (84 & 83 yards).

ATLANTA FALCONS (5-2) AT DETROIT LIONS (1-6)**SERIES**

	<u>FALCONS</u>	<u>LIONS</u>
SERIES LEADER		22-9
STREAKS	3 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mora: 1-1	Marinelli: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 29-27 at Bengals	Bye (Wk. 7: L 31-24 at Jets)
LAST GAME	11/24/05: Falcons 27 at Lions 7. Atlanta QB Michael Vick completes TD passes of 6 & 32 yards to TE Alge Crumpler. Falcons' defense forces 4 TOs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/24/05	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger, Jay Glazer (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 153 (Atl.), 119 (Det.).	

STATS

PASSING	Vick: 97-175-1,199-10-5-84.0	Kitna: 167-264-1,853-9-9-81.2
RUSHING	Dunn: 142-637 (2C)-4.5-2	K. Jones: 110-474-4.3-4 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Crumpler (TE): 26-383-14.7-5	R. Williams: 38-581-15.3-3
OFFENSE	364.1	327.1
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (3C)	-4
DEFENSE	329.6	350.0
SACKS	Kerney: 5.0	Hall: 5.0
INTs	Hall: 4 (T1L)	Holt: 2
PUNTING	Koenen: 44.6	N. Harris: 44.8
KICKING	Andersen: 44 (11/11 PAT; 11/13 FG)	Hanson: 42 (15/15 PAT; 9/12 FG)

NOTES

FALCONS: Are 3-0 in November road games under head coach **JIM MORA**. Lead NFL with 210.9 rush yards per game & 5.7 yards per rush avg. Only team in NFL with 2 players to rank in top 20 in rushing – **RB WARRICK DUNN** (637) & **QB MICHAEL VICK** (496)...In only game at Lions, QB Vick had 2 TD passes & rushed for 57 yards on 6 carries (9.5 avg.). Falcons are 16-4 (.800) when Vick passes for 2+ TDs. Aims for 3rd in row with 3+ TDs. Leads NFL with 24 rushes of 10+ yards...RB Dunn has 100-yard game in 2 of past 3 vs. Lions. Has 5 runs of 20+ yards, tied for 2nd in NFL with Vick. Rookie **JERIOUS NORWOOD** leads NFL RBs with 6.8 rush avg. (min. 40 att.)...**ALGE CRUMPLER** leads NFL TEs with 9 catches of 20+ yards. In last meeting had 7 catches for 104 yards & 2 TDs...**CB DE ANGELO HALL** recorded INT in last year's game & has 5 INTs in past 8. **DE PATRICK KERNEY** had 1.5 sacks in last game vs. Det. Has 58.5 career sacks, tied with **CHUCK SMITH** (58.5) for most in team history. **ROD COLEMAN** had 1.5 sacks in last meeting & his 40.5 sacks since 2002 is most by DT...**LIONS**: **QB JON KITNA** has TD pass in each of past 5 (9 TDs). Kitna's 63.3 comp. pct. (167-264) is on pace to be highest in team history, min. 400 att. (**GARY DANIELSON**, 61.7, 1984)...**KEVIN JONES** ranks 3rd among RBs with 37 receptions (266 yards). Has 740 scrimmage yards (474 rush, 266 rec.), 8th-best in NFL & has scored 5 total TDs (4 rush, 1 rec.)...**WR ROY WILLIAMS** had 31-yard TD in last meeting. Aims for 3rd game in row with TD catch. Has 7 TDs in past 7 at home. Williams has 299 yards (149.5 per game) & 2 TDs (42 & 28 yards) in past 2 home games. Ranks 7th in NFL with 581 yards (15.3 avg.). **WR MIKE FURREY** is 2nd on team with career-high 431 yards & ties for team-lead with 3 TDs. Comes off 1st career 100-yard game (109 yards, 1 TD) in Week 7 vs. NYJ. **DAN CAMPBELL** has 8 receptions for 142 yards & averages 17.8 yards per catch, 2nd-highest by TE with 5+ catches...**DE JAMES HALL** has 4.0 sacks in 3 home games. **CB DRE' BLY** has 1.0 sack & 2 INTs vs. Atl., incl. 56-yard INT-TD.

TENNESSEE TITANS (2-5) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (4-3)**SERIES**

	<u>TITANS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
SERIES LEADER	12-10	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fisher: 13-10	Del Rio: 3-3
LAST WEEK	W 28-22 vs. Texans	W 13-6 at Eagles
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Titans 13 at Jaguars 40. Jacksonville scores game's first 40 points for 12th win of season. Jaguars RB LaBrandon Toefield posts career-highs in yards (102) & carries (25).	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/1/06	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts. SIRIUS: 146 (Jax.).	

STATS

PASSING	Young (R): 54-114-599-4-4-60.5	Garrard: 10-17-87-0-0-72.4 Leftwich: 108-183-1,159-7-5-79.0
RUSHING	Henry: 96-412-4.3-3	Taylor: 123-554-4.5-3
RECEIVING	Bennett: 22-328-14.9-1	R. Williams: 25-310-12.4-4
OFFENSE	272.7	298.6
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+2
DEFENSE	372.3	283.1
SACKS	Vanden Bosch: 4.0	McCray: 5.0
INTs	Hope: 3 (T3C)	Mathis: 4 (T1L)
PUNTING	Hentrich: 42.8	Hanson: 43.1
KICKING	Bironas: 33 (9/9 PAT; 8/9 FG)	Scobee: 48 (15/15 PAT; 11/14 FG)

NOTES

TITANS: Club faces division foe for 2nd consecutive week. Three of club's 5 losses have been by 7 points or less...Club is 51-38 (.573) in division games under head coach **JEFF FISHER**...Rookie **QB VINCE YOUNG** – 2-2 as starter – aims to score TD rushing or passing in 5th consecutive game...**RB TRAVIS HENRY** has 120+ rush yds in 2 of past 3 games & has 11 rushes for 10+ yds in past 4 games. Henry (412) has most rushing yds since 2003 when he posted 1,356 w/ Buf. **RB CHRIS BROWN** has rush TD in each of past 2 vs. Jax. Club has rushed for 190+ yds in past 2 of past 3 games. Club averaging 118.9 rushing yds per road game since 1995, 6th best in NFL...**WR DREW BENNETT** has 4+ catches in 4 of past 5 mtgs. **WR BOBBY WADE** has reached 1st down on each of past 8 receptions...**T MICHAEL ROOS** has started 22 of 23 career games...Team tied for fewest fumbles lost (2)...**S CHRIS HOPE** has takeaway in 4 consecutive games. **LB KEITH BULLUCK** (833) needs 4 tackles to surpass **JOHN GRIMSLEY** (836) for 5th most in club history...**JAGUARS:** Club has won 25 of past 39 (.641) games...In past 2 games vs. Titans, **QB BYRON LEFTWICH** has 4 TDs vs. 0 INTs on 36 of 58 (62.1 pct.) passing for 104.2 passer rating. **QB DAVID GARRARD** has won 4 games in row as starter...**RB FRED TAYLOR** has 11 rushes of 10+ yards in past 3 games. Taylor (4.5) owns 3rd-best per carry avg. among AFC RBs w/ 100+ attempts. Rookie **RB MAURICE JONES-DREW** has 5 TDs, tied for 2nd most among NFL rookies. Jones-Drew has 10 receptions in past 2 games & is 3 for 3 in 3rd & 1 rush conversions...Third-yr **WR REGGIE WILLIAMS** (25) needs 10 receptions to tie career-high (35, 2005). **TE GEORGE WRIGHSTER** has multiple catch in 6 of past 7...Offensive line has allowed only 10 sacks through 7 games...Team 2nd in NFL in time of possession w/ 32:57...Defense has allowed 1 score on opponents' 1st possession in 1st 7 games. Rookie **LB CLINT INGRAM** seeks start in 3rd consecutive game & posted 1st career sack last week at Phil. **DE BOBBY MC CRAY** has at least 1.0 sack in 4 of past 6 games.

HOUSTON TEXANS (2-5) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (5-2)

SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>GIANTS</u>
SERIES LEADER	1-0	
STREAKS	Past 1	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Kubiak: 0-0	Coughlin: 1-1
LAST WEEK	L 28-22 at Titans	W 17-3 vs. Buccaneers
LAST GAME	11/24/02: Giants 14 at Texans 16. Houston K Kris Brown connects on 2 FGs & RB Jonathan Wells scores 1-yard TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon. SIRIUS: 143 (Hou), 147 (NYG).	

STATS

PASSING	Carr: 136-193-1,330-9-5-94.3	Manning: 143-233-1,672-14 (T3L)-8-88.9
RUSHING	Lundy: 54-266-4.9-1	Barber: 155 (3L)-715 (1L)-4.6-0
RECEIVING	A. Johnson: 56 (1L)-669 (1L)-11.9-4	Burress: 31-510-16.5-5
OFFENSE	297.9	369.7 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	-9	+1
DEFENSE	358.7	308.1
SACKS	Williams (R): 3.5	Umenyiora: 5.0
INTs	Simmons: 1	Three tied: 2
PUNTING	Stanley: 42.4	Feagles: 41.5
KICKING	K. Brown: 35 (11/12 PAT; 8/9 FG)	Feely: 52 (19/19 PAT; 11/13 FG)

NOTES

TEXANS: QB **DAVID CARR** leads NFL with 70.5 completion pct. (136 of 193) & ranks 6th with 94.3 passer rating. Carr tops NFL w/ 6 TD passes in 4th qtr. Carr has 8 TDs vs. 3 INTs in past 6 November starts...Rookie **RB WALI LUNDY** rushed for season-best 116 yards last week at Ten. In past 2 games, Lundy has rushed for 209 yards on 37 carries (5.6 avg.) & 1 TD. Lundy gained 1st down on 12 of those 37 rushes (32.4 pct.). **RB RON DAYNE** is Berlin, N.J. native & was drafted in 1st round (11th overall) by NYG in '00. Spent 5 seasons with club, rushing for 2,067 yards (585 carries) & 16 TDs...**WR ANDRE JOHNSON** tops NFL in receptions (56) & receiving yards (669). In 3 games vs. NFC East this season, Johnson has 26 catches for 328 yards (12.6 avg.) with 2 100s. Rookie **TE OWEN DANIELS** (5) tied for most TDs by NFL TE w/ **ALGE CRUMPLER** (Atl) & **TODD HEAP**. Club record for receiving TDs in season is 6, last achieved by WR Johnson...Rookie **DE MARIO WILLIAMS** has at least 1.0 sack in 3 of past 4 games. **CB LEWIS SANDERS** has 6 PDs in past 7 games...**GIANTS:** QB **ELI MANNING** has won 10 of past 12 at home. Seeks 12th game in row with TD pass, tying longest streak in career...**RB TIKI BARBER** has led team in rushing for 71 consecutive games, longest streak in NFL history. Aims for 4th in row vs. AFC with 100+ rush yards & has 533 yards (177.7 per game) in past 3 interconference games (2 200-yard games). Has 9,502 rushing yards & needs 40 receiving yards (4,960) 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. Club is 9-1 (.900) when **RB BRANDON JACOBS** has TD...When **WR PLAXICO BURRESS** has TD, his teams are 21-6-1 (.768). Has TD in 5 of 7 games this year. Since entering NFL in 2002, **JEREMY SHOCKEY** is 2nd among TEs with 271 catches & 3,226 yards...**WR AMANI TOOMER** has 11 career 100-yard games vs. AFC (113 yards in only game vs. Hou.) & Giants are 8-3 (.727)...**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** (132.5) can pass HOFe **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (132.5) for 1st in team history with next sack. Had 2.0 sacks in only game vs. Hou. **FRED ROBBINS** is only DT in NFL with 3.5+ sacks & 2 INTs.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (4-3) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-3)**SERIES**

	<u>CHIEFS</u>	<u>RAMS</u>
SERIES LEADER	4-4	
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 0-2	Linehan: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 35 -28 vs. Seattle	L 38-24 at Chargers
LAST GAME	12/8/02: Rams 10 at Chiefs 49. Kansas City WR/KR Dante Hall returns 87-yard kickoff & 86-yard punt for TDs. Chiefs RB Priest Holmes runs for 132 yds & 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/26/97: Chiefs 28, Rams 20. Kansas City K Pete Stoyanovich kicks 4 FGs as Chiefs hold off late St. Louis rally.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Don Criqui, Steve Beuerlein. SIRIUS: 152 (KC), 128 (StL.).	

STATS

PASSING	Huard: 121-188-1,475-8-1-100.4 (2C)	Bulger: 155-248-1,946 (2C)-12-1-101.3 (1C)
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 172-644 (2C)-3.7-8-(2C)	S. Jackson: 151-605-4.0-3
RECEIVING	Gonzalez (TE): 33-441-13.4-1	Holt: 42 (3C)-574 -13.7-7 (1L)
OFFENSE	323.7	354.7
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+10 (2C)
DEFENSE	294.7	350.7
SACKS	Hali (R): 3.5	Little: 5.0
INTs	Law, Wesley: 2	Atogwe, Brown: 2
PUNTING	Colquitt: 47.3 (2C)	Turk: 42.2
KICKING	Tynes: 48 (15/16 PAT; 11/14 FG)	Wilkins: 71 (2C) (14/14 PAT; 19/22 FG)

NOTES

CHIEFS: Club owns NFL-best 20-5 (.833) record in interconference games dating back to 1995...**QB DAMON HUARD** owns a 9-3 (.750) record as a starter. Last wk vs. Seattle, **RB LARRY JOHNSON** set club record for most rushing attempts in game (39) & most attempts from scrimmage (41; 39 rush, 2 rec.). Johnson 's 4 TDs (3 rush, 1 rec.), ties for 2nd-highest single-game point & TD total in club history (**ABNER HAYNES**, 30 pts, 5 TDs vs. Oak. 12/26/61). Johnson has 16 career games w/ +2 TDs. Club is 10-2 (.833) when Johnson has multiple TD game...**TE TONY GONZALEZ** extended club record consec. games w/ catch streak 91 last wk, 3rd longest such streak by TE in NFL history & registered 17th career 100-yard game (116) vs. Sea. **WR EDDIE KENNISON** registered season-high 132 rec. yards last week, the 15th 100-yd. game as Chief ranking 4th all-time in club annals...In past 5 games, rookie **DE TAMBA HALI** has 22 tackles, 3.5 sacks, 4 FFs, 2 PDs, & 1 FR...**RAMS:** At home vs. AFC since 1998, Rams are 16-1 (.941) with 548-331 point differential. Under head coach **SCOTT LINEHAN**, club is averaging 29.0 points per game in past 4 (116)...**QB MARC BULGER** has 22-5 (.815) record at home. Has passed for 2+ TDs in 18 of those 27 (66.7 pct.). Aims for 3rd in row at home with 300+ yards & 3+ TDs. Leads NFL with 12:1 TD:INT ratio & 0.4 INT pct. (1 INT in 248 att.). In 8 home starts vs. AFC, Bulger is 7-1 (.875) with 2,222 yards, 17 TDs, 7 INTs & 102.6 passer rating...**RB STEVEN JACKSON** has 582 rush yards (116.4 per game) in past 5 vs. AFC (3 100-yard games). Club is 39-1 (.975) with 100-yard rusher since 1995. Jackson ranks 5th in NFL with 884 scrimmage yards (605 rush, 279 rec.)...Rams are 10-1 (.909) vs. AFC when **WR TORRY HOLT** has 100+ yards. Has 7 TDs in past 6 games. Has 2+ catches in every home game played & club is 42-15 (.737) in those contests. In career, **WR ISAAC BRUCE** aims for 4th in row vs. KC with TD & has 4 TDs in previous 3... Club is 3rd in NFL with +10 turnover ratio & 3rd in NFC with 16 takeaways (8 INTs, 8 fumbles). **DE LEONARD LITTLE** has 3.0 sacks in 2 games vs. KC, aims for 3rd in row in series with sack. **S COREY CHAVOUS** has INT in 2 of 3 vs. KC.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (5-2) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (2-5)**SERIES**

	<u>SAINTS</u>	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	17-11	
STREAKS		4 of past 6
COACHES VS. OPP.	Payton: 1-0	Gruden: 5-5
LAST WEEK	L 35-22 vs. Ravens	L 17-3 at Giants
LAST GAME	10/8/06: Buccaneers 21 at Saints 24. New Orleans RB Reggie Bush scores 65-yard PR-TD with 4:17 remaining in 4th quarter to propel Saints over Tampa Bay.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/1/06: Buccaneers 27, Saints 13. Tampa Bay QB Chris Simms passes for 2 TDs as Buccaneers clinch NFC South championship.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 121 (NO), 181(TB).	

STATS

PASSING	Brees: 162-252-1,892 (3C)-11-7-89.9	Gradkowski (R): 80-155-672-4-1-69.1
RUSHING	McAllister: 96-455-4.7-4 (T3C)	C. Williams: 112-414-3.7-1
RECEIVING	Bush (R) (RB): 42 (T3C)-290-6.9-0	Galloway: 25-378-15.1-2
OFFENSE	361.3	254.0
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-2
DEFENSE	306.9	339.9
SACKS	Smith, Young: 3.5	Wyms: 4.0
INTs	Fujita: 2	Barber: 2
PUNTING	Weatherford (R): 44.8	Bidwell: 42.9
KICKING	Carney: 55 (3C) (16/16 PAT; 13/14 FG)	M. Bryant: 28 (10/10 PAT; 6/9 FG)

NOTES

SAINTS: QB DREW BREES has 2-0 record vs. TB. Passed for 383 yards last week (3 TDs), 2nd-most in team history ...In 7 starts vs. TB, RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER has 701 rush yards (100.1 per game). Had 123 yards (8.2 avg.) & 1 TD in Week 5 meeting. Has 38 rush TDs & needs 1 to tie DALTON HILLIARD (39) for most in team annals. RB-PR REGGIE BUSH had 65-yard PR-TD for game-winning points in Week 5, his 1st NFL TD. Had career-best 11 catches vs. TB & has 42 receptions this season, tops among all RBs & most by rookie...WR MARQUES COLSTON has NFL rookie-best 577 receiving yards & 6 TD catches. His 33 receptions is 2nd by rookie, trailing only RB Bush. Had career-best 163 yards (6 catches) & 2 TDs last week. WR JOE HORN had 32-yard TD & became club's all-time leader with 49 career TD receptions...Defense has 19 sacks, 6th in NFC. DE CHARLES GRANT has 5.0 sacks vs. TB, most vs. opponent. DE WILL SMITH has sack in 8 of 15 division games. In last game at TB, CB MIKE MC KENZIE had INT...**BUCCANEERS:** Rookie QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI made 1st NFL start vs. NO, passing for 225 yards with 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 107.6 passer rating. Has 1 INT in 155 attempts & is only 3rd QB in NFL history with 1 INT in 1st 150 career attempts... RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS had 20 carries for 111 yards in Week 5 meeting. Bucs are 6-1 (.857) when Williams has 100+ yards and 8-2 (.800) when he has 20+ carries...WR JOEY GALLOWAY aims for 5th in row vs. NO with TD. Has 6 TDs (5 rec., 1 PR) in past 4 meetings. TE ALEX SMITH had 3-yard TD catch in Week 5...DE SIMEON RICE has 14.0 sacks in past 10 vs. NO, including 5 games with 2.0+ sacks (3 with 3.0-sacks). LB DERRICK BROOKS will play 184th game with TB, setting new franchise record (PAUL GRUBER, 183). CB RONDE BARBER has 7 INTs vs. NO, most vs. opponent. Has 2 career 3-INT games, both vs. Saints. DE GREG SPIRES has sack in 3 of past 4 meetings (3.5 sacks).

DALLAS COWBOYS (4-3) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-5)**SERIES**

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>REDSKINS</u>
SERIES LEADER	54-34-2	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 15-10	Gibbs: 14-14
LAST WEEK	W 35-14 at Panthers	Bye (Wk. 7 L 32-22 at Colts)
LAST GAME	9/17/06: Redskins 10 at Cowboys 27. Dallas QB Drew Bledsoe passes for 237 yards & 2 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/18/05: Redskins 35, Cowboys 7. Washington QB Mark Brunell passes for 4 TDs as Redskins sweep season series with Dallas for 1st time in 10 years.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (Dal), 123 (Was).	

STATS

PASSING	Romo: 40-63-532-4-4-84.9	Brunell: 132-206-1,465-7-3-90.4 (3C)
RUSHING	J. Jones: 145-616-4.2-3	Portis: 98-414-4.2-6
RECEIVING	Owens: 37-482-13.0-5	Moss: 28-435-15.5-3
OFFENSE	364.7 (3C)	325.9
TAKE/GIVE	0	-1
DEFENSE	275.4 (2C)	350.1
SACKS	Ellis: 4.5	Three tied: 2.0
INTs	R. Williams: 3	Daniels, Wright: 1
PUNTING	McBriar: 50.2 (1L)	Frost: 42.7
KICKING	Vanderjagt: 45 (21/21 PAT; 8/10 FG)	Hall: 36 (9/9 PAT; 9/11 FG)

NOTES

COWBOYS: Have won 15 of past 18 in series, outscoring Redskins 408-282 in those 18...**QB TONY ROMO** made 1st career start & passed for 270 yards. Has TD pass in 3 consecutive games (4 TDs)...In 20 games with 20+ carries, **RB JULIUS JONES** has 2,067 yards (103.4 per game) & 14 TDs. **RB MARION BARBER** had TD run in Week 2 meeting. Has rush TD in 5 of past 6 & leads club with 6 TDs...**WR TERRELL OWENS** has 4 TDs in past 3 games. When Owens has TD catch, his teams are 55-22 (.714). **WR TERRY GLENN** has 40+ yard TD in 2 of past 3 meetings (70 & 40 yards). Has TD in 4 of past 6 vs. Was. **TE JASON WITTEN** aims for 5th meeting in row with 4+ catches. Had 6 receptions for 80 yards & 1 TD last week...**LB DE MARCUS WARE** aims for 4th division game with sack. Has 7.0 sacks in past 9. **S ROY WILLIAMS** had INT in Week 2 & has 3 INTs vs. Was., incl. 2 INT-TDs. **DE GREG ELLIS** had 2.0 sacks last week. Has recorded 1.0+ sack 6 times vs. Was. (1.5 in Week 2) & Cowboys are 6-0 in those games (8.5 sacks)...**REDSKINS:** In 7 career games vs. Dal., **QB MARK BRUNELL** has 15 TDs vs. 4 INTs & 99.0 passer rating. Has posted rating of at least 94.1 in 5 of those 7, including 3 100.0+ games...In 2 games at FedExField vs. Cowboys, **RB CLINTON PORTIS** has 206 yards (103.0 per game) & aims for 3rd meeting in row with 94+ yards. When Portis has 94+ yards, his teams are 14-3 (.824)...In 3 games vs. Dal. as Redskin, **WR SANTANA MOSS** has 11 receptions for 301 yards, averaging 27.4 yards per catch, & 2 TDs, including 70-yard TD. In last home game vs. Dal., **TE CHRIS COOLEY** had career-best 3 TDs (6 catches for 71 yards)...**KR-RB ROCK CARTWRIGHT** had career-long 100-yard KR-TD in Week 2, 3rd-longest return in team history. **DE PHILLIP DANIELS** had career-high 4.0 sacks in last meeting at home. In 7 career meetings, club has held

WR Owens to 230 total receiving yards (32.9 per game). **LB MARCUS WASHINGTON** has 3.0 sacks in past 4 vs. Dal.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (4-3) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-5)

SERIES

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	<u>49ERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	18-17-1	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Childress: 0-0	Nolan: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 31-7 vs. New England	L 41-10 at Bears
LAST GAME	9/28/03: 49ers 7 at Vikings 35. Minnesota GB Gus Frerotte throws 4 TD passes, including 3 to WR Randy Moss. Moss hauls in 8 passes for 172 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/7/97: 49ers 28, Vikings 17. San Francisco QB Steve Young throws 2 TDs (16, 21) & runs for 1 score (4).	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:05 PM PT): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan, Chris Myers (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 110 (Min.), 125 (SF).	

STATS

PASSING	B. Johnson: 142-227-1,484-4-7-74.5	A. Smith: 12-209-1,431-9-5-84.8
RUSHING	C. Taylor: 147-612-4.2-2	Gore: 124-631 (3C)-5.1-3
RECEIVING	Williamson: 24-318-13.3-0	Bryant: 26-473-18.2-2
OFFENSE	320.3	310.9
TAKE/GIVE	+/- 0	-9
DEFENSE	299.6 (3C)	367.7
SACKS	K. Williams: 4.0	Young: 3.0
INTs	E. Henderson, Sharper: 2	W. Harris: 3 (T2C)
PUNTING	Kluwe: 41.8	Lee: 42.5
KICKING	Longwell: 49 (10/11 PAT; 13/16 FG)	Nedney: 42 (15/15 PAT; 9/13 FG)

NOTES

VIKINGS: Outscoring opponents 59-16 in 4th quarter & OT. **QB BRAD JOHNSON** is 26-13 (.667) in 39 career starts with Vikings. Passed for career-best 471 yards at SF (12/26/99 with Was.) & posted 105.9 passer rating. When Johnson has 100.0+ rating, his teams are 21-7 (.750)...**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** has rushed for 314 yards in past 3 (104.7 per game). Has 147 rush attempts & is on pace to set single-season record (**ROBERT SMITH**, 295 in 2000). **RB-PR MEWELDE MOORE** has TD in back-to-back weeks (15-yard pass & 71-yard PR)...In only game vs. SF (11/30/03 with Bal.), **WR MARCUS ROBINSON** had 2 catches for 71 yards, including 38-yard TD. Has 3 TDs of 20+ yards this season, tied for 3rd in NFL...Defense has not allowed 20+ points in 7 of past 8 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**). DT Williams had 2.0 sacks in last meeting, 1st 2.0 sacks of NFL career. **S DARREN SHARPER** has faced 49ers 5 times in NFL career & his teams are 5-0...**49ERS:** Have won 6 of past 7 vs. Min. at home, averaging 31.7 points & scoring 20+ in all 7...**QB ALEX SMITH** has passed for 200+ yards in 4 games this season. SF QBs had 2 games with 200+ passing yards last year. Smith has 6 TDs in past 3 & has TD in 7 of past 8...Club is 3-0 when **RB FRANK GORE** has 20+ carries. Has rushed for 100+ yards in all 3 games with 20+ att. Leads NFL with 6 rushes of 20+ yards & ranks 3rd with 18 runs of 10+ yards. Ranks 6th in NFL with 842 scrimmage yards (631 rush, 211 rec.)...**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** averages 15.2 yards per catch in career, 6th-best in NFL since entering league in 2002 (min. 200 catches)... Team has outscored opp. 42-20 in 3rd quarter. Rookie **LB MANNY LAWSON** is 1 of 6 rookies in NFC with 2.0+ sacks. **S**

CHAD WILLIAMS is 1 of 3 DBs in NFL with 2.5+ sacks & 1+ INT. **DE BRYANT YOUNG** has 3.0 sacks in past 4 vs. Min.

DENVER BRONCOS (5-2) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (2-5)

SERIES

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>STEELERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	11-6-1	
STREAKS	4 of past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 2-2	Cowher: 2-3
LAST WEEK	L 34-31 vs. Colts	L 20-13 at Raiders
LAST GAME	10/12/03: Steelers 14 at Broncos 17. Denver QB Steve Beuerlein throws 2 TDs & Broncos K Jason Elam converts 47-yard FG as time expires to clinch victory over Pittsburgh.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/7/97: Steelers 35, Broncos 24. Pittsburgh QB Kordell Stewart passes for 3 TDs & runs for another 2 scores as Steelers win 10th game & clinch playoff spot.	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. SIRIUS: 147 (Den.), 123 (Pit.).	

STATS

PASSING	Plummer: 101-190-1,158-5-7-65.2	Roethlisberger: 112-180-1,346-6-11-70.7
RUSHING	T. Bell: 137-612 (3C)-4.5-2	Parker: 148-564-3.8-5 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Walker: 33-535-16.2-3	Ward: 34-459-13.5-5 (T1C)
OFFENSE	311.0	345.0 (3C)
TAKE/GIVE	-2	-5
DEFENSE	295.6	276.7
SACKS	Dumervil (R): 5.0	Haggans: 5.0
INTs	Bailey: 3 (T3C)	Polamalu: 3 (T3C)
PUNTING	Ernster: 42.1	Gardocki: 44.0
KICKING	Elam: 44 (11/11 PAT; 11/13 FG)	Reed: 43 (19/19 PAT; 8/11 FG)

NOTES

REMATCH of last season's AFC Championship (Pit 34, Den 17). Since 1995, clubs stand No. 1 (Den; 26,109) & No. 2 (Pitt; 24,745) in NFL rushing yds...**BRONCOS**: Head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN** (135) needs win to tie HOF coach **HANK STRAM** (136) for 17th most in NFL history. Under Shanahan (since 1995), club is 31-11-0 (.738) in Nov. – best such record in league during span...**QB JAKE PLUMMER** has won 3 consecutive regular season starts vs. AFC North & is 7-4 (.636) vs. division in career...**RB TATUM BELL** has 100+ rush yds in all 3 on road this season, with 341 yds on 66 carries (5.2 per att.). Bell (4.5) owns 5th best yds/carry avg. in NFL among players w/ 100+ rushes. Rookie **RB MIKE BELL** rushed for season-best 136 yds & 2 TDs on 15 carries last wk vs. Ind for most rushing yds in game by rookie on season...**WR JAVON WALKER** has attained 28 receiving 1st downs on 33 catches. **WR ROD SMITH** (821) needs 7 catches to surpass **LARRY CENTERS** (827) for 11th most in NFL history...Rookie **DE ELVIS DUMERVIL** has 5.0 sacks & FR in past 3 games. **CB CHAMP BAILEY** has INT in 3 of past 4 games...**STEELERS**: Club has lost 3 of 5 games by 1-possession scores...Under head coach **BILL COWHER**, team is 129-30 (.811) when out-rushing opponent...**QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** is 4-1 (.800) in career Nov. starts, 2-0 at home. Roethlisberger is 12-3 (.800) in career as home starter...**RB WILLIE PARKER** stands 3rd in AFC w/ 6 TDs (5 rush, 1 rec.). Parker has rushed for 2 TDs in each of past 2 at home...For Oct., **WR HINES WARD** tied for 4th among NFL players w/ 360 rec. yds on 25 receptions (14.4 avg.) & 4 TDs. In last year's AFC Championship, **WR CEDRICK WILSON** caught 5 passes for 92 yds & 1 TD; did not catch more than 4 passes in any other game in '05...**G ALAN FANECA** has not missed start since '01...Defense limited Oak to 17 net pass yds last wk & ranks No. 6 in NFL in yds allowed per game (276.7). **LB CLARK HAGGANS** leads team w/ 5.0

sacks & needs 1.0 more to record at least 6.0 in 4 of past 5 seasons. **S TROY POLAMALU** tied for 4th in NFL w/ 3 INTs.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (2-5) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (5-2)

SERIES

	<u>BROWNS</u>	<u>CHARGERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		12-7-1
STREAKS		5 of past 6
COACHES VS. OPP.	Crennel: 0-0	Schottenheimer: 4-2-1
LAST WEEK	W 20-13 vs. Jets	W 38-24 vs. Rams
LAST GAME	12/19/04: Chargers 21 at Browns 0. San Diego RB LaDainian Tomlinson rushes for 111 yards & 2 TDs as Chargers clinch AFC West.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/99: Chargers 23, Browns 10. San Diego's defense allows 202 yards & records 6 sacks. Chargers K Jim Carney connects on 3 FGs.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:15 PM PT): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker. SIRIUS: 107 (Cle.), 143 (SD).	

STATS

PASSING	Frye: 139-223-1,329-7-11-68.8	Rivers: 139-210-1,536-10-3-97.6 (3C)
RUSHING	Droughns: 113-382-3.4-2	Tomlinson: 150-656 (1C)-4.4-9 (1L)
RECEIVING	Winslow (TE): 40-393-9.8-3	Tomlinson (RB): 35-303-8.7-2
OFFENSE	248.3	370.3 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	-8	+7 (T2C)
DEFENSE	316.4	265.6 (1C)
SACKS	Wimbley: 3.0	Merriman: 8.5 (T1L)
INTs	Jones: 4 (T1L)	Jammer: 2
PUNTING	Zastudil: 44.8	Scifres: 45.6
KICKING	Dawson: 36 (12/12 PAT; 8/10 FG)	Kaeding: 72 (2C) (24/24 PAT; 16/18 FG)

NOTES

BROWNS: Club is 8-2 (.800) in past 10 games when scoring 20+ points...**QB CHARLIE FRYE** has at least 1 TD pass in 6 of past 8 games...**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** posted 125 yards rushing last week for 2nd highest rushing output since joining club (166 vs. Mia., 10/20/05) last season. Droughns (4 of 5) & **RB JASON WRIGHT** (2 of 2) are combined 6 of 7 (85.7 pct.) on 3rd & 1 rush attempts...**TE KELLEN WINSLOW** leads NFL TEs on season w/ 40 receptions and 2nd in yardage w/ 393. Recorded career-long 30-yd catch last week for TD. Winslow is San Diego native, attended Scripps Ranch H.S...Defense stands No. 2 in NFL giving up 5.42 net yds per pass play. With 2 INTs last week vs. NYJ, **S SEAN JONES** is tied for NFL lead with 4. **LB ANDRA DAVIS** leads club with 65 tackles. **DEs ALVIN MC KINLEY & ORPHEUS ROYE** registered their 1st sacks of the season and became the 8th & 9th Cle. defenders to post 1+ sack...**KR-PR-WR JOSHUA CRIBBS** stands 3rd in NFL with 27.7 KR avg. Kickoff return unit ranks No. 2 in NFL, with avg. start after KOs at own 30.6...**CHARGERS:** Club will wear throwback uniforms in honor of team's Alumni Weekend. Club aims for 7th consecutive November win & look to start 4-0 at home for 1st time since 2001... **QB PHILIP RIVERS** has thrown at least 1 TD pass in 1st 7 career starts. Rivers leads league with 126.8 4th quarter passer rating & stands No. 2 in NFL with 109.4 3rd-down passer rating...In 3 career games vs. Cle, **RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has registered 413 yards on 71 carries (5.8 avg.) and 4 TDs, including 4th highest rushing total of career (200 yds., 26 att.) & 2nd longest TD run (70). Tomlinson ranks 2nd in NFL with 959 yards from scrimmage (656 rush, 303 rec.)...**WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** began NFL career w/ Browns (1992-95), helping team reach playoffs in '94. **TE ANTONIO GATES** recorded career long reception vs. Cle. (72t) on 12/19/2004. Gates attended Kent State, 38 miles south of Cleveland. Club's +107 pt. differential (216-109) stands No. 2 in NFL & offense stands 2nd in conference converting 47.5

pct. (48/101) 3rd downs...**P MIKE SCIFRES** tops NFL w/ 43.0 net avg.

SUNDAY NIGHT

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (7-0) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (6-1)

SERIES

	<u>COLTS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		41-25
STREAKS		6 of past 7
COACHES VS. OPP.	Dungy: 3-4	Belichick: 9-4
LAST WEEK	W 34-31 at Broncos	W 31-7 at Vikings
LAST GAME	11/7/05: Colts 40 at Patriots 21. On Monday night, Indianapolis scores on 7 of their 1st 8 possessions as Colts win in Foxborough for 1st time since '95.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/7/05	
BROADCAST	NBC (8:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (Ind), 130 (NE).	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 163-245-1,965 (2L)-15 (2L)-2-108.0 (1L)	Brady: 135-232-1,598 (3C)-14(T3L)-4-92.2
RUSHING	Addai (R): 87-447-5.1-1	Maroney (R): 94-395-4.2-3
RECEIVING	Harrison: 44 (3C)-553-12.6-3	Watson (TE): 28-366-13.1-1
OFFENSE	382.1 (2L)	339.9
TAKE/GIVE	+7 (T2C)	+6
DEFENSE	335.4	297.0
SACKS	Mathis: 4.5	Green: 5.5
INTs	Doss: 2	Samuel: 3 (T3C)
PUNTING	Smith: 45.3	Miller: 44.6
KICKING	Vinatieri: 53 (11/11 PAT; 14/14 FG)	Gostkowski (R): 39 (21/21 PAT; 6/9 FG)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES QBs WITH MOST WINS SINCE 9/30/01 (TOM BRADY's, 1st START; Brady, 64, & PEYTON

MANNING, 59)...COLTS: Aim to join 1929-31 Packers as only teams in NFL history to go 8-0 in consecutive seasons.

Club seeks back-to-back wins vs. NE for 1st time since 1995 when clubs were in AFC East...**QB PEYTON MANNING**

leads NFL with 108.0 passer rating & ranks 2nd in yards (1,965), comp. pct. (66.5) & TDs (15). In past 4 games vs. NE,

Manning has thrown 10 TDs vs. 3 INTs...Rookie **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** leads club & NFL rookies w/ 447 rush yds...**WR**

MARVIN HARRISON (113) stands tied w/ HOFer **LENNY MOORE** for most TDs in Colts history. Harrison has 12 TD

catches in 14 career starts vs. NE. **WR REGGIE WAYNE** has 25+ yd catch in 6 of past 7 on road...Club is 20-1 (.952)

when **DE ROBERT MATHIS** records at least 1.0 sack...**K ADAM VINATIERI** is former Patriot (1996-'05), kicking game-

winning FGs in SB XXXVI & XXXVIII victories for NE...**PATRIOTS:** Play 2nd prime time game in row...**QB TOM BRADY**

has thrown 2+ TDs in 4 consecutive games & has 14 TDs this season, tying for 3rd most in NFL. Owns 6-1 (.857) mark

vs. Ind (incl. 2-0 in playoffs) & is 36-8 (.818) as regular season starter after Nov. 1. Posted career-best 148.3 passer

rating at Ind. (10/21/01)...Rookie **RB LAURENCE MARONEY** leads all rookies with 94 attempts & stands 3rd among

rookies w/ 395 rush yards (4.2 avg.). Maroney has KRs of 70+ yds in consecutive games. In past 3 games vs. Ind, **RB**

COREY DILLON has 290 rushing yards (96.7 avg.) & 2 TDs. Team is 12-1 when Dillon has 90.0+ yards rushing...**WR**

RECHE CALDWELL has 5+ catches in consecutive games. **TE BENJAMIN WATSON** has 155 rec. yds & 12 catches in

past 2 games...**LB TEDY BRUSCHI** has INT & 3 PDs & FR in past 4 vs. Ind...**CB ASANTE SAMUEL** has 3 INTs &

needs 1 to establish new career high (3, '05).

MONDAY NIGHT

OAKLAND RAIDERS (2-5) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (4-3)

SERIES

	<u>RAIDERS</u>	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>
SERIES LEADER	27-22	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shell: 9-3	Holmgren: 4-4
LAST WEEK	W 20-13 vs. Steelers	L 35-28 at Chiefs
LAST GAME	9/8/02: Seahawks 17 at Raiders 31. Oakland QB Rich Gannon connects on 2 TD passes & RB Charlie Garner runs for 127 yds & 2 TDs on 15 carries.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/11/01: Seahawks 34, Raiders 27. Seattle RB Shaun Alexander runs for club-record 266 yards & 3 TDs, including Seahawks' record 88-yard score.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (5:30 PM PT): 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 (Oak.), 123 (Sea.).	

STATS

PASSING	Walter: 70-148-925-3-9-49.0	Wallace: 30-57-338-3-4-59.0
RUSHING	Jordan: 91-335-3.7-1	Morris: 65-187-2.9-0
RECEIVING	Moss: 26-371-14.3-3	Jackson: 36-587 (3C)-16.3-6 (T2C)
OFFENSE	234.0	294.6
TAKE/GIVE	-9	-2
DEFENSE	285.4	343.6
SACKS	Burgess: 7.5 (2C)	Peterson: 7.0
INTs	Asomugha: 3 (T3C)	Boulware, Hamlin: 2
PUNTING	Lechler: 49.5 (1C)	Plackemeier (R): 46.1
KICKING	Janikowski: 36 (9/9 PAT; 9/10 FG)	Brown: 47 (17/17 PAT; 10/14 FG)

NOTES

RAIDERS: QB **ANDREW WALTER** completing 52+ pct. of passes in past 4 starts (49 of 93) w/ TD pass in 3 of 1st 5 career starts...In past 5 games, RB **JUSTIN FARGAS** has 55 carries for 249 yards for 4.5 yds per carry. Club is 4th in AFC w/ 4.11 yds per rush...WR **RANDY MOSS** (101) ranks 3rd among active players in TD catches. Moss (46) needs 1 100-yd game to tie **MICHAEL IRVIN** (47) for 4th most in NFL history...DE **DERRICK BURGESS** has 23.5 sacks in 23 games with Raiders. Defense tops NFL allowing 159.1 pass yds/game. Club has allowed 35 points & only 2 TDs in past 3 games...P **SHANE LECHLER** stands 2nd in NFL w/ 49.5-yard punting average. Lechler has 50+ yard punt in 9 game in row. K **SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI** (147) needs 3 FGs to be 4th kicker in club history w/ 150 for career (**CHRIS BAHR**, 162; **GEORGE BLANDA**, 156; **JEFF JAEGER**, 152)...**SEAHAWKS:** Have won 6 of past 9 on MNF. Club is 24-4 (.857) in past 28 at home under head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**...QB **SENECA WALLACE** threw 3 TD passes in 1st NFL start last week...RB **MAURICE MORRIS** averaging 5.7 yards per carry vs. AFC (49-280). FB **MACK STRONG** has 1 TD reception vs. Oak. & Seahawks have won 4 of past 5 when Strong has TD catch...WR **DARRELL JACKSON** had 102 yards & 1 TD in last meeting. Jackson has 6 TDs in past 6 games. Aims for 4th in row with 40+ yard TD. In last meeting (9/8/05 with NE), WR **DEION BRANCH** had 7 catches for 99 yards & 1 TD. Incl. postseason, Branch's teams are 15-2 (.882) when he has TD reception. Has TD in 4 of 6 career MNF games...LB **JULIAN PETERSON** has sack in 5 of 1st 7

games with Seahawks (team-best 7.0). Club has won 7 of past 8 when **DE BRYCE FISHER** has sack.

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (OCT. 29-30)

Byes : Buffalo, Detroit, Miami, Washington
(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, October 29

CHICAGO 41, San Francisco 10
Atlanta 29, CINCINNATI 27
GREEN BAY 31, Arizona 14
KANSAS CITY 35, Seattle 28
Baltimore 35, NEW ORLEANS 22
N.Y. GIANTS 17, Tampa Bay 3
Jacksonville 13, PHILADELPHIA 6
TENNESSEE 28, Houston 22

Sunday, October 29, cont.'d.

SAN DIEGO 38, St. Louis 24
CLEVELAND 20, N.Y. Jets 13
Indianapolis 34, DENVER 31
OAKLAND 20, Pittsburgh 13
Dallas 35, CAROLINA 14

Monday, October 30

New England 31, MINNESOTA 7

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	6	1	0	.857	167	87	N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	180	134
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0	.500	160	193	Dallas	4	3	0	.571	204	142
Buffalo	2	5	0	.286	100	153	Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	206	160
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	5	2	0	.714	145	91	Chicago	7	0	0	1.000	221	69
Cincinnati	4	3	0	.571	155	142	Minnesota	4	3	0	.571	127	126
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	108	139	Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	152	176
Pittsburgh	2	5	0	.286	157	145	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	7	0	0	1.000	205	153	Atlanta	5	2	0	.714	153	134
Jacksonville	4	3	0	.571	138	107	New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	167	145
Houston	2	5	0	.286	121	182	Carolina	4	4	0	.500	137	163
Tennessee	2	5	0	.286	113	179	Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	88	142
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	5	2	0	.714	110	78	Seattle	4	3	0	.571	149	177
San Diego	5	2	0	.714	216	109	St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	163	166
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	152	152	San Francisco	2	5	0	.286	134	235
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	92	148	Arizona	1	7	0	.125	134	196

WEEK 9 NFL SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 5-6

Byes: Arizona, Carolina, N.Y. Jets, Philadelphia
(All times local)

Sunday, November 5

Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1:00 PM
Green Bay at Buffalo, 1:00 PM
Miami at Chicago, 12:00 PM
Atlanta at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM
Houston at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 PM
Kansas City at St. Louis, 12:00 PM
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM

Sunday, November 5, cont.'d.

Dallas at Washington, 1:00 PM
Minnesota at San Francisco, 1:05 PM
Denver at Pittsburgh, 4:15 PM
Cleveland at San Diego, 1:15 PM
Indianapolis at New England, 8:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, November 6

Oakland at Seattle, 5:30 PM (ESPN)

