



NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

BIG PLAYS: This Saturday night's NFC Divisional Playoff game between the Philadelphia Eagles and New Orleans Saints will feature the NFL's top two big-play passing offenses. Each club had 43 pass plays of 25 yards or more this season.

Including San Diego (32) – the league leader in points (492) this year -- three of the top five teams in most 25-yard passing plays will play in the divisional round:

TEAM	25-YD PASS PLAYS
<i>New Orleans</i>	43
<i>Philadelphia</i>	43
Dallas	35
Cincinnati	33
<i>San Diego</i>	32

ONE ON ONE: When the Indianapolis Colts play the Baltimore Ravens on Saturday, it will mark the ninth time since 1970 that the No. 1 offense and No. 1 defense of the same conference meet in the Divisional Playoffs. The Ravens ranked first in the NFL in defense (264.1 yards per game), and the Colts led the AFC in offense (379.4 yards per game).

Of the eight such teams to win their divisional games, five won conference titles and three won Super Bowls. The 1971 Cowboys, and the 1988 and 1989 49ers won Super Bowls after defeating their conference's top-ranked defense in the divisional round.

When the Colts travel to Baltimore, it will be the first meeting between a conference's top offense and defense in the divisional round since the current 12-team playoff format began in 1990.

The teams that ranked first in offense and defense in a conference and met in the Divisional Playoffs:

YEAR	NO. 1 OFFENSE	NO. 1 DEFENSE	DIVISIONAL WINNER
1970	San Francisco	Minnesota	San Francisco
1971	Dallas	Minnesota	Dallas*
1975	Dallas	Minnesota	Dallas**
1976	Baltimore Colts	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
1980	San Diego	Buffalo	San Diego
1982	San Diego	Miami	Miami**
1988	San Francisco	Minnesota	San Francisco*
1989	San Francisco	Minnesota	San Francisco*
2006	<i>Indianapolis</i>	<i>Baltimore Ravens</i>	??

* Super Bowl champion; ** Conference champion

HOME SACKS APLENTY: The top five teams in sacks at home this season will play this weekend, with three hosting games -- Baltimore (33), San Diego (29) and Chicago (25).

The top five teams in home sacks in 2006:

TEAM	SACKS
<i>Baltimore Ravens</i> *	33
<i>San Diego Chargers</i> *	29
<i>Chicago Bears</i> *	25
Seattle Seahawks	25
Philadelphia Eagles	24

* Play at home this weekend

CAREFUL CRAFTSMEN: Two of the all-time leaders in lowest career interception percentage in the playoffs – New England's **TOM BRADY** and Seattle's **MATT HASSELBECK** – will lead their clubs in this week's Divisional Playoffs.

Brady, who owns the lowest career playoff interception percentage in history (1.25), completed 22 of 34 attempts (64.7 percent) for two touchdowns and no interceptions against the Jets in the Wild Card.

Hasselbeck completed 18 of 36 passes (50.0 percent) with two touchdowns and two interceptions against Dallas last Saturday. In 2005, he took Seattle to the NFC Championship, throwing only one interception in 103 attempts in the postseason.

The top five quarterbacks in lowest career playoff interception percentage (min. 150 attempts):

QUARTERBACK	ATTEMPTS	INTs	INT PCT.
Tom Brady, New England	401	5	1.25
Bart Starr, Green Bay	213	3	1.41
Phil Simms, N.Y. Giants	279	6	2.15
Matt Hasselbeck, Seattle	227	5	2.20
Chad Pennington, N.Y. Jets	178	4	2.25

RUSHING TO MAKE AN IMPACT: Indianapolis rookie running back **JOSEPH ADDAI** rushed for 122 yards in the Colts' Wild Card game – the sixth most rushing yards in history by a rookie in his first playoff game.

Addai seeks to post the highest total by a rookie in the first two playoff games of his rookie season this Saturday. Dallas running back **DUANE THOMAS** rushed for 278 yards in the first two playoff games in his rookie season -- the NFL record.

The top five total rushing yards by players in the first two playoff games of their rookie season:

YEAR	PLAYER	YARDS
1970	Duane Thomas, Dallas	278
1998	Fred Taylor, Jacksonville	248
1988	Ickey Woods, Cincinnati	228
1983	Curt Warner, Seattle	212
1978	Earl Campbell, Houston	202
2006	Joseph Addai, Indianapolis	122*

* One game

KICKING HIS WAY TO THE TOP: Indianapolis kicker **ADAM VINATIERI** connected on all three of his field-goal attempts in the Colts' Wild Card win. Vinatieri now ranks second all-time in postseason field goals (29) behind **GARY ANDERSON** (32) and needs four against Baltimore to set the record.

In addition to his three FGs last week, Vinatieri converted two PATs and now has scored 128 points in the postseason. He needs five points this week to pass **JERRY RICE**, who ranks second in playoff history with 132 points. Anderson's 153 playoff points are the most in history.

The NFL's all-time leaders in career playoff field goals and points scored:

PLAYER	FG	PLAYER	POINTS
Gary Anderson	32	Gary Anderson	153
Adam Vinatieri	29	Jerry Rice	132
George Blanda	22	Adam Vinatieri	128
Steve Christie	22	Thurman Thomas	126
Matt Bahr	21	Emmitt Smith	126
John Kasay	21		

NFL PLAYOFF SHARES: Following is a breakdown of 2006 NFL player shares for all playoff games:

2006 NFL PLAYER PLAYOFF SHARES

Wild Card	(Division Winner)	\$19,000
	(Wild Card Team)	\$17,000
Divisional Playoff		\$19,000
Conference Championship		\$37,000
Super Bowl XLI	(Winning Team)	\$73,000
	(Losing Team)	\$38,000

