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SEASON REACHES HALFWAY MARK; 7-0 COLTS SEEK TO STAY PERFECT VS. PATS MONDAY NIGHT

At the mid-point, only one is perfect.

"Perfect" as in undefeated. And the Indianapolis Colts – the NFL's lone unbeaten team at 7-0 as the season hits the halfway mark – want to keep it that way in Week 9 after a bye. But wouldn't you know it? Their opponent this Monday night is their chief tormentor of the past several years – the Super Bowl XXXIX champion New England Patriots.

More on that later. For now, let's put the Colts' accomplishment in its due perspective. This is only the 36th time in the NFL's 86-year history that a team has started a season at 7-0 (the Colts' best start ever). To put that "36" in context, since the NFL's inception in 1920, there have been 1,705 clubs that have played at least seven games in a season (counting the number of teams each season). That 36 who went 7-0 computes to .02 – two percent of all NFL teams.

So the Colts' 7-0 is rare indeed. The number of teams to begin a season 7-0 and beyond:

SOME START!

Season Start	Number of Teams	Season Start	Number of Teams
7-0	36	11-0	10
8-0	23	12-0	4
9-0	20	13-0	3
10-0	16	14-0	1

The Colts are ready for November and beyond. "We need to have that stretch run," says head coach **TONY DUNGY**. "In November, you want to be playing your best and coaching your best." November in the NFL begins this week:

CAROLINA PANTHERS (5-2) at TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (5-2)

STORYLINE: Winner could take first in the NFC South.

The division is in a three-way tie for first (Atlanta), making it the NFL's strongest division with three clubs at .714.

The key matchup could be between a 65-year-old and a 26-year-old. In other words, what will Bucs defensive coordinator **MONTE KIFFIN** devise to stop what just might be the league's hottest receiver, **STEVE SMITH**? After a team-record 201 yards in Week 8, Smith leads the NFL in catches (50), receiving yards (797) and receiving TDs (8). "He's good, and we try to feed him as much as we can," understates Panthers **QB JAKE DELHOMME**.

This is a hot rivalry. Since the Bucs swept the season series in 2002, the first year of the NFC South, the Panthers have won the last four. The six games have been decided by an average of 7.7 points. "It's Tampa Bay," says Panthers **S MIKE MINTER**. "Say no more. That's it."

ATLANTA FALCONS (5-2) at MIAMI DOLPHINS (3-4)

STORYLINE: Battle of the backs.

Atlanta has the NFL's top running game, led by **WARRICK DUNN**, who is sometimes overshadowed by the exploits of **QB MICHAEL VICK**. But Dunn is the NFL's fourth leading rusher (732 yards) and has the highest average per carry (5.4) of the league's top 10 rushers. Thanks to the "DVD" attack of **D**unn, **V**ick and **RB T.J. DUCKETT**, the

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ONLY SECOND EVER: St. Louis' STEVEN JACKSON (179) and Jacksonville's FRED TAYLOR (165) last Sunday became only the second set of opponents in NFL history to each rush for 165 yards. The first: Cleveland's BOBBY MITCHELL (232) and Washington's JOHNNY OLSZEWSKI (190) on November 15, 1959.

Falcons have four 200-yard rush games this year, tops in the league.

"I'm not saying Warrick is another **WALTER PAYTON**, but they are a lot alike," says Falcons head coach **JIM MORA**. "Walter Payton never took any big hits, like Warrick. He knew how to twist his body at impact to avoid the big hit."

The Dolphins last week made a reality of the preseason vision of new head coach **NICK SABAN** – a potent tandem rushing attack. First-round draft pick **RONNIE BROWN**, with 106 yards last Sunday, leads NFL rookies in rushing and rush TDs with 544 yards and three scores. **RICKY WILLIAMS** added his first solid outing of the season, compiling 82 yards on 17 carries. That spelled 188 rush yards for the Fish. "We were very effective using both of those guys," says Saban. "We're learning and growing on how we do that."

OAKLAND RAIDERS (3-4) at KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (4-3)

STORYLINE: The Raiders are coming on!

They lost their first three – one to KC – but have won three of their past four. And the comeback has much to do with LaMont.

Oakland's second big offseason acquisition after **WR RANDY MOSS**, **RB LA MONT JORDAN** kept asking for more carries. When he got them, starting on October 2, Oakland started to win. When Jordan carries 20 times a game, the Raiders win. He has averaged 87.8 yards in the past four games, with two 100-yard performances.

The Chiefs use a dual rush attack in **PRIEST HOLMES** and **LARRY JOHNSON**, who have combined for 850 yards and, together, tie San Diego's **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** for the most rushing TDs in the AFC (10).

The QBs are as efficient as they come. Oakland's **KERRY COLLINS** (2), Kansas City's **TRENT GREEN** (3) -- seeking to become the first Chiefs QB to post six victories in a row over Oakland -- and Denver's **JAKE PLUMMER** (3) have the fewest interceptions of quarterbacks who have started every game.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-3) at WASHINGTON REDSKINS (4-3) (Sunday night, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: Throw out last week!

That's what these two NFC East rivals say. One week after offensive fireworks for each, they each got pummeled in Week 8 (Eagles lost to Denver, 49-21; Redskins shut out by Giants, 36-0).

"There is adversity in every season," says Eagles head coach **ANDY REID**, speaking for himself and Redskins head coach **JOE GIBBS**. "You have to work through it and find the answer."

That answer could come in the passing game. Wide receivers **SANTANA MOSS** of the Redskins (18.5) and **TERRELL OWENS** of the Eagles (16.2) lead the NFL top 10 in average yards per catch. Philadelphia tops the league in passing (295.7 yards), but Washington is No. 1 in pass defense (152.7)

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (7-0) at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (4-3) (Monday night, ABC, 9:00 PM ET)

STORYLINE: Can Indy get over the hump?

The Patriots have won six in a row against the Colts. This will be the fifth time in the past three years they have played. Their last three games have been in Foxborough. Two of them have halted the Colts' playoff advancement. New England has outscored Indy 44-17 in those playoff matchups – the 2003 AFC Championship and the 2004 Divisionals. Last year in the Divisional Playoffs in sleet and with a 16-degree wind chill, the Patriots held the NFL's highest-scoring offense to no touchdowns.

So...here we go again. And the Colts are ready. But not *too* ready. "It's that time," says their quarterback, **PEYTON MANNING**. "We know it's an important game and people are excited about it, but we have to approach it the same way we approach every game."

The difference this year? It might be the Colts' rejuvenated defense. In the past two playoff games between the clubs, Indy's defense was ranked No. 29 (2004) and No. 11 (2003) in the NFL. They come into Monday night as the league's No. 4 defense, leading the NFL in sacks (26). Colts **DEs ROBERT MATHIS** (8.0, tied for the league sack lead; sack in club-record seven consecutive games) and **DWIGHT FREENEY** (6.0) are the only players from the same team in the NFL top 10 in sacks.

Pats **QB TOM BRADY**, leader of the league's No. 2 pass offense, will be eyed by a fellow Michigan Wolverine, **LB CATO JUNE**. Second in the league in interceptions (5), June is already more than halfway towards the NFL season record for INTs by a linebacker (8, **BULLDOG TURNER**, Chicago Bears, 1942; **ARCHIE MATSOS**, Buffalo, 1960; and **STAN WHITE**, Baltimore, 1975).

<u>WEEK 9</u> <u>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6</u> CINCINNATI BENGALS (6-2) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (2-5)

SERIES

	BENGALS	RAVENS
LEADER		12-6
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 2-2	Billick: 9-3
LAST WEEK	W 21-14 vs. Packers	L 20-19 at Steelers
LAST GAME	12/5/04: Bengals 27 at Ravens 26. Cincinnati QB Bengals' Shayne Graham kicks game-winning 24-	•
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	Palmer: 186-267-2,037 (1L)-16 (1L)-5-104.1 (2L)	Wright: 145-236-1,429-6-9-71.1
RUSHING	R. Johnson: 162-681-4.2-2	J. Lewis: 130-387-3.0-1
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 48 (1C)-717 (1C)-14.9-5	Mason: 44 (2C)-492-11.2-1
OFFENSE	363.6 (2C)	299.6
TAKE/GIVE	+20 (1L)	-8
DEFENSE	320.3	253.0 (1C)
SACKS	Clemons, J. Smith: 2.0	Thomas: 3.0
INTs	O'Neal: 6 (1L)	4 tied: 1
PUNTING	Larson: 42.5	Zastudil: 43.5
KICKING	Graham: 63 (1C) (21/21 PAT; 14/17 FG)	Stover: 46 (7/7 PAT; 13/17 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). Club aims for 7-2 start for 1st time since 1988, when club last won AFC title.....In 2 career starts vs. BALT, QB CARSON PALMER has 2 300s, totaling 698 yards on 54 of 88 passing (61.4 pct.). In last mtg. (12/5/04), Palmer rallied Bengals from 20-3 deficit in 4th qtr for 27-26 road win.....In past 6 road games with 20+ carries, RB RUDI JOHNSON averages 103.8 yds/game & has 6 rush TDs in those 6. RB CHRIS PERRY has 38 receptions; needs 2 more to be 6th Bengals RB since '90 with 40+.....In last mtg. WRs CHAD JOHNSON (161 yds; 2 TDs) & T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH (171 yds; 1 TD) each caught 10 passes......CB DELTHA O'NEAL leads NFL with 6 INTs. Team (20) on pace to surpass club INT record of 34 in 1996. Defense has disallowed BALT 200+ yd passer in 3 games in row......RAVENS: Head coach BRIAN BILLICK is 9-3 (.750) in career vs. CIN.....QB ANTHONY WRIGHT has won 7 consecutive home starts. In those 7 victories, Wright has completed 111 of 188 attempts (59.0 pct.).....RB CHESTER TAYLOR had career-best 139 rush yds in last mtg. on 23 carries (6.0-yd avg.) with 1 TD. Taylor is averaging 5.2 yds per carry on season w/ 45 rushes. Tied career-high with 5 catches last wk at PITT. Team is 20-6 (.769) when RB JAMAL LEWIS rushes for 100+ yds. Lewis has recorded 7 of 26 (26.9 pct.) career 100s vs. CIN – his most vs. any team......In past 3 vs. CIN, WR DERRICK MASON has 7+ catches in each, totaling 24 catches for 369 yds (123.0-yd avg.) & 4 TDs......S ED REED has 3 INTs, 1 FF & 1 FR in past 2 games vs. CIN. LBs ADALIUS THOMAS & TERRELL SUGGS each have at least 1.0 sack vs. CIN in 3 games in row. Suggs has 5.0 sacks, 1 FF & 1 FR in those past 3...... K MATT STOVER has made 7 FGs in row vs. Bengals.

TENNESSEE TITANS (2-6) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (2-5)

SERIES

	<u>TITANS</u>	BROWNS
LEADER		32-26
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fisher: 6-4	Crennel: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 34-25 vs. Raiders	L 19-16 at Texans
LAST GAME	9/22/02: Browns 31 at Titans 28 (OT). Cleveland's Phil Dawson kicks game-winning 33-yard	
	FG in OT. Browns QB Tim Couch passes for 326 yards & 3 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/2/01: Titans 31, Browns 15. Tennessee QB Steve McNair passes for 3 TDs while Titans	
	WRs Derrick Mason (122) & Kevin Dyson (110) both have 100 yards receiving.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Don Criqui, Steve Beuerle	in

STATS

PASSING	McNair: 163-250-1,603-8-6-83.8	Dilfer: 130-212-1,445-7-8-76.9
RUSHING	Brown: 118-506-4.3-3	Droughns: 125-530-4.2-0
RECEIVING	Kinney (TE): 39-385-9.9-0	Bryant: 30-402-13.4-2
OFFENSE	325.3	284.3
TAKE/GIVE	-8	-2
DEFENSE	308.9	342.0
SACKS	Vanden Bosch: 8.0 (T1L)	Crocker, McKinley, Thompson: 2.0
INTs	Hill (R): 2	Baxter, Bodden, McCutcheon: 2
PUNTING	Hentrich: 43.2	Richardson: 41.9
KICKING	Bironas: 57 (15/16 PAT; 14/17 FG)	P. Dawson: 46 (7/8 PAT; 13/13 FG)

NOTES

TITANS: Under head coach JEFF FISHER, team is 39-1 (.975) when entering 4th gtr with lead......QB STEVE MC NAIR (3,394) needs 14 rush yds to surpass HOFer **JOHN ELWAY** (3,407) for 4th-most rush yds all-time by QB. With 2 TDs, McNair (148) joins WARREN MOON (196) & HOFer GEORGE BLANDA (165) as only QBs in club history with 150 or more.....RB CHRIS BROWN rushed for season-high 97 yds on 19 carries (5.1-yd avg.) w/ 1 TD and season-long 38-yd run......Rookie WR COURTNEY ROBY caught season-high 7 receptions last week for 83 yards & 1 TD. Rookie WR BRANDON JONES leads NFL rookies with 21 catches. TE ERRON KINNEY has 2nd-most catches by NFL TE with 39 for 385 yds......DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH shares NFL lead w/ 8.0 sacks & leads D-line with 49 tackles. Rookie CB REYNALDO HILL has INT in consecutive games.....CB-KR PACMAN JONES owns 28.6-yd KR avg., 3rd-best in NFL.....BROWNS: In his last start vs. TENN (11/12/00), QB TRENT DILFER (w/BALT) completed 23 of 36 atts (63.9 pct.) for 281 yds with 2 TDs vs. 1 INT for 94.8 rating. Dilfer stands 8th among AFC passers with 61.3 comp. pct.....In past 2 games, RB REUBEN DROUGHNS has per carry avg. of 5.1 yards on 39 carries. Droughns (w/DEN) rushed for 91 yds & 2 TDs on 22 carries vs. TENN (12/25/04) & caught 2 passes for 30 yds & TD. In past 3 gms, RB WILLIAM GREEN has 66 rush yds on 13 carries for 5.1-yd avg......In last mtg., WR-PR DENNIS NORTHCUTT had 74-yd PR-TD, recovered 4th qtr onside kick, & scored game-tying 8-yd TD with 0:12 remaining in regulation to force OT w/ Browns earning victory. WR ANTONIO BRYANT has 4+ catches in 5 of 7 gms.....LB ANDRA DAVIS has led club in tackles in 6 of 7 gms & has 11+ tackles in all 7. DT JASON FISK spent '99-'01 w/ TENN, helping team reach SB XXXIV in '99. Defense has allowed only 1 TD in 5 games in row, tying franchise's longest streak of 1 or fewer TDs allowed (1970-71). Club is No. 3 in NFL in denying TDs inside redzone, allowing 8 TDs in 22 trips (36.4 pct.)......K PHIL DAWSON has made 18 consecutive FGs.

HOUSTON TEXANS (1-6) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (4-3)

SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
LEADER	4-2	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Capers: 4-3	Del Rio: 1-3
LAST WEEK	W 19-16 vs. Browns	L 24-21 at Rams
LAST GAME	12/26/04: Texans 21 at Jaguars 0. Houston RB Domanick Davis rushes for 150 yards & 1 TD as Texans post 1st shutout in franchise history.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcot	s

STATS

PASSING	Carr: 95-162-907-6-6-71.2	Leftwich: 116-207-1,418-10-5-83.4
RUSHING	D. Davis: 141-547-3.9-1	Taylor: 127-566-4.5-2
RECEIVING	Gaffney: 29-295-10.2-1	J. Smith: 25-431-17.2-4
OFFENSE	207.9	318.4
TAKE/GIVE	-6	+6
DEFENSE	372.3	290.3 (3C)
SACKS	Payne, Peek, G. Walker: 2.0	Hayward: 5.5
INTs	T. Evans, Robinson: 1	Mathis: 4 (T3L)
PUNTING	Stanley: 39.8	Hanson: 44.7
KICKING	K. Brown: 37 (7/7 PAT; 10/12 FG)	Scobee: 45 (12/12 PAT; 11/15 FG)

NOTES

TEXANS: Recorded franchise's 1st shutout victory (21-0) in last mtg. (12/26/04). Head coach DOM CAPERS was JAX's defensive coordinator from 1999-2000......As starter, QB DAVID CARR is 4-1 (.800) vs. JAX with TD pass in all 5. In those 5, Carr completed 95 of 137 (69.3 pct.) for 1,053 yards with 5 TDs vs. 4 INTs for 91.9 passer rating. Carr has 109.0+ passer rating in 2 of past 5 vs. Jaguars......In 13 career games vs. AFC South, RB DOMANICK DAVIS has 1,193 rush yds (4.6 avg.) & 64 catches for 478 receiving yds with 11 rush TDs. In last mtg. Davis rushed for career-high 158 yds & equaled career-high in carries (31). Davis has 4+ receptions in 3 career games vs. JAX.....Rookie WR JEROME MATHIS caught 1st career TD pass (34 yds) last wk & has scored TD in 2 wks in row. WR JABAR GAFFNEY has 19 catches for 176 yds & 1 TD in past 3 games......In last mtg., LB ANTWAN PEEK had 66-yd FR-TD off of FF by CB DUNTA ROBINSON......WR-KR Mathis stands 2nd in NFL with 30.4 KR avg. Team has AFC's 4th-best avg. drive start (29.9).....JAGUARS: Team is 4-2 (.667) when QB BYRON LEFTWICH has greater or equal number of TDs vs. INTs. Leftwich has 10 TD passes through 1st 7 starts of season for 1st time in career......In 2 career home games vs. HOU, RB FRED TAYLOR has 247 rush yds on 49 carries (5.0 avg.) w/ 1 TD. In past 2 games, Taylor has 130+ rush yds in each, totaling 297 on 46 rushes (6.5 avg.). Taylor has back-to-back 130s for 1st time since '00.....Last wk. at STL, WR ERNEST WILFORD posted career-high 145 yds on 6 catches (24.2-yd avg.) with 1 TD; entered game with 9 catches for 117 yds on season. Club has won 10 games in row when leading at halftime. On 1st possessions of 2nd half, team has scored 28 points & allowing opponents only 3 points on their 1st possession.....LB MIKE PETERSON leads club with 82 tackles. DEs REGGIE HAYWARD (5.5) & PAUL SPICER (4.5) combine for 10.0 sacks. CB RASHEAN MATHIS has 4 INTs in past 5 games. DT JOHN HENDERSON tied for 2nd on team in PDs (6) & has team-high 4 tackles for loss (4). S **DEON GRANT** posted INT in last mtg. Team has 24 INTs in past 15 games. Defense is No. 7 in NFL (290.3 yds/game).

OAKLAND RAIDERS (3-4) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (4-3)

SERIES

	RAIDERS	CHIEFS
LEADER		46-42-2
STREAKS		Past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Turner: 0-4	Vermeil: 7-5
LAST WEEK	W 34-25 at Titans	L 28-20 at Chargers
LAST GAME	9/18/05: Chiefs 23 at Raiders 17. Kansas City	RBs Priest Holmes & Larry Johnson each run
	for TD while Chiefs' Lawrence Tynes kicks 3 F	Gs.
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/25/04: Chiefs 31, Raiders 30. Kansas City's Lawrence Tynes kicks 38-yard FG with 22	
	seconds remaining to lead Chiefs to victory on Christmas Day.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Kevin Harlan, Randy Cro	ss

STATS

PASSING	Collins: 136-243-1,882 (3C)-10-2-91.3	Green: 141-230-1,696-6-3-87.2
RUSHING	Jordan: 135-499-3.7-7 (T2C)	Holmes: 119-451-3.8-6
RECEIVING	Jordan (RB): 35-314-9.0-2	Kennison: 32-488-15.3-2
OFFENSE	344.7	362.1
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+5
DEFENSE	338.0	368.4
SACKS	Burgess: 7.0 (3C)	Allen: 5.0
INTs	Sapp: 1	Wesley: 2
PUNTING	Lechler: 46.6 (2C)	Colquitt (R): 40.9
KICKING	Janikowski: 48 (18/18 PAT; 10/14 FG)	Tynes: 59 (T3C) (17/17 PAT; 14/16 FG)

NOTES

RAIDERS: Club has won 3 of past 4 games.....QB KERRY COLLINS has 78 TD passes in 67 career division games. Collins is +8 in TDs to INTs on season (10 vs. 2), tied for 5th-best TD-to-INT differential in NFL. In past 3 vs. KC, Collins has 6 TDs vs. 1 INT.....RB LA MONT JORDAN has 136+ scrimmage yards in 3 of past 4 games, ranks 5th in NFL total scrimmage yds (813) & has 4th-most 1st downs (47) in NFL. Has TD in each of past 6 games (7 rush, 2 rec.). Stands 3rd among NFL RBs in receptions with 35 (BRIAN WESTBROOK, PHIL, 39; CHRIS PERRY, CIN, 38). RB ZACK CROCKETT has 35 rush TDs w/Raiders & needs 1 more to surpass MARK VAN EEGHEN (35) for 3rd-most in franchise history......WR JERRY PORTER caught TD passes of 26 & 44 yds last week at TENN & has 19 receptions in past 4 vs. KC with TD catch in 2 of past 3 meetings. WR RANDY MOSS leads AFC players with 9 catches of 20+ yds...... DT WARREN SAPP registered 2.5 sacks last wk as club notched season-high 6 sacks......CHIEFS: Club has won 5 in row vs. OAK, all by 7 points or less. Chiefs (4-0) have never lost to NORV TURNER-coached team.....QB TRENT GREEN has won 5 starts in row vs. OAK. In past 4 vs. OAK, QB TRENT GREEN has 6 TDs vs. 2 INTs & has 101.9 passer rating.....RB PRIEST HOLMES has rush TD vs. OAK in 5 games in row. RB LARRY JOHNSON has 5.3-per-carry avg., 3rd-highest among NFL RBs with 75+ rushes. Johnson posted 46-yd rush last week, tying career-long......In past 5 games, WR EDDIE KENNISON has 3 100s with 7+ receptions in each of those 3. Kennison posted 2nd-most rec. yds (149) vs. OAK on 12/5/04. TE TONY GONZALEZ has 7 receptions in consecutive games & has 7 TDs vs. OAK - his most vs. any single opponent. Gonzalez (32) is 1 of 7 NFL TEs w/ 30+ catches.....DE JARED ALLEN has 3.0 sacks in 3 career games vs. OAK. In past 16 seasons, KC has 11 defensive TDs vs. OAK – most vs. any opponent in span.....LBs RICH SCANLON & GARY STILLS (12) tied for team-lead in ST tackles. Scanlon was NFL Europe's '05 Defensive MVP.

ATLANTA FALCONS (5-2) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (3-4)

SERIES

	FALCONS	DOLPHINS
LEADER		7-2
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mora: 0-0	Saban: 0-0
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 7: W 27-14 vs. Jets)	W 21-6 at Saints
LAST GAME	12/30/01: Falcons 14 at Dolphins 21. Miami QB Jay Fielder passes for 2 TDs & Dolphins clinch playoff berth for 5th consecutive season.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/30/01	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johns	ston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)

STATS

PASSING	Vick: 66-126-723-5-6-63.0	Frerotte: 127-245-1,409-8-8-66.5
RUSHING	Dunn: 135-732(2C)-5.4-2	Brown (R): 114-544-4.8-3
RECEIVING	Crumpler (TE): 27-375-13.9-2	Chambers: 27-377-14.0-3
OFFENSE	327.0	319.1
TAKE/GIVE	+7 (2C)	-5
DEFENSE	338.3	303.6
SACKS	Coleman: 7.0 (T2C)	Carter: 4.0
INTs	D. Hall: 4 (T3L)	Schulters: 2
PUNTING	Koenen (R): 42.9	D. Jones: 44.2
KICKING	Peterson: 48 (18/18 PAT; 10/10 FG)	Mare: 50 (14/14 PAT; 12/14 FG)

NOTES

FALCONS: Offense avgs. 188.1 rushing yards per game, tops in NFL. On pace for 3,010 rushing yards, which would rank 3rd all-time (3,165, NE, '78; 3,088, Buf, '73).....MICHAEL VICK leads QBs with 302 rushing yards. Among rushers with 30+ carries, ranks 3rd with 6.2-yard avg......WARRICK DUNN is 1 of 4 RBs avging, 100+ rushing yards per game (104.6). Among RBs with 125+ rushes, is 1 of 3 with 5.0-yard avg. Ties for 2nd in NFL with 6 runs of 20+ yards. RB T.J. **DUCKETT** has team-best 4 rushing TDs......Second-year **WR MICHAEL JENKINS** leads club with 16.6-yard avg per catch (15 for 249).....ALGE CRUMPLER ties for NFL lead among TEs with 8 catches of 20+ yards.....Defense ties for 2nd in NFL with 24 sacks.....DE PATRICK KERNEY (50.5) is 1 of 2 Falcons (CHUCK SMITH, 58.5) to post 50+ career sacks since stat was made official in '82. ROD COLEMAN leads NFL DTs & ties for 4th in NFL with 7 sacks.....LB KEITH BROOKING has multiple sacks (2) & INT (2) for 3rd time of career. CB DE ANGELO HALL ties for 3rd in NFL with 4 INTs & bids to become 1st Falcon to lead league since SCOTT CASE in '88 (10).....DOLPHINS: Have won 7 of past 9 at home vs. NFC.....In last start vs. ATL (10/5/03), QB GUS FREROTTE (w/MINN) posted 102.6 passer rating, completing 14 of 24 (58.3 pct.) for 239 yds w/ 2 TDs vs. 1 INT.....Rookie RB RONNIE BROWN averaging 4.8 yds per carry; 6th-best among NFL RBs with 100+ rushes......WR CHRIS CHAMBERS (260) needs 10 catches to surpass **DURIEL HARRIS** (269) for 6th-most receptions in franchise history. **TE RANDY MC MICHAEL** (249) stands 5th among AFC TEs in receiving yds......Offense averages 5.1 yards per carry – 2nd-best in AFC......DE JASON TAYLOR to play in 90th consecutive game. Since 2000, Taylor (67.0) has 2nd-most sacks in NFL. (MICHAEL STRAHAN, NYG, 72.0) & is franchise's all-time leader in fumble recoveries (20). Rookie LB CHANNING CROWDER is 2nd on team with 42 tackles. Defense has not allowed 300-yd passer in 37 games & stands 5th in NFL in vds allowed per play (4.6)......WR-KR WES WELKER (12.0) owns NFL's 2nd-best PR avg. Left-footed P DONNIE JONES (40.3) stands 2nd in NFL net avg.

DETROIT LIONS (3-4) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (2-5)

SERIES

LEADER		56-29-2
STREAKS		Past 6
COACHES VS. OPP. Ma	ariucci: 2-4	Tice: 6-0
LAST WEEK L 1	19-13 (OT) vs. Bears	L 38-13 at Panthers
	12/19/04: Vikings 28 at Lions 27. Minnesota QB Daunte Culpepper completes 25 of 35 for	
40	04 yards & 3 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE 11.	11/21/04: Vikings 22, Lions 19. Minnesota QB Daunte Culpepper passes for 2 TDs as	
Vik	Vikings end 3-game losing streak.	
BROADCAST FO	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Curt Menefee, JC Pearson, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Garcia: 45-69-407-0-1-75.0	B. Johnson: 13-29-162-1-0-74.2
RUSHING	Jones: 122-366-3.0-4	Moore: 81-319-3.9-1
RECEIVING	Pollard (TE): 16-239-14.9-1	Wiggins (TE): 35-295-8.4-0
OFFENSE	256.6	304.6
TAKE/GIVE	+5 (3C)	-8
DEFENSE	302.3	361.6
SACKS	K. Edwards: 4.0	Johnstone: 2.5
INTs	Holt, Kennedy, McQuarters: 2	6 tied: 1
PUNTING	Harris: 42.4	Kluwe (R): 47.2 (1L)
KICKING	Hanson: 39 (12/12 PAT; 9/12 FG)	Edinger: 41 (8/8 PAT; 11/15 FG)

NOTES

PAST 12 GAMES IN SERIES decided by 10 points or less.....LIONS: Club has 19 takeaways, 3rd most in NFL, & +5 turnover ratio, tied for 8th in league......Head coach STEVE MARIUCCI needs 1 win for 75 career (74-68)......QB JEFF GARCIA has started past 2 games for club, completing 65.2 pct. (45 of 69).....Second-year RB KEVIN JONES had 100 yards rushing in last road game vs. Vikes, his 1st career 100-yard game. Rushed for 66 yards & 1 TD last week. Avgs. 90.4 yards per game in past 7 games vs. NFC North opponents (633 yards)......Second-year WR ROY WILLIAMS may see 1st action since 10/9. Has started 15 career games, posting 57 catches for 916 yards & 9 TDs. WR MIKE WILLIAMS ranks 3rd among NFC rookies with 181 receiving yards (15 catches). Second-year WR SCOTTIE VINES has tied for team lead in receptions in past 2 games......TE MARCUS POLLARD avgs. 14.9 yards per catch (16 catches, 239 yards), 2nd among NFL TEs with 10+ catches.....Defense holds opponents to 67.6 passer rating, 6th in NFL..... **DE** KALIMBA EDWARDS has team-leading 4 sacks & needs 2.5 to equal career high......VIKINGS: Have won 7 home games in row vs. Lions.....QB BRAD JOHNSON saw 1st extensive playing time of '05 last week, passing for 162 yards, 1 TD & 0 INT. Makes 100th career start & 1st with Min since 9/13/98. Has 58-41 (.586) career record as starter......With 186 receiving yards (19 catches), RB MEWELDE MOORE ranks 4th among NFC RBs......WR TROY WILLIAMSON ranks 2nd among rookies with 250 receiving yards (15 catches) & avgs. 16.7 yards per reception. WR MARCUS ROBINSON leads club with 337 receiving yards (19 catches). Had career highs with 11 catches & 170 yards vs. Det on 12/19/99 with Bears......JERMAINE WIGGINS ties for 3rd among NFL TEs with 35 catches (295 yards). DE LANCE JOHNSTONE had career-high tying 3 sacks in last home game vs. Lions......K PAUL EDINGER has 6 career gamewinning FGs, including 2 vs. Lions (with Bears).....Rookie P CHRIS KLUWE leads NFL with 47.2-yard avg. & ranks 4th with 40.1-yard net avg. Seeks to become 1st rookie to lead NFL in punting avg. since KC's BOB GRUPP in '79.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (4-4) AT NEW YORK JETS (2-5)

SERIES

	CHARGERS	<u>JETS</u>
LEADER	17-11-1	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Schottenheimer: 2-6	Edwards: 3-0
LAST WEEK	W 28-20 vs. Chiefs	Bye (Wk. 7: L 27-14 at Falcons)
LAST GAME	9/19/04: Jets 34 at Chargers 28. New York RB Curtis Martin rushes for 119 yards & 2 TDs to	
	complement Jets QB Chad Pennington's 2 TD passes.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/18/94: Chargers 21, Jets 6. San Diego QB Stan Humphries throws for 3 TDs as Chargers	
	clinch AFC West for 2nd time in 3 seasons.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Dan Dierdorf, Armen Keteyian (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Brees: 153-242-1,829-13 (2C)-7-92.1	Testaverde: 36-63-464-0-4-53.9
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 167-728 (3C)-4.4-10 (1C)	Martin: 137-461-3.4-4
RECEIVING	Gates (TE): 43 (3C)-575 (2C)-13.4-6 (T1C)	Coles: 35-385-11.0-1
OFFENSE	345.0	242.7
TAKE/GIVE	-1	-3
DEFENSE	335.5	303.9
SACKS	Merriman (R): 4.0	Abraham: 4.5
INTs	Jue: 3	Law: 4 (T3L)
PUNTING	Scifres: 45.2	Graham (R): 44.1
KICKING	Kaeding: 59 (T3C) (26/26 PAT; 11/12 FG)	Nugent (R): 26 (11/11 PAT; 5/8 FG)

NOTES

HEAD COACH MARTY SCHOTENHEIMER, then with KC, hired Jets head coach HERMAN EDWARDS as team's scout & DB coach (1990-95)..... CHARGERS: Team's 4 losses have been by total of 12 points..... QB DREW BREES has complied career-best consecutive-game passing total of 623 yds (299, 324) in past 2 weeks. Since start of '04, Brees has 15 TDs vs. 5 INTs on road & has 98.5 passer rating in those 12 games.....RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON has passed for 3 TDs in 3 pass attempts on season. Tomlinson (11) is 1 of 2 NFL players with 10+ TDs (SHAUN ALEXANDER, SEA, 12)......WR KEENAN MC CARDELL (10,207) needs 59 rec. yds to surpass HOFer & former Charger LANCE ALWORTH (10,266) for 21st-most in NFL history. Club is 5-0 when TE ANTONIO GATES records 2+ TD catches. Gates (33) only NFL TE with 25+ 1st downs.....Offense No. 2 in NFL inside 20 with 20 TDs in 28 trips (71.4).....Rookie **DE SHAWNE** MERRIMAN had 2.0 sacks last week; 1st SD rookie since CHRIS MIMS (1992) to post 2.0+ in 1 game & is tied (4.0) for NFL rookie lead in sacks...... JETS: QB VINNY TESTAVERDE (3,667) needs 20 completions to surpass HOFer FRAN TARKENTON (3,686) for 5th-most in NFL history. Testaverde's teams have won 21 of past 25 (.840) when he throws 2+ TDs......RB CURTIS MARTIN (4-0) has never lost to SD. In last mtg. (9/19/04), Martin rushed for 119 yds & 2 TDs on 32 carries (3.7 avg.). Martin (99) needs 1 TD to be 10th RB in NFL history to score 100......WR LAVERANUES COLES (24) tied for 7th-most receiving 1st downs in AFC. In past 2 games, WR JUSTIN MC CAREINS (7 receptions) averaging 23.1 yds per catchIn 2 career mtgs, defense has limited QB Brees to 2 INTs vs. 1 TD in each game. Brees' passer ratings vs. Jets: 63.0 & 47.1, respectively. DT DEWAYNE ROBERTSON has 3.0 sacks & FF in past 3 games; registered 0.5 sack & FF in last mtg. CB TY LAW has INT in 3 consecutive games for 3rd time in career & seeks 1st career streak of 4 consecutive. Law (4) tied for 3rd in NFL with 4 INTs......Rookie P BEN GRAHAM (38.7) stands 4th in AFC net avg.

CAROLINA PANTHERS (5-2) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (5-2)

SERIES

	PANTHERS	BUCCANEERS
LEADER	5-4	
STREAKS	Past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fox: 4-2	Gruden: 3-4
LAST WEEK	W 38-13 vs. Vikings	L 15-10 at 49ers
LAST GAME	12/26/04: Panthers 37 at Buccaneers 20. Carolina QB Jake Delhomme passes for 4 TDs as Panthers keep playoff hopes alive.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/04	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Delhomme: 120-200-1,677-13(T3C)-8-92.0 (2C)	Simms: 27-44-333-1-2-73.4
RUSHING	S. Davis: 121-358-3.0-9 (3L)	Williams (R): 112-467-4.2-2
RECEIVING	S. Smith: 50(1L)-797(1L)-15.9-8 (1L)	Galloway: 39-648-16.6-5
OFFENSE	326.3	315.9
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+3
DEFENSE	310.9	229.7 (1L)
SACKS	Rucker: 4.0	Rice: 5.0
INTs	Lucas, McCree: 2	Kelly: 3
PUNTING	Baker: 42.0	Bidwell: 47.1 (2L)
KICKING	Kasay: 48 (21/22 PAT; 9/13 FG)	M. Bryant: 46 (13/13 PAT; 11/13 FG)

NOTES

PANTHERS: Seek 3rd consecutive win vs. Bucs in Tampa & 5th win in row overall......With 33 career wins, JOHN FOX is winningest coach in club history.....QB JAKE DELHOMME ranks 2nd in NFL with 6.5 TD pct. (13 TDs) & 8.38 yards per att. (1,677 yards) with 200 pass atts. Ranks 4th in NFL with 95.5 3rd down passer rating & ties for 2nd with 4 3rd down TD passes.....RB STEPHEN DAVIS rushed for 2 TDs last week, giving him 9 in '05, eclipsing own franchise record for most rushing TDs in single season (8, '03). Ranks 3rd in NFL with 4 of 4 3rd & 1 rushing conversions. Seeks 3rd consecutive 100-yard rushing game vs. Bucs. Among RBs with 10+ catches, DE SHAUN FOSTER leads NFL with 15.1yards per catch avg. (13 catches). Ranks 3rd among NFC RBs with 196 receiving yards..... WR STEVE SMITH had franchise record 201 receiving yards & club record-tying 11 catches last week. Ties for NFL high with 12 catches of 20+ yards. Leads NFL with 5 100-yard receiving games & seeks 4th 100 in row......Defense allows 78.3 rushing yards per game, 2nd in NFL......DAN MORGAN has career high 3 sacks, tied for 6th in NFL among LBs......BUCCANEERS: Own 25-16 (.610) Nov. record since '95, 6th best in NFL.....QB CHRIS SIMMS makes 1st career start in Tampa......RB CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS ranks 2nd among NFL rookies with 467 rushing yards.....WR JOEY GALLOWAY has 5 TD catches in '05 & TD catch of 50+ yards in 6 of 11 seasons. Has 11 career 50+ yard TD catches, 3rd most among active players. Leads NFL with 301 receiving yards on 3rd down & ranks 3rd with 16 3rd down catches. Had career high 149 yards receiving (8 catches, 1 TD) last week. Second-year WR MICHAEL CLAYTON had career-best 2 TD catches in last meeting.....TE ALEX SMITH ties for 5th among rookies with 16 receptions (136 yards).....Club has allowed 87 points, 3rd fewest in NFL. Defense ranks 1st in NFL overall (229.7), 1st vs. run (75.7) & 3rd vs. pass (154.0). Unit has allowed NFL best 86 1st downs.....CB RONDE BARBER has 24 career INTs & 19 sacks. Needs 1 sack to become 1st CB in NFL history with 20 INT & sacks......CB BRIAN KELLY needs 1 INT for 20 career.

CHICAGO BEARS (4-3) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (2-6) (Baton Rouge)

SERIES

	BEARS	SAINTS
LEADER		11-10
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Smith: 0-0	Haslett: 3-0
LAST WEEK	W 19-13 (OT) at Lions	L 21-6 vs. Dolphins (Baton Rouge)
LAST GAME	10/12/03: Bears 13 at Saints 20. New Orleans QB Aaron Brooks passes for 2 TDs & Saints' defense forces 2 fumbles that lead to 10 points.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/12/03	
BROADCAST	FOX (3:05 PM CT): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger	

STATS

PASSING	Orton (R): 110-199-1,049-6-7-65.5	Brooks: 135-252-1,754-6-10-67.1
RUSHING	Jones: 156-713(3C)-4.6-6 (T3C)	A. Smith: 58-250-4.3-2
RECEIVING	Muhammad: 34-386-11.4-2	Stallworth: 35-511-14.6-2
OFFENSE	260.6	323.4
TAKE/GIVE	-1	-12
DEFENSE	262.7 (3L)	306.3
SACKS	Urlacher: 6.0	W. Smith: 4.0
INTs	Tillman, Vasher: 3	Craft: 2
PUNTING	Maynard: 39.8	Berger: 42.5
KICKING	Gould (R): 19 (7/7 PAT; 4/6 FG)	Carney: 53 (11/11 PAT; 14/20 FG)

NOTES

BEARS: Seek 1st 4-game win streak since winning 6 in row from '01-'02......Offense owns 62.5 redzone TD pct. (10 TDs, 16 trips), tied for 7th in NFL, while defense holds foes to 12.5 redzone TD pct. (2 TDs, 16 trips), best in league..... Rookie QB KYLE ORTON has 5 TD passes vs. 1 INT in past 4 games. Has 0 INT in past 62 pass attempts......RB **THOMAS JONES** has 6 rushing TDs & needs 2 for career high. Avgs. 101.9 rushing yards per game & is 1 of 4 players avging. 100+. Rookie RB CEDRIC BENSON had his season-long 25-yard run vs. Det......In past 5 games vs. Saints, WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD avgs. 6.4 receptions & 104.6 yards, with 2 100-yard games. Needs 4 TD catches for 50 career......Club has allowed 81 points, 2nd fewest in NFL (Ind, 77)......Defense allows 4.1 yards per play, 1st in NFL, & holds opponents to 29.9 3rd down conversion pct. (32 of 107), 2nd in league.....Second-year DT TANK JOHNSON has 3 sacks in past 2 games & is 1 of 10 NFL DTs with 3+ sacks.....CB CHARLES TILLMAN scored 1st NFL TD in OT on 22-yard INT return vs. Lions. College standout at Louisiana-Lafayette......SAINTS: QB AARON BROOKS has 113 career TD passes & needs 3 to pass ARCHIE MANNING (115) for most in franchise history. With 300-yard passing game, Brooks will surpass Manning (9) for most by Saint. Among players with 30+ carries, leads NFL with 7.5-yard avg. Ranks 2nd among QBs with 226 rushing yards.....RB ANTOWAIN SMITH avgs. 4.3 yards per carry, his best since avging. 4.3 in '97 rookie season with Bills.....WR JOE HORN saw extensive action last week, posting 7 catches for 99 yards. Has 46 receiving TDs & needs 3 to pass ERIC MARTIN (48) for most in club history. WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH is on pace for 1st career 1,000-yard receiving season (1,022)......Defense allows 172.4 passing yards per game, 8th in NFL.....Second-year **DE WILL SMITH** leads club with 4 sacks after posting 7.5 in rookie season. **DE DARREN** HOWARD has 44.5 career sacks & needs 1.5 to pass JIM WILKS for 7th in franchise history......P MITCH BERGER ranks 5th in NFL with 40.1-yard net punting avg. Has 16 punts inside 20-yard line, tied for 2nd-most in NFL.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (5-2) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (2-5)

SERIES

	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>	CARDINALS
LEADER		7-6
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 5-2	Green: 1-3
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 7: W 13-10 vs. Cowboys)	L 34-13 at Cowboys
LAST GAME	9/25/05: Cardinals 12 at Seahawks 37. Seattle RB Shaun Alexander rushes for 4 TDs,	
	including 2 in 30-second span of 3rd quarter.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/24/04: Cardinals 25, Seahawks 17. Arizona K Neil Rackers ties NFL record, connecting	
	on 3 50-plus-yard FGs as Cardinals rally for victory.	
BROADCAST	FOX (2:05 PM MT): Ron Pitts, Tim Ryan	

STATS

PASSING	Hasselbeck: 151-236-1,719-9-5-89.6	McCown: 104-186-1,233-6-8-69.1
RUSHING	Alexander: 152-776(3L)-5.1-12 (1L)	Shipp: 84-221-2.6-0
RECEIVING	Jackson: 29-376-13.0-2	Fitzgerald: 44(3C)-611-13.9-4
OFFENSE	390.3 (1L)	325.7
TAKE/GIVE	-3	-3
DEFENSE	298.7	316.1
SACKS	Fisher: 5.0	Berry: 7.0 (T2C)
INTs	Babineaux: 2	Dansby, Tate: 2
PUNTING	Rouen: 38.6	Player: 46.3 (3C)
KICKING	J. Brown: 49 (22/22 PAT; 9/11 FG)	Rackers: 73 (7/7 PAT; 22/22 FG)

NOTES SEAHAWKS: Have won 9 of past 13 games decided by 8 points or less. Offense avgs. 390.3 yards per game, 24.4 1st

downs & 6.0 yards per play, all tops in NFL.....QB MATT HASSELBECK has 52 TD passes vs. 2 INTs in red zone since becoming starter in '01. Is 3-1 in past 4 games vs. NFC West, tossing 5 TDs vs. 1 INT.....RB SHAUN ALEXANDER leads NFL with 12 TDs & needs 3 to become 1st player ever with 15+ TDs in 5 consecutive seasons. Has 12 rushing TDs vs. Ariz, his most vs. any club. Has converted NFL best 7 of 7 3rd & 1 rushing att......WR BOBBY ENGRAM may return after missing past 3 games. Has career-long catch (79t) vs. Ariz on 10/11/98 (w/Chi). WR JOE JUREVICIUS has 4 TD catches & needs 1 for career high. TE JERRAMY STEVENS has 308 rec. yards & needs 42 for career best (349, '04)... Defense ranks 3rd avging. 1 sack per 9.6 pass atts.....DT ROCKY BERNARD ties for 2nd among NFL DTs with career high 4.5 sacks...... Rookie LBs LOFA TATUPU & LB LE ROY HILL are only rookie tandem each with 2 sacks...... CARDINALS: Club 2-0 with positive turnover ratio vs. 0-4 with negative turnover ratio. Team's 2 losses at home by total of 9 points.....Since '04, **QB JOSH MC COWN** has 2+ TD passes in 4 of past 7 starts. Directs passing offense avging. 254.6 yards per game, 6th in NFL.....WRs LARRY FITZGERALD (44 catches, 611 yards) & ANQUAN BOLDIN (39 catches, 616 yards) are NFL's only teammates with 35+ catches, 600+ receiving yards. Boldin has 196 career receptions in 33 career games & needs 4 to become fastest to 200 all-time. Fitzgerald has 12 career TD catches, with 7 vs. NFC West opponents.....Defense allows 17 1st downs per game, 9th in NFL.....DE BERTRAND BERRY has 33 sacks since '03, tied for most in NFL (DWIGHT FREENEY). Has 7. 5 sacks in past 8 division games. DE CHIKE OKEAFOR totaled 16.5 sacks with Sea from '03-'04......KARLOS DANSBY is only NFL LB with 3 sacks & 2 INTs......K NEIL RACKERS has 11 FGs from 40+ yards & needs 1 to top his own single-season club record. Has hit franchise-best 22 consecutive FGs.

NEW YORK GIANTS (5-2) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-5)

SERIES

	GIANTS	49ERS
LEADER		13-11
STREAKS		Past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Coughlin: 1-0	Nolan: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 36-0 vs. Redskins	W 15-10 vs. Buccaneers
LAST GAME	9/5/02: 49ers 16 at Giants 13. In NFL's 1st Thursday night kickoff game since 1949, San	
	Francisco K Jose Cortez connects on 36-yard FG with 6 seconds remaining to lift 49ers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/30/98: 49ers 31, Giants 7. San Francisco RB Garrison Hearts rushes for 166 yards & QB	
	Steve Young throws 2 TDs on Monday Night Football as 49ers win 15th in row at home.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:05 PM PT): Sam Rosen, Bill Maas, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 115-225-1,560-13(T3C)-5-83.6	A. Smith (R): 23-50-200-0-5-17.5
RUSHING	Barber: 131-689-5.3-5	Barlow: 104-420-4.0-2
RECEIVING	Burress: 40-577-14.4-5	Lloyd: 21-387-18.4-3
OFFENSE	339.9	213.7
TAKE/GIVE	+12 (2L)	-5
DEFENSE	370.9	427.3
SACKS	Strahan: 6.5	Young: 8.0 (T1L)
INTs	Pierce, Williams: 2	Parrish: 2
PUNTING	Feagles: 43.8	Lee: 42.4
KICKING	Feely: 71 (23/23 PAT; 16/17 FG)	Nedney: 39 (12/12 PAT; 9/10 FG)

NOTES

GIANTS: Club leads NFL avging. 29.9 points per game & ranks 2nd with +12 turnover ratio.....QB ELI MANNING ranks 2nd in NFC & 7th in NFL with 94.5 4th quarter passer rating. Has TD pass in 8 games in row, tied for longest active streak in NFL, with 16 TDs vs. 6 INTs in that span.....RB TIKI BARBER rushed for NFL '05 high & career best 206 yards last week. Has 58 career TDs & needs 2 to join FRANK GIFFORD (78) & JOE MORRISON (65) as only Giants ever with 60. RB BRANDON JACOBS ties for NFL rookie lead with 3 rushing TDs.....WR PLAXICO BURRESS has 21 catches for 372 yards & 3 TDs in past 3 games vs. NFC West. Has 5 TD catches & needs 2 to equal career high (7, '02). WR AMANI TOOMER is club all-time leader with 490 receptions (7,364 yards) & needs 10 for 500 career......JEREMY SHOCKEY ranks 2nd among NFL TEs with 453 receiving yards (28 catches) & avgs. 27.8 yards per catch in 4th quarter (5-139).....Defense posted 1st reg-season shutout vs. Wash since 11/22/98 vs. Phi, 20-0.....DE MICHAEL STRAHAN has 124.5 career sacks & needs 2.5 to pass **DERRICK THOMAS** (126.5) for 10th in NFL history......49ERS: Overcame 24-point deficit (38-14) to win '02 Wild Card game vs. NYG (39-38) in last meeting between clubs, staging 2nd-biggest comeback win in playoff history......Head coach MIKE NOLAN spent '93-'96 as Giants defensive coordinator while 49ers defensive coordinator BILLY DAVIS coached LBs with NYG under TOM COUGHLIN in '04......Second-year QB CODY PICKETT expected to make 1st NFL start......RB KEVAN BARLOW rushed for 101 yards last week vs. TB, becoming 1st player in '05 to top 100 yards vs. Bucs. RB FRANK GORE ranks 4th among NFL rookies with 238 yards rushing (44 carries)......Among players with 20+ catches, WR BRANDON LLOYD ranks 4th with 18.4-yards per catch avg......Club ranks 8th in NFL allowing 3.8 yards per rush.....DE BRYANT YOUNG ties for NFL lead with 8 sacks & needs 2 for 3rd 10-sack season of 12-year career......Club holds opponents to 18.8 yards per KR, tops in NFL.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (5-2) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS (1-6)

SERIES

	STEELERS	PACKERS
LEADER		18-12
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Cowher: 1-2	Sherman: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 20-19 vs. Ravens	L 21-14 at Bengals
LAST GAME	11/9/98: Packers 20 at Steelers 27. Pittsburgh QB Kordell Stewart passes for 1 TD & rushes	
	for another as Steelers take 27-point lead & hold off Green Bay for victory on Monday night.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/24/95: Packers 24, Steelers 19. Green Bay QB Brett Favre completes 23 of 32 passes	
	for 301 yards & 2 TDs as Packers win 1st NFC Central title since 1972.	
BROADCAST	CBS (3:15 PM CT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Roethlisberger: 79-130-1,183-11-2-112.4 (1L)	(1L) Favre: 174-261-1,850(3C)-15(T2L)-13-85.6					
RUSHING	Parker: 127-602-4.7-3	Fisher: 31-71-2.3-1					
RECEIVING	Ward: 29-412-14.2-5	Driver: 36-532-14.8-3					
OFFENSE	310.7	330.9					
TAKE/GIVE	+6	-7					
DEFENSE	299.3	308.3					
SACKS	Haggans, Porter: 4.0	Gbaja-Biamila, Kampman: 2.5					
INTs	Hope: 3	Carroll, Harris: 2					
PUNTING	Gardocki: 40.6	Sander: 41.6					
KICKING	CKING Reed: 55 (19/19 PAT; 12/14 FG) Longwell: 34 (16/17 F						

NOTES

STEELERS: Under head coach BILL COWHER, team is 95-1-1 (.985) when leading by 10+ points – best mark by head coach in NFL history, minimum 40 games with 10+ point lead. GB 1 of 9 teams Cowher (1-2) has sub-.500 record againstQB BEN ROETHLISBERGER is 18-1 (.947) as starter & is 9-0 as starter on road. Roesthlisberger has TD pass in 6 road games in row & has 2 TDs in 3 of past 5 on road......RB WILLIE PARKER has 3 100-yd games in past 4 on roadWR HINES WARD (534) needs 4 catches to surpass HOFer JOHN STALLWORTH (537) for most in club history. Rookie TE HEATH MILLER has TD catch in 4 consecutive games, tying longest streak by TE in NFL this season (RANDY MC MICHAEL, MIA). Miller's 4-game stretch also ties franchise record for most games in row with TD catch by TE (ERIC GREEN, 1991). Miller has 5 TDs in past 4 games.....S CHRIS HOPE has INT in back-to-back games; had 2 in previous 51 career games......PACKERS: Own 26-16 (.619) Nov. record since '95, including 13-7 (.650) under head coach MIKE SHERMAN.....QB BRETT FAVRE has 84-21 (.800) record as starter in home games. Has TD pass in 24 consecutive home games, longest active streak in NFL.....Since '04, WR DONALD DRIVER has 41 receptions for 617 yards & 4 TDs vs. AFC opponents, with 3 100-yard games. Avgs. 6.8 catches & 102.8 yards per game vs. AFC in past 6 games. Has catch in 55 consecutive games, 4th longest streak in club history. Third-year WR ANTONIO CHATMAN has career highs with 23 receptions & 283 yards. TE BUBBA FRANKS had career best 73 yards receiving (8 catches, 1 TD) last week. Has 1,871 career receiving yards & needs 129 to become 6th TE in club history with 2,000......DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA has 53 career sacks & needs 2.5 to pass TIM HARRIS (55) for 2nd most in team history.....LB NICK **BARNETT** leads club with 65 tackles & seeks to become 1st Packer in franchise history to lead club in tackles 3 years in row......K RYAN LONGWELL has 998 career points & needs 2 for 1,000.

SUNDAY NIGHT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-3) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (4-3)

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>REDSKINS</u>						
LEADER		72-62-5						
STREAKS	Past 7							
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 9-3	Gibbs: 17-10						
LAST WEEK	L 49-21 at Broncos	L 36-0 at Giants						
LAST GAME	12/12/04: Eagles 17 at Redskins 14. On ESPN's Sunday Night Football, Philadelphia QB							
	Donovan McNabb passes for 260 yards & 1 TD.							
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/12/04							
BROADCAST	ESPN (8:30 PM ET): Mike Patrick, Paul Maguire, Joe Theismann, Suzy Kolber (Field							
	reporter). CBS Radio: Dave Sims, John Riggins, Rick Walker (Field reporter).							

STATS

PASSING	McNabb: 170-288-2,034(2L)-15(T2L)-7-87.9	.9 Brunell: 127-226-1,557-12-3-89.8					
RUSHING	Westbrook: 78-304-3.9-1	Portis: 127-553-4.4-3					
RECEIVING	Owens: 47(3L)-763(3L)-16.2-6 (T2L)	Moss: 42-777(2L)-18.5-5					
OFFENSE	356.3	349.7					
TAKE/GIVE	+2	-9					
DEFENSE	355.7	283.1					
SACKS	Kearse: 3.0	Griffin: 3.0					
INTs	S. Brown, Sheppard: 2	Clark, Marshall, Taylor: 1					
PUNTING	Johnson: 41.4 Frost: 41.5						
KICKING	ING Cortez: 52 (16/17 PAT; 12/16 FG) Novak: 30 (15/15 PAT; 5/7 FG)						

NOTES

EAGLES: Club avgs. 295.7 passing yards per game, most in NFL. Offense has 63.6 redzone TD pct. (14 TDs, 22 trips), 5th in NFL.....Have won 5 consecutive games in Washington under head coach ANDY REID......QB DONOVAN MC NABB leads NFL with 288 pass attempts & ranks 3rd with 170 completions. Has 8-3 record as starter vs. Wash, including wins in past 6 starts vs. Redskins. Has 18 career TD passes vs. Wash, tied for most vs. any opponent (Dal).....BRIAN WESTBROOK leads NFL RBs with 39 receptions & 423 receiving yards & ties for most with 4 TD catches. Has 100+ scrimmage yards in past 2 vs. Wash......WR TERRELL OWENS has 16 career TD catches of 50+ yards, 2nd among active players (RANDY MOSS, 19). Avgs. 21.6 yards per 3rd down reception (9 catches, 194 yards), tops among NFL's top 30 3rd down receivers.....L.J. SMITH is 1 of 6 NFL TEs avging. 50+ receiving yards per game (50.1).....Defense holds opponents to 33.3 pct. (32 of 96) 3rd down conversion rate, 7th in NFL......REDSKINS: Have 10-3 record at home vs. Eagles under head coach **JOE GIBBS**......Team has 1.6 INT pct. (4 INT, 244 att.), 4th in NFL.....QB MARK BRUNELL has 94.6 passer rating on 3rd down, 5th in NFL. Of players with 50+ 3rd down pass attempts, is 1 of 2 (TOM BRADY) with 0 INTs on 3rd down.....RB CLINTON PORTIS has 4,967 career rushing yards & needs 33 for 5,000. Portis' teams are 19-7 (.731) when he rushes for 100 yards. Had 2 TDs in last meeting...... WR SANTANA MOSS ties for NFL lead with 12 catches of 20+ yards & 5 catches of 40+ yards. Ranks 2nd in NFL avging. 111 receiving yards per game. Among players with 20+ catches, Moss ranks 3rd in NFL with 18.5-yard avg. WR JAMES THRASH spent '01-'03 with Eagles, avging. 54.7 catches & 675 receiving yards......Second-year TE CHRIS COOLEY ranks 2nd on club with 28 receptions & 318 yards......Defense ranks 1st in NFL vs. pass (152.7) & allows 14.7 1st downs per game, tied for 3rd in NFL.....CORNELIUS GRIFFIN ties for 3rd among NFC DTs with 3 sacks.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (7-0) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (4-3)

SERIES

	COLTS	PATRIOTS						
LEADER		41-24						
STREAKS		Past 4						
COACHES VS. OPP.	Dungy: 2-4	Belichick: 9-3						
LAST WEEK	Bye (Wk. 7: W 38-20 at Texans)	W 21-16 vs. Bills						
LAST GAME	9/9/04: Colts 24 at Patriots 27. New England QB Tom Brady passes for 335 yards & 3 TDs							
	as Patriots defeat Colts on Thursday night Kickoff opener.							
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/9/04							
BROADCAST	ABC (9:00 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Samantha Ryan (Field reporter).							
	CBS Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).							

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 139-204-1,551-11-5-98.3 (3L)	Brady: 157-249-2,020 (2C)-9-4-93.8					
RUSHING	James: 163-801 (1L)-4.9-7 (T2C)	Dillon: 114-401-3.5-7 (T2C)					
RECEIVING	Wayne: 37-437-11.8-2	Branch: 40-529-13.2-2					
OFFENSE	353.7	362.9 (3C)					
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (T3C)	-6					
DEFENSE	277.9 (2C)	359.1					
SACKS	Mathis: 8.0 (T1L)	Colvin, McGinest, Vrabel: 2.5					
INTs	June: 5 (2L)	Vrabel, Samuel: 1					
PUNTING	Smith: 43.1	Miller: 46.7 (1C)					
KICKING	Vanderjagt: 45 (24/24 PAT; 7/8 FG) Vinatieri: 45 (18/19 PAT; 9/13 FG)						

NOTES INCLUDING PLAYOFFS, TEAMS MEET for 5th time since start of 2003 season, NE has won 6 in row vs. IND, including

2 playoffsCOLTS: NFL's only unbeaten team (7-0) aims for 1st 8-0 start in club history (since 1947)......Club has scored 30+ points in 5 of past 7 MNF games (since '00)......QB PEYTON MANNING has 9 TDs in past 4 games & is NFL's 3rd rated passer (98.3). In past 3 games vs. NE, Manning has 93.5+ rating in each.....RB EDGERRIN JAMES (45 in 88 games) is tied for 10th-most 100-yd rush games in NFL history w/ HOFer TONY DORSETT (45 in 173 games). James has 5 100-yd rush games in 8 games vs. NE......In 14 career games vs. NE, WR MARVIN HARRISON has 10 TDs and 1,185 yds on 85 receptions. WRs Harrison (37) & REGGIE WAYNE (37) 1 of 2 AFC WR duos with at least 37 catches each; other duo is NE's DEION BRANCH (40) & DAVID GIVENS (38).....DE ROBERT MATHIS has at least 1.0 sack in club-record 7 games in row. LB CATO JUNE leads NFL LBs with 5 INTs & has returned 2 for TDs...... PATRIOTS: Hosts 1st MNF game since 2002.....QB TOM BRADY is 6-0 vs. Colts (incl. playoffs) & is 30-6 (.833) in regular season after Nov. 1. Brady has 5 TD passes of 30+ yds, each to different receiver. Posted career-best 148.3 passer rating at IND on 10/21/01. Has passed for 299+ yds in 4 of 7 games on season......Team is 9-1 (.900) when RB COREY DILLON rushes for 100+ yds. In past 3 gms, RB PATRICK PASS has 2 rush TDs & averaged 6.1 yds/carry on 19 attempts......WR DEION BRANCH has 6+ catches in 6 of past 7 games. WR DAVID GIVENS (1,889) needs 111 rec. yds to reach 2,000......Team outscoring opponents 48-27 in 1st qtr......LB MIKE VRABEL leads team with 53 tackles. In 1st game of season last wk., LB TEDY BRUSCHI had 10 tackles in win over BUF. In past 3 games vs. IND, Bruschi has INT, 3 PDs & FR. LB ROSEVELT COLVIN has 2.0 sacks, FF, FR & PD in past 3 games.

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (OCT. 30-31)

Byes: Atlanta, Indianapolis, N.Y. Jets, Seattle (Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, October 30

CAROLINA 38, Minnesota 13
CINCINNATI 21, Green Bay 14
DALLAS 34, Arizona 13
Chicago 19, DETROIT 13 (OT)
HOUSTON 19, Cleveland 16
Miami 21, NEW ORLEANS 6 (Baton Rouge)
N.Y. GIANTS 36, Washington 0
ST. LOUIS 24, Jacksonville 21

Sunday, October 30 cont.'d

Oakland 34, TENNESSEE 25 SAN DIEGO 28, Kansas City 20 DENVER 49, Philadelphia 21 SAN FRANCISCO 15, Tampa Bay 10 NEW ENGLAND 21, Buffalo 16

Monday, October 31

PITTSBURGH 20, Baltimore 19

2005 NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE					NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE								
East Division							East Division					<u>.</u>	
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New England	4	3	0	.571	159	180	N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	209	137
Miami	3	4	0	.429	136	134	Dallas	5	3	0	.625	181	137
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	128	159	Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	163	167
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	92	139	Washington	4	3	0	.571	135	139
North Division							North Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750	189	125	Chicago	4	3	0	.571	119	81
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	169	114	Detroit	3	4	0	.429	117	125
Baltimore	2	5	0	.286	88	120	Minnesota	2	5	0	.286	103	193
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	94	122	Green Bay	1	6	0	.143	158	139
South Division							South Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Indianapolis	7	0	0	1.000	189	77	Atlanta	5	2	0	.714	175	133
Jacksonville	4	3	0	.571	129	125	Carolina	5	2	0	.714	186	149
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	161	211	Tampa Bay	5	2 2	0	.714	126	87
Houston	1	6	0	.143	93	195	New Orleans	2	6	0	.250	125	222
West Division							West Division						
	W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	Т	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	6	2	0	.750	201	152	Seattle	5	2	0	.714	181	127
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	169	160	St. Louis	4	4	0	.500	208	231
San Diego	4	4	0	.500	221	166	Arizona	2	5	0	.286	127	178
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	162	158	San Francisco	2	5	0	.286	111	222

WEEK 9 NFL SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 6-7

Byes: Buffalo, Dallas, Denver, St. Louis (All times local)

Sunday, November 6

Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1:00 PM Tennessee at Cleveland, 1:00 PM Houston at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM Oakland at Kansas City, 12:00 PM Atlanta at Miami, 1:00 PM Detroit at Minnesota, 12:00 PM San Diego at N.Y. Jets, 1:00 PM Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM

Sunday, November 6, cont'd.

Chicago at New Orleans, 3:05 PM (Baton Rouge) Seattle at Arizona, 2:05 PM N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 1:05 PM Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 3:15 PM Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 PM (ESPN)

Monday, November 7

Indianapolis at New England, 9:00 PM (ABC)