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IT WILL BE A HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEKEND: THREE DAYS OF FOOTBALL AS 12 TEAMS VIE FOR FINAL 7 PLAYOFF SPOTS WITH TWO WEEKS TO GO

'Tis the season for giving. And in the NFL on this coming holiday weekend, things are there for the taking.

For some clubs, that is. For others, they will need a little help with that "taking." But the bottom line is that there are 12 teams vying for the final seven playoff spots with two weeks to go in the season.

All that scrambling kicks off with 13 games on Saturday, December 24. Then on Christmas Day, there are two nationally televised games – Chicago at Green Bay (FOX, 5:00 PM ET) and Minnesota at Baltimore (ESPN, 8:30 PM ET). The weekend concludes with New England at the New York Jets on Monday night (ABC, 9:00 PM ET).

"This is when championships are won," says Patriots linebacker **TEDY BRUSCHI**. "You start jockeying for position with other teams. If you don't put your best foot forward, you can't win."

Where the jockeying in the NFL stands going into Week 16:

THE PLAYOFF LANDSCAPE *

CATEGORY	TEAM(S)
Homefield Won	Indianapolis
First-round Bye Won	Seattle
Division Title Won	Cincinnati, New England
Playoff Berth Won	Denver
Homefield Can Be Won This Week	Seattle
First-round Bye Can Be Clinched This Week	Chicago, Denver
Division Can Be Won This Week With Win/Tie	Chicago, Denver, New York Giants
Division Can Be Won This Week With Win & Help	Carolina
Playoff Berth Can Be Won This Week With Win	Jacksonville
Playoff Berth Can Be Won This Week With Win & Help	Tampa Bay, Washington
Still Vying, But No Clinching This Week	Atlanta, Dallas, KC, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, San Diego

* Other playoff possibilities exist.

So, how do clubs achieve these categories? It will not be easy. A rundown for Week 16, in which 11 of the 16 games have playoff implications:

AFC EAST

The **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (9-5) – those fellows who have won three of the past four Super Bowls – look like they are peaking at just the right time.

With the division title already in their pocket – their third in a row – the Pats have reversed an early-season streak in which a win was followed by a loss for the first eight weeks of the season. They have since won five of their past six, including a 28-0 decision over Tampa Bay last Saturday that gave them the division crown.

"If we win enough games at the end of the year," reasons always-pragmatic New England head coach **BILL BELICHICK**, "somebody will tell us to keep playing."

NFL FACTOID

COLTS-'HAWKS: MOST COMBINED WINS -- In the history of the NFL, there has never been a game like this. When the Indianapolis Colts (13-1) travel to Seattle to meet the Seahawks (12-2) this Saturday, it will mark the first regular-season game in history in which the two teams playing each other combined for 25 wins.

Peaking? The Pats have outscored their past three opponents 79-10, the fewest points they have ever allowed in a three-game span. And their defense – in spite of some key injuries – has held each of those three opponents to under 200 yards.

Buffalo, Miami and the New York Jets have been eliminated from playoff contention.

AFC NORTH

The **CINCINNATI BENGALS** (11-3) have won their first division championship since 1990 and can add more milestones to their promising season.

“The division is a great accomplishment, and it’s one of the many goals we set out to do,” says **QB CARSON PALMER**, who has thrown for 30 touchdowns this season, breaking **KEN ANDERSON**’s team record by one (1981). “We still have two tough games left and a chance to get a bye.”

The Bengals host Buffalo this week and finish at Kansas City. They can conclude the season with their best record ever. They went 12-4 in 1981 and 1988. Both years they went to the Super Bowl.

Cincy is another team that is warming up in December, having won four in a row. They clinched the AFC North with a 41-17 win last Sunday in Detroit.

“I’m happy and elated,” said 10-year Bengals **T WILLIE ANDERSON** after the game. “But our biggest goal is to get back here.” “Here” meaning Super Bowl XL in Detroit on February 5.

The **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** (9-5) are still in the running for a Wild Card berth. Having beaten two other playoff-contenders (Chicago and Minnesota) in the past two weeks, the Steelers are right now ranked No. 6 in the AFC behind Jacksonville (10-4).

Baltimore and Cleveland have been eliminated from playoff contention.

AFC SOUTH

They *lost*? Yes, after 13 consecutive wins to start the season, the **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** (13-1) finally lost a game -- last Sunday to the San Diego Chargers, 26-17.

“That wasn’t the main goal in our mind, to go undefeated,” says Colts head coach **TONY DUNGY**. “Losing wasn’t what we wanted to do, but if it brings us back with a little more resolve, then maybe something will come of it.”

Indy holds homefield advantage in the AFC, so they don’t have to worry about losing ground. But this week (see the “NFL Factoid” above) they face on the road the team with the second best record in the NFL, the Seattle Seahawks (12-2). And the ‘Hawks will be fired up because they can earn NFC homefield advantage with a win or tie.

The AFC South is the only NFL division with two teams with at least 10 wins, thanks to the **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** (10-4). “It’s a great feeling,” says eight-year Jacksonville **RB FRED TAYLOR**. “It’s always good to get double-digit wins.”

The Jags, who have won six of their past seven games, can earn their first playoff berth since 1999 this week in Houston. Houston and Tennessee have been eliminated from playoff contention.

TEAM	HAS CLINCHED	CLINCHES	WITH
JACKSONVILLE	---	Playoff berth	1. JAX win, OR
			2. JAX tie + PIT loss or tie, OR
			3. JAX tie + SD loss, OR
			4. PIT loss + KC loss or tie.

AFC WEST

The **DENVER BRONCOS** (11-3) are in the driver’s seat in the division and enter the final two weeks of the season as the No. 2 team in the conference.

Earning their third consecutive playoff berth last week, the Broncos – who have won 11 games for the first time since 2000 – can cop their first division title since 1998, the year they won Super Bowl XXXIII.

“The division has been our goal from the start,” says head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**. “It’s nice to be in the situation we’re in.” The Broncos can also earn a first-round bye this week.

The **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS** (9-5) -- the team to finally halt the streaking Colts last week -- and the **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** (8-6) are still in playoff contention but cannot earn berths this week. Oakland has been eliminated.

TEAM	HAS CLINCHED	CLINCHES	WITH
DENVER	Playoff berth	Division	1. DEN win or tie, OR 2. SD loss or tie.
		First-round bye	1. DEN win + CIN loss.

NFC EAST

One of three NFL divisions (along with the AFC West and NFC South) with three teams in playoff contention. Two of them can enter the playoffs this week. Thing is, they play each other.

The last time they met, the **NEW YORK GIANTS** (10-4) dominated the visiting **WASHINGTON REDSKINS** (8-6) with a 36-0 triumph on October 30. Now, two months later, each team is on a three-game winning streak. But that 36-0 game concerns Redskins head coach **JOE GIBBS**.

"That first game, they just totally dominated the game," he says. "It was all the way across the board. It worries me because if they can do it to us the first time, it concerns us in the rematch."

The **DALLAS COWBOYS** (8-6) are still in the playoff hunt but cannot clinch a berth this week. Philadelphia has been eliminated.

TEAM	HAS CLINCHED	CLINCHES	WITH
NY GIANTS	---	Division	1. NYG win or tie.
		Playoff berth	1. MIN loss or tie, OR 2. TB loss + CHI win or tie + NYG clinch strength of victory tiebreaker over TB and MIN.
WASHINGTON	---	Playoff berth	1. WAS win + DAL loss + MIN loss + ATL loss.

NFC NORTH

The **CHICAGO BEARS** (10-4) under second-year head coach **LOVIE SMITH** -- and new starting **QB REX GROSSMAN** -- can spend an enjoyable Christmas Day in Green Bay. *Real* enjoyable.

Depending on how things fall, the Bears can clinch their first division title since 2001 and earn a first-round bye.

"You get everything that you're looking for as far as motivation in this one game," says Smith. "As much as anything, it's about winning the division and getting in the playoffs. Then we have a chance to achieve our ultimate goal of being the world champs. That's what it's all about."

After Green Bay this week, the Bears conclude the season on the road against the **MINNESOTA VIKINGS** (8-6). They topped the Vikes on October 16, 28-3.

Minnesota cannot clinch a playoff berth this week. Detroit and Green Bay have been eliminated.

TEAM	HAS CLINCHED	CLINCHES	WITH
CHICAGO	---	Division	1. CHI win or tie, OR 2. MIN loss or tie.
		First-round bye	1. CHI win + NYG loss + CAR loss.
	---	Playoff berth	1. WAS loss or tie, OR 2. TB loss.

NFC SOUTH

A tight one here with two games to go. Two games separate the top three teams – the **CAROLINA PANTHERS** (10-4), **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** (9-5) and **ATLANTA FALCONS** (8-6).

And the Bucs host the Falcons Saturday in a real grudge match. On November 20, Tampa Bay edged Atlanta 30-27 when **LB DERRICK BROOKS** forced a fumble by Falcons **QB MICHAEL VICK** with just over a minute to go, leading to **MATT BRYANT**'s 45-yard field goal for the victory.

“There’s always big plays all over the field when we two play each other,” says Bucs **CB RONDE BARBER**.

In the final week of the season, the Panthers play in Atlanta, and the Buccaneers have a divisional against New Orleans, which has been eliminated.

How it all can shake out this week:

TEAM	HAS CLINCHED	CLINCHES	WITH
CAROLINA	---	Division	1. CAR win + TB loss or tie, OR 2. CAR tie + TB loss.
		Playoff berth	1. CAR win or tie, OR 2. WAS loss or tie + ATL loss or tie + MIN loss or tie, OR 3. WAS loss or tie + ATL loss or tie + CHI win or tie.

TAMPA BAY	---	Playoff berth	1. TB win + DAL loss or tie + WAS loss or tie, OR 2. TB win + DAL loss or tie + MIN loss or tie, OR 3. TB win + WAS loss or tie + MIN loss or tie, OR 4. TB win + DAL loss or tie + CHI win or tie, OR 5. TB win + WAS loss or tie + CHI win or tie.

NFC WEST

It's all Seahawks!

The **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** (12-2) – the hottest team in the NFL (10 wins in a row) -- have won the division, clinched a first-round bye, and can earn NFC homefield advantage with a win or tie over Indianapolis.

“Our goal was to get a first-round bye,” says head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**. “We got it. Our next goal is to play at home.”

And that’s a place in which the Seahawks have dominated. They are 21-4 at Qwest Field since the end of 2002 in both regular season and the playoffs. Their 12-2 start matches the best start in club history in 1984.

Arizona, St. Louis and San Francisco have been eliminated from playoff contention.

TEAM	HAS CLINCHED	CLINCHES	WITH
SEATTLE	First-round bye	Homefield advantage	1. SEA win or tie, OR 2. CHI loss or tie.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
DALLAS COWBOYS (8-6) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (10-4)

SERIES

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>PANTHERS</u>
LEADER	4-1	
STREAKS	Past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 3-2	Fox: 1-2
LAST WEEK	L 35-7 at Redskins	W 27-10 at Saints (Baton Rouge)
LAST GAME	11/23/03: Panthers 20 at Cowboys 24. Dallas QB Quincy Carter passes for 254 yards & 2 TDs as Cowboys defeat Panthers in battle of 1st place teams.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/1/00: Cowboys 16, Panthers 13 (OT). Dallas RB Emmitt Smith rushes for 131 yards & 1 TD & K Tim Sedar connects on 24-yard FG in OT.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Bledsoe: 267-437-3,188-21(3C)-14-86.1	Delhomme: 234-384-2,998-20-15-86.5
RUSHING	J. Jones: 208-764-3.7-3	Foster: 165-646-3.9-1
RECEIVING	Witten (TE): 61-698-11.4-5	S. Smith: 93 (1L)-1,414 (1L)-15.2-11 (1L)
OFFENSE	324.1	302.1
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+12 (T3L)
DEFENSE	303.1	279.8 (3L)
SACKS	Ellis: 8.0	Peppers: 7.5
INTs	A. Glenn: 4	Gamble: 6 (T3C)
PUNTING	McBriar: 42.3	Baker: 43.4
KICKING	Cundiff: 23 (11/11 PAT; 4/6 FG)	Kasay: 99 (36/37 PAT; 21/29 FG)

NOTES

COWBOYS: Have won past 4 reg-season meetings in series by 7 points or less.....Need win for 2nd winning record in 3 seasons under head coach **BILL PARCELLS**.....**QB DREW BLEDSOE** has 42,996 career passing yards & needs 45 to surpass **DAN FOUTS** for 7th in NFL history. In 19 career games, **RB JULIUS JONES** avgs. 83.3 rushing yards per game (1,583 yards). **RB MARION BARBER** ranks 4th among NFL rookies with 500 rushing yards.....**WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** has 733 career receptions & needs 11 to pass **ANDRE RISON** (743) for 20th all-time. Ties for team lead with 6 TD catches & since entering NFL in '96, ties for 8th among all players with 60 TD catches. **WR TERRY GLENN** leads club with 1,004 receiving yards (56 catches). His 17.9 yards per catch avg. ranks 1st in NFL among players with 40+ catches.....**JASON WITTEN** ranks 6th among TEs with 61 catches.....Defense ranks 6th holding foes to 34.8 3rd down conversion pct. (63 of 181).....**DE GREG ELLIS** has 8 sacks & needs 1.5 for career high.....

PANTHERS: Rank 5th in NFL converting 42.4 pct. on 3rd downs (81 of 191).....**QB JAKE DELHOMME** ranks 6th in NFL with 93.8 4th-qrt passer rating & club has scored 111 4th-qrt points, 3rd most in league. Needs 2 passing yards to become 1st player in team history with 3 consecutive 3,000-yard seasons.....**RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** has totaled career-high 1,005 yards from scrimmage (646 rush, 359 rec). Has 6 receptions of 20+ yards, tied for NFL best among RBs.....**WR STEVE SMITH** needs 7 catches to join **MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** as only Panthers with 100-catch year & 10 to pass Muhammad (102, '00) for single season record. Needs 100-yard game to become 18th player all time with 9 100-yard games in single season... Club allows 16 points per game, 3rd fewest in NFL.....**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** needs 2.5 sacks to become 3rd Panther with 40 career.....With 12 INT in less than 2 full seasons, **CB CHRIS GAMBLE** ranks 4th on club's all time list.

BUFFALO BILLS (4-10) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS(11-3)**SERIES**

	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>BENGALS</u>
LEADER	12-9	
STREAKS	Past 7	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mularkey: 1-0	Lewis: 0-2
LAST WEEK	L 28-17 vs. Broncos	W 41-14 at Lions
LAST GAME	12/19/04: Bills 33 at Bengals 17. Buffalo WR Lee Evans catches 5 passes for 101 yards & 1 TD as Bills win 5th consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/19/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts	

STATS

PASSING	Losman: 113-228-1,340-8-8-64.9	Palmer: 315-465-3,516 (3L)-30 (1L)-10-102.6 (2L)
RUSHING	McGahee: 280-1,068-3.8-5	R. Johnson: 309-1,352 (3C)-4.4-12
RECEIVING	Moulds: 63-621-9.9-3	C. Johnson: 84 (1C)-1,260 (1C)-15.0-8
OFFENSE	245.4	371.1 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	+7	+26 (1L)
DEFENSE	351.1	323.4
SACKS	Schobel: 10.0	J. Smith: 5.0
INTs	McGee, Vincent: 3	O'Neal: 10 (1L)
PUNTING	Moorman: 45.5 (1C)	Larson: 42.3
KICKING	Lindell: 86 (20/20 PAT; 22/27 FG)	Graham: 119 (1C) (44/44 PAT; 25/29 FG)

NOTES

BILLS: **QB KELLY HOLCOMB** has completed 66.7 pct. of passes (304 of 474); club record for best seasonal mark is 64.1 pct. by HOFer **JIM KELLY** (1991), minimum 100 attempts. In last start vs. CIN on 11/28/04, Holcomb (w/CLE) passed for 5 TDs vs. 2 INTs with career-high 413 passing yds & 128.5 passer rating.....**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** (280) needs 20 carries to be 9th Bill to post 300 in season. McGahee has catch in 21 of 24 career starts.....**WR ERIC MOULDS** (8,901) needs 99 receiving yards to reach 9,000 in career. Caught season-high 9 receptions last week vs. DEN. Moulds registered career-best 196 rec. yds vs. Bengals on 12/6/98 on 6 catches (32.7-yd avg.). Moulds also reached 196 vs. MIA on 11/25/01. Second-yr **WR LEE EVANS** (41) needs 11 catches to reach 100 career receptions**DE AARON SCHOBEL** (44.5) needs 1.0 more sack to tie **BEN WILLIAMS** (1976-85, 45.5) for 4th-most in club history. Bills have recovered 8 of 10 career FFs by **CB NATE CLEMENTS**, including 1 last wk. vs. DEN.....**BENGALS:** Team is division champion for 1st time since 1990.....In head coach **MARVIN LEWIS'** 1st 46 games as head coach, club is 27-19 (.587). In 46 games before Lewis, team was 12-34 (.261).....**QB CARSON PALMER** (11) needs 1 100+ passer rating game for most in single season in NFL history. Palmer leads NFL with 30 TDs & now owns club record for most in season, surpassing **KEN ANDERSON's** 29 (1981).....In past 2 at home, **RB RUDI JOHNSON** has 283 rush yds (100+ in each) on 57 carries for 5.0-yd per carry avg w/ 3 TDs. RB Johnson (1,352) needs 103 yds to surpass own club record of 1,454 (2004).....**WR CHAD JOHNSON** leads AFC with 1,260 rec. yds. WR Johnson (366) surpassed **EDDIE BROWN** (363) last week for 5th-most receptions in team history.....Anchored by **T WILLIE ANDERSON**, off. line has allowed only 4 sacks in past 5 games.....Rookie **LB ODELL THURMAN** has started 13 of 14 games & leads team w/ 131 tackles. Thurman (5) needs 1 INT to surpass club record by rookie, shared by **TOMMY CASANOVA** (1972) & **RAY HORTON** (1983). **CB DELTHA O'NEAL** leads NFL with 10 INTs & last week surpassed **KEN RILEY** (9, 1976) for most in season.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (9-5) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (5-9)

SERIES

	<u>STEELERS</u>	<u>BROWNS</u>
LEADER		55-50
STREAKS	Past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Cowher: 18-5	Crennel: 0-1
LAST WEEK	W 18-3 at Vikings	W 9-7 at Raiders
LAST GAME	11/13/05: Browns 21 at Steelers 34. Pittsburgh WR Hines Ward catches 8 passes for 124 yards & 1 TD as he surpasses HOFer John Stallworth for most receptions in club history (543).	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/14/04: Steelers 24, Browns 10. Pittsburgh RB Jerome Bettis rushes for 103 yards & 2 TDs. Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger becomes 1st rookie since 1970 to win 1st 7 starts.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker	

STATS

PASSING	Roethlisberger: 148-232-2,024-16-7-102.0	Frye (R): 56-88-620-3-4-76.9
RUSHING	Parker: 212-937-4.4-3	Droughns: 280-1,156-4.1-2
RECEIVING	Ward: 61-830-13.6-10 (2C)	Bryant: 56-836-14.9-3
OFFENSE	311.5	295.6
TAKE/GIVE	+7	-7
DEFENSE	298.3 (2C)	310.4
SACKS	Haggans, Porter: 8.0	McKinley, Thompson: 4.0
INTs	Hope: 3	Bodden: 3
PUNTING	Gardocki: 41.9	Richardson: 40.7
KICKING	Reed: 101 (35/35 PAT; 22/27 FG)	P. Dawson: 92 (17/19 PAT; 25/27 FG)

NOTES

STEELERS: Club aims for double-digit wins for 9th time in 14th season under head coach **BILL COWHER**.....**QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** is 20-3 (.870) as career starter & stands 3rd in NFL with 102.0 passer rating. Roethlisberger is native of Findlay, OH, 150 miles west of Cleveland..... **RB JEROME BETTIS** has rush TD in 4 of past 5 mtgs (5 TDs). Bettis has 89+ rush yds in 5 career games at CLE, totaling 581 rush yds on 124 carries for 4.7-yd avg. carry. **RB WILLIE PARKER** (937) needs 63 rush yds for 1st 1,000-yd season.....**WR HINES WARD** (10) is 1 of 3 players with 10+ TD catches. Rookie **TE HEATH MILLER** (6) needs 1 TD catch to tie **ERIC GREEN** (1990) for most by Steelers rookie TE**LB JOEY PORTER** notched sack & INT in Wk. 10 mtg. **LB CLARK HAGGANS** has sack in 8 of 10 games played**KR-WR QUINCY MORGAN** stands 4th in NFL with 26.4 KR avg. Morgan was 2nd-Rd pick of CLE in 2001.....

BROWNS: Team has surpassed 2004 win total. Five of club's losses have been by 7 points or less.....In 1st three career starts, rookie **QB CHARLIE FRYE** has 89.9 passer rating with 3 TDs vs. 2 INTs & has rushed for 1 TD.....**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** (1,156) is AFC's 5th-leading rusher & needs 85 rush yds to surpass career-high of 1,240 (2004). Droughns is 1 of 4 players in NFL with 1,100+ rush yds & 300+ rec. yds. **RB TERRELLE SMITH** has catch in 5 of past 7 games.....**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** has 60 or more rec. yds in 5 of past 6 home games. Bryant attended University of Pittsburgh. **WR DENNIS NORTHCUTT** has 2+ catches vs. PIT in 7 games in row.....Defense is No. 1 in AFC inside redzone, allowing only 19 TDs on 42 trips (45.2 pct.). Club is 3-1 (.750) in games **DE ALVIN MC KINLEY** posts sack. **DT NICK EASON** posted 1st career sack last wk. at OAK.....**K PHIL DAWSON** is 13 of 13 in career vs. PIT inside 40 yards.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (10-4) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (2-12)**SERIES**

	<u>JAGUARS</u>	<u>TEXANS</u>
LEADER		4-3
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Del Rio: 2-3	Capers: 4-5
LAST WEEK	W 10-9 vs. 49ers	W 30-19 vs. Cardinals
LAST GAME	11/6/05: Texans 14 at Jaguars 21. Jacksonville QB Byron Leftwich completes 11 of 11 passes for 162 yards & 1 touchdown in 2nd half.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/31/04: Texans 20, Jaguars 6. Houston CB Demarcus Faggins returns interception 43 yards for TD to seal victory.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Bill Macatee, Rich Gannon	

STATS

PASSING	Garrard: 70-121-697-3-1-79.1	Carr: 233-383-2,170-12-10-76.0
RUSHING	Taylor: 172-686-4.0-2	Davis: 230-976-4.2-2
RECEIVING	J. Smith: 61-906-14.9-6	A. Johnson: 55-566-10.3-1
OFFENSE	311.9	242.8
TAKE/GIVE	+9	-6
DEFENSE	286.8 (1C)	360.9
SACKS	Hayward, Spicer: 7.5	Orr, Peek: 5.0
INTs	Mathis: 4	Many tied: 1
PUNTING	Hanson: 42.9	Stanley: 38.9
KICKING	Scobee: 89 (29/29 PAT; 20/26 FG)	K. Brown: 89 (20/20 PAT; 23/28 FG)

NOTES

JAGUARS: Victory earns club earns 1st playoff berth since 1999. Team has won 5 of past 6 on road.....Under head coach **JACK DEL RIO**, team has won 13 consecutive games when leading at halftime.....**QB DAVID GARRARD** has passed (3) or rushed (2) for TD in each of his 3 starts on season; averages 5.1 yds per rush.....In 96 career rushes vs. HOU, **RB FRED TAYLOR** averages 4.4 yds/carry. **RB GREG JONES** has 407 rush yds in past 6 games with catch in 5 of those 6.....**WR JIMMY SMITH** needs 94 receiving yds to reach 1,000 for 9th time in past 10 seasons. **WR ERNEST WILFORD** has reached 1st down on 29 of career-high 35 receptions. Rookie **WR MATT JONES** has 4 TDs in past 9 games.....Defense (42) tied for 3rd-most sacks in league & stands 2nd in NFL in opponents' 3rd down conversion rate of 30.3 (54 of 178). **DEs REGGIE HAYWARD (7.5) & PAUL SPICER (7.5)** 1 of 6 pairs of teammates in NFL with 7.5+ sacks each. **LB MIKE PETERSON** has 5.0 sacks, 3 INTS & has led team in tackles in 13 of 14 games.....Rookie **KR-RB DERRICK WIMBUSH** has 817 KR yds & needs 15 more to surpass **DAVID ALLEN (831, 2003)** for most by Jaguar in single season.....**TEXANS**: **QB DAVID CARR** is 4-2 (.667) in career as starter vs. Jaguars with TD pass in all 6 games. In 15 home starts since start of 2004, QB Carr has 17 TDs vs. 10 INTs for 88.9 passer rating.....In past 2 games played, **RB DOMANICK DAVIS** has 294 rush yds on 51 carries (5.8 avg.) with 10 rec. for 66 yards & 1 TD. Davis stands 5th among AFC RBs in receptions (39). Club posted team-record 3 rushing TDs last wk: **RB JONATHAN WELLS (2) & rookie RB VERNAND MORENCY**.....**WR ANDRE JOHNSON** has 8+ receptions in 3 of 5 career games vs. JAX. **WR JABAR GAFFNEY** has TD catch in 2 of past 4 divisional games.....Defense has yielded only 1 100-yd receiving game to Jax WR Smith in 6 meetings. **LB SHANTEE ORR** has 4.0 sacks in past 4 games. **DT SETH PAYNE** is former Jaguar (1997-2001) & has sack in 2 f past 3 vs. JAX.....Rookie **WR-KR JEROME MATHIS** leads NFL w/ 29.8-yard KR average.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (9-5) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (8-6)**SERIES**

	<u>CHARGERS</u>	<u>CHIEFS</u>
LEADER	48-41-1	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Schottenheimer: 6-4	Vermeil: 5-5
LAST WEEK	W 26-17 at Colts	L 27-17 at Giants
LAST GAME	11/30/05: Chiefs 20 at Chargers 28. San Diego TE Antonio Gates has 10 catches for 145 yards & 3 TDs while LB Shawne Merriman records 2.0 sacks & forces fumble.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/28/04: Chargers 34, Chiefs 31. San Diego snaps 7-game losing streak at Arrowhead Stadium as offense totals 498 yards.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Kevin Harlan, Randy Cross	

STATS

PASSING	Brees: 297-435-3,347-23 (T3L)-14-91.6	Green: 275-443-3,463-14-10-87.5
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 306-1,323-4.3-17 (1C)	L. Johnson: 278-1,418 (2C)-5.1-16 (2C)
RECEIVING	Gates (TE): 82 (2C)-1,026-12.5-9 (T3C)	Gonzalez (TE): 68-788-11.6-2
OFFENSE	364.1	379.6 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	-4	+5
DEFENSE	311.9	346.8
SACKS	Merriman (R): 9.0	Allen: 10.0
INTs	Jue: 3	Wesley: 6 (T3C)
PUNTING	Scifres: 43.9	Colquitt (R): 39.9
KICKING	Kaeding: 110 (T2C) (47/47 PAT; 21/24 FG)	Tynes: 110 (T2C) (38/38 PAT; 24/29 FG)

NOTES

NINE OF PAST 10 GAMES in series decided by 8 points or less.....**CHARGERS:** Club aims to earn 1st back-to-back victories at KC since 1988-89.....**QB DREW BREES** (297) needs 36 completions to post 3rd-most completions by Charger (**DAN FOUTS**, 332, 1979). In past 2 at KC, Brees is 2-0 with 5 TDs vs. 1 INT with at least 324 pass yds in each for 109.5 passer rating.....**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** (19) needs 1 TD to surpass **CHUCK MUNCIE** (19, 1981) for most in season in club history. In win vs. Colts last wk., **RB MICHAEL TURNER** had career-best 113 yds on 8 carries w/ 83-yd TD – 3 rd longest run in club history. Rookie **KR-RB DARREN SPROLES** is native of Olathe, KS – 22 miles SW of KC.....**TE ANTONIO GATES** has 6 TDs in 3 career gms vs. KC, including 5 TDs in past 2 mtgs.....Rookie **LB SHAWNE MERRIMAN** leads rookies w/ 9.0 sacks, posted 2.0 last wk. at IND. Defense has not allowed 100-yd rusher in 16 games – longest active streak in NFL.....**CHIEFS:** Have outscored SD in past 8 games at Arrowhead 232-107.....**QB TRENT GREEN** was 8th-Rd pick of SD in '93; needs 2 TD passes for 110 as Chief.....**RB LARRY JOHNSON** owns club-record 7 consecutive 100-yd rushing games. Since Nov. 1, Johnson leads NFL with 1,019 rush yds. Has 8 100-yd rush games on season & needs 1 more to tie team's single-season record of 9 (**PRIEST HOLMES**, 2002). Club is No. 2 in NFL total offense (379.6 yds/gm).....**WR EDDIE KENNISON** (932) needs 68 rec. yds to be 2nd player in club history to reach 1,000 in back-to-back seasons (**CARLOS CARSON**, 1983-84). **WR SAMIE PARKER** had career-high 6 catches last wk. for 87 yds at NYG. **TE TONY GONZALEZ** stands 10th in AFC with 68 catches. Gonzalez has catch in 82 consecutive games & needs 1 more to tie **STEPHONE PAIGE** (83) for longest streak in team history.....**G BRIAN WATERS** to start 70th consecutive game.....**DE ERIC HICKS** has 9.5 career sacks vs. SD, his most vs. any team.....**LB GARY STILLS** (147) needs 1 ST tackle for most by Chief, surpassing **GREG MANUSKY** (1994-99). Manusky currently is SD LB coach.

TENNESSEE TITANS (4-10) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (7-7)

SERIES

	<u>TITANS</u>	<u>DOLPHINS</u>
LEADER		15-13
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fisher: 2-4	Saban: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 28-24 vs. Seahawks	W 24-20 vs. Jets
LAST GAME	9/11/04: Titans 17 at Dolphins 10. Tennessee RB Chris Brown rushes for 100 yards & Titans' defense forces 3 turnovers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/11/04	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Don Criqui, Steve Beuerlein	

STATS

PASSING	McNair: 287-463-3,127-16-9-85.3	Frerotte: 221-429-2,606-15-12-70.3
RUSHING	Brown: 217-833-3.8-5	Brown (R): 199-886-4.5-4
RECEIVING	Kinney (TE): 54-537-9.9-2	Chambers: 72-992-13.8-9 (T3C)
OFFENSE	329.9	321.3
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-1
DEFENSE	318.1	326.9
SACKS	Vanden Bosch: 12.5 (T2L)	Taylor: 11.0
INTs	Hill (R): 3	Schulters, Tillman: 3
PUNTING	Hentrich: 43.0	D. Jones: 43.6
KICKING	Bironas: 94 (28/29 PAT; 22/28 FG)	Mare: 88 (28/28 PAT; 20/25 FG)

NOTES

TITANS: Club has lost 5 games by 8 points or less.....In past 2 games vs. MIA, **QB STEVE MC NAIR** has 118.5 passer rating, completing 26 of 37 passes for 274 yds with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs. McNair (3,127) has reached 3,000 passing yds for 5th time in career & 4th time in past 5 seasons. McNair has 2 300-yd games in past 4 weeks.....**RB CHRIS BROWN** has career-best 7 TDs (5 rushing). Brown (833) needs 167 rush yds in final 2 weeks to become 3rd player in franchise history to reach 1,000 rush yds in consecutive seasons (HOFer **EARL CAMPBELL**, **EDDIE GEORGE**).....**WR DREW BENNETT** has 10 TD catches in past 8 December games. Last wk. vs. SEA, **TE BEN TROUPE** recorded career-best 116 receiving yds on 6 catches (19.3 avg.). Troupe (46) needs 4 receptions for 1st 50-catch season. Rookie **TE BO SCAIFE** (31) needs 3 catches to surpass franchise's rookie TE reception record (Troupe, 33, 2004).....**LB ANTWAN ODOM** blocked FG try last week, offense converted possession into TD. **DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** tied for 2nd in NFL with 12.5 sacks.....**K ROB BIRONAS** is 15-16 (.938) on FG tries inside 40 yards.....**DOLPHINS:** Club aims for 5 wins in row for 1st time since Weeks 5-9, 1999; Dolphins defeated Titans (17-0) in 5th game of that 5-game streak in '99. Club has not endured consecutive losing seasons since 1969.....**QBs GUS FREROTTE & SAGE ROSENFELS** each threw TD pass last week.....**RB RICKY WILLIAMS** has 29 rush TDs with MIA, tied with **MERCURY MORRIS** for 3rd-most in club history. **WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** has TD catch in each of past 3 games (4 TDs). Chambers has career-high 73 receptions on season. **WR MARTY BOOKER** has 4 catches of 50+ yards on season. TE **RANDY MC MICHAEL** (2,379) needs 77 receiving yards to surpass **BRUCE HARDY** (2,455) for most by Dolphins TE all-time.....**DE JASON TAYLOR** notched 3.0 sacks last week for 6th time in career, tying career-high. Taylor has 11.0 sacks on season, reaching 10+ for 4th time in career. **LB ZACH THOMAS** has 10+ tackles in 26 of past 29 games. **DE KEVIN CARTER** to play in 175th consecutive NFL game.....**PR-WR WES WELKER** stands 5th in AFC PR avg. (9.6).

DETROIT LIONS (4-10) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (3-11) (San Antonio)**SERIES**

	<u>LIONS</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
LEADER	Series tied: 8-8-1	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Jauron: 1-3	Haslett: 0-2
LAST WEEK	L 41-17 vs. Bengals	L 27-10 vs. Panthers
LAST GAME	9/29/02: Saints 21 at Lions 26. Detroit QB Joey Harrington passes for 267 yards & 1 TD & Lions defense intercepts 2 passes, records 3 sacks & recovers fumble.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/3/00: Lions 14, Saints 10. Detroit WR Desmond Howard returns punt 95 yards for TD & K Jason Hanson connects on 2 FGs as Lions defeat Saints.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Matt Vasgersian, Jesse Palmer	

STATS

PASSING	Garcia: 102-173-937-3-6-65.1	Bouman: 22-47-224-1-5-28.5
RUSHING	Jones: 168-586-3.5-5	A. Smith: 137-571-4.2-3
RECEIVING	R. Williams: 38-545-14.3-7	Stallworth: 62-837-13.5-7
OFFENSE	266.6	318.0
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-21
DEFENSE	325.3	316.4
SACKS	K. Edwards: 7.0	W. Smith: 7.5
INTs	Bly: 6 (T3C)	Craft: 3
PUNTING	Harris: 43.6	Berger: 43.2
KICKING	Hanson: 74 (23/23 PAT; 17/22 FG)	Carney: 78 (21/21 PAT; 19/26 FG)

NOTES

LIONS: Five of club's 8 wins in series by 7 points or less.....In 5 career games vs. NO, **QB JEFF GARCIA** has 99.2 passer rating, tossing 12 TDs vs. 5 INT, including 9 TD vs. 1 INT in past 3 vs. Saints. Had career best 149.3 passer rating vs. NO on 1/6/02 with 49ers. **QB JOEY HARRINGTON** has 9,820 career passing yards & needs 180 to become 6th Lion ever with 10,000.....**SHAWN BRYSON** has avgd. 5.1 yards per carry in past 30 games (107-545). Has 36 catches (221 yards) & needs 4 for 3rd consecutive 40-catch season. Leads NFL RBs with 20 3rd down receptions (111 yards).....**WR ROY WILLIAMS** has 6 TD catches in past 6 games. Of his 92 career receptions, 25 have been for 20+ yards. **WR CHARLES ROGERS** had his season-long 35-yard catch (TD) vs. Cin.....**TE MARCUS POLLARD** has 299 career receptions & needs 1 to join **TONY GONZALEZ** (638) & **KYLE BRADY** (328) as only active TEs with 300.....**DE KALIMBA EDWARDS** ties for 3rd in NFL with 3 defensive fumble recoveries.....Since entering NFL in '99, **CB DRÉ BLY** ranks 3rd in NFL with 30 INTs & has 16 in 1st 3 seasons with Lions.....**SAINTS:** Are 29-5 (.853) under head coach **JIM HASLETT** when leading at halftime.....**QB TODD BOUMAN** made 1st start since '01 last week & 1st with club, completing 17 of 34 atts for 193 yards & 1 TD.....**RB ANTOWAIN SMITH** avgs. 4.2 yards per carry, his best since '97 rookie season (4.3). **RB AARON STECKER** totaled 101 yards from scrimmage vs. Car (59 rush, 42 rec). Has career high 348 rushing yards & needs 6 for 1,000 career.....**WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** has 7 TDs in past 9 games. Needs 163 receiving yards for 1st career 1,000-yard season. **WR JOE HORN** has 46 career TD catches & needs 3 to pass **ERIC MARTIN** (48) for most in franchise history.....**WR AZ-ZAHIR HAKIM** posted 1,523 receiving yards with Lions from '02-'04.....Defense ranks 5th in NFL allowing 178.9 passing yards per game.....**DE WILL SMITH** leads club with 7.5 sacks & needs 0.5 to surpass '04 rookie total.....**P MITCH BERGER** ranks 3rd in NFL with 38.9-yard net punting avg.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-12) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (5-9)**SERIES**

	<u>49ERS</u>	<u>RAMS</u>
LEADER		58-51-2
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Nolan: 1-0	Vitt: 0-0
LAST WEEK	L 10-9 at Jaguars	L 17-16 vs. Eagles
LAST GAME	9/11/05: Rams 25 at 49ers 28. San Francisco QB Tim Rattay completes 11 of 16 passes for 165 yards & 2 TDs as Mike Nolan wins head coaching debut.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/04: Rams 16, 49ers 6. St. Louis QB Chris Chandler passes for 216 yards & RB Steven Jackson posts 1st career 100-yard rushing game to stifle 49ers.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Curt Menefee, JC Pearson	

STATS

PASSING	A. Smith (R): 56-120-585-0-10-26.6	Fitzpatrick (R): 76-135-777-4-8-58.2
RUSHING	Barlow: 176-581-3.3-3	S. Jackson: 238-1,018-4.3-7
RECEIVING	Lloyd: 42-667-15.9-4	Holt: 88 (3L)-1,128-12.8-8 (T3L)
OFFENSE	210.1	352.1 (3C)
TAKE/GIVE	-12	-12
DEFENSE	399.0	357.9
SACKS	Young: 8.0	Little: 6.0
INTs	Spencer: 3	Furrey: 4
PUNTING	Lee: 42.3	Barker: 43.0
KICKING	Nedney: 83 (14/14 PAT; 23/25 FG)	Wilkins: 101 (32/32 PAT; 23/25 FG)

NOTES

49ERS: Seek 1st sweep of Rams & 1st win in StL since '98.....Rookie **QB ALEX SMITH** seeks 1st win as NFL starter.....Rookie 3rd-round **RB FRANK GORE** totaled 136 yards from scrimmage vs. Jax (79 rushing, 57 receiving). Ranks 5th among NFL rookies with 432 rushing yards, avging 4.7 yards per carry & needs 68 yards to become 10th rookie in franchise history with 500. **RB KEVAN BARLOW** has 31 receptions (241 yards) & needs 5 for career high (35, '03 & '04).....**WR BRANDON LLOYD** avgs. 23.4 yards per catch in past 3 games vs. Rams (7-164) with 2 TDs. Avgs. 15.9 yards per catch in '05 (42-667), 6th among NFL WRs with 40+ catches.....**DE BRYANT YOUNG** has 77.5 career sacks & needs 2.5 for 80. Has 5 sacks in past 4 games vs. Rams & his 14 sacks vs. StL are his most vs. any club.....**BRANDON MOORE** ties for 4th among conference LBs with career high 5 sacks..... **K JOE NEDNEY** connected on 3 of 3 FGs vs. Jax (35, 47, 33), giving him 150 career.....**RAMS:** Avg. 253.1 passing yards per game, 4th in NFL.....Rookie **QB RYAN FITZPATRICK** passed for 69 yards, TD vs. Phil. **QB JAMIE MARTIN** completed 8 of 11 for 58 yards last week.....**RB STEVEN JACKSON** rushed for 82 yards vs. Eagles, becoming 11th player in franchise history to post 1,000-yard rushing season. Ranks 7th among NFL RBs with 40 catches (299 yards). **RB MARSHALL FAULK** rushed for his season high 87 yards vs. Jags. Has 12,249 career rushing yards & needs 64 to pass **JIM BROWN** (12,312) for 8th most in NFL history.....**WR ISAAC BRUCE** has 806 career receptions, 14th most all time. Has 98 catches & 1,513 receiving yards vs. SF, most of any player all-time vs. 49ers. **WR TORRY HOLT** has 38 career 100-yard receiving games, 2nd-most in player's 1st 7 season all-time (**RANDY MOSS**, 41).....**DE LEONARD LITTLE** seeks sack in 6th consecutive game vs. SF & has 7 sacks in past 5 vs. 49ers.....**S MIKE FURREY** has 5 takeaways in past 8 games with 4 INT & 1 FR..... **K JEFF WILKINS** has 247 career FGs & needs 3 to become 7th active player with 250.

ATLANTA FALCONS (8-6) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (9-5)**SERIES**

	<u>FALCONS</u>	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>
LEADER		14-10
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mora: 1-2	Gruden: 6-2
LAST WEEK	L 16-3 at Bears	L 28-0 at Patriots
LAST GAME	11/20/05: Buccaneers 30 at Atlanta 27. Tampa Bay rookie RB Cadillac Williams rushes for 116 yards & 1 TD & Matt Bryant kicks 45-yard FG with 42 seconds remaining for win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/04: Buccaneers 27, Falcons 0. Tampa Bay defense forces 5 turnovers, which lead to 20 points, & records 5 sacks to shutout Falcons.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Vick: 183-337-2,136-13-12-71.8	Simms: 150-246-1,607-6-5-79.8
RUSHING	Dunn: 259-1,328 (3C)-5.1-3	Williams (R): 237-947-4.0-5
RECEIVING	Crumpler (TE): 58-793-13.7-5	Galloway: 71-1,152-16.2-8 (T3L)
OFFENSE	338.1	284.8
TAKE/GIVE	+2	+6
DEFENSE	310.9	275.5 (2L)
SACKS	Coleman: 9.5	Rice: 10.0 (T3L)
INTs	D. Hall: 5	Barber: 5
PUNTING	Koenen (R): 41.9	Bidwell: 45.7 (1L)
KICKING	Peterson: 95 (32/32 PAT; 21/22 FG)	M. Bryant: 76 (25/25 PAT; 17/20 FG)

NOTES

FALCONS: Rank 1st in NFL avging 169.0 rushing yards per game & 4.9 yards per rush.....**JIM MORA** needs win to become 1st coach to lead club to consecutive winning seasons in team history.....**QB MICHAEL VICK** has 13 TD passes & needs 4 for career high (16, '02). Has 2,757 career rushing yards & needs 31 to surpass **JIM HARBAUGH** (2,787) for 8th most by QB all-time.....**RB WARRICK DUNN** rushed for 81 yards last week, becoming 4th player in club history with 4,000 (4,033). Avgs. 5.1 yards per carry, tops among RBs with 150+ carries. Ranks 3rd in Bucs history with 4,200 rushing yards.....**RB T.J. DUCKETT** has 30 career rushing TDs & needs 1 to pass **WILLIAM ANDREWS** for 3rd in team history.....**RODDY WHITE** avgs. 16.7 yards per catch. His 368 receiving yards (22 catches) rank 2nd among NFC rookies.....**ALGE CRUMPLER** ranks 2nd among NFL TEs with 14 catches of 20+ yards.....Defense ranks 1st in NFL holding foes to 27.7 (46 of 166) 3rd down conversion pct.....**CB DE ANGELO HALL** has 7 INT in 24 career games.....

BUCCANEERS: Need win for 4th 10-win season in past 7 & 2nd in 4 years under head coach **JON GRUDEN**.....**QB CHRIS SIMMS** has thrown career best 117 consecutive passes without INT.....**RB CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS** needs 53 rushing yards for 1,000 & 65 to pass **ERRICT RHETT** (1,011, '94) for franchise rookie record. Has 5 100-yard games & needs 1 more to break 4-way tie for most in single season in club history.....**RB MIKE ALSTOTT** has 408 career points & needs 9 to pass **DONALD IGWEBUIKE** (416) for 3rd in team annals.....With 8 TD catches, **WR JOEY GALLOWAY** needs 2 to surpass 3 players for franchise record. Needs 148 yards to join **MARK CARRIER** (1,422, '89) as only players in club history with 1,300-yard receiving season..... **TE ALEX SMITH** leads NFC rookies with 32 rec. (270 yards).....Defense ranks 3rd in NFL allowing 3.4 yards per rush.....**LB DERRICK BROOKS** has 3 sacks in past 2 games vs. Atl.....**CB RONDE BARBER** has 28 career INT & needs 3 to tie **DONNIE ABRAHAM** for franchise record.

NEW YORK GIANTS (10-4) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (8-6)
SERIES

	<u>GIANTS</u>	<u>REDSKINS</u>
LEADER	82-59-4	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Coughlin: 3-3	Gibbs: 13-15
LAST WEEK	W 27-17 vs. Chiefs	W 35-7 vs. Cowboys
LAST GAME	10/30/05: Redskins 0 at Giants 36. New York RB Tiki Barber rushes for 206 yards & 1 TD & K Jay Feely connects on 5 FGs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/04: Redskins 31, Giants 7. Washington posts more than 20 points for 1st time all season as RB Clinton Portis scores 2 TDs.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 259-492-3,314 (1C)-22 (T1C)-16-75.4	Brunell: 246-418-2,797-20-8-87.0 (3C)
RUSHING	Barber: 313-1,577 (2L)-5.0-8 (T3C)	Portis: 298-1,296-4.3-8 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Burress: 68-1,046-15.4-6	Moss: 75-1,240 (T2L)-16.5-6
OFFENSE	360.9 (2C)	330.7
TAKE/GIVE	+12 (T3L)	-4
DEFENSE	323.9	292.9
SACKS	Umenyiora: 12.5 (T2L)	Washington: 6.5
INTs	Alexander: 4	Clark, Marshall, Rogers (R). Taylor: 2
PUNTING	Feagles: 42.3	Frost: 40.0
KICKING	Feely: 128 (38/38 PAT; 30/36 FG)	Hall: 51 (18/18 PAT; 11/13 FG)

NOTES

GIANTS: Clinch NFC East title with win.....Rank 5th in NFL with 372 points & need 28 to post 400 for 2nd time in team history (488, '63).....**QB ELI MANNING** needs 186 passing yards to join **KERRY COLLINS** ('00-'02) & **PHIL SIMMS** ('84-'85) as only club QBs with 3,500-yard season. Ties for 1st in NFL with 7 4th-qrt TD passes & club ranks 2nd with 112 4th-qrt points.....**RB TIKI BARBER**'s 220 rushing yards vs. KC was most in NFL since **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**'s 243 on 12/28/03. Has 49 career rush TDs & needs 1 to pass **RODNEY HAMPTON** for most in team history. Seeks 5th 100-yard game in row vs. NFC East & 6th overall.....**WR PLAXICO BURRESS** may be 1st Giants WR to make AFC-NFC Pro Bowl. **WR AMANI TOOMER** has 43 career TD catches & needs 1 to pass **FRANK GIFFORD** for 3rd in club annals. **JEREMY SHOCKEY** ranks 2nd among NFL TEs with 873 receiving yards. Needs 129 for most by club TE in single season (**MARK BAVARO**, 1,001, '86).....**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** has 129.5 career sacks & needs 3.5 to pass **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** & **LESLIE O'NEAL** (132.5) for 7th all-time.....**REDSKINS:** Need victory to post winning record for 1st time since '99..... Head coach **JOE GIBBS** has 154 career wins & needs 1 to pass **MARV LEVY** for 12th in NFL history.....**QB MARK BRUNELL** has 29,784 career passing yards & needs 216 to become 27th player in NFL history with 30,000. Needs TD pass for career high (20, '98, '00).....**RB CLINTON PORTIS** needs 137 rushing yards to pass **STEPHEN DAVIS** (1,432, '01) for single season franchise record. Has rushed for 100 yards in 30 of 58 career games & is 4th fastest player all-time to 30.....**WR SANTANA MOSS** needs 197 receiving yards to pass **BOBBY MITCHELL** (1,436, '63) for most in franchise history. **CHRIS COOLEY** has 64 receptions (725 yards) & needs 4 to pass **JERRY SMITH** for franchise TE record (67, '67).....Defense has allowed 3 TD in past 3 games & allows 15.9 1st downs per game, 3rd in NFL.....**LB MARCUS WASHINGTON** ties for 6th among NFL LBs with 6.5 sacks.....**CB CARLOS ROGERS** has INT in 2 of past 4 games.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (6-8) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (4-10)

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>CARDINALS</u>
LEADER	Series tied: 52-52-5	
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 4-3	Green: 1-2
LAST WEEK	W 17-16 at Rams	L 30-19 at Texans
LAST GAME	11/17/02: Cardinals 14 at Eagles 38. Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb completes 20 of 25 passes for 255 yards & 4 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/04/01: Eagles 21, Cardinals 7. Philadelphia RB Brian Mitchell returns opening kickoff 94 yards for TD to spark Eagles.	
BROADCAST	FOX (2:05 PM MST): Ron Pitts, Tim Ryan	

STATS

PASSING	McMahon: 66-143-773-2-6-50.2	McCown: 105-190-1,245-6-9-66.2
RUSHING	Moats (R): 39-242-6.2-3	Shipp: 128-352-2.8-0
RECEIVING	Smith (TE): 57-600-10.5-3	Fitzgerald: 92(1L)-1,236-13.4-8 (T3L)
OFFENSE	327.5	343.0
TAKE/GIVE	-2	-10
DEFENSE	326.2	308.7
SACKS	Kearse: 6.5	Wilson: 6.0
INTs	S. Brown, Dawkins, Sheppard: 3	Dansby, Macklin, Tate: 2
PUNTING	Landeta: 39.9	Player: 43.8 (3C)
KICKING	Akers: 60 (18/18 PAT; 14/20 FG)	Rackers: 124 (16/16 PAT; 36/37 FG)

NOTES

CLUBS SPENT '70-'01 AS NFC EAST RIVALS.....**EAGLES**: **ANDY REID** owns 34-21 (.618) reg-season road record, tops among active coaches & in franchise history.....**QB MIKE MC MAHON** has 385 career rushing yards (76 atts.) & avgs. 5.1 yards per rush.....In past 2 games, rookie 3rd-round **RB RYAN MOATS** has rushed for 192 yards, avgging. 8.3 yards per carry with 3 TDs. Seeks to post rush of 40+ yards in 3rd consecutive game.....Rookie 2nd-round **WR REGGIE BROWN** ranks 2nd among NFL rookies with 425 receiving yards (30 receptions). Has most catches & yards of any Eagles rookie WR under Reid. Third-year **WR GREG LEWIS** needs 6 catches & 1 yard for 1st 50-catch, 500-yard receiving season.....With 57 receptions (600 yards), **TE L.J. SMITH** needs 5 to surpass total from 1st 2 seasons (61)..... Defense ranks 5th in NFL holding opponents to 34.5 3rd down conversion pct. (69 of 200).....**DE TRENT COLE** ranks 3rd among NFL rookies with 5 sacks.....**S BRIAN DAWKINS** ties for 2nd among NFL DBs with 3.5 sacks & is only NFL DB with 3+ sacks & 3 INTs (3).....**CARDINALS**: Offense ranks 1st in NFL avgging. 276.3 passing yards per game.....**QB JOSH MC COWN** makes 5th start of season. Has TD pass in each of past 4 starts.....**RB OBAFEMI AYANBADEJO** ranks 2nd among NFL RBs with 17 3rd down receptions (117 yards).....**WR LARRY FITZGERALD** needs 8 catches to join **ANQUAN BOLDIN & LARRY CENTERS** as only Cards to ever post 100-catch season. Boldin (No. 4 rec, No. 3t yards) & Fitzgerald (No. 2 rec, No. 5 yards) are only NFL teammates to rank in top 5 in receptions & receiving yards. Duo need 60 (Boldin) & 64 (Fitzgerald) yards to become 6th set of teammates with 1,300 yards each in same season all-time. Boldin has 100 yards receiving in franchise record 5 consecutive games.....Defense ranks 8th in NFL allowing 17.6 1st downs per game.....First-year **DE ANTONIO SMITH** had 1st 2 career sacks last week..... **K NEIL RACKERS** has 36 FGs & needs 4 to pass **OLINDO MARE** (39, '99) & **JEFF WILKINS** (39, '03) for NFL single season record.

OAKLAND RAIDERS (4-10) AT DENVER BRONCOS (11-3)**SERIES**

	<u>RAIDERS</u>	<u>BRONCOS</u>
LEADER	53-35-2	
STREAKS		4 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Turner: 1-4	Shanahan: 16-5
LAST WEEK	L 9-7 vs. Browns	W 28-17 at Bills
LAST GAME	11/13/05: Broncos 31 at Raiders 17. Denver QB Jake Plummer passes for 205 yards & 1 TD while Broncos K Jason Elam connects on 3 FGs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/28/04: Raiders 25, Broncos. Oakland DT Langston Walker blocks game-winning 43-yard FG attempt.	
BROADCAST	CBS (2:15 PM MT): Dick Enberg, Dan Dierdorf, Armen Keteyian (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Collins: 259-476-3,250-17-11-78.2	Plummer: 250-413-3,007-18-6-91.3
RUSHING	Jordan: 272-1,025-3.8-9	Mi. Anderson: 229-968-4.2-11
RECEIVING	Jordan (RB): 70-563-8.0-2	Smith: 79-1,003-12.7-6
OFFENSE	312.7	365.1
TAKE/GIVE	-3	+17 (2L)
DEFENSE	319.7	323.0
SACKS	Burgess: 14.0 (1L)	Ekuban, Pryce, Wilson: 3.0
INTs	4 tied: 1	Bailey: 8 (T2L)
PUNTING	Lechler: 44.5 (3C)	Sauerbrun: 43.7
KICKING	Janikowski: 84 (27/27 PAT; 19/29 FG)	Elam: 102 (39/40 PAT; 21/27 FG)

NOTES

RAIDERS: Club has won 2 of past 3 mtgs at DEN.....In past 4 games vs. DEN, **QB KERRY COLLINS** has 9 TD passes. In past 3 games played, **QB MARQUES TUIASOSOPO** has completed 36 of 55 attempts for 55.4 pct.....Club is 4-2 (.667) when **RB LA MONT JORDAN** has 20+ rushes. In those 6 games, Jordan has 7 total TDs & at least 4 receptions in each. Last week RB Jordan became 3rd Raider w/ 1,000+ rush yds & 500+ rec. yds (HOFer **MARCUS ALLEN** 1983-85; **CLEM DANIELS** 1963). Jordan (9) needs 1 rush TD to be 3rd player in club history w/ 10+ in season (**PETE BANASZAK**, 1975; HOFer **MARCUS ALLEN**, 1982, '84-85, '90).....**WR RANDY MOSS** (9,959) needs 41 rec. yds for 10,000 in career. **WR JERRY PORTER** has 5 TD catches in past 8 games.....**DE DERRICK BURGESS** leads NFL with 14.0 sacks; has 6 multi-sack games. Burgess needs 1.5 sacks to surpass **SEAN JONES** (15.5, 1986) for franchise record. Prior to 2005, Burgess' career high was 6.0 (2001).....**BRONCOS**: Head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN** is 16-5 (.762) vs. former team (LA Raiders head coach for 20 games, 1988-89).....**QB JAKE PLUMMER** has reached 93.0+ passer rating in 4 of past 5 vs. OAK.....Only team in NFL with 2 players with 700+ rush yds: **RBs MIKE ANDERSON** (968) and **TATUM BELL** (798). RB Anderson needs 32 rush yds for 1st 1,000-yd season since 2001, which would tie NFL's longest time span between 1,000-yd rush seasons (4 yrs), done by 4 players; most recent: **GARY BROWN** (1993 HOU; 1998 NYG). **RB KYLE JOHNSON** has 5 rec. TDs – tied for most by NFL RB.....**WR ROD SMITH** has 10 receiving TDs vs. OAK, his most vs. any team. WR Smith caught season-high 11 passes last week at BUF. **WR ASHLEY LELIE** had career-best 8 catches vs. OAK (11/11/02) & 2 of his 4 career 100-yard games are vs. Raiders.....**CB CHAMP BAILEY** (8) needs 1 INT to tie 3 Broncos for 2nd-most in season. Club record is 11 (**GOOSE GONSOLIN**, 1960).....**K JASON ELAM** needs 7 points to be 4th NFL player to score 200 vs. multiple teams (193 vs. OAK; 202 vs. SD).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (13-1) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (12-2)**SERIES**

	<u>COLTS</u>	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>
LEADER	5-3	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Dungy: 1-1	Holmgren: 0-2
LAST WEEK	L 26-17 vs. Chargers	W 28-24 at Titans
LAST GAME	10/15/00: Colts 37 at Seahawks 24. Indianapolis RB Edgerrin James rushes for club-record 219 yards & 3 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/15/00	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:15 PM PT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Bonnie Bernstein (Field reporter)	

STATS

PASSING	Manning: 295-439-3,626 (2L)-28 (2L)-10-104.3 (1L)	Hasselbeck: 271-420-3,215(3C)-22(T1C)-9-96.3 (1C)
RUSHING	James: 347-1,465 (1C)-4.2-13 (3C)	Alexander: 329-1,668(1L)-5.1-24 (1L)
RECEIVING	Wayne: 81 (3C)-1,034 (3C)-12.8-5	Engram: 63-735-11.7-3
OFFENSE	371.0 (3C)	381.3 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	+12 (T3L)	+8 (3C)
DEFENSE	297.7	312.0
SACKS	Mathis: 11.5 (3C)	Bernard: 8.5
INTs	June: 5	Boulware: 4
PUNTING	Smith: 44.4	Rouen: 41.3
KICKING	Vanderjagt: 109 (49/49 PAT; 20/21 FG)	J. Brown: 101 (50/51 PAT; 17/23)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES TEAMS WITH MOST COMBINED WINS IN REGULAR SEASON (25) IN NFL HISTORY & features 2 of NFL's top 3 rushers: **SHAUN ALEXANDER** (1,668, No. 1) & **EDGERRIN JAMES** (1,465, No. 3)..... **COLTS**: Need 1 victory for 1st 14-win regular season. Under head coach **TONY DUNGY**, team is 24-7 (.774) on road & 7-0 this season.....**QB PEYTON MANNING** has 244 TD passes in 126 career games for avg. of 1.94 per game – highest mark in NFL history, min. 150+ TDs.....**RB EDGERRIN JAMES** (1,465) needs 35 rush yds to be 4th player in NFL history with 4 or more 1,500-yd rushing seasons, joining HOFers **BARRY SANDERS** (5), **ERIC DICKERSON** (4) & **WALTER PAYTON** (4). Team is 44-5 (.898) when James scores TD.....**WRs MARVIN HARRISON** (1,127) & **REGGIE WAYNE** (1,034) compose 1 of 2 NFL teammate duos to reach 1,000 rec. yds each (**ANQUAN BOLDIN** & **LARRY FITZGERALD**, ARZ)..... Team is No. 1 in scoring offense, No. 3 in scoring defense.....**DE DWIGHT FREENEY** (10.5) has 10+ sacks in each of 1st 4 seasons. Freeney recorded 1.0 sack last week for 50.5 in career to surpass **DUANE BICKETT** (49.5) for club's all-time sack leader.....**SEAHAWKS**: With win, clinch home-field advantage throughout NFC playoffs & set franchise record for most wins in single season (12, '84).....Victory notches 2nd undefeated season at home in past 3 years.....**QB MATT HASSELBECK** needs 3 TD passes to join **DAVE KRIEG** ('84-'85) as only passers in club annals with multiple 25 TD pass seasons.....**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has 24 touchdowns & needs 4 to surpass **PRIEST HOLMES** (27, '03) for NFL single season record. Has 10 100-yard rushing games in '05 & needs 100-yard game to become 12th player in NFL history with 11 in single season.....**WR JOE JUREVICIUS** ties for 4th in NFL with 9 TD catches. Needs 1 catch & 55 yards for career highs (51-706, '01).....**TE JERRAMY STEVENS** has career highs with 40 catches, 515 yards & 4 TDs.....With 8.5 sacks, **ROCKY BERNARD** ranks 2nd among NFL DTs.....Third-round pick **LE ROY HILL** ranks 2nd among NFL rookies with 7 sacks while 2nd-round **LB LOFA TATUPU** ties for 2nd among rookies with 3 INTs.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHICAGO BEARS (10-4) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS (3-11)
SERIES

	<u>BEARS</u>	<u>PACKERS</u>
LEADER	85-78-6	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Smith: 2-1	Sherman: 8-3
LAST WEEK	W 16-3 vs. Falcons	L 48-3 at Ravens
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Packers 7 at Bears 19. Chicago rookie K Robbie Gould connects on 4 FGs & CB Nathan Vasher returns INT 45 yards for TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/19/04: Bears 21, Packers 10. Chicago RB Thomas Jones rushes 23 times for 152 yards & S Mike Brown returns fumble 95 yards for TD in Lovie Smith's 1st win as head coach.	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:00 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Bill Maas, Chris Myers (Field reporter) CBS Radio: Dave Sims, Jeff Bostic, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Grossman: 9-16-93-0-1-47.1	Favre: 321-519-3,305(2L)-19-24-73.1
RUSHING	Jones: 277-1,168-4.2-8 (T3C)	Gado (R): 143-582-4.1-6
RECEIVING	Muhammad: 59-692-11.7-3	Driver: 74-996-13.5-5
OFFENSE	254.1	317.1
TAKE/GIVE	+3	-20
DEFENSE	267.7 (1L)	296.6
SACKS	Ogunleye: 10.0 (T3C)	Kampman: 6.5
INTs	Vasher: 8 (T2L)	Carroll, Harris: 2
PUNTING	Maynard: 41.2	Sander: 39.2
KICKING	Gould (R): 72 (15/16 PAT; 19/25 FG)	Longwell: 74 (26/27 PAT; 16/21 FG)

NOTES

BEARS: **LOVIE SMITH** seeks to become 1st club head coach to lead team to season sweep vs. Pack since **MIKE DITKA** in '91.....**QB REX GROSSMAN** saw 1st action of season last week, completing 9 of 16 for 93 yards. Makes 1st start since 9/26/04 & 7th of career.....**RB THOMAS JONES** needs 132 rushing yards to join **WALTER PAYTON** as only players in franchise history with 1,300-yard season. Rushed for 152 yards & 1 TD in only career game at Lambeau Field (9/19/04).....**WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** needs catch for 6th career 60-catch season. Has 3 TDs in past 4 games vs. GB.....Defense ranks 1st in NFL overall (267.7) & in points allowed (151), yards per play (4.2), 1st downs per game (15.2) & red zone TD pct. (26.5).....**DE ADEWALE OGUNLEYE** has 7 sacks in past 7 games.....**LB BRIAN URLACHER** has 6 sacks & needs 2 to equal career high ('00).....Since '04 rookie season, **CB NATHAN VASHER's** 13 INTs tie for 2nd-most in NFL.....**PACKERS:** Have won 13 of 14 Dec/Jan. division games under head coach **MIKE SHERMAN**, including perfect 9-0 mark at home.....**QB BRETT FAVRE** has 395 career TD passes & needs 5 to join **DAN MARINO** (420) as only players in NFL history with 400. Is 21-6 (.778) all-time vs. Bears with 51 TD passes vs. 27 INT & 91.1 passer rating.....**RB SAMKON GADO** ranks 3rd among rookie rushers with 582 yards, 2nd highest rookie total in franchise history (1,105, **JOHN BROCKINGTON**, '71). **RB TONY FISHER** has 34 receptions for 242 yards & needs 5 catches & 36 yards for career highs (38-277).....**WR DONALD DRIVER** needs 4 yards for 3rd career & 2nd 1,000 yard season in row.....**TE BUBBA FRANKS** has 4 TD catches in past 7 games vs. Bears.....Defense ranks 8th in NFL (296.6) overall & 2nd vs. pass (169.7).....**LB NICK BARNETT** has 165 tackles & needs 16 to pass **MIKE DOUGLASS** (180, '81) for club single-season record.....**CB AL HARRIS** ties for 4th among NFL defensive backs with 3 sacks.

SUNDAY NIGHT
MINNESOTA VIKINGS (8-6) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (5-9)

SERIES

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
LEADER	Series tied, 1-1	
STREAKS		Past 1
COACHES VS. OPP.	Tice: 0-0	Billick: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 18-3 vs. Steelers	W 48-3 vs. Packers
LAST GAME	1/7/01: Vikings 3 at Ravens 19. Baltimore LB Jamie Sharper returns fumble 8 yards to score game's only TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/7/01	
BROADCAST	ESPN (8:30 PM ET): Mike Patrick, Paul Maguire, Joe Thiesmann, Suzy Kolber (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Joel Meyers, John Riggins, Rick Walker (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	B. Johnson: 132-218-1,390-8-4-83.7	Boller: 132-223-1,359-8-9-71.9
RUSHING	Moore: 139-556-4.0-1	J. Lewis: 225-743-3.3-3
RECEIVING	Wiggins (TE): 59-509-8.6-0	Mason: 74-897-12.1-2
OFFENSE	282.5	289.9
TAKE/GIVE	+4	-9
DEFENSE	325.4	290.1 (3C)
SACKS	Johnstone: 7.5	Thomas: 7.0
INTs	Sharper: 8 (T2L)	Sanders, Suggs, Thomas: 2
PUNTING	Kluwe (R): 45.3 (2C)	Zastudil: 43.1
KICKING	Edinger: 85 (25/25 PAT; 20/29 FG)	Stover: 91 (19/19 PAT; 24/28 FG)

NOTES

VIKINGS: Need win for 2nd winning season in 4 years under head coach **MIKE TICE**.....**QB BRAD JOHNSON** is 3-0 all-time vs. Bal.....**RB MICHAEL BENNETT** has rushed for 321 of his 392 yards in past 7 games.....**WR TRAVIS TAYLOR** spent 1st 5 seasons with Ravens, posting 204 catches (2,758 yards) & 15 TDs from '00-'04. Faces former club for 1st time. **WR MARCUS ROBINSON** spent '03 with Bal (6 TDs) & leads Vikes with 17.0 yards per catch avg. (30-511). **WR KOREN ROBINSON** ranks 1st in NFC & 3rd in NFL with 26.6-yard KR avg.....**JERMAINE WIGGINS** leads club with 59 catches (509 yards) & may become 1st club TE since **STEVE JORDAN** ('85-'86) to lead team in catches 2 years in row.....Defense ranks 2nd in NFL with 23 INT.....**DE LANCE JOHNSTONE** needs 2.5 sacks for 3rd 10-sack season in past 4 & 5th career. **DE ERASMUS JAMES** ties for 4th among NFL rookies with 4 sacks..... **CB DARREN SHARPER** ties for 2nd in NFL with 8 INTs & needs 2 to tie **PAUL KRAUSE** ('75) for club single-season record.....**RAVENS:** Have has won 5 of past 6 at home.....Head coach **BRIAN BILLICK** was MIN offensive coordinator from 1993-98, helping team reach playoff 4 times.....In 3 career starts vs. NFC at home, **QB KYLE BOLLER** is 3-0, posting 117.2 passer rating w/ 9 TDs vs. 0 INTs. Boller is 12-4 (.750) in career home starts.....Club has won 3 of 4 games that **RB CHESTER TAYLOR** has recorded 10+ carries. In 17 career Dec. games, **RB JAMAL LEWIS** has 1,607 rush yds (94.5-yd avg.)..... Rookie **WR MARK CLAYTON** has 16 catches in past 3 games. Leads NFL rookies with 36 receptions; good for club's rookie receiving record. **WR DERRICK MASON** (74) needs 3 catches to surpass club's season record (**MICHAEL JACKSON**, 76, 1996). Last Monday **TE TODD HEAP** (2,841) became team's all-time leader in receiving yards, surpassing **QADRY ISMAIL** (2,819).....Defense has allowed 6 TDs in 7 home games. **LB ADALIUS THOMAS** has sack in 3 games in row.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (9-5) AT NEW YORK JETS (3-11)

SERIES

	<u>PATRIOTS</u>	<u>JETS</u>
LEADER		47-42-1
STREAKS	8 of past 9	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Belichick: 8-5	Edwards: 2-7
LAST WEEK	W 28-0 vs. Buccaneers	L 24-20 at Dolphins
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Jets 3 at Patriots 16. New England K Adam Vinatieri kicks 3 FGs to become club's all-time leading scorer (1,134).	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/26/04: Patriots 23, Jets 7. New England QB Tom Brady passes for 264 yards & 2 TDs & Patriots RB Corey Dillon runs for 89 yards.	
BROADCAST	ABC (9:00 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Samantha Ryan (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Dave Sims, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

STATS

PASSING	Brady: 313-493-3,888 (1L)-23 (T3L)-12-93.3	Bollinger: 128-227-1,305-6-5-72.7
RUSHING	Dillon: 183-656-3.6-10	Houston (R): 60-233-3.9-1
RECEIVING	Branch: 72-910-12.6-4	Coles: 64-695-10.9-3
OFFENSE	360.9	255.9
TAKE/GIVE	-7	-8
DEFENSE	338.1	306.3
SACKS	Colvin: 6.5	Abraham: 8.5
INTs	Hobbs (R): 3	Law: 6 (T3C)
PUNTING	Miller: 45.5 (2C)	Graham (R): 43.9
KICKING	Vinatieri: 86 (35/36 PAT; 17/22 FG)	Nugent (R): 75 (18/18 PAT; 19/24 FG)

NOTES

PATRIOTS: Team has clinched 4th AFC East title in past 5 years; has won Super Bowl in each of past 3 years in playoffs**QB TOM BRADY** (3,888) has set career-high in pass yards. Brady has 93.3 passer rating; highest career seasonal mark is 92.6 (2004). Brady has 93.0+ passer rating in each of past 4 vs. NYJ & has not thrown INT vs. NYJ in past 5 meetings.....**RB COREY DILLON** has 24 TDs in 26 games with Patriots (22 rushing).....**WR DAVID GIVENS** recorded career-best 137 rec. yds & 1 TD last week & needs 1 catch to surpass career-high of 56 (2004).....Defense has allowed 10 total points in past 3 games – lowest 3-game opponents' point total in team history. Club recorded 7 sacks last week – most since '03. **LB ROSEVELT COLVIN** has sack in 4 consecutive games. **LB TEDY BRUSCHI** notched 2.0 sacks last week; team is 22-2 (.917) when Bruschi records sack.....**JETS:** Have won 8 of past 16 meetings between clubs**QB BROOKS BOLLINGER** has completed 50 pct. or more of pass attempts in 8 of 9 games on season & has passer rating of 106+ in 2 of past 4 starts. Bollinger has thrown 0 INTs in 8 of 10 career games.....In 1st 2 career starts, rookie **RB CEDRIC HOUSTON** has 158 rush yds & 1 TD on 43 carries.....**WR LAVERANUES COLES** (64) needs 6 catches for 4th-consecutive 70-catch season. **TE DOUG JOLLEY** posted career-high 102 rec. yds last wk.....In 9 career meetings, **LB-DE JOHN ABRAHAM** has 8.0 sacks & 4 FFs. Abraham (51.5) needs 1.5 sacks to surpass **MO LEWIS** (52.5) for 4th-most in club history. **CB TY LAW** was Patriot from 1995-04 & stands tied for 3rd in AFC with 6 INTs. NYJ 1 of 2 AFC team w/ 2 players w/ 5+ INTs: Law (6) & **CB DAVID BARRETT** (5). **LB JONATHAN VILMA** leads team with 9 tackles for loss.....Rookie **K MIKE NUGENT** (75) can become 1st rookie to lead team in points since **JOHN HALL** (1997).

2005 AFC Division Standings

AFC East												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
y-New England	9-5-0		4-0-0	0-0-0	6-4-0	.405	.520	16	28	0	33	39
Miami	7-7-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	5-5-0	.449	.459	19	36	0	-15	29
Buffalo	4-10-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	4-6-0	.357	.505	27	53	0	-102	20
New York Jets	3-11-0		1-3-0	0-0-0	2-8-0	.476	.531	27	51	0	-109	19

AFC North												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
y-Cincinnati	11-3-0		5-1-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.390	.469	11	20	0	115	45
Pittsburgh	9-5-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	6-5-0	.452	.536	10	18	0	76	35
Baltimore	5-9-0	1	2-3-0	0-0-0	4-7-0	.314	.536	19	38	0	-37	21
Cleveland	5-9-0	-1	0-4-0	0-0-0	3-7-0	.400	.515	18	36	0	-32	20

AFC South												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
*-Indianapolis	13-1-0		6-0-0	0-0-0	11-1-0	.429	.444	2	3	0	203	50
Jacksonville	10-4-0		2-2-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.407	.505	10	20	0	47	32
Tennessee	4-10-0		2-3-0	0-0-0	3-7-0	.196	.495	24	44	0	-81	30
Houston	2-12-0		0-5-0	0-0-0	1-10-0	.321	.546	28	55	0	-150	22

AFC West												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
x-Denver	11-3-0		3-1-0	0-0-0	8-2-0	.481	.505	9	15	0	102	41
San Diego	9-5-0		3-1-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.500	.531	9	17	0	135	49
Kansas City	8-6-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.429	.490	18	31	0	31	39
Oakland	4-10-0		0-5-0	0-0-0	2-9-0	.429	.505	24	45	0	-65	30

2005 NFC Division Standings

NFC East												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
New York Giants	10-4-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	8-3-0	.436	.500	8	17	0	114	40
Washington	8-6-0	2	3-1-0	0-0-0	8-2-0	.491	.541	11	23	0	40	35
Dallas	8-6-0	-2	3-3-0	0-0-0	6-4-0	.438	.520	14	27	0	23	34
Philadelphia	6-8-0		0-5-0	0-0-0	3-7-0	.369	.541	21	43	0	-61	30

NFC North												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Chicago	10-4-0		4-0-0	0-0-0	9-1-0	.400	.454	14	25	0	75	24
Minnesota	8-6-0		4-1-0	0-0-0	7-4-0	.330	.480	22	44	0	-55	27
Detroit	4-10-0		1-5-0	0-0-0	2-9-0	.304	.520	23	45	0	-78	24
Green Bay	3-11-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	3-7-0	.357	.510	20	42	0	-45	30

NFC South												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
Carolina	10-4-0		3-2-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.393	.429	5	11	0	103	38
Tampa Bay	9-5-0		3-1-0	0-0-0	7-3-0	.437	.454	16	29	0	9	27
Atlanta	8-6-0		2-2-0	0-0-0	5-5-0	.339	.464	13	26	0	46	35
New Orleans	3-11-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	.405	.531	29	58	0	-148	22

NFC West												
Team	Overall Record	Head to Head	Division Record	Common Games Record	Conf Record	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule	Conf PF + PA Rank	Overall PF + PA Rank	Common Game Net Pts	Overall Net Pts	TD
yz-Seattle	12-2-0		6-0-0	0-0-0	10-1-0	.357	.398	4	6	0	172	51
St. Louis	5-9-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	2-8-0	.329	.500	20	41	0	-72	36
Arizona	4-10-0		3-3-0	0-0-0	3-8-0	.232	.480	21	44	0	-78	22
San Francisco	2-12-0		1-4-0	0-0-0	2-9-0	.500	.587	3				

x-Clinched playoff berth
y -Clinched division
z- Clinched first-round bye
*- Clinched homefield advantage

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (DEC. 17-19)

(Home team in CAPS)

Saturday, December 17

NEW ENGLAND 28, Tampa Bay 0
N.Y. GIANTS 27, Kansas City 17
Denver 28, BUFFALO 17

Sunday, December 18

HOUSTON 30, Arizona 19
San Diego 26, INDIANAPOLIS 17
JACKSONVILLE 10, San Francisco 9
MIAMI 24, N.Y. Jets 20
Pittsburgh 18, MINNESOTA 3

Sunday, December 18, cont.'d

Carolina 27, NEW ORLEANS 10 (Baton Rouge)
Seattle 28, TENNESSEE 24
WASHINGTON 35, Dallas 7
Cincinnati 41, DETROIT 17
Cleveland 9, OAKLAND 7
Philadelphia 17, ST. LOUIS 16
CHICAGO 16, Atlanta 3

Monday, December 19

BALTIMORE 48, Green Bay 3

WEEK 16 NFL SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 24-26

(All times local)

Saturday, December 24

Dallas at Carolina, 1:00 PM
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 1:00 PM
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1:00 PM
Jacksonville at Houston, 12:00 PM
San Diego at Kansas City, 12:00 PM
Tennessee at Miami, 1:00 PM
Detroit at New Orleans, 12:00 PM (San Antonio)
San Francisco at St. Louis, 12:00 PM
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1:00 PM

Saturday, December 24, cont.'d.

Philadelphia at Arizona, 2:05 PM
Oakland at Denver, 2:15 PM
Indianapolis at Seattle, 1:15 PM

Sunday, December 25

Chicago at Green Bay, 4:00 PM (FOX)
Minnesota at Baltimore, 8:30 PM (ESPN)

Monday, December 26

New England at N.Y. Jets, 9:00 PM (ABC)

