



NFL ENTERS WEEK 6 WITH MORE EXCITING FOOTBALL AHEAD

As the NFL enters Week 6, there are 10 teams with one loss or fewer, including the league's only unbeaten club, the 5-0 Minnesota Vikings. Since 1990, when the current 12-team playoff format was adopted, 44 of the previous 49 teams (89.8 percent) to start 5-0 made the playoffs.

"We have good players and they do things right," says Minnesota head coach **MIKE ZIMMER** about his team's 5-0 start. "I don't think it's a big secret. They go out and they perform."

The Vikings are only the second team since 1933 to start 5-0 and have no interceptions, joining the 1969 Los Angeles Rams. Minnesota has started two quarterbacks this season – **SHAUN HILL** (1-0) and **SAM BRADFORD** (4-0). Bradford, who was acquired via trade by the Vikings before the start of the regular season, is the first quarterback since 1973 (JOHN HADL) to win each of his first four career starts with a new team while throwing at least six touchdown passes with no interceptions.

Minnesota is one of three teams – Atlanta (four) and Dallas (four) – which has currently won at least four consecutive games.

The Falcons, who lead the NFC South, handed the defending Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos their first loss of the season last week by posting a 23-16 win at Denver. Atlanta, which defeated the defending NFC champion Carolina Panthers 48-33 in Week 4, are the third team to defeat the previous season's Super Bowl clubs in back-to-back games (1982 San Diego Chargers and 1985 Detroit Lions).

"That was a very good team win for us," says Falcons head coach **DAN QUINN** about the victory in Denver. "We knew it was going to be an all-day fight and it certainly was. I think our toughness and resiliency was certainly on hand and our guys battled. And now we reset and go through our process to get ready to play ball again."

Dallas, led by rookie quarterback **DAK PRESCOTT** and rookie running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT**, sits in first place in the NFC East. The Cowboys are the first team in NFL history to have a rookie quarterback with at least 1,000 passing yards (Prescott, 1,239 yards) and a rookie running back with at least 500 rushing yards (Elliott, NFL-best 546 yards) in the team's first five games of a season.

"We just have to take it one game at a time, one week at a time, one day at a time," says Prescott. "We've done a great job of putting the past behind us – win or lose – and just focusing on what's in front of us. Right now, that's the next team."

There are still plenty of games remaining in the season for teams to turn it around. Since 1990, 54 teams have advanced to the postseason after starting the season 2-3 or worse. There were four such teams last season – Houston (1-4), Kansas City (1-4), Seattle (2-3) and Washington (2-3) – including two teams which rebounded from 1-4 starts.

So don't count anyone out. The only thing predictable about the NFL is the unpredictability.

Week 6 begins on Thursday night with a divisional contest as the Broncos face the Chargers in San Diego (8:25 PM ET, CBS/NFLN/Twitter). The week concludes with a pair of primetime matches as the Houston Texans host the Indianapolis Colts in an AFC South showdown on Sunday night (8:30 PM ET, NBC) and the New York Jets visit the Arizona Cardinals on Monday night (8:30 PM ET, ESPN). Some of the key games in Week 6:

DENVER BRONCOS (4-1) at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (1-4) (Thursday, CBS/NFLN/Twitter, 8:25 PM ET)

- Denver quarterback **TREVOR SIEMIAN** has won all four of his starts this season and has compiled a 134.9 passer rating on the road. Rookie quarterback **PAXTON LYNCH** made his first career start last week and has thrown a touchdown pass in each of his first two NFL games.
- Broncos linebacker **VON MILLER** ranks second in the NFL with 6.5 sacks. In his past 10 games against the Chargers, Miller has 11 sacks and 14 tackles for a loss.
- Chargers running back **MELVIN GORDON** leads the NFL with seven touchdowns (six rushing, one receiving) and has scored a touchdown in all five games this season.
- Rookie defensive end **JOEY BOSA**, who was selected No. 3 overall by San Diego in the 2016 NFL Draft, made his NFL debut last week and had two sacks, three tackles for a loss and five tackles.

CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-3) at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (4-1) (Sunday, CBS, 1:00 PM ET)

- Bengals quarterback **ANDY DALTON** leads the AFC with 1,503 passing yards.
- Cincinnati wide receiver **A.J. GREEN** ranks first in the AFC with 518 receiving yards and is second in the conference with 36 receptions.
- New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** passed for 406 yards and three touchdowns in last week's 33-13 win at Cleveland. Brady has 38 career games with at least 350 passing yards, the second-most in NFL history.
- Patriots head coach **BILL BELICHICK** recorded his 250th career win (including the postseason) with New England's victory over the Browns. He is the fourth head coach in NFL history with at least 250 career wins, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers **DON SHULA** (347), **GEORGE HALAS** (324) and **TOM LANDRY** (270).

DALLAS COWBOYS (4-1) at GREEN BAY PACKERS (3-1) (Sunday, FOX, 4:25 PM ET)

- Dallas rookie running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** leads the NFL with 546 rushing yards, the fifth-most in NFL history in a player's first five games to start a career.
- Cowboys rookie quarterback **DAK PRESCOTT** is the first rookie quarterback to start and win four of his team's first five games since 1973 (**JOE FERGUSON**, Buffalo).
- Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS** has posted a 49-12 (.803) record at home in his career, including last week's 23-16 win over the New York Giants. Including the postseason, Rodgers has won four consecutive starts against the Cowboys with nine touchdowns, no interceptions and a 112 passer rating.
- Packers running back **EDDIE LACY** has rushed for at least 100 yards in all three meetings against Dallas (including the postseason), racking up 366 rushing yards (122 per game) and two touchdowns.

ATLANTA FALCONS (4-1) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (3-1) (Sunday, FOX, 4:25 PM ET)

- Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN** leads the NFL with 1,740 passing yards and a 121.6 passer rating.
- Falcons wide receiver **JULIO JONES** ranks third in the league with 517 receiving yards and is averaging 103.4 yards per game. Jones has 24 receptions and his 21.5 yards per catch mark leads the NFL (minimum 20 catches).
- The Seahawks had a bye in Week 5 and have won their past two games.
- In Week 4, Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** passed for 309 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions in a 27-17 win at the New York Jets. Wilson has 25 career games with multiple touchdown passes and no interceptions, the most by a player in NFL history in his first five seasons.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (2-3) at HOUSTON TEXANS (3-2) (Sunday, NBC, 8:30 PM ET)

- Colts quarterback **ANDREW LUCK** threw a game-winning 35-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver **T.Y. HILTON** with 3:43 remaining in Indianapolis' 29-23 win over Chicago in Week 5. It marked the fourth game-winning touchdown pass from Luck to Hilton in the final 4:00 of the fourth quarter since 2013, the most by any teammates during that span.
- Indianapolis running back **FRANK GORE** (12,368 career rushing yards) rushed for 75 yards last week and passed Pro Football Hall of Famer **JIM BROWN** (12,312) to move into ninth place in NFL history.
- The Texans are 3-0 at home this season and have won seven of their past eight regular-season home games.
- Houston defensive end **JADEVEON CLOWNEY** leads the NFL with eight tackles for a loss this season and had a career-high four in last week's game against Minnesota.

NEW YORK JETS (1-4) at ARIZONA CARDINALS (2-3) (Monday, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

- New York wide receiver **BRANDON MARSHALL** has seven 100-yard receiving games in his past 11 games. In 21 career games with the Jets, Marshall has 16 touchdown catches.
- Jets defensive tackle **LEONARD WILLIAMS** has 7.5 sacks and two forced fumbles in his past 10 games, including a sack and forced fumble last week at Pittsburgh.
- Cardinals running back **DAVID JOHNSON** leads the NFL with 695 scrimmage yards and is the first player in franchise history to record at least 100 scrimmage yards in each of the team's first five games of a season.
- Arizona defensive end **CALAIS CAMPBELL** had two sacks, a safety and an interception in the Cardinals' 33-21 win at San Francisco in Week 5. He is only the second player to have two sacks, a safety and an interception in the same game since the sack became an official statistic in 1982 (**ADALIUS THOMAS**, September 17, 2006).

2016 NFL STANDINGS

American Football Conference

East Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
New England Patriots	4	1	0	.800	114	74	2-1	2-0	3-1	1-1	1W
Buffalo Bills	3	2	0	.600	117	87	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	3W
New York Jets	1	4	0	.200	92	136	0-2	1-2	1-3	1-0	3L
Miami Dolphins	1	4	0	.200	88	119	1-1	0-3	1-3	0-1	2L

North Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
Pittsburgh Steelers	4	1	0	.800	139	93	3-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	2W
Baltimore Ravens	3	2	0	.600	94	88	1-2	2-0	3-1	1-0	2L
Cincinnati Bengals	2	3	0	.400	92	110	1-1	1-2	2-2	0-1	1L
Cleveland Browns	0	5	0	.000	87	148	0-2	0-3	0-3	0-1	5L

South Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
Houston Texans	3	2	0	.600	82	104	3-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	1L
Tennessee Titans	2	3	0	.400	92	101	0-2	2-1	1-2	0-1	1W
Indianapolis Colts	2	3	0	.400	137	148	2-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	1W
Jacksonville Jaguars	1	3	0	.250	84	111	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-0	1W

West Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
Oakland Raiders	4	1	0	.800	142	137	1-1	3-0	3-0	1-0	3W
Denver Broncos	4	1	0	.800	127	87	2-1	2-0	2-0	0-0	1L
Kansas City Chiefs	2	2	0	.500	83	92	2-0	0-2	2-2	1-0	1L
San Diego Chargers	1	4	0	.200	152	142	1-1	0-3	1-3	0-2	3L

National Football Conference

East Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
Dallas Cowboys	4	1	0	.800	129	91	2-1	2-0	3-1	1-1	4W
Philadelphia Eagles	3	1	0	.750	115	51	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	1L
Washington Redskins	3	2	0	.600	115	122	1-2	2-0	1-1	1-1	3W
New York Giants	2	3	0	.400	89	108	1-1	1-2	2-3	1-1	3L

North Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
Minnesota Vikings	5	0	0	1.000	119	63	3-0	2-0	3-0	1-0	5W
Green Bay Packers	3	1	0	.750	98	83	2-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	2W
Detroit Lions	2	3	0	.400	119	125	1-1	1-2	1-2	0-2	1W
Chicago Bears	1	4	0	.200	85	126	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-0	1L

South Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
Atlanta Falcons	4	1	0	.800	175	140	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	4W
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2	3	0	.400	94	142	0-2	2-1	2-2	2-0	1W
New Orleans Saints	1	3	0	.250	114	130	0-2	1-1	0-2	0-1	1W
Carolina Panthers	1	4	0	.200	123	135	1-2	0-2	1-3	0-2	3L

West Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
Seattle Seahawks	3	1	0	.750	79	54	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	2W
Los Angeles Rams	3	2	0	.600	82	106	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-1	1L
Arizona Cardinals	2	3	0	.400	125	101	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-1	1W
San Francisco 49ers	1	4	0	.200	111	140	1-2	0-2	1-4	1-2	4L

NFL WEEK 6 SCHEDULE
THURSDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 16-17

(All times local)

Byes: Minnesota, Tampa Bay

Thursday, October 13

Denver at San Diego, 5:25 PM (CBS/NFLN/Twitter)

Sunday, October 16

San Francisco at Buffalo, 1:00 PM
Jacksonville at Chicago, 12:00 PM
Los Angeles at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Pittsburgh at Miami, 1:00 PM
Cincinnati at New England, 1:00 PM
Carolina at New Orleans, 12:00 PM
Baltimore at New York Giants, 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 16 (cont'd)

Cleveland at Tennessee, 12:00 PM
Philadelphia at Washington, 1:00 PM
Kansas City at Oakland, 1:05 PM
Dallas at Green Bay, 3:25 PM
Atlanta at Seattle, 1:25 PM
Indianapolis at Houston, 7:30 PM (NBC)

Monday, October 17

New York Jets at Arizona, 5:30 PM (ESPN)