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**PATS ARE BACK & SEEK 10-0 START;
 FACE BILLS IN FIRST SUNDAY NIGHT "FLEXIBLE" GAME**

Can they push it to 10...and beyond?

That will be one of the big questions as the NFL in Week 11 starts getting hotter as the weather turns colder.

Can the New England Patriots – coming off their bye week – become only the 18th team in history to win the first 10 games of their season? The 1929 Green Bay Packers did it first and the 2005 Indianapolis Colts accomplished it last.

"We just have a tough road ahead of us, no matter who's doing what and what the records are," says Patriots quarterback **TOM BRADY**, not even thinking of any sort of perfect season or even homefield advantage in the playoffs. "You really can't get too focused on what's going to play out."

What will play out this week is the first "flexible" game of the season, and – surprise! – the Patriots are in it. They visit the AFC East-rival Buffalo Bills – themselves on a winning streak of four games – on Sunday night on NBC at 8:15 PM ET. NFL "flexible scheduling" in Weeks 11-17 gives teams the chance to play their way onto primetime on NBC and into the late-afternoon 4:15 PM ET time slot on CBS and FOX.

As the Patriots go for 10, they can see that the road only gets bumpier. History's undefeated streaks to start a season, ending with the 1972 Miami Dolphins' 14-0 perfect season:

SIZZLING STARTS

Season Start	Number of Teams	Season Start	Number of Teams
9-0	23	12-0	5
10-0	17	13-0	4
11-0	11	14-0	1

So as the late-season scrambling gets tighter, here are some of Week 11's big games:

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (5-4) at DALLAS COWBOYS (8-1)

STORYLINE: Another week, another division game!

It's the third in a row for the Cowboys, second straight for the Redskins. Dallas ties Green Bay for the best record in the NFC, has lost only to undefeated New England, and has outscored its NFC East rivals by an average of 38-24.

"They are stomping on everyone," says Washington head coach **JOE GIBBS**. "They are on a roll."

It's pick your poison with Dallas. **QB TONY ROMO** has thrown the second-most touchdowns in the league (23), **WR TERRELL OWENS** has three 100-yard receiving games in a row (with four TDs), and **RB MARION BARBER** has rushed for 20 TDs in his last 24 games.

That all said, this *is*, after all, 'Boys-'Skins, and anything can happen. Four of the last six meetings have been decided by no more than three points, and the teams split the other two.

And the Redskins have started to grind it out in force. **CLINTON PORTIS**, the league's No. 3 rusher (766 yards) has had

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OLDIES BUT GOODIES: When the Carolina Panthers play at the Green Bay Packers this Sunday, history can be made. If Panthers **QB VINNY TESTAVERDE** (44 years, 5 days old on Sunday) starts against Packers **QB BRETT FAVRE** (38 years, 39 days old on Sunday), they would combine for the oldest starting QB duo in history (82 years, 44 days).

two consecutive 100-yard games on a combined 66 rushes. He had 67 carries in the four games before that.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (5-4) at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (6-3)

STORYLINE: *They'll be waiting, David.*

What a way to get back into it after missing three games with an ankle injury. Jacksonville expects to have **DAVID GARRARD** back at QB this week. But he returns against the league's top pickoff team. With their six interceptions of the Colts' **PEYTON MANNING** last Sunday night, the Chargers now lead the league in the category with 17.

Antidote to that? Pound it! Jacksonville is truly a two-back team, joining Oakland as the only clubs with two RBs with 500 yards apiece -- **MAURICE JONES-DREW** (536) and **FRED TAYLOR** (519) -- making it the No. 3 rush team in the NFL.

The Chargers, of course, have their own running threat in **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**, last year's rushing champ, who has averaged 101.0 yards in San Diego's last four games.

NEW YORK GIANTS (6-3) at DETROIT LIONS (6-3)

STORYLINE: *Talk about evenly matched!*

Both clubs are 6-3, both come off losses, and each seems to have the antidote to one of the other's strengths. Most important of all, the teams are ranked No. 7 (Lions, 24.6) and No. 8 (Giants, 24.4) in the league in points per game.

"It's a statement game for us," says Lions head coach **ROD MARINELLI**. From here on in, it is for every NFL team.

It will be a game of who-will-dominate? The Giants rank sixth in the NFL in rushing, the Lions eighth against the rush. The Lions are No. 9 in passing, the Giants No. 9 against the pass. The clubs even rank in the top five in the league in points-off-takeaways. Detroit leads the NFL in the category with 97 points, New York has the fourth-most such points, 71.

Home & away: The Lions are 4-0 at home this year...All six of Giants **QB ELI MANNING**'s career 300-yard games have come on the road.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (9-0) at BUFFALO BILLS (5-4) (Sunday night, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *"Get out the hard hats and lunch pails!"*

That's how Bills **DE CHRIS KELSAY** describes the approach his team will take against the mighty Patriots. Buffalo has followed that simple, blue-collar approach in turning its season around from a 1-4 start into its four-game win streak.

The Bills play a begrudging defense. They have allowed the fewest points (10) off their giveaways in the league. They feel that their defense is similar to Indianapolis', the Patriots' last opponent, so watching film of that game will help. "We will take some things the Colts did and give ourselves some opportunities," says Buffalo **S DONTE WHITNER**.

Of course, Whitner and his mates will face, among many Patriots obstacles, the NFL's receiving yards (924) and TD-catch (12) leader in **RANDY MOSS**. A daunting task for a defense with his height, speed and sure hands, Moss has been on the field for 500 out of a possible 593 offensive snaps, according to the *Boston Globe* -- most of any Patriot WR, TE or RB.

The Bills hope to have rookie **RB MARSHAWN LYNCH** (ankle), the league's fifth leading rusher (751 yards), at full speed. He has had a hand in seven of their 10 offensive touchdowns this year.

TENNESSEE TITANS (6-3) at DENVER BRONCOS (4-5) (Monday night, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *First meeting of '06 first-round QBs.*

Tennessee's **VINCE YOUNG** was No. 3 overall, Denver's **JAY CUTLER** -- from Vanderbilt in Nashville -- No. 11.

Young has taken the Titans to wins in 13 of the past 21 games he has started and threw for a career-high 257 yards last week in a loss to Jacksonville. Cutler, in his first full season as a starter, ranks third in the league in third-down passer rating (109.4) and led Denver to a rejuvenating 27-11 win over Kansas City last week. "We've got to keep this level of play up," he says.

The matchup of the night could be Titans **DT ALBERT HAYNESWORTH** against Denver's OL if he can return from a hamstring injury that caused him to miss the Jaguars' game. "Albert is a dominant player," says Titans **DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH**. "He's such a force. He draws double teams in the run game."

That influence can impact on the Broncos' rushing attack, which had a 109-yard, one-TD game from rookie **SELVIN YOUNG** last week.

2007 NFL STANDINGS

AFC - 2007 Regular Season

AFC East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
New England Patriots	9	0	0	1.000	355	147	208	46	4-0	5-0	3-0	1.000	7-0	1.000	2-0	9W	5-0
Buffalo Bills	5	4	0	.556	143	166	-23	14	3-2	2-2	3-1	.750	5-3	.625	0-1	4W	4-1
New York Jets	1	8	0	.111	159	228	-69	17	1-4	0-4	1-3	.250	1-5	.167	0-3	6L	0-5
Miami Dolphins	0	9	0	.000	176	257	-81	19	0-5	0-4	0-3	.000	0-6	.000	0-3	9L	0-5

AFC North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Pittsburgh Steelers	7	2	0	.778	253	126	127	30	5-0	2-2	4-0	1.000	5-1	.833	2-1	3W	4-1
Cleveland Browns	5	4	0	.556	255	264	-9	31	4-1	1-3	2-2	.500	3-4	.429	2-0	1L	3-2
Baltimore Ravens	4	5	0	.444	138	178	-40	12	3-1	1-4	0-4	.000	1-5	.167	3-0	3L	2-3
Cincinnati Bengals	3	6	0	.333	219	251	-32	23	2-2	1-4	2-2	.500	3-5	.375	0-1	1W	2-3

AFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Indianapolis Colts	7	2	0	.778	265	149	116	31	3-1	4-1	3-0	1.000	4-2	.667	3-0	2L	3-2
Jacksonville Jaguars	6	3	0	.667	183	164	19	22	2-2	4-1	2-2	.500	4-2	.667	2-1	1W	3-2
Tennessee Titans	6	3	0	.667	178	152	26	16	3-2	3-1	2-2	.500	3-2	.600	3-1	1L	3-2
Houston Texans	4	5	0	.444	203	226	-23	21	2-2	2-3	0-3	.000	3-4	.429	1-1	1W	2-3

AFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
San Diego Chargers	5	4	0	.556	212	185	27	27	4-1	1-3	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	1-2	1W	4-1
Denver Broncos	4	5	0	.444	153	238	-85	16	2-3	2-2	2-1	.667	4-3	.571	0-2	1W	2-3
Kansas City Chiefs	4	5	0	.444	135	173	-38	13	2-3	2-2	2-1	.667	3-3	.500	1-2	2L	2-3
Oakland Raiders	2	7	0	.222	158	194	-36	17	1-4	1-3	0-3	.000	2-5	.286	0-2	5L	0-5

NFC - 2007 Regular Season

NFC East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Dallas Cowboys	8	1	0	.889	296	195	101	36	3-1	5-0	3-0	1.000	6-0	1.000	2-1	3W	4-1
New York Giants	6	3	0	.667	220	190	30	26	3-2	3-1	2-2	.500	4-3	.571	2-0	1L	4-1
Washington Redskins	5	4	0	.556	177	193	-16	19	3-2	2-2	1-2	.333	3-3	.500	2-1	1L	2-3
Philadelphia Eagles	4	5	0	.444	189	180	9	20	1-3	3-2	1-3	.250	3-5	.375	1-0	1W	3-2

NFC North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Green Bay Packers	8	1	0	.889	228	142	86	25	4-1	4-0	2-1	.667	5-1	.833	3-0	4W	4-1
Detroit Lions	6	3	0	.667	221	216	5	25	4-0	2-3	3-0	1.000	4-3	.571	2-0	1L	3-2
Chicago Bears	4	5	0	.444	161	187	-26	17	1-3	3-2	1-3	.250	2-4	.333	2-1	1W	3-2
Minnesota Vikings	3	6	0	.333	166	188	-22	19	2-2	1-4	1-3	.250	2-5	.286	1-1	1L	2-3

NFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5	4	0	.556	164	144	20	18	4-1	1-3	2-0	1.000	4-2	.667	1-2	1W	2-3
Carolina Panthers	4	5	0	.444	150	181	-31	16	0-4	4-1	2-2	.500	4-2	.667	0-3	3L	2-3
New Orleans Saints	4	5	0	.444	202	223	-21	26	2-3	2-2	1-2	.333	3-3	.500	1-2	1L	4-1
Atlanta Falcons	3	6	0	.333	135	182	-47	12	2-2	1-4	1-2	.333	2-4	.333	1-2	2W	2-3

NFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Seattle Seahawks	5	4	0	.556	191	141	50	17	4-1	1-3	3-1	.750	4-2	.667	1-2	1W	2-3
Arizona Cardinals	4	5	0	.444	188	195	-7	22	3-1	1-4	2-1	.667	3-4	.429	1-1	1W	2-3
San Francisco 49ers	2	7	0	.222	104	210	-106	10	1-3	1-4	2-2	.500	2-5	.286	0-2	7L	0-5
St. Louis Rams	1	8	0	.111	136	248	-112	12	0-4	1-4	0-3	.000	1-6	.143	0-2	1W	1-4

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (NOVEMBER 11-12)

(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, November 11

Atlanta 20, CAROLINA 13
GREEN BAY 34, Minnesota 0
Denver 27, KANSAS CITY 11
Buffalo 13 at MIAMI 10
St. Louis 37, NEW ORLEANS 29
PITTSBURGH 31, Cleveland 28
Jacksonville 28, TENNESSEE 13
Philadelphia 33, WASHINGTON 25

Sunday, November 11, Cont.'d.

Cincinnati 21, BALTIMORE 7
ARIZONA 31, Detroit 21
Dallas 31, N.Y. GIANTS 20
Chicago 17, OAKLAND 6
SAN DIEGO 23, Indianapolis 21

Monday, November 12

SEATTLE 24, San Francisco 0

2007 WEEK 11 SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 18-19

(All times local)

Sunday, November 18

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1:00 PM
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1:00 PM
Arizona at Cincinnati, 1:00 PM
N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Carolina at Green Bay, 12:00 PM
New Orleans at Houston, 12:00 PM
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 1:00 PM
San Diego at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM
Oakland at Minnesota, 12:00 PM

Sunday, November 18, Cont.'d.

Miami at Philadelphia, 1:00 PM
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, 4:05 PM
Washington at Dallas, 3:15 PM
St. Louis at San Francisco, 1:15 PM
Chicago at Seattle, 1:15 PM
New England at Buffalo, 8:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, November 19

Tennessee at Denver, 6:30 PM (ESPN)