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PATRIOTS & COWBOYS -- BOTH 5-0 -- SQUARE OFF;
ONLY FIFTH TIME IN HISTORY TWO 5-0 OR BETTER CLUBS MEET

It has all the makings of a memorable game.

It will certainly be a rare one when the New England Patriots travel to the Dallas Cowboys this Sunday. Both teams are 5-0. Clubs with those records or better have met only four times in NFL history. And two of those games came in the first three years of the league (1921 and 1923).

"We're 5-0," says Patriots quarterback **TOM BRADY**. "You can't do much better than that."

No, you can't at this point in the season. And let's not forget the Indianapolis Colts, the NFL's third 5-0 team, who have a bye this week. The Colts are the "masters" of 5-0, attaining the record in four of the past five seasons.

Teams with at least 5-0 records that have played each other:

5-0!

DATE	TEAMS/RECORD	RESULT
November 13, 1921	Akron Pros (7-0) at Buffalo All-Americans (6-0)	0-0 Tie
November 4, 1923	Canton Bulldogs (5-0) at Chicago Cardinals (5-0)	Bulldogs 7, Cardinals 3
October 28, 1973	Los Angeles Rams (6-0) at Minnesota Vikings (6-0)	Vikings 10, Rams 9
October 24, 2004	New York Jets (5-0) at New England Patriots (5-0)	Patriots 13, Jets 7

Some of the intriguing games being played in Week 6:

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (5-0) at DALLAS COWBOYS (5-0)

STORYLINE: Pick your scenario!

They're all fascinating. Brady vs. Romo. Moss vs. Owens. No. 1 (Pats) vs. No. 2 ('Boys) NFL point-producers. No. 1 ('Boys) vs. No. 2 (Pats) NFL offenses.

Wow!

But slow down, says New England **CB ELLIS HOBBS**. "Let's not make more of it than it is," he says. "We think of it as a big game because it's the next game. This is not, quote, unquote, a Super Bowl matchup."

But it will sure seem like one. You have the league's top two TD tossers who were their respective conference's September Offensive Player of the Month – New England's **TOM BRADY** (16) and Dallas' **TONY ROMO** (13). Brady (in his first game in Dallas) is only the second NFL quarterback to throw at least three TD passes in each of a season's first five games (**STEVE YOUNG**, 1998), and can become the first to do it in the first six games. Romo, in his second season as a starter, has set a Dallas record for most consecutive 300-yard games (3) and the club record for most such games in a season (4).

You also have the game-turning, No. 81-wearing wide receivers known for their performances on big stages – New England's **RANDY MOSS** (tied for the league lead with seven TD catches) and Dallas' **TERRELL OWENS**. They have

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AIN'T OVER! The tendency is to jump to conclusions after five weeks of the season. But not so fast! The numbers indicate that things are far from decided. Since 2000, 39 teams that finished Week 5 with a winning record did not make the playoffs. And 11 teams with losing records at that point did make the playoffs, including the 2001 New England Patriots, who were 2-3 and went on to win Super Bowl XXXVI. As they say, it's a long season.

totaled six touchdown receptions (Moss, 4; Owens, 2) in the three games in which they have faced each other. In those games, they combined for 39 catches for 541 yards.

That all said, the *tight ends* could be the game-deciders. **JASON WITTEN** leads the Cowboys in catches and touchdowns (29 and 4) and **BENJAMIN WATSON** (5) is second to Moss in TDs. Both come off 100-yard games.

HOUSTON TEXANS (3-2) at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (3-1)

STORYLINE: Oh, no – the Texans!

That's what the Jaguars have to be thinking about their AFC South rivals. Since the Texans came into the league in 2002, they have beaten the Jaguars six out of the 10 times they have played, including a sweep last year.

"We know the Texans own us," says Jaguars **DT JOHN HENDERSON**. "They play their hearts out when they play us."

Last year, in their second win in four weeks over the Jags, Houston intercepted **QB DAVID GARRARD** four times.

But now it's 2007 and Garrard and Tampa Bay's **JEFF GARCIA** are the only ranked QBs in the league without an interception. Houston **QB MATT SCHAUB** has led the team to the seventh-ranked passing offense in the league, but the Texans' rushing game will definitely be tested. The Jags held Kansas City to 10 rush yards last week.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (3-1) at GREEN BAY PACKERS (4-1)

STORYLINE: Favre and league's No. 1 passing offense against one tough defense.

He's had a great year, but last week those pesky pickoffs returned for Packers **QB BRETT FAVRE**. His two in the second half – doubling his season total – enabled Chicago to rally for Green Bay's first loss of the year. Now the Pack takes on the league's third-ranked defense of the Redskins, whose simplified schemes this year have produced positive results -- most important of which are the fewest touchdowns allowed in the league (4).

The 'Skins limited the NFL's top pass offense of Detroit last week to 76 yards, with five sacks by four different players. And they didn't blitz. "They just pinned their ears back, came at us with their front four and played coverage," said Lions **QB JON KITNA**. "They made it really difficult to move the football."

But...Favre is Favre. "It's hard to believe he's playing at 38," says Redskins head coach **JOE GIBBS**. "He looks 18."

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (0-4) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (3-2) (Sunday night, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

STORYLINE: No better time to get on track than on national television!

The Saints are looking for their first win. The Seahawks are looking to start a winning streak to replace their somewhat start-and-stop beginning to the season.

Although a loss is a loss, New Orleans was just edged by Carolina in Week 5, 16-13. **QB DREW BREES** was not sacked and completed more than 60 percent of his passes (for 252 yards). But even with a marked advantage in time of possession and yardage, New Orleans could not produce a cushion of points. That's why head coach **SEAN PAYTON** is considering lineup changes, which "sometimes can be a good thing," says Saints **LB SCOTT FUJITA**.

Brees will have to be particularly wary of **LB JULIAN PETERSON**, whose four sacks in his last two games place him second (6.0) in the league behind the Giants' **OSI UMENYIORA** (7.0). "If you don't scheme for him, if you don't set something up to stop him and you give him room, he's going to get his sacks," says 49ers head coach **MIKE NOLAN**.

NEW YORK GIANTS (3-2) at ATLANTA FALCONS (1-4) (Monday night, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: Plaxico, meet DeAngelo.

That should certainly be one of the interesting matchups of the night. Giants **WR PLAXICO BURRESS**, tied with New England's Moss (7) for the league lead in touchdown receptions, will spend the night battling speedy **DE ANGELO HALL**. The Falcons' CB has two interceptions and had an INT-TD return wiped out by penalty in the team's last four Monday night games (and a 56-yard fumble-return TD last Sunday).

Atlanta, with **JOEY HARRINGTON** at QB, will have to prepare for New York's wreak-havoc sack alignment in which oftentimes speedy defensive ends exclusively make up the DL. Last week, the Giants had three interceptions against the Jets and closed the game with 21 unanswered points.

New York has not lost in Atlanta since 1978, winning six in a row as the road team.

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	5	0	0	1.000	182	65	117	23	3-0	2-0	2-0	1.000	5-0	1.000	0-0	5W	5-0
Buffalo Bills	1	4	0	.200	65	118	-53	8	1-2	0-2	1-1	.500	1-3	.250	0-1	1L	1-4
New York Jets	1	4	0	.200	96	138	-42	12	1-1	0-3	1-2	.333	1-3	.250	0-1	2L	1-4
Miami Dolphins	0	5	0	.000	97	141	-44	9	0-2	0-3	0-1	.000	0-3	.000	0-2	5L	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	4	1	0	.800	132	47	85	15	3-0	1-1	1-0	1.000	2-0	1.000	2-1	1W	4-1
Baltimore Ravens	3	2	0	.600	88	97	-9	7	2-0	1-2	0-2	.000	1-2	.333	2-0	1W	3-2
Cleveland Browns	2	3	0	.400	126	152	-26	15	2-1	0-2	2-1	.667	2-3	.400	0-0	1L	2-3
Cincinnati Bengals	1	3	0	.250	106	129	-23	12	1-1	0-2	1-1	.500	1-2	.333	0-1	3L	1-3

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	5	0	0	1.000	164	88	76	19	3-0	2-0	2-0	1.000	3-0	1.000	2-0	5W	5-0
Tennessee Titans	3	1	0	.750	84	59	25	9	1-1	2-0	1-1	.500	1-1	.500	2-0	2W	3-1
Jacksonville Jaguars	3	1	0	.750	63	41	22	6	1-1	2-0	0-1	.000	2-1	.667	1-0	3W	3-1
Houston Texans	3	2	0	.600	116	99	17	11	2-1	1-1	0-1	.000	2-1	.667	1-1	1W	3-2

AFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Oakland Raiders	2	2	0	.500	102	100	2	12	1-1	1-1	0-1	.000	2-1	.667	0-1	2W	2-2
San Diego Chargers	2	3	0	.400	109	105	4	13	1-1	1-2	1-1	.500	1-2	.333	1-1	1W	2-3
Denver Broncos	2	3	0	.400	75	136	-61	7	1-2	1-1	1-1	.500	2-3	.400	0-0	3L	2-3
Kansas City Chiefs	2	3	0	.400	63	83	-20	6	1-1	1-2	1-0	1.000	1-2	.333	1-1	1L	2-3

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NFC East

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Dallas Cowboys	5	0	0	1.000	176	96	80	21	2-0	3-0	1-0	1.000	3-0	1.000	2-0	5W	5-0
Washington Redskins	3	1	0	.750	87	52	35	9	2-1	1-0	1-1	.500	2-1	.667	1-0	1W	3-1
New York Giants	3	2	0	.600	123	124	-1	15	2-1	1-1	2-1	.667	2-2	.500	1-0	3W	3-2
Philadelphia Eagles	1	3	0	.250	84	73	11	9	1-1	0-2	0-2	.000	1-3	.250	0-0	1L	1-3

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	4	1	0	.800	125	93	32	14	2-1	2-0	1-1	.500	3-1	.750	1-0	1L	4-1
Detroit Lions	3	2	0	.600	117	155	-38	14	2-0	1-2	2-0	1.000	2-2	.500	1-0	1L	3-2
Chicago Bears	2	3	0	.400	87	115	-28	9	1-1	1-2	1-1	.500	1-2	.333	1-1	1W	2-3
Minnesota Vikings	1	3	0	.250	67	59	8	7	1-1	0-2	0-2	.000	1-2	.333	0-1	3L	1-3

NFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Carolina Panthers	3	2	0	.600	98	100	-2	11	0-2	3-0	2-1	.667	3-1	.750	0-1	1W	3-2
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3	2	0	.600	95	77	18	11	2-0	1-2	2-0	1.000	3-1	.750	0-1	1L	3-2
Atlanta Falcons	1	4	0	.200	69	100	-31	6	1-1	0-3	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1-2	1L	1-4
New Orleans Saints	0	4	0	.000	51	119	-68	6	0-2	0-2	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-2	4L	0-4

NFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
Arizona Cardinals	3	2	0	.600	118	111	7	13	2-0	1-2	2-1	.667	2-1	.667	1-1	2W	3-2
Seattle Seahawks	3	2	0	.600	87	74	13	9	2-0	1-2	1-1	.500	2-1	.667	1-1	1L	3-2
San Francisco 49ers	2	3	0	.400	63	102	-39	6	1-2	1-1	2-1	.667	2-1	.667	0-2	3L	2-3
St. Louis Rams	0	5	0	.000	70	137	-67	6	0-3	0-2	0-2	.000	0-5	.000	0-0	5L	0-5

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (OCTOBER 7-8)

(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, October 7

HOUSTON 22, Miami 19
Jacksonville 17, KANSAS CITY 7
NEW ENGLAND 34, Cleveland 17
Carolina 16, NEW ORLEANS 13
N.Y. GIANTS 35, N.Y. Jets 24
PITTSBURGH 21, Seattle 0
Arizona 34, ST. LOUIS 31
TENNESSEE 20, Atlanta 13

Sunday, October 7, Cont.'d.

WASHINGTON 34, Detroit 3
INDIANAPOLIS 33, Tampa Bay 14
San Diego 41, DENVER 3
Baltimore 9, SAN FRANCISCO 7
Chicago 27, GREEN BAY 20

Monday, October 8

Dallas 25, BUFFALO 24

2007 WEEK 6 SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 14-15

Byes: Buffalo, Denver, Detroit, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco
(All times local)

Sunday, October 14

St. Louis at Baltimore, 1:00 PM
Minnesota at Chicago, 12:00 PM
Miami at Cleveland, 1:00 PM
Washington at Green Bay, 12:00 PM
Houston at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 12:00 PM
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 1:00 PM
Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 14, Cont.'d.

Carolina at Arizona, 1:05 PM
New England at Dallas, 3:15 PM
Oakland at San Diego, 1:15 PM
New Orleans at Seattle, 5:15 PM

Monday, October 15

N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 8:30 PM