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HERE COMES THE SECOND-HALF PUSH!
WEEK 10 FEATURES KEY DIVISION BATTLES

The turn has been made. Now let's see what turns up.

The NFL begins the second half of its season this week after a wild first half with undefeated teams, turnaround teams and record-setting players.

There is one spotless club left, the 9-0 New England Patriots, who enjoy a bye this week. The Pats and seven other teams have at least six victories and a .750 winning percentage.

Four of those .750 teams have turned their first-half performance of last year into a winning record this year. The Green Bay Packers went from 3-5 in 2006 to 7-1 this season, and the Detroit Lions, Pittsburgh Steelers and Tennessee Titans all have improved from 2-6 to 6-2.

The New Orleans Saints have made a comeback in the current season. They started 2007 at 0-4 and have now won their past four – only the fourth team in history to accomplish the feat (1974 Detroit, 1980 Kansas City, 1992 San Diego).

"We've got a long way to go," says Saints head coach **SEAN PAYTON**, speaking really for every NFL team. "Your record now doesn't put you anywhere – playoffs or anything."

So as the NFL begins the second half of its season and celebrates Veterans' Day this Sunday (November 11), here are some of Week 10's key games:

DALLAS COWBOYS (7-1) at NEW YORK GIANTS (6-2)

STORYLINE: *Biggest game in the division this season?*

Well, they all seem like that, but that's how Giants **DE JUSTIN TUCK** is describing this NFC East battle. "This could very well be the most important game in the division all year," says Tuck. It is a battle for first place. If the Giants – who will wear their "throwback" red jerseys – win, they will tie the Cowboys for first. If the Cowboys win, they have a two-game lead on the second-place Giants.

And how times have changed! In Week 1, Dallas defeated New York in a 45-35 donnybrook (the most points in the 90-game history of the series), with their respective QBs, **TONY ROMO** and **ELI MANNING**, each throwing for four touchdowns. The Giants then were handled the next week by Green Bay 35-13, and things looked dire.

Since then? They haven't lost, becoming only the fifth team in history to start 0-2 and then win six in a row. And the 'Boys have only lost once, building a 7-1 record for the first time since 1995. So Sunday is, indeed, big.

The OLs and DLs should play a big part in the outcome. The Giants – who lead the NFL in sacks with 30 – and Cowboys have combined for 51 sacks this year, the most by any two clubs facing each other this weekend. The Giants are one of only four teams to allow single-digit sacks this year (9), and Romo was not sacked last week.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (5-3) at PITTSBURGH STEELERS (6-2)

STORYLINE: *The Rust Belt Rivalry comes with well-oiled teams this week!*

Only 132 miles, a long rivalry – and one game -- separates these two AFC North teams.

NFL FACTOID

GO, ADRIAN! With his 296-yard rushing performance last week – an NFL single-game record – Minnesota **RB ADRIAN PETERSON** became the first rookie in history to reach 1,000 yards by his eighth game.

And the Steelers will see a different Browns team than the one they defeated 34-7 on Kickoff Weekend. In Week 2, **DEREK ANDERSON** became the starting QB and Cleveland has averaged 31 points a game since while building the league's fourth-rated offense. **WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** and **TE KELLEN WINSLOW** rank in the NFL's top 10 in receiving yards and **RB JAMAL LEWIS** comes off a four-rush-TD game.

"Our offense has come together," says Browns head coach **ROMEO CRENNEL**. "We're able to put points on the board, able to move the ball. That being said, you still have to go out and play the game – probably our best game of the year."

Pittsburgh played perhaps the best game of its year Monday night in a 38-7 victory over Baltimore. **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** tied the Steelers' single-game TD passing record with five. The club's defense – rated No. 1 in the league – allowed only 104 total yards. The Browns will definitely have to scheme for **LB JAMES HARRISON**, who had 3.5 sacks Monday night, nine tackles, six QB hurries, an interception, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. Wow!

That kind of performance is a big reason why the Steelers – 4-0 at home this year -- rank second in the NFL in net-point differential (plus-124 to New England's plus-208).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (3-5) at GREEN BAY PACKERS (7-1)

STORYLINE: Record-holders meet!

And they are among the oldest and youngest players in the league. Green Bay's 38-year-old **QB BRETT FAVRE**, who has led the club to wins in 11 of its past 12 games going back to 2006, set the NFL all-time TD pass record the last time these NFC North teams met (a 23-16 Green Bay win in Week 4). Last Sunday, 22-year-old Vikings rookie **RB ADRIAN PETERSON** set the NFL single-game rushing record with 296 yards, becoming the first player to reach 1,000 yards this season.

"Adrian gives you that swagger," says Vikings head coach **BRAD CHILDRESS**.

Of course, the Packers come equipped with much game-changing swagger themselves, primarily in the person of Favre, but also in his recent prime TD target, **WR GREG JENNINGS**. The second-year wideout, who caught Favre's record-breaking 421st career TD pass against Minnesota, is a definite deep threat (82- and 60-yard game-deciding TDs the past two weeks) who leads NFL receivers with a 19.7 yards-per-catch average.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (7-1) at SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (4-4) (Sunday night, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

STORYLINE: It's bounce-back time!

Each team comes off a shocker. The Colts lost to the Patriots in a battle of unbeaten. The Chargers were trampled by Adrian Peterson's 296 yards (above).

Time to get it going again! This week is the only thing that matters. "I don't care about the Super Bowl," says Chargers **LB SHAWNE MERRIMAN**, more worried about this week than next February 3. "We've got to get a win against Indy."

Two of the top RBs in the business can certainly help in that direction Sunday night. Indy's **JOSEPH ADDAI** and San Diego's **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** rank in the top 10 in the NFL in rushing and tie for the second-most rush TDs (7) behind Peterson's eight.

And another all-important area can turn this game. The two clubs place in the top five in the league in turnover differential, with Indianapolis tied for the top spot with a plus-11 and San Diego knotted for second-best with a plus-8.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-6) at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (4-4) (Monday night, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: Light up the night air!

At least that's the plan of head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN** and the Seahawks. With the return of **WR D.J. HACKETT** last week and the possible returns of **WR DEION BRANCH** and **TE MARCUS POLLARD** on Monday, the 'Hawks say they may go towards a 60-40 pass-run balance against NFC West-rival San Francisco. A so-far ineffective running game with an injury-limited **SHAUN ALEXANDER** causes the emphasis.

Of course, it could all be a smoke screen, so 49ers head coach **MIKE NOLAN**, a former defensive coordinator, will be ready either way.

America will get to see **LB PATRICK WILLIS**, San Francisco's first-round draft pick and the NFL's October Defensive Rookie of the Month. Willis has set a Niners record as the only rookie LB with at least 10 tackles in his first eight games.

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	4	4	0	.500	130	156	-26	13	3-2	1-2	2-1	.667	4-3	.571	0-1	3W	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	8	0	.000	166	244	-78	18	0-4	0-4	0-2	.000	0-5	.000	0-3	8L	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	6	2	0	.750	222	98	124	27	4-0	2-2	3-0	1.000	4-1	.800	2-1	2W	3-2
Cleveland Browns	5	3	0	.625	227	233	-6	27	4-1	1-2	2-1	.667	3-3	.500	2-0	3W	4-1
Baltimore Ravens	4	4	0	.500	131	157	-26	11	3-0	1-4	0-3	.000	1-4	.200	3-0	2L	2-3
Cincinnati Bengals	2	6	0	.250	198	244	-46	23	2-2	0-4	1-2	.333	2-5	.286	0-1	2L	1-4

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	1	0	.875	244	126	118	28	3-1	4-0	3-0	1.000	4-1	.800	3-0	1L	4-1
Tennessee Titans	6	2	0	.750	165	124	41	15	3-1	3-1	2-1	.667	3-1	.750	3-1	3W	4-1
Jacksonville Jaguars	5	3	0	.625	155	151	4	18	2-2	3-1	1-2	.333	3-2	.600	2-1	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
Kansas City Chiefs	4	4	0	.500	124	146	-22	13	2-2	2-2	2-0	1.000	3-2	.600	1-2	1L	3-2
San Diego Chargers	4	4	0	.500	189	164	25	24	3-1	1-3	2-1	.667	3-2	.600	1-2	1L	3-2
Denver Broncos	3	5	0	.375	126	227	-101	13	2-3	1-2	1-1	.500	3-3	.500	0-2	2L	1-4
Oakland Raiders	2	6	0	.250	152	177	-25	17	1-3	1-3	0-3	.000	2-5	.286	0-1	4L	1-4

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	7	1	0	.875	265	175	90	32	3-1	4-0	2-0	1.000	5-0	1.000	2-1	2W	4-1
New York Giants	6	2	0	.750	200	159	41	24	3-1	3-1	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	2-0	6W	5-0
Washington Redskins	5	3	0	.625	152	160	-8	16	3-1	2-2	1-1	.500	3-2	.600	2-1	1W	3-2
Philadelphia Eagles	3	5	0	.375	156	155	1	15	1-3	2-2	0-3	.000	2-5	.286	1-0	1L	2-3

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	7	1	0	.875	194	142	52	21	3-1	4-0	1-1	.500	4-1	.800	3-0	3W	4-1
Detroit Lions	6	2	0	.750	200	185	15	22	4-0	2-2	3-0	1.000	4-2	.667	2-0	3W	4-1
Minnesota Vikings	3	5	0	.375	166	154	12	19	2-2	1-3	1-2	.333	2-4	.333	1-1	1W	2-3
Chicago Bears	3	5	0	.375	144	181	-37	15	1-3	2-2	1-3	.250	2-4	.333	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	4	0	.500	137	161	-24	15	0-3	4-1	2-1	.667	4-1	.800	0-3	2L	2-3
New Orleans Saints	4	4	0	.500	173	186	-13	22	2-2	2-2	1-2	.333	3-2	.600	1-2	4W	4-1
Atlanta Falcons	2	6	0	.250	115	169	-54	10	2-2	0-4	0-2	.000	1-4	.200	1-2	1W	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	4	4	0	.500	167	141	26	17	3-1	1-3	2-1	.667	3-2	.600	1-2	1L	2-3
Arizona Cardinals	3	5	0	.375	157	174	-17	18	2-1	1-4	2-1	.667	2-4	.333	1-1	3L	2-3
San Francisco 49ers	2	6	0	.250	104	186	-82	10	1-3	1-3	2-1	.667	2-4	.333	0-2	6L	0-5
St. Louis Rams	0	8	0	.000	99	219	-120	8	0-4	0-4	0-3	.000	0-6	.000	0-2	8L	0-5

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (NOVEMBER 4-5)

(Home team in CAPS)

Sunday, November 4

ATLANTA 20, San Francisco 16
BUFFALO 33, Cincinnati 21
DETROIT 44, Denver 7
Green Bay 33, KANSAS CITY 22
MINNESOTA 35, San Diego 17
NEW ORLEANS 41, Jacksonville 24
Washington 23, N.Y. JETS 20 (OT)
TAMPA BAY 17, Arizona 10

Sunday, November 4, Cont.'d.

TENNESSEE 20, Carolina 7
CLEVELAND 33, Seattle 30 (OT)
New England 24, INDIANAPOLIS 20
Houston 24, OAKLAND 17
Dallas 38, PHILADELPHIA 17

Monday, November 5

PITTSBURGH 38, Baltimore 7

2007 WEEK 10 SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 11-12

Byes: Houston, New England, N.Y. Jets, Tampa Bay
(All times local)

Sunday, November 11

Atlanta at Carolina, 1:00 PM
Minnesota at Green Bay, 12:00 PM
Denver at Kansas City, 12:00 PM
Buffalo at Miami, 1:00 PM
St. Louis at New Orleans, 12:00 PM
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1:00 PM
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 12:00 PM
Philadelphia at Washington, 1:00 PM

Sunday, November 11, Cont.'d.

Cincinnati at Baltimore, 4:05 PM
Detroit at Arizona, 2:15 PM
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 PM
Chicago at Oakland, 1:15 PM
Indianapolis at San Diego, 5:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, November 12

San Francisco at Seattle, 5:30 PM (ESPN)