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**PATRIOTS SEEK 12-0 START;**  
**PACKERS-COWBOYS EIGHTH 10-1 TEAMS IN HISTORY TO MEET**

As the NFL turns to December, many interesting games are on the Week 13 schedule.

On Thursday night, only the eighth meeting in history between teams with 10-1 or better records takes place when the 10-1 Green Bay Packers visit the 10-1 Dallas Cowboys (NFL Network, 8:00 PM ET).

On Monday night, the New England Patriots can become only the sixth team in history to start a season with a 12-0 record when they travel to the Baltimore Ravens (ESPN, 8:30 PM ET).

Teams to begin an NFL season at 12-0 or better:

RECORD	TEAMS
12-0	1934 Bears, 1972 Dolphins, 1985 Bears, 1998 Broncos, 2005 Colts
13-0	1934 Bears, 1972 Dolphins, 1998 Broncos, 2005 Colts
14-0	1972 Dolphins

As the final five weeks of the season approach, here are some of Week 13's big games:

**GREEN BAY PACKERS (10-1) at DALLAS COWBOYS (10-1) (Thursday night, NFL Network, 8:00 PM ET)**

**STORYLINE: A classic?**

Forty years after one of the NFL's most memorable games – the 1967 "Ice Bowl" NFL title game between these two teams on December 31 -- the Cowboys and Packers meet in another 2007 "epic" game.

Two 10-1 or better teams have met only seven times before – the first in 1926 (12-1-1 Frankford vs. 11-0-2 Chicago Bears) and the last in 1990 (10-1 San Francisco vs. 10-1 New York Giants).

Thursday night is filled with scenarios: the NFL's No. 2 offense (Cowboys) against the No. 3 offense (Packers)... Wisconsin-reared **QB TONY ROMO** pitted for the first time against his boyhood idol, Packers **QB BRETT FAVRE** (Romo was 12 when Favre made his first Green Bay start in 1992. "He just brought a flair for the game that I'll never forget," says Romo)...Cowboys **WR TERRELL OWENS**, with 30 catches for 537 yards and eight touchdowns in his last four games, against one of the top CB tandems in the league, **CHARLES WOODSON** and **AL HARRIS**...and the sackers – the only teams with two players each in the top-10 in sacks in the league – Green Bay's **AARON KAMPMAN** (11.0, tops in the NFL) and **KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** (9.5) against Dallas' **DE MARCUS WARE** (9.0) and **GREG ELLIS** (8.5)

With a win and other scenarios, one of these teams will clinch its division. "It's going to be a great game," says Owens. "It's a great challenge."

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (8-3) at INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (9-2)**

**STORYLINE: Never this close this late.**

That is the situation with the Colts and Jaguars. Since the teams joined the AFC South Division in realignment in 2002, they have never met in December separated by only one game.

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**NFL FACTOID**

**TOP TEAMS:** The top three teams in the NFL (New England, 11-0; Dallas and Green Bay, 10-1) combine for a 31-2 record, which matches 1984 (Miami, 11-0; Denver and San Francisco, 10-1) as the only NFL seasons with the top three teams with such a record through 11 games.

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"We know what's in front of us," says Jaguars **RB FRED TAYLOR**. "We know what's at stake."

The division can be at stake. With a win and other outcomes this week, the Colts will earn their sixth consecutive playoff berth. These teams inevitably play it close. Other than the last two games between the two (a split) every Colts-Jaguars meeting since 2002 has been decided by no more than 10 points.

Jacksonville last week got its quarterback back, **DAVID GARRARD**, who proceeded to set a team mark for attempts without an interception at 209. The Colts kept up their passing game on Thanksgiving with the continued absence of **WR MARVIN HARRISON** (who they hope will return on Sunday). Rookie wideout **ANTHONY GONZALEZ** took up the slack with 105 yards in receptions.

Go for it: the Jaguars lead the league in fourth-down attempts with 26.

#### TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (7-4) at NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (5-6)

***STORYLINE: Saints feel like they're coming on as the division leaders come to town.***

Two games separate them in the NFC South. The Bucs want to pad their lead. The Saints think they can cut it in half.

"It doesn't get any better than it's about to get: Tampa Bay coming to our house," says New Orleans **QB DREW BREES**.

Last Sunday, the Saints opened up their passing game, with Brees throwing to nine different receivers for 260 yards and three TDs. The same day, though, Tampa Bay showed its toughness on defense – it ranks No. 6 overall in the league – with six takeaways, with four leading to points.

The Saints will again have to contend with their personal nemesis – **JOEY GALLOWAY**. The Bucs' WR has 23 catches for 473 yards and nine TDs in six games against New Orleans – plus a punt-return TD.

#### CINCINNATI BENGALS (4-7) at PITTSBURGH STEELERS (8-3) (Sunday night, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

***STORYLINE: A hot rivalry – and Cincinnati just turned hot.***

Even if they didn't win last week, this would be a big game, because "Bengals-Steelers" always is. But Cincinnati turned on the offense last Sunday in a 35-6 victory over Tennessee, and this AFC North rivalry that always seems to favor the road team just heated up more (nine of the last 10 games in the series have been won by the road team).

In Week 12, Cincinnati **QB CARSON PALMER** posted a career-high 84.2 completion percentage on 32-of-38 passing for three TDs. Those three went to **WR CHAD JOHNSON** on a career-high 12 catches.

But the Bengals will face the NFL's No. 1 defense, with the top pass defense. Pittsburgh leads the league in fewest first-downs allowed (150), so Cincy might have a hard time replicating its 14-of-18 third-down conversions of last week.

Cincinnati will try to shut down **RB WILLIE PARKER** -- not as easy task. The No. 2 rusher in the league (1,006 yards), he has six 100-yard games this year, and 81 in the rain on Monday night.

Daunting in December: Since 2001, Pittsburgh is 23-7 in December-January regular-season games.

#### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (11-0) at BALTIMORE RAVENS (4-7) (Monday night, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

***STORYLINE: Will the Ravens copy the Eagles?***

It came close to working Sunday night when the Philadelphia Eagles blitzed the Patriots often. They sacked the NFL's top-rated quarterback, **TOM BRADY**, three times -- tying for his most this year – while their DBs knocked their receivers off their routes. That tactic basically shut down top receiver **RANDY MOSS**, but **WES WELKER** made up for it with a career game (13 catches, 149 yards).

The tactic slowed down AFC East-champion New England in its 31-28 win, its smallest margin of victory this season. Baltimore's strength is its defense, which is ranked No. 4 overall. One of the key people New England will be preparing for is **S ED REED**, who ties for third in the league with five interceptions.

New England will seek to negate the league's No. 3 receiver **DERRICK MASON** (79 catches, behind Welker at 81 and **T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** at 83).

Patriots head coach **BILL BELICHICK** is not letting his team's record influence his players. "Records don't mean anything," he says. "The only thing that matters on Monday night is how well they play and how well we play."

Thomas returns: Patriots **LB ADALIUS THOMAS**, the Ravens' No. 4 career sacker (38.5) who was signed as a UFA in the offseason, plays his first game against his former 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	11	0	0	1.000	442	185	257	58	5-0	6-0	4-0	1.000	8-0	1.000	3-0	11W	5-0	
Buffalo Bills	5	6	0	.455	167	258	-91	17	3-3	2-3	3-2	.600	5-5	.500	0-1	2L	3-2	
New York Jets	2	9	0	.182	181	278	-97	18	2-4	0-5	1-3	.250	2-5	.286	0-4	1L	1-4	
Miami Dolphins	0	11	0	.000	183	277	-94	20	0-5	0-6	0-3	.000	0-7	.000	0-4	11L	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	8	3	0	.727	272	145	127	31	6-0	2-3	4-0	1.000	6-2	.750	2-1	1W	4-1	
Cleveland Browns	7	4	0	.636	315	311	4	37	5-1	2-3	3-2	.600	5-4	.556	2-0	2W	4-1	
Cincinnati Bengals	4	7	0	.364	281	292	-11	31	3-3	1-4	2-2	.500	4-5	.444	0-2	1W	2-3	
Baltimore Ravens	4	7	0	.364	182	243	-61	17	3-2	1-5	0-5	.000	1-7	.125	3-0	5L	0-5	

#### 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	9	2	0	.818	309	172	137	36	4-1	5-1	3-0	1.000	5-2	.714	4-0	2W	3-2	
Jacksonville Jaguars	8	3	0	.727	243	195	48	28	4-2	4-1	2-2	.500	6-2	.750	2-1	3W	4-1	
Tennessee Titans	6	5	0	.545	204	221	-17	18	3-2	3-3	2-2	.500	3-4	.429	3-1	3L	2-3	
Houston Texans	5	6	0	.455	243	263	-20	25	3-2	2-4	0-3	.000	3-5	.375	2-1	1L	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	6	5	0	.545	261	223	38	32	5-1	1-4	2-1	.667	5-3	.625	1-2	1W	3-2	
Denver Broncos	5	6	0	.455	221	295	-74	24	3-3	2-3	2-1	.667	5-3	.625	0-3	1L	2-3	
Kansas City Chiefs	4	7	0	.364	162	206	-44	16	2-4	2-3	2-2	.500	3-5	.375	1-2	4L	1-4	
Oakland Raiders	3	8	0	.273	200	240	-40	20	1-4	2-4	1-3	.250	3-5	.375	0-3	1W	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	10	1	0	.909	358	221	137	44	5-1	5-0	4-0	1.000	7-0	1.000	3-1	5W	5-0	
New York Giants	7	4	0	.636	253	241	12	29	3-3	4-1	2-2	.500	5-4	.556	2-0	1L	3-2	
Washington Redskins	5	6	0	.455	213	240	-27	22	3-2	2-4	1-3	.250	3-5	.375	2-1	3L	1-4	
Philadelphia Eagles	5	6	0	.455	234	218	16	26	2-3	3-3	1-3	.250	3-5	.375	2-1	1L	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	10	1	0	.909	296	185	111	33	5-1	5-0	3-1	.750	7-1	.875	3-0	6W	5-0	
Detroit Lions	6	5	0	.545	257	269	-12	28	4-2	2-3	3-1	.750	4-5	.444	2-0	3L	2-3	
Minnesota Vikings	5	6	0	.455	236	227	9	27	3-2	2-4	1-3	.250	3-5	.375	2-1	2W	3-2	
Chicago Bears	5	6	0	.455	221	251	-30	23	2-3	3-3	1-3	.250	2-5	.286	3-1	1W	3-2	

#### 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	7	4	0	.636	214	164	50	23	5-1	2-3	3-0	1.000	6-2	.750	1-2	3W	3-2	
New Orleans Saints	5	6	0	.455	243	252	-9	31	2-3	3-3	2-2	.500	4-3	.571	1-3	1W	3-2	
Carolina Panthers	4	7	0	.364	173	243	-70	18	0-5	4-2	2-3	.400	4-4	.500	0-3	5L	0-5	
Atlanta Falcons	3	8	0	.273	155	244	-89	14	2-4	1-4	1-3	.250	2-5	.286	1-3	2L	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	7	4	0	.636	245	183	62	26	5-1	2-3	4-1	.800	6-2	.750	1-2	3W	4-1	
Arizona Cardinals	5	6	0	.455	254	259	-5	31	3-2	2-4	2-2	.500	3-5	.375	2-1	1L	2-3	
San Francisco 49ers	3	8	0	.273	150	254	-104	15	1-4	2-4	3-3	.500	3-6	.333	0-2	1W	1-4	
St. Louis Rams	2	9	0	.182	168	281	-113	15	0-5	2-4	1-4	.200	2-7	.222	0-2	1L	2-3	

## LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (NOVEMBER 22, 25-26)

(Home team in CAPS)

### Thursday, November 22

Green Bay 37, DETROIT 26  
DALLAS 34, N.Y. Jets 3  
Indianapolis 31, ATLANTA 13

### Sunday, November 25

New Orleans 31, CAROLINA 6  
CINCINNATI 35, Tennessee 6  
CLEVELAND 27, Houston 17  
JACKSONVILLE 36, Buffalo 14  
Oakland 20, KANSAS CITY 17

### Sunday, November 25, Cont.'d.

Minnesota 41, N.Y. GIANTS 17  
Seattle 24, ST. LOUIS 19  
TAMPA BAY 19, Washington 13  
San Francisco 37, ARIZONA 31 (OT)  
CHICAGO 37, Denver 34 (OT)  
SAN DIEGO 32, Baltimore 14  
NEW ENGLAND 31, Philadelphia 28

### Monday, November 26

PITTSBURGH 3, Miami 0

## 2007 WEEK 13 SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 29, DECEMBER 2-3

(All times local)

### Thursday, November 29

Green Bay at Dallas, 7:00 PM (NFL Network)

### Sunday, December 2

San Francisco at Carolina, 1:00 PM  
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1:00 PM  
San Diego at Kansas City, 12:00 PM  
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1:00 PM  
Detroit at Minnesota, 12:00 PM  
Seattle at Philadelphia, 1:00 PM  
Atlanta at St. Louis, 12:00 PM

### Sunday, December 2, Cont.'d.

Houston at Tennessee, 12:00 PM  
Buffalo at Washington, 1:00 PM  
Cleveland at Arizona, 2:05 PM  
Denver at Oakland, 1:05 PM  
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 3:15 PM  
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 3:15 PM  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 8:15 PM (NBC)

### Monday, December 3

New England at Baltimore, 8:30 PM (ESPN)