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“HARD TO IGNORE” TITANS GO FOR 9-0; NFL NETWORK KICKS OFF “THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL”; EAGLES-GIANTS IN NFC EAST CLASH

It's hard to fly under the radar when you're undefeated.

But that's exactly what the Tennessee Titans believe they're doing, and it doesn't bother them a bit. The Titans this week seek to become the 11th team -- including one in each of the past three years -- to start a season at 9-0 since the 16-game schedule was established in 1978.

And they don't care if people haven't quite noticed. "I still think we're flying under the radar," says Titans fullback **AHMARD HALL**, a former U.S. Marine. "But that's OK. It doesn't matter to us as long as we keep winning. But I do think we're getting harder and harder to ignore."

The Chicago Bears won't be doing any ignoring this Sunday when they welcome back an injured-reserve member of their 1985 Super Bowl XX team (and an unofficial coaching aide to **BUDDY RYAN** in the famed "46" defense) -- the longest-tenured head coach in the NFL, the Titans' **JEFF FISHER**.

Titans-Bears is only one of the big games on the schedule of a week that begins with the kickoff of the NFL Network's eight-game schedule that offers live game "look-ins" on NFL.com and, for the first time ever, a live game streamed on a phone through NFL Mobile Live from Sprint.

Only some of the Week 10 games that will be heating up the early-November chill:

DENVER BRONCOS (4-4) at CLEVELAND BROWNS (3-5) (Thursday night, NFL Network, 8:00 PM ET)

STORYLINE: Welcome, Brady!

It will be a battle of two first-round quarterbacks as Denver's **JAY CUTLER**, who will be starting his 30th consecutive game for the Broncos, goes against **BRADY QUINN**, making his NFL starting debut.

"We're going to play hard for whoever is back there," says Browns' **C HANK FRALEY**. "We're still not out of this. Who knows if we can't roll out seven wins in a row and get right in the thick of this thing."

Each of the QBs will have defensive forces they will have to contend with. Quinn will have to be wary of Broncos' **DEs EBENEZER EKUBAN** and **ELVIS DUMERVIL**, who between them have seven sacks on the season. Cutler better keep an eye on Browns 6-4, 340-pound **NT SHAUN ROGERS**, who has been virtually unstoppable the past two weeks with 18 tackles, two sacks, five QB hurries, six tackles-for-loss...and one blocked field goal. "He doesn't take plays off," says CBS analyst **RICH GANNON**.

TENNESSEE TITANS (8-0) at CHICAGO BEARS (5-3)
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STORYLINE: Only twice before!

Two of the best rookie running backs in the NFL will highlight this matchup in which the Titans will seek to remain spotless and the Bears aim to retain the top spot in the NFC North Division.

The youngsters who should play a large role in the outcome Sunday are the only two rookie RBs in the top 10 in rushing in the league -- Tennessee's **CHRIS JOHNSON** (715 yards) and Chicago's **MATT FORTÉ** (641).

NFL FACTOID

SCORING AVERAGE HIGHEST IN 26 SEASONS: Through the first half of the season, NFL games are averaging 44.2 points per game, the highest average at this point in a season since 1983 (44.4). If that mark holds, it would top the NFL 16-game season record of 43.7 points per game in 1983.

Only twice before in history have rookie running backs ranked in the top 10 in rushing with 600 yards apiece squared off:

DATE	ROOKIE RUNNING BACKS	YARDS
December 12, 1965	Gale Sayers (Chicago) vs. Ken Willard (San Francisco)	Sayers, 672; Willard, 745
December 21, 1969	Larry Brown (Washington) vs. Calvin Hill (Dallas)	Brown, 827; Hill, 869

For Chicago, it looks like **REX GROSSMAN** could start at QB with the ankle injury to **KYLE ORTON**. The six-year veteran led the Bears to a 27-23 win over Detroit last Sunday after replacing Orton by scoring the decisive points on a quarterback sneak. For the Titans, it will be the same man who has taken them to seven of their eight wins – 35-year-old, 14-year **QB KERRY COLLINS**. His knowledgeable handling of the Tennessee offense has not produced impressive personal statistics – no game over 200 yards passing, but no interceptions in the past three games, either -- but has chalked up win after win. “You feel a lot younger when you’re 8-0,” says Collins.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (4-4) at PITTSBURGH STEELERS (6-2)

STORYLINE: *Peyton vs. Big Ben or old foe Byron.*

If the shoulder injury of Steelers **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** prevents him from playing, then the Colts will meet a rival they know well -- former Jacksonville Jaguars **QB BYRON LEFTWICH**, who was an AFC South foe from 2003-06. The sixth-year QB came on for Roethlisberger in the second half on Monday night and guided the Steelers to a 23-6 win over Washington.

Indy’s third-ranked NFL pass defense will try to tone down Leftwich’s quick release. The trouble for Colts **QB PEYTON MANNING** – coming off his best game of the year with a 21-of-29 for 254 yards and two-TD performance in a Sunday night win over New England – is that he goes up against the league’s top-rated pass defense and top overall defense that sacked Washington’s **JASON CAMPBELL** seven times Monday night to retain its lead in most NFL sacks (32).

Perhaps Redskins head coach **JIM ZORN** summed up best -- in his always picturesque way -- the task Manning will face with Pittsburgh’s pass rush. “When the team they’re playing has to throw,” says Zorn, “the Steelers just put their warrior bandana on, and here they come.”

NEW YORK GIANTS (7-1) at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (5-3) (Sunday night, NBC, 8:15 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Another week, another NFC East battle!*

“We’re in the meat of our schedule,” says Eagles **QB DONOVAN MC NABB**, speaking for both teams. “Philly is my favorite road stadium because the fans absolutely hate everybody that moves in an opponent’s jersey,” says Giants **DE JUSTIN TUCK**, speaking for only his team. “I kind of like being hated.”

Well there will be plenty of that when these two longtime rivals clash Sunday night

And the storylines will abound. Two hot teams: The Giants have lost only once this season, the Eagles have won three in a row. Two evenly-matched teams: New York has the NFL’s No. 5 offense, Philly the No. 6. The Giants are No. 3 in defense, the Eagles No. 5. Two stellar quarterbacks: The Giants’ **ELI MANNING** has a 3-1 record against McNabb, who ranks third in the league in yardage (2,178). Two explosive backs: New York’s power **RB BRANDON JACOBS** is fifth in the league in rushing yards (680), while the Eagles’ **BRIAN WESTBROOK**, healthy again, has averaged 114 yards in his past two games and has scored 12 touchdowns in his last eight games against the Giants. And young Giants’ defensive coordinator **STEVE SPAGNUOLO** goes against the guy he studied under, Philly’s sack-meister **JIM JOHNSON**.

So bring it on, NFC East! “We’re playing a team that knows us, and we know them,” summarizes McNabb.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-6) at ARIZONA CARDINALS (5-3) (Monday night, ESPN, 8:30 PM ET)

STORYLINE: *Mike wants to slow down Kurt and the boys.*

But new 49ers head coach **MIKE SINGLETARY**, that Hall of Fame linebacker, knows it won’t be easy. His Niners’ defense will confront a looks-like-he’s-not-ready-to-retire **QB KURT WARNER**, who has taken the first-place Cardinals to a three-game lead in the division while posting at least 30 points in five of their past seven games.

Warner throws to the only trio in the NFL with 500 receiving yards apiece – **LARRY FITZGERALD** (742), **ANQUAN BOLDIN** (514, with an NFL-leading eight TD catches) and **STEVE BREASTON** (503).

That all said, the 49ers feel they have attributes that can lead to a win. They topped Arizona twice last year, once with Warner as the starter...new starting **QB SHAUN HILL** has proven he can play in the league, winning his only two NFL starts last year for the 49ers...and **RB FRANK GORE** (second in the league in scrimmage yards with 940) has rushed for 212 yards in his last two games against the Cards, averaging 6.1 yards a carry, with three rushing touchdowns.

2008 NFL STANDINGS

American Football Conference - 2008 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 York Jets	5	3	0	.625	208	187	21	25	3-1	2-2	2-1	.667	4-3	.571	1-0	2W	4-1
New England Patriots	5	3	0	.625	168	150	18	16	3-1	2-2	1-1	.500	3-3	.500	2-0	1L	3-2
Buffalo Bills	5	3	0	.625	182	169	13	19	3-1	2-2	0-2	.000	3-2	.600	2-1	2L	2-3
Miami Dolphins	4	4	0	.500	171	163	8	19	2-2	2-2	2-1	.667	4-3	.571	0-1	2W	3-2
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	178	116	62	21	2-1	4-1	3-0	1.000	5-0	1.000	1-2	1W	4-1
Baltimore Ravens	5	3	0	.625	171	137	34	19	3-1	2-2	3-1	.750	5-3	.625	0-0	3W	3-2
Cleveland Browns	3	5	0	.375	142	160	-18	14	1-3	2-2	1-3	.250	2-3	.400	1-2	1L	3-2
Cincinnati Bengals	1	8	0	.111	125	236	-111	13	1-3	0-5	0-3	.000	1-6	.143	0-2	1W	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
Tennessee Titans	8	0	0	1.000	199	103	96	21	5-0	3-0	3-0	1.000	6-0	1.000	2-0	8W	5-0
Indianapolis Colts	4	4	0	.500	167	177	-10	21	2-2	2-2	1-2	.333	3-2	.600	1-2	1W	3-2
Jacksonville Jaguars	3	5	0	.375	160	172	-12	17	1-3	2-2	2-1	.667	3-5	.375	0-0	2L	2-3
Houston Texans	3	5	0	.375	196	213	-17	24	3-1	0-4	0-3	.000	2-4	.333	1-1	1L	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
Denver Broncos	4	4	0	.500	190	221	-31	21	3-2	1-2	2-1	.667	2-4	.333	2-0	3L	1-4
San Diego Chargers	3	5	0	.375	224	199	25	25	2-1	1-4	1-1	.500	3-3	.500	0-2	2L	2-3
Oakland Raiders	2	6	0	.250	107	201	-94	9	1-3	1-3	1-2	.333	2-4	.333	0-2	2L	1-4
Kansas City Chiefs	1	7	0	.125	126	223	-97	14	1-3	0-4	1-1	.500	1-4	.200	0-3	4L	1-4

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NFC East Team	W	L	T	▼ Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Streak	Last 5
New York Giants	7	1	0	.875	226	129	97	24	5-0	2-1	2-0	1.000	5-0	1.000	2-1	3W	4-1
Washington Redskins	6	3	0	.667	171	168	3	17	3-2	3-1	2-1	.667	5-2	.714	1-1	1L	3-2
Philadelphia Eagles	5	3	0	.625	220	144	76	23	3-1	2-2	0-2	.000	4-3	.571	1-0	3W	3-2
Dallas Cowboys	5	4	0	.556	216	219	-3	27	3-1	2-3	1-2	.333	3-4	.429	2-0	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
Chicago Bears	5	3	0	.625	223	173	50	25	3-1	2-2	3-0	1.000	4-3	.571	1-0	2W	4-1
Green Bay Packers	4	4	0	.500	210	178	32	24	2-2	2-2	2-0	1.000	3-3	.500	1-1	1L	2-3
Minnesota Vikings	4	4	0	.500	182	188	-6	19	3-1	1-3	1-2	.333	3-2	.600	1-2	1W	3-2
Detroit Lions	0	8	0	.000	137	239	-102	15	0-3	0-5	0-4	.000	0-7	.000	0-1	8L	0-5
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	6	2	0	.750	174	127	47	18	5-0	1-2	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	2-0	2W	4-1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	6	3	0	.667	200	147	53	20	4-0	2-3	2-1	.667	5-2	.714	1-1	1W	3-2
Atlanta Falcons	5	3	0	.625	177	154	23	18	3-0	2-3	0-2	.000	3-3	.500	2-0	1W	3-2
New Orleans Saints	4	4	0	.500	216	195	21	27	4-1	0-3	1-1	.500	2-3	.400	2-1	1W	3-2
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	5	3	0	.625	234	184	50	29	3-0	2-3	2-0	1.000	3-2	.600	2-1	1W	3-2
Seattle Seahawks	2	6	0	.250	151	210	-59	16	1-3	1-3	2-1	.667	2-5	.286	0-1	1L	1-4
San Francisco 49ers	2	6	0	.250	171	230	-59	17	1-4	1-2	1-2	.333	2-5	.286	0-1	5L	0-5
St. Louis Rams	2	6	0	.250	125	235	-110	12	1-3	1-3	0-2	.000	2-4	.333	0-2	2L	2-3

x - Clinched playoff
 y - Clinched Wild Card
 z - Clinched Division
 * - Clinched Division and Homefield Advantage

LAST WEEK'S NFL RESULTS (NOVEMBER 2-3)

(Home team in CAPS)

Byes: Carolina, New Orleans, San Diego, San Francisco

Sunday, November 2

N.Y. Jets 26, BUFFALO 17
CHICAGO 27, Detroit 23
CINCINNATI 21, Jacksonville 19
Baltimore 37, CLEVELAND 27
Tampa Bay 30, KANSAS CITY 27 (OT)
MINNESOTA 28, Houston 21
Arizona 34, ST. LOUIS 13
TENNESSEE 19, Green Bay 16 (OT)

Sunday, November 2, Cont.'d.

Miami 26, DENVER 17
N.Y. GIANTS 35, Dallas 14
Atlanta 24, OAKLAND 0
Philadelphia 26, SEATTLE 7
INDIANAPOLIS 18, New England 15

Monday, November 3

Pittsburgh 23, WASHINGTON 6

WEEK 10 SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 6, 9-10

(All times local)

Byes: Cincinnati, Dallas, Tampa Bay, Washington

Thursday, November 6

Denver at Cleveland, 8:15 PM (NFLN)

Sunday, November 9

New Orleans at Atlanta, 1:00 PM
Tennessee at Chicago, 12:00 PM
Jacksonville at Detroit, 1:00 PM
Baltimore at Houston, 12:00 PM
Seattle at Miami, 1:00 PM
Green Bay at Minnesota, 12:00 PM

Sunday, November 9, Cont.'d.

Buffalo at New England, 1:00 PM
St. Louis at N.Y. Jets, 1:00 PM
Carolina at Oakland, 1:05 PM
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 4:15 PM
Kansas City at San Diego, 1:15 PM
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:15 PM (NBC)

Monday, November 10

San Francisco at Arizona, 6:30 PM (ESPN)