

NFL KICKOFF 2006 WEEKEND

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

MIAMI DOLPHINS VS. PITTSBURGH STEELERS

SERIES

	<u>DOLPHINS</u>	<u>STEELERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	9-8	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Saban: 0-0	Cowher: 4-2
LAST GAME	9/26/04: Steelers 13 at Dolphins 3. Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger makes 1st career start. Steelers' defense allows 169 total yards & forces 4 turnovers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/20/94: Steelers 16, Dolphins 13 (OT). Pittsburgh QB Mike Tomczak passes for 343 yds & K Gary Anderson connects on 39-yard game-winner 10:19 into OT.	
BROADCAST	NBC: (8:30 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Culpepper (Min): 139-216-1,564-6-12-72.0	Batch: 23-36-246-1-1-81.5
RUSHING	Brown: 207-907-4.4-4	Parker: 255-1,202-4.7-4
RECEIVING	Chambers: 82-1,118 (3C)-13.6-11 (T2C)	Ward: 69-975-14.1-11(T2C)
OFFENSE	324.9	321.8
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+7
DEFENSE	317.4	284.0 (1C)
SACKS	Taylor: 12.0	Porter: 10.5
INTs	Schulters: 4	Hope: 3
PUNTING	Jones: 43.5	Gardocki: 41.8
KICKING	Mare: 108 (33/33 PAT; 25/30 FG)	Reed: 117 (45/45 PAT; 24/29 FG)

NOTES

DOLPHINS: Club riding 1st 6-game winning streak since 1992 & aims for 1st 7-game since 1985. Since 1990, team owns NFL's top Sept. winning percentage: .685 (37-17). Team makes 1st trip to Heinz Field where it opens against Super Bowl participant for 4th time in club history (9/2/87 at Wash, 9/1/91 at Buf, 9/13/99 at Den)...Head coach **NICK SABAN** followed Steelers as youngster...**QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER** makes Dolphins debut. Culpepper can become 1st player in history to lead AFC & NFC (2000, '04) in TD passes for season...**RB RONNIE BROWN** can become 1st RB since **KARIM ABDUL-JABBAR** ('96-'97) to lead club in rushing in 1st 2 seasons... **TE RANDY MC MICHAEL** (15) needs 2 TD rec. to surpass **DAN JOHNSON** ('83-'87) for 4th-most by TE in club history...Club tied team-record 49 sacks last season, led by Pittsburgh native **DE JASON TAYLOR** (12.0)...**STEELERS:** Club is winningest franchise in league since 1992, compiling 141-82-1 (.632) record, 8 div. titles & 1 Super Bowl...Head Coach **BILL COWHER** has averaged 10 wins per season for career, placing 3rd among all 19 coaches elected to HOF (**DON SHULA**, 10.5; **BILL WALSH**, 10.2)...**QB CHARLIE BATCH** to start. Batch, Pittsburgh-area native, has passed for 3 TDs 6 times in career...**RB WILLIE PARKER** rushed for NFL-best 161 yds on Kickoff Weekend in '05...**WR HINES WARD** has club-record 119 consecutive games (11/9/98 vs. GB) with at least 1 reception. With 3 100-yd rec. games, Ward (14) moves to 2nd place (**LOUIS LIPPS**, 16) on club's all-time list, trailing Stallworth (25) ...**LB JOEY PORTER** (53.0) needs 1.0 sack to surpass **LB GREG LLOYD** (53.5) for 5th place on club's all-time list. **LB CLARK HAGGANS** had 9.0 sacks in '05, 3rd-most in NFL by LB.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

ATLANTA FALCONS AT CAROLINA PANTHERS

SERIES

	FALCONS	PANTHERS
SERIES LEADER	14-8	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mora: 2-2	Fox: 3-5
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Panthers 44 at Falcons 11. Carolina's defense registers 5 sacks & 4 takeaways as Panthers clinch playoff berth.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/4/05: Panthers 24, Falcons 6. Carolina RB DeShaun Foster rushes for 131 yards & scores 2 TDs.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Matt Vasgerian, JC Pearson, Jay Glazer (Field reporter)	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Vick: 214-387-2,412-15-13-73.1	Delhomme: 262-435-3,421-24 (T1C)-16-88.1
RUSHING	Dunn: 280-1,416-5.1-3	Foster: 205-879-4.3-2
RECEIVING	Crumpler (TE): 65-877-13.5-5	S. Smith: 103 (T1L)-1,563 (1L)-15.2-12 (T1L)
OFFENSE	326.6	309.4
TAKE/GIVE	0	+16 (1C)
DEFENSE	325.0	282.6 (3L)
SACKS	Coleman: 10.5	Peppers: 10.5
INTs	Hall: 6	Gamble: 7 (3C)
PUNTING	Koenen: 42.3	Baker: 43.3
KICKING	Koenen: 3 (0/0 PAT; 1/2 FG)	Kasay: 121 (43/44 PAT; 26/34 FG)

NOTES

FALCONS: Head coach **JIM MORA** has perfect 2-0 record on Kickoff Weekend...Pro Bowl **QB MICHAEL VICK** has 31-19-1 (.618) career record, 6th-best among active QBs (min. 35 starts)...**RB WARRICK DUNN** rushed for career-best 1,416 yards last year, earning 3rd All-Star selection...**WR ASHLEY LELIE** plays 1st game with Falcons. Since '02 rookie year, has NFL-best 17.9-yard rec. avg...**TE ALGE CRUMPLER** named to 3rd consecutive Pro Bowl after setting franchise records for TE in catches (65) & yards (877) in '05...**DT ROD COLEMAN** led NFL interior linemen with 10.5 sacks in '05 & was named All Star. **LB KEITH BROOKING** led club with 150 tackles & tied team record with 5th consecutive Pro Bowl berth...**DE JOHN ABRAHAM** & **S LAWYER MILLOY** make Atl. debuts. Abraham recorded 53.5 sacks in 73 games with NYJ & was named to 3 Pro Bowls. Milloy is 4-time All Star & was member of NE's Super Bowl XXXVI championship team...**PANTHERS:** Have won past 2 in series by 68-17 margin...Head coach **JOHN FOX** has 41 wins in 4 seasons (including playoffs); team had 20 in previous 4 years...In past 3 games vs. Atl, Pro Bowl **QB JAKE DELHOMME** has 106.1 passer rating. Aims for 2+ TD passes in 4th consecutive game vs. Atl...**RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushed for 296 yards vs. Falcons in '05 (148.0 per game). Aims for 4th meeting in row with TD (4 TDs in past 3)...All Star **WR STEVE SMITH** had NFL-best 1,563 rec. yards in '05, tying for 1st with 103 receptions & 12 TDs, just 3rd player since 1970 to lead in all 3 (**JERRY RICE**, '90 & **STERLING SHARPE**, '92). **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** enters 11th season & 1st with Panthers. Has reception in 151 games in row, 7th-longest streak in NFL history...Pro Bowl **DE JULIUS PEPPERS** (40.5) needs 1.5 sacks to pass **KEVIN GREENE** (41.5) for 2nd in team history (**DE MIKE RUCKER**, 47.5). Peppers & Rucker have 73.5 sacks since '02, 3rd-best total by teammates in that span.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS AT CLEVELAND BROWNS

SERIES

	<u>SAINTS</u>	<u>BROWNS</u>
SERIES LEADER		11-3
STREAKS		Past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Payton: 0-0	Crennel: 0-0
LAST GAME	11/24/02: Browns 24 at Saints 15. Cleveland RB William Green rushes for 114 yards & 1 TD. Browns' defense intercepts 3 passes.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/5/93: Browns 17, Saints 13. Cleveland's defense records 9 sacks & holds New Orleans to 22 yards in 2nd half.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Terry Donahue	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Brees (SD): 323-500-3,576-24-15-89.2	Frye: 98-164-1,002-4-5-72.8
RUSHING	McAllister: 93-335-3.6-3	Droughns: 309-1,232-4.0-2
RECEIVING	Horn: 49-654-13.3-1	Jurevicius (Sea): 55-694-12.6-10 (T2C)
OFFENSE	314.4	284.4
TAKE/GIVE	-24	-7
DEFENSE	312.1	316.8
SACKS	W. Smith: 8.5	McGinest (NE): 6.0
INTs	Craft: 3	Bodden, Russell: 3
PUNTING	Weatherford (R) (Pre): 46.7	Zastudil (Bal): 43.5
KICKING	Carney: 97 (22/22 PAT; 25/32 FG)	Dawson: 100 (19/21 PAT; 27/29 FG)

NOTES

SAINTS: Kick off 40th season in '06...**SEAN PAYTON** makes head coaching debut...**QB DREW BREES** joins Saints after winning 21 of past 32 starts with SD, posting 84.9 passer rating in 5 seasons with Chargers...**RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** returns to action for 1st time since 10/9/05. Has 100-yard games in 2 of 3 career meetings vs. AFC North. Rookie 1st-round **RB REGGIE BUSH** makes NFL debut. Avgd 5.4 yards per rush in preseason...**WR JOE HORN** (6,943) needs 57 rec. yards to join **ERIC MARTIN** (7,854) as only Saints with 7,000. Rookie 7th-rounder **MARQUES COLSTON** may start at WR. Had 8 catches for 84 yards in preseason...**C JEFF FAINE** joined club in offseason trade with Cle. Started 36 games with Browns from '03-'05...Third-year **DE WILL SMITH** has 5.5 sacks in past 6 games vs. AFC opponents...**LB MARK SIMONEAU** joins club in trade from Phi...**K JOHN CARNEY** leads all active players with 1,634 career points & 390 FGs...**BROWNS:** Host NO for 3rd time in 23 yrs...In 5 career starts, **QB CHARLIE FRYE** has completed 60.5 pct. of atts. (92 of 152)...**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** can be 1st Cle RB w/ consec. 1,200+ yd seasons since HOFer **LEROY KELLY** (1967-68). In lone career game vs. NO (11/21/04), Droughns (w/Den) rushed for 166 yds & 1 TD on 28 carries (5.9-yd avg.). **FB TERRELLE SMITH** was Saint from 2000-03...In 2 career starts vs. Saints, **WR JOE JUREVICIUS** has 6 catches for 97 yds & 2 TDs. Jurevicius (10) was 1 of 8 players w/ 10+ TD receptions in '05. In last mtg, **WR DENNIS NORTHCUTT** had 3 receptions for 68 yds & recorded 36-yd rushing TD. **TE KELLEN WINSLOW** makes 1st appearance in game since 9/19/04...**G COSEY COLEMAN** is New Orleans native...**LB WILLIE MC GINEST** & **DT TED WASHINGTON** make Browns debuts. Defense ranked No. 1 in AFC inside 20 in '05, permitting only 22 TDs in 50 trips (44.0 pct.). Team notched 2nd-most sacks in club history vs. Saints with 9 on 12/5/93 (11 vs. Atl, 11/18/84).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS AT DETROIT LIONS

SERIES

	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>	<u>LIONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	5-4	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 12-6	Marinelli: 0-0
LAST GAME	11/16/03: Lions 14 at Seahawks 35. WR Bobby Engram has 34-yard TD reception & returns punt 83 yards for TD in 3-minute span. RB Shaun Alexander rushes for 110 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/17/96: Lions 17, Seahawks 16. Detroit K Jason Hanson completes 43-yard FG with 4:32 remaining & RB Barry Sanders rushes for 134 yards on 16 carries.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter)	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Hasselbeck: 294-449-3,459-24-9-98.2	Kitna: 17-29-99-0-2-36.4
RUSHING	Alexander: 370-1,880-5.1-27	Jones: 186-664-3.6-5
RECEIVING	Engram: 67-778-11.6-3	Pollard (TE): 46-516-11.2-3
OFFENSE	369.7	269.9
TAKE/GIVE	+10	+1
DEFENSE	316.8	322.4
SACKS	Fisher: 9.0	Edwards: 7.0
INTs	Boulware: 4	Bly: 6
PUNTING	Plackemeier (R): 44.0	Harris: 43.5
KICKING	Brown: 110 (56/57 PAT; 18/25 FG)	Hanson: 84 (27/27 PAT; 19/24 FG)

NOTES

SEAHAWKS: **MIKE HOLMGREN** (149-95) needs win to become 16th head coach in NFL history with 150 career, including playoffs...**QB MATT HASSELBECK** (86.6) is highest rated passer in club history. Needs 4 TD passes for 100 career...**RB SHAUN ALEXANDER** has 100 career TDs & needs 2 to surpass **STEVE LARGENT** (101) for franchise record. In 7 career games vs. NFC North, has 12 TDs (10 rush, 2 rec) & 5 100-yard rushing games...**WR DARRELL JACKSON** (17) needs 100-yard rec. game to surpass **BRIAN BLADES** (17) for 2nd in club history (Largent, 40). **WR NATE BURLESON** was high school star at Seattle's O'Dea HS & joins club after 3 years in Min. Has 4 of 12 career TDs vs. Det, his most vs. any foe...Pro Bowl **LB LOFA TATUPU** led club in tackles in '05, joining **TERRY BEESON** ('77) as only Sea rookies to accomplish feat...2nd-year **LB LE ROY HILL** finished '05 3rd among NFL rookies with 7.5 sacks...**LIONS:** Seek 4th consecutive Kickoff Weekend win...**ROD MARINELLI** makes head coaching debut...**QB JON KITNA** enters season as starter after joining club from Cin. In last full season as starter ('03), passed for 3,591 yards, 26 TDs & 87.4 passer rating. Native of Tacoma, WA, spent 1st 4 NFL seasons ('97-'00) with Sea...**RB KEVIN JONES** has led club in rushing in each of his 2 seasons. With 167 games played, **FB CORY SCHLESINGER** can tie **DARRIS MC CORD** (168) for 5th among non-kickers in club history...**WR ROY WILLIAMS** has 8 TD receptions in each of 1st 2 seasons...With 309 career receptions, **TE MARCUS POLLARD** ranks 2nd among active TEs (**TONY GONZALEZ**, 648)...Rookie 1st-round **LB ERNIE SIMS** could make 1st career start...**CB DRE' BLY** ties for 10th among active players with 30 INT..... **JASON HANSON** has 27 career 50-yard FGs, 4th-best all-time.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES AT HOUSTON TEXANS

SERIES

	<u>EAGLES</u>	<u>TEXANS</u>
SERIES LEADER	1-0	
STREAKS	1-0	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Reid: 1-0	Kubiak: 0-0
LAST GAME	9/29/02: Texans 17 at Eagles 35. Philadelphia RB Duce Staley rushes for 2 TDs as Eagles win 3rd consecutive game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Kenny Albert, Brian Baldinger	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	McNabb: 211-357-2,507-16-9-85.0	Carr: 256-423-2,488-14-11-77.2
RUSHING	Westbrook: 156-617-4.0-3	D. Davis: 230-976-4.2-2
RECEIVING	Smith (TE): 61-682-11.2-3	A. Johnson: 63-688-10.9-2
OFFENSE	319.3	253.3
TAKE/GIVE	-7	-8
DEFENSE	325.4	364.0
SACKS	Kearse: 7.5	Orr: 7.0
INTs	S. Brown: 4	Earl: 2
PUNTING	Johnson: 41.4	Stanley: 38.8
KICKING	Akers: 71 (23/23 PAT; 16/22 FG)	K. Brown: 102 (24/24 PAT; 26/34 FG)

NOTES

EAGLES: Are 15-9 (.625) vs. AFC since '00...In 14 years as NFL coach (7 hc & 7 asst), **ANDY REID**'s teams have made playoffs 11 times...**QB DONOVAN MC NABB** has 60-28 (.682) career record, best mark among active QBs (min. 80 starts). Has 134 TDs vs. 66 INTs for 2.03 TD-INT ratio, 2nd-best mark in NFL history (**STEVE YOUNG**, 2.17)...**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** has 60+ catches & 600+ receiving yards in each of past 2 years. Has 460 scrimmage yards & 3 TDs in past 4 vs. AFC (115 per game). **RB CORRELL BUCKHALTER** may see 1st action since 12/27/03...Second-year **WR REGGIE BROWN** led '05 NFL rookies with 571 rec. yards & set club rookie mark with 43 catches. **WR DONTE STALLWORTH** acquired in trade with NO after posting career bests 70 catches, 945 yards in '05...**TE L.J. SMITH** had career-highs in receptions (61) & yards (682) in '05...**DE DARREN HOWARD** makes Phil debut after posting 44.5 sacks in 6 seasons with Saints...Pro Bowl **S BRIAN DAWKINS** became 1st player in NFL history with sack, INT, FR & TD reception in game vs. Hou. (9/29/02)...**TEXANS:** First game under head coach & Houston native **GARY KUBIAK**...**QB DAVID CARR** posted 4 TDs vs. 2 INTs vs. NFC in '05. Carr threw 5 TDs in final 3 home games of '05...In Wk 17 start last season, **RB VERNAND MORENCY** caught 4 passes for 46 yds & rushed 21 times for 83 yards (4.0 avg.) & 1 TD...**WR ERIC MOULDS** (48) tied for 9th-most TD receptions among active WRs & needs 904 receiving yards to be 34th player to reach 10,000 in career...Offensive line allowed fewest sacks in AFC during preseason (4)...No. 1 overall draft selection **DE MARIO WILLIAMS** makes NFL debut. Defense shifting to 4-3 from 3-4 alignment. Rookie **LB DE MECO RYANS** to start in 1st NFL game. **LB SHANTEE ORR** recorded 6.0 sacks in last 6 games of '05. **CB DUNTA ROBINSON** started 16 games in '05 & led club with 21 passes defensed...Pro Bowl **WR-KR JEROME MATHIS** finished 2nd in NFL with 28.6-yard KR average last season. Mathis was only player in NFL with 2 KR-TDs in '05.

CINCINNATI BENGALS AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

SERIES

	<u>BENGALS</u>	<u>CHIEFS</u>
SERIES LEADER		12-10
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 1-1	Edwards: 2-0
LAST GAME	1/1/06: Bengals 3 at Chiefs 37. Kansas City RB Larry Johnson rushes for 201 yards & 3 TDs as Chiefs win head coach Dick Vermeil's final game.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/1/06	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Gus Johnson, Randy Cross	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Palmer: 345-509-3,83(3C)6-32(1L)-12-101.1 (2L)	Green: 317-507-4,014(2C)-17-10-90.1
RUSHING	R. Johnson: 337-1,458-4.3-12	L. Johnson: 336-1,750(1C)-5.2-20 (1C)
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 97(1C)-1,432(1C)-14.8-9	Gonzalez (TE): 78-905-11.6-2
OFFENSE	358.1	387.0 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	+24 (1L)	+8
DEFENSE	338.7	328.1
SACKS	J. Smith: 6.0	Allen: 11.0
INTs	O'Neal: 10 (T1L)	Law (NYJ): 10 (T1L)
PUNTING	Larson: 43.2	Colquitt: 39.4
KICKING	Graham: 131 (1C) (47/47 PAT; 28/32 FG)	Tynes: 125 (2C) (44/45 PAT; 27/33 FG)

NOTES

BENGALS: Club has won 7 of past 9 on road. Offense returns all starters for 2nd-consecutive season...**QB CARSON PALMER** set club record w/ 32 TD passes in '05, tops in NFL & posted league-best +20 TD-INT differential. Last Sept., Palmer was NFL's most accurate passer of month, completing 69 of 97 for 71.1 pct...**RB RUDI JOHNSON** had career-long 51-yd rush vs. KC on 11/16/03. RB Johnson needs 64 rush yds to be 4th Bengal w/ 4,000 in career...**WR CHAD JOHNSON** has led AFC in rec. yds for 3 consecutive seasons. WR Johnson (34) needs 1 rec. TD to tie **BOB TRUMPY** for 6th-most in club history. WRs Johnson (97) & **T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** (78) set club record for most catches by duo (175) for 2nd-consecutive season...Team set turnover differential club record (+24) in '05...Since 2001, **CBs TORY JAMES** (26) & **DELTHA O'NEAL** (29) lead active NFL teammates in INTs by duo w/ 55. **DT SAM ADAMS** makes Cincy debut; finished '05 w/ 2.0 sacks vs. NYJ in Wk. 17 (w/Buf)...**CHIEFS:** First game under head coach **HERM EDWARDS**. Team is 19-5 (.792) at home since '03 & is 12-4 (.750) in home openers since '90...**QB TRENT GREEN** is only NFL QB to pass for 4,000+ yds in each of past 3 seasons. Makes 81st consecutive start Sunday, 3rd-longest among active QBs...**RB LARRY JOHNSON** owns active streak of 9 100-yd rush games, tied for 3rd-longest in history. Set NFL record for most rush yds (1,351) from Nov. 1 to season's end in '05...In last mtg (1/1/06), **WR EDDIE KENNISON** caught 7 passes for season-high 151 yds. **TE TONY GONZALEZ** tops active TEs in receptions (648) & rec. yds (7,810)...**G WILL SHIELDS** to start in 208th consecutive game Sunday, 2nd-longest streak among actives (**BRETT FAVRE**, 221)...**DE JARED ALLEN** has 8.0 sacks in past 9 home games. **CB TY LAW** plays 1st game as Chief, tied for NFL INT lead (10) in '05. Club has won 19 consec. home games when allowing 21 points or less...**WR-KR-PR DANTE HALL** has 6 career KR-TDs, tied for most in history w/ **OLLIE MATSON**, **GALE SAYERS**, **TRAVIS WILLIAMS**, & **MEL GRAY**.

BUFFALO BILLS AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

SERIES

	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		50-40-1
STREAKS		Past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	Jauron: 1-1	Belichick: 10-3
LAST GAME	12/11/05: Patriots 35 at Bills 7. New England QB Tom Brady passes for 2 TDs & rushes for another as Patriots' defense allows just 183 total yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/30/05: Patriots 21, Bills 16. New England RB Corey Dillon scores 2 4th-quarter TDs & LB Tedy Bruschi returns to Patriots line-up with 7 tackles.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Losman: 113-228-1,340-8-8-64.9	Brady: 334-530-4,110 (1L)-26 (3C)-14-92.3
RUSHING	McGahee: 325-1,247-3.8-5	Dillon: 209-733-3.5-12
RECEIVING	Evans: 48-743-15.5-7	T. Brown: 39-466-11.9-2
OFFENSE	257.6	352.0
TAKE/GIVE	+4	-6
DEFENSE	343.5	330.2
SACKS	Schobel: 12.0 (T3C)	Colvin: 7.0
INTs	McGee, Vincent: 4	Hobbs, Samuel: 3
PUNTING	Moorman: 45.7 (1L)	Miller: 45.1 (3C)
KICKING	Lindell: 113 (26/26 PAT; 29/35 FG)	Gostkowski (Pre): 38 (11/11 PAT; 9/9 FG)

NOTES

BILLS: Head coach **DICK JAURON** makes Buffalo debut. Massachusetts native rooted for Boston Patriots as youngster...**QB J.P. LOSMAN** has 4 TD passes in past 2 road starts. Has thrown only 1 INT in 79 career Sept. pass attempts...**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** is 5th Bill to reach 1,000+ rush yds in consecutive seasons. McGahee has rush of 10+ yds in 26 of past 29 games. Since '04, McGahee has 63 rushes of 10+ yds, tied for 5th-most in league during span. McGahee's 325 carries in '05 was tied for 5th-most in club annals. **FB DAIMON SHELTON** has blocked for 3 RBs who produced 5 1,000-yd seasons...**WR LEE EVANS** made 7 receptions of 40+ yds in '05, tied for 2nd-most in league. Evans has 123 career rush yds on 9 carries (13.7 avg.)...**DE AARON SCHOBEL** has 10.0 sacks in past 10 games. **S TROY VINCENT** equaled career-high 2 INTs vs NE on 12/19/99 (w/Phil.)...**CB-KR TERRENCE MC GEE** established club-record 30.2-yd KR avg. last season...**PATRIOTS:** Recorded 32 1st downs in last mtg. (12/11/05) for club record...**QB TOM BRADY** is 9-1 (.900) in career vs. Bills w/ 17 TDs vs. 9 INTs for 92.2 passer rating. Brady has passed for multiple TDs in 4 of past 5 mtgs. Brady (58-20, .744) owns 2nd-best win pct. among QBs in Super Bowl era w/ 40+ starts, trailing only HOFer **ROGER STAUBACH** (85-29, .746)...**RB COREY DILLON** has either rushed for TD or 150 yds in 5 of 6 career gms vs. Bills. Dillon scored TD in each of final 4 games of '05. **RB KEVIN FAULK** has 25+ catches in 6 seasons in row...**WR TROY BROWN** (5,982) needs 18 rec. yds to be 2nd Patriots player to reach 6,000 (**STANLEY MORGAN**, 10,352)...**Gs LOGAN MANKINS & STEPHEN NEAL** started every game in '05...**LB JUNIOR SEAU** makes NE debut. **CB ERIC WARFIELD** (w/KC) set career-high with 2 INTs vs. Bills on 10/26/03 (since tied). **S JAMES SANDERS** posted 39-yd INT-TD in last mtg. on 1st career INT. **DT VINCE WILFORK** registered 1st career sack vs. Bills (10/3/04).

DENVER BRONCOS AT ST. LOUIS RAMS**SERIES**

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>RAMS</u>
SERIES LEADER	Series tied 5-5	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 2-2	Linehan: 0-0
LAST GAME	9/8/02: Rams 16 at Broncos 23. Denver QB Brian Griese completes 18 of 27 passes for 202 yards & 2 TDs as Broncos upset defending NFC champions.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/4/00: Rams 41, Broncos 36. St. Louis QB Kurt Warner passes for career-high 441 yards & 3 TDs while RB Robert Holcombe scores go-ahead TD with 3:02 remaining.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Plummer: 277-456-3,366-18-7-90.2	Bulger: 192-287-2,297-14-9-94.4
RUSHING	T. Bell: 173-921-5.3-8	S. Jackson: 254-1,046-4.1-8
RECEIVING	Smith: 85-1,105-13.0-6	Holt: 102 (3L)-1,331-13.0-9
OFFENSE	360.4 (3C)	348.2
TAKE/GIVE	+20 (2L)	-10
DEFENSE	312.9	350.1
SACKS	Ekuban, Lynch: 4.0	3 tied
INTs	Bailey: 8 (3C)	Groce, Tinoisamoa: 2
PUNTING	Ernster (Pre): 41.7	Turk (Mia '04): 41.7
KICKING	Elam: 115 (43/44 PAT; 24/32 FG)	Wilkins: 117 (36/36 PAT; 27/31)

NOTES

BRONCOS: Head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN** is 10-3 (.769) in season openers. Team has won 13 of past 17 openers & owns NFL-best 106-54 (.663) record in past 10 seasons...**QB JAKE PLUMMER** is 32-11 (.744) as Broncos starter, 3rd-best win pct. among QBs since '03. Faces Rams for 1st time as Bronco...Undrafted rookie **RB MIKE BELL** may join **TERRELL DAVIS** (1995) & **FLOYD LITTLE** (1967) as 3rd Broncos rookie RB to start in season opener since 1967. Among '05 rushers with 150+ carries, **RB TATUM BELL** led NFL w/ 5.3-yd avg. Ten times in past 11 yrs Den RBs have rushed for 1,000+ yds in season, most in NFL in that span...**WR ROD SMITH** (797) needs 3 catches to be 15th player in NFL history w/ 800. Smith (11,979) needs 21 combined yds to be 2nd in club annals to reach 12,000 (Little, 12,173). **WR JAVON WALKER** makes Denver debut...**C TOM NALEN** starts in 168th career game Sunday, most by OLman in club history...**CB CHAMP BAILEY** had career-best 8 INTs in '05, tied 4th-most in NFL...**RAMS:** Have won 9 of past 11 home openers in St. Louis ...**SCOTT LINEHAN** makes head coaching debut...**QB MARC BULGER** has 28-16 (.636) record as starter, 4th among active QBs with min. 20 starts. Has won 8 of 12 games vs. AFC opponents, posting 96.8 passer rating with 23 TDs vs. 13 INTs...Club 4-0 all-time when **RB STEVEN JACKSON** rushes for 100 yards. Seeks 3rd consecutive 100 vs. AFC foes... **WR TORRY HOLT** has posted 1,300+ rec. yards in 6 consecutive seasons. **WR ISAAC BRUCE** (813-12,278) needs 7 catches to pass **HENRY ELLARD** (814), **SHANNON SHARPE** (815), & **STEVE LARGENT** (819) & 10 rec. yards to pass **JIMMY SMITH** (12,287) for 11th in NFL history in rec. & rec. yards...**DT LA'ROI GLOVER** makes Rams' debut. Named to past 6 NFC Pro Bowl teams...**LB PISA TINOISAMOA** has led club in tackles in each of his 1st 3 yrs...**K JEFF WILKINS** has connected on 311 consecutive PATs, 2nd-longest streak in NFL history (**JASON ELAM**, 371).

BALTIMORE RAVENS AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

SERIES

	<u>RAVENS</u>	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		2-0
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Billick: 0-2	Gruden: 1-1
LAST GAME	9/15/02: Buccaneers 25 at Ravens 0. Tampa PR Karl Williams scores on 56-yard punt return & LB Derrick Brooks has 97-yard interception return for TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/29/01: Buccaneers 22, Ravens 10. Tampa LB Derrick Brooks returns interception 53 yards to set up QB Brad Johnson's 1-yard TD sneak.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	McNair (Ten): 292-476-3,161-16-11-82.4	Simms: 191-313-2,035-10-7-81.4
RUSHING	J. Lewis: 269-906-3.4-3	Williams: 290-1,178-4.1-6
RECEIVING	Mason: 86-1,073-12.5-3	Galloway: 83-1,287-15.5-10
OFFENSE	293.3	294.8
TAKE/GIVE	-10	+7
DEFENSE	284.7 (2C)	277.8 (1L)
SACKS	A. Thomas: 9.0	Rice: 14.0
INTs	3 Tied: 2	Barber: 5
PUNTING	Araguz (Sea): 40.2	Bidwell: 45.6
KICKING	Stover: 113 (23/23 PAT; 30/34 FG)	Bryant: 94 (31/31 PAT; 21/25 FG)

NOTES

RAVENS: Are 8-4 (.667) in past 3 seasons vs. NFC...Head coach **BRIAN BILLICK** led team to Super Bowl XXXV win in Raymond James Stadium (1/28/01)...**QB STEVE MC NAIR** makes Ravens debut in 140th career game. McNair is 2-0 in career as starter vs. TB. On 11/8/98 at TB, McNair recorded career-long 71-yd rush (TD). In 15 career road starts vs. NFC, McNair owns 10-5 (.667) record with 21 TDs vs. 6 INTs...**RB JAMAL LEWIS** has rush TD in 7 of past 10 Sept. starts. **RB MIKE ANDERSON** plays 1st game as Raven. Anderson has 120+ rush yds in 2 of past 3 vs. NFC...**WR DERRICK MASON** notched club-record 86 receptions in 2005. **TE TODD HEAP** has at least 4 catches in each of his 5 career Kickoff Weekend games. Mason (30) & Heap (26) ranked Nos. 1 & 2 in AFC 3rd down rec. in '05...**T JONATHAN OGDEN** named to 9th consecutive Pro Bowl last season...**LB ADALIUS THOMAS** recorded sack in each of last 5 games of '05. All-Star **LB RAY LEWIS** hails from Bartow, FL, 40 miles east of Tampa...**BUCCANEERS:** **JON GRUDEN** (SB XXXVII) & **Brian Billick** (SB XXXV) are 2 of 8 active head coaches to have led a team to SB win...**QB CHRIS SIMMS** started final 10 games of '05, winning 4 of past 5 & posting 81.4 passer rating...Club has 6-0 record when 2nd-year RB **CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS** rushes for 100 yards.....**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** posted career-best 83 catches in '05. **WR DAVID BOSTON** makes Bucs' debut...2nd-year pro **ALEX SMITH** led rookie TEs with 41 receptions (367 yards) in '05. **TE DOUG JOLLEY** joins club in trade with Jets...Defense ranked 1st overall in '05 (277.8), 6th vs. pass (183.1) & 6th vs. run (94.7)...**DE SIMEON RICE** ranks 13th all-time with 119 sacks...**LB DERRICK BROOKS** begins 12th year with club, capping '05 season by earning Pro Bowl Player of Game award...**CB RONDE BARBER** has 28 career INTs & needs 3 to tie **DONNIE ABRAHAM** (31) for franchise record.

NEW YORK JETS AT TENNESSEE TITANS

SERIES

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
SERIES LEADER		20-14-1
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mangini: 0-0	Fisher: 3-2
LAST GAME	12/1/03: Titans 17 at Jets 24. On Monday night, New York QB Chad Pennington passes for 2 TDs to lead Jets.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/2/98: Jets 24, Titans 3. New York QB Vinny Testaverde passes for 237 yards & 2 TDs as Jets win on road.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Pennington: 49-83-530-2-3-70.9	Collins (Oak): 302-565-3,759-20-12-77.3 Volek: 50-88-474-4-2-77.6
RUSHING	Barlow (SF): 176-581-3.3-3	Brown: 224-851-3.8-5
RECEIVING	Coles: 73-845-11.6-5	Bennett: 58-738-12.7-4
OFFENSE	248.1	320.1
TAKE/GIVE	-6	-6
DEFENSE	308.8	319.4
SACKS	Robertson, Thomas: 3.5	Vanden Bosch: 12.5 (2C)
INTs	Barrett: 5	Hill: 3
PUNTING	Graham: 43.7	Hentrich: 43.2
KICKING	Nugent: 90 (24/24 PAT; 22/28 FG)	Bironas: 99 (30/32 PAT; 23/29 FG)

NOTES

JETS: **ERIC MANGINI**, 35, is youngest head coach in NFL...**QB CHAD PENNINGTON** hails from Knoxville, TN. Has career .568 win pct. (21-16) & 92.1 passer rating, both tops in club history. In only game vs. Titans (12/1/03), posted 101.3 rating...**RB KEVAN BARLOW** plays 1st game as Jet. Rushed for 3,614 yards & 24 TDs in 5 seasons (72 games) with SF. **RB CEDRIC HOUSTON** led University of Tennessee in rushing 2 seasons...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** has 26 catches for 346 yards in past 3 Sept. road games (115.3 yards per game)...First-round draft picks **T D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON** (No. 4) & **C NICK MANGOLD** (No. 29) make NFL debuts...Pro Bowl **LB JONATHAN VILMA** led team in tackles last year with 187. **DE SHAUN ELLIS** was All-SEC in senior year at Tennessee & has 43.5 sacks over past 6 seasons. **CB-KR JUSTIN MILLER** was 3rd in NFL with 26.3 KR avg. & set club record with 1,577 return yards. **DT DEWAYNE ROBERSTON** is from Memphis, TN...**TITANS:** Head coach **JEFF FISHER** (102) is 1 of 17 coaches all-time to reach 100+ wins with 1 team. Fisher's teams are 7-4 (.636) on Kickoff Weekend...**QB BILLY VOLEK** has 2,789 passing yards in 1st 10 starts, most in NFL history...**QB KERRY COLLINS** (33,637) stands 3rd among active QBs in passing yds. (**BRETT FAVRE**, GB, 53,615; **DREW BLEDSOE**, Dal., 43,447)...**RB CHRIS BROWN** is club's rushing leader for past 2 years & posted career-best 25 receptions in 2005. **RB TRAVIS HENRY** has posted 3 of 13 career 100-yard rush games vs. NYJ his most vs. 1 opponent...**WR DAVID GIVENS** joins club after 4 years with NE. **TE ERRON KINNEY** set career-highs in receptions (55) & rec. yards (543) in 2005...**LB KEITH BULLUCK** (150) led club in tackles for 5th season in row last year...**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** ranked 2nd in AFC with career-best 12.5 sacks. Recorded 100 tackles; 1st time club's DLman reached 100 tackles since 1986: **RAY CHILDRESS** (172) & **RICHARD BYRD** (124).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS AT ARIZONA CARDINALS

SERIES

	<u>49ERS</u>	<u>CARDINALS</u>
SERIES LEADER	17-12	
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Nolan: 0-2	Green: 4-6
LAST GAME	12/4/05: Cardinals 17 at 49ers 10. Arizona QB Kurt Warner passes for 354 yards & game-winning 54-yard 4th-quarter TD to WR Anquan Boldin as Cardinals sweep season series.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/12/04: 49ers 31, Cardinals 28 (OT). San Francisco QB Ken Dorsey throws 3 TDs & K Todd Peterson completes 31-yard FG in OT for win.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Josh Lewin, Bill Maas	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	A. Smith: 84-165-875-1-11-40.8	Warner: 242-375-2,713-11-9-85.8
RUSHING	Gore: 127-608-4.8-3	James (Ind): 360-1,506-4.2-13
RECEIVING	Bryant (Cle): 69-1,009-14.6-4	Fitzgerald: 103-1,409-13.7-10
OFFENSE	224.2	348.4
TAKE/GIVE	-9	-11
DEFENSE	391.2	295.6
SACKS	Young: 8.0	Wilson: 8.0
INTs	M. Adams, Spencer: 4	Dansby: 3
PUNTING	Lee: 41.6	Player: 43.9
KICKING	Nedney: 97 (19/19 PAT; 26/28 FG)	Rackers: 140 (20/20 PAT; 40/42 FG)

NOTES

49ERS: **MIKE NOLAN** begins 2nd season as head coach & seeks 2nd consecutive Kickoff Weekend win...**QB ALEX SMITH** begins 2nd season after starting 7 games in '05 rookie year...2nd-year **RB FRANK GORE** is starter after rushing for 608 yards in '05, 3rd-best among NFL rookies. Was 1st rookie to lead SF in rushing since **DEXTER CARTER** (460) in '90...**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** makes SF debut after posting career highs with 69 catches, 1,009 yards with Cle in '05...**TE ERIC JOHNSON** returns to action after missing '05 due to injury. Set franchise records for TE with 82 receptions & 825 receiving yards in '04...**DE BRYANT YOUNG** ranks 8th among active players with 77.5 career sacks...**LB DEREK SMITH** has posted 100+ tackles in 5 consecutive seasons. **LB BRANDON MOORE** finished 5th among NFC LBs with career-best 5 sacks in '05...**K JOE NEDNEY** spent '97-'99 with Cards & also completed internship in club's community relations dept.....**CARDINALS:** Begin 1st season in Cardinals Stadium. Play Week 1 home game for 1st time in Ariz.....Were only club in top 10 in offense (No. 8, 348.4) & defense (No. 8, 295.6) in '05.....Head coach **DENNIS GREEN**'s 1st pro coaching job was SF special teams coach in '79...**QB KURT WARNER** is 2nd-highest rated passer in NFL history at 94.1 (**Steve Young**, 96.8). Is 6-0 as starter vs. SF with 14 TD passes & 98.9 rating...**RB EDGERRIN JAMES** makes club debut. Has 1,500+ rush yards in 4 of 7 NFL seasons. In 4 career games vs. NFC West, has 508 rush yards (127 avg. per game) & 7 rush TDs...In '05, **WRs LARRY FITZGERALD** (103, 1,409) & **ANQUAN BOLDIN** (102, 1,402) became 2nd teammates in NFL history (**Herman Moore**, **Brett Perriman**, Det, '95) with 100+ catches, 1,400+ yards in single season...**DE BERTRAND BERRY** has 5 sacks in past 3 games vs. SF & seeks 3rd 2-sack game in past 4 vs. 49ers...**S ADRIAN WILSON** set NFL record for sacks by DB with 8 in '05.

CHICAGO BEARS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

SERIES

	<u>BEARS</u>	<u>PACKERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	86-78-6	
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Smith: 3-1	McCarthy: 0-0
LAST GAME	12/25/05: Bears 24 at Packers 17. Chicago's defense intercepts 4 passes as Bears win NFC North, clinch 1st-round bye & sweep Packers for 1st time since '91.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/25/05	
BROADCAST	FOX (3:15 PM CT): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan, Chris Myers (Field reporter)	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Grossman: 20-39-259-1-2-59.7	Favre: 372-607-3,881(1C)-20-29-70.9
RUSHING	Jones: 314-1,335-4.3-9	Gado: 143-582-4.1-6
RECEIVING	Muhammad: 64-750-11.7-4	Driver: 86-1,221-14.2-5
OFFENSE	256.3	319.9
TAKE/GIVE	+6	-24
DEFENSE	281.8 (2C)	293.1
SACKS	Ogunleye: 10.0	Gbaja-Biamila: 8.0
INTs	Vasher: 8 (2C)	Harris: 3
PUNTING	Maynard: 41.0	Ryan (Pre): 49.1
KICKING	Gould: 82 (19/20 PAT; 21/27 FG)	Rayner (Pre): 16 (10/10 PAT; 2/2 FG)

NOTES

BEARS: Seek 3rd consecutive win vs. Pack for 1st time since 5-game win streak from '90-'92...**LOVIE SMITH** named '05 AP Coach of Year...**QB REX GROSSMAN** is 2-0 all-time as starter vs. GB. **QB BRIAN GRIESE** joins club from TB. Posted NFL '06 preseason best 141.7 passer rating with 4 TDs vs. 0 INT...With 1,335 rushing yards in '05, **RB THOMAS JONES** joined **WALTER PAYTON** as only players in franchise history with 1,300-yard rushing season. Since rushing for 373 yards as '00 rookie, Jones has increased rushing total from previous season in each of past 5 years. Has rushed for 100 yards in 4 of 6 career games vs. GB...**WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** (48) needs 2 TD receptions for 50 career. **WR BERNARD BERRIAN** avgd. 18.9 yards per catch in '05 (13-246)...Defense allowed NFL-low 202 points in '05...**DE ADEWALE OGUNLEYE** posted 2nd career 10-sack season in '05...**LB BRIAN URLACHER**, '05 AP Defensive Player of Year, has 32.5 career sacks, 2nd in franchise history for LB (**OTIS WILSON**, 36)...Since '04 **CB NATHAN VASHER** ties for 2nd in NFL with 13 INTs...**PACKERS:** **MIKE MC CARTHY** makes head coaching debut...**BRETT FAVRE** has started 221 consecutive games, most all-time by QB. Has 396 career TD passes & needs 4 to join **DAN MARINO** (420) as only players in NFL history with 400. Owns 21-7 (.750) career record vs. Bears...**RB AHMAN GREEN** has 48 rushing TDs with GB & needs 2 to become 3rd Packer with 50 career. **RB SAMKON GADO** set club rookie record with 6 rushing TDs in '05...**WR DONALD DRIVER** seeks 3rd consecutive 1,200-yard receiving season. Rookie 2nd-round **WR GREG JENNINGS** led NFL in '06 preseason with 328 receiving yards (12 catches)...**DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** (58.5) needs 1.5 sacks to join **REGGIE WHITE** (68.5) as only Packers with 60 career. Has 6.0 sacks in past 3 games vs. Bears...**LB NICK BARNETT** has led club in tackles in each of 1st 3 seasons. Rookie **LB A.J. HAWK** may make 1st NFL start...**CB AL HARRIS** was 1 of 2 NFL DBs with at least 3.0 sacks & 3 INTs in '05.

DALLAS COWBOYS AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

SERIES

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-1	
STREAKS	2-1	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Parcells: 3-1	Del Rio: 0-0
LAST GAME	11/24/02: Jaguars 19 at Cowboys 21. Dallas QB Chad Hutchinson throws 2 TD passes to WR Joey Galloway to lead Cowboys past Jaguars.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter)	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Bledsoe: 300-499-3,639 (3C)-23-17-83.7	Leftwich: 175-302-2,123-15-5-89.3
RUSHING	J.Jones: 257-993-3.9-5	Taylor: 194-787-4.1-3
RECEIVING	Witten (TE): 66-757-11.5-6	Wilford: 41-681-16.6-7
OFFENSE	325.1	321.8
TAKE/GIVE	-5	+11
DEFENSE	300.9	290.9 (3C)
SACKS	Ellis, Ware: 8.0	Hayward: 8.5
INTs	A. Glenn: 4	Mathis: 5
PUNTING	McBriar: 42.5	Hanson: 42.9
KICKING	Vanderjagt (Ind): 121 (3C) (52/52 PAT; 23/25 FG)	Scobee: 107 (38/39 PAT; 23/30 FG)

NOTES

GAME FEATURES NFL's top 2 teams on Kickoff Weekend – Jaguars are 8-3 (.727) & Cowboys are 31-14-1 (.689)...

COWBOYS: Are 29-17 (.630) in road openers, best mark in NFL. Head coach **BILL PARCELLS** has 8 wins on Kickoff Weekend, tied for most among NFC coaches (**MIKE HOLMGREN**). Is 3-1 (.750) vs. Jags, including 2 playoff wins...In 4 games vs. Jags, **QB DREW BLEDSOE** has 102.0 passer rating with 6 TDs vs. 1 INT...**RB JULIUS JONES** rushed for 993 yards last year & aims to be 1st Cowboy since '01 with 1,000 yards (**EMMITT SMITH**)... **WR TERRELL OWENS** makes Cowboy debut. Last game at Jax. was SB XXXIX (w/ Phi) where Owens had 9 rec. for 122 yards. **WR TERRY GLENN** led club with 1,136 yards & aims to be 1st Cowboy since **MICHAEL IRVIN** ('97-'98) with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. Pro Bowler **JASON WITTEN** is only TE in team history with 65+ catches in back-to-back years...All Star **S ROY WILLIAMS** was 1 of 3 DBs with 2+ sacks & 3+ INTs last year. **DE DE MARCUS WARE** was only 3rd Cowboy rookie to lead or tie for team lead in sacks (8.0)...**JAGUARS:** Finished 2005 winning 8 of final 9 games. Are 6-2 (.750) in past 2 seasons vs. NFC. One of 4 NFL clubs to win 12+ games last season. Team has won 8 of past 10 openers...Head coach **JACK DEL RIO** was Cowboys LB from 1989-91, starting 44 of 48 games...**QB BYRON LEFTWICH** had career-best 89.3 passer rating in 2005. Is 5-1 (.833) in past 6 Sept. starts. Team is 10-1 (.909) when Leftwich passes for 2+ TDs...**RB FRED TAYLOR** has 100+ rush yards in 7 of past 10 vs. NFC. Taylor ran for AFC's longest rush of 2005 – 71 yards (TD) & has rush of 10+ yards in 85 of 97 career games (87.6 pct.)...**WR ERNEST WILFORD** has 7 TD catches in past 14 games. Jags are 8-1 (.889) when Wilford has TD catch...**DEs REGGIE HAYWARD** (8.5) & **PAUL SPICER** (7.5) accounted for 1 of 4 AFC tandems to post 7.5+ sacks each in 2005. Hayward has 9.0 sacks in his past 15 home games. Club posted 19 INTs last season, tying franchise record...**RB-KR DERRICK WIMBUSH** led club with 18 ST tackles in '05.

SUNDAY NIGHT
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS AT NEW YORK GIANTS

SERIES

	COLTS	GIANTS
SERIES LEADER	Series tied 6-6	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Dungy: 2-2	Coughlin: 0-4
LAST GAME	12/22/02: Giants 44 at Colts 27. New York QB Kerry Collins completes 23 of 29 passes for 366 yards & 4 TDs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/14/99: Colts 27, Giants 19. Indianapolis WR Marvin Harrison has 6 receptions for 109 yards & 2 TDs as Colts win 5th consecutive game.	
BROADCAST	NBC (8:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). CBS Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Manning: 305-453-3,747-28(2L)-10-104.1 (1L)	Manning: 294-557-3,762(2C)-24(T1C)-17-75.9
RUSHING	Rhodes: 40-118-3.0-4	Barber: 357-1,860(2L)-5.2-9
RECEIVING	Wayne: 83-1,055-12.7-5	Burress: 76-1,214-16.0-7
OFFENSE	362.4 (2C)	361.7 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	+12 (3C)	+12 (2C)
DEFENSE	307.1	327.5
SACKS	Mathis: 11.5	Umenyiora: 14.5 (1C)
INTs	June: 5	5 tied: 2
PUNTING	Smith: 44.3	Feagles: 42.1
KICKING	Vinatieri (NE): 100 (40/41 PAT; 20/25 FG)	Feely: 148 (1L)(43/43 PAT; 35/42 FG)

NOTES

GAME MARKS 1st time in NFL history brothers face each other as starting QBs. Manning brothers face each other for 1st time at any level...**COLTS**: Team has won 22 of past 25 games...**QB PEYTON MANNING** owns NFL-best marks in 1st 8 seasons by QB in games played (128), completions (2,769), comp. pct. (63.9), yards (33,189) & TDs (244)...**RB DOMINIC RHODES** has 4.5-yd./carry avg. in 363 career rushes. Rookie **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** recorded 5th-most rush yds (2,576) in LSU history & 8th-most carries (490) for 5.3-yd avg...**WRs REGGIE WAYNE** (83) & **MARVIN HARRISON** (82) were only AFC duo w/ 80+ catches each last season. WR Wayne matched career-best 2 TDs vs. NYG on 12/22/02 ...**DEs ROBERT MATHIS** (11.5) & **DWIGHT FREENEY** (11.0) only AFC tandem with 10+ sacks in '05...**GIANTS**: **TOM COUGHLIN** is 7-3 (.700) all-time on Kickoff Weekend...**QB ELI MANNING** has won 8 of past 9 at home w/ 17 TD passes. Club scored 422 points in '05, 2nd-most in team history (448, '63)...**RB TIKI BARBER** had 2,390 scrimmage yards in '05 (1,860 rush, 530 rec), 2nd-most in NFL history (**MARSHALL FAULK**, 2,429, '99). Has 4 200-yard rushing gms & needs 1 to break 5-way tie for 2nd all-time (**O.J. SIMPSON**, 6). **RB BRANDON JACOBS** was NFL preseason leader w/ 5 TDs & tied for tops w/ 217 rush yds...**WR AMANI TOOMER** is franchise all-time leader with 529 rec. & 7,797 rec. yds...**JEREMY SHOCKEY** (248) needs 2 catches to become 3rd TE in club history with 250 career...**DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** (129.5) needs 3.5 sacks to pass **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (132.5) for club record...**LB LA VAR ARRINGTON** makes NYG debut.

MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 11
MINNESOTA VIKINGS AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS

SERIES

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	<u>REDSKINS</u>
SERIES LEADER		7-5
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Childress: 0-0	Gibbs: 8-0
LAST GAME	1/2/05: Vikings 18 at Redskins 21. Washington QB Patrick Ramsey throws 2 TDs & RB Ladell Betts rushes for 118 yards & TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	1/2/05	
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:00 PM ET): Mike Tirico, Joe Theismann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber & Michelle Tafoya (Field reporters). CBS Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter).	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	B. Johnson: 184-294-1,885-12-4-88.9	Brunell: 262-454-3,050-23-10-85.9
RUSHING	C. Taylor (Bal): 117-487-4.2-0	Portis: 352-1,516-4.3-11
RECEIVING	Wiggins (TE): 69-568-8.2-1	Moss: 84-1,483-17.7-9
OFFENSE	288.3	330.6
TAKE/GIVE	+5	+1
DEFENSE	323.3	297.9
SACKS	James, Scott, K. Williams: 4.0	Daniels: 8.0
INTs	Sharper: 9	Marshall: 4
PUNTING	Kluwe: 44.1	Frost: 40.4
KICKING	Longwell: 90 (30/31 PAT; 20/27 FG)	Hall: 63 (27/27 PAT; 12/14 FG)

NOTES

VIKINGS: **BRAD CHILDRESS** makes head coaching debut. Helped Eagles to 6-2 record vs. Wash as club's offensive coordinator from '02-'05...**QB BRAD JOHNSON** led club to 7-2 mark in 9 starts in '05. Owns 65-43 (.602) career record as starter, 3rd among active QBs with 100+ starts. Spent '99-'00 with Wash, earning Pro Bowl honors after '99 season...**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** makes 1st appearance with club after spending 1st 4 seasons with Ravens...**WR TROY WILLIAMSON** enters 2nd season after finishing 3rd among NFC rookies with 372 receiving yards in '05...**TE JERMAINE WIGGINS** led club with 69 catches in '05, becoming 1st Min TE since **STEVE JORDAN** ('85-'86) to lead team in consecutive seasons...3-time All-Star **G STEVE HUTCHINSON** joins club after 5 years in Sea...**S DARREN SHARPER** leads NFL with 40 INT since '00... **REDSKINS:** Seek 5th consecutive Kickoff Weekend win...**JOE GIBBS** has led club to playoffs in 9 of 14 seasons as head coach...**QB MARK BRUNELL** seeks to lead club to consecutive playoff berths for 1st time since '90-'92. Ranks 4th among active players with 174 TD passes...**RB CLINTON PORTIS** has rushed for 1,500+ yards in 3 of his 4 seasons including franchise record 1,516 in '05. With 5,930 career rushing yards in 60 games, needs 70 to become 5th fastest player all time to 6,000. **WR SANTANA MOSS** set franchise record with career-high 1,483 receiving yards in '05. Seeks to become 1st Redskin with consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons since **HENRY ELLARD** ('94-'96). **WR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** joins club after helping Steelers to SB win...**CHRIS COOLEY** had franchise TE record 71 catches (774 yards) in '05...**DE PHILLIP DANIELS** has 6 sacks in past 3 games...**ADAM ARCHULETA** joins club after spending 1st 5 seasons with Rams.

MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 11
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS AT OAKLAND RAIDERS

SERIES

	<u>CHARGERS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		54-36-2
STREAKS	Past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Schottenheimer 25-7	Shell 6-6
LAST GAME	12/4/05: San Diego 34 vs. Raiders 10. Chargers QB Drew Brees throws for 160 yards and 2 TDs, including a six-yard TD to TE Antonio Gates.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/16/05: San Diego 27 at Raiders 14. Chargers RB LaDainian Tomlinson runs for 140 yards on 31 carries and totals three multi-purpose TDs.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:15 PM PT): Brad Nessler, Dick Vermeil, Ron Jaworski. CBS Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter).	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Rivers: 12-22-115-0-1-50.4	Brooks (NO): 240-431-2,882-13-17-70.0
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 339-1,462-4.3-18	Jordan: 272-1,025-3.8-9
RECEIVING	Gates: 89-1,101-12.4-10	Porter: 76-942-12.4-5
OFFENSE	347.9	309.4
TAKE/GIVE	-8	-4
DEFENSE	309.2	330.8
SACKS	Merriman: 10.0	Burgess: 16.0 (1L)
INTs	Jue: 3	Schweigert: 2
PUNTING	Scifres: 43.7	Lechler: 45.7 (T1L)
KICKING	Kaeding: (49/49 PAT; 21/24 FG)	Janikowski: (30/30 PAT; 20/25 FG)

NOTES

CHARGERS: Club has won 21 games since '04 for most in back-to-back years by SD since 1979-80 (23)...Head coach **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** is 25-7 (.781) vs. Raiders. Schottenheimer's 25 wins vs. Raiders are his most vs. 1 team... **QB PHILIP RIVERS** makes 1st NFL start...**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has scored TD in 7 of past 8 mtgs & 22 of past 28 games overall. Tomlinson is only player in history to score 10+ TDs in each of 1st 5 seasons (2001-05). Tomlinson has rushed for at least 140 yds in 4 of past 6 vs. Oak... **WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** (825) needs 3 catches to surpass **LARRY CENTERS** (827) for 9th place on NFL's all-time receptions list. **TE ANTONIO GATES** (1,101) last season posted most rec. yds by Charger TE since HOFer **KELLEN WINSLOW** (1,172) in 1983...**LB SHAWNE MERRIMAN** led NFL rookies in '05 w/ 10.0 sacks. **DE IGOR OLSHANSKY** (2.0) recorded 1st career multi-sack game at Oak (10/16/05)...

RAIDERS: Led by new head coach **ART SHELL**. Shell coached Raiders from 1989-94 & posted 56-41 (.577) record... **QB AARON BROOKS** makes Oak debut. In past 5 seasons, Brooks (111) is tied w/ **TRENT GREEN** for 4th-most TD passes, trailing **PEYTON MANNING** (159), **BRETT FAVRE** (141) & **TOM BRADY**(123) & has thrown TD pass in 14 of 16 career Sept. starts...**RB LA MONT JORDAN** led NFL RBs w/ 70 catches in '05 & became 8th Raider in history to rush for 1,000 yds (1,025)...**WR RANDY MOSS** has at least 7 catches in 3 of 4 gms vs. SD. Moss (98) needs 2 TD catches for 100 in 126 gms; only **JERRY RICE** (120) achieved 100 TD rec. in less than 140 gms... **DE DERRICK BURGESS** led AFC w/ 16.0 sacks in '05 & posted 2.0 sacks vs. SD in last mtg. at Oak (10/16/05). **LB KIRK MORRISON** is Oakland native & attended San Diego State...In past 3 yrs, **K SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI** is 34 of 40 (85.0 pct.) in FG attempts at home