

**WEEK 8**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-4) AT CHICAGO BEARS (6-0)**

**SERIES**

	<b><u>49ERS</u></b>	<b><u>BEARS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		28-27-1
<b>STREAKS</b>		3 of past 4
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Nolan: 0-1	Smith: 2-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	Bye (Wk. 6: L 48-19 vs. Chargers)	Bye (Wk. 6: W 24-23 at Cardinals)
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/13/05: 49ers 9 at Bears 17. Chicago CB Nathan Vasher sets NFL record by returning missed FG 108 yards for TD as Bears win 5th consecutive game.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/13/05	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Pat Summerall, Brian Baldinger. SIRIUS: 130 (SF), 119 (Chi.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Smith: 109-183-1,285-8-4-86.4	Grossman: 107-189-1,387-10 (T3C)-7-82.0
<b>RUSHING</b>	Gore: 112-520-4.6-3	Jones: 116-432-3.7-2
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Gore (RB): 24-202-8.4-0	Muhammad: 27-336-12.4-1
<b>OFFENSE</b>	319.0	325.0
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-4	+6 (3C)
<b>DEFENSE</b>	362.0	243.2 (1C)
<b>SACKS</b>	Young: 3.0	Anderson (R): 6.5 (T2L)
<b>INTs</b>	W. Harris: 3 (T2C)	R. Manning: 3 (T2C)
<b>PUNTING</b>	Lee: 43.0	Maynard: 46.0 (3C)
<b>KICKING</b>	Nedney: 38 (14/14 PAT; 8/12 FG)	Gould: 72 (1L)(18/18 PAT; 18/18 FG)

**NOTES**

**49ERS:** **QB ALEX SMITH** has 8 TD passes & will surpass team's total in 2005 with next TD. Smith has 86.4 passer rating which would be highest single-season mark by SF QB since 2001 (**JEFF GARCIA** , 94.8)...**RB FRANK GORE** is 1 of 4 RBs to lead team in rushing yards (520) & receptions (24). Last 49er to lead club in rushing yards & receptions was **ROGER CRAIG** (1988). Gore is 7th in NFL scrimmage yards (722) & ties for 6th with 32 1st downs...**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** had 2 4th quarter TDs (33 & 28 yards) vs. Bears last year (10/9/05 with Cle). Has 15.2 career avg., 6th-best in NFL since entering league in 2002 (min. 200 catches). **WR ARNAZ BATTLE** has 2+ catches in career-best 9 consecutive games...**CB WALT HARRIS** was 1st round pick by Bears in 1996 & played 6 seasons in Chicago. Had 15 INTs (3 TDs) in those 6 years. Leads club with 3 INTs. Ass't head coach/defense **MIKE SINGLETARY** played LB for Bears (1981-92) & was elected to HOF...**BEARS:** Aim for 1st 7-0 start since 1985 when club went 15-1 (.938) & won SB XX. Have outscored opponents by 121 points (180-59) vs. 91-point differential thru 1st 6 games in '85 (189-98). Under head coach **LOVIE SMITH**, Bears have won 16 of past 18...**QB REX GROSSMAN** is 3-0 at home, completing 52 of 85 (61.2 pct.) for 703 yards with 8 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 118.9 rating. Bears have scored 34+ points in all 3 at home (111)... Club has won past 11 when **RB THOMAS JONES** has 20+ carries...**WR BERNARD BERRIAN** leads NFL with 5 catches of 40+ yards & had 49-yard TD in only meeting. **WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** has 2 career 3-TD games, both vs. SF (12/18/99, 11/14/04). **TE DESMOND CLARK** has 20-yard catch or TD in each of 4 vs. SF...**CB NATHAN VASHER** had 108-yard TD return in last meeting, longest play in NFL history. Defense has allowed 20 total points at home. **DE MARK ANDERSON** leads rookies with 6.5 sacks. **TOMMIE HARRIS** has 5.0 sacks, tied for most by DT. **DEVIN HESTER** is 3rd player in history with 2 80+ yard PR-TDs as rookie. Leads NFL with 13.6 PR avg. (27 PR, 367 yards) & 2 TDs.

**ATLANTA FALCONS (4-2) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (4-2)****SERIES**

	<b><u>FALCONS</u></b>	<b><u>BENGALS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		7-3
<b>STREAKS</b>		2 of past 3
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Mora: 0-0	Lewis: 0-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 41-38 (OT) vs. Steelers	W 17-14 vs. Panthers
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/22/02: Bengals 3 at Falcons 30. Atlanta QB Michael Vick passes for 2 1st-half TDs to WR Brian Finneran & K Jay Feely connects on 3 FGs.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/24/96: Bengals 41, Falcons 31. Cincinnati QB Jeff Blake throws 4 TDs, including 3 to WR Carl Pickens.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 143 (Atl.), 147 (Cin.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Vick: 77-147-908-7-5-73.2	Palmer: 122-196-1,418 (3C)-9-4-90.9
<b>RUSHING</b>	Dunn: 122-580 (3C)-4.8-2	R. Johnson: 130 (3C)-506 (3C)-3.9-4
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Crumpler (TE): 22-311-14.1-4	C. Johnson: 30-373-12.4-1
<b>OFFENSE</b>	354.8	314.8
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+7 (T2L)	+6 (T2C)
<b>DEFENSE</b>	329.3	326.0
<b>SACKS</b>	Kerney: 4.0	Geathers, J. Smith: 6.0 (T2C)
<b>INTs</b>	Hall: 4 (T1L)	Kaesviharn: 3
<b>PUNTING</b>	Koenen: 43.4	Larson: 43.8
<b>KICKING</b>	Andersen: 33 (9/9 PAT; 8/10 FG)	Graham: 44 (2C) (14/14 PAT; 10/12 FG)

**NOTES**

**FALCONS:** Have won 7 of 9 vs. AFC under head coach **JIM MORA**. Lead NFL with 222.2 rush yards per game & 6.1 yards per rush avg. Only team in NFL with 2 players to rank in top 20 in rushing – **RB WARRICK DUNN** (580) & **QB MICHAEL VICK** (441)...QB Vick's 1st 2-TD pass game was vs. Cin. (9/22/02) & posted 106.9 passer rating. Falcons are 15-4 (.789) when Vick passes for 2+ TDs, including career-high 4 TDs last week vs. Pitt. Ranks 2nd in NFL with 21 rushes of 10+ yards...RB Dunn has 5 runs of 20+ yards, tied for most in NFL with Vick. RB Norwood (7.6) is only RB in NFL with 7.0+ rush avg. (min. 30 att.)...**TE ALGE CRUMPLER** had career-best 3 TDs last week (6 catches, 117 yards). Is 1 of 3 TEs to lead team in receptions (22) & yards (311). **WR MICHAEL JENKINS** has 1st-down reception in 11 games in row, including 17-yard TD last week...**CB DE ANGELO HALL** has 5 INTs in past 7. **DE PATRICK KERNEY** has 57.5 career sacks & needs 1.5 to pass **CHUCK SMITH** (58.5) for most in team history. Since 2002, **ROD COLEMAN** has 40.5 sacks, most by DT... **BENGALS:** Team is perfect 7-0 at home vs. NFC under head coach **MARVIN LEWIS** & aims for 5th consecutive defeat of Falcons in Cincy...Offense has scored on all 16 red zone possessions & ties for 4th in NFL with 62.5 TD pct. (10 of 16)...**QB CARSON PALMER** is 7-1 (.875) vs. NFC w/ 17 TDs v.s 6 INTs. Palmer has 2+ TDs in 5 of past 6 vs. NFC...With 101 rushing yards last week **RB RUDI JOHNSON** (15) passed **PETE JOHNSON** (14) for 3rd most 100-yard games in franchise history. Ten of Johnson's 15 100-yard outings have come at home...**WRs CHAD JOHNSON** & **T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** have combined for 5,365 receiving yards since '04, 3rd most by tandem during that time. **TE REGGIE KELLY** was drafted in 2nd-round by Atl. & spent 1st 4 seasons ('99-02) w/club, catching 69 passes for 790 yards...**DEs ROBERT GEATHERS** (6.0) & **JUSTIN SMITH** (6.0) are only NFL tandem with 6.0 sacks each.

**ARIZONA CARDINALS (1-6) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS (2-4)****SERIES**

	<b><u>CARDINALS</u></b>	<b><u>PACKERS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		41-22-4
<b>STREAKS</b>		4 of past 5
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Green: 11-9	McCarthy: 0-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 22-9 at Raiders	W 34-24 at Dolphins
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/21/03: Packers 13 at Cardinals 20. Arizona QB Jeff Blake connects with RB James Hodgins for 1-yd TD with 4:03 remaining in 4th quarter as Cardinals outlast Green Bay.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	1/2/00: Packers 49, Cardinals 24. Green Bay RB Dorsey Levens scores 4 rushing TDs & rushes for 146 yards.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Ron Pitts, Terry Donahue. SIRIUS: 107 (Ariz.), 110 (GB).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Leinart (R): 65-118-742-4-4-71.4	Favre: 134-238-1,481-9-5-78.8
<b>RUSHING</b>	James: 161-432-2.7-2	Green: 76-333-4.4-1
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Boldin: 44 (1C)-561 (3C)-12.8-3	Driver: 36-436-12.1-2
<b>OFFENSE</b>	280.7	342.0
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+4	-3
<b>DEFENSE</b>	338.1	389.7
<b>SACKS</b>	Berry, Wilson: 4.0	Kampman: 6.5 (T2C)
<b>INTs</b>	Wilson: 3 (T2C)	Barnett: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Player: 43.6	Ryan: 46.7 (2C)
<b>KICKING</b>	Rackers: 48 (12/12 PAT; 12/18 FG)	Rayner: 43 (13/13 PAT; 10/13 FG)

**NOTES**

**CARDINALS**: Offense leads NFL with 59 points in 1st quarter. Rookie **QB MATT LEINART** can become 1st rookie starting QB to win game for club since **JAKE PLUMMER** (1997)...In only game at GB (11/19/00 with Ind), **RB EDGERRIN JAMES** had 137 scrimmage yards (71 rush, 66 rec). Has 49 career 100s in 103 games & can become 3rd-fastest in NFL history to 50 such games behind HOFers **ERIC DICKERSON** (83) & **JIM BROWN** (102)...**WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** had 4 catches last week & became fastest player in NFL history to record 300 career receptions (47 games). Is 4th in NFL with 13 catches (209 yards, 2 TDs) on 3rd down. **BRYANT JOHNSON** had career-high 87 yards last week. Previous best was 86 yards (6 catches) vs. GB (9/21/03). Leads NFL with 22.1 avg. with 15 catches for 331 yards & 2 TDs (min. 15 rec.)...**DE BERTRAND BERRY** had 3.0 sacks last week, his 10th career multi-sack game. **S ADRIAN WILSON** leads NFL DBs with 12.0 sacks since 2005 & is only DB with 4.0+ sacks & 3+ INTs this year. Club leads NFL with 20 takeways (9 INTs, 11 fumbles)...**PACKERS**: Have won past 7 meetings at home (incl. playoffs) dating back to 1955...**QB BRETT FAVRE** passed for 206 yards last week to become 2nd player in NFL history with 55,000 yards (**DAN MARINO**). Has posted 94.5 passer rating in 3 starts vs. Cardinals...**RB AHMAN GREEN** has 238 scrimmage yards in past 2 vs. Arz. (119.0 per game). Rushed for 118 yards & 1 TD last week. Has 49 rush TDs as Packer & needs 1 to tie HOFer **PAUL HORNUNG** (50) for 2nd in team annals...**WR DONALD DRIVER** had 10 catches for 93 yards (1 TD) last week & surpassed 5,000 yards for career (5,070). Has catch in 70 consecutive games, 2nd-longest streak in team history (**STERLING SHARPE**, 103). **WR GREG JENNINGS** ranks 2nd among rookies with 378 receiving yards & 3 receiving TDs. Can become 1st Packer rookie WR since 1978 (**JAMES LOFTON**, 6) with 4 TD catches...**DE AARON KAMPMAN** aims for 4th in row at home with sack (5.0 sacks). **CB AL HARRIS** recorded 1st career INT vs. Arz (9/12/99 with Phi).

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (4-2) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (3-3)****SERIES**

	<b><u>SEAHAWKS</u></b>	<b><u>CHIEFS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		30-18
<b>STREAKS</b>	Past 2	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Holmgren: 4-5	Edwards: 1-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 31-13 vs. Vikings	W 30-27 vs. Chargers
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/24/02: Chiefs 32 at Seahawks 39. Seattle QB Matt Hasselbeck passes for 362 yards & 3 TDs. Seahawks and Kansas City total 1,086 yards offense.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/25/01: Chiefs 19, Seahawks 7. Kansas City QB Trent Green passes for 256 yards & RB Priest Holmes rushes for 120 yards to carry Chiefs past Seattle.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson, Jay Glazer (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 158 (Sea.), 128 (KC.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Wallace: 15-27-140-0-2-39.1	Huard: 104-163-1,163-7-1 (T1L)-96.7 (3C)
<b>RUSHING</b>	Morris: 73-224-3.1-0	Johnson: 133-489-3.7-5 (2C)
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Jackson: 33-523-15.8-5 (T2L)	Gonzalez (TE): 27-325-12.0-1
<b>OFFENSE</b>	303.7	294.5
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-3	0
<b>DEFENSE</b>	317.7	303.8
<b>SACKS</b>	Peterson: 6.0	Allen: 4.0
<b>INTs</b>	Boulware, Hamlin: 2	Law, Wesley: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Plackemeier (R): 45.7	Colquitt: 47.3 (2C)
<b>KICKING</b>	Brown: 43 (13/13 PAT; 10/14 FG)	Tynes: 39 (12/13 PAT; 9/11 FG)

**NOTES**

**FOUR OF PAST 5** in series decided by 7 points-or-less...**SEAHAWKS:** Have won 7 of past 9 on road under head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN**. Have outscored opponents 52-20 in 1st quarter...**QB SENECA WALLACE** to make 1st start in NFL career. Was 4th round pick by Seahawks in 2003...**RB MAURICE MORRIS** is averaging 7.8 yards per carry in past 3 vs. AFC, rushing 18 times for 141 yards with 1 TD. **FB MACK STRONG** has 10 career TD receptions & last TD catch came vs. KC (11/24/02)...**WR DEION BRANCH** aims for 4th in row vs. KC with 5+ catches. When Branch has 5+ catches, his teams are 20-6 (.769). Has 2 TDs in past 2 games & his teams are 13-2 (.867) when he has TD catch. **WR DARRELL JACKSON** has 5 TDs in past 5 & aims for TD catch in 5 of past 6. Led club with 7 catches & 136 yards (1 TD) last week. Ties for 2nd in NFL with 5 receiving TDs...**LB JULIAN PETERSON** leads team with 6.0 sacks & has sack in 4 of 1st 6 games with Seahawks. Aims for 3rd game in row with 2.0+ sacks. **DE BRYCE FISHER's** past 7.0 sacks have all come on road...**CHIEFS: QB DAMON HUARD** tied career high with 2 TD passes last wk vs. SD & posted 108.9 passer rating, marking 3rd straight game with +100 rating. Huard is 8-3 (.727) as starter...With 2 rushing TDs last week, **RB LARRY JOHNSON** (35) passed **ED PODOLAK** (34) and stands 5th all-time in club annals (**PRIEST HOLMES**, 76). Club is 12-4 (.750) when Johnson runs for +100 yds, including 9-0 at Arrowhead...**TE TONY GONZALEZ** extended franchise-record receiving streak to 90 games. Streak is 3rd longest with reception by TE in NFL history (**OZZIE NEWSOME**, 150)...**G WILL SHIELDS** to play in 215th consecutive game, extending his own club record...Team has won 16 consecutive games at home when posting positive turnover ratio, 3rd longest active streak in NFL...**DE JARED ALLEN** registered 2.0 sacks in Week 7, his 6th career multi-sack game. His 24 career sacks ties **DE-LB WHITNEY PAUL** for 10th all-time in club history. Club has not allowed 100-yd rusher in 18 consecutive home games, longest such streak in NFL.

**BALTIMORE RAVENS (4-2) AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (5-1)****SERIES**

	<b><u>RAVENS</u></b>	<b><u>SAINTS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	2-1	
<b>STREAKS</b>		Past 1
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Billick: 1-1	Payton: 0-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	Bye (Wk. 6: L 23-21 vs. Panthers)	Bye (Wk. 6: W 27-24 vs. Eagles)
<b>LAST GAME</b>	12/8/02: Saints 37 at Ravens 25. New Orleans RB Deuce McAllister rushes for 127 yards & 3 TDs & K John Carney connects on 3 FGs.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	--	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross. SIRIUS: 152 (Bal.), 125 (NO).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	McNair: 95-169-915-5-7-64.1	Brees: 138-207-1,509-8-4-92.8 (3C)
<b>RUSHING</b>	J. Lewis: 97-352-3.6-1	McAllister: 91-444-4.9-4
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Heap (TE): 27-235-8.7-4	Bush (RB) (R): 38-285-7.5-0
<b>OFFENSE</b>	271.7	354.2
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+7 (T2L)	0
<b>DEFENSE</b>	252.0 (3L)	309.2
<b>SACKS</b>	Scott, Thomas: 5.0	W. Smith, Young: 3.5
<b>INTs</b>	McAlister: 3	Fujita: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Koch: 43.9	Weatherford (R): 44.8
<b>KICKING</b>	Stover: 40 (10/10 PAT; 10/10 FG)	Carney: 53 (3C) (14/14 PAT; 13/14 FG)

**NOTES**

**RAVENS:** Have won 4 consecutive games following bye, tying for 2nd longest active streak in NFL (Phi., 7)...In only career game vs. Saints, **QB STEVE MC NAIR** completed 22 of 33 (66.7 pct.) for 252 yards & 2 TDs (0 INTs). McNair's teams are 53-21 (.716) when he has 0 INTs...**RB JAMAL LEWIS** has 336 rush yds (112 avg.) in past 3 games indoors... **WR DERRICK MASON** leads team with 310 receiving yards, while **WR MARK CLAYTON** is averaging career-best 11.5 yards per catch (25 for 287)...**TE TODD HEAP** (4) tied for most TD catches by TE & has 5+ receptions in 4 of 6 games this season...Defense ranks 3rd overall, allowing 252.0 yards per game & limits opponents to 2.7 yards per rush, tops in NFL. Club is 21-5 (.808) when **LB TERRELL SUGGS** records sack & 8-0 (1.000) when he posts 2.0+ sacks. **CB CHRIS MC ALISTER** has 19 career INTs, including 2 in past 3 road games, & needs 1 to join **ED REED** (23) & Lewis (22) as only players in club history with 20. **K MATT STOVER** has made 30 FGs in row – longest active streak in NFL...**SAINTS:** Aim for 1st 4-0 start at home since 1991 when club went 11-5 & won division. Head coach **SEAN PAYTON** aims for 6-1 start, best in franchise history for rookie. Club has outscored opponents 43-3 in 2nd quarter. Only team in NFL to allow fewer than 12 points in 2nd quarter...**QB DREW BREES** has 25-12 (.676) record since 2004 with 59 TDs vs. 26 INTs. Leads NFL with 127.8 4th quarter passer rating...In only meeting (12/8/02), **RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** rushed for 127 yards & career-best 3 TDs. Has 38 rush TDs & needs 1 to tie **DALTON HILLIARD** (39) for most in team annals. **REGGIE BUSH** has 38 receptions, tops among all RBs & most by rookie...**WR MARQUES COLSTON** has NFL rookie-best 414 receiving yards & 4 TD catches. His 27 receptions is 2nd by rookie, trailing only RB Bush. **WR JOE HORN** had 7 catches for 87 yards in last game vs. Balt. When Horn has 85+ yards, Saints are 25-11 (.694)...Defense has 18 sacks, tied for 4th in NFC. Five Saints have 2.0+ sacks – **DE WILL SMITH** (3.5), **DT BRIAN YOUNG** (3.5), **DE CHARLES GRANT** (3.0), **LB SCOTT FUJITA** (2.5) & **LB SCOTT SHANLE** (2.0). **CB FRED THOMAS** had 1st career 2-INT game vs. Bal (12/8/02).

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (2-4) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (4-2)****SERIES**

	<b><u>BUCCANEERS</u></b>	<b><u>GIANTS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		9-6
<b>STREAKS</b>	3 of past 4	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Gruden: 3-0	Coughlin: 1-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 23-21 vs. Eagles	W 36-22 at Cowboys
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/24/03: Giants 13 at Buccaneers 19. Tampa Bay QB Brad Johnson throws for 269 yards with 1 TD & Buccaneers defense allows only 212 yards while forcing 4 turnovers.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/30/97: Buccaneers 20, Giants 8. Tampa Bay RB Mike Alstott scores 2 TDs as Buccaneers clinch first full-schedule winning season since 1981.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan. SIRIUS: 122 (TB), 144 (NYG).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Gradkowski (R): 60-107-533-4-1-78.1	Manning: 127-202-1,518-13 (2L)-8-90.7
<b>RUSHING</b>	C. Williams: 104-394-3.8-1	Barber: 129-647 (1L)-5.0-0
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Galloway: 21-346-16.5-2	Toomer: 29-332-11.4-3
<b>OFFENSE</b>	267.3	389.5 (2L)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-1	0
<b>DEFENSE</b>	354.7	330.5
<b>SACKS</b>	White, Wymys: 3.0	Umenyiora: 5.0
<b>INTs</b>	Barber: 2	Madison, McQuarters, Robbins: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Bidwell: 43.7	Feagles: 43.1
<b>KICKING</b>	M. Bryant: 25 (10/10 PAT; 5/8 FG)	Feely: 47 (17/17 PAT; 10/12 FG)

**NOTES**

**TWIN BROTHERS CB RONDE** (TB) & **RB TIKI** (NYG) **BARBER** meet for 4th time in career...**BUCCANEERS**: Have won 3 of past 4 vs. NYG, outscoring NY 72-41 in those 4...Rookie **QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI** has led TB to victory in final minute in back-to-back weeks...Bucs are 8-0 when **RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** has more than 20 carries. In last game at NYG (11/30/97), **RB MIKE ALSTOTT** had 9-yard TD run & 1-yard TD catch...**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** aims for 5th in row vs. NYG with 20+ yard reception. Had 64-yard catch in last meeting. **WR IKE HILLIARD** was 1997 1st-round pick by NYG. Had 368 catches for 4,630 yards & 27 TDs with NY. **TE ALEX SMITH** has TD in 2 of past 3 ...**LB DERRICK BROOKS** will play 183rd game with TB, tying franchise record (**PAUL GRUBER**, 183). CB Barber had career-best 2 INT-TDs (37, 66) last week & now has 6 INT-TDs in career (incl. playoffs). **DE SIMEON RICE** (120.0) ranks 2nd among active players in sacks, trailing NY's Strahan (132.5). Has 5.0 sacks in past 4 vs. NYG. **MATT BRYANT** kicked 62-yard FG, 2nd-longest game-winner in NFL history...**GIANTS**: Have won 5 of 6 meetings at home...**QB ELI MANNING** has won 8 of past 10 at home with 17 TDs in those 10. Total (389.5) and rush (152.3) offense rank 2nd in NFL. Have outscored opponents 122-46 after halftime...RB Barber has led team in rushing in 70 consecutive games, longest streak in NFL history. Leads NFL with 647 rush yards & 869 scrimmage yards. Has 9,434 rushing yards & needs 60 receiving yards (4,940) to join **MARCUS ALLEN** (12,243 & 5,411) & **MARSHALL FAULK** (12,279 & 6,875) as only players in NFL history with 9,000+ rushing & 5,000+ receiving...In 12/23/02 meeting (with Pitt.), **WR PLAXICO BURRESS** had 5 catches for 127 yards. **WR AMANI TOOMER** needs 2 TD receptions to pass **KYLE ROTE** (48) for team record. Giants have won 7 of past 10 when **TE JEREMY SHOCKEY** has TD. **DE MICHAEL STRAHAN** (132.5) can pass HOFer **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (132.5) for 1st in team history with next sack. Rookie **CB KEVIN DOCKERY** had 96-yard INT-TD last week.

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (3-3) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (4-3)****SERIES**

	<b><u>JAGUARS</u></b>	<b><u>EAGLES</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	2-0	
<b>STREAKS</b>	Past 2	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Del Rio: 0-0	Reid: 0-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 27-7 at Texans	L 23-21 at Buccaneers
<b>LAST GAME</b>	10/6/02: Eagles 25 at Jaguars 28. Jacksonville wins 3rd straight game as QB Mark Brunell passes for 197 yards & 1 TD & WR Bobby Shaw returns punt 69 yards for TD.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	--	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf. SIRIUS: 153 (Jax.), 123 (Phi.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Leftwich: 108-183-1,159-7-5-79.0	McNabb: 144-243-2,151 (1L)-16 (1L)-5-101.7 (2L)
<b>RUSHING</b>	Taylor: 108-451-4.2-2	Westbrook: 84-462-5.5-4
<b>RECEIVING</b>	R. Williams: 24-297-12.4-4	Westbrook (RB): 30-333-11.1-3
<b>OFFENSE</b>	300.8	417.1 (1L)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+3	0
<b>DEFENSE</b>	292.5	320.6
<b>SACKS</b>	McCray: 4.0	T. Cole: 6.0
<b>INTs</b>	Mathis: 4 (T1L)	Sheppard: 3
<b>PUNTING</b>	Hanson: 43.6	D. Johnson: 42.6
<b>KICKING</b>	Scobee: 41 (14/14 PAT; 9/12 FG)	Akers: 44 (26/26 PAT; 6/8 FG)

**NOTES**

**JAGUARS: QB BYRON LEFTWICH** has won 5 of past 7 starts vs. NFC, throwing 12 TDs vs. 4 INTs in those games. Team is 11-2 (.846) when Leftwich has 2+ TD passes...**RB FRED TAYLOR** has rushed for 120+ yards in 4 of past 5 vs. NFC on road. Has 8,818 rushing yards & needs 82 to become 6th active player with 9,000...**RB FRED TAYLOR** has 20+ carries in 4 of 6 games...Rookie **RB MAURICE JONES-DREW** is 1 of 2 NFL players (**BRIAN WESTBROOK**, Phil) to have scored at least 3 TDs rushing & at least 2 TDs receiving. Jones-Drew's 3 rushing TDs tie him w/ **GREG JONES** (3, 2004) for 2nd most by rookie in club history (Taylor, 14, 1998)...**WR REGGIE WILLIAMS** has 3 TDs in past 2 vs. NFC & ties for 5th in NFL with 4 receiving TDs this season. **TE KYLE BRADY** is native of nearby New Cumberland, PA...Team (9) tied for 3rd most INTs, led by league co-leader **CB RASHEAN MATHIS** (4). Mathis needs 1 INT to tie career high (5, '04 & '03). Defense ties for 4th in NFL, allowing 15.2 1st downs per game...**EAGLES:** Lead NFL in total (417.1) & passing (291.9) offense. Club has outscored opponents 66-17 in 3rd quarter & hold 8-1 advantage in TDs. **QB DONOVAN MC NABB** has won 9 of past 11 vs. AFC. Has thrown 2+ TDs in every game this year & had 2 TD passes in only game vs. Jax. Eagles are 33-11 (.750) when McNabb has 2+ TD passes. In start vs. Jags, McNabb recorded 1st career 100-yard rush game (1 TD)...**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** is 2nd in NFL with 795 scrimmage yards (462 rush, 333 rec.). Became 1st player since **PRIEST HOLMES** in 2002 with 100+ rushing (101) & 100+ rec. (113) yards in same game last week vs. TB...**WR REGGIE BROWN** has 6 TDs (5 rec., 1 rush) on just 27 touches. Has TD in each of past 3 (4 TDs). Five Eagles have recorded 100-yard rec. games – **WR DONTE' STALLWORTH** (141), WR Brown (121, 106), RB Westbrook (113), rookie **WR HANK BASKETT** (112), **TE L.J. SMITH** (111). TE Smith has 6 catches of 20+ yards, tied for 2nd among TEs...**DE TRENT COLE** has 11.0 sacks in 22 career games. **CB LITO SHEPPARD** has 3 INTs (102-yard TD) in past 2. **S BRIAN DAWKINS** has 29 INTs, 2nd-most by active player with current team.

## HOUSTON TEXANS (2-4) AT TENNESSEE TITANS (1-5)

### SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	6-2	
<b>STREAKS</b>	Past 2	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Kubiak: 0-0	Fisher: 6-2
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 27-7 vs. Jaguars	Bye (Wk. 6 W 25-22 at Redskins)
<b>LAST GAME</b>	12/11//05: Texans 10 at Titans 13. Tennessee K Rob Bironas connects on 2 FGs & Adam Jones returns punt 52 yards for TD.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/11/05	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker. SIRIUS: 181 (Hou.).	

### STATS

<b>PASSING</b>	Carr: 121-172-1,217-9-4-97.9 (2C)	Young (R): 47-99-512-3-4-56.5
<b>RUSHING</b>	Dayne: 57-167-2.9-0	Henry: 81-383-4.7-3
<b>RECEIVING</b>	A. Johnson: 47(1L)-591 (1L)-12.6-3	Bennett: 21-305-14.5-1
<b>OFFENSE</b>	276.3	285.3
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-4	-4
<b>DEFENSE</b>	385.7	363.2
<b>SACKS</b>	Williams: 2.5	Finnegan (R), Vanden Bosch: 2.0
<b>INTs</b>	Simmons: 1	Hope: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Stanley: 42.3	Hentrich: 41.3
<b>KICKING</b>	K. Brown: 31 (10/10 PAT; 7/8 FG)	Bironas: 29 (5/5 PAT; 8/9 FG)

### NOTES

**CLUB THAT HAS WON** 1st meeting in season series is 4-0 in 2nd meeting...**TEXANS:** Club aims for 3rd win in past 4 games. Club outscoring opponents 60-45 in 4th qtr...**QB DAVID CARR** (70.3) leads NFL in comp. pct. & stands 2nd in AFC w/ 97.9 passer rating. Carr has TD pass in 11 consecutive division games. Carr has thrown 6 TDs vs. 1 INT in 4th qtr & owns AFC-best 125.6 4th qtr passer rating...Rookie **RB WALI LUNDY** posted 93 yds on 19 carries (4.9 avg) w/ 1 TD in victory vs. Jax last wk...**WR ANDRE JOHNSON** tops NFL in receptions (47) & receiving yds (591). Johnson (9) tied for most catches of 20+ yds among AFC WRs (**REGGIE WAYNE**, Ind). Johnson has 4 100s in past 6 games & at least 8 catches in 4 games in row. **WR ERIC MOULDS** has 700 catches in career. Rookie **TE OWEN DANIELS** tied for 5th in most TD catches by TE w/ 3...Rookie **DE MARIO WILLIAMS** has at least 1.0 sack in 2 of past 3 games...Punt coverage stands No. 1 in NFL, allowing 4.9 yds per PR. **K KRIS BROWN** is 47 of 52 (90.4 pct.) in career Oct. FG attempts inside 50 yds...**TITANS:** Club coming off bye week, eyes consecutive wins for 1st time since 2003. Club is 50-38 (.568) in division under head coach **JEFF FISHER**...**QB VINCE YOUNG** has rushed or passed for TD in 4 consecutive games. Young can become 1st rookie to lead club in passing since **OLIVER LUCK** in 1983...In past 2 games, **RB TRAVIS HENRY** has 51 carries for 301 yds (5.9-yd avg.) & 1 TD. In 2 career starts vs. Texans, Henry has 308 yds on 51 carries w/ 2 TDs. **RB CHRIS BROWN** (2,251) needs 74 rush yds to surpass **ALLEN PINKETT** (2,324) for 9th place on franchise's all-time rushing list...**WR DREW BENNETT** has 5 receptions in 4 of past 5 vs. Hou. Among AFC players with more than 20 catches, Bennett stands 6th with 14.5-yd. average...**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** leads team's D-linemen w/ 37 tackles. **DT RANDY STARKS** paces club with 4 tackles for loss. **CB PACMAN JONES** registered FF & FR in last game (Wk 6 win at Wash). Defense limited Texans to 82 passing yards in last meeting (12/11/05) & recorded 6 sacks as team; **LB KEITH BULLUCK** notched career-best 2.0 of those sacks. **S CHRIS HOPE** as INT in 2 of past 3 games.

**ST. LOUIS RAMS (4-2) AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (4-2)****SERIES**

	<b><u>RAMS</u></b>	<b><u>CHARGERS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	5-3	
<b>STREAKS</b>	3 of past 4	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Linehan: 0-0	Schottenheimer: 3-2
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	Bye (Wk. 6: L 30-28 vs. Seahawks)	L 30-27 at Chiefs
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/10/02: Chargers 24 at Rams 28. St. Louis QB Marc Bulger tosses 4 TDs, including 2 in 4th quarter, as Rams erase 10-point deficit.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/27/94: Chargers 31, Rams 17. San Diego PR Darrien Gordon has 75-yard TD & Chargers' defense intercepts 4 passes as team improves to 9-3.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	FOX (1:05 PM PT): Kenny Albert, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (St.L.), 130 (SD).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Bulger: 128-208-1,619 (3C)-10 (T3C)-1-99.8 (2C)	Rivers: 124-187-1,330-9 (T3C)-3-96.3
<b>RUSHING</b>	S. Jackson: 133-521-3.9-2	Tomlinson: 125-473-3.8-7 (1L)
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Holt: 37-526-14.2-7 (1L)	Tomlinson (RB): 32-246-7.7-1
<b>OFFENSE</b>	345.2	362.2
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+11 (1L)	+6 (T2C)
<b>DEFENSE</b>	339.3	241.2 (1L)
<b>SACKS</b>	Little: 5.0	Phillips: 6.0 (T2C)
<b>INTs</b>	Atogwe, Brown: 2	Jammer: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Turk: 42.5	Scifres: 45.9 (3C)
<b>KICKING</b>	Wilkins: 65 (1L) (11/11 PAT; 18/21 FG)	Kaeding: 64 (1C) (19/19 PAT; 15/17 FG)

**NOTES**

**RAMS:** In only start vs. SD, **QB MARC BULGER** completed 36 of 48 passes (75.0 pct.) for career-best 453 yards with career-high 4 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 131.7 passer rating. Has 4 400-yard games in career, 3rd among active QBs (**PEYTON MANNING**, 7 & **DREW BLEDSOE**, 6). Is 9-4 (.692) vs. AFC. Rams have thrown NFL-low 1 INT...**RB STEVEN JACKSON** ranks 4th in NFL with 745 scrimmage yards (521 rush, 224 rec). Aims for 4th in row vs. AFC with 100+ yards & has 410 rush yards (136.7 per game) in past 3...**WR ISAAC BRUCE** aims for 3rd consecutive meeting with 160+ yards & 2+ TDs. In past 2 vs. SD, has 19 catches for 330 yards (165.0 per game) & 5 TDs. **WR TORRY HOLT** became fastest player to 10,000 yards with 154-yard performance in his 116th game in Week 6. Added career-best 3 TDs in that game. Rams are 10-1 (.909) vs. AFC when Holt has 100+ yards...Club leads NFL with +11 turnover ratio & ranks 3rd in NFC with 16 takeaways (8 INTs, 8 fumbles). Six Rams have INT. **DT LA'ROI GLOVER** aims for 3rd in row vs. SD with sack (3.0 sacks in past 2)...**CHARGERS:** **QB PHILIP RIVERS** has 2 passing TDs in 3 straight games & 1+ TD in all 6 starts this season. Rivers is 2nd in AFC in 4th-quarter passer rating (116.0)...**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has scored 1+ TD in 8 of past 9 vs. NFC. Tomlinson leads team in receptions (32) and is 2nd in AFC with 719 scrimmage yards (473 rush, 246 rec.). Tomlinson ran for 120 yards & 1 TD in lone start vs. Rams (11/10/02)...In 3 career starts vs. Rams, **WR KEENAN MC CARDELL** is averaging 110.7 yds/game, including career high 16 rec. & 232 yards on 10/20/96 w/ Jax. **TE ANTONIO GATES** has scored TD in 4 of 6 games in '06, including past 3...SD leads NFL in total defense (241.2 yds/game) and AFC in total sacks (23.0). **LB SHAUN PHILLIPS** is tied for NFL lead in LB sacks (6.0) with Seattle's **JULIAN PETERSON**. Phillips had career high 7.0 sacks in '05...**P MIKE SCIFRES** leads NFL with 43.0 net avg.

**NEW YORK JETS (4-3) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (1-5)****SERIES**

	<b><u>JETS</u></b>	<b><u>BROWNS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		10-7
<b>STREAKS</b>	3 of past 5	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Mangini: 0-0	Crennel: 0-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 31-24 vs. Lions	L 17-7 vs. Broncos
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/21/04: Jets 10 at Browns 7. New York RB Curtis Martin rushes for 88 & becomes 2nd player in NFL annals to rush for 1,000+ yards in each of 1st 10 seasons (Barry Sanders).	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/21/04	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts. SIRIUS: 119 (NYJ), 143 (Cle.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Pennington: 125-190-1,450 (2C)-9-6-91.3	Frye: 124-201-1,188-6-10-67.3
<b>RUSHING</b>	L. Washington (R): 71-346-4.9-2	Droughns: 80-257-3.2-1
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Coles: 42 (2C)-566 (2C)-13.5-3	Winslow (TE): 33-317-9.6-2
<b>OFFENSE</b>	307.9	245.2
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+2	-10
<b>DEFENSE</b>	372.3	337.0
<b>SACKS</b>	Rhodes: 3.0	Wimbley (R): 3.0
<b>INTs</b>	Dyson: 3 (T2C)	Davis, Jones: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Graham: 44.3	Zastudil: 44.3
<b>KICKING</b>	Nugent: 33 (18/19 PAT; 5/7 FG)	Dawson: 28 (10/10 PAT; 6/7 FG)

**NOTES**

**GAME FEATURES HEAD COACHES ERIC MANGINI** of NYJ & Cleveland's **ROMEO CRENNEL** – both defensive assistants under **BILL BELICHICK** at New England. Mangini succeeded Crennel as NE's def. coordinator following 2004 SB championship season. Road team has won 3 of past 4 in series...**JETS:** Team has equaled 2005 season win total (4)...Head coach Mangini began NFL career in 1994 as Browns ball boy. Off. coordinator **BRIAN SCHOTTENHEIMER** is son of former Browns HC **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** (1984-88)...**QB CHAD PENNINGTON** has won 5 of past 8 Oct. starts w/ comp. pct. of 60.0+ in 5 of past 7 in month. Pennington (91.3) is AFC's 5th-highest rated passer. Team is 20-8 (.714) when Pennington posts 90.0+ passer rating as starter...Rookie **RB LEON WASHINGTON** posted 1st career 2 TD-game last wk. Washington has 100+ yds in 2 of past 3 games, averaging 5.3 yds/carry in those 3 (54-288-2). **RB KEVAN BARLOW** has 5 rush TDs on season, tied for 3rd-most in NFL. Barlow has at least 5 rush TDs in 3 of past 4 seasons...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** has 42 receptions – most by Jet through 7 games since **AL TOON** (43) in 1986...**LB VICTOR HOBSON** tied for NFL lead w/ 2 defensive FRs. **CB ANDRE DYSON** (3), **S KERRY RHODES** (2) & **CB DAVID BARRETT** (2) comprise only AFC teammate trio w/ 2+ INTs each...**BROWNS:** **QB CHARLIE FRYE** has TD pass in 4 consecutive home games...**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** has at least 99 rush yds in 3 of past 5 Oct. games. Droughns (3 of 4) & **RB JASON WRIGHT** (2 of 2) are combined 5 of 6 (83.3 pct.) on 3rd & 1 rush attempts...**WR JOE JUREVICIUS** has TD catch in 2 of past 3 games & has 7 TDs in past 10. Among AFC players w/ 20+ receptions, **WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** (22) stands 3rd w/ 16.2-yd per catch avg. **TE KELLEN WINSLOW** (38) has 2nd most catches by TE in 1st 8 NFL games (**KEITH JACKSON** 48, 1988). Winslow leads NFL TEs on season w/ 33 receptions...**LB ANDRA DAVIS** 1 of 6 NFL LBs w/ 2 INTs – tied for most in league...**WR-KR-PR JOSHUA CRIBBS** leads NFL w/ 28.7-yd KR avg. Kickoff coverage unit ranks No. 1 in NFL, allowing 19.1-yd avg. Punt return coverage (5.3) stands No. 4 in league.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (6-0) AT DENVER BRONCOS (5-1)****SERIES**

	<b><u>COLTS</u></b>	<b><u>BRONCOS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>		11-4
<b>STREAKS</b>		5 of past 8
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Dungy: 4-3	Shanahan: 2-4
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 36-22 vs. Redskins	W 17-7 at Browns
<b>LAST GAME</b>	1/2/05: Colts 14 at Broncos 33. Denver QB Jake Plummer throws 2 TDs & runs in another as Broncos clinch Wild Card playoff berth. Broncos K Jason Elam converts 4 FGs.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	1/2/05	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (2:15 PM MT): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. SIRIUS: 147 (Ind.), 123 (Den.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Manning: 131-206-1,620 (1C)-12 (1C)-2-103.2 (1L)	Plummer: 88-169-984-4-7-60.4
<b>RUSHING</b>	Addai (R): 70-354-5.1-1	T. Bell: 124-585 (1C)-4.7-2
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Harrison: 39 (3C)-515 (3C)-13.2-3	Walker: 29-495-17.1-2
<b>OFFENSE</b>	373.0 (1C)	296.8
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+6 (T2C)	-1
<b>DEFENSE</b>	325.3	272.0 (3C)
<b>SACKS</b>	Mathis: 4.5	Dumervil (R): 5.0
<b>INTs</b>	Doss: 2	Bailey: 3 (T2C)
<b>PUNTING</b>	Smith: 45.8	Ernster: 41.6
<b>KICKING</b>	Vinatieri: 39 (9/9 PAT; 10/10 FG)	Elam: 37 (7/7 PAT; 10/12 FG)

**NOTES**

**GAME FEATURES** undefeated Colts (6-0) vs. 5-1 Broncos. Including playoffs, clubs meet for 7th time in past 6 seasons ...**COLTS:** Club is 9th in NFL history to begin consecutive seasons 6-0...**QB PEYTON MANNING** has thrown TD pass in 26 of 29 NFL venues played; has not thrown TD in Invesco Field, Edward Jones Dome & Qwest Field. Last wk vs. Wash, Manning threw for 4 TDs to reach 256 in career, surpassing HOF QBs **DAN FOUTS** (254) & **SONNY JURGENSEN** (255) for 10th most in NFL history...Rookie **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** leads club w/ 354 rush yds & stands 2nd among NFL rookies in category...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** caught 2 TDs last wk & now has 113 in career, tied with HOFer **LENNY MOORE** (113) for most in club history. Harrison & Manning have connected for 97 TD passes – most in NFL history. **WR REGGIE WAYNE** has 25+ yd catch in 5 of past 6 on road...**LB CATO JUNE** leads club w/ 64 tackles. **DE ROBERT MATHIS** has team-best 4.5 sacks on season. Club is 20-1 (.952) when Mathis record at least 1.0 sack. Defense has allowed only 10 points in 3rd qtr...**WR-KR-PR TERRENCE WILKINS** stands 4th in AFC w/ 11.0 PR avg...**BRONCOS:** Club has won 13 in row at home for longest current streak in NFL. Team owns +14 turnover differential & is outscoring opponents 297-143 during streak...Team is 5-1 or better for 7th time during head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**'s 12-year tenure...**QB JAKE PLUMMER** is 37-12 (.755) as Denver starter...**RB TATUM BELL** leads AFC w/ 585 rush yds. Bell has 3rd-most rushing 1st downs (25) in AFC & has 3 rushes for 20+ yds, 3rd-most among AFC RBs...**WR ROD SMITH** (819) needs 1 catch to surpass HOFer **STEVE LARGENT** (819) for 12th-most in league history. In last game vs. Colts (9/26/04), **WR JAVON WALKER** (w/GB) posted career-highs in rec. TDs (3), rec. yds (200) & catches (11, which he later tied)... Offensive line has not allowed DE Freeney sack in 3 meetings...Defense has allowed 2 TDs in 1st six games for best mark since 1934 Lions (0)...Rookie **DE ELVIS DUMERVIL** has 5.0 sacks in past 2 games. **CB CHAMP BAILEY** tied for 3rd in NFL w/ 3 INTs...**K JASON ELAM** (1,594) needs 1 point to surpass **EDDIE MURRAY** (1,594) for 9th-most points in NFL annals.

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS (2-4) AT OAKLAND RAIDERS (1-5)****SERIES**

	<b><u>STEELERS</u></b>	<b><u>RAIDERS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	8-8	
<b>STREAKS</b>	5 of past 6	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Cowher: 5-1	Shell: 1-1
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 41-38 at Falcons	W 22-9 vs. Cardinals
<b>LAST GAME</b>	9/12/04: Raiders 21 at Steelers 24. Pittsburgh RB Jerome Bettis scores 3 rushing TDs & K Jeff Reed kicks 42-yard field goal with 7 seconds remaining for Steelers win.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/10/95: Steelers 29, Raiders 10. Pittsburgh QB Neil O'Donnell throws for 330 yards & 2 scores. Steelers RB Eric Pegrum rushes for 122 yards.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (1:15 PM PT): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon. SIRIUS: 107 (Pit.), 110 (Oak.)	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Roethlisberger: 87-143-1,045-5-7-74.5	Walter: 65-134-874-3-8-52.3
<b>RUSHING</b>	Parker: 126-481-3.8-5 (2C)	Jordan: 84-314-3.7-1
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Ward: 26-378-14.5-5 (1C)	Moss: 24-351-14.6-3
<b>OFFENSE</b>	342.5 (3C)	256.7
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-2	-12
<b>DEFENSE</b>	306.5	273.0
<b>SACKS</b>	Foote, Haggans: 3.0	Burgess: 5.0
<b>INTs</b>	Polamalu: 3 (T2C)	Asomugha: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Gardocki: 44.7	Lechler: 49.9 (1C)
<b>KICKING</b>	Reed: 36 (18/18/ PAT; 6/9 FG)	Janikowski: 28 (7/7 PAT; 7/8 FG)

**NOTES**

**STEELERS**: Club is 27-19-1 in games decided by 3 points or less under head coach **BILL COWHER**...In past 2 games, **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** has completed 32 of 41 passes (78.0 pct.) for 476 yards with 5 touchdowns, & 154.6 passer rating... Pittsburgh's 5 passing TDs last week vs. Falcons tied club record, set 5 times, most recently 11/3/1996 vs. StL...**RB WILLIE PARKER** has at least 20 carries in 4 of 6 games...With career high 171 receiving yards last week vs. Atl, **WR HINES WARD** registered 15th career 100-yd game, trailing only **LOUIS LIPPS** (16) & **JOHN STALLWORTH** (25) in club annals. Also, recorded career-high in TDs (3). Can extend consecutive games-w/-catch streak to 126 games. Became 1st player in club history to record at least 600 receptions...Rookie **WR SANTONIO HOLMES** recorded career highs in receptions (5), yards (91) & kickoff return yardage (88)...Club stands 3rd in conference averaging 24.0 points & 228.5 pass yds/game...**LB JOEY PORTER** was named AFC Defensive POW (Wk. 1, 9/15/02) for efforts vs. Oak, registering 10 tackles, 3.0 sacks & 2 INTs w/ 114 return yards... **RAIDERS**: **QB ANDREW WALTER** registered career highs in passing yards (263) and rating (83.1) in victory last week vs. Cardinals...**RB LA MONT JORDAN** has 120+ rush yds in 3 of past 4 Oct. home games & has 7 rushing TDs in those 4. In 2 of past 3 at home, Jordan has rushed for at least 128 yds...Last week vs. Arizona, **RB JUSTIN FARGAS** recorded career highs in rushing attempts (23) & yards (66)...Ground game currently stands 2nd in AFC, averaging 4.4 yds/att...In his only previous mtg vs. Pit (12/2/02), **WR RANDY MOSS** caught 8 passes for 144 yards & 1 TD... Defense stands 1st in NFL allowing 140.5 passing yds per game & 4th in AFC allowing 273.0 yds per game. Club owns AFC's No. 4 defense inside 20, allowing 10 TDs in 25 trips (40.0 pct.)...**DE DERRICK BURGESS** has at least 1.0 sack in 3 of past 4 games & leads club w/ 5.0. **DT TERDELL SANDS** notched 1st career INT last wk. Defense limited Arz to 1 of 11 (9.0 pct) on 3rd down conversion atts in Wk 7 win...**P SHANE LECHLER** ranks No. 2 in NFL w/ 49.9-yard average.

**SUNDAY NIGHT**

**DALLAS COWBOYS (3-3) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (4-3)**

**SERIES**

	<b><u>COWBOYS</u></b>	<b><u>PANTHERS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	5-1	
<b>STREAKS</b>	Past 5	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Parcells: 3-2	Fox: 1-3
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 36-22 vs. Giants	L 17-14 at Bengals
<b>LAST GAME</b>	12/24/05: Cowboys 24 at Panthers 20. Dallas RB Julius Jones rushes for 194 yards & 2 TDs & QB Drew Bledsoe throws 2-yard TD pass to WR Terry Glenn with 24 seconds remaining.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	12/24/05	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	NBC (8:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Bob Trumpy, Kevin Kiley (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (Dal.), 130 (Car.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Bledsoe: 90-169-1,164-7-8-69.2 Romo: 16-27-262-3-3-89.4	Delhomme: 143-239-1,581-8-4-83.7
<b>RUSHING</b>	J. Jones: 121-524-4.3-2	Foster: 128-490-3.8-1
<b>RECEIVING</b>	T. Glenn: 29-378-13.0-3	Smith: 39-576 (3L)-14.8-2
<b>OFFENSE</b>	356.5	305.6
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	-2	0
<b>DEFENSE</b>	287.3	321.1
<b>SACKS</b>	Ratliff, Ware: 3.0	Peppers: 8.0 (1L)
<b>INTs</b>	R. Williams: 2	Marshall (R): 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	McBriar: 50.5 (1L)	Baker: 44.9
<b>KICKING</b>	Vanderjagt: 36 (18/18 PAT; 6/7 FG)	Kasay: 51 (12/12 PAT; 13/14 FG)

**NOTES**

**PAST 4 MEETINGS** decided by 4 points-or-less...**COWBOYS**: Offense has scored 69 points in 4th quarter, 2nd-most in NFL. **QB DREW BLEDSOE** won only career start at Carolina (12/24/05). **QB TONY ROMO** could make 1st career start. Has thrown TD in each of past 2 games (3 TDs)...In last year's meeting, **RB JULIUS JONES** rushed for 194 yards & 2 TDs. **RB MARION BARBER** has rush TD in 4 of past 5...**WR TERRELL OWENS** has 9 TDs in 12 meetings. In past 5 vs. Panthers, Owens has 533 yards (106.6 per game) & 4 TDs, recording 96+ yards in all 5. **WR TERRY GLENN** had TD in last year's game & his teams are 24-13 (.649) when he has TD catch. Since entering NFL in 2003, **JASON WITTEN** has 208 catches & 2,321 yards, 4th-most among TEs...**LB DE MARCUS WARE** had career-best 3.0 sacks & 3 FFs vs. Carolina last year. Has 7.0 sacks in past 8. **S ROY WILLIAMS** aims for 3rd in row vs. Panthers with INT. Leads club with 2 INTs...**PANTHERS**: Club has won 8 of past 11 decided by 8 points-or-less...**QB JAKE DELHOMME** has passed for 260+ yards & 2+ TDs in each of 2 starts at home vs. Cowboys. Has won 7 of past 10 home starts with 14 TDs vs. 7 INTs...Incl. playoffs, club is 6-0 all-time when **RB DE SHAUN FOSTER** rushes for 100+ yards...In 24 games since start of 2005 (incl. playoffs), **WR STEVE SMITH** has 169 catches for 2,474 yards (103.1 per game), 401 return yards (344 PR, 57 KR), 70 rush yards & 20 total TDs (17 rec, 2 rush, 1 PR). **WR KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** played 2 seasons for Dal., hauling in 141 catches for 1,820 yards & 12 TDs. **WR DREW CARTER** scored 1st career TD (32 yards) vs. Cowboys...**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** aims for 4th meeting in row with sack. Has 7.0 sacks in 3 contests vs. Dal. (2 3.0-sack games). Has sack in 5 of past 6 (8.0 sacks). Rookie **CB RICHARD MARSHALL** has takeaway in 3 of past 4 (2 INTs, 1 FR) & 1 TD.

**MONDAY NIGHT**

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (5-1) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (4-2)**

**SERIES**

	<b><u>PATRIOTS</u></b>	<b><u>VIKINGS</u></b>
<b>SERIES LEADER</b>	5-4	
<b>STREAKS</b>	3 of past 5	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Belichick: 1-3	Childress: 0-0
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 28-6 at Bills	W 31-13 at Seahawks
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/24/02: Vikings 17 at Patriots 24. New England QB Tom Brady throws 3 TDs, including 2 scores to TE Christian Fauria.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/2/97: Vikings 23, Patriots 18. Minnesota WR Cris Carter catches 8 passes for 116 yards with 1 TD as Vikings hold off a late rally by New England.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	ESPN (7:30 PM CT): Mike Tirico, Joe Theismann, Tony Kornheiser, Suzy Kolber, & Michelle Tafoya (Field reporters). Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (NE), 123 (Min.).	

**STATS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Brady: 106-189-1,226-10 (2C)-3-86.9	Br. Johnson: 122-194-1,299-4-4-80.7
<b>RUSHING</b>	Maroney (R): 86-361-4.2-3	C. Taylor: 137-590 (2L)-4.3-2
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Watson (TE): 21-271-12.9-0	C. Taylor (RB): 21-137-6.5-0
<b>OFFENSE</b>	324.8	326.3
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+3	+2
<b>DEFENSE</b>	299.3	277.8 (2C)
<b>SACKS</b>	Green: 4.5	K. Williams: 4.0
<b>INTs</b>	Samuel: 3 (T2C)	E. Henderson: 2
<b>PUNTING</b>	Miller: 44.3	Kluwe: 40.4
<b>KICKING</b>	Gostkowski (R): 32 (17/17; 5/8 FG)	Longwell: 48 (9/10 PAT; 13/16 FG)

**NOTES**

**PATRIOTS**: Under head coach **BILL BELICHICK**, NE is 8-4 (.667) vs. NFC on road...In 1 career start vs. Min, **QB TOM BRADY** passed for 239 yards & 3 TDs (112.3 rating). Brady is 16-4 (.800) all-time vs. NFC with 90.8 passer rating... Rookie **RB LAURENCE MARONEY** attended Univ. of Minnesota & ranks No. 2 on school's all-time rushing list (3,933 yards on 660 att., 6.0 avg.). Maroney leads all rookies with 86 attempts & 361 rushing yards (4.2 avg.)...**WR DOUG GABRIEL** leads team w/ 3 TD rec., equaling career high...Through 6 games, **DE JARVIS GREEN** has career-best 4.5 sacks & leads the team in category. Veteran **LB JUNIOR SEAU** ranks 2nd on team with 39 tackles, incl. 9 at Buffalo in Week 7...**VIKINGS**: Have won past 4 at home on MNF...**QB BRAD JOHNSON** is 26-12 (.684) in 38 career starts with Vikings. Has won 6 of past 7 starts on Monday...**RB CHESTER TAYLOR** had career-high 169 yards last week, including 95-yard TD run, longest play from scrimmage by Viking & tied for 9th longest run in NFL history. Has 137 rush attempts & is on pace to set single-season record (**ROBERT SMITH**, 295 in 2000)...**TE JERMAINE WIGGINS** was member of NE's SB XXXVI championship team. Caught 15-yard TD pass from **RB MEWELDE MOORE** last week. In only career mtg, **WR MARCUS ROBINSON** had 44-yard TD. Hauled in 40-yard TD last week...Club has not allowed 20+ points in 7 consecutive games. Vikings have scored NFL-best 4 defensive TDs: 2 INT-TDs (**LB E.J. HENDERSON & CB ANTOINE WINFIELD**) & 2 FR-TDs (**LB BEN LEBER & DT KEVIN WILLIAMS**). CB Winfield had INT vs. NE QB Brady in 11/11/01 meeting (with Buff). **S DARREN SHARPER** has 46 career INTs & his teams are 32-8 (.800) when Sharper has INT.