

Stat Cruncher

Inside the Games: Week One

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This weekly feature will take you inside the NFL games, breaking down team statistics, head-to-head records, home statistics, road statistics, trends, player statistics per season, player statistics against a particular team, and other miscellaneous tidbits.

I'll also take a stab at picking the winners of each NFL game as well as what the final score will be. I will also track my progress as the season goes on

Smith's Game Predictions:

<i>Wins</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>.Pct</i>
0	0	0

All fantasy points mentioned are based on the following criteria...

20 passing yards = 1 FP

10 rushing yards = 1 FP

10 receiving yards = 1 FP

Passing touchdown = 4 FP

Rushing touchdown = 6 FP

Receiving touchdown = 6 FP

Passing Interceptions = -1 FP

Fantasy points are rounded up to the nearest number (ie 47.6 becomes 48)

Let's get right to it!

Interesting Tidbits of the Week

Top-Twenty Fantasy Point Games last season

- ◆ Three of the top four efforts last season were by RB LaDainian Tomlinson: 45.3 FP, 39.3 FP, 39.3 FP
- ◆ Fifteen of the top twenty performances were by the running back position led by Tomlinson with four and Larry Johnson/Shawn Alexander with three apiece
- ◆ Three quarterbacks made the list (Donovan McNabb, Drew Brees and Jake Plummer)
- ◆ Only two receiver performances made the grade (Steve Smith 34.8 FP and Santana Moss 34.0 FP)

Thursday game:

Miami Dolphins vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

The Dolphins are 11-9 lifetime against the Steelers

Smith's Predicted Score: [Dolphins 16 – Steelers 17](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 road record: [0-0](#)

2006 road points for: [nil](#)

2006 road points against: [nil](#)

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 home record: [0-0](#)

2006 home points for: [nil](#)

2006 home points against: [nil](#)

2005 road record: [4-4](#)
2005 road points for: [139](#)
2005 road points against: [160](#)

2005 home record: [5-3](#)
2005 home points for: [212](#)
2005 home points against: [161](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ The Dolphins have won three straight road games
- ◆ **RB Ronnie Brown**
 - Had two 100-yard rushing games last season
 - Scored a touchdown in five of his fifteen games played last year
- ◆ **WR Chris Chambers**
 - Back in 2004 in his only game against the Steelers, he caught just 2 passes for 15 yards
 - Had three 100-yard receiving games and three multiple-touchdown games in 2005
 - Has had eight multiple-touchdown games since the 2001 season
 - Has had just one 1,000 yard receiving season but four with at least 883 yards receiving.
 - Has yet to record a 200-point fantasy season
 - In four of his five seasons (excluding the 2002 campaign), Chambers has 36 total touchdowns
- ◆ The Dolphins haven't had a 3,500 yard passing season since QB Dan Marino hit the mark in 1997
- ◆ The Dolphins haven't had a quarterback throw for 25 touchdown passes in the past ten seasons and only twice has a quarterback reached the 20 touchdown level
- ◆ **QB Daunte Culpepper**
 - During his six seasons as a starter, he has...
 - Three seasons with greater than 3,800 passing yards
 - Three seasons with 25+ touchdown passes
 - Four seasons with at least 329 fantasy points
- ◆ **TE Randy McMichael** hasn't had a 100-yard game since the 2003 season

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ The Steelers have won two straight home games
- ◆ The Steelers have gone 13-3 at home over the past two seasons
- ◆ **RB Willie Parker**
 - had five 100-yard rushing performances in 2005
 - Has yet to record a multiple-touchdown game during his brief NFL career
- ◆ The Steelers have had a 1,000 yard rusher in six of the past ten years
- ◆ **QB Ben Roethlisberger** is out for the Miami game because of an emergency Appendectomy after falling ill before Sunday's practice.
- ◆ **QB Charlie Batch** has only thrown 44 passes over the past four seasons and completed 27 for 293 yards.
- ◆ **WR Hines Ward**
 - Is questionable for the season opener
 - Had four 100-yard receiving games in 2005 and fourteen in the past five seasons. He has finished with 90+ yards, twenty-five times
 - Has five of the Steelers ten best receiving yardage seasons since 1996 including four 1,000 yard seasons
 - Has had ten multiple touchdown games since the 2002 season
 - Has had twelve 20-point and twenty-three 15-point fantasy games over the past five years

Sunday Games

Baltimore Ravens at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

The Ravens are 0-2 lifetime against the Buccaneers and have been outscored 47 to 10
Smith's Predicted Score: [Ravens 14 – Buccaneers 17](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 road record: [0-0](#)
2006 road points for: [nil](#)
2006 road points against: [nil](#)
2005 road record: [0-8](#)

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 home record: [0-0](#)
2006 home points for: [nil](#)
2006 home points against: [nil](#)
2005 home record: [6-2](#)

2005 road points for: [110](#)
2005 road points against: [194](#)

2005 home points for: [177](#)
2005 home points against: [148](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Ravens**
 - Have lost 11 straight road games dating back to 2004
 - The Ravens are 3-13 on the road over the past two seasons
- ◆ **HC Brian Billick** is 62-50 in Baltimore
- ◆ **QB Steve McNair**
 - Is the most polished quarterback the Ravens have had since their re-entry to the NFL back in 1996. The Ravens quarterbacks over the years include Kyle Boller, Jeff Blake, Elvis Grbac, Tony Banks, Jim Harbaugh and Vinny Testaverde
 - Has had five 3,000 yard seasons in the past ten years
 - Has thrown for 20 touchdowns in a year, three times
 - Has had eight 300-yard passing games since the 2000 season
 - Has never thrown more than 15 interceptions in one season. The Ravens threw 21 interceptions last year
- ◆ **RB Jamal Lewis**
 - In 2003, Lewis rushed for 2,066 yards and 14 touchdowns. In the two years following, he has gained a total of 1,912 yards and 10 touchdowns
 - Has had twenty-eight 100-yard rushing games in six seasons
 - However Lewis had only two 100-yard games last season
- ◆ **TE Todd Heap**
 - Had a career best in receiving yards, receptions and touchdowns last year
 - Has had three 100-yard receiving games as a pro

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Buccaneers**
 - Have won two straight regular season home games
 - Are 10-6 at home over the past two seasons
 - The defense has been top-ten in points allowed for ten straight seasons
- ◆ **HC Jon Gruden** is 35-29 with the Buccaneers
- ◆ **QB Chris Simms**
 - Failed to throw for 200 passing yards in four of his final five games last year
 - Has yet to record a 300-yard passing game
- ◆ **WR Joey Galloway**
 - Had 1,287 receiving yards last year. That was his first 1,000 yard effort since the 1998 campaign
 - Is now tied for 49th overall in career reception yards with 8,501
 - Had four 100-yard games last year but none in the final five games
 - Has had ten 100-yard games over the past six seasons
- ◆ **WR Michael Clayton**
 - Has had two career 100-yard receiving games but none last year.
 - Had 821 less receiving yards last year than his rookie season and failed to record a single touchdown
 - Caught only 15 passes in his final ten games last year while fighting injuries
- ◆ **RB Cadillac Williams**
 - As a rookie last year, he rushed for the most yards on the team since Errict Rhett rushed for 1,207 yards back in 1995
 - Had six 100-yard rushing efforts last season including his first three games as a professional (the first time that has ever occurred)
 - Only scored a touchdown in five games last year (got two touchdowns in one game) and finished with 6 total scores

Atlanta Falcons at Carolina Panthers

The Falcons are 14-8-0 lifetime against the Panthers

Smith's Predicted Score: [Falcons 17 – Panthers 24](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 road record: [0-0](#)
2006 road points for: [nil](#)
2006 road points against: [nil](#)
2005 road record: [4-4](#)
2005 road points for: [153](#)
2005 road points against: [152](#)

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 home record: [0-0](#)
2006 home points for: [nil](#)
2006 home points against: [nil](#)
2005 home record: [5-3](#)
2005 home points for: [201](#)
2005 home points against: [135](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Falcons**
 - Have lost three straight regular season road games
 - Have gone 8-8 on the road over the past two years
 - Lost both games to the Panthers last year by a combined score of 68 to 17
- ◆ **HC Jim Mora Jr.** is 19-13 with the Falcons
- ◆ **QB Michael Vick**
 - Has yet to throw for 3,000 yards or 17 touchdowns in a season
 - Had one 300-yard passing effort last year (Surprisingly against the strong Buccaneers defense)
 - Has had five 100-yard rushing games
- ◆ In seven games against the Panthers, Vick has
 - Only 4 touchdown passes against 6 interceptions
 - Six games in which he failed to reach 180-passing yards
 - Rushed for 282 yards and 3 touchdowns
 - Four games with 23+ fantasy points
 - Three games with fewer than 11 fantasy points
- ◆ **RB Warrick Dunn**
 - Has had eighteen 100-yard rushing games in the past six seasons
 - Is now 26th all-time in career rushing yardage with 8,321 yards
- ◆ In seven games against the Panthers, Dunn has
 - One 100-yard rushing game
 - Scored in three games (four touchdowns total)
 - Caught 9 passes
 - One 22.5 FP game, one 19.4 FP game and four games with fewer than 9 FP
- ◆ **TE Alge Crumpler**
 - Has three career 100-yard receiving games
 - Last season, he set career-highs in receptions and receiving yardage
 - Has never had an 8+ reception game
- ◆ In ten games against the Panthers, Crumpler has
 - Scored just one touchdown
 - No games with more than 5 receptions
 - No 100-yard efforts
 - No game with more than 8.5 FP
- ◆ **WR Michael Jenkins** had 8 receptions for 92

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Panthers**
 - Have lost two straight home games
 - Have gone only 8-8 at home over the past two seasons
- ◆ **HC John Fox** is 36-28 with the Panthers
- ◆ **QB Jake Delhomme**
 - Has had three straight seasons with 3,200+ passing yards
 - Has thrown for 10,526 yards in three seasons
 - Had seven 300-yard passing games in three seasons
- ◆ In six games against the Falcons, Delhomme has
 - 8 touchdowns against 6 interceptions
 - Two 300-yard passing games
 - Four games with fewer than 170 passing yards
 - One 24 FP game and five games with 16 or fewer FP
- ◆ **RB DeShaun Foster**
 - Averaged 4.3 YPC and 10.9 YPR last season
 - Had two 100-yard rushing games in the final five weeks last season
 - Last year in two games against the Falcons, Foster exploded for 296 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns. He had 22+ FP in both games
- ◆ **WR Steve Smith**
 - Finished 1st in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns in 2005
 - Had nine 100-yard receiving games last year
- ◆ In six games against the Falcons, Smith has
 - 31 receptions for 358 yards and 2 touchdowns
 - One 100-yard receiving game
 - Two receiving touchdowns
 - One 20 FP game, one 12.5 FP game and four games with less than 6.7 FP
- ◆ New Panthers WR Keyshawn Johnson is now 20th all-time in career receptions with 744

yards against the Panthers in two games last season

- ◆ **WR Roddy White** had 7 receptions for 82 yards and a touchdowns against the Panthers in two games last year

Denver Broncos at St. Louis Rams

The Broncos are 5-5 lifetime against the Rams

Smith's Predicted Score: [Broncos 30 – Rams 24](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 road record: [0-0](#)
2006 road points for: [nil](#)
2006 road points against: [nil](#)
2005 road record: [5-3](#)
2005 road points for: [186](#)
2005 road points against: [158](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Broncos**
 - Have won two straight road games and four of the last five
 - Are 9-7 on the road over the past two years
 - Have finished top-ten in scoring for six straight seasons and in 12 of the past 13 campaigns
- ◆ **HC Mike Shanahan** is 114-62 with the Broncos
- ◆ **QB Jake Plummer**, in his 3 seasons with the Broncos has
 - Thrown for 9,637 yards
 - Tossed 60 touchdowns against 34 interceptions
 - Won 32 of 45 games he started in
 - 15 games with 20+ fantasy points
 - Three 300-yard passing games
 - Seventeen multiple-touchdown games
- ◆ Plummer is now 41st all-time in career passing yardage
- ◆ **WR Rod Smith**
 - Eight career 1,000 yard receiving seasons
 - 65 career touchdowns (35th all-time)
 - 797 career receptions (15th all-time)
 - 10,877 career receiving yards (16th all-time)
 - Has seventeen 100-yard receiving games since 2000 season
 - Has scored a touchdown in 13 of the past 32 games
 - Hasn't had a multiple-touchdown game since week eight of 2001
- ◆ **RB Tatum Bell** had three 100-yard rushing

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 home record: [0-0](#)
2006 home points for: [nil](#)
2006 home points against: [nil](#)
2005 home record: [3-5](#)
2005 home points for: [187](#)
2005 home points against: [205](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Rams**
 - Have had only one winning record in four seasons
 - Have lost four straight home games
 - Are 9-7 at home over the last two years
- ◆ **QB Marc Bulger**
 - Has averaged 271 passing yards per game with the Rams
 - Has never thrown for more than 22 touchdowns in a season
- ◆ **RB Steven Jackson**
 - Was the 11th best fantasy RB last year
 - Has had four 100-yard rushing games in the last eighteen games
 - Has scored a touchdown in ten of the last eighteen games
 - Has only had five games with 20 carries or more
- ◆ **WR Isaac Bruce**
 - Will turn 34 years old this year. In his career he has
 - 813 receptions (14th all-time)
 - 12,278 receiving yards (12th all-time)
 - 77 receiving touchdowns (20th all-time)
 - Seven 1,000 yard seasons
 - Averaged less than 50 receiving yards per game last year which is his worst result since his rookie season in 1994
 - Hasn't reached the 100-yard mark in sixteen straight games

games and three multiple-touchdown games last year

- ◆ Six different running backs have led the Broncos in rushing yardage over the past seven years (only Clinton Portis managed the feat twice). That trend will continue this season

◆ **WR Torry Holt, in his 7 seasons has**

- Six 1,000 yard campaigns
- 619 career receptions (38th all-time)
- 9,487 receiving yards (28th all-time)
- 54 career touchdowns
- Holt has
- Scored 31 touchdowns in the past three years
- Has twenty-two 100-yard games in the past three years
- Has scored a touchdown in 27 of the past 46 games

Buffalo Bills at New England Patriots

The Bills are 40-50-1 lifetime against the Patriots

Smith's Predicted Score: [Bills 10 – Patriots 27](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 road record: [0-0](#)

2006 road points for: [nil](#)

2006 road points against: [nil](#)

2005 road record: [1-7](#)

2005 road points for: [139](#)

2005 road points against: [226](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Bills**
 - Are 5-11 on the road over the past two years
 - Have finished as a top-ten scoring offense just once in the past seven seasons
 - Have lost five straight games to the Patriots
- ◆ **QB J.P. Losman**
 - In his only game against the Patriots, completed 10-27 passes for only 181 yards with 1 touchdown and 3 interceptions
 - Has never thrown for more than 224 yards in a game
- ◆ **RB Willis McGahee**
 - Has rushed for 2,375 yards in his first two seasons
 - Has twelve career 100-yard rushing games
- ◆ In three games against the Patriots, McGahee has
 - One 100-yard rushing game
 - Two games with fewer than 40 rushing yards
 - 4 receptions
 - No rushing touchdowns
- ◆ **WR Lee Evans**
 - Has 16 career touchdowns on only 96

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 home record: [0-0](#)

2006 home points for: [nil](#)

2006 home points against: [nil](#)

2005 home record: [5-3](#)

2005 home points for: [183](#)

2005 home points against: [165](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Patriots** are 13-3 at home over the past two seasons
- ◆ **HC Bill Belichick** is 63-33 with the Patriots including 3 Super Bowl wins
- ◆ **QB Tom Brady**
 - In his five seasons as the starter, has thrown for 18,029 yards or 3,606 yards per season. He has also thrown 123 touchdowns
 - Has been a top-12 QB in fantasy football for four straight years
- ◆ In ten games against the Bills, Brady has
 - One 300-yard passing game
 - Six multiple-passing touchdown games
 - 17 total touchdowns against 9 interceptions
 - Four games with 23+ FP
 - Four games with 12-19 FP
 - Two games with fewer than 9 FP
- ◆ **RB Corey Dillon**
 - Averaged only 3.5 yards per carry last year
 - Has scored 26 touchdowns over the past two seasons
 - For his career, has rushed for 10,429 yards (17th best all-time) as well as scored 69 rushing

receptions

- ◆ In four games against the Patriots, Evans has
 - 10 receptions for 205 yards
 - 0 touchdowns
 - No 100-yard games
 - No 10+ FP games

touchdowns (24th all-time)

- ◆ In four games against the Bills (as a Patriot), Dillon has
 - Rushed for 404 yards and scored 4 touchdowns
 - Two 100-yard rushing games
 - Finished with 15+ FP in all four games

Philadelphia Eagles at Houston Texans

The Eagles are 1-0 lifetime against the Texans

Smith's Predicted Score: [Eagles 24 at Texans 13](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 road record: [0-0](#)

2006 road points for: [nil](#)

2006 road points against: [nil](#)

2005 road record: [2-6](#)

2005 road points for: [143](#)

2005 road points against: [214](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Eagles** are 8-8 on the road over the past two years
- ◆ **HC Andy Reid** is 70-42 with the Eagles
- ◆ **QB Donovan McNabb**
 - Averaged 225 passing yards per game since the 2000 season
 - 17 or fewer touchdown passes in three of the last four years
 - 21 career rushing touchdowns
 - Four 300-yard passing games in only nine starts last year
 - Thrown 47 touchdowns in his last 24 starts
- ◆ **RB Brian Westbrook**
 - Caught 134 passes in his last 25 starts
 - Scored 27 touchdowns in his last 40 games
 - Three career 100-yard rushing games
 - Two career 100-yard receiving games
 - Seventeen games with 5+ receptions
 - Only two games with 20+ carries
- ◆ **WR Reggie Brown**
 - Caught 34 passes for 464 and 4 touchdowns in his final nine games of his rookie season
- ◆ **TE L.J. Smith**
 - In 2005 had career highs in receptions and receiving yardage
 - His first 100-yard receiving game last season

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 home record: [0-0](#)

2006 home points for: [nil](#)

2006 home points against: [nil](#)

2005 home record: [2-6](#)

2005 home points for: [160](#)

2005 home points against: [250](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Texans**
 - Are 5-11 at home over the past two years
 - Gave up under 20 points at home just two times in 2005
- ◆ **QB David Carr**
 - Averaged 177 passing yards per game in the NFL
 - Averaged only 12 touchdown passes per season
 - Not had a 300-yard passing effort in 27 straight games
 - Thrown a touchdown pass in fifteen of the last twenty games but only two of those games were multiple-passing touchdown efforts
- ◆ **RB Domanick Davis** is out for the season leaving a RB hybrid of rookie RB Wali Lundy, RB Vernand Morency and newly acquired RB Ron Dayne competing for touches
- ◆ Morency barely played as a rookie until the final game when he ran for 83 yards on 21 carries
- ◆ **WR Andre Johnson**
 - Averaged 69 receptions and 935 yards per season
 - Scored just 12 touchdowns in three seasons
 - Had just two 100-yard games last year but also five games in which he caught 3 or fewer passes
 - Scored just 3 touchdowns in the last 24 games

New Orleans Saints at Cleveland Browns

The Saints are only 3-11 lifetime against the Cleveland Browns

Smith's Predicted Score: [Saints 13 – Browns 16](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 road record: [0-0](#)

2006 road points for: [nil](#)

2006 road points against: [nil](#)

2005 road record: [2-6](#)

2005 road points for: [127](#)

2005 road points against: [239](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Saints**
 - Are 7-9 at home over the past two years
 - Gave up 20+ points in all but one road game
- ◆ **QB Drew Brees**
 - Averaged 3,032 passing yards and 20 touchdowns in his four seasons as starting quarterback for the Chargers
- ◆ **RB Reggie Bush**
 - Will split time with veteran RB Deuce McAllister
- ◆ **RB Deuce McAllister**
 - Averaged 89 rushing yards per game in his four seasons as starting running back
 - Scored 33 touchdowns in the last 50 games
 - Had twenty-three 100-yard rushing games since the 2000 season
 - Had 12 multiple-touchdown games
 - Had three 1,000 yard rushing seasons
- ◆ **WR Joe Horn**
 - Caught 486 passes with the New Orleans Saints
 - Not caught a touchdown pass since week two of 2005
 - Had four 1,000 yard receiving seasons
 - Had twenty-five 100-yard receiving games since the 2000 season
 - Had nine multiple touchdown games since the 2000 season

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 home record: [0-0](#)

2006 home points for: [nil](#)

2006 home points against: [nil](#)

2005 home record: [4-4](#)

2005 home points for: [119](#)

2005 home points against: [141](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Browns**
 - Are 7-9 at home over the past two years
 - Gave up 20 or fewer points six times at home last season
 - Haven't had a top-ten season on offense (points scored) since the 1987 campaign.
- ◆ **QB Charlie Frye**
 - Completed 98 of 164 passes in his rookie season
 - Averaged only 6.1 yards per attempt and 10.2 yards per completion
 - Threw 4 touchdowns against 6 interceptions
 - Had only one 200-yard passing effort
- ◆ **RB Reuben Droughns**
 - Averaged 1,236 rushing yards in his past two seasons
 - Only 9 career rushing touchdowns and 6 receiving touchdowns
 - Carried the ball 584 times in the last two years after carrying it only 40 total times in his first three seasons
 - Nine 100-yard rushing games in the past two seasons
- ◆ **WR Braylon Edwards**
 - Had one 100-yard receiving game and one multiple touchdown game in his rookie season
- ◆ **TE Kellen Winslow Jr.** has caught only five career passes

Seattle Seahawks at Detroit Lions

The Seahawks are 5-4 lifetime against the Lions

Smith's Predicted Score: [Seahawks 21 – Lions 20](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 road record: [0-0](#)
2006 road points for: [nil](#)
2006 road points against: [nil](#)
2005 road record: [5-3](#)
2005 road points for: [215](#)
2005 road points against: [168](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Seahawks**
 - Are 9-7 on the road over the past two seasons
 - Were #1 in points scored last season for the first time in their 30-year history
- ◆ **HC Mike Holmgren** is 63-49 with the Seattle Seahawks
- ◆ **QB Matt Hasselbeck**
 - Averaged 216 passing yards per game with the Seahawks
 - Averaged 22 passing touchdowns per game in the last four years
 - Had three 400-yard passing games and 12 games over 300-passing yards
 - Set career bests in completion %, interceptions per passing attempt, touchdowns per passing attempts and passer rating last year
- ◆ **RB Shaun Alexander**
 - Is already 12th all-time in career rushing touchdowns with 89 and he's 16th in total touchdowns with 100
 - Averaged 1,500 rushing yards per season over the past five years
 - Averaged 20 touchdowns per season over the past five years
 - Had nine games with 3+ touchdowns and 27 multiple-touchdown games
 - Had 34 100-yard rushing games
 - Had 30 games with 20+ fantasy points
- ◆ **WR Darrell Jackson**
 - Averaged 66 receiving yards per game as a pro
 - Never had more than 1,199 receiving yards or 9 touchdowns in a season
 - Had only one top-ten WR fantasy season

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 home record: [0-0](#)
2006 home points for: [nil](#)
2006 home points against: [nil](#)
2005 home record: [3-5](#)
2005 home points for: [154](#)
2005 home points against: [170](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **QB Jon Kitna**
 - Had four 3,000 yard passing seasons in the NFL
 - Averaged 198.5 yards per NFL start
 - Thrown 108 touchdowns against 103 interceptions
 - Had fourteen 20+ FP games since the 2000 campaign
- ◆ **RB Kevin Jones**
 - 11 NFL touchdowns in two seasons
 - Averaged 899 rushing yards per season
 - Caught 48 passes for for only 289 yards
 - Had just two 20+ FP games in the NFL and five games over 15 FP
 - Had just four 100-yard rushing games
- ◆ **WR Charles Rogers**, a former 1st round pick was cut from the team leaving **WR Corey Bradford**
 - Is the #2 receiver
 - Never has had more than 697 receiving yards in a season
 - Has caught 25 career touchdown passes
 - Never caught more than 45 passes in one season
 - Had just two 20 FP games since the 2000 season
- ◆ **WR Roy Williams**
 - Has caught just 99 passes in his first two seasons but managed to snag 16 touchdowns
 - Has averaged 15.2 yards per reception
 - Has had three 20+ FP games in his two seasons
 - Has had four 100-yard receiving games and four multiple-touchdown games

New York Jets at Tennessee Titans

The Jets are 14-21-1 lifetime against the Titans

Smith's Predicted Score: [Jets 10 – Titans 17](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 road record: [0-0](#)

2006 road points for: [nil](#)

2006 road points against: [nil](#)

2005 road record: [0-8](#)

2005 road points for: [67](#)

2005 road points against: [191](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

◆ **The Jets**

- Scored 7 points or less five times last season
- Scored 97 points in the final four games last year after scoring only 144 points in the previous twelve games
- Have lost ten straight road games dating back to 2004

◆ **QB Chad Pennington**

- Is back in as the starter after throwing just 83 passes last year
- Has thrown just 55 touchdowns in his career
- Has yet to have a 400+ passing attempts season in the NFL
- Has had thirteen 20+ FP games in the NFL
- Has seen his FP/game go down in four straight seasons
 - : 17 FP in 2002
 - : 16.3 FP in 2003
 - : 15.9 FP in 2004
 - : 11.4 FP in 2005

◆ The Jets leading rusher won't be Curtis Martin for the first time since the 1997 season

◆ **WR Laveranues Coles**

- Has averaged 83.5 receptions per season over the last four years
- Has averaged 1,066 receiving yards per season over four years
- Has caught just 17 touchdown passes over those four years
- Has had just four 20+ FP games since the 2000 campaign
- Has had eleven 100-yard receiving games since the 2000 campaign

◆ **WR Jericho Cotchery, the new starting receiver** has yet to score a touchdown at the NFL level

◆ Veteran RBs Derrick Blaylock and newly acquired Kevan Barlow will compete for the carries this season

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 home record: [0-0](#)

2006 home points for: [nil](#)

2006 home points against: [nil](#)

2005 home record: [3-5](#)

2005 home points for: [181](#)

2005 home points against: [197](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

◆ **The Titans**

- Are only 5-11 at home over the past two seasons

◆ **HC Jeff Fisher** is 97-85 during his tenure with the Titans

◆ **QB Kerry Collins**

- Is rumored to be the week one starter for the club after signing just two weeks ago
- Has Enjoyed six straight 3,000 yard seasons
- Never thrown for more than 22 touchdowns in one season
- 159 career passing touchdowns against 147 career interceptions
- Had four 30+ FP games
- Had twenty-eight 20+ FP games
- Had twenty-two 300 yard passing games

◆ **RB Chris Brown**

- Averaged 959 rushing yards and 237 receiving yards in 04/05
- Averaged 4.3 YPC over that span
- Had six 20+ FP games
- Had six 100-yard rushing games and one 100-yard receiving game
- Has scored 13 touchdowns

◆ **WR Drew Bennett**

- Caught 80 passes for 1,247 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2004, averaging 12.3 fantasy points per game
- Caught only 58 passes for 734 yards and 4 touchdowns last season, averaging just 7.6 fantasy points per game
- In three straight games in 2004, caught 28 passes for 517 yards and 8 touchdowns. Now that is a monster stretch in fantasy football
- Has had five 20+ FP games and eight 15+ FP games
- Had no 100-yard receiving games last season

◆ **TE Ben Troupe**

- Caught 55 passes in 2005, 22 more than his rookie season

Cincinnati Bengals at Kansas City Chiefs

The Bengals are 10-12 lifetime against the Chiefs

Smith's Predicted Score: [Bengals 24 – Chiefs 17](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 road record: [0-0](#)

2006 road points for: [nil](#)

2006 road points against: [nil](#)

2005 road record: [6-2](#)

2005 road points for: [205](#)

2005 road points against: [160](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Bengals**
 - Haven't had a losing record for three consecutive seasons (2003 to 2005). They haven't had four in a row since the mid 70s
- ◆ **QB Carson Palmer**
 - Averaged 19.9 FP/game last year
 - Threw 32 touchdown passes last season
 - Has had sixteen 20+ FP games over two seasons
 - Has had five 300-yard passing games
 - Has thrown at least one touchdown in 25 of his 30 games
- ◆ **RB Rudi Johnson... Mr. Consistency...**
 - 2004: 1,454 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns
 - 2005: 1,458 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns
- ◆ **Rudi Johnson**
 - Averaged 86 rushing yards per game over the last three seasons
 - Had thirteen 100-yard rushing games and another six over 90-yards
 - Had eleven 20+ FP games
- ◆ **WR Chad Johnson**
 - Averaged 1,354 receiving yards over the last three years
 - Averaged 9 touchdowns per game over the last three years
 - Three straight seasons of 90+ receptions
 - Had seven games of 20+ FP and twenty-two games of 15+ FP
 - Had five multiple touchdown games
- ◆ **WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh**
 - Has caught 151 passes in the last two years
 - Has yet to record a 1,000 yard receiving season

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 home record: [0-0](#)

2006 home points for: [nil](#)

2006 home points against: [nil](#)

2005 home record: [7-1](#)

2005 home points for: [227](#)

2005 home points against: [141](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Chiefs**
 - Have gone 11-5 at home over the past two seasons
 - Will be without the expertise of HC Dick Vermeil for the first time since the 2000 season.
- ◆ **Somethings gotta give...**
 - The Chiefs haven't finished lower than 6th on offense in terms of points scored over the past four years.
 - New HC Herman Edwards has never coached a team that finished inside the top-15 in points scored
- ◆ **QB Trent Green**
 - Averaged 4,023 passing yards over the past four seasons
 - Tossed 94 touchdowns against just 52 touchdowns over that span
 - Had eight 30+ FP performances
 - Had thirty-eight 20+ FP performances
 - Had twenty-seven 300-yard passing performances
 - Had 39 multiple touchdown games
- ◆ **RB Larry Johnson**
 - Scored multiple touchdowns in 5 straight games to end the season last year
 - Had nine straight 100-yard rushing games to end the 2005 campaign
 - Had 261 carries in the final nine games
 - Had the 10th best fantasy season at the RB position in the past 10 seasons
- ◆ **TE Tony Gonzalez**
 - Had 78 receptions last year (his 2nd best total of the last five years)
 - Had 905 receiving yards (his 2nd lowest output in five years)
 - Had just 2 touchdowns (his worst result since

1998)

- Has had twenty-one games with 15+ FP

◆ **WR Eddie Kennison**

- Has had two straight 1,000 yard seasons (first two of career)

- Caught 18 touchdowns in the last three years (he had 10 in the previous seven seasons)

- Was the 18th best fantasy WR in each of the last two years

- Has had just three 20+ FP games and thirteen 15+ FP games

Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers

The Bears are 86-78-6 lifetime against the Packers

Smith's Predicted Score: [Bears 13 – Packers 10](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 road record: [0-0](#)

2006 road points for: [nil](#)

2006 road points against: [nil](#)

2005 road record: [4-4](#)

2005 road points for: [112](#)

2005 road points against: [141](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

◆ **The Bears**

- Won in Green Bay last season 24-17. It was the 2nd straight season the Bears won in Green Bay

◆ Since the 1994 season, nine quarterbacks have led the Bears in passing yardage

◆ **QB Rex Grossman**

- Has played in just eight games. He faced the Packers in two of those games. He has completed 21 of 41 passes for 298 yards and 2 touchdown passes and 2 interceptions

◆ **RB Thomas Jones**

- Has faced the Packers five times in the last three seasons. Jones has

- Averaged 118.4 rushing yards per game

- Scored 4 touchdowns

- Had 15+ FP in four of the games

◆ **Amazing stat alert!**

- Jones has improved his yardage total in each of his first six seasons

2000: 373 yards

2001: 380 yards

2002: 511 yards

2003: 627 yards

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)

2006 home record: [0-0](#)

2006 home points for: [nil](#)

2006 home points against: [nil](#)

2005 home record: [3-5](#)

2005 home points for: [174](#)

2005 home points against: [140](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

◆ **The Packers** 4-12 season last year was the worst result since the 1991 season (otherwise known as the year prior to Favre's arrival)

◆ **QB Brett Favre**

- is 2nd all-time in terms of passing attempts (7,611), passing completions (4,678), passing yards (53,615) and passing touchdowns (396)

◆ In order to take over the all-time lead in those categories, Favre needs

- 747 passing attempts

- 290 completions

- 7,746 passing attempts

- 24 passing touchdowns

◆ In the last four seasons, Favre has finished no higher than the 6th best fantasy quarterback and last year he finished 13th

◆ In his last 12 games against the Bears, Favre has

- Only one 30 FP game

- Four 20+ FP games

- No games with less than 12 FP

- Averaged 253.7 passing yards per game

- Tossed 19 touchdowns against 14 interceptions

- However, last season, Favre stunk out the joint against the Bears

2004: 948 yards
2005: 1,335 yards

- ◆ Jones had his first top-ten fantasy performance last year
- ◆ WR Muhsin Muhammad
 - Had 655 less receiving yards and 12 fewer touchdowns last year
 - Had no 100-yard games and no multiple touchdown efforts. In 2004 he had 7 and 5 respectively

- 61 of 109 for 594 yards with 0 touchdowns and 6 interceptions

- ◆ **WR Donald Driver**
 - Averaged 1,215 yards and 7 touchdowns over the past two seasons
 - Never had more than 23 FP in a game
 - Had five 20+ FP games and fifteen 15 FP games
 - Has faced the Bears ten times. In those games he
 - Has two 100-yard receiving games
 - Has scored just one touchdown
 - Has one 19 FP game
 - Has had less than 10 FP eight times
- ◆ **RB Ahman Green**
 - Scored 61 touchdowns from 2000-2004. Last season he scored zero
 - In ten games against the Bears, Green has
 - Had Four 100-yard rushing games
 - Scored six touchdowns
 - Caught 30 passes
 - Had three 20+ FP games and only two games with less than 10 FP

Dallas Cowboys at Jacksonville Jaguars

The Cowboys are 2-1 lifetime against the Jaguars

Smith's Predicted Score: [Cowboys 24 – Jaguars 13](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 road record: [0-0](#)
2006 road points for: [nil](#)
2006 road points against: [nil](#)
2005 road record: [4-4](#)
2005 road points for: [147](#)
2005 road points against: [179](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Cowboys**
 - Haven't finished top-ten in points scored since 1998
 - Are 10-14 on the road under HC Bill Parcells
- ◆ **QB Drew Bledsoe**
 - Has had six top-10 fantasy efforts in a season thus far in his career. He has never finished inside the top-three
 - Is now top-five all-time in completions and attempts and 7th in passing yardage
- ◆ Last season, Bledsoe had
 - Five games with 23+ FP

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 home record: [0-0](#)
2006 home points for: [nil](#)
2006 home points against: [nil](#)
2005 home record: [6-2](#)
2005 home points for: [186](#)
2005 home points against: [150](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Jaguars**
 - Are 15-9 at home under HC Jack Del Rio
 - Won 8 of their last 9 games last season
 - Were 12-2 last season against team not named 'Colts'
- ◆ **RB Fred Taylor**
 - Has had five 1,000 yard seasons
 - Has had just twenty-one touchdowns in the last five seasons
 - Is now 25th all-time in rushing yardage (8,367)
 - Has missed just seven games in the past four seasons

- Three 300-yard passing games
- Five multiple-touchdowns games
- ◆ **RB Julius Jones**
 - Rushed for 1,812 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns in his first two seasons
 - Missed 11 of 32 games in his career
 - Had two 30+ FP games and four 20+ FP games
 - Had four games with 149+ rushing yards but his next highest is only 93 yards
- ◆ **WR Terry Glenn**
 - Had his most fantasy points in a season ever last year (161.2 FP)
 - Has never had more than 7 receiving touchdowns in one season
 - Had Three of his four 20+ FP games came last season
 - Had three 100-yard games last season
- ◆ **WR Terrell Owens**
 - Is 4th all-time in receiving touchdowns
 - He has scored 72 touchdowns in his last 80 games
 - He has four 30+ FP games and twenty-four 20+ FP games
- Had a 49 FP game during the 2000 season. That is the 4th highest FP game over the last six seasons
- Taylor has had twenty-nine 100-yard rushing games in the last six seasons
- ◆ **QB Byron Leftwich**
 - Was on pace for 22 touchdown passes last year before suffering an injury
 - Averaged 7.0 yards per passing attempt a year ago
 - Hasn't had a 300-yard game since week seven of 2004
 - Has had eleven 20+ FP games and multiple touchdown games
- ◆ For the first time since 1995, the Jaguars will have a receiver other than Jimmy Smith (who retired) lead the team in receiving
- ◆ The Jaguars wide receivers caught 18 of the 21 touchdown passes in 2005
 - Smith caught 6
 - Ernest Wilford caught 7
 - Matt Jones caught 5
 - Reggie Williams caught none
- ◆ **Williams**
 - Has caught only 1 touchdown on 62 receptions during his brief NFL career
 - Has never had more than 65 receiving yards in one game

San Francisco 49ers at Arizona Cardinals

The 49ers are 17-12 lifetime against the Cardinals

Smith's Predicted Score: [49ers 17 – Cardinals 38](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
 2006 road record: [0-0](#)
 2006 road points for: [nil](#)
 2006 road points against: [nil](#)
 2005 road record: [1-7](#)
 2005 road points for: [101](#)
 2005 road points against: [246](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The 49ers** have been truly awful over the last two seasons...
 - 6 wins and 26 losses
 - 30th in points for both seasons
 - 30th and 32nd in points allowed both seasons
 - Last season finished dead last in yards for and against

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
 2006 home record: [0-0](#)
 2006 home points for: [nil](#)
 2006 home points against: [nil](#)
 2005 home record: [3-5](#)
 2005 home points for: [159](#)
 2005 home points against: [160](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Cardinals**
 - Are playing in a brand new stadium this season
 - Are 11-21 under HC Dennis Green
 - The Cardinals finished 7th in yardage gained last year. That was their best result since QB Neil Lomax led them to a 2nd best result in 1988
- ◆ WR Larry Fitzgerald if off to a great start to his

- ◆ **QB Alex Smith** tossed just 1 touchdown on 165 passing attempts. The most similar season I could find from a young quarterback was Heath Shuler in 1997
 - Smith completed 84 of 165 passes for 875 yards with 1 TD and 11 Ic
 - Shuler completed 106 of 203 passes for 1,288 yards, 2 TD and 14 Ic
- ◆ Smith had no 200-yard passing games
- ◆ **RB Frank Gore**
 - Had 54 carries for 255 yards and 2 touchdowns in his final three games last season
 - Had only 8 total carries for 26 yards in two games against the Cardinals last season
 - Averaged 4.8 YPC in 2005
- ◆ **WR Antonio Bryant**
 - Had his first 1,000 yard season last year
 - Has scored just 16 touchdowns in 63 career games
 - Averaged 14.8 yards per catch
 - Has had just four 20+ FP games

NFL career, even compared to some of the NFL's best

- Fitzgerald: 161 r...2189 yards...18 TD
- J. Rice: 135 r...2497 yards...18 TD
- R. Moss: 149 r...2,726 yards...28 TD (Wow!)
- T. Owens: 95 r...1,456 yards...12 TD
- M. Harrison: 137 r...1702 yards...14 TD
- T. Holt: 134 r...2423 yards...12 TD
- James Lofton: 100 r...1786 yards...10 TD

- ◆ **WR Larry Fitzgerald**
 - Had 5+ receptions ten times last season
 - Had seven 100-yard receiving games
 - Scored in ten games last year (but no multiple touchdown games)
- ◆ **WR Anquan Boldin**
 - Has averaged 6.4 receptions per game played in the NFL
 - Caught 63 passes in the final seven games last year.
- ◆ **RB Edgerrin James**
 - Has had five 1,000 yard rushing seasons
 - Has scored 75 career touchdowns
 - Has had four top-six fantasy seasons
 - Is 19th all-time in total carries and 20th in total rushing yards-
- ◆ **QB Kurt Warner**
 - Has only 21 touchdown passes in his last 937 attempts
 - Had five 300-yard passing games in his ten starts last year
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Indianapolis Colts at New York Giants

Colts are 6-6 lifetime against Giants

Smith's Predicted Score: [Colts 24 – Giants 27](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
 2006 road record: [0-0](#)
 2006 road points for: [nil](#)
 2006 road points against: [nil](#)
 2005 road record: [7-1](#)
 2005 road points for: [245](#)
 2005 road points against: [144](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Colts**

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
 2006 home record: [0-0](#)
 2006 home points for: [nil](#)
 2006 home points against: [nil](#)
 2005 home record: [7-1](#)
 2005 home points for: [238](#)
 2005 home points against: [134](#)

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Giants**

- Are 38-10 over the past three seasons
- Have finished top-two in points scored in four of the last five years
- Are 12-4 on the road over the last two years
- Defense gave up ten or fewer points seven times last season
- ◆ **HC Tony Dungy**
 - Is 102-58 lifetime and 48-16 with the Colts
 - Has coached nine straight seasons of non-losing football
- ◆ **QB Peyton Manning**
 - Is already 20th all-time in passing yards and 13th in touchdowns
 - Has never had fewer than 26 passing touchdowns in a season
 - Has never had fewer than 3,700 passing yards
 - Has thrown only 10 interceptions in each of the last three years
 - Has had thirteen 30+ FP games in the last six years
 - Has had a staggering fifty-three games with 20+ FP in the last six years
- ◆ **WR Marvin Harrison**
 - Is 10th best all-time in receiving yardage and 3rd all-time in touchdowns
 - Has averaged 1,408 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns over seven years
 - Has had twenty-one 20+ FP games
- ◆ **WR Reggie Wayne**
 - Has had two straight 1,000 yard receiving seasons
 - Has caught 24 touchdown passes over the last three years
 - Has had just six 20+ FP games
- Won four of their final five games last season
- Were the 3rd best scoring offense in 2005
- Haven't had back-to-back winning records since 93/94
- ◆ **QB Eli Manning**
 - Threw for 3,762 passing yards last season with 24 touchdowns
 - Completed just 52.8% of his passes
 - Had three 300-yard passing games
 - Had five 20+ FP games last season
- ◆ **RB Tiki Barber**
 - Is now 21st all-time in rushing yardage
 - Has been top-7 in fantasy football in three of the last four seasons
 - Has had four straight seasons with 1,200+ rushing yardage
 - Has scored 26 touchdowns in the last two years
 - Has had twenty-three 20+ FP games in the last six seasons
 - Has had four 200 yard-rushing games and twenty-nine 100 yard games
- ◆ **TE Jeremy Shockey**
 - Has 13 touchdowns in the past two seasons
 - Has had only three 15+ FP games
- ◆ **WR Plaxico Burress**
 - Had four 100-yard receiving games last season
 - Scored only twice in the final ten games last year
 - Has had three 1000-yard receiving seasons
 - Has had just five 20+ FP games in the last six years
- ◆ **WR Amani Toomer**
 - Had 5 touchdowns in the final eight games last season
 - Has had five 1,000 yard receiving seasons
 - Hasn't had a 100-yard receiving game since week ten of 2004.

Monday Night Football

Minnesota Vikings at Washington Redskins

Visiting Team is 88-8-8 lifetime against Home Team

Smith's Predicted Score: [Vikings 10 – Redskins 20](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
 2006 road record: [0-0](#)
 2006 road points for: [nil](#)
 2006 road points against: [nil](#)
 2005 road record: [3-5](#)

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
 2006 home record: [0-0](#)
 2006 home points for: [nil](#)
 2006 home points against: [nil](#)
 2005 home record: [6-2](#)

2005 road points for: [122](#)
2005 road points against: [217](#)

2005 home points for: [198](#)
2005 home points against: [117](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Vikings**
 - Won seven of their final nine games last year
 - Haven't had a top-ten defense since the 1998 season (15-1 that year)
- ◆ **QB Brad Johnson**
 - Has thrown for 25,798 yards (48th all-time)
 - Has had twenty-two 20+ FP games
 - Didn't have a 300-yard game last season
- ◆ **RB Chester Taylor**
 - Has only 4 career rushing touchdowns on 373 attempts
 - Has two career 100-yard rushing games
- ◆ **WR Travis Taylor**
 - Had no 100-yard games last season (last happened week 7 of 2003)
 - Has averaged 552 receiving yards in the last three years
- ◆ **TE Jermaine Wiggins** has caught 140 passes in the last two seasons

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Redskins**
 - Have won five straight regular season games
 - Have had two straight top-ten defensive performances
- ◆ **QB Mark Brunell**
 - Is 27th all-time in passing yardage (30,037)
 - Is 22nd all-time in completions (2,576)
 - Has had six 3,000 passing-yard seasons
 - Set a career high with 23 passing touchdowns last year
 - Had seven straight games with less than 200 passing yards to end the 2005 season after seven of the first nine games with 200+ passing yards
- ◆ **WR Santana Moss**
 - Had 1,483 receiving yards last season
 - Had five 100-yard receiving games last year
 - Had only one game with less than 50 receiving yards
- ◆ **TE Chris Cooley**
 - Had a 3-touchdown game last season against the Cowboys
 - Had eight games with 5+ receptions last season
- ◆ **RB Clinton Portis**
 - Has rushed for at least 1,315 yards in each of his four seasons and at least 1,508 yards in three of the four seasons
 - Is averaging 12 touchdowns per season
 - Has the single best single-game fantasy football performance in the past six seasons. In 2003 with the Broncos against the Chiefs, he ran for 218 yards, caught 2 passes and scored 5 touchdowns for 55.4 FP
 - Has had twenty 20+ FP games

Monday Night Football

San Diego Chargers at Oakland Raiders

The Chargers are 36-55-2 lifetime against the Raiders

Smith's Predicted Score: [Chargers 20 – Raiders 17](#)

Visiting Team Inside the Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 road record: [0-0](#)
2006 road points for: [nil](#)
2006 road points against: [nil](#)

Home Team Inside The Numbers

2006 record: [0-0](#)
2006 home record: [0-0](#)
2006 home points for: [nil](#)
2006 home points against: [nil](#)

2005 road record: [5-3](#)
2005 road points for: [189](#)
2005 road points against: [151](#)

2005 home record: [2-6](#)
2005 home points for: [154](#)
2005 home points against: [183](#)

Visiting Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Chargers**
 - Beat the Raiders twice by a combined score of 61 to 24 last season
 - Have beat the Raiders in five straight games
 - Have finished top-five in points scored for two straight seasons
- ◆ **RB LaDainian Tomlinson**
 - After just five years, Tomlinson is already 22nd all-time in touchdowns scored
 - Has averaged 1,472 rushing yards per season
 - Has averaged 16 touchdowns per season
 - Has had five 38+ FP games (200+ total yards and 3+ touchdowns)
 - Has had thirty-two 20+ FP games
- ◆ **In ten games against the Raiders, Tomlinson**
 - Has five 100-yard rushing games
 - Has scored at least one touchdown in eight of the ten games
 - Has had four 30+ FP games and only one game with fewer than 10 FP
- ◆ **TE Antonio Gates**
 - Had 2,065 yards and 23 touchdowns in the last two seasons
 - Had six 100-yard receiving games
 - Had 5+ receptions in ten games last season
- ◆ **In six games against the Raiders, Gates**
 - Scored at least one touchdown in three games (4 total)
 - Finished with 11+ FP three times
 - Had two receptions or less in three games
 - Had 4 FP or less in three games
- ◆ New starting QB Philip Rivers has only thrown for 148 yards in his career

Home Team Tidbits:

- ◆ **The Raiders**
 - Are 13-35 since making it the Super Bowl in 2002
 - Have finished no higher than 25th in points against in the last three seasons
 - Lost six straight games to end last season
- ◆ HC Art Shell is back for his 2nd stint with the Raiders. He went 54-38 in his first go-around with the team
- ◆ **RB Lamont Jordan**
 - Had his first 1,000 yard rushing season last year in just 14 games
 - Scored 11 touchdowns in 2005
 - Had three 100-yard rushing games last season
 - Had eight games with 100+ total yards
 - Was the 8th best fantasy running back last season
- ◆ In two games against the Chargers last year, Jordan
 - Had 27 carries for 91 rushing yards
 - Scored two touchdowns in one game and none in the next
 - Had 21 FP in the one game and 7 FP in the other
- ◆ **WR Randy Moss**
 - Is only 29 years old this year
 - Is 8th all-time in receiving touchdowns (98)
 - Is 19th overall in rushing/receiving touchdowns
 - Has caught just 108 passes over the last two seasons
 - Has averaged 12 touchdowns per season
 - Had only 7 receptions for 74 yards against the Chargers last year
 - Had eighteen 20+ FP games in the last six years
- ◆ **QB Aaron Brooks**
 - Has 120 career passing touchdowns against 84 interceptions
 - Has 13 rushing touchdowns
 - Has just 34 touchdowns against 33 interceptions
 - Has a career completion percentage of 56.4%