

WEEK 15 – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (7-6) AT CHICAGO BEARS (7-6)

SERIES

	<u>SAINTS</u>	<u>BEARS</u>
SERIES LEADER		12-11
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Payton: 0-2	Smith: 3-0
LAST WEEK	W 29-25 vs. Falcons	W 23-10 vs. Jaguars
LAST GAME	12/30/07: Saints 25 at Bears 33. Chicago WR-KR Devin Hester scores 2 TDs (55-yard rec., 64-yard PR) as Bears eliminate New Orleans from playoff race.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/30/07	
BROADCAST	NFLN (7:00 PM CT): Bob Papa, Cris Collinsworth. Westwood One Radio: Ian Eagle, Dennis Green, Hub Arkush (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 124 (WW1), 125 (NO), 127 (Chi.). XM: 124 (WW1), 102 (NO), 103 (Chi.).	

STATS

PASSING	Brees: 329-503-4,100 (1L)-26 (T1L)-14-96.2 (3C)	Orton: 212-361-2,414-15-8-83.5
RUSHING	P. Thomas: 94-461-4.9-7	Forté (R): 269-1,081-4.0-6
RECEIVING	Moore: 62-774-12.5-8	Forté (R) (RB): 53-395-7.5-4
OFFENSE	405.9 (1L)	308.0
TAKE/GIVE	-4	+6 (3C)
DEFENSE	344.1	325.4
SACKS	McCray: 6.0	3 tied: 5.0
INTs	David: 4	Payne: 4
PUNTING	Pakulak: 48.3	Maynard: 41.0
KICKING	Hartley (R): 48 (15/15 PAT; 11/11 FG)	Gould: 96 (33/33 PAT; 21/24 FG)

NOTES

SAINTS: Lead NFL in total offense (405.9 yards per game)...In past 2 meetings (incl. 2006 NFC Champ.), **QB DREW BREES** has passed for 674 yards (337.0 per game) & 5 TDs. Since joining Saints in 2006, has passed for 12,941 yards, most in NFL. Leads NFL with 4,100 yards & has 320+ yards in 8 of 13 games. In starts with 10+ att., when Brees has 100.0+ rating, his teams are 28-5 (.848)...**RB PIERRE THOMAS** had career-high 105 rush yards, 12 receptions, 121 rec. yards & 226 scrimmage yards in last meeting. Has 6 TDs in past 4 (4 rush, 2 rec.). Had 102 rush yards & 2 TDs (1 rec.) last week. **RB REGGIE BUSH** had 7 catches for 132 yards with 88-yard TD in NFC Champ. meeting. In past 2 meetings, **WR MARQUES COLSTON** has 3 TDs. Had 8 catches for 94 yards & 2 TDs in last meeting. **WR LANCE MOORE** has 6 TDs in past 6...**S ROMAN HARPER** tied career-high with 2.0 sacks & had 1 FF in last meeting. **CB JASON DAVID** had INT in last meeting. Has 3 INTs in past 3...**BEARS:** **QB KYLE ORTON** is 13-2 (.867) as starter at home. When Orton has 100.0+ rating, Bears are 4-0...**RB MATT FORTÉ** leads NFL rookies & ranks 2nd overall with 1,476 scrimmage yards & 71 1st downs. Is only rookie to lead team in both rushing (1,081) & receptions (53). Joined HOFer **WALTER PAYTON** & **NEAL ANDERSON** as only Bears with 1,000 rush yards & 50 catches in season...**WR-PR-KR DEVIN HESTER** has 17 TDs (7 PR, 5 KR, 5 rec.), incl. playoffs. Had 64-yard PR-TD in last meeting. **TEs DESMOND CLARK & GREG OLSEN** each had TD last week...Club leads NFL with 27 takeaways (19 INT, 8 FR). **LB BRIAN URLACHER** had INT in last meeting. **DT TOMMIE HARRIS** had sack & FF in last meeting. Has 3.0 sacks in past 3. Bears have won 12 of past 15 when Harris has sack. Bears are 14-5 (.737) when **CB CHARLES TILLMAN** has INT. Tillman had INT in last meeting. **DE ADEWALE OGUNLEYE** has sack in 2 of past 3 meetings (incl. playoffs). **S DANIEAL MANNING** had INT last week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (9-4) AT ATLANTA FALCONS (8-5)

SERIES

	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>	<u>FALCONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	18-12	
STREAKS	Past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gruden: 10-4	Smith: 0-1
LAST WEEK	L 38-23 at Panthers	L 29-25 at Saints
LAST GAME	9/14/08: Falcons 9 at Buccaneers 24. Tampa Bay RB Earnest Graham 116 yards, including 68-yard TD. Buccaneers QB Brian Griese adds 160 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/18/07: Buccaneers 31, Falcons 7. Tampa Bay QB Jeff Garcia passes for 2 TDs & RB Earnest Graham runs for 102 yards & 1 TD. Buccaneers' defense registers 4 turnovers & 5 sacks.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Dick Stockton, Brian Baldinger, Laura Okmin (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 147 (TB), 121 (Atl.). XM: 105 (Atl.).	

STATS

PASSING	Garcia: 206-309-2,223-10-3-94.4	Ryan (R): 227-336-2,940-14-7-92.0
RUSHING	Dunn: 155-689-4.4-2	Turner: 300-1,269 (2L)-4.2-14 (T1L)
RECEIVING	A. Bryant: 66-936-14.2-5	White: 78 (3C)-1,249 (1L)-16.0-6
OFFENSE	339.2	366.7 (3C)
TAKE/GIVE	+5	-2
DEFENSE	293.7	344.8
SACKS	Adams: 5.5	Abraham: 12.5 (T2C)
INTs	3 tied: 3	Coleman: 3
PUNTING	Bidwell: 44.5	Koenen: 40.4
KICKING	M. Bryant: 115 (T2C) (28/29 PAT; 29/34 FG)	Elam: 109 (34/34 PAT; 25/27 FG)

NOTES

BUCCANEERS: **QB JEFF GARCIA** has won 6 starts in row vs. Atl. In 9 career starts vs. Atl., Garcia has completed 160 of 254 (63.0 pct.) for 1,960 yards with 12 TDs vs. 3 INTs for 97.6 passer rating. When Garcia has 95.0+ rating as starter (incl. playoffs), his teams are 36-13 (.735)...**RB WARRICK DUNN** spent 6 seasons with Atl. (2002-07) & rushed for 5,981 yards & 30 TDs. Needs 3 catches to become 6th player in NFL history with 10,000+ rush yards (10,870) & 500+ receptions (497)...**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** had career-high 200 yards on 9 catches last week (2 TDs). Needs 64 yards for 2nd career 1,000-yard season...**CB RONDE BARBER** has 2 TDs in past 3 vs. Atl. Had 41-yard FR-TD in 11/18/07 contest & 29-yard INT-TD in 12/16/07 meeting. Has 11 career defensive TDs (FR & INT), most among active players & 3rd all-time. **DE GAINES ADAMS** has 5.0 sacks & 2 FFs in 3 meetings & aims for 4th in row vs. Atl. with sack. **S JERMAINE PHILLIPS** aims for 3rd in row with INT. Had INT in 12/16/07 meeting...**FALCONS:** Rookie **QB MATT RYAN** is 5-1 (.833) at home & has 107.1 passer rating, completing 96 of 144 (66.7 pct.) for 1,411 yards with 5 TDs vs. 1 INT. Team is 6-0 when Ryan has 100.0+ rating...**RB MICHAEL TURNER** ranks 2nd in NFL with 1,269 rush yards & ties for 1st with 14 rush TDs. This year, has rushed for 672 yards (112.0 per game) & 12 TDs in 6 home games. When Turner has 8+ carries, his teams are 19-5 (.792). **RB JERIOUS NORWOOD** has 6 career TDs & 4 have been 67+ yards...**WR RODDY WHITE** had 10 catches for 164 yards last week. Has 72 catches for 1,136 yards (103.3 per game) & 6 TDs in past 11, incl. 7 100-yard games. In past 5 at home, White has 28 catches for 471 yards (94.2 per game) & 3 TDs, incl. 3 100-yard games...**DE JOHN ABRAHAM** has 22.5 sacks in past 28. Has 80.0 sacks since 2000, tied for 3rd most in NFL. Has sack in 5 of 6 career meetings. **DT JONATHAN BABINEAUX** had sack in last meeting.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (7-6) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (1-11-1)**SERIES**

	<u>REDSKINS</u>	<u>BENGALS</u>
SERIES LEADER	4-3	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Zorn: 0-0	Lewis: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 24-10 at Ravens	L 35-3 at Colts
LAST GAME	11/14/04: Bengals 17 at Redskins 10. Cincinnati jumps to 17-0 lead by scoring on 3 straight 1st-half possessions & withstands late Washington rally to snap 6-game road losing streak.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/22/91: Redskins 34, Bengals 27. Washington RB Gerald Riggs rushes for 61 yards & 3 TDs, including decisive 7-yarder with 2:02 remaining in 4th quarter.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Daryl Johnson, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (Was.), 152 (Cin.). XM: 103 (Was.).	

STATS

PASSING	J. Campbell: 262-415-2,778-11-6-85.4	Fitzpatrick: 182-304-1,512-6-9-66.9
RUSHING	Portis: 266-1,260 (3C)-4.7-7	Benson: 130-392-3.0-1
RECEIVING	Cooley (TE): 67-713-10.6-1	Houshmandzadeh: 89 (3L)-885-9.9-4
OFFENSE	332.5	233.9
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-8
DEFENSE	282.8 (2C)	348.2
SACKS	Evans: 3.5	Geathers: 2.5
INTs	Hall: 5 (T1C)	8 tied: 1
PUNTING	Plackemeier: 40.5	Larson: 39.9
KICKING	Suisham: 86 (20/20 PAT; 22/31 FG)	Graham: 58 (10/10 PAT; 16/18 FG)

NOTES

REDSKINS: **QB JASON CAMPBELL** is 2nd in NFL with 1.4 INT pct. (6 INTs, 415 att.). Club ties for 1st in NFL with fewest INTs (6). When Campbell has 100.0+ rating, team is 5-1 (.833). Needs 222 yards for 1st career 3,000-yard season...**RB CLINTON PORTIS** leads NFL with 72 1st downs. Ranks 3rd with 1,461 scrimmage yards (1,260 rush, 201 rec.). Has rushed for 504 yards (100.8 per game) & 3 TDs in past 5 vs. AFC. In last game at Cin. (9/7/03 with Den.), Portis rushed for 120 yards & 2 TDs. When Portis rushes for 100+ yards, his teams are 33-10 (.767)...**WR SANTANA MOSS** is averaging 15.5 yards per catch in career. **WR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** has 28 career TDs (16 rec., 6 PR, 5 pass., 1 KR), incl. playoffs. Had TD catch last week. **TE CHRIS COOLEY** had TD in last meeting. Has 28 TDs since 2004, most among NFC TEs...**LB-DE JASON TAYLOR** is active leader with 118.0 sacks. In 2 career meetings at Cin., Taylor has 2.0 sacks, 1 INT, 1 FF & 1 FR. **S LA RON LANDRY** had INT last week & has INT in 2 of past 3. Defense ranks 4th in NFC with 208 1st downs allowed...**BENGALS:** **QB RYAN FITZPATRICK** has 60+ completion percentage in 7 of 9 starts this season. Fitzpatrick has 236 rush yards in '08...For career, **RB CEDRIC BENSON** averages 76.6 rush yards per game when he has 20+ carries...Since '07, **WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** ranks 2nd in NFL with 201 receptions (**WES WELKER**, 208). Houshmandzadeh (89) needs 11 receptions to reach 100 receptions in consecutive seasons & needs 115 receiving yards to reach 1,000 yards in 3 seasons in row. In past 3 against NFC, Houshmandzadeh averages 126.7 receiving yards per game & has 2 100-yard games (146, 149). **WR CHAD JOHNSON** aims for 105th consecutive game with reception. Johnson posted 6 receptions for 89 yards (14.8 avg.) in last meeting against Redskins...Since '03, team is 22-6-1 (.776) when defense has 2+ INTs...**LB DHANI JONES** leads team with 122 tackles...Rookie **WR-KR ANDRE CALDWELL** (3rd round, Florida) has 27.5 KR avg. (11 KR, 303 yards).

TENNESSEE TITANS (12-1) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (6-7)**SERIES**

	<u>TITANS</u>	<u>TEXANS</u>
SERIES LEADER	11-2	
STREAKS	Past 7	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fisher: 11-2	Kubiak: 0-5
LAST WEEK	W 28-9 vs. Browns	W 24-21 at Packers
LAST GAME	9/21/08: Texans 12 at Titans 31. Tennessee RB LenDale White scores 2 rushing TDs, TE Bo Scaife catches 9-yard TD & S Michael Griffin has 2 INTs as Titans improve to 3-0.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/21/07: Titans 38, Texans 36. Tennessee K Rob Bironas kicks NFL-record 8 FGs as Titans survive 29-point 4th-quarter rally by Houston.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Gus Johnson, Steve Tasker. SIRIUS: 126 (Hou.). XM: 109 (Hou.).	

STATS

PASSING	Collins: 206-351-2,280-11-6-81.4	Schaub: 182-269-2,176-12-9-93.1 (3C)
RUSHING	C. Johnson (R): 222-1,094 (2C)-4.9-8	Slaton (R): 206-1,024 (3C)-5.0-8
RECEIVING	Scaife (TE): 50-517-10.3-2	A. Johnson: 92 (2L)-1,201 (1C)-13.1-5
OFFENSE	330.0	381.5 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	+11 (2L)	-11
DEFENSE	273.8 (3L)	342.2
SACKS	Haynesworth: 8.5	M. Williams: 11.0
INTs	Finnegan, Griffin: 5 (T2L)	Reeves: 4
PUNTING	Hentrich: 42.8	Turk: 42.8
KICKING	Bironas: 108 (2C) (36/36 PAT; 24/27 FG)	K. Brown: 100 (31/31 PAT; 23/26 FG)

NOTES

TITANS: Club aims for 1st 13-1 start in franchise history...Dating back to 12/16/07, Titans have won 14 of past 15...Club aims for 8th consecutive win vs. Texans...Since '07, club is 19-3 (.864) when posting 30+ rush att...**QB KERRY COLLINS** has 12-4 (.750) record as starter with Ten...Rookie **RB CHRIS JOHNSON** (1st round, No. 24) ranks 2nd in AFC with 1,094 rush yards. Johnson aims for 3rd consecutive game with 100+ rush yards (106, 136) & has 3 TDs in past 2. **RB LEN DALE WHITE** (14) needs 1 rush TD to surpass **EDDIE GEORGE** (14 in 2000) for 2nd-most rush TDs in franchise history (single season). Aims for 3rd consecutive game with rush TD...**WR JUSTIN GAGE** averages 18.1 yards per catch in '08 (26 rec. for 471 yards)...**TE BO SCAIFE** has career-high in rec. (50) & receiving yards (517) in '08...**CB CORTLAND FINNEGAN & S MICHAEL GRIFFIN** are tied for 2nd in NFL with 5 INTs (4 others have 5). Griffin has 3 INTs in past 2 vs. Hou...**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** has 7.5 sacks against Hou. (most vs. any opponent)...**TEXANS:** Club (306) needs 4 points to surpass 309 in '04 for 2nd-highest point total in single season in Texans history...**QB MATT SCHAUB** registered career & franchise-best 414 passing yards last week...Rookie **RB STEVE SLATON** (3rd round, No. 89) ranks 3rd in AFC with 1,024 rush yards (5.0 avg.) on 180 att. & 8 TDs. Slaton aims for 3rd consecutive game with 100 or more rush yards (130, 104). Slaton (1,024) needs 8 rush yards to surpass **DOMANICK WILLIAMS** (1,031 in '03) for most rush yards by rookie RB in franchise history. Slaton gained 116 rush yards in last meeting against Ten...**WR ANDRE JOHNSON** averages 122.3 receiving yards per game at home in '08 & has 4 games with 100 or more yards. Johnson (92) needs 12 rec. to surpass career-high (103 in '06; Texans record). **WR KEVIN WALTER** leads team with career-high 8 TD receptions & needs 1 TD rec. to surpass Johnson's franchise record of 8 in '07...Since '07, **DE MARIO WILLIAMS** ranks 3rd in NFL with 25 sacks (**DE MARCUS WARE**, 29; **JARED ALLEN**, 26.5).

DETROIT LIONS (0-13) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (9-4)**SERIES**

	<u>LIONS</u>	<u>COLTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		19-18-2
STREAKS		4 of past 6
COACHES VS. OPP.	Marinelli: 0-0	Dungy: 7-7
LAST WEEK	L 20-16 vs. Vikings	W 35-3 vs. Bengals
LAST GAME	11/25/04: Colts 41 at Lions 9. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning throws 6 TD passes, becoming 1st QB with 4 games in season with 5+ TDs, as Colts win on Thanksgiving Day.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/29/00: Colts 30, Lions 18. Manning throws 3 TDs to 3 different teammates in 1st half as Colts build 23-0 lead. Colts RB Edgerrin James adds 139 rushing yards & 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Thom Brennaman, Brian Billick. SIRIUS: 158 (Det.), 127 (Ind.). XM: 104 (Ind.).	

STATS

PASSING	Culpepper: 60-115-786-4-6-63.9	Manning: 307-477-3,225 (2C)-22 (3C)-12-88.8
RUSHING	Kev. Smith (R): 167-684-4.1-5	Addai: 154-540-3.5-5
RECEIVING	C. Johnson: 56-1,055-18.8-9 (T2C)	Wayne: 67-918-13.7-5
OFFENSE	261.3	320.1
TAKE/GIVE	-7	+8 (T3C)
DEFENSE	386.9	316.8
SACKS	White: 5.5	Mathis: 11.5 (3C)
INTs	4 tied: 1	Bullitt: 4
PUNTING	Harris: 44.1	H. Smith: 44.5
KICKING	Hanson: 77 (20/21 PAT; 19/20 FG)	Vinatieri: 78 (33/33 PAT; 15/19 FG)

NOTES

LIONS: **QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER** has completed 23 of 29 (79.3 pct.) for 266 yards with 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 127.9 passer rating in 2 starts vs. Ind. Aims for 3rd in row vs. Colts with 120.0+ rating. Incl. playoffs, when Culpepper has 120.0+ rating, his teams are 18-3 (.857)...Rookie **RB KEVIN SMITH** leads team with 684 rush yards & 5 rush TDs. Is 1 of 4 rookies to lead club in both rushing & rush TDs. Can become 6th rookie in franchise history to lead club in both...**WR CALVIN JOHNSON** has TD in 7 of past 9, incl. 70-yard TD last week. Leads club with 56 receptions, 1,055 yards (18.8 avg.) & 9 TDs. Aims to join **HERMAN MOORE** (1995) as only Lions to record 70 catches, 1,200 yards & 10 TDs in season. Ties for 1st with 7 catches of 40+ yards...Rookie **DE CLIFF AVRIL** aims for 4th in row with sack. Has 3.0 sacks, 2 FFs & 1 FR in past 3. **DE COREY SMITH** had 1st career INT last week...**K JASON HANSON** is 7 of 7 from 50+ yards this year, most in franchise history. Has 40 career FGs of 50+ yards, tied for most in NFL history...**COLTS:** Club aims for 7th consecutive win. Joined 49ers (1989-95) as only teams in history to win at least 6 consecutive games in 5 consecutive seasons...In Colts' 6 consecutive wins, **QB PEYTON MANNING** has completed 145 of 212 passes (68.4 pct.) for 1,471 yards with 12 TDs vs. 3 INTs & 101.0 passer rating. Since '04, Colts are 43-7 (.860) when Manning has 2+ TDs. Against Det., Manning is 2-0 with 9 TDs vs. 2 INTs & 125.3 passer rating...**RB JOSEPH ADDAI** has 9 rush TDs in 9 career games vs. NFC...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** aims for 3rd consecutive 100-yard receiving game against Lions (109, 127) & aims for 4th consecutive game with TD reception...**WR ANTHONY GONZALEZ** has career-high 608 receiving yards with 51 rec. in '08...Since '07, **TE DALLAS CLARK** is tied for 1st in NFL with 15 TDs (**ANTONIO GATES**)...**DE DWIGHT FREENEY** has 6.5 sacks in past 5...**DE ROBERT MATHIS** has 6.5 sacks in past 3. Freeney (69.5) ranks 1st & Mathis (53.5) ranks 2nd for most sacks in franchise history...**S MELVIN BULLITT** recorded 3 of career-high 4 INTs during last 2 min. of 4th quarter in '08...**CB KELVIN HAYDEN** posted career-best 2 INTs last week, incl. 85-yard INT-TD return.

GREEN BAY PACKERS (5-8) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (4-9)**SERIES**

	<u>PACKERS</u>	<u>JAGUARS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-1	
STREAKS		Past 1
COACHES VS. OPP.	McCarthy: 0-0	Del Rio: 1-0
LAST WEEK	L 24-21 vs. Texans	L 23-10 at Bears
LAST GAME	12/19/04: Jaguars 28 at Packers 25. Jacksonville RB Fred Taylor rushes for 165 yards & 1 TD. Jags' defense forces 5 turnovers, including 3 INTs.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/3/01: Packers 28, Jaguars 21. Green Bay QB Brett Favre passes for 362 yards & 3 TDs & adds game-winning 6-yard rushing TD with 1:30 remaining in 4th quarter to seal win.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Tony Boselli, Charissa Thompson (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 91 (GB), 153 (Jax.). XM: 110 (Jax.).	

STATS

PASSING	Rodgers: 276-434-3,192-22 (T3C)-11-92.1	Garrard: 272-436-2,926-11-10-80.9
RUSHING	Grant: 247-980-4.0-4	Jones-Drew: 142-607-4.3-11 (3C)
RECEIVING	Jennings: 66-1,131 (3C)-17.1-7	Jones-Drew (RB): 50-462-9.2-1
OFFENSE	343.9	317.6
TAKE/GIVE	+7 (2C)	-3
DEFENSE	346.2	317.7
SACKS	Kampman: 9.5	Henderson: 3.0
INTs	3 tied: 5 (T1C)	Mathis, Sensabaugh: 4
PUNTING	Kapinos: 39.5	Weatherford: 41.8
KICKING	Crosby: 105 (39/39 PAT; 22/26 FG)	Scobee: 72 (27/27 PAT; 18/23 FG)

NOTES

PACKERS: Have won 7 of past 9 December games. Are 2-0 all-time at Jax...**QB AARON RODGERS** ranks 4th in NFC with 3,192 yards & ties for 3rd with 22 TDs. Needs 3 TDs to join **LYNN DICKEY**, **BRETT FAVRE** & **DON MAJKOWSKI** as only Packers with 3,000+ yards & 25+ TDs in season...**RB RYAN GRANT** has 100+ rush yards in 4 of past 6 vs. AFC, incl. 104 yards & 1 TD last week. When Grant has 22+ att. (incl. playoffs), Packers are 7-0. Needs 20 yards for 1st career 1,000-yard season...**WR DONALD DRIVER** had 32-yard TD catch in last meeting. Has reception in 108 games in row, longest streak in team history. **WR GREG JENNINGS** has 22 career rec. TDs & 10 have been 40+ yards. Is 4th in NFL with 1,131 rec. yards. **TE DONALD LEE** aims for 3rd in row with TD. Rookie **WR JORDY NELSON** had TD last week...**DE AARON KAMPMAN** has 37.0 sacks since 2006, 2nd most in NFL. In past 12, **S NICK COLLINS** (3 INT-TDs) & **CB CHARLES WOODSON** (2) each have 5 INTs. **CB TRAMON WILLIAMS** had INT last week & has career-high 5 INTs. **LB DESMOND BISHOP** had 1st career sack last week...**JAGUARS:** Club is 15-8 (.652) under head coach **JACK DEL RIO** against NFC...Since '06, team is 16-4 (.800) when gaining 150+ rush yards...For career, **QB DAVID GARRARD** is 7-2 (.778) as starter against NFC. Garrard (2,926) needs 74 passing yards to reach 3,000-yard mark for 1st time in career...For career in Dec., **RB FRED TAYLOR** averages 95.6 rush yards per game & has 100 yards in 4 of past 6 in December. Since 2000, Taylor leads NFL with 13 100-yard rush games against interconference opponents. In only career meeting against GB (12/19/04), Taylor posted 22 att. for 165 rush yards (7.5 avg.) with 1 TD. **RB MAURICE JONES-DREW** has career-high 50 receptions for 462 yards (9.2 avg.) in '08. Jones-Drew (11) needs 3 rush TDs to tie **FRED TAYLOR** (14 in '98) for most rush TDs in season in Jags history...Since '07, **WR REGGIE WILLIAMS** leads team with 13 TD receptions (10 in '07, 3 in '08)...**S GERALD SENSABAUGH** has 2 INTs in past 3 games.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (5-8) AT KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (2-11)**SERIES**

	<u>CHARGERS</u>	<u>CHIEFS</u>
SERIES LEADER		50-45-1
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Turner: 2-6	Edwards: 5-4
LAST WEEK	W 34-7 vs. Raiders	L 24-17 at Broncos
LAST GAME	11/9/08: Chiefs 19 at Chargers 20. Kansas City pulls within 1 point on 3-yard TD by TE Tony Gonzalez with 29 seconds left, but San Diego thwarts 2-point conversion attempt to seal win.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/2/07: Chargers 24, Chiefs 10. San Diego RB LaDainian Tomlinson rushes for 177 yards & 2 touchdowns (31, 28). Chargers' defense registers 9 sacks & forces 4 turnovers.	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcotts. SIRIUS: 157 (SD), 130 (KC). XM: 108 (KC).	

STATS

PASSING	Rivers: 242-379-3,169 (3C)-26-10 (T1L)-102.0 (1L)	Thigpen: 172-315-1,926-14-8-77.7
RUSHING	Tomlinson: 242-885-3.7-7	L. Johnson: 154-693-4.5-4
RECEIVING	Gates (TE): 46-534-11.6-6	Gonzalez (TE): 78-879-11.3-7 (3C)
OFFENSE	333.0	303.8
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+6
DEFENSE	351.8	397.3
SACKS	Phillips: 6.5	D. Johnson: 1.5
INTs	3 tied: 2	Page: 3
PUNTING	Scifres: 46.8 (2C)	Colquitt: 45.1
KICKING	Kaeding: 102 (33/33 PAT; 23/28 FG)	Barth (R): 44 (17/17 PAT; 9/9 FG)

NOTES

CHARGERS: Club aims for 3rd win in row against Chiefs...Team aims for 12th consecutive win in Dec...**QB PHILIP RIVERS** leads NFL with 102.0 passer rating. Rivers (3,169) needs 220 passing yards to surpass career-high (3,388 in '06). In '08 against AFC West, Rivers has 9 TDs vs. 5 INTs & 100.8 passer rating...**RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** (122) needs 2 rush TDs to surpass **MARCUS ALLEN** (123) for 2nd-most in NFL history. In past 4 vs. KC, Tomlinson is averaging 146.5 rush yards per game. For career, Tomlinson averages 105.8 rush yards per game in Dec. **RB DARREN SPROLES** posted career-high 2 receiving TDs last week...**TE ANTONIO GATES** ranks 2nd among NFL TEs with 6 TDs (**TONY GONZALEZ**, 7) in '08...**WR VINCENT JACKSON** posted career-high 148 receiving yards on 5 rec. last week with 1 TD. Jackson averages 19.3 yards per catch (44 rec. 851 yards)...Since '07, **CB ANTONIO CROMARTIE** is tied for 1st in NFL with 12 INTs (**OSHIOMOGHO ATOGWE**; **ED REED**)...**LB STEPHEN COOPER** had career-best 2 INTs last week...**CHIEFS:** In past 7, **QB TYLER THIGPEN** has completed 134 of 225 passes (59.6 pct.) for 1,534 yards with 12 TDs vs. 4 INTs & 90.5 passer rating. In '08, Thigpen has totaled 285 rush yards (6.5 avg.) on 44 att...In past 4 against Chargers, **RB LARRY JOHNSON** averages 117.5 rush yards per game (470 total) & has 3 100-yard rush games (131, 132, 123). KC is 3-0 when Johnson has 100+ yards against SD...**TE TONY GONZALEZ** extended reception streak to 128 last week – streak is 2nd in NFL history among TEs (**OZZIE NEWSOME**, 150). Gonzalez leads NFL TEs in receptions (78), receiving yards (879) & TDs (7). Gonzalez aims for 3rd consecutive game with 100 yards against SD (140, 113)...**WR DWAYNE BOWE** (67) needs 4 receptions to set new career-high (70 in '07)...Rookie **CB MAURICE LEGGETT** (undrafted free agent, Valdosta St.) recorded 1st career INT last week on 27-yard INT-TD. Leggett aims for 3rd consecutive game with TD (FR-TD, INT-TD)...**S JARRAD PAGE** needs 1 INT to surpass career-high (3 in '06 & '07).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (5-8) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (8-5)**SERIES**

	<u>49ERS</u>	<u>DOLPHINS</u>
SERIES LEADER		5-4
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Singletary: 0-0	Sparano: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 24-14 vs. Jets	W 16-3 at Bills in Toronto
LAST GAME	11/28/04: Dolphins 24 at 49ers 17. Miami QB A.J. Feeley throws 2 TDs & Dolphins' defense posts 8 sacks & forces 3 4th-quarter turnovers to give interim coach Jim Bates 1st victory.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/20/95: 49ers 44, Dolphins 20. San Francisco QB Elvis Grbac passes for 382 yards & 4 TDs, including 2 apiece to WR Jerry Rice (47, 46) & TE Brent Jones (23, 2).	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan, Chris Myers (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 108 (SF), 122 (Mia.). XM: 102 (Mia.).	

STATS

PASSING	S. Hill: 112-178-1,352-10-4-95.5	Pennington: 261-363-3,062-12-6-93.7 (2C)
RUSHING	Gore: 229-978-4.3-6	Brown: 185-760-4.1-10
RECEIVING	Bruce: 45-695-15.4-6	Ginn: 48-669-13.9-1
OFFENSE	309.8	350.7
TAKE/GIVE	-14	+12 (1L)
DEFENSE	335.2	317.2
SACKS	Haralson: 7.0	Porter: 16.5 (1L)
INTs	Harris, Spikes: 3	W. Allen: 3
PUNTING	Lee: 47.0	Fields: 44.4
KICKING	Nedney: 98 (29/29 PAT; 23/26)	Carpenter (R): 87 (30/30 PAT; 19/22 FG)

NOTES

49ERS: Club has 55 plays of 20+ yards, 2nd most in NFC...**QB SHAUN HILL** has posted passer rating of 95.0+ in 7 of 9 career games, incl. past 4 in row. Has 5-2 (.714) record as starter...Since start of 2006, **RB FRANK GORE** has 5,063 scrimmage yards (3,775 rush, 1,288 rec.), 2nd most in NFC. This season, Gore ranks 5th in NFL with 1,345 scrimmage yards (978 rush, 367 rec.)...**WR ISAAC BRUCE** has 14,804 rec. yards, most among active players. Has 29 catches for 416 yards (104.0 per game) & 1 TD in 4 career meetings. Had career-high 15 receptions for 210 yards & 1 TD vs. Mia. (12/24/95 with StL)...**LB TAKEO SPIKES** has 3 INTs this season, tied for most among LBs. Has 3 INTs in 7 career games, incl. 11-yard INT-TD in 10/17/04 meeting (with Buf.). **CB NATE CLEMENTS** has 9 INTs (2 TDs) vs. Mia., his most vs. opponent. Has 2 career games with 2+ INTs, both vs. Mia (with Buf.). Had career-high 3 INTs (1 TD) in 10/20/02 meeting & 2 INTs (1 TD) in 9/21/03 game. Defense ranks 3rd in NFC in opponents' red zone TD pct. (44.7 pct., 21 TDs in 47 poss.)...**DOLPHINS:** Team has won 6 of past 7...At home in '08, **QB CHAD PENNINGTON** has completed 156 of 236 (66.1 pct.) for 1,812 yards with 9 TDs vs. 4 INTs & 94.8 passer rating. Pennington ranks 2nd in AFC with 93.7 passer rating. Incl. playoffs, his teams are 21-7 (.750) when he has 100+ passer rating. **RB RONNIE BROWN** has 11 TDs (10 rush, 1 pass) in past 11 games. Brown aims for 4th consecutive game with rush TD against NFC. For career, **RB RICKY WILLIAMS** averages 82.8 rush yards per game against 49ers (414 total)...**WR TED GINN** averages 71.6 receiving yards per game at home in '08 (501 total). In past 3 as starter, rookie **WR DAVONE BESS** (undrafted FA) has 20 receptions for 245 yards (15.5 avg.). Bess recorded career-high 9 rec. last week...In '08, **TE ANTHONY FASANO** has career-high 4 TD receptions...**LB JOEY PORTER** has 15.5 sacks in past 11 & leads NFL with 16.5 sacks...**S YEREMIAH BELL** (6) needs 0.5 sack to surpass **LIFFORT HOBLEY** (6) for most career sacks by Dolphins DB.

BUFFALO BILLS (6-7) AT NEW YORK JETS (8-5)**SERIES**

	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>JETS</u>
SERIES LEADER	52-43	
STREAKS	3 of past 4	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Jauron: 4-3	Mangini: 2-3
LAST WEEK	L 16-3 vs. Dolphins in Toronto	L 24-14 at 49ers
LAST GAME	11/2/08: Jets 26 at Bills 17. New York defense forces 3 turnovers, including 92-yard INT-TD by S Abram Elam. Jets RB Thomas Jones adds 69 rushing yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/28/07: Bills 13, Jets 3. Buffalo QB J.P. Losman comes off bench to engineer 2 4th-quarter scoring drives as Bills win 3rd game in 4 weeks.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf. Westwood One Radio: Bill Rosinski, Dan Reeves. SIRIUS: 144 (Buf.), 123 (NYJ). XM: 107 (NYJ).	

STATS

PASSING	Edwards: 214-324-2,378-10-10-85.1 <u>OR</u> Losman: 39-65-436-1-2-72.3	Favre: 288-421-2,845-20-15-88.2
RUSHING	Lynch: 218-875-4.0-7	Jones: 243-1,144 (1C)-4.7-12 (2C)
RECEIVING	Evans: 52-913-17.6-3	Cotchery: 59-702-11.9-4
OFFENSE	309.6	333.8
TAKE/GIVE	-7	0
DEFENSE	313.2	334.6
SACKS	Denney: 4.0	Ellis: 8.0
INTs	3 tied: 2	Revis: 4
PUNTING	Moorman: 43.7	Hodges: 42.1
KICKING	Lindell: 103 (28/28 PAT; 25/32 FG)	Feely: 98 (35/35 PAT; 21/25 FG)

NOTES

BILLS: **QB TRENT EDWARDS** leads AFC with 108.6 passer rating in 4th quarter. Team is 9-1 (.900) when Edwards has 80+ passer rating. For career vs. NYJ., **QB J.P. LOSMAN** has completed 35 of 58 passes (60.3 pct.) for 598 yards with 4 TDs vs. 1 INT & 111.1 passer rating...**RB MARSHAWN LYNCH** is averaging 90.8 rush yards per game in past 4. Lynch (875) needs 125 yards to reach 1,000 for 2nd consecutive season (1,115 in '07)...**WR LEE EVANS** (913) needs 87 receiving yards to reach 1,000 for 2nd time in career (1,292 in '06). Evans has rec. in 75 of 77 career games. Evans averages 114.5 receiving yards per game in past 2 at Jets & aims for 3rd consecutive game with TD rec. at NYJ...**TE ROBERT ROYAL** has career-high in rec. (29) & rec. yards (308) in '08...Rookie **CB-KR LEODIS MC KELVIN** (1st round, No.11) ranks 1st in NFL with 29.4 KR avg...**CB TERENCE MC GEE** has 2 INTs in past 3 against NYJ...**JETS**: Club has won 3 of past 4 at home...In '08 against AFC East, **QB BRETT FAVRE** is 3-1 (.750) & has completed 78 of 109 passes (71.6 pct.) for 834 yards with 5 TDs vs. 2 INTs & 101.2 passer rating. Incl. postseason, Favre's teams are 97-8 (.924) when he posts 100+ rating...**RB THOMAS JONES** leads AFC with 1,144 rush yards & is averaging 108.6 rush yards per game in past 4 (543 total). Jones aims for 8th consecutive game with TD. Jones (12) needs 1 rush TD to surpass **CURTIS MARTIN** (12 in '04) for most rush TDs in franchise history (single season). Jones has 14 TDs (12 rush, 2 rec.) & needs 1 TD to set Jets record for most TDs in season (3 others tied w/14). **RB LEON WASHINGTON** has 4 TDs in past 4 (2 rush, 1 rec., 1 KR)...**WR LAVERANUES COLES** (7,865) needs 135 receiving yards to reach 8,000...Rookie **TE DUSTIN KELLER** (1st round, No. 30) has 21 1st-down rec. in past 5...**LB CALVIN PACE** (5) needs 2 sacks to surpass career-high (6.5 in '07 w/Arz.)...**CB DARRELLE REVIS** aims for 3rd consecutive game with INT vs. Bills.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (2-11) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (2-11)**SERIES**

	SEAHAWKS	RAMS
SERIES LEADER	11-9	
STREAKS	Past 7	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 14-7	Haslett: 0-3
LAST WEEK	L 24-21 vs. Patriots	L 34-10 at Cardinals
LAST GAME	9/21/08: Rams 13 at Seahawks 37. Seattle RB Julius Jones runs for 140 yards & 1 TD & QB Matt Hasselbeck throws for 172 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/25/07: Seahawks 24, Rams 19. Seahawks QB Matt Hasselbeck finishes game with 249 yards passing & 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson, Nischelle Turner (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 117 (Sea.), 129 (St.L). XM: 106 (St.L).	

STATS

PASSING	Hasselbeck: 109-209-1,216-5-10-57.8	Bulger: 194-340-2,056-8-12-68.0
RUSHING	J. Jones: 152-674-4.4-2	Jackson: 168-683-4.1-4
RECEIVING	Carlson (R) (TE): 46-525-11.4-4	Holt: 50-587-11.7-2
OFFENSE	263.6	269.5
TAKE/GIVE	-6	-11
DEFENSE	383.4	379.0
SACKS	3 tied: 5	Little: 5.5
INTs	Grant, Wilson: 2	Atogwe: 4
PUNTING	Ryan: 45.9	D. Jones: 49.9 (1L)
KICKING	Mare: 81 (24/24 PAT; 19/21 FG)	J. Brown: 85 (13/13 PAT; 24/29 FG)

NOTES

SEAHAWKS: QB MATT HASSELBECK has won 8 of 11 starts vs. StL. Aims for 7th win in row vs. Rams. In starts with 10+ att., his teams are 36-12 (.750) when he has 90.0+ rating...**RB MAURICE MORRIS** rushed for 124 yards in 11/12/06 meeting. Seahawks are 10-1 (.909) when he has 15+ att. In 20 games with 22+ carries, **RB JULIUS JONES** has 2,172 rush yards (108.6 per game) & 16 TDs. Rushed for 140 yards & 1 TD in last meeting...**WR DEION BRANCH** had 5 catches for 92 yards & 1 TD in last meeting. Had 2 TDs last week. Incl. playoffs, when he has TD catch, his teams are 19-5 (.792). **TE JOHN CARLSON** leads NFC rookie TEs with 46 receptions & 525 yards. Tops team in both categories & aims to join HOFer **STEVE LARGENT** (1976) as only rookies in franchise history to lead in both...**LB JULIAN PETERSON** has 26.5 sacks in 49 games with Sea. (incl. playoffs). Has 10.5 sacks in past 13 meetings. **CB MARCUS TRUFANT** has INT in 2 of past 3 vs. StL. **S DEON GRANT** has INT in 4 of 6 career meetings. **CB-KR JOSH WILSON** had 89-yard KR-TD in last game at StL...**RAMS: QB MARC BULGER** has 24 TDs in 16 home starts vs. division ...When **RB STEVEN JACKSON** has 22+ att., Rams are 16-6 (.727). In those 22, Jackson has rushed for 2,492 yards (113.3 per game) & 17 TDs. Has rush TD in 5 of past 7 meetings. Has 366 scrimmage yards (122.0 per game) in past 3 vs. Sea. Had TD catch last week...**WR TORRY HOLT** has 86 catches for 1,196 yards (13.9 avg.) & 8 TDs in career vs. Sea. (incl. playoffs). Since 2000, Holt leads NFL with 803 receptions & 11,663 yards. **WR DONNIE AVERY** is 2nd among NFC rookie WRs with 37 receptions & 517 yards. Averages 14.0 yards per catch...**S OSHIOMOGHO ATOGWE** had INT in last home game vs. Sea. Has 4 INTs, 4 FFs & 1 FR (75-yard TD) in past 10. Has 12 INTs since start of 2007, tied for most in NFL. Has FF in 3 of past 4. Rookie **DE CHRIS LONG** is tied for NFL rookie lead with 4.0 sacks. **LB WILL WITHERSPOON** has 5.0 sacks in past 4 meetings. Aims for 3rd in row vs. Sea. with sack (3.0 sacks in past 2).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (8-5) AT ARIZONA CARDINALS (8-5)**SERIES**

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	<u>CARDINALS</u>
SERIES LEADER	Series tied, 9-9	
STREAKS	5 of past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Childress: 1-0	Whisenhunt: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 20-16 at Lions	W 34-10 vs. Rams
LAST GAME	11/26/06: Cardinals 26 at Vikings 31. Minnesota QB Brad Johnson throws for 271 yards & 3 TDs (17, 9, 3). Teams combine for 824 total net yards (412 each).	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/28/03: Cardinals 18, Vikings 17. Arizona WR Nate Poole catches 28-yard TD pass from QB Josh McCown as time expires, 2nd Cardinals' TD in game's final 1:54.	
BROADCAST	FOX (2:05 PM MT): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 130 (Min.), 127 (Arz.). XM: 104 (Arz.).	

STATS

PASSING	Frerotte: 178-301-2,157-12-15-73.7	Warner: 347-505-4,020 (2L)-25 (2C)-12-99.1 (1C)
RUSHING	Peterson: 293-1,413 (1L)-4.8-9	Hightower (R): 125-359-2.9-10
RECEIVING	Wade: 42-442-10.5-1	Fitzgerald: 83 (T1C)-1,148 (2C)-13.8-9 (T2C)
OFFENSE	323.9	376.4 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	-2	+2
DEFENSE	291.0	312.6
SACKS	J. Allen: 12.5 (T2C)	Berry: 5
INTs	4 tied: 2	Rodgers-Cromartie (R): 3
PUNTING	Kluwe: 47.7 (2C)	Graham: 42.9
KICKING	Longwell: 109 (31/31 PAT; 26/30 FG)	Rackers: 106 (37/37 PAT; 23/26 FG)

NOTES

VIKINGS: QB GUS FREROTTE has won 8 of 11 starts this year. Has 7 TD passes in past 3 vs. Arz., incl. 3 in last meeting...RB ADRIAN PETERSON has 961 rush yards (120.1 per game) & 6 TDs in past 8, incl. 6 100-yard games. Since entering NFL in 2007, averages 102.0 rush yards per game, most in NFL...In only start vs. Arz. (11/26/06), RB CHESTER TAYLOR rushed for 136 yards & 1 TD. Aims for 4th in row with TD...Incl. playoffs, WR BERNARD BERRIAN has 20 TD catches & 14 have been 30+ yards...Rush defense leads NFC (73.3 yards per game). DE JARED ALLEN has 55.5 sacks since 2004, most in NFL. Has 10.5 sacks in past 8, incl. 2.0 last week. Had sack in only game vs. Arz. S DARREN SHARPER had 2 INTs in 9/24/00 game vs. Arz. (with GB). Has 49 INTs since 2000, most in NFL. CB BENNY SAPP has INT in 2 of past 3. LB BEN LEBER had 2 FFs in last meeting. DE RAY EDWARDS had 0.5 sack in last game vs. Arz...**CARDINALS**: Clinched 1st division title since 1975. Lead NFL averaging 28.6 points per game...QB KURT WARNER has 103.5 passer rating in 2 starts vs. Min., completing 40 of 53 (75.5 pct.) for 490 yards. In starts with 15+ att. & 100.0+ rating (incl. playoffs), his teams are 35-3 (.921)...RB TIM HIGHTOWER leads NFL rookies with 10 rush TDs & set club rookie record. RB-KR J.J. ARRINGTON had 99-yard KR-TD in last meeting (6 KR, 220 yards, 36.7 avg.)...WR ANQUAN BOLDIN had 9 catches for 140 yards & 1 TD in last meeting. Leads NFL with 11 rec. TDs. Has 1,004 rec. yards for team-record 4th 1,000-yard season. WR LARRY FITZGERALD had 11 catches for 172 yards in last meeting vs. hometown team. WR STEVE BREASTON has 28 catches for 402 yards (100.5 per game) & 1 TD in past 4 at home...In last meeting, S ADRIAN WILSON had 99-yard FR-TD. Is 1 of 4 active Ss with 15+ INTs (18) & 15+ sacks (18.5). Rookie CB DOMINIQUE RODGERS-CROMARTIE tied team record with 99-yard INT-TD last week. DT DARNELL DOCKETT had 11-yard FR-TD last week. LB KARLOS DANSBY had 2.0 sacks in only career meeting.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (10-3) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (9-4)

SERIES

	<u>STEELERS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
SERIES LEADER	15-10	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Tomlin: 2-1	Harbaugh: 0-1
LAST WEEK	W 20-13 vs. Cowboys	W 24-10 vs. Redskins
LAST GAME	9/29/08: Ravens 20 at Steelers 23 (OT). Pittsburgh K Jeff Reed converts all 3 FG attempts, including 46-yarder in OT. Steelers LB LaMarr Woodley has 7-yard FR-TD in 3rd quarter.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/30/07: Ravens 27, Steelers 21. Baltimore offense scores on 1st 3 possessions for 17-0 lead. Ravens rookie QB Troy Smith throws 15-yard TD to WR DevarD Darling in 3rd quarter.	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. Westwood One Radio: Harry Kalas, Mark Malone. SIRIUS: 91 (Pit.), 122 (Bal.). XM: 102 (Bal.).	

STATS

PASSING	Roethlisberger: 225-376-2,616-14-12-80.1	Flacco (R): 212-352-2,410-13-10-81.3
RUSHING	Parker: 154-597-3.9-4	McGahee: 152-521-3.4-5
RECEIVING	Ward: 60-757-12.6-6	D. Mason: 65-871-13.4-4
OFFENSE	302.8	320.2
TAKE/GIVE	+7	+8 (T3C)
DEFENSE	241.9 (1L)	253.4 (2L)
SACKS	J. Harrison: 15.0 (2C)	Suggs: 6.5
INTs	Polamalu: 7 (1L)	Reed: 5 (T2L)
PUNTING	Berger: 40.6	Koch: 45.2
KICKING	Reed: 101 (29/30 PAT; 24/27 FG)	Stover: 89 (35/35 PAT; 18/23 FG)

NOTES

STEELERS: Club has 10 wins in consecutive seasons under head coach **MIKE TOMLIN** & team aims for 11 wins for 1st time since '05...In past 2 starts vs. Ravens, **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** is 2-0 & has completed 27 of 40 passes (67.5 pct.) for 400 yards with 6 TDs vs. 1 INT & 129.2 passer rating. Incl. playoffs, team is 29-2 (.935), when Roethlisberger has 100+ passer rating. Roethlisberger aims for 50th career win as starter (49-19)...Since '07, **RB WILLIE PARKER** averages 87.3 rush yards per game vs. AFC North (611 total)...In 5 career games vs. Bal., **WR SANTONIO HOLMES** averages 20.5 yards per catch (19 rec. for 390 yards)...**TE HEATH MILLER** has 4 TDs against Bal. (most vs. any opponent)...Club is tied for 1st in NFL with 45 sacks (Dallas)...**LB JAMES HARRISON** (15) & **LB LA MARR WOODLEY** (11.5) have totaled 26.5 sacks in '08. Harrison (15) needs 1 sack to surpass **MIKE MERRIWEATHER** (15 in 1984) for most sacks in franchise history...**S TROY POLAMALU** aims for 5th consecutive game with INT...**RAVENS:** Club has won 7 of past 8...Team is 5-1 (.800) at home in '08...In past 8, rookie **QB JOE FLACCO** (1st round, No. 18) has completed 122 of 208 passes (58.7 pct.) for 1,566 yards with 12 TDs vs. 3 INTs & 95.6 passer rating. Flacco aims for 9th consecutive game with TD pass...**RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** has 3 rush TDs in 3 career games vs. Pit...**FB LE' RON MC CLAIN** leads team with 8 total TDs (7 rush, 1 rec.)...Since '03, **WR DERRICK MASON** ranks 2nd in NFL with 513 receptions (**TORRY HOLT**, 549). Mason (9,895) needs 105 receiving yards to reach 10,000. Mason aims for 3rd game in row with TD reception. Mason posted 8 receptions for 137 yards (17.1 avg.) in last meeting against Pit...Since '03, team is 34-10 (.773) when defense posts 3+ sacks...Club has 7 INTs in past 3 & leads NFL with 22...Since '02, **S ED REED** leads NFL with 39 INTs & has 4 in past 3...Ravens have not allowed RB to gain 100+ rush yards in 32 games (longest current streak in NFL)...**LB TERRELL SUGGS** aims for 3rd consecutive game with at least half sack.

DENVER BRONCOS (8-5) AT CAROLINA PANTHERS (10-3)**SERIES**

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>PANTHERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-0	
STREAKS	2-0	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 2-0	Fox: 0-1
LAST WEEK	W 24-17 vs. Chiefs	W 38-23 vs. Buccaneers
LAST GAME	10/10/04: Panthers 17 at Broncos 20. Denver QB Jake Plummer throws 2 TDs, including 5-yarder to RB Reuben Droughns, who finishes game with 193 yards rushing.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	---	
BROADCAST	CBS (4:15 PM ET): Dick Enberg, Randy Cross, Dan Fouts. SIRIUS: 121 (Den.), 123 (Car.). XM: 105 (Car.).	

STATS

PASSING	Cutler: 305-489-3,679 (1C)-23 (2C)-14-89.2	Delhomme: 204-349-2,600-13-11-81.1
RUSHING	Young: 48-268-5.6-1	Williams: 212-1,141-5.4-13 (2C)
RECEIVING	Marshall: 83-1,033 (2C)-12.4-6	St. Smith: 61-1,075-17.6-5
OFFENSE	393.5 (1C)	336.5
TAKE/GIVE	-12	+3
DEFENSE	371.3	318.8
SACKS	Dumervil: 5.0	Peppers: 12.5 (T2C)
INTs	Bly: 2	Beason: 3
PUNTING	Kern (R): 46.8 (3C)	Baker: 45.4
KICKING	Prater: 98 (35/35 PAT; 21/28 FG)	Kasay: 99 (36/36 PAT; 21/22 FG)

NOTES

BRONCOS: Club aims for 5th consecutive win against NFC South...In 3 games vs. NFC South in '08, **QB JAY CUTLER** has completed 63 of 95 passes (66.3 pct.) for 707 yards with 4 TDs vs. 1 INT & 98.0 passer rating. Cutler (23) needs 4 TDs to tie **JAKE PLUMMER** (27 in '04) & **JOHN ELWAY** (27 in '97) for most TDs in season in Den. history. Club is 10-0 when Cutler has 100+ passer rating...**RB TATUM BELL** averages 5.3 rush yards per carry against NFC (140 att., 741 yards). For career, **RB SELVIN YOUNG** averages 5.3 yards per carry (188 att., 997 yards)...**WR BRANDON MARSHALL** averages 89.6 receiving yards per game (269 total) against NFC in '08. Rookie **WR EDDIE ROYAL** (2nd round, No. 42) leads NFL rookies with 69 catches. WRs Marshall (83 rec., 1,033 yards) & Royal (69 rec., 799 yards) have totaled 152 receptions for 1,832 yards...**TE TONY SCHEFFLER** has 12 receptions for 151 receiving yards in past 2...**CBs CHAMP BAILEY** (43) & **DRE' BLY** (40) rank 1st & 2nd among CBs for most INTs since '99...**PANTHERS:** **QB JAKE DELHOMME** completed 13 of 20 (65.0 pct.) for 173 yards with 1 TD vs. 0 INTs for 109.0 passer rating & added TD run in only start vs. Den. Aims for 4th win in row vs. AFC. As starter, when Delhomme has 110.0+ rating, team is 15-0...Club rushed for team-record 299 yards last week. **RBs DE ANGELO WILLIAMS** (team-record 186 yards, 2 TDs, 9.8 avg.) & rookie **JONATHAN STEWART** (115, 2, 7.7) became 1st teammates to rush for 100+ yards, 2 TDs & 7.0+ avg. in game. Williams aim for 7th in row with TD. Has 727 yards (121.2 per game) & 11 TDs in past 6. Club is 12-1 (.923) when he rushes for 80+ yards. Aims for 3rd in row vs. AFC with 120+ rush yards & TD. Has 263 yards (131.5 per game) & 3 TDs in past 2 vs. AFC. Stewart has 8 rush TDs & ties for 2nd among NFL rookies...**WR STEVE SMITH** aims for 4th in row with 100+ yards. Has 21 catches for 390 yards (130.0 per game) in past 3. Became 1st Panther with 50 career TDs (42 rec., 4 PR, 2 KR, 2 rush) last week...**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** ranks 1st in team history with 68.5 sacks & 25 FFs. Has 12.5 sacks in past 11. Has 1.5+ sacks in 4 of past 5. In only meeting, had franchise-long 97-yard INT return.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (8-5) AT OAKLAND RAIDERS (3-10)**SERIES**

	<u>PATRIOTS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		14-13-1
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Belichick: 4-1	Cable: 0-0
LAST WEEK	W 24-21 at Seahawks	L 34-7 at Chargers
LAST GAME	9/8/05: Raiders 20 at Patriots 30. New England QB Tom Brady passes for 306 yards & 2 TDs & RB Corey Dillon adds 2 scoring runs in primetime Thursday night season opener.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/17/02: Raiders 27, Patriots 20. Oakland scores 3 rushing TDs, including 2 by RB Zack Crockett. Raiders' defense limits New England to 195 yards total net yards.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:15 PM PT): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon. SIRIUS: 125 (NE), 126 (Oak.). XM: 103 (NE).	

STATS

PASSING	Cassel: 283-442-3,052-14-10-85.3	Russell: 149-290-1,797-7-6-70.1
RUSHING	Morris: 103-437-4.2-6	Fargas: 175-679-3.9-1
RECEIVING	Welker: 96 (1L)-1,002 (3C)-10.4-1	Z. Miller (TE): 45-614-13.6-1
OFFENSE	354.2 (3C)	255.6
TAKE/GIVE	-2	+1
DEFENSE	319.1	352.6
SACKS	Seymour: 7.5	Edwards: 5.0
INTs	Meriweather: 4	Baker, Johnson: 2
PUNTING	Hanson: 44.0	Lechler: 49.2 (1C)
KICKING	Gostkowski: 117 (1L) (27/27 PAT; 30/33 FG)	Janikowski: 79 (16/16 PAT; 21/27 FG)

NOTES

PATRIOTS: Club aims for 10th consecutive win in Dec. & has 21-2 (.913) record in Dec. since '03...In past 2 on road, **QB MATT CASSEL** has completed 56 of 87 passes (64.4 pct.) for 683 yards with 4 TDs vs. 1 INT & 99.0 passer rating...**RB SAMMY MORRIS** aims for 3rd consecutive game with rush TD. **RB LA MONT JORDAN** spent 3 seasons with Raiders (2005-07) & totaled 2,008 rushing yards...**WR RANDY MOSS** spent 2 seasons with Oak. (2005-06). Moss (59) is tied for 2nd in NFL for most 100-yard rec. games (**MARVIN HARRISON**, 59; **JERRY RICE**, 76)...Since '07, **WR WES WELKER** leads NFL with 208 rec.. Welker has 100+ receiving yards in 4 of past 5 (107, 108, 120, 134) & posted season-high 12 rec. for 134 yards last week...**DE RICHARD SEYMOUR** (7.5) needs 1 sack to surpass career-high (8 in '03)...Rookie **LB JEROD MAYO** leads team with 112 tackles...**LB JUNIOR SEAU** made '08 Patriots debut last week...**S BRANDON MERIWEATHER** posted 1st career sack last week...**CB-KR ELLIS HOBBS** ranks 2nd in AFC with 27.8 KR avg...**RAIDERS:** Dating back to 11/1/81, club aims for 4th consecutive win at home against Patriots...In 12 career starts, **QB JA MARCUS RUSSELL** has completed 172 of 321 passes (53.6 pct.) for 2,021 yards with 8 TDs vs. 7 INTs & 72.2 passer rating...**RB JUSTIN FARGAS** averages 79.6 rush yards per game in past 3 (239 total). Fargas averages 85.5 rush yards per game in past 2 at home. Rookie **RB DARREN MC FADDEN** (1st round, No. 4) averages 4.6 rush yards per carry (88 att., 405 yards)...**WR JOHNNIE LEE HIGGINS** averages 19.2 yards per catch (10 receptions, 192 yards) in '08. Higgins is tied for 2nd in NFL with 2 PR-TDs & ranks 3rd in AFC with 11.2 PR avg...**TE ZACH MILLER** averages 13.6 yards per catch & has career-highs in receptions (45) & receiving yards (614)... Since '07, **LB THOMAS HOWARD** (7) is tied for 1st in NFL for most INTs among LBs (**BRIAN URLACHER**)...**DE KALIMBA EDWARDS** needs 2 sacks to tie career high (7 w/Det. in '05)...**KR-CB JUSTIN MILLER** posted 1st KR-TD with Raiders last week (92-yard KR-TD).

SUNDAY NIGHT**NEW YORK GIANTS (11-2) AT DALLAS COWBOYS (8-5)****SERIES**

	GIANTS	COWBOYS
SERIES LEADER		54-36-2
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Coughlin: 7-6	Phillips: 2-3
LAST WEEK	L 20-14 vs. Eagles	L 20-13 at Steelers
LAST GAME	11/02/08: Cowboys 14 at Giants 35. New York QB Eli Manning throws 3 TD passes (13, 5, 11) & RB Brandon Jacobs runs for 117 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/9/07: Cowboys 45, Giants 35. Dallas QB Tony Romo passes for 345 yards & 4 TDs (12, 22, 47, 51) & runs for another score.	
BROADCAST	NBC (7:15 PM CT): Al Michaels, John Madden & Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Jim Fassel. SIRIUS: 122 (WW1), 125 (NYG), 127 (Dal.). XM: 102 (WW1), 103 (NYG), 104 (Dal.).	

STATS

PASSING	E. Manning: 243-398-2,747-20-8-90.1	Romo: 211-336-2,769-22 (T3C)-11-96.9 (2C)
RUSHING	Jacobs: 195-1,002-5.1-12 (3C)	Barber: 225-870-3.9-7
RECEIVING	Smith: 47-471-10.0-1	Witten (TE): 64-771-12.0-3
OFFENSE	358.5	351.2
TAKE/GIVE	+10 (1C)	-8
DEFENSE	283.1 (3C)	292.3
SACKS	Tuck: 12.5 (T2C)	Ware: 16.0 (1C)
INTs	Ross, Webster: 3	Newman: 2
PUNTING	Feagles: 43.4	Paulescu: 42.2
KICKING	Carney: 116 (1C) (35/35 PAT; 27/29 FG)	Folk: 88 (37/37 PAT; 17/19 FG)

NOTES

GIANTS: Incl. playoffs, **QB ELI MANNING** is 25-6 (.806) in past 31 starts. Has 102.2 passer rating in past 5 vs. Dal. (incl. playoffs)...**RB BRANDON JACOBS** has 6 rush TDs in past 5. Had 117 yards & 1 TD in last meeting. When he has 100+ yards, Giants are 8-1 (.889). When he has 10+ att. (incl. playoffs), team is 24-5 (.828). **RB DERRICK WARD** had 63 yards & 1 TD in last meeting...**WR AMANI TOOMER** has 3 TDs in past 2 vs. Dal., incl. 2 TDs in 2007 Divisional. Incl. playoffs, Giants have won 9 in row when he has TD catch. **WR STEVE SMITH** had 1st career rec. TD in last meeting. **TE KEVIN BOSS** has TD catch in 4 of past 7. Had TD in last meeting...**DE JUSTIN TUCK** has 14.5 sacks in past 14 (incl. SB XLII). When Tuck has sack (incl. playoffs), Giants are 13-4 (.765). Had 2.5 sacks in last meeting. Blocked FG last week & **CB KEVIN DOCKERY** returned it 71 yards for TD. **CB COREY WEBSTER** had career-high 2 INTs in last game vs. Dal...**COWBOYS:** **QB TONY ROMO** is 26-10 (.722) as starter. In past 2 vs. NYG, Romo has 129.2 passer rating with 8 TDs vs. 2 INTs. Has 4 TDs in each of past 2 vs. NYG. Cowboys are 18-3 (.857) when Romo starts & has 100.0+ rating...When **RB MARION BARBER** has 11+ carries, Cowboys are 26-4 (.867). Has 37 TDs (31 rush, 6 rec.) in past 43. In Div., Barber rushed for 129 yards & 1 TD...**WR TERRELL OWENS** has 13 rec. TDs in 11 meetings (incl. playoffs) & aims for 5th in row vs. NYG with TD. **TE JASON WITTEN** had 6 catches for 116 yards & 1 TD in last home meeting. Rookie **TE MARTELLUS BENNETT** has TD in 3 of past 4...**LB DE MARCUS WARE** has 30.0 sacks in past 27. Has sack in 23 of past 27. **LB GREG ELLIS** has 17.5 sacks in past 26. **LB BRADIE JAMES** has 5.0 sacks in past 7. **CB TERENCE NEWMAN** has INT in 2 of past 4. Rookie **CB MIKE JENKINS** had 23-yard INT-TD in last meeting.

MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 15

CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-9) AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (7-5-1)

SERIES

	<u>BROWNS</u>	<u>EAGLES</u>
SERIES LEADER	31-14-1	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Crennel: 0-0	Reid: 2-0
LAST WEEK	L 28-9 at Titans	W 20-14 at Giants
LAST GAME	10/24/04: Eagles 34 at Browns 31 (OT). Philadelphia K David Akers connects from 50 yards with 9:58 remaining in OT. Eagles improve to 6-0.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/13/94: Browns 26, Eagles 7. Cleveland's defense limits Philadelphia to 288 total net yards & hands Eagles QB Randall Cunningham 1st loss at home in 21 starts.	
BROADCAST	ESPN (8:30 PM ET): Mike Tirico, Ron Jaworski, Tony Kornheiser. Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason. SIRIUS: 124 (WW1), 125 (Cle.), 127 (Phi.). XM: 124 (WW1), 102 (Cle.), 103 (Phi.).	

STATS

PASSING	Dorsey: 22-46-150-0-2-37.4	McNabb: 281-469-3,221 (3C)-19-10-85.2
RUSHING	Lewis: 226-800-3.5-4	Westbrook: 192-788-4.1-9
RECEIVING	Edwards: 45-735-16.3-3	D. Jackson (R): 53-775-14.6-2
OFFENSE	267.8	354.8
TAKE/GIVE	+8 (T3C)	+1
DEFENSE	359.3	280.5 (1C)
SACKS	Rogers: 4.5	Howard: 8.0
INTs	4 tied: 3	Mikell, Samuel: 3
PUNTING	Zastudil: 44.8	Rocca: 43.8
KICKING	Dawson: 104 (3C) (17/17 PAT; 29/34 FG)	Akers: 115 (T2C) (37/37 PAT; 26/32 FG)

NOTES

BROWNS: Club aims for 3rd win in row on MNF in '08...**QB KEN DORSEY** will make 1st career start on MNF...Browns are 5-0 when **RB JAMAL LEWIS** has 25+ att. Lewis (800) needs 200 yards to become 1st Brown since **MIKE PRUITT** to gain 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons. For career, **RB JEROME HARRISON** averages 6.1 yards per carry (74 att., 448 yards)...**WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** averages 129 rec. yards per game on MNF & aims for 3rd in row on MNF with 100+ rec. yards (154, 104). Edwards aims for 56th consecutive game with rec. **WR DONTE' STALLWORTH** (293) needs 7 rec. to reach 300 for career. Spent '06 with Phi. & had 38 rec. for 725 yards (19.1 avg.) with 5 TDs...Club is tied for 2nd in NFL with 19 INTs (Bears) & has 9 INTs in past 4...**LB D' QWELL JACKSON** posted career-high 2 INTs last week...**CB BRANDON MC DONALD** has career-high 3 INTs...**EAGLES:** In 2 starts vs. Cle., **QB DONOVAN MC NABB** has completed 51 of 79 (64.6 pct.) for 766 yards with 8 TDs vs. 1 INT for 124.8 rating. Had 375+ yards & 4 TDs in each meeting. In his starts (min. 10+ att.) with 100.0+ rating (incl. playoffs), team is 38-1 (.974)...**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** has 333 scrimmage yards (166.5 per game) & 6 TDs (3 rush, 3 rec.) in past 2. Aims for 3rd in row with 100+ rush yards, rush TD & rec. TD. Is only player since 2004 with 4,000+ rush (4,767) & 3,000+ rec. (3,094) yards. Had 3 TDs (2 rush, 1 rec.) in last MNF game (9/15/08 vs. Dal.)...**WR DE SEAN JACKSON** leads NFC rookies with 775 rec. yards & ties for 2nd with 53 catches. **WR REGGIE BROWN** has 17 career TD catches & 10 have been 20+ yards...**DE TRENT COLE** has 19.5 sacks in past 29. **CB ASANTE SAMUEL** has 19 INTs since 2006, most in NFL. Had INT in last game vs. Cle. (10/7/07 with NE). **S BRIAN DAWKINS** will play in 181st game, most in Eagles history (**HAROLD CARMICHAEL**, 180).