

NFL KICKOFF WEEKEND 2008

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

WASHINGTON REDSKINS AT NEW YORK GIANTS

SERIES

	<u>REDSKINS</u>	<u>GIANTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		85-61-4
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Zorn: 0-0	Coughlin: 6-5
LAST GAME	12/16/07: Redskins 22 at Giants 10. Making his 1st start in 10 years, Washington QB Todd Collins engineers 5 scoring drives. RB Clinton Portis registers 126 yards & 1 TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/16/07	
BROADCAST	NBC (7:00 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden & Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason, John Dockery (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood), 126 (Was.), 127 (NYG).	

STATS

PASSING	Campbell: 250-417-2,700-12-11-77.6	E. Manning: 297-529-3,336-23-20-73.9
RUSHING	Portis: 325-1,262 (3C)-3.9-11 (2C)	Jacobs: 202-1,009-5.0-4
RECEIVING	Cooley (TE): 66-786-11.9-8	Burress: 70-1,025-14.6-12 (T2C)
OFFENSE	333.4	331.4
TAKE/GIVE	-5	-9
DEFENSE	305.3 (3C)	305.0 (2C)
SACKS	Taylor (Mia.): 11.0	Tuck: 10.0
INTs	Springs: 4	Madison: 4
PUNTING	Brooks (R) (Pre.): 42.8	Feagles: 40.4
KICKING	Suisham: 116 (29/30 PAT; 29/35 FG)	Carney (KC, Jax.): 63 (27/28 PAT; 12/14 FG)

NOTES

REDSKINS: Rookie head coach **JIM ZORN** makes NFL debut...**QB JASON CAMPBELL** passed for career-best 2,700 yards & had 60.0 comp. pct. (250-417)...**RB CLINTON PORTIS** rushed for 1,262 yards & has 1,250+ rush yards in 5 of 6 career seasons. When Portis has 100+ rush yards, his teams are 28-9 (.757)...Pro Bowl **TE CHRIS COOLEY** has 27 TDs since entering NFL in 2004, most in NFC among TEs. **WR SANTANA MOSS** has 351 rec. & 5,497 yards for 15.7 avg., 4th highest among active players with 5,000+ yards. Incl. playoffs, **WR-PR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** has 24 career TDs (13 rec., 6 PR, 4 pass, 1 KR)...**LB-DE JASON TAYLOR** could make Redskins debut. Has 117 career sacks, most among active players. Taylor (Mia, 2006) & **CB SHAWN SPRINGS** (2004) are 2 of 5 players in NFL history to lead team in sacks & INTs...**GIANTS:** Have 46 wins in openers (46-32-5), 3rd-most in NFL history...Head coach **TOM COUGHLIN** aims for 4th consecutive postseason berth...**QB ELI MANNING** passed for 3,336 yards & 23 TDs last year, joining **PHIL SIMMS** as only NYG QBs with 3,000+ yards & 20+ TDs in 3 seasons in row. Manning & Simms are only NYG QBs to be named SB MVP...Rush offense was 2nd in NFC (134.3 yards per game). **RB BRANDON JACOBS** led team in rushing with 1st 1,000-yard season (1,009). Had 130 yards in last meeting...**WR PLAXICO BURRESS** led team with 70 receptions, 1,025 yards & 12 TDs – 1st Giant since **DEL SHOFNER** (1961-62) to post back-to-back seasons with 10+ rec. TDs. **WR AMANI TOOMER** is team leader in catches (620), rec. yards (8,917) & rec. TDs (50). **TE KEVIN BOSS** had 1st career TD in last meeting...Defense led NFL with 53 sacks. **DE JUSTIN TUCK** had career-best 10 sacks. **DE MATHIAS KIWANUKA** had 1.5 sacks in his last game vs. Was. **LB ANTONIO PIERCE** led team in tackles last year.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
DETROIT LIONS AT ATLANTA FALCONS

SERIES

	<u>LIONS</u>	<u>FALCONS</u>
SERIES LEADER	23-9	
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Marinelli: 1-0	Smith: 0-0
LAST GAME	11/5/06: Falcons 14 at Lions 30. Detroit QB Jon Kitna throws for 321 yards, including 60-yard TD to WR Roy Williams. Williams registers 6 receptions for 138 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	10/10/04: Lions 17, Falcons 10. Detroit's defense forces 4 turnovers & registers 6 sacks as Lions snap Falcons' 4-game winning streak.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Matt Vasgersian, JC Pearson, Niscelle Turner (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 122 (Det.), 121 (Atl.).	

STATS

PASSING	Kitna: 355-561-4,068-18-20-80.9	Ryan (R) (Pre.): 34-59-294-2-1-75.1
RUSHING	Ke. Smith (R) (Pre.): 22-86-3.9-1	Turner (SD): 71-316-4.5-1
RECEIVING	McDonald: 79-943-11.9-6	White: 83-1,202 (T3C)-14.5-6
OFFENSE	322.9	301.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+4
DEFENSE	377.6	355.5
SACKS	DeVries, White: 6.5	Abraham: 10.0
INTs	Bodden (Cle.): 6 (T3C)	Boley, Milloy: 2
PUNTING	N. Harris: 44.3	Koenen: 43.5
KICKING	Hanson: 122 (35/36 PAT; 29/35 FG)	Elam (Den.): 114 (33/33 PAT; 27/31 FG)

NOTES

LIONS: QB JON KITNA passed for 4,068 yards last year, becoming 1st player in team history with back-to-back 4,000-yard passing seasons...Rookie RB KEVIN SMITH (3rd round, No. 64) led nation with 2,567 rush yards last year at Central Florida. Since start of 2004, RB RUDI JOHNSON has rushed for 4,718 yards, 5th-most in NFL during that span. Spent previous 7 years with Cin. & had 3 1,300-yard seasons...WR ROY WILLIAMS aims for 3rd in row vs. Atl. with 30+ yard TD catch. In past 2 meetings, Williams has 9 catches for 193 yards (21.4 avg.) & 2 TDs (60, 31 yards). WR CALVIN JOHNSON led NFC rookies with 48 catches & 756 yards last year...Team had 35 takeaways, tied for most in NFC last year (TB)...CB LEIGH BODDEN had career-best 6 INTs with Cle. last year. Had 6 total INTs in previous 4 seasons. S DWIGHT SMITH has recorded career-high 2 INTs in game 4 times in career, including 2 times at Atl. DE DEWAYNE WHITE had career-high 6.5 sacks last year... **FALCONS:** Rookie head coach MIKE SMITH makes NFL debut...Rookie QB MATT RYAN (1st round, No. 3) makes 1st career start. Was ACC Player of Year at Boston College last season & posted 25-7 record (.781) as starter in college...RB MICHAEL TURNER makes Falcons debut. When Turner has 8+ carries, his teams are perfect 11-0. In those 11, Turner has 118 att. for 811 yards (6.9 avg.) & 4 TDs. RB JERIOUS NORWOOD has 3 career rush TDs & averages 71.3 yards per TD run...WR RODDY WHITE had career-high 83 catches & 1,202 yards last year, 1st 1,000-yard season of career & 1st Falcon to reach 1,000 yards since 1999. Had career-best 5 100-yard games; entered 2007 with just 2 100-yard games in career...DE JOHN ABRAHAM has 10 sacks in past 15. Has 67.5 sacks since 2000, 7th-most in NFL. LB KEITH BROOKING has led Falcons in tackles in each of past 7 seasons. K JASON ELAM has scored 100+ points in NFL-record 15 seasons in row. Spent previous 15 years with Den.

CINCINNATI BENGALS AT BALTIMORE RAVENS**SERIES**

	<u>BENGALS</u>	<u>RAVENS</u>
SERIES LEADER		13-11
STREAKS	6 of past 7	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Lewis: 7-3	Harbaugh: 0-0
LAST GAME	11/11/07: Bengals 21 at Ravens 7. Cincinnati K Shayne Graham converts all 7 FG attempts. Bengals' defense forces 6 turnovers, including 4 fumble recoveries.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/11/07	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Kevin Harlan, Rich Gannon. SIRIUS: 107 (Cin.), 119 (Bal.).	

STATS

PASSING	Palmer: 373-575-4,131 (2C)-26-20-86.7	Flacco (R) (Pre.): 36-68-298-1-0-69.4
RUSHING	Watson: 178-763-4.3-7	McGahee: 294-1,207-4.1-7
RECEIVING	Houshmandzadeh: 112 (T1L)-1,143-10.2-12 (3C)	Mason: 103-1,087-10.6-5
OFFENSE	348.0	302.0
TAKE/GIVE	+5	-17
DEFENSE	348.8	301.6
SACKS	Geathers: 3.5	Suggs: 5.0
INTs	L. Hall: 5	Reed: 7 (2C)
PUNTING	Larson: 41.3	Koch: 43.6
KICKING	Graham: 130 (3C) (37/37 PAT; 31/34 FG)	Stover: 107 (26/26 PAT; 27/32 FG)

NOTES

BENGALS: Club aims for 4th consecutive win on Kickoff Weekend...Since 12/5/04, team is 6-1 (.857) against Ravens & aims for 4th consecutive win...Head coach **MARVIN LEWIS** served as Ravens def. coordinator from 1996-2001...For career, **QB CARSON PALMER** is 6-2 (.750) vs. Bal. & has completed 171 of 268 passes (63.8 pct.) for 2,141 yards with 12 TDs vs. 7 INTs & 92.6 passer rating. Palmer is 6-0 vs. Bal when posting 90+ passer rating... **RB KENNY WATSON** had career highs in att. (178) rush yards (763) rush TDs (7), receptions (52) & receiving yards (374) last season. **RB CHRIS PERRY** will play in 1st regular season game since 11/26/06 vs. Cleveland...**WR T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** has TD reception in 4 of past 5 games vs. Ravens. **WR CHAD JOHNSON** averages 86.3 yards-per-game in past 3 vs. Bal. (259 total). Houshmandzadeh & Johnson aim for 3rd consecutive season with 1,000 receiving yards each...Since '03, team is 22-5 (.814) when defense has 2+ INTs...**CB LEON HALL** tied for 1st among NFL rookies with 5 INTs last season (**S REGGIE NELSON**)...**S CHINEDUM NDUKWE** aims for 2nd consecutive game with INT vs. Ravens...**DE ANTWAN ODOM** will make Bengals debut...**RAVENS:** Club is 11-4 (.733) vs. AFC North at home since '03...Head coach **JOHN HARBAUGH** makes Ravens debut...Rookie **QB JOE FLACCO** (1st round, No. 18) will make NFL debut. Flacco recorded career 41 TDs vs. 15 INTs at Delaware & 7,046 career passing yards (2nd in school history). **RB WILLIS MC GAHEE** averaged 85.9 rush yards per game at home in '07. Rookie **RB RAY RICE** (2nd round, No. 55) makes NFL debut ...**WR DERRICK MASON** ranks 3rd in NFL with 448 rec. in past 5 years (**TORRY HOLT**, 499; **CHAD JOHNSON** 462). Mason had 4 or more catches in 15 of 16 games & posted career-high 103 receptions in '07...**TE TODD HEAP** has 17 of 27 career TD rec. at home. In 13 career games vs. Cin., Heap has 589 receiving yards (most vs. any team)...Since '03, team is 31-9 (.775) when defense posts 3+ sacks...**LB RAY LEWIS** has 5 career INTs against Bengals (most vs. any team). **DE TERRELL SUGGS** has 5 career sacks vs. Cin. (3rd most vs. any opponent). Since '02, **S ED REED** leads NFL safeties with 34 INTs. Reed has 5 INTs vs. Bengals (2nd most vs. any opponent).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS AT BUFFALO BILLS

SERIES

	<u>SEAHAWKS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>
SERIES LEADER	6-4	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Holmgren: 3-3	Jauron: 0-2
LAST GAME	11/28/04: Bills 38 at Seahawks 9. Buffalo RB Willis McGahee rushes for 116 yards & scores career-high 4 TDs. Bills' defense limits Seattle to 230 total new yards & forces 4 turnovers.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/18/01: Seahawks 23, Bills 20. Seattle outlasts Buffalo despite being outgained 372-240 in total net yards. Seahawks RB Shaun Alexander rushes for 93 yards & 1 TD.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Ron Pitts, Tony Boselli, Charissa Thompson (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 125 (Sea.), 91 (Buf.).	

STATS

PASSING	Hasselbeck: 352-562-3,966-28 (T2C)-12-91.4	Edwards: 151-269-1,630-7-8-70.4
RUSHING	Morris: 140-628-4.5-4	Lynch: 280-1,115-4.0-7
RECEIVING	Burleson: 50-694-13.9-9	L. Evans: 55-849-15.4-5
OFFENSE	348.9	277.1
TAKE/GIVE	+10 (2C)	+9
DEFENSE	321.8	362.9
SACKS	Kerney: 14.5 (1C)	Schobel: 6.5
INTs	Trufant: 7 (2C)	McGee: 4
PUNTING	Plackemeier: 40.0	Moorman: 40.8
KICKING	Mare (NO): 64 (34/34 PAT; 10/17 FG)	Lindell: 96 (24/24 PAT; 24/27 FG)

NOTES

SEAHAWKS: Head coach **MIKE HOLMGREN** has guided his teams to 8 division titles, including club-record 4 in row with Seattle...Club had 6 players selected to Pro Bowl: **QB MATT HASSELBECK, T WALTER JONES, DE PATRICK KERNEY, LB JULIAN PETERSON, LB LOFA TATUPU & CB MARCUS TRUFANT**...In only start at Buf., QB Hasselbeck posted 98.8 passer rating. In starts with 10+ att. (incl. playoffs), Hasselbeck is 30-6 (.833) when posting 95+ rating...When **RB MAURICE MORRIS** has 18+ att., Seahawks are 5-0. In those 5, Morris has 510 yards (102.0 per game) & 2 TDs. **RB JULIUS JONES** plays 1st game with Sea. Rushed for 3,484 yards in 4 seasons with Dal...**WR-PR NATE BURLESON** has 15 TDs (12 rec., 2 PR, 1 KR) as Seahawk (incl. playoffs), averaging 33.9 yards per TD (509 yards). T Jones has been selected to 8 Pro Bowls, tied for most in franchise history (**CORTEZ KENNEDY**)...DE Kerney led NFC with 14.5 sacks last year. LB Peterson has 21.5 sacks in 36 games with Sea. (incl. playoffs). CB Trufant ranked 2nd in NFC with career-best 7 INTs. LB Tatupu had career-best 4 INTs. Club ranked 2nd in NFC with +10 turnover differential...**BILLS:** **QB TRENT EDWARDS** has 5-4 (.556) record as starter & has completed 141 of 249 passes (56.6 pct.) for 1,533 yards with 7 TDs & 7 INTs & 72.6 passer rating. Team is 3-0 when Edwards has 80+ passer rating...**RB MARSHAWN LYNCH** has 70 or more rush yards in 7 of past 8. Lynch led AFC rookies with 1,115 yards & 7 TDs last year. Lynch averages 92.7 rush yards per game at home...In last meeting vs. Sea., **WR LEE EVANS** had 6 catches for 70 yards (11.7 avg.) with TD. Evans has 5 70-plus yard TD rec. – tied for most in NFL since 2000. **WR-KR ROSCOE PARRISH** led NFL with 16.3 PR avg. last year & totaled career-high 35 rec. for 352 yards (10.1 avg.) with TD...**DE AARON SCHOBEL** aims for 8th consecutive season leading Bills in sacks. Since '03, Schobel ranks 2nd in NFL with 52.0 sacks (**JASON TAYLOR**, 59.)...**DT MARCUS STROUD** will make Bills debut...Team has 11-2 (.846) record when **CB TERENCE MC GEE** has INT. McGee leads franchise in KR yards (5,358) & KR-TDs (5) for career.

NEW YORK JETS AT MIAMI DOLPHINS

SERIES

	<u>JETS</u>	<u>DOLPHINS</u>
SERIES LEADER	45-38-1	
STREAKS	7 of past 8	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Mangini: 4-0	Sparano: 0-0
LAST GAME	12/2/07: Jets 40 at Dolphins 13. New York RB Leon Washington has 103 scrimmage yards (68 rush, 35 rec.) & scores 2 rush TDs. Jets' defense limits Miami to 187 total net yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/2/07	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms. SIRIUS: 129 (NYJ), 118 (Mia.).	

STATS

PASSING	Favre (GB): 356-535-4,155 (3C)-28 (T3C)-15-95.7 (2C)	Pennington (NYJ): 179-260-1,765-10-9-86.1
RUSHING	T. Jones: 310-1,119-3.6-1	R. Brown: 119-602-5.1-4
RECEIVING	Cotchery: 82-1,130-13.8-2	Wilford (Jax.): 45-518-11.5-3
OFFENSE	294.7	287.5
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-7
DEFENSE	331.9	342.2
SACKS	Ellis, Harris: 5.0	Porter: 5.5
INTs	Rhodes: 5	J. Allen: 3
PUNTING	Graham: 43.3	Fields: 43.2
KICKING	Nugent: 110 (23/24 PAT; 29/36 FG)	Carpenter (R) (Pre.): 27 (6/6 PAT; 7/8 FG)

NOTES

JETS: Head coach **ERIC MANGINI** is 1-1 (.500) on Kickoff Weekend...Club aims for 5th consecutive win against Miami...In 5 career meetings vs. Mia., **QB BRETT FAVRE** is 3-2 (.600) & has completed 111 of 182 passes (61.0 pct.) for 1,202 yards with 7 TDs & 3 INTs & 86.4 passer rating. In 4 games vs. AFC last season with GB, Favre was 4-0 with 9 TDs vs. 3 INTs & 115.3 passer rating...**RB THOMAS JONES** averages 84.6 rush yards per game vs. Miami. Jones' teams are 25-13 (.657) when he records 20+ att...**WR JERRICHO COTCHERY** led team with career highs in rec. (82) & yards (1,130 yards) last season. **WR LAVERANUES COLES** has 10 career TD rec. vs. Miami (most vs. any opponent)...**TE CHRIS BAKER** totaled career-high 41 rec. for 409 yards (10.0 avg.) in 2007...Pro Bowl **G ALAN FANECA** will make Jets debut...Since '06, **S KERRY RHODES** leads NYJ with 9 INTs...**LB DAVID HARRIS** led team with 117 tackles as rookie in '07...**DT KRIS JENKINS** & **LB CALVIN PACE** will make NYJ debuts...Since '01, Jets lead NFL with 10 KR-TDs...**KR-RB LEON WASHINGTON** set NYJ single-season record with 3 KR-TDs in '07...**DOLPHINS:** Club aims for 5th consecutive win vs. Jets at home in September dating back to 9/18/94...Head coach **TONY SPARANO** will make Dolphins debut...**QB CHAD PENNINGTON** spent 8 seasons...with NYJ, completing 1,259 of 1,919 passes (65.6 pct.) for 13,738 yards with 82 TDs vs. 55 INTs & 88.9 passer rating. Pennington's 65.61 career comp. pct. is best in NFL history (min. 1,500 att.)...In 6 meetings vs. Jets, **RB RICKY WILLIAMS** has 530 rush yards (88.3 per game) on 131 att. & 5 TDs. **RB RONNIE BROWN** aims for 4th consecutive 100-yard rush game against Jets & is averaging 116.3 rush yards per game in past 3 (349 total). In last meeting vs. Jets, Brown posted 6 rec. for 99 yards (16.5 avg.) with TD...As rookie in '07, **WR TED GINN JR.** posted 2,086 combined yards (3 rush, 420 receiving, 1,663 KR-PR). **WR DEREK HAGAN** has 12 career rec. against Jets (most vs. any opponent)...Rookie **T JAKE LONG** (No. 1 overall) will make NFL debut...Dating back to '05, team has recorded sack in 36 of past 38 games...**LB JOEY PORTER** has 5 or more sacks in 8 consecutive seasons...**DT JASON FERGUSON** spent 8 seasons with Jets (1997-2004) & recorded 20.5 sacks.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

SERIES

	<u>CHIEFS</u>	<u>PATRIOTS</u>
SERIES LEADER	16-11-3	
STREAKS		3 of past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Edwards: 2-8	Belichick: 5-2
LAST GAME	11/27/05: Patriots 16 at Chiefs 26. Kansas City RB Larry Johnson rushes for 119 with 1 TD & K Lawrence Tynes converts all 4 FG attempts in 2nd quarter (25, 20, 33, 47).	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/22/02: Patriots 41, Chiefs 38. New England QB Tom Brady passes for 410 yards & 4 TDs. Patriots K Adam Vinatieri kicks 35-yard FG in OT as New England improves to 3-0.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Greg Gumbel, Dan Dierdorf. Westwood One Radio: Bill Rosinski, Dan Reeves. SIRIUS: 126 (KC), 147 (NE).	

STATS

PASSING	Croyle: 127-224-1,227-6-6-69.9	Brady: 398-578-4,806 (1L)-50 (1L)-8-117.2 (1L)
RUSHING	L. Johnson: 158-559-3.5-3	Maroney: 185-835-4.5-6
RECEIVING	Gonzalez (TE): 99-1,172-11.8-5	Welker: 112 (T1L)-1,175-10.5-8
OFFENSE	276.8	411.3 (1L)
TAKE/GIVE	-11	+16 (3L)
DEFENSE	319.4	288.3 (3C)
SACKS	Hali: 7.5	Vrabel: 12.5 (T2C)
INTs	Page: 3	Sanders: 2
PUNTING	Colquitt: 45.5	Hanson: 41.4
KICKING	Novak (Was. '06): 25 (10/10 PAT; 5/10 FG)	Gostkowski: 137 (1C) (74/74 PAT; 21/24 FG)

NOTES

CHIEFS: In 4 career starts on road, **QB BRODIE CROYLE** has completed 63 of 111 passes (56.8 pct.) for 565 yards with 3 TDs vs. 2 INTs & 72.1 passer rating...**RB LARRY JOHNSON** aims for 2nd consecutive game with 100+ rush yards against NE (119 on 11/27/05). Chiefs are 21-6 (.778) when Johnson has 100+ rushing yards. KC is 12-1 (.923) when Johnson has 30+ carries...**TE TONY GONZALEZ** (23) needs 2 100-yard receiving games to surpass **KELLEN WINSLOW** (24) for most career 100-yard receiving games by TE. In past 2 meetings vs. Patriots, Gonzalez is averaging 74.5 receiving yards per game (149 total)...**WR DWAYNE BOWE** led all NFL rookies in yards (995) & receptions (70) in '07, both franchise rookie records...**LB DONNIE EDWARDS** aims for 3rd consecutive game with INT against NE. Edwards leads NFL active LBs with 28 career INTs...**DT GLENN DORSEY** (1st round, No. 5) will make NFL debut. Was named SEC Defensive Player of Year at Louisiana State in 2007...**PATRIOTS:** Club has 19-game regular season win streak dating back to '06 & aims to be 1st team in NFL history to win 20 in row...In opening games, head coach **BILL BELICHICK** has 7-6 (.538) record & NE aims for 4th consecutive Kickoff Weekend wins...**QB TOM BRADY** leads NFL active starting QBs (min. 10 starts) with .782 win pct. (86-24 record)...Brady has 45-10 (.818) career record as starter at home with 89 TDs vs. 31 INTs & 91.9 passer rating. For career, team is 44-1 (.978) when Brady has 100+ passer rating...In 6 career starts, **RB LAURENCE MARONEY** has 444 rush yards (4.0 avg.) on 111 att. with 3 TDs...In 5 career meetings against KC, **WR RANDY MOSS** has 5 TD receptions. In 1st game as Patriot, Moss recorded 9 rec. for 183 yards (20.3 avg.) & 1 TD on Kickoff Weekend '07. **WR WES WELKER** set franchise record with career-high 112 receptions last year...**TE BENJAMIN WATSON** posted career-high 6 TD receptions last year...**S RODNEY HARRISON** has 5 career INTs vs. KC (tied for most vs. any opponent)...**LB TEDY BRUSCHI** aims to lead team in tackles for 3rd consecutive season (2006, 124; 2007, 99). **LB MIKE VRABEL** was named to 1st Pro Bowl of career in '07.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**SERIES**

	<u>BUCCANEERS</u>	<u>SAINTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		19-13
STREAKS	Past 2	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Gruden: 7-6	Payton: 2-2
LAST GAME	12/2/07: Buccaneers 27 at Saints 23. Tampa Bay RB Earnest Graham runs for 106 yards & 1 TD & WR Joey Galloway adds 7 receptions for 159 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/2/07	
BROADCAST	FOX (12:00 PM CT): Thom Brennaman, Brian Billick, TBA (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 140 (TB), 127, (NO).	

STATS

PASSING	Garcia: 209-327-2,440-13-4-94.6 (3C)	Brees: 440-652-4,423 (1C)-28 (2C)-18-89.4
RUSHING	Graham: 222-898-4.0-10 (T3C)	Bush: 157-581-3.7-4
RECEIVING	Hilliard: 62-722-11.6-1	Colston: 98 (2C)-1,202 (3C)-12.3-11
OFFENSE	326.8	361.3 (3C)
TAKE/GIVE	+15 (1C)	-7
DEFENSE	278.4 (1C)	348.1
SACKS	Adams, Haye: 6.0	W. Smith: 7.0
INTs	Phillips: 4	4 tied: 3
PUNTING	Bidwell: 43.9	Weatherford: 43.8
KICKING	Bryant: 118 (34/34 PAT; 28/33 FG)	Gramatica: 23 (8/8 PAT; 5/5 FG)

NOTES

BUCCANEERS: Won NFC South last year. TB has won division 6 times, incl. 3 under head coach **JON GRUDEN**. Under Gruden, Bucs are 17-0 since 2002 when not committing turnover...**QB JEFF GARCIA** was named to Pro Bowl last year. In career (incl. playoffs), Garcia's teams are 32-12 (.727) when he has 95+ passer rating...**RB EARNEST GRAHAM** led team with career-high 898 rush yards & 10 rush TDs. Set club record with rush TD in 6 consecutive games. **RB WARRICK DUNN** returns to TB. Is 3rd in team annals with 4,200 rush yards...**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** had 6 rec. TDs last year (301 yards) & averaged 50.2 yards per TD. Has 9 rec. TDs in past 7 vs. NO, recording TD in 6 of those 7. Has 19 catches for 501 yards (125.3 per game) & 5 TDs in past 4 vs. NO...Bucs led NFC in total defense (278.4 yards per game). **CB RONDE BARBER** (12) & **LB DERRICK BROOKS** (8) are franchise leaders in TDs by def. player (incl. playoffs). When Brooks has INT-TD (incl. playoffs), TB is 7-0. **DE GAINES ADAMS** led NFL rookies with 6 sacks. **LB BARRETT RUUD** led team in tackles. **DE JOVAN HAYE** aims for 3rd in row vs. NO with sack...**SAINTS:** In 5 career starts vs. TB, Pro Bowl **QB DREW BREES** has 100.6 passer rating. When Brees has 100+ rating, his teams are 24-5 (.828). Last year had NFL-record 440 completions & set team marks in yards (4,423) & TDs (28)...**REGGIE BUSH** has 161 receptions, most by RB in 1st 2 NFL seasons. Scored 1st career TD vs. TB on 65-yard PR-TD. **RB DEUCE MC ALLISTER** is team's all-time leading rusher with 5,678 yards & ranks 1st with 44 rush TDs...**WR MARQUES COLSTON** has 168 receptions, most by player in 1st 2 NFL seasons. Is only player drafted in 7th round or later to record 1,000 yards in each of 1st 2 seasons. **TE JEREMY SHOCKEY** makes NO debut. Had 371 catches for 4,228 yards & 27 TDs in 6 years with NYG...**CB MIKE MC KENZIE** had 53-yard INT-TD in last meeting. **S ROMAN HARPER** led NFL DBs last year with 4 sacks. **LB JONATHAN VILMA** makes Saints debut. In 4 years with NYJ, he racked up 460 tackles & was named to Pro Bowl. **DE WILL SMITH** has led Saints in sacks each of past 3 seasons & can tie franchise record (4) this year.

ST. LOUIS RAMS AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

SERIES

	<u>RAMS</u>	<u>EAGLES</u>
SERIES LEADER	17-16-1	
STREAKS		2 of past 3
COACHES VS. OPP.	Linehan: 0-0	Reid: 3-3
LAST GAME	12/18/05: Eagles 17 at Rams 16. Philadelphia overcomes 16-7 deficit in 3rd quarter with TE Mike Bartrum's 3-yard TD catch on 1st play of 4th quarter for decisive score.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/1/02: Eagles 10, Rams 7. Philadelphia wins for 3rd consecutive week with different QB as Koy Detmer throws for 181 yards in 1st career start.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Daryl Johnston, Tony Siragusa (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 130 (St.L.), 153 (Phi.).	

STATS

PASSING	Bulger: 221-378-2,392-11-15-70.3	McNabb: 291-473-3,324-19-7-89.9
RUSHING	S. Jackson: 237-1,002-4.2-5	Westbrook: 278-1,333 (2C)-4.8-7
RECEIVING	Holt: 93-1,189-12.8-7	Westbrook (RB): 90-771-8.6-5
OFFENSE	297.5	358.1
TAKE/GIVE	-10	-8
DEFENSE	341.1	311.4
SACKS	Witherspoon: 7.0	T. Cole: 12.5
INTs	Atogwe: 8 (1C)	Samuel (NE): 6 (T3C)
PUNTING	Jones: 47.2 (2C)	Rocca: 42.0
KICKING	Brown (Sea.): 127 (3C) (43/43 PAT; 28/34 FG)	Akers: 108 (36/36 PAT; 24/32 FG)

NOTES

RAMS: Are 38-32 (.543) on Kickoff Weekend...In only start vs. Phi., **QB MARC BULGER** posted 110.9 passer rating, completing 20 of 27 passes (74.1 pct.) for 225 yards with 1 TD vs. 0 INTs. In starts with 10+ att., Bulger is 17-6 (.739) when posting 100+ rating...In 2 meetings, **RB STEVEN JACKSON** has 230 rush yards (115.0 per game) & 1 TD. Aims for 4th consecutive 1,000-yard rush season. When Jackson has 22+ carries, Rams are 14-4 (.778). In those 18, Jackson has 2,077 yards (115.4 per game) & 13 TDs...Since 2000, **WR TORRY HOLT** leads NFL with 753 receptions & 11,076 yards. Holt aims for 9th consecutive 1,000-yard season...**S O.J. ATOGWE** led NFC last year with career-high 8 INTs. Has 7 INTs in past 8. Rookie **DE CHRIS LONG** (1st round, No. 2) makes NFL debut. Last year at Virginia, was named ACC Defensive Player of Year & had 14 sacks. **DE LEONARD LITTLE** has 6 sacks in 5 career meetings (incl. playoffs). **DT LA'ROI GLOVER** had 6.0 sacks last year & has recorded 5+ sacks in 10 of past 11 seasons...**EAGLES:** **QB DONOVAN MC NABB** has career 73-39 (.652) record, 3rd best among active QBs with 100 starts. Incl. playoffs, when McNabb has 100+ rating, Eagles are 36-1 (.973)...Pro Bowl **RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** led NFL with 2,104 scrimmage yards (1,333 rush, 771 rec.) & 104 1st downs. Led NFL RBs with 90 receptions. Is only active player with 20+ TDs both rush (27) & rec. (23)...**WR REGGIE BROWN** has 16 career rec. TDs with avg. length of 25.1 yards (401 yards). Last year, Brown, **WR KEVIN CURTIS** & Westbrook became 1st trio of Eagles with 60+ catches & 750+ yards in single season. **WR HANK BASKETT** has 3 career TD catches, incl. 2 of 85+ yards (89, 87)...Pro Bowl **CB ASANTE SAMUEL** plays 1st game with Phi. Played previous 5 seasons with NE. Has NFL-best 16 INTs since 2006. Pro Bowl **DE TRENT COLE** has 11 sacks in past 13. Led team with career-high 12.5 sacks last year. **S BRIAN DAWKINS** has played in 98 Eagles wins (incl. playoffs), most in franchise history. Is 1 of 4 players in NFL history with 33+ INTs & 18+ sacks. **CB SHELDON BROWN** has played in 105 consecutive games (incl. playoffs). 10 of 13 career INTs have led to scores.

HOUSTON TEXANS AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS

SERIES

	<u>TEXANS</u>	<u>STEELERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	Series tied, 1-1	
STREAKS	1-1	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Kubiak: 0-0	Tomlin: 0-0
LAST GAME	9/18/05: Steelers 27 at Texans 7. Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger throws for 254 yards with 2 TDs. Steelers' defense registers 8 sacks, including 3 by S Troy Polamalu.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/8/02: Texans 24, Steelers 6. Houston scores 3 defensive TDs, including 2 INT-TDs by CB Aaron Glenn (70, 65). Pittsburgh QB Tommy Maddox has 325 passing yards.	
BROADCAST	CBS (1:00 PM ET): Gus Johnson, Randy Cross. SIRIUS: 158 (Hou.), 123 (Pit.).	

STATS

PASSING	Schaub: 192-289-2,241-9-9-87.2	Roethlisberger: 264-404-3,154-32 (2C)-11-104.1 (2L)
RUSHING	Green: 70-260-3.7-2	Parker: 321-1,316 (2C)-4.1-2
RECEIVING	Walter: 65-800-12.3-4	Ward: 71-732-10.3-7
OFFENSE	333.6	327.4
TAKE/GIVE	-13	+3
DEFENSE	344.2	266.4 (1L)
SACKS	M. Williams: 14.0 (1C)	J. Harrison: 8.5
INTs	Bennett: 3	Taylor: 3
PUNTING	Turk: 41.7	Berger (Ari.): 40.7
KICKING	K. Brown: 115 (40/40 PAT; 25/29 FG)	Reed: 113 (44/44 PAT; 23/25 FG)

NOTES

TEXANS: Head coach **GARY KUBIAK** is 1-1 (.500) on Kickoff Weekend...Club posted most wins in franchise history (8) in '07...Hou. is 3-1 (.750) when **QB MATT SCHAUB** has 100+ passer rating. In month of Sept., Schaub has completed 91 of 124 passes (73.4) for 1,005 yards with 5 TDs vs. 3 INTs & 100.4 passer rating...**RB AHMAN GREEN** has 1,000+ rush yards in 6 of 10 career seasons. Rookie **RB STEVE SLATON** (3rd round, No. 89) will make NFL debut...Hou. has won 5 of past 6 when **WR ANDRE JOHNSON** has 100+ receiving yards. Johnson averaged 94.6 rec. yards per game in '07. **WR KEVIN WALTER** posted career high 65 receptions for 800 yards (12.3 avg.) in '07...**TE OWEN DANIELS** holds franchise record for receptions (63) & receiving yards (768) in single-season by TE...Pro Bowl **LB DE MECO RYANS** has led team in tackles past 2 seasons...**DE MARIO WILLIAMS** has franchise record 18.5 career sacks & finished '07 with franchise-high 14 sacks...**K KRIS BROWN** played 1st 3 seasons of career in Pit. (1999-2001)...**WR-KR ANDRÉ DAVIS** had career-high 3 KR-TDs last year...**STEELERS:** Club aims for 5th consecutive win on Kickoff Weekend (longest current streak in NFL)...In 1 career start vs. Houston (9/18/05), **QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** completed 14 of 21 (66.7 pct.) passes for 254 yards with 2 TDs vs. 0 INTs & 139.8 passer rating. Roethlisberger has 6 TD passes in 2 career opening games. Team is 23-2 (.920), when Roethlisberger has 100+ passer rating...In only meeting against Houston (9/18/05), **RB WILLIE PARKER** totaled 25 att. for 111 yards (4.4 avg.) & TD. Team is 18-3 (.857) when Parker has 100+ yards. Rookie **RB RASHARD MENDENHALL** (1st round, No. 23) will make NFL debut...**WR HINES WARD** averages 80 rec. yards per game vs. Hou. Ward is the team's all-time leader in rec. (719), rec. yards (8,737) & rec. TDs (65). **WR SANTONIO HOLMES** led NFL with 18.2 yard-per-reception average in '07...**TE HEATH MILLER** aims for TD catch in 4th consecutive season opener...Team ranked 1st in NFL in total defense in '07...Since '04, team is 22-7 (.759) when defense records 3+ sacks...Pro Bowl **LB JAMES HARRISON** posted 5.5 of team-high 8.5 sacks at home in '07.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS AT TENNESSEE TITANS

SERIES

	<u>JAGUARS</u>	<u>TITANS</u>
SERIES LEADER		14-12
STREAKS	4 of past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Del Rio: 5-5	Fisher: 14-12
LAST GAME	11/11/07: Jaguars 28 at Titans 13. Jacksonville RB Maurice Jones-Drew rushes for 101 yards & 1 TD as Jaguars catch Tennessee in AFC South standings with 6-3 record.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/11/07	
BROADCAST	CBS (12:00 PM CT): Ian Eagle, Solomon Wilcots. SIRIUS: 113 (Jax.).	

STATS

PASSING	Garrard: 208-325-2,509-18-3-102.2 (3L)	Young: 238-382-2,546-9-17-71.1
RUSHING	Taylor: 223-1,202-5.4-5	White: 303-1,110-3.7-7
RECEIVING	Porter (Oak.): 44-705-16.0-6	Gage: 55-750-13.6-2
OFFENSE	357.4 (3C)	311.7
TAKE/GIVE	+4	0
DEFENSE	313.8	291.6
SACKS	Spicer: 7.5	Vanden Bosch: 12.0
INTs	Nelson: 5	Bulluck: 5
PUNTING	Podlesh: 41.6	Hentrich: 42.0
KICKING	Scobee: 62 (26/27 PAT; 12/13 FG)	Bironas: 133 (2C) (28/28 PAT; 35/39 FG)

NOTES

JAGUARS: Club leads NFL with .692 win pct. (9-4 record) on Kickoff Weekend...Jax. has won 3 of past 4 at Ten...Since '06, team is 13-4 (.764) when gaining 150+ rush yards...**QB DAVID GARRARD** is 2-1 (.667) as starter in September & has completed 48 of 75 (64.0 pct.) for 630 yards with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs & 103.8 passer rating. Incl. postseason, Garrard aims for 11th consecutive game with TD pass on road...**RB FRED TAYLOR** led AFC & ranked 2nd in NFL with 5.4 yards-per-carry avg. in '07. Taylor aims for 6th consecutive regular season game with 100 rush yards dating back to 11/18/07. Team is 14-5 (.736) when Taylor has 25+ att. In 4 career meetings vs. Ten., **RB MAURICE JONES-DREW** averages 4.9 yards per carry (287 yards, 59 att.). Jones-Drew has 26 TDs in past 29 games incl. postseason...Team is 11-3 (.785) when **WR REGGIE WILLIAMS** scores TD. Williams set franchise record with 10 TD receptions in '07...**TE MARCEDES LEWIS** has 10 career rec. against Titans (most vs. any opponent)...Defense has 14 sacks in past 6 vs. Titans...**CB RASHEAN MATHIS** has 6 career INTs against Ten. (most vs. any opponent)...**S REGGIE NELSON** tied for 1st in NFL among rookies with 5 INTs in '07 (**CB LEON HALL**)...**TITANS:** Club aims for 2nd consecutive win against Jaguars on Kickoff Weekend...Head coach **JEFF FISHER** has 8-5 (.615) record on opening weekend...Titans are 6-1 (.857) when **QB VINCE YOUNG** has 90+ passer rating. Since '06, Young leads NFL QBs in rush yards (947) & rush TDs (10)...**RB LEN DALE WHITE** aims for 3rd consecutive game at home with 100+ rush yards. Team is 5-1 (.833) when White has 90+ rush yards. Rookie **RB CHRIS JOHNSON** (1st round, No. 24) led nation with 227.7 all-purpose yards per game last year at East Carolina...In last meeting against Jax., **WR JUSTIN GAGE** tied career-high with 7 receptions for 90 yards (12.9 avg.) with TD...**TE ALGE CRUMPLER** will make Titans debut. Since '04, Crumpler leads all TEs (min. 100 rec.) with 13.6-yards-per-catch avg. In 2 career starts vs. Jaguars, **TE BO SCAIFE** has 8 receptions for 108 yards (13.5 avg.)... Since '06, team is 11-2 (.846) when it records 2 or more INTs...**LB KEITH BULLUCK** has led team in tackles in 5 of past 6 seasons...**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** has 31 sacks since '05...**K ROB BIRONAS** led NFL with 35 FGs in '07.

DALLAS COWBOYS AT CLEVELAND BROWNS

SERIES

	<u>COWBOYS</u>	<u>BROWNS</u>
SERIES LEADER		15-10
STREAKS	4 of past 6	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Phillips: 2-0	Crennel: 0-0
LAST GAME	9/19/04: Browns 12 at Cowboys 19. Dallas defense limits Cleveland to 202 total net yards & intercepts Browns QB Jeff Garcia 3 times. Cowboys WR Terry Glenn has 90 rec. yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/1/91: Cowboys 26, Browns 14. Dallas QB Troy Aikman passes for 274 yards with 2 TDs & RB Emmitt Smith has 148 scrimmage yards (112 rush, 36 rec.) in Kickoff Weekend win.	
BROADCAST	FOX (4:15 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Pam Oliver (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Mark Champion, Mark Malone. SIRIUS: 125 (Dal.), 122 (Cle.).	

STATS

PASSING	Romo: 335-520-4,211 (2C)-36 (1C)-19-97.4 (1C)	Anderson: 298-527-3,787-29-19-82.5
RUSHING	Barber: 204-975-4.8-10 (T3C)	J. Lewis: 298-1,304 (3C)-4.4-9 (T3C)
RECEIVING	Witten (TE): 96 (3C)-1,145 -11.9-7	Winslow (TE): 82-1,106-13.5-5
OFFENSE	365.7 (2C)	351.3
TAKE/GIVE	+5 (3C)	-2
DEFENSE	307.6	359.6
SACKS	Ware: 14.0 (2C)	Wimbley: 5.0
INTs	Henry: 6 (3C)	Jones: 5
PUNTING	McBriar: 47.1 (3C)	Zastudil: 41.3
KICKING	Folk: 131 (2C) (53/53 PAT; 26/31 FG)	Dawson: 120 (42/43 PAT; 26/30 FG)

NOTES

COWBOYS: Have NFC-best 32-15-1 (.681) mark on Kickoff Weekend. Cowboys are 30-18 (.625) in road openers, best in NFL. Under head coach **WADE PHILLIPS**, club won 13 games last year, tied for most in team annals. Cowboys had record 13 players selected to Pro Bowl...Offense scored NFC-high 455 points. All-Star **QB TONY ROMO** set club single-season records for TDs (36), comp. (335), yards (4,211) & 300-yard games (7). Led NFC with 97.4 passer rating. Team is 13-2 (.867) when Romo has 100+ rating...Pro Bowl **RB MARION BARBER** rushed for 10 TDs last year & became 1st Cowboy to rush for 10+ TDs in back-to-back seasons since **EMMITT SMITH** (1998-99). When Barber has 11+ carries, Cowboys are 19-1 (.950)...All-Star **WR TERRELL OWENS** led NFC with team-record 15 rec. TDs. Pro Bowl **TE JASON WITTEN** led NFL TEs with 96 catches & 1,145 yards, both franchise records for TE. Witten's 96 catches were 2nd most in season by Cowboy (HOFer **MICHAEL IRVIN**, 111)...All-Star **LB DE MARCUS WARE** tied for 3rd in NFL with career-best 14.0 sacks. Pro Bowl **LB GREG ELLIS** had 12.5 sacks in 13 games last year...**BROWNS:** Dating back to 9/16/07, team aims for 8th consecutive win at home & 3rd in row vs. NFC at home...Club is 5-0 under **ROMEO CRENNEL** when scoring 30 or more points...For career, **QB DEREK ANDERSON** is 7-1 (.875) as starter at home & has completed 131 of 230 passes (57.0 pct.) for 1,806 yards with 13 TDs vs. 9 INTs & 84.8 passer rating. Team is 4-0 when Anderson has 100+ passer rating...Dating back to '07, **RB JAMAL LEWIS** aims for 4th consecutive 100-yard rushing game at home (134, 163, 128). Lewis' teams are 22-3 (.880) when he has 25+ carries. In 2 career games vs. Cowboys, Lewis is averaging 96 rush yards per game...**WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** set franchise record in receiving yards (1,289) & TD receptions (16) in '07. **WR DONTÉ STALLWORTH** will make Browns debut. In 4 career meetings against Cowboys, Stallworth averages 103.5 receiving yards (414 total) & 4.5 receptions (18 total) per game...Browns are 3-0 when **TE KELLEN WINSLOW** has 100+ receiving yards...**LB WILLIE MC GINEST** has 2 sacks in 3 career games vs. Cowboys.

CAROLINA PANTHERS AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

SERIES

	<u>PANTHERS</u>	<u>CHARGERS</u>
SERIES LEADER	2-1	
STREAKS	2-1	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Fox: 0-1	Turner: 4-0
LAST GAME	10/24/04: Chargers 17 at Panthers 6. San Diego RBs Jesse Chatman & LaDainian Tomlinson combine for 116 rushing yards & score 1 TD apiece.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/14/97: Panthers 26, Chargers 7. After falling behind 7-0, Carolina scores 26 unanswered points, including 2 TDs by TE Wesley Walls. Panthers' defense recovers 4 fumbles.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Dick Stockton, Brian Baldinger, Laura Okmin (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 123 (Car.), 127 (SD).	

STATS

PASSING	Delhomme: 55-86-624-8-1-111.8	Rivers: 277-460-3,152-21-15-82.4
RUSHING	Williams: 144-717-5.0-4	Tomlinson: 315-1,474 (1L)-4.7-15 (1L)
RECEIVING	King (TE): 46-406-8.8-2	Gates (TE): 75-984-13.1-9
OFFENSE	284.9	315.3
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+24 (1L)
DEFENSE	324.8	320.3
SACKS	Diggs, Lewis: 3.5	Merriman: 12.5 (T2C)
INTs	Marshall: 3	Cromartie: 10 (1L)
PUNTING	Baker: 44.2	Scifres: 46.1 (3C)
KICKING	Kasay: 99 (27/27 PAT; 24/28 FG)	Kaeding: 118 (46/46 PAT; 24/27 FG)

NOTES

PANTHERS: In past 4 starts, **QB JAKE DELHOMME** has completed 78 of 113 passes (69.0 pct.) for 831 yards with 10 TDs vs. 1 INT for 116.1 passer rating. Delhomme has posted 100+ rating in all 4 & aims for 5th consecutive game with 100+ rating...Panthers are perfect 5-0 when **RB DE ANGELO WILLIAMS** rushes for 80+ yards, including 3 100-yard games. When Williams has 15+ att., team is 6-2 (.750). Holds club record for longest run (75 yards, 10/14/07 at Arz). Rookie **RB JONATHAN STEWART** (1st round, No. 13) set Oregon record with 1,722 rush yards & 2,481 combined yards last year. Rookie **T JEFF OTAH** (1st round, No. 19) was named first-team All-Big East at Pittsburgh last season...**WR MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** returns to Car. Is club's all-time leader in catches (578), rec. yards (7,751) & 100-yard games (26). **TE JEFF KING** had 46 catches & 406 yards last year, 1st Panther TE since 2001 with 40+ catches & 400+ yards...**DE JULIUS PEPPERS** ranks 1st in team history with 56.0 sacks & 19 forced fumbles. **LB JON BEASON** became 1st rookie in club annals to lead team in tackles (160) last year...**CHARGERS:** Team aims for 3rd consecutive season with 11+ wins & 3rd straight AFC West title...Club aims for 3rd consecutive win on Kickoff Weekend...**QB PHILIP RIVERS** has 15-1 (.937) career record as starter at home & has completed 272 of 434 passes (62.7 pct.) for 3,005 yards with 16 TDs vs. 11 INTs & 84.9 passer rating. For career, Rivers is 4-0 vs. NFC as starter at home...SD is 8-1 (.889) when **RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** gains 100+ plus yards vs. NFC...**TE ANTONIO GATES** had 7 rec. for 61 yards (8.7 avg.) in last meeting vs. Car. Team is 8-0 when Gates has 2+ TDs...In last meeting vs. Panthers (with Miami on 9/25/05), **WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** posted 6 receptions for 93 yards (15.5 avg.) with TD. Chargers are 7-1 (.875) when **WR VINCENT JACKSON** scores TD...Team is 11-1 (.916) when **LB SHAWNE MERRIMAN** has 2+ sacks...**CB ANTONIO CROMARTIE** led NFL with franchise-high 10 INTs in '07...**DE LUIS CASTILLO** has 8.5 of 13 career sacks at home.

ARIZONA CARDINALS AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERSSERIES

	<u>CARDINALS</u>	<u>49ERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		19-14
STREAKS		Past 2
COACHES VS. OPP.	Whisenhunt: 0-2	Nolan: 2-4
LAST GAME	11/25/07: 49ers 37 at Cardinals 31 (OT). San Francisco DT Ronnie Fields sacks Arizona QB Kurt Warner in end zone forcing fumble recovered by LB Tully Banta-Cain for TD in OT.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	9/10/07: 49ers 20, Cardinals 17. San Francisco WR Arnaz Battle scores on 1-yard run with 22 seconds remaining as 49ers rally past Arizona on Monday night.	
BROADCAST	FOX (1:15 PM PT): Sam Rosen, Tim Ryan, Chris Myers (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 126 (Ari.), 119 (SF).	

STATS

PASSING	Warner: 281-451-3,417-27-17-89.8	O'Sullivan (Det.): 13-26-148-1-2-48.2
RUSHING	James: 324-1,222-3.8-7	Gore: 260-1,102-4.2-5
RECEIVING	Fitzgerald: 100 (1C)-1,409 (1C)-14.1-10	Bruce (St.L): 55-733-13.3-4
OFFENSE	344.1	237.3
TAKE/GIVE	-7	-12
DEFENSE	330.2	346.2
SACKS	Dockett: 9.0	Willis: 4.0
INTs	Hood, Rolle: 5	Clements, W. Harris: 4
PUNTING	Johnson (Phi. '06) 42.6	Lee: 47.3 (1C)
KICKING	Rackers: 110 (47/48 PAT; 21/30 FG)	Nedney: 73 (22/22 PAT; 17/19 FG)

NOTES

CARDINALS: Two-time NFL MVP (1999, 2001) **QB KURT WARNER** has career 93.2 passer rating, 3rd best in NFL history. In career vs. SF as starter, Warner is 7-1 (.875), completing 201 of 304 passes (66.1 pct.) for 2,672 yards with 19 TDs vs. 10 INTs for 100.9 rating...In 3 games at SF, **RB EDGERRIN JAMES** has rushed for 302 yards (100.7 per game) & 2 TDs. Leads all active players with 11,607 rush yards. Aims for 6th consecutive 1,000-yard season...**WR ANQUAN BOLDIN** has 413 career receptions, most catches in NFL history by player in 1st 68 games. Had 10 catches for 217 yards with 2 TDs on Kickoff Weekend in 2003, most rec. yards in opener since 1962. Boldin has 58 catches, 757 yards & 5 TDs in career vs. SF, his most vs. opponent. Pro Bowl **WR LARRY FITZGERALD** led NFC last year with 100 receptions & 1,409 yards, his 2nd career 100-catch season. Fitzgerald & Boldin are only players in NFL history with 2 100-catch seasons in 1st 4 years. In last meeting, Fitzgerald had 9 receptions for 156 yards (17.3 avg.) & 2 TDs...**LB KARLOS DANSBY** aims for 5th in row vs. SF with 0.5+ sack. Has 3.5 sacks in past 4 meetings. **S ANTREL ROLLE** had career-high 5 INTs last year, incl. NFL-best 3 INT-TDs...**49ERS:** **QB J.T. O'SULLIVAN** makes 1st NFL start of career. Played in 4 games last year with Detroit & was NFL Europa 2007 Offensive Co-MVP with Frankfurt...**RB FRANK GORE** aims for 5th game in row vs. Arz. with rush TD (7 TDs). In last meeting, Gore rushed for 116 yards & 2 TDs while adding 11 receptions for 98 yards. Gore's 11 catches were 2nd-most in team history by RB. Since start of 2006, Gore has 3,718 scrimmage yards (2,797 rush, 921 rec.), 3rd-most in NFL...**WR BRYANT JOHNSON** faces former team for 1st time. Was Cardinals 1st round pick (No. 17) in 2003 & caught 210 passes for 2,675 yard with 9 TDs in 5 seasons in Arz. **WR ISAAC BRUCE** makes 49ers debut. Spent 14 years with Rams. Is 3rd in NFL history with 14,109 rec. yards & tops active players. **TE VERNON DAVIS** had TD in last meeting...**LB PATRICK WILLIS** was selected to Pro Bowl & named AP Defensive Rookie of Year. **LB TULLY BANTA-CAIN** recovered fumble in OT for game-winning TD in last meeting.

SUNDAY NIGHT
CHICAGO BEARS AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

SERIES

	<u>BEARS</u>	<u>COLTS</u>
SERIES LEADER		22-17
STREAKS	4 of past 5	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Smith: 0-2	Dungy: 9-5
LAST GAME	11/21/04: Colts 41 at Bears 10. Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning throws 4 TD passes & RB Edgerrin James rushes for 204 yards & 1 TD as Colts improve to 7-3.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/17/91: Bears 31, Colts 17. Chicago outgains Indy 448-251 in total net yards, including 287 passing yards by QB Jim Harbaugh & 101 rushing yards by RB Brad Muster.	
BROADCAST	NBC (8:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden & Andrea Kremer (Field reporter). Westwood One Radio: Dave Sims, Jim Fassel. SIRIUS: 119 (Westwood), 126 (Chi.), 127 (Ind.).	

STATS

PASSING	Orton: 43-80-478-3-2-73.9	P. Manning: 337-515-4,040 (3C)-31 (3C)-14-98.0
RUSHING	Forté (R) (Pre.): 27-94-3.5-0	Addai: 261-1,072-4.1-12 (T2L)
RECEIVING	Peterson (RB): 51-420-8.2-0	Wayne: 104 (3L)-1,510 (1L)-14.5-10
OFFENSE	293.3	358.7 (2C)
TAKE/GIVE	-1	+18 (2L)
DEFENSE	354.7	279.7 (2C)
SACKS	Ogunleye: 9.0	Mathis: 7.0
INTs	Urlacher: 5	Bethea, Brackett: 4
PUNTING	Maynard: 41.8	H. Smith: 41.9
KICKING	Gould: 126 (33/33 PAT; 31/36 FG)	Vinatieri: 118 (49/51 PAT; 23/29 FG)

NOTES

REMATCH of SB XLI, won by Colts 29-17...**BEARS**: Have NFL-best 49 Kickoff Weekend wins & can become 1st team to reach 50. Head coach **LOVIE SMITH** has 36 wins, tied with HOFer **MIKE DITKA** for 2nd-most in 1st 4 years with Chi...**QB KYLE ORTON** is 12-6 (.667) in NFL career as starter...Rookie **RB MATT FORTÉ** (2nd round, No. 44) was 2nd in NCAA last year with 2,127 rush yards...Pro Bowl **PR-KR-WR DEVIN HESTER** has 14 career TDs (7 PR, 4 KR, 2 rec., 1 missed FG) & averages 80.9 yards per TD (1,132 yards), highest avg. in NFL history (min. 10 TDs). Hester is only player in NFL history to return opening kick of SB for TD (2/4/07 vs. Ind.)...**DE ADEWALE OGUNLEYE** has 6 sacks in past 9. Has 5 FFs in past 8. **LB BRIAN URLACHER** has INT in 4 of past 5, including 85-yard INT-TD. Had 5 INTs & 5 sacks last year, becoming 3rd Bear to accomplish feat. **DE MARK ANDERSON** has 17.0 sacks in 1st 2 seasons, most by Bear in that time. **LB LANCE BRIGGS** was named to 3rd consecutive Pro Bowl last year. **CB CHARLES TILLMAN** had 11 tackles, FF & FR in SB vs. Ind...**COLTS**: Club will make 1st regular season appearance in Lucas Oil Stadium...Colts' 24-9 (.727) record in Sept. is best in NFL since '98...Club aims for 4th straight win on Kickoff Weekend & 10th consecutive win vs. NFC at home...Head coach **TONY DUNGY** has most wins (80) as head coach in Colts history (incl. postseason)...Incl. SB XLI, **QB PEYTON MANNING** has 2-1 (.667) record vs. Bears & has completed 68 of 105 passes (64.8 pct.) for 760 yards with 7 TDs vs. 3 INTs & 96.5 passer rating. Incl. postseason, Colts are 10-2 (.833) when **RB JOSEPH ADDAI** has 20+ carries. Addai averages 108.3 rush yards per game in past 4 vs. NFC...**WR REGGIE WAYNE** aims for 3rd consecutive game (incl. SB XLI) with TD rec. vs. Bears. **WR MARVIN HARRISON** (13,944) needs 61 receiving yards to surpass **JAMES LOFTON** (14,004) & move into 4th place all-time...**TE DALLAS CLARK** led NFL TEs with 11 TD receptions last year...Colts are 12-2 (.857) when **DE DWIGHT FREENEY** records 2 or more sacks.

MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 8
MINNESOTA VIKINGS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

SERIES

	<u>VIKINGS</u>	<u>PACKERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		48-44-1
STREAKS		Past 4
COACHES VS. OPP.	Childress: 0-4	McCarthy: 4-0
LAST GAME	11/11/07: Vikings 0 at Packers 34. Green Bay QB Brett Favre passes for 351 yards & 3 TDs. RB Ryan Grant adds 119 yards, including 30-yard TD run. Packers' defense posts 1st shutout since 2002.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/11/07	
BROADCAST	ESPN (6:00 PM CT): Mike Tirico, Ron Jaworski, Tony Kornheiser. Westwood One Radio: Marv Albert, Boomer Esiason. SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood), 126 (Min.), 127 (GB.).	

STATS

PASSING	Jackson: 171-294-1,911-9-12-70.8	Rodgers: 20-28-218-1-0-106.0
RUSHING	Peterson: 238-1,341 (1C)-5.6-12 (1C)	Grant: 188-956-5.1-8
RECEIVING	Berrian (Chi.): 71-951-13.4-5	Driver: 82-1,048-12.8-2
OFFENSE	336.2	370.7 (1C)
TAKE/GIVE	+1	+4
DEFENSE	338.1	313.3
SACKS	Allen (KC): 15.5 (1L)	Kampman: 12.0
INTs	Sharper: 4	Bigby: 5
PUNTING	Kluwe: 44.7	Frost (Was.): 41.0
KICKING	Longwell: 99 (39/40 PAT; 20/24 FG)	Crosby: 141 (1L) (48/48/ PAT; 31/39 FG)

NOTES

VIKINGS: Last year, **QB TARVARIS JACKSON** posted 8-4 (.667) record as starter. Scored 5 TDs in final 2 games (3 pass, 2 rush). Had 3 TD passes of 60+ yards last season & Vikings won all 3 games when Jackson had 60+ yard TD... Club led NFL in rushing (164.6). **RB ADRIAN PETERSON** led NFC with 1,341 rush yards, 1st rookie to lead NFC since HOFer **BARRY SANDERS** in 1989. Was named AP Off. Rookie of Year & Pro Bowl MVP. Set NFL single-game record with 296 rush yards vs. SD (11/4/07)...**WR BERNARD BERRIAN** joins club after 4 seasons with Chi. Had 150 catches for 2,197 yards (14.6 avg.) & 13 TDs as Bear...Rush defense topped NFL (74.1) for 2nd season in row led by Pro Bowl **DTs KEVIN WILLIAMS & PAT WILLIAMS**. All-Star **DE JARED ALLEN** plays 1st game with Vikings. Led NFL with 15.5 sacks last year with KC. Has 43.0 sacks since 2004, 2nd-most in NFL. Pro Bowl **S DARREN SHARPER** has 48 INTs since 2000, most in NFL...**PACKERS:** Have 48 wins on Kickoff Weekend, 2nd most in NFL history. Under head coach **MIKE MC CARTHY**, team has won 17 of past 20 games...**QB AARON RODGERS** makes 1st career start. Played in 2 games last year & posted 106.0 rating, completing 20 of 28 passes (71.4 pct.) for 218 yards with 1 TD & 0 INTs...In last meeting, **RB RYAN GRANT** had 25 att. for 119 yards & 1 TD. Last year, when Grant had 15+ carries, Packers posted 7-0 record...Pro Bowl **WR DONALD DRIVER** led club with 82 catches & 1,048 yards, 4th season in row with 80+ catches & 1,000+ yards. **WR GREG JENNINGS** tied for 2nd in NFC with career-best 12 rec. TDs. Has 15 career TDs & averages 37.7 yards per TD. **WR JAMES JONES** scored 1st career TD vs. Min. (9/30/07)...All-Star **DE AARON KAMPMAN** has 27.5 sacks over past 2 seasons, most in NFC. Pro Bowl **CB AL HARRIS** has played in 172 consecutive games (incl. playoffs). **DE KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** has 5 sacks in past 2 vs. Vikings & aims for 3rd meeting in row with 2+ sacks.

DENVER BRONCOS AT OAKLAND RAIDERS

SERIES

	<u>BRONCOS</u>	<u>RAIDERS</u>
SERIES LEADER		54-39-2
STREAKS	8 of past 10	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shanahan: 20-6	Kiffin: 1-1
LAST GAME	12/2/07: Broncos 20 at Raiders 34. Oakland QB Josh McCown passes for 3 TDs as Raiders post back-to-back victories. Raiders QB JaMarcus Russell makes NFL debut, completing 4 of 7 passes for 56 yards.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	12/2/07	
BROADCAST	ESPN (7:15 PM PT): Mike Greenberg, Mike Golic, Mike Ditka. Westwood One Radio: Don Criqui, Dennis Green. SIRIUS: 124 (Westwood), 122 (Den.), 123 (Oak.).	

STATS

PASSING	Cutler: 297-467-3,497-20-14-88.1	Russell: 36-66-373-2-4-55.9
RUSHING	Young: 140-729-5.2-1	Fargas: 222-1,009-4.5-4
RECEIVING	Scheffler (TE): 49-549-11.2-5	Curry: 55-717-13.0-4
OFFENSE	346.3	294.8
TAKE/GIVE	+1	-11
DEFENSE	336.0	341.6
SACKS	Dumervil: 12.5 (T2C)	Burgess: 8.0
INTs	Bly: 5	Howard: 6 (T3C)
PUNTING	Paulescu: 44.2	Lechler: 49.1 (1L)
KICKING	Prater (Atl.): 4 (1/1 PAT; 1/4 FG)	Janikowski: 97 (28/28 PAT; 23/32 FG)

NOTES

BRONCOS: Club has won 5 of past 6 against Raiders & aims for 5th consecutive win vs. Oak. in September...Head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN** is 11-4 (.733) on Kickoff Weekend. Since '95, club has 6-2 (.750) record against Oakland on MNF...**QB JAY CUTLER** is 1-0 as starter on Kickoff Weekend & has completed 23 of 39 passes (59.0 pct.) for 304 yards with TD vs. INT & 81.6 passer rating. Club is 5-0 when Cutler has 100+ passer rating. Cutler has 82.5 passer rating on MNF...For career, **RB SELVIN YOUNG** averages 5.2 yards per carry (729 yards, 140 att.)...**WR DARRELL JACKSON** will make Broncos debut...**WR BRANDON STOKLEY** recorded 3 receptions for 102 yards (34.0 avg.) in last meeting vs. Oakland (12/2/07). Rookie **WR EDDIE ROYAL** set Virginia Tech record with 4,686 career all-purpose yards...**CBs CHAMP BAILEY** (42) & **DRE' BLY** (38) rank 1st & 2nd among active CBs for most INTs since 1999. Broncos are 3-0 vs. Oakland when Bailey has INT...**DE ELVIS DUMERVIL** has 4 sacks in past 4 games vs. Oakland. Dumervil ranks 6th in NFL with 21 sacks since '06...**RAIDERS:** Club aims for 2nd consecutive win against Broncos at home since 11/05/01...In 1 career start, **QB JA MARCUS RUSSELL** completed 23 of 31 passes (74.2 pct.) for 224 yards with TD vs. INT & 91.3 passer rating. Russell aims for 3rd straight game with TD pass...**RB JUSTIN FARGAS** has led team in rushing past 2 seasons (2006, 659; 2007, 1,009). In last meeting against Denver, Fargas gained 146 rush yards (4.4 avg.) on 33 att. with TD. Rookie **RB DARREN MC FADDEN** (1st round, No. 4) will make NFL debut...**WR JAVON WALKER** spent 2 seasons (2006-07) with Broncos & totaled 95 rec. for 1,371 yards (14.4 avg.) & 8 TDs...**TE ZACH MILLER** led NFL rookie TEs in receptions (44) & receiving yards (444) in '07...Defense totaled 4 INTs in past 2 meetings vs. Den...**LB THOMAS HOWARD** (6) & **LB KIRK MORRISON** (4) combined for 10 INTs in '07...**CB DE ANGELO HALL** & **S GIBRIL WILSON** will make Raiders debuts. Since '05, Hall ranks 3rd in NFL among active CBs with 15 INTs.