

# Game Day

WEEK 11



## Expanded standings

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# Bills not dominant enough for Pats

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The Buffalo Bills have won four straight games, tied with Green Bay for the second-longest current winning streak in the NFL.

Yet they are 15 1/2-point underdogs at home Sunday night to New England. The Patriots of course, have won all nine of their games, looking increasingly like they will be the NFL's first unbeaten team since the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

That spread demonstrates just how good the Patriots are perceived to be.

According to R.J. Bell, who runs betting Web site pregame.com, the last time a home team was regarded so lightly in an NFL game was Indianapolis on Nov. 29, 1992. It was a 16 1/2 point underdog to a Buffalo team that was headed to the third of four straight Super Bowls. The Colts upset the Bills 16-13 — like this year's Bills, the Colts were a decent team, finishing the season 9-7.

These Bills don't seem fazed by spreads. They probably shouldn't be. In an earlier prime-time game, they almost beat Dallas, which has lost only to the Patriots. Buffalo fell only because the Cowboys recovered a late on-side kick and made a last-second field goal.

New England is coming off a bye week. That followed its first truly competitive game of the season, a 24-20 win in Indianapolis in which it overcame a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit in a battle of unbeaten.

Meanwhile, the Patriots continue to buy into Bill Belichick's party line of one game at a time.

"It's kind of like the Iditarod, those sled dogs. Every single day you have to pull that sled and at night you eat your food and think about pulling that sled the next day," says tight end Kyle Brady. These teams played in Week 3 and the Patriots won 38-7 in Foxborough after trailing 7-3, one of only three games this season in which they have been behind.

The Bills have hardly been dominant. Their four straight wins are by a total of 30 points. Last week, they trailed winless Miami 10-2, rallied for a touchdown and a 2-point conversion and won on Ryan Lindell's 34-yard field goal.

Still, they have hope.

"We realize it's going to be tough," defensive end Chris Kelsay said. "But at the same time, we know that it's not impossible."

### PATRIOTS, 34-13

■ **Washington (plus 10 1/2) at Dallas:** The Cowboys are starting to get spreads like the Patriots ... **COWBOYS, 34-16**

■ **New York Giants (minus 3) at Detroit:** The Lions are 4-0 at home, but are underdogs against a team with the same 6-3 record. Maybe because Jon Kitna is endangered by



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Buffalo Bills players George Wilson (37) and Chris Kelsay (90) celebrate after Kelsay tackled Miami Dolphins quarterback Cleo Lemon in the end zone for a safety during the third quarter of their football game Nov. 11 in Miami. The Bills won 13-10.

New York's pass rush ... **GIANTS, 27-26**

■ **Carolina (plus 10) at Green Bay:** Brett vs. Vinny is a mismatch ... **PACKERS, 23-10**

■ **Kansas City (plus 14 1/2) at Indianapolis:** Brodie Croyle will be befuddled by Indy's quick defense, as banged up as it is ... **COLTS, 27-9**

■ **Tennessee (plus 2) at Denver (Monday night):** The Titans should be able to run all night ... **TITANS, 16-10**

■ **San Diego (plus 3) at Jacksonville:** The Chargers are the AFC's No. 1 underachievers, although they got lucky last week ... **JAGUARS, 19-13**

■ **Cleveland (minus 3) at Baltimore:** Only two teams have scored fewer points than the Ravens ... **BROWNS, 24-11**

■ **Chicago (plus 5 1/2) at Seattle:** The Bears won't win two straight on the West Coast after beating Oakland last week ... **SEAHAWKS, 16-7**

■ **Pittsburgh (minus 9) at New York Jets:** Kellen Clemens looked promising before the

Jets' bye. Promising doesn't work against Pittsburgh ... **STEELERS, 24-7**

■ **Miami (plus 10) at Philadelphia:** Miami's getting closer: two straight 13-10 losses ... **EAGLES, 13-10**

■ **Oakland (plus 5 1/2) at Minnesota:** No Adrian Peterson for the Vikings. Who's Oakland's QB? Not JaMarcus Russell. **VIKINGS, 12-11**

■ **New Orleans (plus 1) at Houston:** Will the Saints bounce back? ... **SAINTS, 23-18**

■ **Tampa Bay (minus 3) at Atlanta:** Can the "sizzling" Falcons win their third straight? ... **FALCONS, 15-14**

■ **Arizona (plus 3) at Cincinnati:** The Cincinnati "defense," which almost shut out the Ravens, gets tested again ... **BENGALS, 34-33**

■ **St. Louis (minus 2 1/2) at San Francisco:** One win and the Rams get to be favorites ... on the road no less ... **RAMS, 24-20**

Last week: 5-8-1 (spread); 6-9 (straight up)  
Season: 72-66-6 (spread); 91-53 (straight up)

## Games on AFN

### Monday

Times are Japan/Korea standard  
**San Diego at Jacksonville**  
AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.

San Diego has sole possession of first place in AFC West. ... Jacksonville is tied with Tennessee for second in AFC South. ... QB David Garrard is 4-2 as starter, completing 98 of 148 passes (66.2 percent) for 1,141 yards with six TDs and no INTs.

**Kansas City at Indianapolis**  
AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.

Kansas City has won two straight on road. ... QB Brodie Croyle will make first career start. Indianapolis has lost two straight. ... QB Peyton Manning is 5-1 vs. Kansas City, including playoffs.

**N.Y. Giants at Detroit**  
AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.

Both teams presently hold wild-card spots in NFC. ... New York is 1-3 against teams with winning record and 5-0 against sub-.500 teams. ... Giants have NFL-best 32 sacks. ... Detroit is 4-0 at home for first time in 14 years.

**Chicago at Seattle**  
AFN-Atlantic, 6 a.m.

Chicago has worst defense against run in NFC (128.9). ... QB Rex Grossman will start. ... Seattle has one-game lead over Arizona in NFC West. ... Coach Mike Holmgren is 14-4 against Chicago, but has lost last two (both at Chicago in 2006).

**Washington at Dallas**  
AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.

Washington has followed win with loss beginning with second week of season. ... Washington, behind RB Clinton Portis, has run for 454 yards in past two weeks. ... Redskins have won three of past four meetings with Dallas. ... Dallas leads NFC East by two games.

**New England at Buffalo**  
AFN-Sports, 10:15 a.m.

New England leads NFL in total offense (428.7) and AFC in passing offense (296.3). Patriots could become 10th team since 1970 to start season 10-0. ... Buffalo has won four straight, its longest winning streak since 2004, and is 5-1 since losing to Patriots in Week 3.

### Tuesday

**Tennessee at Denver**  
AFN-Sports 10:30 a.m.

Tennessee has not allowed 100-yard rusher this season. ... Titans are tied with Jaguars for second in AFC South. ... Denver is 10-4 on Monday night under coach Mike Shanahan. ... Denver allowed season-low 67 yards rushing last week, dropping its average to 151 yards per game.

## Rest of today's schedule

Oakland at Minnesota  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta  
Carolina at Green Bay  
New Orleans at Houston  
Cleveland at Baltimore  
Arizona at Cincinnati  
Miami at Philadelphia  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets  
St. Louis at San Francisco

## Next week

### Thursday, Nov. 22

Green Bay at Detroit  
N.Y. Jets at Dallas  
Indianapolis at Atlanta

### Sunday, Nov. 25

Seattle at St. Louis  
Minnesota at N.Y. Giants  
Oakland at Kansas City  
Houston at Cleveland  
Tennessee at Cincinnati  
New Orleans at Carolina  
Washington at Tampa Bay  
Buffalo at Jacksonville  
San Francisco at Arizona  
Denver at Chicago  
Baltimore at San Diego  
Philadelphia at New England  
**Monday, Nov. 26**  
Miami at Pittsburgh