





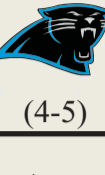












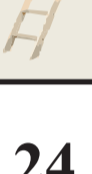

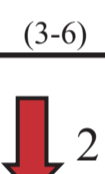








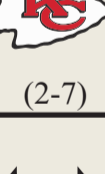

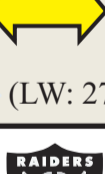



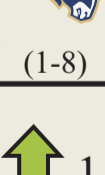


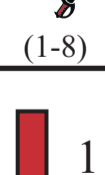


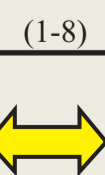




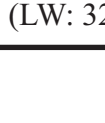


Pinned In Their Backyard

Slot	Team	Three easy steps/slides to get there
17	 (5-4)	1) Maurice Jones-Drew did it all: Two minutes into the 2nd quarter, he gave David Garrard a push to complete a QB sneak on 3rd-and-1 that kept alive the drive that resulted in a go-ahead TD. 2) And by kneeling at the Jets' 1 at the end of the game, he had the presence of mind to leave the fate of the Jaguars on a short FG. 3) "Sorry to my fantasy owners," Jags' RB Maurice Jones-Drew said. Your fantasy owners may have been a little unruly, but your REAL owner (Wayne Weaver) was delighted.
	  6 (LW: 23)	
BEHIND: @JETS (24-22, W)		AHEAD: BILLS
18	 (4-5)	1) Chad Henne Giveth, Chad Henne Taketh Away. After his colossal blunder, the Dolphins' QB redeemed himself in the final minute to lead Miami to its first victory over an NFC team. 2) Ricky Williams' first 100-yard rushing game (102 yds. on 20 carries) in over a year helped make up for Ronnie Brown's painful exit; and his 27-yard run set up the game-winning FG. 3) Twenty-four Dolphins were credited with a tackle. What they say it's true: It's more fun when everybody gets in the action.
	  (LW: 18)	
BEHIND: BUCS (25-23, W)		AHEAD: @PANTHERS
19	 (4-5)	1) Dynamic Duos worked wonders for Carolina: at WR, Muhsin Muhammad lead the team in receiving (6 rec. for 91 yds.) and Steve Smith caught a couple of TD's... 2) And at RB, the old dependable DeAngelo Williams/Jonathan Stewart two-headed monster teamed up for 174 yards on the ground. 3) Carolina lost LT Jordan Gross midway through the second quarter and Atlanta still couldn't get a hold of Jake Delhomme . No sacks or QB hits. The "Controlled Chaos" Offense (no-huddle) paid big dividends.
	  2 (LW: 21)	
BEHIND: FALCONS (28-19, W)		AHEAD: DOLPHINS
20	 (4-5)	1) The Mike Singletary Super Bowl lived up to expectations as a great defensive struggle. I know, I know, the game was bad; I was going for the half-full approach. 2) Frank Gore's 25 carries for 104 yards and 1 TD were the relevant offensive components of this game. 3) "They're just another team on the schedule" 49ers head coach Mike Singletary said. Mmm...let's put it this way: I rarely saw him smile during his playing days, and he was all grins after the game was over.
	  1 (LW: 19)	
BEHIND: BEARS (10-6, W)		AHEAD: @PACKERS
21	 (4-5)	1) New York's defense entered the game giving up 273 yards per game. Jacksonville gained 250 yards...by halftime. 2) With 3 more turnovers, the Jets are now tied for 20th in the giveaway/takeaway differential with a -2 record. That's why they have fallen under .500. 3) "Now we're 4-5 and we're not impressive," Jets' Braylon Edwards said. "Maybe we're not one of the best defenses in the league," Jets' Bart Scott said. Soul searching is in full effect, and it is the best thing that could happen to them.
	  4 (LW: 17)	
BEHIND: JAGUARS (24-22, L)		AHEAD: @PATRIOTS
22	 (4-5)	1) On a day when Jay Cutler was picked off five times, the Bears would've been glad that Matt's Forte was his running (2.1 average per carry) and not so much his receiving (120 yards catching). 2) While we're there, it's time to pull the plug on the Devin Hester Experiment as a No. 1 receiver. Chicago needs a true go-to-guy at the wideout position. 3) DE Mark Anderson did not learn the lesson from teammate Tommie Harris ; the name of the game is football, not boxing
	  6 (LW: 16)	
BEHIND: @49ers (10-6, L)		AHEAD: EAGLES
23	 (3-6)	1) Once upon a time in the South, Chris Johnson became only the 2nd player in franchise history to have 100 yards rushing (132) and receiving (100) in the same game... 2) While his sidekick Vince Young , continued to fight his demons and improved to 21-11 in his Tennessee career as a starter... 3) To put the finishing touches on the Titans' fairy tale, Not So Little (5-11) Rod Hood rode happily all the way to the end zone after grabbing an interception, and Tennessee lived happily ever after...for the rest of the day.
	  2 (LW: 25)	
BEHIND: BILLS (41-17, W)		AHEAD: @TEXANS
24	 (3-6)	1) RB Justin Forsett can hold his head up high. He looked like his last name was Dorsett by rushing for a career-high 123 yards. 2) "We're going on the road to play a football game, and we're gonna win. I don't care what you say". Seahawks' WR Nate Burleson said during the week. And after a zero-catch performance, the sound that you hear is the all-revealing silence. 3) "I don't see nobody on our schedule that can beat us, in my eyes, not if we play the way we should play," Seahawks' WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh said. Here we go...again.
	  2 (LW: 22)	
BEHIND: @CARDS (31-20, L)		AHEAD: @VIKINGS

At The Bottom Of The Pile

Slot	Team	Three easy steps/slides to get there
25	 (3-6)	1) Filling in for the injured Clinton Portis , RB Ladell Betts pounded the rock 26 times for 114 yards (91 in the second half) and punched home the go-ahead TD. 2) This season, P Hunter Smith has a TD run and a TD throw under his belt...will he return a kick to go for the trifecta? I don't think so. 3) Go figure: The Redskins' 27 points were their highest point total since scoring 29 in Week 2 of last year, and with that, they kissed a four-game losing streak good-bye.
	  3 (LW: 28)	
BEHIND: BRONCOS (27-17, W)		AHEAD: @COWBOYS
26	 (3-6)	1) Terrell Owens gave away his jersey to Chris Johnson as the result of a promise he had made if the Titans defeated Buffalo. Not only did the Bills exit Tennessee with an L, they also left naked. 2) Unlike Aaron Rodgers , I continue to showcase CB Jairus Byrd for the right reasons. He tied Bills' records with his eighth pick of the season and his fifth straight game with an INT. 3) If being the recipients of the "bird" by the opposing owner (Bud Adams) doesn't rile them up for their next game, nothing will.
	  2 (LW: 24)	
BEHIND: @TITANS (41-17, L)		AHEAD: @JAGUARS
27	 (2-7)	1) In S.D., Chris Chambers averaged 13.5 yards per grab. In two games with K.C., he averages 21.7 yards per catch. Not bad. 2) One week after being out of position, Mike Brown was Johnny-on-the-spot (2 INT's off deflected passes). Funny how that works. 3) Public Service Announcement: Congratulations to Jamaal Charles for registering the Chiefs' first 100-yard rushing game since last December, but if someone wants to slip him a copy of " The Program " before Todd Haley does it, please, be my guest.
	  (LW: 27)	
BEHIND: @RAIDERS (16-10, W)		AHEAD: STEELERS
28	 (2-7)	1) I expected the Raiders to be at their best for this game, and guess what?...They were (13 penalties, 10 enforced). 2) Please don't think that Oakland is offensively challenged; the team just wants to make Shane Lechler the greatest punter ever; and making him kick 11 times (for 531 yards) will help his cause. 3) When Chiefs' G Brian Waters came up with the ball after that mad scramble in the 3rd quarter following Dwayne Bowe's fumble, I knew that the Raiders were going down. Why? A Holy Roller finally went against Oakland.
	  2 (LW: 26)	
BEHIND: CHIEFS (16-10, L)		AHEAD: BENGALS
29	 (1-8)	1) St. Louis gave everything it had to the Saints and were a prayer away from overtaking them. Credit to Steve Spagnuolo , he had his squad ready to play. 2) The Rams faced their third straight unbeaten team at home, while the Colts just ended a three-game home stand. Consolation prize: The Rams are going up; the Colts don't. 3) EXPLANATION ZONE. "Tough one," Rams' head coach Steve Spagnuolo said. "Tough, tough, tough, tough." Well coach, THAT'S how you develop toughness.
	  1 (LW: 30)	
BEHIND: SAINTS (28-23, L)		AHEAD: CARDS
30	 (1-8)	1) The once-proud D of Tampa Bay was gashed for 199 rushing yards; and in the end, it couldn't come up with one final stop. 2) In a losing cause, K Connor Barth let it fly, tying an NFL record by connecting -- not one, not two, but -- three FG's of 50+ yards; with the longest being a 54 yarder. 3) EXPLANATION ZONE. "It didn't matter what his explanation was. I didn't really care. I thought it was the wrong call and I disagreed." Bucs' head coach Raheem Morris said. Throwing fits won't help you get calls reversed, Coach.
	  1 (LW: 29)	
BEHIND: @DOLPHINS (25-23, L)		AHEAD: SAINTS
31	 (1-8)	1) The Vikings lost the turnover battle and committed 13 penalties not because THEY are bad; they were playing with kittens. Ouch. 2) The Lions held FS Louis Delmas out of the game with an infected tooth and jaw. Good move; a biteless lion is defenseless. 3) EXPLANATION ZONE. "We continue to be plagued by the giant play, the big play," Lions' head coach Jim Schwartz said. After going without a championship since 1957 AND losing 31 of the last 33 games, yes, you can say that the plague has reached biblical proportions.
	  (LW: 31)	
BEHIND: @VIKINGS (27-10, L)		AHEAD: BROWNS
32	 (1-8)	1) Pro Bowl OT Joe Thomas committed a false start with a silent stadium. We started with the left foot. 2) KR/WR/ATOOPWRT (Arguably The Only Other Player With Real Talent) Josh Cribbs was injured on the final play of the game with his team trailing by 16 points. This is getting ugly. 3) EXPLANATION ZONE. Don't need one, just put them to sleep already.
	  (LW: 32)	
BEHIND: RAVENS (16-0, L)		AHEAD: @LIONS