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THEIR SUNDAY
SHOWDOWN
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**WEEK 6:
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Can Michael Vick
right the ship for
floundering Philly?



SFO @ DET
A match-up
between two of
the NFL's best



MIN @ CHI
The Vikings and
Bears renew their
NFC North rivalry



MIA @ NYJ
Dolphins look for
first win of 2011



NFL

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Philadelphia Eagles (-1)
at
Washington Redskins



A month ago, many experts would've guessed this would be a matchup of the NFC East leader versus the division cellar-dweller, but with the reverse scenario in mind. The Eagles are coming off four straight losses as their defense struggles and their offense turns the ball over. The Redskins are coming off a bye week with a 3-1 record thanks to a surprisingly strong defensive unit.

Philly's offense should be able to put points on the board, and finally put a stop to its losing streak. Vick was phenomenal the last time he played in Washington, becoming the first player in NFL history to rush for 50+ yards (80) and two scores, while throwing for 300+ yards (333) and four more touchdowns.

PLAY ON: PHILADELPHIA -1

Michael Vick led the Eagles to a convincing 59-28 win over the Redskins in Washington last November.



NFL

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

San Francisco 49ers (+4)
at
Detroit Lions



Two of the league's biggest surprises square off on Sunday when 5-0 Detroit hosts 4-1 San Francisco. The 49ers trounced the Bucs 48-3 in Week 5, looking the best they have in a long time in both phases of the offense. Detroit's disruptive defensive line and ball-hawking secondary will give San Fran much more of a challenge in this game.

The Lions passing combination of QB Matthew Stafford and WR Calvin Johnson is emerging as one of the NFL's best. San Francisco has won many of its games in 2011 because of 14 takeaways, but Detroit has turned the ball over a league-low four times this season. The 49ers destroyed Tampa Bay, which was coming off a short week, and now Detroit has one day less to prepare after having beaten the Bears this past Monday night.

PLAY ON: SAN FRANCISCO +4



Alex Smith tied a career-high with three TD passes in the 49ers' 48-3 drubbing of the Bucs in Week 5.



Tom Brady is averaging 375 passing yards per game and has thrown 14 touchdown passes in five games.



NFL

SUNDAY, 4:15 P.M.

Dallas Cowboys (+7)

at

New England Patriots



The Cowboys roller-coaster season continues Sunday with a trip to 4-1 New England. All four Dallas games this season have been decided by four points or less.

There's some misplaced confidence in Dallas because defensive coordinator Rob Ryan led the Browns to an upset of the Pats a year ago, holding the New England offense to 14 points. But that was a much different Patriots offense. This one has a 100% healthy Wes Welker and a couple of star tight ends (Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez) with a full season under their belts. Even facing the Jets' elite pass defense in Week 5, the Patriots still put up 446 yards of offense and 30 points. And the Cowboys' pass defense is a big step down from the Jets.

PLAY ON: NEW ENGLAND -7



NFL

SUNDAY, 8:20 P.M.

Minnesota Vikings (+3)
at
Chicago Bears



Chicago tries to put an end to a four-game ATS losing skid when it hosts a Minnesota team riding high following its first win of the season last Sunday. The Bears have won and covered in their past three meetings with the Vikings.

Minnesota RB Adrian Peterson, who racked up 122 yards and 3 TD in a Week 5 win against Arizona, was held to 51 rushing yards at Chicago in Week 10 last year, and missed their Week 15 matchup. QB Donovan McNabb is throwing for a meager 6.4 yards per attempt, but may only need to be a game-manager if Peterson keeps running wild. Chicago has had success in recent years against great rushing teams, going 25-11 ATS (69.4%) when playing against opponents averaging 130 rushing YPG.

PLAY ON: CHICAGO -3



Jay Cutler has thrown for 704 yards and 10 TD over his last three games against the Vikings.



Brandon Marshall torched the Jets for 166 yards on 10 catches when the teams met last year in Miami.



NFL

MONDAY, 8:35 P.M.
Miami Dolphins (+7)
 at
New York Jets



AFC East foes Miami and New York try to stop losing skids when they match up on Monday night in New Jersey. The Dolphins are 0-4 this year, while the Jets have allowed 98 points (32.7 PPG) during three straight defeats.

Don't give up on the Dolphins just because QB Chad Henne is out: Back-up Matt Moore is only a slight downgrade. The Jets had just 255 yards in Week 5 against a Patriots defense that hadn't stopped anyone. Miami is 7-3 ATS on the road the past two seasons, and they've won three road games in a row, SU and ATS, against the Jets. The Dolphins might not leave Jersey with a win, but the Jets offense is in no shape to blow them out. The pick here is Miami, which is 17-8 ATS (68%) away from home under head coach Tony Sparano.

PLAY ON: MIAMI +7



Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers is on pace to finish the regular season with 5,507 passing yards and 45 touchdowns.

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ST. LOUIS (+15)
at
GREEN BAY

The Rams come out of their bye week winless with a league-worst 11.5 points per game and an NFC-worst 279.5 yards per game. The good news is that RB Steven Jackson (quad) should be close to full health for the first time since his first run of the season in Week 1. The bad news is that last year's top WR Danny Amendola (triceps) is done for the year. The Packers show no signs of slowing down after rattling off 25 unanswered points to finish a Week 5 win in Atlanta. QB Aaron Rodgers is on pace for 5,507 yards and 45 TD and the Rams have little more than a middling pass rush to try to stop him.

PLAY ON:
GREEN BAY -15

JACKSONVILLE (+12)
at
PITTSBURGH

The Jags have pulled off the upset in their last three trips to Pittsburgh (including the '07 Wild Card playoff game), but few players remain from those 2005 and 2007 teams. Rookie QB Blaine Gabbert was in line for his first win in Week 5 until a late drive by the Bengals handed Jacksonville their fourth-straight loss (SU & ATS). Pittsburgh will try to use their stout defense to force the Jags to rely on their young passer. The Steelers are coming off an impressive drubbing of the Titans; Ben Roethlisberger played as well as he has all season while backup RBs ran effectively behind a patchwork o-line.

PLAY ON:
PITTSBURGH -12

CAROLINA (+4)
at
ATLANTA

The Falcons won and covered in both late-season games against the Panthers last season. Carolina is coming off yet another tough loss, but rookie QB Cam Newton continues shine and the Panthers have scored 56 points in their last two games. Atlanta's defense has been soft this season, and Carolina can move the ball on the ground and through the air. The Falcons offense has been ineffective at times, as Matt Ryan has been mediocre and his top WRs, Roddy White (thigh) and Julio Jones (hamstring), have been banged up and haven't reached their explosive potential.

PLAY ON:
ATLANTA -4

INDIANAPOLIS (+7)
at
CINCINNATI

Much has changed since the Colts beat the Bengals 23-17 last November. The teams are going in opposite directions lately with new offensive coordinators and quarterbacks. The Colts blew an early 21-point lead in a Week 5 home loss to the Chiefs. QB Curtis Painter has been as good as Indy could have hoped, but the already weak running game may be without starting RB Joseph Addai (hamstring) this week. Cincinnati is coming off two come-from-behind victories. Their young passing game is improving, though the Colts' pass rush will test rookie QB Andy Dalton's pocket poise.

PLAY ON:
INDIANAPOLIS +7

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HOUSTON (+8)
at
BALTIMORE

The Texans missed star WR Andre Johnson (hamstring) in Week 5, as QB Matt Schaub threw 25 incompletions and a costly game-ending interception while the running game struggled. Johnson is out again this week, as is pass-rushing specialist Mario Williams, who's been lost for the year with a torn pectoral muscle. Baltimore has held opponents to a mere 14.3 points per game while forcing 3.5 turnovers per contest. Baltimore QB Joe Flacco has looked unsteady, however, and he'll be facing a much-improved Texans defense that enters the game ranked sixth in the NFL against the pass.

PLAY ON:
HOUSTON +8

BUFFALO (+3)
at
NY GIANTS

The Bills continue to move the ball well on offense and make huge plays on defense. Fred Jackson has already tallied 712 total yards in five games and has a chance to excel against the Giants' struggling run defense. The Giants are coming off a five-turnover upset loss to Seattle, and now face a Buffalo defense that has forced 16 turnovers so far this season, including 10 interceptions in their last three games. Giants QB Eli Manning has looked unstoppable at times this season, but needs to avoid the mistakes that plagued him in Week 5 and most of last season.

PLAY ON:
NEW YORK GIANTS -3

CLEVELAND (+7)
at
OAKLAND

Cleveland comes out of its bye week still reeling from a 31-13 home loss to the Titans. The Browns may be .500, but their victories have come against the AFC's only two winless teams, the Colts and Dolphins. Oakland's defense has been giving up yards in bunches this season (422 per game), but Cleveland's passing game lacks weapons and their running game is managing a paltry 3.4 yards per attempt. The Raiders are coming off an ugly, emotional Week 5 win in Houston in the wake of owner Al Davis' passing. RB Darren McFadden was held under 100 total yards for the first time this season.

PLAY ON:
OAKLAND -7

N. ORLEANS (-4.5)
at
TAMPA BAY

The road team has covered five straight in this matchup, including a 31-6 Saints road win in Week 6 of last season. The Bucs did avenge that loss with a 23-13 Week 17 win in New Orleans. The Saints enter this matchup riding a four-game winning streak, though they needed a last-minute TD to overtake the Panthers in Week 5. Everything seemed fine and well with Tampa Bay until Week 5's 48-3 embarrassment in San Francisco. The Bucs were gashed for 418 total yards, a huge departure from the strong defense they showed earlier this season. Chalk that up to them having to travel cross-country on a short week.

PLAY ON:
TAMPA BAY +4.5

Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco will be facing an improved Houston secondary that has the Texans ranked sixth in the NFL against the pass.

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GAME	LINE	FORECASTER	PICK VS. SPREAD
ST. LOUIS at GREEN BAY	LINE: GB by 15 TOTAL: 48	ST. LOUIS 13 GREEN BAY 31	GREEN BAY UNDER 48
JACKSONVILLE at PITTSBURGH	LINE: PIT by 12 TOTAL: 40.5	JACKSONVILLE 14 PITTSBURGH 27	PITTSBURGH OVER 40.5
PHILADELPHIA at WASHINGTON	LINE: PHI by 1 TOTAL: 47	PHILADELPHIA 23 WASHINGTON 21	PHILADELPHIA UNDER 47
SAN FRANCISCO at DETROIT	LINE: DET by 4.5 TOTAL: 46	SAN FRANCISCO 21 DETROIT 23	SAN FRANCISCO UNDER 46
CAROLINA at ATLANTA	LINE: ATL by 4 TOTAL: 50.5	CAROLINA 18 ATLANTA 26	ATLANTA UNDER 50.5
INDIANAPOLIS at CINCINNATI	LINE: CIN by 7 TOTAL: 41	INDIANAPOLIS 21 CINCINNATI 24	INDIANAPOLIS OVER 41
BUFFALO at NEW YORK GIANTS	LINE: NYG by 3 TOTAL: 50	BUFFALO 22 NEW YORK GIANTS 27	NEW YORK GIANTS UNDER 50
HOUSTON at BALTIMORE	LINE: BAL by 8 TOTAL: 45	HOUSTON 18 BALTIMORE 24	HOUSTON UNDER 45
CLEVELAND at OAKLAND	LINE: OAK by 7 TOTAL: 44.5	CLEVELAND 18 OAKLAND 27	OAKLAND OVER 44.5
DALLAS at NEW ENGLAND	LINE: NE by 7 TOTAL: 55.5	DALLAS 22 NEW ENGLAND 35	NEW ENGLAND OVER 55.5
NEW ORLEANS at TAMPA BAY	LINE: NO by 4.5 TOTAL: 49.5	NEW ORLEANS 24 TAMPA BAY 24	TAMPA BAY UNDER 49.5
MINNESOTA at CHICAGO	LINE: CHI by 3 TOTAL: 41.5	MINNESOTA 19 CHICAGO 23	CHICAGO OVER 41.5
MIAMI at NEW YORK JETS	LINE: NYJ by 7 TOTAL: 42.5	MIAMI 17 NEW YORK JETS 23	MIAMI UNDER 42.5



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