

# Chiefs, Steelers clinch divisions after weekend wins

**FOOTBALL:** Dallas lost to Washington for the second time this season while San Francisco won its fourth straight game

Pittsburgh and Kansas City clinched NFL division championships on Sunday and except for old pal Norv Turner, the Dallas Cowboys might have been in the playoffs, too.

Turner, offensive coordinator for two Dallas Super Bowl champions, coached Washington to a 24-17 victory and a season's sweep of the Cowboys. Dallas is 10-3 for the season but 0-2 against Turner's Redskins.

Pittsburgh extended the league's longest winning streak to six games, defeating Houston 21-7 and clinching the AFC Central title. Kansas City got a season-high 124 yards from 35-year-old Marcus Allen and wrapped up the AFC West with a 29-23 victory over Oakland.

In other games, it was Denver 31, Jacksonville 23; San Diego 31, Cleveland 13; Seattle 26, Philadelphia 14; Carolina 13, Indianapolis 10; Green Bay 24, Cincinnati 10; Miami 21, Atlanta 20; New Orleans 31, New England 17; St. Louis 23, the New York Jets 20; and Minnesota 31, Tampa Bay 17.

San Francisco beat Buffalo 27-17 at night. Chicago plays at Detroit on Monday night.

## Chiefs 29, Raiders 23

The Chiefs (11-2) won their second AFC West title in three years as Allen became the first player in the NFL's 77-year history to run for more than 10,000 yards and catch 5,000 yards in passes. It was Kansas City's fifth straight victory and 12th in 13 games against the Raiders.

## Steelers 21, Oilers 7

Pittsburgh stretched its winning streak to an NFL-high six games and wrapped up its third AFC Central championship in coach Bill Cowher's four seasons. Neil O'Donnell threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes and Bam Morris ran for 102 yards and a late fourth-quarter touchdown. The Steelers wrapped up the division title faster than in any season since their four Super Bowl runs during the 1970s.

## Redskins 24, Cowboys 17

Terry Allen scored two touchdowns and Heath Shuler passed for another as Washington (4-9) snapped a four-game losing streak. The Redskins beat Dallas 27-23 in the fifth game of the season when Allen scored twice and gained 123 yards.

## Broncos 31, Jaguars 23

John Elway compensated for Denver's poor special teams play, passing for four touchdowns as the Broncos improved their playoff hopes. Denver (7-6) is tied with Indianapolis and Miami for the final two AFC wild-card slots.

## Chargers 31, Browns 13

Rookie Aaron Hayden, replacing injured Natrone Means, rushed 32 times for 127 yards and his first two NFL touchdowns as San Diego kept its faint playoff hopes alive with its second win in six days.

## Seahawks 26, Eagles 14

Seattle used a career-best four field goals by Todd Peterson to beat Philadelphia, which lost for just the second time in nine games. The Seahawks have won four of the last five.

## Panthers 13, Colts 10

Carolina won its sixth game and fourth

straight at home, using a face mask penalty by Derwin Gray to set up John Kasay's 38-yard winning field goal. The Panthers sacked Jim Harbaugh, the NFL's top-rated passer, six times, knocking him from the game with a sprained knee.

## Packers 24, Bengals 10

Brett Favre threw three touchdowns and completed 31 of 43 passes for 339 yards, his fifth 300-yard game this year and 10th of his career. Favre became the third-fastest quarterback in NFL history to reach 100 career touchdown passes, reaching the plateau in his 62nd game. The record of 44 games was set by Dan Marino from 1983-86. Johnny Unitas did it in 53 games from 1956-60.

## Dolphins 21, Falcons 20

Marino threw a 21-yard TD pass to Irving Fryar with 11 seconds left, and Miami rallied with two touchdowns in the last eight minutes to end a three-game losing streak. Marino took Miami 72 yards in the final 1:49 for the winning score.

## Vikings 31, Buccaneers 17

Minnesota's defense had eight sacks to overpower Tampa Bay. Quarterback Trent Dilfer absorbed six sacks before being ejected for fighting with tackle John Randle. The Vikings got a 66-yard TD run from Amp Lee, the longest of his career, and Warren Moon had TD passes of 27 and 60 yards to Chris Carter.

## Rams 23, Jets 20

Stymied for most of the day, Isaac Bruce broke free for a pair of TD catches to lead St. Louis. Bruce, the league's leading receiver in passing yardage, wasn't a factor for nearly three quarters. But he caught TDs of 1 and 11 yards from backup Mark Rypien and finished with six receptions for 69 yards.

## Saints 31, Patriots 17

New Orleans used three big scoring plays to move closer to the playoffs in a season that began with five losses. The Saints have won five of their last six. They were backed by Jim Everett's touchdown passes of 50 yards to Quinn Early and 69 yards to Lorenzen Neale and Mario Bates' 66-yard TD run.

## 49ers 27, Bills 17

Lionel Plummer forced a goal-line fumble by Darick Holmes with a devastating hit and linebacker Lee Woodall recovered and raced 96 yards for a touchdown in the San Francisco 49ers' 27-17 win over the Buffalo Bills.

The score was tied 10-10 about five minutes into the third period and the Bills (8-5) appeared poised to take command after a 15-yard run by Holmes gave them a first-and-goal at the 1.

But Plummer launched himself into Holmes and knocked the ball loose. Woodall outraced Carwell Gardner and Tim Tindale to give San Francisco (9-4) a 17-10 lead and complete the second-longest fumble return in 49ers history.

San Francisco's top-ranked defense forced five Buffalo turnovers and has 16 takeaways in the last four weeks. Woodall finished with 10 tackles, a sack and two fumble recoveries.

The 49ers, whose offense was stymied much of the night, fended off a Buffalo challenge with a pair of fourth-quarter scoring drives.

Buffalo's last realistic threat ended with just over five minutes remaining when Eric Davis intercepted Jim Kelly for the second time in the game.

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(March 21 to April 19)  
You're not feeling on stable ground with your significant other, but don't force the issue. A fight could ensue. A revelation comes to you in the evening.

**TAURUS**  
(April 20 to May 20)  
Unfortunately, things aren't going your way. This makes you out of sorts. Try to take this in stride and guard your temper.

**GEMINI**  
(May 21 to June 20)  
Friends and family aren't really as supportive as you'd like concerning something you propose. Nevertheless, stick to what you believe in. The evening is favored for taking up a new hobby.

**CANCER**  
(June 21 to July 22)  
You can't seem to concentrate on the job. Co-workers resent that and feel you're slacking off. Look for ways to motivate yourself before bigwigs step in.

**LEO**  
(July 23 to Aug. 22)  
Stop feeling so sorry for yourself. You're not as ignored and misunderstood as you'd like to believe. Those around you are busy with their own pursuits.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
You're not thrilled with what someone has to tell you. You've been too self-absorbed and overbearing. Remember, you don't always know what's best, despite what you'd like to believe.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
Work hours are hectic. You love to help those in need, but your input is sometimes perceived as meddling, which causes you to feel insulted. Don't overreact.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
The check you've been counting on isn't likely to come anytime soon. Sit down and think about how you must adjust your budget. Take time after dark to take care of yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
You've really been pushing yourself hard and need to relax a bit. Feel free to indulge and treat yourself to a minor luxury. Someone you're interested in romantically doesn't return your feelings.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
You're letting a certain cantankerous co-worker get on your nerves. This person knows this and is taking full advantage of it. Don't allow yourself to look bad in the eyes of bigwigs.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
You're beside yourself with worry over the spending habits of your significant other. Take time to have a heart-to-heart talk to straighten things out. If not, your mutual finances will suffer.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19 to March 20)  
Make sure your business and home lives are kept separate. A certain bigwig is just a little bit too nosy. At home, avoid insisting on getting your own way.

**YOU BORN TODAY** are a wonderful observer of human nature and have good insight into what motivates people. You are attracted to careers in writing, research or the academic life. You succeed at what you choose when you can stick to your ideals. You are loyal to those you love, and your friendships last a lifetime. In marriage, you know how to compromise and make things work.

Birthdate of: Lee Smith, baseball player; Deanna Durbin, actress; Marisa Tomei, actress.  
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