



**2007 World Champion  
New York Giants**

## Preseason

### 2007 Draft Picks

1st Round - Aaron Ross, CB Texas  
2nd Round - Steve Smith, WR USC  
3rd Round - Jay Alford, DT Penn State  
4th Round - Zak DeOssie, ILB Brown  
5th Round - Kevin Boss, TE Western Oregon  
6th Round - Adam Koets, T Oregon St.  
7th Round - Michael Johnson S Arizona  
7th Round - Ahmad Bradshaw, RB Marshall

## Preseason Predictions

The Giants defense is going to have its struggles again this year, and Eli, once again, will remind no one of older brother Peyton, especially in the leadership department. Look for last year's late-season struggles to continue into this season and for the Giants to slip even further in the standings.

**Record 5-11 and Fourth in the NFC East**

*James Adler, cbssportsline.com*

You knew this was going to be an interesting year for the New York Giants as soon as defensive end Michael Strahan didn't show for training camp. The Giants already were dealing with replacing one star player, running back Tiki Barber. Now Strahan has spent the past month contemplating whether he should end his 15-year career. **It's simply hard to imagine this team making the playoffs for a third consecutive season.** This is a team with a major leadership void, which could make for **a long, frustrating season**

*Jeffri Chadiha, ESPN.com*

Seriously though, I didn't realize how bad the 2007 New York Giants were until I sat down and started researching this column. The team has questions with almost every offensive and defensive unit. And that was before the injuries began to amass with every preseason contest. Attempting to preview a team that **has zero shot of winning the NFC East** is tedious to say the least.

The New York Giants are **a 6-win team.**

*NJ.com*

And if the Giants only went 8-8 last season with Barber, how exactly are they supposed to do better without him? **Predicted finish: Last Place, NFC East**

*Athlon Sports Annual*

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeremiah Cook [mailto:zerulius@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 29, 2007 1:04 AM

To: Patrick J Albano

Subject: Gmen in Disaray

So Barber retired! Well We got Jacobs! And Reubin!  
So Strahan hasn't reported to camp and might also retire! Wait what????  
If he does retire it leaves the Gmen defense in a bind because they'll be way behind!

Kiwanuka had planned to move to SSLB, but without Strahan what will happen? Wait we have Tuck! but hes been hampered by injuries so hes not 100%

So lets say Kiwanuka moves back to DE then we have only 1 really good linebacker!

This is nicht gut!

## Preseason Games

Saturday, August 11

### **Giants defense looks bad without Strahan as Panthers win 24-21**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- With or without Michael Strahan, the New York Giants defense has a lot of work to do after being exposed by the Carolina Panthers. Jake Delhomme and Steve Smith combined for an opening-drive touchdown pass and receiver Taye Biddle caught touchdown passes of 23 and 85 yards to lead the Panthers to a 24-21 victory on Saturday night in the matchup of teams looking to rebound from .500 records in 2006. For the Giants, the preseason opener was a preview of what life may be like without Strahan, the seven-time Pro Bowl defensive end who is holding out of training camp while he decides whether to play a 15th NFL season. The performance was ugly to be honest, even taking into consideration that New York is adjusting to new coordinator Steve Spagnuolo's aggressive system. Eli Manning threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Pro Bowl tight end Jeremy Shockey late in the first quarter. The score was set up by a 67-yard kickoff return by Derrick Ward right after the Smith touchdown. Ward also put New York ahead 14-10 with a 5-yard run with 54 seconds left in the half.

Sunday, August 19

### **Giants overcome injuries, beat Ravens 13-12**

**BALTIMORE** -- The New York Giants won 13-12 Sunday night, but both teams lost key players. Two members of New York's starting defense left in the second quarter. Safety Will Dumps, who started all 16 games last season, dislocated an elbow and cornerback Sam Madison pulled a hamstring. The Giants also lost three offensive players. Wide receiver Michael Jennings had three catches for 31 yards before rupturing his Achilles' tendon, and Steve Smith, who caught a touchdown pass, left with a concussion. Guard Grey Ruegamer also had a concussion. Jennings' injury occurred without a collision. Ravens quarterback Steve McNair played three series, going 5-for-8 for 29 yards with one interception. Running back Willis McGahee played much of the first half, gaining 3 yards on six carries and catching one pass for a yard. Eli Manning played deep into the second quarter, going 10-for-13 for 114 yards and producing the game's lone touchdown. Vying to replace the retired Tiki Barber as New York's starting running back, Jacobs and Reuben Droughns each received six carries during the first half. Jacobs rushed for 23 yards and Droughns gained 11.

Saturday, August 25

### **Jets 20-12 win may result in quarterback controversy**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- There is no doubt Eli Manning is the leader of the New York Giants offense. The Jets can't say the same with Kellen Clemens pushing Chad Pennington for the starting quarterback job. Clemens came off the bench in the second half and engineered two third-quarter touchdown drives against the Giants' backups to lead the Jets to a 20-12 victory on Saturday night in the annual preseason game between the New York rivals. Manning and the Giants dominated early, controlling the ball for more than 21 minutes in taking a 12-6 lead. It was perfect timing for Manning, whose leadership was criticized by former teammate turned football analyst Tiki Barber on the Sunday Night Football halftime show this past week. Manning responded with a ripping criticism of Barber on Tuesday, and he followed that up with another solid performance against the Jets. Playing without Plaxico Burress (ankle) and Pro Bowl tight end Jeremy Shockey (hamstring), Manning hit 17-of-25 passes for 146 yards. That included a 5-yard touchdown to free agent Anthony Mix late in the first half to put the Giants ahead.

Thursday, August 30

### **Manning solid, Brady sits in final exhibition game**

**FOXBOROUGH, Mass.** -- Eli Manning had his third straight solid exhibition tune-up while Brady watched from the sidelines wearing a ball cap as the New England Patriots beat the New York Giants, 27-20, Thursday night. Now they'll get ready for their Sept. 9 openers -- the Patriots at the New York Jets and the Giants at the Dallas Cowboys. None of the Patriots' first-stringers played, an indication perhaps that coach Bill Belichick thinks they're ready for the real thing? Current second-stringer Jared Lorenzen had a much tougher night. He was sacked seven times and went 10-for-16 for 53 yards before Tim Hasselbeck took over with 15 minutes left.

## Week 1 (September 9, 2007)



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**IRVING, TEXAS** – Tony Romo accounted for five touchdowns and the Cowboys offense overcame a shaky defensive effort in a season-opening home victory. Dallas needed them all, though, because the Phillips 3-4 defense gave up 438 yards and lots of big plays, turning a potential blowout into a nail-biter. The Cowboys were up by only a field goal when Hurd took a slant and turned it into the game-breaking 51 yard score with 3:03 left. Romo threw for a career-high 345 yards and four touchdowns, plus ran for another score, as the Cowboys opened by the Phillips Era by matching the most points they ever scored the last four years under Bill Parcells. New York lost four key players to injury, including both sack leader Osi Umenyiora and new starting running back Brandon Jacobs to knee injuries. Despite putting up 435 total yards, its defense let it down in a 45-35 loss to Dallas. Michael Strahan did not start, but played plenty only a few days after ending his long preseason holdout. He had five tackles and no sacks. New York started strong, silencing a sellout crowd swishing "Wade's Warriors" towels when Manning threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Burress on the third snap. But the Giants flubbed the extra point. Dallas was down 6-3 and facing fourth-and-1 from the New York 18 when Phillips made his first big decision as coach of the Cowboys - opting to go for a first down instead of a short, tying field goal. The ball went to Barber and all he did was shake a defender at the line, bounce outside, shove away a second defender, then dive headfirst toward the end zone from around the 5. A third defender hit Barber, flipping him over the goal line for the go-ahead score. Romo was 15-of-24. Tight end Jason Witten had six catches for 116 yards and a touchdown. Terrell Owens caught only three passes, but scored on two of them.

### New York Giants (0-1)

Total Yards: **438** Penalties/Yards: **4/45** Time of Possession: **32:03** Turnovers: **1**

<b>Passing</b>		Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning		28/41	312	4	1
Jarred Lorenzen		1/3	7	0	0
<b>Rushing</b>		Att	Yards	TD	Long
Derrick Ward		13	89	0	44
Brandon Jacobs		6	26	0	7
Rueben Droughns		1	5	0	5
Jared Lorenzen		1	2	0	2
Eli Manning		1	2	0	2
<b>Receiving</b>		Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress		8	144	3	60
Amani Toomer		9	91	0	21
Jeremy Shockey		5	41	0	14
Derrick Ward		4	27	1	10
Steve Smith		3	16	0	7
<b>Kicking</b>		FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes		3/3	48	2/2	11

#### Tackles

Pierce (8), Wilson (8), Butler (5), Strahan (4), Tuck (4), Kiwanuka (3), Mitchell (1), Madison (1), Webster (1), Ross (1)

#### Sacks

Tuck (1)

#### Interceptions

Wilson (1)

#### Forced Fumbles

None



# Week 1

## Cowboys 45, Giants 35





<b>NYG</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>- 35</b>
<b>DAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>- 45</b>

### Scoring Summary




#### 1st Quarter

-  TD Plaxico Burress, 60 yd pass from Eli Manning , 13:31. Drive: 3 plays, 74 yards in 1:29
-  FG Nick Folk, 31 yd field goal , 06:32. Drive: 14 plays, 67 yards in 6:59






#### 2nd Quarter

-  TD Marion Barber, 18 yd run (Nick Folk kick is good), 09:40. Drive: 5 plays, 56 yards in 2:21
-  TD Jason Witten, 12 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 03:59. Drive: 5 plays, 23 yards in 3:45
-  TD Plaxico Burress, 4 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 00:21. Drive: 12 plays, 75 yards in 3:38
-  FG Lawrence Tynes, 44 yd field goal , 00:03.

#### 3rd Quarter

-  TD Terrell Owens, 22 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 12:00. Drive: 6 plays, 78 yards in 3:00
-  FG Lawrence Tynes, 48 yd field goal , 05:47. Drive: 11 plays, 48 yards in 6:13
-  TD Tony Romo, 9 yd run (Nick Folk kick is good), 01:12. Drive: 4 plays, 67 yards in 1:56

#### 4th Quarter

-  FG Lawrence Tynes, 24 yd field goal , 13:23. Drive: 6 plays, 53 yards in 2:49
-  TD Terrell Owens, 47 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 11:43. Drive: 3 plays, 71 yards in 1:40
-  TD Derrick Ward, 9 yd pass from Eli Manning pass failed, 07:20. Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards in 4:23
-  TD Plaxico Burress, 10 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 04:09. Drive: 5 plays, 22 yards in 2:52
-  TD Sam Hurd, 51 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 03:03. Drive: 3 plays, 54 yards in 1:06

## Week 2 (September 16, 2007)



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**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- Bret Favre got the 149th win of his career, moving past Hall of Famer John Elway, completing his first 14 second-half passes and threw three touchdown passes to rally the Green Bay Packers to a 35-13 victory over the New York Giants and their porous defense. The loss was the second straight for the undisciplined and error-prone Giants, which hasn't happened at the start of a season since 1996. Tom Coughlin, who came into the season under pressure to do more than make the playoffs, may now be really under the gun. "I think we are a better football team than we have shown," said Coughlin, whose team has already given up 80 points. Down 10-7 at the half, Favre dominated the second half. He threw a go-ahead 2-yard touchdown pass to Bubba Franks on the Packers' opening series of the second half. The eight-time Pro Bowl quarterback, who was 18-of-21 for 147 yards in the second half, added TD tosses of 3 yards to Donald Lee and 10 yards to Donald Driver after New York rookie Ahmad Bradshaw fumbled a kickoff. Rookie DeShawn Wynn added touchdown runs of 6 and 38 yards. Not even an inspirational appearance by Eli Manning could prevent the Giants from falling into a hole two weeks into the 2007 season. Manning, whose playing status was uncertain all week because of a sprained shoulder, played well, leading New York to scores on three consecutive series bridging the second and third quarters. He threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress and helped set up field goals of 48 and 32 yards by Lawrence Tynes, who also missed a 34-yarder on the game's opening series. The Giants were guilty to two major blunders. Pro Bowl tight end Jeremy Shockey was called for a delay penalty (spiking the ball) after a first-down catch at the Packers 16 late in the first half with the score tied at 7. He later dropped a potential first-down pass at the Green Bay 3 just seconds later, forcing Tynes to make a 48-yard field goal, giving the Giants a 10-7 lead. Veteran Amani Toomer also had an embarrassing mistake. He was called for a taunting penalty at the Green Bay 8 a couple of plays before New York settled for Tynes' second field goal, cutting the Packers lead to 14-13 in the third quarter. Instead of third-and-goal at the Green Bay 8, New York was pushed back to the 23. "We have no excuses," Coughlin said. "There is no explanation for it. We gave ourselves some opportunities and then took them away, so we became our own worst enemy."

### New York Giants (0-2)

Total Yards: **325** Penalties/Yards: **6/71** Time of Possession: **25:34** Turnovers: **2**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	16/29	211	1	1
Jarred Lorenzen	3/5	21	0	0
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Derrick Ward	15	90	0	26
Sinorice Moss	1	4	0	4
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Jeremy Shockey	5	60	0	19
Amani Toomer	2	48	0	40
A. Mix	3	39	0	21
Derrick Ward	4	35	0	12
Plaxico Burress	2	32	1	26
Ahmad Bradshaw	1	11	0	11
Steve Smith	1	10	0	10
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	2/3	48	1/1	7

### Tackles

Pierce (10), Mitchell (6), Madison (6), Butler (5), Webster (4), Tuck (3), Wilson (3), Kiwanuka (2), McQuarters (2), Robbins (2), Torbor (2), Umenyiora (2), Strahan (1)

### Sacks

Tuck (1)

### Interceptions

Wilson (1)

### Forced Fumbles

None

## Week 2

### Packers 35, Giants 13


GB	0	7	7	21	- 35
NYG	0	10	3	0	- 13


#### Scoring Summary


##### 1st Quarter

None


##### 2nd Quarter


 TD DeShawn Wynn, 6 yd run (Mason Crosby kick is good), 08:18. Drive: 6 plays, 71 yards in 3:13

 TD Plaxico Burress, 26 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 07:16. Drive: 2 plays, 66 yards in 1:02


 FG Lawrence Tynes, 48 yd field goal , 01:38. Drive: 8 plays, 41 yards in 3:46


##### 3rd Quarter

 TD Bubba Franks, 2 yd pass from Brett Favre (Mason Crosby kick is good), 09:07. Drive: 10 plays, 51 yards in 5:53

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 32 yd field goal , 04:22. Drive: 10 plays, 49 yards in 4:45

##### 4th Quarter

 TD Donald Lee, 3 yd pass from Brett Favre (Mason Crosby kick is good), 13:33. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards in 5:49

 TD Donald Driver, 10 yd pass from Brett Favre (Mason Crosby kick is good), 11:41. Drive: 5 plays, 22 yards in 1:45

 TD DeShawn Wynn, 38 yd run (Mason Crosby kick is good), 04:12. Drive: 5 plays, 53 yards in 2:23



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**LANDOVER, MD.** – Four plays after First-and-goal at the 1, the New York Giants defense ran off the field celebrating a 24-17 victory over the Washington Redskins, a had-to-have win Sunday that kept the Giants from sinking into a deep hole in the NFC East. The Giants (1-2) trailed 17-3 at halftime, giving them 10 quarters in a row of going-nowhere football to start the season. In the second half, however, a defense that had allowed 80 points in the first two games shut out Washington and allowed only 81 total yards. Meanwhile, the offense found a way to master third-and-long against a Redskins defense that had allowed only one touchdown all season. The Giants converted seven straight third downs -- all but one of them was third-and-5 or longer -- to put together three touchdown drives. Plaxico Burress, who had three drops and no catches in the first half, had five receptions for 86 yards in the second. The ankle injury that caused him to miss two practices last week didn't seem to affect him on the game-winning score -- a 33-yard catch-and-run in which he received the ball in the left flat and sidestepped Carlos Rogers before dashing to the end zone with 5:32 to play. The loss deflated the Redskins (2-1), whose two close wins against middling opposition had the team feeling primed for a surprise season as a playoff contender. They scored in the first half on Clinton Portis' 1-yard run and Chris Cooley's 8-yard touchdown catch. Washington lost despite getting three takeaways, one-fourth of their total from all of last season, but both offense and defense fell apart in the second half. The Giants are alive and kicking, thanks to an inspirational comeback and stopping the Redskins four times from the 1-yard line.

**New York Giants (1-2)**

Total Yards: **315** Penalties/Yards: **3/15** Time of Possession: **32:58** Turnovers: **3**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	21/36	232	1	2
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Derrick Ward	26	94	0	10
Rueben Droughns	3	3	2	1
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress	5	86	1	33
Jeremy Shockey	5	79	0	27
Derrick Ward	6	26	0	10
Amani Toomer	4	24	0	9
Sinorice Moss	1	17	0	17
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	1/1	34	3/3	6

**Tackles**

Madison (7), Kiwanuka (6), Butler (5), Tuck (4), Umenyiora (4), Wilson (4), Ross (3), Cofield (2), Pierce (2), Mitchell (1), Robbins (1), Strahan (1)

**Sacks**

Kiwanuka (1.5), Tuck (0.5)

**Interceptions**

None

**Forced Fumbles**

Tuck (1)

## Week 3


### Giants 24, Redskins 17

<b>NYG</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>- 24</b>
<b>WAS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 17</b>


#### Scoring Summary


##### 1st Quarter

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 34 yd field goal , 7:19. Drive: 9 plays, 54 yards in 3:29


 TD Clinton Portis, 1 yd run (Shaun Suisham kick is good), 4:57. Drive: 2 plays, 6 yards in 0:40

##### 2nd Quarter

 TD Chris Cooley, 8 yd pass from Jason Campbell (Shaun Suisham kick is good), 7:55. Drive: 7 plays, 72 yards in 4:16


 FG Shaun Suisham, 47 yd field goal , 0:00. Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards in 1:33

##### 3rd Quarter

 TD Reuben Droughns, 1 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 9:50. Drive: 10 plays, 61 yards in 5:10

##### 4th Quarter

 TD Reuben Droughns, 1 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 12:33. Drive: 11 plays, 62 yards in 6:11

 TD Plaxico Burress, 33 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 5:32. Drive: 4 plays, 44 yards in 2:01

### A Giant Stand

Washington got to the Giants' 1-yard-line with a chance to tie the game, but New York shut the door:

- » **1st down: Spike to stop clock**
- » **2nd down: Incomplete pass**
- » **3rd down: No-gain on run**
- » **4th down: Two-yard loss**



**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- Osi Umenyiora had a team-record six sacks, and the Giants (2-2) set a franchise record and tied a league record by sacking McNabb 12 times in a 16-3 victory that brought back memories of Lawrence Taylor intimidating opposing quarterbacks at will. The Eagles surrendered 12 sacks, which tied a single-game NFL record. "Last week were able to get some pressure on the quarterback," said Umenyiora, whose sack total was one shy of Derrick Thomas' NFL record. "We knew we would eventually get some sacks. We have some of the best pass rushers in the league on this team. We put it all together today." Coming into the game, the Giants had only four sacks in three games. They had five against the Eagles (1-3) after the first half, and Umenyiora ended up having a career game against second-year left tackle Winston Justice, who was filling in for an injured William Thomas. Mathias Kiwanuka had three sacks, Justin Tuck two and Michael Strahan one in an awesome display by a defense that was ranked as the worst in the league after giving up 80 points in its first two games. Kawika Mitchell returned a fumble 17 yards for a touchdown, and Eli Manning threw a 9-yard TD pass to Plaxico Burress, a score that, of course, was set up by a sack. Lawrence Tynes added a 29-yard field goal in the third quarter, but he also missed a 34-yarder and an extra point. Strahan's sack gave him 133½ in his career, breaking Taylor's franchise record. Coincidentally, Taylor served as an honorary captain for the game. Philadelphia put forth a horrible effort in falling three games behind Dallas (4-0) in the NFC East. Besides the sacks, Philadelphia had 15 penalties for 132 yards, including a dreadful illegal forward pass against McNabb with 2:24 to play. It nullified a 20-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Brown and prevented the Eagles from drawing within 16-10. David Akers, who missed a 42-yard field goal in the second quarter, made a 53-yarder earlier in the fourth quarter to get Philadelphia on the board. The Eagles, who beat the Detroit Lions 56-21 last week, were short-handed for the game, missing running back Brian Westbrook, cornerback Lito Sheppard, safety Brian Dawkins and Thomas. This is the fifth time a team had 12 sacks. The game pitted new Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo against his old mentor Jim Johnson, the Eagles longtime defensive coordinator. Spagnuolo had been the Eagles linebacker coach for the past three years. The Eagles were limited to 212 yards and 3-of-11 on third down conversions.

**New York Giants (2-2)**

Total Yards: **212** Penalties/Yards: **4/27** Time of Possession: **29:34** Turnovers: **1**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	14/26	135	1	1
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Derrick Ward	19	80	0	15
Rueben Droughns	5	8	0	3
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Amani Toomer	4	54	0	19
Derrick Ward	3	26	0	10
Plaxico Burress	4	24	1	10
Jeremy Shockey	1	17	0	17
M. Hedgecock	1	9	0	9
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	1/2	29	1/2	4

**Tackles**

Wilson (8), Tuck (6), Umenyiora (6), Kiwanuka (5), Pierce (5), Ross (5), Strahan (5), Madison (3), Johnson (2), Mitchell (2), Cofield (1), Dockery (1), McQuarters (1)

**Sacks**

Umenyiora (6), Kiwanuka (3), Tuck (2), Strahan (1)

**Interceptions**

None

**Forced Fumbles**

Umenyiora (2)

## Week 4

### Giants 16, Eagles 3


PHI	0	0	0	3	-	3
NYG	0	7	9	0	-	16

#### Scoring Summary

##### 1st Quarter


None

##### 2nd Quarter


 TD Plaxico Burress, 9 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 11:09. Drive: 4 plays, 49 yards in 1:55

##### 3rd Quarter

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 29 yd field goal , 2:03. Drive: 6 plays, 55 yards in 2:59

 TD Kawika Mitchell, 17 yd fumble kick failed, 1:30.

##### 4th Quarter

 FG David Akers, 53 yd field goal , 12:51. Drive: 10 plays, 40 yards in 3:39

#### Sack-tacular!

*The Giants set several records with their defensive performance against the Eagles. The unwilling recipient of New York's historic pass rush was Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb:*

- » Sack team record: **O. Umenyiora (6)**
- » Sack career record: **M. Strahan (133.5)**
- » NFL team sacks one game: **12 (tied)**
- » Career high: **M. Kiwanuka (3)**



**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- Aaron Ross started the game on the sideline, benched for a half by the New York Giants for violating team rules. Allowed on the field in the second half, the rookie cornerback came up with two of the game's most important plays. Ross returned the second of his two interceptions 43 yards for a touchdown with just over 3 minutes remaining to seal a 35-24 victory over the Jets on Sunday in the latest battle of New York. The touchdown gave the Giants (3-2) an 11-point lead with 3:15 left and helped them beat the Jets (1-4) for the seventh time in 11 meetings. A week after getting 12 sacks against Philadelphia, the Giants only had one -- by Osi Umenyiora with less than 3 minutes left -- but intercepted Pennington three times. Pennington finished 21-of-36 for 229 yards and a touchdown to Brad Smith, but the three interceptions sunk the Jets. Eli Manning recovered from a miserable opening half to finish 13-of-25 for 186 yards with touchdown passes to Plaxico Burress and Jeremy Shockey and one interception. Brandon Jacobs had 100 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries in his first game since spraining a knee in the season opener. After Ross' first pick, the Giants drove 98 yards and took their first lead, 28-24, on Burress' 53-yard touchdown reception with 7:52 left. The Giants got within 24-21 with an efficient drive that was capped by a 13-yard touchdown catch by Shockey with 33 seconds left in the third quarter. Linebacker Jonathan Vilma was called offside on a third-and-4 play, to keep the drive alive. The Jets took a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter when Kerry Rhodes ripped the football out of Jacobs' left arm and returned the fumble 11 yards for a touchdown. The Giants tied it on Ward's 8-yard run up the middle 4:06 into the second quarter, but the Jets went ahead 14-7 just before the half on Smith's first NFL touchdown, a 16-yard catch over Kevin Dockery in the right corner of the end zone. The New York Jets had a lot of bright moments Sunday, but the crosstown Giants were better under the sun.

**New York Giants (3-2)**

Total Yards: **374** Penalties/Yards: **3/37** Time of Possession: **33:45** Turnovers: **2**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	13/25	186	2	1
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	20	100	1	19
Derrick Ward	13	56	1	9
Eli Manning	4	17	0	13
Rueben Droughns	2	15	0	13
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress	5	124	1	53
Jeremy Shockey	2	33	1	20
Sinorice Moss	1	10	0	10
Derrick Ward	3	8	0	6
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	0/0	0	5/5	5

**Tackles**

Pierce (6), Mitchell (5), Umenyiora (5), Wilson (5), Butler (4), Madison (4), Tuck (4), Kiwanuka (3), Cofield (2), Ross (2), Strahan (2), Dockery (1), McQuarters (1), Robbins (1), Webster (1)

**Sacks**

Umenyiora (1)

**Interceptions**

Ross (2), Madison (1)

**Forced Fumbles**

None


## Week 5

### Giants 35, Jets 24


NYJ	7	10	7	0	- 24
NYG	0	7	14	14	- 35


#### Scoring Summary


##### 1st Quarter

 TD Kerry Rhodes, 11 yd fumble (Mike Nugent kick is good), 8:36.

##### 2nd Quarter

 TD Derrick Ward, 8 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 10:54. Drive: 9 plays, 67 yards in 5:29


 TD Brad Smith, 16 yd pass from Chad Pennington (Mike Nugent kick is good), 0:33. Drive: 9 plays, 93 yards in 1:46

 FG Mike Nugent, 47 yd field goal , 0:00.


##### 3rd Quarter


 TD Brandon Jacobs, 19 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 11:17. Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards in 3:43

 TD Leon Washington, 98 yd kick return (Mike Nugent kick is good), 11:03.

 TD Jeremy Shockey, 13 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 0:33. Drive: 9 plays, 68 yards in 5:06

##### 4th Quarter

 TD Plaxico Burress, 53 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 7:52. Drive: 8 plays, 98 yards in 4:31

 TD Aaron Ross, 43 yd interception return (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 3:15.



31 10

**ATLANTA** -- Eli Manning passed for 303 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Giants to their fourth straight win, a 31-10 decision over the hapless Atlanta Falcons on Monday night. Manning tossed a 43-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress in the second quarter, the eighth touchdown of the season for the duo and 25th since 2005 - the highest total among any tandem in the league during that time. The Giants (4-2) took control after a wild first quarter in which the teams combined for 24 points. New York scored the final 24 points to send the Falcons tumbling to their fifth loss in six games. Manning threw a pair of touchdown passes and set up another New York TD with three straight completions, which lessened the damage of two interceptions and losing a fumble when John Abraham knocked the ball loose just before the quarterback's arm went forward. He was 27-of-39 and put up his highest total since a 312-yard performance against the Cowboys in Week 1. He hooked up with Amani Toomer on a 5-yard scoring pass in the back-and-forth opening period. Before the half was done, Manning went deep for a 43-yard touchdown to Plaxico Burress that gave the Giants a 21-10 lead; Burress turned to the crowd and bowed after getting wide open down the middle. The Falcons have little reason to take a bow. Their offense is dreadful, a striking contrast to the high-scoring teams that Bobby Petrino coached in college. The Falcons, who were starting two new tackles because of injuries, actually did a better-than-expected job keeping Osi Umenyiora, Michael Strahan and Co. away from Harrington, largely because Harrington went with quick drops and short passes, not leaving much time to open up the passing game. Harrington was 18-of-39 for 209 yards, putting him in danger of losing another starting job after he was already deposed in Detroit and Miami. The Falcons started quickly, jumping ahead on Morten Andersen's 47-yard field and reclaiming a 10-7 lead when Jerious Norwood broke off 67-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage after Manning's TD pass to Toomer. New York bounced back to take the lead for good before the quarter was done. Brandon Jacobs broke off a 20-yard run and Manning completed three passes for 56 yards, the last of them a 17-yarder that Toomer gathered in at the 1 and managed to drag both toes along the turf before tumbling out of bounds. Reuben Droughns powered over on the next play, and the Giants were up 14-10 and on their way. The Falcons were totally inept after their quick start, managing 159 yards and nine first downs over the final three quarters, most of them coming after the Giants already had put the game away.

**New York Giants (4-2)**

Total Yards: **491** Penalties/Yards: **6/45** Time of Possession: **39:38** Turnovers: **3**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	27/39	303	2	2
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Rueben Droughns	14	90	1	45
Brandon Jacobs	13	86	0	20
Derrick Ward	8	12	1	9
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress	6	97	1	43
Amani Toomer	7	89	1	17
Jeremy Shockey	5	63	0	21
Sinorice Moss	4	19	0	7
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	1/1	32	4/4	7

**Tackles**

Pierce (7), Madison (5), Dockery (4), Wilson (3), Butler (2), Kiwanuka (2), Mitchell (2), Robbins (2), Umenyiora (2), Tuck (2), Cofield (1), Strahan (1), McQuarters (1), Webster (1)

**Sacks**

Pierce (1), Robbins (1), Tuck (1), Ross (0.5), Strahan (0.5)

**Interceptions**

Ross (1)

**Forced Fumbles**

None





## Week 6

### Giants 31, Falcons 10


<b>NYG</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>- 31</b>
<b>ATL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 10</b>

#### Scoring Summary

##### 1st Quarter

-  FG Morten Andersen, 47 yd field goal , 11:47. Drive: 8 plays, 41 yards in 3:13
-  TD Amani Toomer, 5 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 5:32. Drive: 11 plays, 73 yards in 6:15
-  TD Jerious Norwood, 67 yd run (Morten Andersen kick is good), 5:14. Drive: 1 plays, 67 yards in 0:18
-  TD Reuben Droughns, 1 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 2:13. Drive: 6 plays, 82 yards in 3:01



##### 2nd Quarter

-  TD Plaxico Burress, 43 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 8:21. Drive: 4 plays, 62 yards in 2:22

##### 3rd Quarter

None

##### 4th Quarter

-  FG Lawrence Tynes, 32 yd field goal , 10:52. Drive: 13 plays, 79 yards in 7:57
-  TD Derrick Ward, 9 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 3:08. Drive: 4 plays, 67 yards in 1:42



**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- The Giants won their fifth straight with a 33-15 victory over San Francisco, handing the 49ers their fourth straight loss. Trent Dilfer certainly felt the pressure all game. The Giants (5-2) sacked him six times, with the biggest being a third-quarter takedown by Umenyiora that resulted in the perfect play -- a sack, forced fumble, fumble recovery and 75-yard return for a touchdown that iced the game. New York forced four turnovers by the 49ers (2-4) and made Dilfer play with his head on a swivel while Alex Smith rested his ailing shoulder on the sidelines. Eli Manning threw touchdown passes to Amani Toomer and Jeremy Shockey, and Brandon Jacobs ran for a career-high 107 yards and a touchdown for the Giants, who also got two field goals from the struggling Lawrence Tynes. After giving up 80 points in its first two games, the Giants have surrendered 53 in their last five, not counting 16 points on special teams and offensive mistakes. They have recorded 25 sacks in the winning streak. Dilfer had thrown a 17-yard touchdown pass to Arnaz Battle to give the 49ers a 7-6 lead early in the second quarter before New York's defense took over. Umenyiora set up the Giants' go-ahead touchdown in the second quarter, recovering Frank Gore's fumble at the 49ers 27. Four plays later, Jacobs powered around the right side and scored from 5 yards for a 13-7 lead. Dilfer, who couldn't get together with Gore on the handoff that led to the fumble, made another mistake on the next play from scrimmage when he didn't see Sam Madison on a short pass. The Giants cornerback jumped the route and intercepted the pass, setting up Tynes' 29-yard field goal for a 16-7 edge. Tynes added a 39-yard field goal just before the half. Manning, who was a so-so 18-of-31 for 146 yards in a game the Giants dominated, completed passes of 24 yards to Toomer and 18 to Plaxico Burress in the two-minute drill. Umenyiora broke it open on the opening possession of the third quarter. With the 49ers at the Giants 15 with a first down, the defensive end came around the right side, sacked Dilfer and knocked the ball out of his hands. He quickly got up, grabbed the ball and ran down the field with nothing but Giants surrounding him. At about the 5-yard line, he tiptoed into the end zone, backing in to put an exclamation point on his touchdown that put New York ahead 26-7. Pierce, called for two foolish roughing-the-passer penalties against Dilfer, atoned in the fourth quarter, picking off a pass deep in 49ers territory and returning it to the 5. Manning found Shockey for a score a couple of plays later.

**New York Giants (5-2)**

Total Yards: **279** Penalties/Yards: **8/67** Time of Possession: **31:18** Turnovers: **1**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	18/31	146	2	1
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	18	107	1	12
Derrick Ward	7	27	0	11
Rueben Droughns	5	7	0	4
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress	5	43	0	18
Jeremy Shockey	5	39	1	14
Amani Toomer	3	36	1	24
Brandon Jacobs	3	16	0	9
Derrick Ward	2	12	0	6
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	2/2	39	3/4	9

**Tackles**

Ross (6), Pierce (5), Kiwanuka (4), Madison (4), Tuck (4), Mitchell (3), Robbins (3), Strahan (3), Blackburn (2), Butler (2), Dockery (2), Wilson (2), Umenyiora (2), Webster (1), Wilson (1)

**Sacks**

Strahan(2.5), Tuck(1.5), Pierce(1), Madison(1), Umenyiora(1)

**Interceptions**

Pierce(1), Madison(1)

**Forced Fumbles**

Umenyiora(1)


## Week 7

### Giants 33, 49ers 15


SF	0	7	2	6	- 15
NYG	6	13	7	7	- 33

#### Scoring Summary

##### 1st Quarter

 TD Amani Toomer, 4 yd pass from Eli Manning kick failed, 7:47. Drive: 13 plays, 83 yards in 7:13

##### 2nd Quarter


 TD Arnaz Battle, 17 yd pass from Trent Dilfer (Joe Nedney kick is good), 9:50. Drive: 11 plays, 81 yards in 6:25


 TD Brandon Jacobs, 5 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 6:15. Drive: 4 plays, 27 yards in 1:12

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 29 yd field goal , 2:50. Drive: 6 plays, 19 yards in 3:09


 FG Lawrence Tynes, 39 yd field goal , 0:17. Drive: 9 plays, 68 yards in 1:18


##### 3rd Quarter

 TD Osi Umenyiora, 75 yd fumble (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 12:53.

 S Punt blocked by M.Norris out of bounds in end zone for a Safety, 09:01.

##### 4th Quarter

 TD Jeremy Shockey, 2 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 10:50. Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards in 2:25

 TD Darrell Jackson, 1 yd pass from Trent Dilfer pass failed, 0:16. Drive: 10 plays, 53 yards in 3:00

#### Getting Defensive

- ◆ The 75-yard fumble return TD by Osi Umenyiora (pictured) was the third-longest in Giants history and the longest since Keith Hamilton had an 87-yard return in 1995
- ◆ The Giants, who had six sacks on Sunday, now have 25 in their last five games.
- ◆ New York has allowed 69 points in the last five games after allowing 80 in its first two



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**WEMBLEY, ENGLAND** -- What the fans got on this history-making Sunday in London was old-fashioned, muck-it-up football -- not very entertaining and not pretty at all, unless you ask the New York Giants, who came out with a 13-10 victory over the still-winless Miami Dolphins. Eli Manning threw for only 59 yards but ran for New York's lone touchdown to lift the Giants to their sixth straight victory, a mud-caked slog through the unfriendly pitch at torn-up Wembley Stadium in this, the first regular-season NFL game played outside North America. Brandon Jacobs helped make the journey a success, running for 131 yards, the second straight week he's hit a career high. And helped in part by a steady rain that made offense nearly impossible, the New York defense allowed only 254 yards and held the Dolphins (0-8) out of the end zone for the first 58 minutes. Cleo Lemon drove the Dolphins 80 yards to pull them within 13-10 on a 21-yard pass to Ted Ginn Jr. with 1:54 left. But Jay Feely's onside kick went out of bounds and the Giants kneeled on it three times to seal the game, ignoring the loud boos from a crowd of 81,176. Coughlin said that was the only off-note he noticed from the enthusiastic crowd. The teams combined for a grand total of 492 yards, only 187 passing -- numbers single teams often put up by themselves in a game. They combined for seven fumbles, two missed field goals and 14 penalties, including four by the Giants on one late drive that had Coughlin annoyingly yelling at his team to "stay calm" as they tried to salt this one away. Overall, the teams played conservative but not exciting football. Trailing 13-0, Miami had a chance to creep back into the game in the third quarter when Matt Roth dislodged the ball from Manning on a blindside sack and Jayson Taylor -- who has had a 26-foot-high replica of himself touring around London all week -- fought through a rugby scrum to come up with the recovery at the Miami 49. Two plays later, Jesse Chatman (16 carries, 79 yards) reversed field for a 22-yard gain -- the longest play of the game -- and a moment later, the Dolphins had second-and-goal from the 2. But Lemon bobbled the ensuing snap, got tackled for a 9-yard loss and Miami settled for a field goal by Feely. Manning is the answer to the trivia question: Who scored the first regular-season NFL touchdown in Europe? He rambled to the corner for a 10-yard score to make it 10-0 in the second.

**New York Giants (6-2)**

Total Yards: **238** Penalties/Yards: **7/60** Time of Possession: **32:05** Turnovers: **1**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	8/22	59	0	0
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	23	131	0	15
Rueben Droughns	8	27	0	8
Eli Manning	5	25	1	18
Jeremy Shockey	1	6	0	6
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Jeremy Shockey	3	26	0	21
Plaxico Burress	2	14	0	9
Amani Toomer	1	13	0	13
Brandon Jacobs	2	6	0	6
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	2/3	41	1/1	7

**Tackles**

Madison (6), Wilson (5), Johnson (4), Mitchell (4), Pierce (4), Strahan (4), Kiwanuka (3), Tuck (4), Robbins(3), Ross(2), Umenyiora(2), Webster(2), Cofield(1), Davis(1), Dockery(1), McQuarters(1)

**Sacks**

Mitchell (1), Robbins (1)

**Interceptions**

None

**Forced Fumbles**

Mitchell (1)


## Week 8

### Giants 13, Dolphins 10


<b>NYG</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 13</b>
<b>MIA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>- 10</b>


#### Scoring Summary

##### 1st Quarter


 FG Lawrence Tynes, 20 yd field goal , 3:33. Drive: 11 plays, 59 yards in 4:47

##### 2nd Quarter


 TD Eli Manning, 10 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 0:59. Drive: 14 plays, 69 yards in 8:07

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 41 yd field goal , 0:02. Drive: 4 plays, 11 yards in 0:24

##### 3rd Quarter

 FG Jay Feely, 29 yd field goal , 1:04. Drive: 8 plays, 40 yards in 4:12

##### 4th Quarter

 TD Ted Ginn, 21 yd pass from Cleo Lemon (Jay Feely kick is good), 1:54. Drive: 12 plays, 80 yards in 2:11



**31                  20**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** – Tony Romo hit Terrell Owens on two of his four touchdown passes and Dallas opened a big lead in the division by ending the Giants' six-game winning streak with a 31-20 victory on Sunday. Owens finished with six catches for 125 yards, his third straight 100-yard game. With the win, the Cowboys (8-1) opened a two-game lead over the Giants (6-3).. Dallas also swept the season series with New York, so it has the tiebreaker should the two teams finished tied. Romo, who had four TD passes in both games vs. the Giants this year, completed 20-of-28 for 247 yards. He also threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Tony Curtis in the first quarter and a 20-yarder to Patrick Crayton just before halftime, starting a string of three straight touchdown drives. Eli Manning threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Shockey, who tied his career high with 12 catches for 129 yards. Reuben Droughns scored on a 1-yard run and Lawrence Tynes kicked field goals of 40 and 26 yards. The second field goal came after New York had Brandon Jacobs' potential tying touchdown run early in the fourth quarter nullified by a questionable holding penalty on guard Chris Snee against Roy Williams. Until that point, the Cowboys were the ones hurting themselves with undisciplined errors. Four penalties in the first half gave New York 10 points and had Dallas heading to the locker room tied at 17. The Cowboys, who sacked Manning five times and intercepted him twice, stopped the Giants on the opening possession of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and then Romo and company took over. The go-ahead 25-yard touchdown pass came on a play where Owens ran past cornerback Sam Madison and was wide open. It capped a 12-play, 86-yard drive on which the Cowboys converted three 10-plus-yard situations, the last a 13-yard pass to Crayton on 3rd-and-11 from the New York 38. Folk's field goal gave Dallas a 10-7 lead before Wilson's interception set up a 60-yard drive Droughns capped with his run. Crayton gave the Cowboys a 17-14 lead with 20 seconds to go with a 20-yard catch and run after breaking a tackle by cornerback Aaron Ross. For the Giants, their best hopes for a playoff berth seemingly are a wild-card spot.

**New York Giants (6-3)**

Total Yards: **300** Penalties/Yards: **8/70** Time of Possession: **34:48** Turnovers: **2**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	23/34	236	1	2
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	24	95	0	16
Rueben Droughns	3	8	1	5
Eli Manning	1	3	0	3
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Jeremy Shockey	12	129	1	29
Amani Toomer	3	37	0	23
Plaxico Burress	4	24	0	11
Kevin Boss	1	18	0	18
Sinorice Moss	1	13	0	13
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	2/2	40	2/2	8

**Tackles**

Wilson (10), Kiwanuka (5), Cofield(4), Madison (4), Butler (3), Mitchell (3), Strahan (3), Dockery (2), Pierce (2), Ross (2), Johnson (1), Robbins (1), Umenyiora (1)

**Sacks**

Strahan (1)

**Interceptions**

Wilson (1)

**Forced Fumbles**

Strahan (1)

## Week 9

### Cowboys 31, Giants 20

DAL	7	10	7	7	- 31
NYG	7	10	0	3	- 20

#### Scoring Summary

##### 1st Quarter

★ TD Tony Curtis, 15 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 11:10. Drive: 7 plays, 65 yards in 3:50

🏈 TD Jeremy Shockey, 8 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 6:13. Drive: 8 plays, 67 yards in 4:57

##### 2nd Quarter

★ FG Nick Folk, 44 yd field goal , 14:56. Drive: 6 plays, 13 yards in 2:56

🏈 TD Reuben Droughns, 1 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 4:33. Drive: 11 plays, 60 yards in 7:22

★ TD Patrick Crayton, 20 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 0:27. Drive: 7 plays, 68 yards in 1:21

🏈 FG Lawrence Tynes, 40 yd field goal , 0:01. Drive: 2 plays, 44 yards in 0:26

##### 3rd Quarter

★ TD Terrell Owens, 25 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 7:14. Drive: 12 plays, 86 yards in 6:27

##### 4th Quarter

🏈 FG Lawrence Tynes, 26 yd field goal , 13:18. Drive: 16 plays, 75 yards in 8:56

★ TD Terrell Owens, 50 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 10:43. Drive: 5 plays, 70 yards in 2:35



**DETROIT** -- Michael Strahan showed he's still got it, just days before he turns 36 and in a year he pondered retirement. Strahan had a season-high three sacks, helping the New York Giants beat the Detroit Lions 16-10 Sunday to gain the advantage in the NFC wild-card race. New York (7-3) broke a third-place tie with Detroit in the conference and improved its chances of making the playoffs. In the Super Bowl era, 78.4 percent of teams that won seven of their first 10 games ended up in the postseason. The Lions (6-4) dropped back-to-back games for the first time this year, and took it hard after losing their other three games by double digits. Detroit might need to beat the NFC North-leading Green Bay Packers at home on Thanksgiving to maintain a realistic chance at making the playoffs for the first time since 1999. The Giants leaned on their defense to block Detroit's road to success. Strahan and Co. put pressure on Kitna, forcing him out of the pocket to rush throws. When Kitna did have time late in the game, Madison and James Butler came through for the Giants with key interceptions to shut down a team that had been scoring in bunches at home. "They scored 31 points a game here," Strahan said. "The way we played today we should be very happy." The win came at a price: Jacobs was sidelined in the third quarter with a left hamstring injury and linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka broke his left leg early in the game. New York coach Tom Coughlin wasn't sure how serious Jacobs' injury was, but said Kiwanuka may be done for the season. Eli Manning threw a touchdown pass to Jacobs late in the first half and Lawrence Tynes kicked three field goals to give the Giants a 16-3 lead early in the fourth. Manning was 28-of-39 for 283 yards with a score, spreading the ball around to five receivers who made at least four catches. In the second and third quarters, New York kept the Lions in the game by fumbling twice inside their 30. But Kitna threw three interceptions, overshadowing the 28 passes he completed for 377 yards and a score. McDonald and Roy Williams both went over the 100-yard mark as the Lions were forced to throw because they could not run. Kevin Jones was limited to just 25 yards on 11 carries. Detroit finally put together a strong drive, ending with Calvin Johnson's 35-yard TD catch to pull within six with 4:34 left. After a three-and-out drive, Detroit drove to midfield and Kitna heaved an up-for-grabs pass to Shaun McDonald that Butler leaped to snag just inside the end zone. The Lions had one more chance, getting the ball at their 32 with 1:25 left, but a pass went off McDonald's hands in New York territory and right to Madison in the final minute.

**New York Giants (7-3)**

Total Yards: **341** Penalties/Yards: **6/47** Time of Possession: **35:17** Turnovers: **2**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	28/39	283	1	0
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	11	54	0	18
Rueben Droughns	11	13	0	7
Eli Manning	5	5	0	9
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	4	49	1	34
Plaxico Burress	4	47	0	18
Sinorice Moss	4	46	0	14
Jeremy Shockey	5	41	0	12
Amani Toomer	4	39	0	17
Rueben Droughns	3	26	0	11
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	3/3	46	1/1	8

**Tackles**

Pierce (7), Butler (5), Strahan (5), Madison (4), Dockery (3), McQuarters (3), Mitchell (2), Robbins (1), Torbor(1), Tuck (1), Wilson (1)

**Sacks**

Strahan (3)

**Interceptions**

Pierce (1), Madison (1), Wilson (1)

**Forced Fumbles**

Pierce (1), Madison (1), Dockery (1)


# Week 10

## Giants 16, Lions 10


<b>NYG</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>- 16</b>
<b>DET</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>- 10</b>

### Scoring Summary


#### 1st Quarter

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 28 yd field goal , 0:37. Drive: 10 plays, 81 yards in 5:11

#### 2nd Quarter


 TD Brandon Jacobs, 10 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 0:23. Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards in 3:44


#### 3rd Quarter

 FG Jason Hanson, 42 yd field goal , 10:52. Drive: 8 plays, 43 yards in 3:40

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 46 yd field goal , 2:39. Drive: 6 plays, 30 yards in 3:18

#### 4th Quarter

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 20 yd field goal , 11:15. Drive: 9 plays, 53 yards in 4:50

 TD Calvin Johnson, 35 yd pass from Jon Kitna (Jason Hanson kick is good), 4:34. Drive: 4 plays, 82 yards in 1:18

### Moving Up On the List

- ◆ Giants defensive end Michael Strahan had his first 3-sack game since Week 16 of the 2003 season.
- ◆ He is now 5<sup>th</sup> on the all-time list



**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- The Minnesota Vikings know how to make Eli Manning look bad, and this time they did it in front of big brother, Peyton. With Peyton watching in the stands, Darren Sharper, Dwight Smith and Chad Greenway picked off passes by Eli and returned them for touchdowns in leading the Vikings to a 41-17 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday. The Vikings (5-6) have picked off Manning eight times in the two games, scoring on four of those picks and coming close on another. Sharper scored on a 20-yard return, Smith rumbled 93 yards and Greenway followed from 37 yards just a few plays later as the Vikings set a team single-game record for interception returns for touchdowns. "When you throw four interceptions, it's never a good day," said Manning, who finished 21-of-49 for 273 yards. Sharper's interception came after Manning and tight end Jeremy Shockey had a miscommunication on a blitz read. It seemed Sharper was the only one who knew where the pass was going. Smith's score came on a tipped pass and Greenway's TD came with Manning under pressure. The NFL record for interceptions returned for touchdowns is four, set by Seattle against Kansas City on Nov. 4, 1984. The Vikings nearly had a fourth return in winning consecutive games for the first time this season. Smith returned a second-quarter interception 19 yards to the Giants 8, setting up a touchdown run by Chester Taylor. Another pick late in the third quarter was overturned by a Giants' challenge. The Giants were off-balance from the start. Tarvaris Jackson threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Sidney Rice just 41 seconds after the opening kickoff. Ryan Longwell added two field goals. The win helped the Vikings get back into the wild-card playoff chase and prevented the Giants from taking a two-game lead for the top wild-card berth. Manning threw a meaningless 6-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress in the fourth quarter. Reuben Droughns scored on a 1-yard run for New York and Lawrence Tynes kicked a 48-yard field goal. The loss dropped the Giants three games behind Dallas in the NFC East with five games to play. The Cowboys have the tiebreaker, having won both meetings this season. The Vikings also had a record-setting effort in their last game at Giants Stadium, setting an NFL mark by returning an interception, kickoff and punt for touchdowns in the same game.

**New York Giants (7-4)**

Total Yards: **309** Penalties/Yards: **5/30** Time of Possession: **27:46** Turnovers: **4**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	21/49	273	1	4
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Rueben Droughns	15	46	1	10
Ahmad Bradshaw	4	29	0	11
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress	7	93	1	32
Amani Toomer	4	83	0	31
Jeremy Shockey	4	44	0	20
Sinorice Moss	3	39	0	20
Rueben Droughns	1	6	0	6
Dominick Hixon	1	5	0	5
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	1/1	48	2/2	5

**Tackles**

Robbins (8), Wilson (7), Umenyiora (5), Torbor (4), Tuck (4), Cofield(3), Dockery(3), Johnson(3), Blackburn (2), McQuarters (2), Pierce (2), Ross (2), Strahan (2), Madison (1), Mitchell (1)

**Sacks**

Umenyiora (2), Robbins (1.5), Tuck (0.5)

**Interceptions**

None

**Forced Fumbles**

Umenyiora (1)




# Week 11

## Vikings 41, Giants 17



MIN	14	10	3	14	-41
NYG	7	0	3	7	-17

### Scoring Summary



#### 1st Quarter

-  TD Sidney Rice, 60 yd pass from Tarvaris Jackson (Ryan Longwell kick is good), 14:19. Drive: 2 plays, 60 yards in 0:41
-  TD Reuben Droughns, 1 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 9:25. Drive: 8 plays, 65 yards in 4:54
-  TD Darren Sharper, 20 yd interception return (Ryan Longwell kick is good), 3:15.




#### 2nd Quarter

-  TD Chester Taylor, 8 yd run (Ryan Longwell kick is good), 9:49. Drive: 1 plays, 8 yards in 0:09
-  FG Ryan Longwell, 46 yd field goal , 3:16. Drive: 9 plays, 37 yards in 4:47

#### 3rd Quarter

-  FG Lawrence Tynes, 48 yd field goal , 11:07. Drive: 10 plays, 48 yards in 3:53
-  FG Ryan Longwell, 26 yd field goal , 1:43. Drive: 14 plays, 69 yards in 9:24

#### 4th Quarter

-  TD Dwight Smith, 93 yd interception return (Ryan Longwell kick is good), 13:41.
-  TD Chad Greenway, 37 yd interception return (Ryan Longwell kick is good), 12:59.
-  TD Plaxico Burress, 6 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 5:54. Drive: 7 plays, 44 yards in 2:51

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeremiah Cook [mailto:zerulius@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2007 3:05 PM

To: Albano, Patrick J

Subject: Re: Fly Eagles, Fly

Well now i understand why you never tried to explain the Vespucian football before. I must say that this weekend however was probably the worst i have ever experianced via regular season.

All the Thanksgiving games were blowouts and went as expected.

Giants were blown out.

Rams lost due to inepptitude.

Broncos lost because of a stupid special teams coach, and punter.

Kurt Warner blew the Cardinals game after having a spectacular performance. One that was better in terms of yards then any he had in St. Louis.



**CHICAGO** -- Eli Manning's second pass landed in Brian Urlacher's hands. There was a fumble that led to a field goal, too, and just when it seemed his day couldn't get much worse, he threw an interception in the end zone. Then, everything turned around. Manning redeemed himself just in time, and the New York Giants dealt the Chicago Bears' playoff hopes another staggering blow. Manning, who was awful for most of the game, led two late touchdown drives, and Reuben Droughns scored on a 2-yard run with 1:33 remaining to lift the Giants to a 21-16 victory over the Bears on Sunday. The embattled quarterback threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer, which was initially ruled incomplete, with 6:54 left to cap a 75-yard drive and cut the Giants' deficit to 16-14. After the Bears punted, the Giants launched a 77-yard drive that ended with Droughns running around the right end with 1:33 left. Manning hit David Tyree with a 24-yard pass and threw a 15-yarder to Plaxico Burress that put the ball on the 2. The Bears got the ball with 1:28 remaining and marched from their 41 to the Giants 28 before Rex Grossman threw three incompletions -- the last one broken up by James Butler. It was a brutal loss for the defending NFC champions, who looked like they were about to put together back-to-back wins for the first time this season. Although he got sacked six times, Grossman was solid. He completed 25 of 46 passes for a season-high 296 yards and did not throw an interception. After losing Cedric Benson to a season-ending left ankle injury last week, the Bears turned to Adrian Peterson, and he ran for 67 yards and caught seven passes for 82. Derrick Ward ran for 154 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries for New York but injured his left ankle. He left the stadium on crutches and is scheduled for an MRI exam on Monday. Manning was 16-for-27 with 195 yards with two interceptions and a lost fumble, the turnovers dousing several scoring threats by the Giants (8-4) or putting Chicago in good position. He got intercepted on the game's opening possession by Urlacher, leading to a touchdown, and he fumbled the ball away deep in Chicago territory in the second quarter. Manning's problems continued in the third period. Trailing 16-7, the Giants drove to the 1, only to see him give it away again. New York's defense tightened up in the second half, holding the Bears to 98 yards after allowing 214 through the first two quarters. He spun and avoided a sack by Alex Brown and lofted a pass to Burress in the left corner of the end zone that a leaping Charles Tillman intercepted. The crowd erupted, but the Giants celebrated in the end.

**New York Giants (8-4)**

Total Yards: **356** Penalties/Yards: **2/10** Time of Possession: **30:36** Turnovers: **4**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	16/27	195	1	2
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Derrick Ward	24	154	1	33
Rueben Droughns	10	25	1	9
Ahmad Bradshaw	1	2	0	2
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Amani Toomer	6	69	1	18
Plaxico Burress	3	36	0	15
David Tyree	2	32	0	24
Derrick Ward	2	29	0	17
Jeremy Shockey	2	25	0	18
Kevin Boss	1	4	0	4
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	0/0	0	3/3	3

**Tackles**

Mitchell (8), Madison (6), Strahan (5), Cofield (4), Dockery (4), Johnson (4), Torbor (4), Dahl (3), Pierce (3), Umenyiora (3), Butler (2), Robbins (2), Tuck (2), McQuarters (1)

**Sacks**

Tuck (1.5), Strahan (1), Umenyiora (1), Madison (1), Robbins (1), Mitchell (0.5) **Int** **Forced Fum**  
None None


## Week 12

### Giants 21, Bears 16


<b>NYG</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>- 21</b>
<b>CHI</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 16</b>


#### Scoring Summary


##### 1st Quarter

 TD Desmond Clark, 1 yd pass from Rex Grossman (Robbie Gould kick is good), 9:58. Drive: 9 plays, 79 yards in 3:08


##### 2nd Quarter

 TD Derrick Ward, 2 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 10:25. Drive: 4 plays, 32 yards in 1:40


 FG Robbie Gould, 35 yd field goal , 4:38. Drive: 8 plays, 54 yards in 3:13


 FG Robbie Gould, 46 yd field goal , 0:00. Drive: 14 plays, 62 yards in 2:53

##### 3rd Quarter

 FG Robbie Gould, 41 yd field goal , 10:52. Drive: 7 plays, 2 yards in 3:04

##### 4th Quarter

 TD Amani Toomer, 6 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 6:54. Drive: 11 plays, 75 yards in 4:51

 TD Reuben Droughns, 2 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 1:33. Drive: 9 plays, 77 yards in 3:22

### The Amazing Prophecy

Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2007 13:50:41-0800 (PST)  
From: "Jeremiah Cook" <zerulius@yahoo.com>  
Subject: Re: Yo  
To: "Ric Albano" <xozzzz@yahoo.com>

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I hope they make it that far, and if there offense figures out how to play its possible because that Defense is lights out right now.

I was gonna go down there.

*Ric Albano* <xozzzz@yahoo.com> wrote:

Congrats on the permit - you'll have to drive me around now.  
Go G-men! **On the way to Tampa! (then Irving then Green Bay then Scottsdale then the Canyon of Heroes)**  
Broncos are 14% better than 2004 Giants.



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**PHILADELPHIA** -- Eli Manning threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress, Lawrence Tynes made three short field goals and the Giants moved closer toward clinching a playoff spot with a 16-13 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday. David Akers hit the right upright on a 57-yard attempt with one second left after Donovan McNabb drove the Eagles 50 yards in the final minute. Last January, Akers kicked a 38-yarder with no time remaining to give Philly a 23-20 victory over New York in a wild-card playoff game. Now the Giants (9-4) have all but eliminated the Eagles from playoff contention with their sixth consecutive win on the road. New York is almost locked into the No. 5 seed in the conference with three games left. The defending NFC East champion Eagles (5-8) can start looking ahead to next year following their third straight loss and fifth loss by four points or less. McNabb hadn't played since spraining his right ankle in the second quarter against Miami on Nov. 18. A.J. Feeley led the Eagles to a win over the Dolphins, but threw costly interceptions in the final minutes of losses to New England and Seattle. After McNabb led the he Eagles into the end zone on their first possession, they managed just a pair of field goals the rest of the game. New York took advantage of a rare fumble by the sure-handed Brian Westbrook in the third quarter to take their first lead. Justin Tuck forced Westbrook to fumble after a 2-yard catch and Sam Madison recovered it, giving the Giants the ball at the Eagles 37. Westbrook hadn't lost a fumble since Week 5 of last season, a streak of 559 touches in the regular season without losing the ball. Manning needed just three plays to find the end zone for the first time. A 19-yard catch by Amani Toomer set up the 20-yard scoring pass to Burress that put New York ahead 13-10. After Tynes kicked a 23-yarder to make it 16-10 late in the third quarter, Akers hit from 39 yards following a time-consuming drive to cut it to 16-13. The Giants were driving to put the game away when defensive end Juqua Thomas came from behind and forced Brandon Jacobs to fumble following a 21-yard gain. Thomas recovered it at the Eagles 5 with 5:51 left. Philly drove to New York's 44, but McNabb's pass to Jason Avant on fourth-and-6 was incomplete and the Eagles didn't get the ball again until the final minute. It appeared linebacker Antonio Pierce hit Avant early, but no flag was thrown.

**New York Giants (9-4)**

Total Yards: **318** Penalties/Yards: **3/15** Time of Possession: **27:31** Turnovers: **2**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	17/31	219	1	0
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	22	70	0	21
Rueben Droughns	3	34	0	35
Eli Manning	2	7	0	8
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress	7	136	1	41
Amani Toomer	3	37	0	19
Sinorice Moss	2	28	0	17
Brandon Jacobs	3	11	0	11
Jeremy Shockey	1	4	0	4
M. Matthews	1	3	0	3
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	3/3	23	1/1	10

**Tackles**

Mitchell (8), Dahl (4), Dockery (4), Johnson (4), Torbor (4), Umenyiora (4), Cofield(2), Madison(2), Strahan (2), Pierce (2), Ross (2), Tuck (2), Alford (1), Robbins (1)

**Sacks**

Alford (1), Umenyiora (1), Cofield (1)

**Interceptions**

None

**Forced Fumbles**

Tuck (1)


## Week 13

### Giants 16, Eagles 13


<b>NYG</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 16</b>
<b>PHI</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>- 13</b>

#### Scoring Summary

##### 1st Quarter


 TD Brian Westbrook, 18 yd pass from Donovan McNabb (David Akers kick is good), 11:47. Drive: 6 plays, 68 yards in 3:13


##### 2nd Quarter

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 19 yd field goal , 11:06. Drive: 13 plays, 84 yards in 6:25

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 23 yd field goal , 0:00. Drive: 9 plays, 45 yards in 1:23


##### 3rd Quarter

 FG David Akers, 29 yd field goal , 12:42.

 TD Plaxico Burress, 20 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 5:59. Drive: 3 plays, 37 yards in 1:11

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 23 yd field goal , 0:48. Drive: 7 plays, 61 yards in 3:06

##### 4th Quarter

 FG David Akers, 39 yd field goal , 8:26. Drive: 12 plays, 57 yards in 7:22

Date: Sat, 15 Dec 2007 17:34:35 -800 (PST)  
From: "Jeremiah Cook" <zerulius@yahoo.com>[Learn more](#)  
Subject: Re: Laptop  
To: "Ric Albano" <xozzzz@yahoo.com>

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Appeasement Be Damned!!!!

I think you just caught the Texans at a bad time theres no way there either of you will make the playoffs now. Unless the Texans perform a Christmas Miracle.

*Ric Albano* <xozzzz@yahoo.com> wrote:

I have your Dell and I am holding it hostage.

No harm will come to it if you agree to switch NFL teams with me for the

## Week 14 (December 16, 2007)



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**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- With every game having playoff implications for the Redskins these days, Clinton Portis and the new proud pop, Todd Collins, made sure Washington had something to play for next week. Portis ran for 126 yards and a touchdown and Collins led the Redskins on five scoring drives in his first start in 10 years, outplaying Eli Manning in a 22-10 victory that put a little doubt into the New York Giants' once seemingly certain road to the postseason. After losing four straight, Washington is back in the hunt after enduring the tragic shooting death of Pro Bowl safety Sean Taylor in late November.

The Vikings (7-6) play the Chicago Bears on Monday night, before meeting the Redskins in Minnesota next week. New Orleans also is 7-7 with two games to play. Portis scored on a 5-yard run, Ladell Betts got in from 14 yards out on a draw play and Shaun Suisham kicked three field goals on a blustery evening. No one had a wilder ride this week than Collins, the journeyman who took over as the starting quarterback after Jason Campbell was hurt against the Bears 10 days ago. He was making his first start since 1997. Eli Manning, who hasn't missed a start since 2004, had a horrible night, completing 18-of-52 for 184 yards in a game in which his receivers dropped at least eight passes. The biggest drop was by veteran Amani Toomer late in the third quarter with New York trailing 22-10. Manning had hit rookie Kevin Boss with a 19-yard touchdown pass on the previous series and he found Toomer wide open around midfield with a wind-whipped wobbly pass. With no one around him, the Giants' all-time leading receiver dropped the certain touchdown. The drive eventually ended with Lawrence Tynes missing a 38-yard field goal and New York never threatened again. The loss was the third straight at home for the Giants (9-5), and this one was costly as Pro Bowl tight end Jeremy Shockey was lost for the season with a broken left leg early in the second half. New York still can clinch a playoff berth with a win at Buffalo next weekend. It had better win, because the final regular-season game is at home against New England, which will probably be looking to put the finishing touches on a perfect regular season.

### New York Giants (9-5)

Total Yards: **307** Penalties/Yards: **3/35** Time of Possession: **31:05** Turnovers: **1**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	18/53	184	1	0
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	25	130	0	18
Ahmad Bradshaw	1	8	0	8
Eli Manning	1	1	0	1
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Sinorice Moss	5	53	0	15
Plaxico Burress	3	35	0	18
Kevin Boss	2	31	1	19
Brandon Jacobs	3	30	0	11
Jeremy Shockey	2	18	0	15
Rueben Droughns	1	8	0	8
Steve Smith	1	8	0	8
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	1/2	35	1/1	4

#### Tackles

Tuck (7), Cofield (5), Dahl (4), Dockery (4), Madison (4), Pierce (4), Robbins (4), Strahan (4), Mitchell (2), Johnson (1), Ross (1), Torbor (1)

#### Sacks

Tuck (1), Robbins (1)

#### Interceptions

None

#### Forced Fumbles

None

## Week 14

### Redskins 22, Giants 10


WAS	3	13	6	0	- 22
NYG	0	3	7	0	- 10


#### Scoring Summary


##### 1st Quarter

 FG Shaun Suisham, 49 yd field goal , 2:23. Drive: 6 plays, 20 yards in 2:24

##### 2nd Quarter


 FG Shaun Suisham, 31 yd field goal , 10:12. Drive: 6 plays, 67 yards in 2:40


 TD Ladell Betts, 14 yd run (Shaun Suisham kick is good), 3:07. Drive: 6 plays, 50 yards in 2:05

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 35 yd field goal , 1:16. Drive: 8 plays, 55 yards in 1:51

 FG Shaun Suisham, 28 yd field goal , 0:00. Drive: 7 plays, 62 yards in 1:16

##### 3rd Quarter

 TD Clinton Portis, 5 yd run pass failed, 12:08. Drive: 5 plays, 46 yards in 2:52

 TD Kevin Boss, 19 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 4:37. Drive: 6 plays, 48 yards in 2:24

##### 4th Quarter

None

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeremiah Cook [mailto:zerulius@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 6:39 PM

To: Patrick J Albano; Patrick J Albano

Subject: The Weekend.

I think 05 was the last year i saw the Giants play with emotion. The fire vanished with Mara. I don't mean to sound Anti-Gmen, but they have little to know shot of doing anything these last two weeks, and even if they beat Buffalo they won't make it past Playoff experianced teams like Seattle, or Tampa.

Also those Pro Bowl selections sucked. Burress??? He's two TDs behind TO! Not that it's unusual to see the Pro Bowls make stupid decesions. It's all about whos playing hot the last week of selections that matters (Romo last year) or who people already know (Sorry, but Champ Bailey???)



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**ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.** -- Neither rain, sleet nor snow -- and not even Bills tight end Kevin Everett's inspirational return to Buffalo -- could prevent the New York Giants from clinching a playoff berth Sunday. A rediscovered running attack and an opportunistic defense carried the Giants past the Bills and the elements in a 38-21 win. Brandon Jacobs scored twice and finished with a career-high 145 yards. Jacobs' two scores, including a powerful 43-yard run, rallied the Giants from a 14-0 first-quarter deficit. And when he left the game with a sprained left ankle in the fourth quarter, New York kept running the ball, with backup Ahmad Bradshaw scoring on an 88-yard touchdown run that put the Giants up 31-21 with 6:12 left. The game began with a pelting rain and winds gusting at more than 30 miles per hour, and ended with flurries and wind gusts above 50. The conditions contributed to the teams committing four turnovers each and not mounting much of a passing attack. The Giants (10-5) won their seventh straight road game to establish a single-season franchise record. And they avoided what could've been a must-win finale against the league's top team, the New England Patriots, next weekend. Even quarterback Eli Manning could shrug off a performance in which he went 7-of-15 for 111 yards with two interceptions and two lost fumbles. "We've won some tough games, done a good job, and it's a relief," Manning said. "We all knew we wanted to do it this game." The Bills (7-8), who were eliminated from playoff contention following an 8-0 loss at Cleveland last weekend, gained 122 yards and scored on each of its first two possessions. Nothing much else went right after that, as the Bills managed 122 yards the rest of the game as the Bills again proved they're incapable of beating a playoff contender. Six of Buffalo's eight losses this year have come against teams that have qualified for the postseason. Edwards finished 9 of 26 for 161 yards, with two touchdowns -- a 3-yarder to Michael Gaines and 4-yarder to Lee Evans -- and three interceptions. Marshawn Lynch also scored for the Bills.

**New York Giants (10-5)**

Total Yards: **383** Penalties/Yards: **4/25** Time of Possession: **34:05** Turnovers: **4**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	7/15	111	0	2
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Ahmad Bradshaw	17	151	1	88
Brandon Jacobs	25	143	2	43
Rueben Droughns	3	-5	0	0
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Amani Toomer	5	99	0	39
Plaxico Burress	1	6	0	6
Brandon Jacobs	1	6	0	6
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	1/1	42	5/5	8

**Tackles**

Wilson (6), Pierce (5), Umenyiora (4), Butler (3), Mitchell (3), Ross (3), Tuck (1), Torbor (1), Tollefson (1), Webster (1), Robbins (1)

**Sacks**

Mitchell (2)

**Interceptions**

Mitchell (1), Madison (1), Webster (1)

**Forced Fumbles**

Mitchell (1)


# Week 15


## Giants 38, Bills 21

<b>NYG</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>- 38</b>
<b>BUF</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 21</b>

### Scoring Summary


#### 1st Quarter

 TD Michael Gaines, 3 yd pass from Trent Edwards (Rian Lindell kick is good), 10:24. Drive: 7 plays, 60 yards in 4:36

 TD Lee Evans, 4 yd pass from Trent Edwards (Rian Lindell kick is good), 5:31. Drive: 6 plays, 66 yards in 3:01


#### 2nd Quarter

 TD Brandon Jacobs, 6 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 11:38. Drive: 5 plays, 23 yards in 1:58


 TD Brandon Jacobs, 43 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 8:32. Drive: 4 plays, 57 yards in 1:47

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 42 yd field goal , 2:35. Drive: 7 plays, 32 yards in 4:16


#### 3rd Quarter

 TD Marshawn Lynch, 3 yd run (Rian Lindell kick is good), 13:54. Drive: 2 plays, 31 yards in 0:51

#### 4th Quarter

 TD Kawika Mitchell, 20 yd interception return (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 14:05.

 TD Ahmad Bradshaw, 88 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 6:12. Drive: 1 plays, 88 yards in 0:15

 TD Corey Webster, 34 yd interception return (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 5:50.



**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** -- The New England Patriots invaded Giants Stadium Saturday night hoping for a coronation. What they got was a prizefight. Nevertheless, the Patriots completed a perfect regular season Saturday night, finishing with a remarkable 16-0 record following a thrilling 38-35 comeback victory over the New York Giants. With one mighty heave, Tom Brady and Randy Moss took care of the record books. Now it's down to business for the unbeaten New England Patriots: stamping themselves as the greatest team in NFL history. Validation of the Patriots' inexorable march through the season can only come by adding a Super Bowl championship, their fourth of the decade. Do that and there'll be no challenge to their spot at the top. New England became the first NFL team since the 1972 Dolphins to win every game on the schedule, and that one was only 14-0. This victory required a comeback from a 12-point deficit engineered by the brilliant Brady, and smashed the Patriots' league mark for consecutive victories. The Giants, already guaranteed a playoff game against Tampa Bay next weekend and with little to play for except spoiling New England's perfect ride, led 28-16 in the third quarter. It was the Patriots' largest deficit all year as the Giants showed no fear and plenty of versatility, scoring the most points New England allowed in a game during this remarkable run. Manning threw for four touchdowns. The Giants opened the game driving 74 yards, sparked by a 52-yard completion on which Plaxico Burress outleapt Ellis Hobbs for Manning's jump-ball throw. Brandon Jacobs broke Tedy Bruschi's tackle to score on a 7-yard reception for a 7-0 lead. The Patriots, the highest-scoring team in NFL history, struck back. After Stephen Gostkowski's 37-yard field goal, New England went on top - and surpassed Minnesota's league mark of 556 points - on the record-tying 4-yard TD pass from Brady to Moss, who soared above rookie Aaron Ross for the score. The 10-7 lead lasted all of 11 seconds. Domenik Hixon, in his first game as New York's primary kick returner, went 74 yards for a score. Not to worry. The Patriots drove 73-yards, ending with Laurence Maroney's 6-yard run to make it 28-23 with 4:00 to go in the third period. Then came the most familiar of scenes: Brady dropping back, winding up and hitting a wide-open Moss in stride for a touchdown. The final go-ahead TD in their perfect year. Although many are eager to hail these Patriots as the NFL's all-time best, such acclaim won't come unless they win two playoff games and their fourth Super Bowl this decade. Who knows, the Patriots might even wind up facing the long-shot Giants in the Super Bowl.

**New York Giants (10-6)**

Total Yards: **316** Penalties/Yards: **5/53** Time of Possession: **23:42** Turnovers: **1**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	22/32	251	4	1
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	15	67	0	16
Eli Manning	3	13	0	11
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress	4	84	2	52
Kevin Boss	4	50	1	23
Brandon Jacobs	5	44	1	17
Amani Toomer	4	41	0	19
Steve Smith	3	29	0	12
David Tyree	2	3	0	4
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	0/0	0	5/5	5

**Tackles**

Wilson (8), Butler (6), Ross (6), Pierce (4), Strahan (4), Torbor (4), Wilkinson (4), Cofield (3), Madison (2), Robbins (2), Tuck (2), Webster (2), McQuarters (1), Mitchell (1)

**Sacks**  
Torber (1)

**Interceptions**  
None

**Forced Fumbles**  
None


# Week 16


## Patriots 38, Giants 35

NE	3	13	7	15	- 38
NYG	7	14	7	7	- 35


### Scoring Summary


#### 1st Quarter


 TD Brandon Jacobs, 7 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 10:59. Drive: 7 plays, 74 yards in 4:01


 FG Stephen Gostkowski, 37 yd field goal , 5:19. Drive: 12 plays, 54 yards in 5:40


#### 2nd Quarter

 TD Randy Moss, 4 yd pass from Tom Brady (Stephen Gostkowski kick is good), 14:55. Drive: 8 plays, 50 yards in 3:41


 TD Domenik Hixon, 74 yd kick return (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 14:44.


 FG Stephen Gostkowski, 45 yd field goal , 9:59. Drive: 8 plays, 39 yards in 4:45

 FG Stephen Gostkowski, 37 yd field goal , 1:59. Drive: 11 plays, 61 yards in 5:41


 TD Kevin Boss, 3 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 0:13. Drive: 8 plays, 85 yards in 1:46


#### 3rd Quarter


 TD Plaxico Burress, 19 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 9:12. Drive: 7 plays, 60 yards in 4:10

 TD Laurence Maroney, 6 yd run (Stephen Gostkowski kick is good), 4:00. Drive: 8 plays, 73 yards in 5:12

#### 4th Quarter

 TD Randy Moss, 65 yd pass from Tom Brady (Laurence Maroney run), 11:06. Drive: 3 plays, 65 yards in 0:23

 TD Laurence Maroney, 5 yd run (Stephen Gostkowski kick is good), 4:36. Drive: 9 plays, 52 yards in 5:17

 TD Plaxico Burress, 3 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 1:04. Drive: 11 plays, 68 yards in 3:32

#### Touchdown Passes

1	2007 Tom Brady, New England Patriots	50
2	2004 Peyton Manning, Indianapolis Colts	49
3	1984 Dan Marino, Miami Dolphins	48

#### Touchdown Receptions

1	2007 Randy Moss, New England Patriots	23
2	1987 Jerry Rice, San Francisco 49ers	22
3	1994 Sterling Sharpe, Green Bay Packers	18
4	1984 Mark Clayton, Miami Dolphins	18



**TAMPA, Fla.** -- The Giants improved to 8-1 away from home with a dominating 24-14 NFC wild-card playoff victory over the Buccaneers on Sunday. New York has won every away game since falling in its season opener against the Dallas Cowboys, and it gets a chance to diminish that blemish in a much bigger re-match next Sunday, with the winner going to the conference title game. As for concerns the Giants (11-6) left too much of themselves on the field in futilely trying to stop New England's perfect season on Dec. 29, well, forget it. After a lackluster first quarter, New York bullied the NFC South champion Bucs, who lost three of their last four regular-season games, including the final two when coach Jon Gruden rested many starters. Amani Toomer made seven receptions for 74 yards and a touchdown and Eli Manning went 20-of-27 for 185 yards, with almost all the damage coming after a forgettable opening period in which New York had minus-2 yards of total offense. The oft-criticized Manning should draw nothing but praise for his performance, which included touchdown passes of 5 yards to Brandon Jacobs and 4 yards to Toomer. The defense also showed up with a superb effort in the final three quarters. Cornerback Corey Webster's interception and fumble recovery, and Michael Strahan's nine tackles and a sack led the way. Tampa Bay (9-8) gained only 166 yards before a late 88-yard drive made it 24-14. Jacobs also had an 8-yard touchdown run for the Giants, while Lawrence Tynes kicked a 25-yard field goal. Earnest Graham ran for a 1-yard touchdown and Alex Smith had a 6-yard scoring reception for the Bucs, who have not won a postseason game since the Super Bowl in January 2003. The first quarter was so lopsided the Giants never picked up a first down. Meanwhile, Garcia, who beat the Giants in two previous playoff starts against them, led the Bucs on a 54-yard, 10-play march. It was highlighted by Graham, who capped it with a 1-yard touchdown run. Graham gained 41 yards on the drive. But when the second quarter arrived, the visitors woke up. Manning found Toomer for 17-, 10- and 13-yard gains before Jacobs avoided linebacker Derrick Brooks to tie it on his 5-yard reception. Six minutes later, New York led as Jacobs scored on an 8-yard run. Manning completed all four passes on the 65-yard drive, including a 21-yarder to Steve Smith on third down. By halftime, the flag-waving Bucs fans had been silenced by the power running and precise passing of the Giants, who were up 14-7. It got worse immediately for the home crowd when Micheal Spurlock fumbled his runback to open the second half. Webster recovered at the Tampa 30-yard line and the Giants got to the 4 before Tynes made his field goal. Webster, starting only because Sam Madison was injured against the Patriots, contributed again moments later to foil a good Tampa Bay drive. He shadowed Joey Galloway to the end zone and picked off Garcia's weak pass.

**New York Giants (11-6)**

Total Yards: **277** Penalties/Yards: **5/41** Time of Possession: **33:31** Turnovers: **0**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	20/27	185	2	0
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Ahmad Bradshaw	17	66	0	8
Brandon Jacobs	13	34	1	9
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Amani Toomer	7	74	1	17
Plaxico Burress	4	38	0	14
Steve Smith	3	29	0	21
Brandon Jacobs	2	16	1	11
Kevin Boss	2	14	0	11
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	1/1	25	3/3	6

**Tackles**

Strahan (8), Pierce (6), Butler (5), Wilkinson (5), Ross (4), Wilson (3), Dockery (2), Mitchell (2), Tuck (2), Umenyiora (2), Cofield (1), Johnson (1), Torbor (1), Robbins (1)

**Sacks**

Strahan (1)

**Interceptions**

McQuarters (1), Webster (1)

**Forced Fumbles**


Strahan (1)

Giants 24, Buccaneers 14


NYG	0	14	3	7	-24
TB	7	0	0	7	-14

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

 TD Ernest Graham, 1 yd pass from run (Matt Bryant kick is good), 1:49. Drive: 10 plays, 54 yards in 5:13

2nd Quarter


 TD Brandon Jacobs, 5 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 10:02. Drive: 8 plays, 53 yards in 4:04

 TD Brandon Jacobs, 8 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 4:06. Drive: 7 plays, 65 yards in 4:23

3rd Quarter

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 25 yd field goal, 9:56. Drive: 9 plays, 23 yards in 4:54

4th Quarter

 TD Amani Toomer, 4 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 8:03. Drive: 15 plays, 92 yards in 8:37

 TD Alex Smith, 6 yd pass from pass from Jeff Garcia (Matt Bryant kick is good), 3:25. Drive: 12 plays, 88 yards in 4:38



**IRVING, Texas** -- Eli Manning and the New York Giants knocked the Dallas Cowboys into the offseason Sunday. Having to wait out long, slow drives by Dallas, Manning made his few chances count, throwing two touchdown passes to Amani Toomer and getting a 1-yard touchdown run from Brandon Jacobs for a 21-17 victory that put New York into the NFC championship game for the first time since the 2000 season. The Cowboys couldn't capitalize on a 13-3 season, which matched the best in team history. They're the first No. 1 seed in the NFC to lose in this round since the NFL went to the 12-team playoff format in 1990. They also became the seventh team to lose a playoff game against a team they'd beaten twice in the regular season. The Giants loved every bit of it. New York gave up 45 and 31 points in the first two meetings. This time, the Giants were content to give up short yardage, and the Cowboys accepted the invitation. Their first three scoring drives took nine, 20 and 14 plays, burning a total of 23:32 off the clock. Dallas converted eight straight third downs in that stretch, yet came away leading only 17-14 midway through the second quarter. Toomer turned a short pass into a 52-yard touchdown on the game-opening drive, breaking free from two tackles and running away from everyone else. New York hardly had the ball the rest of the first half, but got it back at its 29 with 47 seconds left and Manning turned it into another touchdown to Toomer, a 4-yarder on a drive helped along by a 15-yard face mask penalty. The Cowboys stuck with their formula at the start of the third quarter, taking more than half the time off the clock on another long march. Yet a drop in the end zone by tight end Anthony Fasano and a false start penalty on Flozell Adams stalled the drive. Dallas settled for a field goal and a 17-14 lead. The Giants had to go only 37 yards on their go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Jacobs ran it in for the score, then threw the ball into the play clock for emphasis. The 91st meeting between these teams, and first in the playoffs, would only get more interesting from there. The teams traded scoring chances -- and missed opportunities. Romo was sacked on the next drive and wound up leaving the field pointing at teammates after an incompleteness. New York then started on its 3-yard line and saw Jacobs get stuffed on a third-and-1. Dallas had great field position, but wasted it with another sack. Then came a third-down conversion erased by an illegal formation penalty, an intentional grounding on a heave out of bounds and a third-and-20 pass to Terrell Owens that came up short. Cornerback R.W. McQuarters intercepted a pass in the end zone with 9 seconds left, turning away a last-ditch drive by Dallas quarterback Tony Romo.

**New York Giants (12-6)**

Total Yards: **230** Penalties/Yards: **2/25** Time of Possession: **23:30** Turnovers: **0**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	12/18	163	2	0
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	14	54	1	10
Ahmad Bradshaw	6	34	0	11
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Amani Toomer	4	80	2	52
Steve Smith	4	48	0	22
Kevin Boss	1	19	0	19
Ahmad Bradshaw	1	6	0	6
Plaxico Burress	1	5	0	5
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	0/0	0	3/3	3

**Tackles**

Strahan (7), Butler (4), Mitchell (4), Ross (4), Torbor (4), Wilson (4), McQuarters (3), Pierce (2), Webster (2), Umenyiora (2), Pope (1), Tuck (1)

**Sacks**

Mitchell (1), Torbor (1)

**Interceptions**

McQuarters (1)

**Forced Fumbles**


None

Giants 21, Cowboys 17

<b>NYG</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>- 21</b>
<b>DAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 17</b>


Scoring Summary


1st Quarter

 TD Amani Toomer, 52 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 11:50. Drive: 6 plays, 77 yards in 3:10


2nd Quarter

 TD Terrell Owens, 5 yd pass from Tony Romo (Nick Folk kick is good), 14:56. Drive: 9 plays, 96 yards in 4:57


 TD Marion Barber, 1 yd run (Nick Folk kick is good), 0:53. Drive: 20 plays, 90 yards in 10:28

 TD Amani Toomer, 4 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 0:07. Drive: 7 plays, 71 yards in 0:46

3rd Quarter

 FG Nick Folk, 34 yd field goal , 6:53. Drive: 14 plays, 62 yards in 8:07

4th Quarter

 TD Brandon Jacobs, 1 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 13:29. Drive: 6 plays, 37 yards in 2:24



**GREEN BAY, Wis.** -- Oh, brother! Eli, the baby of the Manning quarterback clan, finally has arrived. And he's taking the New York Giants on yet another road trip -- to Glendale, Ariz., site of Super Bowl XLII. New York came close to derailing New England's perfect season in the final week of the regular season. Now, the Giants get another shot at the undefeated Patriots in the Super Bowl. Manning repeatedly put the Giants in position to win the NFC championship Sunday, and when Lawrence Tynes came through at last with a 47-yard field goal in overtime, New York had itself an improbable 23-20 victory over the Green Bay Packers at frostbitten Lambeau Field. It was the first successful field goal from at least 40 yards (in nine tries) that an opponent has made in 16 playoff games at Lambeau Field. Tynes had two earlier misses -- a 36-yarder at the end of regulation following a bad snap, and a 43-yarder with 6:49 to go -- before nailing his long winner 2:35 into OT. He got a reprieve in overtime after Corey Webster intercepted a struggling Bret Favre. The Giants (13-6) had a handful of opportunities to put away the Packers (14-4) as Favre struggled with temperatures dipping to minus-3 degrees and wind-chill of minus-24. Along with Tynes' misses after making two first-half kicks, the Giants fumbled their first interception, allowed a long kickoff return after taking a lead, and had some critical penalties that kept Green Bay closer than it probably deserved to be. Favre wound up 19-for-35 for 236 yards and two interceptions. It's now a decade since the career leader in most NFL passing categories has been to the big game. New York, which also won at Tampa and Dallas in the playoffs, was aided greatly by four penalties against the Packers during the Giants' seven-minute, 69-yard march to begin the second half. Brandon Jacobs bolted in from about an inch out after successive offside calls just moments after his third-down fumble was recovered by tight end Kevin Boss. But the biggest miscue was Nick Collins' 15-yard roughing-the-passer penalty on Manning, whose throw was blocked on a third-down play. Jacobs faked a Lambeau Leap after his score, incensing the hardy souls in the full house of 72,470. They were stamping their frozen feet in delight seconds later when Tramon Williams, seemingly trapped along the left sideline, cut right and returned the kickoff 49 yards to the New York 39. Favre immediately pounced with a brilliant play-fake that sprung tight end Donald Lee free in the back of the end zone for a 12-yard TD reception and a 17-13 lead. With the footing holding on a field heated by pipes underneath, Domenik Hixon got the Giants' next scoring drive started with a 33-yard kickoff runback. Then, Manning kept picking apart the Packers' staple man coverage, a 23-yard diving catch by Amani Toomer setting up rookie Ahmad Bradshaw's 4-yard TD run.

**New York Giants (13-6)**

Total Yards: **377** Penalties/Yards: **6/50** Time of Possession: **40:01** Turnovers: **1**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	21/40	251	0	0
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Jacobs	21	67	1	12
Ahmad Bradshaw	16	63	1	10
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Plaxico Burress	11	151	0	32
Amani Toomer	4	42	0	23
Steve Smith	2	25	0	14
Kevin Boss	1	12	0	12
David Tyree	1	4	0	4
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	3/5	47	2/2	11

**Tackles**

Pierce (6), Wilson (5), Butler (4), Mitchell (3), Tuck (3), Strahan (2), Webster (2), Johnson (1), McQuarters (1), Madison (1), Robbins (1),

**Sacks**  
None

**Interceptions**  
McQuarters (1), Webster (1)


**Forced Fumbles**  
None

Giants 23, Packers 20 (OT)


<b>NYG</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>- 23</b>
<b>GB</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 20</b>


Scoring Summary


1st Quarter

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 28 yd field goal , 4:50. Drive: 14 plays, 71 yards in 7:48


2nd Quarter


 FG Lawrence Tynes, 37 yd field goal , 11:41. Drive: 7 plays, 38 yards in 3:04


 TD Donald Driver, 90 yd pass from Bret Favre (Mason Crosby kick is good), 11:18. Drive: 1 play, 90 yards in 0:23

 FG Mason Crosby, 36 yd field goal, 1:30. Drive: 8 plays, 29 yards in 2:58


3rd Quarter

 TD Brandon Jacobs, 1 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 7:56. Drive: 12 plays, 69 yards in 7:04


 TD Donald Lee, 12 yd pass from Bret Favre (Mason Crosby kick is good), 5:00. Drive: 6 plays, 39 yards in 2:56

 TD Ahmad Bradshaw, 4 yd run (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 2:12. Drive: 7 plays, 57 yards in 2:48

4th Quarter

 FG Mason Crosby, 37 yd field goal, 11:46. Drive: 4 plays, 0 yards in 2:14

Overtime

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 47 yd field goal , 12:25. Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards in 1:39



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**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- The Giants had the perfect answer for the suddenly imperfect Patriots: a big, bad defense and an improbable comeback led by their own Mr. Cool quarterback, Eli Manning. In one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history, New York shattered New England's unbeaten season 17-14 Sunday night as Manning hit Plaxico Burress on a 13-yard fade with 35 seconds left. It was the Giants' 11th straight victory on the road and the first time the Patriots tasted defeat in more than a year. New England's defense could not stop a final, frantic 12-play, 83-yard drive that featured a spectacular leaping catch by David Tyree, who had scored New York's first touchdown on the opening drive of the fourth quarter.

"It's the greatest feeling in professional sports," Burress said before bursting into tears. And now the 1972 Miami Dolphins can pop another bottle of champagne in celebration of a record still intact, the only perfect season in the Super Bowl era. Tom Brady, the league's Most Valuable Player, was sacked five times, hurried a dozen more and at one point wound up on his knees, his hands on his hips following one of many poor throws in New England's lowest scoring game of the season. Oddly, it was a high scoring loss to the Patriots that sparked New York's stunning run to its third Super Bowl and sixth NFL title. Their growing confidence carried them through playoff victories at Tampa Bay, Dallas and Green Bay. The Giants became the first NFC wild card team to win a Super Bowl; four AFC teams have done it. Until the frantic fourth quarter, the only scoring came on the game's first two drives. The Giants did almost exactly what they sought with the opening kickoff, using up nearly 10 minutes to go 63 yards before settling for a 32-yard field goal. The 9:59 drive was the longest in Super Bowl history. That 3-0 lead lasted for the rest of the quarter, but only because the Patriots were stopped at New York's 1 as the period expired. On the next play, Laurence Maroney scored. New England's 12-play drive was aided by a 16-yard pass interference penalty on linebacker Antonio Pierce in the end zone. The Giants' celebrated defensive line controlled much of the half, holding the most prolific offense in NFL history to a measly 81 yards and seven points. Justin Tuck's second sack, in the final seconds of the half, forced a fumble recovered by New York teammate Osi Umenyiora. Early in the fourth, Manning found Tyree for a 5-yard touchdown to cap an 80-yard drive for a 10-7 lead. Pressed unlike they are accustomed to, the Patriots responded with their own 80-yard march as Brady finally got some time. Randy Moss, who caught a record 23 of Brady's record 50 TD throws this year, took a 6-yard pass when cornerback Corey Webster fell, and with a mere 2:42 remaining, the first 19-0 season was right there. Eli and the Giants snatched it away.

**New York Giants (14-6)**

Total Yards: **338** Penalties/Yards: **4/36** Time of Possession: **30:27** Turnovers: **1**

<b>Passing</b>	Com/Att	Yards	TD	Int
Eli Manning	19/34	255	2	1
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yards	TD	Long
Ahmad Bradshaw	9	45	0	13
Brandon Jacobs	14	42	0	7
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yards	TD	Long
Amani Toomer	6	84	0	38
Steve Smith	5	50	0	17
Kevin Boss	1	45	0	45
David Tyree	3	43	1	32
Plaxico Burress	2	27	1	14
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	Long	XP	Pts
Lawrence Tynes	1/1	32	2/2	5

**Tackles**

Butler (9), Pierce (7), Tuck (5), Dockery (3), Wilson (3), Mitchell (3), Umenyiora (3), Robbins (3), Alford (2), Madison (2), Strahan (2), Torbor (2), Webster (1), Johnson (1), Cofield (1), Ross (1)

**Sacks**

Tuck (2), Mitchell (1), Strahan (1), Alford (1)

**Interceptions**

None

**Forced Fumbles**


Tuck (1)

Giants 17, Patriots 14


<b>NYG</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>- 17</b>
<b>NE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>- 14</b>

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

 FG Lawrence Tynes, 31 yd field goal , 5:01. Drive: 16 plays, 63 yards in 9:59


2nd Quarter


 TD Lawrence Maroney, 1 yd pass from run (Stephen Gostkowski kick is good), 14:57. Drive: 12 plays, 56 yards in 5:04


3rd Quarter

None

4th Quarter

 TD David Tyree, 5 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good)), 11:05. Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards in 3:47

 TD Randy Moss, 6 yd pass from Tom Brady (Stephen Gostkowski kick is good), 2:42. Drive: 12 plays, 80 yards in 5:12

 TD Plaxico Burress, 13 yd pass from Eli Manning (Lawrence Tynes kick is good), 0:35. Drive: 12 plays, 83 yards in 2:07



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