

# COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF (9 DAYS)

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## THE NFL IS SO UNPREDICTABLE THAT IN 2012...

Nothing exhibits the unpredictability of the NFL more than the tightness of NFL games:

- “A lot of real close, competitive games come down to the last possession, the last play or one key play right at the end of the game,” says New England Patriots head coach **BILL BELICHICK**. “The league is very competitive all the way across the board.”

Games continued to be *thisclose*. Nearly 65% were within one score in the fourth quarter:

GAMES DECIDED BY ONE SCORE			GAMES WITHIN ONE SCORE AT ANY POINT IN 4TH QUARTER		
POINTS	GAMES	PCT.	POINTS	GAMES	PCT.
8 or Fewer	131 of 256	51.2%	8 or Fewer	166 of 256	64.8%
7 or Fewer	120 of 256	46.9%	7 or Fewer	155 of 256	60.5%
3 or Fewer	57 of 256	22.3%	3 or Fewer	107 of 256	41.8%



## KICKOFF WEEKEND RECORDS OF NFL TEAMS

(Note: Ties prior to 1972 do not count in winning percentage)

AFC	W	L	T	Pct.	Longest Streaks			NFC	W	L	T	Pct.	Longest Streaks		
					Win	Loss	Current						Win	Loss	Current
Denver	33	19	1	.635	4	4	W-1	Dallas	35	17	1	.673	17	5	W-1
Jacksonville	11	7	0	.611	6	3	L-1	Chicago	53	35	5	.602	9	6	W-3
San Diego	31	22	0	.585	6	6	W-2	N.Y. Giants	49	34	5	.590	4	3	L-2
New England	29	24	0	.547	9	3	W-9	Green Bay	52	37	3	.584	5	6	L-1
Houston	6	5	0	.545	3	3	W-3	Minnesota	29	22	1	.569	5	3	W-1
Pittsburgh	40	34	4	.541	8	3	L-2	Detroit	44	37	2	.543	10	4	W-2
Baltimore	9	8	0	.529	5	4	W-5	Atlanta	25	22	0	.532	5	3	W-1
Miami	24	22	1	.522	11	5	L-2	San Francisco	33	29	1	.532	5	3	W-2
Kansas City	27	26	0	.509	7	4	L-2	Washington	40	37	4	.519	6	5	W-3
Tennessee	27	26	0	.509	4	3	L-2	St. Louis	38	37	0	.507	5	6	L-6
Indianapolis	34	34	1	.500	8	8	L-3	Philadelphia	33	45	1	.423	5	9	W-2
Oakland	25	28	0	.472	5	8	L-1	Arizona	38	52	2	.422	6	7	W-3
N.Y. Jets	24	29	0	.453	3	5	W-2	Tampa Bay	15	22	0	.405	3	5	W-1
Cleveland	27	33	0	.450	5	8	L-8	Seattle	13	24	0	.351	3	8	L-2
Cincinnati	20	25	0	.444	4	4	L-1	New Orleans	16	30	0	.348	3	6	L-2
Buffalo	21	32	0	.396	6	5	L-1	Carolina	6	12	0	.333	3	4	L-4