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WHAT TO LOOK FOR – WEEK 4

EARLY RISER: Sparked by inspired play from quarterback **PEYTON MANNING**, Denver has won 14 consecutive regular-season games, including a 3-0 record to open the 2013 season. Manning's teams have often started strong as he has led his teams to a 4-0 start an NFL record five times in his career.

Denver hosts Philadelphia in Week 4, and Manning looks to earn his sixth 4-0 start to extend his mark for the most in the Super Bowl era.

The quarterbacks with the most 4-0 starts:

PLAYER	4-0 STARTS TO OPEN SEASON
<i>Peyton Manning</i>	5
Fran Tarkenton	4
Many tied	3

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PERSISTENT PASSER: Last week, New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** recorded his eighth consecutive game with at least 300 yards passing, the second-longest streak of all time and one shy of the NFL record.

With 300 passing yards against Miami, Brees can tie his own record for the most consecutive games with at least 300 yards passing (nine).

The quarterbacks with the most consecutive games with 300 yards passing:

PLAYER	TEAM	DATES	CONSEC. 300-YD GAMES
Drew Brees	New Orleans	11/13/11-9/6/12	9
<i>Drew Brees</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	<i>11/29/12-present</i>	<i>8*</i>
Steve Young	San Francisco	9/6/98-10/18/98	6
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	9/4/00-10/15/00	6
Rich Gannon	Oakland	9/15/02-10/27/02	6

*Active streak

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GREAT GRAHAM: New Orleans tight end **JIMMY GRAHAM** has 313 receiving yards in his past two games, the most by a tight end in a two-game span in a single season since 1996.

Last week, Graham had nine receptions for 134 yards and two touchdowns in the Saints' 31-7 victory over Arizona. In Week 2, Graham tallied 179 yards and a touchdown on 10 catches in a 16-14 defeat of Tampa Bay.

With 101 yards against Miami in Week 4, Graham will set the record for receiving yards by a tight end over a three-game span in a single season.

The most receiving yards by a tight end over a three-game span in a single season:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	REC. YDS. OVER THREE GAMES
Dave Kocourek	San Diego	1961	413
Shannon Sharpe	Denver	1996	413
<i>Jimmy Graham</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>313*</i>

*Two games played

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SACK ATTACK: NFL teams combined for 101 sacks in Week 3, the second-most in a single week in NFL history (Week 11 in 1986, 102).

Kansas City linebacker **JUSTIN HOUSTON** led all players with 4.5 sacks in the Chiefs' 26-16 win at Philadelphia on *Thursday Night Football*. Houston, who also notched three sacks in Week 1 against Jacksonville, has 7.5 sacks this season, tied for the second-most sacks through the first three games of season.

With two sacks in Week 4, Houston will have the most sacks through the first four weeks of a season in NFL history.

The players with the most sacks through the first four weeks of a season since individual sacks became an official stat in 1982:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	SACKS THROUGH FIRST FOUR GAMES
Mark Gastineau	New York Jets	1984	9.0
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	Green Bay	2001	9.0
Kevin Greene	Carolina	1998	9.0
Bill Gay	Detroit	1983	8.5
Many tied	--	--	8.0
Justin Houston	Kansas City	2013	7.5*

*Three games played

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HOME SWEET DOME: On Sunday, Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN** will start in his 40th home game since entering the league in 2008. Ryan, who has won 12 of his past 13 home starts, has compiled a 34-5 record at home during his career.

With a victory in Week 4 against New England, Ryan can tie the record for the most wins at home by a quarterback in his first 40 home starts.

The quarterbacks with the most wins in their first 40 home starts:

PLAYER	TEAM	WINS
Brett Favre	Green Bay	35
Roger Staubach	Dallas	34
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	34*

*39 home games played

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