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THE WEEK THAT WAS – WEEK 6

STILL ALIVE: Twenty teams (62.5 percent) are in or within one game of first place in their respective divisions, tied for the most through Week 6 since realignment in 2002 (20 teams in 2010).

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SCORING HIGHS: NFL teams have combined for 4,250 points in 2014, the most points through six weeks in NFL history (4,233 in 2012).

That record total equates to 46.70 points per game. If the current average stays at this pace, it would rank as the second-highest of any season in history (2013, 46.82 points per game) since 1970.

The seasons with the highest scoring average since the merger:

YEAR	POINTS PER GAME
2013	46.82
2012	45.51
2011	44.36
2010	44.07
2008	44.06
2014	46.70*

* Through Week 6

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TD GALORE: Teams have combined to score 479 touchdowns, the most at this point of any season in NFL history (466 in 2002 and 2013).

Of the 479 touchdowns, 303 have been touchdown passes, the most through the first six weeks of any season. The previous high was 289 in 2013.

SEASON	MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES
2014	303
2013	289
2012	277
2011	268
2002	263

A look at some notable individual accomplishments through Week 6:

- With 15 touchdown passes this season, Denver quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** has 506 for his career, three away from surpassing **BRETT FAVRE** (508) for the most career touchdown passes in NFL history.
- Denver tight end **JULIUS THOMAS** leads the NFL with nine touchdown catches, tied for the most of any player in NFL history through his team's first five games of a season (**CALVIN JOHNSON**, 2011).
- Baltimore quarterback **JOE FLACCO** passed for 306 yards and five touchdowns with no interceptions for a 146.0 passer rating in the Ravens' 48-17 win at Tampa Bay. Flacco threw his fifth touchdown pass at the 13:57 mark of the second quarter (16:03 into the game), becoming the fastest player to record five TD passes in a game since at least 1970.

Flacco also became the first player since 1986 with four touchdown passes in the first quarter of a game (Minnesota quarterback **TOMMY KRAMER** vs. Green Bay on September 8, 1986) and the first player with five touchdown passes in the first half since **TOM BRADY** (October 18, 2009 vs. Tennessee).

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BEARS VICTORIES: The **CHICAGO BEARS** improved to 3-3 by defeating the Falcons 27-13 in Atlanta, becoming the first franchise in NFL history with 750 total wins. Chicago's all-time record is 750-555-42.

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TAKE IT AND FLY: In Philadelphia's 27-0 win over the New York Giants on *Sunday Night Football*, cornerback **BRADLEY FLETCHER** forced a fumble which was recovered by the Eagles, extending their streak to 18 consecutive regular-season games with at least one takeaway, the longest current streak in the NFL.

The longest current streaks of consecutive games with a takeaway:

TEAM	CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TAKEAWAY	RECORD DURING STREAK
Philadelphia	18	14-4
Green Bay	14	7-6-1
Tennessee	8	4-4
Houston	7	3-4
3 Tied	5	--

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BETTER WITH AGE: Baltimore wide receiver **STEVE SMITH, SR.** had five catches for 110 yards and a 56-yard touchdown catch in the Ravens' 48-17 win at Tampa Bay. The score was Smith's third touchdown of 50 or more yards this season, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers **JAMES LOFTON** (1991) and **JERRY RICE** (1998) and **JOEY GALLOWAY** (2007) as the only players in NFL history with three touchdown catches of 50 or more yards in a season at age 35 or older.

In Dallas' 30-23 win at Seattle, tight end **JASON WITTEN** had two catches for 24 yards and one touchdown. Witten, who was 32 years and 159 days old on Sunday, became the second-youngest player in NFL history to reach 900 career receptions. Only Houston's **ANDRE JOHNSON** (32 years, 143 days) was younger when he recorded his 900th career catch.

Johnson had seven catches for 99 yards and a touchdown against Indianapolis on Thursday night. Now with 13,080 receiving yards, Johnson became the 15th player in NFL history to reach 13,000 career receiving yards.

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MAXIMUM WATT: Houston defensive end **J.J. WATT** had two sacks and a 45-yard fumble return-touchdown Thursday night against Indianapolis. It was the third touchdown Watt scored this season following a one-yard touchdown catch in Week 2 at Oakland and an 80-yard interception-return touchdown in Week 4 against Buffalo.

Watt joined **GEORGE HALAS** (1927), **JAY ARNOLD** (1938) and **BILLY STACY** (1961) as the only players to have scored a touchdown on a reception, interception return and return on an opponent's fumble in the same season.

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MONDAY NIGHT MILESTONE: The San Francisco 49ers overcame a 14-0 deficit to defeat the St. Louis Rams 31-17 in the 700th game in the history of *Monday Night Football*, which debuted in 1970.

San Francisco has a 46-25 record (.648) on Monday Night Football, the most wins of any team in the history of the primetime series.

TEAM	MNF WINS
San Francisco 49ers	46
Dallas Cowboys	43
Miami Dolphins	40
Pittsburgh Steelers	40
Oakland Raiders	37

The milestone games in the Monday Night Football series:

GAME NO.	DATE	WINNING TEAM	OPP. TEAM	NOTES
1	9/21/1970	Cleveland - 31	New York Jets - 21	Browns LB Billy Andrews has 25-yard INT-TD
100	11/14/1977	St. Louis - 24	Dallas - 17	Cardinals QB Jim Hart throws 2 TD passes
200	10/15/1984	Denver - 17	Green Bay - 14	Broncos return 2 fumbles for TDs
300	11/19/1990	LA Raiders - 13	Miami - 10	Raiders RB Marcus Allen totals 101 yards & TD
400	10/28/1996	Chicago - 15	Minnesota - 13	Bears RB Rashaan Salaam has rushing TD
500	10/28/2002	Philadelphia - 17	New York Giants - 3	Eagles rush for 295 yards
600	10/20/2008	New England - 41	Denver - 7	Patriots QB Matt Cassel has 3 TD passes
700	10/13/2014	San Francisco - 31	St. Louis - 17	49ers overcome 14-0 deficit en route to win

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