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THE WEEK THAT WAS – WEEK 3

IT'S STILL EARLY: In the first three weeks of 2015, 28 of the 32 clubs (87.5 percent) earned one or more wins, tied for the third-highest total in a season through three games since realignment in 2002.

The most teams with at least one win through three games since 2002:

YEAR	TEAMS WITH ONE OR MORE WINS THROUGH THREE GAMES
2012	30
2014	29
2015	28
2005	28

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LUCKY SEVEN: Seven NFL teams – Arizona, Atlanta, Carolina, Cincinnati, Denver, Green Bay and New England – are undefeated through Week 3. Since 1990, 75 percent of teams (93 of 124) that started 3-0 made the playoffs.

Atlanta is the only undefeated team that did not make the playoffs last season. Since the 12-team playoff format was adopted in 1990, at least four clubs made the playoffs that were not in the postseason the previous year.

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PASS FRENZY: NFL quarterbacks threw 48 touchdown passes in Week 3, bringing the season total to 157. The 157 touchdown passes are the most TD passes through the first three weeks of any season in NFL history. The previous high was 155 in 2013.

SEASON	MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
2015	157
2013	155
2011	153
2012	147
2014	144

There were also 12 300-yard passing performances in Week 3, bringing the season total of such games to 25. The 25 individual 300-yard passing games are the fourth-most through the first three weeks of any NFL season.

The most individual 300-yard passing games through Week 3 in NFL history:

SEASON	INDIVIDUAL 300-YARD PASS. GAMES
2011	34
2013	30
2012	26
2015	25
2009	21

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SCORES GALORE: NFL teams scored 773 points in Week 3 to bring the season total to 2,261 points, the fourth-most scored in any three-week span of an NFL season. The 2,261 points are also the second-most points scored in the first three weeks of any season in NFL history.

The most points scored in three consecutive weeks and through the first three weeks of an NFL season:

SEASON	WEEKS	TOTAL POINTS	FIRST THREE WEEKS	TOTAL POINTS
2013	Weeks 13-15	2,431	2012	2,287
2013	Weeks 14-16	2,393	2015	2,261
2012	Weeks 1-3	2,287	2013	2,171
2015	Weeks 1-3	2,261	2011	2,157
2004	Weeks 13-15	2,239	2014	2,141

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THE BEST OF BRADY: New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** led the Patriots to a 51-17 victory over Jacksonville on Sunday, completing 33 of 42 (78.6 percent) passes for 358 yards with two touchdowns and zero interceptions for a 118.1 passer rating.

Brady now has 401 career touchdown passes and joined **PEYTON MANNING** (535), **BRETT FAVRE** (508) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (420) as the only players to throw 400 touchdown passes.

The NFL players with 400 career touchdown passes:

PLAYER	YEARS	TOUCHDOWN PASSES
Peyton Manning*	1998-present	535
Brett Favre	1991-2010	508
Dan Marino	1983-1999	420
Tom Brady*	2000-present	401

* Active

The game also marked the 31st time the Patriots have scored at least 40 points with Brady as the starter, the most such starts by any QB in NFL history.

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SUPER START: Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS** completed 24 of 35 (68.6 percent) passes for 333 yards and five touchdowns in the Packers' 38-28 victory over Kansas City on *Monday Night Football*. Rodgers, who has 10 touchdowns and no interceptions this season, joined **PEYTON MANNING** (2013) as the only players in NFL history to pass for at least 10 touchdowns with no interceptions in the first three games of a season.

New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** threw two touchdowns in the Patriots 51-17 win over Jacksonville. Brady, who has nine touchdowns and no interceptions this season, joined Manning (2010, 2013), **DON MEREDITH** (1966) and Rodgers (2015) as the only players in NFL history to pass for at least nine touchdowns with no interceptions in the first three games of a season.

The most TD passes without an INT through a team's first three games of a season in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	MOST TD PASSES W/OUT INT
Peyton Manning	Denver Broncos	2013	12
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay Packers	2015	10
Tom Brady	New England Patriots	2015	9
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis Colts	2010	9
Don Meredith	Dallas Cowboys	1966	9

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PETERSON TO PAYDIRT: Minnesota running back **ADRIAN PETERSON** rushed for 126 yards and two touchdowns in the Vikings' 31-14 victory over San Diego on Sunday. Peterson's second touchdown, a 43-yarder in the third quarter, was his 16th touchdown run of at least 40 yards, the second most in NFL history. Peterson only trails Pro Football Hall of Famer **BARRY SANDERS** (20) for the most rushing touchdowns of at least 40 yards in NFL history.

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BETTER WITH AGE: Oakland safety **CHARLES WOODSON** had six tackles and a game-clinching interception with 38 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter of the Raiders' 27-20 win at Cleveland. Woodson has recorded an interception in 18 consecutive seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **DARRELL GREEN** (19 seasons) as the only players to accomplish the feat.

With his fourth-quarter interception, Woodson (38 years old) also became the fourth-oldest player to intercept a pass in NFL history, trailing only Green (41), **CLAY MATTHEWS** (39) and **RON MC DOLE** (38).

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BETTER WITH AGE II: Baltimore wide receiver **STEVE SMITH, SR.** (36 years old) had 13 receptions for 186 yards and two touchdowns against the Bengals, joining **TONY GONZALEZ** (36) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **TIM BROWN** (36) as the only players to have 13 or more receptions after turning 36 years old. Smith's 186 receiving yards are the second-most in a game by a player at age 36 or older, trailing only **TERRELL OWENS** (36), who had a 222-yard receiving performance for Cincinnati in 2010.

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