

Week 6 Preview 49ers @ Seahawks

The 2-3 49ers take on their division rivals, the 3-2 Seahawks, in a pivotal NFC West showdown. After losses to the Cardinals and Rams, the 49ers are looking to turn things around against another divisional opponent. Meanwhile, this marks the Seahawks' first divisional game of the season, and they're eager to bounce back from a surprising loss to the Giants and maintain their grip on first place.

Key Match-up: Kenneth Walker vs. Fred Warner. The 49ers have struggled against the run recently, making Warner's ability to contain Walker crucial to slowing down the Seahawks' ground attack.

Prediction: 49ers 21-24 Seahawks. Expect a tightly contested game that could go either way.

### Jaguars @ Bears (UK Game)

The Jaguars finally secured their first win of the season, improving to 1-4 after defeating the Colts. They now travel to Chicago to face a 3-2 Bears team riding a two-game win streak. Caleb Williams has been improving week by week, and Jacksonville's stout defensive front will need to pressure him if they hope to pull off an upset.

Key Match-up: Jaguars' defensive front vs. Caleb Williams. The Jags' ability to disrupt Williams will be critical in determining the outcome if Trevor Lawrence steps up big on offence.

Prediction: Jaguars 28-33 Bears. Expect the Bears to prevail in a high-scoring affair, though the Jaguars could keep it close.

### **Cardinals @ Packers**

The 2-3 Cardinals head to Lambeau Field to take on the 3-2 Packers. Both teams have had their ups and downs this season, but the Cardinals will need to be tight defensively if they hope to slow down Jordan Love and the Packers' offence.

Key Match-up: Cardinals secondary vs. Jordan Love. The Cardinals must find a way to disrupt Love's rhythm to stay competitive.

Prediction: Cardinals 20-27 Packers. The Packers' home-field advantage and offensive firepower should see them through.

### **Colts @ Titans**

In this AFC South clash, the 2-3 Colts visit the 1-3 Titans. The Colts' offensive consistency has been a concern, and they'll need a strong performance to break through Tennessee's tough defence, likely without Michael Pittman Jr which does not help. The Titans will look to take advantage of some underwhelming Colts defence making this a good match to watch this week.

Key Match-up: Jonathan Taylor vs. Titans run defence. Taylor needs to have a big game for the Colts to find success.

Prediction: Colts 27-23 Titans. Tennessee's defence could prove too much for the Colts to handle but I believe the Colts will have just enough.

# **Texans @ Patriots**

The 4-1 Texans travel to Foxborough to face the 1-4 Patriots. New England is coming off a poor run of performances and have turned to rookie Drake Maye to change the fortunes. While the Texans have managed some big wins in tough battles including a huge win against the Bills last time out.

Key Match-up: Texans pass rush vs Drake Maye. The Texans pressure has been good this season even with Anderson Jr and Hunter not getting many sacks, they pressured Allen an awful lot, and will look to apply the same pressure against the rookie quarterback.

Prediction: Texans 27-14 Patriots. The Texans look a strong side and maybe the wrong team to open your quarterback career against.

### **Buccaneers @ Saints**

The 3-2 Buccaneers square off against the 2-3 Saints in an NFC South battle. Tampa Bay's offence has been inconsistent, while the Saints look to find some rhythm behind rookie Spencer Rattle as Derek Carr has been ruled out. The eyes will once again be on Mike Evans and Marshon Lattimore which leaves this a terrific encounter.

Key Match-up: Buccaneers' passing attack vs. Saints secondary. Mike Evans and Chris Godwin will need big plays to overcome the Saints' defence.

Prediction: Buccaneers 30-17 Saints. The Bucs' big-play ability gives them the edge against the 5th round rookie Rattler.

#### **Browns @ Eagles**

The 1-4 Browns visit the 2-2 Eagles in what could be a one-sided affair. The Browns' defense has been solid but will face a massive challenge containing Jalen Hurts and Philadelphia's potent offence. The Browns have failed to get any momentum on offence and do not look like putting anything together with Watson under centre.

Key Match-up: Browns pass rush vs. Jalen Hurts. For Cleveland to have any chance, they'll need to pressure Hurts constantly.

Prediction: Browns 17-28 Eagles. The Eagles' balanced attack should prove too much for the Browns.

#### **Commanders @ Ravens**

The hugely impressive 4-1 Commanders head to Baltimore to face the 3-2 Ravens. Washington's defence will need to step up against Lamar Jackson once again and a Ravens team looking to build on their recent success. Jayden Daniels gets a huge test this week against one of the best units, however nothing has fazed the rookie so far.

Key Match-up: Commanders defence vs. Lamar Jackson. If Washington can contain Jackson, they may have a shot at the upset.

Prediction: Commanders 24-27 Ravens. The Ravens should control the game at home, but Washington will keep it competitive. The Ravens defence may be a little too much for Daniels.

# **Chargers @ Broncos**

The 2-2 Chargers face the 3-2 Broncos in a crucial AFC West matchup. Both teams are in desperate need of a win, with Denver hoping to find some consistency and the Chargers looking to jumpstart their season. The Chargers coming off the bye should be fresh but the Broncos are rolling with three wins in a row.

Key Match-up: Justin Herbert vs. Broncos secondary. Herbert needs to exploit Denver's strong defence for the Chargers to prevail.

Prediction: Chargers 24-17 Broncos. Expect the Chargers to come out on top in a close contest, the Broncos defence will cause issues but the bye week works out in the Chargers favour.

### **Steelers @ Raiders**

The 3-2 Steelers travel to Las Vegas to take on the 2-3 Raiders. Pittsburgh's defence will look to contain Aiden O'Connell who has taken the starting role from Gardner Minchew and the Raiders' offence as they aim to stay in playoff contention.

Key Match-up: Steelers pass rush vs. Aiden O'Connell. Pittsburgh's ability to pressure the young quarterback will be key to their success.

Prediction: Steelers 23-20 Raiders. A tight game where the Steelers' defense could be the difference once again.

### **Lions @ Cowboys**

The 3-1 Lions face the 3-2 Cowboys in a NFC showdown. Both teams are playing well, but the Lions' offence has been explosive and could cause problems for the Cowboys' vulnerable defence. The bye week for the Lions will also play a huge factor with the Cowboys late night game against the Steelers.

Key Match-up: Lions offence vs. Cowboys defence. Detroit's high-powered offence will need to be slowed down by Dallas' defensive unit for the Cowboys to stand a chance.

Prediction: Lions 33-24 Cowboys. The Lions offence will be too much for the vulnerable Cowboys defence, the extra weeks rest will also play a huge part in the Lions being victorious.

#### **Falcons @ Panthers**

In an NFC South matchup, the 3-2 Falcons take on the 1-4 Panthers. Carolina is still struggling to find consistency on both sides of the ball, while the Falcons are looking to build momentum after a slow start. A huge performance last week from Kirk Cousins will bring lots of confidence rolling into this game.

Key Match-up: Falcons run game vs. Panthers defence. Atlanta's ground game will need to dominate to control the tempo. We are still yet to see the best of Bijan Robinson.

Prediction: Falcons 28-16 Panthers. The Falcons should take care of business against a struggling Panthers team.

## **Bengals @ Giants**

The 1-4 Bengals head to MetLife Stadium to face the 2-3 Giants. Joe Burrow and the Bengals' defence has not been up to standard, but this could be a prime opportunity to get back on track against a Giants team struggling on both sides of the ball. Burrow and Chase looked electric last week in a tough loss, and will want momentum to continue in this game.

Key Match-up: Bengals wide receivers vs. Giants secondary. Burrow and his receivers need to exploit New York's vulnerabilities in the secondary.

Prediction: Bengals 31-17 Giants. Cincinnati should win comfortably if they execute defensively.

# Bills @ Jets

In an AFC East showdown, the 3-2 Bills face the 2-3 Jets. Buffalo's high-flying offence, led by Josh Allen, will look to overcome a stingy Jets defence. The Jets' offence needs to step up if they hope to keep pace. Change of head coach this week at the Jets seems a strange move with Robert Saleh being the defensive play caller losing their job. The Jets defence has been superb so far this season and kept the offence in games.

Key Match-up: Josh Allen vs. Jets secondary. Allen's decision-making will be crucial against a tough New York defence.

Prediction: Bills 28-20 Jets. The Bills should be too strong for the Jets, but expect a competitive game.

# Teams on a Bye

Chiefs, Rams, Dolphins, Vikings.

#### **Highest Scoring Game**

The Commanders Vs Ravens looks to be a really exciting prospect. The Jaden Daniel's led Commanders are flying and exceeding expectations. Although they go against a good Ravens secondary, the Ravens defence comes off a poor showing against the Bengals.

#### **Potential Shock Result**

The rookie quarterbacks are flying high right now in the NFL. Could the change in New England bring this week's biggest shock? Drake Maye looked good in pre-season and this would be this week's shock result as the Patriots defence could be key to this.