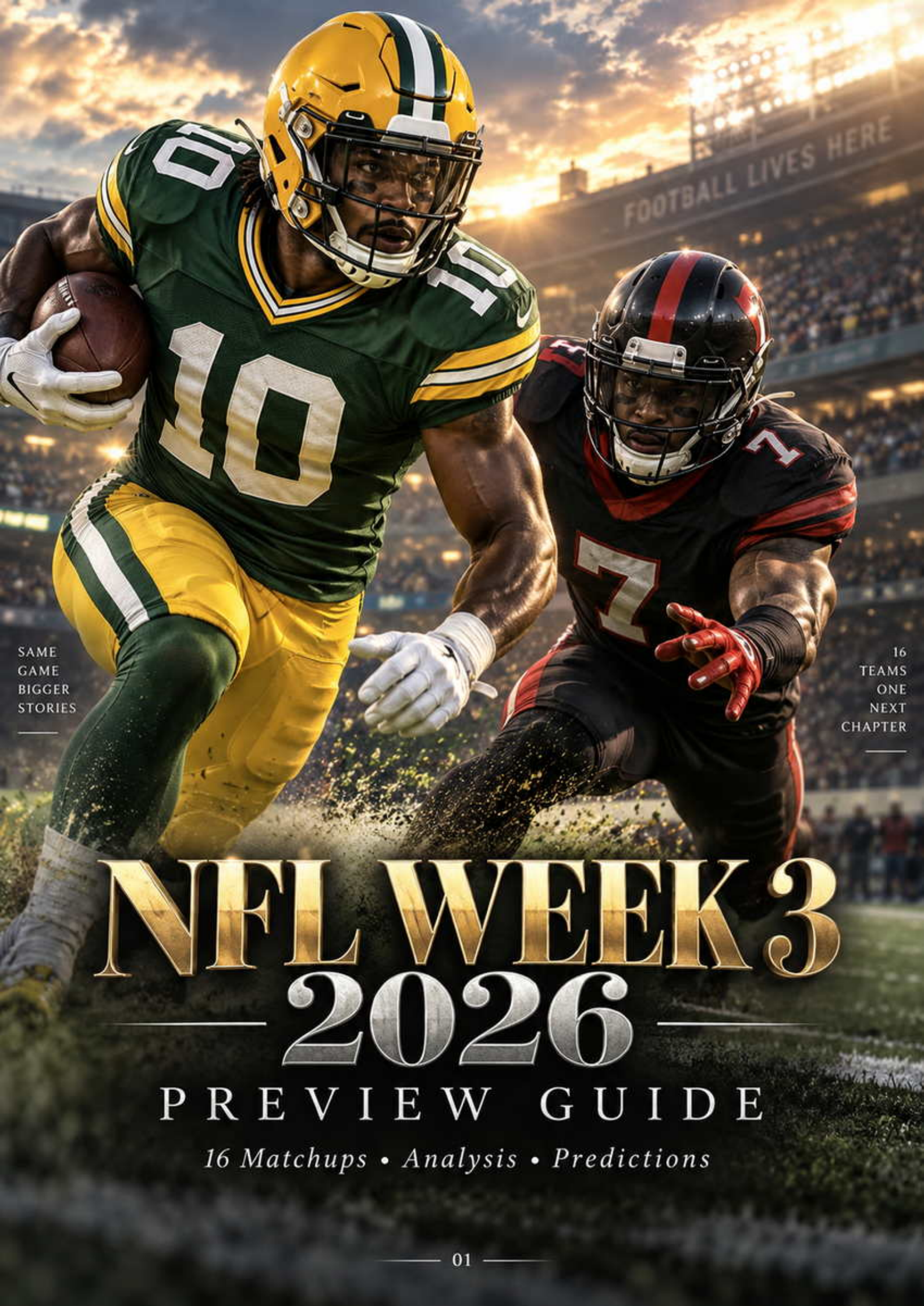




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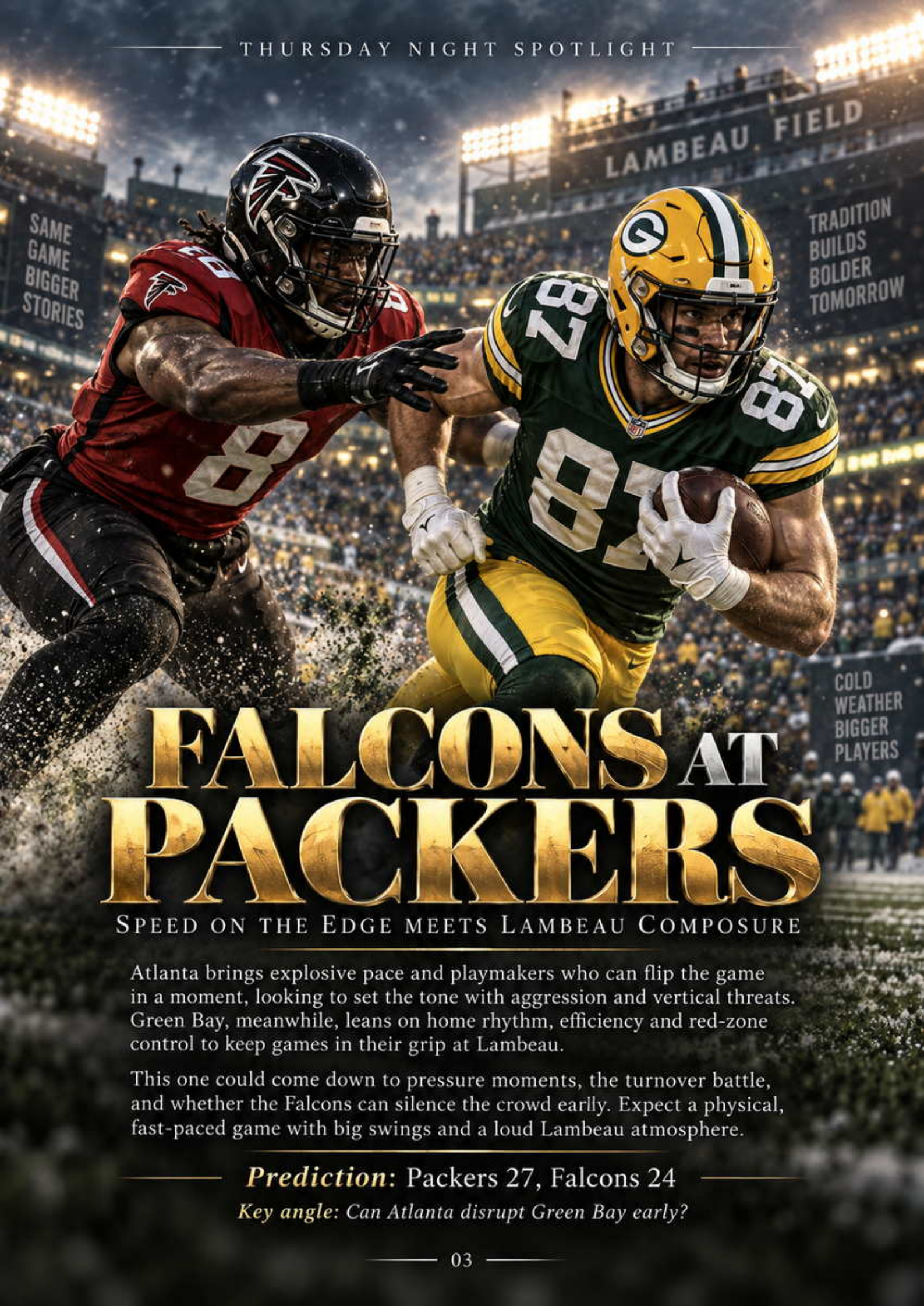
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FALCONS AT PACKERS

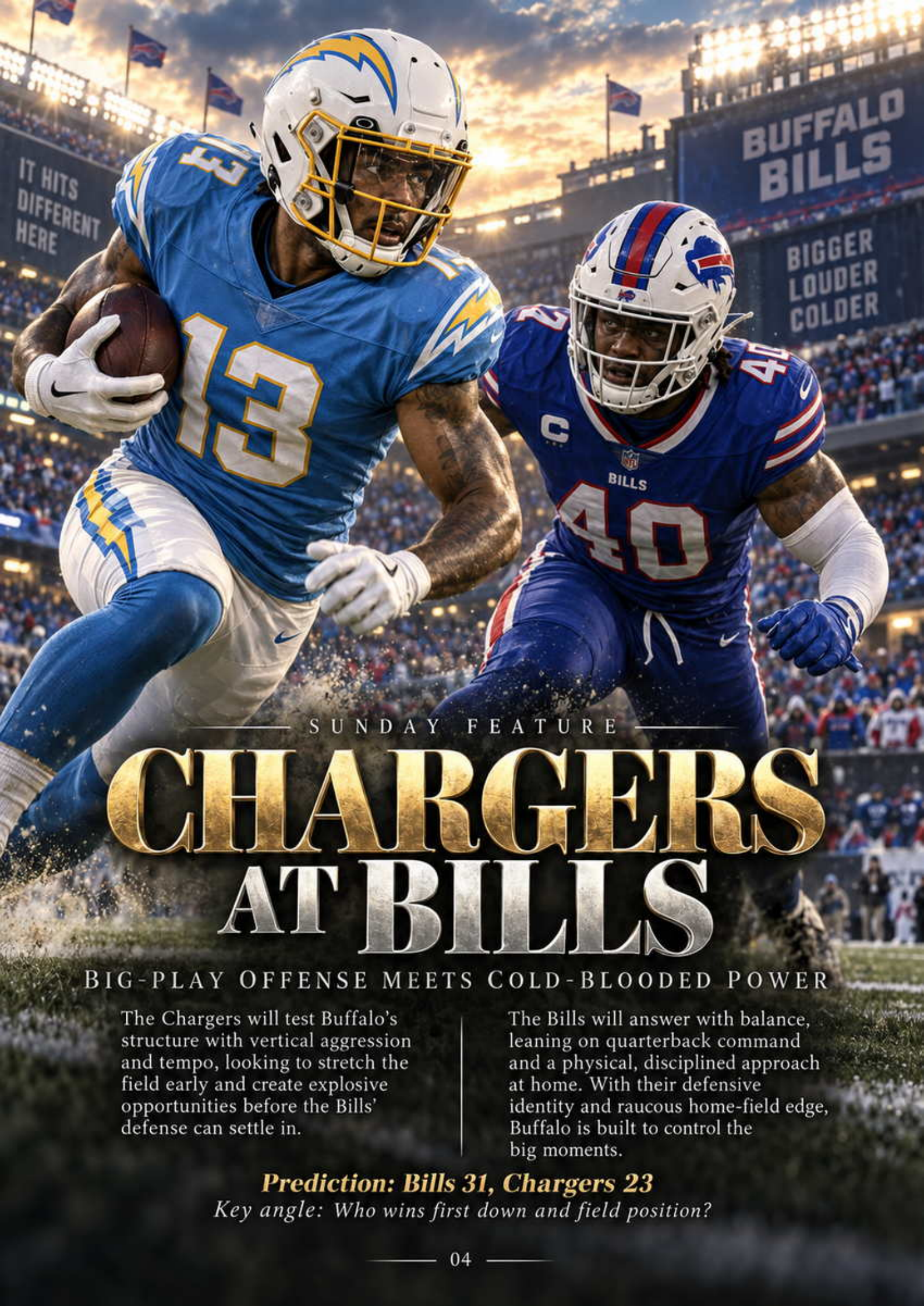
SPEED ON THE EDGE MEETS LAMBEAU COMPOSURE

Atlanta brings explosive pace and playmakers who can flip the game in a moment, looking to set the tone with aggression and vertical threats. Green Bay, meanwhile, leans on home rhythm, efficiency and red-zone control to keep games in their grip at Lambeau.

This one could come down to pressure moments, the turnover battle, and whether the Falcons can silence the crowd early. Expect a physical, fast-paced game with big swings and a loud Lambeau atmosphere.

Prediction: Packers 27, Falcons 24

Key angle: Can Atlanta disrupt Green Bay early?



SUNDAY FEATURE

CHARGERS AT BILLS

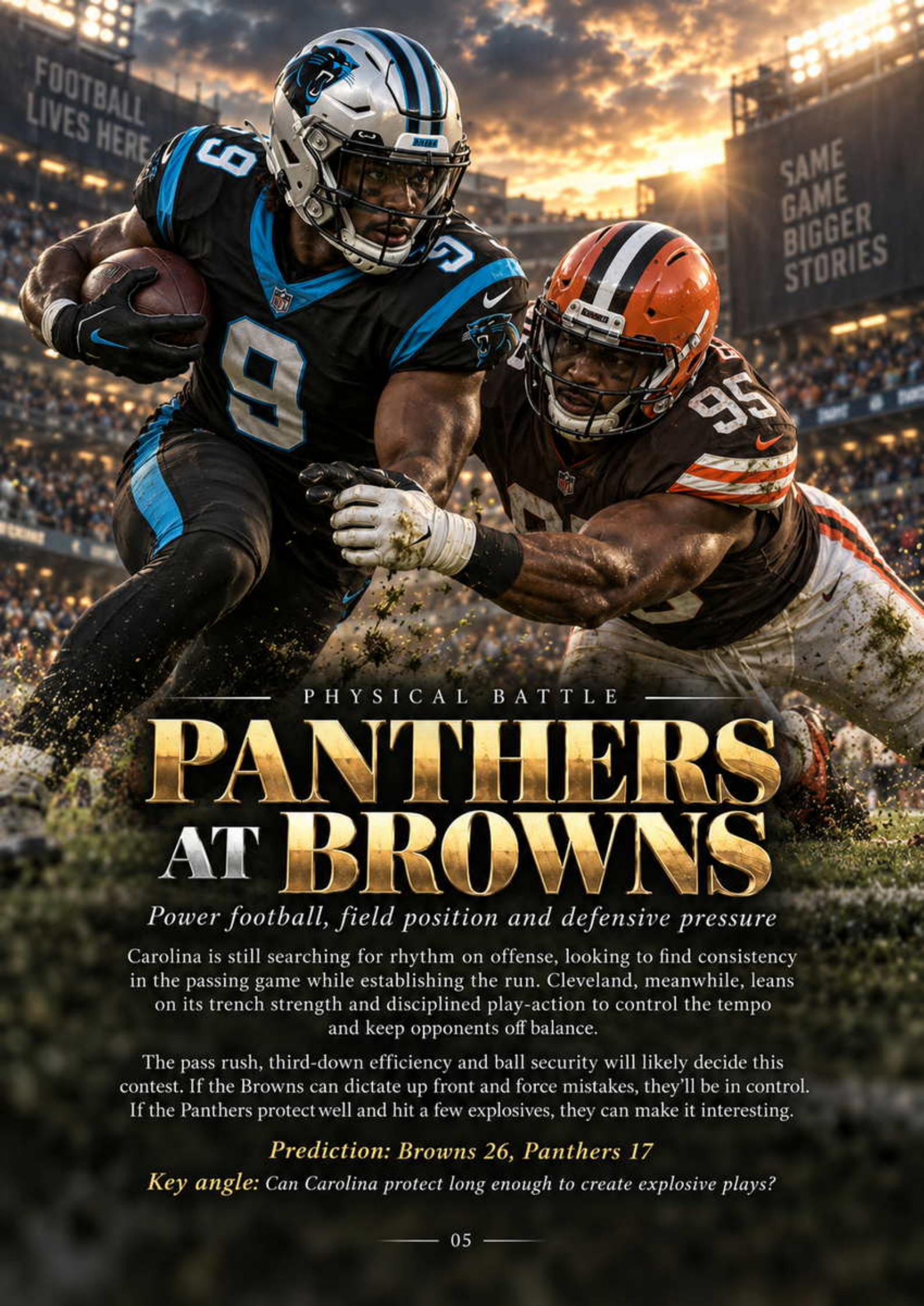
BIG-PLAY OFFENSE MEETS COLD-BLOODED POWER

The Chargers will test Buffalo's structure with vertical aggression and tempo, looking to stretch the field early and create explosive opportunities before the Bills' defense can settle in.

The Bills will answer with balance, leaning on quarterback command and a physical, disciplined approach at home. With their defensive identity and raucous home-field edge, Buffalo is built to control the big moments.

Prediction: Bills 31, Chargers 23

Key angle: Who wins first down and field position?



PHYSICAL BATTLE

PANTHERS AT BROWNS

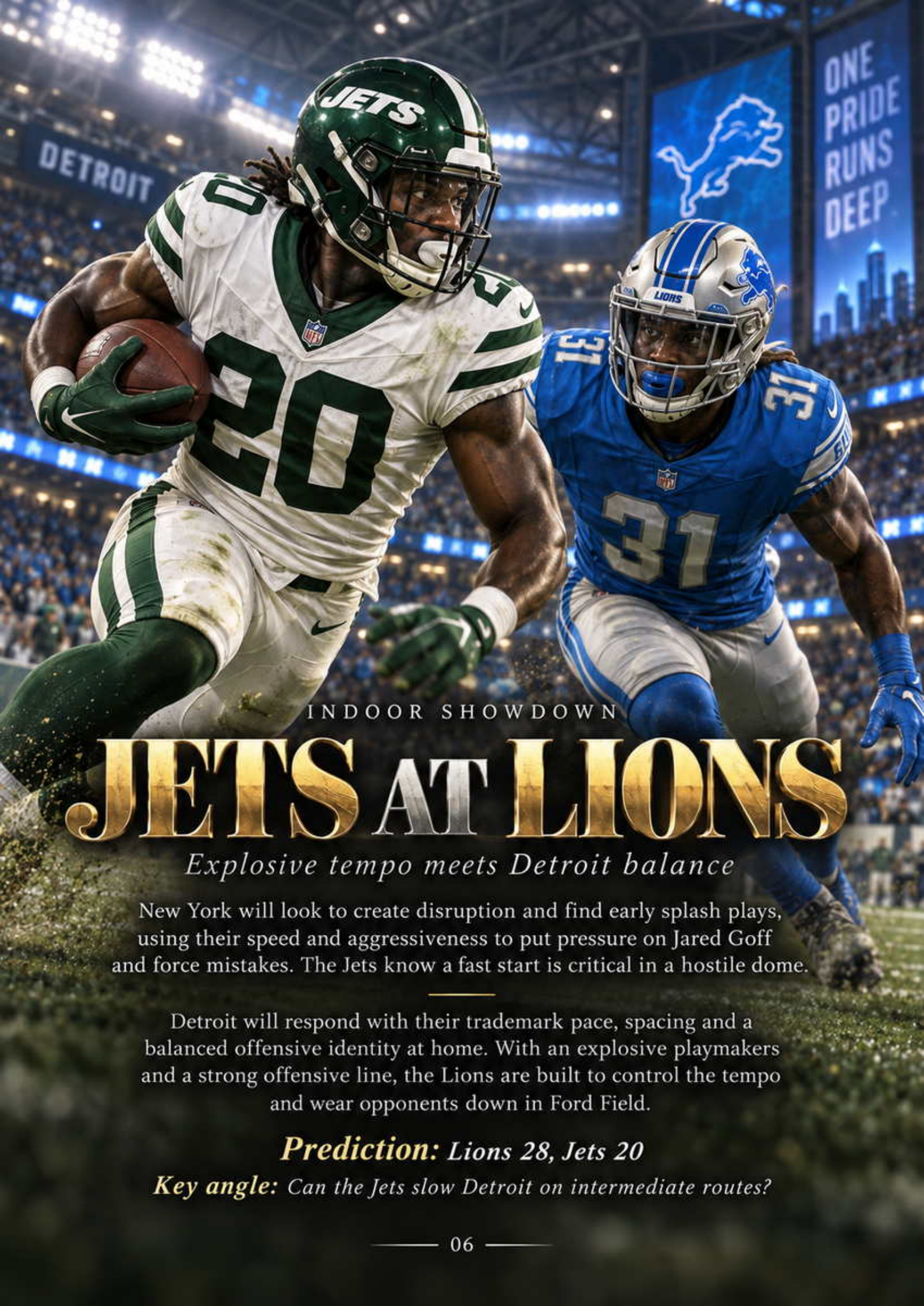
Power football, field position and defensive pressure

Carolina is still searching for rhythm on offense, looking to find consistency in the passing game while establishing the run. Cleveland, meanwhile, leans on its trench strength and disciplined play-action to control the tempo and keep opponents off balance.

The pass rush, third-down efficiency and ball security will likely decide this contest. If the Browns can dictate up front and force mistakes, they'll be in control. If the Panthers protect well and hit a few explosives, they can make it interesting.

Prediction: Browns 26, Panthers 17

Key angle: Can Carolina protect long enough to create explosive plays?



INDOOR SHOWDOWN

JETS AT LIONS

Explosive tempo meets Detroit balance

New York will look to create disruption and find early splash plays, using their speed and aggressiveness to put pressure on Jared Goff and force mistakes. The Jets know a fast start is critical in a hostile dome.

Detroit will respond with their trademark pace, spacing and a balanced offensive identity at home. With an explosive playmakers and a strong offensive line, the Lions are built to control the tempo and wear opponents down in Ford Field.

Prediction: Lions 28, Jets 20

Key angle: Can the Jets slow Detroit on intermediate routes?



— DIVISION CLASH —

TEXANS AT COLTS

TIGHT MARGINS, SMART DRIVES, HIGH LEVERAGE DOWNS

Houston brings athletic range and shot-play potential into a hostile division test. With a dynamic offense capable of stressing defenses vertically and after the catch, the Texans look to build early momentum and turn explosive plays into points against a tough road crowd.

Indianapolis counters with timing, protection and situational control. The Colts' efficient passing game, physical run approach and disciplined defense have made them difficult to rattle at home, where they excel at winning the hidden yardage battles and finishing drives.

Prediction: Colts 24, Texans 21

Key angle: Which offense finishes better in the red zone?



TACTICAL TEST

PATRIOTS AT JAGUARS

Structure, speed and a race for control

New England will look to slow the game down, control the rhythm and stay efficient in key spots. The Patriots' success depends on winning early downs, avoiding negative plays and turning drives into points.

Jacksonville leans on home tempo, spacing and a dynamic after-catch ability to create explosive opportunities. The Jaguars will look to dictate pace, get playmakers in space and force New England to defend the entire field.

Prediction: Jaguars 23, Patriots 20

Key angle: Can the Patriots keep the Jaguars behind the chains?



MARQUEE MATCHUP

CHIEFS AT DOLPHINS

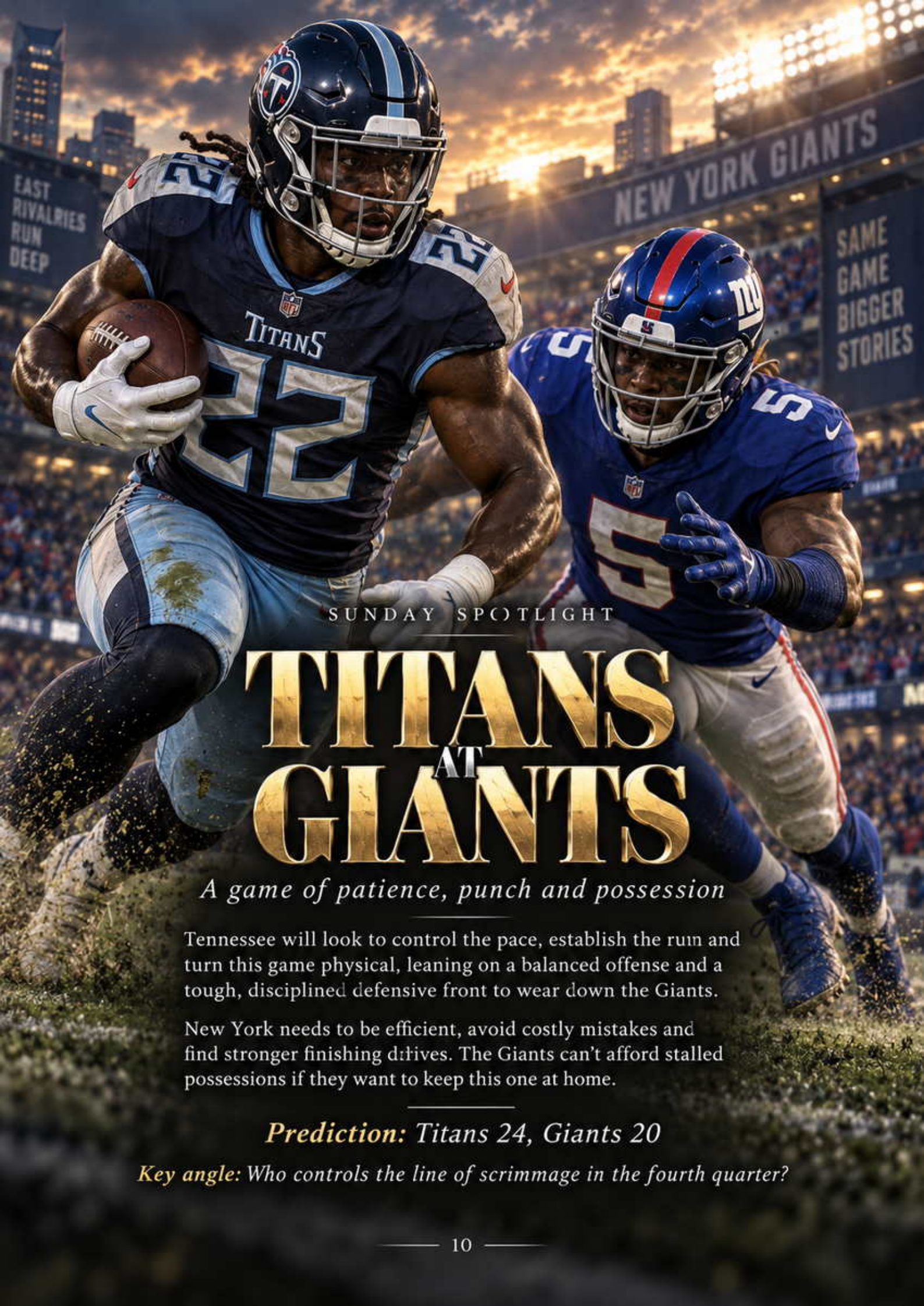
SPEED EVERYWHERE, PRESSURE EVERYWHERE

Kansas City brings composure, creativity and late-game confidence, led by a veteran core that knows how to control chaos and finish drives when it matters most.

Miami attacks with motion, pace and explosive perimeter pressure, using speed and spacing to stress defenses from the first snap to the last.

***Prediction:** Chiefs 30, Dolphins 27*

***Key angle:** Which defense creates the one drive-changing stop?*



SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT

TITANS AT GIANTS

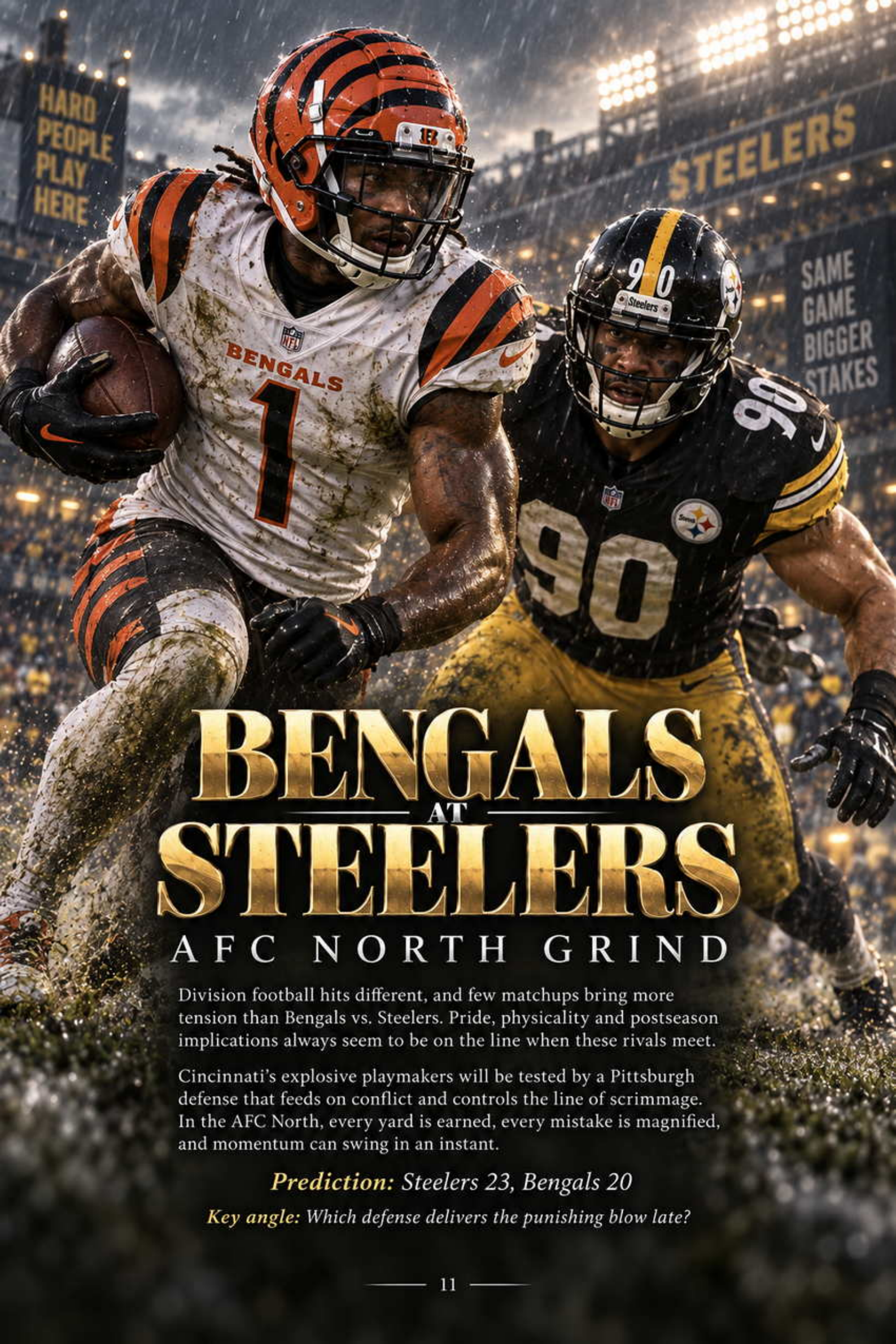
A game of patience, punch and possession

Tennessee will look to control the pace, establish the run and turn this game physical, leaning on a balanced offense and a tough, disciplined defensive front to wear down the Giants.

New York needs to be efficient, avoid costly mistakes and find stronger finishing drives. The Giants can't afford stalled possessions if they want to keep this one at home.

Prediction: Titans 24, Giants 20

Key angle: Who controls the line of scrimmage in the fourth quarter?



BENGALS AT STEELERS

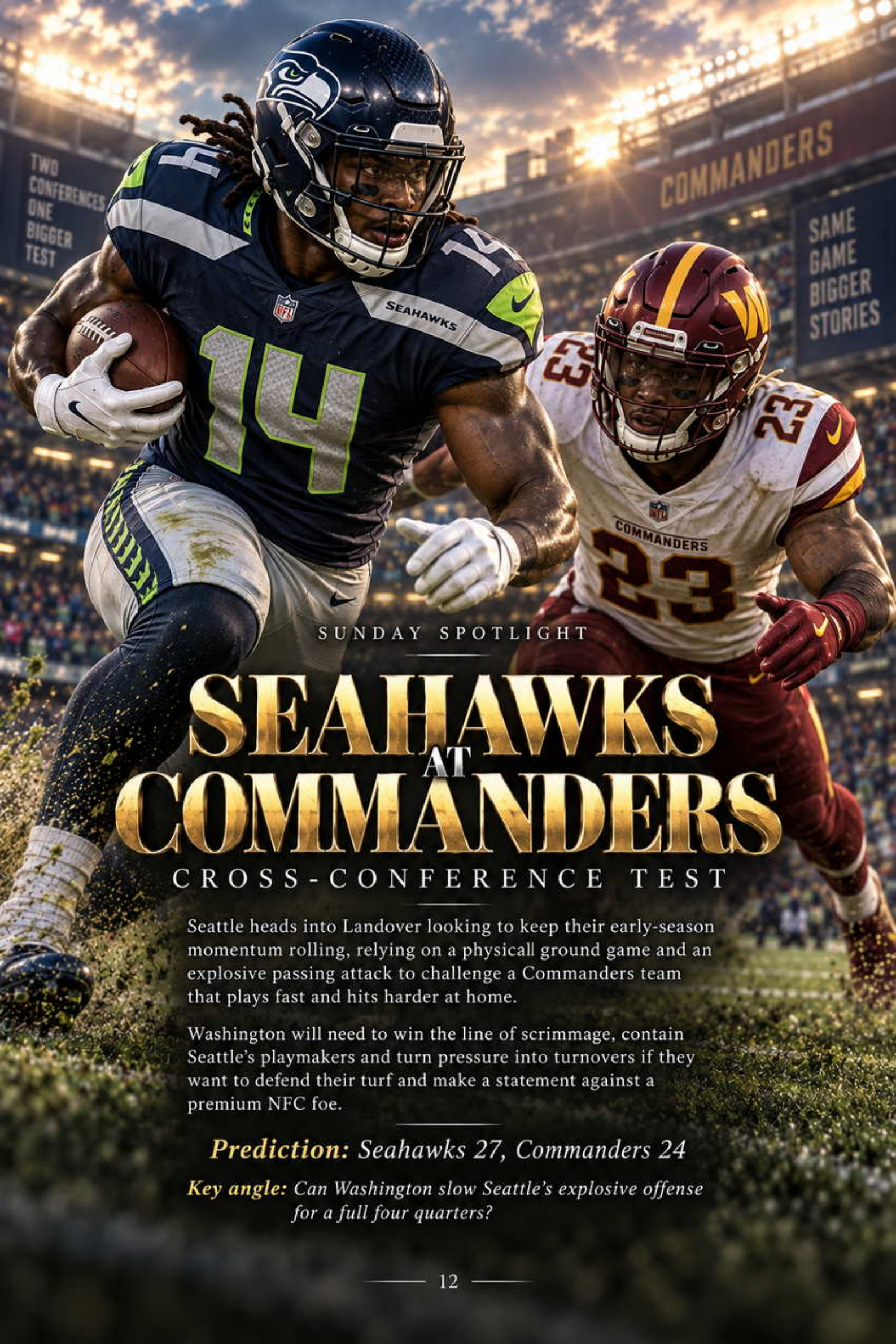
AFC NORTH GRIND

Division football hits different, and few matchups bring more tension than Bengals vs. Steelers. Pride, physicality and postseason implications always seem to be on the line when these rivals meet.

Cincinnati's explosive playmakers will be tested by a Pittsburgh defense that feeds on conflict and controls the line of scrimmage. In the AFC North, every yard is earned, every mistake is magnified, and momentum can swing in an instant.

Prediction: Steelers 23, Bengals 20

Key angle: Which defense delivers the punishing blow late?



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SEAHAWKS AT COMMANDERS

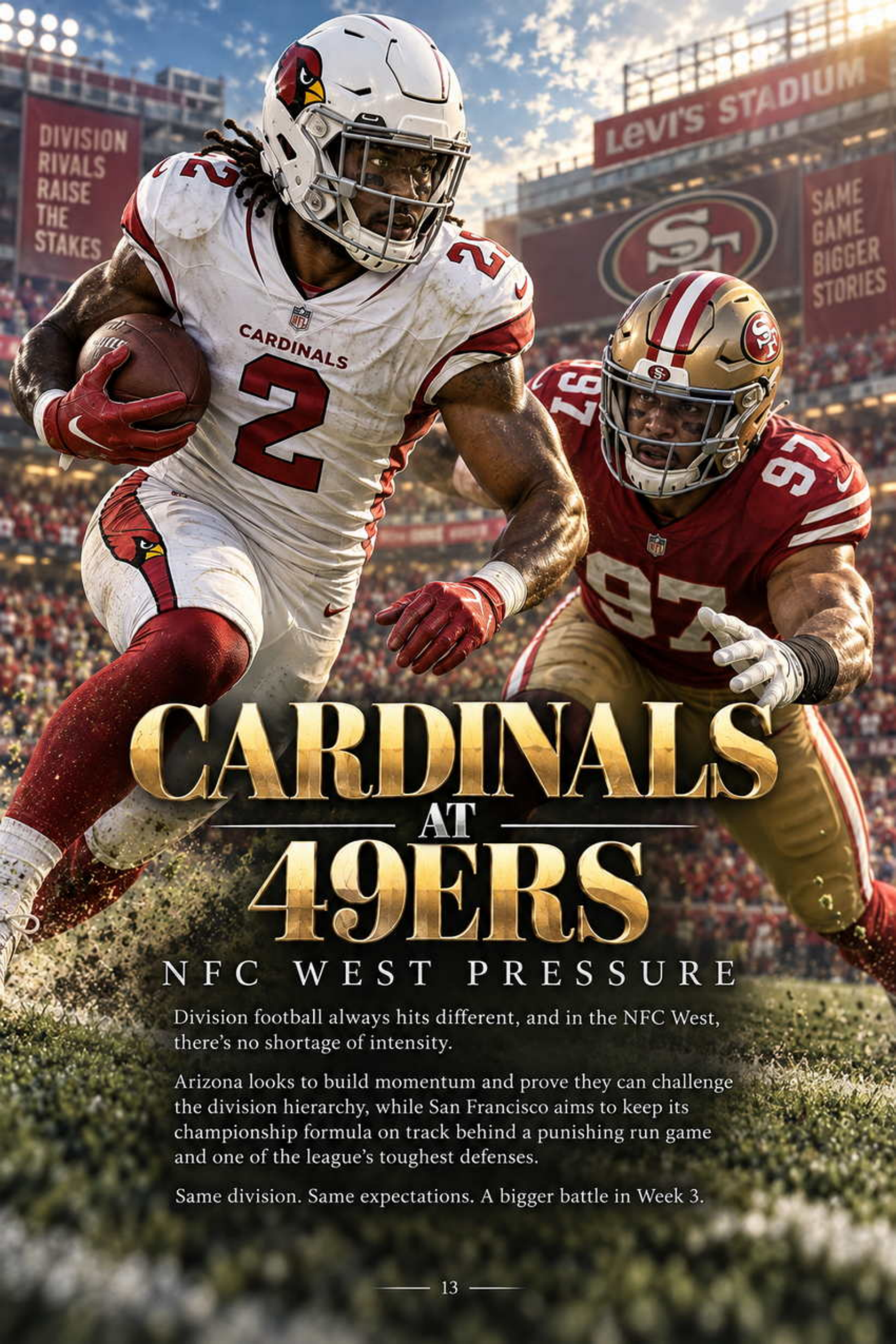
CROSS-CONFERENCE TEST

Seattle heads into Landover looking to keep their early-season momentum rolling, relying on a physical ground game and an explosive passing attack to challenge a Commanders team that plays fast and hits harder at home.

Washington will need to win the line of scrimmage, contain Seattle's playmakers and turn pressure into turnovers if they want to defend their turf and make a statement against a premium NFC foe.

Prediction: Seahawks 27, Commanders 24

Key angle: Can Washington slow Seattle's explosive offense for a full four quarters?



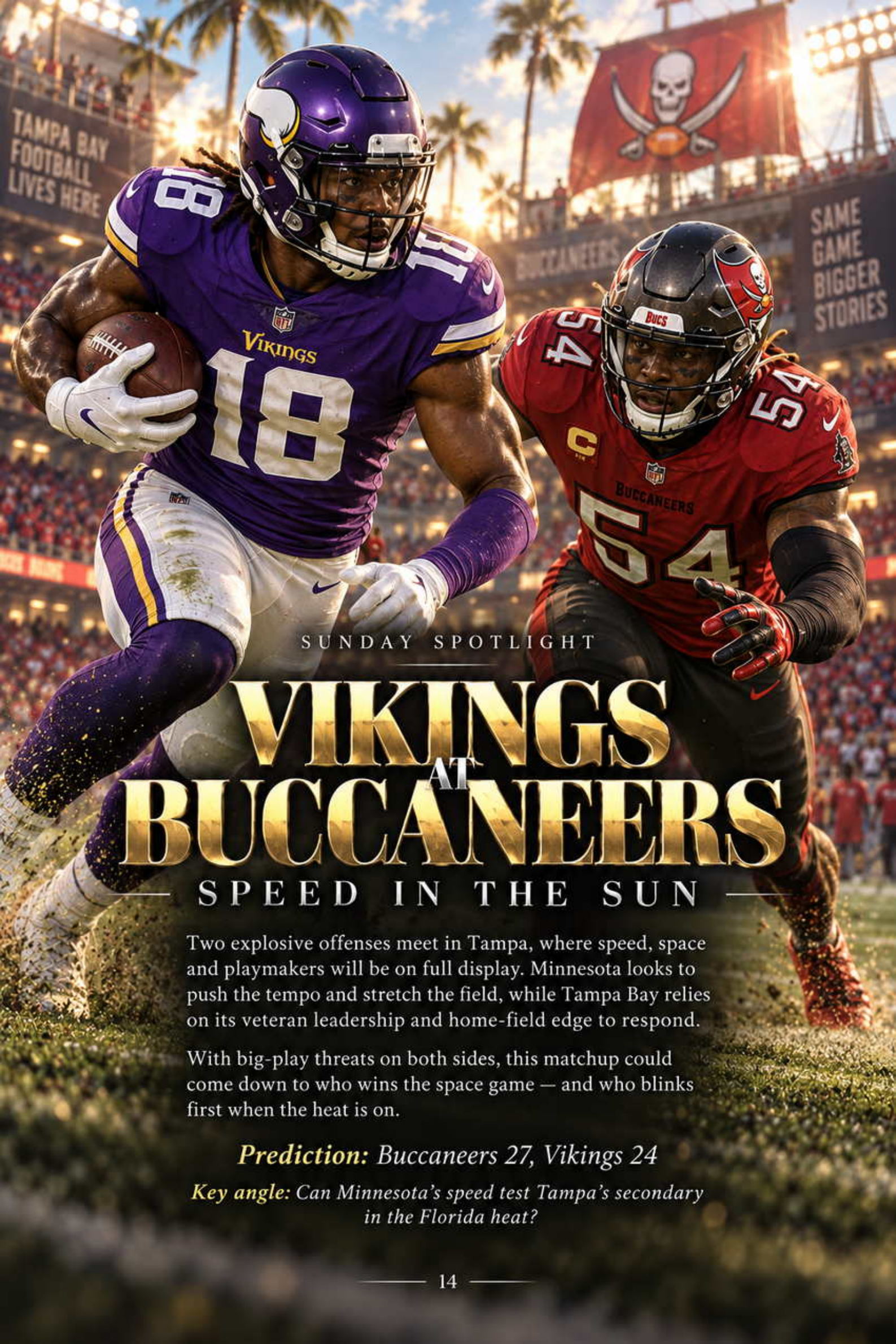
CARDINALS AT 49ERS

NFC WEST PRESSURE

Division football always hits different, and in the NFC West, there's no shortage of intensity.

Arizona looks to build momentum and prove they can challenge the division hierarchy, while San Francisco aims to keep its championship formula on track behind a punishing run game and one of the league's toughest defenses.

Same division. Same expectations. A bigger battle in Week 3.



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VIKINGS AT BUCCANEERS

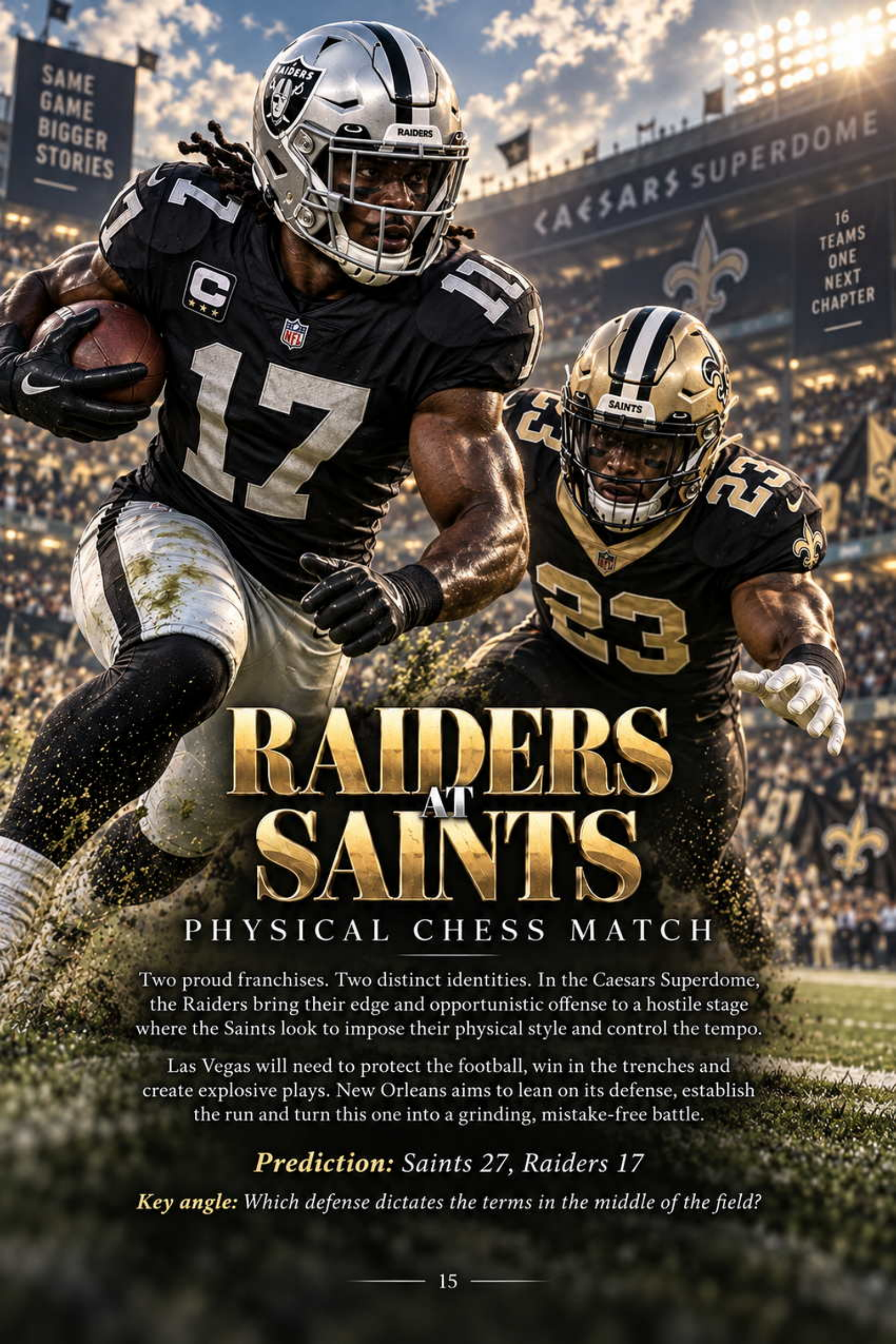
SPEED IN THE SUN

Two explosive offenses meet in Tampa, where speed, space and playmakers will be on full display. Minnesota looks to push the tempo and stretch the field, while Tampa Bay relies on its veteran leadership and home-field edge to respond.

With big-play threats on both sides, this matchup could come down to who wins the space game — and who blinks first when the heat is on.

Prediction: Buccaneers 27, Vikings 24

Key angle: Can Minnesota's speed test Tampa's secondary in the Florida heat?



RAIDERS AT SAINTS

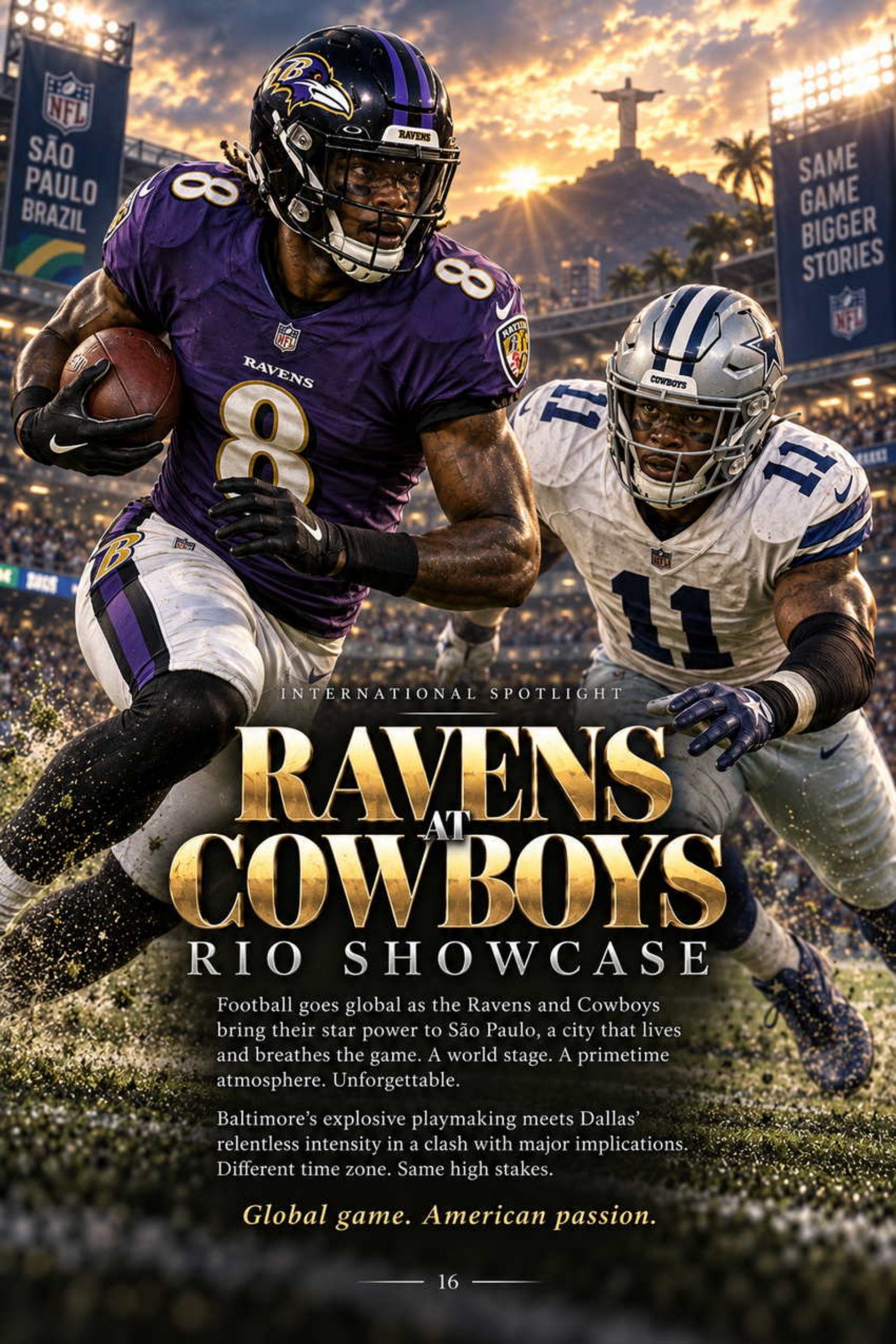
PHYSICAL CHESS MATCH

Two proud franchises. Two distinct identities. In the Caesars Superdome, the Raiders bring their edge and opportunistic offense to a hostile stage where the Saints look to impose their physical style and control the tempo.

Las Vegas will need to protect the football, win in the trenches and create explosive plays. New Orleans aims to lean on its defense, establish the run and turn this one into a grinding, mistake-free battle.

Prediction: Saints 27, Raiders 17

Key angle: Which defense dictates the terms in the middle of the field?



INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

RAVENS AT COWBOYS RIO SHOWCASE

Football goes global as the Ravens and Cowboys bring their star power to São Paulo, a city that lives and breathes the game. A world stage. A primetime atmosphere. Unforgettable.

Baltimore's explosive playmaking meets Dallas' relentless intensity in a clash with major implications. Different time zone. Same high stakes.

Global game. American passion.

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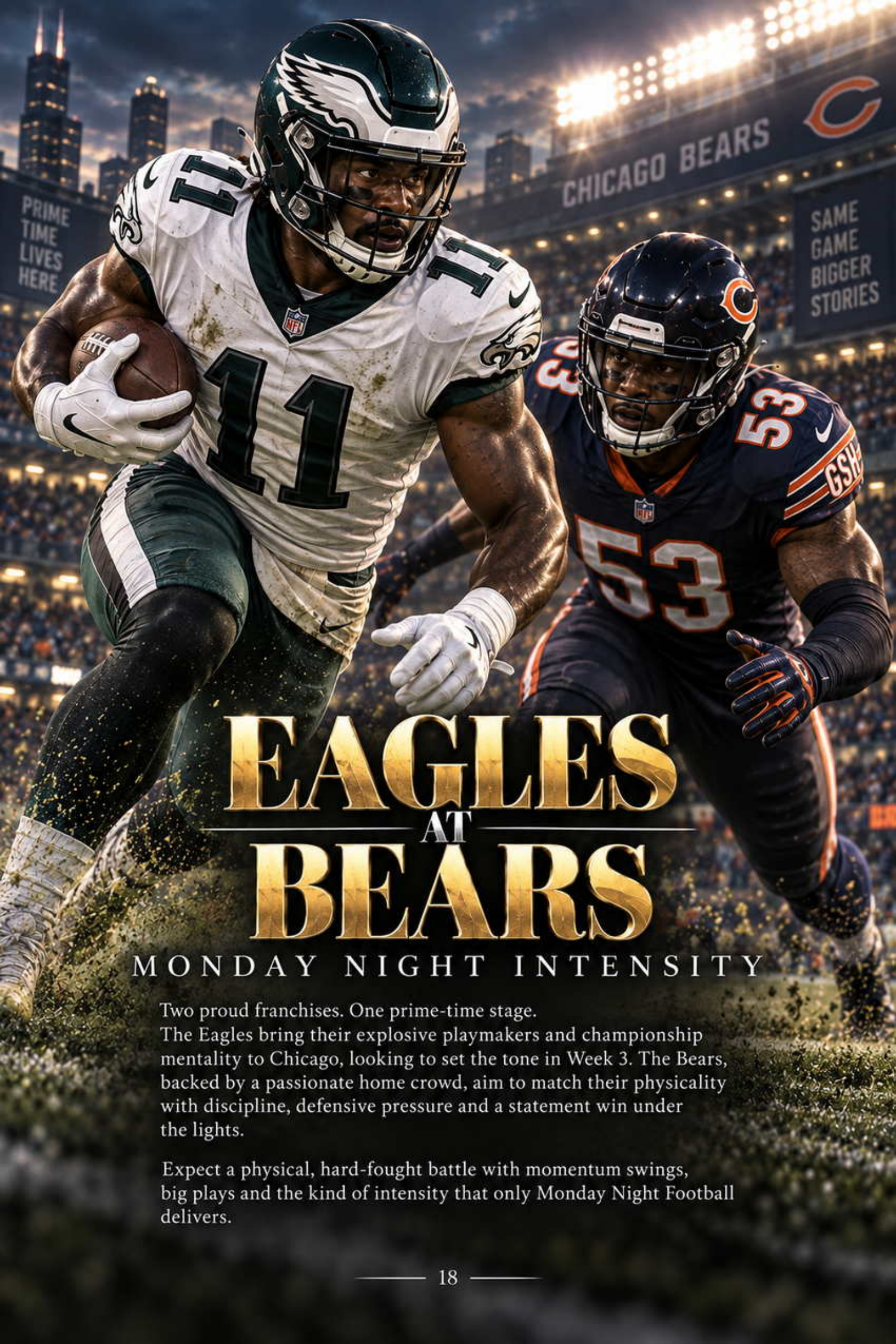
Two contenders. One primetime stage.

The Rams bring their explosive offense to Denver, looking to keep the momentum rolling behind a balanced attack and a relentless pass rush.

But the Broncos are built for nights like this — a physical defense, a rising young core and a home crowd that turns pressure into power. Expect a hard-hitting, high-stakes showdown under the lights.

Prediction: Rams 27, Broncos 24

Key angle: Can Denver's defense slow down L.A.'s playmakers?



EAGLES AT BEARS

MONDAY NIGHT INTENSITY

Two proud franchises. One prime-time stage. The Eagles bring their explosive playmakers and championship mentality to Chicago, looking to set the tone in Week 3. The Bears, backed by a passionate home crowd, aim to match their physicality with discipline, defensive pressure and a statement win under the lights.

Expect a physical, hard-fought battle with momentum swings, big plays and the kind of intensity that only Monday Night Football delivers.



FINAL WEEKEND WATCHLIST

— WHO CAN SWING WEEK 3 —



PLAYMAKERS IN FOCUS

Star talent, bigger moments. Expect the unexpected.



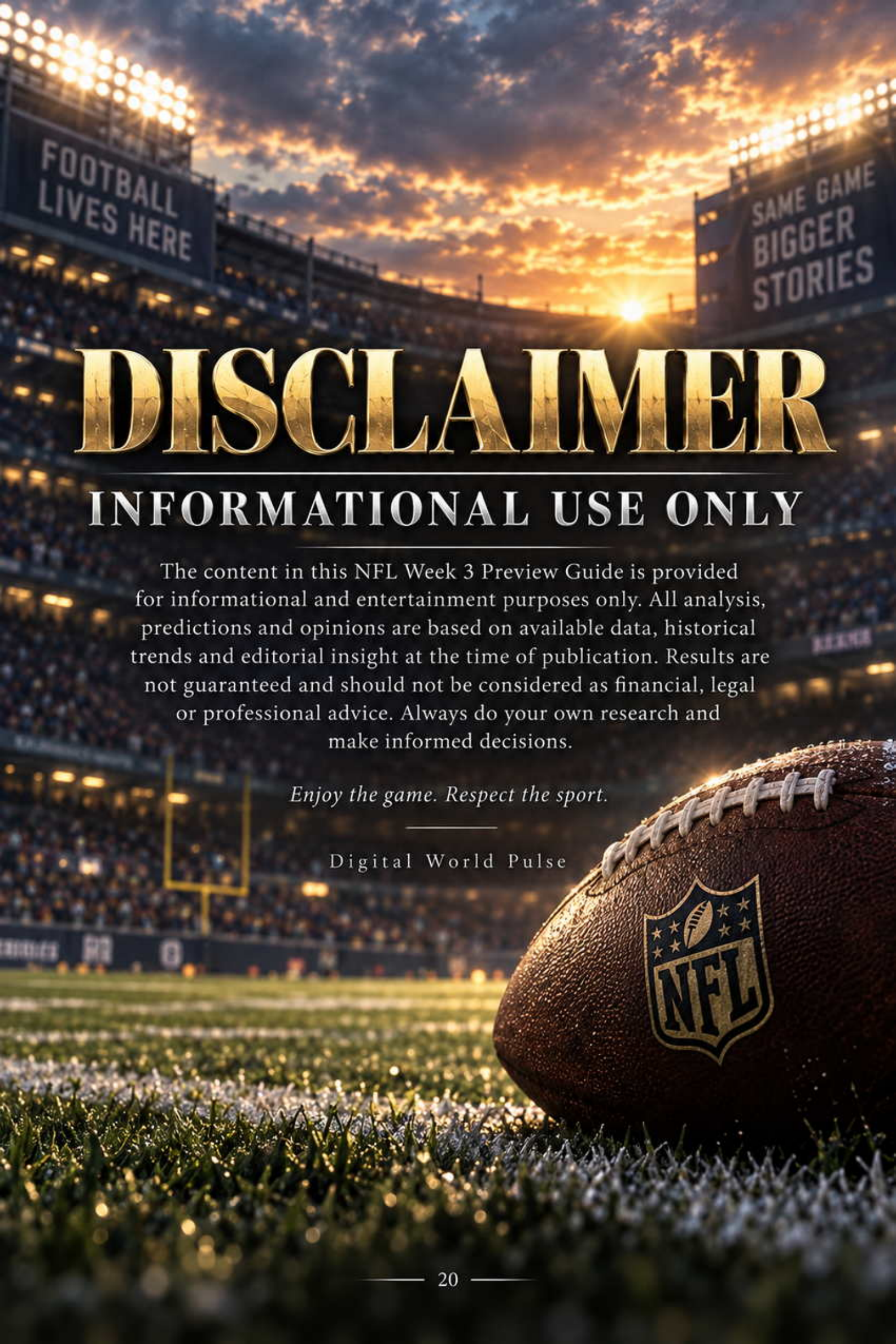
STAT LINES THAT MATTER

Key matchups, critical trends, game-changing numbers.



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Who steps up, who breaks out, and who takes control in Week 3.



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