

NFL WEEK 6 2026

All 14 Games, Matchup Analysis and Score Projections

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NFL Week 6 Predictions 2026

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A complete Week 6 guide, including Thursday night, the London game and Monday Night Football.

SEAHAWKS AT BRONCOS

THU OCT 15 | 8:15 PM ET | PRIME VIDEO

THE CONTEXT

Two 3-2 teams open the week in Denver. Seattle is coming off a turnover-filled 32-29 loss to San Francisco.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

Seattle gets a narrow editorial edge if it protects possessions and keeps its opening drives simple. Quick completions and useful first-down gains would limit Denver's chances to dictate the game with pressure. The Seahawks do not need a spectacular start; they need to stop giving an opponent easy field position.

Denver can flip the matchup by forcing long drives and keeping the score close into the fourth quarter. The short week makes clear assignments and reliable protection especially important. A home win becomes much more plausible if Seattle must chase the game.

DECIDING FACTOR

Watch Seattle's ball security and Denver's ability to create obvious passing downs. One extra possession could decide this projected field-goal game.

PROJECTED SCORE

Seahawks 23 - Broncos 20

Editorial lean: LOW

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,3] | Links: page 19



TEXANS VS. JAGUARS

SUN OCT 18 | 9:30 AM ET | NFL NETWORK

THE CONTEXT

Wembley hosts this AFC South matchup. Jacksonville beat Philadelphia 19-17; Houston defeated Tennessee 26-3 in Week 5.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

Jacksonville receives the slight lean in a game that could hinge on finishing drives. The Jaguars' consecutive London dates spare them a fresh transatlantic trip between games, but they still need to convert possession into points rather than rely on another dramatic finish.

Houston has a credible route to an upset if its defense wins early downs and disrupts the first read. The Texans must also produce enough offense to turn stops into an advantage. Sustained drives and a few timely completions beyond the sticks would keep pressure on Jacksonville.

DECIDING FACTOR

Red-zone execution is the separator. If Houston trades Jacksonville touchdowns for field goals, even solid defensive work may not be enough.

PROJECTED SCORE

Jaguars 23 - Texans 20

Editorial lean: LOW TO MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,4,5] | Method and links: page 19



JETS AT PATRIOTS

SUN OCT 18 | 1:00 PM ET | CBS

THE CONTEXT

New England just scored 45 points against Las Vegas. The Jets arrive after a 17-12 victory over Cleveland.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The Patriots are the pick because their latest offensive performance offers a clearer route to multiple touchdown drives. That does not mean another blowout should be expected. Against a division opponent, maintaining rhythm without giving away short fields matters more than matching last week's total.

New York should try to make the game uncomfortable through pressure and field position. If the Jets repeatedly force New England into third-and-long, they can keep the score inside one possession. Their offense then needs to reward those stops with more than occasional field goals.

DECIDING FACTOR

Protection against pressure will shape the afternoon. New England's edge narrows sharply if its quarterback spends the game escaping immediate disruption.

PROJECTED SCORE

Patriots 27 - Jets 20

Editorial lean: MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,6,7] | Method and links: page 19



PANTHERS AT EAGLES

SUN OCT 18 | 1:00 PM ET | CBS

THE CONTEXT

Philadelphia returns from its London loss to Jacksonville. Carolina comes into this road game after its Week 5 bye.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The Eagles get a modest home-field lean, but the preparation contrast is important. Carolina has had extra time, while Philadelphia must reset after travel and a painful finish. The Eagles' best response is a controlled opening built on clean execution rather than trying to erase the previous result in one possession.

Carolina can use patience to make that reset harder. Long drives, sound tackling and a clean turnover column would put the Panthers in position to challenge late. Philadelphia needs to establish manageable third downs and avoid letting frustration turn into unnecessary risks.

DECIDING FACTOR

Compare offensive rhythm in the first quarter. If Carolina turns its rest advantage into an early lead, the projected home edge becomes fragile.

PROJECTED SCORE

Eagles 24 - Panthers 20

Editorial lean: LOW

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Source: [1,2,4,8] | Method and links: page 19



BEARS AT FALCONS

SUN OCT 18 | 1:00 PM ET | FOX

THE CONTEXT

Both teams seek a response: Chicago lost 31-7 at Green Bay, while Atlanta fell 30-23 to Baltimore in overtime.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

Atlanta is a very narrow home selection in a matchup where last week's disappointment should not be mistaken for a complete measure of either team. The Falcons need useful early-down gains and fewer empty stretches; Chicago needs a steadier offensive foundation than it showed against Green Bay.

The Bears can change the script by protecting the passer and staying balanced when the game is close. Atlanta should try to make Chicago play from behind without becoming overly aggressive itself. Neither side has enough evidence here to justify treating the outcome as comfortable.

DECIDING FACTOR

Quarterback availability and pass protection deserve a final check before kickoff. This one-point forecast is provisional and can move with the confirmed lineups.

PROJECTED SCORE

Falcons 24 - Bears 23

Editorial lean: LOW / PROVISIONAL

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,9,10] | Method and links: page 19



STEELERS AT BUCCANEERS

SUN OCT 18 | 1:00 PM ET | CBS

THE CONTEXT

Pittsburgh beat Indianapolis 34-22. Tampa Bay has extra recovery time after its Thursday 24-16 win at Dallas.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The Steelers get the smallest of edges after showing they can turn productive offensive possessions into touchdowns. Repeating that on the road requires discipline: Pittsburgh cannot assume explosive gains will appear whenever a drive stalls. Keeping the offense on schedule is the safer foundation.

Tampa Bay's extra preparation time and home setting create a strong counterargument. The Buccaneers can control the matchup if they limit sudden gains and force Pittsburgh to earn every first down. On offense, a patient approach could make the visitors defend long stretches in the Florida conditions.

DECIDING FACTOR

Watch yards gained after the first missed tackle. A few broken plays could matter more than overall possession in this projected one-point contest.

PROJECTED SCORE

Steelers 24 - Buccaneers 23

Editorial lean: LOW

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,11,12] | Method and links: page 19



SAINTS AT GIANTS

SUN OCT 18 | 1:00 PM ET | FOX

THE CONTEXT

The Giants return home after a 27-27 overtime tie with Washington. New Orleans lost 23-13 to Minnesota.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

New York is the lean in a game where offensive consistency may be more valuable than an ambitious plan. The Giants should look for efficient first-down plays and avoid turning an otherwise manageable possession into a difficult third down. Home field helps only if it supports cleaner execution.

The Saints can threaten an upset by reducing the number of possessions and keeping New York from finding easy gains after the catch. A balanced offensive afternoon would also keep their defense from constantly returning to the field. Chasing a deficit would make that approach much harder.

DECIDING FACTOR

Red-zone discipline is the key. The Giants need touchdowns from their best drives; the Saints need to force field goals and preserve a close fourth quarter.

PROJECTED SCORE

Giants 24 - Saints 17

Editorial lean: LOW TO MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,13,14] | Method and links: page 19



TITANS AT COLTS

SUN OCT 18 | 1:00 PM ET | FOX

THE CONTEXT

Tennessee scored only three points against Houston. Indianapolis returns home after a 34-22 loss in Pittsburgh.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The Colts are the selection because their path to a functional scoring game looks clearer after those results. Indianapolis should be able to build around efficient drives rather than force a shootout. The task is to remove negative plays and make Tennessee defend the full length of the field.

The Titans' first priority is offensive stability. Avoiding sacks, penalties and giveaways would keep their defense from inheriting difficult situations. Tennessee can make the game competitive if it controls the pace and creates a short field, but it cannot rely on the opponent repeatedly wasting opportunities.

DECIDING FACTOR

Watch Tennessee's opening possessions. If the Titans sustain drives without self-inflicted setbacks, the projected ten-point gap becomes less convincing.

PROJECTED SCORE

Colts 27 - Titans 17

Editorial lean: MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,5,11] | Method and links: page 19



RAVENS AT BROWNS

SUN OCT 18 | 1:00 PM ET | FOX

THE CONTEXT

Baltimore earned a 30-23 overtime win in Atlanta. Cleveland now provides a divisional road test with little room for wasteful possessions.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The Ravens get the lean if they can keep their offense balanced and avoid a game full of third-and-long situations. Useful runs and complementary short throws would make Cleveland defend several options rather than anticipate obvious dropbacks. A controlled start would also reduce the need for another late comeback.

The Browns' upset route is to compress the game through possession, protection and disciplined defense. They do not need constant explosive plays to threaten Baltimore; they need to avoid repeatedly recovering from negative plays or an early two-score deficit.

DECIDING FACTOR

Third-down distance will reveal who is controlling the matchup. Frequent long-yardage situations for Baltimore would move this game toward Cleveland's preferred script.

PROJECTED SCORE

Ravens 27 - Browns 20

Editorial lean: MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,10] | Method and links: page 19



CARDINALS AT RAMS

SUN OCT 18 | 4:05 PM ET | FOX

THE CONTEXT

The Rams scored 34 points in their overtime loss to Buffalo. Arizona is coming off a 45-21 defeat against Detroit.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

Los Angeles has the stronger offensive case, but its Monday night overtime game creates a short recovery window. The Rams should favor an efficient opening over an unnecessarily frantic tempo. If they turn routine completions into useful gains, Arizona will have to defend sustained possessions as well as downfield threats.

The Cardinals need to keep defensive mistakes from becoming quick touchdowns. Offensively, controlling possession would help limit the Rams' opportunities and test their recovery. Arizona can make this a close divisional game if it avoids letting an early setback become a sequence of rushed decisions.

DECIDING FACTOR

Tackling after the catch and red-zone finishing are the two pressure points. Los Angeles gets the nod, with fatigue the clearest reason for caution.

PROJECTED SCORE

Rams 30 - Cardinals 24

Editorial lean: MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,15,16] | Method and links: page 19



BILLS AT RAIDERS

SUN OCT 18 | 4:25 PM ET | CBS

THE CONTEXT

Buffalo won 37-34 in overtime against the Rams on Monday. Las Vegas is regrouping after a 45-17 loss at New England.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The Bills have the clearer offensive route to winning, but they must manage a short turnaround after an extended game. Josh Allen's ability to prolong a possession can punish coverage that loses its shape. Taking available completions early would make later downfield opportunities easier to exploit.

Las Vegas needs a response built on control. Protecting the ball, keeping Buffalo off the field and avoiding short fields would preserve a competitive fourth quarter. Trying to answer every score with an immediate big play risks giving the Bills the pace they want.

DECIDING FACTOR

Watch Buffalo's protection and tackling early. Visible fatigue would make the projected seven-point margin less reliable even if the Bills remain the pick.

PROJECTED SCORE

Bills 30 - Raiders 23

Editorial lean: MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,6,15] | Method and links: page 19



CHARGERS AT CHIEFS

SUN OCT 18 | 4:25 PM ET | CBS

THE CONTEXT

Kansas City returns from its Week 5 bye. The Chargers are seeking their first win after a 23-17 loss to Denver.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The Chiefs receive the clearest lean in this guide. Rest and home field give Kansas City a favorable setting, but the useful football argument is simpler: a controlled start can force a struggling opponent to play from behind. Efficient scoring drives matter more than chasing highlight plays.

The Chargers need a game that stays within reach. Protection, a credible running threat and a clean turnover column would let them challenge Kansas City without relying on desperate third-down escapes. An early deficit would place much greater pressure on every subsequent offensive possession.

DECIDING FACTOR

The first half is critical. If Los Angeles keeps the game close and avoids repeated negative plays, the Chiefs will have to earn their projected separation late.

PROJECTED SCORE

Chiefs 31 - Chargers 20

Editorial lean: MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,8,17] | Method and links: page 19



COWBOYS AT PACKERS

SUN OCT 18 | 8:20 PM ET | NBC / PEACOCK

THE CONTEXT

Green Bay beat Chicago 31-7, with Jordan Love throwing for 367 yards and two touchdowns. Dallas visits Lambeau for Sunday night.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The Packers are the home selection if their passing game carries forward its rhythm. Efficient underneath gains paired with selective shots downfield would make Dallas defend several areas at once. The pick does not require Love to reproduce last week's exact yardage total.

Dallas can make the game uncomfortable by controlling possession and forcing longer scoring drives. Sound tackling and one early takeaway would provide a much easier route than a sustained shootout. Green Bay must also generate pressure without automatically exposing its coverage behind the rush.

DECIDING FACTOR

Check defensive availability before kickoff. This projection does not assume a Micah Parsons return; an October 12 report said he was not expected back at practice that week.

PROJECTED SCORE

Packers 27 - Cowboys 20

Editorial lean: MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,9,18] | Method and links: page 19



COMMANDERS AT 49ERS

MON OCT 19 | 8:15 PM ET | ESPN / ABC

THE CONTEXT

San Francisco beat Seattle 32-29. Washington arrives after a 27-27 tie in which Jayden Daniels exceeded 100 rushing yards.

MATCHUP ANALYSIS

The 49ers get a modest home lean, with disciplined quarterback containment at the center of the case. Their rush must hold its lanes without inviting easy throws behind it. Making Washington sustain conventional drives would be preferable to repeatedly defending broken-play escapes.

The Commanders can upset that plan by combining quarterback movement with timely passing. Spectacular runs alone may not be enough if San Francisco is scoring steadily. Washington also needs reliable tackling after short completions so that ordinary gains do not become easy first downs.

DECIDING FACTOR

Watch the defense when Daniels leaves the pocket. If containment and downfield communication separate, this could become another final-possession game.

PROJECTED SCORE

49ers 30 - Commanders 23

Editorial lean: MODERATE

Estimate, not a result or guarantee.

Sources [1,2,13,19] | Method and links: page 19



FULL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY THROUGH MONDAY | ALL TIMES ET

THU OCT 15

Seattle at Denver	8:15 PM	Prime Video
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SUN OCT 18

Houston vs. Jacksonville*	9:30 AM	NFL Network
NY Jets at New England	1:00 PM	CBS
Carolina at Philadelphia	1:00 PM	CBS
Chicago at Atlanta	1:00 PM	FOX
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay	1:00 PM	CBS
New Orleans at NY Giants	1:00 PM	FOX
Tennessee at Indianapolis	1:00 PM	FOX
Baltimore at Cleveland	1:00 PM	FOX
Arizona at LA Rams	4:05 PM	FOX
Buffalo at Las Vegas	4:25 PM	CBS
LA Chargers at Kansas City	4:25 PM	CBS
Dallas at Green Bay	8:20 PM	NBC / Peacock

MON OCT 19

Washington at San Francisco	8:15 PM	ESPN / ABC
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ON BYE: Cincinnati, Detroit, Miami and Minnesota.

*London: Wembley Stadium. Jacksonville is the designated home team. Sunday afternoon coverage varies by local market. Check your provider for availability and late changes.

Sources [1,2,20] | Verified October 13, 2026

THE MATCHUPS

WITHIN THE MATCHUPS

01 BALL SECURITY IN DENVER

Seahawks at Broncos

Seattle's recent giveaways make possession quality the opening-night theme. Watch whether Denver can create long-yardage situations without giving up easy early-down completions.

02 FINISHING DRIVES IN LONDON

Texans vs. Jaguars

Field position will matter, but touchdowns inside the red zone could separate two teams coming off very different wins. A field-goal-heavy game keeps the upset route open.

03 RECOVERY AFTER OVERTIME

Bills at Raiders / Cardinals at Rams

Buffalo and Los Angeles played into overtime on Monday. Their Sunday starts will reveal how well they have recovered; sluggish protection or tackling could narrow the expected edges.

04 PRESSURE VERSUS COVERAGE

Cowboys at Packers

Green Bay needs pressure that does not leave easy throws behind it. The projection does not assume a Micah Parsons return. Confirm the final availability report.

05 CONTAINMENT ON MONDAY NIGHT

Commanders at 49ers

Washington's quarterback movement can change the shape of the game. San Francisco must keep rush lanes and downfield communication connected when the pocket breaks down.

Original editorial watch points. Reporting basis and method: page 19.

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HOW TO READ THE SCORES

These are original qualitative editorial estimates, not statistical model outputs or published odds. Recent results, schedule context, rest and plausible game scripts inform each lean. Low confidence means a fragile edge; moderate confidence means a clearer preference with substantial uncertainty.

Final injury designations and weather were not settled at the research cutoff. Recheck official updates before kickoff. Factual reporting and original tactical interpretation are kept distinct.

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