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**Fast starters**

The Colts are the second team in NFL history to start three consecutive seasons with records of at least 7-0.

|      | Season-opening win streak | Final record |
|------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 2007 | 7                         | -            |
| 2006 | 9                         | 12-4         |
| 2005 | 13                        | 14-2         |

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**IN THE NEWS**

**■ HINGIS QUILTS OVER DRUG CHARGES**

In an out-of-nowhere end to **Martina Hingis'** comeback, the five-time Grand Slam champion revealed yesterday she tested positive for cocaine at Wimbledon and will retire for a second time rather than fight what she called a "horrendous" accusation. "I am frustrated and angry," the 27-year-old Hingis said at a news conference in Zurich, Switzerland, her voice breaking as she fought back tears. "I believe that I am absolutely, 100 percent innocent." She read a prepared statement ending with the vow, "I have never taken drugs," then left without taking questions.

**■ N.H. SPEEDWAY SAID TO BE SOLD**

New Hampshire International Speedway chairman **Bob Bahre** has reportedly agreed to sell his racetrack to **O. Bruton Smith**, the CEO and chairman of Speedway Motorsports Inc. An announcement is expected to come today at Texas Motor Speedway, site of this weekend's Race to the Chase stop. Texas Motor Speedway is owned by Smith's SMI group. SMI owns four race tracks that host two Nextel Cup events each, and two that host one race each. There has been talk that one or both of Loudon's dates could be taken away and a likely recipient of one date would be Las Vegas. Another possible scenario would be that NHIS swaps its September date with Texas, leaving TMS as the first race in the Chase.

**■ BRYANT DEAL GOING NOWHERE**

**Kobe Bryant** won't be joining the Chicago Bulls anytime soon. Bulls GM **John Paxson** basically squashed the notion that the Lakers' superstar will wind up in Chicago, saying the teams were never on the verge of a deal and talks were over for now. "There's not a deal done," he said yesterday. "There's not going to be a deal done. All the things that were out there were really unfair to all of us who were trying to do our jobs." Paxson's comments came a day after a flurry of rumors Wednesday, with one report saying the Bulls, Sacramento Kings and Lakers were discussing a three-way deal that would bring the superstar to Chicago.

**■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

No. 11 Virginia Tech 27, Georgia Tech 3

**■ NHL**

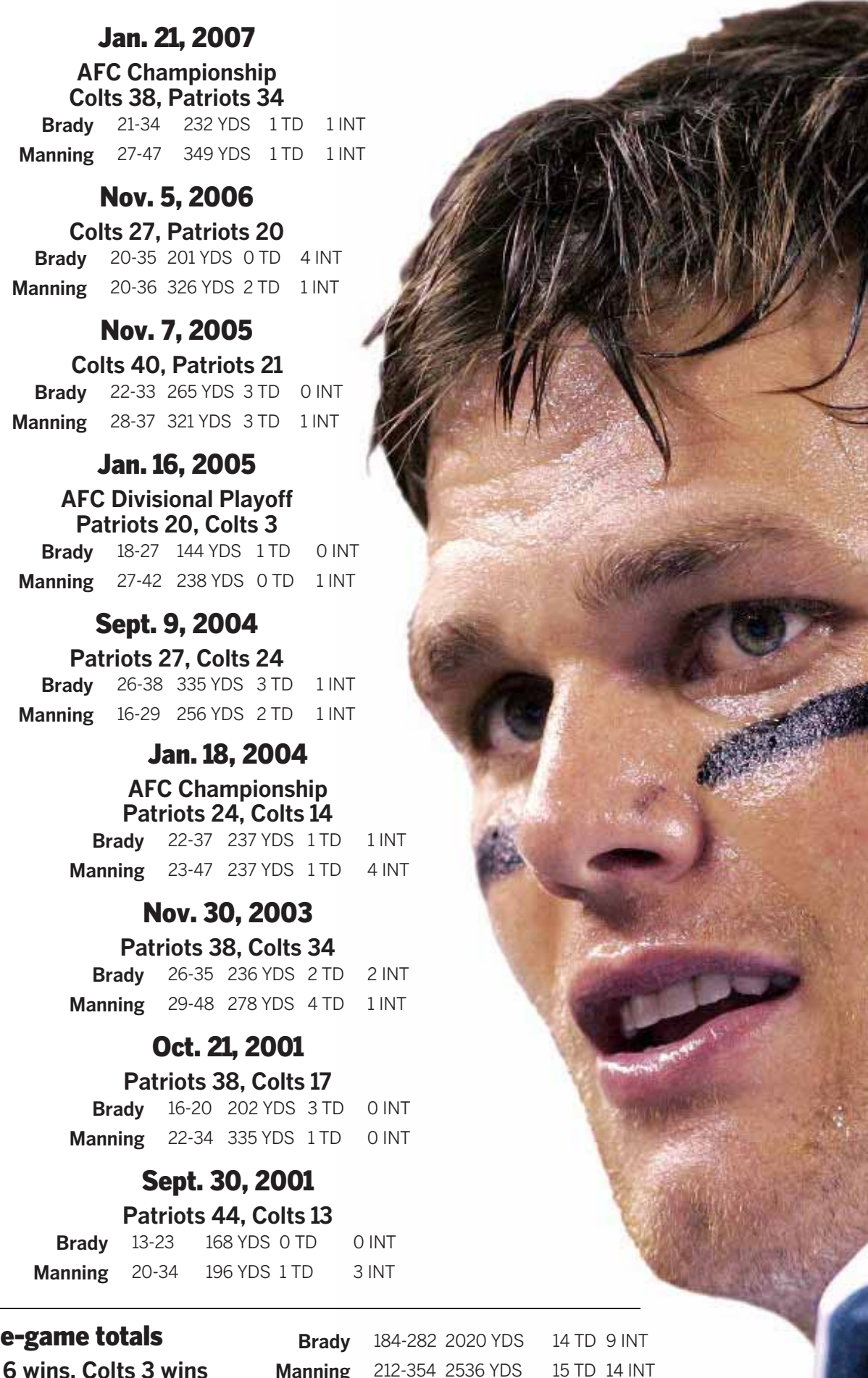
Boston 4, Buffalo 3, o.t.  
N.Y. Islanders 4, Tampa Bay 0  
N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 0  
Ottawa 6, Atlanta 4  
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 2  
St. Louis 3, Minnesota 2  
Detroit 4, Calgary 1  
Colorado 3, Pittsburgh 2  
Columbus at Anaheim  
Nashville at Vancouver

**■ NBA**

Detroit 91, Miami 80  
Houston 106, Utah 105  
Phoenix at Seattle

# FACE-OFF

Here's how Peyton Manning and Tom Brady have performed in their nine previous matchups



**Jan. 21, 2007**

**AFC Championship  
Colts 38, Patriots 34**

Brady 21-34 232 YDS 1 TD 1 INT  
Manning 27-47 349 YDS 1 TD 1 INT

**Nov. 5, 2006**

**Colts 27, Patriots 20**

Brady 20-35 201 YDS 0 TD 4 INT  
Manning 20-36 326 YDS 2 TD 1 INT

**Nov. 7, 2005**

**Colts 40, Patriots 21**

Brady 22-33 265 YDS 3 TD 0 INT  
Manning 28-37 321 YDS 3 TD 1 INT

**Jan. 16, 2005**

**AFC Divisional Playoff  
Patriots 20, Colts 3**

Brady 18-27 144 YDS 1 TD 0 INT  
Manning 27-42 238 YDS 0 TD 1 INT

**Sept. 9, 2004**

**Patriots 27, Colts 24**

Brady 26-38 335 YDS 3 TD 1 INT  
Manning 16-29 256 YDS 2 TD 1 INT

**Jan. 18, 2004**

**AFC Championship  
Patriots 24, Colts 14**

Brady 22-37 237 YDS 1 TD 1 INT  
Manning 23-47 237 YDS 1 TD 4 INT

**Nov. 30, 2003**

**Patriots 38, Colts 34**

Brady 26-35 236 YDS 2 TD 2 INT  
Manning 29-48 278 YDS 4 TD 1 INT

**Oct. 21, 2001**

**Patriots 38, Colts 17**

Brady 16-20 202 YDS 3 TD 0 INT  
Manning 22-34 335 YDS 1 TD 0 INT

**Sept. 30, 2001**

**Patriots 44, Colts 13**

Brady 13-23 168 YDS 0 TD 0 INT  
Manning 20-34 196 YDS 1 TD 3 INT

**Nine-game totals**

**Patriots 6 wins, Colts 3 wins**  
Brady 184-282 2020 YDS 14 TD 9 INT  
Manning 212-354 2536 YDS 15 TD 14 INT

## What it comes down to is the two best QBs in the league

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FOXBORO — There are many elements of Sunday's overhyped Patriots-Colts game that run counter to what Bill Belichick preaches, but one in particular sticks out: Brady vs. Manning.  
The two quarterbacks, New England's

Tom Brady and Indianapolis' Peyton Manning, are far and away the two best in the NFL right now.

But singling them out is to suggest that somehow it won't be 45 players from each side that determine the final outcome, but rather just two: the unparalleled signal callers, each at the top of their game. While

each will undoubtedly play a large role in his team's fortunes three days hence, Belichick would be the first to tell you that they will not be the only ones to do so.

Though their differences are many — Brady moonlights as a model and is the face of Stetson cologne, while Manning dons goofy black mustaches in cell-phone

commercials; Brady dates a model, while Manning married his college sweetheart; Brady was the skinny long-shot studying film of himself running the scout team, while Manning was groomed for NFL stardom since he could grip a football — it is

SEE PATRIOTS, D5



Hendricken and La Salle square off again tonight in a meeting of Rhode Island football heavyweights. Check out the survey to see which team the fans said would come out the winner. Page D6

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## Look out, Hendricken and La Salle

The temptation is to call them the holy trinity of Rhode Island high school football, but that borders on blasphemy.

So let's just say Hendricken, La Salle and St. Raphael are three powerful parochial school teams.

**JOHN GILLOOLY** Right now Hendricken is 6-0 in R.I. Interscholastic League Division I play. St. Raphael is 5-0, and La Salle is 4-1. All of the other six teams in Division I have at least three losses.

It's not unusual for Hendricken and La Salle to be among the state high school gridiron elite.

Just a year ago at this time, a standing-room-only crowd at La Salle's Cronin Field watched the Hawks and Rams battle in what, at the time, was a showdown between the Interscholastic League's only Division I undefeated teams.

But now, probably for the first time ever, all three of the state's only parochial football-playing high schools are waging a battle for supremacy of the state's top high school gridiron division.

St. Raphael has a long football history, but for

SEE GILLOOLY, D6