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Buccaneers Need Saints To Lose To Stay In Second Place

With the Tampa Bay Buccaneers victory Thursday night, fans will be looking at the scoreboard Sunday to see what is happening in the NFC South. The Bucs are now in soul possession of second place with the Atlanta Falcons running away with the division and the only undefeated team left in the NFL. The New Orleans Saints are right on the Bucs tail but you can't count the Carolina Panthers out even though they only have one victory this season.

Atlanta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles

The Falcons are coming off their bye week after going 6-0 the first half of the season. The Falcons last win came against the Oakland Raiders, 23-20. The Eagles; surprisingly are the favored team, despite the Falcons being undefeated. The Eagles are 2-1 at home this season. They are also coming off their bye week. The last game they played, they lost to the Detroit Lions 26-23.

This is a toss up game for the Bucs. It would not hurt them if the Falcons win but it would be nice for them to lose their first game. The loss could help the Bucs later on in the season. The way the Falcons are playing, they are looking solid and could make the run perfect.

Eagles lead the match-up 7-2 since 2001.

Carolina Panthers at Chicago Bears

The Panthers fired their GM this previous week for having a 1-5 record. The Panther have a decent team despite only having one win. The Panthers loss to the Dallas Cowboys 19-14 last week. They are 0-2 away. The Bears are the favored team to win. They won their last game 13-7 over the Lions. The Bears are 3-0 at home this season.

If the Panthers win their second game, they would be right behind the Bucs. It would be nice to see the Panthers to continue to lose in hopes they fall out of the running all together.

The series match-up is tied 3-3 since 2001.

New Orleans Saints at Denver Broncos

The New Orleans Saints are coming off of a victory over the Bucs last week and giving them a 2-4 record on the year. The Saints are 1-2 away. The Broncos are favored to win. They are coming off their bye week and went 3-3 the first half. The Broncos are 2-1 at home. They won their last game over the San Diego Chargers 35-24.

The Bucs need the Broncos to beat the Saints so they can maintain soul possession of second place; otherwise the two teams are in a tie.

Broncos are winning the head-to-head match-up 2-0 since 2001.

The Bucs need to start distancing themselves from the pack by winning more with the Panthers and Saints losing. It would be a big help to the Bucs if all three teams could lose. If not all three, than a Saints and Panthers loss would be appreciated. The Bucs have a good shot at being at least .500 when they have to face their biggest challenge, the Falcons in Week 12.