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<b>1. CAROLINA PANTHERS</b>

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<b>Offense:</b> WR Steve Smith returned from a 2004 injury and lit up the league last season,

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<b>Defense:</b> This is one tough defense that can do it all. It all starts up front with pass

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<b>Special Teams:</b> There's always the possibility of a return TD when Steve Smith is handling

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<b>Prediction:</b> They can run. They can pass. They can defend the run and pass. There's nothing

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<b>2. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS</b>

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<b>Offense:</b> As the Cadillac goes, so goes this offense. Head coach Jon Gruden prefers a coach

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<b>Defense:</b> The Bucs defense was #1 in yards allowed last season. DE Simeon Rice registered

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<b>Special Teams:</b> The kickoff return team was virtually invisible in 2005. Mark Jones did

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<b>Prediction:</b> The Bucs will contend for a Wildcard spot and should get one provided Cadillac

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<b>3. ATLANTA FALCONS</b>

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<b>Offense:</b> Atlanta has led the league in rushing each of the last two seasons thanks to R

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<b>Defense:</b> This unit ranked 22nd in the NFL last season. Some of that can be contributed

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<b>Special Teams:</b> Allen Rossum's punt and kickoff return numbers dropped big-time over his

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<b>Prediction:</b> If Vick takes a step forward as a passer, this team could compete for a Wild

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<b>4. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS</b>

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<b>Offense:</b> If QB Drew Brees' shoulder is healthy, this offense could be dangerous. New he

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<b>Defense:</b> The Saints struggled on the defensive side of the ball last season. They ranked

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<b>Special Teams:</b> Getting Michael Lewis back from injury should spark the return game. 41-

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<b>Prediction:</b> Even if Brees is healthy, the defense has a way to go before this team will

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<b>FINAL THOUGHTS:</b> Carolina is solid in all aspects and is one of the top choices to win t

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