

Look out, Bock columnist's picks at 67 percent

Last week's column went 10-3, which brings the two-week totals to 18-9, 67 percent. Keep in mind that when I write this column I am picking straight winners and losers; the Vegas points spread is ignored. My goal for the year is to try to keep pace with the almighty Hal Bock, who picks the NFL games each week in the Sunday Omaha World-Herald (Bock is currently 15-13-53 percent).

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If I can somehow better Bock's average when the year comes to an end, then salary negotiations may be in order for next year. Well, that can wait, so here are the selections for this week:

-St. Louis at Detroit: St. Louis has had two strong offensive showings with virtually no help from their defense. Another similar Cardinal performance will extend Detroit's winning streak to three games. The Lions by 11.

-Buffalo at New Orleans: This will be the first road test for the surprising Bills, but New Orleans "Happy Birthday" defense should negate any home crowd edge the Saints may have. Buffalo by four.

-Minnesota at Chicago: The Bears' Walter Payton loves to run against Minnesota, and watching Philadelphia's Wilbert Montgomery ramble through the Vikings last week shouldn't discourage him at all. Chicago by six.

-Miami at Atlanta: Who ever thought the Atlanta Falcons would be favored over

the Miami Dolphins by three points? Get serious. The Dolphins by seven.

-Baltimore at Houston: The Colts get the dubious honor of playing the two best teams in the NFL in two consecutive weeks. Baltimore gave Pittsburgh all they wanted, and the Colts may do the same for the Oilers, who are recovering from a grueling Monday Night Game with Cleveland. Houston by four.

-Tampa Bay at Dallas: The Cowboys were probably wondering when their home opener would roll around. Tampa Bay will need more than a pass interference to pull this one out. Dallas by five.

-San Francisco at the New York Jets: Two defense-less teams hook up for what should be a point orgy at Shea Stadium. Can the 49ers end the Jets' losing streak? Why not? the Jets by 10.

-Kansas City at Cleveland: The Chiefs were favored in their first two games at home and lost. Will things change now that they are underdogs and on the road? It's not likely. Cleveland by three.

-Pittsburgh at Cincinnati: The only question here is how many starters Pittsburgh will play. The Steelers by 14.

-San Diego at Denver: When the Chargers come to Denver's Mile High Stadium, they mysteriously start missing field goals and dropping passes. I don't know the reason why, so I'll stick with tradition. Denver by three.

-New England at Seattle: A rematch of these two teams' last exhibition game which saw the Seahawks run wild in the second half. The Patriots have some dis-sension problems, and the game is in Seattle. The Seahawks by 10.

-Washington at Oakland: The Raiders may suffer a letdown after their overtime loss to San Diego, but it can't be drastic enough to produce a loss against the Redskins. Oakland by seven.

-Green Bay at Los Angeles: It is still early in the season, but another Ram loss would bring their simmering team problems to a boil. But then it would have to be a lot earlier in the season than it is now for

the Packers to upset Los Angeles. The Rams by 17.

-The Monday Night Game-The New York Giants at Philadelphia: The Giants traditionally play the Eagles tough, so you can expect that ABC's TV Broadcast of the game this Monday night will attract a lot more viewers than did last week's Vikings-Eagles game on CBS. Philadelphia by eight.

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Junior Terri Kanouse had five kill spikes against Wichita State and eight service aces against Creighton. Freshman Deb Mueller scored seven points

and Mindy Martens added six points and two aces during the Wichita match.

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