

**NFL POWER POLL****VINCE MAROTTA****Week 13**

Rank	Team	Comment
1	Dallas Cowboys	Gave up a ton of yards to Washington, but still had enough to win.
2	Oakland Raiders	Comeback win with an injured QB...this team is for real.
3	New England Patriots	Struggled vs. Jets, but got the win.
4	Kansas City Chiefs	Stayed undefeated in the AFC West -- the best division in the game.
5	New York Giants	They're not killing teams or scoring a ton of points...they just win.
6	Atlanta Falcons	You can't stop Taylor Gabriel, you can only hope to contain him.
7	Seattle Seahawks	Third game without a TD in loss to Tampa Bay.
8	Detroit Lions	Close game? No problem.
9	Miami Dolphins	6th straight win...3rd straight against a California team.
10	Denver Broncos	1-3 in their own division.
11	Buffalo Bills	Sure, they were losing in the 4th quarter to the Jaguars, but they found a way to win.
12	Washington Redskins	Cousins put on an aerial show in Dallas, but couldn't get the win.
13	Baltimore Ravens	Holding so obvious, even the NFL officials caught it on the last play vs. Bengals.
14	Pittsburgh Steelers	Two straight convincing wins after a 4-game skid.
15	Minnesota Vikings	Remember when Sam Bradford was an MVP candidate? Yeah, me either.
16	Houston Texans	"I didn't play very well." -- Brock Osweiler's go-to quote in 2016.
17	Indianapolis Colts	If Luck is healthy down a very manageable home stretch, they've got a chance.
18	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Let this sink in...the Bucs are above .500!
19	Green Bay Packers	Good MNF road win in a desperate situation.
20	New Orleans Saints	Watching Sean Payton roll up the score on Greg Williams' Rams 'D' was glorious.
21	Philadelphia Eagles	Eagles are 2-6 in their last 8 games.
22	Tennessee Titans	Three of their wins are against Cleveland, Jacksonville and Chicago.
23	Carolina Panthers	The Panthers have become quite adept at losing close games.
24	San Diego Chargers	Creeping near .500 with a road win at Houston.
25	Arizona Cardinals	Done.
26	Los Angeles Rams	Don't criticize the Rams. Eric Dickerson found that out the hard way!
27	Cincinnati Bengals	Marvin Lewis' coaching run may be coming to an end.
28	New York Jets	Todd Bowles' coaching run may be coming to an end.
29	Chicago Bears	John Fox's coaching run may be coming to an end.
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	Gus Bradley's coaching run -- aw, hell, it's over.
31	San Francisco 49ers	Kaepernick showing signs of life.
32	Cleveland Browns	They're gonna finish 0-16, and a crying Hue Jackson knows it.



NFL POWER POLL

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GOING INTO WEEK 13

Rank	Team	
1	Cowboys	At what point do we stop calling Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott rookies because t
2	Patriots	Tom Brady 200 wins. Impressive.
3	Raiders	Khalil Mack ate Cam Newton for lunch, and dinner
4	Giants	Jason Pierre-Paul can beat the Cleveland offensive line with one hand, or a few less fingers than others
5	Seahawks	How do you win in New England but lose in Tampa Bay?
6	Chiefs	Doink! Cairo Santos' couldn't do that again if he tried.
7	Broncos	"It's on me," Gary Kubiak said. Yeah, a 62-yard field goal with a new long-snapper was too big a risk.
8	Falcons	Atlanta Twitter-trolling Cleveland for releasing Taylor Gabriel was magnificent
9	Steelers	Antonio Brown is really good. Really good.
10	Redskins	Kirk Cousins looks awfully impressive.
11	Vikings	They've lost five of six with their only win against the Cardinals
12	Lions	All 11 of their games have been decided by seven points or less
13	Dolphins	It's a win, but it's kind of embarrassing to need a goal line stand against San Francisco
14	Texans	Houston wouldn't bench Brock Osweiler can it?
15	Packers	Green Bay found a way to turn things around
16	Eagles	Best headline seen after Monday Night Football: What Wentz wrong
17	Bills	Again, credit the Cardinals for helping turning Buffalo's season around
18	Ravens	John Harbaugh doing Jim Harbaugh-type of things late in games
19	Titans	A win over the Bears doesn't count for much anymore
20	Buccaneers	Dirk Koetter never got embarrassed in the Territorial Cup
21	Saints	Play a few more teams like the Rams and New Orleans may be a playoff contender
22	Chargers	I don't think I'll ever figure out the 2016 Chargers
23	Cardinals	It's called a football. Catch it, Michael Floyd.
24	Colts	Too much turkey earlier in the day cost Indianapolis
25	Panthers	Hard to believe that last year's NFC Championship participants won't make the playoffs
26	Bengals	Are Cincinnati fans as disappointed in their team as Cardinals fans?
27	Rams	Come on Jeff Fisher, you need four more wins to finish 8-8. You can do it!
28	Jets	Hope Todd Bowles gets a third year
29	Bears	Will there be a parade to help escort Jay Cutler out of town?
30	Jaguars	Jacksonville may not wait until the end of the season to make a coaching change
31	49ers	What would Bill Walsh say about the franchise he helped make famous
32	Browns	Twelve down, four to go



NFL POWER RANKINGS CRAIG MORGAN

WEEK 13

Rank	Team	
1	Dallas Cowboys	That game at the Giants on Dec. 11 suddenly looms large for the division title.
2	New England Patriots	We wondered how the Pats would torture the Jets. The answer came in many forms.
3	Oakland Raiders	The Raiders dodged a bullet with Derek Carr's pinkie injury... we think.
4	Kansas City Chiefs	Cairo Santos' 34-yard FG avoided a third NFL tie for the first time since 1973.
5	New York Giants	The Giants have won 6 straight and they're the only team to beat the Cowboys.
6	Atlanta Falcons	With defensive injuries to Trufant & Clayborn, the offense will have to be even better.
7	Seattle Seahawks	Seattle's offensive line was simply atrocious against the Bucs.
8	Denver Broncos	The Broncos' loss to the Chiefs' was defined by debatable coaching decisions.
9	Detroit Lions	Matthew Stafford is the most exciting Lion since Barry Sanders. Sorry, Megatron.
10	Miami Dolphins	The Dolphins were underwhelming in their sixth straight victory.
11	Washington Redskins	The Redskins can KO the Cardinals with a win in Glendale on Sunday.
12	Pittsburgh Steelers	The Steelers are in prime position to win the pathetic AFC Central.
13	Buffalo Bills	The Bills' streaks this season: 2 losses, 4 wins, 3 losses, 2 wins.
14	Baltimore Ravens	The Christmas Day game at Heinz Field may decide the AFC Central.
15	Green Bay Packers	Aaron Rodgers says the Pack can run the table. Doubtful, but he's the guy to do it.
16	Philadelphia Eagles	The Eagles' first home loss likely sealed their playoff fate with a 3-6 NFC record.
17	Minnesota Vikings	Hard to believe a team that was 5-0 will miss the playoffs. The Vikings will.
18	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Alterraun Verner lost his dad Friday and was swarmed by teammates after his INT.
19	Houston Texans	Brock Osweiler has the lowest passer rating of any NFL starter (72.2).
20	New Orleans Saints	If the Saints finish above .500 it will be on the back of Drew Brees.
21	San Diego Chargers	OLB Jerry Attaochu is the 17th Charger on season-ending IR.
22	Tennessee Titans	The Titans promoted former Mr. Irrelevant, CB Kalan Reed to the 53-man roster.
23	Indianapolis Colts	Andrew Luck (concussion) practiced Monday after missing a loss to Pittsburgh.
24	Arizona Cardinals	The question nobody wants to ask in Arizona: Has the Cardinals' window closed?
25	Carolina Panthers	The Panthers have a slight edge on the Cards for NFL's most disappointing team.
26	Los Angeles Rams	The Rams are headed to a 13th straight season of .500 or worse..
27	Cincinnati Bengals	Marvin Lewis actually said the playoffs are still possible.
28	New York Jets	Ryan Fitzpatrick will remain the QB. Jets fans wonder who the coach will be.
29	Chicago Bears	Serious question: Is there a franchise with a worse QB history than the Bears?
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	Six losses in a row as the Jags jockey for draft position.
31	San Francisco 49ers	Where was security while Dolphins fans & 49ers fans were brawling in the stands?
32	Cleveland Browns	The countdown continues to match the 2008 Lions' run of futility.



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ADAM GREEN

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Rank	Team	Comment
1	Cowboys	Being led by a pair of rookies makes this team all the more worrisome. They'll be good for a while
2	Patriots	Don't even need a healthy Brady to beat the Jets. Does that say more about NE or NY?
3	Seahawks	Laid an egg in Tampa Bay. Get it, a hawk laid an egg? I'm awful.
4	Raiders	Their success shouldn't be a surprise because this team has been building for a bit.
5	Giants	Not one part of me believes in this team, and I don't think they care.
6	Steelers	This team is going to win the AFCN and no one will want to play them.
7	Falcons	That offense...impressive, to say the least. So many weapons.
8	Chiefs	Big win allows them to keep pace in a very competitive division
9	Lions	How do you lose Calvin Johnson and get better?
10	Broncos	Looks like the defense is starting to wear down a bit.
11	Titans	Mariota is great. Next two games are tough -- split them, and this could be a playoff team
12	Dolphins	Remaining schedule isn't particularly daunting.
13	Buccaneers	Big win over Seahawks, but schedule doesn't get much easier for this young team.
14	Redskins	Jordan Reed is great, if he plays. DeSean Jackson could be great, sometimes.
15	Ravens	Brilliant coaching move by Harbaugh to have the mass hold on the final play vs. Cincy
16	Vikings	If they can beat Dallas this week (not likely), schedule sets up nicely down the stretch.
17	Packers	Salvaged their season, at least for another week, with win over Eagles.
18	Saints	Hanging around after a satisfying win over the Rams.
19	Texans	Yeah, they're leading the AFC South. They're still not good.
20	Chargers	This is not a bad team
21	Bills	Lose two, win four, lose three, win two -- streak much?
22	Cardinals	Have shown glimpses of excellence, but can't sustain. Biggest disappointment in league filled with them.
23	Eagles	Things are starting to even out. Don't worry, you have a good young QB to build around.
24	Panthers	Game at Seattle this week should put an end to faint playoff hopes
25	Colts	Could back in the win column this week and maybe the next, but this team goes nowhere.
26	Bengals	I don't understand how these guys are so bad.
27	Rams	If Goff shows flashes the rest of the way, this team will at least have hope.
28	Jets	Almost stole one against New England. This team is a mess.
29	Bears	Good for Matt Barkley; bad for the city of Chicago.
30	Jaguars	If you ignore their record and performance, they might be ranked higher
31	49ers	Kaepernick is looking like a good QB again which is going to make this offseason a lot of fun
32	Browns	At this point, do we even have to actually rank them here? Should just default them to 32.



NFL POWER POLL Paige Dimakos

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Rank	Team	Comment
1	Dallas	Best team in NFL no question.
2	New England	They will go back to the Super Bowl.... I am already mentally prepared for this.
3	Oakland	Clinched first winning season since 2002. Raiders are back baby
4	Kansas City	Impressive OT win in DEN. That defense is championship caliber.
5	Seattle	This team will struggle with anyone with a pass rush. That O-line can't hang
6	Denver	Denver is third best in this division now. But still have such a strong defense
7	NY Giants	They just keep winning, it ain't pretty but they do.
8	Detroit	Best team in their division. I can't believe I just typed that next to the words Detroit.
9	Atlanta	After a bye week all-around this team was impressive. Running game at full strength they look good.
10	Miami	I have to notice you since you've won 6 in a row and I still don't know how.
11	Washington	Mostly hoping the Cardinals beat so I won't have to watch Daniel Snyder dance.
12	Tampa Bay	Now two impressive wins in a row this team is clicking and could have best WR in the game.
13	Baltimore	I strongly dislike this whole division... it's so blah.
14	Buffalo	I am intrigued by you.
15	Minnesota	Sam Bradford just doesn't have enough to make this team a contender.
16	Pittsburgh	I know you won but I still can't trust you.
17	Houston	Two in a row now and trending more towards what I think you are. Barely above .500
18	Titans	Thanks for helping the Bears get a better draft pick.
19	Green Bay	Okay you beat Philly but I need to see more from GB (other than Rodgers) to get back into it.
20	Arizona	Why did you do this to all of us? Hasn't Arizona suffered enough?
21	Saints	Thanks. Just thanks
22	Philly	Your little prank backfired when Green Bay killed you on MNF
23	San Diego	Legit win, but your division is wayyyy too tough.
24	Indy	Okay that was mulligan without Andrew Luck
25	Carolina	Season is over. Draft talk
26	LA Rams	I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Saints drop so many TD's on your "elite" defense
27	Bengals	Much like the Cardinals this team is a huge disappointment
28	NY Jets	Maybe Todd Bowles will end up back in Arizona after all
29	Jacksonville	"It's rough to be a Jacksonville fan," - Said on Fox broadcast
30	Niners	You thought you would win that game? LOLLOL
31	Chicago	Perennial Practice Squad QB Matt Barkley is better than the 25million\$ QB Cutler. #facepalm
32	Cleveland	Just do us all a favor and sit out the rest of the season



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DAVE BURNS

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Rank	Team	Comment
1	Cowboys	Two and a half game lead for top seed in NFC.
2	patriots	Struggled without Gronk but I still think they're the best in the AFC
3	raiders	I thought they'd be good. Not this good.
4	seahawks	They'll be fine, especially with Bennett coming back
5	chiefs	Big drives to tie it and win it vs Denver. Impressive.
6	broncos	I actually didn't mind Kubiak going for the FG. But as of now they're out of playoffs
7	falcons	Their offense has replaced the Cardinals' as the NFC's best freak show.
8	lions	Chasing Seattle for a first round bye. Can't believe I just typed that.
9	steelers	The team I still think will be playing Patriots in AFC title game.
10	redskins	Red Zone issues bit 'em vs. Dallas. High powered offense comes to Arizona Sunday
11	giants	Five tough games left, let's see how they do.
12	dolphins	A six game win streak is a six game win streak.
13	bucs	5-2 in their last seven and the defense just held Russell Wilson to five points
14	ravens	Still uninspired by this bunch
15	chargers	Hanging around
16	titans	Two dropped passes in the end zone away from losing to the Bears
17	bills	Is hanging around this long enough to save Rex?
18	vikings	Maybe getting AP back soon will help. Nah, probably not.
19	texans	I know all about bad investments. Brock looks like one.
20	eagles	Fading.
21	saints	Revenge game against Gregg Williams made for fun viewing
22	packers	Vintage Rodgers on MNF sends a scare through the NFC North
23	panthers	Would have been a nice road win vs Oakland but not to be.
24	cardinals	Not going 5-0 down the stretch, Playoff dreams are dashed
25	colts	No Luck. No Chance.
26	bengals	Is this the year Marvin Lewis can't survive?
27	jets	Played Patriots tough.
28	rams	The Rams should ban Jeff Fisher from the sideline not Eric Dickerson
29	bears	Matt Barkley nearly beat the Titans.
30	jags	Gus Bradley caught on LinkedIn after the game.
31	49ers	Trent Baalke caught on LinkedIn after the game.
32	Browns	0-16 very much within their grasp.

**NFL POWER POLL****NAME: LAPINSKI****Week 13**

Rank	Team	Comment
1	NEW ENGLAND	Haven't been convincing lately, but they've earned the benefit of the doubt.
2	DALLAS	Only team in the NFC that doesn't seem to stumble every other week.
3	OAKLAND	Winning games in a variety of ways. And that's a good sign.
4	KANSAS CITY	Tyreek Hill makes this offense a lot more difficult to handle.
5	ATLANTA	Enough weapons on offense to take a team or two out in the playoffs.
6	SEATTLE	Just when you think they're back, they score 5 points against Tampa.
7	NY GIANTS	Schedule's about to get much harder so we'll see what they're made of.
8	PITTSBURGH	They've beaten Cody Kessler, Josh McCown AND Scott Tolzien in the last 2 weeks!
9	DENVER	Can we really fault Gary Kubiak for saving us from another tie?
10	DETROIT	Why can't this be the Lions' year? The Cubs won the World Series. Anything goes.
11	MIAMI	Owners of the NFL's second-longest winning streak (6 games).
12	WASHINGTON	All four losses have come against first place teams.
13	BUFFALO	LeSean McCoy still very clearly one of the best RBs in football.
14	BALTIMORE	Haven't scored more than 28 in a game all year, yet still tied for first.
15	TAMPA BAY	Wins in Kansas City and vs Seattle in consecutive weeks - with 22 total points allowed.
16	MINNESOTA	Threw away a golden opportunity in Detroit on Thanksgiving.
17	ARIZONA	Whatever "it" is, they just don't seem to have it right now.
18	HOUSTON	Leading their division and still this low. That says something.
19	NEW ORLEANS	Scored 49 points without targeting Brandin Cooks a single time. Odd.
20	SAN DIEGO	They'd be running away with the AFC South.
21	GREEN BAY	Rose to the occasion on MNF, but still plenty of work to do.
22	TENNESSEE	Rotating wins and losses for a month and a half - and now the schedule gets tough.
23	CAROLINA	Good game - but rough loss - vs Oakland might finally be it for them.
24	PHILADELPHIA	Not enough receivers in Wentzylvania yet.
25	INDIANAPOLIS	We've seen enough. When does Luck come back?
26	CINCINNATI	They've won once since September. And it was against the Browns.
27	LOS ANGELES	Hey this Jared Goff character just might be better than Case Keenum after all.
28	NY JETS	At least their last three games have all been close losses?
29	JACKSONVILLE	If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.
30	CHICAGO	Think of them as the opposite of the Patriots.
31	SAN FRANCISCO	Honestly need about 20 picks in this year's draft.
32	CLEVELAND	How many times did they pass on Dak Prescott again? Oh yeah, 8. Nice.