

**NFL POWER POLL****VINCE MAROTTA****Week 15**

Rank	Team	Comment
1	New England Patriots	I still somehow think Tom Brady will win MVP. 22 TDs, 2 picks?
2	Kansas City Chiefs	All they do is win, win, win. Now. 3-0 vs Oakland and Denver this year.
3	Dallas Cowboys	It's been tough sledding for Dak the last two weeks.
4	New York Giants	Huge win over Dallas gives them season sweep of the Cowboys.
5	Oakland Raiders	Derek Carr really struggled against Kansas City.
6	Detroit Lions	Five straight wins...got another come-from-behind W against Bears.
7	Pittsburgh Steelers	David Johnson gets attention around here, but Le'Veon Bell is a total freakshow.
8	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Giving up only 10.8 pts/gm during current 5-game streak.
9	Atlanta Falcons	The Falcons did the once-impossible -- they got Jeff Fisher fired!
10	Seattle Seahawks	Simply terrible in their last two road games.
11	Miami Dolphins	How long will Tannehill be out?
12	Green Bay Packers	Aaron Rodgers is still the best QB in the game. 123.8 rating over last three wins.
13	Denver Broncos	2-3 in their last five. Last 3 against NE, KC and OAK -- could finish 8-8.
14	Washington Redskins	Nice bounce-back win keeps them in Wild Card picture.
15	Baltimore Ravens	Played New England tough...just not tough enough.
16	Minnesota Vikings	Vikes get first road win in a while -- but it was only against Jacksonville.
17	Houston Texans	Top team in division -- only 17th-best in the league.
18	Tennessee Titans	Beat Denver despite a wretched game from Marcus Mariota.
19	Indianapolis Colts	A baffling football team.
20	Buffalo Bills	I praised Rex a few weeks ago. Now, he's on the hot seat.
21	Cincinnati Bengals	They've won two in a row for the first time all year.
22	Arizona Cardinals	Stadiums should play the Benny Hill theme song when Cards are on special teams.
23	Carolina Panthers	The big story out of Charlotte? Cam Newton's cowboy outfit.
24	San Diego Chargers	Philip Rivers 10 interceptions in last four games -- but he's still awesome, right?
25	New Orleans Saints	1-4 in last five, but a chance to 'get right' in road game at Arizona.
26	Philadelphia Eagles	Four straight losses, 1-6 in last seven. Growing pains abundant in Philly.
27	New York Jets	Maybe they didn't totally quit on Bowles.
28	Chicago Bears	Are they really considering sticking with Barkley into the future?
29	Los Angeles Rams	Fisher's gone. I'm conflicted.
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	Is Gus Bradley the next Fisher?
31	San Francisco 49ers	Blew a 14-point lead to the Jets!
32	Cleveland Browns	Counting preseason, the Browns are 0-17. Last win exactly one year ago.



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CRAIG GRIMALOU

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Rank	Team	
1	Patriots	Tom Brady is great. That is all.
2	Chiefs	They do just enough, it seems, to win
3	Cowboys	0-2 vs. the Giants, 11-0 vs. the rest of the NFL
4	Giants	They could be the most dangerous team in the NFC
5	Raiders	Could a dislocated pinky finger cost Derek Carr and the Raiders?
6	Seahawks	Earl Thomas' absence looms large
7	Steelers	No Steelers player has rushed for more yards in a single game than Le'Veon Bell
8	Lions	Just call Matthew Stafford the 'gloved one' from now on
9	Falcons	Rams fans thank Atlanta for helping usher Jeff Fisher out the door in L.A.
10	Broncos	The Super Bowl champs may have only three more weeks to call themselves that, if they don't make the playoffs
11	Packers	Green Bay, Aaron Rodgers heating up when it matters most
12	Redskins	Huge second half in Philadelphia keeps Washington in the playoff picture
13	Vikings	Hey, Minnesota showed they can win on the road
14	Dolphins	Miami, Ryan Tannehill all breathing a sigh of relief
15	Texans	Houston wins its ninth straight against division opponents
16	Buccaneers	Dirk Koetter, Coach of the Year?
17	Ravens	Baltimore looked confused at times, ok several times, against the Patriots
18	Titans	Dirty tactics Harry Douglas. Dirty tactics.
19	Eagles	Yes, Philadelphia and Carson Wentz have hit a wall
20	Bills	Rumors floating that Rex Ryan may be fired in Buffalo
21	Colts	Andrew Luck was in a giving mood with a season-high three turnovers
22	Bengals	Uh, 'Pacman' Jones, you're two-games under-.500, you're not allowed to talk trash
23	Panthers	Hey, Cam, don't forget your tie; you're on the road at Washington this week
24	Cardinals	There will be no January football after New Year's Day
25	Saints	Drew Brees is going to be a motivated quarterback coming to Arizona on Sunday
26	Chargers	Philip Rivers will remember this trip to Carolina for all the wrong reasons: five turnovers and sacked five times
27	Jets	Just what network TV wanted: overtime between two of the worst teams in the NFL
28	Bears	Matt Barkley almost, almost, led Chicago to a win
29	Rams	Yeah! Eric Dickerson can attend Rams games again
30	Jaguars	Their losing streak reaches eight
31	49ers	What happened to this once proud franchise?
32	Browns	13 down, three to go



**NFL POWER RANKINGS CRAIG MORGAN**

WEEK 15

1	New England Patriots	Hard to imagine the Patriots losing at Foxboro in the postseason.
2	Dallas Cowboys	Are we really still having the Dak Prescott-Tony Romo debate? Stop.
3	Kansas City Chiefs	I have absolutely no faith that the Chiefs can beat the Patriots.
4	Oakland Raiders	NFL owners meet Wednesday. The Raiders' future location is on the agenda.
5	New York Giants	The Giants will have a psychological edge on Dallas if they meet in the playoffs.
6	Seattle Seahawks	Good thing Seattle will win the NFC West. The Seahawks are a lousy road team.
7	Detroit Lions	QB Matthew Stafford will wear a glove over his dislocated thumb & torn ligaments.
8	Atlanta Falcons	The Falcons have scored more touchdowns in Los Angeles this year than the Rams.
9	Denver Broncos	The Broncos' schedule is brutal as they try to hang onto the last playoff spot.
10	Pittsburgh Steelers	Le'Veon Bell broke a franchise record with 236 yards on the ground vs. Buffalo.
11	Baltimore Ravens	The Ravens are still in decent shape given Denver's schedule & Miami's QB issue.
12	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	The Bucs defense has forced 14 turnovers in the last 5 weeks; most in the NFL.
13	Miami Dolphins	The Dolphins probably lost QB Ryan Tannehill for the rest of the regular season.
14	Washington Redskins	Kirk Cousins is the 1st QB in Skins history to post multiple 4,000-plus yard seasons.
15	Green Bay Packers	My money is still on Aaron Rodgers to get the Packers into the postseason.
16	Minnesota Vikings	Adrian Peterson hopes to return Christmas Eve in a key game vs. the Packers.
17	Tennessee Titans	Surging Tennessee is up to the 6th pick in the Draft via the Jared Goff trade with L.A.
18	Houston Texans	The Texans swept the Colts for the first time in franchise history.
19	Buffalo Bills	The Bills' NFL-record playoff drought has reached 17 years.
20	Indianapolis Colts	Still stunned the Colts blew the division lead at home against the Texans.
21	Arizona Cardinals	Bruce Arians' steady defense of special teams coordinator Amos Jones is mystifying.
22	Cincinnati Bengals	Some Tickets went down to \$1 for Bengals vs. Browns on Sunday.
23	Philadelphia Eagles	The Eagles have lost 5 straight to the NFC East rival Redskins.
24	New Orleans Saints	The man who killed ex-Saints star Will Smith was found guilty of manslaughter.
25	San Diego Chargers	Philip Rivers has thrown 10 INTs in his last 4 games.
26	Carolina Panthers	Cam Newton's postgame press conference clothing was, um, interesting.
27	Chicago Bears	CBS' Jason La Canfora gets a lot wrong. The latest: his Bill-Polian-to-Bears report.
28	New York Jets	Both N.Y. tabloids fired Todd Bowles last week. It feels like a vote of confidence.
29	Los Angeles Rams	Too bad Bruce Arians' press conference ended just before Jeff Fisher was fired...
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	The Jags are so awful they got a delay of game penalty before the opening kickoff
31	San Francisco 49ers	The 49ers' record with Jim Harbaugh were 44-19-1. Post-Harbaugh? 6-23.
32	Cleveland Browns	Three more losses to achieve perfect imperfection.

**NFL POWER RANKINGS****ADAM GREEN****WEEK 15**

Rank	Team	Comment
1	Patriots	Anyone want to bet against Brady going forward?
2	Cowboys	Schedule fairly tough down the stretch so we'll see if they are for real
3	Chiefs	I hope this ranking makes Marotta happy. Still not going anywhere in the playoffs, though.
4	Giants	Playing some good football these days and that surprises me.
5	Steelers	They're going to make the playoffs and be a matchup no one wants to deal with.
6	Raiders	Derek Carr's MVP candidacy may have gone up in smoke, but as long as finger is OK Raiders are in good shape.
7	Seahawks	Dropped two of last three and looked terrible in doing so. Will still win NFCW, though.
8	Lions	Shouldn't need a comeback to beat the Bears, but that's just how this team rolls.
9	Packers	They're going to win the NFC North and with Rodgers, are a dangerous out in the playoffs.
10	Falcons	Schedule is soft enough down the stretch where the division should be theirs.
11	Buccaneers	I bet Dirk Koetter's success with this team surprises no one in the greater Phoenix area.
12	Titans	This is a fun team to root for. Solid home win over Broncos to keep hope alive.
13	Broncos	If you can't throw and are unable to run, it really doesn't matter how good your defense is.
14	Vikings	Vision is overrated, at least when you're playing the Jaguars
15	Redskins	Hanging around with a good offense. Should win next two.
16	Dolphins	Solid win over Cardinals, but losing Tannehill probably dooms whatever faint hope they had.
17	Ravens	Their lead in the AFC North is officially nevermore.
18	Texans	For the love of all that is holy, please don't let this team make the playoffs.
19	Bills	Thanks for letting Le'Veon Bell do whatever he wanted - my fantasy football team that faced him
20	Cardinals	Finally, they're out of it. Well, not technically, but realistically. It's been a long time coming.
21	Bengals	This was never a bad team, though beating Eagles and Browns in consecutive weeks does not make them good, either.
22	Panthers	Doubtful 8 wins gets them into the playoffs this year.
23	Colts	Evidently routing the Jets was not a sign that this team was good. Imagine that.
24	Saints	How did this offense score just 11 points? Well, I guess that's more than twice the amount the Seahawks posted on the Buccaneers.
25	Eagles	This slide was always bound to happen, but people questioning Carson Wentz's future are insane.
26	Chargers	Good thing Melvin Gordon's injury isn't as bad as it looks.
27	Rams	If Jeff Fisher never coaches again, his average NFL record finishes at 7.8-7.5. Just sayin'
28	Bears	Is Matt Barkley their QBOF? Is that even possible? Like, really?
29	Jets	Rallied to beat the 49ers so that's nice, I guess
30	Jaguars	Dude...
31	49ers	Losing to the Jets at home might be rock bottom.
32	Browns	Without Scooby Wright, this team officially has no chance.



## NFL POWER POLL Paige Dimakos

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Rank	Team	Comment
1	New England	Tom Brady is a god and I hate everyone in Boston for it.
2	Kansas City	I think this team can win the Super Bowl. Yeah think Difer/Ravens.
3	Dallas	Ohhh I've been waiting for this. Dak plays bad and now we have a controversy :)
4	Oakland	I'll allow that loss to you, in the division and about 5 degrees. Your move.
5	NY Giants	Don't look now but the NY football Giants beat Dallas twice this year...
6	Detroit Lions	Okay. 13 of your games you've won in 4th quarter.. Are you good or bad? Can't tell.
7	Atlanta Falcons	You got Jeff Fisher fired. Thank you.
8	Pittsburgh Steelers	Le'Veon score 50 fantasy points. Are you kidding me?
9	Green Bay	Thanks for making Pete Carroll do his dumb sideline face.
10	Seattle Seahawks	Maybe Earl Thomas impacts your offense too?
11	Denver Broncos	Good defense, but good luck with NE, Kansas City and Oakland.
12	Tampa Bay	Five in a row. Maybe this team can sneak into the playoffs.
13	Minnesota	You beat the Jaguars. It doesn't count.
14	Baltimore	Impressive comeback but you came up short. It's Pittsburghs division now.
15	Washington	Can we stop with the post game noises, Kirk? It's so strange.
16	Miami	8-5 but without Tannehill going forward this team will struggle.
17	Houston Texans	I hate your division.
18	Titans	Still think you are a year out from playoffs but maybe I am wrong.
19	Buffalo	Rex's answer to rumors of firing was A+
20	Indy Colts	I can't believe I thought you were back. Sorry readers.
21	Arizona	I wanted to buy all my family Cardinals gear for Christmas. NOW I can't.
22	New Orleans	Can we just let the Cardinals win their last home game? K Thanks.
23	Carolina	What the hell was Cam Newton wearing?
24	Philly	I hate Carson Wentz, but at least he isn't Goff -Tweets from Philly
25	San Diego	Are you going to move? That's really all I care about your team yet.
26	Cincy	Vontaze is going to Vontaze this weekend against Pittsburgh (grabs popcorn)
27	NY Jets	Why didn't you try harder not to win? Hello draft picks.
28	Chicago Bears	OK. Seriously Dad, Matt Barkley is not the future of the Chicago Bears. STOP
29	LA Rams	You finally did it. You fired Jeff Fisher.
30	San Francisco 49ers	You lost to the Jets?
31	Jacksonville Jaguars	Lost 8 in a row. Total garbage.
32	Cleveland Browns	We still have LeBron - Sign at last Cleveland game.



NFL POWER POLL

DAVE BURNS

WEEK 15

Rank	Team	Comment
1	Patriots	Brady for MVP? Topped 400 yards vs pretty good defense.
2	Cowboys	Cowboys QB situation? It's complicated.
3	Chiefs	Alex Smith threw deep vs. Raiders, Chiefs keep winning.
4	Raiders	No question the finger affected Carr.
5	Falcons	Probably not this good but they got Fisher fired so here they are.
6	Seahawks	Road struggles a real concern for Seattle
7	Steelers	Right on cue, here they come.
8	Giants	Have Cowboys number but are they that good?
9	Packers	Right on cue, here they come part deux
10	Lions	Will Stafford finger be their undoing (sound familiar?)
11	Bucs	Huge game vs. Cowboys this week for both teams
12	Redskins	On the outside looking in
13	Broncos	Just can't run the ball at all.
14	Titans	Mariota and Winston will get to playoffs in yr 2.
15	Ravens	Good season but it's fading.
16	Vikings	Hanging in there.
17	Texans	Benefitting from a lousy division
18	Dolphins	Tannehill injury is a game changer.
19	Bengals	Fantasy owners (this one) want to know when Green will be back.
20	Cardinals	BA said it's over. So it's over.
21	Panthers	Just as many questions as the Cards
22	Chargers	Rivers was awful vs. Carolina
23	Colts	Two straight years of no playoffs? Changes coming.
24	Saints	Brees with three INT, don't see that too often.
25	Eagles	Wentz has faded badly as the year has gone on.
26	Jets	Does it count when you beat the Niners?
27	Bills	Hey Rob, can I put you down as a 'personal reference'?
28	Bears	Matt Barkley earns himself a backup job somewhere next year.
29	49ers	Housecleaning on the way.
30	Jags	Poor London.
31	Rams	He knows what he's doing.
32	Browns	That's all folks.

**NFL POWER POLL****NAME: LAPINSKI****Week 15**

Rank	Team	Comment
1	NEW ENGLAND	If Jon Gruden mentions how flexible Tom Brady is one more time, I'm out.
2	DALLAS	One loss and panic sets in. Sign of a true champion.
3	KANSAS CITY	If Alex Smith's ever winning a Super Bowl, this is it. That's a big "if" though.
4	OAKLAND	Seem to struggle in cold weather, and just lost top spot in AFC.
5	PITTSBURGH	If you faced Le'Veon Bell in your fantasy playoffs, welcome to the offseason.
6	NY GIANTS	If they could just play the Cowboys every week they'd be set.
7	ATLANTA	If you can have a statement win over Jared Goff, that was it.
8	DETROIT	If the season ended today (it doesn't), the, um, Lions would have a first round bye.
9	TAMPA BAY	Could cause problems for someone if they get into the playoffs.
10	SEATTLE	15 total points over their last 2 road games. Something's up.
11	DENVER	Tis the season for Aqib Talib to threaten Harry Douglas.
12	WASHINGTON	Just picture Daniel Snyder dancing and move on.
13	MIAMI	Tough to get too excited when they've only beaten one team with a winning record.
14	GREEN BAY	Rodgers has this team believing again.
15	BALTIMORE	Solid effort vs New England but moral victories mean nothing in December.
16	TENNESSEE	Win over Broncos shows they're no joke.
17	MINNESOTA	Jaguars and Colts in back-to-back weeks? Vikings might not be done after all.
18	HOUSTON	Can we just relegate the entire AFC South? Please?
19	BUFFALO	Rex won't commit to Tyrod and ownership won't commit to Rex. Everything's fine.
20	CAROLINA	Still in the running for title of 'NFL's Most Disappointing Team'.
21	ARIZONA	Sunday was weird and wet and disappointing. Sort of sums up the season.
22	INDIANAPOLIS	How do you lose to the Texans at home with your season on the line?
23	CINCINNATI	Just so you know, Pacman Jones thinks Terrelle Pryor is "garbage".
24	NEW ORLEANS	Kept Jameis out of end zone for first time in his career... but lost anyway.
25	SAN DIEGO	Melvin Gordon was the best story in San Diego and now he's hurt.
26	PHILADELPHIA	In retrospect, this probably wasn't the best time for a 4-game losing streak.
27	NY JETS	Know what Bryce Petty does? He wins football games. And nothing else.
28	LOS ANGELES	Fisher was right - he didn't finish 7-9 this season. He didn't even finish this season.
29	CHICAGO	Well at least Alshon Jeffery's back this week.
30	JACKSONVILLE	Wouldn't it be more of a punishment to make Gus Bradley keep coaching?
31	SAN FRANCISCO	Made Bilal Powell look like Emmitt Smith. So that's nice.
32	CLEVELAND	They're why sad emojis were invented.