

**NFL POWER POLL****VINCE MAROTTA****Week 16**

Rank	Team	Comment
1	New England Patriots	Brady was human, but the Pats still won at Denver.
2	Dallas Cowboys	A rare fourth-quarter comeback.
3	New York Giants	8-1 in their last nine.
4	Oakland Raiders	Derek Carr just grinding Oakland to wins.
5	Pittsburgh Steelers	Don't disrespect the Terrible Towel.
6	Kansas City Chiefs	Face it, you would have iced Succop, too.
7	Seattle Seahawks	Please, please, please never wear Action Green uniforms again!
8	Atlanta Falcons	Falcons have topped 40 pts five times. Rest of the league has done it 15 times.
9	Green Bay Packers	Aaron. Freakin'. Rodgers.
10	Detroit Lions	Stafford not able to generate offense with bad thumb.
11	Miami Dolphins	No Tannehill, no problem vs. awful Jets.
12	Houston Texans	Still hard to believe this is a playoff team.
13	Tennessee Titans	What a fourth quarter for the Titans!
14	Baltimore Ravens	Survived "worst play call of all time" vs. Eagles.
15	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Nothing to be ashamed about taking Dallas to the wire at Jerry's World.
16	Denver Broncos	No offense, but you've got no offense.
17	Indianapolis Colts	Can anyone figure out the Colts? Anyone?
18	Washington Redskins	Skins fading down the stretch... 1-3 in last four w/ losses to Arizona and Carolina. Oof.
19	Buffalo Bills	Did beating Browns save Rex's job?
20	Minnesota Vikings	Adrian Peterson's back! The Vikings still can't run the ball at all.
21	Carolina Panthers	Nice road win on Monday night to muck up the NFC playoff picture.
22	New Orleans Saints	Vintage Drew Brees Sunday in Glendale.
23	Cincinnati Bengals	Jeremy Hill upset the Bed, Bath and Beyond Gods.
24	Arizona Cardinals	One of these weeks, special teams will win them a game. HAHAHAHAAAAH!!!!
25	San Diego Chargers	Seven losses by seven points or less.
26	Philadelphia Eagles	Remember when they were 3-0? Yeah, me neither.
27	New York Jets	What a mess.
28	Chicago Bears	Matt Barkley making a compelling case to be Chicago's starter in the future.
29	Los Angeles Rams	What's worse than a junior high offense? They've scored 23 pts < Browns. Yikes.
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	Gus Bradley could be a commodity this offseason as a DC.
31	San Francisco 49ers	13 losses in a row.
32	Cleveland Browns	Last chance for a win is Sunday vs. Chargers.



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GOING INTO WEEK 16

Rank	Team	
1	Patriots	The AFC East needs to be renamed the Patriots Division
2	Cowboys	Really, four incompletions? Dak Prescott answered all the critics
3	Giants	For the second straight week, the Giants beat a division leader
4	Raiders	There will be silver and black in the playoffs for the first time in 14 years
5	Chiefs	Andy Reid outsmarted himself
6	Seahawks	Last I checked Richard Sherman, you get paid to play not coach
7	Steelers	Six made field goals? The Cardinals would settle for one, OK two.
8	Falcons	Atlanta has outscored the Niners/Rams 83-27 in the past two weeks
9	Lions	Their fourth-quarter magic disappeared for one week
10	Packers	Aaron Rodgers is happy Jordy Nelson is healthy this season
11	Broncos	The defending Super Bowl champions are no longer in the playoff picture
12	Dolphins	Does Miami now have a quarterback controversy?
13	Redskins	Washington to petition the NFL for no more home Monday Nigh Football games after losing for the 16th time in 17 appearances
14	Texans	That's 37-million dollars sitting on the sidelines
15	Vikings	Welcome back, Adrian Peterson
16	Ravens	Win out and Baltimore makes the playoffs
17	Titans	Winning in Kansas City and in those conditions, yeah, that's Tennessee's best win of the season
18	Buccaneers	So, Dirk Koetter still can't win the big game
19	Bills	Rex Ryan fired rumors heat up
20	Colts	Andrew Luck just lit up the league's second-ranked defense
21	Eagles	Remember when Carson Wentz was good
22	Panthers	Cam Newton is 4-0 all-time against Washington
23	Saints	Drew Brees uses the Cardinals defense to get right
24	Bengals	Vontaze Burfict being Vontaze Burfict
25	Cardinals	The No. 1 defense failed to show up
26	Chargers	"It was just like being in Oakland. Except there were more people." Philip Rivers after a home game against the Raiders
27	Jets	So, New York has lost as many games as they won in 2015
28	Bears	Matt Barkley may have found a home in Chicago
29	Rams	Not even a coaching change could motivate the Rams
30	Jaguars	How awkward must that have plane ride been for Gus Bradley after being fired and traveling back to Jacksonville on the team charter
31	49ers	Unlucky 13; at least San Francisco is a nice city, just have bad football
32	Browns	Fourteen down, two to go



NFL POWER RANKINGS

CRAIG MORGAN

WEEK 16

1	New England Patriots	The Pats earned a playoff spot for the 18th time in Robert Kraft's 23 years as owner.
2	Dallas Cowboys	Ezekiel Elliott's Salvation Army kettle plunge and pledge was awesome.
3	Oakland Raiders	Oakland is back in the postseason for the first time since 2002.
4	New York Giants	Is this the start of another one of those unexpected Super Bowl runs? Nah... Right?
5	Kansas City Chiefs	It sure feels like the Chiefs handed the Raiders the AFC West title.
6	Seattle Seahawks	Seattle is playing for a bye this week; the Cardinals for improved draft position.
7	Atlanta Falcons	Matt Ryan has thrown for 32 TDs this season, tying his career high.
8	Pittsburgh Steelers	5 straight wins. The standard is the standard.
9	Detroit Lions	Detroit is going to blow the division to Green Bay and miss the playoffs, isn't it?
10	Miami Dolphins	Kenny Stills is Miami's 1st WR with 3 TDs of 50-plus yards since Mark Duper ('86).
11	Green Bay Packers	Aaron Rodgers said the Packers could win 6 straight. Why doubt him?
12	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Even in defeat, that was a big-time performance from Tampa in Big D.
13	Baltimore Ravens	Christmas Day: Ravens at Steelers. AFC North on the line. Good drama.
14	Denver Broncos	The pass rush has vanished and Denver's season is slip sliding' away.
15	Tennessee Titans	I know it was a big win over K.C. but I have no faith in the Titans.
16	Washington Redskins	QB Kirk Cousins led the Redskins rushing "attack" with 11 yards vs. Carolina.
17	Houston Texans	Base salary for new Texans' starter Tom Savage: \$600K.
18	Indianapolis Colts	Frank Gore is 1st Colts RB since '07 to record multiple 100-yard games in a season.
19	Buffalo Bills	NFL teams with more offensive TDs than the Bills: Falcons, Saints. That's it.
20	Minnesota Vikings	Injuries aside, I can't remember a team going from dominant to dreadful so fast.
21	New Orleans Saints	The Saints wasted one heck of a season from Drew Brees.
22	Philadelphia Eagles	Philly has the best point differential of any team with a losing record.
23	Cincinnati Bengals	This will be the 1st time in 6 years Cincinnati won't lose in the playoffs' 1st round.
24	Carolina Panthers	Carolina kept its faint playoff hopes alive and put Washington's on life support.
25	Arizona Cardinals	The only real choice is to bring back the core and hope this was an anomaly.
26	San Diego Chargers	The Chargers are weeks from announcing if they'll relocate to L.A. in 2017.
27	Chicago Bears	WR Eddie Royal is the 18th Bear to be placed on IR this season.
28	New York Jets	The Jets are 17.5 point underdogs to New England.
29	Los Angeles Rams	Has the NFL returned to Los Angeles yet?
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	PalmBeach Autographs is selling Gus Bradley signatures for \$14.48; his W/L record.
31	San Francisco 49ers	San Francisco faces the only team it has beaten, L.A., on Christmas Eve day.
32	Cleveland Browns	Two losses from perfect imperfection.

**NFL POWER RANKINGS****ADAM GREEN****WEEK 16**

Rank	Team	Comment
1	Patriots	Statement win in Denver. This team is a machine.
2	Cowboys	Did pepole really want them to go with Romo? I mean, he'd win too, but come on.
3	Steelers	Maybe the scariest team in the NFL in terms of what they are capable of.
4	Giants	I'm now a believer, which means Eli is probably going to Eli now.
5	Raiders	No such thing as an ugly division win on the road.
6	Seahawks	Is the offense good enough for a deep postseason run?
7	Chiefs	I hope Vince doesn't take offense to this ranking. I mean, they blew a comfy lead.
8	Packers	Close road win over a bad team -- this team is rolling now.
9	Lions	No shame in losing at the New York Giants, but their hold on the division is slipping.
10	Falcons	Good job in beating the 49ers, because that's tough.
11	Buccaneers	Bummed they couldn't pull off the upset win. This is a fun team to watch.
12	Titans	Great comeback in KC. Not a great team, but good enough in important areas.
13	Broncos	Wheels may be falling off here. Offense is dreadful.
14	Ravens	They won Pennsylvania, but they're not winning the AFC North.
15	Dolphins	Kept hope alive and if they win in Buffalo, might get a resting Patriots in Week 17.
16	Texans	Tom Savage might be the next great QB who was once a part of the University of Arizona football program.
17	Redskins	Bad loss on Monday night. Heavily reliant on an offense that is not consistent enough.
18	Vikings	Kind of feels like Nate Poole needs to catch a Josh McCown TD pass to officially eliminate them from playoff contention.
19	Colts	I maintain this team isn't any good, but that was an impressive win in Minnesota.
20	Bills	Maybe the players want Rex to stick around. Or, maybe, they were playing the Browns.
21	Saints	They scored a lot of points against the Cardinals. Gave up a lot, too.
22	Panthers	Technically not out of it, but would need a miracle to make the playoffs.
23	Cardinals	Finally their playoff hopes have been mercifully killed. Is it the 2017 season yet?
24	Bengals	I wish for once a team could get away with disgracing the Terrible Towel.
25	Chargers	The best bad team in the NFL.
26	Eagles	Don't worry, Eagles. You weren't supposed to be good this season anyway.
27	Bears	I hat there is even talk about Matt Barkley being a long-term solution either shows the Bears got lucky or they are very, very desperate for a QB.
28	Rams	So bad. So very, very bad.
29	Jets	I don't know if they've quit or if they're just awful. Either way, it's not pretty.
30	Jaguars	At least they won the offseason
31	49ers	Nope.
32	Browns	I think they're going to do it!



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1	New England	So we've all decided Michael Floyd will win a Super Bowl and MVP. #2016
2	Dallas	No fine for Zeke on his TD celebration is the proof the NFL loves the Cowboys.
3	Giants	Can Eli steal another Super Bowl from Tom Brady? That's what I am banking on
4	Oakland	Was that a Raiders home game in San Diego? Maybe they should move there.
5	KC Chiefs	The Chiefs could get their revenge on Titans in playoffs.
6	Seattle Seahawks	Can someone please shut Richard Sherman up?
7	Atlanta Falcons	Good team still not convinced they can win a Super Bowl.
8	Detroit Lions	Those Lions fans that held the NFC North Champs sign might want to wait...
9	Green Bay	I just knew you would do that to the Bears. They win out and win division. UGH.
10	Pittsburgh	I think you fell asleep in the first half.
11	Miami	How does your backup look better than any Bears starter the last 15 years?
12	Titans	This team is quietly probably going to be a playoff team.
13	Tampa Bay	Lots of mistakes and still were in it to the end. Grit. That's this team.
14	Denver Broncos	Bet you wish you had Adam Gase to fix that offense.
15	Baltimore	I am really hoping this team plays Pittsburgh in the playoffs.
16	Houston	Benching Brock is so awesome.
17	Indy	You might have put away Minnesota for the year.
18	Washington	You like that- Cam Newton to Redskins fans
19	Minnesota	Pretty sure Andrew Luck is still scoring Fantasy points against you.
20	Buffalo	Is Rex going to be the coach or not, just make a decision.
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	San Diego	Your security guards are gross.
27	NY Jets	The backup QB made you look like fools. Starting to think Todd is done.
28	Chicago Bears	I am tired of moral victories.
29	LA Rams	Jeff Fisher wants to coach against the Rams. (That's all I want for Christmas)
30	San Fran	I don't think you deserve to be a team anymore.
31	Jacksonville Jaguars	Gus Bradley had to fly home with team after being fired. #Savage
32	Cleveland Browns	I don't even know what to type here anymore.

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Rank	Team	Comment
1	NEW ENGLAND	Remember when the Pats traded one of their best players on D and got better?
2	DALLAS	Oh good, the Cowboys are on Sunday Night Football every single week now.
3	OAKLAND	In great shape as long as the Chiefs get contracted out of the NFL.
4	PITTSBURGH	A different hero every week. Up to and including Chris Boswell, apparently.
5	NY GIANTS	They've won 8 of 9 and they've beaten the Cowboys twice. Worth keeping an eye on.
6	KANSAS CITY	Had a chance to separate themselves from the pack... but stopped moving the ball.
7	SEATTLE	Look flat out unbeatable - when they're in Seattle.
8	ATLANTA	If this were college, beating the 49ers would actually hurt their strength of schedule.
9	DETROIT	On a collision course with Aaron Rodgers for the North title in Week 17.
10	GREEN BAY	Rodgers hasn't thrown a pick since Nov. 13. Should've had 2 more TDs this week.
11	BALTIMORE	Grinding out wins and hanging around. Just like every other year.
12	TAMPA BAY	Only 10 teams have a negative point differential, and Tampa's somehow one of them.
13	MIAMI	Feasting on the bad teams. And it's working.
14	DENVER	Desperate for a win, and now they get the Chiefs and Raiders. Good luck.
15	TENNESSEE	Back-to-back wins over the Broncos and Chiefs can't be ignored.
16	WASHINGTON	Playoff teams find a way to win a must-have Monday Night game at home.
17	HOUSTON	5-0 vs AFC South, 3-6 vs the NFL.
18	BUFFALO	LeSean McCoy is quietly having another monster season.
19	CAROLINA	Extremely disappointing year, but embracing the role of spoilers now at least.
20	INDIANAPOLIS	Offense looks just fine... every other week.
21	MINNESOTA	Not easy to start 5-0 and finish with a losing record. But they have the pieces to do it.
22	NEW ORLEANS	Brandin Cooks is still open.
23	ARIZONA	Take last year's team, add a historic season from your RB... and miss the playoffs?
24	CINCINNATI	Nothing like letting a big lead slip away against your bitter rival. At home.
25	SAN DIEGO	Kept it close on Sunday, but lost it late. Which describes their whole season.
26	PHILADELPHIA	Well at least their losses are close. Philly fans love moral victories!
27	NY JETS	Not even good enough for a participation trophy.
28	LOS ANGELES	Really rallied around the new coach this week.
29	CHICAGO	Went conservative, played for the tie late and ended up with the loss late.
30	JACKSONVILLE	Hey, there's no shame in losing to Tom Savage. Oh wait.
31	SAN FRANCISCO	What does it say about the Browns that they're worse than the 49ers?
32	CLEVELAND	So sad that Adele might need to write a song about them.