



**NFL POWER POLL**

**VINCE MAROTTA**

**Week 17**

Rank	Team	Comment
1	New England Patriots	Brady has 13 TDs and 1 pick during current 6-game winning streak.
2	Dallas Cowboys	Dominant second half performance vs. Lions.
3	Oakland Raiders	Being #3 is your consolation for losing Derek Carr and your playoff hopes.
4	Pittsburgh Steelers	Hot at the right time.
5	Kansas City Chiefs	Dontari Poe is gonna get fat free-agent QB money thrown his way!
6	Atlanta Falcons	They've won three straight against bad teams. Defense forcing a lot of turnovers.
7	Green Bay Packers	Aaron Rodgers is gonna win the MVP, isn't he?
8	New York Giants	Great throwback uniforms. Horrible performance vs. Philly.
9	Seattle Seahawks	Best in a bad division, but this team has a ton of holes.
10	Miami Dolphins	Matt Moore has a 113.6 rating since taking over for Tannehill.
11	Detroit Lions	Started great against Dallas...then what happened?
12	Houston Texans	Maybe the offensive issues weren't Brock Osweiler's fault?
13	Washington Redskins	Washington in position for a playoff spot for second straight year.
14	Baltimore Ravens	Is this it for Steve Smith Sr.? Terrell Suggs says he's not done.
15	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Not quite ready for prime time.
16	Tennessee Titans	Not quite ready for prime time, pt. II. Mariota's leg injury a tough blow.
17	Denver Broncos	What a mess a year after winning it all.
18	Indianapolis Colts	Luck has three 2-interception games in the second half of the season.
19	New Orleans Saints	Getting hot at the end of the season.
20	Buffalo Bills	The longest playoff drought in the NFL continues.
21	Carolina Panthers	Newton under 50% completion rate in five of last six games. That doesn't happen anymore.
22	Arizona Cardinals	Special teams made three big plays and they won on the road. *Checks sky for meteor hurtling toward Earth.
23	Philadelphia Eagles	Three picks of Manning loomed large in upset win over Giants.
24	Minnesota Vikings	Vikes trying to quell what looks like a mutiny in Minnesota.
25	Cincinnati Bengals	The playoffs won't be the same without the Bengals losing in the first round.
26	San Diego Chargers	Haha! The answer to a trivia question for the rest of eternity.
27	Chicago Bears	Matt Barkley very generous in this season of giving -- 8 picks in the last two games.
28	Jacksonville Jaguars	Best offensive performance of the year vs. Tennessee. Too little, far too late.
29	New York Jets	Down 41-0? Field goal team, get out there. What?
30	San Francisco 49ers	Continued their domination of the Rams and nobody else.
31	Cleveland Browns	Out of the cellar for the first time all year.
32	Los Angeles Rams	What a disaster. Actually scored three offensive touchdowns and lost to a 1-win team.



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1	Patriots	Michael Floyd had one catch for six yards in 18 snaps
2	Cowboys	Forget Tony Romo, Dez Bryant is Dallas' best backup quarterback option
3	Raiders	The Raiders' best season in 14 years will likely have a short playoff run after Derek Carr's injury
4	Chiefs	Careful, Kansas City, some NFL team is going to want to sign Dontari Poe to be their quarterback of the future
5	Giants	Eli Manning just got picked off again
6	Steelers	Antonio Brown's new workout video will be released soon: Stretching For The Playoffs
7	Falcons	Matt Ryan has thrown for 780 yards and six touchdowns in two meetings against Carolina this season
8	Seahawks	Enjoy the road come playoff time, Seattle. You're welcome. Signed, Arizona.
9	Packers	Aaron Rodgers over his last six games: 14 touchdowns, 0 interceptions
10	Dolphins	Jay Ajayi became the fourth player with at least three 200-yard rushing performances in a single season
11	Lions	Not the homecoming Matthew Stafford expected
12	Redskins	Congratulations to Kirk Cousins for winning the ugliest postgame-suit contest
13	Texans	Houston wins the division no wanted wanted to win
14	Broncos	TV executives are lining up to sign Von Miller for the playoffs
15	Vikings	Hey, defense, listen to your coaches!
16	Ravens	"They won the division, we'll applaud them, but we'll be back," Terrell Suggs after the loss to Pittsburgh
17	Titans	Lose the game, the division and your franchise quarterback. Awful, just awful.
18	Buccaneers	Tampa Bay's playoff hopes rest with losses by Washington and Green Bay
19	Eagles	At least the Eagles are good at home (five of their six wins are at home)
20	Bills	Will this be the last week for Rex Ryan in Buffalo?
21	Colts	Indianapolis' defense allowed touchdowns on five straight drives
22	Saints	Mark Ingram got the touchdown that was denied him a week ago
23	Panthers	Yes, the Super Bowl hangover is a real thing
24	Cardinals	David Johnson is breaking so many records he doesn't remember them all
25	Bengals	Wide right. Cardinals fans understand the pain.
26	Chargers	If I'm San Diego, I kick the Chargers out of town for losing to the Browns
27	Jets	Perhaps Todd Bowles should've stayed in the hospital and not made the trip to New England
28	Jaguars	Only took until Week 16 for Blake Bortles to play a good game
29	Bears	Now that's the Matt Barkley we know in Arizona
30	49ers	San Francisoc is 2-0 vs. L.A. and 0-13 against the rest of the NFL
31	Rams	St. Louis can't thank L.A. enough for taking the Rams
32	Browns	It's a Christmas miracle! Cleveland wins, and they're still in line for the No. 1 overall pick in the draft



## NFL POWER RANKINGS CRAIG MORGAN

WEEK 17

1	New England Patriots	It's hard to imagine a scenario where the Pats aren't playing in Houston in February.
2	Dallas Cowboys	There isn't much more Dallas can do to prove itself. Let the playoffs begin.
3	Oakland Raiders	Talk of Derek Carr returning for the Super Bowl is pure fantasy.
4	Kansas City Chiefs	The Chiefs have won 10 straight games against AFC West foes.
5	Atlanta Falcons	I'd like to see the Falcons make a deep run because I love watching this offense.
6	Pittsburgh Steelers	Six straight wins for the Steelers, who are actually the Patriots' greatest AFC threat
7	New York Giants	The Manning face was all over my Twitter feed after that performance in Philly.
8	Seattle Seahawks	The Cards may own the Seahawks in Seattle but the Seahawks still own the division.
9	Green Bay Packers	Aaron Rodgers has a chance to win the division title. Anyone betting against him?
10	Miami Dolphins	The worst double-digit win team in the NFL.
11	Detroit Lions	It would be so Detroit to lose its final three games and miss the playoffs.
12	Washington Redskins	Hope in Week 17 is still an improvement.
13	Baltimore Ravens	Tough year for Baltimore sports: Orioles and Ravens had heartbreaking endings.
14	Houston Texans	Regardless of a 7-1 home record, this is the team you want to face in the 1st round.
15	Denver Broncos	1st time since 2003 both of the previous year's Super Bowl foes missed the playoffs.
16	Tennessee Titans	Even before Marcus Mariota's injury, the Titans looked dreadful in Jacksonville.
17	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	The Bucs can only make the playoffs if the Giants & Redskins tie in Week 17.
18	Indianapolis Colts	Five-foot-9 T.Y. Hilton leads the NFL in receiving yards with 1,353.
19	Buffalo Bills	Has Rex Ryan run out of opportunities?
20	Minnesota Vikings	Well, that was a not-so-tidy cleanup of a bizarre story...
21	New Orleans Saints	Drew Brees leads the NFL in completions, passing yards and TDs.
22	Philadelphia Eagles	The Eagles are 33-30 since Andy Reid left; he is 42-21 since leaving.
23	Cincinnati Bengals	Putting Bengals-Texans on Christmas was good incentive to spend time with family.
24	Carolina Panthers	Three straight 1,000-yard seasons for Greg Olsen. Nah, the Bears didn't need that.
25	Arizona Cardinals	A New Year's Day game in L.A. could have been such a cool playoff launching pad.
26	San Diego Chargers	With a loss to Cleveland, the Chargers are the answer to a trivia question.
27	Chicago Bears	Matt Barkley: Quarterback of the future. Hahahahahahaha!
28	New York Jets	Todd Bowles should have stayed in the hospital.
29	Los Angeles Rams	Oh, the indignity of being swept by the 49ers.
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	Weird week with the Jags, 49ers and Browns all winning.
31	San Francisco 49ers	Colin Kaepernick's offseason will be a fascinating storyline to watch.
32	Cleveland Browns	Cleveland can't even do imperfection right



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1	Patriots	Team to beat as far as I'm concerned
2	Cowboys	Played one of their best games in a meaningless situation
3	Chiefs	Chiefs attacking down the field, will it last
4	Steelers	Been saying it for months, the team that can beat Pats
5	Packers	The official "nobody wants to play them" team of the playoffs
6	Falcons	Offense playing at historical level
7	Seahawks	Flawed and it's fantastic to see.
8	Redskins	They're going to get in
9	Giants	Loss to Eagles was inexplicable
10	Raiders	Done.
11	Lions	Running out of time and games.
12	Dolphins	They're in but won't last long.
13	Ravens	Suggs laughs off retirement talk
14	Broncos	Once CJ Anderson went down that was that
15	Texans	Minimum wage for clipboard holders is outrageous.
16	Bucs	A good rookie year for Koetter but they couldn't finish.
17	Cardinals	That felt good, didn't it?
18	Titans	Thought they were the team to beat in the South. Guess not.
19	Saints	One of four teams to pull a shocker last weekend.
20	Vikings	Never thought I'd see a respected coach like Zimmer lose control of the team.
21	Bengals	Is Marvin Lewis in trouble?
22	Colts	Is Chuck Pagano in trouble?
23	Eagles	Like Cards, Jags and Saints, played hard when they didn't have to.
24	Bills	Bye Rex
25	Panthers	Huge disappointment.
26	Chargers	Lost to the Browns. Seriously.
27	Bears	Coaching change coming.
28	Jags	Played hard, give 'em credit
29	Jets	That team has quit
30	49ers	Had the number one pick for about three hours.
31	Browns	Congrats! (?)
32	Rams	This is the worst team in football

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1	NEW ENGLAND	Path through the AFC got even easier for the Pats this week too.
2	DALLAS	Cowboys took a break from being on Sunday night every week - to be on Monday night.
3	KANSAS CITY	5-0 in one of the toughest divisions in football.
4	PITTSBURGH	Might be the only true threat to New England in the AFC now.
5	OAKLAND	It's been a great year, but Matt McGloin's not winning anyone a Super Bowl.
6	ATLANTA	Beating the Saints would get them a pivotal first round bye.
7	NY GIANTS	Every few weeks, Eli forgets how to throw a football. That's just the way it is.
8	SEATTLE	2-3 in their last 5. Hardly the dominant team they say they are.
9	GREEN BAY	So basically when Aaron Rodgers gets angry he never loses again.
10	MIAMI	Who's ready to see what Matt Moore can do in the playoffs?!?
11	DETROIT	This is starting to feel like a historic Detroit meltdown.
12	WASHINGTON	May very well miss the playoffs because of that tie in London.
13	BALTIMORE	Last 3 losses came to the Cowboys, Patriots and Steelers.
14	TAMPA BAY	Looked like a playoff team two weeks ago.
15	HOUSTON	Has there ever been a more exciting playoff team? Oh wait yeah - all of them ever.
16	TENNESSEE	Losing to Jacksonville is the worst way to try to make the playoffs.
17	DENVER	What a way for the defending champs to go out - giving up a Dontari Poe TD pass.
18	NEW ORLEANS	One of the better looking teams to miss the playoffs.
19	BUFFALO	Nothing like only having 10 guys on the field with your season on the line.
20	CAROLINA	Neither Super Bowl team from last season even qualifies for the playoffs.
21	ARIZONA	Really just need to play the Seahawks every week.
22	INDIANAPOLIS	Kind of tough to be so mediocre with Andrew Luck under center.
23	MINNESOTA	Defensive backs ignoring the coaches is a bad thing. Who would've thought?
24	PHILADELPHIA	Won 3 of first 3... and then 3 of next 12.
25	CINCINNATI	Well at least they won't lose in the first round of the playoffs this year.
26	SAN DIEGO	Don't even deserve a comment after losing to the Browns.
27	NY JETS	In a week when most of the bad teams won, the Jets still lost badly. Impressive.
28	LOS ANGELES	0-2 against the 49ers. Not sure St. Louis would even take them back at this point.
29	JACKSONVILLE	The best teams play their best football at the end of the season...
30	CHICAGO	On the bright side, there's only one more game.
31	SAN FRANCISCO	So does Jed York officially own the Rams now too?
32	CLEVELAND	Beat the Chargers and held on to the top pick. Two wins in one week!