



# NFL POWER RANKINGS

WEEK 1 Craig Morgan

RANK	TEAM	COMMENT
1	New England Patriots	Losing Julian Edelman hurts, but Gronk looks healthy and that's big news for the Patriots.
2	Green Bay Packers	Another year of experience could make this defense strong enough to get Aaron Rodgers back to the Super Bowl.
3	Oakland Raiders	If Beast Mode has a retro year or anything close, as some predict, this offense could be deadly despite a shift in philosophy.
4	Seattle Seahawks	Michael Bennett's Las Vegas ordeal threatens to widen the nation's already problematic racial divide .
5	Atlanta Falcons	There is nothing particularly wrong with the Falcons. I just think the Super Bowl hangover is real for the loser.
6	Pittsburgh Steelers	Ben Roethlisberger, Le'Veon Bell, Antonio Brown and Martavis Bryant. Oh, my.
7	Dallas Cowboys	The Cowboys are built to withstand Ezekiel Elliott's suspension after Week 1.
8	Kansas City	GM John Dorsey's firing was surprising. The Chiefs went 11-5, 9-7, 11-5 and 12-4 in his four seasons.
9	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Dirk Koetter always believed he was an offensive genius. Now his team is a fashionable pick in the NFC.
10	Arizona Cardinals	An improved O-line, a rested Carson Palmer, a healthy John Brown and David Johnson have the Cards' offense optimistic.
11	Denver Broncos	Is the ongoing debate over Trevor Siemian vs. Paxton Lynch a good thing or a bad thing?
12	Tennessee Titans	QB Marcus Mariota is healthy. Andrew Luck is not. That could be the difference in the AFC South.
13	Detroit Lions	LT Taylor Decker's injury looms large for the Lions and QB Matthew Stafford.
14	Houston Texans	A healthy JJ Watt is always good to see.
15	Washington Redskins	The ability of Ryan Kerrigan and Preston Smith to pressure the QB could determine Washington's fate.
16	Philadelphia Eagles	Carson Wentz has more tools with the additions of Alshon Jeffery, Torrey Smith and LeGarrette Blount.
17	Carolina Panthers	Can the Panthers keep QB Cam Newton healthy?
18	Minnesota Vikings	The Vikings averaged 3.2 yards per run last season, worst in the NFL.
19	Indianapolis Colts	QB Andrew Luck's health will determine the course of this season.
20	New York Giants	We're not sold yet on the Brandon Marshall, Evan Engram hype train.
21	Baltimore Ravens	It's really just a crapshoot when you get to the bottom third of the NFL. We'll take the Ravens' track record.
22	New Orleans Saints	The RB duo of Mark Ingram and Adrian Peterson intrigues.
23	Cincinnati Bengals	Marvin Lewis has to be on the hot seat, right?
24	Miami Dolphins	I've read some reports that suggest QB Jay Cutler is going to have a monster year. I think I've read that before.
25	Los Angeles Chargers	The Chargers can't possibly top last season's 20 guys who ended up on IR.
26	Buffalo Bills	Do you think the Bills' prospects influenced WR Anquan Boldin's decision to retire?
27	Jacksonville Jaguars	The Jags were a sleeper pick last year. This year, not so much.
28	Los Angeles Rams	RB Todd Gurley is terrific. The jury is still out on QB Jared Goff.
29	Cleveland Browns	The Browns haven't had a winning season since 2007, finishing last in the AFC North in eight of the past nine years.
30	Chicago Bears	QB Mike Glennon will be on the clock from the moment he takes the first snap.
31	San Francisco 49ers	Keep an eye on the 49ers' defensive improvement as the season progresses.
32	New York Jets	Josh McCown won the QB battle over Bryce Petty & Christian Hackenberg. Pity Todd Bowles.