



NFL POWER RANKINGS

WEEK 16 Craig Morgan

RANK	TEAM	
1	New England Patriots	Another AFC East title, a record ninth in a row.
2	Philadelphia Eagles	It is impossible to feel comfortable with the Eagles this high in the rankings. It is impossible to predict the NFC playoffs.
3	Minnesota Vikings	Case Keenum's continued play means the NFC's top two seeds will enter the postseason with backup QBs at the helm.
4	Pittsburgh Steelers	The Steelers still haven't figured out how to close out the Patriots.
5	Los Angeles Rams	That was a statement win by the Rams in Seattle. Watch out for this team in the playoffs.
6	Jacksonville Jaguars	Blake Bortles has strung together 3 consecutive passer ratings of 119 or better.
7	Carolina Panthers	That was an impressive showing by Cam Newton and the Carolina offense in a knockout punch to the Packers' playoff hopes.
8	New Orleans Saints	Michael Thomas became the second NFL player with at least 90 receptions in his first 2 seasons.
9	Atlanta Falcons	Atlanta plays at New Orleans, then ends the season at home against Carolina -- the 2 teams it's chasing in the NFC South.
10	Dallas Cowboys	RB Ezekiel Elliott returns from a 6-game suspension next week, but the Cowboys' playoff hopes are faint.
11	Kansas City Chiefs	The Chiefs opened the season 5-0, lost 6 of their next 7 and have now won 2 in a row.
12	Seattle Seahawks	The Seahawks' 5-year playoff streak is in serious jeopardy after the worst loss in the Pete Carroll era.
13	Baltimore Ravens	With home games against the Colts and Bengals, Baltimore should be able to grab an AFC wild card spot.
14	Detroit Lions	It's been 60 years since the Lions won a playoff game.
15	Buffalo Bills	It's going to be agony for Bills fans to watch their team lose its playoff spot this week at New England.
16	Tennessee Titans	Back-to-back losses to the Cardinals and 49ers should warrant some kind of playoff demerit.
17	Green Bay Packers	The last time the Packers didn't make the postseason was in 2008. Aaron Rodgers was in his 1st season as a starting QB.
18	Los Angeles Chargers	The Chargers' offense had committed just 6 turnovers over the last 9 games before a crushing, 4-turnover showing against K.C.
19	Washington Redskins	When the straight-laced Associated Press calls your win a "a comedy of errors" you know it was bad.
20	Oakland Raiders	I just don't understand what happened to the Raiders' season.
21	Arizona Cardinals	Happy to see Drew Stanton get one last start in a Cardinals uniform.
22	Miami Dolphins	This is a creepy: After a win over the Pats last week, I predicted QB Jay Cutler would throw 3 picks against Buffalo. He did.
23	Cincinnati Bengals	I wonder if Ray Anderson would have hired former client Marvin Lewis had he been available sooner. Maybe he still will.
24	Denver Broncos	QB Brock Osweiler looked more like the player Denver envisioned when it selected him in the second round in 2012.
25	New York Jets	If there is a more selfish player in the NFL than Muhammad Wilkerson, I can't name him.
26	San Francisco 49ers	Jimmy Garoppolo threw for a career-high 381 yards and a touchdown to give the 49ers a three-game winning streak.
27	Houston Texans	DE Jadeveon Clowney on Jaguars QB Blake Bortles after the Jags blew out the Texans: "He's trash." OK, then.
28	Chicago Bears	The Bears (4-10) have lost 6 of 7 sealing a third season with double-digit losses in 3 years under coach John Fox.
29	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	The Bucs have lost nine of 11 following a 2-1 start.
30	Indianapolis Colts	RB Frank Gore is the second player in league history to post 1,000 yards from scrimmage in 12 consecutive seasons.
31	New York Giants	QB Eli Manning: I know I can still play at a high level and run this offense.
32	Cleveland Browns	Since 1944, only 4 teams have gone winless: the 1960 Cowboys, the 1976 Buccaneers, the 1982 Colts, and the 2008 Lions.