



DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS PREVIEW



NFL'S FINAL EIGHT TAKE CENTER STAGE IN DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

And then there were eight. The NFL heads into the Divisional Playoffs and all four games are rematches from the regular season, the first time that has happened since the 2010 season. Each of the remaining eight teams won its division, the first time all eight teams in the Divisional round were division winners since 2011.

On Saturday, January 14, the Atlanta Falcons (11-5), the NFC South champions, will host the NFC West-champion Seattle Seahawks (11-5-1) at the Georgia Dome to kick off the weekend (FOX, 4:35 PM ET). That night in primetime (CBS, 8:15 PM ET), the New England Patriots (14-2), who won the AFC East and secured the No. 1 seed in the AFC, will host the AFC South-champion Houston Texans (10-7) at Gillette Stadium.

On Sunday, January 15, the Kansas City Chiefs (12-4), the AFC West champions, will welcome the AFC North-champion Pittsburgh Steelers (12-5) to Arrowhead Stadium (NBC, 1:05 PM ET) and the Dallas Cowboys (13-3), who won the NFC East and secured the No. 1 seed in the NFC, will host the Green Bay Packers (11-6) at AT&T Stadium (4:40 PM ET, FOX).

Saturday, January 14

NFC	Seattle at Atlanta	4:35 PM ET	FOX
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Sunday, January 15

AFC	Pittsburgh at Kansas City	1:05 PM ET	NBC
NFC	Green Bay at Dallas	4:40 PM ET	FOX

“It is a whole new season now,” says Dallas quarterback **DAK PRESCOTT**. “Everything you do from this point on is really how you get looked at at the end of the year. So that is important to us, looking forward and playing a long time in this postseason.”

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (11-5-1) at ATLANTA FALCONS (11-5) (Saturday, FOX, 4:35 PM ET)

- This is the second postseason meeting between the two teams. In the 2012 Divisional Playoffs (January 13, 2013), the Falcons defeated the Seahawks 30-28 at the Georgia Dome.
- Seattle leads the all-time series 10-6 (including the postseason). The Seahawks have won the past two meetings, including a 26-24 win at CenturyLink Field in Week 6 (October 16, 2016).
- The Seahawks defeated Detroit 26-6 last week to advance to the Divisional Playoffs. Seattle running back **THOMAS RAWLS** rushed for 161 yards and a touchdown, the most rushing yards in a postseason game in franchise history.
- Seahawks quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** has 64 career wins (including the postseason), the most wins ever by a starting quarterback in his first five seasons.
- The Seahawks had four players selected to the Pro Bowl: defensive end **CLIFF AVRIL** (first), defensive end **MICHAEL BENNETT** (second), cornerback **RICHARD SHERMAN** (fourth) and linebacker **BOBBY WAGNER** (third).
- Atlanta head coach **DAN QUINN** spent four seasons with Seattle (2009-10, 2013-14), including the 2013 and 2014 seasons as the team’s defensive coordinator. The Seahawks advanced to the Super Bowl in both seasons, including winning Super Bowl XLVIII.
- Falcons quarterback **MATT RYAN** led the NFL with a 117.1 passer rating, the fifth-best mark in league history.
- Atlanta had six players selected to the Pro Bowl: linebacker **VIC BEASLEY JR.** (first), kicker **MATT BRYANT** (first), running back **DEVONTA FREEMAN** (second), wide receiver **JULIO JONES** (fourth), center **ALEX MACK** (fourth) and quarterback **Ryan** (fourth).

HOUSTON TEXANS (10-7) at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (14-2) (Saturday, CBS, 8:15 PM ET)

- This is the second postseason meeting between the two teams. In the 2012 Divisional Playoffs (January 13, 2013), the Patriots defeated the Texans 41-28 at Gillette Stadium.
- New England has won seven of the eight all-time meetings, including the playoffs. The Patriots are 4-0 at home against the Texans, including a 27-0 victory in Week 3 (September 22, 2016).
- Houston advanced to the Divisional round with a 27-14 win over Oakland last week. The Texans, who led the NFL in total defense (301.3 yards per game) during the regular season, limited the Raiders to 203 total net yards.
- Houston linebacker **WHITNEY MERCILUS** had two sacks and three tackles for a loss in last week’s victory. He has five sacks and six tackles for a loss in his past two playoff games.

- Texans defensive end **JADEVEON CLOWNEY**, who was selected to his first Pro Bowl, had an interception last week to set up a touchdown in his first career playoff game.
- New England won its eighth consecutive division title, the longest streak in NFL history. The Patriots are the only team in NFL history to win 13 division titles in a 14-year span.
- New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** has 22 career playoff wins, the most in NFL history. Brady is also the NFL postseason leader in career completions (738), attempts (1,183), passing yards (7,957) and touchdown passes (56).
- The Patriots had four players selected to the Pro Bowl: quarterback **Brady** (12th), linebacker **DONT'A HIGHTOWER** (first), safety **DEVIN MC COURTY** (third) and special teamer **MATTHEW SLATER** (sixth).

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (12-5) at KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (12-4) (Sunday, NBC, 1:05 PM ET)
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- This is the second postseason meeting between the two teams. Their only other playoff meeting occurred on January 8, 1994 when the Chiefs defeated the Steelers 27-24 in overtime at Arrowhead Stadium in a Wild Card matchup.
- Pittsburgh leads the all-time series 21-11 (including the playoffs). The Steelers knocked off the Chiefs 43-14 in Week 4 (October 2, 2016) and have won four of the past five meetings between the clubs.
- Pittsburgh defeated Miami 30-12 last week, the Steelers' NFL-record 35th postseason win. Steelers running back **LE'VEON BELL** rushed for 167 yards and two touchdowns, the most rushing yards in a postseason game in club history.
- Pittsburgh quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** threw touchdown passes of 50 and 62 yards to wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN** in the Wild Card win. Brown is the only player in NFL history to score two 50+ yard touchdowns in the first quarter of a playoff game.
- Pittsburgh had five players selected to the Pro Bowl: running back **Bell** (second), wide receiver **Brown** (fifth), guard **DAVID DE CASTRO** (second), center **MAURKICE POUNCEY** (fifth) and quarterback **Roethlisberger** (fifth).
- The Chiefs, who have won 10 of their past 12 games, clinched the AFC West for the first time since 2010. Kansas City quarterback **ALEX SMITH** has a 0.5 interception percentage (one interception, 186 attempts) in his postseason career, the best mark in NFL history (minimum 150 attempts).
- Chiefs rookie wide receiver and return specialist **TYREEK HILL** is the only player in NFL history to record at least three receiving touchdowns (six), three rushing touchdowns (three) and three total kick-return touchdowns (three) in a season.
- Kansas City had four players selected to the Pro Bowl: safety **ERIC BERRY** (fifth), return specialist **Hill** (first), tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** (second) and cornerback **MARCUS PETERS** (second).

GREEN BAY PACKERS (11-6) at DALLAS COWBOYS (13-3) (Sunday, FOX, 4:40 PM ET)
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- This is the eighth postseason meeting between the teams with the Cowboys leading the series 4-3. The Packers won the last playoff meeting, defeating Dallas 26-21 at Lambeau Field in the 2014 Divisional Playoffs (January 11, 2015).
- Including the postseason, the all-time series between the teams is tied at 17. Dallas knocked off Green Bay 30-16 at Lambeau Field in Week 6 (October 16, 2016).
- Green Bay defeated the New York Giants 38-13 last week to advance to the Divisional Playoffs. The Packers have won seven consecutive games, outscoring opponents 223-125 during that span.
- Packers quarterback **AARON RODGERS**, who passed for 362 yards and four touchdowns in last week's Wild Card victory, has a 100.3 career postseason passer rating, one of four quarterbacks in NFL history to have a 100+ rating (minimum 150 attempts). Green Bay wide receiver **RANDALL COBB** had five receptions for 116 yards and tied the NFL postseason single-game record with three touchdown catches.
- The Packers had three players selected to the Pro Bowl: safety **HA HA CLINTON-DIX** (first), guard **T.J. LANG** (first) and quarterback **Rodgers** (sixth).
- The Cowboys won the NFC East and secured the No. 1 seed in the conference with a 13-3 record. Dallas has qualified for the postseason 32 times, tied with the Packers and Giants for the most in league history.
- Dallas is the only team in NFL history to have a rookie pass for 20 touchdowns (quarterback **DAK PRESCOTT**, 23) and a rookie rush for 15 touchdowns (running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT**, 15) in the same season. Prescott, whose 13 wins are tied for the most by a rookie starting quarterback in NFL history, had a 104.9 passer rating, the highest mark by a rookie in league annals. Elliott led the NFL with 1,631 rushing yards, the third-most by a rookie in league history.
- The Cowboys had five players selected to the Pro Bowl: running back **Elliott** (first), center **TRAVIS FREDERICK** (third), guard **ZACK MARTIN** (third), quarterback **Prescott** (first) and tackle **TYRON SMITH** (fourth).

FINAL 2016 NFL STANDINGS

American Football Conference

East Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
z-New England Patriots	14	2	0	.875	441	250	6-2-0	8-0-0	11-1-0	5-1-0	7W
x-Miami Dolphins	10	6	0	.625	363	380	6-2-0	4-4-0	7-5-0	4-2-0	1L
Buffalo Bills	7	9	0	.438	399	378	4-4-0	3-5-0	4-8-0	1-5-0	2L
New York Jets	5	11	0	.313	275	409	2-6-0	3-5-0	4-8-0	2-4-0	1W

North Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
y-Pittsburgh Steelers	11	5	0	.688	399	327	6-2-0	5-3-0	9-3-0	5-1-0	7W
Baltimore Ravens	8	8	0	.500	343	321	6-2-0	2-6-0	7-5-0	4-2-0	2L
Cincinnati Bengals	6	9	1	.406	325	315	4-3-1	2-6-0	5-7-0	3-3-0	1W
Cleveland Browns	1	15	0	.063	264	452	1-7-0	0-8-0	1-11-0	0-6-0	1L

South Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
y-Houston Texans	9	7	0	.563	279	328	7-1-0	2-6-0	7-5-0	5-1-0	1L
Tennessee Titans	9	7	0	.563	381	378	5-3-0	4-4-0	6-6-0	2-4-0	1W
Indianapolis Colts	8	8	0	.500	411	392	4-4-0	4-4-0	5-7-0	3-3-0	1W
Jacksonville Jaguars	3	13	0	.188	318	400	2-6-0	1-7-0	2-10-0	2-4-0	1L

West Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
y-Kansas City Chiefs	12	4	0	.750	389	311	6-2-0	6-2-0	9-3-0	6-0-0	2W
x-Oakland Raiders	12	4	0	.750	416	385	6-2-0	6-2-0	9-3-0	3-3-0	1L
Denver Broncos	9	7	0	.563	333	297	5-3-0	4-4-0	6-6-0	2-4-0	1W
San Diego Chargers	5	11	0	.313	410	423	3-5-0	2-6-0	4-8-0	1-5-0	5L

National Football Conference

East Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
z-Dallas Cowboys	13	3	0	.813	421	306	7-1-0	6-2-0	9-3-0	3-3-0	1L
x-New York Giants	11	5	0	.688	310	284	7-1-0	4-4-0	8-4-0	4-2-0	1W
Washington Redskins	8	7	1	.531	396	383	4-4-0	4-3-1	6-6-0	3-3-0	1L
Philadelphia Eagles	7	9	0	.438	367	331	6-2-0	1-7-0	5-7-0	2-4-0	2W

North Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
y-Green Bay Packers	10	6	0	.625	432	388	6-2-0	4-4-0	8-4-0	5-1-0	6W
x-Detroit Lions	9	7	0	.563	346	358	6-2-0	3-5-0	7-5-0	3-3-0	3L
Minnesota Vikings	8	8	0	.500	327	307	5-3-0	3-5-0	5-7-0	2-4-0	1W
Chicago Bears	3	13	0	.188	279	399	3-5-0	0-8-0	3-9-0	2-4-0	4L

South Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
y-Atlanta Falcons	11	5	0	.688	540	406	5-3-0	6-2-0	9-3-0	5-1-0	4W
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	9	7	0	.563	354	369	4-4-0	5-3-0	7-5-0	4-2-0	1W
New Orleans Saints	7	9	0	.438	469	454	4-4-0	3-5-0	6-6-0	2-4-0	1L
Carolina Panthers	6	10	0	.375	369	402	4-4-0	2-6-0	5-7-0	1-5-0	2L

West Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf	Div	Streak
y-Seattle Seahawks	10	5	1	.656	354	292	7-1-0	3-4-1	6-5-1	3-2-1	1W
Arizona Cardinals	7	8	1	.469	418	362	4-3-1	3-5-0	6-5-1	4-1-1	2W
Los Angeles Rams	4	12	0	.250	224	394	1-7-0	3-5-0	3-9-0	2-4-0	7L
San Francisco 49ers	2	14	0	.125	309	480	1-7-0	1-7-0	2-10-0	2-4-0	1L

x - Clinched Playoffs; y - Clinched Division; z - Clinched Conference

2016 DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 14-15

(All times ET)

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