



NFL POWER POLL

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Week 14

Rank	Team	Comment
1	Dallas Cowboys	The recent wins haven't been pretty, but they're wins.
2	Oakland Raiders	29 straight points to close out a big comeback win over Buffalo.
3	New England Patriots	Shut down LA, but that's not that difficult.
4	Kansas City Chiefs	It's impossible not to be over-the-moon ecstatic for Eric Berry. What a story!
5	Seattle Seahawks	The injuries are mounting. How do they deal with losing Thomas?
6	Detroit Lions	They actually led entering the fourth quarter. Weird.
7	Denver Broncos	So many offensive challenges.
8	New York Giants	Schedule got tougher...two receivers talking about not getting targets. Trouble!
9	Pittsburgh Steelers	Three straight convincing wins after a four-game skid. They're gonna be OK.
10	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	If the season ended today, Dirk Koetter would have his team in the playoffs.
11	Atlanta Falcons	Matt Ryan doing old Matt Ryan things on the botched two-point conversion.
12	Baltimore Ravens	Ravens handed Miami the 2nd-biggest beatdown of this NFL season.
13	Miami Dolphins	What was that?
14	Green Bay Packers	Defense has actually shown up the last two weeks.
15	Indianapolis Colts	They've won three of four and schedule isn't terribly daunting outside a trip to Oakland.
16	Washington Redskins	Loss in Arizona proved they're not quite ready for prime time.
17	Buffalo Bills	I verbally praised Rex Ryan to a friend Sunday. Bills responded by giving up 29 straight.
18	Minnesota Vikings	Their offense is just hard to watch.
19	Houston Texans	Brock Osweiler, stop talking.
20	Tennessee Titans	The next two games (vs. Denver and @ KC) will likely remove them from playoff talk.
21	Arizona Cardinals	David Johnson is really, really good at football.
22	New Orleans Saints	Remember when the Superdome was a tough venue? Saints 10-13 at home since '14.
23	Philadelphia Eagles	It's hard to see another win on their schedule.
24	San Diego Chargers	Rivers threw a big pick-six? Weird. I know, I know, he's awesome.
25	Cincinnati Bengals	332 yards through the air without Green vs. Philly.
26	Chicago Bears	Destroyed the hapless 49ers.
27	Carolina Panthers	The most disappointing team in the NFL, without question. Not competitive in Seattle.
28	Los Angeles Rams	When I think of the Rams, I hear Nelson Muntz's "HA-HA" on a loop in my head.
29	New York Jets	It looks like the Jets have quit on their head coach.
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	It's hard to imagine there are two teams worse than the Jags this season.
31	San Francisco 49ers	Five completed passes in an NFL game in 2016? I don't care if it was snowing, that's awful!
32	Cleveland Browns	Browns coming off their best week of the year.



NFL POWER POLL CRAIG GRIALOU

GOING INTO WEEK 14

Rank	Team	
1	Cowboys	Dallas is the first team to clinch a playoff spot. Yep, didn't see that coming before the season.
2	Patriots	It's about wins, and no quarterback has won more than Tom Brady
3	Raiders	Derek Carr for MVP?
4	Seahawks	The loss of Earl Thomas is huge
5	Chiefs	The Eric Berry story is inspirational
6	Broncos	No matter who the quarterback is, the defense always gives Denver a chance to win
7	Giants	Eli Manning was in a giving mood, and the Steelers defense happily accepted his gifts
8	Steelers	Pittsburgh is getting hot again
9	Lions	Forget the offense, the defense holding Drew Brees and the Saints to 13 points at home was one of the more impressive performances of the week
10	Falcons	It's ok Atlanta, you'll get right again next week...you play the Rams
11	Redskins	Twitter exploded with Jay Gruden ripping into his team behind closed doors after the loss in Arizona
12	Vikings	Even Mike Zimmer could see that Sam Bradford got hit in the face on the potential game-tying two-point conversion. What?! Too soon?
13	Packers	Aaron Rodgers is very happy Jordy Nelson is healthy this season
14	Dolphins	Miami got humbled in Week 13
15	Texans	Not even being 6'8 could help Brock Osweiler in the snow
16	Ravens	So, who invaded Joe Flacco's body this week?
17	Buccaneers	First-place Tampa Bay. All hail Dirk Koetter!
18	Eagles	Uh oh. Doug Pederson just received the dreaded vote of confidence.
19	Bills	And a 17th-straight season without a playoff berth is getting closer to reality
20	Titans	Another brilliant PR move by the NFL: Not allowing Tennessee to participate in "My Cause My Cleats" because they didn't play that particular week
21	Cardinals	The 2016 Cardinals finally looked like the 2015 Cardinals
22	Colts	The NFL likes parity: At 6-6 the Colts are in a three-way tie for first place in the AFC South
23	Saints	Who knew Drew Brees was capable of throwing zero touchdowns at home
24	Chargers	If nothing else, Joey Bosa looks like the real deal
25	Bengals	Just playing for pride, and personal stats, now
26	Panthers	The most disappointing team in the NFL in 2016. Period
27	Bears	The Bears officially place Jay Cutler on injured reserve, and all of Chicago celebrates
28	Rams	Really?! Another two years for Jeff Fisher?! How?! Why?!
29	Jets	Memo to the NFL: No more Jets appearances on Monday Night Football
30	Jaguars	"It's the biggest nightmare possible," Jacksonville QB Blake Bortles sums up the season; ok, it was the loss to Denver but...
31	49ers	What's worse: sacked more than yards passed or penalized for celebratory snow angels after a touchdown that wasn't?
32	Browns	It was their best week of the season...they didn't play



NFL POWER RANKINGS CRAIG MORGAN

WEEK 14

Rank	Team	
1	Dallas Cowboys	The Cowboys can clinch the NFC East with a win over the Giants on Sunday.
2	New England Patriots	It feels like the Patriots are on cruise control until the playoffs.
3	Oakland Raiders	If Oakland wins out it earns home-field advantage but both its losses are at home.
4	Kansas City Chiefs	KC keeps inventing new ways to win games, like Eric Berry's INT 2-point conversion.
5	Seattle Seahawks	Seattle will be without S Earl Thomas for the rest of the season. That's a huge blow.
6	Denver Broncos	Riley Dixon had the first 500-yard punting game of the season: 11 for 506 yards.
7	Detroit Lions	If it weren't for the Raiders, the Lions would own the gritty city feel-good story.
8	New York Giants	Odell Beckham Jr. won't be sending referee Terry McAulay's crew Christmas cards.
9	Atlanta Falcons	A Sirius/XM NFL caller said Matt Ryan's a "piece of human garbage" who must be cut.
10	Baltimore Ravens	Joe Flacco had with a franchise-record 36 completions in 47 attempts vs. Miami.
11	Pittsburgh Steelers	Antonio Brown eclipsed 1,000 receiving yards for the 5th time in his career
12	Washington Redskins	The Redskins' third-down defense is still awful.
13	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Say what you want about the Bucs but they're 5-1 on the road.
14	Miami Dolphins	The Dolphin's 6-game win streak is toast after that Baltimore beat down.
15	Green Bay Packers	My money's on Aaron Rodgers to earn the NFC's final wild card spot.
16	Minnesota Vikings	What might this season have looked like if the Vikings had stayed remotely healthy?
17	Buffalo Bills	Buffalo will miss the playoffs for a 17th straight season, the NFL's longest drought.
18	Tennessee Titans	The NFL will allow Titans, Browns (on byes last week) to wear special cleats.
19	Indianapolis Colts	With Andrew Luck back, we have the Colts winning the AFC South.
20	Arizona Cardinals	Another East Coast game threatens to end Arizona's playoff hopes.
21	Houston Texans	Houston's minus-50 point differential is the worst among teams with at least 5 wins.
22	Philadelphia Eagles	The Eagles opened the season with 3 straight wins, but have dropped 7 of 9.
23	New Orleans Saints	Detroit is the 1st team in 60 Saints home games to prevent a Drew Brees TD pass.
24	San Diego Chargers	All 7 chargers losses this season have been by one score or less.
25	Cincinnati Bengals	Marvin Lewis is still talking playoffs. He's not getting there & he's 0-7 when he does.
26	Carolina Panthers	Derek Anderson got one snap during Cam Newton's suspension and threw a pick.
27	Los Angeles Rams	Jeff Fisher got a contract extension Sunday. Seriously
28	Chicago Bears	Stop. Please, just stop. Matt Barkley is not a franchise QB.
29	New York Jets	Todd Bowles watch is on.
30	Jacksonville Jaguars	Why is the NFL in Jacksonville?
31	San Francisco 49ers	The 49ers were the big winners in a loss to the Bears. Just draft high, baby.
32	Cleveland Browns	Four more losses to achieve perfect imperfection.



NFL POWER RANKINGS

ADAM GREEN

WEEK 14

Rank	Team	Comment
1	Cowboys	Their defense isn't great, but that offense will be tough to stop
2	Patriots	Interested to see how much a lack of Gronk will hurt them
3	Seahawks	A great defense lost one of its best players -- can they withstand?
4	Raiders	They're not even sneaky good anymore. This team is legit
5	Steelers	Three games into what will probably be a seven-game win streak to close out the season
6	Chiefs	Talk about a turn of emotions, from giving up the game-losing TD to turning it into the game-winning pick-two.
7	Giants	No shame in losing to Pittsburgh, the schedule doesn't get any easier next two weeks.
8	Lions	*Dory voice* Just keep winning, just keep winning
9	Broncos	Not exactly a convincing win over Jacksonville, though I'm not sure if this team is capable of winning convincingly.
10	Falcons	I mean, who loses by surrendering points on their own 2-point conversion? That's special.
11	Titans	A couple of tough games coming off bye. Win/split those, playoffs could be a thing.
12	Ravens	Just smoked the Dolphins. Still don't think this team is good, though.
13	Buccaneers	Schedule isn't cake down the stretch, but this team has a chance
14	Packers	Starting to get going a bit in what is still a very winnable division
15	Redskins	Tough loss in Arizona. Offense is good, but defense needs work
16	Vikings	Played the Cowboys tough. Win the next two and still alive.
17	Cardinals	If for at least one week, they looked like the team we all thought they would be
18	Dolphins	Winning streak ended with a thud. Big home date vs. Cardinals up next.
19	Saints	Remember when they looked like a playoff contender? Me neither.
20	Texans	Please let some other team than this one win the AFC South
21	Bills	So average you'd think Jeff Fisher was their coach
22	Chargers	White and rice go together like Philip Rivers and pick-sixes
23	Eagles	They are freeeee! Free falling!!!!!!
24	Bengals	Here's a magic trick: They'll turn one win (over the Eagles) into a second straight (over the Browns)
25	Colts	They're going to win the AFC South, right?
26	Rams	Jared Goff isn't terrible, but most of the rest of that offense is
27	Panthers	If Cam would have worn a tie on the trip they might have stayed within four touchdowns of the Seahawks
28	Jets	
29	Bears	Matt Barkley, QBOF?
30	Jaguars	Calling them a dumpster fire is offensive to garbage receptacles that have been set aflame
31	49ers	Just when you thought they were becoming competitive
32	Browns	*Insert joke about them losing to the bye week*



NFL POWER POLL Paige Dimakos

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1	Dallas	Too much Dallas garb in the Valley. Can they suck again?
2	New England	Tom Brady becomes winningest QB ever,
3	Oakland	I was okay with this until Raiders fan started coming back into the picture. UGH
4	Kansas City	Starting to think this is the team that will win the Super Bowl.
5	Seattle	Earl Thomas being out for the season hurts, bad.
6	Detroit Lions	Lions fans don't know how to endure this much success. I am concerned.
7	Denver Broncos	8-4 but their division is so tough.
8	Baltimore	wow, I don't know whether you guys are that good or Miami was just fluky for 6 games
9	Pittsburgh	Back in my top 10 and proving me right about the Giants.
10	NY Giants	They played no one to get to 8-3. Let's see how they do for the last stretch.
11	Atlanta Falcons	Is it finally time for Matty Ice to go cold.
12	Tampa Bay	Quietly won four games in a row, could be their division if Matty Ice does his usual December act.
13	Green Bay	They have now won two in a row and are getting healthy.
14	Indy	That was the best game Andrew Luck has played in two years.
15	Arizona Cardinals	Call me a homer but I think they can win out. Plus I am not from here.
16	Minnesota	Things are going to get better for this team with GB even on record.
17	Washington Redskins	This team will miss out on the playoffs. Calling it now
18	Miami	You fall far from me because I see you losing your next game too.
19	Texans	This team is getting worse by the week. That's how you make the playoffs right?
20	Titans	I think they are a year away from playoffs.
21	Buffalo Bills	Wow. Oakland really took it to you.
22	San Diego	Move somewhere else already
23	Cincy	You only get to be one spot ahead of Philly because you still aren't good.
24	Philly	I think the Carson Wentz hype train has died down officially
25	New Orleans	This team just has no defense
26	Carolina	It's officially over in Carolina.
27	LA Rams	signed Jeff Fisher to a 2-year agreement. -Everyone shakes their head
28	Chicago Bears	Matt Barkley is the super star we've been waiting for. - Texts from Dad
29	NY Jets	It cost more to buy a beer than it did to go to MNF game, it's a new low in New York.
30	Jacksonville	Thinking this organization needs to be relegated.
31	Niners	The Bears kicked your ass. I didn't know they could do that.
32	Cleveland	52% chance to end 0-16 in Vegas. Congrats, it's now over 50%



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DAVE BURNS

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Rank	Team	Comment
1	Cowboys	The Cowboys may single handedly save the NFL's TV ratings in 2016
2	Patriots	No Gronk, now Amendola is out.
3	Raiders	Huge game this week vs. KC. Could solidify their spot, could drop.
4	Seahawks	Put a hurting on Carolina but now it's Seattle that's hurting.
5	Chiefs	A fake punt from Andy Reid? What is going on here?
6	Steelers	The team New England should fear in the AFC.
7	Lions	Boldin making a difference every game.
8	Broncos	Jags were easy. Big tests await.
9	Ravens	Haven't been a fan but Dolphins win was huge.
10	Packers	They'll challenge Detroit down the stretch.
11	Falcons	Matt Ryan MVP talk getting real quiet.
12	Bucs	Dirk Koetter, coach of the year?
13	Redskins	Jay Gruden opened up a can after the Cards loss.
14	Giants	Schedule doesn't let up, monster game vs. Dallas Sunday.
15	Dolphins	Cards next opponent completely dominated by Ravens.
16	Vikings	Can't catch a break.
17	Titans	The more I think about it the more I like this team in future years.
18	Colts	Starting to warm up for December
19	Cardinals	Too little, too late? Either way, that was easily their best win of the year.
20	Bills	Another team that might be looking for a QB this offseason.
21	Eagles	Fading fast. The Wentz Wall is real.
22	Chargers	The LA potential move has to be a distraction.
23	Panthers	Oh sure, now Ron Rivera punishes Cam.
24	Texans	Money wasted
25	Saints	Just about done.
26	Bengals	Is this the year Marvin Lewis can't survive?
27	Bears	Good for Matt Barkley.
28	Rams	The most unenthusiastic contract extension ever.
29	Jags	Big disappointment this year.
30	Jets	Come on home Todd.
31	49ers	1-5 and 4 yards passing and you're surprised you got benched Colin?
32	Browns	Hue gonna be one and done?



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Rank	Team	Comment
1	NEW ENGLAND	Losing Gronk a legitimate big picture concern though.
2	DALLAS	Any chance a loss before the playoffs might actually make them stronger?
3	OAKLAND	AFC's highest scoring team just keeps rolling.
4	KANSAS CITY	Going for the season sweep of Oakland on Thursday in Arrowhead.
5	SEATTLE	When they're on, they look unstoppable. When they're off, they score 5 vs Tampa.
6	PITTSBURGH	Ladarius Green's delivering on his potential now too. Because they needed more O.
7	DENVER	If beating the Jaguars doesn't mean Lynch has arrived, what does?
8	ATLANTA	As good as Atlanta looks, they're dangerously close to missing the playoffs.
9	DETROIT	Brace yourself: a first round bye isn't out of the question. Or they could go 8-8.
10	NY GIANTS	Seemed poised for a loss, and Eli finished the job.
11	BALTIMORE	They always seem to get better as the weather gets colder.
12	TAMPA BAY	Inevitable rise is happening earlier than many expected.
13	WASHINGTON	Suddenly on the outside looking in after back-to-back tough road losses.
14	BUFFALO	That loss to the Jets in Week 2 hurts more every week.
15	ARIZONA	Finally looked like a team with an identity on Sunday.
16	MIAMI	Getting shredded by Joe Flacco doesn't exactly scream "contender".
17	GREEN BAY	Trying to drag themselves back, but schedule isn't easy the rest of the way.
18	MINNESOTA	Desperately need a win. Fortunately Jacksonville's up next.
19	INDIANAPOLIS	So are the Colts just going to win the AFC South after all?
20	NEW ORLEANS	Needed to score more than 13 at home against the Lions to have a chance.
21	TENNESSEE	Nothing like a bye week in December.
22	HOUSTON	What - you're not impressed by a negative-50 point differential?
23	SAN DIEGO	Probably better than their record... which means absolutely nothing at this point.
24	CINCINNATI	If nothing else, at least they're better than Philadelphia!
25	CAROLINA	So Cam was being punished for that hat he wore a couple weeks ago?
26	PHILADELPHIA	Well this went poorly in a hurry.
27	LOS ANGELES	Fisher celebrates new extension by getting beat by 16. Seems about right.
28	CHICAGO	Didn't take long for Jordan Howard to become the best player on the team.
29	NY JETS	Well at least fans in New York are generally pretty laid back and patient.
30	JACKSONVILLE	Just stop doing whatever it is that you're doing Jacksonville.
31	SAN FRANCISCO	Never good when your QB has more sacks than passing yards in a game.
32	CLEVELAND	There's somebody like this in every office - do nothing for 12 weeks, get a vacation.