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## NFL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS!



Listed below are our exclusive STATS RANKINGS, a quick read guide into the offensive and defensive stats and rankings compiled by each team. Reading across we find each team's In The Stats Rating (ITS), Average Points For (PTF), Points Against (PTA), Offensive Rushing Yards (OFR), Offensive Passing Yards (OPF), Total Offensive Yards (OYD), Total Defensive Yards (DYD), Defensive Passing Yards (DFP) and Defensive Rushing Yards (DFR) along with their numerical ranking against all other teams.

### 2015-16 NFL STAT RANKINGS

TEAM	ITS	PTF	PTA	OFR	OPF	OYD	DYD	DFP	DFR	TEAM	ITS	PTF	PTA	OFR	OPF	OYD	DYD	DFP	DFR																
ARIZONA	12-5	30	2	20	6	115	12	291	2	406	1	326	6	232	9	94	6	MIAMI	4-12	19	27	24	17	93	23	238	18	331	27	377	25	251	21	126	28
ATLANTA	9-7	21	20	22	14	101	18	274	6	375	5	347	14	243	18	104	12	MINNESOTA	8-9	22	16	18	3	133	5	180	31	313	29	338	9	229	6	109	17
BALTIMORE	9-7	21	20	25	20	92	26	267	8	359	14	337	8	233	10	104	12	NEW ENGLAND	10-7	29	3	20	6	85	30	288	3	373	6	342	11	241	17	101	10
BUFFALO	10-6	24	10	22	14	152	1	209	28	361	13	356	19	248	20	108	16	NEW ORLEANS	6-10	26	4	30	32	93	23	311	1	404	2	415	31	284	31	131	31
CAROLINA	12-5	31	1	20	6	143	2	220	24	363	12	328	7	240	15	88	4	NY GIANTS	4-12	26	4	28	30	101	18	272	7	373	6	420	32	299	32	121	22
CHICAGO	8-8	21	20	25	20	116	11	230	23	346	20	347	14	226	4	121	22	NY JETS	13-3	24	10	20	6	117	10	254	13	371	10	318	4	235	11	83	1
CINCINNATI	8-8	26	4	17	1	111	13	242	15	353	16	343	13	246	19	97	8	OAKLAND	5-11	22	16	25	20	91	27	242	15	333	25	364	22	259	26	105	14
CLEVELAND	5-11	17	30	27	28	96	22	236	20	332	26	379	26	251	21	128	30	PHILADELPHIA	5-11	24	10	27	28	109	15	255	12	364	11	402	30	267	29	135	32
DALLAS	6-10	17	30	23	16	118	8	217	27	335	23	348	16	227	5	121	22	PITTSBURGH	11-7	25	7	20	6	110	14	284	5	394	3	356	19	264	28	92	5
DENVER	13-4	22	16	18	3	107	17	246	14	353	16	289	2	206	2	83	1	ST. LOUIS	4-12	18	29	21	13	122	7	175	32	297	32	368	23	254	23	114	21
DETROIT	7-9	22	16	25	20	84	32	263	9	347	19	350	17	237	12	113	19	SAN DIEGO	9-7	20	25	25	20	85	30	287	4	372	9	362	21	237	12	125	27
GREEN BAY	9-9	24	10	20	6	118	8	220	24	338	22	351	18	238	14	113	19	S FRANCISCO	5-11	15	32	24	17	97	21	207	29	304	31	387	29	261	27	126	28
HOUSTON	11-5	20	25	20	6	109	15	232	21	341	21	310	3	208	3	102	11	SEATTLE	12-6	25	7	18	3	136	3	237	19	373	6	287	1	203	1	84	3
INDIANAPOLIS	2-14	21	20	26	25	90	29	232	21	322	28	379	26	257	25	122	25	TAMPA BAY	12-4	21	20	26	25	135	4	241	17	376	4	340	10	240	15	100	9
JACKSONVILLE	8-8	24	10	28	30	91	27	257	10	348	18	375	24	268	30	107	15	TENNESSEE	7-9	19	27	26	25	93	23	219	26	312	30	342	11	230	8	112	18
KANSAS CITY	11-7	25	7	17	1	129	6	206	30	335	23	325	5	229	6	96	7	WASHINGTON	8-9	24	10	24	17	98	20	257	10	355	15	379	26	255	24	124	26

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# DENVER over New England by 1

It should come as no surprise that this year's Championship Round quartet share one common denominator – each owns a Top 10 ranked defense. Given the fact that 40 of the 49 Super Bowl winners possessed Top 10 defenses, this year's list of teams headed to Super Bowl 50 Super Bowl appears to be just what history demands. Surprisingly, all four teams playing this weekend were outyarded in their victories last week. New England's problem is they have been outstated in each of its last three contests, making them a 'leaking oil' road favorite. And because road teams need to be hitting on all cylinders at this stage of the season, we don't see the defending Super Bowl champs making a repeat visit. For openers, defending champions are just 4-9 SU and 5-8 ATS away in the playoffs, including 0-5 SUATS if they scored more than 24 points in their previous game. However, the well-oiled machine comes to the Patriots' defense, noting that same-season revenge favorites are 7-2 SUATS in Championship Round games since 1990. And Tom Brady is 11-5 SU and 9-6-1 ATS in head-to-head games with Peyton Manning.

Bill Belichick spoils it, though, with his 8-11 SUATS career mark versus Denver, including 1-6 SUATS away off a SUATS win. And for those of you trembling in your boots at the thought of stepping in front of the Hoodie when he is out to avenge a same-season loss, remember this PLAYBOOK Exclusive: Belichick is 13-10 SU and 16-7 ATS in his career in same-season revengers, but only 2-4 SUATS outside the division, and 3-4 SUATS in the postseason. In fact, the Pats are 0-3 SUATS in their last three postseason games playing with same-season revenge, with the last being an 8-point home favorite choke job against Baltimore in 2012. New England is 1-3 SUATS in its last four away games this season, and only 3-7 SU and 4-6 ATS in its last 10 playoff road games. We realize Peyton Manning looks like a shell of his former self, but Denver is 5-1 SUATS as a home dog off back-to-back wins, and 6-1 SUATS against Belichick in games in which his troops arrive off a SUATS win. Besides, if Brock Osweiler can find a way to engineer a win over New England, so, too, can Manning in this shining moment... the last home game of his NFL career.

### NEW ENGLAND (13-4)

OPPONENT	DATE	OWL	PF	PA	SU	LINE	ATS	O/U	OYP	OFR	OFF	OYD	DYD	DFP	DFR	DYP	RES	F-A	
PITTSBURGH	9/10	0-0	28	21	W	-7	T	U51	6.4	8.0	281	361	464	330	134	7.4	24-31	0-1	
at Buffalo	9/20	1-0	40	32	W	-1	W	O45	6.9	5.6	451	507	349	189	160	6.1	34-23	2-3	
JACK'VILLE	9/27	1-1	51	17	W	-14	W	O49	6.4	12.5	346	471	293	236	57	5.5	31-20	0-1	
OPEN DATE	10/4																		
at Dallas	10/11	2-2	30	6	W	-8	W	U51	7.1	10.9	247	356	264	164	100	4.2	24-18	0-2	
at Indianapolis	10/18	3-2	34	27	W	-8.5	L	O54	6.7	11.6	301	417	409	289	120	5.7	28-27	1-0	
NY JETS	10/25	4-1	30	23	W	-7.5	T	O47	5.6	16	337	353	372	283	89	5.5	24-25	0-1	
MIAMI	10/29	3-3	36	7	W	-8	W	U51.5	6.8	9.5	342	437	270	255	15	4.7	29-18	0-2	
WASHINGTON	11/8	3-4	27	10	W	-13.5	W	U51.5	6.1	16.1	299	460	250	213	37	4.5	31-17	2-2	
at NY Giants	11/15	5-4	27	26	W	-7	L	O52.5	6.2	7.7	329	406	422	342	80	6.3	27-28	2-1	
BUFFALO	11/23	5-4	20	13	W	-7	T	U47.5	5.8	8.5	271	356	319	225	94	4.8	24-21	0-1	
at Denver	11/29	8-2	24	30	L	-2.5	L	O43	5.2	3.9	262	301	433	254	179	5.9	20-29	1-1	
PHILADELPHIA	12/6	4-7	28	35	L	-9.5	L	O49.5	5.2	10.3	324	427	248	120	128	4.4	28-17	2-0	
at Houston	12/13	6-6	27	6	W	-4	W	U46	5.1	11.6	197	313	189	102	87	4.1	21-13	1-1	
TENNESSEE	12/20	3-10	33	16	W	-14.5	W	O48	5.7	9.3	253	346	282	223	59	5.1	23-19	1-3	
at NY Jets	12/27	9-5	20	26	L	-2	L	O45.5	5.4	6.3	221	284	428	285	143	6.3	19-29	1-1	
at Miami	1/3	5-10	10	20	L	-10.5	L	U46	4	7.0	140	210	438	342	96	6.1	14-29	0-0	
KAN CITY Ply	1/16	12-5	27	20	W	-6	W	O44.5	6.1	3.8	302	340	378	243	135	4.6	23-25	0-1	
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>OFF</b>	<b>DEF</b>					<b>OYP</b>	<b>OFR</b>	<b>OFF</b>	<b>OYD</b>	<b>DYD</b>	<b>DFP</b>	<b>DFR</b>	<b>DYP</b>	<b>RES</b>	<b>F-A</b>	
<b>SCORING</b>			28.9	19.7					YDS/POINT	12.9	17.3								
<b>RUSHING</b>			85	101					YDS/RUSH	3.6	4.0								
<b>PASSING</b>			288	241					YDS/PASS	7.3	6.3								
<b>TOTAL</b>			373	342					YDS/PLAY	5.9	5.4								

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BALTIMORE	9/13	0-0	19	13	W	-5	W	U46.5	3.4	6.9	150	219	173	100	73	3.1	15-12	1-2	
at Kansas City	9/17	1-0	31	24	W	3	W	O41.5	4.5	6.1	238	299	314	170	144	5.8	20-21	1-5	
at Detroit	9/27	0-2	24	12	W	-3	W	U44.5	5.8	4.1	313	354	290	262	28	4.5	24-19	2-3	
MINNESOTA	10/4	2-1	23	20	W	-7	L	U43.5	6.7	14.4	200	344	325	212	113	5.2	23-22	2-1	
at Oakland	10/11	2-2	16	10	W	-5.5	W	U44.5	5.6	4.3	254	297	288	223	65	4.5	20-19	2-3	
at Cleveland	10/18	2-3	26	23	W	-3	T	O41.5	5.5	15.2	290	442	298	189	109	4.1	29-20	3-3	
OPEN DATE	10/25																		
GREEN BAY	11/1	6-0	29	10	W	2.5	W	U46	7.9	16.0	340	500	140	50	90	3.3	33-9	1-0	
at Indianapolis	11/8	3-5	24	27	L	-3	L	O45	6.2	3.5	274	309	365	245	120	4.8	21-24	2-0	
KAN CITY	11/15	3-5	13	29	L	-3.5	L	T42	3.7	6.9	152	221	303	197	106	4.8	15-20	5-0	
at Chicago	11/22	4-5	17	15	W	-2.5	L	U41	6.2	17.0	219	389	347	261	86	6.1	26-23	0-2	
NEW ENG	11/29	10-0	30	24	W	2.5	W	O43	5.9	17.9	254	433	301	262	39	5.2	29-20	1-1	
at San Diego	12/6	3-8	17	3	W	-6	W	U45.5	4.5	13.4	159	293	272	179	93	4.7	20-18	1-1	
OAKLAND	12/13	5-7	12	15	L	-6	L	U43.5	4.3	3.4	276	310	126	99	27	2.4	21-8	2-0	
at Pittsburgh	12/20	8-5	27	34	L	7.5	W	O45	5.6	10.4	281	385	377	354	23	5.2	26-25	2-2	
CINCINNATI	12/28	11-3	20	17	W	-3.5	L	U39	6.5	11.3	277	390	294	186	108	4.3	26-20	1-1	
SAN DIEGO	1/3	4-11	27	20	W	-10	L	O42	8	21.0	293	503	317	207	110	5.0	34-21	5-1	
PITTS Ply	1/17	11-6	23	16	W	-7	T	U41	4.6	10.9	215	324	396	311	85	7.1	22-26	0-1	
<b>AVERAGES</b>			<b>OFF</b>	<b>DEF</b>					<b>OYP</b>	<b>OFR</b>	<b>OFF</b>	<b>OYD</b>	<b>DYD</b>	<b>DFP</b>	<b>DFR</b>	<b>DYP</b>	<b>RES</b>	<b>F-A</b>	
<b>SCORING</b>			22.2	18.4					YDS/POINT	16.0	15.3								
<b>RUSHING</b>			108	84					YDS/RUSH	4.2	3.3								
<b>PASSING</b>			246	206					YDS/PASS	6.6	5.6								
<b>TOTAL</b>			354	290					YDS/PLAY	5.6	4.6								

**LEGEND** – OWL: Foe's Win-Loss mark before game is played, PF-PA: Points scored for and against, SU: Outright win or loss of game, Line: Game's CLOSING line, ATS: Win or loss of game against the points spread, O/U: Final Over/Under total and result, OYP: Offensive yards per play, OFR: Offensive rush yards, OFF: Offensive pass yards, OYD: Total offensive yards gained, DYD: Total defensive yards allowed, DFP: Defensive pass yards, DFR: Defensive rush yards, DYP: Defensive yards per play, RES: A formulated Re-score of the game based strictly on actual yardage gained and allowed, F-A: 'F' shows total number of turnovers committed by subject team; 'A' shows total turnovers committed by opponent. Note: A red check mark at the left of the log box indicates the team outgained its opponent.

# Arizona over CAROLINA by 3

For the first time in NFL history, two Heisman Trophy winning QB's meet in the playoffs. And as always, there are plenty of Good, Bad and Ugly numbers to be found in tonight's NFC title game showdown. Before we get to those, first our thoughts on the each of these two teams. Carolina has been on a run for the ages, going 21-2 in its last twenty-three games. Our biggest concern is only four of those opponents owned a winning record at the time of the game, with a 15-0 mark against losing opposition. Yes, they managed to send Arizona packing in the Wild Card Round of the playoffs last season, but that was against a completely decimated Cardinal club down to its 4th-string QB. And like New England, the other favorite on this weekend's card, the Panthers have been outgained in each of their last three games, making them another 'leaking oil' favorite. Meanwhile, Arizona is now healthy and anxious to pick up its 6th away win in a row (7-1 SU as visitors this season). To head coach Bruce Arians, the gap between a healthy QB Carson Palmer and journeyman Ryan Lindley, Arizona's QB in last year's playoff meeting

with the Panthers, is nearly as wide as the Grand Canyon. And speaking of Arians, his 17-4 SUATS career record in games versus opponents off a SUATS win flows with tantalizing tighteners, including 6-0 SUATS versus .700 or greater opponents, and 6-1 SU and 7-0 ATS as a dog of 3.5 or less points. And there's this matter of revenge, which in the Arians household is akin to kidnapping a family member, as he is a vengeance-seeking 4-0 SUATS in personal losses he has suffered as a head coach when his avenging troops are greater than .800 on the season. The bad news for the Redbirds is the well-oiled machine notes that teams arriving to the Championship Round off a Divisional Round overtime victory are 2-7 ATS when facing a foe off a SUATS win since 1977. Still, with teams 13-26-3 ATS as chalk – including 10-10 SU and 3-16-1 ATS from Game Ten out (1-2 SU and 0-2-1 ATS in the playoffs) – after facing Pete Carroll's Seattle Seahawks, we're reminded that when Seattle captured Super Bowl XLVIII two years ago it marked the first time since 1999 that a No. 1 NFC seed has won it all. Sorry Cam, Superman's kryptonite comes a-calling this weekend.

### ARIZONA (14-3)

OPPONENT	DATE	OWL	PF	PA	SU	LINE	ATS	O/U	OYP	OFR	OFF	OYD	DYD	DFP	DFR	DYP	RES	F-A	
N ORLEANS	9/13	0-0	31	19	W	-2	W	O49	7.5	12.0	307	427	408	354	54	6.0	28-27	1-1	
at Chicago	9/20	0-1	48	23	W	-2	W	O46	5.8	11.5	185	300	335	226	109	5.6	20-22	2-2	
SAN FRAN	9/27	1-1	47	7	W	7	W	O45	6.5	13.9	307	446	156	53	103	3.3	30-10	1-4	
ST. LOUIS	10/4	1-2	22	24	L	-7	L	O43.5	6.7	11.3	334	447	328	164	164	6.6	30-22	3-0	
at Detroit	10/11	0-4	42	17	W	-5	W	O46	8	18.7	158	345	436	379	57	5.0	23-29	0-6	
at Pittsburgh	10/18	3-2	13	25	L	-5.5	L	U45	7.2	5.5	414	469	310	169	141	6.0	31-21	3-0	
BALTIMORE	10/26	1-5	26	18	W	-10	L	U49	7.3	15.0	264	414	276	221	55	4.9	28-18	0-2	
at Cleveland	11/1	2-5	34	20	W	-7	W	O46	6.5	11.9	372	491	254	215	39	4.2	33-17	4-2	
OPEN DATE	11/8																		
at Seattle	11/15	4-4	39	32	W	3	W	O43.5	5.6	11.7	334	451	343	228	115	6.9	30-23	3-1	
CINCINNATI	11/22	8-1	34	31	W	-3.5	L	O48	6.8	8.2	301	383	377	278	99	5.6	26-25	2-1	
at San Francisco	11/29	3-7	19	13	W	-7	L	U45	4.9	7.0	267	337	368	301	67	6.9	22-25	0-2	
at St. Louis	12/6	4-7	27	3	W	-3.5	W	U43.5	6.8	17.5	349	524	212	146	66	4.2	35-14	0-1	
MINNESOTA	12/10	8-4	23	20	W	-10	L	U46.5	6.										