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# CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND PLAYOFFS

### HANDICAPPING NOTES FOR THIS WEEK'S NFL CONF FINAL GAMES

Here are some notes for the Conf Final round of the playoff games. We tried to put as much information as possible in the write-ups but there was not room for all of it. Below are some questions you might have about this upcoming round and our researched answers. Not all of these will be in effect for this week's games. If one is not, we are including it so you can add it to your handicapping arsenal.

How do the home teams fare in this round? You would expect the home teams to have an edge and they are 42-31-1 58% ATS in the Finals s/77. Vegas has been giving some extra compensation for the home field advantage in this round. From '77-'89 the home teams were 15-7 ATS. Since 1990 they are just 27-26-1 ATS. There have been only 3 seasons when a #1 seed didn't advance which were 2008, 2010 and 2012. Remember, these teams do not have the advantage of an extra week of preparation like they did in the Semi's last week. How often are the spreads over a td in the Finals? There have been 25 teams that have been favored by 7 points or more since 1990 in the Conference Final round. The big favorites are 11-14 ATS in that span, including just 5-10 ATS the last 15 occurrences (Seattle failed to cover versus Green Bay in '14).

How do home underdogs in the AFC/NFC Title game rounds fare? Talk about RARE. Since 1986 there have been a grand total of 8 home dogs in this round (28 years!!!). Amazingly in 1997 there were TWO and both lost as DEN and GB won as AF's. The NYG were a HD as a #1 seed in 2000 and won while PIT lost as a #1 seed HD in 2004. In the L8Y it has happened 4 times with Arizona winning in '08, w Chicago losing to GB in 2010, Atlanta losing to SF in '12 & Denver knocking off NE a ssn ago.

No #1 seeds - Since 1990 when the NFL made the switch to 6 playoff teams the only 2 seasons when a #1 seed did not advance to the Conf Finals was 2008 and 2010. Both #1 seeds have advanced to the SB in 3 of the past 4 ssns. Prior to that, both teams reached on just 3 occasions since 1990.

How do teams with the better SU record fare in this round? In the last 22 years, teams with the better SU records are 26-23-1 53% ATS. However, in the last 4 years the team with the better record has gone 6-1 ATS and won all 7 outright.

Over/Unders - In the L16 years the Conference Finals has gone Over 20 of 32 games (push in '14 between IND/NE). Since 1988 when both teams went Over in their DIV round they are 9-4 Over in the Conf Finals. Also of note is that in the 5 games since 1993 when both teams went Under the total in the DIV round, they also are a perfect 5-0 Over in the Finals. In 2011 and 2013 both Conf Finals went Under the total which



### SYSTEM

Play the UNDER on a HF of 7+ pts after a SU Home Win of 14+ pts

11-3 79% THIS WEEKS PLAY: (UNDER the TOTAL) Jacksonville/New England

# CONFERENCE FINALS RESULTS L4Y

### 2016

### Conference Championship

[1] NEW ENGLAND (-5/50) 36 Pittsburgh 17 [3] [3] ATLANTA (-4/60) 44 Green Bay 21 [4]

#### 2015

### Conference Championship

[1] DENVER (+3/45) 20 New England 18 [2] [1] CAROLINA (-3/47') 49 Arizona 15 [2]

#### 2014

### Conference Championship

[1] NEW ENGLAND 45 (-7/52) Indianapolis 7 [4] [1] SEATTLE 28 (-8/44) Green Bay 22 [4]

#### 2013

#### **Conference Championship**

[1] DENVER (-6'/54') 26 New England 16 [2] [1] SEATTLE 23 (-3/40') San Francisco 17 [5]

### 2017 NFL POWER FINAL RATINGS

We grade each team position by position and list the 2017 Power Ratings. Each week we update these Power Ratings in our weekly Power Sweep editions.

TEAM	2017	TEAM	2017
1. NEW ENGLAND	107.9	17. DETROIT	98.8
2. PHILADELPHIA	106.8	18. BUFFALO	98.3
3. PITTSBURGH	106.4	19. ARIZONA	98.3
4. LA RAMS	104.2	20. OAKLAND	98.2
5. MINNESOTA	103.8	21. GREEN BAY	98.1
6. NEW ORLEANS	102.8	22. NY JETS	97.4
7. CAROLINA	102.7	23. CHICAGO	96.8
8. ATLANTA	102.2	24. CINCINNATI	96.6
9. JACKSONVILLE	102.0	25. SAN FRANCISCO	96.5
10. SEATTLE	101.9	26. HOUSTON	96.4
11. KANSAS CITY	101.1	27. DENVER	96.2
12. BALTIMORE	100.1	28. MIAMI	95.7
13. LA CHARGERS	99.7	29. TAMPA BAY	95.2
14. DALLAS	99.3	30. INDIANAPOLIS	95.0
15. WASHINGTON	99.0	31. NY GIANTS	89.3
16. TENNESSEE	98.9	32. CLEVELAND	86.9

# PRO STATISTICS

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AFC	SU	DIV SU	l <sub>PPG</sub>	YPG	ATS	o/u	TTL OFF	RUSH	RUSH	PASS OFF	PASS PCT	SK VS	TTL DEF	RUSH DEF	RUSH	PASS DEF	PASS PCT	SK BY	TC ED
NEW ENGLAND	14-3	5-1	10.8	36.5	11-6	8-9	1	9	4.2	2	66.3	13	28	17	4.7	30	62.0	4	+6
BUFFALO	9-8	3-3	-3.8	-47.6	10-6-1	8-9	29	5	4.1	32	59.5	26	22	29	4.3	14	64.1	28	+7
Міамі	6-10	2-4	-7.0	-28.0	5-9-2	8-8	25	29	3.9	17	62.0	11	16	14	4.1	16	64.2	26	-14
NY Jets	5-11	2-4	-5.3	-47.3	8-6-2	8-8	28	19	4.0	25	63.4	24	26	24	4.0	20	59.0	29	-4
PITTSBURGH	13-4	6-0	5.6	76.8	7-10	6-10-1	3	22	3.8	1	65.0	4	6	11	4.4	5	58.8	2	0
BALTIMORE	8-8	3-3	5.8	-19.7	9-6-1	9-6-1	27	12	4.0	29	64.0	6	12	16	4.1	9	58.5	12	+1
CINCINNATI	7-9	3-3	-3.7	-58.6	8-7-1	7-8-1	32	31	3.6	28	59.6	18	18	30	4.2	8	59.9	12	-8
CLEVELAND	0-16	0-6	-11.0	-19.3	4-12	7-9	24	18	4.5	22	54.4	27	13	7	3.4	18	68.6	21	-28
JACKSONVILLE	12-6	4-2	8.8	59.8	10-8	9-9	10	1	4.3	19	59.4	4	3	21	4.3	1	56.7	1	+1
TENNESSEE	10-8	5-1	-2.3	-17.9	8-8-2	10-8	21	10	4.3	23	61.5	23	15	4	3.6	28	61.9	7	-6
INDIANAPOLIS	4-12	2-4	-8.8	-82.5	8-8	6-10	31	21	3.7	30	58.5	32	30	25	4.0	29	62.4	31	+5
Houston	4-12	1-5	-6.1	-26.6	7-9	7-8-1	20	14	4.1	21	57.1	31	20	13	4.0	24	64.1	24	-12
Kansas City	10-7	5-1	4.4	5.5	10-7	8-9	5	12	4.7	7	67.1	19	29	28	4.4	27	57.2	22	+1
LA CHARGERS	9-7	3-3	5.2	48.3	8-6-2	4-12	4	24	3.8	3	62.8	1	14	31	4.9	2	62.8	8	+1
OAKLAND	6-10	2-4	-4.5	-26.1	4-9-3	5-11	19	25	4.2	16	62.2	3	24	12	4.0	25	68.2	25	-14
Denver	5-11	2-4	-5.8	34.3	4-11-1	8-8	18	11	4.1	20	58.7	30	2	5	3.3	4	59.9	22	-13
NFC																			
INT	SU	SU	PPG	YPG	ATS	o/u	OFF	OFF	YPC	OFF	PCT	VS	DEF	DEF	YPC	DEF	PCT	BY	ED

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#### JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS Game-by Game JAX-OFF vs NE-DEF JAX-DEF vs NE-OFF SC PTS FD YDS 29-7 W U **TEAMS** +5/39 19-0 +62 +15 +22 -4 +77 Ŏ -1 +1/41' 3-6 16-37 -21 -80 -80 TEN 0 DFF OFF OFF DEF W W 0 +31/39 23-0 44-7 +37 +12 +224 +32 +192 POINTS POINTS 417 296 268 458 L O -3'/38' 10-10 W U +7'/42' 7-6 -3'/38' 10-10 20-23 -3 +2 -160 -81 -79 nyj points scored rank #5 #5 points scored rank #3 #2 W 30-9 +21 -58 +161 -219 -6 FIRST HALF PTS FIRST HALF PTS 197 160 111 271 -2'/42 14-24 17-27 -10 +7 +140 +27 +113 0 SECOND HALF PTS SECOND HALF PTS 217 154 187 136 W U -3/42' 20-0 27-0 +27 +8 +286 +92 +194 **TOUCHDOWNS** TOUCHDOWNS 47 29 49 33 W W U -6/38' 13-7 23-7 +16 +18 +260 +120 +140 9/17/3 6/32/ rush/pass/ret 18/21/8 6/24/3 rush/pass/ret Ü LAC L -5'/41 6-7 20-17 +3 +4 +76 +48 +28 0 332 FD 257 389 W -7/37 10-7 19-7 +12 +4 +100 +89 +11 cle FD RANK #7 #24 FD RANK #1 0 3-13 24-27 -1 -125 -17 -108 -5/38 TOTAL NET YARDS 5855 5856 TOTAL NET YARDS 4578 6307 IND w w u -9'/40' 16-3 31-10 +21 +5 +136 -45 +181 net vards rank #6 #29 net yards rank #2 #1 SFA w w Ω -21/41 3-0 30-24 +6 +3 +23 +15 +8 +2 YARDS PER PLAY YARDS PER PLAY 5.7 4.6 5.9 45-7 +38 54 0 -10'/39 31-0 +16 +278 +51 +227 vards per play rank #1 #5 vards per play rank #12 L 0 -4/43 16-16 33-44 -11 +6 +103 -39 +142 #31 YARDS PER POINT YARDS PER POINT 17.1 13.8 -5 +7 -2 -5 -3 -33 -33 +30 +25 -58 14.0 19.8 ten L U +2/41 3-12 10-15 -3 w Ŭ PLAYS PER GAME 67.4 63.4 PLAYS PER GAME 62.1 66.9 -81/391 BUF L 3-3 10-3 W +7/41 28-14 45-42 +3 -8 RUSH YARD/GAME 114.8 RUSH YARD/GAME 116.3 118.1 -167 +81 -248 141.4 pit ush ypg rank #1 #20 rush ypg rank #21 #10 RECENT PAST MEETINGS RUSHING YPC 4.3 **RUSHING YPC** 4.3 42 47 rushing ypc rank PASS YARD/GAME #12 2015 #9 #31 rushing ypc rank #26 Fd Plys Yds 224 6 PASS YARD/GAME 276 1 251.3 1699 1-1 49 17 15 55 293 20-57 (2.8) 17-33-236 iax #2 #17 #1 oass ypg rank #30 pass ypg rank 51 35 76 471 32-125 (3.9) 33-42-346 0 NE 2-0 -13' PASS ATTEMPTS PASS ATTEMPTS 509 527 590 2012 rec Sc Fd Plys PASS COMP 389 PASS COMP 316 367 289 10-4 -14 23 23 71 349 27-103 (3.8) 24-41-246 2 #4 pass% rank #24 pass% rank #1 SACKS % SACKS % 10.8% 6.0% 7.1% sack% rank #6 #12 sack% rank #2 #12 FUMBLES-LOST NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS Game-by Game FUMBLES-LOST 25/12 13/4 24/10 19/6 INTERCEPTIONS INTERCEPTIONS 13 12 21 8 SC PTS FD YDS TOTAL TURNOVERS TOTAL TURNOVERS 33 12 L O -8'/48 17-14 27-41 -15 -1 -166 -61 -105 +1 23 18 #2 #2 turnover rank #12 #25 turnover rank W W O -6'/55' 30-13 36-20 +16 +9 +126 +38 +88 0 PENALTIES 112/9361 11/1039 PENALTIES 112/1051 95/835 HOU W L O -13'/45 21-20 36-33 +3 -2 -66 +45 -21 penalties rank penalties rank #18 #4 CAR L L 0 -9'/48 16-17 30-33 -3 -4 -71 -60 -11 +2 PUNTING 44.9 PUNTING 45.6 43.4 43.6 W L U -5'/55 13-7 19-14 +5 -3 -7 +23 -30 -2 **NET PUNTING NET PUNTING** 38.9 39.8 40.7 40.5 nyj ATL W L U -9/47' 14-14 24-17 +7 0 -33 +44 -77 +1 net punting rank #23 #9 net punting rank #13 #16 w w II -3/56' 17-0 23-7 +16 +4 +60 +42 +18 0 BLOCKED P 0 0 BLOCKED P Λ LAC W W U -7/48' 15-7 21-13 +8 +11 +65 -60 +125 +1 KICK RETURN AVG 22.2 KICK RETURN AVG 20.4 22.0 18.9 den w w o -7/45 27-9 41-16 +25 +11 +57 -19 +76 +2 kick return rank #13 kick return rank #14 #3 t oak W W U -7/54 17-0 33-8 +25 +4 +76 -20 +96 +2 PUNT RETURN AVG PUNT RETURN AVG 9.3 W W O -16'/48' 21-10 35-17 +18 +10 +196 +129 +67 MIA **±1** punt return rank #16 #18 #8 punt return rank W W U -7'/48' 9-3 23-3 +20 +7 +167 buf +8 +159 0 FIELD GOALS 22/31 FIELD GOALS 22/24 37/40 30/35 mia L U -10'/48' 10-13 20-27 -7 -7 -114 -95 -19 -2 FG'S 50+ 2/5 1/4 FG'S 50+ 3/3 4/4 W U -2'/53' 10-17 27-24 +3 0 -53 W -66 +13 0 northcoast k rank #16 northcoast k rank #4 BUF W W O -11'/47' 13-13 37-16 +21 +11 +85 +109 -24 northcoast st rank #20 northcoast st rank #3 W W U -15/43 21-3 26-6 +20 +14 +83 +107 -24 NYJ 0 TEN W W O -13'/48 21-7 35-14 +21 +16 +171 +36 +135 MIN-OFF VS PHI-DEF MIN-DEF VS PHI-OFF PHI TEAMS 6

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** (12-6) LINE:

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (14-3)

NE -9/46' NEW ENGLAND 120

### PLAYOFF CHECKLIST

JAX

### OVERALL PATRIOTS by 7

The Jaguars and Patriots meet for the 12th time in NFL history with NE holding a commanding 10-1 record. This also marks the 5th playoff matchup (NE 3-1 SU) and 2nd AFC Championship (Patriots 20-6 win in 96). In their most recent meeting back in 2015, the Patriots throttled the Jags in Foxboro 51-17 with massive FD (35-15) and yardage (471-293) edges. On the ssn JAX has gone 6-4 SU/ATS away from home (+8 ypg) while NE is now 7-2 SU/6-3 ATS at home with a 45 ypg edge.

After going down to the wire a week prior against BUF in a defensive struggle, the Jaguars went into Heinz Field and delivered an upset victory for the 2nd time this ssn behind a big day from rookie RB Fournette who rushed for 109 yds with 3 TD's. The Jags are in the AFC Championship for the 3rd time in franchise history with their last matchup coming at home in the '98 playoffs against the Titans (33-14 loss). JAX is now 6-3 SU/4-5 ATS vs foes with

the Itlans (35-14 loss), JAA is now of Conference and including an easy victory LW at home against the Titans where they finished with a 438-267 yd edge, the Patriots are back in the AFC Championship for the 7th consec ssn (3-3 SU/2-4 ATS). In LY's Conf final, the Pats had no issue getting past the Steelers in the 36-17 win (431-368 yd edge). NE moved their record vs foes w/a winning record to 7-2 SU & ATS on the year (+43 ypg, +3 TO's).

While the Jaguars' defense was exposed in the air a week ago against the Steelers, the unit has been one of the more dominant in the NFL all ssn long. While it's clear that NE has the coaching edge and playoff pedigree, we expect the Jags to come out and try to control the clock on offense behind Fournette and the running game while keeping Bortles out of 3rd and long. With PP calling for a 28-15 final and 43 being the highest total for any Jags game this ssn, the UNDER looks like the best option here.

2★ UNDER THE TOTAL (New England 28 Jacksonville 15)

PHILADELPHIA

**EAGLES** 

MΙ	N١	ΝE	S	)TA	VIK	ING	So	am	e-bv	Gam	e	
		ATS		LINE		SC	PTS	FD	YDŚ	RY	PY	ŀ
NO	W	W	Ρ	-3/48	16-6	29-19	+10	+4	+126	+69	+57	(
pit	L	L	U	+9'/43'	3-14	9-26	-17	-8	-98	-11	-87	-
TB	W	W	0	+1'/40	21-3	34-17	+17	+5	+152	+99	+53	+
DET	L	L	U	-2'/43	7-3	7-14	-7	-4	+33	-10	+43	-
chi	W	L	U	-3'/40'	3-2	20-17	+3	+1	+26	+44	-18	+
GB	W	W	U	+3/45'	14-10	23-10	+13	+10	+124	+40	+84	+
BAL	W	W	0	-4/38'	9-6	24-16	+8	+1	+149	+105	+44	-
t cle	W	W	0	-9'/38	12-13	33-16	+17	+10	+99	-27	+126	+
was	W	W	0	-1'/41	28-17	38-30	+8	-3	+12	+21	-9	-
LAR	W	W	U	-2/45'	7-7	24-7	+17	+12	+197	+126	+71	(
det	W	W	0	-3/44'	20-10	30-23	+7	+11	+119	+83	+36	+
atl	W	W	U	+3/48	7-6	14-9	+5	+7	+37	+3	+34	(
car	L	L	0	-2'/40	13-10	24-31	-7	+6	+11	-116	+127	-
CIN	W	W	U	-12/42		34-7	+27	+10	+185	+78	+107	(
gb	W	W	U	-8'/41	10-0	16-0	+16	+3	-3	-1	-2	+

### RECENT PAST MEETINGS

W W U -12'/38' 16-7 23-10 +13 +9 +126 +110 +16

0 -5/47 17-0 29-24 +5 +1 +45 +15 +30

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2010	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Plys	Yds	Rush	Pass	
min	5-0	-3	10	18	74	282	27-93 (3.4)	24-41-189	
PHI	3-2	39	21	15	54	239	26-101 (3.9)	16-28-138	
2013	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Plvs	Yds	Rush	Pass	
							13-79 (6.1)		

#### PHILADELPHIA EAGLES Game-by Game W W U -1/49' 16-14 30-17 +13 +3 +92 -6 +98 I I O +5/46' 3-6 20-27 -7 +11 +62 -5 +67

27-24 +3 +3 NYG W L 0 -6/43 7-0 -61 +144 -205 W W O +2/48 16-10 26-24 +2 +8 +54 +156 -102 lac ARZ W W U -6'/45 21-7 34-7 +27 +3 +112 +91 +21 W W O +3/45 10-10 28-23 +5 -8 +5 +21 -16 car WAS W W 0 -5/49 17-10 34-24 +10 +4 +27 +52 -25 W W U -12'/44 17-0 33-10 +23 +5 +66 +18 +48 SF DFN W W 0 -7/41' 31-9 51-23 +28 +11 +193 +162 +31 W W U -5'/47' 7-9 37-9 +28 +3 +158 +103 +55 W U -13'/44 24-0 31-3 +28 +16 +280 +170 +110 U -4/46' 3-10 10-24 -14 +5 +115 -3 +118 -2 sea W 0 +1'/47' 24-14 43-35 +8 +12 +148 +30 +118 0 -7'/40 21-23 34-29 +5 -4 -163 +33 -196 OAK W Ρ U -9/47 7-7 19-10 +9 -1 -58 -59 U +3/40 0-0 0-6 -6 -4 -82 -59 -23 W W U +2'/41 9-10 15-10 +5 +3 +53 +10 +43

	IEAWS	IVIIIN	F []	ILAWS	IVIIIV	6111
,		OFF	DEF	DOINTO	DEF	OFF
5	POINTS	382	295	POINTS	252	457
	points scored rank	#10	#4	points scored rank	#1	#3
•	FIRST HALF PTS	210	129	FIRST HALF PTS	118	224
	SECOND HALF PTS	172	166	SECOND HALF PTS	134	233
	TOUCHDOWNS	41	34	TOUCHDOWNS	24	53
	rush/pass/ret	15/25/1	7/24/3	rush/pass/ret	10/13/1	9/38/6
	FD	334	272	FD	260	338
	FD RANK	#6	#5	FD RANK	#2	#4
•	TOTAL NET YARDS	5710	4904	TOTAL NET YARDS	4415	5852
	net yards rank	#11	#4	net yards rank	#1	#7
	YARDS PER PLAY	5.4	5.0	YARDS PER PLAY	4.6	5.5
	yards per play rank	#13	#9	yards per play rank	#2	#10
•	YARDS PER POINT	14.9	16.6	YARDS PER POINT	17.5	12.8
	PLAYS PER GAME	65.9	61.0	PLAYS PER GAME	60.0	67.1
	RUSH YARD/GAME	122.3	79.2	RUSH YARD/GAME	83.6	132.2
	rush ypg rank	#7	#1	rush ypg rank	#2	#3
	RUSHING YPC	3.9	3.8	RUSHING YPC	3.7	4.5
)	rushing ypc rank	#23	#6	rushing ypc rank	#5	#4
	PASS YARD/GAME	234.6	227.3	PASS YARD/GAME	192.4	233.6
	pass ypg rank	#11	#17	pass ypg rank	#2	#13
	PASS ATTEMPTS	527	601	PASS ATTEMPTS	555	601
)	PASS COMP	357	363	PASS COMP	324	363
	pass% rank	#2	#13	pass% rank	#4	#23
	SACKS %	5.1%	6.3%	SACKS %	6.7%	6.4%
	sack% rank	#8	#22	sack% rank	#18	#13
	FUMBLES-LOST	11/6	19/12	FUMBLES-LOST	16/5	25/11
	INTERCEPTIONS	8	19	INTERCEPTIONS	14	9
2	TOTAL TURNOVERS	14	31	TOTAL TURNOVERS	19	20
	turnover rank	#3	#4	turnover rank	#19	#11
	PENALTIES	100/949	101/917	PENALTIES	105/928	
	penalties rank	#21	#15	penalties rank	#13	#22
	PUNTING	42.2	44.9	PUNTING	45.3	44.6
9	NET PUNTING	39.2	39.6	NET PUNTING	40.5	40.6
	net punting rank	#31	#13	net punting rank	#8	#12
	BLOCKED P	0	1	BLOCKED P	1	1
	KICK RETURN AVG	24.8	21.6	KICK RETURN AVG	22.7	19.7
ı	kick return rank	#4	#17	kick return rank	#25	#27
	PUNT RETURN AVG	9.5	6.8	PUNT RETURN AVG	8.9	8.9
	punt return rank	#7	#14	punt return rank	#22	#11
	FIELD GOALS	32/38	20/26	FIELD GOALS	27/30	29/34
	FG'S 50+	6/9	3/5	FG'S 50+	4/5	6/7
	northcoast k rank	#11	-	northcoast k rank	-	#9
	northcoast st rank	#15	-	northcoast st rank	-	#14

### MINNESOTA VIKINGS

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## PLAYOFF CHECKLIST

### OVERALL EAGLES by 1

The Vikings and Eagles meet in the postssn for the 4th time with PHI owning a perfect 3-0 mark ('08, '04, '80). In their matchup a ssn ago, the Eagles hosted a 5-0 Vikings squad in a sloppy contest that featured a combined 8 TO's (4 apiece). PHI would earn the 21-10 win despite a 282-239 yd deficit. On the ssn MIN has gone 6-2 SU/5-3 ATS on the road (+25 ypg) with PHI posting an 8-1 SU/6-2-1 ATS mark at home with a 59 ypg edge.

The Vikings earned a miracle victory LW against the Saints (61-yd TD pass on final play) although it should have never come to that as they led 17-0 at the half and appeared to be on their way to an easy win. This is MIN's 10th trip to the NFC Championship although after making it to the Super Bowl on their 1st 4 attempts, they have lost each of their L/5. On the ssn, MIN has gone 6-3 SU/5-3-1 ATS vs foes w/a winning record (+69 ypg, +4 TO's).

The Eagles utilized a valiant defensive effort LW against the

Falcons in the 15-10 victory (3★ LP Winner on UNDER 41) allowing ATL just 281 ttl yds. They are making their 7th trip to the NFC Championship with a pair of victories in their history (2004 & 1980). On the ssn, PHI has gone 5-3 SU & ATS vs foes w/a winning record (+64 ypg, +1 TO).

The Vikings have a chance to make NFL history by becoming the 1st home team to play in the Super Bowl with a victory. The Eagles may have something to say about that however as they have a defense capable of keeping bkp Foles within reach of yet another home victory. With the Eagle's undefeated as a HD in their all-time playoff history incl LW's upset against the Falcons, we find it difficult to back the forecast above that favors the visitor.

NO PLAY: MINNESOTA 20 PHILADELPHIA 15