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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 sn 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 snns. 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]

2014

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

2015

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

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

2017 NFL FINAL TEAM RANKINGS

AFC	SU	DIV	PPG	YPG	ATS	O/U	TTL	RUSH		PASS		SK	TTL	RUSH		PASS		SK	TO
								OFF	DEF	YPC	PCT			DEF	DEF	YPC	PCT		
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
MIAMI	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	+7
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	+14
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	+17
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	+12
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	-17

NFC	SU	SU	PPG	YPG	ATS	O/U	OFF	OFF	YPC	OFF	PCT	VS	DEF	DEF	YPC	DEF	PCT	BY	EDG
PHILADELPHIA	14-3	5-1	9.8	58.9	11-5-1	8-9	6	3	4.4	13	61.3	14	4	1	3.8	17	60.4	12	+9
DALLAS	9-7	5-1	1.4	13.9	8-7-1	6-10	14	2	4.5	27	62.7	10	7	8	4.2	10	74.1	17	-1
WASHINGTON	7-9	1-5	-2.9	-22.9	7-9	8-8	17	27	3.6	12	64.3	19	21	32	4.5	10	57.7	10	-4
NY GIANTS	3-13	1-5	-8.9	-58.9	7-9	6-10	23	26	3.9	18	61.3	12	31	26	4.2	31	61.9	30	-3
MINNESOTA	14-3	5-1	7.9	78.8	12-4-1	7-9-1	9	8	3.9	11	67.4	7	1	2	3.7	3	58.6	15	+4
DETROIT	9-7	5-1	2.1	-18.1	8-7-1	10-6	13	32	3.4	6	65.6	24	27	19	4.2	26	64.3	20	+11
GREEN BAY	7-9	2-4	-4.0	-43.2	7-9	11-5	26	17	4.5	26	62.6	28	23	18	3.9	22	67.8	18	-4
CHICAGO	5-11	0-6	-3.5	-31.8	8-7-1	5-11	30	16	4.2	31	61.5	15	8	10	4.0	7	64.8	10	0
NEW ORLEANS	12-6	5-2	6.8	46.2	8-9-1	10-7-1	2	6	4.5	5	71.2	2	19	14	4.3	19	59.5	6	+5
CAROLINA	11-6	3-4	1.8	6.4	10-7	10-7	16	4	4.3	24	58.5	15	10	3	3.9	23	64.2	3	0
ATLANTA	11-7	4-2	2.6	36.3	8-10	5-13	11	15	4.2	9	64.8	15	9	9	4.2	13	65.1	8	+2
TAMPA BAY	5-11	1-5	-2.9	-14.6	7-8-1	8-8	7	27	3.7	4	62.5	15	32	23	4.3	32	67.6	32	-1
LA RAMS	11-6	4-2	8.0	22.6	9-8	11-6	8	7	4.4	10	61.2	9	17	27	4.6	12	59.1	4	+7
SEATTLE	9-7	4-2	2.1	7.1	6-9-1	7-9	15	23	4.0	14	61.3	21	11	20	4.0	6	58.7	15	+8
ARIZONA	8-8	3-3	-4.1	3.5	6-9-1	6-10	22	30	3.4	15	56.7	28	5	6	3.5	15	60.8	19	-4
SAN FRANCISCO	6-10	1-5	-3.3	-2.3	10-6	8-8	12	20	4.1	8	59.6	21	25	22	3.8	21	63.2	26	-3

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JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS Game-by Game

hou	SU	ATS	OU	LINE	HT	SC	PTS	FD	YDS	RY	PY	IF
W	W	U	+5/39	19-0	29-7	+22	-4	+77	+62	+15	+4	-2
TEN	L	L	+1/41	3-6	16-37	-21	-1	-80	-80	0	-2	-2
† bal	W	W	O +3/39	23-0	44-7	+37	+12	+224	+32	+192	+3	+3
nyj	L	L	O -3/38	10-10	20-23	-3	+2	-160	-81	-79	+1	-2
pit	W	W	U +7/42	7-6	30-9	+21	-6	-58	+161	+219	+4	+4
LAR	L	L	O -2/42	14-24	17-27	-10	+7	+140	+27	+113	0	0
ind	W	W	U -3/42	20-0	27-0	+27	+8	+286	+92	+194	-2	-2
CIN	W	W	U -6/38	13-7	23-7	+16	+18	+260	+120	+140	-1	-1
LAC	W	L	U -5/41	6-7	20-17	+3	+4	+76	+48	+28	0	0
cle	W	W	U -7/37	10-7	19-7	+12	+4	+100	+89	+11	+4	+4
arz	L	L	O -5/38	3-13	24-27	-3	-1	-125	-17	-108	-1	-1
IND	W	W	U -9/40	16-3	31-20	+21	+5	+136	+45	+181	+2	+2
SEA	W	W	O -2/41	3-0	30-24	+6	+3	+23	+15	+8	+2	+2
HOU	W	W	O -10/39	31-0	45-7	+38	+16	+278	+51	+227	+1	+1
sf	L	L	O -4/43	16-16	33-44	-11	+6	+103	-39	+142	-2	-2
ten	L	L	U +2/41	3-12	10-15	-5	-2	-3	-33	-30	-3	-3
BUF	W	L	U -8/39	3-3	10-3	+7	-5	-33	+25	-58	+2	+2
pit	W	W	O +7/41	28-14	45-42	+3	-8	-167	+81	+248	-2	-2

RECENT PAST MEETINGS

2015	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Phys	Yds	Rush	Pass	TO
jax	1-1	49	17	15	55	293	20-57 (2.8)	17-33-236	1
NE	2-0	-13	51	35	76	471	32-125 (3.9)	33-42-346	0
2012	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Phys	Yds	Rush	Pass	TO
ne	10-4	-14	23	23	71	349	27-103 (3.8)	24-41-246	2
JAX	2-12	51	16	22	75	436	23-93 (4.0)	29-51-343	3

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS Game-by Game

KC	SU	ATS	OU	LINE	HT	SC	PTS	FD	YDS	RY	PY	IF
L	L	O	+8/48	17-14	27-41	-15	-1	-166	-61	-105	+1	+1
no	W	W	O -6/55	30-13	36-20	+16	+9	+126	+38	+88	0	0
HOU	L	L	O -13/45	21-20	36-33	+3	-2	-21	-66	+45	+1	+1
CAR	L	L	O -9/48	16-17	30-33	-3	-4	-71	-60	-11	+2	+2
tb	W	L	U -5/55	13-7	19-14	+5	-3	-7	+23	-30	-2	-2
nyj	W	L	U -9/47	14-14	24-17	+0	-3	-33	+44	-77	+1	+1
ATL	W	W	U -3/56	17-10	23-7	+16	+4	+60	+42	+18	0	0
LAC	W	U	-7/48	15-7	21-13	+8	+11	+65	+60	+125	+1	+1
den	W	W	O -7/45	27-9	41-16	+25	+11	+57	-19	+76	+2	+2
† oak	W	W	U -7/54	17-0	33-8	+25	+4	+76	-20	+96	+2	+2
MIA	W	W	O -16/48	21-10	35-17	+18	+10	+196	+129	+67	+1	+1
buf	W	W	U -7/48	9-3	23-3	+20	+7	+167	+8	+159	0	0
mia	L	L	U -10/48	10-13	20-27	-7	-7	-114	-95	-19	-2	-2
pit	W	W	U -2/53	10-17	27-24	+3	0	-53	-66	+13	0	0
BUF	W	W	O -11/47	13-13	37-16	+21	+11	+85	+109	-24	-1	-1
NYJ	W	W	U -15/43	21-3	26-6	+20	+14	+83	+107	-24	0	0
TEN	W	W	O -13/48	21-7	35-14	+21	+16	+171	+36	+135	0	0

MINNESOTA VIKINGS Game-by Game

NO	SU	ATS	OU	LINE	HT	SC	PTS	FD	YDS	RY	PY	IF
W	W	P	-3/48	16-6	29-19	+10	+4	+126	+69	+57	0	0
pit	L	L	U +9/43	3-14	9-26	-17	-8	-98	-11	-87	-1	-1
TB	W	W	O +1/40	21-3	34-17	+17	+5	+152	+99	+53	+3	+3
DET	L	L	U -2/43	7-3	7-14	-7	-4	+33	-10	+43	-3	-3
chi	W	L	U -3/40	3-2	20-17	+3	+1	+26	+44	-18	+2	+2
GB	W	U	+3/45	14-10	23-10	+13	+10	+124	+40	+84	+1	+1
BAL	W	W	O -4/38	9-6	24-16	+8	+1	+149	+105	+44	-1	-1
† cle	W	W	O -9/38	12-13	33-16	+17	+10	+99	-27	+126	+1	+1
was	W	W	O -1/41	28-17	38-30	+8	-3	+12	+21	-9	-1	-1
LAR	W	W	U -2/45	7-7	24-7	+17	+12	+197	+126	+71	0	0
det	W	W	O -3/44	20-10	30-23	+7	+11	+119	+83	+36	+2	+2
atl	W	W	U +3/48	7-6	14-9	+5	+7	+37	+3	+34	0	0
car	L	L	O -2/40	13-10	24-31	-7	+6	+11	-116	+127	-2	-2
CIN	W	U	-12/42	24-0	34-7	+27	+10	+185	+78	+107	0	0
gb	W	W	U -8/41	10-0	16-0	+16	+6	+3	-3	-2	+2	+2
CHI	W	W	U -12/38	16-7	23-10	+13	+9	+126	+110	+16	0	0
NO	W	P	O -5/47	17-0	29-24	+5	+1	+45	+15	+30	+1	+1

RECENT PAST MEETINGS

2016	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Phys	Yds	Rush	Pass	TO
min	5-0	-3	10	18	74	282	27-93 (3.4)	24-41-189	4
PHI	3-2	39	21	15	54	239	26-101 (3.9)	16-28-138	4
2013	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Phys	Yds	Rush	Pass	TO
phi	8-5	-6	30	25	65	475	13-79 (6.1)	30-48-396	1
MIN	3-9-1	53	48	29	73	455	35-85 (2.4)	26-35-370	1

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES Game-by Game

was	SU	ATS	OU	LINE	HT	SC	PTS	FD	YDS	RY	PY	IF
W	W	U	-1/49	16-14	30-17	+13	+3	+92	-6	+98	+2	+2
kc	L	L	O +5/46	3-6	20-27	-7	+11	+62	-5	+67	-2	-2
NYG	W	L	O -6/43	7-0	27-24	+3	+3	+61	+144	+205	+1	+1
lac	W	W	O +2/48	16-10	26-24	+2	+8	+54	+156	+102	+1	+1
ARZ	W	W	U -6/45	21-7	34-7	+27	+3	+112	+91	+21	0	0
car	W	W	O +3/45	10-10	28-23	+5	-8	+5	+21	-16	+2	+2
WAS	W	W	O -5/49	17-10	34-24	+10	+4	+27	+52	-25	0	0
SF	W	W	U -12/44	17-0	33-10	+23	+5	+66	+18	+48	+1	+1
DEN	W	W	O -7/41	31-9	51-23	+28	+11	+193	+162	+31	+1	+1
dal	W	W	U -5/47	7-9	37-9	+28	+3	+258	+103	+55	+4	+4
CHI	W	U	-13/44	24-0	31-3	+28	+16	+280	+170	+110	-1	-1
sea	L	L	U -4/46	3-10	10-24	-14	+5	+115	-3	+118	-2	-2
lar	W	W	O +1/47	24-14	43-35	+8	+12	+148	+30	+118	+1	+1
nyg	W	L	O -7/40	21-23	34-29	+5	-4	-163	+33	+196	+1	+1
OAK	W	P	U -9/47	7-7	19-10	+9	-1	-58	-59	-1	+3	+3
DAL	L	L	U +3/40	0-0	0-6	-6	-4	-82	-59	-23	-1	-1
ATL	W	W	U +2/41	9-10	15-10	+5	+3	+53	+10	+43	-2	-2

JAX-OFF vs NE-DEF JAX-DEF vs NE-OFF

TEAMS	JAX	NE	TEAMS	JAX	NE
POINTS	417	296	POINTS	268	458
points scored rank	#5	#5	points scored rank	#3	#2
FIRST HALF PTS	197	160	FIRST HALF PTS	111	271
SECOND HALF PTS	217	136	SECOND HALF PTS	154	187
TOUCHDOWNS	47	33	TOUCHDOWNS	29	49
rush/pass/ret	18/21/8	6/24/3	rush/pass/ret	9/17/3	16/32/1
FD	332	325	FD	257	389
FD RANK	#7	#24	FD RANK	#1	#1
TOTAL NET YARDS	5855	5856	TOTAL NET YARDS	4578	6307
net yards rank	#6	#29	net yards rank	#2	#1
YARDS PER PLAY	5.4	5.7	YARDS PER PLAY	4.6	5.9
yards per play rank	#12	#31	yards per play rank	#1	#5
YARDS PER POINT	14.0	19.8	YARDS PER POINT	17.1	13.8
PLAYS PER GAME	67.4	63.4	PLAYS PER GAME	62.1	66.9
RUSH YARD/GAME	141.4	114.8	RUSH YARD/GAME	116.3	118.1
rush ypg rank	#1	#20	rush ypg rank	#21	#10
RUSHING YPC	4.3	4.7	RUSHING YPC	4.3	4.2
rushing ypc rank	#9	#31	rushing ypc rank	#26	#12
PASS YARD/GAME	224.6	251.3	PASS YARD/GAME	169.9	276.1
pass ypg rank	#17	#30	pass ypg rank	#1	#2
PASS ATTEMPTS	527	590	PASS ATTEMPTS	509	587
PASS COMP	316	367	PASS COMP	289	389
pass% rank	#24	#17	pass% rank	#1	#4
SACKS %	4.5%	7.1%	SACKS %	10.8%	6.0%
sack% rank	#6	#12	sack% rank	#2	#12
FUMBLES-LOST	24/10	19/6	FUMBLES-LOST	25/12	13/4
INTERCEPTIONS	13	12	INTERCEPTIONS	21	8
TOTAL TURNOVERS	23	18	TOTAL TURNOVERS	33	12
turnover rank	#12	#25	turnover rank	#2	#2
PENALTIES	112/936	111/1035	PENALTIES	112/1051	95/835
penalties rank	#18	#6	penalties rank	#4	#8
PUNTING	43.6	44.9	PUNTING	45.6	43.4
NET PUNTING	38.9	39.8	NET PUNTING	40.7	40.5
net punting rank	#23	#9	net punting rank	#13	#16
BLOCKED P	1	0	BLOCKED P	0	0
KICK RETURN AVG	22.0	18.9	KICK RETURN AVG	20.4	22.2
kick return rank	#14	#3	kick return rank</		