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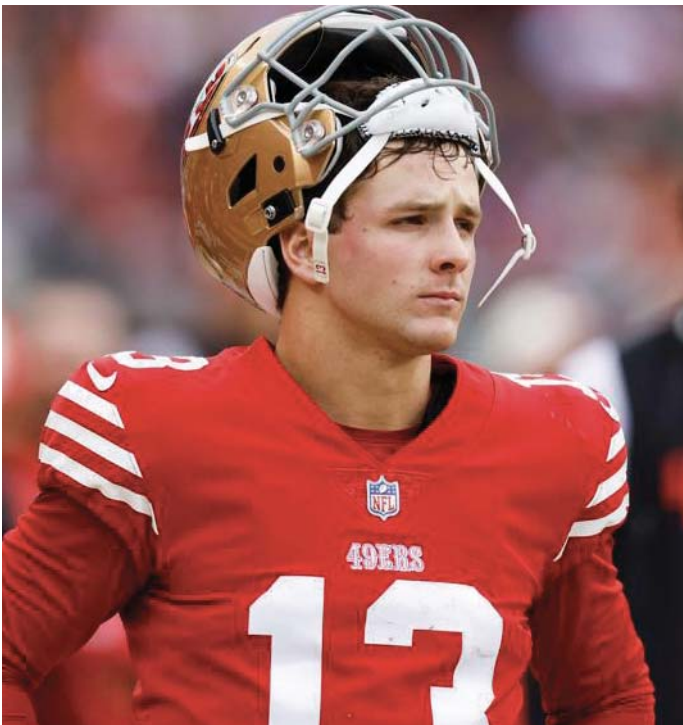
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THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL - JANUARY 13-15



NFL HEAD COACHES AND QUARTERBACKS PLAYOFF RECORDS

Listed below are the career postseason stats of this week's NFL coaches and quarterbacks in their team-starts. Play accordingly.

TEAM	COACH	SU	ATS	FAV	DOG
Baltimore	John Harbaugh	11-9	13-7	4-3	9-4
Buffalo	Sean McDermott	4-5	3-6	2-3	1-3
Cleveland	Kevin Stefanski	1-1	2-0	0-0	2-0
Dallas	Mike McCarthy	11-10	12-8-1	5-5	6-3-1
Green Bay	Matt LaFleur	2-3	2-3	2-2	0-1
Kansas City	Andy Reid	22-16	21-17	14-13	7-4
LA Rams	Sean McVay	7-3	5-5	2-3	3-2
Miami	Mike McDaniel	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0
Philadelphia	Nick Sirianni	2-2	2-2	2-1	0-1
Pittsburgh	Mike Tomlin	8-9	7-9-1	5-6	2-3-1
San Francisco	Kyle Shanahan	6-3	7-2	4-0	3-2
Tampa Bay	Todd Bowles	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1

TEAM	QB	SU	ATS	FAV	DOG
Baltimore	Lamar Jackson	1-3	1-3	1-2	0-1
Buffalo	Josh Allen	4-4	2-6	2-3	0-3
Cleveland	Joe Flacco	10-5	11-4	3-1	8-3
Dallas	Dak Prescott	2-4	1-5	0-3	0-1
Detroit	Jared Goff	2-3	2-3	1-1	1-2
Kansas City	Patrick Mahomes	11-3	9-5	8-5	1-0
LA Rams	Matt Stafford	4-3	3-4	1-2	2-2
Philadelphia	Jalen Hurts	2-2	2-2	2-1	0-1
San Fran	Brock Purdy	2-1	2-1	2-0	0-1
Tampa Bay	Baker Mayfield	1-1	2-0	0-0	2-0

PLAYOFF TEAMS VS. PLAYOFF TEAMS

Before knee jerking and backing teams on this week's Wild Card round it would serve you well to examine each team's performance records in games versus fellow playoff teams this season. Listed below is each team's SU, ATS, ITS and Net Yardage in games versus teams of the same ilk...

TEAM	SU	ATS	ITS	NET YDS
Baltimore	6-3	5-4	5-4	+296
Buffalo	5-1	5-1	5-1	+608
Cleveland	4-3	4-3	5-2	+455
Dallas	3-4	2-5	3-4	-161
Detroit	3-3	4-2	5-1	+309
Green Bay	3-3	3-3	3-3	-80
Houston	4-2	3-3	5-1	+486
Kansas City	1-4	1-4	2-3	-05
LA Rams	2-6	3-4-1	3-5	-450
Miami	1-5	1-5	2-4	-385
Philadelphia	6-2	5-2-1	3-5	+32
Pittsburgh	5-3	5-3	1-7	-661
San Francisco	5-3	3-4-1	6-2	+710
Tampa Bay	1-5	4-2	1-5	-718

Now aren't you glad you took the time to look into the stats and at the body of work for each of this year's 14 playoff entrants? The Buccaneers, Chiefs, and Dolphins beat only one fellow playoff foe each, while the Bucs and Steelers were outgained in 12 of their 14 games combined every contest. And don't look now but the Bills bring legit stats to the party!

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San Francisco	+200	Philadelphia	+2500
Baltimore	+300	Cleveland	+3000
Buffalo	+600	LA Rams	+4000
Dallas	+850	Houston	+5000
Kansas City	+1200	Green Bay	+10000
Detroit	+2000	Tampa Bay	+10000
Miami	+2500	Pittsburgh	+15000

ODDS TO WIN AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Baltimore	+140
Buffalo	+380
Kansas City	+425
Miami	+500
Cleveland	+1400
Houston	+3500
Pittsburgh	+10000

ODDS TO WIN NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

San Francisco	-120
Dallas	+370
Philadelphia	+500
Detroit	+750
LA Rams	+2500
Tampa Bay	+5000
Green Bay	+6000

INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

The Miami Dolphins were outscored in the second half in 5 of 6 games against winning teams this season by a scoring margin of 86-42.

AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

PLAY ON any NFL home dog in the Wild Card Round if they are playing with same-season revenge.

Play ON:
TAMPA BAY BUCS (1/15)

WILD DOG

ATS W-L Record Since 2009:
9-1-1 (90%)

NFL PLAYOFF BYE TEAMS HISTORY

A Weekly Insight Into The Art Of Sports Handicapping

The following is courtesy of Andy Iskoe of TheLogicalApproach.com

How important is the Bye Week in the NFL Playoffs? Let's look at some Super Bowl history.

Since seeding began in 1990 when the Playoffs expanded from 10 to 12 teams, all 30 Super Bowls played before 2020 featured at least one team with a Bye for Wild Card weekend (a 1 or 2 seed).

In 2020, the Playoffs field was expanded from 12 to 14 teams, and only the #1 team from each conference received a Bye and did not play on Wild Card Weekend when 6 games were played to trim the field from 14 to 8.

Under the format between 1990 and 2019 in 18 of the 30 Super Bowls, BOTH teams were seeded either #1 or #2, meaning that both teams had that week of rest by not Playing in the Wild Card round, including 7 straight from 2013 through 2019. The 2012 Super Bowl was the last Super

Bowl under the 12-team Playoffs format in which neither team was a #1 seed as Baltimore (AFC #2) defeated San Francisco (NFC #4).

In 2020, under the new format of 14 Playoff teams with only the two #1 seeds getting a Bye, Kansas City, the AFC #1 seed with the AFC's Bye, made it to the Super Bowl, losing to Tampa Bay (NFC #5). But the streak of Super Bowls with at least one team having a Bye for Wild Card weekend was extended to a perfect 30.

Then came 2021. The streak finally came to an end. It marked the first time since the 1990 expansion of the Playoffs field from 10 to 12 and then to 14 that neither Super Bowl team had a Wild Card week Bye. The Super Bowl-winning Rams were the NFC's #4 seed, and runner-up Cincinnati was the AFC's #4 seed as both #1 seeds (those with the Bye Week) – Green Bay and Tennessee – each failed to win their Conference Title.

None of the 30 Super Bowls from

1990-2019 involved teams that played on Wild Card weekend (seeds 3 through 6). Nor did it occur in the first season of the 14-team Playoffs (2020), but it did happen in 2021. Things returned to the historical norm last season (2022) when the Super Bowl had BOTH #1 seeds facing off, with Kansas City (AFC #1) defeating Philadelphia (NFC #1) 38-35 to win the exciting, entertaining Super Bowl 57.

We might expect to see more of a repeat of 2021 than of 2022, as with the number of Byes decreasing from 4 to 2 beginning in 2020, it's half as likely that at least one of the Super Bowl teams will have had that Wild Card Bye week than in seasons before 2020.

You should remember the above history in playing Conference and Super Bowl Futures now that the Playoffs field is set and the seeds and potential/expected paths to the Super Bowl are known.

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