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## MARQUEE GAMES HIGHLIGHT WEEK 13 SCHEDULE

To help celebrate the NFL's 100th season, each week will feature an NFL 100 Game of the Week. Each game is a nod to a momentous game played, a fierce rivalry that spans decades, a matchup of original teams and/or a game in which history was made. The NFL has designated Sunday's **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS-BALTIMORE RAVENS** matchup as the **NFL100 Game of the Week** because the contest pairs the teams from one of the best Super Bowls in recent memory, Super Bowl XLVII on February 3, 2013, at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. The Ravens and head coach **JOHN HARBAUGH** built a 28-6 lead on his younger brother, 49ers head coach **JIM HARBAUGH**, when Baltimore's **JACOBY JONES** returned the second-half-opening kickoff 108 yards, the longest play in Super Bowl annals. Soon after Jones' return, the stadium lost power, causing a 34-minute delay. San Francisco responded with **MICHAEL CRABTREE's** touchdown catch, and TD runs by **FRANK GORE** and **COLIN KAEPERNICK** to pull within 31-29 with just less than 10 minutes remaining. After a **JUSTIN TUCKER** field goal gave Baltimore a 34-29 advantage, the Ravens' last-minute goal-line stand preserved their second Super Bowl victory. After using a safety to run out the clock, Baltimore won, 34-31.



**HAVE ANOTHER SERVING OF HOPE:** As the playoff races come into focus, the **CLEVELAND BROWNS** in the AFC and the **CAROLINA PANTHERS, CHICAGO BEARS** and **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** in the NFC are 5-6. In 13 of the past 15 seasons (2004-18), a team with a sub-.500 record through 11 games has made the playoff field. And since 1990, when the current 12-team playoff format was instituted, 21 such clubs in 29 seasons have steered their way to the postseason. Four of those clubs – the 1995 **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**, the 1996 **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**, the 2008 **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS** and the 2014 **CAROLINA PANTHERS** – earned playoff berths after starting with four-or-fewer wins through 11 games. The Jaguars advanced to the AFC Championship that season, and both the Chargers (2008) and Panthers (2014) advanced to their respective Divisional rounds.

Teams with a sub-.500 record through 11 games to qualify for the playoffs since 1990:

TEAM	SEASON	W	L	T	PCT
Philadelphia Eagles	2018	5	6	0	.455
Green Bay Packers	2016	5	6	0	.455
Washington Redskins	2015	5	6	0	.455
Carolina Panthers	2014	3	7	1	.318
San Diego Chargers	2013	5	6	0	.455
Washington Redskins	2012	5	6	0	.455
Seattle Seahawks	2010	5	6	0	.455
New York Jets	2009	5	6	0	.455
San Diego Chargers	2008	4	7	0	.364
Washington Redskins	2007	5	6	0	.455
Philadelphia Eagles	2006	5	6	0	.455

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Washington Redskins	2005	5	6	0	.455
St. Louis Rams	2004	5	6	0	.455
Detroit Lions	1997	5	6	0	.455
Jacksonville Jaguars	1996	4	7	0	.364
Detroit Lions	1995	5	6	0	.455
San Diego Chargers	1995	4	7	0	.364
Detroit Lions	1994	5	6	0	.455
New England Patriots	1994	5	6	0	.455
Minnesota Vikings	1993	5	6	0	.455
New Orleans Saints	1990	5	6	0	.455

**MARQUEE GAMES:** Two contests in Week 13 feature teams with three-or-fewer losses. The **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** (10-1) make the cross-country trek to meet the **BALTIMORE RAVENS** (9-2) on Sunday (1:00 PM ET, FOX), and to close the week, the **MINNESOTA VIKINGS** (8-3) travel to play the **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** (9-2) on *Monday Night Football* (8:15 PM ET, ESPN).

Week 13 marks just the fourth time this decade that two-or-more games in the same week have featured teams with three-or-fewer losses this late in a season.

The three prior weeks featuring multiple matchups of teams with three-or-fewer losses in Week 13 or later:

SEASON	WEEK	DATE	TEAM	RESULT	SEASON RESULT
2014	13	11/27/2014	Philadelphia (8-3)	W, 33-10	Missed playoffs (10-6)
			at Dallas (8-3)		Advanced to divisional playoff
		11/30/2014	New England (9-2)		Won Super Bowl XLIX
			at Green Bay (8-3)	W, 26-21	Advanced to conference championship
2013	13	12/1/2013	Denver (9-2)	W, 35-28	Advanced to Super Bowl XLVIII
			at Kansas City (9-2)		Advanced to wild card playoff
		12/2/2013	New Orleans (9-2)		Advanced to divisional playoff
			at Seattle (10-1)	W, 34-7	Won Super Bowl XLVIII
2010	13	12/5/2010	Pittsburgh (8-3)	W, 13-10	Advanced to Super Bowl XLV
			at Baltimore (8-3)		Advanced to divisional playoff
		12/6/2010	N.Y. Jets (9-2)		Advanced to conference championship
			at New England (9-2)	W, 45-3	Advanced to divisional playoff

**AN NFC RARITY:** The **MINNESOTA VIKINGS-SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** contest on *Monday Night Football* (8:15 PM ET, ESPN) features one of three NFC clubs (Seattle, **SAN FRANCISCO** and **NEW ORLEANS**) with nine-or-more wins. This season marks the first time in 18 years that three NFC clubs are 9-2 or better through 11 games. Since the conference was formed during the league merger in 1970, it's happened only four other times (1986, 1990, 1991 and 2001).

Last year, Seattle's **RUSSELL WILSON** became the first quarterback in NFL history to win at least nine games in each of his first seven seasons. Wilson, now in his eighth NFL season, led the Seahawks to their ninth win last week at Philadelphia.

**DECEMBERS TO REMEMBER:** The **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** and **BALTIMORE RAVENS**, who meet on Sunday (1:00 PM ET, FOX), are two of the NFL's best teams in December since 2017, when the 49ers acquired quarterback **JIMMY GAROPPOLO** from New England. Garoppolo is 5-0 in December since coming to San Francisco.

The NFL teams with highest winning percentages in December since 2017:

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT
Los Angeles Chargers	8	2	0	.800
Dallas Cowboys	6	2	0	.750
<b>Baltimore Ravens</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.700</b>
Kansas City Chiefs	7	3	0	.700
New England Patriots	7	3	0	.700
Philadelphia Eagles	7	3	0	.700
<b>San Francisco 49ers</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.700</b>
New Orleans Saints	6	3	0	.667

**PLETHORA OF EIGHT-WIN TEAMS...** The **GREEN BAY PACKERS**, who head east to play the **NEW YORK GIANTS** Sunday (1:00 PM ET, FOX), are one of eight NFL teams with eight-or-more wins in 2019, tying a single-season record through 11 games. This marks the first time in 16 years – and only the fifth time in history – that eight clubs have reached eight wins through 11 games. It also happened in 1968, 1975, 1997 and 2003.

**...AND NINE-WIN TEAMS:** The *Sunday Night Football* contest (8:20 PM ET, NBC) pairs the **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (10-1) on the road against the **HOUSTON TEXANS** (7-4). New England is one of five NFL teams with at least nine wins through 11 games, also tying a single-season league record. This marks just the second time in the past 28 seasons that five teams have nine-or-more wins through 11 games. It also happened in 1968, 1975, 1976, 1986, 1990, 1991 and 2015.

Houston quarterback **DESHAUN WATSON** ranks third in the NFL among quarterbacks with five rushing touchdowns. Only Buffalo's **JOSH ALLEN** (seven) and Baltimore's **LAMAR JACKSON** (six) have more. Overall this season, NFL quarterbacks have rushed for 58 touchdowns. That's on pace for 84, which would be 11 more than the most in a single season since the 1970 merger, 73, in 2002.

**ROOKIES NOT ONLY PLAYING, THEY'RE WINNING:** The **CLEVELAND BROWNS** make the two-hour bus ride to play the **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** on Sunday (1:00 PM ET, CBS) in a game that features Cleveland's **BAKER MAYFIELD**, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2018 draft, against an undrafted rookie, **DEVLIN HODGES**. The 2018 and 2019 seasons are two of only four in NFL history that have had five-or-more quarterbacks win at least one start (Hodges won his first career start earlier this year). The league-record is seven, in 1987. Five rookie quarterbacks also started and won at least one game in 2012.

**MAHOMES, JACKSON HAVE HISTORY IN THEIR SIGHTS:** The **OAKLAND RAIDERS** meet the **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** at Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday (4:25 PM ET, CBS). Kansas City quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** (age 24) enters the week ranked fifth in the NFL with a 110 passer rating. Baltimore quarterback **LAMAR JACKSON** (age 22) enters the week ranked third with a 111.4 mark. Prior to 2019, only twice in 99 NFL seasons has a player under the age of 25 finished a season with a passer rating of 110 or higher: Mahomes in 2018 (113.8) and **NICK FOLE**s in 2013 (119.2).

## **NFL SCHEDULE, NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 1-2**

(All times Eastern)

<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>			<b>Sunday (cont.)</b>		
Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions	12:30 PM	FOX	Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers	1:00 PM	CBS
Buffalo Bills at Dallas Cowboys	4:30 PM	CBS	Philadelphia Eagles at Miami Dolphins	1:00 PM	FOX
New Orleans Saints at Atlanta Falcons	8:20 PM	NBC	Green Bay Packers at New York Giants	1:00 PM	FOX
<b>Sunday</b>			Los Angeles Rams at Arizona Cardinals	4:05 PM	FOX
San Francisco 49ers at Baltimore Ravens	1:00 PM	FOX	Los Angeles Chargers at Denver Broncos	4:25 PM	CBS
Washington Redskins at Carolina Panthers	1:00 PM	CBS	Oakland Raiders at Kansas City Chiefs	4:25 PM	CBS
New York Jets at Cincinnati Bengals	1:00 PM	CBS	New England Patriots at Houston Texans	8:20 PM	NBC
Tennessee Titans at Indianapolis Colts	1:00 PM	CBS	<b>Monday</b>		
Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Jacksonville Jaguars	1:00 PM	FOX	Minnesota Vikings at Seattle Seahawks	8:15 PM	ESPN

## **MEMORABLE THANKSGIVING GAMES OVER NFL'S FIRST 99 SEASONS**

DATE	TEAMS	SUMMARY
11/24/2016	Minnesota Vikings 13 at Detroit Lions 16	Lions kicker <b>MATT PRATER</b> hit two field goals in the final 2 minutes, tying the game and then ending it with no time on the clock, after <b>DARIUS SLAY</b> returned an interception to the Vikings' 20 with 30 seconds remaining.
11/26/2015	Carolina Panthers 33 at Dallas Cowboys 14	Panthers linebacker <b>LUKE KUECHLY</b> and safety <b>KURT COLEMAN</b> each returned interceptions for touchdowns, helping Carolina to a win on its journey to Super Bowl 50.

11/22/2012	Washington Redskins 38 at Dallas Cowboys 31	Offensive Rookie of the Year <b>ROBERT GRIFFIN III</b> threw for 304 yards and four touchdowns to hold off the Cowboys.
11/22/2012	Houston Texans 34 at Detroit Lions 31 (OT)	Texans running back <b>ARIAN FOSTER</b> ran for 102 yards and two touchdowns, including a 1-yard run to cap a 15-play, 97-yard drive that sent the game to overtime. Kicker <b>SHAYNE GRAHAM</b> converted a 32-yard field goal for the win. Houston wide receiver <b>ANDRE JOHNSON</b> (188) posted the second-most receiving yards ever in a holiday game.
11/24/2011	Miami Dolphins 19 at Dallas Cowboys 20	Quarterback <b>TONY ROMO</b> and tight end <b>JASON WITTEN</b> led the Cowboys on a 10-play drive to drain the game's final 3 minutes, setting up a 28-yard field goal by <b>DAN BAILEY</b> as time expired.
11/25/2010	New England Patriots 45 at Detroit Lions 24	Patriots quarterback <b>TOM BRADY</b> engineered three fourth-quarter TD drives to break a 24-24 tie, finishing 21 of 27 for 341 yards, four touchdowns and zero interceptions, for a 158.3 rating, the highest attainable mark.
11/25/2010	New Orleans Saints 30 at Dallas Cowboys 27	Dallas overcame a 17-0 deficit to take a 27-23 lead with less than 6 minutes remaining, but quarterback <b>DREW BREES</b> led the Saints on an 89-yard game-winning drive to seal victory.
11/27/2008	Tennessee Titans 47 at Detroit Lions 10	Titans running backs <b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b> (125) & <b>LENDALE WHITE</b> (106) each topped 100 rushing yards & combined for four rushing touchdowns while defensive end <b>DAVE BALL</b> returned an interception for a TD.
11/23/2006	Tampa Bay Buccaneers 10 at Dallas Cowboys 38	Dallas quarterback <b>TONY ROMO</b> enjoyed arguably the best game of his career, with 306 pass yards and five TD passes vs. 0 INTs for a 148.9 rating.
11/24/2005	Denver Broncos 24 at Dallas Cowboys 21 (OT)	After Pro Football Hall of Famer <b>CHAMP BAILEY</b> returned a first-quarter interception 65 yards for the game's first points, Dallas matched every Denver touchdown. But Denver won the overtime toss and RB <b>RON DAYNE</b> rumbled 55 yards on the extra period's second snap, setting up a game-ending, 24-yard field goal by <b>JASON ELAM</b> .
11/25/2004	Indianapolis Colts 41, at Detroit Lions 9	Indianapolis QB <b>PEYTON MANNING</b> threw six touchdown passes, three to <b>BRANDON STOKLEY</b> and three to Pro Football Hall of Famer <b>MARVIN HARRISON</b> .
11/27/2003	Green Bay Packers 14 at Detroit Lions 22	Lions defensive backs <b>DRE BLY</b> and <b>DOUG EVANS</b> intercepted fourth-quarter passes from Pro Football Hall of Famer <b>BRETT FAVRE</b> to preserve a Lions win.
11/27/2003	Miami Dolphins 40 at Dallas Cowboys 21	Miami wide receiver <b>CHRIS CHAMBERS</b> caught three TD passes from <b>JAY FIEDLER</b> to propel the Dolphins, who would finish 10-6.
11/26/1998	Minnesota Vikings 46 at Dallas Cowboys 36	Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver <b>RANDY MOSS</b> caught just three passes but all were touchdowns as he finished the day with 163 receiving yards.
11/27/1997	Chicago Bears 20 at Detroit Lions 55	Pro Football Hall of Fame running back <b>BARRY SANDERS</b> ran for 167 yards and three touchdowns, and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer <b>ERIC DICKERSON</b> for second on the all-time rushing list.

11/25/1993	Miami Dolphins 16 at Dallas Cowboys 14	On a snow-covered field at Texas Stadium, the Cowboys' <b>JIMMIE JONES</b> blocked Miami's game-winning field-goal attempt with 15 seconds remaining. Dallas' <b>LEON LETT</b> slid into the loose ball and Miami recovered at the Dallas 1-yard line with 3 seconds left. <b>PETE STOYANOVICH</b> ended the game with a 20-yard field goal.
11/22/1990	Washington Redskins 17 at Dallas Cowboys 27	Pro Football Hall of Fame running back <b>EMMITT SMITH</b> , in his rookie season, runs for 132 yards and two second-half touchdowns, helping the Cowboys score the final 17 points to deny Washington.
11/27/1980	Chicago Bears 23 at Detroit Lions 17 (OT)	Chicago's <b>DAVE WILLIAMS</b> returned the overtime kickoff for a touchdown, completing the Bears' comeback from a 17-3 deficit.
11/25/1976	Buffalo Bills 14 at Detroit Lions 27	Pro Football Hall of Fame running back <b>O.J. SIMPSON</b> ran for 273 yards, most in NFL history at the time, in a losing cause.
11/28/1974	Washington Redskins 23 at Dallas Cowboys 24	Trailing 16-3 in the third quarter, rookie quarterback <b>CLINT LONGLEY</b> replaced injured Pro Football Hall of Famer <b>ROGER STAUBACH</b> and threw a game-winning 50-yard touchdown to <b>DREW PEARSON</b> with 28 seconds remaining.
11/22/1962	Green Bay Packers 14 at Detroit Lions 26	Before 57,598 Tiger Stadium fans and a national-television audience, Detroit handed Green Bay its only 1962 loss, sacking <b>BART STARR</b> 11 times.
11/29/1934	Chicago Bears 19 at Detroit Lions 16	In the first NFL game broadcast nationally (on NBC radio), the Bears and Lions launched the tradition of annual Thanksgiving football in Detroit.
11/28/1929	Chicago Cardinals 40 at Chicago Bears 6	Pro Football Hall of Fame back <b>ERNIE NEVERS</b> established an NFL record that still stands with six rushing touchdowns, accounting for all 40 Cardinals points (including four PATs).
11/26/1925	Chicago Cardinals 0 Chicago Bears 0	The Bears and Pro Football Hall of Fame back <b>RED GRANGE</b> , in his first pro season, battled to a scoreless tie against the Cardinals at Wrigley Field. The game drew 36,000, at the time the largest crowd in pro football history.
11/25/1920	Canton Bulldogs 0 at Akron Pros 7	In the first professional football game played on Thanksgiving, Pro Football Hall of Famer <b>FRITZ POLLARD</b> , the first African-American quarterback in the NFL, led Akron to victory over Pro Football Hall of Famer <b>JIM THORPE</b> and Canton. The game marked the start of pro football on Thanksgiving in America.