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WHAT TO LOOK FOR – DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

LOWER SEED SUCCESS: The **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** (11-6) and **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** (10-7) both earned victories on Wild Card Weekend as the No. 6 seed in their respective conferences.

The Colts, who travel to Kansas City on Saturday (4:35 PM ET, NBC), and the Eagles, who play at New Orleans on Sunday (4:40 PM ET, FOX), look to become the first No. 6 seeds to reach the Conference Championship since 2010, when both the Green Bay Packers and New York Jets accomplished the feat.

The No. 6 seeds to reach the Conference Championship since the 12-team playoff format began in 1990:

SEASON	TEAM	CONFERENCE	ADVANCED TO
2010	Green Bay	NFC	Won Super Bowl XLV
2010	New York Jets	AFC	Conference Championship
2008	Baltimore	AFC	Conference Championship
2008	Philadelphia	NFC	Conference Championship
2005	Pittsburgh	AFC	Won Super Bowl XL
2018	Indianapolis	AFC	???
2018	Philadelphia	NFC	???

In the AFC, the **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS** (13-4, No. 5 seed), who face New England on Sunday (1:05 PM ET, CBS), and the sixth-seeded Colts are both still alive. With victories by both teams in the Divisional Playoffs, it would mark the first Conference Championship game featuring a No. 5 and No. 6 seed since the 12-team playoff format began in 1990.

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WINNING WAYS: The **DALLAS COWBOYS**, who defeated Seattle 24-22 on Wild Card Weekend, and the **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**, who had a bye last week, will each be playing in the Divisional Playoffs.

Dallas, who plays at the Los Angeles Rams on Saturday night (8:15 PM ET, FOX), has 35 playoff wins and can tie the PITTSBURGH STEELERS (36) for the most postseason victories all-time. New England, who hosts the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday (1:05 PM ET, CBS), has 34 postseason victories and can surpass the GREEN BAY PACKERS (34) for the third-most playoff wins all-time.

The teams with the most postseason wins in NFL history:

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	WIN PCT.	SUPER BOWL WINS
Pittsburgh	36	25	.590	6
Dallas	35	27	.565	5
Green Bay	34	22	.607	4
New England	34	20	.630	5
San Francisco	30	20	.600	5

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TOUCHDOWN LEADERS: Kansas City quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** and the Chiefs are set to face off against Indianapolis quarterback **ANDREW LUCK** and the Colts in the Divisional Playoffs on Saturday (4:35 PM ET, NBC).

Mahomes, who led the NFL with 50 touchdown passes, and Luck, who ranked second with 39 touchdown passes in 2018, have the most combined regular-season passing touchdowns (89) among any opposing quarterbacks in a playoff game in the Super Bowl era.

With Mahomes and Luck ranking first and second in regular-season touchdown passes, Saturday will mark the fifth time since 2002 that the top two passing touchdown leaders from the regular season will face off in the postseason.

The postseason games between the top two regular-season passing touchdown leaders since 2002:

SEASON	PLAYER (TEAM)	TD PASSES	PLAYER (TEAM)	TD PASSES	PLAYOFF ROUND
2016	Aaron Rodgers (GB)	40	Matt Ryan (Atl.)	38	NFC Championship
2014	Andrew Luck (Ind.)	40	Peyton Manning (Den.)	39	AFC Divisional
2009	Drew Brees (NO)	34	Peyton Manning (Ind.)	33*	Super Bowl XLIV
2009	Drew Brees (NO)	34	Brett Favre^ (Min.)	33*	NFC Championship
2018	Patrick Mahomes (KC)	50	Andrew Luck (Ind.)	39	AFC Divisional

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*Tied for 2nd

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AGE IS JUST A NUMBER: New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** and the Patriots welcome quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** and the Los Angeles Chargers to Gillette Stadium on Sunday (1:05 PM ET, CBS).

Brady, who will be 41 years and 163 days old on Sunday, and Rivers, at 37 years and 36 days old, combine for a total of 28,688 days old, the oldest combined age by opposing starting quarterbacks in a postseason game in NFL history.

The oldest combined age by opposing starting quarterbacks in a postseason game in NFL history:

DATE	QUARTERBACK	TEAM	QUARTERBACK	TEAM	COMBINED DAYS OLD
1/13/19	Tom Brady	New England	Philip Rivers	Los Angeles Chargers	28,688*
1/24/16	Peyton Manning	Denver	Tom Brady	New England	28,603
1/9/99	John Elway^	Denver	Dan Marino^	Miami	27,704
1/16/94	Warren Moon^	Houston Oilers	Joe Montana^	Kansas City	27,306
1/22/17	Tom Brady	New England	Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	27,162

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*Total days as of Sunday, January 13

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RATED WELL: Philadelphia quarterback **NICK FOLES** and the Eagles head to the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Sunday (4:40 PM ET, FOX) to face New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** and the Saints.

Foles, who has the highest postseason passer rating (105.2) in NFL history, and Brees, who ranks fifth with a 100.7 passer rating, are two of five quarterbacks to have a passer rating of 100 or higher in the postseason (minimum 150 attempts).

The quarterbacks with the highest career postseason passer rating (minimum 150 attempts):

QUARTERBACK	COMP.	ATT.	YARDS	TDS	INTS	RATING
Nick Foles	125	179	1,432	10	3	105.2
Bart Starr^	130	213	1,753	15	3	104.8
Kurt Warner^	307	462	3,952	31	14	102.8
Matt Ryan	237	351	2,672	20	7	100.8
Drew Brees	354	537	4,209	29	9	100.7

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Foles (69.8 percent) has the highest postseason completion percentage in league annals (minimum 150 attempts) and Brees (65.9 percent) ranks fifth.

The quarterbacks with the highest career postseason completion percentage (minimum 150 attempts):

QUARTERBACK	COMP.	ATT.	PCT.
Nick Foles	125	179	69.8
Matt Ryan	237	351	67.5
Kurt Warner^	307	462	66.5
Ken Anderson	110	166	66.3
Drew Brees	354	537	65.9

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SHOWDOWN IN SO CAL: Dallas running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** and the Cowboys head to Southern California to take on defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** and the Los Angeles Rams on Saturday night (8:15 PM ET, FOX).

Elliott, who led the NFL with 1,434 rushing yards in 2018, rushed for 137 yards and a touchdown in Dallas' Wild Card Weekend victory over Seattle. Elliott has recorded at least 125 rushing yards in each of his first two playoff appearances and can become the fourth player in NFL history to record three consecutive postseason games with at least 125 rushing yards.

The players with the most consecutive postseason games with at least 125 rushing yards in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	DATES	CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 125+ RUSH YARDS
Terrell Davis^	Denver	1/11/98-1/17/99	4
Arian Foster	Houston	1/7/12-1/5/13	3
John Riggins^	Washington	1/15/83-1/30/83	3
Ezekiel Elliott	Dallas	1/15/17-1/5/19	2*

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*Active streak

Donald, who led the league with 20.5 sacks and earned the 2018 Deacon Jones Award as the NFL's sack leader, became the 11th different player since 1982 to record at least 20 sacks in a single season.

With a Rams win on Saturday, Donald would join Pro Football Hall of Famer **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (1986) as the only players to record at least 20 sacks and advance to the Conference Championship in the same season since 1982.

The players to record at least 20 sacks and advance to the Conference Championship in the same season since 1982:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	SACKS	ADVANCED TO
Lawrence Taylor^	New York Giants	1986	20.5	Won Super Bowl XXI
Aaron Donald	Los Angeles Rams	2018	20.5	???

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