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### WHAT TO LOOK FOR – WEEK 14

**WORST TO FIRST:** Entering Week 14, one team – the **LOS ANGELES RAMS** (11-1) – has clinched a playoff berth as the battle for the remaining spots forges ahead. Three additional teams – the **HOUSTON TEXANS** (9-3), **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (9-3) and **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** (10-2) – can clinch a division title this week.

For the 2018 NFL Playoff Scenarios for Week 14, [click here](#).

Two teams that finished in or tied for last place in their division in 2017 – the **CHICAGO BEARS** (NFC North) and Houston Texans (AFC South) – are currently in first place in their respective divisions this season. In 14 of the past 15 seasons, at least one team finished in first place in its division the season after finishing in last or tied for last place. Of the 46 teams in league history to go from “worst-to-first,” 23 of them have done so in the past 15 years (2003-17), including an NFL-record three such teams in 2005 and 2006.

-- NFL --

**STAT PATTING:** Kansas City quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** leads the NFL with 41 touchdown passes and ranks second in passing yards (3,923).

With 77 passing yards on Sunday against Baltimore (1:00 PM ET, CBS), Mahomes would join Pro Football Hall of Famers **DAN MARINO** (1984) and **KURT WARNER** (1999) as the only first-or-second year quarterbacks in NFL history to pass for at least 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns in a single season. Both Marino and Warner were named Associated Press MVP in those seasons.

The first-or-second year quarterbacks to pass for at least 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns in a single season in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	PASSING YARDS	TOUCHDOWNS
Dan Marino <sup>^</sup> #	Miami	1984	5,084	48
Kurt Warner <sup>^</sup> #	St. Louis	1999	4,353	41
<b>Patrick Mahomes</b>	<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>3,923*</b>	<b>41*</b>

<sup>^</sup>Pro Football Hall of Famer

#Named Associated Press MVP

\*Entering Week 14

-- NFL --

**RAISING ARIZONA:** Arizona wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD** has 1,281 receptions for 16,053 yards and 115 touchdowns during his 15-year NFL career, all with the Cardinals.

With one reception on Sunday against Detroit (4:25 PM ET, FOX), Fitzgerald would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** (1,281 receptions with San Francisco) for the most receptions by a player with one team in NFL history.

The players with the most receptions for one team in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEPTIONS
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<b>Larry Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>1,281</b>
Jerry Rice^	San Francisco	1,281

^Pro Football Hall of Famer

-- NFL --

**FIFTH FOR FRANK:** Miami running back **FRANK GORE** has 18,414 scrimmage yards in his 14-year NFL career.

With 43 scrimmage yards on Sunday against New England (1:00 PM ET, CBS), Gore would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON (18,456 scrimmage yards) for the fifth-most scrimmage yards in league annals.

The players with the most scrimmage yards in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SCRIMMAGE YARDS
Jerry Rice^	San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle	23,540
Emmitt Smith^	Dallas, Arizona	21,579
Walter Payton^	Chicago	21,264
Marshall Faulk^	Indianapolis, St. Louis	19,154
LaDainian Tomlinson^	San Diego, New York Jets	18,456
<b>Frank Gore</b>	<b>San Francisco, Indianapolis, Miami</b>	<b>18,414</b>

^Pro Football Hall of Famer

-- NFL --

**TOUCHDOWN STREAK:** Cleveland rookie quarterback **BAKER MAYFIELD** has thrown at least one touchdown pass in each of his first nine NFL starts.

With a touchdown pass against Carolina (1:00 PM ET, FOX), Mayfield would become the third quarterback in the Super Bowl era to record at least one touchdown pass in each of his first 10 career starts.

The players with a touchdown pass in each of their first 10 career starts since 1966:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON(S)
Kurt Warner^	St. Louis	1999
Brad Johnson	Minnesota	1996-97
<b>Baker Mayfield</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>2018*</b>

^Pro Football Hall of Famer

\*Has TD pass in each of first nine starts

-- NFL --

**SAQUON FROM SCRIMMAGE:** New York Giants rookie running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** had 146 scrimmage yards (125 rushing, 21 receiving) in the Giants' Week 13 overtime victory against Chicago. Barkley leads the NFL with 11 games of at least 100 scrimmage yards in 2018.

With 100 scrimmage yards on Sunday at Washington (1:00 PM ET, FOX), Barkley would tie EDGERRIN JAMES (12 games in 1999) for the second-most games with at least 100 scrimmage yards by a rookie in NFL history. Only Pro Football Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON** (13 games in 1983) has more such games.

The rookies with the most games with at least 100 scrimmage yards in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GAMES WITH 100+ SCRIMMAGE YARDS
Eric Dickerson^#	Los Angeles Rams	1983	13
Edgerrin James#	Indianapolis	1999	12
<b>Saquon Barkley</b>	<b>New York Giants</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>11*</b>

^Pro Football Hall of Famer

#Named Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year

\*Entering Week 14

-- NFL --

**RECORD-SETTING RECEIVER:** Pittsburgh wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN** has 81 receptions for 1,028 yards and leads the NFL with 12 touchdown receptions this season.

With 10 receptions on Sunday at Oakland (4:25 PM ET, FOX), Brown, who has 663 receptions since 2013, can surpass **WES WELKER** (672 from 2007-12) for the most catches by a player over any six-year span in NFL history.

The most receptions by a player over any six-year span in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS	RECEPTIONS
Wes Welker	New England	2007-12	672
<b>Antonio Brown</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>2013-18</b>	<b>663*</b>
Marvin Harrison^	Indianapolis	1999-2004	649

^Pro Football Hall of Famer

\*In sixth year of span

Brown, who had 154 receiving yards in Week 13, has 8,876 receiving yards since 2013 and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** (8,759 from 1990-1995) for the most receiving yards by a player over any six-year span in NFL history.

The most receiving yards by a player over any six-year span in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS	RECEIVING YARDS
<b>Antonio Brown</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>2013-18</b>	<b>8,876*</b>
Jerry Rice^	San Francisco	1990-95	8,759
Marvin Harrison^	Indianapolis	1999-2004	8,707

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\*In sixth year of span

-- **NFL** --

**ZACH ATTACK:** Philadelphia tight end **ZACH ERTZ** ranks second in the NFL with 93 receptions and second among tight ends with 978 receiving yards this season.

With seven receptions and 22 receiving yards on Sunday at Dallas (4:25 PM ET, FOX), Ertz can become the fourth tight end in NFL history to record at least 100 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in a single season.

The tight ends with at least 100 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in a single season in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	RECEPTIONS	RECEIVING YARDS
Jason Witten	Dallas	2012	110#	1,039
Dallas Clark	Indianapolis	2009	100	1,106
Tony Gonzalez	Kansas City	2004	102	1,258
<b>Zach Ertz</b>	<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>93*</b>	<b>978*</b>

\*Entering Week 14

#Single-season record by a tight end

-- **NFL** --

**DOMINANT DONALD:** Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** leads the NFL with 16.5 sacks this season and has recorded at least two sacks in each of his past three games.

With two sacks on *Sunday Night Football* at Chicago (8:20 PM ET, NBC), Donald can become the fourth player since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record at least two sacks in four consecutive games in a single season, joining **SIMEON RICE** (five games in 2002) and Pro Football Hall of Famers **KEVIN GREENE** (four games in 1998) and **REGGIE WHITE** (four games in 1987).

The players with the most consecutive games with at least two sacks in a single season since 1982:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 2+ SACKS
Simeon Rice	Tampa Bay	2002	5

Kevin Greene^	Carolina	1998	4
Reggie White^	Philadelphia	1987	4
<b>Aaron Donald</b>	<b>Los Angeles Rams</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>3*</b>

^Pro Football Hall of Famer

\*Active streak

Donald, who has recorded at least two sacks in six games this season, can become the fourth player since 1982 to record at least seven games with two-or-more sacks in a single season, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers **REGGIE WHITE** (eight games in 1987), **CHRIS DOLEMAN** (seven games in 1989) and **BRUCE SMITH** (seven games in 1990).

The players with the most games with two-or-more sacks in a single season since 1982:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GAMES WITH 2+ SACKS
Reggie White^#	Philadelphia	1987	8
Chris Doleman^	Minnesota	1989	7
Bruce Smith^#	Buffalo	1990	7
<b>Aaron Donald</b>	<b>Los Angeles Rams</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>6*</b>

^Pro Football Hall of Famer

#Named Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year

\*Entering Week 14

-- NFL --

**JONES-ING FOR MORE:** Kansas City defensive lineman **CHRIS JONES** ties for fifth in the AFC with 10 sacks this season and has recorded at least one sack in eight consecutive games.

With a sack on Sunday against Baltimore (1:00 PM ET, CBS), Jones would become the sixth player since 1982 to record at least one sack in nine consecutive games and the first player since 1982 to record nine consecutive games with at least one sack within a single season.

The players with the most consecutive games with at least one sack since 1982:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASON(S)	CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A SACK
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas	2007-08	10
Simon Fletcher	Denver	1992-93	10
Dwight Freeney	Indianapolis	2008-09	9
Kevin Greene^	San Francisco, Carolina	1997-98	9
Bruce Smith^	Buffalo	1986-87	9
<b>Chris Jones</b>	<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>8*</b>

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