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5★ Notre Dame (-13') 44 Army 6 WIN

4★ Virginia Tech (-14) 20 Georgia Tech 30 loss WIN

4★ UCLA (-11) 38 Oregon St 24

4★ Kansas (+10') 24 Iowa St 31

4★ Oklahoma (-17) 45 Baylor 24

3★ Colorado (-16) 49 Arizona 24

3 ★ Texas (E) 20 West Virginia 24

WIN 3'★ OVER 70 Navy (42)/Tulsa (40) WIN 3 ★ OVER 73' USF (49)/Memphis (42)

WIN 3'★ OVER 49' GB (25)/TEN (47) WIN

3★ Under 44 KC (20)/CAR (17)

3★ Under 39' LA (9)/NYJ (6) WIN 2★ NY Giants (+1) 21 Cincinnati 20 WIN

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8.5 + Atlanta (+5') 26 LA Rams 13

Minnesota (-5) 29 New Orleans 24 Under 41 ATL (10) / PHI 15 (25 PTS!!) Philadelphia (+3) 38 Minnesota 7

**2016 POST SEASON NFL LPS: 5-0 100%! 16-0 100%** 

3.5★ Seattle (-8) 26 Detroit 6 4.5★ Over 52 GB 34/DAL 31 (65 PTS!!)0 3★ New England (-16) 34 Houston 16 3★ Over 60' ATL 44/GB 21 (65 PTS!!)

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OR THE YEAR, YOU WILL NOT WANT TO **MISS OUT** ON ANY WINNERS IN 2018!!!!!

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#### 2017 **BIG PLAYS 8-5-1** Marshall (-14) 21 Kent St 0 WIN

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Oct NFL GOM UNDER 46 Miami (20) Atlanta (17)

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Oct College Side GOM Ohio St (-6') 39 Penn State 38 Ioss MARQUEE GAME OF THE YEAR Idaho (+18) 21 Troy 24 WIN 4.5 ★ COLLEGE TOTALS GOY OVER 63' Ole Miss (34)/Kentucky (37) loss

2017 COLLEGE SIDE GOY Alabama -14 (31) Miss St 24 Nov NFL GOM Denver (-2') 17 Cincinnati 20 WIN

5 ★ Boston College (-3) 42 Syracuse 14

5★ 2017 NFL GOY Buffalo (-3') 24 Miami (16) 2017 BOWL GOY Northwestern -9 (24) Kentúcky 23

4.5 ★ NFL Playoff GOY Minnesota (-5) 29/New Orleans (24)

### **POST DRAFT "A" & "D" GRADES** GO 17-2-1 89% THE L3Y **NOW HITTING 88% OVER 8 YEARS!**

The Post Draft Issue grades a team's offseason a little differently than most. The grades we put into Power Sweep predict whether a team's record will improve or decline for the upcoming season. We take EVERYTHING into account. Included in the analysis are coaching changes, the NFL Draft, Free Agent signings, Free Agent losses and even favorable or unfavorable schedules. The "A" & "D" grades have been extremely accurate over the years. We spend a great deal of time and effort making these grades and while there was no list in '11 (work stoppage), here is a recap of the past 22 years as well as the record from the last 8 years with grades ('09, '10 & '12-'17).

#### "A" BetterWorseSame

Last 23 years 125 99 22 Better 79.8%, Same or Better 82.4% '09-'17 (excl '11) 41 34 Better 82.9%

#### "D" WorseBetterSame

Last 23 years 69 55 9 5 Worse 79.7%, Same or Worse 86.9% 24 3 '09-'17 (excl'11) 28 Worse 85.7%, Same or Worse 96.4% 1

#### "A&D" CorrectIncorrectSame

Last 23 years 194 154 31 9 Correct 79.4%, Correct or Same 84.0% '09-'17 (excl'11) 69 58 8 3 Correct 84.1%, Correct or same 88.4%

In 2017 we released a total of 7 teams which earned either an "A" or "D" grade. 5 of the 7 teams were correct with the Browns ("A" team, worse record) and Jets ("D" team, same record) failing to come through. ("A" teams went 3-1 and "D" teams went 2-0-1).

These "A" and "D" are a huge help in determining which teams to bet on using the Vegas Over/Under season total. THIS YEAR THERE ARE 7 MORE TEAMS WITH THOSE VERY SPECIAL "A" and "D" GRADES.

GRADES OVER 8 YEARS!

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2013: 34-22 611 on Power Sweep Key Selections (includes Underdog Play)

2012: 23-7-1 77%

on Power Sweep Pro Key Selections

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7:10

10:20

-7/44

-3/49

Monday, September 10

**DETROIT-NY Jets** 

LA Rams-OAKLAND

#### **OVER/UNDI** Arizona Cardinals (over +110, under -140) Atlanta Falcons (over -125, under -105) Baltimore Bayens (over +120, under -110) Buffalo Bills (over +120, under -150) Carolina Panthers (over +105, under -135) 6.5 Chicago Bears (over -150, under +120) Cincinnati Bengals (over +110, under -140) Cleveland Browns (over -125, under -105) 8.5 Dallas Cowbovs (over -120, under -110) Denver Broncos (over -125, under -105) 75 Detroit Lions (over -120, under -110) Green Bay Packers (over +110, under -140) 8.5 Houston Texans (over -140, under +110) Indianapolis Colts 6.5 (over -110, under -120) Jacksonville Jaguars (over -120, under -110)

Kansas City Chiefs (over +100, under -130) 8.5

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| 6    | Buffalo              | 40/1 | Atlanta       | 11/1     |
| 10   | Cincinnati           | 40/1 | Carolina      | 20/1     |
| 11.5 | Cleveland            | 28/1 | Chicago       | 50/1     |
| 9.5  | Denver               | 14/1 | Dallas        | 18/1     |
| 6.5  | Houston              | 9/1  | Detroit       | 33/1     |
| 6    | Indianapolis         | 22/1 | Green Bay     | 8/1      |
| 8    | Jacksonville         | 9/1  | LA Rams       | 13/2     |
| 10.5 | Kansas City          | 18/1 | Minnesota     | 6/1      |
| 10.5 | LA Chargers          | 9/1  | New Orleans   | 8/1      |
| 8.5  | Miami                | 40/1 | NY Giants     | 16/1     |
| 8    | New England          | 5/2  | Philadelphia  | 5/1      |
|      | NY Jets              | 40/1 | San Francisco | 10/1     |
| 6.5  | Oakland              | 14/1 | Seattle       | 20/1     |
| 8    | Pittsburgh           | 5/1  | Tampa Bay     | 25/1     |
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Tennessee 25/1 Washington 40/1

Odds to Win

| Odds to Win Super Bowl LIII |      |             |       |
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| New England                 | 6/1  | Kansas City | 40/1  |
| Philadelphia                | 8/1  | Baltimore   | 40/1  |
| Pittsburgh                  | 10/1 | Tennessee   | 45/1  |
| LA Rams                     | 10/1 | Detroit     | 60/1  |
| Minnesota                   | 10/1 | Tampa Bay   | 65/1  |
| Green Bay                   | 13/1 | NY Giants   | 70/1  |
| San Francisco               | 20/1 | Arizona     | 75/1  |
| Atlanta                     | 22/1 | Washington  | 80/1  |
| Houston                     | 25/1 | Chicago     | 90/1  |
| New Orleans                 | 25/1 | Miami       | 90/1  |
| Dallas                      | 28/1 | Cincinnati  | 100/1 |
| LA Chargers                 | 28/1 | Buffalo     | 100/1 |
| Seattle                     | 30/1 | NY Jets     | 100/1 |
| Denver                      | 30/1 | Cleveland   | 100/1 |
| Oakland                     | 30/1 |             |       |
| Jacksonville                | 30/1 |             |       |

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### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE: D

OFFENSE 394 ypg Patriots: +28.1 ypg (#9) SCORING 28.6 ppg (#2)+6 TO's +10.1 ppg (#1)

DEFENSE 366 ypg (#29) SCORING 18.5 ppg

(#5)

**DELETIONS OFFENSE** 

RB Dion Lewis (TEN) WR Brandin Cooks (LAR)

WR Danny Amendola (MIA)
TE Martellus Bennett (RET)
OL Nate Solder (NYG) Cameron Fleming (DAL)

DEFENSE

Malcolm Butler (TEN) Johnson Bademosi (HOU)

# BUFFALO BILLS

in '18 following the departure of QB Taylor and a

good portion of their OL. While FA addition QB

Frazier did a solid job with this unit a year ago en

route to their playoff berth. This year's additions

and deletions are relatively even giving BUF a solid chance to see some mild improvement in

the 2nd year under the new regime. Grade: EVEN

Overview: While BUF was able to end their

17-year postssn absence in '17, the overall de-

partures on the off side of the ball are alarming.

The biggest concern may come with their sked

over the 1st 2 months however as BUF has to

travel on 5 occasions over the first 7 wks. While

the final month of the vr features 4 winnable ams.

BUF's chances of reaching the playoffs for a 2nd

OFFENSE 303 ypg SCORING 18.9 ppg (#22)

Bills: +9 TO's Offense: The Bills offense will look much different

-52. ypg (#29) -3.6 ppg (#21) DEFENSE 355 ypg (#26) SCORING 22.4 ppg (#18)

**DELETIONS** 

**ADDITIONS** 

OFFENSE (Team) B AJ McCarron (CIN) RB Chris Ivory (JAX)

McCarron showed some glimpses of promise during his days with CIN, he could be looking over his shoulder following the drafting of Allen in the first round. The Bills will likely take a hit in OL Russell Bodine (CIN)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) QB Josh Allen (1-7) their offensive production this year. Śrade: DOWN OL Wyatt Teller (5-166) Defense: HC Sean McDermott and DC Leslie

NR Ray-Ray McCloud (6-187) WR Austin Proehl (7-255) DEFENSE (Team)

Trent Murphy (WAS) DB Vontae Davis (IND)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DL Star Lotulelei (CAR)

B Tremaine Edmunds (1-16) DL Harrison Phillips (3-96) DB Taron Johnson (4-121) DB Siran Neal (5-154)

QB Tyrod Taylor (CLE)
WR Deonte Thompson (DAL)
OL Richie Incognito (RET)
OL Cordy Glenn (CIN) Eric Wood (RET)

**OFFENSE** 

GRADE:

**DEFENSE** LB Preston Brown (CIN)
DB Shareece Wright (OAK)
DB EJ Gaines (CLE)

Offense: While the loss of Edelman for the 1st ADDITIONS 4 gms is worth mentioning, the Patriots' offense of remains stacked with playmakers led by the duo of Brady and Gronk. There are some significant to have another solid campaign. Grade: EVEN | OL Trent Brown (SF) Defense: The biggest loss for the NE defense | D. Hatt Tobin (SE) comes with the departure of DC Patricia (new | OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DET HC). The remainder of the unit stayed OL Isaiah Wynn (1-23) virtually intact other than the loss of former All-RB Sony Michel (1-31) Pro CB Malcolm Butler. While the ppg allowed was one of the league's best in '17 (18.5, #5), the overall total yards allowed (366 ypg, #29) will need some improvement. Grade: EVEN DEFENSE (Team) Overview: The Patriots remain amongst the DL Danny Shelton (CLE) elite in the NFL with a 5th SB appearance this decade a possibility for the 2018 season. The bigget question will be just how much Top biggest question will be just how much Tom DB Duke Dawson (2-56) Brady has left in the tank and whether or not LB Ja'Whaun Bentley (5-143)

in the AFC.

- RB Jeremy Hill (CIN)

- a consistent foe can begin to challenge them LB Christian Sam (6-178) DB Keion Crossen (7-243)

**ADDITIONS** 

QB Brock Osweiler (DEN)

WR Danny Amendola (NE)

RB Frank Gore (IND)

WR Albert Wilson (KC)

OL Josh Sitton (CHI)

OL Daniel Kilgore (SF)

OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

Mike Gesicki (2-42)

RB Kalen Ballage (4-131) K Jason Sanders (7-229)

DEFENSE (Team)

DL Robert Quinn (LAR)

LB Terence Garvin (SEA)

DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DB Minkah Fitzpatrick (1-11)

LB Jerome Baker (3-73) DB Cornell Armstrong (6-209)

LB Quentin Poling (7-227)

Durham Smythe (4-123)

OFFENSE (Team)

OFFENSE 308 ypg (#25) -28.0 ypg (#25) Dolphins: SCORING 17.6 ppg (#28) -14 TO's -7.0 ppg (#29)

Offense: The loss of QB Tannehill the past 2 years have derailed the overall succes's of the offense. This year they lose their primary receiving threat in Landry but do bolster their running game with the addition of Gore. The Dolphins could see some progression from this unit in '18. Grade: EVEN

Defense: While the Dolphins part ways with DL Suh, the biggest question comes at LB as MIA has quite a bit of inexperience at the position. The addition of Fitzpatrick in the secondary will help but this is still a below average unit. Grade: EVEN Overview: It was a rough 2017 for the Dolphins' faithful as they finished 28th a year ago in points scored and an even worse 29th in points allowed. Much of their 2018 success will come from whether or not Ryan Tannehill can return from his 2nd ACL in as many years. Unfortunately, the early portion of the schedule appears to be challenging for the 2nd straight year. MIA will be in a battle with the Jets to stay out of the AFC basement for a 2nd consec ssn.

# GRADE:

DEFENSE 336 ypg (#16) SCORING 24.6 ppg (#29)

### **DELETIONS**

**OFFENSE** Jay Cutler (RET)
Matt Moore (FA)
Damian Williams (KC) QB QB RB WR Jarvis Landry (CLE)

Jermon Bushrod (NO) Mike Puncey (LAC) Cody Parkey (CHI)

#### DEFENSE

Ndamukong Suh (LAR) Lawrence Timmons (FA) Michael Thomas (NYG) Nate Allen (FA)

# OFFENSE 305 ypg

consec year are very unlikely.

SCORING 18.6 ppg (#24) -4 TO's Offense: The Jets finally addressed a big need

for their team after the drafting of QB Sam Darnold. While it's unclear on whether he'll begin his rookie campaign as the starter, new OC Jeremy Bates has some undervalued weapons at his disposal in '18. Grade: UP

Defense: Although the team made some solid moves to bolster the overall defensive unit, the projected starting lineup features 8 players with less than 5 years of NFL experience. That lack of veteran léadership will likely cause another low finish in the overall defensive rankings for the upcoming year. Grade: EVEN

Overview: While the Jets were forecasted to be one of the league's worst a year ago with a depleted roster, HC Todd Bowles deserves some credit for exceeding the low expectations. Regardless of who gets the bulk of the snaps at QB for the upcoming year, this young team is at least another year away from earning their first playoff berth since 2010

#### -47.3 ypg (#28) -5.3 ppg (#26)

**ADDITIONS** OFFENSE (Team) QB Teddy Bridgewater (MIN) RB Isaiah Crowell (CLE)

.lets:

WR Terrelle Pryor (WAS) OL Spencer Long (WAS)
K Cairo Santos (CHI)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) QB Sam Darnold (1-3) TE Chris Herndon (4-107) RB Trenton Cannon (6-204)

DEFENSE (Team) LB Avery Williamson (TEN)

# DEFENSE 352 ypg (#25)

GRADE:

SCORING 23.9 ppg (#22) **DELETIONS** 

OFFENSE TE Austin Se Austin Seferian-Jenkins (JAX) Chandler Catanzaro (TB)

DEFENSE

Muhammad Wilkerson (GB) Demario Davis (NO)

DB Trumaine Johnson (LAR)

DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DI Nathan Shenherd (3-72) DB Parry Nickerson (6-179) Foley Fatukasi (6-180)

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#### ATS N/DIV O/U N/DIV AFC Div Rnk REC vs AFC Ō/U DΙV CON SB HOME AWAY FAV DOG DIV ALL HOME AWAY 2017 PIT #1 13-3 406 308 10-2 10' 2/5 5/1 10/1 7-9 3-5 4-4 6-8 1-1 2-4 5-5 5-10-1 5-3 0-7-1 3-2-1 2-8 North 2016 PIT 10' 1/1 7/1 5-3 11-5 399 9-3 29/2 6-10 2-6 6-9 2015 PIT #2 423 7-5 9-5-2 5-2-13-3-1 3-2-2 3-2-1 6-3-1 6-10 4-4 10-6 11/1 29/1 '18 POST DRAFT 8 9 2017 BAL 18/1 40/1 9-6-1 7-7-2 2-4 395 303 7-5 5-5 2016 BAL #2 8-8 343 321 7-5 3/2 20/1 41/1 BAL 7-9 5-3 2-6 2-4 5-1 2-8 BAL 3-5 4-2-2 4-6 Div L14Y 2015 BAL #3 5-11 328 4-8 9 2/1 10/1 22/1 5-9-2 1-6-14-3-1 0-6-2 5-3 3-2-1 2-7-1 7-9 3-5 5-3 3-3 34-14 30-18 Steelers 48-36 Ravens 7 2017 CIN #3 7-9 290 349 6-6 10/1 40/1 100/1 CIN 7-8-1 3-4-1 4-4 3-2-1 4-6 4-3-1 Bengals 6-9-1 4-3 2016 CIN #3 325 315 5-7 8 5/2 25/1 50/1 1-7 5-5 1-5 3-3 2-8 CIN 6-10 3-4 2-6 5-5 1-5 8-40 16-68 3-5 2015 CIN 419 9-3 8' 3/1 41/1 4-2 7-1-2 CIN 7-9 4-4 5-7 2-4 #1 12-4 15/1 11-3-2 4-3-1 7-0-1 8-3-1 3-0-1 OVERALL L14Y OVERALL L8Y 150-74 Steelers 85-43 234 0-12 5' 0-16 10/1 28/1 100/ 4-10 Ravens 2015 CLE 2015 CLE CLE #4 264 452 4-12 3-5 0-0 4-12 8-8 2-6 0-0 8-8 1-15 100/1 250/1 1-5 69-58-1 109-114-1 Bengals Browns 29-99 62-162

### PITTSBURGH STEELERS

performance. Grade: EVEN

OFFENSE 378 ypg SCORING 25.4 ppg Steelers: +71.2 ypg (#3) (#8) +2 TO's

via the draft and veteran leadership of this unit OL Jake Rodgers (HOU)

should have them in the mix for another top WR James Washington (2-60)

Defense: With plenty of highly drafted talent in OL (thus Okorafor (3-92) the defensive backfield, PIT could contend for RB Jaylen Samuels (5-165)

now seen his defense improve in each of the past DEFENSE (Team)

2 yrs. While questions remain at LB following the loss of Shazier, the Steelers stop unit should DB Nat Berne (NYG)

have a promising '18 campaign. Grade: EVEN DB Morgan Burnett (GB) Overview: Tomlin has now guided his team to 8 DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

playoff appearances in his 11 years. After being DB Terrell Edmunds (1-28) the only team in the NFL to finish in the Top 5 DB Marcus Allen (5-148)

in both total off and def, a minimal amount of DL Joshua Frazier (7-246) departed starters from 17 has this team poised

another high finish. 4th year DC Keith Butler has

DEFENSE 307 ypg (#5)+6.1 ppg (#7) SCORING 19.2 ppg Offense: Although the Steelers will have a ADDITIONS **DELETIONS** new OC for the first time since 2011 with Todd OFFENSE (Team) Haley heading over to CLE, the added talent

**OFFENSE** WR Martavis Bryant (OAK) OL Chris Hubbard (CLE)

DEFENSE

(#7)

GRADE: D

Mike Mitchell (FA) William Gay (NYG) Robert Golden (KC)

# BALTIMORE RAVENS

OFFENSE 305 ypg Ravens: SCORING 24.7 ppg (#9)+17 TO's

-19.7 ypg (#21) +5.8 ppg (#8)

GRADE: DEFENSE 325 ypg (#12) SCORING 18.9 ppg (#6)

Offense: With a good amount of new faces attempting to revive a stale offensive unit of a year ago, this could be the best group that Flacco has had around him in quite some time. A major jump up in production could be challenging however following a #9 scoring performance in '17. Grade: EVEN **Defense:** After using their 1st 4 picks on this side of the ball in '17, BAL paid little attention to this group early on during this year's draft. However, the losses on this unit are minimal giving them a chance to finish in the upper half of the NFL once again. Grade: EVEN

Overview: Despite some inconsistent play from BAL a yr ago, they were still able to finish in the Top 10 in both off and def scoring. If they're going to overcome a 40-40 regular season mark dating back to their SB year of 2013, they'll have to get through a rough early ssn sked that features 4 road gms in a 5-week span. In a DIV that features a PIT tm that's loaded and likely heading to the AFC North title, BAL will have to take care of their 4 combined matchups with CLE and CIN to get within reach of a Wildcard berth.

#### ADDITIONS

OFFENSE (Team) QB Robert Griffin III (FA) WR Michael Crabtree (OAK) WR Willie Snead (NO) WR John Brown (ARZ)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

FE Havden Hurst (1-25) B Lamar Jackson (1-32) L Orlando Brown (3-83) TE Mark Andrews (3-86)

/R Jaleel Scott (4-132) WR Jordan Lasley (5-162) OL Grea Senat (6-212) OL Bradley Bozeman (6-215)

DEFENSE (Team) DB Kai Nacua (CLÉ) DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DB Anthony Averett (4-118) LB Kenny Young (4-122 DB Deshon Elliott (6-190)

#### **DELETIONS**

**OFFENSE** RB Danny Woodhead (RET) WR Michael Campanaro (TEN) WR Jeremy Maclin (FA) Ben Watson (NO)

Austin Howard (FA Ryan Jensen (TB)

**DEFENSE** DB Lardarius Webb (FA)

# OFFENSE 281 ypg

for another fine statistical finish. The overall sked

is a favorable one for PIT as they face just a pair

of 17 playoff squads on the road. The Steelers are

a legit contender to represent the AFC in the SB

Bengals: -9 TO's SCORING 18.1 ppg (#26) Offense: OC Lazor sticks around for '18 after taking over in the 1st half of LY. However, minimal additions to the group and an OL that's clearly one of the league's worst could result in CIN posting

yet another low finish in the overall NFL rankings. Grade: DOWN

Defense: During the '17 campaign, the CIN defense was on the field for a league-high 68 snaps per game. While some solid draft and FA additions should help with depth, a middle of the pack finish should be expected once again. Grade: EVEN Overview: The Bengals have watched every other NFL team win at least one playoff game since their last postseason victory over the Oilers in 1990. The opening month of the 2018 schedule will be quite a challenge for the Bengals as they take to the road in 3 of the first 4 weeks. The biggest questions for the Bengals will come with their matchups against fellow AFC North foes in the Ravens and Browns. If they're unable to capitalize in those contests, CIN could easily find themselves in the division basement for the first time since 2010

#### GRADE: -58.6 ypg (#30) DEFENSE 339 ypg (#18)

-3.7 ppg (#22)

OFFENSE (Team)

QB Matt Barkley (ARZ)

OL Bobby Hart (NYG) OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

Billy Price (1-21)

RB Mark Walton (4-112)

QB Logan Woodside (7-249

Rod Taylor (7-252)

WR Auden Tate (7-253)

DEFENSE (Team)

DL Chris Baker (TB)

LB Preston Brown (BUF)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DB Jessie Bates (2-54)

Sam Hubbard (3-77

Malik Jefferson (3-78)

DB Davontae Harris (5-151)

DB Darius Phillips (5-170)

Andrew Brown (5-158)

QB Mason Rudolph (3-76)

SCORING 21.8 ppg (#16)

**ADDITIONS DELETIONS OFFENSE** 

AJ McCarron (BUF) Jeremy Hill (NE) Russell Bodine (BUF) QB RB Andre Smith (ARZ)

**DEFENSE** DB Adam Jones (FA) LB Kevin Minter (NYJ)

OFFENSE 309 ypg (#24) -19.3 ypg (#20) Browns: SCORING 14.6 ppg (#32 -28 TO's -11.0 ppg (#32)

Offense: After coughing up a league-worst 41 TO's and finishing last in scoring offense (14.6 ppg) and 24th in total offense (309 ypg), there are plenty of pieces on hand (including new OC Todd Haley) for the Browns to take a major move upwards in their overall offensive performance. Grade: UP

Defense: Following a '17 season that saw some solid improvement from the front 7, the additions in the CLE secondary could give the overall unit the boost needed to move even further up in the NFL rankings. Grade: UP

Overview: After surpassing the Bills ('08-'13) with an NFL record 7th consecutive last place finish a year ago, the Browns made a handful of changes in the front office in an attempt to finally get the ship steered in the right direction. Many of their FA and rookie additions will make an immediate impact on both sides of the ball. With a 1-31 mark over the past 2 years, there's only one way to go for the upcoming season.

## **ADDITIONS**

OFFENSE (Team) QB Tyrod Taylor (BUF) QB Drew Stanton (AR RB Carlos Hyde (SF) Tyrod Taylor (BUF) Drew Stanton (ARZ)

WR Jarvis Landry (MIA) OL Chris Hubbard (PIT)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

QB Baker Mayfield (1-1)
OL Austin Corbett (2-33)
RB Nick Chubb (2-35) Austin Corbett (2-33) WR Antonio Callaway (4-105) WR Damion Ratley (6-175)

#### DEFENSE (Team)

DI Chris Smith (CIN) TJ Carrie (OAK) DB F.I Gaines (BUF) DB Terrance Mitchell (KC)

DB Damarious Randall (GB)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DB Denzel Ward (1-4) DL Chad Thomas (3-67) Genard Avery (5-150)

#### SCORING 25.6 ppg (#31) **DELETIONS**

DEFENSE 328 ypg (#14)

GRADE:

**OFFENSE** DeShone Kizer (GB) Isaiah Crowell (NYJ) Joe Thomas (RET

#### **DEFENSE**

Danny Shelton (NE) Kai Nacua (BAL) Jason McCourty (NE)

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### JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

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potential again for 2018. Grade: EVEN

Colts

Texans

65-63

61-57

GRADE:

OFFENSE 366 ypg Jaguars: +79.8 ypg (#2) SCORING 26.1 ppg (#5) +10 TO's +9.3 ppg (#4)

2016 HOU #1

2015 HOU #1

9-7 279 328

SCORING 16.8 ppg

8' 2/1

7-5

Offense: While JAX does lose a pair of former ADDITIONS 1,000 yd WR's, the cupboard isn't bare at the OFFENSE (Team) position. Assuming that newly extended Bortles | OFFENSE (IEEM) | QB Cody Kessler (CLE) continues to grow as a signal-caller both on and WR Donte Moncrief (IND) off the field, the Jaguars offense has Top 10 TE Niles Paul (WAS)

TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins (NYJ) Defense: DC Wash continues to do an excellent OL Andrew Norwell (CAR) job with this unit overall while the FA additions OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

WR DJ Chark (2-61) and young draft choices are beginning to pay OL Will Richardson (4-129) off.The defense should have no problem earning VL WIII Hichardson (4- yet another high finish for 2018. Grade: EVEN CR Tanner Lee (6-203)

Overview: While the Jaguars have done a solid job in the NFL Draft the past few seasons with DEFENSE (Team) DB DJ Hayden (DÉT) the additions of Fournette, Jack and Ramsey, the additions of Fournette, Jack and namey, DB Cody Davis (LAF) team actually saw 117 starts by undrafted DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

players (most in the NFL, all other teams had less DL Taven Bryan (1-29) than 100!). The 2nd half of their schedule has DB Ronnie Harrison (3-93) just a trio of playoff tms from a yr ago although DL Leon Jacobs (7-230) 3 of their last 4 contests do take place on the

DEFENSE 286 ypg (#2)(#2)

**DELETIONS OFFENSE** 

QB Chad Henne (KC) WR Allen Robinson (CHI)

WR Allen Hurns (DAL)
TE Marcedes Lewis (FA)
OL Patrick Omameh (NYG)

**DEFENSE** 

LB Patrick Posluszny (RET) DB Aaron Colvin (HOU)

### TENNESSEE TITANS

4-4

HOU 7-8-1 5-2-1 2-5 5-2-1

OFFENSE 314 ypg SCORING 20.9 ppg (#19)

9-7

Titans: -4TO's

2-6 3-2-1

-14.0 ypg (#17) -1.4 ppg (#16)

DEFENSE 328 ypg (#13) SCORING 22.2 ppg (#17)

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Offense: While the additions and deletions on this side of the ball are minor, the vanilla off of seasons past is now in the rear-view mirror. TEN should have an excellent opportunity to challenge for their 1st Top 10 finish in 15 yrs. Grade: EVĔN Defense: The Titans did a solid job this offseason

by adding veteran CB Butler and a pair of high DC's to an already formidable group. After a decade of finishes outside of the NFL's Top 10 in total defense, the Titans have a solid opportunity to make it to the promised land for the upcoming year. Grade: UP

Overview: The departure of Mularkey this offssn was a bit of a surprise considering that the Titans won their first playoff game in 14 yrs. However, new HC Vrabel appears to have surrounded himself with some great coaching minds in his rookie year with the hiring of OC LaFleur and veteran DC Pees. While the Titans' schedule is a bit challenging early on in '18, a closing schedule that features 4 home games in the L/5 weeks should have TEN in contention for a 2nd consecutive playoff berth

**ADDITIONS** 

HOU 6-9-1

HOU 8-7-1

OFFENSE (Team) B Blaine Gabbert (ARZ) RB Dion Lewis (NE) OL Kevin Pamphile (TB)

OL Xavier Su'a-Filo (HOU)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) QB Luke Falk (7-199)

DEFENSE (Team) Bennie Logan (KC) DB Malcolm Butler (NÉ)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

B Rashaan Evans (1-22) L Harold Landry (2-41) DB Dane Cruikshank (5-152) **DELETIONS** 

**OFFENSE** 

GRADE:

3-5

RB DeMarco Murray (RET)

2-4-1 3-5 4-1-1

DEFENSE

DL Karl Klug (FA) DL Sylvester Willia Sylvester Williams (DET Avery Williamson (NYJ)

# IANAPOLIS COLTS

Offense: The Colts did an excellent job this

offssn by adding a pair of early picks to the OL

unit. After having plenty of talent at his disposal

in each of his past 2 stops, it will be interesting

to see how new HC Reich handles his 1st year

roaming the sidelines with an injury-prone QB

and limited depth across the board. Grade: EVEN

Defense: To say that the Colts' defense has

been disappointing over the past few years is an understatement. While the front office has done

a commendable job in both '17 & '18 to re-build

this group through the NFL Draft, it may take

some time for this unit to develop. Grade: EVEN

**Overview:** Reich will have plenty of challenges

heading into his rookie HC campaign in IND with

the health of Luck playing an important role on

just what they'll be able to accomplish. However,

with the Jaguars and Titans earning postseason

berths last year and the Texans returning a handful of starters from their injury-plagued '17 campaign, the Colts appear to have a lot of ground to make

up to avoid last place for a 2nd consecutive year.

road. However, along with a dominating def, the even-keeled off unit should have the Jaguars in

contention for their 2nd straight AFC South title.

OFFENSE 281 ypg (#31 -82.5 ypg (#32) Colts: SCORING 16.4 ppg (#30) +5 TO's

-8.8 ppg (#30)

**ADDITIONS** 

OL Quenton Nelson (1-6)

WR Deon Cain (6-185)

DEFENSE (Team)

Denico Autry (ÓAK)

LB Najee Goode (PHI)

DB Kenneth Acker (KC)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

LB Darius Leonard (2-36)

DL Kemoko Turav (2-52) Tyquan Lewis (2-64)

Matthew Adams (7-221)

Zaire Franklin (7-235)

Braden Smith (2-37)

GRADE: DEFENSE 367 ypg (#30) SCORING 25.2 ppg (#30)

**DELETIONS** 

OFFENSE (Team) WR Ryan Grant (WAS) **OFFENSE** RB Frank Gore (MIA) WR Donte Moncrief (JAX) Eric Ebron (DET) OL Matt Slauson (LAC) OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DEFENSE

Johnathan Hankins (FA) Henry Anderson (NYJ) DL DL LB RB Nyheim Hines (4-104) WR Daurice Fountian (5-159) Jon Bostic (PIT) RB Jordan Wilkins (5-169)

Rashaan Melvin (OAK) Darius Butler (FA)

TEXANS

OFFENSE 320 ypg Texans: SCORING 21.1 ppg (#17) -12 TO's

Offense: HOU was clearly a different team a year ago with a healthy Watson running the offense. While an ACL inj in practice is a bit unusual, it will be interesting to see how O'Brien designs the 2018 offense to not only bring out the full talent of their young QB, but reduce some of the potential wear

and tear in the process. Grade: UP Defense: With 10 years of DC experience in the NFL along with prior HC tenures in CLE and KC, the Texans defense appears to be in good hands as they look to shoot back up the rankings with Crennel back in control. Grade: UP

Overview: The Texans have seen plenty of roster changes following O'Brien's first losing campaign. With 21 players (incl 13 starters) being placed on IR during '17, HOU brings in 8 draft picks and 9 FA's to bolster the squad. However, the biggest questions remain with their current stars as Watson and Watt's early absences of a yr ago contributed heavily into their trip to the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). After a limit of the AFC South basement (won division prior 2 years). (won division prior 2 years). After slipping all the way to 4-12, things looks much brighter assuming that they avoid the nagging injury bug of 2017.

-26.6 ypg (#24) -6.1 ppg (#28)

DEFENSE 347 ypg (#20) SCORING 27.2 ppg (#32)

GRADE:

**ADDITIONS** OFFENSE (Team) QB Brandon Weeden (TEN) QB Joe Webb (BUF)

WR Sammie Coates (CLE) Seantrel Henderson (BUF Senio Kelemete (NO)

OL Zach Fulton (KC)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

OL Martinas Rankin (3-80) TE Jordan Akins (3-98) WR Keke Coutee (4-103)

TE Jordan Thomas (6-211)

DEFENSE (Team)

DB Tyrann Mathieu (ARZ) DB Johnson Bademosi (NF)

Peter Kalambayi (6-214) DB Jermaine Kelly (7-222)

#### **DELETIONS OFFENSE**

Tom Savage (NO) Chris Clark (FA)

Jake Rodgers (PIT) Breno Giacomini (OAK) Xavier Su'a-Filo (TEN)

**DEFENSE** LB Brian Cushing (FA)
DB Marcus Gilchrist (OAK)
DB Eddie Pleasant (FA)

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### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS .....

Chiefs:

GRADE: +10.3 ypg (#12) +4.8 ppg (#10)

DEFENSE 365 ypg (#28)SCORING 21.2 ppg (#15)

OFFENSE 377 ypg SCORING 22.2 ppg

unit. Grade: EVEN

(#13)+12 TO's

**LOS ANGELES CHARGERS** 

ago that he can still get it done in the air with

the league's #1 passing attack. If the running

game can support the unit with any consistency

in JAX (as HC), expect this unit to continue to improve in his 2nd season on the job. Grade: UP

**Overview:** After earning a playoff spot on 5 separate occasions from '04-'09, the Chargers

have now missed out on a postseason berth in 7

of the past 8 yrs (2013). While the Chargers have

started slow in recent ssns incl the previously

mentioned 0-4 start just a yr ago, the team has 4 home contests and a pair of winnable road trips

prior to their by e week in '18. Although they could

be tested late, the Chargers ability to get the job done early while holding on late could help them deliver their first AFC West title in 9 ssns.

Chargers: +48.3 ypg (#6) +5.2 ppg (#9)

GRADE: B DEFENSE 328 ypg (#15) SCORING 17.0 ppg (#3)

OFFENSE 375 ypg SCORING 25.9 ppg (#6) +15 TO's Offense: Although the loss of their veteran ADDITIONS offense: Altriough the loss of the State S concerned, the investment of Mahomes a year ago has Reid and company excited for 2018. OFFENSE (Ra-Pk)

Grade: EVEN **Defense:** With a trio of talented passers inside the AFC West for the Chiefs to take on, the new DEFENSE (Team) additions in the secondary could make or break DL Xavier Williams (ARZ) additions in the secondary could make or break their overall performance for the upcoming year. The loss of CB Peters, LB Johnson and DL Poe will likely see a dip in production. Grade: DOWN DB Bobert Golden (KC) Will be will describe their post 12 playoff games dating back to 1993! While KC continues to build a solid foundation through the draft including seeing one of their rookies earn a Pro Bowl and production of the past 3 seasons it will be a IBN Termon Smith (6-196). nod in each of the past 3 seasons, it will be a DB Tremon Smith (6-196) 2nd year pro with just one game of experience (QB Mahomes) that will be tasked with getting KC back to the playoffs.

OL Kahlil McKenzie (6-198)

OFFENSE (Team)

WR Martavis Bryant (PIT)
WR Jordy Nelson (GB)
WR Ryan Switzer (DAL)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)
OL Kolton Miller (1-15)
OL Brandon Parker (3-65)

WR Marcell Ateman (7-228)

Derrick Johnson (KC)
Tahir Whitehead (DET)
Kyle Wilber (DAL)
Marcus Gilchrist (HOU)

DB Rashaan Melvin (IND)
DB Daryl Worley (CAR)

DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

PJ Hall (2-57) Arden Key (3-87)

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Nick Nelson (4-110)

Maurice Hurst (5-140) Johnny Townsend (5-173) Azeem Victor (6-216)

DEFENSE (Team)

#### **DELETIONS**

**OFFENSE** QB Alex Smith (WAS) WR Albert Wilson (MIA)

OL Zach Fulton (HOU)

#### DEFENSE

Bennie Logan (TEN) Dontari Poe (CAR) Derrick Johnson (OAK) Marcus Peters (LAR) Terrance Mitchell (CLE) DL DL

#### Offense: While Rivers does enter his 15th **ADDITIONS** year in the NFL, the veteran showed a year

OFFENSE (Team) E Virgil Green (DEN) DL Mike Pouncey (MIA)

K Caleb Sturgis (PHI)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) in 2018, this will be another Top 10 offensive DL Scott Quessenberry (5-155) **Defense:** With Bradley's history of creating outstanding defenses at both SEA (as DC) and WR Dylan Cantrell (6-191) RB Justin Jackson (7-251)

DEFENSE (Team)

DB Jaylen Watkins (PHI)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DB Derwin James (1-17)

LB Uchenna Nwosu (2-48) DL Justin Jones (3-84)

DB Kvzir White (4-119)

#### **DELETIONS**

**OFFENSE** 

Matt Slauson (IND) Kenny Wiggins (DET)

**DEFENSE** 

DL Jerry Attaochu (SF)

### OAKLAND RAIDERS

(#17) (#23) OFFENSE 324 ypg SCORING 18.8 ppg Offense: The Raiders made a substantial amount ADDITIONS

Raiders:

of changes on the offensive side of the ball, especially at WR. While there will be plenty of experience roaming the sidelines, a 4th play-caller and 3rd scheme in 5 years could cause some early hiccups. Grade: EVEN

**Defense:** OAK has routinely gone to the FA route to add in quality starters to this unit. While new DC Paul Guenther (DC in CIN L4Y) has his work cut out for him in improving the unit, the Raiders do have a solid amount of depth available to help overcome any obstacles. Grade: EVEN Overview: The Raiders have had 9 different HC's

since Jon Gruden last coached here in '01 (each HC lasted 3 seasons or fewer). In fact, OAK hasn't won a playoff game since the 2002 season when a Gruden-led Bucs team captured their first and only Super Bowl against the Raiders. While the first year of a new coaching regime generally causes some attrition on the roster, Gruden does have some talent to work with on both sides of the ball highlighted by a franchise QB and one of the most dangerous defenders in all of the league

# GRADE: C+

-26.1 ypg (#23) DEFENSE 350 ypg (#23) SCORING 23.3 ppg (#20) -4.5 ppg (#25)

## **DELETIONS**

OFFENSE FB Jamize Olawale (DAL) WR Michael Crabtree (BAL) Cordarrelle Patterson (NE) Clive Walford (NYJ)

Marshall Newhouse (BUF) Sebastian Janikowski (SEA)

DEFENSE
DB TJ Carrie (CLE)
DB David Amerson (KC) Marquette King (DEN)

# DENVER BRONCOS.

OFFENSE 324 ypg **Broncos:** +34.3 ypg (#8) SCORING 18.1 ppg (#27) -17 TO's -5.8 ppg (#27)

Offense: The Broncos have gone just 14-18 since winning Super Bowl 50 as they've had trouble with the transition at QB following the retirement of Peyton Manning. After some inconsistent signal-callers during 16 and 17, John Elway and the front office feel that those troubles are in the rear view mirror with the acquisition of Keenum. Grade: EVEN Defense: It's actually a bit surprising that DEN was able to put up strong defensive numbers a yr ago considering the fact that their off and ST's let the tm down on a regular basis. With fewer errors from those units in '18, the defense may find themselves contending for yet another Top 5 finish. Grade: EVEN Overview: While the sked is quite favorable early on with home matchups in 4 of the 1st 6 wks, the true test will come in the 2H of the yr where they head on the road to face the Chargers, 49ers and Raiders along with home meetings against the Steelers and Chargers yet again in the ssn finale. In a franchise rich with historical victories and playoff appearances, neither is expected for '18 as a solid AFC West could see DEN post B2B losing campaigns for the 1st time since 1972.

# DEFENSE 290 ypg (#3) SCORING 23.9 ppg (#22)

**ADDITIONS** 

OFFENSE (Team) QB Case Keenum (MIN) OL Jared Veldheer (ARZ OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

WR Courtland Sutton (2-40) RB Royce Freeman (3-71) WR Daesean Hamilton (4-113) TE Troy Fumagalli (5-156)

OL Sam Jones (6-183) RB David Williams (7-226)

**DEFENSE** 

**OFFENSE** 

QB Trevor Siemian (MIN)
QB Brock Osweiler (MIA)
RB CJ Anderson (CAR)
WR Cody Latimer (NYG)
WR Benny Fowler (DEN)

Virgil Green (LAC)

Donald Stephenson (RET)

DB Aqib Talib (LAR)

GRADE:

**DELETIONS** 

#### DEFENSE (Team) DT Clinton McDonald (TB)

Tramaine Brock (MIN) DB Su'a Cravens (WAS) P Marquette King (OAK)

DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DL Bradley Chubb (1-5)

DB Isaac Yiadom (3-99) Keishawn Bierria (6-217)

# 2018 DRAFT PICKS

Through Round Three Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma #1 (1) #1 (2) #1 (3) #1 (4) #1 (5) #1 (6) RB QB Saquon Barkley, Penn State Sam Darnold, USC Denzel Ward, Ohio State Bradley Chubb, NC State Quenton Nelson, Notre Dame CB DE OG Josh Allen, Wyoming Roquan Smith, Georgia Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame Josh Rosen, UCLA Minkah Fitzpatrick, Alabama Vita Vea, Washington #1 (7) #1 (8) #1 (9) QB LB S DT **#1 (12)** Da'Ron Payne, Alabama Marcus Davenport, UTSA Kolton Miller, UCLA DE OT #1 (15) Tremaine Edmunds, Virginia Tech Derwin James, Florida Št Jaire Alexander, Louisville DR CB #1 (18) Leighton Vander Esch, Boise St #1 (20) #1 (21) Frank Ragnow, Arkansas Billy Price, Ohio State Rashaan Evans, Alabama DJ Moore, Maryland

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Isaiah Wynn, Georgia Hayden Hurst, South Carolina Calvin Ridley, Alabama Rashaad Penny, San Diego State Terrell Edmunds, Virginia Tech ĎT Taven Brvan, Florida CB Mike Hughes, UCF Sony Michel, Georgia Lamar Jackson, Louisville RR QΒ

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Nick Chubb, Georgia
Darius Leonard, South Carolina St
Braden Smith, Auburn
Ronald Jones, USC James Daniels, lowa
Courtland Sutton, SMU
Harold Landry, Boston College
Mike Gesicki, Penn State Kerryon Johnson, Auburn Dante Pettis, Washington Josh Jackson, Iowa Breeland Speaks, Mississippi Christian Kirk, Texas A&M

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Dallas Goedert, South Dakota St

Connor Williams, Texas WR DE #2 (51) #2 (52) #2 (53) СB #2 (54) #2 (55) S CB #2 (56)

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Anthony Miller, Memphis Kemoko Turay, Rutgers MJ Stewart, North Carolina Jessie Bates, Wake Forest Donte Jackson, LSU ĊВ Duke Dawson, Florida NT CB PJ Hall, Sam Houston State Isaiah Oliver, Colorado ŘΒ Derrius Guice, LSU WR

James Washington, Oklahoma St WR OT DJ Chark, LSU Brian O'Neill, Pittsburgh Carlton Davis, Auburn Tyquan Lewis, Ohio State Brandon Parker, NC A&T

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Royce Freeman, Oregon Nathan Shepherd, Fort Haves St. Jerome Baker, Ohio State Geron Christian, Louisville Derrick Nnadi, Florida

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### LADELPHIA EAGLES.

116-108

GRADE:

DALLAS COWBOYS OFFENSE 332 ypg Cowboys: +13.9 ypg (#11)

GRADE: DEFENSE 318 ypg

OFFENSE 366 ypg SCORING 28.6 ppg

61-67

Giants

Eagles: +11 TO's

2015 NYG

+59.3 ypg (#4) +10.1 ppg (#2) DEFENSE 307 ypg SCORING 18.4 ppg (#4)

SCORING 22.1 ppg

SCORING 20.8 ppg (#13) +1.4 ppg (#15)

Offense: While the Eagles look poised for another ADDITIONS solid season for their offense (#7 LY at 366 ypg), Pederson did lose 2 key members of his staff in OC Frank Reich (HC IND) and QB cch John DeFilippo

(OC MIN) making camp and the preseason a time OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) that can not be overlooked. Grade: EVEN Defense: After Jim Schwartz was rumored for various HC positions this offseason, another solid OL Jordan Mailata (7-233) effort from the Eagles defense will have Pederson searching for a new DC heading into 2019. The additions to the unit are strong giving them a chance for yet another Top 10 finish. Grade: EVEN DL Michael Bennett (SEA)

Overview: PHI enters '18 attempting to be the 1st | DL Haloth Ngata (DET) team to win B2B titles since NE accomplished the LB Corey Nelson (DEN) feat back in '03 & '04. While the tm lost a handful of DEFENSE (Rd-Pki contributors from LY's tm that finished in the Top 10 DB Avonte Maddox (4-125) in both total off and def (re-signed just 2 of their 13 DL Josh Sweat (4-130) UFA's), GM Roseman and HC Pederson continue to build the depth on the back end of their roster via the draft. While we'll go ahead and call for PHI to claim the NFC East for a 2nd consec yr, a Dec showdown against the Rams in LA could determine

who gets the 1st round bye alongside MIN.

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WR Mike Wallace (BAL)

TE Dallas Goedert (2-49) OL Matt Pryor (6-206)

OFFENSE (Team)

QB Alex Smith (KC

RB Derrius Guice (2-59)

WR Trey Quinn (7-256)

DEFENSE (Team) LB Pernell McPhee (CHI)

DL Da'Ron Payne (1-13) Troy Apke (4-109

Tim Settle (5-163)

DB Greg Stroman (7-241)

Shaun Dion Hamilton (6-197)

DB Orlando Scandrick (DAL)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

Geron Christian (3-74)

#### **DELETIONS**

OFFENSE RB LeGarrette Blount (DET) WR Marcus Johnson (SEA)

Trey Burton (CHI) Brent Celek (FA)

DEFENSE

Reau Allen (TR) Vinny Curry (TB)
Jaylen Watkins (LAC)
Donnie Jones (RET)

Offense: While the losses for Bryant and Witten could slow down the passing game, the Cowboys will have a dominant rushing attack with Elliott back in the fold for a full 16 games. The remainder of the additions and deletions balance out make this group "Even" for the upcoming year. Grade: EVEN Defense: The DAL defense remains virtually intact for '18 with only a handful of additions and departures. Look for this group to contend for another Top 10 finish this year. Grade: EVEN

Overview: While the Cowboys are making a handful of changes heading into 2018 with the likes of Bryant and Witten moving on, this could the make-or-break season for Garrett (2 playoff appearances in 7 years) who's seat cannot get much hotter. The schedule is fairly balanced all season with DAL making B2B road trips on just 1 occasion (at PHI & ATL) and getting many of their tougher non-DIV matchups in their home venue. While teams generally have a handful of struggles during periods of transition, the Cowboys have enough talent remaining on the roster to be in the mix for a WC spot at the end of this season.

#### ADDITIONS

OFFENSE (Team)

NYG 10-6

B Jamize Olawale (OAK) NR Tavon Austin (LAR) WR Allen Hurns (JAX)

VR Deonte Thompson (BUF OL Marcus Martin (CLE) OL Cameron Fleming (NE)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

L Connor Williams (2-50) VR Michael Gallup (3-81) TE Dalton Schultz (4-137)

QB Mike White (5-171) WR Cedric Wilson (6-208) RB Bo Scarbrough (7-236)

DEFENSE (Team)

L Kony Ealý (NYJ) Jihad Ward (OAK DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

LB Leighton Vander Esch (1-19) DL Dorance Armstrong (4-116) LB Chris Covington (6-193)

#### **DELETIONS**

**OFFENSE** 

WR Dez Bryant (FA) FB Keith Smith (OAK Jason Witten (RET James Hanna (RET)

Jonathan Cooper (SF))

**DEFENSE** 

LB Anthony Hitchens (KC)
DB Orlando Scandrick (WAS)

OFFENSE 325 ypg -22.9 ypg (#22) Redskins:

SCORING 21.4 ppg (#16)-4 TO's -2.9 ppg (#17)

Offense: While injuries played a major role in the WAS offensive production dropping from 403 ypg (#3) to 325 ypg (#16) a ssn ago, a more consistent running game behind an improved and deep OL should have new QB Smith and company knocking Defense: This is an important season for 2nd year DC Greg Manusky as he attempts to right the ship in a positive direction on the defensive side of the ball. While there is some talent amongst the

on the door of the Top 10 for 2018. Grade: UP unit, the Redskins may find it difficult to move up much in the overall rankings due to a tough slate of offenses on this year's schedule. Grade: EVEN Overview: The Kedskins success has been extremely limited over the past 10 yrs with just a 64-95-1 record in that span (last playoff win came back in 2005!). Although they do have a trio of winnable gms to begin the yr, we'll see their true identity following their Wk 4 bye. Inside an NFC East that's rich with history and success, WAS will more than likely have to rattle off some late wins in '18 (4 road contests over final 6 weeks) to avoid the division basement for the 7th time since 2008.

#### GRADE: DEFENSE 348 ypg (#21)

SCORING 24.2 ppg (#27)

#### **ADDITIONS DELETIONS OFFENSE**

QB Kirk Cousins (MIN) WR Ryan Grant (IND) WR Terrelle Pryor (NYJ) QB Kevin Hogan (CLE) WR Paul Richardson (SEA)

OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) Niles Paul (JAX) OL Spencer Long (NYJ)

#### DEFENSE

Terrell McClain (FA) Su'a Cravens (DEN) Kendall Fuller (KC)

OFFENSE 314 ypg Giants: SCORING 15.4 ppg (#31) -3 TO's

Offense: With the offensive-minded Pat Shurmur taking over on the sidelines for 2018 and the upgrades at both RB (#2 overall pick Barkley) and OL (FA addition Solder), Manning will have much more support around him as he enters his

14th year in the league. Grade: UP **Defense:** Despite switching over to the 3-4 for the upcoming year, this may be a positive in terms of getting pressure on the QB following just 27 sacks in '17 (#30). There's really only one way to go for this group following a disastrous 2017. Grade: UP Overview: The Giants are not your average 3-win team entering 2018 as they're just a year removed from the playoffs with a handful of talented players remaining on the roster. New GM Gettleman and HC Shurmur will focus plenty of their early attention into developing some consistency in the running game while their defense has only one way to go after LY's epic collapse. While the Giants will more than likely miss out on the playoffs for a 6th time in the past 7 seasons, a stronger record will be within reach.

#### -58.9 ypg (#31) -8.9 ppg (#31)

**ADDITIONS** OFFENSE (Team) RB Jonathan Stewart (CAR)

OL Nate Solder (NE) OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) RB Saguon Barkley (1-2) OL Will Hernandez (2-34) QB Kyle Lauletta (4-108)

DEFENSE (Team)

I Kareem Martin (ARZ) Alec Ogletree (LAR) DB William Gay (NYG) P Riley Dixon (DEN)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DL B.I Hill (3-69)

GRADE: DEFENSE 373 ypg (#31) SCORING 24.2 ppg (#27)

#### **DELETIONS OFFENSE**

Geno Smith (LAC) Orleans Darkwa (FA) Brandon Marshall (SEA) Justin Pugh (ARZ) Weston Richburg (SF)

# DEFENSE

Jason Pierre-Paul (TB)
Devon Kennard (DET)
D. Rodgers-Cromartie (FA)
Brad Wing (FA)

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(#1)

### 108-116 MINNESOTA V

Vikings:

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**Packers** 

**Bears** 

83-44-1

56-72

OFFENSE 357 ypg

GRADE:

DETROIT OFFENSE 338 ypg SCORING 25.6 ppg

Lions: +10 TO's

Offense: The biggest news for the off is that OC

Cooter was retained by Patricia for the upcoming

yr giving Stafford the security blanket that he'll

need to have another 4,000+ yard performance. If

they are able to get any consistency from their run game, the Lions have the talent capable of climbing

nto the Top 10 of the off rankings. Grade: EVEN

Defense: While Patricia's final unit in Foxboro

finished #29 in ttl D a yr ago, his unit's were always among the best in pts allowed with 4 consec years

of surrendering fewer than 20 ppg. That bend but

don't break approach may be in full view for DET

in '18 as while foes could chew up some yardage

with the change in schemes, the secondary's ability to keep plays in front of them should reduce the

amount of opportunities in the RZ. Grade: EVEN

Overview: With just one playoff victory since 1957's NFL Champ win ('91 vs DAL) and failing to make

consec playoff appearances in nearly 2 decades, DET has been through large doses of inconsistency

in the history of the franchise. Despite expected

improvement in the run game along with a stronger

emphasis on the D, solid QB's inside the DIV could

-18.1 ypg (#19) +2.1 ppg (#13)

DEFENSE 356 ypg (#27)SCORING 23.5 ppg (#21)

SCORING 23.9 ppg (#10)+5 TO's Offense: Despite the Vikings losing Shurmur (HC ADDITIONS NYG) and a trio of QB's that have 146 combined starts in their collective careers, new OC John De-Filippo (QB coach in PHI L2Y) has plenty of talent QB Trevor Siemian (DEN) at his disposal for the offense to make another run RV WR Kendall Wright (CHI) at the Top 10 in 2018 incl a now healthy Cook at WR Tavarres King (NYG)

RB. Grade: EVEN Defense: While the defense left the MIN faithful Defense: While the defense left the MIN faithful OL Tom Compton (CHI) with a bad taste in their mouths in the blowout loss OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) to PHI, that performance appears to be an outlier OL Brian O'Neill (2-62) following an outstanding showing over the first 17 TE Tyler Conklin (5-157) contests. With 10 of their starters returning for the Upcoming yrand a former 1st Rnd DC filling in for the OL Colby Gossett (6-213) only departure, the MIN defense will more than likely land inside the Top 5 once again in '18. Grade: EVEN Overview: It appears to be SB or bust for MIN DEFENSE (Team) In Shaldon Diaham following a 13-3 composite to 15 T Overview: It appears to be SB or bust for MIN following a 13-3 campaign in '17 that saw them a win away from a trip to the "Big Game." MIN may be tested on the road early with trips to GB, LAR and DEFENSE (Rd-Pk) DB Mike Hughes (1-30) to tested on the road away some indicipe by the unit PHI over a 4-wk span! However, judging by the way DL Ade Aruna (6-218) their def handled the playoff loss in the elements LB Devante Downs (7-225) of Philly, home-field advantage may be a must to

### +80.9 ypg (#1) +8.1 ppg (#5)

OB Kirk Cousins (WAS) OL Josh Andrews (PHI)

Daniel Carlson (5-167)

#### SCORING 15.8 ppg (#1) **DELETIONS**

OFFENSE Sam Bradford (ARZ)

DEFENSE 276 ypg

QB QB QB RB OL OL Teddy Bridgewater (NYJ) Case Keenum (DEN) Jerick McKinnon (SF)

Joe Berger (RET) Jeremiah Sirles (CAR)

#### **DEFENSE**

Tom Johnson (SEA) Emmanuel Lamur (OAK)

#### **ADDITIONS**

9-7

OFFENSE (Team) RB LeGarrette Blount (PHI)

TE Luke Willson (SEA) L Wesley Johnson (NYJ) OL Kenny Wiggins (LAC)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

L Frank Ragnow (1-20) RB Kerryon Johnson (2-43)

Tyrell Crosby (5-153) B Nick Bawden (7-237)

#### DEFENSE (Team)

Sylvester Williams (TEN) LB Jonathan Freeny (NO) LB Christian Jones (CHI)

Devon Kennard (NYG) DB DeShawn Shead (SEA

DB Tracy Walker (3-82) DL Da'Shawn Hand (4-114)

#### **DELETIONS**

GRADE:

#### **OFFENSE**

Eric Ebron (IND) Darren Fells (CLE Travis Swanson (NYJ)

#### **DEFENSE**

Haloti Ngata (PHI) Brandon Copeland (NYJ) Tahir Whitehead (OAK)

Paul Worrilow (PHI) DJ Hayden (JAX)

finally get over the hump for the 1st time since 1976

OFFENSE 306 ypg (#26 43.2 ypg (#27) Packers:

SCORING 20.0 ppg (#21 -3 TO's -4.0 ppg (#23)

Offense: While Philbin returns as OC to take some of the burden off Mike McCarthy, the success of the offense (and team) always depends on the health of 34-year old Rodgers. Following a #22 overall finish with their star on the shelf for a good portion of the year, expect the Packers to challenge for a spot inside of the Top 10 in 2018. Grade: UP Defense: It's abundantly clear that the Packers were aware of their defensive shortcomings a year ago with the drafting of 3 high picks in the back-7 and the FA signing of Wilkerson up front. With Pettine now back in his preferred DC role, the Packers could flirt with a finish in the upper half of

the rankings in 2018. Grade: UP **Overview:** While the early part of the sked features 4 home matchups over the first 6 weeks, the middle of their docket is going to be quite a task. Over a 5-week span the Packers head on the road to take on some of the NFL's elite. If they're able to steal away a win or 2 during that span, GB will have an DL excellent chance of earning a playoff berth as Dec DL Kendall Donnerson (7-248) features 3 matchups in the elements of Lambeau along with road trips to the lowly Bears & Jets.

#### GRADE: DEFENSE 349 ypg (#22)

**ADDITIONS** 

#### OFFENSE (Team) QB DeShone Kizer (CLE) TE Jimmy Graham (SEA) OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

NR J'mon Moore (4-133)

OL Cole Madison (5-138) WR Marquez Valdes-Scantling (6-174) WR Equanimeous St Brown (7-207) LS Hunter Bradley (7-239)

# DEFENSE (Team) DL Muhammad Wilkerson (NYJ)

DB Tramon Williams (ARZ)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DB Jaire Alexander (1-18) Josh Jackson (2-45) LB Oren Burks (3-88)

JK Scott (5-172) James Looney (7-232)

### SCORING 24.0 ppg (#26)

**DELETIONS** 

**OFFENSE** Jordy Nelson (OAK) Richard Rodgers (PHI)

#### **DEFENSE**

Joe Thomas (DAL) Damarious Randall (CLE) LB DB Morgan Burnett (PIT)

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OFFENSE 287 ypg -31.8 ypg (#26) Bears: SCORING 16.5 ppg (#29 0 TO's -3.5 ppg (#20)

Offense: While the additions of Nagy and Helfrich should translate into more production from the CHI offense, it may take some time to get things clicking. The Bears will more than likely have a bottom half finish for the 3rd time in 4 seasons (#30 at 287 ypg). Grade: EVEN Defense: The Bears nearly became the 5th NFL squad to finish in both the Top 10 in rush and pass D a year ago. With Fangio being retained by the new staff, the prognosis looks positive

again for '18. Grade: UP Overview: CHI enters '18 with the 3rd fewest wins (14) over the past 3 years. The schedule over the final 2 months features 5 road contests and home matchups against the Rams and their division foes. While the infusion of youth will begin to show some signs of growth as the season wears on, the overall inexperience on the roster will likely translate into their 5th

consecutive last placé finish.

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#### ADDITIONS OFFENSE (Team)

OB Chase Daniel (NO) WR Allen Robinson (JAX) WR Benny Fowler (DEN) WR Taylor Gabriel (ATL)

TE Trey Burton (PHI) OL Earl Watford (ARZ)

K Cody Parkey (MIA)

OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

Ol James Daniels (2-39) WR Anthony Miller (2-51)

# GRADE: I

DEFENSE 319 ypg (#10) SCORING 20.0 ppg (#9)

#### DELETIONS **OFFENSE**

QB Mike Glennon (Au ...) WR Kendall Wright (MIN) OL Josh Sitton (MIA)

#### **DEFENSE**

Mitch Unrein (TB) Jerrell Freeman (FA)

LB LB LB Christian Jones (DET) Pernell McPhee (WAS)

#### DEFENSE (Team) LB Aaron Lynch (SF DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

Joel lyiegbuniwe (4-115) Bilal Nichols (5-145) Kylie Fitts (6-181)

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#### **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS.** GRADE: D

Saints:

SCORING 28.0 ppg (#4) +7 TO's Offense: The Saints had the most balanced offense in the NFL a season ago with #5 finishes in both passing and rushing (just 1 of 4 teams to finish in the Top 10 in both). With some young stars on the unit and the 30 years! unit and the 39-year old Brees still playing at an elite level, the Saints could challenge for the league's top spot again in 2018. Grade: EVEN

Defence: While the Saints and Trick the saints are still playing at an elite level, the Saints could challenge for the league's top spot again in 2018. Grade: EVEN

OL Jermon Bushrod (MIA)

OFFENSE (RA.PM)

OFFENSE 391 ypg

Defense: While the Saints' #17 finish was somewhat impressive considering their recent history, OL Rick Leonard (4-127) their ability to keep opposing offenses out of the EZ | RB | Boston Scott (6-201) (#10 in scoring D, 20.4 ppg) was what earned them OL Will Clapp (7-245) getting another offssn of growth, NO could find themselves in the upper half of the rankings for

the 1st time in 5 yrs. Grade: EVEN Overview: NO has to feel pretty good about what they got from their newcomers a season ago with they got from their newcomers a season ago with both RB Kamara and DB Lattimore earning ROY honors. While Brees signed a 2-year extension in the offseason and they have a solid mix of youth and veteran players, the schedule looks daunting in 2018. With the NEC South agruphly being the in 2018. With the NFC South arguably being the toughest division in the league today, the Saints will need some favorable things to fall in their direction

#### +54.9 ypg (#5) +7.6 ppg (#6)

LB Demario Davis (NYJ)

+46.6 ypg (#7) +2.4 ppg (#11)

OFFENSE (Team)

ΓΕ Logan Paulsen (SF)

OL Brandon Fusco (SF)
OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

WR Calvin Ridley (1-26)

WR Russell Gage (6-194)

OL Garrison Smith (SEA)

Justin Bethel (ARZ)

RB Ito Smith (4-126)

DEFENSE (Team)

DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DB Isaiah Oliver (2-58)

DL Deadrin Senat (3-90)

LB Foye Oluokun (6-200)

**ADDITIONS** 

# DEFENSE 337 ypg (#17) SCORING 20.4 ppg (#10)

**DELETIONS OFFENSE** 

QB Chase Daniel (CHI) WR Willie Snead (BAL)
OL Senio Kelemete (HO
OL Zach Strief (RET) Senio Kelemete (HOU) Zach Strief (RET)

DEFENSE DB Delvin Breaux (FA)
DB Kenny Vaccaro (FA)
DB Rafael Bush (BUF)

# **PANTHERS**

OFFENSE 324 ypg Panthers: +6.6 ypg (#14) SCORING 22.7 ppg (#12)-1 TO's Offense: Despite the losses of a handful of veteran offensive contributors, the overall unit appears to be stronger heading into 2018. This should translate

into an upswing in the ppg for the first time in 3 years. Grade: UP

**Defense:** While Steve Wilks (new HC w/ARZ) is the 2nd DC to move on in as many years and the unit is one of the oldest in the league (7 players with 7+ years of experience), Kuechly and the outstanding front-7 should have the Panthers in the Top 10 for the 6th time in the last 7 seasons. Grade: EVEN

Overview: The Panthers enter 2018 with a handful of new faces in the starting lineup as 7 players who started 10+ games in '17 departed this offseason While they took on the NFL's toughest schedule a year ago, CAR gets a bit of a reprieve TY as they take on a less than stellar AFC North and NFC East. With playoff berths in 4 of the past 5 seasons and their main stars returning on both sides of the ball, the Panthers will be in contention to claim at least a WC spot for a 2nd consecutive year in arguably the toughest division in the league.

#### +2.3 ppg (#12) **ADDITIONS**

OFFENSE (Team) RB CJ Anderson (DEN) WR Torrey Smith (PHI) WR Jarius Wright (MIN)

OL Jeremiah Sirles (MIN)

OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) WR DJ Moore (1-24 TE Ian Thomas (4-101)

DEFENSE (Team)

DL Dontari Poe (ATL)
DB Ross Cockrell (NYG) DB Da'Norris Searcy (TEN)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk) DB Donte Jackson (2-55)

Rashaan Gaulden (3-85) DL Marquis Haynes (4-136)

B Jermaine Carter (5-161) LB Andre Smith (7-234)

DL Kendrick Norton (7-242)

SCORING 20.4 ppg (#11) **DELETIONS** 

**OFFENSE** Jonathan Stewart (NYG) Kaelin Clay (BUF) TE Ed Dickson (SEA)
OL Andrew Norwell (JAX)

GRADE: DEFENSE 317 ypg

DEFENSE Star Lotulelei (BUF) Kurt Coleman (NO) Teddy Williams (NYG)

#### ATLANTA FALCONS OFFENSE 365 ypg Falcons:

SCORING 22.1 ppg (#15) -2TO's Offense: With OC Steve Sarkisian keeping Shanahan's scheme intact following his departure along with minimal roster turnover on the

offensive side of the ball, the Falcons should

have no problem earning another Top 10 finish in total offense while also boosting their ppg in

the process. Grade: EVEN Defense: While the DL will have to develop some players to go along with Jarrett on the inside, this appears to be a solid overall D with an above-average back 7. After a few yrs of lower than expected numbers and their first Top 10 D since '98, Quinn has his D heading in the right direction again for the 2018 ssn. Grade: EVEN Overview: While they open the NFL ssn on Thur Night against the SB Champs in Philly, the Falcons get 5 of their next 6 at home (only road game at PIT) incl 3 matchups inside their division. With minimal roster turnover on both sides of the ball in '18 along with some recent postssn

experience, the Falcons could be well on their way to a 2nd NFC South title in the past 3 years.

#### GRADE: DEFENSE 318 ypg

SCORING 19.7 ppg **DELETIONS** 

**OFFENSE** WR Taylor Gabriel (CHI) WR Andre Roberts (NYJ) TE Levine Toilolo (DET)

**DEFENSE** 

Adrian Clayborn (NE) Dontari Poe (CAR) Ahtyba Rubin (FA) Courtney Upshaw (FA) LaRoy Reynolds (FA)

OFFENSE 364 ypg -14.6 ypg (#18) -2.9 ppg (#18) Bucs SCORING 20.9 ppg (#18) -1 TO's

Offense: Although TB's off went through quite a bit of inj issues a ssn ago, they still found a way to climb into the Top 10 of total off. That didn't always translate into points however as a poor kicking gm and costly TO's saw the Bucs finish all the way back at #18 in scoring (20.9 ppg). While Winston

appears to be healthy, a 3-game susp (off-the-field incident) could see the unit sputter. Grade: DOWN **Defense:** While the TB front-7 should be a driving factor for overall improvement, a finish in the upper half of the rankings may be too difficult to accomplish

in just 1 yr. Graďe: EVEN

Overview: While LY's overall record was clearly a step in the wrong direction, injuries and a poor defense played an integral part in the performance. The first 3 gms of the '18 season should give a solid picture of just how good (or bad) this Bucs squad can be. After a road trip to take on the Saints in the opener, TB hosts both PHI and PIT in the next 2 (all 3 take place without the services of Winston). With 6 gms inside of their DIV against NO, ATL & CAR (32-16 comb record LY), the Bucs will likely miss out on a postssn berth for an 11th consec yr

# **ADDITIONS**

OFFENSE (Team) OL Ryan Jensen (BAL)

K Chandler Catanzaro (NYJ)

OFFENSE (Rd-Pk) RB Ronald Jones (2-38)

OL Alex Cappa (3-94) WR Justin Watson (5-144) SCORING 23.9 ppg (#22) **DELETIONS** OFFENSE

DEFENSE 378 ypg (#32)

GRADE:

RB Doug Martin (OAK) OL Kevin Pamphile (TEN)

DEFENSE

DEFENSE (Team) Beau Allen (PHI)

Vinny Curry (PHI) Mitch Unrein (CHI)

LB Cameron Lynch (LAR)

DEFENSE (Rd-Pk) DI Vita Vea (1-12)

MJ Stewart (2-53) DB Carlton Davis (2-63) DB Jordan Whitehead (4-117) Jack Cichy (6-202)

Jason Pierre-Paul (NYG)

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### **LOS ANGELES RAMS**

offense should be achievable. Grade: EVEN

GRADE: DEFENSE 340 ypg +21.6 ypg (#10)

**OFFENSE** 

DEFENSE

WR Tavon Austin (DAL

WR Sammy Watkins (KC)

Tyrunn Walker (FA) Connor Barwin (FA) Robert Quinn (MIA)

Alec Ogletree (NYG) Kayvon Webster (FA)

Trumaine Johnson (NYJ)

(#19)

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS OFFENSE 330 ypg

(#11)

+8 TO's

Seahawks: +7.1 ypg (#13) +2.1 ppg (#14) DEFENSE 323 ypg (#11) SCORING 20.8 ppg (#13)

**DELETIONS** 

GRADE:

OFFENSE 362 ypg SCORING 29.9 ppg (#1) Offense: Although LaFleur moves on to take over

in 3 seasons. Grade: UP

Rams: +7 TO's

the OC role with the Titans, the Rams appear to OFFENSE (Team) be in excellent shape for 2018 with the addition

of WR Cooks to the passing game. While their OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

in 1 year), a 2nd straight Top 10 finish in total RB John Kelly (6-176

Defense: With the defensive roster upgraded DEFENSE (Team)

a dangerous duo at CB in Peters and Talib, the LB Ramik Wilson (KC)

Rams should contend for their 2nd Top 10 finish DB Marcus Peters (KC)

to players that fit Phillips' 3-4 scheme including DL Ndamukong Suh (MIA)

league-best 29.9 ppg may take a small hit (first OL Joseph Noteboom (3-89) team in SB era to go from last to 1st in scoring OL Brian Allen (4-111)

+9.3 ppg (#3)

OL Jamil Demby (6-192)

DB Aqib Talib (DEN)

SCORING 20.6 ppg (#12) **DELETIONS** 

Offense: OC Schottenheimer appears to have a handful of challenges ahead of him during his first season with the Seahawks as they go away from the zone blocking scheme. However, a consistent running game should give the unit more balance while taking some of the pressure off of Wilson

in the process. Grade: EVEN Defense: Similar to what Schottenheimer has go-

ing on with the offense, new DC Ken Norton could be experiencing his own growing pains amongst his group. Unfortunately, less talent to work with than years past could cause some issues in the

Pacific NW. Grade: DOWN

SCORING 22.9 ppg

Overview: The Seahawks have made one of the biggest overhauls in the NFL this offseason. The changes in Seattle didn't end on the roster however as the coaching staff will see 6 new assistants this year including a new OC and DC. With the Rams posting one of the league's best marks a year ago and the 49ers expected to continue their turnaround, the Seahawks will more than likely miss out on the postseason for a 2nd consecutive year following the loss of so much veteran talent.

#### ADDITIONS

OFFENSE (Team)

VR Jaron Brown (ÁRZ) WR Marcus Johnson (PHI) WR Brandon Marshall (NYG)

TE Ed Dickson (CAR) L DJ Fluker (NYG) K Sebastian Janikowski (OAK)

OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

RB Rashaad Penny (1-27) Will Dissly (4-120)

OL Jamarco Jones (5-168) QB Alex McGough (7-220)

DEFENSE (Team)

DL Tom Johnson (MIN) LB Barkevious Mingo (IND)

Maurice Alexander (LAR) DB Dontae Johnson (SF)
DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

Rasheem Green (3-79)

LB Shaguem Griffin (5-141) DB Tre Flowers (5-146)

# RB Thomas Rawls (NYJ) WR Paul Richardson (WR) TE Jimmy Graham (TE) TE Luke Willson (TE)

**OFFENSE** 

**DEFENSE** Sheldon Richardson (MIN) Michael Bennett (PHI)

DL DL DL LB DB Cliff Avril (RET)
Terence Garvin (MIA)
Kam Chancellor (RET) Richard Sherman (SF)

renewed confidence entering their 3rd year DL Ogbonnia Okoronkwo (5-160) back in Los Angeles. With 5 winnable games to DL Sebastian Joseph (6-195) close out the year including a big Wk 15 home of the year including a big Wk 15 home of the year including 6:205) matchup against the defending SB champion LB Travin Howard (7:231)

Overview: After 13 consecutive years of 8 wins or fewer including 6 last place finishes in the NFC West during that span, the Rams have some DL John Franklin-Myers (4-135) Eagles, the Rams should be in contention for DL Justin Lawler (7-244) a 2nd consecutive NFC West title.

ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE:

OFFENSE 314 ypg Cardinals: +3.5 ypg (#15) SCORING 18.4 ppg (#25) -4 TO's

-4.1 ppg (#24) Offense: While new HC Steve Wilks and OC

Mike McCoy should see an increase in the overall production with some talented players both added and remaining with the group, a Top 10 finish for ARZ seems unlikely in '18. Grade: DOWN

Defense: With a solid balance of youth and veteran leadership across the unit, ARZ should land in the upper half of the NFL rankings despite the change in scheme with the new coaching staff. Grade: EVEN

Overview: Last year ARZ had the oldest team in the NFL (avg age of 29) and injuries on both sides took a major toll. This year the Cardinals will look much different with Steve Wilks taking over as HC and a handful of starters moving on. With non-conference action against the AFC West, a rough slate of road contests and improvement inside of their division, the Cardinals could be heading back to the NFC West basement for the first time since 2012.

# DEFENSE 311 ypg

**ADDITIONS** OFFENSE (Team) **OFFENSE** 

QB Sam Bradford (MIN) QB Mike Glennon (CHI) WR Brice Butler (DAL)

OL Justin Pugh (NYG) OL Andre Smith (CIN) OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

OR Josh Rosen (1-10)

WR Christian Kirk (2-47) OL Mason Cole (3-97)

RB Chase Edmonds (4-134) OL Korey Cunningham (7-254)

DEFENSE (Team) DL Benson Mayowa (DAL)

DB Bené Benwikere (DAL) DB Marcus Williams (HOU DEFENSE (Rd-Pk)

DB Chris Campbell (6-182)

(#6)SCORING 23.9 ppg (#25)

### **DELETIONS**

Carson Palmer (RET) Drew Stanton (CLE) Troy Niklas (NE) Alex Boone (FA) QB TE OL OL

Earl Watford (CHI)

DEFENSE
DL Frostee Rucker (FA)
LB Karlos Dansby (FA)
DB Justin Bethel (ATL)
DB Transon Williams (GB)

DB DB DB Tvrann Mathieu (HOÚ)

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

OFFENSE 349 ypg -2.3 ypg (#16) -3.3 ppg (#19) 49ers SCORING 20.7 ppg -3 TO's (#20)

Offense: While it's unlikely that Garoppolo and the SF offense will be able to keep up the same pace that they did to close out last year now that opposing defenses have some film and a full offseason to work with, it's also clear that their days of having one of the lowest scoring offenses in the league are over. The 49ers are a team on the rise and the offense will play a big role in this year's overall success. Grade: UP Defense: With plenty of young talent and veteran leadership availablé on the defensive roster for the upcoming year, the 49ers could find them-

selves in contention for a spot in the upper half of the rankings. Grade: EVĖN Overview: While the 49ers have missed the

postseason in each of the past 4 years, there is plenty of positive vibes heading into 2018 following the addition of Garoppolo under center. While we'll go ahead and call for the 49ers to miss out on a playoff berth for the 5th consecutive year, this teams appears to be on the rise for many years to come

# **ADDITIONS**

OFFENSE (Team) Jerick McKinnon (MIN) Weston Richburg (NYG)

OL Jonathan Cooper (ARZ)

OFFENSE (Rd-Pk)

OL Mike McGlinchey (1-9) WR Dante Pettis (2-44) WR Richie James (7-240)

DEFENSE (Team)

I.B. Jeremiah Attaochu (LAC) Korey Toomer (LAC)

DB Richard Sherman (SEA) **DEFENSE** (Rd-Pk) Fred Warner (3-70)

DB Tarvarius Moore (3-95) DI Kentavius Street (4-128)

DB Marcell Harris (6-184) DL Julian Taylor (7-223)

# DEFENSE 352 ypg (#24) SCORING 22.6 ppg (#19)

# **DELETIONS**

OFFENSE
RB Carlos Hy
OL Daniel Kilo
OL Trent Brov
OL Brandon F Carlos Hyde (CLE) Daniel Kilgore (MIA) Trent Brown (NE) Brandon Fusco (ATL)

GRADE:

#### **DEFENSE**

Tank Carradine (OAK) Aaron Lynch (CHI) Eric Reid (FA)

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