



Week 17 Review

I apologise that this is not as long as normal, busy week with Christmas and family life, but here is a run down of the headlines.

Chiefs (15-1) 29-10 (10-6) Steelers

Chiefs secure AFC top seed and a bye week. It was arguably Patrick Mahomes' best game and he looks to be heating at the right time once again. Steelers got outplayed all game, not what they wanted, costing them a potential division title.

Ravens (11-5) 31-2 (9-7) Texans

The Ravens destroy the Texans, Lamar Jackson becomes the leading quarterback rusher in history, Henry runs over the Texans with 147 yards and a touchdown. The Texans look like an in and out playoff team.

Seahawks (9-7) 6-3 (4-12) Bears

Battle of the boot was won by Jason Myers in a terrible offensive display. Neither team got anything going. However the Seahawks defence looked impressive with 7 sacks, 10 tackles for loss, and 10 QB hits.

Chargers (10-6) 40-7 (3-13) Patriots

The Chargers were hugely impressive as Herbert found McConkey for 94 yards and 2 touchdowns as the offence cooked all game. The defence also stood up Derwin James, the standout with 2 sacks.

Broncos (9-7) 24-30 (8-8) Bengals

The Bengals snatch victory, Burrow once again the shining light. He put it in his own hands after missed field goals cost them. Tee Higgins for the Bengals was excellent with 131 yards and 3 touchdowns. Marvin Mims hit back with 103 yards and 2 touchdowns but it wasn't enough.

Cardinals (7-9) 9-13 (10-6) Rams

The Rams secured a playoff spot thanks to a solid defensive effort led by Braden Friske's 2 sacks and 2 tackles for loss. The Rams defence also landed two interceptions. The Rams are heating up at the right time and are in a good run of form heading into the playoffs.

Jets (4-12) 14-40 (13-3) Bills

The Bills are able to rest starters next week thanks to a demolition job on the Jets. Josh Allen gave another MVP performance with rushing touchdowns and passing touchdowns as the Bills ran over the Jets

Raiders (4-12) 25-10 (5-11) Saints

The Raiders win as the rookie Brock Bowers breaking the most yards by a rookie tight end, most receptions as a rookie, as well as the franchise record for most receptions in a season. He has been a shining light in a disappointing season. Both teams will have work to do to turn things around.

Colts (7-9) 33-45 (3-13) Giants

The Colts no longer can make the playoffs thanks to Drew Lock's 5 touchdowns game. Malik Nabers has a huge game with 171 yards and 2 touchdowns as the Giants show there is something to build with.

Cowboys (7-9) 7-41 (13-3) Eagles

Saquon Barkley hit the 2000 yards rushing mark in another blowout win. No Hurts no problem. Kenny Pickett and Tanner McKee found DeVonta Smith with ease as he racked up 120 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Panthers (4-12) 14-48 (9-7) Bucs

The Bucs blew away the Panthers mainly thanks to Baker Mayfield who was on fire. He threw for 359 yards and 5 touchdowns. Mike Evans got another 97 yards leaving him 85 yards from breaking the record for most consecutive 1000 yard seasons.

Titans (3-13) 13-20 (4-12) Jaguars

Brian Thomas Jr shows his class once again in his 91 yard and one touchdowns game. He was the real shining light in this game. The Jags know they have a stud receiver for the next few years on their hands and can build around him.

Dolphins (8-8) 20-3 (3-13) Browns

The Dolphins faint playoff hopes are alive still after Tyler Huntley led the team with 225 passing yards and a touchdown, 52 rushing yards and a touchdown. He found Hill with ease who had 105 yards.

Packers (11-5) 25-27 (14-2) Vikings

The Vikings won and kept their hopes of the top seed in the NFC alive as they head to a huge match-up next week with the Lions, both sides have already made the playoffs, but once again Sam Darnold was outstanding with 377 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Falcons (8-8) 24-30 (11-5) Commanders

The Commanders clinch a playoff spot with a great win over the Falcons. Jayden Daniels cemented his play as offensive rookie of the year here with 227 passing, 127 rushing and 3 touchdowns to claim the victory.

Lions (14-2) 40-34 (6-10) 49ers

Lots of impressive performances here as the Lions beat the 49ers. Lions had 303 passing and 3 touchdowns from Jared Goff, Jahmyr Gibbs rushed for 117 and a touchdown, with Jameson Williams shining for the receivers with 77 yards and a touchdown. Ricky Pearsall had a breakout game with 141 yards and a touchdown.

Playoff Picture

<u>AFC</u>		<u>NFC</u>	
1 Seed	- Chiefs 15-1		Lions 14-2
2 Seed	- Bills 13-3		Eagles 13-3
3 Seed	- Ravens 11-5		Rams 10-6
4 Seed	- Texans 9-7		Bucs 9-7
5 Seed	- Steelers 10-6		Vikings 14-2
6 Seed	- Chargers 10-6		Commanders 11-5
7 Seed	- Broncos 9-7		Packers 11-5

In The Hunt

AFC - I can not see another making it. - however back in with a shout - Dolphins 8-8 and Bengals 8-8 in a winner takes all scenario.

NFC - Seahawks 8-7, Falcons 8-7.

Playoff games if the season finished today

<u>AFC</u>		<u>NFC</u>	
Chiefs	- Bye Week	Lions	- Bye week
Broncos	@ Bills	Packers	@ Eagles
Chargers	@ Ravens	Commanders	@ Rams
Steelers	@ Texans	Vikings	@ Bucs