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### **Divisional Weekend Review**

#### **Texans 14-23 Chiefs**

The Texans went into Arrowhead and gave a gritty performance but came up short thanks to a little bit of themselves missing opportunities, some disgraceful offensive line play, and some very favourable calls going the Chiefs way at big moments. Take nothing away from the Chiefs though They were outstanding with 8 sacks, George Karlaftis landing three of those. Patrick Mahomes also showed hospital brilliance with a touchdown to Travis Kelce whilst being tackled by Will Anderson jr. Kelce was Mahomes' go-to all game with 117 yards and a touchdown. It was easy to see why with the excellent corner duo for the Texans not allowing a pass in man coverage. The Chiefs move on to face the Bills in the AFC championship game. The texans finish the season with the 25th pick in next years draft, its a season of what ifs for the Texans who suffered injuries to key players throughout the year particularly on offence.

#### **Commanders 45-31 Lions**

The Jayden Daniels story continues after another memorising display by the rookie, he got help from his defence as well. Daniels had 299 passing yards with 2 touchdowns. He had a further 52 rushing. Brian Robinson rushed for 75 yards and 2 touchdowns in arguably his best game of the season. The game swung in the 2nd quarter when the Commanders racked up 28 points before returning another 14 in the 4th to wrap the game up. Jayden Daniels will lead the Commanders out in the NFC championship game against the Eagles in Philadelphia. The Lions will be gutted by this, they looked and in my opinion were the most exciting and explosive team this season. They had the worst injury luck of any team and continued to find ways to win. Both coordinators have left for head coaching roles so it will be an interesting watch to see who Dan Campbell brings in. They finished with the 28th pick in the upcoming draft.

#### **Rams 22-28 Eagles**

The Rams fall short in the snow game despite another brilliant performance. It was once again Saquon Barkley who was the difference maker with 205 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns. He took all the pressure off Jalen Hurts who did not have to throw often, but he also showed his ability in the rush game with 70 yards and a touchdown. The Eagles defence was also impressive, Jalen Carter leading the way with 2 of the 5 sacks. The secondary group had a huge 11 pass breakups. The Eagles win and get a home NFC championship game. The Rams gave a tough fight, Matt Stafford was excellent with 324 passing yards, he was supported well by Kyren Williams who put up another 100 yards rushing game. The Rams finish just short but have so much potential in the side. They finish with pick 26 in the 2025 draft.

### **Ravens 25-27 Bills**

The final game was a thriller. A dropped 2 point conversion stopped a potential last minute drive or overtime in this one. Both MVP potential quarterbacks were excellent. It was Josh Allen that came out on top. He only threw for 127 yards but he had 2 rushing touchdowns. The Bills defence stepped up with 2 sacks, 7 tackles for loss, and 5 quarterback hits. The Ravens will be bitterly disappointed as well and it is another season of so much promise. They land the 27th pick. With Lamar Jackson and Derrick Henry this team will be just as strong next year and will hope to make the required jump.