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They say Offense wins games, but Defense wins championships. So, how is it that this past championship weekend, two of the best three Defenses in the NFL lost their bid for their conference title? In fairness, one of these dynamic Defenses had to lose since the Steelers were playing the Ravens, but that does not excuse the Eagles and the lackluster performance of their Defense. It is true that the Eagles were playing in Arizona in front of a hostile crowd, but they were favored to win. Plus, going into this weekend, Philadelphia sat at the top of our Performance Rankings as well. The Cardinals with their +54 Performance managed to push the Eagles down to number 5 on our Performance Chart (see chart on last page). We will have more on the Performance Rankings in our blog later this week. One more little sneak preview, the Steelers now sit atop our rankings. Let's recap these games.

Cardinals take NFC Title in Green-Green Shoot Out

The Eagles appeared to have caught the late flight to Arizona this weekend, and we are not sure who was on the field during the first half of this game. Whoever it was did not look like the Eagles who had eliminated so decisively the Cowboys, Vikings and Giants in the three previous weeks. The Cardinals scored three touchdowns and a field goal to lead the Eagles 24-6 at halftime. At that point, the Cardinals had 97 still -Yellow PossessionPoints. The Eagles needed to shut out the Cardinals in the second half and score at least three touchdowns, and they did just that. Unfortunately, they missed extra points, and with those misses, they managed to secure only a one-point lead in the 4th quarter. The Defense did not hold up their end of the bargain, and the Cardinals marched down the field for a late 8-point score. This was a solid PossessionPoints drive which gave the Cardinals a very Green 181 PossessionPoints to the Eagles also Green 126.

Final Score: Cardinals 32 Eagles 25

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Steelers Edge Ravens in Defensive Fight

Unlike the Eagles-Cardinals offensive show, the Ravens-Steel was a bloody, knock-out defensive fight from beginning to end. When the dust finally settled, the Steelers took the title. The majority of the scoreboard difference in this game was due to a defensive touchdown by the Steelers in the 4th quarter. Much like the Eagles-Cardinals game, this was a close game in the 4th quarter as the Steelers held a 16-14 lead before the Steelers interception. For the game, the Steelers earned a Red 55 PossessionPoints but held the Ravens to an even more Red 39.

Final Score: Steelers 23 Ravens 14

End Of Regular Season Performance Rankings

Performance Rankings after 3 weeks of Playoffs

Rank	Team	W	L	T	Relative Performance measure	Rank Last Week	
1	Eagles	9	6	1	41.58	2	
2	Giants	12	4	0	40.49	3	
3	Ravens	11	5	0	39.22	4	
4	Steelers	12	4	0	36.51	5	
5	Vikings	10	6	0	36.46	1	
6	Patriots	11	5	0	32.43	7	
7	Chargers	8	8	0	29.71	10	
8	Packers	6	10	0	26.05	8	
9	Jets	9	7	0	19.24	9	
10	Titans	13	3	0	17.58	6	
11	Texans	8	8	0	15.72	15	
12	Dolphins	11	5	0	15.66	12	
13	Falcons	11	5	0	12.66	11	
14	Saints	8	8	0	12.63	14	
15	Cowboys	9	7	0	11.85	13	
16	Cardinals	9	7	0	9.57	16	
17	Bucs	9	7	0	5.42	17	
18	Panthers	12	4	0	-4.72	19	
19	Jaguars	5	11	0	-5.77	18	
20	Colts	12	4	0	-6.32	24	
21	Redskins	8	8	0	-9.19	22	
22	49ers	7	9	0	-14.59	23	
23	Broncos	8	8	0	-17.70	20	
24	Bills	7	9	0	-17.76	21	
25	Browns	4	12	0	-23.48	25	
26	Bears	9	7	0	-24.12	26	
27	Chiefs	2	14	0	-39.24	27	
28	Bengals	4	11	1	-41.61	29	
29	Raiders	5	11	0	-42.77	28	
30	Rams	2	14	0	-46.06	31	
31	Seahawks	4	12	0	-48.49	30	
32	Lions	0	16	0	-60.94	32	
Playoff Team		One And Done					
In Conference Championship Game							

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1	Steelers	14	4	0	36.96	
2	Vikings	10	7	0	36.31	
3	Ravens	13	6	0	35.66	
4	Giants	12	5	0	34.15	
5	Eagles	11	7	1	33.89	
6	Patriots	11	5	0	32.43	
7	Packers	6	10	0	26.05	
8	Chargers	9	9	0	24.94	
9	Jets	9	7	0	19.24	
10	Texans	8	8	0	15.72	
11	Titans	13	4	0	15.54	
12	Cardinals	12	7	0	14.15	
13	Falcons	11	6	0	14.02	
14	Saints	8	8	0	12.63	
15	Cowboys	9	7	0	11.85	
16	Dolphins	11	6	0	11.84	
17	Bucs	9	7	0	5.42	
18	Jaguars	5	11	0	-5.77	
19	Colts	12	5	0	-8.22	
20	Redskins	8	8	0	-9.19	
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Playoff Team						