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As the dominating force in the NFL, the Giants have held the top spot in our Performance Rankings over the past few weeks. This week, despite a spotty and inconsistent record, the Philadelphia Eagles have toppled the Giants off their pedestal. Now, we are not saying that the Eagles are heading to the playoffs or that this was an upset of huge proportions because it was not. We are saying that we are not surprised by the Eagles rise in Performance because PossessionPoints has always maintained that the Eagles were a lot more talented than they let on. We understand the pain and frustration the Eagles' fans are feeling this year. What can we say? Thank God the Phillies won! On to the games!

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Fantasy Land – No more sleepers

If you look around at all the passing, rushing and receiving leaders this week, you won't find any "surprise" names. At this point in the season, "Fantasy sleepers" are a thing of the past. Steve Slaton was an early season sleeper, but he is a known quantity now and owned in virtually every Fantasy league. The other rushing leaders sound like a Fantasy all-star team, Westbrook, Johnson, Grant and Peterson. While Johnson, like Slaton, is a rookie nobody would view him as a sleeper at this point in the season. He has been a star from the get go, even before Slaton started making his mark.

If there was a surprise this week, it would be perhaps Kevin Walter with 146 receiving yards leading the Houston Texans. Far more Fantasy Rosters have his teammate Andre Johnson at wide receiver than Walter. But Walter has been a good performer this season and his performance this week should also not be a surprise to Fantasy managers.

As the season winds down to a close, if you make roster moves we would recommend you go for players on teams fighting for playoff spots. Teams that are out of it, or already clinched a playoff spot may take the opportunity to "protect" their stars. So, we would look for players on the Eagles, Bears, Jets, Patriots, Dolphins, Falcons etc. and stay away from the teams like Giants, Titans, and Cardinals.

Dogs of the Week

Lucky Dog of the Week

Team that Wins with the Fewest Offensive PossessionPoints

This week's winner: Pittsburgh Steelers

The Steelers had to fight hard for this win against the Cowboys, and in fact, they owe this win to their Defense who scored the decisive touchdown late in the 4th quarter when the game was tied 13-13.

In PossessionPoints, the Steelers posted a total of a RED 50 while the Cowboys managed a barely Yellow 63. These PossessionPoints totals were almost as low as the temperatures in Pittsburgh and clearly illustrated how important the Defense was to this game.

Final Score: Steelers 20 Cowboys 13



The Cowboys felt only Cold Steel in Pittsburgh!

Unlucky Dog of the Week

Most PossessionPoints for a losing team for the week

And the winner is: Atlanta Falcons

Perhaps we should send the Atlanta Coach a free subscription to PossessionPoints as he fell into the exact scenario that caused us to found PossessionPoints and coincidentally, founding game was also against the New Orleans Saints. In this game against the Saints, the Falcons were trailing by four points with 3:23 left in the game when they found themselves faced with a 4th and five at their own 35. Intuition may tell many coaches to punt since there were timeouts and chances to get the ball back, but PossessionPoints showed that both Offenses had already turned Green which means the Defenses were Red and probably pretty shot for the game. This was a case where we would have suggested that the Falcons go for it despite the long 4th and five because their Defense was in no shape to stop another drive by the Saints. The Falcons' punt was excellent and pinned the Saints at their own 13 yard line, but predictably the Falcons Defense was unable to stop the Saints and seven plays later the game was over.

Final Score: Saints 29 Falcons 25



When your Defense Turns Red, Your Defense is Dead so GO for it on 4th!

Dogs of the Week

Top Dog

Most PossessionPoints for the week

And the winner is: The Denver Broncos

With only 188 PossessionPoints, the Broncos captured the title of Top Dog of the Week for Week 14. We have become accustomed to the Top Dog earning at least 200 PossessionPoints, so we can call Week 14 the Week of Defenses. The Broncos had their hands full with the Chiefs on the scoreboard, and the Chiefs never seemed quite out of the game even though they earned a Yellow 70 PossessionPoints

Final Score: Broncos 24 Chiefs 17

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Eagles Green Sweep Giants

This was a week when the Eagles decided they wanted to play. They came out and dominated the Giants on both sides of the ball. In the first half, the Giants would have been shut out were it not for a last second Eagles' field goal attempt which was blocked by the Giants and returned for a touchdown. The Giants did not fare much better in the second half and the Eagles easily took this game. The only second half points for the Giants came late in the game or as many refer to it as "garbage time." PossessionPoints clearly tells the story of this game with the Eagles earning 145 while the Giants managed a very Red 19. It is worthy to note that despite this disastrous game, the Giants still managed to clinch their Division because the Cowboys lost to the Steelers.

Final Score: Eagles 20 Giants 14

Tennessee's Defense Buries Browns

The Titans controlled this game, but they didn't have any impressive scoring drives. This point is illustrated in the fact that they only earned a Yellow 86 PossessionPoints. However, their Defense was formidable and held the Browns to a Red 35 PossessionPoints. The Browns managed only three field goals while the Titans scored four touchdowns.

Final Score: Titans 28 Browns 9

Indianapolis Green Sweeps Cincinnati

The Bengals' season of futility continues as Cincinnati was overmatched and overpowered by a Colts' team that is finally playing to their potential. The Colts recorded a Green Sweep of 131

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PossessionPoints to the Bengals' very Red 17

Final Score: Colts 35 Bengals 3

Ravens Green Sweep and Deliver another Loss to the Redskins

The Ravens had little trouble containing their next door neighbors, the Redskins. It is almost a shame these two teams are in separate conferences because they would make great annual rivals on the field. In PossessionPoints, the Ravens totaled a just Green 126 while holding the Redskins to a Red 30

Final Score: Ravens 24 Redskins 10

Houston Green Sweeps and Outperforms Green Bay

With the way that the Packers and Texans have played this season, many people thought that this game would be an old fashioned Offensive shootout. By PossessionPoints.com standards, it was not. While the Texans managed a barely Green 101 in PossessionPoints, they held the Packers to a Red, but almost Yellow 55. Nonetheless, the Texans' performance produced a Green Sweep which in all games this season has proven to be 100 percent in identifying the winning team.

Final Score: Texans 24 Packers 21

Vikings Expose Detroit's Flaws

Perhaps you do not get the pun of the headline, so let us explain. After this game, Fox Sports did a live shot in the Vikings' locker room and lo and behold a post-shower and naked Visanthe Shiancoe was in the background in all his glory! Luckily, he displayed a very good sense of humor about the whole thing, and if you go by the women around the country, he also had nothing for which to be ashamed. Now, let's review the real game!. The Vikings managed a Green 141 Offensive PossessionPoints and a Green Net while the Lions, who gave a great effort, posted a Yellow 90 PossessionPoints.

Final Score: Vikings 20 Lions 16

Chicago Beats Jaguars in Dull Contest

Although Chicago put up 23 points on the scoreboard, their victory was nothing spectacular as neither team got out of the Red in PossessionPoints. Chicago earned only 58 to the Jaguars' equally Red 53

Final Score: Bears 23 Jaguars 10

New England Squeaks Pass Seattle

The Patriots earned a decisive win over the Seahawks posting a Green 150 PossessionPoints to the Seahawks' Yellow 90. The game was closer on the scoreboard, but it was clear the Patriots performed more solidly from a PossessionPoints' Point of view.

Final Score: Patriots 24 Seahawks 21

Jets Lag In Game with San Francisco

Just as the West Coast teams have had their problems with games in the East, so did the Jets have their problems flying West. Brett Favre could not get the job done this week, and the 49ers under new Coach Mike Singletary appears to be a very different team than the 49ers of the first half of this season. In fact, the 49ers came very close to a Green Sweep as they amassed

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167 very Green PossessionPoints while holding the Jets to a just Yellow 60

Final Score: 49ers 24 Jets 14

Miami Dismantles Buffalo

If this game is any indication of what the Canadians will see in American football, they will be sorely disappointed. However, we are sure the Dolphins will send their hosts a thank you note for having them play in a stadium with a roof because if they were in the winds and cold of Buffalo, we are not sure how this game would have worked out. In terms of PossessionPoints, the Dolphins had a Green 108 while the Bills posted a Red 12.

Final Score: Dolphins 16 Bills 3

Arizona Clinches Division in Rout of Rams

The Cardinals took the lead early with a couple of early touchdowns and the Rams never challenged. The Cardinals earned one of the PossessionPoints Green Sweeps this week as they totaled a Green 135 while holding the Rams to a Red 19.

Final Score: Cardinals 34 Rams 10

Chargers Green Sweep Raiders

The Chargers finally played up to their potential although beating the Raiders may not be that big of a milestone this season. In PossessionPoints, this game was even more one-sided than it was on the scoreboard. The Chargers posted a Green 147 PossessionPoints while holding the Raiders to 0 Red PossessionPoints.

Final Score: Chargers 34 Raiders 7

Panthers Run Over Bucs

Uncharacteristically, the Bucs' Defense allowed more than 200 yards rushing by the Panthers which led to a several time-consuming PossessionPoints drives. Carolina put icing on the cake with a final rushing touchdown that occurred when they were just trying to get a first down late in the fourth quarter. In PossessionPoints, Carolina earned a very Green 157 while the Bucs managed a Yellow 94.

Final Score: Panthers 38 Bucs 23

Season PossessionPoints Standings – Week 14

Season Totals (Rank By Offense)						
Place	Team	W	L	Offense		Defense
				Effect / game	Net / game	Effect / game
1	Cardinals	8	5	127.93	31.02	96.91
2	Packers	5	8	125.02	28.79	96.22
3	Giants	11	2	123.12	43.17	79.95
4	Jets	8	5	120.62	31.97	88.64
5	Patriots	8	5	117.70	15.05	102.65
6	Texans	6	7	116.00	12.19	103.81
7	Eagles	7	5	115.92	44.58	71.33
8	Saints	7	6	115.11	2.90	112.22
9	Chargers	5	8	113.16	19.28	93.88
10	Broncos	8	5	113.10	-0.73	113.83
11	Falcons	8	5	110.64	16.06	94.57
12	Vikings	8	5	107.49	37.89	69.60
13	Dolphins	8	5	107.32	19.94	87.38
14	Steelers	10	3	105.17	35.63	69.54
15	Cowboys	8	5	104.90	13.10	91.80
16	Titans	12	1	99.83	32.27	67.56
17	Bucs	9	4	97.07	15.56	81.51
18	Jaguars	4	9	95.03	-3.02	98.05
19	Ravens	9	4	95.01	42.69	52.32
20	Panthers	10	3	93.77	-2.31	96.08
21	Colts	9	4	91.55	-20.57	112.12
22	49ers	5	8	90.76	-16.79	107.56
23	Browns	4	9	83.31	-7.50	90.82
24	Bills	6	7	83.31	-18.68	101.99
25	Chiefs	2	11	82.70	-42.09	124.79
26	Bears	7	6	76.97	-18.52	95.50
27	Redskins	7	6	73.85	-13.52	87.37
28	Lions	0	13	73.43	-56.78	130.21
29	Seahawks	2	11	72.76	-59.71	132.46
30	Raiders	3	10	56.36	-52.45	108.81
31	Rams	2	11	55.97	-64.75	120.72
32	Bengals	1	11	54.81	-64.67	119.48

Top Five – The Giants fell out of their top spot as they ran into a surprisingly determined Eagles team. However, the Giants only dropped to number 3 and still appear to be a very powerful team. The Cardinals have moved to the top of the chart as they like the Giants, locked up their division this weekend. The top 5 is rounded out with the Packers who will not be a playoff team and the Jets and Patriots who are in a playoff battle with the Dolphins. All 3 of those teams are 8-5.

Big Movers – This late in the season, movement is difficult and there were no real significant movers this week.

Bottom Five – The bottom 5 teams are the exact same teams as last week, in the exact same positions. The teams who fill out the bottom 5 are the: the Lions, Seahawks, Raiders, Rams, and Bengals.

Note: The tie column is not shown, both the Eagles and Bengals have 1 tie along with their wins and losses which are shown.

Make sure that you check PossessionPoints.com website for the weekly performance rankings where we will list the teams based on the “net” effect column. We also show the teams ranked by defense.