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So, what was up this week in the NFL? Was it the weather? Apparently, for the Cardinals it was. Arizona looked more timid on the snow than an 80-year-old woman with a walker. Other teams seemed as if they could not take the pressure of winning a playoff berth and folded. Then, there were teams who already know they are playoff bound and decided not to show up and play at all. Is this abnormal behavior for this part of the NFL season? Nah, it seems to happen every year much to the disappointment of fans. However, just wait for next week's games. With so many teams' destinies up in the air, it's going to be a crazy week in football.

Ravens Take Cowboys in Last Game at Texas Stadium

The Ravens came into Dallas and ruined the party atmosphere by defeating the Cowboys in their last game in their beloved Texas Stadium. This game was a Yellow PossessionPoints mess. The only real standout play was a Ravens' touchdown run which was the longest run from scrimmage in Texas Stadium's history. How ironic that the very last game in that stadium would produce a history-making stat not made by the Cowboys. In PossessionPoints, the Ravens totaled an almost Green 99 while the Cowboys earned an also Yellow 90. Both of these teams' playoff future remains uncertain until next week.

Final Score: Ravens 33 Cowboys 24

San Diego Still Alive and Back in Control of their Own Destiny

Only in the Wild West could it happen that a team with such a mediocre performance record all season may still have a chance at a Division Championship. Well, welcome to the charmed world of the Chargers. Thanks to the Buffalo Bills' sound defeat of the Broncos, the Chargers are once again sitting pretty for a playoff bid. All they need to do is beat the Broncos next week. That game will literally depend on who decides to show up and play. In this game against the Bucs, Tampa Bay was the team who showed no ability to seal the deal. In PossessionPoints, the Chargers posted a very Green 160 while the Bucs

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Dogs of the Week

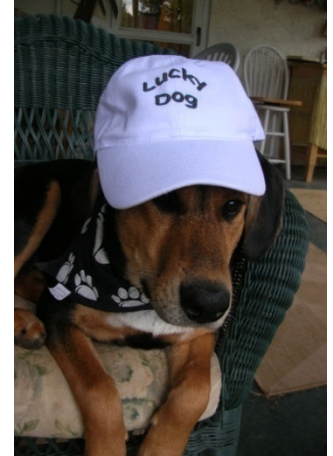
Lucky Dog of the Week

Team that Wins with the Fewest Offensive PossessionPoints

This week's winner: The San Francisco 49ers

Anybody who watched this game knows just how lucky the 49ers were, and the PossessionPoints proves it as well. The 49ers trailed by 13 points in the 4th quarter to the Rams. It appeared as if the Rams had the game won, but the 49ers scored a late TD, had a successful onside kick, and another TD to win the game! This does not happen too often in the NFL. In PossessionPoints, the 49ers were a very Red 47 while the Rams totaled a Yellow 98 .

Final Score: 49ers 17 Rams 16



49ers strike gold with onside kick!

Unlucky Dog of the Week

Most PossessionPoints for a losing team for the week

And the winner is: Jacksonville Jaguars

The Jaguars did all they could to derail the Colts, but the Manning Magic continues. While the Jaguars outdid the Colts in PossessionPoints totaling a Green 180, the Colts outdid the Jaguars on the scoreboard. The Colts did amass a Green 146 PossessionPoints, so this game turned into a Green- Green shootout. The Jaguars showed an impressive running attack with Maurice Jones-Drew, but it was not enough to overcome the passing attack of Peyton Manning

Final Score: Colts 31 Jaguars 24



That Peyton Manning can suck all the fun out of this game if you are not on his team.

Dogs of the Week

Top Dog

Most PossessionPoints for the week

And the winner is: The New York Giants

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Final Score: Giants 34 Panthers 28

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earned a barely Green 100 even. The Bucs can still mathematically get a playoff bid, but they need a lot of help.

Final Score: Chargers 41 Bucs 24

Tennessee Defense Clinches Home Field

This game between the Titans and Steelers was for home field advantage in the playoffs, and thanks to Titans' Defense, Tennessee can look forward to a short commute to work over the next few weeks. The Titans soundly shut down the Steelers' Offense and posted a Yellow 91 PossessionPoints to the Steelers' Red 59.

Final Score: Titans 31 Steelers 10

New England Embarrasses Arizona

We know the Cardinals are from the desert, but there is no excuse for the horrible play of the Arizona this week. Maybe with their assured playoff spot, the Cardinals thought they could coast and not try to win in the slippery weather. However, it is a shame that New England with a 10-5 record versus the Cardinals 8-7 record, needs help to make the playoffs while Arizona is already a Division Champ. As for PossessionPoints, the Patriots totaled a Green 171 to the Cardinals Red and dismal 14.

Final Score: Patriots 47 Cardinals 7

Miami Fights to Win Over Chiefs

Miami fought successfully to keep their playoff hopes alive with their ever so slight win over the Chiefs. This game was a PossessionPoints Green-Green shootout as the Dolphins totaled 167 PossessionPoints to the Chiefs 121.

Final Score: Dolphins 38 Chiefs 31

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New Orleans Defeats Struggling Detroit

This game was never in doubt which is rare for a New Orleans Saints' game, but when a team is playing this year's Lions, there should be no doubt. The Saints posted a very Green 191 PossessionPoints to the Lions' Red 50. It was about this time last year that everyone was rooting for Miami to get a win, now let's do the same thing for Detroit. Who knows if we all cheer loud enough, maybe next year, the Lions can get 10 wins too. Does Bill Parcells miss the snow? Detroit may welcome his presence.

Final Score: Saints 42 Lions 7

Cincinnati Takes Win in Ohio Snoozer

Does anyone really care that Cincinnati beat their cross-state Division rivals, the Browns. Both teams have offered little excitement for their fans this year, and neither one will see post-season play. We will give Cincinnati the nod for having the toughest schedule in the league this season. We will be writing more about this in a future article. As for PossessionPoints, this game was a first. There was only one PossessionPoints drive in these four quarters. On that one drive, the Bengals did manage to total a Yellow 68. The Browns totaled a big fat Zero.

Final Score: Bengals 14 Browns 0

Seahawks Ground Jets

Wins for Seattle this year are as rare as snow, but guess what? This week Seattle got both. Thanks in part to Brett Favre's untimely interceptions, Seattle managed to outdo the Jets both in PossessionPoints and on the scoreboard. Neither team got out of the Red in PossessionPoints with the Seahawks posting 59 to the Jets' 20.

Final Score: Seahawks 13 Jets 3

Raiders Score a Win Over the Texans

While neither of these teams is playoff bound, the Raiders showed signs of life in this game against the Texans. The Raiders totaled a Green 133 PossessionPoints to the Texans' Yellow 83.

Final Score: Raiders 27 Texans 16

Buffalo Stampedes Broncos

All the Broncos had to do to secure the AFC West title was beat the Bills who had fallen way off their hot start. But the Broncos did what they do best – they choked just like the Philadelphia Eagles. To be honest, it's hard to decide which team chokes with more finesse.. Losing this game only makes it more difficult for the Broncos to stay in contention. Now, they have to beat the Chargers in San Diego to go into post-season play. Who would have seen this happening in San Diego a month ago? In PossessionPoints, the Bills totaled a Green 130 to the Broncos' also Green 114.

Final Score: Bills 30 Broncos 23

Washington Outclasses Eagles

While we are on the topic of choking, let's discuss the Philadelphia Eagles and the inconsistency of their Offense. Some weeks they look like World Champions and other weeks, they look like the Detroit Lions. Unfortunately for fans, they just don't know which team they are

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getting. In PossessionPoints, the Redskins posted a Yellow76 PossessionPoints to the Eagles very Red 22 PossessionPoints.

Final Score: Redskins 10 Eagles 3

Atlanta Locks Up Playoff Berth with Win over Vikings

Atlanta has come a long way since their dismal performances of last season. They definitely are a candidate for surprise team of the year, and we have to wonder what both Michael Vick and Bobby Petrino think of the Falcons now. In PossessionPoints, the Falcons earned a Green 101 to the Vikings' also Green 116. Although the Vikings did outdo the Falcons in PossessionPoints, they couldn't bring the game home. The win went to the Falcons.

Final Score: Falcons 24 Vikings 17

Chicago Freezes out Packers and Stays Alive for Playoff Spot

We can easily see why the Packers are now 5-10, and it has nothing to do with Aaron Rodgers. The Packers cannot seem to finish a game even when they have the lead. In this game against the Bears, the Packers allowed Chicago to convert on 4th down in the 4th quarter with three minutes left, which was instrumental in the Bears tying the game. Granted, the official spot for the ball was quite close, so close that a challenge might have been warranted. However, chances are the call would not have been overturned. In PossessionPoints, the Packers outdid the Bears. Green Bay totaled a Green 109 to the Bears' Yellow 89. This win gives the Bears life in their quest for a playoff spot, and the Packers will be where they expected to be in the playoffs – in their living rooms.

Final Score: Bears 20 Packers 17

Season PossessionPoints Standings – Week 16

Season Totals (Rank By Offense)						
Place	Team	W	L	Offense		Defense
				Effect / game	Net / game	Effect / game
1	Giants	12	3	123.66	39.87	83.79
2	Packers	5	10	122.69	25.08	97.61
3	Patriots	10	5	121.57	26.97	94.61
4	Saints	8	7	117.86	12.45	105.42
5	Chargers	7	8	114.51	19.71	94.80
6	Cardinals	8	7	112.58	8.05	104.53
7	Texans	7	8	111.04	9.00	102.05
8	Jets	9	6	110.50	21.31	89.19
9	Vikings	9	6	110.04	42.22	67.82
10	Eagles	8	6	109.24	41.52	67.72
11	Broncos	8	7	108.50	-6.91	115.41
12	Falcons	10	5	107.66	16.67	90.99
13	Dolphins	10	5	106.08	15.92	90.16
14	Cowboys	9	6	103.89	15.48	88.41
15	Jaguars	5	10	102.66	0.83	101.83
16	Colts	11	4	100.47	-16.35	116.83
17	Steelers	11	4	100.38	31.50	68.88
18	Panthers	11	4	96.84	-4.01	100.85
19	Titans	13	2	95.82	28.37	67.45
20	Bucs	9	6	92.10	5.73	86.37
21	Ravens	10	5	91.48	34.85	56.64
22	Bills	7	8	89.31	-11.32	100.63
23	49ers	6	9	88.17	-13.48	101.65
24	Chiefs	2	13	86.48	-38.60	125.08
25	Bears	9	6	77.43	-17.95	95.39
26	Seahawks	4	11	77.08	-49.56	126.64
27	Lions	0	15	74.65	-62.29	136.95
28	Browns	4	11	73.00	-17.60	90.60
29	Redskins	8	7	72.44	-11.89	84.33
30	Rams	2	13	65.51	-52.30	117.81
31	Raiders	4	11	62.45	-45.57	108.02
32	Bengals	3	11	59.23	-47.65	106.87

Top Five – The Giants regain their top ranking with their powerful offensive PossessionPoints performance against the Panthers this week. The Patriots have moved into the top 5 for the first time this year. It has been a long slow consistent crawl up our offensive performance chart. It is no sure thing that they make the playoffs this season however. The Chargers have also cracked the top 5 for the first time and they at least control their own destiny when it comes to making the playoffs. The other 2 top 5 teams are the non-playoff bound Saints and Packers.

Big Movers – The Steelers at 17 are not exactly a big mover but it is interesting to note that they are averaging “Green” offensive performances with an average of 100.38 while they are not in the top half of the league.

Bottom Five – The Lions crawled out of the bottom 5 this week replaced by the Browns who got shut out by the bottom ranked Bengals. The bottom 5 is rounded out by the Redskins, Rams, and Raiders. Amazingly the Redskins and Raiders both won this week.

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.