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NFL divisional-round viewer's guide

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DIVISIONAL



THE RAVENS' DEFENSIVE RANKS, 2014

	YDS ALLOWED PER GAME	YDS ALLOWED PER ATTEMPT	EXPECTED POINTS ADDED*
VS. RUN	4TH	3RD	 3RD
VS. PASS	23RD	17TH	 21ST

*EPA SHOWS HOW EACH PLAY CHANGES A TEAM'S EXPECTATION FOR SCORING COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE.

The Patriots have won nine consecutive home games when they pass for more yards than their opponent. Their last loss? Against Baltimore in the 2012 AFC title game.

THE PATRIOTS IN HOME PLAYOFF GAMES, 2001-14







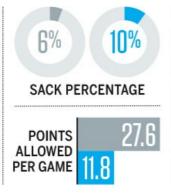
POINTS SCORED PER GAME	16.7	28.7	The Patriots are	
POINTS ALLOWED PER GAME	27.0	15.2	4-6 in their last 10 playoff games They were 14-2	
TURNOVER MARGIN	-7	+12	in their previous 16 postseason	
RECORD	1-2	11-1	appearances, including three Super Bowl wins.	

PANTHERS AT SEAHAWKS

THE PANTHERS' DEFENSIVE TRANSFORMATION

FIRST 12 GAMES







Russell Wilson's Total QBR is 32 points worse at home than on the road. Geno Smith (-32.2) is the only qualified QB with a higher differential.

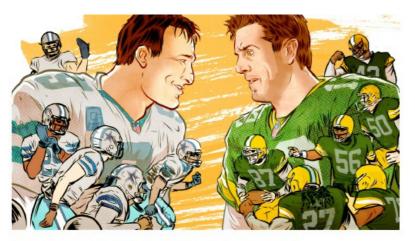
SEATTLE'S 2014 D PLAYING BETTER THAN IN 2013*

	YDS ALLOWED PER GAME	YDS ALLOWED PER PLAY	POINTS ALLOWED PER GAME	SACK PERCENTAGE
2013	230.4	3.9	10.4	7%
2014	201.8	3.6	7.2	14%

*ALL STATS FROM WEEKS 13-17.

During the Panthers' five-game winning streak, they played defenses that finished the season ranked, on average, 19th in scoring defense.





WHY DALLAS IS BETTER ON THE ROAD

	ROAD	НОМЕ
POINTS PER GAME	34.4	24.0
TURNOVER MARGIN	+10	-4
TOTAL QBR ALLOWED	49.1	76.1
RECORD	8-0	4-4

All five of the previous teams to go 8-0 on the road in the regular season made it to the conference championship game. Two of those won the Super Bowl.

AARON RODGERS THRIVES IN THE COLD, 2008-14*

FIRST IN NFL (MIN. 5 GAMES)

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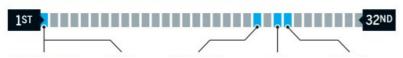
*OUTDOOR GAMES (REGULAR SEASON/PLAYOFFS) WITH WEATHER 32 DEGREES OR COLDER. FORECAST CALLS FOR FRIGID CONDITIONS SUNDAY.

19.4

The Packers outscore their opponents at home by an average of 19.4 points per game, No. 1 in the NFL.

COLTS AT BRONCOS

THE COLTS' PASS-HAPPY OFFENSE

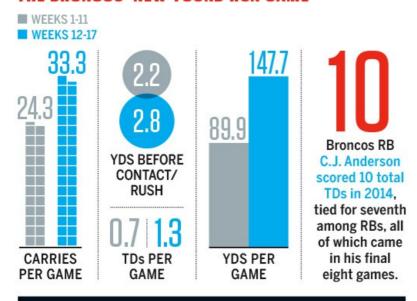


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PASS YDS PASSING RUSH YDS RUSHING YDS PER PER GAME TDS CARRY

The Colts had 11 games in which they threw for more than 300 yards. The next-closest team was the Steelers with nine.

THE BRONCOS' NEW-FOUND RUN GAME



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