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EARLY ENTRIES FOR 2016 NFL DRAFT (1/12/16)

Pos	Name	School
WR	Cayleb Jones	Arizona
LB	Scoby Wright	Arizona
TE	Hunter Henry	Arkansas
RB	Alex Collins	Arkansas
OT	Denver Kirkland	Arkansas
OL	Jonathan Williams	Arkansas
WR	Shon Coleman	Auburn
WR	Corey Coleman	Baylor
CB	Xavier Howard	Baylor
DL	Kamalei Correa	BoiseSt
QB	Jared Goff	California
WR	Kenny Lawler	California
LB	Travis Blanks	Clemson
DE	Shaq Lawson	Clemson
DE	Noah Spence	E Kentucky
CB	Vernon Hargreaves	Florida
DE	Alex McCalister	Florida
S	Keanu Neal	Florida
RB	Kelvin Taylor	Florida
WR	Demarcus Robinson	Florida
K	Roberto Aguayo	Florida St
DB	Jalen Ramsey	Florida St
LB	Leonard Floyd	Georgia
WR	Demarcus Ayers	Houston
RB	Jordan Howard	Indiana
DL	Darius Latham	Indiana
FB	Glenn Gronkowski	Kansas St
OL	Corey Tindal	LSU
DL	Quinton Jefferson	Marshall
DL	Yannick Ngakou	Maryland
QB	Paxton Lynch	Memphis
CB	Artie Burns	Miami
OL	Jack Conklin	Mich St
DL	Chris Jones	Miss St
WR	De'Runnya Wilson	Miss St
LB	Beniquez Brown	Miss St
DT	Maliek Collins	Nebraska
TE	David Grinnage	NC St
WR	Will Fuller	Notre Dame
RB	C.J. Prosise	Notre Dame
OT	KeiVarae Russell	Notre Dame
CB	Ronnie Stanley	Notre Dame
CB	Eli Apple	Ohio St
DB	Vonn Bell	Ohio St
DE	Joey Bosa	Ohio St
RB	Ezekiel Elliott	Ohio St
QB	Cardale Jones	Ohio St
LB	Darrin Lee	Ohio St
WR	Justin Marshall	Ohio St
S	Tyvis Powell	Ohio St
WR	Michael Thomas	Ohio St
LB	Dominique Alexander	Oklahoma
CB	Zack Sanchez	Oklahoma
DL	Emmanuel Ogbah	Oklahoma
DL	Robert Nkemdiche	Ole Miss
WR	Laquan Treadwell	Ole Miss
OT	Laremy Tunsil	Ole Miss
WR	Bralon Addison	Oregon
OL	Isaac Seumalo	Oregon St
QB	Christian Hackenberg	Penn St
DT	Austin Johnson	Penn St
WR	Tyler Boyd	Pittsburgh
LB	Steve Longa	Rutgers
CB	Cleveland Wallace III	San Jose St
WR	Pharoah Cooper	S Carolina
TE	Austin Hooper	Stanford
DE	Ron Thompson	Syracuse
DT	Hassan Ridgeway	Texas
OT	Germain Fedi	Texas A&M
OL	Caleb Benenoch	UCLA
DT	Kenny Clark	UCLA
LB	Myles Jack	UCLA
RB	Paul Perkins	UCLA
OL	Alex Redmond	UCLA
LB	Su'a Cravens	UCLA
LB	Stephen Weatherly	Vanderbilt
CB	Kendall Fuller	Virg Tech
RB	Dwayne Washington	Washington
CB	Daryl Worley	W Virginia
WR	Daniel Braverman	W Michigan

NFL PLAYOFF BOX SCORES 2014 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-AT-PY	I-F
4	Indianapolis	52	7	17	19-83	12-33-126 2-1
1	New England	-7	45	28	40-177	23-35-220 1-0
2	Green Bay	44	22	19	30-135	19-34-171 2-1
1	Seattle	-8	28	20	35-194	15-30-203 4-0

2013 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-AT-PY	I-F
2	New England	54	16	19	16-64	24-38-256 0-0
1	Denver	-6	26	27	28-107	32-43-400 0-0
5	San Francisco	40	17	16	28-161	14-24-147 2-1
1	Seattle	-3	23	14	29-115	16-25-193 0-1

2012 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-AT-PY	I-F
4	Baltimore	51	28	25	33-121	21-36-235 0-0
2	New England	-7	13	28	28-108	29-54-320 2-1
2	San Francisco	-3	28	21	29-149	16-21-224 0-1
1	Atlanta	48	24	27	23-81	30-42-396 1-1

2011 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-AT-PY	I-F
2	Baltimore	50	20	19	31-116	22-36-282 1-0
1	New England	-7	23	25	31-96	22-36-234 2-1
4	NY Giants	41	20	20	26-85	32-58-267 0-0
2	San Fran (OT)	-2	17	15	28-150	12-26-178 0-2

2010 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-AT-PY	I-F
6	Green Bay	-3	21	23	32-120	17-30-236 2-0
2	Chicago	42	14	17	24-83	19-38-218 3-0
6	NY Jets	38	19	17	22-70	20-33-219 0-1
2	Pittsburgh	-4	24	23	43-166	10-19-133 2-0

2009 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-AT-PY	I-F
5	NY Jets	40	17	17	29-86	18-31-302 1-0
1	Indianapolis	-8	30	27	24-101	26-39-360 0-1
2	Minnesota	53	28	31	36-165	28-46-310 2-3
1	New Orleans (OT)	-3	31	15	23-68	7-31-189 0-1

2008 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SEED	LINE	SC	FD	RA-RY	CO-AT-PY	I-F
6	Philadelphia	-3	25	22	18-97	28-47-357 1-2
4	Arizona	47	32	21	29-102	21-28-367 0-1
6	Baltimore	34	14	13	25-73	13-30-125 3-1
2	Pittsburgh	-6	23	11	28-52	16-33-223 0-1

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2015 NFL SEASON POWER RATINGS

We grade each team position by position and list the 2015 Power Ratings. Each week we update these Power Ratings in our weekly Power Sweep editions.

TEAM	CURRENT	OPEN	TEAM	CURRENT	OPEN	TEAM	CURRENT	OPEN
1. CAROLINA	101.6	95.4	12. HOUSTON	94.3	96.0	23. INDIANAPOLIS	90.5	99.2
2. NEW ENGLAND	101.3	100.3	13. NY JETS	93.8	95.2	24. CHICAGO	90.4	92.7
3. ARIZONA	101.1	97.0	14. WASHINGTON	93.1	93.3	25. DALLAS	90.1	97.2
4. DENVER	98.7	98.9	15. DETROIT	92.5	96.8	26. JACKSONVILLE	89.2	89.0
5. SEATTLE	98.6	101.1	16. ATLANTA	92.4	95.4	27. MIAMI	88.6	96.8
6. PITTSBURGH	97.5	97.8	17. NY GIANTS	92.3	95.0	28. SAN DIEGO	88.4	96.6
7. GREEN BAY	96.1	101.1	18. TAMPA BAY	91.8	92.5	29. BALTIMORE	88.2	97.5
8. KANSAS CITY	96.2	96.7	19. ST LOUIS	91.4	96.3	30. SAN FRANCISCO	86.7	91.7
9. MINNESOTA	95.5	96.7	20. PHILADELPHIA	91.3	97.2	31. CLEVELAND	85.6	92.8
10. CINCINNATI	95.2	96.6	22. NEW ORLEANS	91.3	96.9	32. TENNESSEE	84.7	88.9
11. BUFFALO	94.4	96.4	21. OAKLAND	91.1	89.8			

HANDICAPPING NOTES FOR THIS WEEK'S NFL CONFERENCE FINAL GAMES

Q&A about this upcoming round of the playoffs and our researched answers:

How do the home teams fare in this round? You would expect the home teams to have an edge and they are 38-31-1 55% ATS in the Finals since 1977. Vegas has been giving some extra compensation for the home field advantage in this round. From 1977-'89 the home teams were 15-7 ATS. Since 1990 they are just 23-26-1 ATS. There have been only 3 seasons when a #1 seed didn't advance which was 2008, 2010 and 2012. Remember, these teams do not have the advantage of an extra week of preparation like they did in the Semi's last week.

How often are the spreads over a td in the Finals? There have been 25 teams that have been favored by 7 points or more since 1990 in the Conference Final round. The big favorites are 11-14 ATS in that span, including just 5-10 ATS the last 15 occurrences including Seattle failing to cover versus Green Bay last season.

Is covering in the Semifinal round an advantage when your opponent failed to cover? Actually, it is just the opposite. There have been only 21 times since 1987 when a team has won in the Semifinal round but did not cover. The public has a short term memory and those teams usually fall out of favor and the spread compensates for their loss. These teams have actually gone 13-6-2 ATS in the finals including a 2-gm sweep by DEN and SEA in '13 as both failed to cover in their DIV matchups.

How do teams fare in this round following an OT win in the Semifinal round? There have been 6 occurrences dating back to 2001 when a Semifinal round game went into OT. The L2 tms (BAL '12 and CHI '06) have gone on to win both SU and ATS in the Championship round. In '03 both CAR and PHI won their respective Semifinal matchups in OT before meeting in the NFC Championship a week later (14-3 CAR win). TEN beat PIT in '02 before losing to the Raiders the next week while the Patriots beat OAK in the snow (Tuck Rule Gm) in '01 with 1st yr starting QB Tom Brady leading NE to an upset win over the Rams a few weeks later in the Super Bowl.

How do teams with the better SU record fare in this round? In the last 22 years, teams with the better SU records are 23-23-1 50% ATS. However, in the last 2 years the team with the better record has gone 3-1 ATS and won all 4 outright.

How do home underdogs in the AFC/NFC Title game rounds fare? Talk about RARE. Since 1986 there have been a grand total of 7 home dogs in this round (27 years!!!). Amazingly in 1997 there were TWO and both lost as DEN and GB won as AF's. The NYG were a HD as a #1 seed in 2000 and won while PIT lost as a #1 seed HD in 2004. In the L7Y it has happened 3 times with Arizona winning in '08 with Chicago losing to GB in 2010 and Atlanta losing to SF LY.

No #1 seeds - Since 1990 when the NFL made the switch to 6 play-off teams the only 2 seasons when a #1 seed did not advance to the Conf Finals was 2008 and 2010. Both #1 seeds have advanced to the SB in each of the past 2 snns. Prior to that, both teams reached on just 3 occasions since 1990.

Over/Unders - In the L13 years the Conference Finals has gone Over 17 of 28 games (push LY between IND/NE). Since 1988 when both teams went Over in their DIV round they are 8-4 Over in the Conf Finals. Also of note is that in the 5 games since 1993 when both teams went Under the total in the DIV round, they also are a perfect 5-0 Over in the Finals. In 2011 and 2013 both Conf Finals went Under the total which was the first time since 2003.

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS Game-by Game

SU	ATS	OU	LINE	HT	SC	PTS	FD	YDS	RY	PY	IF	
PIT	W	T	U	-7/51	14-3	28-21	+7	+3	-103	-54	-49	+1
buf	W	W	O	E/44	24-13	40-32	+8	+4	+158	-104	+262	+1
JAX	W	W	O	-13/49	20-3	51-17	+34	+20	+178	+68	+110	+1
BYE												
dal	W	W	U	-9/50	13-3	30-6	+24	+2	+92	+9	+83	+2
ind	W	L	O	-9/54	20-21	34-27	+7	-2	+8	-4	+12	-1
NYJ	W	T	O	-7/47	13-10	30-23	+7	-5	-19	-73	+54	+1
MIA	W	W	U	-8/55	19-0	36-7	+29	+6	+167	+80	+87	+2
WAS	W	W	U	-13/51	17-3	27-10	+17	+11	+210	+124	+86	0
nyg	W	L	U	-7/53	10-17	27-26	+1	+1	-16	-3	-13	-1
BUF	W	T	U	-7/48	10-3	20-13	+7	+2	+37	-9	+46	0
den	L	L	O	-2/43	14-7	24-30	-6	-7	-132	-140	+8	0
PHI	L	L	O	-8/49	14-14	28-35	-7	+12	+179	-25	+204	-1
hou	W	W	U	-4/45	17-6	27-6	+21	+11	+124	+29	+95	0
TEN	W	O	-14/48	24-3	33-16	+17	+2	+64	+34	+30	+2	
nyj	L	L	O	+2/45	3-10	20-26	-6	-8	-144	-80	-64	0
mia	L	L	U	-9/46	13-10	10-20	-10	-8	-242	-26	-216	0
KC	W	W	O	-4/44	3-16	27-20	+7	-6	-38	-97	+59	+1

RECENT PAST MEETINGS

2015	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Phys	Yds	Rush	Pass	TO
Ne	10-0	-2	24	16	61	301	39	262	1
DEN	8-2	43	30	23	77	433	179	254	1

2014	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Phys	Yds	Rush	Pass	TO
Den	6-1	-3	21	26	75	472	43	429	2
NE	6-2	51	43	29	79	398	66	332	1

DENVER BRONCOS Game-by Game

SU	ATS	OU	LINE	HT	SC	PTS	FD	YDS	RY	PY	IF	
BAL	W	W	U	-4/47	9-3	19-13	+6	+5	+46	-4	+50	+1
kc	W	W	O	+3/42	14-14	31-24	+7	+1	-15	-83	+68	+4
det	W	W	U	-3/44	14-6	24-12	+12	+3	+64	+13	+51	+1
MIN	W	L	O	-6/42	13-10	23-20	+3	-1	+19	+31	-12	-1
oak	W	W	U	-4/44	3-7	16-10	+6	-5	-9	-22	+31	+1
cle	W	T	O	-3/43	10-0	26-23	+3	+1	+144	+43	+101	0
BYE												
GB	W	W	U	+2/46	17-7	29-10	+19	+10	+360	+70	+290	-1
ind	L	L	O	-4/46	7-17	24-27	-3	-11	-56	-85	+29	-2
KC	L	L	T	-4/42	0-19	13-29	-16	+5	-82	-37	-45	-5
chi	W	W	U	-1/42	10-6	17-15	+2	+2	+42	+84	-42	+2
NE	W	O	+2/43	7-14	30-24	+6	+7	+132	+140	-8	0	
sd	W	L	U	-5/44	17-3	17-3	+14	+4	+21	+41	-20	+2
OAK	L	L	U	-6/43	12-0	12-15	-3	+12	+184	+7	+177	-2
pit	L	L	O	+6/45	27-13	27-34	-7	-8	+8	+81	-73	0
CIN	W	T	U	-3/40	3-14	20-17	+3	0	+96	+5	+91	0
SD	W	L	O	-9/42	7-6	27-20	+7	+6	+186	+100	+86	-4
PIT	W	P	U	-7/40	9-10	23-16	+7	+3	-72	-24	-96	+1

ARIZONA CARDINALS Game-by Game

SU	ATS	OU	LINE	HT	SC	PTS	FD	YDS	RY	PY	IF	
NO	W	O	-2/48	14-10	31-19	-12	+7	+19	+66	+47	0	
chi	W	W	O	-2/46	28-20	48-23	+25	+3	-35	+6	-41	0
SF	W	O	-6/45	31-7	47-7	+40	+19	+290	+36	+254	+3	
STL	L	L	O	-7/43	9-10	22-24	-2	+13	+119	-51	+170	-3
det	W	O	-3/46	28-7	44-17	+27	-14	-91	+130	+221	+6	
pit	L	L	U	-4/45	10-3	13-25	-12	+7	+159	-86	+245	-3
BAL	W	L	U	-8/48	14-10	26-17	+9	+3	+138	+95	+43	+2
cle	W	W	O	-6/45	10-20	34-20	+14	+9	+237	+80	+157	-2
BYE												
sea	W	W	O	+3/44	22-7	39-32	+7	+12	+108	+2	+106	-2
CIN	W	L	O	-4/48	7-14	34-31	+3	-3	-6	+17	+23	+1
sf	L	L	U	-8/45	6-3	19-13	+6	+9	-31	+3	-34	+2
stl	W	W	U	-4/43	10-0	27-3	+24	+20	+312	+109	+203	+1
MIN	W	L	U	-11/46	10-10	23-20	+3	-1	+4	+25	-21	+3
phi	W	W	O	-4/51	17-10	40-17	+23	+9	+69	+156	-87	+4
GB	W	L	U	-5/50	17-0	38-30	+30	+3	+203	+20	+183	+2
SEA	L	L	U	-6/47	6-30	6-36	-30	-6	-122	-118	-4	-3
GB	W	L	U	-7/49	7-6	26-20	+6	+2	-18	-95	+77	-1

RECENT PAST MEETINGS

2014	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Phys	Yds	Rush	Pass	TO
Arz	11-5	38	16	8	47	78	27	51	3
CAR	7-8	-4	27	25	74	386	188	198	3

2013	rec	line	Sc	Fd	Phys	Yds	Rush	Pass	TO
Car	1-2	-2	6	21	66	353	95	258	4
ARZ	2-2	42	22	19	58	250	90	160	3

CAROLINA PANTHERS Game-by Game

SU	ATS	OU	LINE	HT	SC	PTS	FD	YDS	RY	PY	IF	
jax	W	W	U	-3/40	10-9	20-9	+11	-1	-2	+9	-11	+2
HOU	W	T	T	-3/41	10-3	24-17	+7	+4	+50	+111	-61	0
NO	W	L	O	-9/42	10-10	27-22	+5	-3	+51	+49	+2	
tb	W	W	O	-3/40	17-10	37-23	+14	-8	-167	-8	-159	+4
BYE												
sea	W	W	O	+7/40	7-10	27-23	+4	+11	+49	+20	+29	-2
PHI	W	L	O	-3/45	14-6	27-16	+11	+1	+45	+27	+18	-2
IND	W	L	O	-6/46	10-6	29-26	+3	-2	+20	+4	+16	+1
GB	W	O	+2/46	27-7	37-19	+1	+1	+25	+59	-34	+1	
ten	W	W	U	-4/43	14-10	27-20	+17	+13	+61	+55	+6	
WAS	W	O	-7/44	31-14	44-16	+28	+18	+182	+128	+54	+5	
dal	W	O	+1/45	23-3	33-14	+19	+4	+84	+98	-14	+3	
no	W	L	O	-6/50	13-16	41-38	+3	+12	+163	+105	+58	-2
ATL	W	W	U	-7/44	28-0	38-0	+38	+5	+194	+88	+106	+4
nyg	W	L	O	-5/46	21-7	38-35	+3	+7	+74	+10	+64	+1
atl	L	L	U	-5/47	7-7	13-20	-7	-3	-105	+78	-183	0
TB	W	O	-10/45	24-3	38-10	+28	+2	-20	+34	-54	+1	
SEA	W	W	O	-2/44	31-0	31-24	+7	-4	-108	+66	-174	+2

NE-OFF VS DEN-DEF

Regular Season Stats	NE	DEN
POINTS	29.1	18.5
points scored rank	#3	#4
FIRST HALF PTS	14.7	8.7
SECOND HALF PTS	14.4	9.8
TOUCHDOWNS	52	32
rush/pass/ret	14/36/2	10/19/3
FD	21.7	18.1
+/- FD RANK	#5	#5
TOTAL NET YARDS	374.4	283.1
net yards rank	#6	#1
YARDS PER PLAY	5.7	4.4
yards per play rank	#6	#1
YARDS PER POINT	12.9	15.3
PLAYS PER GAME	65.6	64.6
RUSH YARD/GAME	87.8	83.6
rush ypg rank	#30	#3
RUSHING YPC	3.7	3.3
rushing ypc rank	#29	#1
PASS YARD/GAME	286.7	200.0
pass ypg rank	#5	#1
PASS ATTEMPTS	39.3	35.8
PASS COMP	25.2	21.5
pass% rank	#12	#8
SACKS %	6.0%	9.1
sack% rank	#16	#1
FUMBLES-LOST	14.7	27/13
INTERCEPTIONS	7	14
TOTAL TURNOVERS	+7	-13
turnover rank	#5	-
PENALTIES	6.0/53.7	6.5/48.3
penalties rank	#9	#4
PUNTING	73-46.0	92-46.5
NET PUNTING	40.7	43.4
net punting rank	#19	#31
BLOCKED P	1	0
KICK RETURN AVG	25-18.8	25-20.3
kick return rank	#31	#6
PUNT RETURN AVG	47-10.1	36-6.9
punt return rank	#8	#12
FIELD GOALS	33-36	25-32
FG'S 50+	4-5	8.8
northcoast k rank	#2	-
northcoast st rank	#17	-

NE-DEF VS DEN-OFF

Regular Season Stats	NE	DEN
POINTS	19.7	22.2
points scored rank	#10	#19
FIRST HALF PTS	7.9	10.6
SECOND HALF PTS	11.8	11.6
TOUCHDOWNS	36	38
rush/pass/ret	8/24/4	13/19/6
FD	18.9	19.6
+/- FD RANK	#9	#9
TOTAL NET YARDS	339.4	355.5
net yards rank	#9	#16
YARDS PER PLAY	5.2	5.4
yards per play rank	#7	#19
YARDS PER POINT	17.2	16.0
PLAYS PER GAME	65.1	66.0
RUSH YARD/GAME	98.8	107.4
rush ypg rank	#9	#17
RUSHING YPC	4.0	4.2
rushing ypc rank	#11	#13
PASS YARD/GAME	240.7	248.1
pass ypg rank	#17	#14
PASS ATTEMPTS	37.2	37.8
PASS COMP	22.6	23.0
pass% rank	#10	#25
SACKS %	8.2%	6.4
sack% rank	#2	#20
FUMBLES-LOST	28/9	16/8
INTERCEPTIONS	12	23
TOTAL		