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WHAT TO LOOK FOR – A LOOK BACK

UNPREDICTABLE NFL: After Week 16, all four AFC divisions have been decided, but the final playoff spot is still up for grabs. In the NFC, all four divisions are up for grabs on the season's final Sunday.

This season will mark an NFL-record 11th consecutive season that at least one team has finished in first place in its division the season after finishing in or tied for last place the previous season. Three teams that finished in or tied for last place in their division in 2012 – Philadelphia (NFC East), New Orleans (NFC South) and Carolina (NFC South) – remain in contention for a division title entering Week 17.

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A MANNING FOR ALL SEASONS: Denver quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** threw four touchdown passes in the Broncos' 37-13 win over Houston. Manning (51) set the all-time record for most TD passes in a single season.

Manning also became the first player to throw for 50 TDs and 5,000 yards in the same season.

The players with the most touchdown passes in a season in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	TD PASSES
<i>Peyton Manning</i>	<i>Denver</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>51*</i>
Tom Brady	New England	2007	50
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	2004	49
Dan Marino	Miami	1984	48
Drew Brees	New Orleans	2011	46

*Through 15 games

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LOTS OF LUCK: Indianapolis quarterback **ANDREW LUCK** completed 26 of 37 passes for 241 yards in the Colts' 23-7 victory over Kansas City.

Luck (7,914) surpassed **PEYTON MANNING** (7,874) and trails only **CAM NEWTON** (7,920) for the most passing yards by a quarterback in their first two seasons of a career.

The quarterbacks with the most passing yards in the first two seasons of a career in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	MOST PASS YARDS IN FIRST TWO SEASONS OF CAREER
Cam Newton	Carolina	7,920
<i>Andrew Luck</i>	<i>Indianapolis</i>	<i>7,914*</i>
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	7,874
Dan Marino	Miami	7,294
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati	7,067

*Through 15 Games

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MILE HIGH-POINT: The Denver Broncos defeated Houston 37-13 on Sunday and have now scored 572 total points this season, the second-most points in a season in NFL history (New England, 589 in 2007).

The Broncos are averaging 38.1 points per game, the second-highest average of any team in NFL history behind the 1950 Los Angeles Rams (38.8).

The Broncos' four touchdowns on Sunday gives them 72 TDs this season, the second-most total TDs by a team in a season in NFL history.

The teams scoring the most total TDs in a season in NFL history:

TEAM	YEAR	TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS
New England	2007	75
Denver	2013	72
Green Bay	2011	70
Miami	1984	70

*Through 15 games

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LEADER OF THE PACK: Green Bay Packers rookie running back **EDDIE LACY** rushed for 84 yards and two touchdowns in the Packers' 38-31 loss to Pittsburgh. Lacey leads all NFL rookies with 1,112 rushing yards and 10 TDs in 2013.

His 1,112 rushing yards surpassed **JOHN BROCKINGTON** (1,105 in 1971) for the most rushing yards by a rookie in franchise history.

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THE 100 CLUB: Houston wide receiver **ANDRE JOHNSON** recorded four catches for 63 yards in Houston's 37-13 loss to the Broncos.

Johnson (103) joined **WES WELKER** as the only players in NFL history to record five 100-catch seasons.

The players with the most 100-catch seasons in NFL history:

MOST SEASONS WITH 100+ CATCHES	
PLAYER	SEASONS
Wes Welker	5*
Andre Johnson	5*
Brandon Marshall	4*
Reggie Wayne	4*
Jerry Rice	4
Marvin Harrison	4

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR ON MNF: One more note to keep in mind for tonight's *Monday Night Football* game between the 49ers and Falcons...

BLOWING OUT THE CANDLE: The final *Monday Night Football* game of the season features a matchup between the **ATLANTA FALCONS** and **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** and will serve as the final regular-season NFL game to be played in Candlestick Park, before the team moves to Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

The 49ers have called Candlestick home since 1971 and Monday will mark the 36th time the stadium has hosted *Monday Night Football*, the most of any stadium in NFL history.

The NFL stadiums to host the most *Monday Night Football* games in NFL history:

STADIUM	MOST MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAMES
Candlestick Park	35*
Sun Life Stadium	32
Giants Stadium	30
Texas Stadium	28
Soldier Field	25
Qualcomm Stadium	25

*Play Monday Night

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AFC & NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME CREDENTIAL NOTICE: The NFL is accepting credential applications for the AFC and NFC Championship Games.

For media covering the Championship Games **regardless of competing teams**, applications are available on www.nflmedia.com. From the home page, click on "Event Credentials." The deadline to submit a credential application is Tuesday, January 7, 2014. If you plan on covering both games, you must submit a separate form for each game.

Media that will only staff the games dependent upon the participating teams **should not apply** using this application. Those organizations should contact the competing team public relations staffs.

The AFC and NFC Championship Games will be played on Sunday, January 19.

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