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WHAT TO LOOK FOR – A LOOK BACK

UNPREDICTABLE NFL: Since the 12-team playoff format was adopted in 1990, at least four teams have qualified for the playoffs in every season that were not in the postseason the year before.

Five teams – **CAROLINA** (12-4, NFC South champions), **PHILADELPHIA** (10-6, NFC East champions), **KANSAS CITY** (11-5, Wild Card), **NEW ORLEANS** (11-5, Wild Card), and **SAN DIEGO** (9-7, Wild Card) – accomplished the feat this season.

The teams since 1990 to make the playoffs a season after failing to qualify:

SEASON	PLAYOFF TEAMS NOT IN PREVIOUS SEASON'S PLAYOFFS
1990	7 (Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles Raiders, Miami, New Orleans, Washington)
1991	5 (Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, New York Jets)
1992	6 (Miami, Minnesota, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Diego, San Francisco)
1993	5 (Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Los Angeles Raiders, New York Giants)
1994	5 (Chicago, Cleveland, Miami, New England, San Diego)
1995	4 (Atlanta, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Philadelphia)
1996	5 (Carolina, Denver, Jacksonville, Minnesota, New England)
1997	5 (Detroit, Kansas City, Miami, New York Giants, Tampa Bay)
1998	5 (Arizona, Atlanta, Buffalo, Dallas, New York Jets)
1999	7 (Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Seattle, Tampa Bay, Tennessee, Washington)
2000	6 (Baltimore, Denver, New Orleans, New York Giants, Oakland, Philadelphia)
2001	6 (Chicago, Green Bay, New England, New York Jets, Pittsburgh, San Francisco)
2002	5 (Atlanta, Cleveland, Indianapolis, New York Giants, Tennessee)
2003	8 (Baltimore, Carolina, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, New England, St. Louis, Seattle)
2004	5 (Atlanta, Minnesota, New York Jets, Pittsburgh, San Diego)
2005	7 (Carolina, Chicago, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, New York Giants, Tampa Bay, Washington)
2006	7 (Baltimore, Dallas, Kansas City, New Orleans, New York Jets, Philadelphia, San Diego)
2007	6 (Green Bay, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, Tennessee, Washington)
2008	7 (Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Carolina, Miami, Minnesota, Philadelphia)
2009	6 (Cincinnati, Dallas, Green Bay, New England, New Orleans, New York Jets)
2010	5 (Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Seattle)
2011	6 (Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Houston, New York Giants, San Francisco)
2012	4 (Indianapolis, Minnesota, Seattle, Washington)
2013	5 (Carolina, Kansas City, New Orleans, Philadelphia, San Diego)

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HIGH SCORES: A record 11,985 points were scored during the 2013 season, with games averaging 46.82 points, the highest of any season in NFL history (1948, 46.48 points per game).

The seasons with the highest scoring average in NFL history:

YEAR	POINTS PER GAME
2013	46.82
1948	46.48
1950	45.88
2012	45.51
1960	45.29

The **DENVER BRONCOS** defeated Oakland 34-14 on Sunday, bringing their season total to 606 points. Denver's 606 points surpassed the 2007 **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (589) for the most points scored by a team in a single season in NFL history. Denver (37.9) also has the second-highest scoring average per game of any team in NFL history, trailing only the 1950 Los Angeles Rams (38.8).

The teams to score the most points in a single season in NFL history:

TEAM	SEASON	TOTAL POINTS
Denver	2013	606
New England	2007	589
Green Bay	2011	560
New England	2012	557
Minnesota	1998	556

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THE NEW 30: In Week 17, San Diego's **PHILIP RIVERS** threw three touchdown passes in the Chargers' 27-24 overtime win over Kansas City.

Five quarterbacks – Denver's **PEYTON MANNING** (55), New Orleans' **DREW BREES** (39), Cincinnati's **ANDY DALTON** (33), Rivers (32) and Dallas' **TONY ROMO** (31) – have thrown for at least 30 touchdown passes this season, tying for the most of any season in NFL history.

SEASON	QBs WITH 30+ TD PASSES
2013	5
2012	5
2011	5
2010	5
Many tied	4

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ALL-TIME MANNING: Denver quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** set NFL single-season records in passing yards (5,477) and first-down completions (289) on Sunday in the Broncos' 34-14 win at Oakland.

Manning (55), who set the single-season record for touchdown passes in Week 16, tied **DREW BREES** (four), **BRETT FAVRE** and Pro Football Hall of Famers **LEN DAWSON**, **JOHNNY UNITAS** and **STEVE YOUNG** for the most seasons leading the league in touchdown passes in NFL annals.

All-time single-season passing records entering 2013 and Manning's totals this season:

NFL RECORDS ENTERING 2013					MANNING'S 2013 TOTALS
CATEGORY	PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	TOTAL	
Passing yards	Drew Brees	New Orleans	2011	5,476	5,477
Passing touchdowns	Tom Brady	New England	2007	50	55
First-down completions	Drew Brees	New Orleans	2011	278	289

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