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DIVISION TITLES? UP FOR GRABS

Unpredictable NFL? It sure seems that way!

In the 12 seasons since realignment in 2002, 28 different teams have won division titles.

“There’s so much competitive balance in the NFL,” says Kansas City quarterback **ALEX SMITH**, who led the Chiefs to an 11-5 record and the playoffs last season after the team finished 2-14 in 2012. “The crazy thing with the NFL is that last year’s over with and this is an entirely new team and new year.”

Last season, first-year head coach **CHIP KELLY** guided the Philadelphia Eagles to their first division title since 2010, rebounding from a last place finish in 2012.

“The first time I met the players, I thought it was a special group,” says Kelly. “It’s an awesome feeling when you can work as hard as they worked and see it pay off. To be 10-6 and the division champs, it’s a real credit to those guys.”

The teams that have won their divisions in the 12 seasons since realignment in 2002:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DIVISION TITLES</u>	<u>PLAYOFF BERTHS</u>
New England	10	10
Indianapolis	8	11
Green Bay	7	9
Philadelphia	6	8
Seattle	6	8
Pittsburgh	5	7
San Diego	5	6
Baltimore	4	7
Denver	4	6
Atlanta	3	6
New York Giants	3	6
Cincinnati	3	5
New Orleans	3	5
Carolina	3	4
San Francisco	3	4
Chicago	3	3
Tampa Bay	3	3
Dallas	2	4
Kansas City	2	4
Minnesota	2	4
Tennessee	2	4
Arizona	2	2
Houston	2	2
New York Jets	1	5
Washington	1	3
St. Louis	1	2
Miami	1	1
Oakland	1	1