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WHAT TO LOOK FOR – WILD CARD WEEKEND

FROM WILD CARD TO SUPER BOWL: Winners in the Wild Card round have won the Super Bowl nine times, including three of the past four seasons. At least one Super Bowl participant in seven of the past nine years played a Wild Card game.

The Wild Card participants to win the Super Bowl:

SEASON	TEAM	SUPER BOWL RESULT
1980	Oakland	Defeated Philadelphia in Super Bowl XV, 27-10
1997	Denver	Defeated Green Bay in Super Bowl XXXII, 31-24
2000	Baltimore	Defeated New York Giants in Super Bowl XXXV, 34-7
2005	Pittsburgh	Defeated Seattle in Super Bowl XL, 21-10
2006	Indianapolis	Defeated Chicago in Super Bowl XLI, 29-17
2007	New York Giants	Defeated New England in Super Bowl XLII, 17-14
2010	Green Bay	Defeated Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XLV, 31-25
2011	New York Giants	Defeated New England in Super Bowl XLVI, 21-17
2012	Baltimore	Defeated San Francisco in Super Bowl XLVII, 34-31

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WINNING PARTICIPANTS: The **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** and **DALLAS COWBOYS** will each be playing on Wild Card Weekend. Pittsburgh will host Baltimore this Saturday (8:15 PM ET, NBC) while Dallas will take on Detroit on Sunday (4:40 PM ET, FOX).

The Cowboys and Steelers are the two winningest teams in NFL postseason history. Each team has won 33 playoff games. The two teams have combined to win 11 Super Bowls (Pittsburgh six, Dallas five).

The teams with the most postseason wins in NFL history:

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	WIN PCT	SUPER BOWL WINS
Pittsburgh Steelers*	33	21	.611	6
Dallas Cowboys*	33	25	.569	5
Green Bay Packers**	30	19	.612	4
San Francisco 49ers	30	20	.600	5
New England Patriots**	25	18	.581	3
Oakland Raiders	25	18	.581	3

* Play this weekend

** Have a first-round bye

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CRUISING COLTS: Indianapolis wide receiver **REGGIE WAYNE** and kicker **ADAM VINATIERI** are two of the most prolific postseason performers in NFL history.

Vinatieri is the all-time leader in postseason points scored, while Wayne is eight receptions from becoming the second player in postseason history with 100.

Wayne also ranks fourth in all-time postseason receiving yards with 1,242. With 74 receiving yards this Sunday, he would move into second place.

The all-time leaders in postseason points scored:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	POINTS
Adam Vinatieri	New England, Indianapolis	213
David Akers	Philadelphia, San Francisco	175
Gary Anderson	Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Minnesota, Tennessee	153
Jerry Rice	San Francisco, Oakland	132
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	126
Thurman Thomas	Buffalo	126

The all-time leaders in postseason receptions and receiving yards:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RECEPTIONS
Jerry Rice	San Francisco, Oakland	151
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis	92
Hines Ward	Pittsburgh	88
Michael Irvin	Dallas	87
Wes Welker	New England, Denver	87

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	REC. YARDS
Jerry Rice	San Francisco, Oakland	2,245
Michael Irvin	Dallas	1,315
Cliff Branch	Oakland/L.A. Raiders	1,289
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis	1,242
Andre Reed	Buffalo	1,229

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FAST FLACCO: Baltimore quarterback **JOE FLACCO** will make his 14th career postseason start this Saturday when the Ravens take on the Steelers. Flacco has started 13 playoff games for Baltimore since being drafted in the first round of the 2008 NFL Draft.

With Saturday's start, Flacco will move into a tie with New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** for the most postseason starts by a quarterback in his first seven seasons.

The most postseason starts by a quarterback in his first seven seasons:

PLAYER	TEAM	POSTSEASON STARTS IN FIRST SEVEN SEASONS
Tom Brady	New England	14
Joe Flacco	Baltimore	13*
Brett Favre	Green Bay	13
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	13
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	12

*Through six seasons

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HISTORIC HILTON: Indianapolis wide receiver **T.Y. HILTON** has 393 postseason receiving yards through his first three career postseason games. Hilton set the Colts' single-game postseason record with 224 receiving yards in last year's 45-44 win over Kansas City on Wild Card Weekend.

With 103 receiving yards on Sunday against Cincinnati (1:05 PM ET, CBS), Hilton would have the second-most receiving yards by a player in his first four career postseason games.

The players with the most receiving yards in their first four career postseason games:

PLAYER	TEAM	REC. YARDS IN FIRST FOUR POSTSEASON GAMES
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona	546
Tom Fears	L.A. Rams	495
Anthony Carter	Minnesota	493
Randy Moss	Minnesota	463
Isaac Bruce	St. Louis Rams	444
Hakeem Nicks	New York Giants	444
T.Y. Hilton	Indianapolis	393*

*Through three career postseason games

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STUNNING STAFFORD: In his only career postseason start, Detroit Lions quarterback **MATTHEW STAFFORD** passed for 380 yards and three touchdowns in a Wild Card matchup with New Orleans in the 2012 NFL Playoffs. The mark set the Lions single-game franchise record for passing yards in a postseason game.

Stafford is 352 yards shy of passing **ANDREW LUCK** for the most passing yards by a player in his first two career postseason games. With 266 passing yards on Sunday at Dallas, Stafford will enter the top five.

The players with the most passing yards in their first two postseason games:

PLAYER	TEAM	PASSING YARDS IN FIRST TWO POSTSEASON GAMES
Andrew Luck	Indianapolis	731
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	649
Dan Fouts	San Diego	647
Richard Todd	New York Jets	646
Matt Hasselbeck	Seattle	646
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	380*

*One career playoff game

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FIRST-TIMER: The Arizona Cardinals will start either **DREW STANTON** or **RYAN LINDLEY** at quarterback and each would be making his playoff debut.

The players with the most passing yards in their first career postseason start:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	ROUND	PASSING YARDS
Kelly Holcomb	Cleveland	2002	Wild Card	429
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	2009	Wild Card	423
Randall Cunningham	Philadelphia	1988	Divisional	407
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	1999	Divisional	391
Neil Lomax	St. Louis	1982	Wild Card	385

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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 6, 2015.** 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 18.

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