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Memory Lane:

News and Notes

We entered the weekend with two undefeated players in the post season, Dan and Rik. We are now down to one undefeated player, Dan. The pressure is on me, can I pull off a perfect post season? I am sure I just jinxed myself but we will find out in two weeks.

I will be sending out the Super Bowl ballet next week, so you will have time to second and third guess yourself.

You see this issue is pretty thin but after twenty-two weeks of publishing, writers block and/or fatigue is a pretty real phenomenon. But don't worry, I will have the end of season issue with the Super Bowl winner and the Grande Pickem Winners.

Would a, could a, should a, that is what comes to mind for the AFC Championship Game. What if Bo

Nix is healthy? What if BUF won and played that Patriot team Sunday? But all that is just speculation and now we have SEA-NE in Super Bowl LX.

Sam Darnold is making his first Super Bowl appearance. What is Minnesota and the Vikings fans thinking now?

Mike McCarthy will be the Steelers next head coach. I feel like I am watching a train wreck in real time. But I am sure others think that PIT is playing 3-D chess. PIT has the 21st pick in the NFL Draft, (which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA) and it will be interesting to see what direction they go for QB and how they fill their roster for 2026.

Grande Pickem

Historical Standings

2023	Dan	Ethan	Doug	Josh	Matt
Week 1	9	9	6	9	6
2	20	19	18	21	16
3	28	27	30	30	25
4	41	37	45	40	36
5	48	45	50	46	45
6	58	53	58	55	54
7	62	56	63	63	59
8	72	69	73	69	68
9	81	73	80	76	76
10	89	79	87	84	84
11	98	83	97	91	94
12	111	94	106	103	105
13	119	103	112	111	115
14	124	111	119	115	124
15	134	123	127	122	132
16	145	130	136	135	143
17	157	140	147	145	155
18	168	146	154	158	170
19	4	3	3	2	3
20	7	6	6	5	5
21	8	8	6	6	6
22	9	8	7	7	6

2024	Dan	Ethan	Doug	Josh	Matt
Wk 1	11	10	12	7	11
Wk 2	17	16	20	15	21
Wk 3	22	25	25	25	28
Wk 4	30	35	34	31	38
Wk 5	39	41	42	37	45
Wk 6	51	52	54	51	57
Wk 7	63	63	66	65	65
Wk 8	73	73	78	77	76
Wk 9	84	82	89	88	85
Wk 10	94	91	98	97	94
Wk 11	104	100	106	107	104
Wk 12	113	106	114	115	112
Wk 13	127	119	129	129	126
Wk 14	136	123	139	139	133
Wk 15	149	134	152	152	144
Wk 16	161	145	163	163	156
Wk 17	175	156	174	176	168
Wk 18	187	164	185	187	179
WC	3	3	4	4	3
DIV	5	6	6	6	6
CC	6	6	8	7	7
SB	7	7	8	7	8

Picks Last Week

Conference Championships

Away	Home	Dan		Ethan		Doug		Josh	
NE	@ DEN	NE	1	NE	1	DEN	0	DEN	0
LAR	@ SEA	SEA	1	SEA	1	LAR	0	SEA	1
			2		2		0		1

Away	Home	Denny		Erick		Rik		Todd	
NE	@ DEN	NE	1	NE	1	DEN	0	NE	1
LAR	@ SEA	LAR	0	SEA	1	SEA	1	SEA	1
			1		2		1		2

Prime Division

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Dashboard

Season	Denny	Erick	Rik	Todd	Div Tot	Spread	Color Key:							
WINS	174.5	188.5	176.5	180.5	720	188.5	Lead	Top%	Mid%	Bottom%				
LOSSES	109.5	95.5	107.5	103.5	0	95.5	NFL Home-Away Record			Hm W	Hm L	T		
PCT	.614	.664	.621	.636	.000	.664								
Wkly PTS	3.750	7.250	5.250	4.750	0.000	0.000								
							gms	Weekly		Running		Totals		
							plyd	Denny	Erick	Rik	Todd	Div Tot	Spread	
WK 1	11	13	12	11	0	13	16	wk 1	11	13	12	11	0	13
WK 2	13	14	12	12	0	11	16	wk 2	24	27	24	23	0	24
WK 3	10	9	12	11	0	12	16	wk 3	34	36	36	34	0	36
WK 4	10.5	10.5	5.5	9.5	0	10.5	16	wk 4	44.5	46.5	41.5	43.5	0	46.5
WK 5	7	6	6	6	0	6	14	wk 5	51.5	52.5	47.5	49.5	0	52.5
WK 6	6	11	9	9	0	10	15	wk 6	57.5	63.5	56.5	58.5	0	62.5
WK 7	11	12	10	12	0	13	15	wk 7	68.5	75.5	66.5	70.5	0	75.5
WK 8	10	9	7	10	0	11	13	wk 8	78.5	84.5	73.5	80.5	0	86.5
WK 9	9	6	7	9	0	8	14	wk 9	87.5	90.5	80.5	89.5	0	94.5
WK 10	10	11	9	8	0	8	14	wk 10	97.5	101.5	89.5	97.5	0	102.5
WK 11	11	10	9	10	0	11	15	wk 11	108.5	111.5	98.5	107.5	0	113.5
WK 12	9	11	9	9	0	10	14	wk 12	117.5	122.5	107.5	116.5	0	123.5
WK 13	9	9	9	9	0	9	16	wk 13	126.5	131.5	116.5	125.5	0	132.5
WK 14	8	8	9	7	0	7	14	wk 14	134.5	139.5	125.5	132.5	0	139.5
WK 15	10	10	10	11	0	10	16	wk 15	144.5	149.5	135.5	143.5	0	149.5
WK 16	9	10	11	11	0	10	16	wk 16	153.5	159.5	146.5	154.5	0	159.5
WK 17	6	9	8	10	0	9	16	wk 17	159.5	168.5	154.5	164.5	0	168.5
WK 18	9	9	11	7	0	10	16	wk 18	168.5	177.5	165.5	171.5	0	178.5
WC	3	6	6	5	0	4	6	WC	3	6	6	5	0	4
DIV	2	3	4	2	0	4	4	DIV	5	9	10	7	0	8
CC	1	2	1	2	0	2	2	CC	6	11	11	9	0	10
SB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SB	6	11	11	9	0	10

▼ Scores ▼

Matchup	Score	Notes
NE-DEN	10-7	DEN passing up a FG then failing to convert a 4 th down and their next possession Stidham's fumble led to NE's TD. In hindsight, that 4 th down conversion attempt was a turning point. A snowy second half hindered both offenses.
LAR-SEA	27-31	Matthew Stafford played a good game and could be playing in the Super Bowl, except for the late failed 4 th down conversion. Sam Darnold protected the ball and didn't turn the ball over.

Box Scores



	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>F</u>
NE	0	7	3	0	10 ^w
DEN	7	0	0	0	7

Quarter	Time	Tm	Detail	NE	DEN
1	10:19	DEN	Courtland Sutton 6 yard pass from Jarrett Stidham (Wil Lutz kick)	0	7
2	2:10	NE	Drake Maye 6 yard rush (Andres Borregales kick)	7	7
3	5:29	NE	Andres Borregales 23 yard field goal	10	7

	NE	DEN
First Downs	12	11
Rush-Yds-TDs	38-141-1	24-79-0
Cmp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	10-21-86-0-0	17-31-133-1-1
Sacked-Yards	5-21	3-31
Net Pass Yards	65	102
Total Yards	206	181
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Turnovers	0	2
Penalties-Yards	1-5	2-5
Third Down Conv.	6-18	4-14
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	0-1
Time of Possession	33:09	26:51

	Passing	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Int	QBRat
Drake Maye	NE	10	21	86	0	0	58.8
Jarrett Stidham	DEN	17	31	133	1	1	63.0

	Rushing	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	25	71	2.8	12	0
Drake Maye	NE	10	65	6.5	28	1
RJ Harvey	DEN	13	37	2.8	9	0
Jarrett Stidham	DEN	4	23	5.8	8	0

	Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	Tgt
Mack Hollins	NE	2	51	25.5	31	0	2
Stefon Diggs	NE	5	17	3.4	6	0	6
Hunter Henry	NE	2	12	6.0	9	0	3
Marvin Mims	DEN	4	62	15.5	52	0	6
RJ Harvey	DEN	4	22	5.5	11	0	6
Evan Engram	DEN	2	19	9.5	12	0	3



	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>F</u>
LAR	3	10	14	0	27
SEA	10	7	14	0	31 w

Quarter	Time	Tm	Detail	LAR	SEA
1	9:57	SEA	Kenneth Walker III 2 yard rush (Jason Myers kick)	0	7
	8:15	LAR	Harrison Mevis 44 yard field goal	3	7
2	0:54	SEA	Jason Myers 27 yard field goal	3	10
	12:11	LAR	Harrison Mevis 50 yard field goal	6	10
	1:55	LAR	Kyren Williams 9 yard pass from Matthew Stafford (Harrison Mevis kick)	13	10
3	0:20	SEA	Jaxon Smith-Njigba 14 yard pass from Sam Darnold (Jason Myers kick)	13	17
	12:02	SEA	Jake Bobo 17 yard pass from Sam Darnold (Jason Myers kick)	13	24
	9:41	LAR	Davante Adams 2 yard pass from Matthew Stafford (Harrison Mevis kick)	20	24
	4:52	SEA	Cooper Kupp 13 yard pass from Sam Darnold (Jason Myers kick)	20	31
	2:06	LAR	Puka Nacua 34 yard pass from Matthew Stafford (Harrison Mevis kick)	27	31

	LAR	SEA
First Downs	26	24
Rush-Yds-TDs	22-114-0	26-75-1
Cmp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	22-35-374-3-0	25-36-346-3-0
Sacked-Yards	1-9	3-25
Net Pass Yards	365	321
Total Yards	479	396
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-0
Turnovers	1	0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	6-50
Third Down Conv.	1-8	7-13
Fourth Down Conv.	1-2	0-0
Time of Possession	28:10	31:50

	Passing	Comp	Att	Yds	TD	Int	QBRat
Matthew Stafford	LAR	22	35	374	3	0	127.6
Sam Darnold	SEA	25	36	346	3	0	127.8

	Rushing	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Blake Corum	LAR	9	55	6.1	19	0
Kyren Williams	LAR	10	39	3.9	11	0
Kenneth Walker	SEA	19	62	3.3	11	1
Sam Darnold	SEA	3	9	3.0	14	0

	Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	Tgt
Puka Nacua	LAR	9	165	18.3	44	1	14
Davante Adams	LAR	4	89	22.3	35	1	6
Colby Parkinson	LAR	3	62	20.7	40	0	4
Jaxon Smith	SEA	10	153	15.3	42	1	12
Rashid Shaheed	SEA	1	51	51.0	51	0	3
Kenneth Walker	SEA	4	49	12.3	15	0	4

Schedule

Super Bowl LX

Notes	Away		Home	Notes
Sun Feb 8				Levi Stadium
6:30 pm	SEA	@	NE	NBC

Standings

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Net	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Strk	Last 5
NE -y	14	3	0	.824	490	320	170	6 3 0	8 0 0	5 1 0	.833	9 3 0	.750	5 0 0	3W	4 1 0
BUF -x	12	5	0	.706	481	365	116	7 2 0	5 3 0	4 2 0	.667	9 3 0	.750	3 2 0	1W	4 1 0
MIA	7	10	0	.412	347	424	-77	5 4 0	2 6 0	3 3 0	.500	3 9 0	.250	4 1 0	1L	2 3 0
NYJ	3	14	0	.176	300	503	-203	2 7 0	1 7 0	0 6 0	.000	2 10 0	.167	1 4 0	5L	0 5 0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Net	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Strk	Last 5
PIT -y	10	7	0	.588	397	387	10	6 3 0	4 4 0	4 2 0	.667	8 4 0	.667	2 3 0	1W	4 1 0
BAL	8	9	0	.471	424	398	26	3 6 0	5 3 0	3 3 0	.500	5 7 0	.417	3 2 0	1L	2 3 0
CIN	6	11	0	.353	414	492	-78	3 6 0	3 5 0	3 3 0	.500	5 7 0	.417	1 4 0	1L	2 3 0
CLE	5	12	0	.294	279	379	-100	3 6 0	2 6 0	2 4 0	.333	4 8 0	.333	1 4 0	2W	2 3 0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Net	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Strk	Last 5
JAX -y	13	4	0	.765	474	336	138	7 2 0	6 2 0	5 1 0	.833	10 2 0	.833	3 2 0	8W	5 0 0
HOU -x	12	5	0	.706	404	295	109	7 2 0	5 3 0	5 1 0	.833	10 2 0	.833	2 3 0	9W	5 0 0
IND	8	9	0	.471	466	412	54	6 3 0	2 6 0	2 4 0	.333	6 6 0	.500	2 3 0	7L	0 5 0
TEN	3	14	0	.176	284	478	-194	1 8 0	2 6 0	0 6 0	.000	2 10 0	.167	1 4 0	2L	2 3 0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Net	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Strk	Last 5
DEN -z	14	3	0	.824	401	311	90	8 1 0	6 2 0	5 1 0	.833	9 3 0	.750	5 0 0	2W	4 1 0
LAC -x	11	6	0	.647	368	340	28	6 3 0	5 3 0	5 1 0	.833	8 4 0	.667	3 2 0	2L	3 2 0
KC	6	11	0	.353	362	328	34	5 4 0	1 7 0	1 5 0	.167	3 9 0	.250	3 2 0	6L	0 5 0
LV	3	14	0	.176	241	432	-191	2 7 0	1 7 0	1 5 0	.167	3 9 0	.250	0 5 0	1W	1 4 0
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Net	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Strk	Last 5
PHI -y	11	6	0	.647	379	325	54	5 3 0	6 3 0	3 3 0	.500	8 4 0	.667	3 2 0	1L	3 2 0
DAL	7	9	1	.441	471	511	-40	4 3 1	3 6 0	4 2 0	.667	4 7 1	.375	3 2 0	1L	1 4 0
WAS	5	12	0	.294	356	451	-95	2 6 0	3 6 0	3 3 0	.500	3 9 0	.250	2 3 0	1W	2 3 0
NYG	4	13	0	.235	381	439	-58	3 5 0	1 8 0	2 4 0	.333	2 10 0	.167	2 3 0	2W	2 3 0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Net	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Strk	Last 5
CHI -y	11	6	0	.647	441	415	26	6 2 0	5 4 0	2 4 0	.333	7 5 0	.583	4 1 0	2L	2 3 0
GB -x	9	7	1	.559	391	360	31	5 3 0	4 4 1	4 2 0	.667	7 4 1	.625	2 3 0	4L	1 4 0
MIN	9	8	0	.529	344	333	11	4 4 0	5 4 0	4 2 0	.667	7 5 0	.583	2 3 0	5W	5 0 0
DET	9	8	0	.529	481	413	68	5 3 0	4 5 0	2 4 0	.333	6 6 0	.500	3 2 0	1W	2 3 0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Net	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Strk	Last 5
CAR -y	8	9	0	.471	311	380	-69	5 3 0	3 6 0	3 3 0	.500	6 6 0	.500	2 3 0	2L	2 3 0
TB	8	9	0	.471	380	411	-31	4 4 0	4 5 0	3 3 0	.500	6 6 0	.500	2 3 0	1W	1 4 0
ATL	8	9	0	.471	353	401	-48	4 4 0	4 5 0	3 3 0	.500	7 5 0	.583	1 4 0	4W	4 1 0
NO	6	11	0	.353	306	383	-77	3 5 0	3 6 0	3 3 0	.500	4 8 0	.333	2 3 0	1L	4 1 0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Net	Home	Road	Div	Pct	Conf	Pct	Non-Conf	Strk	Last 5
SEA -z	14	3	0	.824	483	292	191	6 2 0	8 1 0	4 2 0	.667	9 3 0	.750	5 0 0	7W	5 0 0
LAR -x	12	5	0	.706	518	346	172	7 1 0	5 4 0	4 2 0	.667	7 5 0	.583	5 0 0	1W	3 2 0
SF -x	12	5	0	.706	437	371	66	5 3 0	7 2 0	4 2 0	.667	9 3 0	.750	3 2 0	1L	4 1 0
AZ	3	14	0	.176	355	488	-133	1 7 0	2 7 0	0 6 0	.000	3 9 0	.250	0 5 0	9L	0 5 0

x=Wildcard y =Div Champ z =Home Field

Top Performers

Passing		Team	Yards
1	Matthew Stafford	LAR	374
2	Sam Darnold	SEA	346

Rushing		Team	Yards
No 100 yd Rushers			
	R. Stevenson	NE	71

Receiving		Team	Yards
1	Puca Nacua	LAR	165
2	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	153

~MEMORY LANE~

Sun Jan 25, 1981-Super Bowl XV, the Wildcard Oakland Raiders defeat the Eagles 27-10 in the Superdome.

Sun Jan 26, 1986-SB XX, the Fridge scores on a 1 yd TD run as the Bears beat the Patriots 46-10.

Sun Jan 25, 1998-SB XXXII, John Elway gets his first Super Bowl ring as he leads the Broncos over the GB Packers, 31-24.

Sun Jan 24, 2016-Carson Palmer and the Cardinals fall to Cam Newton and Panthers in the NFC Championship game, 49-15.

Sun Jan 26, 2025-Josh Allen falls to Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs in the AFC Championship game, 32-29.

Trivia

Players who wore #18

1. This Hall of Famer (HOF) was one of Dan Fouts' favorite WR for the Chargers.
2. This HOF (inducted in 2021) QB won two Super Bowls in the twenty-first century.

([Answers](#))

Trivia Answers

1. Charlie Joiner
2. Peyton Manning

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