



NFC Championship

Minnesota Vikings (NFC North - 14-3) at Philadelphia Eagles (NFC East - 14-3)



Sunday, January 21, 2018 | 6:40 PM ET | Lincoln Financial Field | Ed Hochuli

SERIES HISTORY (INCL. PLAYOFFS)

LEADER: Series tied, 13-13
STREAKS: Vikings have won 2 of past 3

LAST GAME: 10/23/16: Vikings 10 at Eagles 21
LAST GAME AT SITE: 10/23/16

PLAYOFF SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Eagles lead all-time series, 3-0
STREAKS: Eagles have won all 3

LAST PLAYOFF: 1/4/09: Eagles 26 at Vikings 14
LAST PLAYOFF AT SITE: 1/16/05: Eagles 27, Vikings 14

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

PLAYOFF RECORD	20-28
LAST WEEK	W 29-24 vs. New Orleans
VS. COMMON OPP.	5-1 (Atl 1-0; Car 0-1; Chi 2-0; LAR 1-0; Was 1-0)
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	23.9/15.8 (1L)
OFFENSE	356.9
PASSING	Case Keenum: 325-481-3547-22-7-98.3
RUSHING	Latavius Murray: 216-842-3.9-8
RECEIVING	Adam Thielen: 91-1276-14.0-4
DEFENSE	275.9 (1L)
SACKS	Everson Griffen: 13
INTs	Harrison Smith: 5
TAKE/GIVE	+5 (19/14)
PR	Marcus Sherels: 9.5
KR	Jerick McKinnon: 26.0
PUNTING (NET)	Ryan Quigley: 42.2 (39.2)
KICKING	Kai Forbath: 130 (34/39 PAT; 32/38 FG)

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

PLAYOFF RECORD	20-21
LAST WEEK	W 15-10 vs. Atlanta
VS. COMMON OPP.	6-0 (Atl 1-0; Car 1-0; Chi 1-0; LAR 1-0; Was 2-0)
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	28.6 (T2L)/18.4
OFFENSE	365.8
PASSING	Nick Foles: 57-101-537-5-2-79.5
RUSHING	LeGarrette Blount: 173-766-4.4-2
RECEIVING	Zach Ertz (TE): 74-824-11.1-8
DEFENSE	306.5
SACKS	Brandon Graham: 9.5
INTs	Patrick Robinson: 4
TAKE/GIVE	+11 (31/20)
PR	Kenjon Barner: 8.9
KR	Kenjon Barner: 19.4
PUNTING (NET)	Donnie Jones: 45.3 (40.6)
KICKING	Jake Elliott (R): 117 (39/42 PAT; 26/31 FG)

HEAD COACH: MIKE ZIMMER

VS. OPP.	0-1
PLAYOFF RECORD	1-1

HEAD COACH: DOUG PEDERSON

VS. OPP.	1-0
PLAYOFF RECORD	1-0

VIKINGS TEAM NOTES

- VIKINGS advance to NFC Champ. Game for 1st time since 2009.
- MINNESOTA ranked 1st in total defense (275.9 yards per game) & scoring defense (15.8 points per game).
- VIKINGS won Div. on GW 61-yard TD as time expired, 1st playoff game in NFL history to end with GW-TD on final play of 4th Q.
- MIKE ZIMMER has led team to playoffs in 2 of his 4 seasons with Min.
- VIKINGS had 4 players selected to 2018 Pro Bowl: LB ANTHONY BARR (3rd), DE EVERSON GRIFFEN (3rd), CB XAVIER RHODES (2nd) & WR ADAM THIELEN (1st).

EAGLES TEAM NOTES

- EAGLES advance to NFC Champ. Game for 1st time since 2008.
- PHILADELPHIA is 8-1 at home (incl. playoffs) in 2017.
- EAGLES tied for 1st in NFL with +162 point differential, led league in rush defense (79.2 yards per game) & ranked 1st in NFC in turnover differential (+11).
- DOUG PEDERSON won playoff head coaching debut last week.
- EAGLES had 6 players selected to 2018 Pro Bowl: G BRANDON BROOKS (1st), DT FLETCHER COX (3rd), TE ZACH ERTZ (1st), S MALCOLM JENKINS (2nd), T LANE JOHNSON (1st) & QB CARSON WENTZ (1st).

ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: FOX (6:40 PM ET): Joe Buck, Troy Aikman, Erin Andrews (Field reporter), Chris Myers (Field reporter)
WESTWOOD ONE: Kevin Harlan, Trent Green, Ross Tucker | SIRIUS: 88 (WW1), 83 (Min), 82 (Phi) | XM: 88 (WW1), 83 (Min), 82 (Phi)





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VIKINGS NOTES

- **QB CASE KEENUM** set career-highs in pass yards (3,547), pass TDs (22) & rating (98.3) in 2017. Passed for 318 yards & TD in postseason debut last week.
- **RB LATAVIUS MURRAY** ties for NFL lead with 22 rush TDs since 2016 (incl. postseason). Had rush TD last week. Aims for his 3rd playoff game in row with TD. **RB JERICK MC KINNON** had rush TD last week.
- **WR ADAM THIELEN** ranked 2nd in NFC with 1,276 rec. yards & 4th with 91 receptions. Joined **ROD SMITH** & **WES WELKER** as only undrafted players since 1967 with 90+ catches & 1,200+ rec. yards in single season. **WR STEFON DIGGS** had career-high 8 rec. TDs in 2017. Had 6 receptions for 137 yards, incl. GW 61-yard TD catch as time expired last week. **TE KYLE RUDOLPH** tied for 2nd among NFL TEs with 8 TD catches. Has 37 career rec. TDs, most in franchise history among TEs.
- **DE EVERSON GRIFFEN** tied for 4th in NFL with career-high 13 sacks. Had sack & FF last week. Aims for 4th playoff game in row with sack. **S HARRISON SMITH** was only player in NFC with 70+ tackles (78), 5+ INTs (5) & sack (1.5). Since 2014, leads NFL safeties with 8 sacks. Had 7 tackles & sack in Div. **CB XAVIER RHODES** had INT & FF in last game vs. Phi. **LB ERIC KENDRICKS** led team with 113 tackles, his 2nd consecutive 100+ tackle season. Led team with 10 tackles last week. **LB ANTHONY BARR** had INT in Div. Had FR in his last game vs. Phi.



WR STEFON DIGGS scored the game-winning 61-yard touchdown reception as time expired in the Vikings' 29-24 win against New Orleans in the Divisional Playoffs last week. The play marked the first game-winning touchdown on the final play of the fourth quarter in NFL postseason history.

EAGLES NOTES

- **QB NICK FOLES** has completed 46 of 63 (73 pct.) with 2 TDs & 0 INTs for 102.7 rating in 2 career playoff games. In 2 career games vs. Min., has 596 pass yards (298 per game) with 3 TDs & 1 INT.
- **RB LE GARRETTE BLOUNT** rushed for TD last week. Has 9 rush TDs in 9 career postseason games. Since entering NFL in 2010, ranks 3rd in league with 60 rush TDs (including playoffs). **RB JAY AJAYI** has 98 scrimmage yards (54 rush, 44 rec.) last week.
- **WR ALSHON JEFFERY** tied for 4th in NFL with 9 TD catches. Has 7 TD catches in 9 career games vs. Min. **WR NELSON AGHOLOR** set career-highs in catches (62), rec. yards (768) & rec. TDs (8). **TE ZACH ERTZ** tied for 2nd among NFL TEs with 8 TD catches & ranked 3rd with 824 rec. yards. Jeffery (9), Agholor (8) & Ertz (8) were only trio of teammates in NFL with 8+ TD catches each.
- **DE BRANDON GRAHAM** led team with career-high 9.5 sacks. Had sack & FF in his last game vs. Min. Since 2016, **DT FLETCHER COX** is 1 of 6 NFL DTs with 10+ sacks (12) & 2+ FFs (2). Had 7 tackles & sack last week. **CB PATRICK ROBINSON** led team with 4 INTs & 18 PD. **S RODNEY MC LEOD** had sack last week. Had INT, sack & FF in his last game vs. Min. **LB NIGEL BRADHAM** led team with 88 tackles. Had sack in Div. Had sack in his last game vs. Min. **DE DEREK BARNETT** ranked 2nd among NFC rookies with 5 sacks.

Eagles **WRs ALSHON JEFFERY (9) & NELSON AGHOLOR (8) & TE ZACH ERTZ (8)** were the only trio of teammates with at least eight TD catches each in 2017.

