

# NFL 2019

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## AFC

### East

New England 12- 4  
Buffalo 10- 6  
NY Jets 7- 9  
Miami 5-11

### South

Baltimore  
Pittsburgh  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati

### North

14- 2 Houston  
8- 8 Tennessee  
6-10 Indianapolis  
2-14 Jacksonville

### West

10- 6 Kansas City  
9- 7 Oakland  
7- 9 Denver  
6-10 LA Chargers  
5-11

## NFC

### East

Philadelphia 9- 7  
Dallas 8- 8  
NY Giants 4-12  
Washington 3-13

### South

New Orleans  
Tampa Bay  
Atlanta  
Carolina

### North

13- 3 Green Bay  
7- 9 Minnesota  
7- 9 Chicago  
5-11 Detroit

### West

13- 3 San Francisco  
11- 5 Seattle  
9- 7 LA Rams  
5-10-1 Arizona

**Offense:** AFC: Baltimore 531 points      **NFC:** San Francisco 479 points  
**Defense:** AFC: New England 225 points      **NFC:** Chicago 298 points

## League:

5/26: **Bart Starr**, Green Bay Packers' Hall of Fame QB, passed away at 85.

- NFL celebrated its **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. First known as the American Professional Football Association (**APFA**), the league changed its name to the **National Football League** in 1922.
- San Francisco's **Katie Sowers** became NFL's 1<sup>st</sup> full-time female coach. Sowers assisted on offense.
- Current Carolina DB **Eric Reid** and former San Francisco QB **Colin Kaepernick** settled their collusion complaint with the NFL. Both claimed NFL owners avoided them when they were free agents for kneeling during the National Anthem.
- Well-known rapper **Jay Z** partnered with NFL to bring about social change.
- **Pass interference and non-calls now reviewable**. Coaches could challenge such calls outside of 2 minutes; calls within 2 minutes of play would be subject to booth review.
  - No more **blind-side blocks**. The popular **Oklahoma Drill** was also eliminated.
  - League once again considered adding 2 more games to the schedule.
  - Oakland WR **Antonio Brown** lost his challenge to **NFL's Helmet Rule**. Brown wanted to keep his current helmet, whereas the rule stipulates any helmet more than 10 years old are not approved and must be replaced.
- QB **Russell Wilson's** \$140M/4-year contract extension with Seattle made him the highest paid player in NFL history. Philadelphia extended QB **Carson Wentz's** contract: \$128M/4 years. LA Rams extended QB **Jared Goff's** contract: \$134M/4 years. Dallas RB **Ezekiel Elliott's** \$90M/6-year extension made him the highest paid RB in league history.
- Over 600K attended the 3-day **NFL draft** in Nashville, TN. More than 6M watched the draft "at any given time" on major network channels (ESPN, ABC, and NFL Network).

11/16: Free agent QB **Colin Kaepernick** worked out before eight NFL teams.

Kaepernick had not played since 2016 season. Despite high-profile media attention, Kaepernick received no offers.

2/8/20: Vince McMahon's 8-team **XFL** (version 2) began. Despite innovations and moderate success, the league folded after 5 weeks due to COVID-19 and filed for bankruptcy in April, 2020.

## Fines, Suspensions/Arrests:

**Violating NFL drug policy:** Minnesota CB **Holton Hill** & RB **Roc Thomas**, NY Giants WR **Golden Tate**, S **Jordan Miller** (Atl), Indianapolis OL **Antonio Garcia** and G **Tyreke Evans** (banned; possible reinstatement in 2 years); New England TE **Ben Watson** & DT **Gerald McCoy**, NY Jets LB **Brandon Copeland**, Arizona CB **Patrick Peterson**; New Orleans DB **PJ Williams**; DE **Robert Quinn**., Dallas DE **Randy Gregory** & **Josh Gordon** (both indefinitely) Oakland LB **Vontaze Burfict** 12G (remainder of season) for helmet-to-helmet hit on an Indianapolis receiver. Cleveland DE **Myles Garrett** 7G (remainder of season) and DT **Larry Ogunjobi** 3G for their part during brawl on 11/14 Pittsburgh C **Maurkice Pouncey** (2G) for his role during the on-field fight. Total of 33 players were fined. Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns franchises were each fined \$250K.

NY Giants S **Kamrin Moore** for DV. RB **Mark Walton** (Cin), RB **Leonard Fournette** (Jack), Seattle KD **Jarron Reed** (6G), Denver QB **Chad Kelly**, and **Richie Incognito** 2G; Patriots S **Patrick Chung** arrested for possession of cocaine; teammate CG **Joejuan Williams** arrested on drug charges.

- NE Patriots owner **Robert Kraft** was among many implicated in a prostitution/sex trafficking sting in Florida. A Patriots' team employee was **caught videotaping an opponent** (Cincinnati) a week before the game.
- **Ten former NFL players** were charged with defrauding a health care plan that was setup for retired players.

**Trades:** RB Kareem Hunt, DE Oliver Vernon, and WR Odell Beckham, Jr. (Cle), QB Joe Flacco (Denver), QB Case Keenum and S Landon Collins (WA), WR Josh Gordon (Sea), LB Vontaze Burfict (Oakland), QB Nick Foles (Jacksonville), DE Jadeveon Clowney (Sea), S Eric Weddle, DB Jalen Ramsey, QB Blake Bortles & LB Clay Matthews (LA Rams), DL Michael Bennett & WRs Antonio Brown and Emmanuel Sanders (NE), DL Ndamukong Suh (TB), OG Kevin Zeitler & WR Golden Tate (NYG); Danny Amendola (Det); S Eric Berry, WR Randall Cobb and DL Michael Bennett (Dal), RB Carlos Hyde, OT Laremy Tunsil & WR Kenny Stills (Tex), QB Ryan Fitzpatrick (Miami), DT Gerald McCoy (Carolina); DB Tyrann Mathieu, DE Frank Clark & RB LeSean McCoy (KC); Desean Jackson (Phil), QB Ryan Tannehill (TN), Demaryius Thomas (NY Jets), S Minkah Fitzpatrick (Pitt)

Prior to G16: **RB Marshawn Lynch** returned from retirement to play for the Seattle Seahawks.

Cleveland RB **Kareem Hunt** was required to serve 8G suspension for battery during 2018 season.

**Pre-season drama:** Oakland released WR **Antonio Brown** the day before the team was to play their 1<sup>st</sup> game. Brown later signed on with the New England Patriots. Brown played 1 game for the Pats before his release when allegations of rape and sexual misconduct surfaced.

### **Noteworthy games:**

- 9/8: **Cleveland** lost to Tennessee 43-13. The favored Browns were penalized 18 times for 182 yards.  
**Dallas** beat NY Giants 35-17. Cowboys QB **Dak Prescott**: passed 25-32/405 yards, 4/0 & QB Rating 158.3.  
**Cincinnati** lost to Seattle 21-20. Bengals QB **Andy Dalton**: passed 35-51/418 yards, 2/0. QB Rating 106.5.  
**Baltimore** beat Miami 59-10. Ravens led 42-10 at the half. QB **Lamar Jackson**: 17-20/324 yards, 5/0 & 158.3 Rating.  
Ravens led in yards (643-200) and 1<sup>st</sup> downs (31-12).
- 9/15: **Kansas City** beat Oakland 28-10. Chiefs KB **Patrick Mahomes**: passed 30-44/443, 4/0 & QB Rating 131.2.  
**Baltimore** beat Arizona 23-17. Ravens QB **Lamar Jackson** passed for 272 yards and rushed for 120 more.
- 9/22: **Seattle** lost to New Orleans 33-27. Seahawks QB **Russell Wilson**: 2 TDs passing (33-50/406 yards) & 2 TDs rushing
- 9/26: **Green Bay** lost to Philadelphia 34-27. Packers QB **Aaron Rodgers**: 34-53 for 422 yards & 2/1.
- 9/29: **Jacksonville** beat Denver 26-24. Jaguars RB **Leonard Fournette**: rushed 29 times for 225 yards.  
**LA Rams** lost to Tampa Bay 55-40. Rams QB **Jared Goff**: passed 45-68 for 517 yards and 2/3.  
Rams out-gained the Bucs 521-464 and led in 1<sup>st</sup> downs (36-29).
- 10/6: **Philadelphia** beat NY Jets 31-6. Eagles' defense sacked Jets QB Luke Falk 10 times (3 by DE Brandon Graham).  
**Green Bay** beat Dallas 34-24. Packers RB **Aaron Jones**: 19 rushes for 107 yards and 4 TDs.  
Cowboys QB **Dak Prescott** passed for 463 yards & 2 TDs; Dallas WR **Amari Cooper**: 11 catches, 226 yards & 2 TDs.  
**Houston** beat Atlanta 53-32. Texans QB **Deshawn Watson**: passed 28-33 for 426 yards and 5/0; QB Rating 158.3.  
Houston WR **Will Fuller V**: 14 receptions for 217 yards and 3 TDs.
- 10/13: **Tampa Bay** lost to Carolina 37-26. Bucs QB **Jameis Winston** (400 yards passing): 5 interceptions and 7 sacks.  
**Washington** (0-5) beat Miami (0-4) 17-16. Dolphins failed 2-point conversion with 0:06 left in the game.
- 10/20: **Green Bay** beat Oakland 42-17. Packers QB **Aaron Rodgers**: passed 25-31 for 429 yards & 5 TDs. QB Rating: 158.3.
- 10/21: **New England** beat NY Jets 33-0. Tough night for Jets QB Sam Darnold: 11-32/86 yards, 0/4, 1 fumble. QB Rating 3.6.
- 10/27: **San Francisco** beat Carolina 51-13. Niners' RB **Tevin Coleman** scored 4 TDs (3 rushing, 1 receiving).  
**Atlanta** lost to Seattle 27-20. Falcons' QB **Matt Schaub**: passed 39-52 for 460 yards and 1/1.  
**LA Rams** beat Cincinnati 24-10. Rams **Cooper Kupp**: 7 receptions for 220 yards and 1 TD.
- 11/3: **Detroit** lost to Oakland 31-24. Lions QB **Matt Stafford**: passed 36-41 for 406 yards & 3/1. QB Rating 110.4  
**LA Chargers** beat Green Bay 26-11. First time since 1984 the Chargers beat the Packers.
- 11/10: **Baltimore** beat Cincinnati 49-13. Ravens QB **Lamar Jackson**: 3 TDs passing (QB Rating 158.3) and 1 TD rushing.  
**Kansas City** lost to Tennessee 35-32. Chiefs QB **Patrick Mahomes**: went 36-50 for 446 yards and 3/0 (QBR: 119.2).
- 11/14: **Cleveland** beat Pittsburgh 21-17. Ugly brawl at end of game led to 3 ejections and heavy fines (see Fines above).
- 11/17: **Minnesota** beat Denver 27-23. Vikings overcame 20-0 half-time deficit.  
**Dallas** beat Detroit 35-27. Cowboys QB **Dak Prescott**: passed 29-46 for 444 yards and 3/0 (QBR 115.0).  
**San Francisco** beat Arizona 36-26. Niners QB **Jimmy Garoppolo**: passed 31-45 for 424 yards & 4/2 (QBR 115.4).
- 11/25: **Baltimore** beat LA Rams 45-6. Ravens QB **Lamar Jackson** threw 5 TD passes and rushed 8 times for 95 yds.

12/1: **LA Rams** beat Arizona 34-7. Rams QB **Jared Goff**: passed 32-43 for 424 yards and 2/0 (QBR 120.7).  
 12/8: **Miami** lost to NY Jets 22-21. Dolphins K **Jason Sanders**: 7-8 in FGs. Distances: 22, 25, 28, 31, 37, 47, and 53 yards.  
**San Francisco** beat New Orleans 48-46. Niners QB **Jimmy Garoppolo**: passed 26-35/349 yards and 4/1 (131.7)  
 Saints QB **Drew Brees**: 1 rushing TD and passed 29-40/349 yards & 5/0 (138.4).

12/15: **Tampa Bay** beat Detroit 38-17. Bucs QB **Jameis Winston**: passed 28-42 for 458 yards and 4/1 (124.9).  
**Oakland** lost to Jacksonville 20-16. Jaguars scored 17 unanswered points in 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Raiders' final game in Oakland.  
 12/16: **New Orleans** beat Indianapolis 34-7. Saints QB **Drew Brees**: passed 29-39 (**record** 96.7%) for 307 yards and 5/0.  
 12/22: **Miami** beat Cincinnati 38-35. Dolphins QB **Ryan Fitzpatrick**: passed 31-52 for 419 yards and 4/1.  
 12/29: **Tennessee** beat Houston 35-14. Titans RB **Derrick Henry** rushed 32 times for 211 yards and 3 TDs.

### Playoffs:

1/4: **Tennessee** beat New England 20-13. Titans RB **Derrick Henry** rushed times for 182 yards and 1 TD.  
 1/11: #6 **Tennessee** beat #1 Baltimore 28-12. Titans RB **Derrick Henry** rushed 30 times for 195 yards.  
 Ravens QB **Lamar Jackson** passed for 365 yards (1 TD, 2 int.) and rushed 20 times for 143 yards (1 fumble lost).  
 1/12: **Kansas City** beat Texas 51-31. Chiefs overcame 24-0 1<sup>st</sup> half deficit. QB **Patrick Mahomes**: 23-35/321 yards & 5/0.  
 Kansas City TE **Travis Kelce** caught 10 passes for 134 yards & 3 TDs; DE **Frank Clark** recorded 3 sacks.  
 1/19: **NFC Championship: San Francisco** beat Green Bay 37-20. Niners RB **Raheem Mostert**: 29 carries, 220 yards, 4 TDs.  
 2/2: **Super Bowl: Kansas City** beat San Francisco 31-20. Chiefs'

### Records broken:

- New England QB **Tom Brady** passed Brett Favre and Peyton Manning in career passing yards.
- New Orleans QB **Drew Brees** passed Peyton Manning for most career TD passes.
- Buffalo RB **Frank Gore** rose to 3<sup>rd</sup> on all-time rushing yards, surpassing Barry Sanders.
- Baltimore QB **Lamar Jackson** broke Michael Vick's 2006 record for rushing yards by a QB.
- Tampa Bay's **Jameis Winston** 1<sup>st</sup> QB to record 30 TD passes and 30 interceptions – including 7 “pick sixes.”

### Fast/Slow starts:

**New England** and **San Francisco** began 8-0; **New Orleans** 7-1; **Buffalo** and **Seattle** 5-2.  
**Baltimore** began 2-2 before winning 10+ straight games  
**Cincinnati** started out 0-11, **Miami**, **Washington**, **Atlanta** and the **NY Jets** all began 1-7.

- The **Miami Dolphins** were out-scored 102-10 during 1<sup>st</sup> 2 games of the season.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> straight season **New England Patriots** won 10+ games.
- Carolina's **Christian McCaffrey**: All-Pro as a **RB** (1,387 yds rushing) and **flex** (1,005 yds receiving); 19 total TDs.

**Stats were not everything**: Following QBs did not make the top 10

Matt Ryan	Atl	408-616/4466	66.2%	26/14	92.1	(14 <sup>th</sup> )
Philip Rivers	LAC	390-591/4615	66.0	23/20	88.5	(17 <sup>th</sup> )
Jared Goff	LAR	394-626/4638	62.9	22/16	86.5	(22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Jameis Winston	Tampa	380-626/5109	60.7	33/30	84.3	(26 <sup>th</sup> )

**Final Season\***: WRs Torrey Smith, Antonio Brown, QBs Eli Manning and Brock Osweiler, OL Kyle Long, RB Darren Sproles, TE Antonio Gates, LB Luke Kuechly, S Eric Weddle, C Travis Frederick,

**Rookie Class**: DT Quinnen Williams & Ed Oliver, DE Nick Bosa, Clelin Ferrell, LBs Devin White, Devin Bush & Josh Allen; QBs Daniel Jones & Gardner Minshaw; TE TJ Hockenson, RBs Josh Jacobs and David Montgomery

**NFL #1 Pick**: QB Kyler Murray (Arizona). Murray was also chosen in 1st round by MLB's Oakland A's

### NFL Leaders

<b>Passing:</b>	AFC:	Ryan Tannehill	TN	201-286/2742	70.3%	22/6	117.5
		Lamar Jackson	Balt	265-401/3127	66.1	36/6	113.3
		Patrick Mahomes	KC	319-484/4031	65.9	26/5	105.3
		Derek Carr	Oak	361-513/4054	70.4	21/8	100.8
		Deshaun Watson	Hou	333-495/3852	67.3	26/12	98.0
	NFC:	Drew Brees	NO	281-378/2979	74.3%	27/4	116.3
		Kirk Cousins	Min	307-444/3603	69.1	26/6	107.4
		Russell Wilson	Sea	341-516/4110	66.1	31/5	106.3
		Matthew Stafford	Det	187-291/2499	69.1	19/5	106.0
		Jimmy Garoppolo	SF	329-476/3978	69.1	27/13	102.0
		Dak Prescott	Dallas	388-596/4902	65.1	30/11	99.7

<b>Rushing:</b>	AFC:	Derrick Henry	TN	303/1540	5.1	16 TDs
		Nick Chubb	Cle	298/1494	5.0	8 TDs
		Lamar Jackson	Balt	176/1206	6.9	7 TDs
		Josh Jacobs	Oak	242/1150	4.8	7 TDs
		<u>Joe Mixon</u>	Cin	<u>278/1137</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>5 TDs</u>
		Leonard Fournette	Jack	265/1152	4.3	3 TDs
		Marlon Mack	Ind	247/1091	4.4	8 TDs
		Mark Ingram	Balt	202/1018	5.0	10 TDs

NFC:	Christian McCaffrey	Car	287/1387	4.8	15 TDs
	Ezekiel Elliott	Dallas	301/1357	4.5	12 TDs
	Chris Carson	Sea	278/1230	4.4	7 TDs
	Dalvin Cook	MN	250/1135	4.5	13 TDs
	Aaron Jones	GB	236/1084	4.6	16 TDs

<b>Receiving:</b>	AFC:	Travis Kelce	KC	97/1229	12.7	5 TDs
		DeVante Parker	Miami	72/1202	16.7	9 TDs
		Keenan Allen	LAC	104/1199	11.5	6 TDs
		Jarvis Landry	Cle	83/1174	14.1	6 TDs
		DeAndre Hopkins	Hou	104/1165	11.2	7 TDs

NFC:	Michael Thomas	NO	149/1725	11.6	9 TDs
	Julio Jones	Atl	99/1394	14.1	6 TDs
	Chris Godwin	Mia	86/1333	15.5	9 TDs
	Kenny Golladay	Det	65/1190	18.3	11 TDs
	<u>Amari Cooper</u>	Dal	<u>79/1189</u>	<u>15.1</u>	<u>8 TDs</u>
	DJ Moore	Car	87/1175	13.5	4 TDs
	Allen Robinson	Chi	98/1147	11.7	7 TDs
	Christian McCaffrey	Car	116/1005	8.7	4 TDs

<b>Scoring:</b>	AFC:	Harrison Butker	KC	147 points (34 FGs, 45 PATs)
	NFC:	Wil Lutz	NO	144 points (32 FGs, 48 PATs)

**Sacks**

Shaquil Barrett	TB	19.5
Chandler Jones	AZ	19.0
Cameron Jordan	NO	15.5
Danielle Hunter	MN	14.5
TJ Watt	Pitt	14.5

**Interceptions**

Stephen Gilmore	NE	6
Anthony Harris	MN	6
Tre'Davious White	Buff	6
9 tied with 5/each		

**Walter Payton Award:** DE Calais Campbell, Jacksonville

**Hall of Fame:** Tony Gonzalez, Ed Reed, Champ Bailey, Ty Law, Kevin Mawae, Johnny Robinson, Gil Brandt (Dallas Cowboys executive, and Pat Bowlen (Denver Broncos owner)

**Comeback:** QB Ryan Tannehill, Tennessee

**Rookies/Year:** Offense: Kyler Murray, Arizona      Defense: Nick Bosa, San Francisco

**Defense MVP:** DB Stephon Gilmore, New England

**Offense MVP:** Michael Thomas, New Orleans

**MVP:** Lamar Jackson, Baltimore

**Coach of the Year:** John Harbaugh, Baltimore

**AFC Championship:** Kansas City beat Tennessee 35-24.  
Chiefs' 1<sup>st</sup> return to Super Bowl since January, 1969.

**NFC Championship:** San Francisco beat Green Bay

**Super Bowl:** **Kansas City** beat San Francisco 31-20

\*As of 9/2/20