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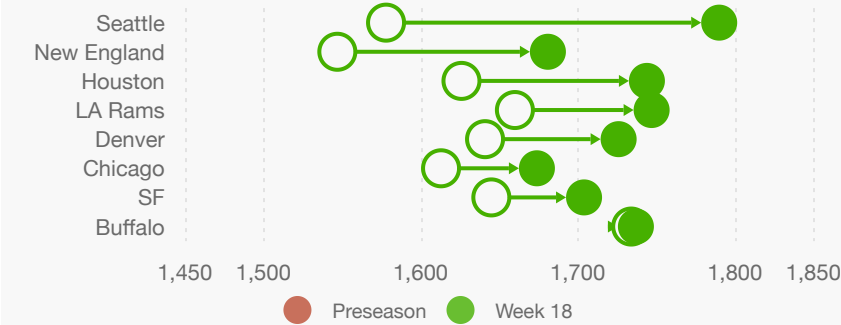
NFL DIVISIONAL PREVIEW

10,000 Monte Carlo simulations using ELO ratings.

Seattle enters with a 212-point ELO climb—the largest of any playoff team. But seeding doesn't match strength: both 3-seeds are favored over their 2-seed opponents.

Championship equity = probability of winning the Super Bowl from current position.

ELO Movement



25%

Seattle Title Prob

19%

Denver Title Prob

What the ELO Says

Seattle's rise is historic. From 1578 to 1790—a 212-point jump. They started as a borderline playoff team and finished as the field's best.

Buffalo stayed flat. Started strong (1734), ended at 1737. No improvement despite 12 wins.

New England's quiet surge. Up 134 points from 1547 to 1681. The biggest AFC mover.

The 3-seeds are better than the 2-seeds. Rams (1747) > Bears (1674). Texans (1744) > Patriots (1681). Seeding lies.

Path to the Title: All 8 Teams

TEAM	SEED	RECORD	ELO	WIN DIV	WIN CONF	WIN TITLE	TITLE % IF WIN DIV	SEASON
Seattle Seahawks	NFC-1	14-3	1790	68.9%	45.3%	25.0%	36.3%	
Denver Broncos	AFC-1	14-3	1726	60.2%	37.4%	19.2%	31.9%	
Los Angeles Rams	NFC-3	12-5	1747	54.3%	24.9%	12.9%	23.8%	
Houston Texans	AFC-3	12-5	1744	48.3%	23.3%	12.1%	25.1%	
New England Patriots	AFC-2	14-3	1681	51.7%	21.4%	9.4%	18.3%	
Buffalo Bills	AFC-4	12-5	1737	39.8%	17.9%	8.9%	22.4%	
Chicago Bears	NFC-2	11-6	1674	45.7%	17.0%	6.9%	15.0%	
San Francisco 49ers	NFC-4	12-5	1704	31.1%	12.9%	5.6%	17.9%	

The Narrowest Path: Chicago's 15% title probability IF they win their divisional game is the lowest of any team. Seattle's 36.3% is the highest. The gap between favorites and underdogs compounds through the bracket.

69%

Seattle

31%

SF

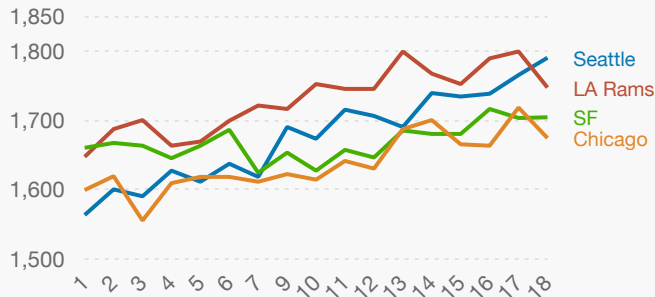
54%

LA Rams

46%

Chicago

NFC ELO Trajectory



NFC Form Guide: Last 5 Games

TEAM	LAST 5	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	WK 18	PTS +/-
Seattle	5-0	W ATL +28	W IND +2	W LAR +1	W CAR +17	W SF +10	+58
SF	4-1	BYE	W TEN +13	W IND +21	W CHI +4	L SEA -10	+28
LA Rams	3-2	W ARI +28	W DET +7	L SEA -1	L ATL -3	W ARI +17	+48
Chicago	2-3	L GB -7	W CLE +28	W GB +6	L SF -4	L DET -3	+20

Model Spreads

GAME	SPREAD	EQUITY AT STAKE
SEA vs SF	SEA -6.3	30.6%
CHI vs LAR	LAR -1.4	19.8%

NFC Analysis

Seattle vs SF: The Revenge Game Split 1-1 in regular season. SF won Week 1 (17-13), Seattle dominated Week 18 (13-3). Seattle's 5-0 finish and +191 point differential make them heavy favorites.

Chicago vs LA Rams: Seeding Lies The Rams are 73 ELO points better than Chicago despite being the lower seed. LA leads all playoff teams with 30.5 PPG. Chicago limps in at 2-3 in their last 5.

Head-to-Head: SEA-SF split 1-1. CHI-LAR didn't play.

60%

Denver

40%

Buffalo

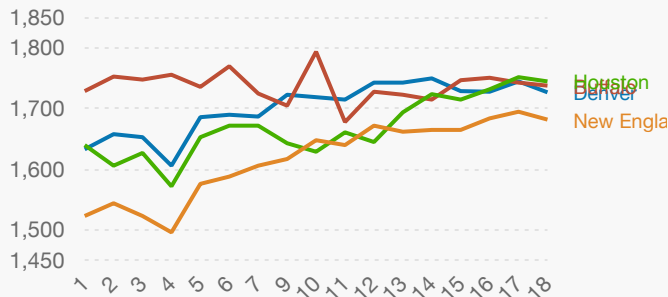
52%

New England

48%

Houston

AFC ELO Trajectory



AFC Form Guide: Last 5 Games

TEAM	LAST 5	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	WK 18	PTS +/-
Houston	5-0	W KC +10	W ARI +20	W LV +2	W LAC +4	W IND +8	+44
Denver	4-1	W LV +7	W GB +8	L JAX -14	W KC +7	W LAC +16	+24
Buffalo	4-1	W CIN +5	W NE +4	W CLE +3	L PHI -1	W NYJ +27	+38
New England	4-1	BYE	L BUF -4	W BAL +4	W NYJ +32	W MIA +28	+60

Model Spreads

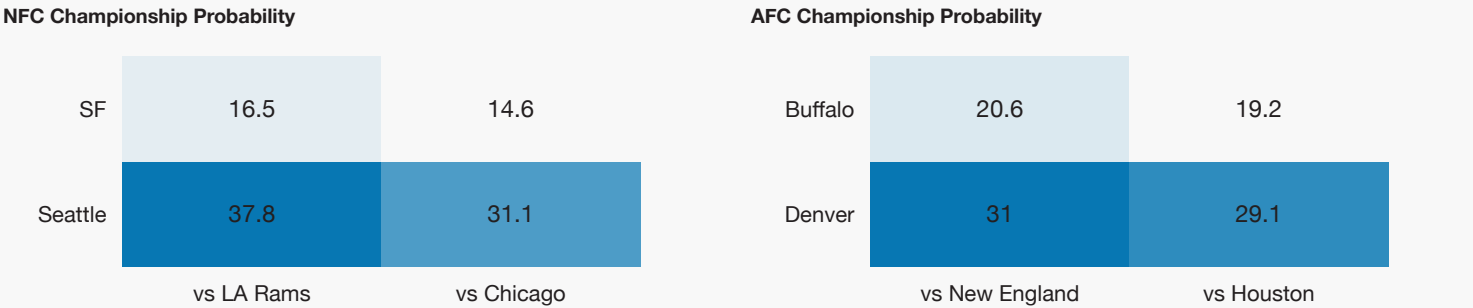
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DEN vs BUF	DEN -3.4	28.1%
NE vs HOU	NE -0.6	21.5%

AFC Analysis

Denver vs Buffalo: Most Equity at Stake 28.1% combined title probability rides on this game. Denver has home field; Buffalo has higher ELO (1737 vs 1726). Both beat KC this year.

NE vs Houston: Coin Flip 51.7% vs 48.3% —closest game of the weekend. Houston has 63 more ELO points but NE has home field and 14-3 record. Houston is 5-0 in last 5 including a KC win.

Head-to-Head: Neither pair played in regular season.



Conditional Title Probabilities: If They Win This Weekend...

TEAM	NFCCG/AFCCG OPPONENT	HOW OFTEN	WIN RATE	THEN TITLE%
Seattle	vs LA Rams	55%	61.6%	36.3%
Seattle	vs Chicago	45%	70.7%	36.3%
Denver	vs New England	52%	66.6%	31.9%
Denver	vs Houston	48%	57.3%	31.9%
LA Rams	vs Seattle	69%	38.4%	23.8%
LA Rams	vs SF	31%	56.1%	23.8%
Houston	vs Denver	60%	42.7%	25.1%
Houston	vs Buffalo	40%	54.7%	25.1%

The 1-seeds control their destiny. Seattle is favored in either NFCCG matchup (61.6% vs LAR, 70.7% vs CHI). Denver is favored in either AFCCG (66.6% vs NE, 57.3% vs HOU). Win this weekend, and the path to the Super Bowl opens wide.

Seattle is the team to beat. Highest ELO (1790), biggest improvement (+212), widest championship path (36.3% if they win Saturday).

NE vs HOU is the swing game. A true coin flip (51.7% vs 48.3%) that determines whether Denver faces a weaker or stronger AFCCG opponent.

Don't trust the seeds. Both 2-seeds (Bears, Patriots) are underdogs despite home field. The model sees what the committee missed.