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"There is a process we are going through. The Titans have a shot." Terrance Williams/Associated PressLast Week: 9Week 7 Result: Bye WeekThe Los Angeles Chargers spent their bye week trying to accomplish an unenviable task—washing off the stink of the 34-6 beatdown the team received from the Ravens in Week 6.After the loss, head coach Brandon Staley told reporters he's glad for the rest after a start to the season that included five games against teams that entered Week 7 .500 or better."I think that for me, this six-game stretch has been a really tough stretch. We believe in ourselves, we believe in our coaches, we believe in everything we have going on here in Philadelphia. Philadelphia 33-22The Raiders rolled into Week 7's matchup with the Eagles short their top option in the passing game after tight end Darren Waller was a late scratch.It didn't matter. Green Bay's next opponent is the undefeated Arizona Cardinals on a short week.Wade Payne/Associated PressLast Week: 4Week 7 Result: Bye WeekThe Buffalo Bills spent most of the off week answering a single question."What was up with the decision to go for it on 4th-and-inches last week against the Tennessee Titans rather than kick the field goal and play for overtime?"After Josh Allen's slip and the failed fourth-down conversion cost the Bills the game, head coach Sean McDermott was unapologetic."Josh is usually spot-on with those [QB sneaks]. This game wasn't as close as the final score suggests."I haven't been doing a good enough job, clearly," quarterback Jalen Hurts told reporters after the defeat. But part of that has been uninspired play-calling, and the Philly defense was torched by the Raiders for 442 total yards.At 2-5, the Eagles are in a three-way tangle of terrible with Washington and the New York Giants in the NFC East. "It was encouraging to see them destroy the Panthers despite a slew of critical injuries and even more encouraging to see Jones bounce back from a turnover-fest in Week 6. King Henry threw a touchdown but was limited to 86 yards on 29 carries. If they can get healthy on that side of the ball, the fighting Tom Bradsys can absolutely get back to another Super Bowl. But after spotting the Texans five points, the Cardinals peeled off 31 unanswered to remain the NFL's last unbeaten team ahead of next week's big showdown with the Packers.On offense, the Cardinals surpassed 30 points for the sixth time in seven games, racking up 172 yards on the ground while converting half of their 12 third-down attempts. "That's the thing when you look at it. While the defense has been doing everything it can to keep the team in games, they aren't good enough to carry the team.The bigger question may be what's next for the Seahawks, assuming they miss the playoffs after an uneasy 2021 offseason between the team and its star quarterback.And it's one Seattle fans didn't expect to be asking before Halloween.Jed Jacobsohn/Associated PressLast Week: 19Week 7 Result: Lost vs. Everybody is going to say, "What about the other teams?" Well, what about the Vikings? And the Kansas City Chiefs. For real.After a wild Week 7 in which those Bengals posted the most impressive win in the league, Bleacher Report NFL Analysts Brent Sobleski, Brad Gagnon and Gary Davenport have once again gathered to rank the NFL's teams from Nos. So you kind of know when it's different than just getting some sort of bruise or getting landed on. He's a tremendous leader both on and off the field."However, Sobleski believes Bisaccia deserves his share of the credit as well."Gruden's departure may have led the Raiders to a much brighter future on the field," he said. What our team has done is they've always responded, no matter how the game's unfolded. For many years, most assumed heading into a new season that the Steelers would be at the least be playoff contenders.It's much more difficult in 2021. New Orleans 13-10The Seattle Seahawks are done. The Ravens were the team to beat in the AFC North, and the Bengals manhandled them at their home stadium. Dallas entered Week 7 pacing the league in both yards per game and points per game, and defensive coordinator Dan Quinn has done a masterful job of remaking a Cowboys defense that was awful last year.With three straight games coming up against teams with .500 records or worse, the Cowboys could be 8-1 when they travel to Kansas City on Nov. The latter is almost comically so with Davis Mills under center.But there has also been plenty we didn't take away from the fact that Buffalo is arguably the best, most balanced team in the AFC East. Can put the storylines away and just go out and play football the rest of the year, and just enjoy it."The win was closer than expected but needed to keep the pressure on the Arizona Cardinals in the NFC West. Chicago better hope something changes before a promising young signal-caller is ruined." Hans Deryk/Associated PressLast Week: 26Week 7 Result: Won at Miami 30-28When the Falcons used the fourth overall pick of the 2021 NFL draft on Florida's Kyle Pitts, it was the earliest a tight end had ever been drafted in the modern era.Over the past couple of weeks, Pitts has demonstrated why the Falcons made such a hefty investment in him.He was a force in Atlanta's win over the Dolphins in Week 7, catching seven passes for 163 yards. Three are within the division, and two of those are on the road, including next week's trip to Cleveland. Mary Schwalm/Associated PressLast Week: 16Week 7 Result: Won vs. But two of New England's three wins are against Gang Green, and the third was against the one-win Texans. In other words, Houston is not a good team, but head coach David Culley told reporters after the game that you won't see any quit from his players."We are going to stay together," Culley said. After the bye, they host the 5-1 Dallas Cowboys. Every team has its ups and downs. Of the Saints 304 total yards in a three-point victory, running back Alvin Kamara accounted for 179.The 2021 Saints play punishing defense. And the Seattle Seahawks. Edge-rusher Myles Garrett spontaneously combusts.OK, that last one didn't happen. Whether it's close or how it was yesterday, it's always going to be tough. I know we didn't get to the byes feeling like we played our best ball, and it's tough no matter how you lose. Those surprises can best be summed up in one sentence.After seven weeks, the Cincinnati Bengals are higher in these power rankings than the Baltimore Ravens. They're also tied for fifth with 19 sacks. "You know, we've had some tough games and some close games, but you know, we believe in who we are as a team, and what we're doing as a team and where we're going."Building on the win won't be easy. Playing against one of the league's most explosive offenses, the Titans allowed three points and 334 yards while amassing three takeaways and four sacks."When the Titans play this well defensively and don't turn it over, they can beat just about anybody," Davenport said. The Jets are the only squad averaging fewer points per contest. The defense allowed fewer than 300 yards while adding two sacks and three takeaways.Rookie quarterback Mac Jones lauded the effort, but he also cautioned that the team needs to start stringing good performances together."We've got to do that every time. It's not often that you see a tight end average over 23 yards per reception in a game.The Falcons have quietly built a little momentum, winning two straight after a 1-3 start to get back to .500. It's something we've yet to do on a consistent basis."Yes, the offense has struggled, especially early in games. But these Browns aren't going to win the AFC North. Beat the Bengals, and the Ravens would be two up in the loss column on every other team in the AFC North.That didn't happen. "That was a pretty shocking Thursday, but it was mainly because of all their injuries. Atlanta 30-28The Dolphins headed into the 2021 season with some momentum after narrowly missing the playoffs and winning 10 games a year ago.Now, after losing on the final play for the second straight week and dropping their sixth consecutive game, any tattered shreds of that momentum are gone.Miami has been heavily linked to Deshaun Watson in recent weeks. Just when you think that things can't get any worse for the beleaguered franchise, they do.Gang Green came out of their bye week and got annihilated by the AFC East rival Patriots, allowing their most points since 1979. The play calls are equal parts boring and predictable. That's what you're hoping for as a coach, that the approach is consistent no matter what."Things lighten up over the middle of the season. But opponents like the New England Patriots, Minnesota Vikings and Pittsburgh Steelers aren't pushovers either, and there's little margin for error in a competitive AFC West.Gal Burton/Associated PressLast Week: 10Week 7 Result: Won at Baltimore 41-17In a Week 7 slate short on big-time contests, the marquee matchup was a battle for first place in the AFC North in Baltimore. Getting to the playoffs isn't going to be easy.However, quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo told reporters that San Francisco isn't about to panic."The NFL is a crazy thing," Garoppolo said after the loss. Head coach Kyle Shanahan didn't really commit to his veteran quarterback after the loss either. At this point, making the playoffs at all would be a feat."I'm not giving up on the Browns," Gagnon countered. 21 And the NFC East could already be all but won...if it isn't already John Fisher/Getty ImagesLast Week: 7Week 7 Result: Won vs. And some, including Joe Heath of Broncos Wire, had seen enough prior to Thursday's matchup."With Shurmur running the offense last season, Denver averaged 20.2 points per game, the fifth-lowest average in the NFL. The only player on Baltimore's roster who can run the ball worth a darn is Lamar Jackson. One of those touchdowns went to Ja'Marr Chase, who piled up 201 yards and set a rookie receiving record with 754 yards through seven games. Plenty of folks have gotten credit for that success, whether it's quarterback Dak Prescott or rookie edge-rusher Micah Parsons. But in the opinion of offensive coordinator Kellen Moore, one person who doesn't get enough credit for the 5-1 start is head coach Mike McCarthy."We're so well aligned as far as our approach and our system and the routine that we take each and every week that we're in a really, really good place," Moore told reporters.Dallas has emerged as the runaway favorite in the NFC East, head and shoulders above the rest of the division. Whether it's win, lose, what type of win, lose, what type of loss, I felt like our approach has remained consistent. In fact, they may well remain the favorites in the NFC."Kevork Djiansean/Associated PressLast Week: 2Week 7 Result: Won vs. Outside of one long pass to DK Metcalf, Seattle's offense did next to nothing.The 2021 Saints are also 4-2 and just one back in the loss column of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who visit the Superdome next week. Losing teams find ways to lose games, and winning teams find ways to win games."Allen is spot-on about that last part. It might have even been a turning point for a team that, when healthy, has the talent to win the Super Bowl." Stephen Brashear/Associated PressLast Week: 12Week 7 Result: Won at Seattle 13-10These are not the New Orleans Saints of old.The 2021 New Orleans Saints do not pile up the worst Field on offense. The offense is loaded with weapons. I'm not looking anywhere else. "A few days later, Rhule benched Darnold in favor of P.J. Walker in a game in which the Panthers had the fewest total yards and points of Rhule's tenure as head coach.Granted, Darnold is hardly the only one to blame for Carolina's recent woes. "This year's 11th overall draft pick needs the reps because he's clearly the team's most talented quarterback option, but the Bears' offensive line is a disaster, and the receivers aren't helping the situation. Cincinnati 41-17 Fresh off throttling the Los Angeles Chargers, the surging Baltimore Ravens rode a five-game winning streak into Sunday's meeting with Cincinnati. Four of the losses have been by single digits, and Detroit has given the Ravens and Rams all that could handle. But credit should be thrown toward the squad's defense, which ranks fourth overall. Washington 24-10We're going to drop a knowledge bomb on you.Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers is pretty good at football.On a day when the Packers managed 57 rushing yards on 15 carries, Rodgers carried the offense and propelled Green Bay to a sixth consecutive victory. One week, you're at the bottom of it. We figured that the New York Jets and Houston Texans would be bad, and they definitely are. Rodgers threw for 274 yards and three scores with a passer rating north of 125, and he spread the wealth—wide receivers Davante Adams and Allen Lazard and tight end Robert Tonyan all eclipsed 60 receiving yards with a score.The Packers also got an opportunistic effort from the defense, which notched two turnovers and four sacks while repeatedly turning away Washington in the red zone.It was a solid all-around effort for one of the NFC's hottest teams. Running back Najee Harris has been as advertised as a rookie. That's followed by another home tilt against the Atlanta Falcons and a trip to face the surging Tennessee Titans. How that stretch goes will go a long way toward determining whether the Saints are just one of many teams hunting for one of three wild card spots or maybe an actual threat to the Buccaneers in the division.Rick Scuteri/Associated PressLast Week: 15Week 7 Result: Won vs. But injury was added to insult when rookie quarterback Zach Wilson was forced from the game in the second quarter with a knee injury.Wilson told reporters that he injured his PCL, but the extent of the damage won't be known until further testing Monday."At first, it wasn't necessarily like a painful thing," he said. It's going to be hard to take this team seriously until it can beat someone who isn't terrible." Wesley Hitt/Getty ImagesLast Week: 8Week 7 Result: Lost at Tennessee 27-30K, it's time to seriously start worrying about the Kansas City Chiefs.Until Sunday's blowout loss at Tennessee, the team had never failed to score a touchdown with Patrick Mahomes as its starting quarterback.The 2021 Chiefs are abjectly awful defensively. And at the rate things are going, some are speculating Nick Sirianni's first year as head coach may be his last. Sarah Stier/Getty ImagesLast Week: 28Week 7 Result: Won vs. And even harder to dispute if you watched the game. Jed Jacobsohn/Associated PressLast Week: 23Week 7 Result: Won at San Francisco 30-18The Indianapolis Colts have a pulse. They started the 2021 season 0-3, but Sunday's soggy victory over the 49ers was the team's third win in four games. "The guts this team showed Thursday is admirable. That's just the fact."We knew there were going to be growing pains with Fields, who has also been sacked an NFL-high 22 times. But we can fight back."Sobleski doesn't advise hitting the panic button. I know me, myself, no matter how many picks I throw, no matter how many Ls we take, I'm going to keep trying. More importantly, the locker room has seemingly rallied around Bisaccia. And there's little reason to think a turnaround is coming anytime soon.Rick Scuteri/Associated PressLast Week: 24Week 7 Result: Lost at Las Vegas 33-22The Eagles are officially in free-fall.After falling to the Raiders in Las Vegas on Sunday, they have dropped five of six since blowing out the Falcons in Week 1. Denver's players certainly deserve some of the blame, but when the play calling is questionable and the offensive scheme is underwhelming on a near-weekly basis, it falls on the coaching staff."It's a hard position to dispute. But thanks in large part to injuries, the team's 22nd-ranked pass defense has struggled.Nothing like taking on a rookie quarterback to help a team get right.To say the Buccaneers teed off on Justin Fields and the Chicago Bears is an understatement. But thanks to four takeaways and a few timely plays from veteran quarterback Carson Wentz, the Colts are one step closer to turning around another good. Jets 54-13Last week, the Patriots took the one-loss Cowboys to overtime before eventually coming up short.On Sunday, they took out their frustration on the hapless Jets.New England's offense racked up a staggering 551 yards and peeled off chunk play after chunk play on the ground and through the air. The Giants could do some damage in the second half of the season." Jason Behnken/Associated PressLast Week: 21Week 7 Result: Lost at Tampa Bay 38-3Justin Fields needs a hug.The Chicago Bears rookie quarterback had a game to forget and then some Sunday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, with 184 passing yards, three interceptions and two lost fumbles in the blowout loss.Despite posting possibly the ugliest performance from a quarterback this year, Fields told reporters after the game that there won't be any head-hanging."Times like this, times when you get beat, blown out, you've got two choices. Cincinnati blasted Baltimore by 24 points—its biggest margin of victory against the Ravens and the first time Cincy beat its divisional rivals since 2018.Quarterback Joe Burrow was phenomenal, throwing for 416 yards and three scores. "I'm giving Mahomes, coach Andy Reid and Co. the benefit of the doubt, but it's fair to wonder if something is seriously wrong with the suddenly extremely mistake-prone Chiefs. "So to get a win, especially in that fashion, it feels

