

PHIL STEELER'S 2017 POWER POLL

	Odds to Win:	DIV	CONF	SB	COMMENTS
1 PATRIOTS	1/5	2/1	17/5	NE enters the 2017 ssn as the clear-cut favorite to repeat as Super Bowl Champ behind an improved roster that brings in the likes of WR Brandin Cooks & CB Stephon Gilmore.	
2 PACKERS	3/2	5/1	11/1	The Packers fell just short of a SB berth a ssn ago following their defeat in ATL. GB should be poised to make another deep playoff run in '17 assuming they stay inj-free.	
3 SEAHAWKS	7/2	11/2	12/1	While the SEA roster has many more new faces than we're accustomed to seeing, the nucleus on both the offense and top rated defense (#5 total, #3 scoring) remain intact.	
4 FALCONS	3/2	6/1	13/1	ATL did an excellent job on the Off side of the ball LY (33.8 ppg, 416 ypg) which nearly helped them cash in on the Title. Biggest ? this yr is the recent history of the Big Game runner-up.	
5 STEELERS	1/1	7/1	16/1	With no lingering suspensions heading into the ssn for the 1st time in 3 yrs, PIT could find themselves heading deep into the postssn once again behind their high-octane Off.	
6 COWBOYS	1/1	5/1	10/1	DAL heads into '17 looking for redemption following an early playoff exit LY as the #1 seed in the NFC. With Prescott & Elliott now entering season #2, they will be a factor again.	
7 RAIDERS	3/2	7/1	14/1	After suffering an unfortunate inj to QB Carr late LY, OAK appears to be ready for another strong campaign as the favorite to claim the AFC West Title with RB Lynch joining the fray.	
8 CHIEFS	5/2	12/1	25/1	The Chiefs were neck-and-neck with the Raiders in the AFC West for the entire '16 ssn. While the schedule gets tougher for their aging roster, they are still one of the league's best.	
9 GIANTS	5/2	9/1	22/1	HC McAdoo had a good amount of success in his rookie ssn with an 11-5 mark. While the beginning of the schedule is tough, the Giants should be right in the mix for another playoff berth.	
10 TITANS	5/2	20/1	50/1	The addition of weapons on both sides of the ball in '17 along with a mediocre schedule could see the Titans back in the postseason for the 1st time since 2008.	
11 PANTHERS	5/2	14/1	30/1	The Panthers took a drastic step backwards in '16 following their 15-1 campaign in '15. Assuming they maintain better health, CAR could be right back in the NFC playoff mix.	
12 CARDINALS	3/1	14/1	32/1	Much like CAR above, ARZ also took a step back in '16 behind an underperforming effort from QB Palmer. With the #2 Def in '16, they will challenge SEA for the top spot in the NFC West.	
13 TEXANS	2/1	9/1	15/1	The Texans return JJ Watt (inj LY) to an already outstanding Def that finished #1 in '16 by allowing 301 ypg. The QB position remains the primary question mark in Houston.	
14 VIKINGS	5/2	14/1	30/1	The Vikings appeared to be well on their way to a playoff berth LY with a 5-0 start (3-8 after). A Top 3 Def (315 ypg) should have them in contention again for the upcoming year.	
15 BRONCOS	2/1	9/1	18/1	The 2015 Champs just couldn't get anything going on Off LY resulting in a 9-7 mark. With both Siemian and Lynch now having experience, the #4 Def should have them in the mix.	
16 RAVENS	3/2	20/1	40/1	While BAL's FA losses far outweigh their additions for the upcoming ssn, an easier schedule and better overall health on the roster could land them within range of an AFC playoff berth.	
17 COLTS	2/1	14/1	30/1	The Colts are a hard to gauge in '17 with QB Luck coming off of shoulder surgery and potentially limited in camp and into the start of the ssn. We're expecting a .500 record.	
18 BUCCANEERS	7/2	18/1	30/1	The Bucs were the big surprise in the NFC South LY behind a much-improved QB Winston. They will need some things to bounce their way if they are to post another 9-7 season.	
19 LIONS	4/1	28/1	70/1	DET exceeded our expectations a ssn ago by earning the final playoff berth in the NFC. TY the schedule gets much tougher and they may struggle to reach the .500 mark.	
20 REDSKINS	4/1	22/1	60/1	While QB Cousins appears to be back for another ssn, the main question for WAS in '17 will be the schedule as success in the 2H of the ssn would be quite an accomplishment.	
21 BILLS	7/1	40/1	90/1	The Rex Ryan era is officially over in BUF with McDermott taking over. With NE firmly entrenched as the AFC East's top dog, the Bills appear to be competing for a WC spot.	
22 EAGLES	4/1	25/1	50/1	PHI had an up-and-down start to the Carson Wentz era LY. While the roster appears to be much deeper, it may be difficult for them to reach the .500 mark.	
23 SAINTS	5/2	18/1	50/1	The Saints' Def has been the main culprit for their 3 consec 7-9 finishes. While the Off is elite, a difficult early schedule could have them hovering around that 7-win mark yet again.	
24 BENGALS	5/2	25/1	55/1	CIN has watched every other NFL team win at least 1 playoff game since their last postssn victory in '90. We have them forecasted to finish 3rd in the rugged AFC North.	
25 JAGUARS	11/2	40/1	90/1	JAX disappointed us with their rough '16 campaign (had them listed #16). While they drop to #25 TY, there remains quite a bit of talent on hand for them to be successful.	
26 DOLPHINS	5/1	25/1	60/1	MIA made a surprising splash in the AFC a ssn ago under new HC Gase. While there remains some talent, the schedule appears to be one of the toughest in the NFL.	
27 CHARGERS	6/1	33/1	80/1	While the move to LA has finally happened, the Chargers won't have much of a home-field edge in their temporary home (30,000 cap). It will be another year in the AFC West basement.	
28 RAMS	12/1	66/1	150/1	A porous Off and a new system being put in place has the Rams being listed in the lower portion of our rankings once again. The lone bright spot remains their Def (#9 LY at 337 ypg).	
29 49ers	18/1	100/1	300/1	SF was without question the most active team in the NFL with changes in both the front office and on the roster. While that may not translate into a ton of wins, they are improved.	
30 BROWNS	33/1	100/1	300/1	There's only 1 way to go TY following a 1-15 record in '16. The stockpiling of draft picks has now translated to a much-improved roster for '17. CLE is still a few years away.	
31 BEARS	12/1	40/1	125/1	While CHI made wholesale changes at QB heading into '17 including the addition of 1st Rnd DC Trubisky, the roster is still in need of a true identity and will struggle to compete TY.	
32 JETS	33/1	100/1	150/1	With a depleted roster and another rough schedule on the horizon, it appears that the Jets may have already packed it in for '17 with an eye on the 1st overall pick in the '18 Draft.	