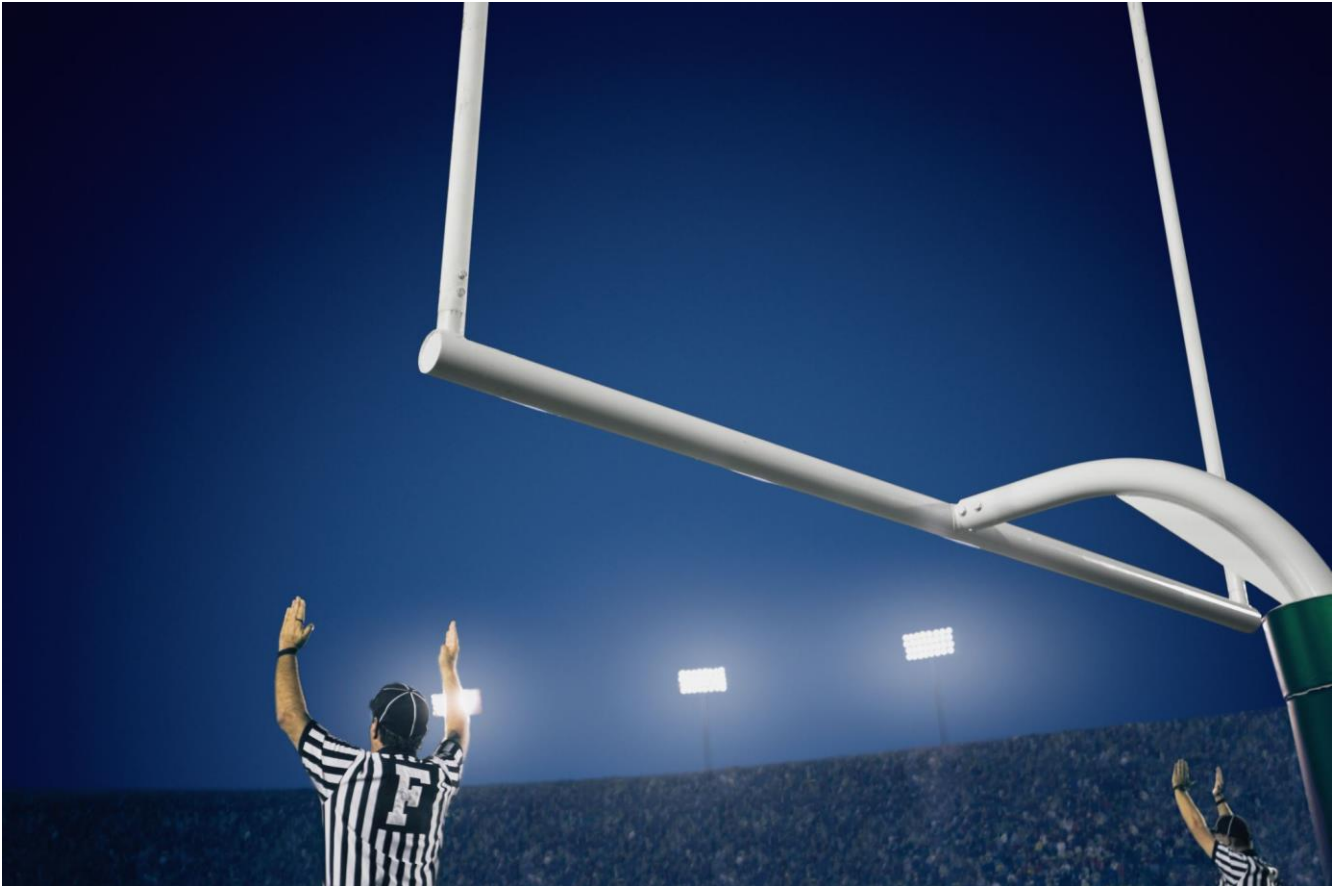


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**Week 2 NFL Top 3 Best Bets**

**Week 1 results 2-1 ATS 66%**

Atlanta-3.5 W 24-10

Tennessee+3 W 15-16

LA Chargers-3 L 34-36

# Mike's Top 3 Bets NFL Week 2

Sunday Sept. 17, 5:20 PM

## Buffalo Bills-9.5

The Bills are coming off a loss, in a game that they let get away Monday night. They should regroup this week against the Raiders weak secondary. My power ratings favor the Bills by 9. The Bills are 6-0 ATS against the AFC West and 7-1 against a non-division opponent off a straight up dog win. Throw in their 6-1 ATS mark at home in September and this team should bounce back strong.

## Kansas City Chiefs-3 10:00 AM

The Chiefs beat the Jaguars by 10 in the regular season and by 7 in the playoffs. Normally I would look at the revenge angle here, but the Jaguars struggled against the Colts. Kansas City has extra rest coming off last Thursday and they are off a loss. They get their best defender back in DT Jones. Kelce's status is that he is practicing, but I expect better execution from their other WR's this week. Mahomes has never lost to the Jaguars.

## Dallas-9.5 1:25 PM

The Jets Wilson will have his hands full Sunday. It's a short week and getting the ball downfield looks like a problem. Dallas should get plenty of short fields and opportunities to score. I think they can win by 14-17 points and my adjusted power ratings favor the Cowboys by 14.5 points.

Dallas is 14-6 ATS vs AFC opponents, Jets are 0-8 ATS after Buffalo. The Jets defense can keep this close for a while, but Dallas should take advantage of the many scoring opportunities and pull away in the second half.

# Week 2 Power Ratings

## AFC EAST

BUFFALO 25.5 ↓  
MIAMI 25 ↑  
NY JETS 15 ↑  
NEW ENGLAND 19.5

## AFC SOUTH

JACKSONVILLE 25 ↑  
TENNESSEE 21  
INDIANAPOLIS 17 ↓  
HOUSTON 17 ↓

## NFC EAST

PHILADELPHIA 26.5  
DALLAS 27 ↑  
N Y GIANTS 18 ↓  
WASHINGTON 18

## NFC SOUTH

ATLANTA 24.5 ↑  
NEW ORLEANS 22.5  
CAROLINA 19 ↓  
TAMPA BAY 19 ↑

## AFC NORTH

BALTIMORE 27.5 ↑  
CINCINNATI 23.5 ↓  
CLEVELAND 25.5 ↑  
PITTSBURGH 19.5 ↓

## AFC WEST

KANSAS CITY 27 ↓  
L A CHARGERS 23 ↓  
DENVER 20 ↓  
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS 19 ↑

## NFC NORTH

DETROIT 26 ↑  
MINNESOTA 21.5 ↓  
GREEN BAY 24 ↑  
CHICAGO 16.5 ↓

## NFC WEST

SAN FRANCISCO 29.5 ↑  
SEATTLE 19.5 ↓  
L A RAMS 21 ↑  
ARIZONA 13



# SITUATIONAL PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

LINE VALUE FAVORITE 4-5  
LINE VALUE DOG 5-2  
DUE UP 0-0  
DUE DOWN 0-0

POSSIBLY DUE UP 0-0  
POSSIBLY DUE DOWN 0-0  
SPREAD RANGE FAVORITE 0-0  
SPREAD RANGE DOG 0-0

EARLY START 2-0  
OFF ROUT WIN 0-0  
OFF ROUT LOSS 0-0  
ROAD FAV LAYING 7.5 OR MORE 0-0  
3<sup>RD</sup> ROAD GM IN 4 WEEKS 0-0  
HOME FAVORITES 2-8  
DIVISION FAVORITE HOME 1-3  
DIVISION FAVORITE ROAD 2-2  
DIVISION DOG AT HOME 2-2  
DIVISION DOG ON ROAD 3-1

VS 2022 PLOFF AT HOME 3-5  
VS 2022 PLOFF ON ROAD 5-1  
OFF THURSDAY AT HOME 0-0  
OFF THURSDAY ON ROAD 0-0  
OFF MONDAY NIGHT HOME 0-0  
OFF MONDAY NIGHT ROAD 0-0  
HOME DOGS 2-4  
ROAD FAVORITES 4-2  
ROAD DOGS 8-2  
ROAD TEAMS 12-4





# KEY PLAYER ADJUSTMENTS

ARIZONA – **K MURRAY** (3), C MCCOY, J CONNER (3)  
ATLANTA- D RIDDER, T HEINICKE, B ROBINSON, T ALLGEIER, D LONDON, M HOLLINS  
BALTIMORE- L JACKSON (10), **JK DOBBINS**, G EDWARDS, R BATEMAN, O BECKHAM  
BUFFALO- J ALLEN (10), J COOK, S DIGGS (3), **VON MILLER 3**  
CAROLINA- **B YOUNG**, A DALTON, M SANDERS, C HUBBARD, A THIELEN (3), DJ CHARK  
CHICAGO- J FIELDS (7) PJ WALKER, K HERBERT, D FOREMAN, D J MOORE (3),  
CINCINNATI- J BURROW (10), T SIEMIAN, J MIXON, T WILLIAMS, J CHASE (4), T HIGGINS  
CLEVELAND- D WATSON, J DOBBS, N CHUBB (3), A COOPER, E MOORE  
DALLAS- D PRESCOTT (7), C RUSH, T POLLARD (3), CD LAMB (4), B COOKS (3) M GALLUP  
DENVER- R WILSON, (3), J STIDHAM, J WILLIAMS, J JEUDY (3), C SUTTON  
DETROIT- J GOFF (7) T BRIDGEWATER, J GIBBS, D MONTGOMERY, A ST. BROWN (3)  
GREEN BAY- J LOVE, S CLIFFORD, A JONES (3), A J DILLON, **C WATSON**, R DOUBS  
HOUSTON- **CJ STROUD**, D MILLS, D PIERCE, D SINGLETARY, N COLLINS, R WOODS  
INDIANAPOLIS- **A RICHARDSON**, G MISHEW, **J TAYLOR** (4), Z MOSS, M PITTMAN, PIERCE  
JACKSONVILLE- T LAWRENCE (7), CJ BEATHARD, T ETIENNE (3) C KIRK, Z JONES  
KANSAS CITY- P MAHOMES (10), B GABBERT, PACHECO (3) **KELSEY** (4), K TONEY  
LAS VEGAS J GAROPPOLO, B HOYER, J JACOBS (3), Z WHITE, D ADAMS (4) J MEYERS  
LA CHARGERS- J HERBERT (7), E STICK, A EKELER (3), J KELLY, K ALLEN (4) WILLIAMS  
LA RAMS- M STAFFORD (7), B RYPIEN, C AKERS (3) C KUPP (4), V JEFFERSON  
MIAMI- T TAGOVAILOA (7), M WHITE, R MOSTERT, J WILSON, T HILL (3), J WADDLE  
MINNESOTA- K COUSINS (7), N MULLINS, A MATTISON, T CHANDLER, J JEFFERSON (4)  
NEW ENGLAND- M JONES, B ZAPPE, STEVENSON, ELLIOTT, SMITH-SCHUSTER, PARKER  
NEW ORLEANS- D CARR, J WINSTON, **KAMARA** (3), WILLIAMS, C OLAVE, M THOMAS  
NY GIANTS- D JONES (7), T TAYLOR, S BARKLEY (3), BRIEDA, HODGINS, SLAYTON  
NY JETS- **A RODGERS** (10), Z WILSON, B HALL, D COOK (3), G WILSON, A LAZARD  
PHILADELPHIA- J HURTS (10), M MARIOTA, D SWIFT, R PENNY, AJ BROWN, D SMITH  
PITTSBURGH- K PICKETT, M TRUBISKY, N HARRIS, J WARREN, D JOHNSON, G PICKENS  
SAN FRANCISCO- B PURDY, C MCCAFFERY (4), E MITCHELL, D SAMUEL (3), B AIYUK (3)  
SEATTLE-G SMITH (7), D LOCK, K WALKER (3), DK METCALF, **T LOCKETT** (3)  
TAMPA BAY- B MAYFIELD (7), K TRASK, R WHITE, C EDMUNDS, M EVANS (3) C GODWIN  
TENNESSEE-R TANNEHILL (7), M WILLIS, D HENRY (4), D HOPKINS (3), T BURKS  
WASHINGTON- S HOWELL, J BRISSETT, B ROBINSON, A GIBSON, MCLAURIN (3) DOTSON



Notes:

I wanted to point out the Detroit/Kansas City game. Kansas City's power rating difference was 7.5. TE Kelsey is worth 4 points and Jones, key defender was worth 3 points. If you subtract the 7 total points you would have Kansas City-1/2 point. The game was decided by 1. Oddsmakers were reluctant to subtract the true value of 7 knowing they would probably get one-sided on Kansas City. The line did drop to KC-4, but the value remained with Detroit as soon as Kelce's injury went public.

This is something to keep in mind when a key player is injured, you can get an accurate deduction if this situation arises again. Some injuries we just won't know what they are worth until they happen, and we see a game, but we can keep track of the ones that occur, and we should get an opportunity to use them again during the season.

The Jets gained a point for their unbelievable win against Buffalo, but I will drop them to 15 with the loss of QB Rodgers. Wilson looked like a deer in the head lights on Monday Night, it's a short week so there won't be any quick fixes against Dallas this week.

I also wanted to add that the power ratings in red may require some late injury adjustment. Just to make you aware. The Chiefs got Jones back on defense, but Kelsey is still up in the air and even if he comes back, he won't be 100%, mainly his speed will be affected for weeks. The Ravens lost JK Dobbins (RB) and the Chargers RB Ekeler could be out some substantial time.

There are four teams playing their 2<sup>nd</sup> game on the road. Packers-1.5, Raiders+8.5, 49ers-8, Dolphins-3 They were a combined 4-0 SU and ATS last week.

Four teams at home for second week- Falcons+1.5, Broncos-3.5, Patriots+3.5, Steelers+2 They were a combined 1-3 SU and ATS last week.

70% of the NFL had a record of 1-1 after week 2 last season, Houston and Indianapolis tied in the first week 20-20.

## **Team Situations** **Hottest Stats**

**Early Starts West-East** Raiders, Seahawks, Chargers. West Coast 2-0 ATS last week

**Road Favorite laying 7.5 or more** 49ers-8 (Taking the home dog used to be automatic here but I would watch a few of the favorites to see what direction this situation will go).

**Line value dogs-** Ravens+3.5, Titans+3, Jaguars+3, Texans+1, Rams+8, Cardinals+4.5, Panthers+3. (5-2 ATS last week).

**Spread Range dog-** Steelers+2 (I want to see 3.5 before taking a shot, maybe by the end of the week).

**VS 2022 playoff team on the road-** Vikings+7, Raiders+8.5, Ravens+3.5, Chiefs-2.5, Jets+9.5, (5-1 ATS last week).

**Rout losses-teams to possibly bet on-** Bengals-3.5, Steelers+2, Bears+3, Seahawks+6, Giants-4.5

**Rout wins- possible teams to bet against-** Browns-2, Packers-1.5, Cowboys-9.5

## **Coldest Stats**

Home Teams 4-12 ATS

Home Favorites 2-8 ATS

Division Favorite at Home 1-3 ATS Cincinnati-3.5