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## PLAYOFF RACES IN FULL SWING AS NFC CLUBS VIE FOR POSITION

The Seahawks are in with a win and the rest is up for grabs.

That is the scenario in the NFC, as Seattle can clinch the NFC West championship with a win at Philadelphia on Monday night. Week 13 promises a host of intriguing matchups between teams with designs on the playoffs, including the NFC East showdown between Dallas and New York at Giants Stadium and two of the three clubs vying for the NFC South division title, the Atlanta Falcons visiting the Carolina Panthers.

"It just keeps getting tougher," says Falcons head coach **JIM MORA**. "What's interesting is the way our division is coming down – we can all truly say we control our own destiny because we all have contests against each other. We're all in the drivers seat and I think that makes for some high drama, so it should be fun."

Eleven teams in the NFC are within one game of .500 or better entering the final five weeks of the season. The Falcons have the toughest remaining schedule of the contenders, facing opponents with a combined 34-21 (.618) mark.

Following is the remaining strength of schedule for the 11 NFC teams within one game of .500 or better:

### NFC EAST

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DALLAS (7-4)</u>	<u>N.Y. GIANTS (7-4)</u>	<u>PHILADELPHIA (5-6)</u>	<u>WASHINGTON (5-6)</u>
<b>OPP. RECORD</b>	32-23 (.582)	28-27 (.509)	29-26 (.527)	27-28 (.491)
<b>WEEK 13</b>	at NY Giants (7-4)	Dallas (7-4)	Seattle (9-2)	at St. Louis (5-6)
<b>WEEK 14</b>	Kansas City (7-4)	at Philadelphia (5-6)	NY Giants (7-4)	at Arizona (3-8)
<b>WEEK 15</b>	at Washington (5-6)	Kansas City (7-4)	at St. Louis (5-6)	Dallas (7-4)
<b>WEEK 16</b>	at Carolina (8-3)	at Washington (5-6)	at Arizona (3-8)	NY Giants (7-4)
<b>WEEK 17</b>	St. Louis (5-6)	at Oakland (4-7)	Washington (5-6)	at Philadelphia (5-6)

### NFC NORTH

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CHICAGO (8-3)</u>	<u>MINNESOTA (6-5)</u>
<b>OPP. RECORD</b>	24-31 (.436)	27-28 (.491)
<b>WEEK 13</b>	Green Bay (2-9)	At Detroit (4-7)
<b>WEEK 14</b>	at Pittsburgh (7-4)	St. Louis (5-6)
<b>WEEK 15</b>	Atlanta (7-4)	Pittsburgh (7-4)
<b>WEEK 16</b>	at Green Bay (2-9)	at Baltimore (3-8)
<b>WEEK 17</b>	at Minnesota (6-5)	Chicago (8-3)

### NFC SOUTH

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CAROLINA (8-3)</u>	<u>ATLANTA (7-4)</u>	<u>TAMPA BAY (7-4)</u>
<b>OPP. RECORD</b>	31-24 (.564)	34-21 (.618)	27-28 (.491)
<b>WEEK 13</b>	Atlanta (7-4)	At Carolina (8-3)	At New Orleans (3-8)
<b>WEEK 14</b>	Tampa Bay (7-4)	New Orleans (3-8)	At Carolina (8-3)
<b>WEEK 15</b>	at New Orleans (3-8)	At Chicago (8-3)	At New England (6-5)
<b>WEEK 16</b>	Dallas (7-4)	At Tampa Bay (7-4)	Atlanta (7-4)
<b>WEEK 17</b>	at Atlanta (7-4)	Carolina (8-3)	New Orleans (3-8)

### NFC WEST

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SEATTLE (9-2)</u>	<u>ST. LOUIS (5-6)</u>
<b>OPP. RECORD</b>	23-32 (.418)	25-30 (.455)
<b>WEEK 13</b>	at Philadelphia (5-6)	Washington (5-6)
<b>WEEK 14</b>	San Francisco (2-9)	at Minnesota (6-5)
<b>WEEK 15</b>	at Tennessee (3-8)	Philadelphia (5-6)
<b>WEEK 16</b>	Indianapolis (11-0)	San Francisco (2-9)
<b>WEEK 17</b>	at Green Bay (2-9)	at Dallas (7-4)

