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AFC PLAYOFF PICTURE REMAINS A GROUP PHOTO

With three weeks remaining in the regular season, 13 of 16 AFC clubs are squeezed together in the conference's playoff picture. The San Diego Chargers are the lone team among the 16 to have clinched a postseason berth, earning the AFC West crown last week.

Baltimore (10-3), Indianapolis (10-3), and New England (9-4) all have an opportunity to clinch division titles this week. Nine other clubs are wedged together between 8-5 and 6-7, toiling for a division championship or Wild Card berth.

"The only thing that matters is us," says Cincinnati Bengals head coach **MARVIN LEWIS**, whose team stands at 8-5 and controls its own playoff destiny. The final three games on the Bengals' schedule places the team at Indianapolis, at Denver and home against Pittsburgh.

"Nothing around us really affects what we do," says Lewis. "If we're a playoff team, we have to prove it by beating playoff teams. Those are the teams we're competing with. Those are the teams we get to play the next three weeks. We have no better opportunity than to go play, win the games, and everything else will take care of itself."

Following are the records of AFC playoff contenders, their remaining games and their wins and losses against other AFC playoff hopefuls:

AFC EAST

<u>TEAM/GAMES VS. CONTENDERS</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>CONF.</u>	<u>WK. 15</u>	<u>WK. 16</u>	<u>WK. 17</u>
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS Wins: Buf (2), NYJ, Mia, Cin; Losses: Den, Ind, NYJ, Mia	9-4	4-2	5-4	Hou	At Jac	At Tenn
NEW YORK JETS Wins: Tenn, Buf, Mia, NE; Losses: NE, Ind, Jac, Buf	7-6	3-2	5-5	At Min	At Mia	Oak
BUFFALO BILLS Wins: Mia, NYJ, Jac; Losses: NE (2), NYJ, Ind, SD	6-7	2-3	4-5	Mia	Tenn	At Bal
MIAMI DOLPHINS Wins: Ten, NE, KC; Losses: Pit, Buf, NE, NYJ, Jac	6-7	1-3	3-6	At Buf	NYJ	At Ind

AFC NORTH

<u>TEAM/GAMES VS. CONTENDERS</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>CONF.</u>	<u>WK. 15</u>	<u>WK. 16</u>	<u>WK. 17</u>
BALTIMORE RAVENS Wins: SD, Cin, Ten, Pit, KC; Losses: Den, Cin	10-3	3-1	7-2	Cle	At Pit	Buf
CINCINNATI BENGALS Wins: KC, Pit, Bal; Losses: NE, Bal, SD	8-5	4-1	6-3	At Ind	At Den	Pit
PITTSBURGH STEELERS Wins: Mia, KC; Losses: Jac, Cin, SD, Den, Bal	6-7	2-2	4-6	Ar Car	Bal	At Cin

AFC SOUTH

<u>TEAM/GAMES VS. CONTENDERS</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>CONF.</u>	<u>WK. 15</u>	<u>WK. 16</u>	<u>WK. 17</u>
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS Wins: Hou, Jac, Tenn, NYJ, Den, NE, Buf; Losses: Tenn, Jac	10-3	3-2	7-2	Cin	At Hou	Mia

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS Wins: Pit, NYJ, Tenn, Mia; Losses: Ind, Buf	8-5	2-3	5-4	At Tenn	NE	At KC
TENNESSEE TITANS Wins: Ind; Losses: NYJ, SD, Mia, Ind, Jac, Bal	6-7	3-2	3-6	Jac	At Buf	NE
<u>AFC WEST</u>						
<u>TEAM/GAMES VS. CONTENDERS</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>CONF.</u>	<u>WK. 15</u>	<u>WK. 16</u>	<u>WK. 17</u>
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS* Wins: Tenn, Pit, Cin, Den (2), Buf; Losses: Bal, KC	11-2	4-2	9-2	KC	At Sea	Arz
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS Wins: SD, Den; Losses: Cin, Den, Pit, Mia, Bal	7-6	3-1	3-6	At SD	At Oak	Jac
DENVER BRONCOS Wins: KC, NE, Bal, Pit; Losses: Ind, SD (2), KC	7-6	3-3	7-4	At Arz	Cin	SF

* Clinched AFC West