

# Possible Wild-Card Scenarios

*Disclaimer: New Orleans and Tampa are still far from eliminated. This table assumes the Saints and Bucs are eliminated. This is unofficial information.*

Scenario	If Green Bay finishes...	And Dallas goes...	And Seattle finishes...	Does Green Bay get in as a wild card?
1	2-0 (10-6)	2-0 (11-5)	2-0 (10-6)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
2	1-1 (9-7)	2-0 (11-5)	2-0 (10-6)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
3	2-0 (10-6)	2-0 (11-5)	1-1 (9-7)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
*4	2-0 (10-6)	1-1 (10-6)	2-0 (10-6)	Maybe...Dallas and Seattle temporarily eliminate Green Bay based on conference record; however, if Dallas can win a tiebreaker with Seattle based on either common-opponent record or strength of victory, Dallas clinches a spot; then, after the first wild card is identified, the procedure is repeated to determine the second team; Green Bay beats Seattle based on the Packers' head-to-head win
5	1-1 (9-7)	2-0 (11-5)	1-1 (9-7)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
6	1-1 (9-7)	1-1 (10-6)	2-0 (10-6)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
7	2-0 (10-6)	1-1 (10-6)	1-1 (9-7)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
8	1-1 (9-7)	1-1 (10-6)	1-1 (9-7)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
9	0-2 (8-8)	1-1 (10-6)	1-1 (9-7)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
10	1-1 (9-7)	1-1 (10-6)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
11	1-1 (9-7)	0-2 (9-7)	1-1 (9-7)	Maybe...conference records would be tied (7-5)...depending on which team has the better strength of victory (fifth tiebreaker)...common opponents (Detroit and Arizona) would not meet the minimum (four)
12	0-2 (8-8)	1-1 (10-6)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
13	0-2 (8-8)	0-2 (9-7)	1-1 (9-7)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
14	1-1 (9-7)	0-2 (9-7)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
15	0-2 (8-8)	0-2 (9-7)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
16	2-0 (10-6)	0-2 (9-7)	2-0 (10-6)	Yes, better overall record than Dallas (would own higher seed than Seattle)
17	1-1 (9-7)	0-2 (9-7)	2-0 (10-6)	No, based on Dallas' better common-opponent record
18	0-2 (8-8)	0-2 (9-7)	2-0 (10-6)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
19	2-0 (10-6)	2-0 (11-5)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
20	1-1 (9-7)	2-0 (11-5)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
21	0-2 (8-8)	2-0 (11-5)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle

## \*Scenario 4 details

- ▶ The Cardinals and Saints are common opponents of Seattle and Dallas.
- ▶ The key games are Seattle at Arizona on Sunday, and Dallas at New Orleans, Dec. 28.
- ▶ If Seattle loses to Arizona OR Dallas beats New Orleans, the Cowboys would clinch a common-opponent tiebreaker over Seattle.
- ▶ However, if Seattle wins AND Dallas loses, the two clubs would go to the next tiebreaker, strength of victory. The Packers would then need to hope the Cowboys can still edge Seattle in strength of victory. Current strength of victory — Dallas .416 (52-73), Seattle .411 (46-66).
- ▶ Bottom line: The Packers need Dallas to somehow better Seattle (especially by winning at New Orleans), and Seattle to lose (especially at Arizona).

## NFC playoff tiebreaker update

NFC North Leaders	Head-to-Head	Division	Common Opp	Conference	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule+
1) Minnesota (8-6)	1-1	4-2	Will not be able to	7-4	48-64, .429	99-125, .442
2) Green Bay (8-6)	1-1	4-2	break any tie	7-5	48-64, .429	109-114, .489

+ — through games of Dec. 14; includes remaining two games

NFC Wild Card Leaders	Head-to-Head Key Wins	Head-to-Head Key Losses	Conference Record	Remaining games
1) *Philadelphia (10-3)	GB, NO	—	8-2	at Mia, vs. SF, at Was
2) *Minnesota (8-6)	Sea	—	7-4	vs. KC, at Ari
3) Dallas (9-5)	—	—	7-3	vs. NYG, at NO
4) Seattle (8-6)	NO	GB, Min	6-4	vs. Ari, at SF
5) Green Bay (8-6)	Sea	Phi	7-5	at Oak, vs. Den
6) New Orleans (7-7)	—	Sea, Phi	6-5	at Jax, vs. Dal
7) Tampa Bay (7-7)	Dal	GB	6-5	vs. Atl, at Ten

\* — division leader

