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We♦re six weeks into this NFL season. We♦ve seen enough so far to start making some broad-strokes judgments, analyses that rely on data rather than gut feelings. And it♦s in that spirit that I offer this utterly logical take:
It♦s time to fire the entire NFC East into the sun.
No, I♦m serious. Pack ♦em all in. Dallas, Philly, the Giants, Washington ♦ load ♦em up and shoot ♦em into orbit. Forfeit all the rest of their games ♦ it♦s not like they were going to win much of them anyway ♦ and give their playoff spot to, I don♦t know, Alabama or something.
This is a division that♦s incompetent (New York), infuriating (Washington), indecisive (Phiiladelphia) and incomprehensible (Dallas). New York appears utterly directionless; Washington is just a swampy mess that not even Ron Rivera can clean up; Philadelphia has suffered through decimating injuries; and Dallas clearly lost its heart and soul when it lost Dak Prescott. All four teams combined have five wins. That♦s the same as the Seahawks, Bears, Steelers, Ravens, Titans and Chiefs. Again: the Chicago Bears have won as many games this year as the entire NFC East.

The division is a combined 5-18-1. To get the division above .500, every single member of the NFC East would have to win every single game from now to Week 11, in mid-December.

Outside the division, the NFC East teams have only two wins: Dallas over Atlanta, which was a gift from the Falcons, and Philly with a five-point victory over San Francisco, which is 3-3 on the season. Yes, the best opponent anyone in the division has beaten doesn♦t even have a winning record.

The NFC East is the only division in football that is completely underwater ♦ in other words, every team has totaled fewer points on the year than their opponents. The average point differential across the division for the season is -46. The Eagles are the ♦best♦ of this bunch, and even they have scored 34 fewer points than their opponents.

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