

Top-Seeded Falcons Host Kaepernick-Led 49ers for NFC Championship

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A spot in the Super Bowl will be on the line when the Atlanta Falcons host the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC Championship Game on Sunday. The two top-seeded teams are the only teams left in the NFC playoff picture, and Printablebrackets.net says this is quite the intriguing matchup.

“Very interesting game on tap on Sunday,” said Printable Brackets spokesman Zaniel Worth. “Can the Falcons take the next step as a franchise, or will the 49ers finish what they started last season?”

Colin Kaepernick rushed for a quarterback-record 181 yards as the Niners lit up the Packers, 45-31, to advance to the NFC Championship. Kaepernick rushed for two touchdowns while also passing for 263 yards and two scores in his first playoff game.

“Kaepernick turned in one of the all-time great playoff performances,” said Worth. “Head coach Jim Harbaugh looks like a genius for making the switch to Kaepernick.”

The Niners were taken to the NFC Championship Game last season by Alex Smith, who was replaced by Kaepernick after suffering a concussion in Week 10.

Meanwhile, Matt Bryant’s 49-yard field goal gave the Falcons a thrilling 30-28 win over the Seattle Seahawks. The top-seeded Falcons advanced to the NFC Championship despite blowing a 20-point lead in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Matt Ryan led the Falcons down the field in less than 20 seconds en route to his first playoff victory.

“Atlanta barely avoided one of the biggest choke jobs in playoff history,” said Worth. “It may not have been pretty, but it still goes in the books as a win.”

The 49ers are going after their sixth Super Bowl appearance in franchise history. San Francisco is 5-0 all-time in the big game. Atlanta was blown out in its only Super Bowl appearance in 1998. The Falcons are one of 10 teams without a Super Bowl victory.

While fans enjoy the action this weekend, the Super Bowl is only two weeks away. Printable Brackets has already released a complimentary Super Bowl squares template and other popular Super Bowl party games.

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