

The 2017 Opponent Record Calculation Explained

On the Entry Sheet there is a figure called "Opponent's Records". This is how well a team's opponents have done against other teams. It takes out the effect of a team's own record--the opponents of a lousy team will look better because of all the wins against that team, the opponents of a great team will look worse because their record will reflect all the losses against that team. The table below shows how this is calculated. The current records for the whole schedule are shown, but only completed weeks are included in the calculation (the ones shaded green). Also, divisional rivals who get played twice only have their records included once. Anyway, here's the calculation:

Buffalo Bills				as of Week 1			2017		
Week	Opponent	Played	Game Score	-- Opponent's Record --	Wins	Losses	Ties	Winning Record	Opponent Sparklines
1	New York Jets	Home	BUF 21-12 ✓	5	11	-		0.313	
2	Carolina Panthers	Away	-	11	5	-		0.688	
3	Denver Broncos	Home	-	5	11	-		0.313	
4	Atlanta Falcons	Away	-	10	6	-		0.625	
5	Cincinnati Bengals	Away	-	7	9	-		0.438	
6	-	Bye	-	-	-	-		-	bye
7	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Home	-	5	11	-		0.313	
8	Oakland Raiders	Home	-	6	10	-		0.375	
9	New York Jets	Away	-	5	11	-		0.313	
10	New Orleans Saints	Home	-	11	5	-		0.688	
11	Los Angeles Chargers	Away	-	9	7	-		0.563	
12	Kansas City Chiefs	Away	-	10	6	-		0.625	
13	New England Patriots	Home	-	13	3	-		0.813	
14	Indianapolis Colts	Home	-	4	12	-		0.250	
15	Miami Dolphins	Home	-	6	10	-		0.375	
16	New England Patriots	Away	-	13	3	-		0.813	
17	Miami Dolphins	Away	-	6	10	-		0.375	
Raw Total (completed weeks)				5	11	-		0.313	

The Raw Total includes the results against the Bills. The Opponents Records results will back out those wins and losses to see how Buffalo's opponents did when playing other teams. Note that the record isn't 'frozen' at what it was the week they played-

At face value, the opponent's records total 0.313 -->	5	11	-	0.313
However, some of that record was against the Bills.				
Let's back out what those teams did against Buffalo.				
The Buffalo Bills are:	9	7	-	0.563
Subtract out the opponents' record against Buffalo				
Total Wins/Losses/Ties of the Opponents, unadjusted:	5	11	-	
Less their record against Buffalo:	7	9	-	
Team's Opponents, playing against Others:	-2	2	-	-
Overall, the teams Buffalo BEAT are -:	5	11	-	0.313 record
Against others, those teams are -:	5	2	-	0.714