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It's been a Adjective season for Ponder. After a Adjective - Ends in EST start to the season, the second-year pro had a series of games that ranked among the Worst or best in the NFL by any quarterback this season. He had six games of Number yards or less, with three under 100. This wasn't just about playing Adjective; Ponder was wildly inefficient on a per-throw basis.

Despite facing eight defenders "in the box" on most plays, Ponder finished 31st in yards per attempt out of Number eligible quarterbacks. Only Blaine Gabbert trailed him. Ponder often was indecisive and inaccurate. He fell deep down a

Ponder has picked up his play dramatically in the last two weeks, especially on third down. He has converted eight third-and-long plays over that span, and 13 first downs from Ponder overall. He has completed Number percent of passes and run for Number yards on four carries. Those conversions have led to Number points.

This is the type of football Minnesota dreams about from Ponder. He doesn't need to make huge plays all game, but the Vikings become a very difficult offense if he can make throws on third-and-long. Watching Game

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from his two matchups against the Packers, I still noticed some discouraging traits.

It is very rare to see Ponder complete a pass to his second read. He gets locked into a receiver. If that receiver isn't open, the play usually is done. Ponder often has to see the player open before throwing instead of anticipating. This was true even during this excellent stretch of play. Those Vikings receivers have just been open the last two weeks.