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Listed below are our exclusive STAT RANKINGS, a quick read guide into the offensive and defensive stats and rankings compiled by each team. Reading across we find each team's In The Stats Rating (ITS), Average Points For (PTF), Points Against (PTA), Offensive Rushing Yards (OFR), Offensive Passing Yards (OFP), Total Defensive Yards (DYD), Total Defensive Rushing Yards (DFP) and Defensive Rushing Yards (DFR), along with their numerical ranking against all other teams.

CURRENT 2024-25 COLLEGE STAT RANKINGS

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LEGEND – OWL: Foe's Win-Loss mark before game is played, PF-PA: Points scored for and against, SU: Outright win or loss of game, Line: Game's CLOSING line, ATS: Win or loss of game against the pointspread, O/U: Final Over/Under total and result, OYP: Offensive yards per play, OFR: Offensive rush yards, OFP: Offensive pass yards, OYD: Total offensive yards gained, DYD: Total defensive yards allowed, DFP: Defensive pass yards, DFR: Defensive rush yards, DYP: Defensive yards per play, RES: A formulated Re-Score of the game based strictly on actual yardage gained and allowed, F-A: 'F' shows total number of turnovers committed by subject team; 'A' shows total turnovers committed by opponent. Note: A red check mark at the left of the log box indicates the team outgained its opponent. LINES SHOWN WITH EACH TEAM MATCHUP ARE THE PREDICTED PLAYBOOK FINAL MARGINS FOR THE GAME.

2024-25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF: Semi-Final Game One: CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL

Thursday, January 9 • 7:30 PM • ESPN • Hard Rock Stadium • Miami Gardens, FL (Grass)

Notre Dame over Penn State by 8

he College Football Playoff is back in a familiar spot: four teams with two spots with the national championship on the line. Today's setting at the Orange Bowl in Miami marks the first postseason meeting between the Nittany Lions and Fighting Irish since the 1976 Gator Bowl. The guestion that begs: Is the Penn State team a national championship caliber squad? According to college football recruiting reports, 61 percent of James Franklin's team is made up of four- and fivestar players. While it falls short of over 90 percent of Texas' roster filled with four- or five-star recruits, it's still a rather lofty total. PSU cut through the opposition with a .846 or fewer win percentage like a hot knife through butter this season, going 9-0 SU and 6-3 ATS. Against .850 or greater foes, though, they were 3-2 SU and 1-4 ATS. By comparison, Notre Dame was 8-0 SU and 7-1 ATS versus foes with at least one loss on the season. The only team to take down the Irish this season is the Mid-American Conference and Group of 5-member Northern Illinois, and the Huskies performed that feat in a thoroughly convincing 26-14 at Notre Dame Stadium when they outgained the Irish, 388-286, while dominating the Time of Possession, 34:38 to 25:22. Go figure. More than anything, unlike in the past, the Dame has become a quick

score unit under Marcus Freeman. They scored 17 points in 54 seconds in its win over Georgia to advance here. With it, they brought an 8-3 SU and 9-1 ATS mark against the Big Ten the past eight seasons. And don't forget, Freeman made the special teams play of the year with a hockey line change deep into the fourth quarter against Georgia, pulling the punt team off, sprinting the offense on, forcing Georgia to react, and flustering the defense into an offsides penalty that led to a Notre Dame first down and helped secure the victory - all from ND's 19-yard line. The bottom line is it's difficult looking past Franklin's continual collapses in big games, as his 1-14 outright record against Top five ranked teams attests. FYI: Abdul Carter is Penn State's best defender on one of the best defenses in the sport. Carter was knocked out of the Fiesta Bowl after a tackle on Boise State running back Ashton Jeanty forced him to the sideline with an injured left shoulder. Carter, a player in the same mold as Micah Parsons at PSU, has notched 22 tackles for loss and 11 sacks in Tom Allen's defense and has played inside linebacker and on the edge for the Nittanv Lions. He's questionable to play. If he does play, he will not be at 100%. Check it out before you make a play... unless you're ready to write a check.

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Notre Dame Head Coach MARCUS FREEMAN With Fighting Irish: 32-8 SU 28-11 ATS





Penn State Head Coach JAMES FRANKLIN With Nittany Lions: 101-41 SU 76-59-4 ATS

2024-25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF:Semi-Final Game Two: GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC

Friday, January 10 • 7:30 PM • ESPN • AT&T Stadium • Arlington, TX (Artifical Turf)

Ohio State over Texas by 3

It's safe to say we are big proponents of the Buckeyes. Despite laying a Titanosaur egg in the Michigan game, Ohio State ranks No. 1 in the country in total defense (244.6 yards per game) and No. 1 in scoring defense (12.1 points per game). The team appears to have found its groove in the CFP, having just beat Oregon and Tennessee by 45 points combined. Phenom freshman WR Jeremiah Smith – Geno's cousin – a generational talent, caught six passes for 103 yards and two scores against the Volunteers before sitting out large portions of the second half once the game was out of hand. And he put on an even more incredible show against the Ducks by exceeding 100 yards before the first quarter expired and finishing with seven receptions for a career-high 187 yards and two scores. OSU QB Will Howard faced Texas last season with Kansas State in a 33-30 overtime loss when he completed 26 passes in 41 attempts for 327 yards with four touchdowns and one interception. It would be quite an understatement to suggest that Ohio State's 41-21 demolition of Oregon in the quarterfinals of the recently expanded College Football Playoff was their most significant win of the season. It was undoubtedly a win they desperately wanted and nothing short of impressive. On the other hand, Texas' victory over Arizona State left much to be desired. Despite being statistically dominated, 510-377, Texas narrowly escaped with a win in a double-overtime victory.

Consequently, Buckeyes' supporters are facing a line at least three points steeper than anticipated due to the dramatically disparate outcomes for both teams. So, while OSU was busy winning the game they wanted more than any this season, the Longhorns escaped the wrath of the Arizona State Sun Devils in a fortuitous 39-31 double-overtime win in the quarterfinals of this playoff last week. Our Well-Oiled Machine jumps into this fray, noting that only five teams have won a College Football Playoff game and lost to the spread. Those teams are **2-0 SUATS** the following playoff game by an average winning margin of 43 points per game (Alabama 52, Ohio State 24; Georgia 65, TCU 7). Digging deeper, this marks only the second time in their previous 42 games – and the first time this season - that the Longhorns will be taking points over the last three years, both behind QB Quinn Ewers (who was initially recruited by Ryan Day before he transferred out) and both against Alabama when they won 31-24 (+7), and lost 19-20 (+21). Buckeyes' boss Ryan Day brings a shaky 3-7 ATS career mark into this contest against foes coming off an outright win but ATS loss, including 1-4 SU and 0-5 ATS when not favored by double-digits. When push comes to shove, Texas has a national championship-caliber defense - some have said it's one of the program's best units ever. The Longhorns could win two more games if the team plays to its full potential.

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Ohio State Head Coach RYAN DAY With Buckeyes: 68-10 SU 42-32-3 ATS





Texas Head Coach STEVE SARKISIAN With Longhorns: 38-16 SU 28-21-5 ATS

THIS WEEK IN THE NFL - JANUARY 11-13



NFL HEAD COACHES AND QUARTERBACKS PLAYOFF RECORDS

Listed below are the career postseason stats of this year's NFL coaches and quarterbacks in their team-starts. Play accordingly.

TEAM	COACH	SU	ATS	FAV	DOG
Baltimore	John Harbaugh	12-10	14-8	5-4	9-4
Buffalo	Sean McDermott	6-6	5-7	4-4	1-3
Denver	Sean Payton	4-5	3-5-1	1-5	2-0-1
Detroit	Dan Campbell	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-0
Green Bay	Matt LaFleur	4-4	5-3	2-2	3-1
Houston	Demeco Ryans	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-1
Kansas City	Andy Reid	26-16	25-17	15-13	10-4
LA Chargers	Jim Harbaugh	5-3	3-3-2	2-2-2	1-1
LA Rams	Sean McVay	7-4	6-5	2-3	4-2
Minnesota	Kevin O'Connell	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0
Philadelphia	Nick Sirianni	2-3	2-3	2-2	0-1
Pittsburgh	Mike Tomlin	8-10	7-10-1	5-6	2-4-1
Tampa Bay	Todd Bowles	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-2
Washington	Dan Quinn	3-2	3-2	2-1	1-1
TEAM	QB	SU	ATS	FAV	DOG
Baltimore	Lamar Jackson	2-4	2-4	2-3	0-1
Buffalo	Josh Allen	5-5	3-7	3-4	0-3
Detroit	Jared Goff	4-4	4-4	2-2	2-2
Houston	C.J. Stroud	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-1
Green Bay	Jordan Love	1-1	2-0	0-0	2-0
Kansas City	Patrick Mahomes	15-3	13-5	9-5	4-0
LA Chargers	Justin Herbert	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0
LA Rams	Matthew Stafford	4-4	4-4	1-2	3-2
Philadelphia	Jalen Hurts	2-3	2-3	2-2	0-1
Pittsburgh	Russell Wilson	9-7	8-8	4-5	3-3
Tampa Bay	Baker Mayfield	2-2	3-1	0-0	3-1

PLAYOFF TEAMS VS. PLAYOFF TEAMS

Before playing the Wild Card round it would serve you well to examine each team's performance records in games versus fellow playoff teams this season. Listed below is each team's SU, ATS, ITS and Net Yardage in games versus teams of the same ilk...

TEAM	SU	ATS	ITS	NET YDS
Baltimore	7-3	6-3-1	10-0	+118
Buffalo	2-3	2-3	2-3	- 58
Denver	2-5	3-4	3-4	+71
Detroit	6-2	4-3-1	5-3	+48
Green Bay	2-5	1-5-1	4-3	- 07
Houston	1-5	3-3	2-4	- 49
Kansas City	7-2	3-5-1	6-3	- 06
LA Chargers	2-5	3-5-1	2-5	- 91
LA Rams	2-3	2-3	4-1	+02
Minnesota	3-3	3-3	1-5	- 32
Philadelphia	5-2	5-2	3-4	+31
Pittsburgh	4-3	4-3	2-5	- 38
Tampa Bay	4-3	5-2	4-3	+03
Washington	1-4	1-3-1	1-4	- 96

Aren't you glad you took the time to look into the stats and body of work for each of this year's 14 playoff entrants? If you were to remove Kansas City's season-ending game against Denver from the equation, a game in which the Chiefs played no starters and mostly third-stringers, KC's net stats would be +22 YPG, whereas Denver's would be -03 net YPG. The Commanders and Texans beat only one fellow playoff foe each, while the Chiefs and Ravens ran over seven playoff foes. Conversely, the Commanders and Vikings were outgained in 9 of their 11 games combined. And don't look now, but Baltimore threw a "perfect 10" against fellow playoff squads, going 10-0 in The Stats in their ten head-to-head games.

Odds To Win Super Bowl LIX

Courtesy of the Westgate SuperBook in Las Vegas as of 1/8/2025

Detroit	+275	Tampa Bay	+3000
Kansas City	+350	LA Chargers	+3500
Baltimore	+600	LA Rams	+3500
Buffalo	+600	Washington	+3500
Philadelphia	+700	Denver	+8000
Minnesota	+1600	Houston	+10,000
Green Bay	+1800	Pittsburgh	+10,000

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Kansas City	+140	Detroit	+125
Baltimore	+300	Philadelphia	+350
Buffalo	+300	Minnesota	+750
LA Chargers	+1400	Green Bay	+900
Denver	+3000	Tampa Bay	+1200
Houston	+3000	LA Rams	+1500
Pittsburgh	+3500	Washington	+1600

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INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

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The Chiefs are an NFL best 11-0 in one-score games this season, but the Rams have played more one-score games than anyone this season and are 8-5 in those games, including 7-2 the last nine games.

AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

Play On any NFL home dog in the playoffs if they lost their previous home game outright and they were not a dog of six or more points in their last game.

Play ON: HOUSTON TEXANS (1/11)

HOME Again

ATS W-L Record S/1980: 12-1-1 (93%)

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NFL PLAYOFF BYE TEAMS HISTORY

A Weekly Insight Into The Art Of Sports Handicapping

The following is courtesy of Andy Iskoe of TheLogicalApproach.com

ince seeding began in 1990 when the Playoffs expanded from 10 to 12 teams all 30 Super Bowls played prior to 2020 featured at least one team that had a Bve for Wild Card weekend (a 1 or 2 seed). In 2020 the Playoffs field was expanded from 12 to 14 teams and only the #1 team from each conference received a Bye and did not play on Wild Card Weekend when 6 games were played to trim the field from 14 to 8 teams.

Under the format that existed between 1990 and 2019 in 18 of the 30 Super Bowls BOTH teams were seeded either #1 or #2, meaning that both teams had that week of rest by not Playing in the Wild Card round including 7 straight from 2013 through 2019. The 2012 Super Bowl was the last Super Bowl under the 12 team Playoffs format in which neither team was a #1 seed as Baltimore (AFC #2) defeated San Francisco (NFC #4).

In 2020, under the new format of 14

Playoff teams with only the two #1 Super Bowl had BOTH #1 seeds AFC #1 seed with the AFC's Bye, made it to the Super Bowl, losing to Tampa Bay, (NFC #5). But the streak of Super Bowls with at least one team having a Bye for Wild Card weekend was extended to a perfect 30.

Then came 2021. The streak finally came to an end. It marked the first time since the 1990 expansion of the Playoffs field from 10 to 12 and then to 14 that neither Super Bowl team had a Wild Card week Bye. The Super Bowl winning Rams were the NFC's #4 seed and runner up Cincinnati was the AFC's #4 seed as both #1 seeds (those with the Bye week) - Green Bay and Tennessee - each failed to win their Conference Title.

None of the 30 Super Bowls from 1990- 2019 involved 2 teams that both played on Wild Card weekend (seeds 3 through 6). Nor did it occur in the first season of the 14 team Playoffs (2020) but did occur in 2021. Things returned to the historical norm last season (2022) when the Super Bowl are known.

seeds getting a Bye, Kansas City, the facing off with Kansas City(AFC #1) defeating Philadelphia (NFC #1) 38-35 to win the exciting, entertaining Super Bowl 57.

> We might think we'd see more of a repeat of 2021 than of 2022 as, with the number of Byes decreasing from 4 to 2 that began in 2020. It's half as likely that at least one of the Super Bowl teams will have had that Wild Card Bye week than in seasons prior to 2020 when both the #1 and #2 seeds had Byes.

> Yet in 2023 the Super Bowl featured #1 NFC seed San Francisco lose to AFC #3 seed Kansas City. Thus it might well be that the likelihood of at least one of the two #1 seeds will make it to the Super Bowl (as it's been the case in 28 of the 34 Super Bowls played since 1990).

> You might want to keep the above history in mind in playing Conference and Super Bowl Futures once the Playoffs field is set and the seeds and potential/expected paths to the





CURRENT 2024-25 NFL STAT RANKINGS

Listed below are our exclusive **STAT RANKINGS**, a quick read guide into the offensive and defensive stats and rankings compiled by each team. Reading across we find each team's **In The Stats Rating (ITS)**, Average Points For (PTF), Points Against (PTA), Offensive Rushing Yards (OFR), Offensive Passing Yards (OFP), Total Offensive Yards (OYD), Total Defensive Yards (DYD), Defensive Passing Yards (DFP) and Defensive Rushing Yards (DFR), along with their numerical ranking against all other teams. Also includes **Net Yardage Differential**.

TEAM	ITS	PTF I	RNK	PTA	RNK	OFR	RNK	OFP	RNK	OYD	RNK	DYD	RNK	DFP	RNK	DFR	RNK	NET
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LV RAIDERS LA CHARGERS LA RAMS MIAMI MINNESOTA NEW ENGLAND NEW ORLEANS NY GIANTS	7-10 9-8 9-8 10-7 8-9 5-12 6-11 6-11	18 24 22 20 25 17 20 16	27 11 16 22 9 30 22 31	26 18 23 21 20 25 23 24	25 1 16 9 5 22 16 20	80 115 104 106 109 116 115	32 14 24 21 19 13 14 22	223 215 228 220 238 176 205 190	13 18 9 15 6 32 23 28	303 330 332 326 347 292 320 295	27 16 15 19 12 31 21 30	333 335 353 315 335 343 380 347	14 15 26 6 15 22 30 24	216 214 223 211 242 212 239 211	14 12 20 7 29 9 28 7	117 121 130 104 93 131 141 136	13 15 21 9 2 23 31 27	-30 -5 -21 11 12 -51 -60 -52
NY JETS PHILADELPHIA PITTSBURGH S FRANCISCO SEATTLE TAMPA BAY TENNESSEE WASHINGTON	8-9 11-6 9-8 11-6 9-8 12-5 8-9 11-6	20 27 22 23 22 30 18 29	22 7 16 13 16 3 27 5	24 18 20 26 22 23 27 23	20 1 5 25 11 16 30 16	92 179 127 126 97 145 109 154	31 2 11 12 28 6 19 3	218 188 192 250 236 249 195 216	16 29 27 3 8 4 26 17	310 367 319 376 333 394 304 370	24 8 22 4 14 3 26 7	314 278 327 313 339 331 311 327	4 1 11 3 17 13 2 11	193 174 228 193 213 237 177 190	4 1 25 4 11 27 2 3	121 104 99 120 126 94 134 137	15 9 6 14 19 3 26 29	-4 89 -8 63 -6 63 -7 43

LEGEND FOR STAT-LOG GAME MATCHUPS

LEGEND - OWL: Foe's Win-Loss mark before game is played, PF-PA: Points scored for and against, SU: Outright win or loss of game, Line: Game's CLOSING line, ATS: Win or loss of game against the pointspread, O/U: Final Over/Under total and result, OYP: Offensive yards per play, OFR: Offensive rush yards, **OFP:** Offensive pass yards, OYD: Total offensive yards gained, DYD: Total defensive yards allowed, **DFP:** Defensive pass yards, **DFR:** Defensive rush yards, **DYP:** Defensive yards per play, RES: A formulated Re-Score of the game based strictly on actual yardage gained and allowed, F-A: 'F' shows total number of turnovers committed by subject team; 'A' shows total turnovers committed by opponent. **Note:** A red check mark at the left of the log box indicates the team outgained its opponent.

★ UPSET SPECIAL ★

SATURDAY - JANUARY 11 4:30 PM ET - CBS

HOUSTON over LA Chargers by 6

OPENING LINES: CHARGERS -3 / 44.5

he Texans rested their starters for most of the game on Sunday, but despite that, they were still able to come away with a 23-14 win over the Titans to cement the AFC South for the second straight year and capture the No. 4 playoff seed and home field advantage in this matchup. The Texans have also struggled against teams with better records, posting a 52-126 straight-up record overall. However, under head coach DeMeco Ryans, they've been more competitive in these situations, going 5-6 straight-up and 6-5 against the spread, including 4-1 SU and ATS against sub-.666 opponents. Additionally, the home team in Houston's playoff games has a strong track record, with a 9-3 ATS mark in franchise history. QB C.J. Stroud

suffered through a sophomore slump this season but has excelled as an underdog, boasting a 6-2 straight-up and 7-1 ATS record in games where the Texans had a sub-.600-win percentage. On the defensive side, Houston held opposing quarterbacks to an 83.7 passer rating this season, the third-best mark in the league. The Chargers bring the No. 1 overall-ranked scoring defense into this contest. The Bolts are also one of four teams, along with the Broncos, Commanders, and Vikings, that qualified for the playoffs after missing out last season. With 'The Jaw' (Jim Harbaugh) 0-2-1 ATS in NFL playoff games against sub .700 foes, and NFL playoff home dogs a sterling 24-10-1 ATS in their first postseason game, we'll be on the take in this game.

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ā	t Pittsburgh	9/22	2-0	10 2	20	L	2.5	L	U36	4.2	61	107	168	346	232	114	5.5	11-23	0-1	1	at Minnesota	9/22	2-0	7	34	L	-1.5	L	U46.5	5.1	38	258	296	274	156	118	4.9	20-18	2-0
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ur initial thought on this game is, how can you not? How can you not back a head coach that is 10-1 SU and 9-1-1 ATS as a dog versus a .690 or greater division opponent coming off consecutive wins? Or a quarterback that is 9-1 ATS as a dog of more than six points in his career. Or even consider playing on the other quarterback who is a proven choke artist in his career in postseason games (2-4 SUATS), let alone owning a 2-4 SU and 1-4-1 ATS career mark in this series. And we didn't even mention the super-stickiness between these two teams, with 24 of the 53 games in the series decided by a field goal or less since

2000. If you're willing to lay double-digits with the Ravens against a Steelers squad that is leaking more oil than the Exxon Valdez (-500 net yards in the last six games), be aware that 10 points is a mighty big piece of gauze for a coach that has bled out laying this kind of wood into foes that are riding a four-game losing streak, going **1-6 ATS** as double-digit home chalk in this role. And remember, as poorly as he's played, QB Russell Wilson brings a lofty 6-2 SU and 5-3 ATS record into this contest in initial playoff games. We know you don't want to hear it, but it's "clothespin" time in Baltimore today.

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SUNDAY - JANUARY 12 1:00 PM ET - CBS

BUFFALO over Denver by 6

OPENING LINES: BILLS -8.5 / 47.5

ills' MVP candidate Josh Allen finished with 42 total touchdowns in 2024, joining Aaron Rodgers as the only player in NFL history with at least 40 total touchdowns in five NFL seasons. Safe to say Allen is playing at a level that Broncos rookie quarterback Bo Nix only aspires to. And speaking of which, should rookie QB Bo Nix lead Denver into the winners' circle in this game, he would be only the second quarterback in their 65-year history not named Tim Tebow to be drafted by Denver to lead the Broncos to a playoff victory. Yes, Nix would be the second! So, if the near double-digit spread in this game looks tall, so is the task for Nix and the Broncos today. In

Denver's defense, though, it should be noted that Buffalo's defense struggled against playoff teams. The Bills were 2-3 against teams that have reached the playoffs, allowing 108 more yards per game against playoff teams vs. non-playoff teams. Buffalo's defense also allowed 33 points a contest vs. playoff teams, the fourth-most all-time by a playoff team. The only teams in 2024 to allow more points per game vs. current playoff teams were the Patriots, Titans, and the Bengals – and they're all on vacation. And it should be noted that Denver led the NFL in quarterback sacks with 63 this season. You can't fade Sean Payton's 40-25-2 ATS career dog log.

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PHILADELPHIA over Green Bay by 10

OPENING LINES: EAGLES -3.5 / 46.5

ow, this is a playoff game! The 25 continued regular season wins between these two teams are the most in a Wild Card game ever. Behind the NFL's No. 2 running attack, led by Pro Bowl back Saquon Barkley, the Eagles averaged 179 rushing yards per game, which is second-best in the league. His dominance is why the Eagles led the NFL in time of possession at 32 minutes, 23 seconds per game. In addition, behind new coordinator Vic Fangio and a revamped secondary, the Eagles have arguably the most improved defense in the NFL: No. 1 in total yards, No. 1 in passing yards, and No. 2 in scoring defense – this after ranking

31st against the pass last season. Green Bay paid a heavy toll in last week's stunning loss to the double-digit underdog Bears. Not only would a win have moved the Pack up to the No. 6 seed, but QB Jordan Love left the game with an elbow injury, and star WR Christian Watson suffered a noncontact season-ending knee injury. Thus, they limp into the playoffs on a two-game losing streak with more question marks than the Riddler. In addition, Green Bay was **1-4 SU and 0-5 ATS** against foes with a win percentage greater than .615 this season. Thus, if – and only if – QB Jalen Hurts is cleared to play, we'll play, too ... on the Eagles.

NO. 7 GREEN BAY PACKERS (11-6) NO. 2 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (14-3) OPPONENT DATE OWL PF PA SU LINE ATS O/U OYP OFR OFP OYD DYD DFP DFR DYP RES F-A OPPONENT DATE OWL PF PA SU LINE ATS O/U OYP OFR OFP OYD DYD DFP DFR DYP RES F-A ✓ n Philadelphia n Green Bay 9/6 0-0 29 34 L 1 L 049.5 18.8 163 251 414 410 266 144 5.7 28-27 0-3 9/6 0-0 34 29 W -1 W 049.5 5.7 144 266 410 414 251 163 18.8 27-28 3-0 INDIANAPOLIS 9/15 0-1 16 10 W 2.5 W U41.5 5.7 261 122 383 338 198 140 6.5 26-23 1-3 ATLANTA 9/16 0-1 21 22 L -5.5 L U46.5 5.4 186 179 365 385 233 152 6.8 24-26 1-0 ✓ at Tennessee 9/22 0-2 30 14 W 3 W 037 6.8 188 190 378 237 204 33 5.3 25-16 0-3 at New Orleans 9/22 2-0 15 12 W 2.5 W U49 7.3 172 288 460 219 130 89 4.1 31-15 2-1 MINNESOTA • 9/29 3-0 29 31 L -2.5 L O44.5 6.4 86 379 465 374 254 120 6.0 31-25 4-3 at Tampa Bay 9/29 16 33 L -1 L 042 4.5 113 114 227 445 334 111 6.2 15-30 2-0 at LA Rams 10/6 1-3 24 19 W -3 W U49.5 5.8 126 197 323 370 236 134 5.1 22-25 1-2 OPEN DATE ARIZONA 10/13 2-3 34 13 W -5.5 W T47 6.2 179 258 437 303 214 89 5.5 29-20 1-3 CLEVELAND 10/13 1-4 20 16 W -8 6.1 116 256 372 244 144 100 5.1 25-16 0-0 L U42 10/20 5-1 24 22 W -3 L U47.5 5.2 82 195 277 197 55 142 3.6 18-13 3-0 ✓ at NY Giants • 28 3 W -3 W U42 5.7 269 70 339 119 43 76 2.5 23-8 0-0 HOUSTON 10/20 2-4 at Jacksonville 10/27 2-5 30 27 W -3.5 L O49 6.4 170 252 422 390 299 91 7.1 28-26 1-2 ✓ at Cincinnati 10/27 3-4 37 17 W 2.5 W 047.5 6.7 161 236 397 280 222 58 4.9 26-19 0-2 DETROIT • 11/3 6-1 14 24 L 2.5 L U48.5 6.6 138 273 411 261 137 124 4.8 27-17 1-0 JACKSONVILLE 11/3 2-6 28 23 W -7.5 046 6.4 237 210 447 215 155 60 L 4.4 30-14 1-3 OPEN DATE 11/10 at Dallas • 11/10 3-5 34 6 W -7 W U44.5 5.8 187 161 348 146 49 97 2.8 23-10 2-5 4.4 29-18 0-1 at Chicago • 11/17 4-5 20 19 W -5.5 L U41 8.7 106 260 366 391 212 179 6.0 24-26 1-0 WASHINGTON • 11/14 7-3 26 18 W -4.5 W U48.5 6.4 228 206 434 264 171 93 SAN FRANCISCO 11/24 5-5 38 10 W -5.5 W 044.5 5 169 156 325 241 197 44 5.4 22-16 0-3 at LA Rams 11/24 5-5 37 20 W -3 W 048.5 7.2 314 167 481 290 198 92 5.4 32-19 0-1 11/28 5-6 30 17 W -3.5 W U47.5 7.3 114 274 388 375 336 39 6.3 26-25 0-1 W U50 MIAMI at Baltimore 12/1 8-4 24 19 W 3 4.8 140 112 252 372 206 166 5.5 17-25 0-0 at Detroit • 12/5 11-1 31 34 L 3 T 052.5 6.8 99 199 298 391 280 111 5.2 20-26 1-1 CAROLINA 12/8 3-9 22 16 W -14 L U45 5.6 209 83 292 302 184 118 4.4 19-20 0-1 at Seattle 12/15 8-5 30 13 W -3 W U475 6 140 229 369 208 128 80 4.2 25-14 1-2 PITTSRIIRGH 12/15 10-3 27 13 W -5.5 W U42.5 5.4 131 270 401 163 107 56 4.2 27-11 2-1 NEW ORLEANS 12/23 5-9 34 0 W -14 W U43.5 5.9 188 216 404 196 129 67 3.9 27-13 0-2 at Washington • 12/22 9-5 33 36 L -3.5 L 046.5 5 211 127 338 368 255 113 5.8 23-25 2-5 at Minnesota • 12/29 13-2 25 27 L 1 L 048.5 5 104 167 271 441 372 69 6.4 18-29 1-1 DALLAS • 12/29 7-8 41 7 W -7.5 W 037.5 6.2 179 197 376 268 141 127 4.5 25-18 0-4 L 041.5 6.3 183 184 367 224 141 83 1/5 4-12 22 24 L -10 4.0 24-15 2-2 NY GIANTS • 1/5 3-13 20 13 W -3 W U36 4.6 51 252 303 238 138 100 **AVERAGES** OFF **AVERAGES** DEF OFF DEF OFF DEF OFF DEF YDS/POINT YDS/POINT SCORING 27.0 13.7 SCORING 27.0 15.4 RUSHING YDS/RUSH 4.7 4.0 RUSHING 179 104 YDS/RUSH 4.3 147 99 4.9 PASSING 215 YDS/PASS 8.5 6.5 PASSING 188 174 YDS/PASS 7.1 5.8 224 TOTAL 371 314 YDS/PLAY 6.5 5.4 TOTAL 367 278 YDS/PLAY 5.8 5.1

SUNDAY - JANUARY 12 8:00 PM ET - NBC

TAMPA BAY over Washington by 11

OPENING LINES: BUCS -3 / 50.5

ith a dramatic win Sunday that came down to the final moments, the Buccaneers clinched the NFC South for the fourth straight year. A Rams loss a few hours later boosted the Bucs to the No. 3 seed. So, what happened to Tampa that spurred this playoff push? The Bucs' offense is hugely improved under first-year offensive coordinator Liam Coen, and its run game is the most improved in the league, going from 32nd last year to fourth in 2024. Conversely, Washington's defense is the lowest-ranked defense of all playoff teams; it is vastly improved from last year – 7 points and 32 yards per game overall. But it's still bottom-five against the run, ranking 30th in yards/carry allowed (4.85) and 28th in rushing

yards allowed (136), which could be trouble facing the Bucs. Additionally, Washington is 22nd in red-zone defense, giving up touchdowns 60% of the time. The accomplishment of soon-to-be NFL Rookie of the Year Commanders' quarterback Jayden Daniels has been tantamount to their success. His 100.1 QB Rating blows Sam Howell's 78.9 QB Rating last season out of the water. And for what it's worth, this will mark the first Wild Card game since 2020 to feature a pair of teams that averages over 28 points per game in the regular season. With the Bucs 9-2 ATS coming off a SU win and ATS loss, and Washington riding a five-game playoff losing skein, look for QB Baker Mayfield to improve to **4-1 ATS** in his NFL playoff career.

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LA RAMS over Minnesota by 1

OPENING LINES: VIKINGS -2 / 47

hoa, Nellie! The last time Los Angeles and Minnesota met in the postseason was the highest-scoring NFC Divisional playoff game of all time, a 49-37 win by the Rams in 2000. In a bit of irony, the Vikings are the first 14-win, No. 5 seed in NFL history. With it, Minnesota QB Sam Darnold is back in "dorm territory" from his college days at USC, but after being roughed up by the Lions last week, he is only 12-22-2 ATS overall away in the NFL. Included inside those numbers is a **0-7 ATS** ledger when coming off a SUATS loss against foes coming off a loss. He has also never taken a snap in the NFL postseason.

QB Matthew Stafford is 4-4 SUATS playoffs and 4-0 ATS in his career as a home dog versus foes off a double-digit loss. He is also 2-0 SUATS with the Rams in this series. That figures to work well with head coach Sean McVay's 7-4 outright record in the playoffs. **Key Stat:** Since Week 8, with Cooper Kupp and Puka Nacua playing every week, they're 8-3 with wins over the Vikings and **Bills. More significant Key Stat:** The Vikings are 14-0 outright and 10-2-2 ATS this season when they hold opponents to fewer than 30 points and 0-3 when they don't. The Rams know their 'magic number'.

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Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF	Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF	Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF
107	Air Force	Mountain West	97.5	4.5		N	CAA			52	Rutgers	Big Ten	110	4.5
125	Akron	Mid-American	91	2	29	Kansas	Big 12	115	4.5	103	Sam Houston St	Conference USA	98.5	3.5
5	Alabama	Southeastern	124.5	6	14	Kansas St	Big 12	119	5.5	123	San Diego St	Mountain West	92.5	3.5
91	Appalachian St	Sun Belt	100.5	4.5	133	Kennesaw St	Conference USA	84	3.5	92	San Jose St	Mountain West	100	4.5
67	Arizona	Big-12	106	5	134	Kent St	Mid-American	75.5	4	7	SMU	Atlantic Coast	120.5	4.5
14	Arizona St	Big-12	119	3.5	29	Kentucky	Southeastern	115	4	70	South Alabama	Sun Belt	105.5	3
22	Arkansas	Southeastern	116.5	4.5	75	Liberty	Conference USA	104	4	20	South Carolina	Southeastern	118	5.5
110	Arkansas St	Sun Belt	96.5	3.5	75	Louisiana	Sun Belt	104	3.5	131	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	87.5	4
58	Army	American Athletic	108.5	3.5	115	Louisiana Tech	Conference USA	95.5	4.5	90	Stanford	Atlantic Coast	101	4
26	Auburn	Southeastern	115.5	5.5	14	Louisville	Atlantic Coast	119	5.5	52	Syracuse	Atlantic Coast	110	5
131	Ball St	Mid-American	87.5	3	17	LSU	Southeastern	118.5	6	23	TCU	Big 12	116	5.5
33	Baylor	Big 12	114.5	4	81	Marshall	Sun Belt	103.5	4	126	Temple	American Athletic	90	3
33	Boise St	Mountain West	114.5	5.5	62	Maryland	Big Ten	107	4.5	11	Tennessee	Southeastern	123	6
55	Boston College	Atlantic Coast	109	4	49	Memphis	American Athletic	110.5	3	3	Texas	Southeastern	128.5	5.5
88	Bowling Green	Mid-American	102	2	7	Miami (FL)	Atlantic Coast	123.5	3.5	17	Texas A&M	Southeastern	118.5	6
122	Buffalo	Mid-American	93.5	3	71	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	105	2.5	45	Texas St	Sun Belt	111.5	4
36	BYU	Big 12	114	5	26	Michigan	Big Ten	115.5	5.5	45	Texas Tech	Big 12	111.5	5.5
65	California	Atlantic Coast	106.5	4	62	Michigan St	Big Ten	107	4.5	92	Toledo	Mid-American	100	4
119	C Michigan	Mid-American	95	2.5	127	Middle Tenn St	Conference USA	89	3.5	98	Trov	Sun Belt	99.5	4
107	Charlotte	American Athletic	97.5	2.5	29	Minnesota	Big Ten	115	5	42	Tulane	American Athletic	112	3
49	Cincinnati	Big 12	110.5	4.5	74	Mississippi St	Southeastern	104.5	5	129	Tulsa	American Athletic	88.5	3.5
13	Clemson	Atlantic Coast	121	5.5	36	Missouri	Southeastern	114	5	105	UAB	American Athletic	98	4.5
115	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	95.5	3.5	75	Navy	American Athletic	104	4	33	UCF	Big 12	114.5	4.5
17	Colorado	Big 12	118.5	4.5	58	NC State	Atlantic Coast	108.5	4.5	52	UCLA	Big Ten	110	3.5
92	Colorado St	Mountain West	100	4.5	29	Nebraska	Big Ten	115	5	88	UConn	Independent	102	3.5
55	Duke	Atlantic Coast	109	4.5	109	Nevada	Mountain West	97	4	110	UL-Monroe	Sun Belt	96.5	3
84	East Carolina	American Athletic	102.5	4	92	New Mexico	Mountain West	100	3	124	UMass	Independent	92	2
121	E Michigan	Mid-American	94.5	2	129	New Mexico St	Conference USA	88.5	4	42	UNLV	Mountain West	112	3
26	Florida	Southeastern	115.5	5.5	55	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	109	4.5	21	USC	Big Ten	117.5	5.5
	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	95.5	3	115	North Texas	American Athletic	95.5	3.5	81	USF	American Athletic	103.5	3
119	Florida Int'l	Conference USA	95	2.5	84	No Illinois	Mid-American	102.5	3.5	49	Utah	Big 12	110.5	5.5
75	Florida St	American Coast	104	6	84	Northwestern	Big Ten	102.5		92	Utah St	Mountain West	100	4
75	Fresno St	Mountain West	104	4.5	7	Notre Dame	Independent	123.5	5.5	127	UTEP	Conference USA	89	3
4	Georgia	Southeastern	125.5	6.5	1	Ohio State	Big Ten	131.5		67	UTSA	American Athletic	106	3
103	Geo Southern	Sun Belt	98.5	4	75	Ohio U	Mid-American	104	4.5	61	Vanderbilt	Southeastern	108	4
102	Georgia St	Sun Belt	99	2	23	Oklahoma	Southeastern	116	5.5	67	Virginia	Atlantic Coast	106	4
39	Georgia Tech	Atlantic Coast	113.5		58	Oklahoma St	Big 12	108.5	5	98	Virginia Tech	Atlantic Coast	99.5	5
110	Hawaii	Mountain West	96.5	4.5	84	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	102.5		81	Wake Forest	Atlantic Coast	103.5	4.5
62	Houston	Big 12	107	4	6	Ole Miss	Southeastern	124	5.5	40	Washington	Big Ten	113	5.5
45	Illinois	Big Ten	111.5	4.5	2	Oregon	Big Ten	129.5		65	Washington St	Pac-12	106.5	
12	Indiana	Big Ten	122	4.5	92	Oregon St	Pac-12	100	5.5	48	West Virginia	Big 12	111	5.5
36	Iowa	Big Ten	114	5	7	Penn St	Big Ten	123.5	6	98	W Kentucky	Conference USA	99.5	4
23	Iowa St	Big 12	116	5.5	42	Pitt	Atlantic Coast	112	4.5	110	W Michigan	Mid-American	96.5	4
71	Jacksonville St	Conference USA	105	5.5	105	Purdue	Big Ten	98	4.5	41	Wisconsin	Big Ten	112.5	
71	James Madison	Sun Belt	105	4.5	98	Rice	American Athletic		3		Wyoming	Mountain West	96	5
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Rnk: Overall rank in NFL • PWR: Numerical team power rating • HF: Numerical home field value

Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF
15	Arizona Cardinals	NFC West	102	2.5	N	FL			10	Minnesota Vikings	NFC North	104	1.5
19	Atlanta Falcons	NFC South	100.5	2.5					27	New England Pats	AFC East	95	1.5
1	Baltimore Ravens	AFC North	111	3.5	18 Houston Texans	AFC South	101	2.5	28	New Orleans Saints	NFC South	94	2
4	Buffalo Bills	AFC East	106.5	3	21 Indianapolis Colts	AFC South	98	2	31	N.Y. Giants	NFC East	93	1.5
32	Carolina Panthers	NFC South	91	1.5	23 Jacksonville Jaguars	AFC South	96	1.5	22	N.Y. Jets	AFC East	97.5	2
24	Chicago Bears	NFC North	95.5	2.5	6 Kansas City Chiefs	AFC West	106	2	3	Philadelphia Eagles	NFC East	107	1.5
11	Cincinnati Bengals	AFC North	103	2	28 Las Vegas Raiders	AFC West	94	2.5	15	Pittsburgh Steelers	AFC North	102	1.5
24	Cleveland Browns	AFC North	95.5	2.5	9 L.A. Chargers	AFC West	104.5	1.5	14	San Francisco 49ers	NFC West	102.5	1.5
28	Dallas Cowboys	NFC East	94	3	11 L.A. Rams	NFC West	103	2	11	Seattle Seahawks	NFC West	103	1.5
15	Denver Broncos	AFC West	102	2.5	20 Miami Dolphins	AFC East	100	2.5	7	Tampa Bay Bucs	NFC South	105	2
2	Detroit Lions	NFC North	108.5	2.5					24	Tennessee Titans	AFC South	95.5	2
4	Green Bay Packers	NFC North	106.5	2.5	Subscribe to the Playbook	Football Newsl	etter Tod	ay!	7	Wash Commanders	NFC East	105	1.5