

Minnesota Vikings (1-0) at Pittsburgh Steelers (1-0)



Sunday, September 17, 2017 1:00 PM ET Heinz Field Referee: Pete Morelli

REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Vikings lead all-time series, 9-7 **STREAKS:** Steelers have won 3 of past 4

MI	NNESOTA VIKINGS		
LAST WEEK	W 29-19 vs. New Orleans		
COACH VS. OPP.	Mike Zimmer: 0-0		
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	29.0/19.0		
OFFENSE	470.0 (2L)		
PASSING	Sam Bradford: 27-32-346 (2L)-3 (T3L)-0-143.0 (2L)		
RUSHING	Dalvin Cook (R): 22-127 (2L)-5.8-0		
RECEIVING	Adam Thielen: 9 (T3L) -157 (2L)-17.4-0		
DEFENSE	344.0		
SACKS	Everson Griffen: 1		
INTs	-		
TAKE/GIVE	0 (0/0)		
PUNTING (NET)	Ryan Quigley: 43.5 (43.5)		
KICKING	Kai Forbath: 11 (2/3 PAT; 3/3 FG)		

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- QB SAM BRADFORD completed 27 of 32 (84.4 pct.) for 346 yards, 3 TDs & 0 INTs for 143 rating last week. In past 3 vs. AFC, has 854 pass yards (284.7 per game), 3 TDs & 1 INT for 102.5 rating.
- RB DALVIN COOK (rookie) rushed for 127 yards in Week

 most rush yards by Viking in NFL debut. Was 1 of 3 rookies to rush for 100+ yards last week (KAREEM HUNT & LEONARD FOURNETTE).
- WR STEFON DIGGS had 7 receptions for 93 yards & 2 TDs in Week 1. Is 1st Viking with 2 rec. TDs on Kickoff Weekend since 2004 (RANDY MOSS). WR ADAM THIELEN led team with 9 receptions & 157 rec. yards last week. Has 16 receptions, 303 rec. yards (151.5 per game) & 2 TDs in past 2 on road. TE KYLE RUDOLPH had TD catch in Week 1. Aims for 3rd in row with rec. TD. Has 13 rec. TDs since 2015, tied for 4th most among NFL TEs.
- DE EVERSON GRIFFEN had 6 tackles & sack last week. Had sack & FF in last meeting. Has 31.5 sacks since 2014, 5th most in NFL. DE DANIELLE HUNTER has 8.5 sacks in past 9. Has 4.5 sacks & FF in past 6 vs. AFC. LB ANTHONY BARR had 8 tackles last week. Aims for 4th in row with 6+ tackles. CB TRAE WAYNES led team with career-high 11 tackles in Week 1. In past 10 on road, CB XAVIER RHODES has 2 INTs & 11 PD. S HARRISON SMITH has 6.5 sacks since 2014, most among NFL safeties. CB TERENCE NEWMAN aims for 3rd in row vs. Pit. with 6+ tackles & 2+ PD.

LAST GAME: 9/29/13: Steelers 27 at Vikings 34 (London) LAST GAME AT SITE: 10/25/09: Steelers 27, Vikings 17

PITTSBURGH STEELERS				
LAST WEEK	W 21-18 at Cleveland			
COACH VS. OPP.	Mike Tomlin: 1-1			
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	21.0/18.0			
OFFENSE	290.0			
PASSING	Ben Roethlisberger: 24-36-263-2-1-95.0			
RUSHING	Le'Veon Bell: 10-32-3.2-0			
RECEIVING	Antonio Brown: 11 (1L)-182 (1L)-16.5-0			
DEFENSE	237.0			
SACKS	Anthony Chickillo, T.J. Watt (R): 2 (T2L)			
INTs	T.J. Watt (R): 1 (T1L)			
TAKE/GIVE	0 (1/1)			
PUNTING (NET)	Jordan Berry: 45.8 (40.2)			
KICKING	Chris Boswell: 3 (3/3 PAT; 0/0 FG)			

STEELERS NOTES

- QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER passed for 263 yards with 2 TDs vs. 1 INT for 95.0 rating last week. Had 383 pass yards in last meeting. Has 32-15 (.681) career record vs. NFC. Has 47,077 pass yards, 9th most in NFL history.
- RB LE'VEON BELL rushed for 2 TDs in last meeting. In 3 career games vs. NFC North, has 301 scrimmage yards (217 rush, 84 rec.) & 3 rush TDs. Since entering NFL in 2013, averages 127.0 scrimmage yards per game, most in NFL.
- WR ANTONIO BROWN had 11 catches for 182 yards in Week 1. Has 6 games with 175+ rec. yards since entering league in 2010, most among active players. Had 12 catches for 88 yards in last meeting. Has NFL-best 492 catches since 2013, 89 more than next closest player (DEMARYIUS THOMAS, 403). WR MARTAVIS BRYANT has 11 catches for 206 yards (103 per game) & 2 TDs in past 2 vs. NFC. TE JESSE JAMES had career-high 2 TD catches last week.
- CB JOE HADEN had sack in team debut last week. Is 1 of 2 in NFL (BRENT GRIMES) with 15+ INTs (19) & 100+ PD (102) since 2010. In Week 1, rookie LB T.J. WATT became 1st player with 2+ sacks & INT in NFL debut on KO Weekend since sack became official stat in 1982. LB ANTHONY CHICKILLO had career-high 2 sacks last week. S MIKE MITCHELL had 2 INTs & sack in his last game vs. Min. (10/13/13 wtih Car.). LB JAMES HARRISON had 2 sacks in his last game vs. Min. (10/25/09).