

Week 8



Carolina Panthers (4-3) at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2-4)



Sunday, October 29, 2017 | 1:00 PM ET | Raymond James Stadium | Referee: Walt Coleman

REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Panthers lead all-time series, 20-13

STREAKS: Buccaneers have won past 2

LAST GAME: 1/1/17: Panthers 16 at Buccaneers 17

LAST GAME AT SITE: 1/1/17

CAROLINA PANTHERS

LAST WEEK	L 17-3 at Chicago
COACH VS. OPP.	Ron Rivera: 8-4
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	18.7/19.9
OFFENSE	319.1
PASSING	Cam Newton: 148-231-1687-9-10-80.8
RUSHING	Jonathan Stewart: 99-295-3.0-0
RECEIVING	Christian McCaffrey (R) (RB): 44-329-7.5-2
DEFENSE	261.9 (3L)
SACKS	Julius Peppers: 6.5
INTs	Luke Kuechly: 1
TAKE/GIVE	-9 (4/13)
PUNTING (NET)	Michael Palardy: 46.2 (42.3)
KICKING	Graham Gano: 59 (11/12 PAT; 16/17 FG)

PANTHERS NOTES

- **QB CAM NEWTON** has 2,068 pass yards (229.8 per game), 15 TDs & 7 INTs for 99.7 rating & has 8 rush TDs in 9 career meetings.
- **RB JONATHAN STEWART** rushed for 65 yards & TD in last meeting. Has 232 rush yards (77.3 per game) & 4 TDs in past 3 on road vs. NFC South. **RB CHRISTIAN MC CAFFREY** leads NFL rookies & all RBs with 44 receptions & ranks 2nd with 329 rec. yards.
- **WR KELVIN BENJAMIN** had 6 receptions for 93 yards & TD in last meeting. Has rec. TD in 2 of past 3 vs. division. **WR DEVIN FUNCHESS** has 3 TDs in past 4. Had 7 receptions for career-high 120 yards & TD in 1/3/16 meeting at TB.
- **DE JULIUS PEPPERS** has 4 sacks & FF in past 4. Has 6.5 sacks & 2 FFs in past 5 meetings. Has 150 career sacks & needs 1 sack to pass HOFer **CHRIS DOLEMAN** (150.5) for 4th most all-time. **DE MARIO ADDISON** has 5 sacks & FF in past 4 vs. division. Has 2 sacks & FF in past 3 meetings. Aims for 3rd in row on road with sack. **DT KAWANN SHORT** has 4 sacks & FF in past 4. **LB THOMAS DAVIS** has 22 tackles & 2 INTs in past 4 meetings. **LB LUKE KUECHLY** aims for 8th in row vs. TB with 6+ tackles. Has 17 tackles, sack & FF in past 2 at TB. Leads team with 46 tackles. Since 2013, is only NFL player with 500+ tackles (575) & 10+ INTs (11). **CB CAPTAIN MUNNERLYN** aims for 3rd in row on road with sack. **CB JAMES BRADBERRY** had INT in last meeting.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

LAST WEEK	L 30-27 at Buffalo
COACH VS. OPP.	Dirk Koetter: 2-0
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	24.2/25.2
OFFENSE	392.8 (2L)
PASSING	Jameis Winston: 131-208-1643-10-4-95.5
RUSHING	Doug Martin: 47-176-3.7-2
RECEIVING	Mike Evans: 34-459-13.5-4
DEFENSE	408.5
SACKS	Gerald McCoy, Clinton McDonald: 2
INTs	Many tied: 1
TAKE/GIVE	0 (9/9)
PUNTING (NET)	Bryan Anger: 43.9 (39.5)
KICKING	Patrick Murray: 10 (4/4 PAT; 2/2 FG)

BUCCANEERS NOTES

- **QB JAMEIS WINSTON** passed for 384 yards, 3 TDs & 1 INT for 112.3 rating last week. Has 1,424 pass yards, 11 TDs & 4 INTs for 95.3 rating in past 6 vs. NFC South. In past 7 at home, is 6-1 with 1,788 pass yards (255.4 per game), 10 TDs & 3 INTs for 94 rating. Aims for 3rd in row at home with 300+ pass yards.
- **RB DOUG MARTIN** has 4 rush TDs in past 6. In past 3 meetings, has 350 rush yards (116.7 per game) & TD. Aims for 3rd in row at home with rush TD.
- **WR MIKE EVANS** has 15 catches for 253 yards (84.3 per game) & 2 TDs in past 3 meetings. Has 7 TDs in past 8 at home. In past 3 at home vs. division, has 20 receptions for 257 yards (85.7 per game) & 3 TDs. **WR DE SEAN JACKSON** has 12 receptions for 198 yards (99 per game) & TD in past 2 meetings. **TE CAMERON BRATE** has TD catch in 4 of past 5. Has 12 TDs since 2016, most among NFL TEs. Rookie **TE O.J. HOWARD** set career-highs with 6 receptions, 98 yards & 2 TDs in Week 7.
- **DT GERALD MC COY** has 3 sacks in past 5 home meetings. Has 7 sacks & FF in past 10 at home vs. NFC South. **LB LAVONTE DAVID** led team with 14 tackles & had FF last week. Had 2 sacks in last meeting. In 10 career meetings, has 86 tackles (8.6 per game), 5 sacks, 2 FFs & INT. **S KEITH TANDY** had 12 tackles & career-high 2 INTs in last meeting. **CB BRENT GRIMES** aims for 3rd in row vs. Car. with INT.

ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: FOX (1:00 PM ET): Chris Myers, Daryl Johnston, Laura Okmin (Field reporter)

SIRIUS: 157 (Car), 138 (TB) | **XM:** 382 (Car), 226 (TB)