



Week 16

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (4-10) at Carolina Panthers (10-4)



Sunday, December 24, 2017 | 1:00 PM ET | Bank of America Stadium | Referee: Jerome Boger

REGULAR-SEASON SERIES HISTORY

LEADER: Panthers lead all-time series, 21-13

STREAKS: Buccaneers have won 2 of past 3

LAST GAME: 10/29/17: Panthers 17 at Buccaneers 3

LAST GAME AT SITE: 10/10/16: Buccaneers 17, Panthers 14

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

LAST WEEK	L 24-21 vs. Atlanta
COACH VS. OPP.	Dirk Koetter: 2-1
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	20.4/24.0
OFFENSE	354.9
PASSING	Jameis Winston: 233-364-2774-17-8-93.6
RUSHING	Doug Martin: 129-402-3.1-3
RECEIVING	Mike Evans: 60-839-14.0-5
DEFENSE	390.8
SACKS	Clinton McDonald: 4
INTs	Many tied: 3
TAKE/GIVE	+3 (24/21)
PUNTING (NET)	Bryan Anger: 43.7 (38.9)
KICKING	Patrick Murray: 60 (18/18 PAT; 14/17 FG)

CAROLINA PANTHERS

LAST WEEK	W 31-24 vs. Green Bay
COACH VS. OPP.	Ron Rivera: 9-4
PTS. FOR/AGAINST	23.6/20.4
OFFENSE	334.0
PASSING	Cam Newton: 261-433-2962-21-12-85.4
RUSHING	Jonathan Stewart: 191-661-3.5-6
RECEIVING	Christian McCaffrey (R) (RB): 73-592-8.1-5
DEFENSE	307.9
SACKS	Mario Addison, Julius Peppers: 10
INTs	Luke Kuechly: 3
TAKE/GIVE	0 (18/18)
PUNTING (NET)	Michael Palardy: 46.2 (42.3)
KICKING	Graham Gano: 107 (32/34 PAT; 25/26 FG)

BUCCANEERS NOTES

- **QB JAMEIS WINSTON** completed 27 of 35 (77.1 pct.) for 299 yards with 3 TDs & 0 INTs for 130.5 rating last week. Has 5 TDs vs. 1 INT for 106.1 rating in his past 3 on road.
- **RB DOUG MARTIN** has 282 rush yards (94 per game) in his past 3 at Car. **RB PEYTON BARBER** has 2 TDs in his past 2 vs. division. Has 274 scrimmage yards (91.3 per game) in his past 3.
- **WR MIKE EVANS** led team with 79 rec. yards & TD in Week 15. Has 2 TDs in his past 3 vs. Car. Has 7 TD catches in his past 10 vs. NFC South. **TE O.J. HOWARD** ties for lead among NFL rookies with 6 rec. TDs & ranks 2nd among rookie TEs with 432 rec. yards. Aims for 3rd in row with TD catch. **TE CAMERON BRATE** has 2 TDs in his past 3. Has 14 TDs since 2016, 3rd most among NFL TEs.
- **LB LAVONTE DAVID** leads NFL with 5 FRs & ranks 1st in NFC with 5 FFs. In 5 career games at Car., has 46 tackles (9.2 per game), 2 sacks, 2 FFs, 2 FRs & INT. Since entering league in 2012, ranks 3rd in NFL in tackles (747), 2nd in TFL (92) & ties for 3rd in FFs (17). **LB KWON ALEXANDER** led team with 13 tackles last week. Aims for 3rd in row vs. Car. with 10+ tackles. Has 58 tackles (9.7 per game) in his past 6 vs. division. **LB KENDELL BECKWITH** & **S JUSTIN EVANS** tie for 3rd among NFL rookies with 65 tackles each. Evans is only NFL rookie with 60+ tackles (65) & 3+ INTs (3). **CB BRENT GRIMES** aims for 3rd in row vs. Car. with INT. Has 3 INTs, incl. 31-yard INT-TD & 7 PD in his past 4 vs. Car.

PANTHERS NOTES

- **QB CAM NEWTON** passed for 252 yards & 4 TDs for 128 rating last week. In his past 4 at home vs. TB, has 8 pass TDs & 2 INTs for 115.9 rating & has 4 rush TDs. Leads NFL QBs with 643 rush yards. Has 4 seasons with 600+ rush yards, tied for most by QB in NFL history (MICHAEL VICK). Is 1 of 3 in NFL history (HOFer STEVE YOUNG & RANDALL CUNNINGHAM) with 150+ pass TDs (157) & 4,000+ rush yards (4,209).
- **RB JONATHAN STEWART** has 5 rush TDs in past 4. Aims for 3rd in row vs. TB with TD. Rookie **RB CHRISTIAN MC CAFFREY** had career-high 136 scrimmage yards (73 rec., 63 rush) & TD catch in Week 15. Leads NFL rookies in catches (73) & ranks 4th in TDs (7) & scrimmage yards (974). Is only rookie RB in NFL history with 70+ receptions (73) & 5+ rec. TDs (5). His 73 catches are tied for most by rookie in franchise history.
- **TE GREG OLSEN** led team with 9 receptions for 116 yards & had TD last week. Has 392 rec. yards (98 per game) in his past 4 at home vs. TB. **WR DAMIERE BYRD** had 2 TD catches in Week 15, his 1st 2 career TDs.
- **DE JULIUS PEPPERS** has 10 sacks & is 1 of 4 in NFL history with 10+ sacks in 10+ seasons. Has 7.5 sacks & 3 FFs in his past 6 vs. TB. **LB LUKE KUECHLY** has 43 tackles, sack, FF & 2 INTs in his past 5 vs. TB. Aims for his 11th in row vs. division with 8+ tackles. **CB JAMES BRADBERRY** aims for 3rd in row with INT. Has 12 tackles, INT & 3 PD in 2 career games vs. TB. **CB DARYL WORLEY** aims for 3rd in row with INT.

ON THE AIRWAVES

TV: FOX (1:00 PM ET): Kenny Albert, Ronde Barber, Kristina Pink (Field reporter)

SIRIUS: 112 (TB), 132 (Car) | XM: 384 (TB), 228 (Car)