



2 TEAM TEASER

Monday, January 15, 2024, 4:30pm ET

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ BUFFALO BILLS

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Sunday, January 14, 2024, 4:30pm ET

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

**Selection: 6-point, 2-team Teaser
STEELERS/BILLS (UNDER 42.5)
COWBOYS (-1)
COST: (-110)**

The weather forecast for Buffalo this weekend is for a lot of snow and, more importantly for our analysis, considerable winds that will consistently range from 15 to 35 miles per hour. The winds are what can disrupt every aspect of a football game, and that's what we're banking on here.

The Steelers are very much a running football team anyway, and their best chance to win this game, under any conditions, is to run the football as much as possible, slow down the game, and let the game clock keep running while trying to keep the score as close as possible all the way, waiting for a lucky break. That's essentially been their recipe for success much of the year, and it's led to three straight wins to end the season.

The Bills have gone more run-heavy than usual down the stretch while reeling off their own impressive winning streak of 5 games, beating 4 playoff teams during that span. Josh Allen has thrown for less than 240 yards in 4 of the Bills' 5 wins down the stretch, including a ridiculously low 94 yards in their win over Dallas.

With the wicked winds wreaking havoc on the field, I expect a slow, deliberate game between two teams who have made a living in the 'UNDER' this year. Both Buffalo and Pittsburgh have seen their games hit the UNDER in 11 of 17 starts, and that's when playing primarily in normal weather conditions.

This is the third straight season that the Dallas Cowboys have finished the regular season with a 12-5 record. This will also be the third season that they hope to avoid getting bounced out of the playoffs earlier than expected. In 2021 they lost in the first round at San Francisco, 23-17. Last year they lost in the second round at San Francisco, 19-12. That was after going on the road to beat Tampa Bay in the wild card round, 31-14.

So, what's the difference this year that leads us to expect the Cowboys to make a deeper playoff run? For one thing, they did not have a home playoff game either of the last two years. This year they do, and their

opponents, the Packers, while playing well down the stretch, are a very young and inexperienced team. In fact, the Packers are the youngest team in the league, with their quarterback, and all of their main wide receivers and tight ends, playing either their first or second full season.

Meanwhile, Dak Prescott has had an MVP caliber season as the on-field leader of the Cowboys, and CeeDee Lamb has exploded in terms of production and consistency. Lamb also thrives against the kind of coverage that the Packers will try to dish up on defense, and I think the Pack, as a whole, will have a lot of difficulty stopping, or even slowing down, the Cowboys' high-scoring offense.

That said, the Packers still have their own firepower on offense to keep this game close, or to potentially score a late TD that could cut the margin down under the current point spread (7). However, with the Teaser, we chop 6 points off of that point spread, with the Cowboys only giving Green Bay one point. That's a significantly better level of comfort, especially since we know that Dallas is riding a 16-game winning streak at home. They have not lost there since the 2021 season, and it would be a major upset if that were to happen here.

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