



**Monday, January 15, 2024**

## **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS**

**Game Time: 8:00pm ET**

**TV: ESPN/ABC**

**Selection: Tampa Bay Buccaneers +3**

Baker Mayfield joined Tom Brady as the only QBs in franchise history to record a season with 4,000 or more passing yards, 25+ passing TDs and 10 or fewer INTs. Mayfield has quietly put up an impressive year for his new franchise as they upset the early season prohibitive favorites, the Saints, to capture the NFC South. For years now, the Buccaneers have lacked a good running game so the burden has been on the QB, and Mayfield has stepped up and done a fine job this year.

This strength plays well in this Wildcard Matchup because the Philadelphia Eagles' weakness has been in the secondary. They are excellent against the run but porous versus the pass. Mayfield should have a solid day getting the ball to his receiving core headed by future Hall of Famer Mike Evans.

The defending NFC champs, Philadelphia has been a train wreck this season. They were blown out two weeks in a row by the 49ers and Cowboys, but then proceeded to lose games that were inconceivable – to the Cardinals and Giants. Something has not been clicking with the Eagles this year, and until they prove otherwise, it is wise to go against the Jalen Hurts-led team. They have no business being the favorites on the road against a hungry Bucs team that has a chip on their shoulders. Take the points with the home dog.

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