



## **2 TEAM TEASER**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024, 3:00 pm ET**

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ DETROIT LIONS**

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**Sunday, January 21, 2024, 6:30pm ET**

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ BUFFALO BILLS**

**Selections: 6-point, 2-team Teaser  
LIONS (-0.5 points)  
&  
KC@BUFFALO: (UNDER 51.5 points)  
COST: (-110)**

My other selection of DETROIT against the spread this week spoke about some reasons that I like the Lions a lot in this spot. And as much as I like them while giving points, I like them far more as a 'pick-em', which is what the 6-point Teaser turns their game into when the current point spread is 6.5.

The Lions have really come together as a strong presence over the last few games, and they showed considerable grit to hold on for the home playoff win, their first in 30 years, last week against a Rams team with a high-powered offense and a great coach. But the Lions seem to be a team of destiny this year, and playing at Ford Field is a legitimate advantage. I read some quotes from Rams players after last week's game, and they were talking about how it was the loudest venue in which they had ever played, because the home crowd was so pumped up. Expect more of that this week, with a Tampa quarterback, Baker Mayfield, who is a lot more likely to get rattled by that kind of atmosphere than was the Ram's veteran quarterback Matthew Stafford, who had been the Lion's starting quarterback for many years. He knew exactly what to expect at Ford Field, and was prepared.

The Bucs, meanwhile, come off one of their best offensive games of the year. However, I believe it's a bit of a mirage. They beat an Eagles team that is in complete disarray, and had been in a tailspin for 5 weeks. The Eagles defense was stopping no one, and they left Mayfield plenty of opportunities to capitalize with every drive.

This week, the Bucs will face a legitimate defense. Detroit is outstanding against the run, but only fair against the pass. Expect the Bucs to lean on the pass a lot, and if Mayfield does indeed have a tough time with all of the crowd noise, then that only adds to the likelihood of a Lions victory. And that's all that the Lions have to do with our 'pick-em' teaser... win the game.

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The KC Chiefs and Buffalo Bills both have long-standing reputations as explosive, high-scoring teams. Why, then, would I want to play the 'UNDER' in this game?

The main reason, supported by this year's data, is that the previous 'reputations' mentioned above do not apply this year. KC has actually been #1 in the entire NFL this season in hitting the 'UNDER' in their games, doing so in 13 of 18 games thus far. The Bills aren't far behind, hitting the 'UNDER' in 11 of 18 games. I like the odds presented by those stats, especially when we get to pump the UNDER line up 6 points higher with this Teaser.

When Buffalo went to KC in Week 14 this year, the OVER/UNDER for the game was 49 points. The Bills won, 20-17, for a combined 37 points. And the weather in that game was nicer than the frigid cold that these teams will encounter Sunday. Furthermore, the Bills passing attack has slowed down a lot recently. Their second wide receiver, Gabe Davis, will miss his second game in a row this week. And their clear #1 receiver, Stefon Diggs, suddenly appeared on the injury report mid-week. While I fully expect him to play, he's clearly not 100%.

I expect a slow, methodical game from both of these teams, not a track meet up and down the field. That will lend itself to a lower score that will give us a better chance of hitting the UNDER.

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