



Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Carolina Panthers

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BUCCANEERS

Record: 7-7 Odds: -3.0 O/U: 45.5 Power Ranking #20 Moneyline: -155 Sunday 12/21/2025 10:00AM PST

wk1: TB 23 @ 20 ATL wk2: TB 20 @ 19 HOU wk3: NYJ 27 @ 29 TB
wk4: PHI 31 @ 25 TB wk5: TB 38 @ 35 SEA wk6: SF 19 @ 30 TB
wk7: TB 9 @ 24 DET wk8: TB 23 @ 3 NO wk10: NE 28 @ 23 TB
wk11: TB 32 @ 44 BUF wk12: TB 7 @ 34 LA wk13: ARI 17 @ 20 TB
wk14: NO 24 @ 20 TB wk15: ATL 29 @ 28 TB

Despite recent struggles, the Buccaneers remain at the top of the NFC South as they prepare to face the Panthers. However, their defense has been subpar, which is a concern as they look to maintain their division lead. Improvements on the defensive

Head Coach: Todd Bowles

Off. Coord: Josh Grizzard

Def. Coord: Kacy Rodgers & Larry Foote

Changes This Year: The Buccaneers made several roster moves in 2025, including signing CB Kindle Vildor, LB Anthony Walker, and OT Charlie Heck to one-year contracts. They placed TE Ko Kieft and RT Luke Goedeke on injured reserve while promoting DT C.J. Brewer and signing multiple practice squad players to bolster depth. The team also added veteran QB Teddy Bridgewater to the quarterback room as they shape

Pos	Stat	No	Name	Exp	YrsTm	Contract	ADP	PreRank	Rank	PrevTeams
QB	ACT	#6	Baker Mayfield	7			52	QB#7		
QB	ACT	#10	Teddy Bridgewater	11			392	QB#83		
RB	ACT	#7	Bucky Irving	1			22	RB#10		
RB	ACT	#1	Rachaad White	3			147	RB#45		
RB	ACT	#44	Sean Tucker	2			0	RB#88		
WR	ACT	#14	Chris Godwin Jr.	8			88	WR#44		
WR	ACT	#2	Emeka Egbuka	0			94	WR#41		
WR	RES	#80	Jaden Smith	0			0	WR#225		
WR	ACT	#11	Jalen McMillan	1			0	WR#84		
WR	ACT	#19	Kameron Johnson	1			0	WR#304		
WR	ACT	#13	Mike Evans	11			40	WR#15		
WR	ACT	#17	Sterling Shepard	9			406	WR#145		
WR	ACT	#15	Tez Johnson	0			282	WR#108		
TE	ACT	#88	Cade Otton	3			187	TE#23		
TE	ACT	#82	Devin Culp	1			0	TE#138		
TE	RES	#41	Ko Kieft	3			0	TE#155		
TE	ACT	#87	Payne Durham	2			0	TE#108		
K	ACT	#4	Chase McLaughlin	6			113	K#4		

DB	#31	Antoine Winfield Jr.	DL	#50	Vita Ve	OL	#70	Benjamin Chukwuma
DB	#21	Benjamin Morrison	LB	#98	Anthony Nelson	OL	#77	Charlie Heck
DB	#29	Christian Izien	LB	#54	Anthony Walker	OL	#65	Dan Feeney
DB	#25	Jacob Parrish	LB	#43	Chris Braswell	OL	#79	Elijah Klein
DB	#35	Jamel Dean	LB	#45	Deion Jones	OL	#62	Graham Barton
DB	#32	Josh Hayes	LB	#5	Haason Reddick	OL	#67	Luke Goedeke
DB	#22	Kindle Vildor	LB	#57	John Bullock	OL	#72	Luke Haggard
DB	#38	Rashad Wisdom	LB	#54	Lavonte David	OL	#60	Mike Jordan
DB	#23	Tykee Smith	LB	#58	Markees Watts	OL	#78	Tristan Wirfs
DL	#95	Elijah Roberts	LB	#53	Nick Jackson	P	#9	Riley Dixon
DL	#92	Elijah Simmons	LB	#8	SirVocea Dennis			
DL	#96	Greg Gaines	LB	#0	Yaya Diaby			
DL	#90	Logan Hall	LS	#86	Evan Deckers			

2024 Draft

1.26: Graham Barton, OL, Duke
2.57: Chris Braswell, LB, Alabama
3.89: Tykee Smith, DB, Georgia
3.92: Jalen McMillan, WR, Washington
4.125: Bucky Irving, RB, Oregon
6.220: Elijah Klein, OG, Texas-El Paso
7.246: Devin Culp, TE, Washington

2023 Draft

1.19: Calijah Kancey, DL, Pittsburgh
2.48: Cody Mauch, T, North Dakota St.
3.82: YaYa Diaby, DL, Louisville
5.153: SirVocea Dennis, LB, Pittsburgh
5.171: Payne Durham, TE, Purdue
6.181: Josh Hayes, CB, Kansas St.
6.191: Trey Palmer, WR, Nebraska
6.196: Jose Ramirez, DL, Eastern Michigan

2022 Draft

2.33: Logan Hall, DE, Houston
2.57: Luke Goedeke, OL, Central Michigan
3.91: Rachaad White, RB, Arizona St.
4.106: Cade Otton, TE, Washington
4.133: Jake Camarda, P, Georgia
5.157: Zyon McCollum, DB, Sam Houston St.
6.218: Ko Kieft, TE, Minnesota
7.248: Andre Anthony, DE, LSU



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PANTHERS

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wk1: CAR 10 @ 26 JAX wk2: CAR 22 @ 27 ARI wk3: ATL 0 @ 30 CAR
wk4: CAR 13 @ 42 NE wk5: MIA 24 @ 27 CAR wk6: DAL 27 @ 30 CAR
wk7: CAR 13 @ 6 NYJ wk8: BUF 40 @ 9 CAR wk9: CAR 16 @ 13 GB
wk10: NO 17 @ 7 CAR wk11: CAR 30 @ 27 ATL wk12: CAR 9 @ 20 SF
wk13: LA 28 @ 31 CAR wk15: CAR 17 @ 20 NO

Suffering a loss to the Saints isn't ideal as they prepare for a crucial matchup against the Buccaneers this week. However, they still have the advantage of controlling their own destiny.

Head Coach: Dave Canales

Off. Coord: Brad Idzik

Def. Coord: Ejiro Evero

Changes This Year: The Panthers enter 2025 with Dave Canales in his second season as head coach and a focus on developing young quarterback Bryce Young. They strengthened the offensive line and added weapons around Young while bolstering the defense with a mix of draft picks and veteran signings, aiming to take a step forward after a rebuilding year.

Pos	Stat	No	Name	Exp	YrsTm	Contract	ADP	PreRank	Rank	PrevTeams
QB	ACT	#14	Andy Dalton	14			414	QB#71		
QB	ACT	#9	Bryce Young	2			189	QB#24		
RB	ACT	#30	Chuba Hubbard	4			42	RB#18		
RB	RES	#24	Jonathon Brooks	1			0	RB#200		
RB	ACT	#5	Rico Dowdle	5			0	RB#59		
RB	ACT	#23	Trevor Etienne	0			0	RB#83		
WR	RES	#83	David Moore	8			332	WR#128		
WR	ACT	#13	Hunter Renfrow	6			257	WR#103		
WR	ACT	#18	Jalen Coker	1			0	WR#89		
WR	ACT	#15	Jimmy Horn Jr.	0			278	WR#115		
WR	ACT	#4	Tetairoa McMillan	0			75	WR#29		
WR	ACT	#17	Xavier Legette	1			159	WR#62		
TE	ACT	#0	Ja'Tavion Sanders	1			0	TE#36		
TE	ACT	#85	James Mitchell	3			0	TE#153		
TE	ACT	#84	Mitchell Evans	0			266	TE#58		
TE	ACT	#82	Tommy Tremble	4			440	TE#67		
K	ACT	#10	Ryan Fitzgerald	0			250	K#33		

DB #29 Akayleb Evans	DL #75 Jared Harrison-Hunte	LB #32 Trevin Wallace
DB #26 Chau Smith-Wade	DL #93 LaBryan Ray	LS #44 J.J. Jansen
DB #36 Demani Richardson	DL #99 Tershawn Wharton	OL #63 Austin Corbett
DB #8 Jaycee Horn	DL #52 Trevis Gipson	OL #64 Cade Mays
DB #22 Lathan Ransom	LB #57 Bam Martin-Scott	OL #68 Damien Lewis
DB #2 Mike Jackson	LB #56 Christian Rozeboom	OL #79 Ikem Ekwonu
DB #21 Nick Scott	LB #53 Claudin Cherehus	OL #74 Jake Curhan
DB #33 Robert Rochell	LB #98 D.J. Wonnum	OL #60 Nick Samac
DB #7 Tre'von Moehrig	LB #40 Krys Barnes	OL #72 Taylor Moton
DL #94 A'Shawn Robinson	LB #55 Maema Njongmeta	OL #77 Yosh Nijman
DL #97 Bobby Brown III	LB #11 Nic Scourton	P #6 Sam Martin
DL #92 Cam Jackson	LB #3 Princely Umanmielen	
DL #95 Derrick Brown	LB #48 Thomas Incoom	

2024 Draft

1.32: Xavier Legette, WR, South Carolina
2.46: Jonathon Brooks, RB, Texas
3.72: Trevin Wallace, LB, Kentucky
4.101: Ja'Tavion Sanders, TE, Texas
5.157: Chau Smith-Wade, DB, Washington St.
6.200: Jaden Crumedy, DT, Mississippi St.
7.240: Michael Barrett, LB, Michigan

2023 Draft

1.1: Bryce Young, QB, Alabama
2.39: Jonathan Mingo, WR, Mississippi
3.80: DJ Johnson, OLB, Oregon
4.114: Chandler Zavala, G, North Carolina St.
5.145: Jammie Robinson, DB, Florida St.

2022 Draft

1.6: Ikem Ekwonu, T, North Carolina St.
3.94: Matt Corral, QB, Mississippi
4.120: Brandon Smith, LB, Penn St.
6.189: Amare Barno, DE, Virginia Tech
6.199: Cade Mays, OL, Tennessee
7.242: Kalon Barnes, CB, Baylor