

## Green Bay Packers vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers NFL Week 9 Picks

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The winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers play host to the Green Bay Packers, Sunday Nov 8, as the Packers look to rebound from last week's loss to former QB Brett Favre. Six of the last nine games have gone Tampa Bay's way, with Tampa winning their last meeting. NFL oddsmakers at BetUS.com have the Packers as -9.5 point road faves over the Buccaneers with the over/under set at 43.5 points. Be sure to get your Green Bay Packers vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers NFL Week 9 Picks in now at BetUS.com

The Packers (4-3) lost to Minnesota 26-38 at home in Week 8 and now sit second in the NFC North. QB Aaron Rodgers made 26 of 41 passes for 287 yards with three TD passes; overall he's thrown for 1,989 yards with 14 TD passes and two interceptions for a 110.4 passer rating. QB Rodgers was also their top rusher with five runs for 52 yards, while RB Ryan Grant had 10 carries for 30 yards. WR Greg Jennings made eight catches for 88 yards with a TD, while LB Spencer Havner caught two TD passes. The Packers had no interceptions or sacks on the day. Fresh off an emotional loss to Favre's Vikings, the Packers cannot afford to have a letdown against the Bucs. They must regroup mentally and get ready to go against a team, that while struggling, is rested off a bye and desperate for its first victory. The Packers will put their ninth ranked passing game up against the Bucs 15th ranked pass rush. They are average at running the ball with a 16th ranked running game, that should do well against the Bucs 30th ranked rush defense. The Packers average 26.4ppg and give up 19.1ppg, while they are 2-1 SU on the road where they average 30ppg and allow 16.7ppg. They are 4-3 ATS and 4-3 over/under.

The Buccaneers (0-7) lost to New England 7-35 at home in Week 7 and sat out last week with a bye. Against the Patriots, QB Josh Johnson made 9 of 26 passes for 156 yards with one TD pass and three interceptions; overall he's thrown for 685 yards with four TD passes and eight interceptions for a 50.9 passer rating. RB Derrick Ward had 13 carries for 48 yards, while WR Sammie Stroughter made three catches for 63 yards. WR Antonio Bryant caught the Bucs lone TD pass. The Bucs pulled down two interceptions and had one sack on the day. With nothing to lose after an 0-7 start, Tampa Bay is turning to its rookie first-round pick QB Josh Freeman. Freeman has had a bye week to get prepared, but it won't be easy making his first start against Green Bay's savvy secondary. The Packers defense has been solid, they are ranked fifth overall with a ninth ranked pass defense and rush defense. CB Charles Woodson leads the Packers with four interceptions. The Bucs average 13.7ppg and give up 29ppg, while they are 0-4 SU at home where they average 12.2ppg and allow 30.2ppg. They are 1-6 ATS and 4-3 over/under.

Recent Trends to Consider:

- Under is 4-1 in the last 5 meetings in Tampa Bay.
- Under is 6-2 in the last 8 meetings.
- Packers are 3-7-1 ATS in their last 11 meetings.
- Packers are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 meetings in Tampa Bay.
- Packers are 4-0 ATS in their last 4 games following a ATS loss.
- Packers are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games as a road favorite of 3.5-10.0.
- Packers are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games following a S.U. loss.

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Pick: Packers -9.5

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The Bottom Line: The Bucs are too awful to beat the Packers defense, plus they'll have a rookie QB at the helm. Be sure to get your Green Bay Packers vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers NFL Week 9 Picks in now at BetUS.com and receive up to 145% in Cash Bonuses and start winning today!