Baltimore Ravens vs Cincinnati Bengals NFL Week 9 Picks

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The Cincinnati Bengals play host to the Baltimore Ravens, Sunday Nov 8, as the Ravens hope to avoid three straight road losses. The Bengals have won seven of the past 10 meetings. NFL oddsmakers at Sportsbetting.com have the Ravens as -3 point road favs over the Bengals with the over/under set at 43.5 points . Be sure to get your Baltimore Ravens vs Cincinnati Bengals NFL Week 9 Picks in now at Sportsbetting.com

The Ravens (4-3) beat Denver 30-7 in Week 8 and now sit third in the AFC North. QB Joe Flacco made 20 of 25 passes for 175 yards with one RTD pass; overall he’s thrown for 1,849 yards with 12 TD passes and five interceptions for a 95.6 passer rating. RB Ray Rice had 23 carries for 84 yards with a TSD, while WR Kelley Washington made four catches for 58 yards. WR Derrick Mason made four catches for 40 yards with a TD. The Ravens had no interceptions on the day and only two sacks. They were penalized eight times for a high 94 yards, they must be more disciplined. In their three losses this season the Ravens passed the ball on 69.5% of their offensive plays. In their four wins they passed the ball just 49.3%of the time. Offensive coordinator Cam Cameron has done a great job of grooming QB Joe Flacco, but he must try to maintain balance in his play-calling. The Ravens offense is ranked seventh best in the league with a 10th ranked passing game and 10th ranked running game. Their defense has slipped since last year. They are ranked 13th overall with an 18th ranked pass rush, but they have the fourth best rush defense in the league. SS Ed Reed's six interceptions against the Bengals are his second-highest against any opponent . The Ravens average 28.4ppg and give up 19.6ppg, while they are 1-2 SU on the road where they average 27.7ppg and allow 28.7ppg. They are 5-2 ATS and 4-3 over/under.

The Bengals (5-2) beat Chicago 45-10 at home in Week 7 and sat out last week with a bye. They sit atop the AFC North. QB Carson Palmer made 20 of 24 passes for 233 yards with five TD passes; overall he’s thrown for 1,608 yards with 13 TD passes and seven interceptions for a 89.2 passer rating. RB Cedric Benson had 37 carries for 189 yards with a TD, while WR Chad OchoCinco made 10 catches for 118 yards with two TD’s. WR Lavernues Coles and WR Chris Henry each caught a TD pass. The Bengals pulled down three interceptions and had a low one sack on the day. Earlier this year, RB Cedric Benson became the first player to rush for over 100 yards against the Ravens since 2006 . His production on the ground allowed QB Carson Palmer to use play-action and keep the Ravens' defense off balance. It will be tough for Benson to duplicate his effort from the first game, but if he does, it will give the Bengals a decided edge. The Bengals ninth ranked running game will be up against the Ravens tough fourth ranked rush defense. They are fairly even with their 18th ranked pass game going against the Ravens 18th ranked pass rush. Their defense is ranked 21st overall with a 30th ranked pass rush, but they excel with a sixth ranked rush defense, that’ll be up against the Ravens 10th ranked running game. Carson Palmer is 7-3 in his career against the Ravens. The Bengals average 23.3ppg and give up 18.3ppg, while they are 2-2 SU at home where they average 23ppg and allow 17.5ppg. They are 4-3 ATS and 4-3 over/under.

Recent Trends to Consider:

- Over is 5-2 in the last 7 meetings in Cincinnati.
- Favorite is 14-6 ATS in their last 20 meetings.
- Ravens are 3-7 ATS in their last 10 meetings.
- Ravens are 2-8 ATS in their last 10 games as a road favorite.
- Bengals are 4-0 ATS vs. a team with a winning record.
- Bengals are 5-0 ATS in their last 5 games as an underdog of 0.5-3.0.
- Bengals are 6-0 ATS in their last 6 games as an underdog.

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When: Sun, Nov 8, 2009 1:00 PM ET
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The Bottom Line: Gotta go with the Bengals at home and the Ravens have dropped two straight on the road. Be sure to get your Baltimore Ravens vs Cincinnati Bengals NFL Week 9 Picks in now at Sportsbetting.com and Cash in with sign-up bonuses, weekly reload bonuses and free payouts at SPORTSBETTING.com, where betting is safe, secure and easy.