



GAME OF THE WEEK



PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ BUFFALO BILLS

WEEK #1

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

GAME TIME	1 PM EST
Point spread	STEELERS +6.5

DOC ALAN WRITE UP

Our NFL week # 1 GAME OF THE WEEK Sunday 9-12-21 takes us to Bills Stadium in Orchard Park NY. , and we are going to be making our selection on the defending AFC North Champion road dog Steelers, as I believe we have several advantages & edges pointing to the Steelers and Dr. Alan psychological handicapping advantages & edges in the Steelers favor.

Let's take a brief look at these 2 squads entering this game. The Bills enter this game off a stellar 13-3 season in which they won the AFC East for the 1st time since 1995. The Bills ultimately made it to the championship game before losing to the Chiefs. The Steelers finished 12-4 wining the AFC North, but then suffered an embarrassing & humiliating first round playoff loss to the Browns

Polar opposites is the best way to describe public perception of both teams coming into this game - the public is HIGH on the Bills, and ready to FADE Steelers. This sets up as a classic BUY LOW (on the Steelers) and SELL HIGH (on the Bills) In last years game which the Bills won 26-15 , the Steelers defense kept the high powered Bills offense in check, and Bills QB Josh Allen played one of his worst games. The difference in that game was a Big Ben pick 6. In last years game the Steelers were a -2 point road favorite, and now they are a + 6.5 point road dog. In my opinion, these teams haven't changed that dramatically to justify an 8.5 point line move. The Steelers won 12 games last year, they are what I like to call a " quality dog "

Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin will have his team prepared. The always tough Steelers defense led by 2020 sack leader LB T.J. Watt will keep the Steelers competitive in this game to the very end, with a chance at an upset outright win. Under head coach Mike Tomlin, the last 14 games that the Steelers have dressed up as road underdogs, they are 11-3 ATS

When I look at this game thru my Dr. Alan psychological handicapping of course there is always motivation on both sides, but I think the motivation edge is clearly in the Steelers favor. The Steelers will not only be playing with revenge from last seasons loss to the Bills, but they will be playing to atone for that embarrassing & humiliating playoff loss to the Browns. Also, the Steelers are tired of hearing how " bad " they are predicted to be this year, and how " good " the Bills are predicted to be. Also, throw in the motivation for QB Big Ben, who is most likely playing his last season for the Steelers. I expect that Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin will have his troops " fired up " and EXTREMELY motivated to bring their " A " game vs. the Bills !!!

So, today, we will gladly accept the generous + 6.5 points that the Las Vegas oddsmakers are offering to us, and we fully expect the Steelers to get us a cover vs. the Bills !!!

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