



# SUPER BOWL 55

EXPERTS PROP SHEET

## BEN BURNS

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**PROP:** Field goals made O/U 3.5

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -137

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

### ANALYSIS:

With a matchup of Brady/Mahomes, both teams will know that it's likely going to take touchdowns to win, not field goals. That could lead to some cases where they go for it on fourth, instead of kicking. The Chiefs scored five touchdowns against the Bills but kicked only a single field goal. Despite the game being high-scoring, the Bucs combined with the Packers for only three field goals. One of those arguably should have never happened either, the result of a highly questionable call by LaFleur. When the teams met earlier in the season, they combined for three field goals.



## BEN BURNS

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**PROP:** Roughing the passer penalty to be called Y/N

**PICK:** YES

**ODDS:** +145

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

**ANALYSIS:**

Both defenses are going to be doing everything that they possibly can to get after these quarterbacks. You know that the league likes to protect its stars. If either Brady or Mahomes gets hit a little too hard, the refs will likely be quick to throw the flag. If the game gets out of reach, one way or the other, there could be some late frustration. If looking for a prop with a "plus money return," this one appears worthy of consideration.



## AMERICAN SPORTS ANALYSTS

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**PROP:** To score a touchdown anytime

**PICK:** Travis Kelce

**ODDS:** +157

**SPORTSBOOK:** Sports Interaction

### ANALYSIS:

Finding + odds for Kelce to score a TD is great value in our opinion as most other books have him at a minus. Kelce is one of Mahomes top targets down near the goal line and he's scored at least 1 TD in 12 of their 18 games this season. Mahomes targeted Kelce 145 times this season, more than any other player by a full 10 targets (Hill was next at 135). In the 2 playoff games he's been targeted 25 times with 3 TD's. Down the stretch his targets have been even more pronounced with at least 10 in 9 of the Chiefs last 10 games. Tampa's defense has struggled containing tight ends all season long. They allowed the 7th most TD's, 7th most receptions and 10th most targets to tight ends this season. While we may sprinkle a little on Kelce to score the first TD for KC at +400, we really like his chances of scoring at any point in the game.



## AMERICAN SPORTS ANALYSTS

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**PROP:** Tom Brady longest pass completion O/U 39.5 yards

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -120

**SPORTSBOOK:** bet365

### ANALYSIS:

Brady throws the deep ball more than any other QB in the NFL. He attempted 91 passes of 20+ yards on the season which was the most in the league and 13 more than the next closest QB. 15% of his pass attempts were 20+ yards for the season were 2nd in the NFL among started behind only Drew Lock. Brady's 36 completions of 20+ yards was also #1 in the league. He completed a pass of at least 35 yards in 12 of his 16 regular season games and 2 of his 3 playoff games. He also completed 12 passes this year of 40+ yards which was 4th in the NFL behind only Aaron Rodgers, Kyler Murray, and Ryan Tannehill. KC's pass defense allowed the 9th most completions of 20+ yards this season and with Brady throwing it downfield an average of around 6 times per game, we like our chances here.



## JESSE SCHULE

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**PROP:** Player to score the first touchdown

**PICK:** Mike Evans

**ODDS:** +1000

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

**ANALYSIS:**

Evans is a matchup nightmare, and he gets more targets in the red zone than any other player in the league. He caught just three passes for 51 yards and a TD in the NFC Championship Game, and against the Saints his only catch was a TD. With 14 TDs on the season, and four in his last five games, I like his chances of getting an early TD.



## JESSE SCHULE

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**PROP:** Double moneyline result

**PICK:** Bucs to win first half and Chiefs to win the game

**ODDS:** +550

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

**ANALYSIS:**

The Chiefs continue to get off to slow starts, so don't be surprised if they do it again. They spotted Buffalo an early double digit lead in the AFC Championship Game, and last year in the Super Bowl they scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to overcome a 10 point deficit. Nobody would be shocked to see this trend continue in SBLIV.



## MARC LAWRENCE

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**PROP:** Leonard Fournette to score a touchdown Y/N

**PICK:** YES

**ODDS:** +125

**SPORTSBOOK:** FanDuel

**ANALYSIS:**

In his last six career postseason games, Fournette has rushed for 453 yards while scoring 7 touchdowns. In three playoff games with the Bucs this season he has scored 4 touchdowns (three receiving), at least one in each contest. Look for Tom Brady to utilize Fournette as his go-to back out of the backfield against the Chiefs.



## MARC LAWRENCE

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**PROP:** MVP of Super Bowl LV

**PICK:** Tom Brady

**ODDS:** +220

**SPORTSBOOK:** FanDuel

### ANALYSIS:

Thirty of the 44 Super Bowl MVP awards have been won by a quarterback, including 10 of the past fourteen. Running backs and wide receivers are next at 7. Brady alone has won 4 MVP's in his six Super Bowl victories, the most in NFL history, with the last coming in 2017 in a 29-3 win over the Falcons. In addition, Brady has played in as many Super Bowls (9) than the Bucs have playoff wins (9). Plus, in one season with Tampa Bay, he has thrown more playoff touchdown passes than any other quarterback in Tampa Bay's franchise history. Finally, Brady is 20-4 SU at home in the postseason, including 10-0 against greater than .705 opponents.



## DOUG KNUDSON

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**PROP:** Largest lead of SB LV O/U 14.5

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -110

**SPORTSBOOK:** William Hill

### ANALYSIS:

Super Bowls the last 20 years have seen much different results than SBs in the past. One of the changes has been much closer contest than before. In fact, 16 of last 17 games have been decided by 14 or fewer points. Underdogs have dominated ATS because of the correlation of the much closer results. Having played already earlier this season, which was a closely contested 3-point decision, will have these teams fully prepared for any surprises. I can't see either team or QB falling behind too much, if one of these QB's fall behind by 7, their competitive nature will kick in for a response to stay close. And if by chance the team up 7 does score a TD, they're still under the 14.5 points. So, as long as we have Mahomes and Brady at the helms, I believe we will have a close game from start to finish!



## DOUG KNUDSON

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**PROP:** MVP of Super Bowl LV

**PICK:** Mecole Hardman

**ODDS:** +8000

**SPORTSBOOK:** William Hill

### ANALYSIS:

Mecole Hardman, 2nd round pick from Georgia, is a speed-ball TRIPLE Threat to score TD's! Tampa Bay Defensive coordinator Bowles has three objectives, to stop or slow down - Mahomes, Kelce and Hill. Which means using lots of double & tripe coverage's and spy's on Mahomes which will leave Hardman with one-one coverage. Mecole can score by running sweeps and reverses, catching passes and he's the #1 KO and Punt return specialist. After the muff last week, he was much involved with 2 direct TD's including a 50-yard run! If Hardman could manage 3 td's with perhaps a special team score (which he's done both at the College & Pro ranks), I believe he has an outside shot of winning the award at generous 80-1 odds. Mahomes will be the prohibitive MVP favorite, but being slowed down by having health issues with a concussion, nerve and toe problems and winning the award last year, the voters would not be hesitant to give it to a young unexpected star scoring at least 3 times!



## JAZZ RAY

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**PROP:** Either team to score 3 unanswered times Y/N

**PICK:** YES

**ODDS:** -219

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

**ANALYSIS:**

The juice might seem a bit high on this one. However, this prop has historically fared very well in the Super Bowl and it should cash again this year. In their game against the Bills, the Chiefs gave up the first two scores and proceeded to score three “unanswered” times. Last year’s Super Bowl saw the Chiefs register the final three scores of the game. Remember? They were down 20-10 and got three straight TD’s to win 31-20. At least one of these teams should score times in a row again this year.



## JAZZ RAY

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**PROP:** Travis Kelce O/U 7.5 receptions

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -160

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

**ANALYSIS:**

Kelce is projected to get more receptions than any other player in the Super Bowl. Yet, his number still isn't high enough. This guy is a catching machine and will be Mahomes' "go to guy" when he really needs a completion. What'd Kelce do against the Bills in the Conference Championship game? How about 13 receptions, on 15 targets, for 118 total yards. Whether the Chiefs win or lose, expect Kelce to be heavily involved.



## AAA SPORTS

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**PROP:** Total field goals O/U 3.5

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -137

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

### ANALYSIS:

In the two Conference Championship Games, Green Bay and Buffalo foolishly settled on field goals too often. That's partly why those teams will be watching the Super Bowl and not playing in it. We expect head coaches Bruce Arians and Andy Reid to be pretty aggressive in Super Bowl 55, eschewing field goals in favor of trying to get the ball in the end zone. Bucs kicker Ryan Succop has been pretty busy in the playoffs, going 8 for 8 on field goal attempts. But it's going to take plenty of points to beat the Chiefs and settling for three won't get it done. Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker is 4 of 5 in the playoffs. So, combined, that's a pretty high number of attempts between the two kickers. They combined for three makes in the regular season matchup, one of those just a 19-yarder from Butker. That's a situation where Reid would likely now go for it. Butker has averaged less than two attempts per game this year and there have been nine games where he's attempted 1 or 0 field goals. There have also been nine games this year where Succop attempted 1 or 0. We're not sure there will even be four field goals attempted in Super Bowl 55, let alone four made.



## AAA SPORTS

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**PROP:** Either team to score in the first 7:30 of the 1st quarter Y/N

**PICK:** YES

**ODDS:** -240

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

### ANALYSIS:

In both Conference Championship Games, there were points scored on the opening drive. Kansas City scored on its opening drive vs. Cleveland in the Divisional Round. Tampa Bay scored on its opening drive in the Wild Card round. Of the five total playoff games these teams have played, this prop would have cashed all five times. You get the picture. We find it extremely hard to believe that neither of these teams will score in the opening seven and a half minutes. When they faced off in the regular season, the Chiefs kicked a field goal on the opening drive.



## POWER SPORTS

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**PROP:** Longest touchdown O/U 47.5 yards

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** +121

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

### ANALYSIS:

This should be a fun one to root for. With the offensive firepower of the respective sides in Super Bowl LV, getting one long touchdown certainly doesn't seem out of the question. In the 2021 NFL Playoffs, there have been six touchdowns of at least 48 yards. Tampa Bay's defense has given up two of them. One came in the NFC Championship, a 50-yard pass from Aaron Rodgers to Marquez-Valdes Scantling. The other was the week before, a 56-yard "trick play" from Jameis Winston to Tre'Quan Smith. While the Chiefs have no such touchdowns in their two playoff games, it's not as if they haven't ripped off plays of significant length. The longest was a 71-yard catch and run by Tyreek Hill, which ended at the Bills' 4-yard line. I think we're going to get at least one big touchdown play in this game.



## POWER SPORTS

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**PROP:** Coin Flip: Heads or Tails

**PICK:** HEADS

**ODDS:** -103

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

**ANALYSIS:**

They say if you flip a coin 10 times, it "should" land heads five times and tails five times. If not, keep flipping and eventually things will square up. Well, tails has a 29-25 edge in Super Bowls after coming up five times in the last seven years. That broke a five-year run for heads. It was tails last year. Now it's time for the coin to turn up heads.



## ALEX B SMITH

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**PROP:** To score a touchdown anytime

**PICK:** Mecole Hardman

**ODDS:** +200

**SPORTSBOOK:** FanDuel

**ANALYSIS:**

Despite only having 41 receptions for 560 yards and 4 TDs on the year, I like the 22-year old Georgia graduate to get a score in this game. The Bucs will be so focused on slowing down Tyreek Hill & Travis Kelce, which should give Pat Mahomes to find Hardman open more often. At +200, this is a solid value play on an underrated receiver.



## ALEX B SMITH

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**PROP:** Player prop parlay

**PICK:** Patrick Mahomes to throw 2 or more TD passes and Kansas City wins

**ODDS:** -108

**SPORTSBOOK:** FanDuel

**ANALYSIS:**

The Reigning Super Bowl MVP is looking to pick up the Lombardi Trophy for the 2nd consecutive season, and with at least 2 TD passes in 14 of 18 games played this season, I like for Mahomes to reach that mark in route to another victorious Super Sunday.



## WILL ROGERS

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**PROP:** To score a touchdown anytime

**PICK:** Travis Kelce

**ODDS:** -160

**SPORTSBOOK:** Sports Interaction

**ANALYSIS:**

Kelce played a big role in the Kansas City Chiefs' Conference Championship victory over the Bills. Kelce finished with 1,416 receiving yards and 11 TD's in the regular season. His experience at this level, especially in short-yardage situations will be crucial once again if the Chiefs have any hopes of repeating as champion. This is a fair price for such a key piece of this explosive offense in my opinion.



## WILL ROGERS

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**PROP:** First touchdown scorer - Chiefs

**PICK:** Patrick Mahomes

**ODDS:** +900

**SPORTSBOOK:** Sports Interaction

**ANALYSIS:**

Travis Kelce and Tyreek Hill are both +333 to score the first TD for the Chiefs, but at +900, I think Patrick Mahomes is definitely worth a second look here to run the first one in himself. Of all the players on Kansas City, this seems more personal to Mahomes, who will be trying to once and for all, rip the torch out of Tom Brady's hands and become the new face of the league for the next decade. An interesting stat, Mahomes only has two rushing TD's this year, while Brady has three. With Mahomes looking to make a statement, this is definitely a solid proposition wager in my opinion.



## DAN KAISER

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**PROP:** Tyreek Hill O/U 89.5 receiving yards

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -115

**SPORTSBOOK:** William Hill

**ANALYSIS:**

The last time these two teams played this season Hill went off for 269 yards. He has gone over 100 yards in both playoff games. The Chiefs will be throwing the ball a lot and Hill will get his share of chances to catch the ball. If Tampa Bay's safeties are not 100% he may get this over early in the game.



## DAN KAISER

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**PROP:** To score a touchdown anytime

**PICK:** Darrel Williams

**ODDS:** +200

**SPORTSBOOK:** William Hill

**ANALYSIS:**

Williams has carried the ball 13 times the last two playoff games. Bell is supposed to be ready to play but has been out with injury and who knows if he is 100%. If the Chiefs get close to the goal line I like them to go with Williams as the power-back and at +200 it is worth a shot at .25 -.50 units.



## TIM MICHAEL

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**PROP:** Patrick Mahomes O/U 329.5 passing yards

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -130

**SPORTSBOOK:** Sports Interaction

**ANALYSIS:**

This Kansas City Chiefs offense is LOADED with talent. But if Kansas City is going to win this game, it's going to have to lean on Mahomes. Mahomes averaged just under 330 yards per game this season. However, he averaged 399.5 yards per game in November, the highest average in NFL history for a single month. I expect Mahomes to be a focal point of this KC offense, so the OVER 329.5 passing yards is definitely tempting in my opinion!



## TIM MICHAEL

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**PROP:** Most passing yards: Tom Brady or Patrick Mahomes

**PICK:** Patrick Mahomes

**ODDS:** -160

**SPORTSBOOK:** Sports Interaction

**ANALYSIS:**

Obviously, the Buccaneers would not be in the Super Bowl if it weren't for Tom Brady, but the veteran threw three picks in the second half of the AFC Championship Game and Bruce Arians will want to avoid that happening again. And that means trying to get this Bucs' run game involved early and often. At this price, I like the younger Mahomes to have more passing yards than his senior counterpart.



## FORUM LEGENDS (LEAGUECAPPER)

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**PROP:** Longest touchdown O/U 47.5 yards

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -142

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

### ANALYSIS:

These two teams have combined for just 7 total touchdowns of over 47.5 yards this season in a total of 18.5 games (Chiefs played 18, Bucs played 19). What makes me like this bet however is that Tyreek Hill went absolutely nuts in their first match-up between these two teams going for 269 yards and 3 touchdowns. Because of Hill's monstrous performance, I expect Todd Bowles to approach this game much differently from the first one, as he applies a heavier dose of two deep safeties while implementing a game plan that prevents Hill or any of their speedsters to get behind their defense. With this expected change in philosophy, and the return of Tampa's #1 cornerback who missed the first match-up, it's hard for me to envision the Chiefs going off for a 47+ yard touchdown in this game.

That leaves the question of if the Bucs will, however given they only have 4 TD's over this number all season in 19 games – I see lots of value on the -142 number for both teams.



## FORUM LEGENDS (LEAGUECAPPER)

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**PROP:** 1st quarter team total O/U 10.5 points

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -126

**SPORTSBOOK:** Pinnacle

### ANALYSIS:

This is one I look towards almost every Super Bowl. Although everyone is always in love with betting the over for Superbowl games expecting a ton of points, the first quarters are usually very low scoring – as teams both come out with jitters while neither team wants to make the big mistake. Time and time again teams are very conservative to start these big games which has led to the first quarter scoring averaging the lowest of any quarter in the big game. I know we have two prolific scoring offenses in this game, and a very high total that we haven't seen in the Super Bowl before surpassing an over/under of 55 – still, the first quarter has produced more than 10.5 points in just 3 of the last 18 Super Bowl's. I'll take the under and look for the scoring to start off relatively slow, and pickup as the 2nd quarter begins as it does pretty much every season.



## SCOTT RICKENBACH

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**PROP:** Tyreek Hill O/U 6.5 receptions

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -120

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

### **ANALYSIS:**

The line on this game is around a -3 and the total is in the mid to upper 50s. Given those factors it is evident that a tight high-scoring game is what is expected. That said, you can fully expect that both teams will need to throw a lot to win this game. Hill caught 9 passes in last year's Super Bowl. Given that fact as well as how he will be so tough for the Bucs pass defense to focus on (given other weapons too) you can expect that Mahomes will look for him early and often in this year's Super Bowl too.



## SCOTT RICKENBACH

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**PROP:** Mike Evans O/U 4.5 receptions

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -120

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

### ANALYSIS:

Brady and the Bucs will need to throw to keep up with Mahomes and the Chiefs. Keep in mind, the line on this game is around a -3 and the total has been set in the mid to upper 50s. Given those factors it is evident that a tight high-scoring game is what is expected. The odds makers are often the sharpest people in the room and this game pegged with a big total for a reason. You can fully expect that both teams will need to throw a lot to win this game. That said, Evans is arguably Tampa's best weapon. He'll catch at least five passes as Tom Brady seeks him early and often in this one as the Bucs look to continue their scoring surge with an aerial assault against a Chiefs pass defense that has proven susceptible at times.



## RICKY TRAN

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**PROP:** Patrick Mahomes O/U 18.5 rushing yards

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -120

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

**ANALYSIS:**

Mahomes looked like he had fully recovered from any injuries in the Chiefs win over Buffalo in the Conference Championship Game. With two weeks off ahead of the Super Bowl we can expect any lingering ailments to be a non-factor. He ran for 24 yards in a win at Tampa during the regular season, and he had over 20 rushing yards in four of his final five games this season.



## RICKY TRAN

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**PROP:** First offensive play of the game to be:

**PICK:** RUN

**ODDS:** -138

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

**ANALYSIS:**

This feels like an easy one. We know that teams want to avoid a turnover on the first play of the game, and the safe bet is running the ball to set the tone. In last year's Super Bowl the Chiefs had the ball first, and the first play was a seven yard run.



## ANTHONY STALTER

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**PROP:** Patrick Mahomes O/U 325.5 passing yards

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -112

**SPORTSBOOK:** DraftKings

### ANALYSIS:

When these two teams met in Week 12, Patrick Mahomes threw for 462 yards and three touchdowns. After Tyreek Hill caught 13-of-15 targets for 269 yards and three touchdowns against his defense (seven of those receptions, 203 of those yards and two of those touchdowns came in the first quarter alone), Todd Bowles will certainly have a better game plan for the Chiefs on Super Bowl Sunday but there's only so much you can do when facing this offense. The Bucs held opponents to just 22.2 rushing attempts per game this season, which ranked first in the league. Thus, the Chiefs won't be able to run the ball much, which will force Mahomes to put the ball in the air plenty. If he cracks 40 passing attempts, I love my chances of Mahomes throwing for over 325.5 yards.



## ANTHONY STALTER

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**PROP:** Clyde Edwards-Helaire O/U 30.5 rushing yards

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -112

**SPORTSBOOK:** DraftKings

### ANALYSIS:

Clyde Edwards-Helaire had a solid rookie season but he was held to just seven yards and a touchdown by the Bills in the AFC Championship Game. More importantly, Darrel Williams out-touched the rookie 13-6 while rushing for 52 yards and a touchdown. Williams' stock has been on the rise since Edwards-Helaire was injured in Week 15 and thus, it wouldn't be surprising to see Williams lead the Chiefs' backfield again in the Super Bowl. Either way, the Bucs held opponents to just 22.2 rushing attempts per game this season, which was tops in the league. Even if Edwards-Helaire out-touches Williams, it's unlikely he'll do much damage against Tampa Bay's defensive front.



## MATT FARGO

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**PROP:** Tom Brady O/U 295.5 yards passing

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -112

**SPORTSBOOK:** DraftKings

**ANALYSIS:**

Brady averaged 289.6 ypg passing during the regular season and that number has dipped in the postseason. He has averaged 239.5 ypg over the last two games against New Orleans and Green Bay. Overall, he stayed under this number in 10 of his 19 games played.



## MATT FARGO

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**PROP:** Travis Kelce to score a touchdown Y/N

**PICK:** YES

**ODDS:** -175

**SPORTSBOOK:** DraftKings

**ANALYSIS:**

Kelce scored twice against the Bills and has scored a touchdown in four of his last five postseason games. This includes scoring a touchdown in the Super Bowl last year against the 49ers despite having just 43 yards receiving. He has scored a touchdown in 12 Of 18 games.



## TEDDY COVERS

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**PROP:** First score of the game to be:

**PICK:** TOUCHDOWN

**ODDS:** -150

**SPORTSBOOK:** William Hill

**ANALYSIS:**

Both coaches know that they're facing an elite offense on the other side. I don't expect this to be the type of game where either side is settling for field goals. These two teams are a combined 5-5 on fourth down tries here in the playoffs, and I wouldn't be shocked in the slightest if BOTH coaches choose to go for it on fourth down early, eschewing a field goal attempt. With this total sitting in the upper 50's, the first score to be a TD is chalk for good reason!



## TEDDY COVERS

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**PROP:** Tampa Bay O/U 2 total sacks

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -140

**SPORTSBOOK:** William Hill

**ANALYSIS:**

Aaron Rodgers took five sacks in the NFC Championship Game, with Shaq Barrett and Jason Pierre-Paul matched up against backup tackles for Green Bay. Kansas City, too, is dealing with cluster injuries on the offensive line; without starting tackles Mitchell Schwartz and Eric Fisher. Patrick Mahomes took two sacks in the first meeting between these two teams; primed to be under pressure even more in the rematch.



## LEE STERLING

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**PROP:** Tom Brady O/U 39.5 passing attempts

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -120

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

### **ANALYSIS:**

The sweet spot for Tampa Bay to win games and have the best chance of winning the Super Bowl is if their offense is balanced. When these two teams met in week #12 Kansas City jumped out to an early 17-0 lead and the Bucs were forced to play catch up throwing the ball on almost every down. They ran the ball only 13 times in that game while throwing 41 passes. It seems that the Bucs perform their best when they throw the ball between 29-35 passes per game. And if I know it the Tampa Bay coaches surely know it and as long as the Bucs don't fall behind by double digits early expect the Bucs to run almost as often as they pass. I expect the total pass attempts by Tom Brady to go under by 5-7 pass attempts.



## LEE STERLING

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**PROP:** MVP of Super Bowl LV

**PICK:** Jason Pierre-Paul and Daniel Sorensen

**ODDS:** +6600 and +12500

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

### ANALYSIS:

Everyone and their mother will bet Tom Brady or Patrick Mahomes to win the Super Bowl MVP. The payday on those winning wagers will be miniscule. What happens if they don't win this prestigious award? Believe it or not there has been more defensive MVP's in Super Bowls than you would think. In fact there has been 4 in the last 20 years. If a player scoops up a fumble and runs it in for the deciding TD, has 2 or 3 sacks or intercepts 2 passes they are very likely to win the MVP award. Jason Pierre-Paul has 11.5 sacks this season and shouldn't feel the pressure of the moment as he already has won a Super Bowl ring with the NY Giants. Daniel Sorensen has a combined 5 interceptions the last two seasons and likes to take chances jumping routes. If either player takes home the MVP trophy you won't be vacationing with the MVP in Orlando at Disney World. You'll probably be joining me at some amazing tropical island for a week or two.



## SPORTSPICKER AI

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**PROP:** Patrick Mahomes O/U 330.5 yards passing

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -120

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

### ANALYSIS:

Most will remember that Mahomes threw for 462 yards against the Bucs in Week 13. But this will be a different game. Tampa Bay got Vita Vea back at defensive tackle just before the NFC Championship game. The Packers had to double team him all day long, which left single blockers on the ends of the line to deal with the Tampa edge rush... and it didn't work very well. Compounding that, the Chiefs will be without LT Eric Fisher to handle the edge rush. With that in mind, Sportspicker AI calculates that Mahomes will still be great, but he will be held UNDER 330.5 passing yards.



## SPORTSPICKER AI

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**PROP:** Tom Brady O/U 301.5 passing yards

**PICK:** UNDER

**ODDS:** -120

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

### ANALYSIS:

One of the best defenses against the Chiefs is to keep Patrick Mahomes and that offense sitting on the sidelines. With that in mind, Sportspicker AI predicts that Brady and the Bucs will at least try to manage the clock with short passes and a run game. This will keep the ball out of Mahomes' hands and limit the pass yards that Brady will finish the game with. Even if Brady gets a couple shot plays, he will be hard pressed to put up big numbers through the air.



## PAUL BOVI

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**PROP:** Travis Kelce O/U 7.5 receptions

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -150

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

### ANALYSIS:

The number came in at 7.5 receptions in the Championship game, with Kelce blowing away the number in racking up 13, while the ticket cashed in the middle of the 2nd quarter. The Bucs are notoriously poor against the TE, which has been pointed out repeatedly and most recently evidenced by Rodgers completing 3 to Mercedes Lewis along with 4 to Robert Tonyan on a combined 7 targets. In the Bucs victory over Washington, Logan Thomas hauled in 6 while Jeremy Sprinkle helped out with 1. Vs New Orleans Jared Cook managed but 5, however that was his top output of the year in terms of receptions.



## PAUL BOVI

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**PROP:** Leonard Fournette O/U 11.5 rushing attempts

**PICK:** OVER

**ODDS:** -110

**SPORTSBOOK:** Bet365

**ANALYSIS:**

Fournette is hot and Jones is not. The 4th year player out of LSU has carried the ball 48 times the last 3 games and has seemingly become the lead back despite the return of Ronald Jones from his injury. Jones managed only 16 yards on 10 carries in the win over the Packers with Fournette getting 12 carries. I have to feel the Bucs will try to control the ball on the ground against what is a very suspect run defense and they will prioritize Fournette who is also more of a threat as a receiver.

