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# BALTIMORE AT PITTSBURGH SATURDAY, CINCINNATI AT INDIANAPOLIS SUNDAY IN AFC WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2015

BALTIMORE RAVENS–AFC NORTH (10-6) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS–AFC NORTH (11-5)

### SERIES

	RAVENS	STEELERS
<b>LEADER</b>		21-17
<b>STREAKS</b>		3 of past 5
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Harbaugh: 7-9	Tomlin: 10-8
<b>COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD</b>	9-4	5-3
<b>VS. COMMON OPP.</b>	Bal.: 8-4 (Atl. 1-0; Car. 1-0; Cin. 0-2; Cle. 2-0; Hou. 0-1; Ind. 0-1; Jax. 1-0; NO 1-0; TB 1-0; Ten. 1-0) Pit.: 9-3 (Atl. 1-0; Car. 1-0; Cin. 2-0; Cle. 1-1; Hou. 1-0; Ind. 1-0; Jax. 1-0; NO 0-1; TB 0-1; Ten. 1-0)	
<b>PLAYOFF RECORD</b>	14-7	33-21
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	W 20-10 vs. Browns	W 27-17 vs. Bengals
<b>LAST GAME</b>	11/2/14: Ravens 23 at Steelers 43. Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger throws for 340 yards, franchise-record 6 TDs and 0 INTs for 136.3 rating.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	11/2/14	
<b>LAST PLAYOFF</b>	1/15/11: Ravens 24 at Steelers 31. Pittsburgh RB Rashard Mendenhall rushes for 2 TDs. Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger throws for 226 yards & 2 TDs.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	NBC (8:15 PM ET): Al Michaels, Cris Collinsworth, Michele Tafoya (Field reporter). Westwood One: Kevin Kugler, James Lofton, Hub Arkush (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 88 (WW1), 93 (Bal.), 85 (Pit.). XM: 88 (WW1), 225 (Bal.), 85 (Pit.).	

### STAT LEADERS

<b>PASSING</b>	Flacco: 344-555-3986-27-12-90.9	Roethlisberger: 408-608-4952 (T1L)-32-9-103.3 (1C)
<b>RUSHING</b>	Forsett: 235-1266 (2C)-5.4-8 (T3C)	Bell: 290-1361 (1C)-4.7-8 (T3C)
<b>RECEIVING</b>	S. Smith: 79-1065-13.5-6	A. Brown: 129 (1L)-1698 (1L)-13.2-13 (1C)
<b>OFFENSE</b>	364.9	411.1 (1C)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	+2	0
<b>DEFENSE</b>	336.9	353.4
<b>SACKS</b>	Dumervil: 17 (3L)	Heyward, Worilds: 7.5
<b>INTs</b>	Mosley (R), Ngata: 2	Gay, McCain: 3
<b>PR</b>	J. Jones: 9.2	A. Brown: 10.6
<b>KR</b>	J. Jones: 30.6 (2L)	Wheaton: 24.7
<b>PUNTING</b>	Koch: 47.4 (3L)	Wing: 43.7
<b>KICKING</b>	Tucker: 129 (42/42 PAT; 29/34 FG)	Suisham: 132 (45/45 PAT; 29/32 FG)

### NOTES

**TEAMS MEET** for 4th time in postseason play & 1st time in Wild Card round. In last playoff meeting, Steelers defeated

Ravens 31-24 in Divisional on 1/15/11. Clubs split season series; Pit. leads all-time regular-season (21-17) & postseason (3-0) series.

**RAVENS:** Have reached playoffs in 6 of past 7 seasons...Ravens are 9-5 all-time on road in postseason...**QB JOE FLACCO** will be 1st QB to start postseason game in 6 of 1st 7 NFL seasons in Super Bowl era. Passed for 11 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 117.2 rating en route to SB XLVII title. 1 of 2 NFL players with 11+ TD passes & 0 INTs in single postseason (HOFer **JOE MONTANA**). Has 9-4 postseason record. Had career-best 3,986 passing yards in 2014, 2nd-most in season by Raven. In past 4 vs. Pit., has completed 99 of 143 (69.2 pct.) for 935 yards with 6 TDs vs. 1 INT for 98.1 rating...**RB JUSTIN FORSETT** rushed for career-high 1,266 yards & 8 TDs on 235 att., leading NFL RBs in rushing average (5.4). Ranked 2nd in AFC & tied for 3rd in NFL with 5 100-yard rushing games in 2014...In 1st season with Ravens, **WR STEVE SMITH, SR.** led team with 1,065 receiving yards on 79 catches with 6 TDs. 1 of 4 players in NFL history with at least 3 TD catches of 50+ yards in season at age 35+ (HOFers **JERRY RICE & JAMES LOFTON & JOEY GALLOWAY**). Has 10 career postseason TDs (8 receiving, 1 rush, 1 PR), most among active players...**WR TORREY SMITH** led team with 11 TD catches in 2014, which ranks 2nd on Ravens' all-time single-season list (**MICHAEL JACKSON**, 14 in 1996). Averages 21.6 yards per catch in postseason career (15 rec., 324 yards, 3 TDs), 1st among active NFL WRs (min. 15 catches). Had 35-yard TD catch in last meeting. **TE OWEN DANIELS** has 3 TD catches in 4 career meetings, including 2 in Week 2 victory...**LB TERRELL SUGGS** has 12 career playoff sacks, tied with HOFer **REGGIE WHITE** for 3rd all-time (**WILLIE MC GINEST**, 16; **BRUCE SMITH** 14.5). Suggs is Ravens' all-time sack leader (106.5) & is 1 of 7 active players with 100+ career sacks. 1 of 3 players to have 10+ sacks in 4 of past 5 seasons (**JARED ALLEN, DE MARCUS WARE**). **LB C.J. MOSLEY** (129) joins **RAY LEWIS** as only rookies in Ravens history to lead team in tackles. **LB ELVIS DUMERVIL** led team with single-season club record 17 sacks this season...**K JUSTIN TUCKER** has 89.8 career FG pct. (97 of 108), highest of any player in NFL history (min. 100 att.)...Club had 3 players selected to 2015 Pro Bowl (**LB Dumervil, LB Mosley, G MARSHAL YANDA**).

**STEELERS:** Have 33-21 (.611) all-time postseason record, tied with Dallas for most total playoff wins & 3rd all-time in win pct. Won 1st AFC North title since 2010, when Pit. advanced to SB XLVI. Since realignment in 2002, Steelers have won most AFC North championships of any team in division (6)...**QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER** tied for 1st in NFL with franchise-record 4,952 pass yards and 32 TD passes, which matched his own single-season club record (2007). Has 10-4 career postseason record. In Week 9 meeting, passed for 340 yards with 6 TDs & 0 INTs for 136.3 rating, becoming 1st player in NFL history with 6+ TD passes in back-to-back games (6 vs. Ind. in Week 8). Has 2-0 playoff record vs. Ravens, passing for 481 yards with 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 93.2 rating...**RB LE'VEON BELL** led AFC & ranked 2nd in NFL with single-season club record 2,215 scrimmage yards (1,361 rushing; 854 receiving). Bell & HOFer **MARSHALL FAULK** (1999) are only players in NFL history with 1,350+ rush & 850+ receiving yards in same season. His 854 receiving yards are most ever by Steelers RB in season. In 11 career games vs. AFC North, averages 121.6 scrimmage yards per game (1,338 total; 868 rushing, 470 receiving) with 8 total TDs (6 rush, 2 rec.)...**WR ANTONIO BROWN** led NFL in catches (129) & receiving yards (1,698), 2nd-most rec. in single season in NFL annals (**MARVIN HARRISON**, 143 in 2002). 1 of 4 players in NFL history with 110+ catches in consecutive seasons (HOFers **JERRY RICE & CRIS CARTER & WES WELKER**). Brown's 13 TD catches surpassed **HINES WARD** (12 in 2002), **LOUIS LIPPS** (12 in 1985) & **BUDDY DIAL** (12 in 1961) for single-season club record. **WR MARTAVIS BRYANT** led AFC rookies with 8 TD rec. in 2014 & became 1st player in NFL history with 7 TD rec. in 1st 7 career games. **TE HEATH MILLER** has 40 catches for 497 yards & 4 TDs in postseason, including TD catch in last playoff vs. Ravens...In 13 career playoff games, **LB JAMES HARRISON** has 6.5 sacks & 100-yard INT-TD (SB XLIII vs. Az.), tied for 2nd-longest in playoff history. **S TROY POLAMALU** has 3 career postseason INTs, including a 40-yard INT-TD vs. Bal. in AFC Championship on 1/18/09. Club had 5 players selected to 2015 Pro Bowl (**QB Roethlisberger, RB Bell, WR Brown, C MAURKICE POUNCEY, LB LAWRENCE TIMMONS**).

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015****CINCINNATI BENGALS–AFC NORTH (10-5-1) AT INDIANAPOLIS COLTS–AFC SOUTH (11-5)****SERIES**

	<b>BENGALS</b>	<b>COLTS</b>
<b>LEADER</b>		17-10
<b>STREAKS</b>	2 of past 3	
<b>COACHES VS. OPP.</b>	Lewis: 2-5	Pagano: 1-1
<b>COACHES PLAYOFF RECORD</b>	0-5	1-2
<b>VS. COMMON OPP.</b>	Cin.: 7-4 (Bal. 2-0; Cle. 1-1; Den. 1-0; Hou. 1-0; Jax. 1-0; NE 0-1; Pit. 0-2; Ten. 1-0) Ind.: 8-3 (Bal. 1-0; Cle. 1-0; Den. 0-1; Hou. 2-0; Jax. 2-0; NE 0-1; Pit. 0-1; Ten. 2-0)	
<b>PLAYOFF RECORD</b>	5-12	20-22
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	L 27-17 at Steelers	W 27-10 at Titans
<b>LAST GAME</b>	10/19/14: Bengals 0 at Colts 27. Indianapolis defense records 4 sacks and holds Cincinnati offense to 135 total net yards. Colts QB Andrew Luck throws for 344 yards & 2 TDs.	
<b>LAST GAME AT SITE</b>	10/19/14	
<b>LAST PLAYOFF</b>	12/26/70: Bengals 0 at Colts 17 (in Baltimore). Baltimore QB Johnny Unitas throws for 145 yards & 2 TDs. Colts RB Norm Bulaich rushes for 116 yards.	
<b>BROADCAST</b>	CBS (1:05 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Tracy Wolfson (Field reporter). Westwood One: Ian Eagle, Mike Mayock, Laura Okmin (Field reporter). SIRIUS: 88 (WW1), 93 (Cin.), 85 (Ind.). XM: 88 (WW1), 225 (Cin.), 85 (Ind.).	

**STAT LEADERS**

<b>PASSING</b>	Dalton: 309-482-3398-19-17-83.3	Luck: 380-616-4761 (3L)-40 (1L)-16-96.5
<b>RUSHING</b>	Hill (R): 222-1124-5.1-9 (T1C)	Richardson: 159-519-3.3-3
<b>RECEIVING</b>	Green: 69-1041-15.1-6	Hilton: 82-1345-16.4-7
<b>OFFENSE</b>	348.0	406.6 (3L)
<b>TAKE/GIVE</b>	0	-5
<b>DEFENSE</b>	359.3	342.7
<b>SACKS</b>	Dunlap: 8	Newsome (R): 6.5
<b>INTs</b>	Nelson: 4	Adams: 5 (T3L)
<b>PR</b>	A. Jones: 11.9 (3C)	Whalen: 7.2
<b>KR</b>	A. Jones: 31.3 (1L)	Cribbs: 32.0
<b>PUNTING</b>	Huber: 46.8 (3C)	McAfee: 46.7
<b>KICKING</b>	Nugent: 117 (39/39 PAT; 26/33 FG)	Vinatieri: 140 (3L) (50/50 PAT; 30/31 FG)

**NOTES**

**TEAMS MEET** for 2nd time in postseason. Colts defeated Bengals 17-0 in Divisional playoff on 12/26/70. Indy leads all-time regular-season series 17-10 & won Week 7 matchup (27-0).

**BENGALS:** Club has reached postseason for 6th time under head coach **MARVIN LEWIS** (2005, 2009, 2011-2014) & makes franchise-record 4th consecutive playoff appearance. Bengals aim for 1st postseason win since 1/6/91 against Houston Oilers (Wild Card)...**QB ANDY DALTON** has 40-23-1 (.633) record, highest win pct. of any Bengals QB (min. 20 starts). In 3 career meetings, Dalton has passed for 665 yards with 4 TDs vs. 0 INTs for 94.3 rating. Tied career-high with 4 TD runs in 2014 (4 in 2012)...**RB JEREMY HILL** led NFL rookies in rushing yards (1,124) & rushing TDs (9). 3rd rookie in NFL history with 4 140+ yard rush games, joining HOFers **ERIC DICKERSON** (5 in 1983) & **CURTIS MARTIN** (4 in 1995). In past 9, averages 103.2 rushing yards per game with 6 TDs. Aims for 4th in row with 100+ rushing yards. In only postseason game (1/5/14 WC vs. SD), **RB GIOVANI BERNARD** had 118 scrimmage yards (45 rush, 73 receiving)...Since entering NFL in 2011, **WR A.J. GREEN** has 4,874 receiving yards, 4th-most of any player in 1st 4 seasons (**RANDY MOSS**, 5,396; **TORRY HOLT**, 5,088; **JERRY RICE**, 4,881). Led team with 1,041 receiving yards & joined **CHAD JOHNSON** (6, 2002-07) as only Bengals with at least 4 consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons. **WR MOHAMED SANU** had career-highs in catches (56), receiving yards (790) & TD catches (5) in 2014. **TE JERMAINE GRESHAM** has 5 TD catches in past 6 & aims for 4th in row with TD reception...**LB VINCENT REY** led team with 121 tackles in 2014. Since 2011, **DT GENO ATKINS** leads NFL DTs with 29 sacks. In 2 career playoff games, has 1 sack. **DE**

**CARLOS DUNLAP** led team with 8 sacks in 2014, including 1/2 sack with FF & FR in Week 7 meeting. **S REGGIE NELSON** led Bengals with 4 INTs & aims for 3rd in row with INT...Club had 2 players selected to 2015 Pro Bowl (WR Green, **P KEVIN HUBER**).

**COLTS:** Club has reached postseason for 3rd straight season under head coach **CHUCK PAGANO** & 12 of past 13 seasons overall...Clinched AFC South title for 9th time since 2003...**QB ANDREW LUCK** led NFL with 40 TDs & became 8th player with 40+ TDs in season. Since entering NFL in 2012, has 12,957 yards, most of any NFL player in 1st 3 seasons, & 86 TD passes, 2nd-most in player's 1st 3 years (HOFer **DAN MARINO**, 98). 1 of 2 Super Bowl era starting QBs to win at least 10 games in each of 1st 3 NFL seasons (**RUSSELL WILSON**). Will make 4th career postseason start (2nd at home). In only home playoff start (WC vs. KC on 1/4/14), helped Colts overcome 28-point deficit to win 45-44 (2nd-largest comeback victory in NFL playoff history)...In 4 career meetings, **RB TRENT RICHARDSON** averages 101.3 scrimmage yards per game (405 total; 243 rush, 162 receiving) with 2 total TDs (1 rush, 1 receiving)...In past 12, **WR T.Y. HILTON** has 66 rec. for 1,159 yards with 7 TDs, incl. 6 100-yard games. Led team with career-high 1,345 receiving yards, joining **MARVIN HARRISON & REGGIE WAYNE** as only players in club history with 1,300+ yard receiving season. WR Reggie Wayne ranks 2nd all-time with 92 career postseason catches (HOFer **JERRY RICE**, 151). Has 1,242 career receiving yards in playoffs needs 74 yards to surpass **CLIFF BRANCH** (1,289) & HOFer **MICHAEL IRVIN** (1,315) for 2nd all-time. **TEs DWAYNE ALLEN** (8) & **COBY FLEENER** (8) are 1st TEs in club history with 8+ TD catches each in same season. Allen had 32-yard TD reception in last meeting...**LB D'QWELL JACKSON** led AFC with 140 tackles. Rookie **LB JONATHAN NEWSOME** tied career-high with 2 sacks with FF last week. Led AFC rookies with 6.5 sacks in 2014. Rookie **LB ANDREW JACKSON** posted 1st career sack vs. Ten. **S MIKE ADAMS** led team with career-high 5 INTs this season. **CB VONTAE DAVIS** tied career-high with 4 INTs (2009, 2011)...**K ADAM VINATIERI** is NFL's all-time playoff leader in career points (213) & made FGs (51)...Club had 5 players selected to 2015 Pro Bowl (QB Luck, WR Hilton, CB Davis, K Vinatieri, **P PAT MC AFEE**).

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