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THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW:
BALTIMORE RAVENS AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Week 4 begins on Thursday night (CBS/NFLN, 8:25 PM ET) with the **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** (2-1) hosting the **BALTIMORE RAVENS** (0-3) at Heinz Field.

Pittsburgh enters Week 4 following a 12-6 victory over St. Louis. Steelers running back **LE' VEON BELL** tallied 132 scrimmage yards (62 rushing, 70 receiving) with a rushing touchdown. Bell now has 3,606 career scrimmage yards, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **JEROME BETTIS** (4,603) as the second player in Steelers franchise history to reach 3,500 scrimmage yards in his first three seasons with the team.

"I like the way he plays the game," says Pittsburgh head coach **MIKE TOMLIN** about Bell. "He wants to be a reason why we win. He is never fazed by the elements. He had a good look in his eye and he is always positive. Those are just some of the reasons that we like his play."

Pittsburgh quarterback **MICHAEL VICK** will make his first start of the season after entering last week's game in the third quarter. Vick is 59-51-1 as a starter in his career. In 13 seasons, he has passed for 22,131 yards and accounted for 167 total touchdowns (131 passing, 36 rushing). Vick's 6,005 rushing yards are the most all-time by a quarterback.

"This guy has been in the National Football League a long time," says Tomlin about preparing for Thursday's game with Vick as the starter. "Nothing is really new to him. He is the type of guy that is in shape over a 12-month calendar, so getting a level of football condition is not an issue. He just brings a lot of things to the table that are helpful in the process."

Baltimore enters Week 4 following a 28-24 loss to Cincinnati on Sunday.

"We process this by moving on to the next game," says Baltimore head coach **JOHN HARBAUGH**. "We have to play a game on Thursday night against a great football team. We have to go out there and be our best. We have to play winning football. You don't really have time to process this, you just have to move on to the next game."

Baltimore quarterback **JOE FLACCO** completed 32 of 49 passes (65.3 percent) for 362 yards and two touchdowns for a 92.4 passer rating last week. Both of Flacco's touchdowns went to wide receiver **STEVE SMITH, SR.**, who had 13 receptions for 186 yards against the Bengals. Smith's 13 receptions tied for the most in a single game, while his 186 receiving yards rank as the third-most in a single game in Ravens franchise history.

Flacco enters Week 4 having compiled a 4-2 record as a starter on Thursday night. Since entering the league in 2008, Flacco has passed for 1,596 yards and eight touchdowns at Heinz Field, the most of any Steelers opponent during that span.

The career Thursday numbers for each team's starting quarterback:

JOE FLACCO				MICHAEL VICK			
RECORD	YARDS	TD PASSES	RATING	RECORD	YARDS	TD PASSES	RATING
4-2	1,511	10	89.3	2-1	649	5	80.0

The Ravens have won six of the past 10 regular-season matchups against the Steelers, including a 26-6 win on Thursday night last season. Seven of those 10 matchups have been decided by three or fewer points.

The previous 10 regular-season games between the Ravens and Steelers:

DATE	WINNING TEAM	OPPONENT	FINAL SCORE
November 11, 2014	Pittsburgh*	Baltimore	43-23
September 11, 2014	Baltimore*	Pittsburgh	26-6
November 28, 2013	Baltimore*	Pittsburgh	22-20
October 20, 2013	Pittsburgh*	Baltimore	19-16
December 2, 2012	Pittsburgh	Baltimore*	23-20
November 18, 2012	Baltimore	Pittsburgh*	13-10
November 6, 2011	Baltimore	Pittsburgh*	23-20
September 11, 2011	Baltimore*	Pittsburgh	35-7
December 5, 2010	Pittsburgh	Baltimore*	13-10
October 3, 2010	Baltimore	Pittsburgh*	17-14

*Home team

WEEK 4 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

BALTIMORE RAVENS (0-3) AT PITTSBURGH STEELERS (2-1)

SERIES

	<u>RAVENS</u>	<u>STEELERS</u>
THURS. RECORD	4-4	10-15
SERIES LEADER		21-17
STREAKS	6 of past 10	3 of past 5
COACHES VS. OPP.	John Harbaugh: 8-9	Mike Tomlin: 10-9
LAST WEEK	L 28-24 vs. Bengals	W 12-6 at Rams
LAST GAME	11/2/14: Ravens 23 at Steelers 43. Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger throws for 340 yards & 6 TDs (136.3 rating). Steelers WR Antonio Brown has 11 catches for 144 yards & TD.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	11/2/14	
REFEREE	Clete Blakeman	
BROADCAST	CBS/NFLN (8:25 PM ET): Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Tracy Wolfson (field reporter). Westwood One: Kevin Kugler, Tony Boselli. SIRIUS: 83 (Bal.), 93 (Pit.). XM: 226 (Pit.).	

STATS

PASSING	Flacco: 82-126-863-4-4-82.2	Vick: 5-6-38-0-0-93.1
RUSHING	Forsett: 39-124-3.2-0	Bell: 19-62-3.3-1
RECEIVING	Smith, Sr.: 25-349-14.0-2	Brown: 29-436-15.0-2
OFFENSE	354.7	392.0
TAKE/GIVE	-1	0
DEFENSE	375.0	342.7
SACKS	Mosley: 2	Tuitt: 2.5
INTs	J. Smith: 2	Allen: 1
PUNTING	Koch: 48.0	Berry: 47.2
KICKING	Tucker: 28 (7/7 PAT; 7/8 FG)	Scobee: 16 (4/5 PAT; 4/6 FG)

NOTES

RAVENS: In past 5 vs. Pit., **QB JOE FLACCO** has completed 117 of 172 (68 pct.) for 1,194 yards with 8 TDs vs. 1 INT for 100.8 rating. Has won 4 of past 5 on Thurs., passing for 1,296 yards with 7 TDs vs. 3 INTs. Flacco has 27-16 (.628) career record vs. AFC North...Since 2014, **RB JUSTIN FORSETT** has 274 att. for 1,390 rush yards & 5.1 avg. – best among NFL RBs (min. 100 att.). Had 106 scrimmage yards in last meeting (38 rush, 67 rec.)...Last week, **WR STEVE SMITH, SR.** had 13 catches for 186 yards & 2 TDs & is only player in Ravens history with consecutive 150-yard rec. games. His 186 yards are 2nd-most in single game by 36+ year old NFL player (**TERRELL OWENS**, 222). Only active player with 75+ TD catches (75) & 6+ return TDs (4 PR, 2 KR)...In 10 career games vs. Pit. (incl. playoffs), **LB ELVIS DUMERVIL** has 10 sacks & 2 FF. **LB DARYL SMITH** leads team with 21 tackles. Since entering NFL in 2004, is 1 of 3 players with 25+ sacks (27.5) & 10+ INTs (10). **CB JIMMY SMITH** has INT in 2 of past 3, incl. 1 vs. Cin...**STEELERS:** In last meeting (9/16/12 with Phi.), **QB MICHAEL VICK** had 405 total yards (371 pass, 34 rush) & 2 TDs (1 pass, 1 rush). All-time rushing leader among QBs (6,005 yards)...In past 7, **RB LE' VEON BELL** averages 162 scrimmage yards per game (676 rush, 458 rec., 1,134 total) & had 9 total TDs (8 rush, 1 rec.)...Since 2013, **WR ANTONIO BROWN** leads NFL in catches (268) & receiving yards (3,633). Has 7+ rec. in 14 consecutive games, longest streak in history. Has 6 100-yard receiving games in past 7, incl. 108 yards vs. Rams. Brown (19) needs 1 more 100-yard receiving game to join **HINES WARD** (29) & HOFer **JOHN STALLWORTH** (25) as only Steelers with 20 career...**DE STEPHON TUITT** has 2.5 sacks in past 2, incl. 1 vs. Rams. Aims for 3rd in row with sack. **LB ARTHUR MOATS** aims for 3rd in row with at least half sack.