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Doubt Dak Prescott at Your Peril



Dak Prescott completed 25 of 33 passes for 305 yards and 4 touchdowns in a Super Wildcard Playoff game in Tampa Bay. Prescott also rushed for a touchdown. The Dallas Cowboys beat Tampa Bay 31-14. NBC Sports

(VILLAGER) - I don't write much about the Dallas Cowboys anymore, because there's not much about the Cowboys worth writing about.

Especially in the playoffs.

But now, Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott is forcing me to change my mind.

About time.

What Prescott did to restore his sinking reputation in the Cowboys' 31-14 demolition of Tampa Bay in a wild card playoff game - completing 25 of 33 passes for 305 yards and a total of five touchdowns and joining Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach as the third Cowboys QB with four TD passes in a play-off game - was nothing more than a great big middle finger to his vast legion of naysayers.

Prescott didn't throw a pick-six against Tampa Bay. For the first time in eight games, he didn't throw a single interception. In four previous postseason contests, Prescott had at least one interception in three of them.

With Prescott on top of his game like he was against the Buccaneers, the Cowboys can realistically fight the monster that is the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday - and not only trade blows, but win.

Prescott took the shine away from legendary Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady. He embarrassed Brady like he stole something from the guaranteed first-ballot Hall of Famer.

Too often this season, we've seen Dak at his worst.

We just saw him at

this best.

Can Dak keep it up? For the Cowboys' sake, he'd better.

The Cowboys need Dak to earn his \$40-million a year salary. If he continues to play the way he did against Tampa Bay, the Cowboys

got a bargain.

So what's wrong with Dak, you say?

Whatever was wrong with Dak - notice I'm writing in the past tense - it beats the heck out of any quarterback still in the playoffs.

So what's wrong

with Dak? Obviously, not his level of play.

Maybe the problem is looking at No. 4 in the white-and-blue uniform with the star on the side of his helmet and not appreciating what we see happening here.

Maybe it's just that

simple.

I don't know Dak Prescott, but he seems like a reasonable fellow. I know how fans and the media can say little things to get under his skin - it comes with the territory.

I don't know the

exact words said to Dak, but I know the tune.

So keep doubting Dak at your peril.

See where it gets you.

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NFL Divisional Playoff Games

<p>TV: NBC</p> <p>Sat, 1/21, 3:30 PM CST</p> <p>Jacksonville Jaguars (9-8)</p> <p>Kansas City Chiefs (14-3)</p> <p>Preview</p>	<p>TV: FOX</p> <p>Sat, 1/21, 7:15 PM CST</p> <p>New York Giants (9-7-1)</p> <p>Philadelphia Eagles (14-3)</p> <p>Preview</p>
<p>TV: CBS</p> <p>Sun, 1/22, 2:00 PM CST</p> <p>Cincinnati Bengals (12-4)</p> <p>Buffalo Bills (13-3)</p> <p>Preview</p>	<p>TV: FOX</p> <p>Sun, 1/22, 5:30 PM CST</p> <p>Dallas Cowboys (12-5)</p> <p>San Francisco 49ers (13-4)</p> <p>Preview</p>



Event: Super Bowl LVII (57) 2023
Time: 5:30 PM on Sunday, February 12, 2023
Location: State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona

