

A Make-or-Break Year For Baker Mayfield



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Tampa Bay Buccaneers Quarterback Baker Mayfield has thrown seven interceptions in nine practices during training camp. These numbers do not bode well for a quarterback trying to flip the script on a rocky career.

Mayfield is competing with third-year quarterback Kyle Trask. Mayfield signed a 1-year contract with the Buccaneers over the offseason. Mayfield received [\\$4 million](#) in guaranteed money.

I believe 2023 is a make-or-break year for Mayfield. The former first-round pick had opportunities to prove himself with the Browns and Panthers. Mayfield was never going to start

in Carolina despite playing well in a couple of games. Mayfield's 2022 highlight was leading a comeback drive against the Las Vegas Raiders.

Since 2018, Mayfield has passed for 16,288 yards, thrown 102 touchdowns and 64 interceptions.

Mayfield must prove he can lead an offense full of question marks. According to ESPN [Tampa Bay's offense](#) ranked 15th in the NFL, averaged 346.7 yards per game and scored 18.4 points per game. In order to compete, Tampa Bay's offense must improve in 2023. If Mayfield can limit turnovers and play winning football Tampa's offense can prosper.

Mayfield must prove he can be a starting NFL quarterback. Sports analysts believe Mayfield's career is on a downslide. Fortunately, Mayfield has always played with a chip on his shoulder and aimed to prove his doubters wrong. Mayfield can use that chip to elevate his game. Tampa Bay might be Mayfield's last chance to stick in the NFL.

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