

A familiar story: Bruce Gradkowski

Today will mark the 15th start in four NFL seasons for Raiders QB Bruce Gradkowski, a graduate of Seton-LaSalle High School. Despite that relatively low number, in a strange bit of circumstance and fate it will be his third start vs. his hometown Steelers. What's more, it is his third start for his third team. How he has fared.



Dec. 3, 2006

Starting QB: Tampa Bay

As a rookie, he is thrust into the starting job after Chris Simms is injured late in September. There will be no feel-good homecoming. He completes 20 of 34 for 175 yards, throws three interceptions and is sacked five times as the Steelers win, 20-3.



Dec. 28, 2008

Starting QB: Cleveland

In the season finale, Gradkowski becomes the fourth QB to start a game for the Browns in 2008. He completes just 5 of 16 passes for 18 yards, is sacked three times and intercepted twice. Bottom line: A QB Rating of 1.0 and a 31-0 Steelers rout.



Dec. 6, 2009

Starting QB: Oakland

With the Raiders — and prized No. 1 pick JaMarcus Russell foundering — Russell is benched during a loss vs. Kansas City and Gradkowski is given the job. He is 1-1, having engineered an improbable rally to beat the Bengals before losing in Dallas on Thanksgiving Day.