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## Why the Ravens Will Win the Superbowl LIV

The 2018 Ravens displayed many great moments and many sub-par moments. The Ravens won three out of their first four games, outscoring opponents 123-65. Then went on a losing streak with quarterback Joe Flacco struggling. At 4-5, the Ravens made the quarterback change with Lamar Jackson and won 6 out of the last 7 and won the AFC North. One playoff loss later, the Ravens are looking to rebound from their offensive woes to regain dominance for 2019.

### 4 Non-Bias and Scary Reasons Why the Ravens will Dominate 2019

1. Lamar Jackson
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3. Lamar Jackson (Ok, I think you get the point)

#### 4. The Number 1 Defense in the NFL is Returning



Lamar Jackson, celebrating a touchdown pass

The league's quarterback playstyle is evolving into a run-pass option\* playbook.

Deshaun Watson, Patrick Mahomes, and Aaron Rodgers: young quarterbacks who have dominated the league passing and running. Like those quarterbacks, Lamar Jackson had haters coming out of the NFL draft.

"Can't make the throws."

"Move him to receiver."

"No shot at playing quarterback in the NFL."

Those were some of the bold statements critics and fans were making about Lamar Jackson.

The polarizing player out of Louisville hushed all the doubters with his rookie season.

Jackson had 6 touchdowns, 3 interceptions, and 5 rushing touchdowns, which lead the league. The ability to run the ball through the read-option effectively and launch occasional deep balls are necessary in the game today. The Ravens need to develop Lamar Jackson's passing ability more so it's effective. Lamar Jackson is an elite franchise quarterback and the Ravens will have him for years to come.



Jimmy Smith (22) and Eric Weddle (32) posing for a picture.

Led by All-Pro safety Eric Weddle, the Ravens defense was top five in the league in yards, points, and rushing per game. They locked down top five offenses in week 14

against the Chiefs and Week 16 against the Chargers. The Ravens have perennial talent across their roster, but their contracts are expiring. Eric Weddle is 34 years old. I don't know if the Ravens will want to resign him. The Ravens can cut him, move on, and save \$6.5 million for free agency. That will attract top players from around the league (Who wouldn't want to play with the number one defense in the league?). CJ Mosley, the four-time pro bowler, is a free agent too. The Ravens need and are hopefully going to break the bank to resigning him. Mosely is the closest Ravens linebacker to Ray Lewis. The Ravens need to get this deal done as soon as possible. The official news website of the Ravens, Ravens Wire, said it the best: "Mosley is the heart of this defense and the type of player to build around for the long term. Beyond that, there's just no replacement on the roster for Mosley." With resigning All-Pro players and opening free agency, the Ravens can on top again.

As you can see, if the Baltimore Ravens can develop Lamar Jackson and return the 2018 defense, the Ravens have a great shot at winning Superbowl 54. The Ravens made the playoffs last year with a rookie quarterback. Many quarterbacks make great strides

from their rookie year to their second year. And for that defense, they're going to be around for a long time. No opposing offense wants to see the Ravens in the playoffs. Be on the lookout this year, because the Ravens are coming for 2019.

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