

*** LAST UPDATE ***

PFF: Updated 11/5 at 10:45 AM PST

ETR: Updated 11/5 at 10:45 AM PST

PROE: Updated 11/5 at 11 AM PST

Spreads/Totals: 11/5 at 11 AM PST

Data Notes/Acronyms:

LDD = long down and distance (third and fourth down with three or more yards to go)

2MIN = two-minute offense (hurry-up offense)

Air Yards = ADOT multiplied by targets

ADOT = average depth of target

TPRR = targets per route run

ACP = adjusted completion percentage

YPA = yards per attempt

PA = play action

BEST/WORST MATCHUPS:

WR/TE BEST MATCHUPS -

- Cooper Kupp 99.1
- Stefon Diggs 99.1
- Davante Adams 92.4
- DeAndre Hopkins 90.2
- Deonte Harris 89.4
- Cole Beasley 86.8
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- Travis Kelce 54%
- Dallas Goedert 39%
- Dalton Schultz 36%

WR/TE WORST MATCHUPS -

- Chester Rodgers -0.2
- A. Wesley 10.0
- Jalen Guyton 11.1
- Albert Wilson 17.3
- Nico Collins 23.2
- Marcus Johnson 24.0

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- Cole Kmet -43%
- ~~Tyler Kroft/Ryan Griffin -35%~~

BEST RUN BLOCKING -

- 49'ers 98%
- Browns 85%
- Eagles 79%
- Rams 70%
- Chiefs 64%
- Patriots 63%
- Cowboys 63%
- Chargers 50%
- Vikings 46%
- Saints 41%
- ~~Colts 41%~~
- ~~Jets 33%~~
- Dolphins 30%
- Broncos 27%

WORST RUN BLOCKING -

- Texans -31%

BEST PASS BLOCKING -

- Saints 36%

WORST PASS BLOCKING -

- Titans -63%
- Giants -56%
- Bears -39%
- Bengals -30%
- Packers -28%
- Chargers -25%

NYJ @ IND (-10.5; 45.5)

Vegas Spread: IND 28, NYJ 17.5

Steve's Rating: IND -10

Last Week: NYJ 34 @ CIN 31

- White now 44% attempts/46% completions/46% yards ALL TO CARTER/JOHNSON
- Carter 15-77 / 14-9-95; Johnson 4-15 / 6-5-71; combined 20-14-166 receiving (!!)

- Carter/Johnson now 34-26-279 receiving in last two games (!!!!); 44% target share
- Crowder 9-8-84, Moore 6-6-67, Cole 5-3-25, Mims 3-2-30

Last Week: IND 31 @ TEN 34

- Wentz worst career YPA (4.5) since rookie year ('16); first game with more than 25 comp
- Wentz 231 pass yds OR LESS in 5 of last 6, 251 pass yds OR LESS in 7 of 8 all year
- Taylor 16-70 / 4-3-52; Hines 1-2 / 5-4-22
- Pittman 15-10-86 (Long 38, 38+ in 3 of 4), Pascal 8-5-43
- Hilton 5-2-16 (INJURED), Alie-Cox 4-0-0, Dulin 4-0-0

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Jonathan Taylor - Snaps 74%
- Nyheim Hines - Snaps 31%
- Michael Pittman - Routes 100%
- Zach Pascal - Routes 97%, ADOT 10.5
- Michael Carter - Targets 28%, TPRR 41%, LDD 63%
- Jamison Crowder - ADOT 5.3, Air Yards 25%
- Denzel Mims - Routes 77%, Air Yards 15%
- Elijah Moore - TPRR 33%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Carson Wentz - ACP 61%, YPA 4.5, PA 30%
- **Marlon Mack - Snaps 1%, Rush Att -%, Routes 0%, LDD 0% (benefits JT/Hines)**
- Mo Alie-Cox - TPRR 24%, Targets 10%
- Michael Carter - Rush Att 56%
- Ty Johnson - Snaps 29%, Routes 28%, LDD 50%
- Denzel Mims - TPRR 8%
- Keelan Cole - TPRR 11%
- Elijah Moore - ADOT 5.8

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: **IND #4** / **NYJ #30**
 DVP/QB: IND #18 / **NYJ #25**

Pass Rush: **NYJ #10** / IND #14
 Pass Blk: **IND #25** / **NYJ #12**
Pass Net: NYJ Pass Rush +15

Run Def: **NYJ #30** / **IND #4**
 Run Blk: **IND #20** / **NYJ #7**
Run Net: IND Run Blk +10

DL (ETR): **NYJ #25** / **IND #22**
 OL (ETR): IND #13 / **NYJ #30**

Net Rating: IND DL +8

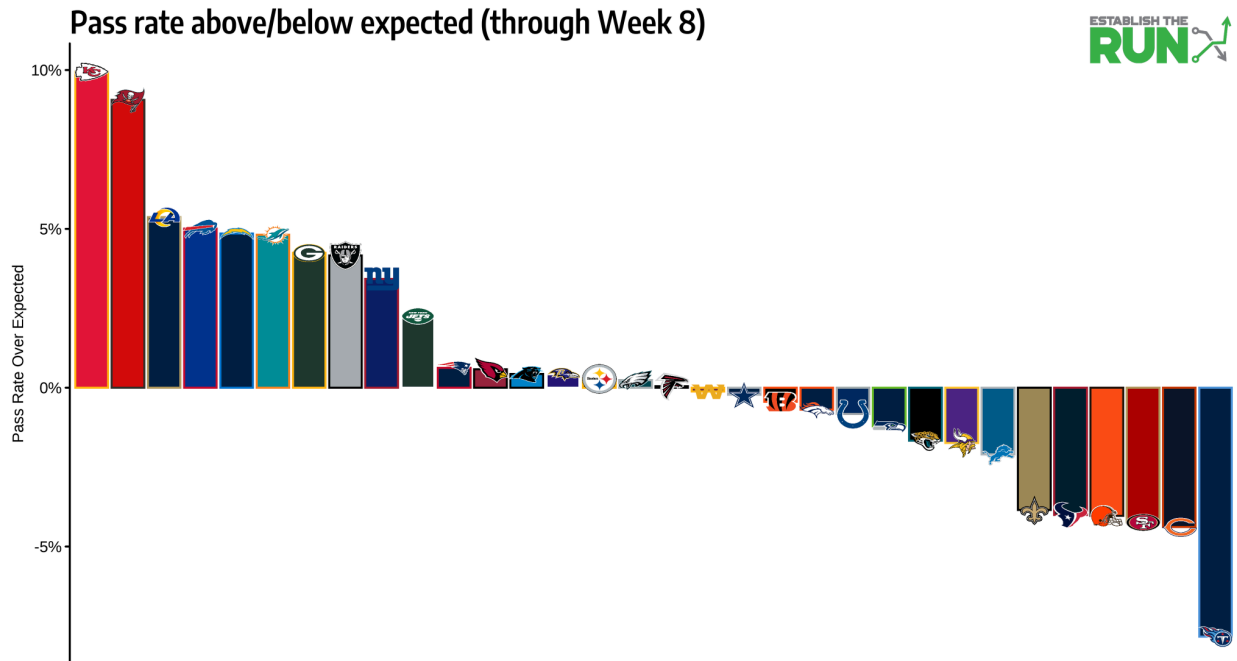
Snap & Pace: PROE - NYJ #10 / IND #23

WR/DB: UPGRADE -> Moore/Crowder vs. Xavier Rhodes/ Kenny Moore II/ Rock Ya-Sin

UPGRADE -> Zach Pascal vs. Michael Carter II (slot)

Notes: FINISHED

- Jets Defense: Shredded by RBs for the NFL's most fantasy points, including 165.0 total yards per game (ETR).
- Mike White: In last week's victory over CIN, White leaned on his weapons in the slot, with 33.3% of his targets. When throwing to the slot, White completed 13 of 15 passes for 147 yards (9.8 yards per attempt), according to Sports Info Solutions' That heavy slot usage included six targets to Jamison Crowder (and another three while he was lined up wide). AND the Indianapolis Colts have struggled to defend the slot this season
- Michael Carter: Over the past two weeks, White has targeted Carter a team-high 23 times and completed 18 of them for 162 yards (ETR).
- Elijah Moore: 6-6-67 (only 35% routes, will be hard to build off that if the role has shrunk)
- Jonathan Taylor: has eclipsed 65% snaps in 3 consecutive games after never seeing more than 55% over first 5. In addition, his routes are at 60%+ after a 43% high early in the season. The Colts have trailed by four or more on 46% and 23% of snaps over the last two games, meaning Taylor is showing more resilience in different game scripts; JT third straight season-high snap share, season-high 68% routes
- Nyheim Hines: Touch counts of 5, 9, 5, 4, 4 over the past five weeks (ETR)
- Michael Pittman: Pittman is averaging over eight targets a game on a 92.2%



NE @ CAR (+3.5; 41)

Vegas Spread: NE 22.25, CAR 18.75

Steve's Rating: CAR +3

Last Week: NE 27 @ LAC 24

- Mac Jones 30+ pass att in all but one game, long 44+ in three straight
- Harris 23-80 / 1-0-0; Stevenson 8-26 / 2-1-5; Bolden 4-26 / 0-0-0
- Jakobi 9-4-36, Bourne 7-4-38, Agholor 6-3-60 (Long 26, 26+ in 3 of 4)
- Henry 3-1-33 (Long 33, 20+ in 4 straight)

Last Week: CAR 19 @ ATL 13

- Darnold 13-24-139, < 20 comp in 3 straight / < 207 pass yds in 4 straight
- Hubbard 24-80 / 2-1-9; Abdullah 8-31 / 5-3-35; Freeman 6-25 / 1-0-0
- Moore 8-4-59, Tremble 4-3-18, Robby 1-0-0 (DROP TO WAIVERS)

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Chubba Hubbard - LDD 46%
- Royce Freeman - Targets 5%, TPRR 50%
- Ian Thomas - TPRR 9%
- Damien Harris - Routes 30%
- **Brandon Bolden - Snaps 32%, Rush Att 11%, Routes 48%, LDD 92%, 2MIN 100%**
- Jakobi Meyers - ADOT 9.7

- Nelson Agholor - ADOT 22.3

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Chubba Hubbard - Rush Att 53%, Routes 31%
- Royce Freeman - LDD 15%
- DJ Moore - ADOT 9.3
- Ian Thomas - ADOT 5.0
- Mac Jones - ACP 58%, YPA 6.2
- Damien Harris - TPRR 9%, LDD 8%
- Kendrick Bourne - ADOT 5.2, Air Yards 10%
- Hunter Henry - Routes 68%

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: **CAR #8** / NE #15

DVP QB: **CAR #10** / NE #19

Pass Rush: **CAR #12** / **NE #28**

Pass Blk: NE #17 / **CAR #28**

Pass Net: CAR Pass Rush +5

Run Def: CAR #17 / **NE #22**

Run Blk: NE #14 / **CAR #21**

Run Net: N/A

DL (ETR): CAR #14 / **NE #20**

OL (ETR): **NE #10** / **CAR #30**

OL/DL Net: NE DL +10

Snap & Pace: PROE - NE #11 / CAR #13

SLOW PACED SLOG -> Over the first month of the season, New England ranked second in situation-neutral pass rate (68%). **Since then, they rank 31st (47%)**

NE -> NE has kept it on the ground at the second-, second-, third-, and sixth-highest rates during their last four games despite playing variety of defenses — 2 of which are thrown against at top-7 clips. They've operated at a bottom-10 situation-neutral pace during this 4-week stretch

CAR -> Panthers (-15.5%) PROE (fourth-lowest figure for any team this season); super conservative gameplan to hide Sam Darnold (season-low 4.7 passing aDOT); Panthers are also throwing less often, turning in the 21st-highest pass rate over the last month (54%) — including the third lowest of Week 8 (44%) — after they ranked 13th during the first 4 games (59%); CAR contests are averaging the fourth-fewest total points on the season (40.5)

OL/DL: NE #21 > CAR #30 Panthers' OL ranks 29th in pass block win rate, 26th in adjusted sack rate, and 30th in pressure percentage given up.

WR/DB: DOWNGRADE -> DJ Moore vs. J.C. Jackson (shadow): Patriots have a reputation for containing the opposing team's top target. Mike Williams 5 tgts 2-19-0, Devante Parker 7 tgts 4-81-0, Corey Davis 5 tgts 2-8-0, Marquez Callaway 5 tgts 4-41-1, Mike Evans 12 tgts 7-75-0, Brandon Cooks 5 tgts 3-23-0, Amari Cooper 8 tgts 5-55-0, Corey Davis x2 6 tgts 4-47-1. Jackson aligns outside 86% of the time, which matches up with Williams' 82% rate.

DOWNGRADE -> Agholor/Meyers/Bourne vs. Donte Jackson/Bouye/Gilmore

Notes: FINISHED

- Panthers Defense: Allowing the fewest fantasy running back points. Allowing the tenth fewest fantasy points to wide receivers (ETR).
- D.J. Moore: 10 targets per game over the past three weeks.
- Robby Anderson: Below 60 yards in 11 straight games (ETR).
- Patriots Defense: Tenth fewest fantasy quarterback points (ETR).
- Mac Jones: Cleared 300 passing yards once in eight starts (ETR).
- Jakobi Meyers: Four-plus catches in 8-of-8 games (ETR).
- Nelson Agholor: 60 yards or fewer in seven straight contests (ETR).

DEN @ DAL (-10; 49.5)

Vegas Spread: DAL 29.75, DEN 19.75

Steve's Rating: DAL -10.5

Last Week: WAS 10 @ DEN 17

- Bridgwater Att/Comp down in 3 straight -> 49-33-26 / 35-23-19; < 235 pass yds in 4 of 6
- Sutton 4-2-40 (Long 31, 31+ in 4 of 5 and 5 of 7); Patrick 3-3-64 (Long 31, 23+ in 3 of 4)
- Jeudy 4-4-39; Fant 4-2-8; Albert 3-3-34

Last Week: DAL 20 @ MIN 16

- Cooper 13-8-122 (Long 33, 24+ in 3 of last 4)
- **Lamb 8-6-112 (Long 35, 35+ in 3 straight and 31+ 6 of 7)**
- Schultz 7-2-11, Zeke 6-4-24, Wilson 3-3-84

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Ezekiel Elliott - Snaps 75%
- CeeDee Lamb - ADOT 13.6
- Melvin Gordon - Targets 12%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- **Tony Pollard - Snaps 26%, Rush Att 30%, Routes 16%, Target 3%, TPRR 17%**
- Amari Cooper - ADOT 14.8
- Cedrick Wilson - Routes 64%, ADOT 9.3
- Dalton Schultz - ADOT 6.7
- Courtland Sutton - TPRR 14%, Air Yards 26%
- **Noah Fant - TPRR 19%, Targets 16%, ADOT 2.8, Air Yards 5%**

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: DAL #13 / **DEN #22**

DVP QB: **DAL #22** / **DEN #11**

Pass Rush: **DAL #9** / **DEN #23**

Pass Blk: DEN #15 / **DAL #5**

Pass Net: DAL Pass Blk +18 / DAL Pass Rush +6

Run Def: DEN #11 / **DAL #24**

Run Blk: **DAL #1** / **DEN #24**

Run Net: DAL Run Blk +10

DL (ETR): **DEN #23** / **DAL #7**

OL (ETR): **DAL #6** / DEN #15

OL/DL Net: DAL OL +17 / DAL DL +8

Snaps & Pace: PROE - DEN #21 / DAL #19

WR/DB: DOWNGRADE -> Sutton vs. Trevon Diggs, Jeudy (slot) vs Jourdan Lewis: Jeudy's in the slot 83% of the time & Dallas has allowed fewest fantasy pts to the slot this year

Notes: FINISHED

- Cowboys Defense: Sixth-fewest fantasy points to running backs. Eighth-most fantasy points to wide receivers. Eighth-most fantasy points to tight ends (ETR)
- Ezekiel Elliott: 20-plus touches in five straight contests and averaging 12.8 touches over Dallas' last six games (ETR)
- Tony Pollard: played lowest snap share since Week 1, first game with fewer than double-digit carries since Week 1
- Amari Cooper: 32% target share, 0.72 WOPR (season high)

- Jerry Jeudy: 77% routes, 4 targets on just 26 passes, looked healthy
- Noah Fant: routes back to 70% of dropbacks (same range as Weeks 1-3, while he was at 83% or higher for Weeks 4-7, but Jeudy and Okwuegbunam returned in Week 8)

BUF @ JAX (+14.5; 48.5)

Vegas Spread: BUF 31, JAX 17.5

Steve's Rating: BUF -13.5

Last Week: MIA 11 @ BUF 26

- Allen 26+ rushing yds in 4 straight and 6 of 7, 41+ in 3 of last 4, 35+ in 5 of 7
- Moss 8-19 / 7-6-39, Singletary 7-28 / 1-1-1
- Beasley 13-10-110, Diggs 7-5-40, Davis 5-4-29, Sweeney 4-3-30, Sanders 4-0-0

Last Week: JAX 7 @ SEA 31

- Lawrence Comp/Att up in 4 straight -> 17-23-25-32 / 24-33-41-54
- Agnew 12-6-38, Arnold 10-8-68, Jones 8-5-35, Hyde 8-6-40, Shenault 4-2-13

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Devin Singletary - Rush Att 33%
- Emmanuel Sanders - ADOT 28.0
- **Cole Beasley - TPRR 30%, Targets 28%, Air Yards 27%**
- Gabriel Davis - Routes 37%, Targets 13%
- Jamal Agnew - ADOT 7.2, Air Yards 26%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Josh Allen - ADOT 7.0, YPA 5.9, PA 28%, Rush Att 19%
- Zack Moss - Rush Att 33%, LDD 69%
- Devin Singletary - TPRR 9%
- Stefon Diggs - ADOT 5.6, Air Yards 14%
- Emmanuel Sanders - TPRR 11%, Targets 10%
- Trevor Lawrence - YPA 4.4, PA 23%
- Marvin Jones - ADOT 7.6
- Laviska Shenault - ADOT 4.8

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: **BUF #1** / **JAX #26**

DVP QB: **BUF #1** / **JAX #29**

Pass Rush: BUF #13 / **JAX #22**

Pass Blk: JAX #12 / BUF #18

Pass Net: N/A

Run Def: BUF #10 / JAX #18

Run Blk: JAX #28 / BUF #23

Run Net: BUF Run Def +18 / JAX Run Def +5

DL (ETR): BUF #13 / JAX #31

OL (ETR): JAX #24 / BUF #12

OL/DL Net: BUF DL +11 / BUF OL +19

Snap & Pace: PROE - JAX #24 / BUF #4

BUF is bottom 10 in pace when holding 2nd-half leads of 6+ points

BUF -> rank first in % of plays with a four-point lead or more (58%) and run the most regulation plays per game in the NFL. They are fourth in dropbacks, rank second in three-plus receiver utilization (11 and 10 personnel) at 79% and pass the ninth-most inside the five-yard line.

JAX -> (TEAM SPECIFIC SLOG) BUF Opponents produce the second-fewest plays per game (58.7), thanks in large part to Buffalo's league-best DVOA defense

OL/DL: BUF #12 > JAX #31 (Offensive Line)

WR/DB: UPGRADE-> Stefon Diggs vs. Shaquill Griffin (shadow) Cole Beasley vs. Rudy Ford (slot) Emmanuel Sanders vs. Tyson Campbell: Jaguars have allowed the 7th most fantasy points to wideouts (most over expected), including the 7th most to the perimeter and 12th most to the slot. Jaguars allowing 9.9 yards per target (2nd highest) and 76% catch rate (highest) to WR.

DOWNGRADE -> Shenault/Agnew/Jones vs. Tre'Davious/ Taron Johnson /Levi Wallace: 100% WR units vs Bills have scored fewer fantasy points than their average in other games. No defense can make that claim. Bills are allowing the fewest fantasy points overall and over expected, 2nd fewest to the perimeter. The Bills allowed the 2nd fewest receiving yards, fewest touchdowns (2), lowest yards per target (5.6) and 2nd lowest catch rate (58%) to the position.

Matchups:

- Jags are 28th in yards per play allowed

Notes: FINISHED

- Bills Defense: League lows in fantasy points per game (15.6) to QBs. Allowing third-fewest fantasy points to RBs. Allowing the fewest fantasy points to WRs (ETR).

- Emmanuel Sanders: Sanders continues to lead Bills wide receivers in snaps and routes run on a near-weekly basis (ETR).
- Tommy Sweeney: (4-3-30) ran routes on really strong 74% dropbacks in place of Knox
- Gabriel Davis: (5-4-29-1) route on only 39% of dropbacks, so there wasn't much there.
- Marvin Jones: 35 yards or fewer in three of his last four games (ETR).
- Jamal Agnew: leads Jags in targets (25) over their last three games; year-high 72% playing-time in Week 8 (ETR).
- Dan Arnold: 23 targets past three games. 44 pass routes in Week 8 - second most on the team (ETR).

HOU @ MIA (-5.5; 46)

Vegas Spread: MIA 25.75, HOU 20.25

Steve's Rating: MIA -9 (*Tyrod coming back)

Last Week: LAR 38 @ HOU 22

- Cooks 6-6-83, Akins 5-5-53, Amendola 5-2-3, Collins 4-4-55, Jordan 4-3-41

Last Week: MIA 11 @ BUF 26

- Tua 21-39-205 -> 3 starts = 33-47, 32-40, 21-39 (completions lower due to matchup)
- Gaskin 12-36 / 4-3-19, Ahmed 7-22 / 2-1-6, Laird 0-0 / 1-1-10
- Parker 11-8-85, Waddle 11-4-29, Gesicki 4-3-38 (Long 40, 27+ in 3 straight)

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Rex Burkhead - LDD 80%
- Mike Gesicki - Routes 98%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- ~~Davis Mills - PA 14%~~
- David Johnson - LDD 50%
- Brandin Cooks - TPRR 15%, Targets 17%, Air Yards 21%
- Mike Gesicki - TPRR 10%

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: **HOU #31** / MIA #19

DVP QB: **HOU #23** / **MIA #25**

Pass Rush: HOU #15 / MIA #22
Pass Blk: MIA #32 / HOU #24
Pass Net: HOU Pass Rush +17

Run Def: HOU #26 / MIA #7
Run Blk: MIA #25 / HOU #31
Run Net: MIA Run Def +24

DL (ETR): HOU #29 / MIA #30
OL (ETR): MIA #32 / HOU #31
OL/DL Net: N/A

Snaps & Pace: PROE - MIA #6 / HOU #28

Over the last month, the Dolphins are still operating at a top-10 situation-neutral pace, and are throwing at an elevated clip. While games are close, they rank fourth in pass rate for the season (65%) and fourth during the past month (66%).

MIA -> No other team is more pass-heavy than the Dolphins, who throw the ball well above the league averages in every situation:

- Trailing: +9%
- Close: +4%
- Leading: +15%

OL/DL: DOWNGRADE -> Houston Texans backfield Run Blocking

Texans' run block win rate rank: 30th

Dolphins' run stop win rate rank: second

Matchups:

- **UPGRADE -> DeVante Parker vs. Vernon Hargreaves III/Terrance Mitchell:** Texans allow 9th most fantasy points over expected to WR's, allowed 4th most to the perimeter.
- **DOWNGRADE -> Jaylen Waddle vs Tavierre Thomas:** Texans have allowed the sixth fewest fantasy points over expected to the slot
- **UPGRADE -> Brandin Cooks vs. Xavien Howard (shadow) Danny Amendola vs. Nik Needham (slot) Nico Collins vs. Byron Jones:** Dolphins have allowed the 2nd most fantasy points to wide receivers this season (most over the past month and 4th most over expected), as well as the most to the perimeter and 7th most to the slot.
- **UPGRADE -> Tua Tagovailoa:** Texans giving up 20.4 fantasy points per game to QB's

- **UPGRADE -> Brandin Cooks**: Miami has seen 9 different WR score 15-plus PPR fantasy points against them, and 6 of those have occurred in the past 4 weeks alone. Antonio Brown (8tgts 7-124-2)/ Mike Evans (8tgts 6-113-2), Marvin Jones Jr. (10 tgts 7-100-1), Russell Gage (6 tgts 4-67-1), Cole Beasley (13 tgts 10-110-0)/Stefon Diggs (7 tgts 5-40-1). Cooks target share is 29%.

Notes: FINISHED

- ~~DeVante Parker~~: returned from his shoulder and hamstring injuries to post a 33% target share in an offense that passes in every game situation
- Dolphins Defense: Yielded the NFL's second-most yards to tight ends (546)
- Dolphins Pass Catchers: Over the last four weeks, the Dolphins have the most concentrated passing attack with ~~DeVante Parker~~, Jaylen Waddle, and Mike Gesicki combining for a target share of nearly 70%
- Jaylen Waddle: 2.4 YPT (12 targets/93% routes were good to see with Parker back)
- Mike Gesicki: 98% routes (previous season high 86%, in Week 7; 81% before that)
- Texans Defense: Third-most fantasy points to running backs, including 154.6 total yards per game. Yielded the sixth-most yards to wide receivers (ETR); ALSO over the past 4 weeks HOU has allowed the seventh-most fantasy points per game to wide receivers.

LV @ NYG (+3.5; 46)

Vegas Spread: LV 24.25, NYG 21.75

Steve's Rating: NYG +5

Last Week: LV (BYE WEEK)

- Raiders rank 32nd in play-action passing (16%) but have amped that up in two games without Jon Gruden at the helm (30% and 32%); unfortunately averaging 58 plays per game in regulation (27th) over last 3 contests. This off depends heavily on efficiency.
- Carr 31-34-323-2-1 (323+ in 5 of 7; 34+ Att in 6 of 7)
- Drake 14-69-1 / 3-3-10; Jacobs 6-29-1 / 3-3-39 (INJURED EARLY); Richard 4-8 / 4-3-17
- Renfrow 8-7-58, Moreau 6-6-60, Edwards 4-3-43, Ruggs 4-4-24

Last Week: NYG 17 @ KC 20

- Booker 15-60 / 6-5-65, Shepard 7-4-25 (HURT), Toney 5-4-26 (HURT)
- Engram 4-3-15, Rudolph 3-2-12, Ross 3-2-72

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Derek Carr (Play Action 34%)

- Kenyan Drake (Snaps 39%, Rush Att 48%, Targets 9%)
- Jalen Richard (Rush Att 14%, Targets 12%, TPRR 40%)
- Foster Moreau (Targets 18%, Air Yards 19%)

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Derek Carr (Rush Att 3%)
- Bryan Edwards (TPRR 12%, Air Yards 23%)
- Hunter Renfrow (ADOT 3.6)

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: LV #4 / NYG #21

DVP QB: LV #21 / NYG #9

Pass Rush LV #1 / NYG #26

Pass Blk: NYG #30 / LV #25

Pass Net: LV Pass Rush +29

Run Def: LV #20 / NYG #21

Run Blk: NYG #25 / LV #32

Run Net: NYG Run Def +11 / LV Run Def + 5

DL (ETR): LV #16 / NYG #24

OL (ETR): NYG #28 / LV #21

OL/DL Net: LV DL +12

Snaps & Pace: PROE - NYG #9 / LV #8

UP IN PACE -> Carr should be busy against a Giants defense sporting PFF's 12th-worst-graded coverage and seventh-worst pass rush. New York has faced a top-10 opponent pass rate while games are close, and this matchup is projected to be tight (LVR -3).

LV -> Rested off a bye, the Raiders are operating at a top-10 situation-neutral pace over the last four weeks they've played. Since Gruden left, LV is passing at a 67% situation-neutral clip — which would rank second only to the Bucs on the season. With PFF's second-best-graded passer Derek Carr thriving, the Raiders have scored 33.5 points per game without Gruden, while their contests average 10th-most combined plays and 8th-most total points on the season.

NYG -> have cranked to sixth fastest since Week 4. They lead the league in no-huddle rate, both overall (40%) and during neutral situations (44%); Their games do average 3rd-most combined plays (129.6), with more coming over the last month (134.8; second)

OL/DL: LV #16 > NYG #28 Raiders' DL ranks 7th in pressure percentage. Giants' OL ranks 24th in pass block win rate. LT Andrew Thomas remains out.

UPGRADE -> Derek Carr Pass Blocking

Raiders' pass block win rate rank: 27th

Giants' pass rush win rate rank: 32nd

Raiders OL Andre James/ Alex Leatherwood have been liabilities, but Kolton Miller ranks 10th in PBWR at tackle. Giants don't have a single qualifying pass-rusher above average in PRWR at edge/ defensive tackle. Leonard Williams, ranks behind Dexter Lawrence/ Austin Johnson in PRWR. Azeez Ojulari has flashed for 5.5 sacks, he ranks 43rd in PRWR at edge.

Matchups:

- **DOWNGRADE -> Golladay/Toney vs. Casey Hayward/Hobbs/Facyson**
- **UPGRADE -> Josh Jacobs:** 3 of 4 past weeks = Zeke (21-110 1TD, 3 tgts 2-2-1), Henderson (21-78 1TD, 3 tgts 2-29-1) and Darrel Williams (13-49, 6 tgts 6-61-1).
- **UPGRADE -> Hunter Renfrow/Darren Waller:** Matchup against Giants is ideal as they push ball to middle of the field

Notes: FINISHED

- Giants Defense: tenth most fantasy points to RBs, including and average of 147.4 total yards per game (ETR).
- Kadarius Toney: has earned 35 targets on 141 routes run this season, a massive #

CLE @ CIN (-2.5; 47)

Vegas Spread: CIN 24.75, CLE 22.25

Steve's Rating: CIN -1.5

Last Week: PIT 15 @ CLE 10

- Chubb 16-61 / 1-1-8; D'Ernest 4-22 / 3-1-7
- Landry 10-5-65, Hooper 6-4-26, Higgins 4-2-27, Njoku 3-3-39, Bryant 2-2-33

Last Week: CIN 31 @ NYJ 34

- Burrow Long 54, 44+ in 5 straight, 34+ in all 8 games
- Mixon 14-33 / 5-4-58, Perine 0-0 / 2-2-16
- Boyd 8-5-69, Higgins 6-4-97, Chase 9-3-32, Uzomah 4-4-33

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Joe Burrow - Rush Att 6%
- Tee Higgins - ADOT 17.0, Air Yards 47%

- Tyler Boyd - TPRR 23%, Targets 23%, ADOT 11.3, Air Yards 36%
- CJ Uzomah - TPRR 13%
- OBJ - Routes 81%
- Rashard Higgins - TPRR 17%
- David Njoku - Routes 51%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Ja'Marr Chase - ADOT 4.1, Air Yards 13%
- OBJ - TPRR 3%, Targets 3%, ADOT -2.0
- Austin Hooper - Routes 46%

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: **CLE #6** / CIN #14

DVP QB: **CLE #31** / **CIN #27**

Pass Rush: **CLE #4** / **CIN #27**

Pass Blk: **CIN #23** / **CLE #11**

Pass Net: CLE Pass Rsh +19 / CLE Pass Blk +16

Run Def: **CLE #8** / **CIN #8**

Run Blk: CIN #15 / **CLE #3**

Run Net: CLE Run Def +7 / CLE Run Blk +5

DL (ETR): **CLE #2** / CIN #18

OL (ETR): CIN #19 / **CLE #3**

OL/DL Net: CLE DL +17 / CLE OL +15

Snaps & Pace: PROE - CIN #20 / CLE #29 (*disregard CIN rank/trending up last month)

SLOW PACED SLOG -> Since their wild Week 5 shootout with the Chargers, the Browns are still ranking 30th in situation-neutral pace; After averaging 28.3 points over their first five games, Cleveland is squeaking out only 13.7 per game since.

CLE -> Browns keep it on the ground at the second-highest rate during close game scripts (49%), and not much has changed over the last four weeks (48%). Opponents run against them at the ninth-highest clip. As a result, their games average the ninth-fewest combined snaps

CIN -> 70% situation-neutral pass rate over the past four weeks is the highest in the league. It has helped inject volume into games that were averaging the fewest combined plays during the opening month (116.3). That mark has climbed to 130.8 since then (PASS HAPPY CONTRAST)

OL/DL: DOWNGRADE -> Joe Burrow Pass Blocking

Bengals' pass block win rate rank: 23rd

Browns' pass rush win rate rank: second

Garrett is #1 PRWR. Jadeveon Clowney/ Takkarist McKinley both rank top 4 in PRWR at edge. Jonah Williams is Bengals worst tackle at PBWR, will get Garrett. Bengals guards are also liabilities in pass protection, so Browns DT Malik McDowell could also end up with a big day.

Notes: FINISHED

- Joe Mixon: doubled up Perine in routes after more of a split last week
- Tee Higgins: 28 percent of the team's targets this season (buy-low air yards model)
- Tyler Boyd: has cleared 75 yards once all season (ETR).
- Nick Chubb: one % point off season-high snap share in first game back, split routes with D'Ernest Johnson, split green zone work too (could see all of this shift more in Chubb's favor next week, it isn't clear)
- Odell Beckham: 0.05 wTPRR (season low, only second career game below 0.067)
- Jarvis Landry: 90 receiving yards once in his last 24 regular season games (ETR).

MIN @ BAL (-6; 50)

Vegas Spread: BAL 28, MIN 22

Steve's Rating: BAL -6

Last Week: DAL 20 @ MIN 16

- Cousins 34+ attempts in 6 of 7, season low 5.3 YPA (tough matchup)
- Thielen 9-6-78, Conklin 7-5-57, Jefferson 4-2-21, Osborn 3-2-10
- Cook 18-78 / 2-0-0, Mattison 2-5 / 2-2-(-5), Ham 1-0 / 3-3-3

Last Week: BAL (BYE WEEK)

- Lamar 12-88 rushing (Long 16, 16+ in 5 of 7); 51+ rush yds in 6 of 7, 58+ in 5 of 7
- Brown (!) 14-5-80 (Long 39, 37+ in 6 of 7, 29+ in 5 of 7); Bateman 6-3-80
- Andrews 7-3-48 (Long 24, 24+ in 4 of last 5); Oliver 5-2-29 (garbage time)
- Freeman 3-3-25, Tyson 2-2-24, Bell 2-1-(-1); RB's combined 9-29 rushing
- Lamar Jackson: 8.6-yard ADOT to 10.5 yards from first 3 seasons to this season
- Marquise Brown: 321 air yards in Week 7 (most by any player in a game this year)
- Jackson now dropping back 61%, up a whopping 11% versus 2020. Ravens rank ninth in dropbacks per game over the last three games

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Lamar Jackson (ADOT 15.7)
- Devonta Freeman (Snaps 40%)
- Le'Veon Bell (Rush Att 28%)
- Marquise Brown (Targets 35%)
- **Adam Thielen - Routes 100%, Air Yards 34%**
- Tyler Conklin - Air Yards 22%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Lamar Jackson (ACP 52%)
- Devin Duvernay (Air Yards 2%)
- Mark Andrews (Routes 64%, TPRR 21%, Targets 18%) - downward due to blowout
- Kirk Cousins - ADOT 5.0, YPA 5.3
- Alexander Mattison - Snaps 12%, Routes 11%
- Justin Jefferson - Routes 77% (missed some time due to in-game injury)
- Adam Thielen - ADOT 6.1

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: **MIN #5** / **BAL #20**

DVP QB: **MIN #4** / BAL #14

Pass Rush: **MIN #8** / BAL #17

Pass Blk: BAL #14 / **MIN #31**

Pass Net: BAL Pass Rush +14 / MIN Pass Rush +6

Run Def: MIN #13 / BAL #19

Run Blk: **BAL #8** / **MIN #19**

Run Net: BAL Run Blk +5

DL (ETR): **MIN #21** / BAL #19

OL (ETR): **BAL #23** / MIN #16

OL/DL Net: N/A

Snaps & Pace: PROE - BAL #14 / **MIN #25**

OL/DL: UPGRADE -> Lamar Jackson Run Blocking:

Ravens' run block win rate rank: third

Vikings' run stop win rate rank: 32nd

Villanueva, Kevin Zeitler, Bradley Bozeman are top-10 RBWR at their respective positions.

DOWNGRADE -> Dalvin Cook Run Blocking

Vikings' run block win rate rank: 14th

Ravens' run stop win rate rank: third

Brandon Williams and Calais Campbell rank top 10 RSWR as defensive tackle. Guard Ezra Cleveland rank 16th at RBWR. Christian Darrisaw RBWR at tackle ranks 30th.

Matchups:

- **UPGRADE -> Rashod Bateman/ Marquise Brown/ Sammy Watkins vs. Cameron Dantzler/ Mackensie Alexander/ Bashaud Breeland**

Notes: FINISHED

- Ravens Defense: Allowing the seventh-most fantasy points to RBs. Allowing 135.9-total-yards average in seven games to RBs. Allowing 14.1 yards per reception to WRs. Allowing the most fantasy tight end points per game (ETR).
- Marquise Brown: Even with Bateman in the lineup, Brown commanded a season-high 14 targets in pre-bye Week 7 while leading Ravens WRs in playing time (86%) and routes run (51) (ETR).
- Vikings Defense: Allowing sixth-fewest fantasy tight end points (ETR).

ATL @ N.O. (-6; 42)

Vegas Spread: N.O. 24, ATL 18

Steve's Rating: N.O. -5

Last Week: CAR 19 @ ATL 13

- Ryan 20-27-146 (season low att/comp/yards, kudos panthers def + pass rush)
- Davis 9-44 / 6-4-22, Patterson 9-35 / 5-5-37
- Pitts 6-2-13 (Gilmore shadow), Sharpe 6-5-58. Hurst 3-2-4

Last Week: TB 27 @ NO 36

- Kamara 19-61 / 4-3-15, Ingram 6-27 / 2-2-25
- Harris 7-3-35, Callaway 5-3-30, Trautman 6-2-4,

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Tajae Sharpe - TPRR 29%
- ~~Jameis Winston - ACP 75%, PA 29%, Scrambles 29%~~
- Adam Trautman - TPRR 13%, Targets 12%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Mike Davis - LDD 75%
- Kyle Pitts - TPRR 20%

- Hayden Hurst - TPR 15%, ADOT 4.3, Air Yards 7%
- ~~Jameis Winston - ADOT 3.4, YPA 5.6, Rush Att 0%~~
- Alvin Kamara - Snaps 67%, LDD 71% (getting some breather time w/ Ingram)
- Marquez Callaway - Targets 15%, ADOT 10.2

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: ATL #25 / N.O. #7
DVP QB: ATL #32 / N.O. #15

Pass Rush: ATL #32 / N.O. #30
Pass Blk: N.O. #16 / ATL #29
Pass Net: N.O. Pass Blk +16

Run Def: ATL #15 / N.O. #2
Run Blk: N.O. #16 / ATL #17
Run Net: NO Run Def +15

DL (ETR): ATL #32 / N.O. #6
OL (ETR): N.O. #2 / ATL #27
OL/DL Net: N.O. OL +30 / N.O. DL +21

Snaps & Pace: PROE - N.O. #27 / ATL #17

ATL -> With Ridley in the lineup during the first month, Atlanta ranked fourth in situation-neutral pace (26.7 seconds per snap) and 10th in pass rate (61%). When he briefly returned to the lineup in Week 7, they ranked eighth in pace (28.3) and first in pass rate (77%). During his two absences, they had a seconds-per-snap rate (30.0) that would rank bottom 10 on the season, and a situation-neutral pass rate (55.7%) that would rank 20th. Their 64.2% pass rate in games with Ridley would rank sixth. **(POSSIBLE TEAM SPECIFIC SLOG WITHOUT RIDLEY)**

N.O. -> The Saints shockingly lead the league in situation-neutral pace during the last month, after operating at the fifth-slowest pace over the first four weeks. They are 13th in pass rate during that stretch, after ranking dead last before it. Like last week's game with the Buccaneers, the Saints' matchup with the Falcons would have fit well in the Up In Pace section — but without Winston and Ridley, there is too much unknown to take that leap.

Saints are six-point favorites, and when playing with a lead they run the ball at the third-highest rate in the league (60%). New Orleans primarily runs the ball in 11 personnel & Atlanta is allowing an NFL-worst 67% success rate against 11-personnel run plays.

OL/DL: N.O. #7 > ATL #27 (Defensive Line) /// N.O. #2 > ATL #32 (Offensive Line)

Saints' DL ranks fifth in QB knockdown %. Falcons' OL ranks 26th in pass block win rate, 31st in QB hits given up, and 25th in pressure % given up.

UPGRADE -> Taysom Hill: Hill last year Weeks 11 to 14, 3-1 record, 21.07 fantasy point average. The Falcons' problems against mobile quarterbacks have even extended into this season Jalen Hurts (27-35, 264 3TD, 7-62), Taylor Heinicke (23-33, 290 3 TD 5-43), Tua Tagovailoa (32-40, 291 4TD 2INT, 4-29), Sam Darnold(13-24, 129 0TD, 8-66).

DOWNGRADE -> Cordarrelle Patterson: Saints minus-7.2 Adjusted Fantasy Points Added is the fewest in the league. Saints have allowed 3 solid games to an individual running back all year, all three came from pass-catching backs: Christian McCaffrey(24-72 1TD, 6tgts 5-65), Saquon Barkley(13-52 1TD, 6tgts 5-74 1TD), and Antonio Gibson(20-60 2TD, 2tgts 2-12).

Matchups:

- **UPGRADE -> Russell Gage vs Chauncey Gardner-Johnson/ Paulson Adebo**

Notes: FINISHED

- Tajae Sharpe: Might be de facto 1A WR option due to past TEN history with Arthur Smith
- Kyle Pitts: running 97% routes; aligned outside season-high 49% of routes w/ no Ridley BUT unfortunately, only 67% of his targets were catchable, and 33% were contested
- Saints Defense: fifth-fewest fantasy points. tight ends to the NFL's third-fewest fantasy points (ETR).
- Taysom Hill: During the four games Hill started last season, he averaged 208.5 passing yards and 52.8 rushing yards. Averaging 28.5 pass attempts per game during that span, he completed 72% of them. Hill ALSO averaged almost 10 rushing attempts per game.
- Alvin Kamara: season-low 67% snaps & season-low 47% routes with Mark Ingram ...Tallied 21 or more touches in 6-of-7 games (ETR).
- Marquez Callaway: still led team, but routes down at 71%, Saints WRs is huge rotation

LAC @ PHI (+2; 49)

Vegas Spread: LAC 25.5, PHI 23.5

Steve's Rating: PHI +3

Last Week: NE 27 @ LAC 24

- Justin Herbert < 223 pass yds in 3 of 4, season low 51.4% comp
- Ekeler 11-64 / 10-6-60, Allen 11-6-77, Cook 5-2-25, Williams 5-2-19

Last Week: PHI 44 @ DET 6

- Goedert 7-6-72, no one else more than 3 targets (fluky positive game script)

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Austin Ekeler - Targets 33%, TPRR 37%
- Jalen Guyton - Routes 78%, ADOT 18.0
- Jared Cook - Routes 73%
- Jalen Hurts - ACP 85%, YPA 7.4
- Kenneth Gainwell - Rush Att 29%
- DeVonta Smith - Air Yards 40%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- **Mike Williams - TPRR 12%, Targets 13%, Air Yards 21%**
- Jared Cook - ADOT 6.5
- Donald Parham - ADOT 0.0
- Jalen Hurts - Rush Att 9% (less designed runs in blowout victory script)
- Kenneth Gainwell - 2MIN 0%
- Quez Watkins - TPRR 11%, Targets 13%, Air Yards 9%

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: LAC #11 / PHI #18

DVP QB: LAC #5 / PHI #3

Pass Rush: LAC #14 / PHI #5

Pass Blk: PHI #6 / LAC #21

Pass Net: PHI Pass Rush +16 / PHI Pass Blk +8

Run Def: LAC #30 / PHI #28

Run Blk: PHI #5 / LAC #8

Run Net: LAC Run Blk +20 / PHI Run Blk +25

DL (ETR): LAC #8 / PHI #9

OL (ETR): PHI #7 / LAC #14

OL/DL Net: PHI DL +5

Snap & Pace: PROE - PHI #16 / LAC #5

UP IN PACE -> Chargers still produce the ninth-most overtime-adjusted plays per game, and their contests average the fourth-most combined snaps. Los Angeles' games yield the seventh-most total points (49.9), with a league-high 60 per game during the last month AND Justin Herbert is passing at the third-highest situation-neutral rate (65%)

PHI -> Eagles (-16.0%) PROE (second-lowest figure for any team in any game this season - due to blowout/positive game script); 68% situation-neutral run rate was easily the highest of Week 8, and contrasted starkly with Philadelphia's to-date 39% rate. Like Los Angeles, Detroit's run defense stinks and opponents hand off against them at a high rate (fifth highest).

Fortunately, the Eagles still operated at a top-10 situation-neutral pace for the week, and are moving at the league's fastest pace on the season. Their games avg the ninth-most total points.

OL/DL: DOWNGRADE -> Justin Herbert Pass Blocking

Chargers' pass block win rate rank: 22nd

Eagles' pass rush win rate rank: first

Rashawn Slater has been solid on the left side of the Chargers' line but, Storm Norton on the right side ranks 68th out of 70 tackles in PBWR. Norton will face Josh Sweat, whose 25% PRWR at edge ranks 5th. Chargers also face Derek Barnett ranks 10th PRWR at edge, Javon Hargrave trails only Aaron Donald in PRWR at defensive tackle.

Matchups:

- **DOWNGRADE -> Mike Williams vs. Darius Slay (shadow):** Eagles have allowed the 3rd fewest fantasy points (6th fewest over expected) to wide receivers, including the fewest to the perimeter and 7th fewest to the slot. Eagles have allowed the fewest receptions (on the fewest targets) and the third fewest rec yds to the position; Eagles have ALSO been the No. 1 schedule-adjusted defense against WR for the season, with minus-9.8 Adjusted Fantasy Points Added. he'll draw Slay most often in coverage.
- **DOWNGRADE -> DeVonta/Quez/Reagor vs. A Samuel/ C Harris/Michael Davis:** Chargers have allowed the 2nd fewest fantasy points to the position straight up and over expected, as well as the 6th fewest to the perimeter and 3rd fewest to the slot. The Chargers rank no lower than 5th in targets, receptions, receiving yards, touchdowns, end zone targets, YPR and YPT to wideouts.
- **UPGRADE -> Boston Scott:** Chargers defense giving up 5.4 yards per carry.
- **UPGRADE -> Jared Cook:** Eagles past 3 weeks vs TE, O.J. Howard (7 tgts 6-49-1), Foster Moreau (6tgts 6-60-1), T.J. Hockenson 11 tgts 10-89-0).
- **DOWNGRADE -> Jalen Hurts:** Mobility has not helped QB's facing LAC this season, Heinicke (11-15, 122 1TD, 3-17), Lamar (19-27, 167 1TD 2INT, 8-51). QBs average 0.53 fantasy points per rushing attempt against Los Angeles, 6th lowest in the league.

Notes: FINISHED

- Eagles Defense: Holding quarterbacks to the NFL's sixth-fewest fantasy points. Allowing NFL's sixth-most fantasy running back points, including the league's seventh-most RB receiving yards. Tight ends have creamed Philly for the league's fifth-most fantasy points
- Boston Scott: led backfield, played on the most passing snaps, ceded obvious rushing work to Jordan Howard and some passing work to Kenneth Gainwell

- Chargers Defense: Hemorrhaging 5.0 yards per carry and the NFL's third-most fantasy points. Yielding the NFL's second-fewest fantasy wide receiver points (ETR).
- Austin Ekeler: season-high 75% snaps out of the bye, 9 HVT with 6 receptions; **Ekeler has at least five targets in six straight games, averaging 7.0 during that span**
- Keenan Allen: Allen has drawn eight targets or more in 6-of-7 appearances (ETR).
- Mike Williams: over the first four weeks of the season, Williams operated in the intermediate range with a 10.8 ADOT and dominated the box scores. Over the last three games, his ADOT has spiked to 16.1, and his targets are down. Week 6 was an injury issue, but Week 8 comes after an uncapped week of practice; BUT still averaging 7.5 targets per game in his last four.
- Jared Cook: Cook has fallen below 30 yards in five of his last six games (ETR).

ARI @ SF (-2; 45)

Vegas Spread: SF 23.5, ARI 21.5

Steve's Rating: ARI -1 (*Kyler questionable)

Last Week: GB 24 @ ARI 21

- Kyler < 274 pass yds in 5 straight games; < 21 rush yds in 4 straight, 5 of 6, 6 of 8
- Edmonds 7-30 / 4-3-39, Conner 5-22 / 0-0
- Green 8-5-50, Kirk 6-4-46, Ertz 4-4-42, Rondale 4-3-24
- Hopkins 2-2-66 (HURT); ALSO Long 55, 25+ in 4 of 5, was just starting to get going

Last Week: SF 33 @ CHI 22

- Mitchell 18-137 / 0-0, Hasty 3-4 / 2-2-9
- **Deebo 9-6-171 (Long 26+ in 6 of 7)**, Aiyuk 7-4-45, Sanu 4-3-59

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Chase Edmonds - 2MIN 100%
- Deebo Samuel - TPRR 38%
- Mohamed Sanu - ADOT 13.0

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Kyler Murray - ADOT 8.7
- James Conner - Rush Att 26%
- Christian Kirk - ADOT 12.7
- Rondale Moore - TPRR 15%, ADOT -2.5, Air Yards -4%
- Zach Ertz - TPRR 16%, Targets 13%

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: ARI #3 / SF #9
DVP QB: ARI #2 / SF #30

Pass Rush: ARI #7 / SF #21
Pass Blk: SF #4 / ARI #9
Pass Net: ARI Pass Blk +12

Run Def: ARI #29 / SF #12
Run Blk: SF #4 / ARI #22
Run Net: SF Run Blk +25 / SF Run Def +10

DL (ETR): ARI #12 / SF #5
OL (ETR): SF #8 / ARI #20
OL/DL Net: SF DL +15

Snaps & Pace: PROE - SF #30 / ARI #12 (*Kyler hasn't practiced as of FRI)

UP IN PACE -> Cardinals were held to their lowest number of plays of the season (55) on Thursday night, thanks to the face-meltingly slow Packers. **The good news is Arizona operated at their fastest situation-neutral pace since Week 1.**

ARI -> In Week 8, Cardinals — 55 offensive plays (previous season low — 60)

SF -> 68% Week 8 situation-neutral pass rate (sixth highest); Since Jimmy Garoppolo returned from injury in Week 7, the 49ers rank sixth in situation-neutral pace — including a Week 8 tempo that trailed only Cardinals. During their 1 meeting last season in which Garoppolo played, these offenses combined for whopping 139 plays. With Kittle set to return, Aiyuk's role finally returning to last year's level, and Deebo regularly flipping fields, this pass game is trending up

49ers have the 4th-fewest pass attempts on the season

OL/DL: SF #5 > ARI #20 Cardinals' OL ranks 27th in QB hurries given up. Both Kyler Murray and DeAndre Hopkins missed practice on Wednesday and Thursday. Currently both GTD's

Notes: FINISHED

- Cardinals Defense: Fourth fewest fantasy points per game to QBs. Fewest fantasy points to tight ends (ETR).
- Elijah Mitchell: Touch counts through five NFL appearances are 18, 18, 11, 19, and 19 (ETR).

- Brandon Aiyuk: 97% routes on 97% — a season-high — and saw 27% of the targets; also season-highs in routes, targets and air yards despite small box score
- Deebo Samuel: Leads NFL with 117 receiving yards per game (117) and yards per touch (16.8) (ETR)
- Rondale Moore: season-high 75% routes (Hopkins was limited, and Kirk didn't split out wide, so there are no clean paths to this bump being sustainable when Hopkins healthy)

GB @ KC (-7.5; 48)

Vegas Spread: KC 27.75, GB 20.25

Steve's Rating: KC -7

Last Week: GB 24 @ ARI 21

- Packers missing Adams/Lazard/MVS, not recapping this one, too misleading

Last Week: NYG 17 @ KC 20

- Mahomes 47+ attempts in 3 of last 4, 35+ in 4 straight; 29+ completions in 3 of last 4
- Mahomes < 278 pass yds in 5 of last 6
- Darrell 13-49 / 6-6-61, Gore 11-48 / 0-0
- Tyreek 18-12-94, Hardman 7-5-63, Kelce 6-4-27

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Aaron Jones - Routes 65%, LDD 100%
- Randall Cobb - TPRR 17%, ADOT 17.4, Air Yards 43% (Adams/Lazard/MVS OUT)

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- ~~Aaron Rodgers - ADOT 5.9, YPA 5.0, PA 31%, Scrambles 3%~~
- AJ Dillon - LDD 17%

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: GB #16 / KC #17

DVP QB: GB #13 / **KC #24**

Pass Rush: **GB #11** / **KC #31**

Pass Blk: **KC #7** / **GB #8**

Pass Net: GB Pass Blk +23

Run Def: GB #14 / **KC #31**

Run Blk: **KC #2** / **GB #30**

Run Net: KC Run Blk +12

DL (ETR): GB #15 / **KC #27**
OL (ETR): **KC #9** / **GB #4**
OL/DL Net: **GB OL +23** / KC OL +6

Snaps & Pace: PROE - **GB #7 / **KC #1** (*Aaron Rodgers OUT)**

SLOW PACED SLOG -> Green Bay turned in the sixth-slowest situation-neutral pace of Week 8 on Thursday night and are less than one year removed from ranking 31st

GB -> Packers games ALSO produce the fewest combined plays (120.1) and eighth-fewest total points (44.9). During the last four weeks, that per-game total-point average is down to 41.

KC -> Chiefs have scored the eighth-fewest points per game over the last month — and during that stretch, their games averaged the ninth-fewest total points.

OL/DL: **UPGRADE -> Aaron Jones Run Blocking:**

Packers' run block win rate rank: 8th

Chiefs' run stop win rate rank: 31st

Chiefs 4.7 ypc allowed. Melvin Ingram has below average 15% run stop win rate.

Matchups:

- The Chiefs are dead last in yards per play allowed, and GB is getting Davante Adams/Allen Lazard back. ALSO Packers offensive line is up to 4th in Thorn's ranks

Notes: FINISHED

- Kansas City Defense: Yielding the second-most fantasy points to quarterbacks (ETR).
- Kansas City Wide Receivers: Behind Tyreek Hill, it was a near-even four-way rotation consisting of Pringle, Hardman, Robinson, and Gordon in Week 8. Hardman paced the group in targets (7), while Pringle led the way in snaps (43); Mecole Hardman — routes on season-low 60% of dropbacks; Demarcus Robinson — routes on season-low 37% of dropbacks; Josh Gordon — routes on season-high 44% of dropbacks
- Tyreek Hill: 12+ targets in four of his last five games.
- Mecole Hardman: at least 5 targets in 4 straight games, averaging 7.2 during that span
- Josh Gordon: season-high 42% routes but only 1 target; could be beginning to acclimate to the offense and take snaps from Demarcus Robinson and Mecole Hardman.
- Travis Kelce: 65 yards or fewer in four of his last five games; one TD since Week 2 (ETR); 5.9 YPT, 63% catch rate over past five games

- Aaron Rodgers: season-low 4.5 aDOT with depleted pass-catching group in WK 8
- Aaron Jones: rushing attempts haven't topped 45% in three games, but he remains the lead option in the passing game and handles all of the LDD and two-minute work
- A.J. Dillon: touch counts over the past five weeks are 16, 4, 11, 12, and 16 (ETR).

TEN @ LAR (-7; 52.5)

Vegas Spread: LAR 29.75, TEN 22.75

Steve's Rating: LAR -7

Last Week: TEN 34 @ IND 31

- AJB 11-10-155, Johnson 5-1-8, Swaim 5-4-23, McNichols 3-3-33, Ikhine 3-2-16

Last Week: LAR 38 @ HOU 22

- Stafford 21-32-305-3; three straight games with 3+ Pass TD's
- Stafford 305+ pass yds in three straight, Long 68 / 35+ in 7 of 8, 30+ in all 8
- Henderson 14-90 / 2-1-3, Michel 9-42 / 2-2-14
- Kupp 9-7-115 (Long 52, 30+ in 5 straight and 7 of 8)
- Woods 9-3-35, Jefferson 6-3-38, Higbee 3-3-25

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Sony Michel - routes 22% (due to blowout script)
- Cooper Kupp - ADOT 10.6
- Van Jefferson - ADOT 16.0, Air Yards 37%
- Jeremy McNichols - Snaps 23%, Routes 33%, Targets 9%, TPRR 25%
- Marcus Johnson - Routes 73%
- Geoff Swain - TPRR 24%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Darrell Henderson - Routes 58% (due to blowout script)
- Cooper Kupp - TPRR 26%, Targets 26%
- Robert Woods - ADOT 5.1
- ~~Derriek Henry - TPRR 7%~~

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: **TEN #2** / **LAR #12**

DVP QB: **TEN #20** / **LAR #6**

Pass Rush: **TEN #29** / **LAR #6**

Pass Blk: LAR #1 / TEN #26
Pass Net: LAR Pass Blk +28 / LAR Pass Rush +20

Run Def: TEN #25 / LAR #1
Run Blk: LAR #11 / TEN #6
Run Net: LAR Run Blk +14 / LAR Run Def +5

DL (ETR): TEN #17 / LAR #11
OL (ETR): LAR #5 / TEN #13
OL/DL Net: LAR OL +12

Snaps & Pace: PROE - LAR #3 / TEN #32

hard to see TEN maintaining nearly-50% situation-neutral run rate w/o Henry -> Ranking dead last in Leone's Pass Rate Over Expectation metric and 25th in situation-neutral pass rate

ALSO posting the league's seventh-lowest pass rate (60%) in negative game script

TEN -> The Titans run the ball more than the NFL average in every game situation:

- Trail: +7%
- Close: +8%
- Lead: +4%

LAR -> ranking 3rd in PROE and 7th in pass rate (62%) while games are within one score.

OL/DL: DOWNGRADE -> Jeremy McNichols/Adrian Peterson Run Blocking

WR/DB: UPGRADE -> Van Jefferson, Cooper Kupp, Robert Woods vs. Janoris Jenkins, Greg Mabin, Elijah Molden, Chris Jackson, Breon Borders: Monitor if Kristian Fulton is back from IR match up upgrade could change. Tennessee has allowed the most fantasy points to the slot WR this month and the whole season. Titans defense allowing the most targets, receptions, receiving yards, end zone targets and fantasy points to wide receivers this season.

DOWNGRADE -> Chester Rogers vs. Jalen Ramsey (slot)

Tennessee's secondary has defended the league's most targets to opposing wide receivers (25.8/game) while allowing the most DraftKings points per game (48.3).

Notes: FINISHED

- Titans TE's: despite playing on just 38.0% of snaps, Firkser leads the trio in routes run (52.2%) and targets (8.4%), well ahead of pass-blocking specialists Swaim and Pruitt
- Jeremy McNichols: tied for 2nd in targets (27), route on 34.0% of dropbacks; gets nice matchup against LAR def allowing the league's 10th-most RB receptions per game (6.1).

- A.J. Brown: 0.89 WOPR over past three weeks (second highest in NFL); seems beyond injury issues (92% snap share was a season-high; has managed a massive 34.5% target share to go along with a 50.6% Air Yards share, good for the league's second-highest WOPR (.87)
- Julio Jones: Despite playing on just 52.9% of snaps in Weeks 6-7, Jones managed a healthy 17.3% target share to go along with a strong 31.1% Air Yards share
- Marcus Johnson: played on 65.8% of Week 8 snaps, running a route on 69.4% of dropbacks, earning a modest 15.6% target share
- Chester Rogers: running the team's highest rate of routes from the slot (79.4%)
- Darrell Henderson: 13 of 16 RB opportunities in the first half (the 61% snap share is noisy, as it is low; he got pulled early in the blowout); **Titans defense allowing the league's sixth-highest yards per carry (4.6) to opposing backs**
- Cooper Kupp: third-highest target share (32.9%) and fourth-highest WOPR (.74) hauling in 70% of his targets
- Robert Woods: healthy target share (21.5%) and Air Yards share (20.7%), Rams utilizing 3-WR sets at the league's highest rate (85%) - also boost for Van Jefferson
- Tyler Higbee: playing on 87.8% of snaps and running a route on 82.5% of dropbacks BUT ALSO middling 13.1% target share and lowly 4.3 aDOT

CHI @ PIT (-6; 39)

Vegas Spread: PIT 22.5, CHI 16.5

Steve's Rating: PIT -7.5

Last Week: SF 33 @ CHI 22

- Fields < 184 pass yds in 4 straight, < 19 completions in 4 of 5
- Fields < 27 att in 4 of 5, **FIELDS CAREER HIGH 10-103 RUSHING**
- **Fields rush att up in 3 straight -> 6-8-10, yards = 43-38-103**
- Mooney 9-6-64, Kmet 6-3-24, A-Rob 4-3-21, Goodwin 3-2-32, James 3-3-38

Last Week: PIT 15 @ CLE 10

- Najee 26-91/3-3-29, Claypool 2-16/5-4-45, Freiermuth 7-4-44, Gentry 3-3-39
- Diontae 13-6-98 (Long 50, 41+ in 4 of 5, 23+ in 5 straight)

Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Justin Fields - Scrambles 21%
- Darnel Mooney - ADOT 16.0, Air Yards 55%
- Cole Kmet - Routes 76%, Targets 22%
- Big Ben - PA 25%
- Diontae Johnson - TPRR 38%, Targets 38%
- Chase Claypool - Routes 95%
- **Pat Freiermuth - Routes 65%, ADOT 6.8, Air Yards 16%**

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- Allen Robinson - ADOT 7.0, Air Yards 11%
- Big Ben - ADOT 7.2
- Najee Harris - Targets 9%, TPRR 13%
- Diontae Johnson - ADOT 8.6
- Chase Claypool - TPRR 14%, Targets 15%,

PFF/ETR Grades:

Coverage: **CHI #29** / **PIT #27**

DVP QB: CHI #17 / **PIT #7**

Pass Rush: CHI #18 / **PIT #3**

Pass Blk: **PIT #10** / CHI #19

Pass Net: PIT Pass Rush +16 / PIT Pass Blk +8

Run Def: **CHI #27** / **PIT #3**

Run Blk: **PIT #28** / CHI #19

Run Net: PIT Run Def +16

DL (ETR): **CHI #10** / **PIT #4**

OL (ETR): **PIT #26** / **CHI #25**

OL/DL Net: PIT DL +21 / **CHI DL +16**

Snaps & Pace: PROE: PIT #15 / **CHI #31**

PIT -> cranking up the pass rate to a mouth-watering 73% clip when trailing

CHI -> dropping back at the league's lowest rate (44%) while games are within one score

OL/DL: **PIT #4 > CHI #25** Steelers' DL sixth in pass rush win rate, and third in pressure percentage. The Bears' OL ranks 32nd in adjusted sack rate

Ranking dead last in Football Outsiders' Adjusted Sack Rate (12.2%), CHI's OL will have hands full against a Steelers pass rush that ranks fifth in ESPN's Pass Rush Win Rate.

WR/DB: DOWNGRADE -> Pat Freiermuth: CHI minus-4.3 Adjusted Fantasy Points Added To TE's is second fewest in the league, T.J. Hockenson (8 tgts 4-42-0) / Waller (8 tgts 4-45-0)

Notes: FINISHED

- Steelers Defense: Despite allowing 10th-fewest 20+ yard receptions (21), PIT secondary has given up the league's 10th-most DraftKings points to opposing wide receivers
- Najee Harris: **CHI allowing the 5th-most rushing yards/game (112.9) to RBs;** ALSO ranks third in target share (18.3%) among all running backs entering Week 9
- Diontae Johnson: Over the past three weeks, he has seen a 35 percent target share and 52 percent of the team's air yards while averaging 13 targets per game; SINCE returning from a knee injury that sidelined him in Week 3, Diontae has been a volume hog, leading the Steelers by a wide margin in target share (29.7%) and Air Yards share (44.9%), good for the league's fourth-highest WOPR (.76) during that stretch
- Chase Claypool: second in target share (20.5%) and Air Yards share (35.4%) for PIT
- Pat Freiermuth: 65% routes with Eric Ebron out, drew seven targets; LAST WEEK 78.4% of snaps and ran a route on 66.7% of dropbacks, earning 20.0% target share.
- Bears Defense: Fourth-most fantasy wide receiver points allowed (ETR) AND allowing the league's seventh-most DraftKings points per game (43.4) to opposing WR's
- Darnell Mooney: Mooney has usurped Robinson as team's WR1, leading in target share (26.1% to 21.7%), Air Yards share (37.4% to 30.8%), and PPR points (79.9 to 59.1)
- Allen Robinson: Running 41.9% of his routes from the slot, Robinson should face plenty of soft PIT zone coverage that aims to limit explosive plays, while allowing underneath

GENERAL BYE NOTES:

Week 9 Byes: DET, SEA, TB, WASH

UP (consecutive weeks)

- Jared Goff: PA 15%
- Geno Smith: YPA 8.1, PA 39%
- Travis Homer: Snaps 29%, Routes 22%
- DK Metcalf: TPRR 29%, Targets 27%
- Gerald Everett: Routes 78%
- Taylor Heinicke: ADOT 8.6

- Adam Humphries: ADOT 17.7
- DeAndre Carter: Routes 68%, ADOT 16.3, Air Yards 31%

DOWN (consecutive weeks)

- TJ Hockenson: ADOT 6.1
- Alex Collins: Rush Att 42%
- Cameron Brate: TPRR 10%
- JD McKissic: Rush Att 13%
- Terry McLaurin: ADOT 10.5, Air Yards 20%
- Ricky Seals-Jones: ADOT 3.0

PHI 44 @ DET 6

- Hockenson has 27%, 26% and 34% of targets over the past three games and is the No. 3 tight end in fantasy football; over the 80% routes and 20% TPRR thresholds
- Goff 34+ att in 5 straight, < 222 yds in 3 of 4 and 4 of 6
- Swift 12-27 / 5-5-24, Hockenson 11-10-89, St Brown 5-3-36

JAX 7 @ SEA 31

- Rashaad Penny: snaps cut in half relative to Week 7 debut, Alex Collins the lead at 47%
- Geno 3 starts = 20-24-195, 12-22-167, 23-32-209; Lockett 13-12-142, DK 6-6-43

TB 27 @ N.O. 36

The Bucs throw the ball more than the NFL average in every game situation:

- Trail: +16%
- Close: +5%
- Lead: +10%
- Brady 28-40-375 -> 40+ attempts in 5 of 6 and 6 of 8, 36+ in all 8 games
- Godwin 12-8-140, T. Johnson 6-5-65, Fournette 5-3-17
- **Evans 4-2-48 (Long 41, 28+ in 4 of 5)**, Brate 4-2-15

WAS 10 @ DEN 17

- Heinicke 37+ attempts in 4 straight games, < 25 completions in 6 straight
- McKissic 8-8-83, McLaurin 7-3-23, Carter 6-3-51, RSJ 4-2-12

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