# \* LAST UPDATE \*

PFF: 9:40 p.m. PT on Tuesday 11/9

OL/DL: 10:20 p.m. ET on Thursday 11/11 PROE: 9:40 p.m. PT on Tuesday 11/9

Spreads/Totals: 12:20 a.m. ET on Thursday 11/11 (DK)

#### 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

DVP = defense vs. position

ACP = adjusted completion percentage

YPA = yards per attempt

PA = play action

# **BEST/WORST MATCHUPS:**

### WR/TE BEST INDIVIDUAL MATCHUPS -

- Chris Godwin 98.3
- Stefon Diggs 87.3
- D.K. Metcalf 86.9
- Cooper Kupp 86.5
- Davante Adams 85.1
- Deandre Hopkins 84.6
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- Rob Gronkowski 72% (\*OJ Howard/Cam Brate\*)
- Pat Freiermuth 50% / Steelers #1
- Travis Kelce 47%
- Dalton Schultz 42% / Cowboys #3
- Kyle Pitts 30%

#### WR/TE WORST MATCHUPS -

- 49ers Slot Receiver vs LAR = 0.3
- Mecole Hardman 9.0
- Mack Hollins 9.5

- Trinity Benson 9.6
- Demarcus Robinson 12.8
- Jalen Guyton 17.5
- Robby Anderson 17.6
- Chester Rogers 20.9
- Albert Wilson 21.0
- Terrace Marshall 21.8
- Adam Humphries 22.7
- Ashton Dulin 22.9
- Zach Pascal 24.3
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- Ian Thomas/Tommy Tremble -42%
- Noah Fant/Albert O -35%
- Geoff Swaim/Anthony Firkser -35%
- Ryan Griffin/Tyler Kroft -25%
- Mo Alie-Cox/Jack Doyle -23%

## QB/RB/WR/TE BEST TEAM MATCHUPS -

- QB -
- Steelers 10
- Bills 7.7
- RB -
- Bills 10 (Singletary)
- Steelers 9.1 (Najee)
- Raiders 9.0 (Jacobs)
- Cowboys 8.4 (Zeke/Pollard)
- Cardinals 7.8 (Conner/Benjamin)
- Saints 7.8 (Mark Ingram)
- <u>WR -</u>
- Steelers 10 (Diontae)
- TE -
- Steelers 10 (Freiermuth)
- Bills 9.9 (Knox)
- Cowboys 7.8/10 (Schultz)

# QB/RB/WR/TE WORST TEAM MATCHUPS -

- QB -
- Patriots 0
- Chargers 0.8
- 49ers 1.0
- Titans 1.8
- Washington 1.9
- Rams 2.6
- Chiefs 2.8

- Saints 3.0
- Jets 3.3
- Seahawks 3.3
- RB -
- 49ers 0/10 (Mitchell)
- Lions 0.1/10 (Swift)
- Titans 1.5/10 (AP)
- Jaguars 3.3/10 (Robinson/Hyde)
- <u>WR -</u>
- 49ers 0.0
- Patriots 1.3
- Raiders 2.6
- Washington 2.7
- Chiefs 2.8
- Browns 3.2
- Jets 3.3
- <u>TE -</u>
- Chargers 0.0 (Cook)
- Patriots 1.9 (Henry)
- 49ers 2.5 (Kittle)
- Titans 2.6 (Swaim/Firkser)
- Rams 3.0 (Higbee)
- Saints 3.3 (Trautman)

# **BEST RUN BLOCKING -**

- Cowboys 75%
- Chargers 74%
- Chiefs 72%
- Browns 66%
- Washington 59%
- Panthers 59%
- Saints 51%
- Patriots 51%
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- Bucs 49%
- Colts 47%
- Rams 46%
- Falcons 46%
- Cardinals 42%
- Jets 37%
- Steelers 32%
- Bills 32%
- Vikings 31%
- Eagles 26%

## **WORST RUN BLOCKING -**

Packers -26%

#### **BEST PASS BLOCKING -**

- Saints 32%
- Cowboys 30%

## WORST PASS BLOCKING -

- Lions -52%
- 49ers -46%
- Panthers -32%
- Raiders -30%
- Chiefs -29%

# **BAL @ MIA (+7; 46.5)**

Vegas Spread: BAL 26.75, MIA 19.75

Steve's Rating: BAL -8

## Last Week: Vikings 31 @ Ravens 34

- Lamar 21-120 rushing (both season highs); 51+ in 4 straight and 7 of 8, 62+ in 3 of last 4
- Lamar 12+ rush att in 3 of last 4; Freeman 13-79 / 3-2-4; Bell 11-48 / 0-0
- Brown 12-9-116, Andrews 10-5-44, Bateman 8-5-52, Ricard 5-3-35 (no rushes)

#### Last Week: Texans 9 @ Dolphins 17

- Brissett 26-43-244; in 5 full games now attempts = 40, 49, 30 (vs Colts), 39, 43
- Brissett completions 24-32-20-27-26, Brissett yards 275/244 in last 2 starts (TB/HOU)
- Gaskin 20-34 / 6-6-23 (26 touches); Ahmed 4-6 / 0-0
- Waddle 10-8-83, Gesicki 8-4-54, Hollins 6-3-22

#### **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Devonta Freeman Snaps 58%, Routes 56%
- Ty'Son Williams LDD 27%, 2MIN 7%
- Myles Gaskin Targets 15%
- Jaylen Waddle ADOT 9.8

#### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Le'Veon Bell Snaps 23%, Routes 9%, LDD 9%
- Ty'Son Williams Snaps 18%, Rush Att 0%, Routes 10%, Targets 0%
- Salvon Ahmed Snaps 19%, Routes 14%, LDD 0%
- Patrick Laird Snaps 9%, Routes 10%, Targets 0%, LDD 29%

# **PFF/ETR Grades:**

Coverage: BAL #21 / MIA #18

Pass Rush: BAL #18 / MIA #21
Pass Blk: MIA #32 / BAL #16

Pass Net: BAL PASS RUSH +14 / BAL PASS BLK +5

Run Def: BAL #19 / MIA #5
Run Blk: MIA #30 / BAL #5
Run Net: BAL RUN DEF +11

DL (ETR): BAL #19 / MIA #30
OL (ETR): MIA #32 / BAL #23

Net Rating: BAL DL +13 / BAL OL +7

### Snaps & Pace: PROE -> BAL #14 / MIA #5

- BAL -> Before Week 9/over the past five games, Lamar Jackson had thrown the ball an average of 33.8 times while the running backs have averaged 17.2 carries; maintaining a 54% drop back rate when playing with a lead; It's ALSO worth noting that BAL is a pass funnel, facing the league's third-highest pass rate (63%) in one-score games
- MIA -> No other team is more pass-heavy than the Dolphins, who throw the ball well above the league averages in every situation: Trailing: +8%, Close: +5%, Leading: +15% AND they also throw the third-most inside the five (65%); Miami ALSO ranking fourth in situation-neutral pass rate (65%) and fifth in PROE; With Jacoby Brissett under center for five games this season, Miami has surprisingly increased their pass rate when games are within one score to a mouth-watering 68% clip; ALSO Cranking up the dropbacks to a blistering 76% rate when trailing; Miami has faced the league's sixth-most pass attempts in one-score games, allowing a league-high 41 completions of 20-plus-yards and the fifth-most DraftKings points (43.4) to opposing wide receivers.

#### Matchups:

- (UPGRADE -> Mark Andrews) Dolphins vs. TE's: MIA allowing fifth-most yards to TE's
- (UPGRADE -> Myles Gaskin) Ravens vs. RB's: BAL allowing 8th-most fantasy running back points, including the sixth-most receiving yards to opposing RB's (468).

**Favorable matchup: Rashod Bateman:** From Weeks 5-8, Miami saw six different wide receivers score 15-plus points against it. Bateman has an 18% target share in his three games since activation for a team that has averaged an effective league average 36.7 pass attempts.

#### Notes:

Lamar Jackson: 80.3 rushing-yards average over his last four appearances

- <u>Devonta Freeman:</u> 58% snaps in Week 9 (second highest by any Ravens RB all season)
- Marquise Brown: In Weeks 6-9 with Bateman in and without Watkins, Marquise Brown had a massive 28.4% target share and 41.9% Air Yards share on a juicy 14.6 aDOT.
- Rashod Bateman: has at least six targets in each game this season AND season-high 82% routes per dropback with Sammy Watkins sidelined again; running a route on 78.1% of Jackson dropbacks on average so far, Bateman also ranks third on the team in target share (18.4%) and Air Yards share (20.3%) when active
- Mark Andrews: at least five targets in every game this season. Miami's defense has given up the eighth-most DraftKings points (16.5) to the position.
- Myles Gaskin: season-high 72% snaps and touches (26), role solid despite poor yardage/efficiency, ALSO season-highs in rush attempts and routes in Week 9
- <u>Salvon Ahmed</u>: exactly seven carries and two targets in each of the last three games, handled 25.6% of the backfield's rushing attempts in two weeks sans Malcolm Brown.
- <u>Jaylen Waddle</u>: double-digit targets in three of his last four games; in 3 full games sans Parker/Fuller, Waddle leads BAL in target share (21.4%), 2nd Air Yards share (21.4%), ALSO lowly 6.7 aDOT, running 76.3% of routes within 9 yards of line of scrimmage
- Mike Gesicki: has topped 80% of routes three straight games; Lining up in the slot or out wide for 95% snaps; 2nd in target share (18.1%), 1st in Air Yards share (24.5%), AND Ravens defense that's allowing the most DK points (19.9) to opposing tight ends

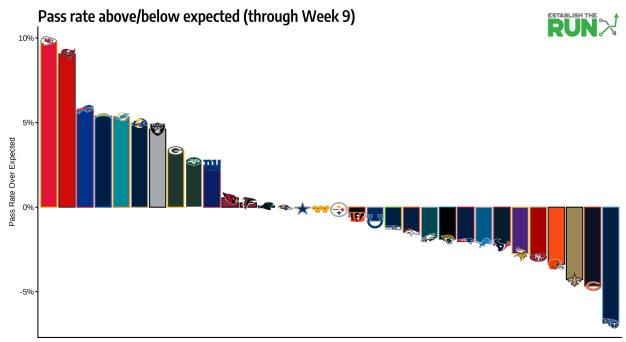


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# ATL @ DAL (-8; 54.5)

Vegas Spread: DAL 31.25, ATL 23.25

Steve's Rating: DAL -9

### Last Week: Falcons 27 @ Saints 25

- Ryan 343 yards, 11.4 YPA (season high), 336+ in 3 of last 4; Long 64, 39+ in 4 of last 5
- Patterson 9-10 / 6-6-126, Davis 9-13 / 2-1-5
- Gage 8-7-64, Pitts 7-3-62 (Long 39, 39+ in 3 of last 4, 25+ in 4 of last 6)
- Zacchaeus 3-3-58, Hurst 3-2-16

#### Last Week: Broncos 30 @ Cowboys 16

- Zeke 10-51 / 3-3-25, Pollard 4-11 / 2-1-32, Dak 2-16 rushing
- Lamb 9-2-23, Cooper 5-2-37 (Long 32, 24+ in 4 of last 5), Schultz 5-4-54, Wilson 5-2-28
- Turner 7-5-33 (ALL IN GARBAGE TIME)

# **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Cordarrelle Patterson Targets 21%
- Russell Gage Routes 84%
- Tajae Sharpe Routes 84%
- Olamide Zacchaeus Routes 57%, Targets 11%, ADOT 17.3, Air Yards 18%
- Dak Prescott ADOT 12.5
- Tony Pollard Snaps 39%, Routes 37%, Targets 5%, LDD 45%

CeeDee Lamb - ADOT 23.6

#### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Cordarrelle Patterson Snaps 56%, Rush Att 54%
- Mike Davis Routes 35%
- Kyle Pitts Targets 21%, Air Yards 30%
- Hayden Hurst Routes 38%, ADOT 3.3, Air Yards 3%
- Dak Prescott ACP 55%, PA 11%
- Ezekiel Elliott Targets 8%, TPRR 15%, LDD 55%
- Amari Cooper Routes 59%/CeeDee Lamb Routes 70% (disregard, re: blowout)

#### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: ATL #24 / DAL #15
P-DVOA Def: ATL #27 / DAL #7
P-DVOA Off: DAL #4 / ATL #20

P-DVOA Net: DAL Pass Off +23 / DAL Pass Def +13

Pass Rush: ATL #32 / DAL #10
Pass Blk: DAL #4 / ATL #27

Pass Net: DAL Pass Blk +28 / Dal Pass Rush +17

R-DVOA Def: ATL #27 / DAL #15 R-DVOA Off: DAL #15 / ATL #32

R-DVOA Net: DAL Run Off +12 / Dal Run Def +17

Run Def: ATL #20 / DAL #26 Run Blk: DAL #1 / ATL #17

Run Net: DAL Run Blk +19 / ATL Run Blk +9

DL (ETR): ATL #29 / DAL #16
OL (ETR): DAL #6 / ATL #27

Net Rating: DAL OL +23 / DAL DL +11

OL/DL: Cowboys OL (6th) > Falcons DL (29th)

# Snaps & Pace: PROE -> DAL #15 / ATL #12 (UP IN PACE) Both teams T10 in neutral pace

- ATL -> Despite Ridley gone, ATL still passes at a top-12 rate while games are close, on the season and over last month. Games average a top-10 combined play total (128)
- DAL -> Cowboys games average the eighth-most combined plays (128.5) and second-most total points (54.1). They are nearly a double-digit favorite (-9.5), and of the 22 teams that have run at least 20 plays while up 10-plus points, the Cowboys operate at the third-fastest pace in those advantaged game scripts. the Cowboys

ALSO throw the ball less than the NFL average in all game scripts: trailing by four or more: -2%; within three points: -1%; leading by four or more: -4%

### **Matchups:**

- DAL projected for most points of the week vs Atlanta's №31 adjusted sack rate defense
- <u>Dallas Defense:</u> Has held enemy running backs to the league's fifth-fewest fantasy points. Also league's ninth most fantasy tight end points allowed (ETR).
- Falcons Defense: Allowing 9th-most fantasy QB & RB points (ETR), 29th DVP vs QB's
- Cowboys allow the 8th-most passing yards per game (270.5) and Ryan putting up 20.5 PPG since Week 4. Ryan has at least 300 yards and two touchdowns in all but one road game this season (the game is in Dallas), and this matchup has the highest over/under.
- Cowboys defense allowing the 3rd-highest catch rate to running backs this season
- Dallas is allowing the 2nd-most rushing yards per game to running backs the last 4 weeks.

#### **Notes: FINISHED**

- Zeke Elliott: Week 9 was the first touch count below 20 since Week 2 (ETR).
- CeeDee Lamb: 212 air yards (most in Week 9); also 9 targets despite box score dud
- Cordarrelle Patterson: 6 of his past 7 games he's had 5+ receptions.

# N.O. @ TEN (-2.5; 44.5)

Vegas Spread: TEN 23.5, NO 21

Steve's Rating: TEN -5

## Last Week: Falcons 27 @ Saints 25

- Kamara 13-50 / 7-4-54, Ingram 9-43 / 5-5-21 (\*Kamara hasn't practiced yet this week)
- Harris 8-6-52, Trautman 7-4-47, Callaway 6-3-25, Stills 5-2-30, Smith 4-3-53

#### Last Week: Titans 28 @ Rams 16

- AP 10-21 / 1-1-5, McNichols 7-24 / 3-3-11, Foreman 5-29 / 0-0
- AJB 11-5-42, Julio 4-4-35, Swaim 4-4-29 (low pass volume due to positive game script)

## **<u>Trends:</u>** UP (consecutive weeks)

• Ryan Tannehill - Designed Rush 8%

- Jeremy McNichols Snaps 45%, Routes 38%, Targets 12%
- Trevor Siemian ADOT 9.1, ACP 71%, YPA 5.7
- Mark Ingram Snaps 34%, Rush Att 32%, Routes 23%, Targets 13%, TPRR 45%,
   LDD 27%, 2MIN 40% (INVOLVED EVERYWHERE/MONITOR KAMARA INJURY)
- Tre'Quan Smith Routes 88%
- Deonte Harris Routes 42%, TPRR 39%, ADOT 8.1
- Adam Trautman TPRR 21%, Targets 18%, ADOT 9.3, Air Yards 18%

## **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Ryan Tannehill ADOT 4.0, YPA 4.8
- AJ Brown ADOT 8.5 (BECOME A PRIORITY/LOWER ADOT IS GOOD)
- Anthony Firkser ADOT -1.0
- Trevor Siemian PA 17%, Designed Rush 0%, Scrambles 0%
- Alvin Kamara Rush Att 46%
- Deonte Harris Targets 18%, Air Yards 16% (still solid numbers despite limited routes)

#### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: NO #11 / TEN #2
P-DVOA Def: NO #13 / TEN #8
P-DVOA Off: TEN #22 / NO #14

P-DVOA Net: NO Pass Def +9 / TEN Pass Def +6

Pass Rush: NO #29 / TEN #30
Pass Blk: TEN #28 / NO #14
Pass Net: NO Pass Blk +16

R-DVOA Def: NO #1 / TEN #24
R-DVOA Off: TEN #9 / NO #20
R-DVOA Net: NO Run Def +8

Run Def: NO #2 / TEN #27 Run Blk: TEN #9 / NO #14

Run Net: NO Run Def +7 / NO Run Blk +13

DL (ETR): NO #5 / TEN #14 OL (ETR): TEN #13 / NO #2

Net Rating: NO DL +8 / NO OL +12

### Snaps & Pace: PROE -> NO #30 / TEN #21 \*BUT NOW PASSING MORE W/O HENRY\*

• TEN -> Through eight weeks situation-neutral pass rate ranked 28th (52%). While their game with the Rams was close, Tennessee threw at the 10th-highest clip of Week 9 (64%), a 64% rate would rank eighth highest for the full season; ALSO their situation-neutral pace had been trending up — and it was the 10th fastest of Week 9

without Henry. Tennessee's games average the fifth-most combined plays and ninth-most total points during the last four weeks

The Titans led the Rams by four or more points on 81% of plays and were never in a trailing script. In three other games this season where the Titans haven't been in a trailing script, they ran 51%, 58%, and 50%. On Sunday night, they ran the ball 45%. Already a post-Henry shift.

N.O. -> ranking seventh lowest in pass rate in Week 9, BUT dropbacks per game are up to 43.3 (excluding overtime) over the last three games (10th). New Orleans runs the ball more than the NFL average in all situations: Trailing by four or more: +6%; Within three points: +3%; Leading by four or more: +10%; Neutral first downs: +3%

## Matchups:

- DOWNGRADE-> A.J. Brown vs. Marshon Lattimore (shadow): Brown has handled a massive 36% target share and is fantasy's No. 5-scoring wideout since returning from injury in Week 5. Lattimore has already successfully shadowed Davante Adams (5-56-0), Terry McLaurin (4-46-0), DK Metcalf (2-96-1) and Mike Evans (2-48-1) this season, HOWEVER, the Saints have allowed the fourth-most over expected fantasy points to wideouts overall this season AND Brown has shredded man coverage this season (the Saints are in man coverage a league-high 63% of the time.
- DOWNGRADE-> Adrian Peterson and Jeremy McNichols

Titans run block win rate rank: 23rd Saints run stop win rate rank: 2nd

Cameron Jordan ranking first among all edge players in RSWR.

- **UPGRADE-> Deonte Harris/Tre'Quan Smith/ Marquez Callaway:** TEN struggling to contain opposing WR's, affording a league-most 47.2 PPR fantasy points per game to the position for the season, and 2nd-most 43.9 points in merely the past five weeks.
- Titans had highest neutral pass rate (56%) since beginning of 2020 last week vs Rams
- Titans passing and rushing offenses looked bad in general (outside of throws to A.J. Brown) against the Rams: averaged 4.6 yards per dropback and 2.6 yards per carry.
- Saints had season-low 39% neutral pass rate last week with Jameis Winston (ACL) out.
- Tennessee is 25th in rushing EPA defense
- New Orleans holds RB's to a league-low 2.8 ypc and 53.1 rushing yards per game.

#### Notes: ETR FINISHED.

• <u>Saints Defense:</u> Allowing second-fewest fantasy points to running backs. Allowing the NFL's fourth-fewest fantasy points to tight ends (ETR).

- Alvin Kamara: routes on 66% of dropbacks, had more targets; Ingram 25% routes; BUT his percentage of the RB carries on the Saints has fallen from 83.5% pre-Ingram to 65.1% post-Ingram. Additionally, his target share has fallen from 22.3% to 14%
- Mark Ingram: 22% and 23% TPRR marks in his first two games
- Tre'Quan Smith: 16 regular season games without exceeding 60 yards (ETR).
- Marquez Callaway: has topped 41 yards twice in eight 2021 games (ETR).
- <u>Titans Defense:</u> Allows second-most fantasy receiver points (ETR).
- Ryan Tannehill: has cleared 300 passing yards in just 1-of-9 starts (ETR).
- <u>D'Onta Foreman/Adrian Peterson:</u> Foreman doubled Peterson in missed tackles forced per attempt (0.20) and yards after contact (4.20)
- AJ Brown: has topped 30% of targets in four consecutive games; hogging 52% of Tennessee's air yards and 35% of their targets over the last five weeks.

# JAX @ IND (-10; 47.5)

Vegas Spread: IND 28.75, JAX 18.75

Steve's Rating: IND -13.5

## Last Week: Bills 6 @ Jaquars 9

- Hyde 21-67 / 2-1-6, Agnew 1-11 / 5-3-27, Dare 1-1 / 1-1-4, Lawrence 3-4 rushing
- Arnold 7-4-60, Jones 5-3-21, Shenault 4-4-24

### Last Week: Jets 30 @ Colts 45

- Wentz Long 31, first game without long of 36+ after 7 straight weeks (!)
- JT 19-172 / 2-2-28, Hines 6-74 / 6-4-34, Wentz 4-13 rushing
- Pascal 7-4-58, Pittman 6-5-64, Dulin 2-2-23, Doyle 2-1-1, Alie-Cox 1-1-28

#### **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Trevor Lawrence Designed Rush 10%
- Carlos Hyde Snaps 79%, LDD 58%, 2MIN 100% (\*Robinson still hasn't practiced)
- Marvin Jones Routes 97%
- Jamal Agnew TPRR 23%
- Dan Arnold Routes 75%, TPRR 26%, Targets 22%, Air Yards 26%
- Jonathan Taylor LDD 71% (\*if he starts getting this, could push for overall RB1)

- Nyheim Hines Snaps 45%, Routes 42%, 2MIN 100% (\*also benefiting w/o Mack)
- Zach Pascal ADOT 20.6
- Mo Alie-Cox Routes 64%
- Jack Doyle ADOT 9.0, Air Yards 7%

#### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Laviska Shenault ADOT 4.2
- Michael Pittman ADOT 6.4, Air Yards 13% (\*could stay here if Hilton comes back)
- Mo Alie-Cox TPRR 5%, Targets 4%
- Jack Doyle Routes 52%

### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: JAX #23 / IND #25
P-DVOA Def: JAX #32 / IND #26
P-DVOA Off: IND #15 / JAX #27
P-DVOA Net: IND Pass Off +17

Pass Rush: JAX #22 / IND #9
Pass Blk: IND #21 / JAX #12

Pass Net: N/A

R-DVOA Def: JAX #8 / IND #2 R-DVOA Off: IND #5 / JAX #6

R-DVOA Net: N/A

Run Def: JAX #15 / IND #4
Run Blk: IND #18 / JAX #24
Run Net: IND Run Def +20

DL (ETR): JAX #31 / IND #22
OL (ETR): IND #11 / JAX #24
Net Rating: IND OL +20

OL/DL: Colts OL (11th) > Jaguars DL (31st)

# Snaps & Pace: PROE -> IND #19 / JAX #23 (SLOW PACED SLOG)

- JAX -> Jacksonville has scored 16 total points in the last two games. They rank third
  worst in scoring on a per-snap basis. Their games average the sixth-fewest total points
  (42.6), and a league-worst 32 during the last month. Their top pass catchers are Jamal
  Agnew and a tight end they traded for in Week 4; After operating at the fastest
  situation-neutral pace through the opening three weeks, JAX is 7th-slowest offense since
- **IND** -> Indianapolis is facing the fifth-highest opponent run rate during neutral situations (48%), so we should see plenty of handoffs from Jacksonville at least while the game

remains close; the double-digit favorite Colts (-10.5) operate at the fifth-slowest pace when winning by at least 10 points. Indianapolis is ALSO the 4th-slowest offense overall on the season AND registered 4th-highest run rate of Week 9. IND has gone from a 61% pass rate through the first 6 weeks (12th) to a 55% rate during past month (21st). As a result, their contests average 5th-fewest combined snaps

#### Matchups:

- UPGRADE -> Laviska Shenault Jr/ Jamal Agnew/ Marvin Jones Jr. vs. Xavier
   Rhodes/ Kenny Moore II/ Rock Ya-Sin: The Colts have allowed most fantasy points over expected and fourth most to the perimeter Jones (70% perimeter) and Shenault
- DOWNGRADE-> Colts' Michael Pittman Jr. vs. Jaguars' Shaquill Griffin (shadow):
   Jaguars have struggled against wide receivers this season, but Griffin has played well.
   Griffin has shadowed A.J. Brown (3-38-0), DK Metcalf (6-43-2), Stefon Diggs (6-85-0).
   However the Jaguars have allowed third most over expected fantasy points to WR, as well as the seventh most to the perimeter. We're upgrading T.Y. Hilton (if he's back from a concussion) and Zach Pascal, and slightly decreasing expectations for Pittman)
- DOWNGRADE-> James Robinson: Along with the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Colts are
  one of two teams to have not had a running back score 20 PPR fantasy points against
  them, and that's despite the position averaging a near-league-average 21.1 rushing
  attempts per game against them.
- **UPGRADE-> Dan Arnold:** Arnold leads the entire team with 24.8 PPR fantasy points and a 23% target share while playing 66% of the offensive snaps. As the Colts have been simply awful at containing tight ends in the red zone, with the position combining to catch 10-of-11 targets for six touchdowns in those situations.
- JAX allowing the 2nd-highest completion percentage to opposing quarterbacks
- Superb OL play partially explains why Wentz is 3rd in EPA per play since Week 4

#### **Notes: FINISHED**

- <u>Colts Defense:</u> Seventh-fewest fantasy points to RBs. Fifth-most fantasy points to WRs Seventh-most fantasy tight end points (ETR).
- <u>Jonathan Taylor:</u> two targets while Nyheim Hines had six BUT Taylor still ran more routes than Hines, which he's done for six straight weeks now.
- Nyheim Hines: Touch counts over his last six appearances are 10, 6, 9, 5, 4, 4 (ETR).
- Zach Pascal: has at least five targets in all but one game and is averaging seven targets/game over his last three. ...Below 60 yards in 11 straight games (ETR).

- Trevor Lawrence: Just one start above 275 passing yards since Week 1 (ETR).
- Marvin Jones: Held to 62 yards or fewer in six of Jacksonville's last seven games (ETR)
- <u>Jamal Agnew:</u> has out-targeted Laviska Shenault 30-21 over the last four games
- <u>Laviska Shenault:</u> Four targets or fewer in three of the Jags' last four games and cleared 60 total yards in 1-of-8 appearances (ETR).
- <u>Jamal Agnew:</u> Averaged 7.5 targets over the Jaguars' last four games (ETR).
- Dan Arnold is averaging a 5–55–0 line on 7.5 targets in the last four games; over the past four weeks, only T.J. Hockenson and Travis Kelce have averaged more TE targets, 19.2% target share over the last four games AND the Colts are 31st in DvP vs. TE's

# CLE @ NE (-2.5; 45)

Vegas Spread: NE 23.75, CLE 21.25

Steve's Rating: NE -2.5

## Last Week: Browns 41 @ Bengals 16

- Chubb 14-137 / 2-2-26, Johnson 8-16 / 0-0
- Landry 5-3-11, DPJ 3-2-86 (Long 60, 42+ in 3 straight games)
- Njoku 3-1-18, Bryant 2-2-26, Hooper 2-2-14

#### Last Week: Patriots 24 @ Panthers 6

- Harris 15-30 / 1-1-3, Stevenson 10-62 / 2-2-44, Bolden 8-54 / 2-2-27
- Jakobi 4-1-8, Bourne 4-3-34, Henry 3-2-19, Jonnu 2-1-4

## **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Baker Mayfield ADOT 12.4, YPA 9.9, PA 29% (\*taking deep shots/relaxed w/o OBJ)
- Nick Chubb Routes 42%, Targets 12%, TPRR 20%
- Donovan Peoples-Jones ADOT 28.7
- David Njoku TPRR 18%, Targets 12%, ADOT 13.5, Air Yards 13%
- Rhamondre Stevenson Snaps 27%, Rush Att 25%, Routes 32%, Targets 13%
- Brandon Bolden Snaps 47%, Rush Att 20%, Routes 45%
- Jakobi Meyers Routes 100%, ADOT 10.3, Air Yards 33%
- Nelson Agholor Routes 95% (ZERO TARGETS)
- Kendrick Bourne Targets 19%

## **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

D'Ernest Johnson - Routes 21%

- Mac Jones PA 27%
- Hunter Henry Routes 64%

### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: CLE #3 / NE #10
P-DVOA Def: CLE #19 / NE #6
P-DVOA Off: NE #21 / CLE #11
P-DVOA Net: NE Pass Def +5

Pass Rush: CLE #4 / NE #25
Pass Blk: NE #17 / CLE #11

Pass Net: CLE Pass Rush +13 / CLE Pass Blk +14

R-DVOA Def: CLE #5 / NE #17
R-DVOA Off: NE #17 / CLE #1
R-DVOA Net: CLE Run Off +16

Run Def: CLE #8 / NE #21
Run Blk: NE #12 / CLE #3
Run Net: CLE Run Blk +18

DL (ETR): CLE #2 / NE #20 OL (ETR): NE #10 / CLE #3

Net Rating: CLE DL +8 / CLE OL +17

# Snaps & Pace: PROE -> CLE #29 / NE #24 (SLOW PACED SLOG)

CLE -> operating at the third-slowest situation-neutral pace, while running at the fourth-highest rate (48%). Their games average the fifth-fewest combined plays (123.1), and that mark has fallen over the past four weeks (120.8; 2nd fewest); we can also expect the Patriots' bottom-12-graded run defense — which has faced the eighth-highest opponent run rate over the last four weeks — to be focus for CLE

The Browns run the ball more than the NFL average in every game script.

- Trailing by four or more: +11%
- Within three points: +5%
- Leading by four or more: +3%
- NE -> ranked 2nd in situation-neutral pass rate over the first 4 weeks (68%) before
  plunging to third lowest during the last month (47%). After deploying the fifth-slowest
  situation-neutral pace of Week 9, they've dropped into the bottom 12 for the season; it is
  doubtful that New England will alter their ground-based approach against a
  Browns defense grading third in coverage and fourth in pass rush, via PFF.

#### Matchups:

### DOWNGRADE-> Mac Jones

Patriots block win rate rank: 14th Browns pass rush win rate rank: 1st

Myles Garrett the pass rush win rate leader at edge (in addition to leading the league in sacks), but Jadeveon Clowney is second in the same category. Malik McDowell is playing well and ranks seventh in PRWR at defensive tackle

Patriots defense allowing the 7th highest neutral run rate against (FAVORS D'ERNEST)

#### **Notes: FINISHED**

- Nick Chubb: 16 of 18 RB touches prior to final two drives (workhorse workload)
- Jarvis Landry: 25% target share in all three of his games since returning from injury
- Mac Jones: Has topped 275 passing yards once since Week 1 (ETR)
- Jakobi Meyers: Hasn't cleared 60 yards since Week 4 (ETR)

# BUF @ NYJ (+11.5; 47.5)

Vegas Spread: BUF 29.5, NYJ 18

Steve's Rating: BUF -11

## Last Week: Bills 6 @ Jaguars 9

- Allen 31-47-264, 5-50 rushing; Singletary 6-16 / 8-7-43; Moss 3-6 / 4-2-18 (HURT)
- Beasley 11-8-33, Diggs 8-6-85, Sanders 8-4-65

## Last Week: Jets 30 @ Colts 45

- Jets QB's combined: 34-52-412, now 71-97-817 (!!!) over last two weeks
- Carter 13-49 / 2-1-37, Johnson 4-21 / 3-2-40, Josh Johnson 4-18 rushing
- Moore 8-7-84 (Long 26, 24+ in 2 straight), Cole 8-5-66, Crowder 7-5-38
- Griffin 7-4-28, Mims 5-1-20, J. Smith 4-3-40, Kroft 3-2-38, Berrios 3-2-5

## **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Devin Singletary Snaps 72%, Routes 64%, Targets 19%, TPRR 24%, LDD 54%,
   2MIN 67% (\*monitor Zack Moss injury)
- Cole Beasley TPRR 32%
- Tommy Sweeney Routes 80%
- Mike White YPA 8.6, PA 36% (left game early due to injury, but now fully healthy)
- Josh Johnson ADOT 8.3, YPA 7.6, Designed Rush 6%, Scrambles 6%
- Ty Johnson 2MIN 65%
- Denzel Mims Targets 8%

Keelan Cole - Targets 15%, ADOT 11.9, Air Yards 22%

### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Josh Allen ACP 73%, YPA 5.5, PA 23%, Designed Rush 18%
- Stefon Diggs TPRR 17% (\*routes up to 88% though, great number)
- Emmanuel Sanders Air Yards 37% (\*routes up to 100% from 80's)
- Cole Beasley Routes 64%, ADOT 5.5
- Tommy Sweeney ADOT 3.5
- Josh Johnson ACP 69%, PA 10%
- Michael Carter Snaps 60%, Routes 47%
- Ty Johnson Targets 6%, TPRR 12% (\*dipped due to Josh Johnson, not White)
- Corey Davis Routes 68%, ADOT 12.3, Air Yards 29%
- Ryan Griffin ADOT 5.9

## **PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:**

Coverage: BUF #1 / NYJ #28
P-DVOA Def: BUF #1 / NYJ #30
P-DVOA Off: NYJ #28 / BUF #16
P-DVOA Net: BUF Pass Def +27

Pass Rush: NYJ #14 / BUF #14 Pass Blk: BUF #19 / NYJ #15

Pass Net: N/A

R-DVOA Def: BUF #3 / NYJ #31 R-DVOA Off: NYJ #22 / BUF #25

R-DVOA Net: **BUF Run Def +19** / BUF Run Off +6

Run Def: BUF #11 / NYJ #32 Run Blk: NYJ #10 / BUF #28

Run Net: N/A

DL (ETR): BUF #12 / NYJ #27
OL (ETR): NYJ #29 / BUF #12

Net Rating: BUF DL +17 / BUF OL +15

## OL/DL: Bills DL (12th) > Jets OL (29th)

 Bills' DL ranks seventh in pass rush win rate, 11th in adjusted sack rate, and first in pressure percentage. The Jets' OL ranks 23rd in adjusted sack rate, and 24th in pressure percentage given up

#### Snaps & Pace: PROE -> BUF #3 / NYJ #9

The Bills pass the ball more than the NFL average in all situations:

• Trailing by four or more: +5%

Within three points: +12%Leading by four or more: +9%

Neutral first downs: +21%

• Inside the five: +8%

NYJ -> Jets have 3rd-most dropbacks per game (excluding overtime) over last 3 games and 2nd-most plays. New York is now 7th in neutral-first-down pass rate (51%)

Bills ALSO 2nd in PROE over the last month AND NYJ is 29th in yards per play allowed

#### Matchups:

- UPGRADE-> Stefon Diggs/ Cole Beasley/ Emmanuel Sanders vs. Brandin Echols/ Michael Carter II/ Bryce Hall
- DOWNGRADE-> Jets' Elijah Moore, Jamison Crowder and Corey Davis vs. Bills' Tre'Davious White, Taron Johnson and Levi Wallace: Jaguars' wideouts combined for 72 yards on 16 targets vs Buffalo last week. Buffalo has now allowed the fewest fantasy points over expected to the position, including the fewest to the perimeter and 10th fewest to the slot. The Bills have allowed 928 receiving yards, two touchdowns and 5.5 yards per target to the position, all of which are lowest in the league
- Jets' №29 rushing EPA and №32 fantasy RB defense on deck.
- New York is projected for the 26th most points of the week (17.25).
- Bills defense ranks first in passing EPA, rushing EPA, fantasy QBs allowed, fantasy RBs allowed, and fantasy WRs allowed.

## **Notes:** ETR FINISHED.

- Josh Allen: 5.6 and 6.1 aDOT past two games (was never below 8.2 in first six games before bye defenses seem to be taking away the deep shots like they have with the Chiefs could mean more underneath targets for Cole Beasley and the RBs, AS WELL AS potentially more running from Allen; averaging 7.1 carries per game.
- <u>Stefon Diggs:</u> has drawn eight-plus targets in 6-of-8 games with target counts of 9, 13, and 11 over the past three weeks (ETR)
- Elijah Moore: routes back up to 65%
- <u>Michael Carter:</u> Bills ruled out MLB Tremaine Edmunds (hamstring). This development slightly benefits Jets RB Michael Carter.
- Ty Johnson: at least six targets in each of the last two games

# **DET @ PIT (-8; 42.5)**

Vegas Spread: PIT 25.25, DET 17.25

Steve's Rating: PIT -8

#### Last Week: LIONS BYE

- 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

### Last Week: Bears 27 @ Steelers 29

- Najee 22-62 / 3-3-16, Diontae 6-5-56, Freiermuth 6-5-43
- Claypool 5-3-30 (HURT LATE), Washington 3-1-42

## **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

• Jared Goff - PA 15%

### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

TJ Hockenson - ADOT 6.1

#### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: DET #32 / PIT #29
P-DVOA Def: DET #29 / PIT #20
P-DVOA Off: PIT #19 / DET #30

P-DVOA Net: PIT Pass Off +10 / Pitt Pass Def +10

Pass Rush: DET #23 / PIT #5
Pass Blk: PIT #9 / DET #25

Pass Net: PIT Pass Blk +14 / PIT Pass Rush +20

R-DVOA Def: DET #25 / PIT #9
R-DVOA Off: PIT #19 / DET #28

R-DVOA Net: PIT Run Off +6 / PIT Run Def +19

Run Def: DET #23 / PIT #3
Run Blk: PIT #29 / DET #15

Run Net: DET Run Def +6 / PIT Run Def +12

DL (ETR): DET #28 / PIT #3
OL (ETR): PIT #26 / DET #22

Net Rating: PIT DL +19

## OL/DL: Steelers DL (3rd) > Lions OL (22nd)

• Steelers' DL ranks sixth in pass rush win rate, third in pressure percentage. The Lions' OL ranks 26th in pass block win rate, 21st in adjusted sack rate, and 27th in pressure percentage given up. On the interior, Cam Heyward will give center Evan Brown fits in what will be his fifth career start.

Snaps & Pace: PROE -> PIT #17 / DET #25

#### Matchups:

- UPGRADE-> Diontae Johnson/ James Washington/ Chase Claypool vs. Jerry
  Jacobs/ AJ Parker/ Amani Oruwariye: Detroit has allowed the 13th-fewest fantasy
  points to WR, but the second-most over expected. Lions have faced the fewest WR
  routes and 4th-fewest WR targets, but have allowed the highest yards per target (15.3)
  and 5th-highest catch rate (69%) to the position.
- UPGRADE-> Amon-Ra St. Brown vs. Arthur Maulet (slot)
- UPGRADE-> Ben Roethlisberger
   Steelers pass block win rate rank: 30th
   Lions pass rush win rate rank: 31st
- Detroit's defense is dead last in passing EPA.
- Lions give up a league-high 15.3 yards per reception to wide receivers.

#### **Notes: FINISHED**

- Steelers Defense: Allows eighth-fewest fantasy QB points/fifth-fewest RB points (ETR).
- <u>Diontae Johnson:</u> still averaging 10 targets per game, a 32 percent target share, and 40 percent of the Steelers' air yards over the past three weeks. ...Double-digit targets in 16 of his last 23 appearances (70%) (ETR).
- Pat Freiermuth: 79% routes, six targets AND now Chase Claypool expected to be week to week. Could become de facto 1B next to Diontae Johnson in the passing game.
- <u>Lions Defense:</u> Allows second-most fantasy points to running backs (ETR).
- <u>D'Andre Swift:</u> Enters Week 10 with snap rates above 70% in five straight contests and touch counts of 17, 21, 18, and 17 in the last four (ETR).
- Najee Harris 22-plus carries and 25-plus touches in four straight games.

# TB @ WAS (+9.5; 51.5)

Vegas Spread: TB 30.5, WAS 21

Steve's Rating: TB -10.5

### **Last Week: BUCS BYE**

- 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

## **Last Week: WAS BYE**

- 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

# **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

• Taylor Heinicke: ADOT 8.6

Adam Humphries: ADOT 17.7

• DeAndre Carter: Routes 68%, ADOT 16.3, Air Yards 31%

Leonard Fournette: 2MIN 100%

### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

• JD McKissic: Rush Att 13%

Terry McLaurin: ADOT 10.5, Air Yards 20%

Ricky Seals-Jones: ADOT 3.0
Cameron Brate: TPRR 10%
Giovani Bernard: 2MIN 0%

• Cameron Brate: Routes 64%, TPRR 10%

#### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: TB #9 / WAS #30
P-DVOA Def: TB #10 / WAS #31
P-DVOA Off: WAS #23 / TB #1

P-DVOA Net: TB Pass Def +13 / TB Pass Off +30

Pass Rush: TB #26 / WAS #2
Pass Blk: WAS #2 / TB #3
Pass Net: WAS Pass Blk +24

R-DVOA Def: TB #4 / WAS #10
R-DVOA Off: WAS #26 / TB #7
R-DVOA Net: TB Run Def +22

Run Def: TB #14 / WAS #7
Run Blk: WAS #8 / TB #13

Run Net: WAS Run Blk +6 / WAS Run Def +6

DL (ETR): TB #1 / WAS #7
OL (ETR): WAS #15 / TB #1
Net Rating: TB DL +14 / TB OL +6

# Snaps & Pace: PROE -> (UP IN PACE) TB #2 / WAS #16

**TB** -> Bucs throw the ball more than the NFL average in every game situation:

Trail: +16%Close: +5%Lead: +10%

TB contests average the league's most combined plays (130) and an NFL-high 55.4 points; STILL the ninth-quickest offense after registering the third-fastest pace of the week in their loss to the Saints. Tom Brady is passing at a league-high 68% clip while games are close, and the fourth-highest rate when winning by at least a touchdown — while double-digit-favorite Tampa Bay has faced the highest opponent pass rate, by far (72%).

WAS -> Opponents are throwing against WAS at the second-highest rate (65%), which makes sense considering they feature the second-worst pass defense by DVOA and PFF's third-worst-graded coverage. ALSO their games have produced the seventh-most combined plays (128.6), which has been aided by their top-12 situation-neutral pace.

In last season's Wildcard round, the Bucs and Football Team combined for a meaty 141 snaps and 54 points, despite both defenses performing better than they have so far this year.

#### Matchups:

- UPGRADE-> Buccaneers' Mike Evans, Chris Godwin and Antonio Brown vs.
   Washington Football Team's Benjamin St-Juste, Kendall Fuller and William
   Jackson: Washington has allowed the 5th-most fantasy over expected, including the most to the perimeter and 2nd most to the slot. They've allowed the 3rd-most receptions and receiving yards, as well as the 3rd-most touchdowns to the position.
- TB 4th in rushing EPA & opposing offenses have lowest neutral pass rate against them.
- Washington allows the most passing yards per game, it also gives up a league-high 24.8
   PPG to opposing quarterbacks, three points per game more than any other team; ALSO 30th vs. WRs in Establish The Run's DvP (Defense vs Position metric)
- TB allows the highest catch rate to RB's AND 3rd-most receptions per game to backs.
- Bucs defense is top 5 in rushing yards per game allowed and yards per carry allowed

 Washington, which has given up the most QB DraftKings points for the season (and the second-most WR points). A tremendous 73.6% of the yards gained against Washington come through the air, the fourth-highest rate in the league.

## Notes: ETR FINISHED.

- <u>Buccaneers Defense:</u> Allowing sixth-most fantasy points to QBs. Ninth-most fantasy points to wide receivers (ETR).
- Mike Evans facing the №32 fantasy WR defense
- Tyler Johnson ran a route on 66% of dropbacks over the last 2 weeks. Solid 1.4 yards per route run in a highly-projected offense (30.5 points)
- <u>Football Team:</u> Yields the league's most fantasy points to quarterbacks. Eighth-fewest fantasy points to RBs. Surrendering the league's most fantasy wide receiver points (ETR).
- J.D. McKissic: 8 receptions in two of his past three games

# CAR @ ARI (-10.5; 44.5)

Vegas Spread: ARI 27.5, CAR 17

Steve's Rating: ARI -10.5

#### Last Week: Patriots 24 @ Panthers 6

- CMC 14-52 / 5-4-54, Hubbard 3-3 / 2-1-33, Abdullah 1-0 / 5-4-30
- DJ Moore 2-14 rushing / 7-3-32, Anderson 3-1-2

## Last Week: Cardinals 31 @ 49ers 17

- Conner 21-96 / 5-5-77, Benjamin 9-39 / 0-0, Edmonds 1-3 (HURT)
- Kirk 6-6-91, Ertz 5-3-27, Rondale 5-5-25, Wesley 3-3-62

# **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- James Conner Snaps 77%, Routes 72%
- Christian Kirk Routes 97%, Air Yards 45%
- Rondale Moore Routes 88%, Targets 19%
- Antoine Wesley Routes 73%, Targets 12%, Air Yards 38%
- Zach Ertz Routes 84%
- Ameer Abdullah Snaps 37%, Routes 45%, LDD 45%, 2MIN 80%
- DJ Moore Air Yards 61%

• Ian Thomas - TPRR 14%

### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Christian Kirk ADOT 9.0
- Zach Ertz ADOT 0.8, Air Yards 3%
- Sam Darnold PA 24%
- Chubba Hubbard Rush Att 14%, Routes 18%
- Ameer Abdullah Rush Att 5%, Targets 17%, TPRR 24%
- DJ Moore Routes 76%
- Robby Anderson Air Yards 15%
- Ian Thomas ADOT 2.5, Air Yards 3%

### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: CAR #7 / ARI #5
P-DVOA Def: CAR #4 / ARI #2
P-DVOA Off: ARI #2 / CAR #32
P-DVOA Net: ARI Pass Def +30

Pass Rush: CAR #12 / ARI #6
Pass Blk: ARI #10 / CAR #29
Pass Net: ARI Pass Rush +23

R-DVOA Def: CAR #19 / ARI #7
R-DVOA Off: ARI #18 / CAR #24
R-DVOA Net: ARI Run Def +17

Run Def: CAR #18 / ARI #31
Run Blk: ARI #21 / CAR #22
Run Net: CAR Run Blk +9

DL (ETR): CAR #13 / ARI #10
OL (ETR): ARI #20 / CAR #30

Net Rating: CAR DL +7 / ARI DL +20

#### **OL/DL:** Cardinals DL (10th) > Panthers OL (30th)

Cardinals' DL ranks fifth in adjusted sack rate. The Panthers' OL ranks 28th in pass rush
win rate, 26th in adjusted sack rate, and 30th in pressure percentage given up. Arizona's
chaotic defensive style is predicated on a high blitz rate (eighth) and two edge-rushers
playing at an incredibly high level in Chandler Jones and Markus Golden. Making
matters worse is that CAR has all three interior spots manned by backups.

**Snaps & Pace:** PROE -> CAR #13 / **ARI #11** 

## **Matchups:**

## UPGRADE-> Christian McCaffrey

Cardinals run stop win rate rank: 30th

- Chandler Jones/Golden are great pass rushers but both well below average in RSWR
- CAR allowing 120 rush yds/game to RB's, sixth highest in the league past 4 weeks.

#### **Notes:** ETR FINISHED

- James Conner: 77% snap share, 67% routes after Edmonds left game in 1st Q
- <u>Panthers Defense:</u> Allowing fourth-fewest fantasy QB points. Allowing sixth-fewest fantasy wide receiver points (ETR).
- <u>Christian McCaffrey</u>: CMC returned to the lineup and took half the snaps. The Panthers limited his routes, but his TPRR was enormous (33%) to help him reach 17% of targets.
- D.J. Moore: Hasn't cleared 75 yards since Week 4 (ETR).
- Robby Anderson: Hasn't cleared 60 yards all year (ETR).

# MIN @ LAC (-3; 53)

Vegas Spread: LAC 28, MIN 25

Steve's Rating: LAC -4

#### Last Week: Vikings 31 @ Ravens 34

- Cook 17-110 / 3-3-12, Mattison 4-0 / 1-1-3
- Thielen 7-2-6, Conklin 7-5-45, Jefferson 5-3-69 (Long 50, 26+ in 5 of 6 and 6 of 8)

## Last Week: Chargers 27 @ Eagles 24

- Herbert 32-38-356, season-high 9.4 YPA, 84.2% COMP, 32 COMP, 356 YDS
- Herbert Long 49, 41+ in 3 of last 4 and 5 of last 7, (\*Vikings without SS Smith)
- Ekeler 17-59 / 3-3-23, Keenan 13-12-104, Mike 5-2-58, Palmer 2-2-22, Guyton 2-1-19
- Cook 4-4-48, Anderson 4-3-39, Parham 3-3-39 (\*Always attack PHI with TE's)

#### **<u>Trends:</u>** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Justin Herbert YPA 9.0, Scrambles 7%
- Larry Roundtree Routes 9%
- Keenan Allen TPRR 34%, Routes 35%
- Mike Williams Routes 91%
- Dalvin Cook Routes 60%, Targets 12%, TPRR 19%

- Alexander Mattison Rush Att 16%
- Justin Jefferson ADOT 16.4
- Tyler Conklin TPRR 41%, Targets 27%

### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Mike Williams ADOT 13.4
- Jared Cook ADOT 3.3, Air Yards 6%
- Dalvin Cook Rush Att 68%
- Adam Thielen TPRR 19%, Targets 19%
- KJ Osborn Targets 8%, Air Yards 7%
- Tyler Conklin Routes 63%, ADOT 3.7

### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: LAC #12 / MIN #6
P-DVOA Def: LAC #9 / MIN #3
P-DVOA Off: MIN #6 / LAC #7

P-DVOA Net: N/A

Pass Rush: LAC #16 / MIN #8
Pass Blk: MIN #30 / LAC #18

Pass Net: LAC Pass Rush +14 / MIN Pass Rush +10

R-DVOA Def: LAC #32 / MIN #26 R-DVOA Off: MIN #29 / LAC #14 R-DVOA Net: LAC Run Off +12

Run Def: LAC #29 / MIN #17
Run Blk: MIN #19 / LAC #6

Run Net: MIN Run Blk +10 / LAC Run Blk +11

DL (ETR): LAC #15 / MIN #23 OL (ETR): MIN #16 / LAC #14

Net Rating: LAC OL +9

Snaps & Pace: PROE -> (UP IN PACE) LAC #4 / MIN #27 - Both the Minnesota Vikings and Los Angeles Chargers have a Top 8 pace (seconds per play) over the last five weeks

- MIN -> fifth fastest during the last month AND contests average the eighth-most combined snaps (128.5; overtime adjusted) AND during the past month they have produced the fourth-most total points per game (54.3)
- LAC -> opponents run against them at the league's highest rate both on the season (53%) and over the last month (57%), BUT STILL the Chargers operate at the league's sixth-fastest situation-neutral pace. Their games average the sixth-most combined snaps

(128.6) and seventh-most total points (50). Los Angeles passes at the second-highest rate while games are close (66%), which this matchup is projected to be (LAC -3)

The Chargers pass the ball more than the NFL average in all situations:

• Trailing by four or more: +7%

• Within three points: +5%

• Leading by four or more: +9%

Neutral first downs: +13%

• Inside the five: +19%

#### Matchups:

- UPGRADE-> Mike Williams/ Keenan Allen vs. Cameron Dantzler/ Mackensie Alexander/ Bashaud Breeland
- DOWNGRADE-> Justin Jefferson/ K.J. Osborn/ Adam Thielen vs. Michael Davis/ Chris Harris Jr./ Asante Samuel Jr. (if Davis and Samuel return from injury):
- UPGRADE-> Austin Ekeler:

Vikings run stop win rate rank: 32nd

- DOWNGRADE-> Kirk Cousins
- The Vikings are 26th against fantasy WRs
- Betting markets give LAC the 5th highest team total of the week. Los Angeles is
   4th in neutral pace, which has led to 5th most fantasy usage for their WR's
- Chargers 32nd in rushing EPA defense and allowing highest neutral run rate
- MIN allows 5th-most fantasy PPG to QBs AND 5th-most air yards per pass attempt.
- LAC allowing the 2nd-fewest yards per game to wide receivers on the season.

## **Notes:** FINISHED

- Chargers Defense: Allowing fifth-most fantasy points to TEs (ETR).
- Austin Ekeler: on pace for 67% of snaps (+9%) and 55% rushing attempts (+18%)
- <u>Keenan Allen</u>: 24 targets over the last two weeks, Allen next faces a Vikings defense
  that has allowed the 7th-most WR fantasy ppg; has ALSO dominated targets coming
  out of bye with 26%/34%. TPRR is at 29% vs 14% for Williams in that span. ...Allen
  has drawn eight-plus targets in 7-of-8 appearances (ETR).
- Mike Williams: Held under 60 yards in four of the Bolts' last five games (ETR).

- Vikings Defense: Seventh most fantasy points to WRs (ETR); <u>UPDATE -> Vikings are WITHOUT top CB Patrick Peterson (hamstring) AND pass rusher Danielle Hunter (pec) are already on I.R., while S Harrison Smith (Covid), LB Anthony Barr (knee), and DT Michael Pierce (elbow) have ALL been ruled out against the Chargers
  </u>
- <u>Dalvin Cook:</u> eruption is unavoidably imminent. With touch counts of 20, 18, and 31 in his last three games, Cook's 80% snap rate in Week 9 was his highest all year (ETR).
- Justin Herbert leads the league with six games of 25-plus completions AND has averaged 314 passing yards and totaled 13 TD passes with 0 interceptions last 4 games
- Keenan Allen 5 games this season with 11-plus targets (including both of the last two)
- <u>Tyler Conklin</u> over past 2 weeks has 10 catches and 14 targets on 44 routes. In those 2 weeks, he ranks in the top 15 in the entire NFL in both catches and targets per route run.

# PHI @ DEN (-3; 46)

Vegas Spread: DEN 24.5, PHI 21.5

Steve's Rating: DEN -3

#### Last Week: Chargers 27 @ Eagles 24

- Howard 17-71, Scott 10-40, Hurts 10-62, Gainwell 2-3
- Smith 6-5-116, Goedert 6-3-43, Watkins 3-2-9, Reagor 1-1-(-6)

#### Last Week: Broncos 30 @ Cowboys 16

- Bridgewater 19-28-249; last 3 games 33 or less att, 23 or less comp, 249 or less yds
- Javonte 17-111 / 0-0, Gordon 21-80 / 2-2-15
- Jeudy 8-6-69, Patrick 5-4-85, Albert O 5-4-25

#### **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Jalen Hurts YPA 9.5, Scrambles 25%
- Boston Scott Rush Att 30%
- Jordan Howard Snaps 40%, Rush Att 52%, Routes 25%, LDD 18%
- Javonte Williams Snaps 47%, Targets 0%
- Tim Patrick ADOT 18.8
- Jerry Jeudy Routes 80%, TPRR 32%, Targets 33%, Air Yards 24%
- Albert O Routes 71%, Targets 21%

## **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

• Kenneth Gainwell - Snaps 19%

- Melvin Gordon Snaps 53%
- Courtland Sutton TPRR 7%
- Albert O TPRR 23%, ADOT 1.0, Air Yards 2%
- Noah Fant Routes 68%, TPRR 19%, Targets 16%, ADOT 2.8, Air Yards 7%

#### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: PHI #22 / DEN #20
P-DVOA Def: PHI #21 / DEN #15
P-DVOA Off: DEN #12 / PHI #17
P-DVOA Net: DEN Pass Off +9

Pass Rush: PHI #7 / DEN #28
Pass Blk: DEN #12 / PHI #6
Pass Net: PHI Pass Blk +22

R-DVOA Def: PHI #20 / DEN #23
R-DVOA Off: DEN #16 / PHI #4
R-DVOA Net: PHI Run Off + 19

Run Def: PHI #25 / DEN #9
Run Blk: DEN #25 / PHI #7

Run Net: N/A

DL (ETR): PHI #8 / DEN #25
OL (ETR): DEN #21 / PHI #7

Net Rating: PHI DL +13 / PHI OL +18

## OL/DL: Eagles DL (8th) > Broncos OL (21st)

Eagles' DL ranks second in pass rush win rate, ninth in adjusted sack rate. The Broncos' OL ranks 28th in adjusted sack rate, and 32nd in pressure percentage given up. Both starting tackles (Garett Bolles & Bobbie Massie) missed practice on Wednesday and Thursday after being out the prior week. On the interior, the rookie Meinerz has to face off against Fletcher Cox while Risner has to deal with Javon Hargrave

# Snaps & Pace: PROE -> DEN #21 / PHI #22 (SLOW PACED SLOG)

- PHI -> Over the past three weeks, Eagles have posted three of the 11 lowest PROE figures of the season, for any team (all were -13% or lower); Over the last four weeks, the Eagles rank last in dropbacks per game (excluding overtime) at 29.
- Denver is typically light in the box, as opposing offenses are 6th in neutral run rate against them, so we should expect another heavy dosage of carries from the Eagles.

• **DEN** -> their offense operates at the second-slowest situation-neutral pace, and over the last month, has deployed a bottom-10 pass rate while games are close; DEN contests average 4th-fewest combined snaps (122.3) and rank dead last in total points (37.8).

## Matchups:

- DOWNGRADE-> Courtland Sutton vs Darius Slay (shadow) Tim Patrick vs Steven Nelson (shadow): Slay has shadowed DJ Moore (5-42-0), Mike Evans (2-27-0), Henry Ruggs (4-24-0), Mike Williams (2-58-0). Steven Nelson has handle Robby Anderson (2-30-0), Antonio Brown (9-93-1), Bryan Edwards (3-43-1) and Keenan Allen (12-104-0). Slay shadowing Sutton in a Week 16 matchup in 2019. Sutton posted a 5-41-0 receiving line on 10 targets in the game, with 3-23-0 coming on seven targets (21 routes) against Slay. Since Tyreek Hill (12 tgt, 11-186-3) against this defense in Week 4, here's what Slay's primary opponent has done: DJ Moore 7 tgts 5-42-0, Week 5), Mike Evans (4 tgts 2-27-0, Week 6), Henry Ruggs (4 tgts 4-24-0, Week 7), Kalif Raymond was shut out (Week 8) and Mike Williams (5 tgt 2-58-0, Week 9).
- DOWNGRADE-> Dallas Goedert: Broncos minus-3.9 Adjusted Fantasy Points Added for the season is third-fewest, as is their minus-5.4 in the category merely in the past five weeks, this defense held Mark Andrews (8 tgts, 5-67-0, Week 4), Darren Waller (5 tgts, 5-59-0, Week 6) in check despite what were 20% target shares in those games. Dalton Schultz, 5th in PPR fantasy points for the season entering the game (with a 12.6 point average), managed only 5 targets, 4-54-0.
- Eagles are allowing the 2nd-most passing yards per game the last 4 weeks.
- Broncos opponents have thrown 32 passes outside the pocket, totaling 76 yards and zero touchdowns. (possible downgrade for Jalen Hurts/PHI pass catchers)

# **Notes: FINISHED**

- Broncos Defense: Allows third fewest fantasy QB points. Third-fewest TE points (ETR).
- Teddy Bridgewater: has fallen short of 290 passing yards in 7-of-9 games (ETR).
- <u>Jerry Jeudy:</u> 8 targets on 28 team pass att despite only 78% routes (elite 0.32 TPRR);
   25% TPRR on season compared to sub-20% for Sutton
- <u>Courtland Sutton:</u> only 2 targets, BUT after Tim Patrick's early TD most of the passing was conservative and underneath because of script; ALSO Sutton drew a couple of pass interference penalties & had a tough matchup w/ Diggs. Week 9 stat line is mostly noise.
- <u>Eagles Defense:</u> Fourth-fewest fantasy points to WRs. Allowing most TE points (ETR),
   <u>ALSO Broncos ruled out first-team OTs Garett Bolles (high ankle sprain) and</u>
   Bobby Massie (ankle), enhancing the Eagles' fantasy D/ST outlook

- <u>DeVonta Smith:</u> 6-5-116-1 and accounted for 72% of PHI passing yards, it will be tough to do this weekly in such a low-volume passing game. (MOSTLY NOISE)
- Dallas Goedert: 29 percent target share over the past three games.
- Courtland Sutton is playing the most snaps, but his expected half PPR points tank from 13.4 to 3.9 in the three games with Jerry Jeudy in the lineup.
- Javonte Williams set a new season-high in Sports Info Solutions' "Designed Gap Rate" metric (88% in Week 9 vs. 45% in Weeks 1–8), which measures how often a back hits the whole designed by the play. Already built with league-high broken tackle rates
- Teddy Bridgewater averaging 35 pass attempts per game over his past five games.

# SEA @ GB (-3.5; 49)

Vegas Spread: GB 26.25, SEA 22.75

Steve's Rating: GB -5.5

### Last Week: SEAHAWKS BYE

- 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

### Last Week: Packers 7 @ Chiefs 13

- Jones 12-53 / 2-0-0, Dillon 8-46 / 4-4-44, Love 5-23 rushing
- Adams 14-6-42, Cobb 5-3-50, no one else more than 2 targets

## Trends: UP (consecutive weeks)

- Geno Smith: YPA 8.1, PA 39%
- Travis Homer: Snaps 29%, Routes 22%
- DK Metcalf: TPRR 29%, Targets 27%
- Gerald Everett: Routes 78%
- Aaron Jones Rush Att 55% (\*100% 2MIN for at least 3 straight weeks)
- AJ Dillon Routes 32%
- Randall Cobb TPRR 19%, Targets 16%
- Dominique Dafney Routes 22%, TPRR 13%, Targets 3%, ADOT 2.0, Air Yards 1%

#### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Alex Collins: Rush Att 42%
- Aaron Rodgers ADOT 5.9, ACP 71%, YPA 4.8
- Aaron Jones Snaps 63%

## **PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:**

Coverage: SEA #26 / GB #14
P-DVOA Def: SEA #24 / GB #12
P-DVOA Off: GB #9 / SEA #5

P-DVOA Net: **GB Pass Off +15** / SEA Pass Off +7

Pass Rush: SEA #20 / GB #13
Pass Blk: GB #8 / SEA #23

Pass Net: GB Pass Blk +12 / GB Pass Rush +10

R-DVOA Def: GB #22 / SEA #11
R-DVOA Off: SEA #11 / GB #12
R-DVOA Net: SEA Run Off +11

Run Def: GB #13 / SEA #6
Run Blk: SEA #27 / GB #26

Run Net: GB Run Def +14 / SEA Run Def +20

DL (ETR): SEA #26 / GB #11
OL (ETR): GB #4 / SEA #18
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Net Rating: GB OL +22 / GB DL +7

# OL/DL: Packers DL (11th) > Seahawks OL (18th)

• Seahawks' OL ranks 31st in adjusted sack rate, and 31st in pressure percentage given up; Green Bay's DL has gotten career-best years out of Rashan Gary and Dean Lowry, providing them with two power-rushers that can consistently compress the pocket on quarterbacks while Kenny Clark remains a mismatch for the majority of centers in the NFL. Seattle center Kyle Fuller is one of the worst starting pivots in the NFL in pass-pro

#### **Snaps & Pace: PROE -> GB #8 / SEA #20**

SEA/GB -> Seahawks games rank bottom 12 in average combined plays and Packers
contests produce a league low; Both are bottom eight in average total points; ALSO this
game features 2 of the 4 teams averaging fewer than 60 plays/game this season

#### Matchups:

Seahawks defense №28 in adjusted sack rate. Rodgers should be comfortable here

#### Notes: ETR FINISHED.

- Seahawks Defense: Allowing fourth-most fantasy running back points (ETR).
- Gerald Everett: Topped three targets in only 1-of-6 appearances (ETR).
- A.J. Dillon: Double-digit touches in five of his last six appearances (ETR).

• <u>Davante Adams:</u> massive 33.7% target share on season

# KC @ LV (+2.5; 51.5)

Vegas Spread: KC 27, LV 24.5

Steve's Rating: KC -2

## Last Week: Packers 7 @ Chiefs 13

- Mahomes 20-37-166, 37+ attempts in 4 of last 5, 35+ in 5 straight
- Mahomes 278 yards OR LESS in 3 of last 4 and in 6 of last 7
- Darrell 19-70 / 4-3-7, Gore 3-13 / 1-1-6, McKinnon 0-0 / 3-3-26
- Tyrek 11-4-37, Kelce 8-5-68, Hardman 6-3-20

#### Last Week: Raiders 16 @ Giants 23

- Carr 296 yards, now 296+ in 3 straight and 6 of 8 games this season
- Jacobs 13-76 / 4-4-19, Drake 4-30 / 8-6-70, Ingold 0-0 / 3-3-28, Richard 0-0 / 3-2-18
- Waller 11-7-92 (Long 24, 24+ in 3 straight and 5 of 7 this season)
- Renfrow 9-7-49, Zay 4-1-20, Edwards 4-0-0

## **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Patrick Mahomes ADOT 10.0
- Darrell Williams TPRR 25%, 2MIN 100%
- Tyreek Hill Routes 83%, ADOT 18.0, Air Yards 59%
- Mecole Hardman ADOT 7.5
- Travis Kelce Routes 98%
- Kenyan Drake Snaps 45%, Routes 49%, Targets 14%, LDD 50%
- Jalen Richard TPRR 75%
- Bryan Edwards Routes 96%
- Zay Jones Targets 9%, Air Yards 29%

#### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Patrick Mahomes YPA 4.4, ACP 63%, Scrambles 0%
- Jerick McKinnon 2MIN 0%
- Demarcus Robinson Routes 23%, Air Yards 1% (UNDERS)
- Derek Carr YPA 6.3
- Kenyan Drake 2MIN 59%
- Bryan Edwards TPRR 9%, Targets 9%
- Hunter Renfrow ADOT 2.9

#### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: LV #4 / KC #16

P-DVOA Def: LV #17 / KC #27 P-DVOA Off: KC #13 / LV #18 P-DVOA Net: LV Pass Off +9

Pass Rush: LV #1 / KC #31
Pass Blk: KC #5 / LV #24
Pass Net: LV Pass Blk +7

R-DVOA Def: LV #16 / KC #28 R-DVOA Off: KC #8 / LV #23

R-DVOA Net: KC Run Off +8 / LV Run Off +5

Run Def: LV #22 / KC #30
Run Blk: KC #2 / LV #31
Run Net: KC Run Blk +20

DL (ETR): LV #17 / KC #21
OL (ETR): KC #9 / LV #17
Net Rating: KC OL +8

Snaps & Pace: PROE -> KC #1 / LV #7

**KC** -> Ranking first in PROE (+9.8%) and total pass rate (69.2%); even when playing with a lead, Reid is dialing up pass plays at the league's fourth-highest rate (60%)

LV -> Posting a 61.5% pass rate, Vegas ranks ninth in PROE (+4.4%) and **now facing a Chiefs** defense that invites pass attempts at the league's **10th-highest rate** 

#### Matchups:

- DOWNGRADE-> Mecole Hardman/ Byron Pringle/ Tyreek Hill vs Casey Hayward/
  Nate Hobbs/ Brandon Facyson: Las Vegas is allowing the 6th fewest fantasy points
  over expected, as well as the 4th fewest to the perimeter and 9th fewest to the slot). The
  Raiders have allowed 971 receiving yards and four touchdowns to receivers (both are
  third fewest), as well as a 6.7 yards per target (second lowest).
- UPGRADE-> Josh Jacobs:
   Chiefs run stop win rate rank: 31st
- UPGRADE-> Derek Carr
- DOWNGRADE -> CHIEFS PASSING ATTACK: LV holding opponents to 2nd-fewest yards per pass attempt (6.3), #8 in sack rate (6.9%) AND #1 in QB Hit Rate (21.8%), HOWEVER Chiefs' offense still ranks first in Football Outsiders' Offensive Yards/Drive (41.5) and 10th in Total Offense DVOA

## **Notes: FINISHED**

- Raiders Defense: Allows sixth-most fantasy points to tight ends (ETR) AND allowing 3rd most DK points to opposing TE's (18.4) while being targeted at 3rd-highest rate (26%)
- Derek Carr: 296 passing yards or fewer in 6-of-8 starts (ETR).
- <u>Josh Jacobs/Kenyan Drake</u>: Jacobs 33% routes, while Drake was up at 50%; backfield looked like the committee we thought coming into the season; **Drake paced the** Raiders' backfield in pass routes run and targets
- <u>Darren Waller:</u> draws KC defense allowing a league-high 617 yards to TE this year after conceding stat lines of 7/88/1, 5/48/1, and 7/100/0 to Waller in teams' last 3 meetings, ALSO leads the team in target share (24.1%) and Air Yards share (26.7%)
- Hunter Renfrow: Has caught six or more balls in four of Vegas' last five games (ETR)
   AND 17 targets over the past two weeks; 20% target share through first 8 weeks, role hardly changed in Week 9, running route on 70.3% of dropbacks w/ 19.6% target share
- <u>Chiefs Defense:</u> Allows third-most fantasy QB points (ETR).
- <u>Patrick Mahomes:</u> five of his seven worst single-game YPA figures have come this year;
   faces top 5 coverage grade/secondary this week in Raiders
- <u>Tyreek Hill:</u> Averaging 12.5 targets over his last six games (ETR); alpha-like 28.9% target share and 39.3% Air Yards share on season; should avoid LV's' best DB while running 56.9% of his routes from the slot, where Casey Hayward rarely travels
- Mecole Hardman: route on 69.2% of dropbacks, modest 14.9% target share to go along with a 13.3% Air Yards share as he's seeing more targets near the line of scrimmage.
- <u>Travis Kelce</u>: Despite underwhelming box-score production, Kelce's usage is in line with last year's, posting a 22.4% target share and 23.2% Air Yards share

# LAR @ SF (+3.5; 49)

Vegas Spread: LAR 26.25, SF 22.75

Steve's Rating: LAR -2.5

#### Last Week: Titans 28 @ Rams 16

- Stafford now 294+ yards in 3 straight and 4 of last 5
- Henderson 11-55 / 4-3-3, Michel 7-20 / 3-2-6 (\*Henderson banged up late)

- Kupp 13-11-95 (snaps 5 game streak with long catch of 30+)
- Woods 10-7-98, Higbee 10-5-51, Jefferson 7-3-41

## Last Week: Cardinals 31 @ 49ers 17

- Jimmy 28-40-326 (Att//Comp/Yds up in 4 straight)
- Jimmy comp 14-16-17-28, att 23-27-28-40, yds 165-181-322-326
- Mitchell 8-36 / 5-5-43, Hasty 1-2 / 4-3-11, Juszczyk 0-0 / 2-2-14
- Deebo 9-6-53 (Long 32, 26+ in 5 straight), Aiyuk 8-6-89
- Kittle 8-6-101 (Long 29, 29+ in 3 of 4 healthy games)

## **Trends:** UP (consecutive weeks)

- Sony Michel Snaps 40%, Rush Att 35%, Routes 40%, Targets 7%
- Robert Woods Air Yards 34%
- Brandon Aiyuk ADOT 13.3, Air Yards 31%

## **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Matthew Stafford ADOT 6.7
- Darrell Henderson Snaps 60%, Routes 52%, LDD 43%
- Van Jefferson TPRR 11%, Targets 13%
- Jimmy G PA 10%
- JaMycal Hasty Rush Att 10%
- Deebo Samuel Targets 22%, Air Yards 18%

### PFF/ETR/DVOA Grades:

Coverage: LAR #8 / SF #13
P-DVOA Def: LAR #5 / SF #25
P-DVOA Off: SF #8 / LAR #3
P-DVOA Net: LAR Pass Off +22

Pass Rush: LAR #3 / SF #17
Pass Blk: SF #7 / LAR #1
Pass Net: LAR Pass Blk +16

R-DVOA Def: LAR #14 / SF #6
R-DVOA Off: SF #3 / LAR #10
R-DVOA Net: SF Run Off +11

Run Def: LAR #1 / SF #10
Run Blk: SF #4 / LAR #11

Run Net: N/A

DL (ETR): LAR #6 / SF #4
OL (ETR): SF #8 / LAR #5

Net Rating: N/A

## Snaps & Pace: PROE -> LAR #6 / SF #28

- SF -> Over the last two weeks, no team a higher situation-neutral rate than the 49ers
   (71%) who also rank first in snaps/pace during that time; passing at the league's
   ninth-lowest rate while games are within one score (54%); ALSO, pass rate
   plummets to 42% when playing with lead, skyrockets to 65% in come-from-behind efforts
- LAR -> 8th-fastest pace and throws at the 5th-highest rate (65%) while their games average the 2nd-most combined snaps (129.4) and 6th-most total points (50.8); passing at the league's 11th-highest rate when games are within one score (62%), ALSO dialing up dropbacks at a 66% clip when trailing; When opposing offenses trail, the Rams' defense faces the league's third-highest pass rate (71%)

#### Matchups:

DOWNGRADE-> Elijah Mitchell

49ers run block win rate rank: 24th Rams run stop win rate rank: 1st

Currently 67 qualifying players run stop win rate at DT. The Rams have four in the top 18: Sebastian Joseph-Day (2nd), Greg Gaines (8th), A'Shawn Robinson (10th) and Aaron Donald (18th) and the 49ers run blocking is about to take a little hit, too. Right tackle Mike McGlinchey is out for the season with a torn quad, and he'd been playing fairly well in the run game too: he ranked 24th out of 69 qualifiers at tackle in RBWR

- UPGRADE -> RAMS PASSING ATTACK: 49ers pass defense ranked 25th by DVOA and Rams utilizing 3-WR sets at the league's highest rate (85%)
- **UPGRADE -> George Kittle:** While Los Angeles has been good against WR's, they've struggled to stymie TE's, allowing 8th-most DraftKings points (16.5) to the position
- Rams allowing the 9th-fewest rushing yards per game to backs, BUT ALSO allowing the league's 11th-most receptions per game (5.9) to the position; also surrendering the league's seventh-fewest fantasy points to wide receivers
- 49'ers disappointingly rank bottom 10 in sacks (18) and bottom three in QB hits (36)

### Notes:

 Jimmy Garoppolo: PFF's highest-graded passer since Week 7 BUT without RT Mike McGlinchey (quad, I.R.) against a Rams defense seemingly set to debut Von Miller (ankle) while already yielding the league's ninth-fewest fantasy QB points AND Rams DL ranks third in ESPN's Pass Rush Win Rate (53%).

- <u>Elijah Mitchell:</u> played normal snaps with Jeff Wilson (zero snaps) active, **but Mitchell** also increased routes to 61%; Rams have ALSO allowed the NFL's 10th-most catches (53) and eighth-most receiving yards (415) to enemy running backs
- <u>Deebo Samuel:</u> leads team in targets (32.3%), Air Yards (33.1%) and has earned at least eight targets in every game; ALSO averaging 10.1 targets per game,
- Brandon Aiyuk: has played on 84.2% of snaps and 87.4% routes since Week 6 bye (has earned modest 17.2% targets/20.9% air yards, but role is still solid and growing)
- George Kittle: TPRR was elite despite less than ideal routes (67%). Of all tight ends with at least 150 routes, Kittle ranks first in YPRR (2.16). Only four tight ends are over two AND he immediately stepped into a full-time role -> Kittle earned a 20.5% target share to go along with a juicy 33.4% Air Yards share in his first game back after a long layoff
- Cooper Kupp: 32.1% target share to go along with a 33.6% Air Yards share; also seeing double-digit targets in 8-of-9 games
- <u>Tyler Higbee</u>: coming off season-high 10-target game; played 97% of WK9 snaps; ALSO running 83.5% routes despite middling 14.3% target share. **45.5% of Woods' targets** came within 9 yards of line of scrimmage, where Higbee has seen 66.7% of routes

# **GENERAL BYE NOTES:**

Byes: CHI, CIN, NYG, HOU

#### **UP** (consecutive weeks)

- Samaje Perine Targets 7%, TPRR 23%
- Tyler Boyd ADOT 15.5
- CJ Uzomah TPRR 18%
- Phillip Lindsay Snaps 20%, Rush Att 50%
- Brandin Cooks ADOT 15.5 (\*Much higher ceiling with Tyrod willing to throw deep)
- Danny Amendola ADOT 13.4, Air Yards 30%
- Daniel Jones Scrambles 15%
- Elijah Penny Targets 11%, TPRR 40% (\*Devontae Booker was banged up late)
- Kadarius Toney Routes 71%, ADOT 4.0
- Evan Engram Routes 93%, ADOT 11.0, Air Yards 38% (\*ADOT+ is encouraging)

### **DOWN** (consecutive weeks)

- Tyrod Taylor PA 29%
- Nico Collins TPRR 8%, Targets 8%, ADOT 5.0, Air Yards 5%

- Daniel Jones Designed Rush 4%
- Kadarius Toney TPRR 5%, Targets 6%, Air Yards 5% (\*Too much in flux to read into rn)
- Darius Slayton TPRR 5%
- Evan Engram TPRR 12%

#### Bears 27 @ Steelers 29

- Fields career-high 291 pass yds, best YPA (10.0) since 2nd start vs DET
- Montgomery 13-63 / 2-2-17, Herbert 4-13 / 0-0
- Kmet 8-6-87, A-Rob 6-4-68, Mooney 6-3-41, Goodwin 4-1-50, Graham 3-1-28
- David Montgomery: 85% snap share, 68% routes in first game back from injury

#### Browns 41 @ Bengals 16

- Burrow 271+ yards in 5 of last 6; snaps streak of 5 games with long completion of 44+
- Mixon 13-64 / 5-5-46, Perine 5-20 / 3-2-17
- Chase 13-6-49, Higgins 8-6-78, Uzomah 5-4-24, Sample 3-3-36
- <u>Joe Mixon:</u> has seen five-plus targets in each of his last four games
- Ja'Marr Chase: 172 air yards (third most in Week 9); 13 targets despite box score dud

### Raiders 16 @ Giants 23

- Daniel Jones 15-20-110, now 242 yards OR LESS in 4 straight starts
- Jones att/comp down in 4 straight; att = 51-33-32-20, comp = 29-23-22-15
- Booker 21-99 / 3-3-23, Penny 5-35 / 2-2-(-8) (\*Booker hurt late in game)
- Rudolph 5-4-20, Golladay 3-2-28, Engram 3-3-38

#### Texans 9 @ Dolphins 17

- Lindsay 8-28 / 0-0, DJ 4-11 / 5-3-29, Burkhead 2-9 / 0-0, Phillips 1-2 / 0-0 (HURT)
- Cooks 14-6-56, Amendola 7-3-49, Akins 3-2-7, Conley 3-2-38
- Nico Collins: season-high 78% routes, Tyrod remaining starter after bye good for HOU
- Brandin Cooks: 13 targets, 121 air yards, has been good with Tyrod earlier this year too

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