

DFS Datalytics

Week 12 - Top Plays

Woof, was I wrong last week on Watson. Sorry fam, I'll take the L on that one. But as this is a forward-thinking article we shall never speak of it again!! Happy thoughts and positive vibes brings us to undoubtably the tightest priced slate of the year. If you go lighter than usual this weekend I wouldn't fault you. That being said, I also think that due to the lack of common fundamental/chalk plays, if one were to do the appropriate research, you can really separate yourself from the public. I spent the last couple days hoping to have done just that for you guys/gal, so let's party:

SUNDAY TOP PLAYS

QB

- **Drew Brees** - people paying up will likely push Ryan's ownership sky-high, and it's not a bad play by any means. Everyone knows TB funnels everything to the passing game. But ol man Brees is also in a great matchup, who has averaged 40 passes since his return from injury, playing at home. Additionally, predicting his pass-catchers is a hell of a lot easier than figuring out the Falcons, which makes him a safer stack and improving a successful correlation smash play. He won't bust and if he manages to beat out Ryan, well you're already ahead of the public!
- **PUNTS: Jeff MediumDik Driskel** - I didn't have the balls to play him last week when he was basically stone min, but I should have listened to my gut. He provides you a run game that is averaging 36 yards on the ground, has another week practicing with his WRs, ANNNND he's going against WSH. Love him to 4-5x this week.

Running Back -

- **CMC** - duh. If you can and you're happy with your LU, then do it. Guy has a 22pt floor basically. But, if you don't...
- **Kamara** - they said they were going to ease him back after injury. If that means 17.5 touches (carries & targets) a game, then sign me up. The Panthers D is banged up, great O-line in the Saints, and a high implied game total. Love stacking him with Brees and soaking up the majority of the scoring equity.

- PUNT/Pivot: **Leonard Fournette** - after a couple clunkers where he saw a ridiculously low amount of carries (11 & 8), he's been priced down. But in those two games, even with almost zero opportunity on the ground, he's received 6 & 7 targets in the air. Going against a very suspect rush defense in the Titans, this is a prime bounce-back spot, and buy-low opportunity.
- CHEAP - **Tarik Cohen** - risky, but I'd play him like a WR. If he gets you 5 catches for 65 yards, and a few yards on the ground, are you happy at his 4.8K price? He's good for 11pts almost every week, with the GPP ceiling to win you a tourney. It's risky down here, but he's your best bet.

Wide Receiver

- **If you're paying up: Michael Thomas & Julio Jones** - both all in fantastic spots and projected to have double digit targets, no surprise there and get them if you can afford it.
- **Project high volume - Odell BJ(or OBJ) & Julian Edelman** - I never, NEVER play OBJ. This week will be different. Going against the Dolphins, this is a prime spot where Mayfield locks in on him and provides him with a ceiling game to 1) appease his prima donna WR 2) quiet the critics. The latter is the best point-per-dollar with Sanu being ruled out. If the game stays competitive, he could see 12+ targets.
- underpriced: **Devante Parker** - if Fitz magic is the QB, then I love Parker. He is a very talented receiver who Fitz has locked in as a safety blanket when things go awry, which with the Fins, occurs often. Projected to see 8.5 targets

Tight End

- **Zach Ertz** - if you can get here, then i absolutely love Ertz. Most people will try to punt at TE this week due to the lack of punts available. Wentz is projected to have a good game, and although I'm hesitant of his top 5 projection, if he gets there, it will almost certainly be due to the guy commanding 25% of the targets.
- Punt: **Greg Olsen** - if you think NO gets going here with (MT, Kamara, and/or Brees), then I absolutely love running it back with Olsen. Many people will play a CAR WR, but their matchups are very tough. I think if CAR gets behind, Olsen becomes the biggest beneficiary. Projected 7 targets at 4.1K. He's too cheap.

DEF - who knows this crap... I might just punt with a 2-2.5k defense, you could do worse than Denver against an accident prone Josh Allen. If you have money leftover... then group and pay for the Steelers who have the best D vs O-line matchup by a mile.