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2020 FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT BOARD & STRATEGY GUIDE

KEY:

- Assumes 12-Team PPR or Half-PPR (QB, RB, RB, WR, WR, TE, FLEX, K, DST)
- ADPs Based Primarily on ESPN & Yahoo! Leagues & Experiences
- **Red** = Quarterback
- **Blue** = Running Back
- **Green** = Wide Receiver
- **Orange** = Tight End
- **(^)** – I Rank This Player ABOVE Consensus ADP & Expert Opinion

NOTE: It's important to understand going in that the order of the players listed on my Draft Board are NOT actually my player rankings. This is a Draft Board and Strategy Guide. Ranking players for *accuracy contests* (i.e. where players will finish at each position) and ranking for purposes of *drafting* are two entirely different concepts! Unlike player rankings, the order of which players are listed below carefully consider a variety of factors outside of merely projecting point totals. Those factors include ADP, positional value, outlook variance, situational potential, cost-benefit analysis of drafting players as it pertains to winning season-long fantasy leagues, and much more. I cannot stress enough the distinction between player rankings and this Draft Board. Thank you for reading.

Round 1 (Picks 1-4)

- Unlike the vast majority of experts, I do not have a tier break after the Top-3.
 - In fact, I have all six of these RBs ranked closely together to the point where I see a sizable drop-off AFTER pick 6. In other words, I unequivocally view Kamara, Henry, and Edwards-Helaire as Top-6 selections, even if many websites rank them just outside of that.
1. **Christian McCaffrey** (RB1 – ADP: 1) – Outscored last year's RB2 in by 8 PPG (!) in a prime LaDainian Tomlinson-esq season. Played 1,039 snaps (93% for team), leading all RBs by a wide margin. The Panthers pushed CMC to the limit last season to get him 1K rushing + 1K receiving benchmarks (one of only three backs in NFL history to achieve). We won't see 403 touches again. We will see TD regression. Slight worries about new coaching staff (HC / OC) are somewhat mitigated by Joe Brady's usage of Clyde-Edwards Helaire in receiving game for LSU. CMC is 0.3 PPR points away from finishing as RB1 for 3 consecutive seasons! Even if he comes back down to earth, CMC's "healthy floor" feels like a Top-5 RB.
 2. **Saquon Barkley** (RB2 – ADP: 2) – I've thought about ranking Barkley #1 overall on occasion. A Week 3 high ankle sprain limited production in 2019. Barkley returned too soon, admitted to not feeling himself in Week 14. Exploded for 31.63 PPG (!) in final 3 games. Despite playing hurt, Barkley's 19.7 PPG in 12 games (minus Week 3 early exit)

was RB6 Pace. New OC Jason Garrett is conservative. Young QB. May not have ceiling of CMC because of his situation (Giants), but he'll be fed relentlessly.

3. **Ezekiel Elliott** (RB3 – ADP: 3) – Finished RB5 despite slow-ish start (hold out). Efficiency increased as he got back into football shape. Bell cow back on one of the league's best offenses. Second in rushing attempts, has cleared 300 carries and 1,357 RUYD in 3 straight seasons. Cowboys should be better than 8-8, meaning more positive game scripts for Zeke to close. Dip in catches expected due to Cowboys' receiving weapons, but as safe a bet as any for double digit TDs. Pinnacle of health (knock on wood or insure Zeke with Tony Pollard later).
4. **Alvin Kamara (^)** (RB4 – ADP: 4.5) – Back, knee, and ankle injuries, plus Brees' absence hampered Kamara throughout last season. Still finished as RB10 in PPG. AK had scored a whopping 31 TDs in 31 games prior to last season's 6 TDs in 14 games. Positive TD regression coming. Saints have a top-5 offense, great QB, creative RB-friendly schemer in Sean Payton, terrific O-Line, and winning team. Has caught 81 passes exactly in 3 straight seasons. I project more with Drew back this season (AK also hit 81 despite missing 2 games last year). Contract year (\$\$\$). Very slight edge over Zeke in PPR formats only and can make the case for AK41 over Barkley too (note that in non-PPR formats, I have AK as RB5 behind Henry).
5. **Derrick Henry (^)** (RB5 – ADP: 6) – League-winner with Ryan Tannehill under center. His numbers in 12 games with Tannehill, including postseason: 273-1,570-14 (5.7 YPC). His 22.5 PPG in that span was RB2 Pace, behind only CMC. Recall incredible finish to 2018 season as well; per John Paulsen, in Henry's last 22 games, he's averaging 22.7 touches for 128 total yards (5.44 YPC) and 1.23 TDs per game! This season, Henry faces the league's softest schedule against the run (per Warren Sharp). No team views their RB as a bigger focal point that they build the offense around than TEN. Losing run-blocking mauler RT Jack Conklin stings and TD regression looming, but Henry could snag more catches (only 18 receptions in 2019) sans Dion Lewis.

Round 1 (Picks 5-12)

- I'm not a huge fan of the middle picks (Picks 7-9) this year because I think you are more likely to land both RBs in this tier by picking at the end of Round 1.
 - Landing Josh Jacobs and someone like Joe Mixon in Rounds 1 and 2 is an ideal start if I'm picking late in Round 1 or near the turn.
 - YAHOO!: Jacobs is ranked 18th overall on Yahoo!, so it's possible you can grab someone else toward the end of Round 1 if you're confident you can secure Jacobs early in Round 2.
6. **Clyde Edwards-Helaire (^)** (RB6 – ADP: 8) – The “Fresh Prince of Helaire” was the Chiefs guy in Round 1 of the NFL Draft, coveted by GM Brett Veach (who made Brian Westbrook comparisons), HC Andy Reid (whose offense has supported a Top-16 RB in 12/15 seasons), and even QB Pat Mahomes. We knew being the hand-selected RB in this Reid and Mahomes-led prolific Chiefs offense was ideal. Then Damien Williams' 2020 opt out has propelled CEH to Round 1 status. CEH is not an elite prospect or athlete, but his

pass catching chops and prime situation provide him a high fantasy floor. For some, it's tough to swallow taking a rookie in a COVID-shortened offseason in the Top-6. This concern of CEH being unproven is all but eliminated when examining the question marks of the RBs going behind him.

7. **Josh Jacobs (^)** (RB7 – ADP: 15) – Jacobs's 14.7 PPG in 13 games was RB16 Pace, which was OK as a rookie. But it took a deep dive into Jacobs "Contextualized Gamelog" (see below) before I grew to love Jacobs this season. Jacobs was a workhorse for Oakland whenever game flow permitted. The Raiders struggled to move the ball through the air because of their lack of receiving weapons, which limited scoring opportunities, and this resulted in Jacobs getting taken out of several games in the second half because the team was trailing by double digits. Jacobs also played through a separated shoulder injury that he sustained in Week 7. Despite this, Jacobs showed elite rushing ability on the field. #1 in PFF's Elusiveness Rating. #1 in missed tackles forced. #6 in yards after contact per rushing attempt. Injuries to 4/5 starting O-Linemen caused the Raiders' O-Line starters to miss a combined 17 starts last season, but the team returns 5/5 O-Line starters in 2020. Was not utilized as a pass catcher as a rookie (only 12 routes per game), and the Raiders have sent mixed messages about his receiving role: the coaches / GM vow to feature him more there, but the team's actions (re-signing Jalen Richard, drafting RB/WR hybrid Lynn Bowden, signing Devontae Booker and Theo Riddick) speak otherwise. Ultimately, I think an overall improved offense + a healthy Jacobs will propel the talented runner to Top-8 RB status (and if he can improve on his 20 catches to ~35, we may be looking at possible fantasy stardom). Yahoo! ranks him 18th. Jacobs in the mid-2nd is stealing.
8. **Joe Mixon (^)** (RB8 – ADP: 13) – The first half of Mixon's 2019 fantasy season was a dumpster fire: only 15.8 touches per game (27th among RBs) while playing only 54% of his team's offensive snaps, 101-320-0 (3.19 YPC), 10 PPG, RB28 Pace. The main culprits were Cincinnati stinking – they started 0-8 – and Mixon tweaked his ankle in Week 1. The team had just lost QB Andy Dalton to injury before the team wisely came to their senses during their BYE week and realized if they just run out the clock, they can land QB Joe Burrow with the No. 1 overall pick. Mixon was the main beneficiary of this "offensive philosophy shift" that saw Cincy become one of the league's most run-heavy teams despite constantly getting blown out. In Weeks 10-17, Mixon saw 24.6 touches per game on 66% of the Bengals' snaps as the focal point of the offense (177-817-5 (4.6 YPC), 18.17 PPG, RB9 Pace. Reasons for optimism include Joe Burrow and the return of A.J. Green, which should put this offense back on the map. The Bengals also get back 2018 first round pick, OT Jonah Williams, a fantastic run blocker in college, after missing all of last season, which is good because Cincinnati couldn't block a soul. Mixon did what he could with what he had, leading the NFL in most evaded tackles with 103. Positive TD regression is likely seeing as Mixon only scored a TD on 1.8% of his carries, per Kate Magdziuk (@FFballblast). Mixon needs to be used in the receiving game more to reach Top-5 status, but his pace stats in the final 8 games: 386 touches, 1,988 total yards, and 10 TDs. Contract year (\$\$\$) and in prime of career.

Round 2 (Picks 13-24)

- Nothing against Michael Thomas, Davante Adams, and Julio Jones, but because the WR position is as deep as I've ever seen, and because the RB is scarce to the point where I see a massive drop off at that position after Round 4, I'd much prefer to open up with 2-3 RBs in the first two or three rounds.
- Even though these RBs come with some warts, the fact that I can fire off with several quality receivers in Rounds 4-7 while the RB position is a barren wasteland by then is enough persuasion to secure RBs early. This strategy is reflected on my draft board.
- TE George Kittle is my primary target late in Round 2; I think he's going to have a monster season. Pairing Kittle with a Top-3 RB is a beautiful start.
- I've seen some people pull off Alvin Kamara / Derrick Henry in Round 1 AND Joe Mixon or Josh Jacobs in Round 2 (more likely Jacobs). That's optimal.

9. **Davante Adams (^)** (WR1 – ADP: 12) – Yes, Adams is my No. 1 WR over Michael Thomas. A turf toe injury that forced him to miss 4 games last season seems to be overshadowing a dominant finish. Adams averaged a ridiculous 22.35 PPG (WR2 Pace), only .5 PPG fewer than Michael Thomas, over his final 8 games, including postseason, Weeks 12-19. His final 5 games (54/43-662-6) saw him post an other-worldly 25.4 PPG! Remember how the Saints had no one to throw to other than Thomas last season because Kamara was hurt, Jared Cook was in his first year with his new team, and the team had no other WRs capable of stepping up? That's Davante Adams' situation this season. He's the only player that Aaron Rodgers trusts, and the Packers will be forced to throw more after luckily winning 13 games last season. The Vegas over/under for projected Packers' wins sits at 9. Adams could push for 180 targets and double-digit scores this season, and he's quietly finished as a Top-10 WR in PPG in the last 4 straight seasons. Note that I'd personally prefer going RB-RB in non-PPR formats, however.
10. **Michael Thomas** (WR2 – ADP: 6) – MT was PPR gold last season, breaking Marvin Harrison's long-standing record for most receptions in a single season. He's led the NFL in catches for 2 straight seasons and caught 100+ passes in 3 straight. Last year's 185 targets is coming down; the Saints signed Emmanuel Sanders, Jared Cook enters his second year with the team, and Alvin Kamara will hopefully be healthier. That said, Thomas is as bust-proof as I've ever seen – he's stayed healthy throughout his career and is in his prime, he only scored 1 PPG in 5 games with Teddy Bridgewater starting, and if the 41-year-old Brees were miss time again, Jameis Winston is an ideal backup for fantasy purposes. Davante Adams carries more risk than Thomas, and ranking MT in Round 2 on my Draft Board is only due to the position he plays, not the player himself.
11. **Dalvin Cook** (RB9 – ADP: 5.5) – Cook is coming off a career year where he peaked statistically and managed to stay healthy until Week 12. Cook also presents as big of an injury risk as anyone in fantasy football and must be handcuffed with Alexander Mattison. RBs in Gary Kubiak offenses always seem to produce (this is a big reason why I slotted him 6th overall in last year's Draft Guide despite his ADP being 18th). Cook broke out in a major way, averaging 22.63 PPG (RB2 Pace) in 11 games before he hurt his shoulder. But there are several red flags to Cook's outlook this season, and I can't justify Cook in Round 1 until he ends his hold out for good. I'm aware that my readers (and I myself) won't have any exposure to Cook this season if they follow this Draft Board, and I'm OK with that.
12. **Kenyan Drake (^)** (RB10 – ADP: 14) – 19.9 PPG (RB4 Pace) in 8 games with Arizona following midseason trade last season. ARI traded David Johnson and tagged Drake to a

1-year, \$10+M deal, showing faith while keeping Drake in contract year (\$\$\$). Kliff Kingsbury spread offense is RB-friendly; features include carries from shotgun against light boxes. Drake has always been uber efficient but has never been trusted with bell cow role until in ARI; played 381 (79%) of 483 possible snaps, handled 123 (85%) of the 144 carries and 35 (14% of the 43 targets to team RBs during 8-game span, according to Mike Clay. His 8-game ARI pace was 1,628 yards, 56 catches, and 16 TDs, per Evan Silva. Drake now has an offseason to fully grasp playbook after midseason trade. IF he can stay healthy (unproven as bell cow back outside of 8-game sample to close out last season), he has a Top-5 ceiling and a Top-15 floor. I worry about the health and love the situation enough to declare a mandatory handcuff policy with Chase Edmonds.

13. **Miles Sanders** (RB11 – ADP: 10) – Sanders strong finish helped fantasy managers win their leagues last season. In the final 7 games, post-BYE week, and after Jordan Howard got hurt, Sanders averaged 17.6 PPG (RB10 Pace) on 109-499-2 rushing and 36/28-212-2 receiving (sample replaces Week 17 early exit with Week 18 playoff game). It's worth noting that his three big games in that stretch (21.5, 35.2, and 26.6) came against weak defensive opponents (MIA, WAS, DAL, respectively). Still, the team invested high draft capital in Sanders (2nd round pick), brought no other RB competition in (his backup is Darren Sproles-lite Boston Scott), and publicly endorsed him as the team's lead RB this offseason. Sanders is probably overrated by the experts – he ranked 44th of 45 qualifying backs in PFF rushing grade and is relatively unproven as a workhorse – but he's a gifted pass catcher being thrust into an attractive role. Good QB. Good offense. Winning team. Even for someone who is lower than consensus on Sanders like I am, there's a lot to like about his outlook.
14. **Nick Chubb** (RB12 – ADP: 12) – Yes, I know the stats: Chubb was RB5 on a PPG basis in Weeks 1-9 without Kareem Hunt and declined to RB23 PPG in Weeks 10-17 when Hunt returned from suspension. However, those splits were with an entirely different coaching staff. New HC Kevin Stefanski, who worked alongside Gary Kubiak last season in Minnesota to propel Dalvin Cook to a career year, has given the Browns a new, smash-mouth identity. The team hired O-Line guru Bill Callahan to coach the unit, drafted OT Jedrick Wills in Round 1, signed great run blocker RT Jack Conklin, traded for full back Andy Janovich, and signed TE Austin Hooper to give the Browns flexibility to use “12” personnel with 2 TEs more than “11” personnel with 3 WRs. Stefanski's offense projects to be extremely run-heavy, and Chubb is one of the best pure runners in the NFL. Chubb has finished 1st in PFF Grade among 77 RBs for 2 straight seasons. I think Chubb is due for positive TD regression, having recorded -14 yards on 15 rushing attempts (!) for a paltry 2 TDs on carries inside the 5-yard line last season. I do believe Kareem Hunt is a talented RB, and certainly he's more versatile than Chubb. And based on the Vikings' extensive use of Dalvin Cook in the passing game last season, part of me worries that Chubb could be supplanted as the primary back because of his lack of receiving skills comparatively. On the other hand, the Browns have been talking up Hunt's pass catching ability to the point where they could use him as a slot WR, which would leave Chubb as the primary back. Ultimately, it's tough to predict the usage between the two backs, but this a situation +

talent combo that you may regret fading. In non-PPR formats, Chubb is bumped up a few spots, maybe even to Top-10 overall ahead of the elite WRs.

15. **George Kittle (^)** (TE1 – ADP: 23) – The stars are aligning for George Kittle to have a monster season. Kittle’s “Contextualized Gamelog” (below) reveals that he dealt with and played through a variety of injuries last season, including knee, ankle, groin, and labrum issues. Yet, PFF graded George Kittle as their top-rated player – not TE – PLAYER, last season. Per Graham Barfield, among TEs, Kittle ranked 1st in yards per route run, 1st in drop rate, 2nd in PFF’s run blocking grades, 2nd in receptions and yards per game, and 2nd in YAC per reception. In addition, Kittle finished 1st among all players (not just TEs) in yards per route run, and the most among TEs ever, according to Scott Barrett. Despite being an efficient TD scorer in college, Kittle has had poor TD luck in the NFL, posting TD totals of 2, 6, and 6 in his three pro seasons. Major positive TD regression could be coming. Evidence of this is provided by the fact that Kittle had 3 TDs called back by penalties last season. He led the NFL in that stat, too. Now, Kittle enters this season in his prime, presumably healthy, due for an uptick in touchdowns, and the unquestioned centerpiece of the 49ers passing attack. And this is a passing game that not only lacks weapons at wide receiver – top Deebo Samuel broke his foot and may start the season on PUP, while de facto WR1 Brandon Aiyuk is a rookie in a COVID-shortened offseason who just hurt his hamstring in training camp, leaving Kendrick Bourne and Trent Taylor getting first team reps – but it’s also a passing game that due for more volume. Last season, the 49ers’ defense and running game enabled them to destroy teams. There were numerous games where the 49ers just leaned heavily on their running game and only asked Jimmy Garoppolo to throw a handful of times in the second halves of games because the team was blowing out its opponent. The consistent positive game scripts and a laundry list of injuries limited Kittle’s production last season, and it’s unlikely that either issue is as prevalent this season. Garoppolo will be forced to throw more, and George Kittle is set up to be a league winner in 2020.
16. **Julio Jones (^)** (WR3 – ADP: 14) – Led the NFL in Air Yards with 1,908, almost 100 more than second place (Mike Evans). WR5 Pace with 18.3 PPG. According to John Daigle, Julio has seen at least 129 targets in 6 consecutive seasons, and he’s finished as a Top-6 fantasy WR in 5 straight seasons. He’s also hit at least 1,300 REYD in each of the past 6 seasons. TE Austin Hooper, SWR Mohamed Sanu, and pass catching RB Devonta Freeman have departed, freeing up a league-high number of departed targets. The Falcons led the NFL in pass attempts last season with a good QB in Matt Ryan, have no running game, no defense, play home games indoors, and play in an offensive NFC South division. Julio is a no-brainer in Round 2.
17. **Travis Kelce** (TE2 – ADP: 19) – Kelce has finished as the No. 1 TE in the last 4 straight seasons. That’s good, right? Kelce only managed 5 TDs on 97 catches for over 1,000 REYD (again, for the 4th straight year). Furthering that point, according to Kyle Krajewski, Kelce had 12 targets inside the 10-yard line, the second most in the league, and he only caught 3 passes for 2 TDs in that area.
18. **Patrick Mahomes (^)** (QB1 – ADP: QB2) – If you replace the almost 3 full regular season games Mahomes missed because of a midseason knee injury with his 3 playoff games,

Mahomes's 24.03 PPG was QB2 Pace. He's the best player in the NFL, and he's loaded with pass catching threats: Tyreek Hill, Mecole Hardman, Sammy Watkins, Travis Kelce, and Clyde Edwards-Helaire, behind an above-average O-Line returning 4/5 starters. Andy Reid's offense is extremely QB-friendly, and Mahomes has enough wheels and athleticism to score a few RUTDs. The only thing that has really changed since Mahomes threw for over 5,000 PAYD and 50 PATDs in 2018 is that he's won a Super Bowl. I rank Mahomes higher on my Draft Board than most experts because I value safety in Rounds 1-2, and Mahomes is highly likely to be a "hit" who won't lose you your fantasy league, similar to the way Peyton Manning was for so many seasons.

19. **Lamar Jackson** (QB2 – ADP: QB1) – Jackson was a fantasy and real-life MVP last season on the back of 27.78 PPG, including playoffs, 3 full PPG more than Mahomes' Adjusted Fantasy Totals. Concerns about his obvious declines in efficiency, TD-rate (9%) regression, and defenses "being more prepared for him" this season are mitigated by an increase in volume. The Ravens trailed on only 19% of their offensive snaps last season, so Jackson will likely be dropping back to throw more in 2020. WR Marquise Brown and TE Mark Andrews could be healthier this season, as well. My gut tells me that Jackson's playing style makes him more likely to sustain an injury, but studies I've read have refuted that instinct. Still, Jackson remains a "cheat code" and I want to remain higher than the experts on the two elite QBs (though I'll admit this spot is likely lower than he'll go in most home leagues).
20. **Austin Ekeler** (RB13 – ADP: 18) – I WANT to like Ekeler more. On one hand, Ekeler averaged 26.75 PPG (RB2 Pace behind CMC) in Weeks 1-4 while Melvin Gordon was out. Gordon now plays for Denver. Even when Gordon returned, Ekeler remained valuable, averaging 16.83 PPG (RB12 Pace). Ekeler has always been hyper-efficient. He's ranked 2nd, 1st, and 3rd in 2019, 2018, and 2017 respectively in PPR Points Per Snap, according to Scott Barrett. And he's obviously due for an increase in snaps this season sans Gordon. However, Ekeler did A LOT of his damage as a receiver (8 RETDs!), and though it's cool that he has that capability (he's a beast of a versatile back), I do think we'll see a steep decline in receiving production with the QB downgrade from Philip Rivers to Tyrod Taylor. It's not just because Rivers is a better QB, it's because Rivers historically has peppered RBs with targets, and Tyrod Taylor has the opposite playing style. Taylor looks downfield far more often and when his reads aren't there, he uses his mobility to scramble rather than check down to RBs. And even if we assume that Taylor's presence may help Ekeler become a more efficient runner (i.e. read-options, etc.), I do worry about Ekeler's goal line usage. Ekeler did not score a single RUTD after Melvin Gordon returned in Week 4 last season. And while yes, Gordon is gone now, I'm not confident the Chargers trust Ekeler at the goal line (he's smaller and has had fumbling issues there in the past). Because of all the changes surrounding his outlook, I'm lower than consensus on Ekeler, but I do think he has the receiving floor to justify selecting him in in Round 2 for PPR formats; I view him as a Round 3 selection in non-PPR leagues.
21. **Tyreek Hill** (WR4 – ADP: 16) – The most explosive player for the league's most explosive quarterback. Can be a roller coaster ride on a week-to-week basis. 17.9 PPG in 13 games

(10 regular season games minus early exits in weeks 1, 11, + 3 playoff games) was WR6 Pace.

Round 3 (Picks 25-36)

- There is a slew of RBs who I am AVOIDING at cost that are going in Rounds 3-4 (namely Gurley, Bell, Fournette, Gordon).
- One exception is David Johnson, who I'm cautiously optimistic is not yet "washed." I like his situation in Houston, and I believe D.J. is ranked low (in the mid-40s) by both ESPN and Yahoo! and given the extensive depth at WR, I'm smashing the DRAFT button anytime I see D.J. available in Round 4.
- Ranking WRs 5-25 this year is an unenviable task, and admittedly, they are so tightly jumbled close together in the same, enormous tier, that deviating from these WR mid-round rankings shouldn't get much pushback.
- I'm expecting big bounce-back seasons from Odell Beckham and Adam Thielen, so I'm nudging them ahead of the pack.
- I'm aggressively reaching for TE Mark Andrews after the early round RB drop off and before the massive WR run.
- Really happy with a Top-5 RB + Kittle/Julio + Conner start. If I can add David Johnson in Round 4 to that, it's even better.
- Also love opening up RB-RB-RB-TE (for examples: Henry, Jacobs, Conner, and Mark Andrews; OR Jacobs, Mixon, Conner/D.J., and Mark Andrews), because it allows you to focus on gathering several WRs in Rounds 5-7, and there will be PLENTY to choose from.
- ESPN: James Conner's ESPN Ranking (47th) is so criminally low. Conner is automatic for me in Round 3.
- YAHOO: David Johnson's Yahoo! Ranking (67th) is egregiously low. He's auto-draft for me in Round 4. Conner's Yahoo! ranking is much higher, unfortunately (23rd), which pushes Mark Andrews up to Round 3 with David Johnson being target in Round 4 (unless Mahomes or Jackson are somehow available in the third, in which case I'll pounce).
- There are some incredibly unbelievable WR values late in Yahoo! so it doesn't bother me at all if I don't have a WR through four rounds. In fact, I would prefer it.

22. **James Conner (^)** (RB14, ADP: 35) – After a surprisingly awesome RB6 PPG finish in 2018, Conner let down fantasy managers who drafted him in Round 1 and his own team with a frustrating, injury-plagued season. Conner battled a knee sprain, ankle sprain, quad strain, AC joint sprain, and quad contusion all at different points in 2019. He only managed 60 RUYD in once in 10 games. Yet, Conner remained quietly effective in the 8 games he actually started and finished. When excluding early exits in Weeks 11 and 16, Conner's 105-422-4 (4.0 YPC) rushing and 36/33-245-3 receiving lines were good enough to prorate to 1,334 total yards and 14 TDs over 16 games. Conner's 17.46 PPG in those 8 healthy games was RB10 Pace. This was despite playing in one of the league's worst offenses with Big Ben hurt, and Mason Rudolph and Delvin "Duck" Hodges at QB. Big Ben is returning, which will open up the entire offense. The Steelers have a rock-solid O-Line returning 4/5 starters. They have one of the league's best defenses. They are a winning team with positive game scripts. We've already seen Conner be a capable every-down back. And we've seen him post great fantasy numbers on a per-game basis (RB6 PPG finish in 2018, RB10 PPG Pace in healthy games in 2019). We know he'll get goal line touches. We know he can catch. Conner also faces the league's second softest schedule against the run (per Warren Sharp). While it's certainly fair to say fantasy managers and the Steelers were frustrated by Conner's inability to stay healthy last season, this offseason Mike Tomlin dispelled speculation that the Steelers would reduce Conner's role when he called Conner

a featured guy and proven runner when healthy and in the same breath stated that he [Tomlin] is a featured-runner type of guy by mentality. Tomlin also said, "We're excited about [Conner] getting back to health and displaying that in 2020." Additionally, he noted that Benny Snell (Conner's backup and rightful handcuff) is "capable of being a James-type of guy *IF James is unavailable*." Keep in mind that Tomlin is the same coach who rode Willie Parker "until the wheels come off," and gave Le'Veon Bell 350+ touches a season. Admittedly, Conner is as big of an injury risk as they come in fantasy football. However, that injury discount is already factored into his ADP. That's why Conner is not a first round pick in fantasy drafts like he was last summer despite his situation not really changing at all (ESPN ranks Conner as 47th overall!). I'll swallow the health risk for a Top-10 RB production when available. And projecting health is in fantasy football is a funny thing sometimes. There's a HIGH chance he's missing time at some point this season, but people were saying the same things about Dalvin Cook, Aaron Jones, and Leonard Fournette last summer, too. And what better time to stay healthy than in a contract year (\$\$\$)? Sign me up for James Conner in Round 3.

23. **Aaron Jones** (RB15, ADP: 18) - Going into last season, everyone wanted the Packers to free Aaron Jones, and that's exactly what they did, in a major way. He finished as the RB2 on the back of a whopping 19 TDs last season. But according to Mike Clay, Jones checked in as sixth luckiest TD scorer in his sample of 7,362 players since 2007. Jones ranked seventh in the league with 13 carries inside the opponent's 5 and scored on 11 of 19 carries within 7 yards of the end zone. And his head coach, Matt LaFleur is headstrong on being able to run the football despite the presence of Aaron Rodgers. But at the NFL combine, Matthew Berry of ESPN.com asked Matt LaFleur whether Aaron Jones showed something this past season, especially when Jamaal Williams went down with an injury, and whether Jones could handle a bigger workload. Could Jones be a workhorse? LaFleur said not only did they need "both guys" (meaning Jones and Williams) but that ideally they'd add a third. And that's exactly what the Packers did when they spent their 2nd Round pick, a pick that EVERYONE and their grandmothers thought would be used on a wide receiver. No, the Packers decided to not only add a 3rd running back, but a 247-pound bruiser back in AJ Dillon. Who is built like Derrick Henry. And regardless of what you think about Dillon's role as a rookie, especially in a COVID-shortened offseason, at the very minimum, we have to acknowledge he's a threat to vulture TDs at the goal line, and as stated, the goal line role was where Aaron Jones made himself so valuable for FF. Last year, only five running backs had more carries at the goal line than Jones, and he was one of two backs (Ezekiel Elliott is the other one) to score 10 times from that area of the field. So it was more than fair to say Aaron Jones was due for significant TD regression BEFORE the Draft, and now that the Packers added a 247-pound bull dozer back, the case is even stronger. One of the reasons that the Packers refused to feed Aaron Jones, who has always been so efficient with his touches, was that he couldn't stay healthy as the lead back. Last year, Jones managed to stay healthy. But the concerns shouldn't just disappear. Health regression is a factor with Jones too. And speaking of health, Jones also took advantage of other Packers not staying healthy. Aaron Jones in 7 Games without Jamaal Williams and/or Davante Adams, Weeks 4-8, 16-17, averaged 25.6 PPG (RB2 Pace). Aaron Jones in 11 Games with Williams and Adams, averaged 16.4 PPG (RB12 Pace), which

isn't bad, but it is concerning. Furthermore, the Packers were an extremely fortunate team last season. They went 13-3, but they won a large amount of one-score games, and I'm just not buying that they will even sniff 12-4 this season. And neither is Vegas. The over/under wins total was set by Vegas for GB was 8.5 wins. What does that suggest? Less positive game scripts for the Packers' running game. So while I don't think it's unreasonable to have a 2nd round grade on Jones (he's a very gifted back with receiving prowess on a run-committed playoff team), he is my least favorite among the Round 2 RBs. And I'd prefer the elite TEs over Jones as well.

24. **David Johnson (^)** (RB16, ADP: 45) – Easy to forget that D.J. averaged 20.21 PPG (RB3 Pace!) in his first 6 games last season before he sustained a debilitating back injury that crippled him the rest of the season. Only CMC and Dalvin Cook averaged more PPG. The Texans' controversial trading of DeAndre Hopkins for D.J. keeps Bill O'Brien invested in proving doubters wrong. And you can say what you want about BOB, but he loves feeding his RBs; Arian Foster, Lamar Miller, and even Carlos Hyde were all used a lot more than experts expected. In fact, the Texans have ranked Top-12 in rushing attempts in each of O'Brien's six seasons as HC. The Texans return 5/5 starters along the O-Line, have a good, and have a good, mobile QB in Deshaun Watson. D.J.'s receiving ability will keep him involved in the passing game when the Texans are trailing because their defense stinks. Houston faces the league's third softest schedule against the run (per Warren Sharp). D.J. is a potential workhorse going in Round 4 of drafts because of a stigma that "he's washed." Maybe. But considering Yahoo ranks him 67th overall, I'm more than willing to pay the price to find out. And again, I don't feel great about taking players like D.J. over all of these talented WRs, but the positional value of RB and extensive depth at WR lends that hand.
25. **Mark Andrews (^)** (TE3, ADP: 41) – Andrews carried his chemistry in limited reps with Lamar Jackson from 2018 over to a massive 2019 breakout. He averaged 14.18 PPG (TE3 Pace) in 15 games (14 regular season, minus an early exit vs. BUF + 1 playoff game) and scored 10 touchdowns, the most in the NFL among TEs. Amazingly, Andrews posted these numbers despite playing only 41% of the Ravens' offensive snaps last season. Andrews' "Contextualized Gamelog" (below) shows that he battled various injuries and was often unneeded in the second halves of games when Baltimore was blowing out its opponents. The Ravens were trailed on only 19% of their offensive snaps last season, and we can safely expect regression and more passing volume this season. Fellow TE Hayden Hurst was traded, freeing up 39 targets and 219 routes run for Andrews, per Hayden Winks. Andrews has an established rapport with his quarterback, the league MVP. He's an elite athlete and TE talent who could enter that Kelce/Kittle territory this season with more opportunity. If I miss out on Kittle, I'm aggressively reaching for Andrews, typically securing him in Round 4.
26. **Adam Thielen (^)** (WR5, ADP: 28) – Thielen opened the 2018 season with 8 straight games with 100+ REYD, tying an NFL record. He hasn't been quite the same since that incredible start. Thielen's 2019 was mostly a wiped season due to repeated hamstring woes, though it's worth noting Thielen averaged 16.45 PPG (WR9 Pace) on the back of 6 TDs in 6 games prior to his first hamstring injury. Now, Stefon Diggs is out of the equation,

so Thielen should get ample opportunity in an offense with an OC that historically prominently features its No. 1 WR. According to Ian Hartitz, Gary Kubiak's No. 1 WR has been a Top-12 PPR WR in 12/23 seasons with Kubiak as either HC or OC, and his No. 1 WR has finished as a Top-24 WR in 19/23 seasons, with two of the exceptions due to injury. Excluding the two injury exception years, Kubiak's No. 1 WR has averaged 144 targets a season. Thielen's only competition for targets at WR is Justin Jefferson, a rookie WR in a COVID-shortened offseason who has not yet run with the "1s" in training camp. The Vikings are trotting out Bisi Johnson and Tajae Sharpe as their other outside WRs. Last season, the Vikings were able to run the ball at will (Dalvin Cook stayed healthy in a career year) and control games with their defense. Minnesota lost its 3 starting CBs in free agency, along NT Linval Joseph and DE Everson Griffen. In 2020, the Vikings defense could struggle this season, forcing them to pass more often. Thielen could easily catch 100 balls this season.

27. **Odell Beckham (A)** (WR6, ADP: 31) – Beckham played the entire season with a severe sports hernia injury he sustained in the preseason that required surgery this offseason. His numbers were down (74-1035-4). He lacked chemistry with his new QB, and an uncreative offense forced throws to him. Now healthy, entering his second season with Mayfield and in a new offense run by Kevin Stefanski, who helped coax Stefon Diggs' most efficient season, Beckham could return to the heights that saw him finish as a Top-6 WR two seasons in a row. According to Chris Trapasso, Stefon Diggs, a similar WR to Beckham, increased his catches of 30+ yards from 5 to 30 and increased his 20+ yard catches from 13 (12.7% of his catches) to 20 (31.7% of his catches) from 2018 without Stefanski to 2019 with Stefanski. Now that Stefanski is the head coach of the Browns, Beckham stands to gain a massive increase in efficiency and deep targets, which suits OBJ's skillset, albeit with fewer targets in a run-first offense. Meanwhile, Jarvis Landry is still recovering from offseason hip surgery. According to Mike Clay, Beckham underachieved in the TD department (4 TDs compared to 6 oTDs) and should find the end zone more in 2020.

Rounds 4-5 (Picks 37-60)

- Landing James Conner (ESPN), David Johnson (Yahoo!), or Mark Andrews (either) in Round 4 is gravy.
 - Reiterating the point that ranking WRs 5-25 is a seemingly impossible task, you will notice that I have many WRs with 4th, 5th, and even 6th Round ADPs actually ranked higher than WRs who are consistently taken in Round 3. Certainly, you can make a strong argument that any of these WRs can finish in the Top-12. However, my draft board generally lays out in a way that encourages being patient on the WR position early on, because I think you can draft similar, if not better, WR options in between picks 40-70 overall.
 - I would prioritize getting a 3rd RB if you don't have one yet. Chris Carson and Jonathan Taylor are nice options.
28. **Robert Woods (A)** (WR7, ADP: 47) - This guy is just so disrespected. According to Matthew Berry of ESPN.com, "the only player over the past two seasons with 150-plus catches AND a drop rate of less than 1% is ... current Los Angeles Ram Robert Woods. Last season, Woods was ninth among all WRs in targets per game and yards per game. He was second in routes run per game. He was the 12th-best WR in fantasy on a points-per-game basis. As of this writing, Woods' ADP on ESPN is WR17." Woods had a slow start last

season, which everyone seems to be remembering. He was the WR22 Weeks 1-8 (38-471-0) on 60 targets. But people are conveniently forgetting that he finished extremely strongly last season. Robert Woods Final 7 Games Post-BYE (9.7/6.4-83.71-2) 134.7 / 7 = 19.24 PPG. WR4 Pace! Robert Woods drew 19% of Rams targets before the bye; 26.4% of them in his 7 games (of team's 8) after the bye, according to Matt Schauf of DraftSharks.com. Woods has been the WR13 and WR8 in expected points over the past two seasons. No player had a larger expected touchdown differential per yardage gained than Woods in 2019. That stat is from Rich Hribar of Sharp Football Analysis, and it is sharp football analysis indeed to draft Robert Woods this season. Woods is due for positive TD regression: per Jared Smola of Draft Sharks, Roberts Woods' ranks among WRs last year: targets - 8th, catches - 8th, yards - 14th, and TDs - 74th; #RegressionAlert. Per Hayden Winks of Rotoworld, "The Rams played at the fastest pace and had the highest pass rate (84%) in the NFL while in negative game script last season." The Rams have a terrible defense and no running game that we know of. So yeah. I LOVE Bob Trees. And I realize this is like the cool thing to do in the fantasy community of experts. All the experts are saying "Oh buy Robert Woods, he's a bargain. Why is he so disrespected?" and then they rank him like WR16 instead of WR18. Big whoop! No. I have him as a Top-10 WR, and I'm THRILLED to get Woods in Round 4 if Mark Andrews is off the board. And because he's so under the radar, if makes it to Round 5 and I can land him as my WR1, I'm freaking out. Ecstatic.

29. **Tyler Lockett (^)** (WR8, ADP: 44) - I feel like I'm ranking this guy ahead of ADP every year. He's always under drafted. And he always ends up being a huge bargain. Lockett has finished as WR15 and WR17 in PPR the last 2 seasons. He's a great talent in his prime with Russ Wilson at QB. Super-efficient his entire career. Still being drafted at WR19. Last season Lockett in his first 10 games averaged 17.68 PPG (WR8 pace) before he was hospitalized after a game with a lower leg injury. And nobody talks about the injury because the Seahawks had their BYE after so he didn't miss time. But Lockett wasn't the same for a stretch of 3 games where he scored a total of 13 fantasy points. 9 targets. 5 catches. 81 yards in 3 games. He was clearly playing hurt. Without that cold stretch, we would be talking about Lockett finishing as a Top-10 WR. He shines every year in Reception Perception, Matt Harmon's WR metric that charts WRs getting open. He has a nice floor bc Lockett has such a big piece of the pie in target share; it's basically just him and D.K. Metcalf. I don't think they'll use their RBs in the passing game much, nor will WR3 Philip Dorsett see too much action. And if the Seahawks let Mr. Unlimited, Russell Wilson cook this season, and stop being so stubbornly run-heavy, Lockett could really hit his ceiling. But overall, I rank him Top-10 because he was WR8 pace in 10 games before he was hospitalized last season. And nothing has changed. So I'm not really sure why he's the 19th WR being taken in drafts on average.
30. **Calvin Ridley (^)** (WR9, ADP: 42) – On the surface, Ridley's 15.2 PPG in 13 Games (WR19 Pace) matches his WR16 ADP. I have him a little higher based on a pretty simple series of arguments. A logical line of thinking has Ridley checking a lot of boxes. Ridley has a big role for an offense led by Matt Ryan, a good QB. Check! OC Dirk Koetter is one of the most pass happy play-callers in the NFL. The Falcons led NFL in pass attempts last season. Koetter's offense seems to always rank Top-10 in passing volume. So passing volume:

Check! This offense has the most available targets departed from last season. Mohamed Sanu is gone. Austin Hoper is gone. Pass catching RB Devonta Freeman is gone. Target share and opportunity: Check! Ridley's numbers spiked up toward the end of the season when Hooper was hurt and Sanu traded. His final 4 receiving lines (with Hooper OUT for 3 of those games): 8/8-143-1, 14/6-85-1, 10/8-91-0, and 5/5-76-1. It's also worth noting Julio was out for 1.5 of those games BUT Ridley scored 28.3, 22, 17.1 and 18.6 PPR points in this final 4 games. Strong finish and production in new role (albeit limited sample): Check. Ridley is a great runner who finds ways to get open, evidenced by excelling in Matt Harmon's Reception Perception analysis. Talented: Check! The Falcons have no defense, no running game we've seen, and play 11/16 in doors this season. Favorable game flow: Check! All of this is a recipe for fantasy success. I don't think Ridley will have a Chris Godwin-like season because Julio Jones is clearly better. I'm not quite up that level, but Ridley's floor is high enough to make him a great mid-round selection.

31. **A.J. Brown (^)** (WR10, ADP: 35) - The ultimate boom or bust pick in fantasy this year. Final 6 Reg Season Games, Weeks 12-17 (39/25-605-5 + 2-62-1 rushing) = 21.28 PPG. WR2 Pace! Has the size. Speed. Athleticism. Amazing after the catch. Deep threat. Red zone threat. He looks like a young Dez Bryant or Terrell Owens. Unfortunately, he's definitely due for regression in efficiency last year. He scored every time he touched the ball it seemed. His TD-per-touch rate will come down as defenses focus on him more. The Titans don't have a lot of volume in passing game because of Derrick Henry being the offense. I think if something happened to Henry, Brown could explode. I do think TEN will have to throw more this year either way, and you have to love that Brown's competition for targets are Corey Davis, Jonnu Smith, Khalif Raymond. But Brown's playoffs were concerning. 1/1-4-0 vs. NE (ok, Stephon Gilmore, that's fine I guess), but then 3/1-9-0 vs. BAL and 6/3-51-0 vs. KC. Yikes. That's a total of 12.5 fantasy points in 3 playoff games. That's a very concerning game-logging red flag because like I mentioned, extra defensive attention could bring him down to earth, though it's worth mentioning the Titans barely needed to throw in 2 of those games. I would like AJ Brown A LOT MORE if he was going like a round later. and I'd love to get Brown as my WR1 if I open up with like 3 RBs and a TE in rounds 1-4, but similar a prospect, D.K. Metcalf is going 2 rounds later and has the better QB, so I'm winding up with Metcalf more. That said, if I got to choose between the two, I'd lean AJB because I likely could get Metcalf a round or two later.
32. **Kenny Golladay** (WR11, ADP: 24) – Golladay averaged 17.37 PPG (WR8 Pace) in 8 games with Matthew Stafford last season. There are more mouths to feed in Detroit this year, however. Aside from Marvin Jones (who posted very similar numbers to Golladay with Stafford, by the way), first-round TE T.J. Hockenson is entering his second season, and the Lions spent an early second round pick on pass-catching RB D'Andre Swift. Drafting Golladay is a bet on talent, and while we saw this offense be extremely aggressive through the air last season – Stafford led the NFL in average depth of throw and yards per attempt while active – I'm a little weary of Matt Patricia and his dinosaur-like tendency to establish the run.
33. **Mike Evans** (WR12, ADP: 25) – I'm getting questions about why I like Mike Evans over Chris Godwin. I just think it's a pendulum swing kind of thing. Evans has consistently been

one of the best WRs for 4 years now. Everything went right for Godwin last year. He started averaged 24.87 PPG in first 5 games, the #1 WR, but only scored 15.86 PPG in final 8 games, after bye week. WR15 Pace. So we regression may have already begun. The slot narrative exists with Brady and Bruce Arians for Godwin, and it's a great narrative because it's true. But we just don't know who Brady is going to like more. They also have Gronk, O.J. Howard, Cam Brate. It may be a 3-way TE rotation. The Bucs will be a winning team with brady, not constantly playing in negative game scripts and accruing garbage time after Jameis INTs and pick-6s. Their defense will be better, and probably their running game too. So I'm lower than consensus on both Tampa WRs. But I trust Evans more. I think Evans will be more of a red zone factor. And I think he'll make more big plays down the field more, especially early on before Brady's arm gets tired over the course of the season, as we have clearly seen the last 2-3 seasons. Brady was just, bad, in the second half of last season. I mean there's no other way to say it. His fantasy numbers in the final 10-11 games were right in line with Andy Dalton and Mitch Trubisky. And If you buy into Brady's arm strength declining as the season progresses, which I do, realize that makes one think Godwin will be the beneficiary and not Evans because Evans is primarily running deep patterns. But I don't know, I don't have the analytics to prove Evans is a better pick this year, but my gut is telling me Evans is going to be the better Tampa Bay WR, and sometimes you have to just go with your instincts.

34. **Chris Carson** (RB17, ADP: 44) – RB12 in PPG last season. Supposedly 100% after offseason hip surgery. Set career highs in catches (47). Rashaad Penny is starting the season on PUP, which means he'll miss at least the first six games of the season. Carlos Hyde will take some early down work, especially if Carson's fumble issues from last season persist, but Carson is the superior back whom Pete Carroll loves. Seattle was one of the most run-heavy teams in the NFL last season. Carson has scored 18 TDs in the last 2 seasons (9 in each). According to Matthew Berry, Carson was Top-5 in carries, yards per rush after first contact, and runs of 20+ RUYD. Note that he carries an extensive injury history.
35. **Jonathan Taylor (^)** (RB18, ADP: 45) – You'll have to be patient. The rookie will eventually supplant Marlon Mack as the starter, but this has the makings of a 3-way RBBC between JT, Mack, and pass-catching specialist Nyheim Hines. Taylor's receiving skills are a work in progress. He struggled with drops in college and throughout training camp. However, no one questions his rushing ability. According to Scott Barrett, Taylor led the NCAA in RUYD/G from 2000-2020 with 150.6 RUYD/G. Taylor AVERAGED 2,000 RUYD per season in 3 years at Wisconsin. Averaged. He also show-cased as an outstanding athlete at the NFL Combine. He could be a dominant force behind an excellent O-Line. Taylor is someone who will likely start slowly this season but finish strongly, as I think the Colts will struggle to keep him off the field by their Week 7 BYE. Indianapolis has a soft schedule against the run, and Taylor could feast down the stretch. Selecting him is a matter of goals. Can you weather the early season RBBC storm? He may not be that useful for the first several weeks of the season. If you struggle to make the playoffs in your league, you may want to grab an early contributor. If you regularly make the playoffs and want a player who can push you to a championship, Taylor's your man.

36. **Zack Ertz** (TE4, ADP: 47) – The Eagles wide receivers drop like flies every year, it seems; Alshon Jeffery and Jalen Reagor are already hurt. TE Dallas Goedert is waiting in the wings, but Ertz is a solid, not spectacular, 4th round pick. I'm not reaching for him, but if he lands in my lap, I'll take gladly take the year-to-year consistency that has been so rare at the TE position. He's recorded 5 straight seasons with at least 110 targets.
37. **D.K. Metcalf** (^) (WR13, ADP: 60) - Metcalf wasn't as great from a fantasy perspective as people seem to recall last season. Even in his final 11 games when he started seeing an every-down role, he was playing at WR26 Pace. But he shined in the playoff game against Philly. And he's such a physical freak from a size + speed combo, that a lot of people are prediction a breakout second season. He definitely has double-digit TD ability in this offense with the always efficient Russ Wilson at QB. If the Seahawks loosen the reigns and start throwing more, that'll help unleash Metcalf and this offense. I think Seattle is going to make Metcalf more of a focal point in the passing game this season and develop his game, whereas last year he was more of a one or two trick pony.
38. **D.J. Chark** (^) (WR14, ADP: 48) – Chark averaged 16.5 PPG in 13 games pre-foot/ankle injury that he tried to play through. That's WR9 pace. Every day I want to rank this guy higher and higher. Jay Gruden has a pass-centered offense. Combine that with the Jaguars league-lowest 4.5 win total. It seems like the Jags will be throwing 40 times a game this year. Chark is by far the best receiving option on this team. Great size/speed combo and athleticism profile. Gruden has talked him up this offseason, revealing plans to move Chark all over the formation, into the slot. He's going to be the centerpiece of this passing game which should receive a TON of volume. Chark is rising on my board.
39. **Allen Robinson** (WR15, ADP: 26) – I'm getting a lot of concerns from people saying I've ranked A-Rob too low. I love A-Rob's game. In my opinion, he was one of the best players in the NFL at any position last season. But his QBs held him back. And you may think, well Foles is there, but I don't know if Foles is going to start. I also don't know for sure if he'll be an upgrade over Trubisky when he does start. He probably will just by default. How can you not be? But I don't think this ranking is egregious. It's actually right in line with where Robinson finished on a PPG perspective (Robinson was WR13 in PPG). Only focusing on the QB play standing to improve is too optimistic, as it ignores that lot of things went right for A-rob last year. He was THE GUY in Chicago last year. 3rd in NFL targets. Had the healthiest year of his career. I had at least 50% exposure to Robinson on my teams and I don't recall if he was ever on the injury report. And Anthony Miller was hurt. And he came on down the stretch. The bears couldn't run the ball with Montgomery. They had no TE whatsoever. Taylor Gabriel got hurt. Now the team signed Ted Ginn and Jimmy Graham, who are way past their primes. And you may think "there's no way they cut into Robinson's role," but the bears have been dumb before. And I don't like getting into a habit of doubling down on my hits last year. Like if you pay close attention to my podcast and my draft guides, you may notice, almost the players I hit on – and side note, I don't mean this to brag, I had plenty of big whiffs last year: Devonta Freeman, Sony Michel, James Conner, OJ Howard, Curtis Samuel, David Montgomery. I recorded a whole episode on evaluating last year's Draft Guide by the way. "Transparency Circle," Episode 13 if you're interested. But the point is: I'm off on a lot of my big hits from last year -

Dalvin Cook, Chris Godwin, Darren Waller, Michael Gallup, Leonard Fournette, John Brown, Pats defense, and Allen Robinson. This isn't the case for all of them. If I still think they haven't yet hit their statistical peak and are somewhat still undervalued. For example, I have Mark Andrews, Tyler Lockett, Lamar Jackson, and Dak Prescott higher than consensus rankings. But usually, if a player hit or broke out, it generally means that a lot of things went right for them. And the market usually overcorrects, assuming that this will be the new normal. And the public tends to chase last year's stats. And I think that's what is happening with Robinson. A-Rob will still be good because he's just a great WR, but considering their QB situation, and some other red flags, and I think he might have peaked last season.

40. **Terry McLaurin (^)** (WR16, ADP: 47) - Scary Terry McLaurin is an expert's darling. Evan Silva stated that, "Terry McLaurin is one of just nine rookie WRs over the last decade to clear 900 yards & 9.0 yards per target. And that puts McLaurin in pretty select company [with Odell Beckham, Michael Thomas, A.J. Green, A.J. Brown, Keenan Allen, Julio Jones, JuJu Smith-Schuster, and D.K. Metcalf]." Matthew Harmon's Reception Perception analysis (76% success rate vs. man coverage (89th percentile), 79.7% success rate vs. press (93rd percentile)) showed McLaurin was excellent across the street tree, which has him believing McLaurin can be a star. Terry McLaurin's 85.7 overall Pro Football Focus grade was 1st among all rookie WRs and 6th among all WRs. The only reason people are down on McLaurin is bc his shaky QB play with Dwayne Haskins (it is true that McLaurin posted better splits with Case Keenum at QB rather than Haskins). But Haskins and McLaurin played together at OSU. And Washington had Haskins on a very tight leash last season. They were very conservative. Washington will have to throw more this year, and they do, it will likely be to McLaurin, because the Washington depth chart at WR behind McLaurin is just a barren wasteland. There's only Logan Thomas at TE, too. The team also just lost potential early down work horse RB Derrius Guice. In sum, McLaurin could see 130, 140 targets. Washington HC Ron Rivera compared McLaurin to DJ Moore. Moore had a breakout season under Rivera in his second year with crap QB play. I think Scary Terry can take a big jump this year. He's a bet on Talent OVER situation.
41. **DeAndre Hopkins** (WR17, ADP: 17) – I know. Hopkins is sticking out like a sore thumb on this Draft Board. I think with D-Hop, you have to understand that he was only WR7 in PPG last season WITH Deshaun Watson in Houston. He's now going 17th overall in ADP and at WR3. So I mean you have to ask yourself, for fantasy purposes, would you rather him still be in Houston or in Arizona? Personally I'd say Houston, and I think his ADP would make more sense if he were still there. I'd still have him below Julio And Tyreek probably. But 17th overall in PPR would be OK. Not good. But kind of on the mark. Accurate. But he's not in Houston anymore, so if you are taking Hopkins, I think that means you have to like him MORE in Arizona. And you probably do because of the Kliff Kingsbury fit. But fits can sometimes be a mirage. Things don't tend to go as planned in year 1 of a WR playing on a new team. Everyone thought Odell to Cleveland would be beautiful because Baker Mayfield was a clear upgrade over the corpse of Eli Manning. That Didn't work out in year 1, and it often does not. According to a study by John Paulsen (@4for4_John), a receiver who averages 8.0 fantasy points or more over the last two seasons sees his per-game

production drop by an average of 24% in the next season, if he changes teams. And this is not the normal team change. There's a COVID shortened offseason. No minicamp. No OTAs. No preseason. Barely a training camp. Hopkins has been missing practice. There's speculation he wants a new contract. But either way, Murray and Hopkins have barely seen the field together. And consider Hopkins' playing style. His biggest strength are these back-shoulder fades, and contested catches. These plays take chemistry that he developed with Watson and probably won't have with Kyler initially. According to Evan Silva of Establish the Run, Hopkins averaged 166 targets the last five seasons in Houston, and it's notable that no Cardinals pass catcher commanded so much as 110 targets in Kingsbury's first year. The Cardinals pace and plays per game after week 4 last season was right around league average. And the Cardinals ran the ball more than you think with Kenyan Drake. They were more successful running last year than throwing. Kingsbury also likes to have 3-4 WRs. Christian Kirk will be healthier. Hall of Famer Larry Fitz is there. Andy Isabella could be used more. Dan Arnold reportedly has a red zone rapport with Kyler. Listen, I'm not saying D-Hop can't outproduce these guys or out-target them. They are scrubs compared to Hopkins. But again, in Houston, Hopkins averaged 166 targets for 5 straight seasons. That's more than 10 per game. I don't know if we'll get there in year 1. On the other hand, I don't think Hopkins will totally flop because according to Dr. Jesse Morse (@DrJesseMorse), DeAndre Hopkins has only missed ONE game in his 7 NFL seasons. One. He's played in 111 out of a possible 112 games, 99.1%. "Iron Man." And Kingsbury may pepper Hopkins near the LOS just to get him involved like they did with Christian Kirk in weeks 1-4 before Kirk sprained his ankle last year, which is prime for PPR. But Hopkins will not be on my teams this season. I think the fact he's going above Julio Jones in many leagues is ludicrous.

42. **Kyler Murray (^)** (QB3, ADP: QB5) – Murray averaged 19.93 PPG (QB8 Pace) in Weeks 1-12 prior to pulling his hamstring. In his final 5 games, Murray's 13.07 PPG was QB30 Pace (though he did miss one half against SEA). Murray's rushing ability gives him a stable floor. He started slow as a rookie and should be much more comfortable in his second year as a pro and under Kliff Kingsbury's fast-paced, QB-friendly spread system. The Cardinals added DeAndre Hopkins. Christian Kirk returns healthy after playing through a moderate-to-high ankle sprain last season. Larry Fitzgerald and Andy Isabella are in the slot. And TE Dan Williams has developed a rapport with Murray as a red zone target. Kenyan Drake and Chase Edmonds are both capable receivers out of the backfield. Last year, Murray was playing with mostly pass catching scrubs. The Cardinals play home games indoors, have one of the league's worst defenses, and play in the NFL's toughest division. Murray is poised for a huge second-year leap. His ceiling is this year's Lamar Jackson (though not AS good), and his healthy floor is a Top-8 QB, basically what we saw last year. A popular breakout candidate, you will have to grab Murray before Pick 50 if you want him.
43. **Dak Prescott (^)** (QB4, ADP: QB4.5) – Dak was finally unleashed with Kellen Moore calling the plays in Dallas instead of the clapping dinosaur, Jason Garrett. The Cowboys' offense rightfully centered around Dak and the passing game rather than Zeke. Dak responded by finishing 5th in the NFL in yards per attempt (8.2), 5th in yards per completion

(12.6), 3rd in yards per game (306), and 4th in TD passes (30), according to Evan Silva of Establish the Run. He did that despite Dallas playing 10 of their 16 games against Top-15 DVOA defenses according to Football Outsiders' metric, and in spite of his pass catchers dropping a league-high 46 passes, per K.D. Drummond of The Cowboys Wire. Dak has finished as QB6, QB11, QB10, and QB2 (last year) in his career, according to Jeff Ratcliffe of FTN Fantasy. This season, the Cowboys replaced SWR Randall Cobb and TE Jason Witten with CeeDee Lamb and Blake Jarwin, two superior athletes and receiving options. Amari Cooper, Michael Gallup, Ezekiel Elliot, and a great O-Line returning 4/5 starters round out this amazing supporting cast. The Cowboys may struggle on defense and play indoors. This Dallas offense could be the best offense in the NFC.

44. **Russell Wilson (^)** (QB5, ADP: QB4.5) – A model of consistency over the years, Wilson has QB9, QB8, QB3, QB3, QB11, QB1, QB9, QB3 fantasy finishes over his impressive 8-year career, according to Ian Hartz of Pro Football Focus. Wilson has run less over the last two seasons as the Seahawks have run more, limiting “Mr. Unlimited.” But Wilson has pleaded with the coaching staff to open up the offense more before the 4th quarter of games, when Seattle is finally forced to #LetRussCook. Wilson has great skill position artillery if the Seahawks do decide to free Wilson. Tyler Lockett, D.K. Metcalf, Josh Gordon, and Phillip Dorsett present a wide range of speed, size, and athleticism combinations. Greg Olsen and Will Dissly are nice TEs. One thing that may cap Wilson's upside (besides his old-school, conservative OC Brian Schottenheimer) is the 'Hawks pending improvement on defense. The Seahawks may not need to throw as much as they've had in the second halves of games.
45. **Cooper Kupp** (WR18, ADP: 39) - Kupp finished as the WR4 last year coming off a torn ACL and he's going at WR20 on ESPN. Let me repeat that. In his first season back from tearing his ACL, only three WRs finished with more fantasy points than Cooper Kupp last season, yet he's the 20th WR taken on average in ESPN drafts. A lot of the same logic that applied to Robert Woods (see above) being criminally undervalued applies here, too. Fast paced offense, highest pass rate while trailing, and the Rams have no defense or running game. Kupp has established connection with Jared Goff. Unlike Woods, Kupp is featured in the red zone. No more Brandin Cooks. Kupp was sensational in the early portion last season but tailed off down the stretch and he lost some playing time. I attribute that to him maybe not being fully recovered from his ACL tear. Even if it was due to a changing of the guard on offense (the Rams focusing on 2-TE sets + the emergence of Tyler Higbee), I still think there's room to produce in this situation even if Tyler Higbee and 2-TE sets are here to stay. Kupp is in a contract year as well.
46. **JuJu Smith-Schuster** (WR19, ADP: 30) - I started this offseason research really high on JuJu. He was a borderline 1st / 2nd round pick in fantasy drafts last season. You have probably gathered that I love injury discounts. And JuJu had the injury and a lack of QB discount. His year was just a throw-away season with a number of injuries and playing with backup Mason Rudolph and 3rd stringer Duck Hodges. In fact, the only game he played with Big Ben in full was 5 catches for 78 yards vs. NE. And against Stephon Gilmore, that's not a bad outing. Gilmore was the Defensive Player of the Year. So I wanted to be high on JuJu, especially with his work ethic and him being in a contract year. And I do think

he'll bounce back. I like JuJu. But 2 years ago when JuJu finished as a Top 10-WR, Big Ben threw for over 5000 yards. I think he led the NFL passing yards. That's not happening this year. And it's not just the questions about Big Ben's 40-year-old self and injured elbow holding up. It's because the Steelers have such a great defense now. This is a winning team. Positive game scripts. I think they'll run the ball a lot more than they could last year, hopefully with James Conner healthy. And when they do throw, there's a lot of competition for targets. Diontae Johnson looks like he's going to be a player. James Washington was sneaky good last year. Just as good as Diontae Johnson, though experts don't like to admit that. Washington was a second-round pick. Both are young ascending players. The Steelers also drafted Chase Claypool, a huge red zone target in the 2nd round. and speaking of red zone targets, the Steelers signed TE Eric Ebron, who surely will play a sizable role this season, especially in scoring position. And they still have Vance McDonald as a TE2. James Conner can catch too. And that Top-10 season we saw JuJu post was with Antonio Brown. There are questions about whether JuJu can fend off the extra defensive attention. So yeah, I think JuJu can easily post a Top-10 season. but it doesn't come without questions.

47. **Amari Cooper** (WR20, ADP: 36) - He's really tricky, because Cooper was averaging 22.31 PPG in his first 8 games, playing at WR2 Pace behind Michael Thomas. In his final 7 games, playing through knee and ankle injuries, Cooper averaged just 9.79 PPG. WR44 Pace. It was just brutal. And we could be seeing a huge injury discount here, and I love that he's playing with Dak Prescott at QB. This Dallas offense is loaded and could be the NFC's best. That keeps Cooper higher up for me. And you can make the argument that the addition of CeeDee Lamb actually helps Cooper because it will put Cooper in the slot, where he excels, and Lamb will have to deal with the best corners in the game, which we saw Cooper struggle to handle in tough CB matchups who erased him down the stretch. However, you can also make the argument Lamb will cap Coopers upside. and Blake Jarwin will be an upgrade over Jason Witten for sure. They also have Michael Gallup. And Zeke is due for double digit TDs. I think Dallas will be a playoff team this year, so game flow won't be as in his favor as much. Cooper's a tough read. Ultimately, I think you're getting inconstancy, which is fine as long as his spiked weeks are excellent as they have been. Year round, I think cooper has a sturdy floor with Dak, which I like.
48. **Chris Godwin** (WR21, ADP: 21) – See Mike Evans' explanation above, and listen to Episode 16 of the [Fantasy Law Guy Podcast](#), "NFC Players to AVOID," for my detailed argument for why Godwin is ranked so low.
49. **D.J. Moore** (WR22, ADP: 29) – I have DJ Moore ranked super low and I hate it because he could make me look so stupid. I love his game. He finished so strongly. 19.8 PPG in the final 7 games was WR2 Pace with a shameful QB situation. In theory, I think his short area excellence and dominant yards after catch skill-set jives perfectly with Teddy Bridgewater, who is so accurate in the short to intermediate area of the field. And the Carolina panthers will be trailing often and having to outscore opponents because of their pitiful defense. Game flow will be in Moore's favor. And even though we have to like the Joe Brady hiring, it's still a new QB and a new offense for Moore, and based on how he played last season, it doesn't automatically mean it's a good thing. The Panthers added Robby Anderson.

Curtis Samuel could play in the slot, a key role for this Joe Brady offense. We don't know. CMC will command 100 targets at least. Ian Thomas is decent at TE. Even if the game flow and play-calling situation is ripe for success, I don't know if we can trust Teddy Bridgewater to support all these guys. We just haven't seen it in his career. And Moore is touted as a positive TD regression candidate. He racked up a lot of catches and yards with crap QB play last season, and only scored 4 times. Yet, I'm not sure the TDs will come up too much because of his playing style. I don't think he's really a red zone weapon. I feel sick about ranking Moore so low to the point where I'm somewhat embarrassed. But when I think about where to slot him, I just am just unsure about a lot of things involving his outlook. So he drops by default. But if there's anything I'm MOST unsure about, it's his lofty cost. It will be tough for Moore to return value at his ADP.

Round 6 (Picks 61-72)

- I'm aggressively targeting Marquise Brown and Will Fuller, two deep threats who I think will blow up this season if they can stay healthy. On my Draft Board, I'm actually placing them lower than in my personal rankings (I have both ranked as Top-24 WRs, which is higher than any experts I've seen) because ADP injury discounts and the depth at the WR position typically cause them to slide in many drafts. Therefore, you're usually able to draft them in Rounds 6-7. If I get the sense someone is about to take them, I'm not being shy about reaching for them. Despite the injury risks associated, I'm very comfortable with Fuller or Brown as my WR3, or even my WR2 if I piled on RBs and an elite TE early. I'm not leaving my drafts without Will Fuller and/or Marquise Brown on my team. I want to be playing fantasy football this year with them on my teams, NOT playing against them.
- In the that one of Russell Wilson, Dak Prescott, and Kyler Murray slips through the cracks, I'm happy to scoop them up here. There are plenty of WRs later.

50. **Marquise Brown (^)** (WR23, ADP: 77) - Marquise Brown spent most of his rookie offseason recovering from a Lisfranc injury he suffered in college. You can make the argument that this was the only reason Brown slipped to the Ravens in the mid-twenties in the NFL Draft, because Brown was a baller in college. Brown was questionable going into Week 1, not having practiced during the week leading up to the opening game. Yet, he exploded and dropped a sick 4-147-2 line on Miami in his first ever NFL game, despite only playing 14 snaps! He was decent in Weeks 2-5 before exiting with an ankle injury which sidelined him for 2 games. He was never really the same after that from a production standpoint. He cleared 50 receiving yards just once in his final 8 games. The Ravens were limiting his snaps. According to Hayden Winks, Brown only played three games with a 75% plus snap share. And after he returned from that ankle injury, Brown saw just 14.6% of the team's target share after receiving 23.2% of Ravens targets over the first 5 games, according to Matt Schauf of Draft Sharks. Brown's target share in this offense could be enormous. The Ravens receiver depth chart behind Brown is arguably the worst in the NFL. The team's 2nd and 3rd WRs are Miles Boykin and Willie Snead. The team traded TE Hayden Hurst, freeing up 39 targets there. This passing offense will live through Mark Andrews and Hollywood Brown. And Baltimore is poised to pass more often this season. Despite leading the NFL in passing TDs, Lamar Jackson threw less passes per game than any starting QB who played 14 or more games. And the reason is because the Ravens consistently had positive game scripts. Remarkably, Baltimore was trailing on only

19% of their offensive snaps last season! We can safely expect that number to increase big time in 2020. Lamar Jackson will have to throw more. And we saw a glimpse of that when BAL was trailing vs. TEN in the playoffs. Brown saw 11 targets, 7 catches for 126 yards vs. TEN after a BYE week of rest. Last season, Brown was not ever fully healthy. Initially, I mentioned he was not recovered from the Lisfranc injury, and he also battled the ankle issue for most of the season. Coach Harbaugh admitted: "Marquise was really not 100 percent most of the year and that was pretty obvious, right? He's a huge piece of what we're doing and fits this offense so well." Brown himself has made the same statements publicly stating that he wasn't anywhere close to 100% last season, and he can't wait to be unleashed this season. QB Lamar Jackson has shared this sentiment, saying a healthy Hollywood Brown is going to open up a huge piece of their offense. Jackson and Harbaugh have also mentioned on multiple occasions that the Ravens are focused on improving their deep passing game this season. I think that's code for: "We couldn't really do what we wanted with Marquise Brown last year, so watch out this year." After playing at 157 pounds last season, Brown has trained like a madman this offseason and has reportedly gained 15 pounds of muscle while not losing his speed. He had Baltimore send him GPS tracker to ensure that. The reports of his offseason have been glowing, by his coaches, his teammates, himself, and his quarterback. They are all expecting an explosive second season. And speaking of his quarterback. Lamar Jackson is his QB. Perhaps the best playmaker in the NFL. The league's MVP. Brown is the clear cut #1 WR for the league's most valuable player. And despite all this, he remains very affordable in drafts, going average at WR33. In Round 7. Brown could be a league-winner this season. And I'm making it a priority to aggressively reach a round or two ahead of ADP to secure Brown in my drafts. I think he could have a huge breakout season.

51. **Will Fuller (A)** (WR24, ADP: 78) - Another player I love this year who is going right around Brown in drafts and is a very similar player to Brown. And because Brown and Fuller are such similar picks, I want to address the elephant in the room, and that is: Can these guys stay healthy? These speedy deep threats tend to get hurt at a much higher rate than most WRs. They typically struggle to play a full season. And when they do get hurt, it's more impactful because these types of WRs usually can't win in other ways. When Michael Thomas gets hurt, let's say a hamstring pull or high ankle sprain that he plays through. When that happens to MT, he can still beat you with his size. He can still win jump balls in the end zone. He can still out-body you and use his physicality to win in contested catch situations. He can still find the soft spot in the zone on crossing routes over the middle. He can still catch back shoulder fades in the end zone. But when these smaller, one-dimensional speed WRs get nicked up, the injury saps their speed, which is their primary weapon, and they can't adapt to score in other ways, and they lose their productiveness for fantasy football. And we've seen it so many times. DeSean Jackson for so many years, he still can't stay healthy. TY Hilton last season. Tyreek Hill is having more trouble staying healthy lately. Marquise Brown couldn't stay healthy in his first season. And Will Fuller himself. And Fuller, drafters are specifically avoiding him because they do not trust him to stay healthy. And for good reason. During his relatively short career, he's already battled 3 hamstring strains, a broken collarbone, fractured ribs, a 2018 ACL tear, and a sports hernia surgery in January. But fantasy football is about risk-aversion. It's

about creating weekly advantages. And a lot of people who scoff at Fuller just assume that you get 0s when he's not active. But you don't. You can replace him with somebody else. And that's important, because when will fuller is on the field, he's a true difference maker and can single-handedly win you weeks. According to Evan Silva of Establish the Run, in Fuller's last 16 games in which he received at least 2 targets in (the games where he didn't exit early) Fuller's receiving line is 82 catches 1237 yards and 7 TDs. That was WITH target hog DeAndre Hopkins there. Per John Daigle of Rotoworld, Fuller averaged a 24% target share in 10 full games last season and 22% in 2017 (he missed most of 2018 with the ACL). That was an extremely heavy target share and great usage, WITH D-Hop. Deshaun Watson's splits with and without Fuller are on the field are stark. They've always had a great connection. And this year the competition for targets includes 2 newcomers, Brandin Cooks and Randall Cobb, who did not get anywhere close to a full offseason to establish chemistry and a rapport with Watson. The Texans project to field one of the league's worst defensive units. And they play home games indoors. This situation is ripe for shoot outs and garbage time production with Deshaun Watson, who historically has been one of the most efficient QBs in the NFL when trailing. And Deshaun Watson, by the way, is another great reason to buy Fuller this year. He's a great QB with a great deep ball. Will Fuller is spent this entire off-season's training based on the goal of playing 16 games. He's entering a contract year. And there's no more DeAndre Hopkins. I want Fuller on all my teams this year. And he's going right next to Marquise Brown at WR32. His ranking on Yahoo is 78th overall, which I think is ridiculously attractive. If I can land Fuller or Brown in Round 7 of my drafts, I'm elated. I feel like I just got the break of the century. And maybe they'll only last until Week 3, but that doesn't matter. Because both these guys have sky-high upside. They could both just blow up this year. And I want to be playing fantasy football with them on my teams, NOT playing against them. I'm higher on Brown and Fuller than almost every expert I've seen. I have Fuller and Brown ranked about 30 spots higher on my board than where they are usually going and I have absolutely no problem with either as my WR2 on my teams. They are Just such tremendous values in drafts. Two of my favorite picks in fantasy football this year, and honestly big reasons why I'm waiting to take WRs because I know I can land these guys in Rounds 6-7.

52. **Tyler Boyd (^)** (WR25, ADP: 76) - Boyd averaged 14.58 PPG (WR23 Pace) in 13 games with Andy Dalton under center last year. That makes 2 years of Top-24 production in a row from him. He's an underrated talent. And I think people are fading Boyd because AJ Green is back. But Boyd was a Top-18 WR in 8 games with Green two seasons ago, and Green is already hurt in camp. Rookie QB Joe Burrow has taken a liking to Boyd. Burrow loved that slot WR in Justin Jefferson last season (Jefferson scored 19 TDs while lining up in the slot 90+% of the time for LSU last season). So the connection makes sense. The Beganls have a pass-first mentality with Zac Taylor and game flow should be in Boyd's favor as a losing team. Boyd is someone who slips through the cracks a lot in drafts and is a nice PPR asset, though I usually take Marquise Brown and/or Will Fuller over Boyd.
53. **Antonio Gibson (^)** (RB19, ADP: 100) – Derrius Guice got his butt cut. Deservingly so. Adrian Peterson, the Washington Football Team lead back last season, saw 211 carries for 898 RUYD and 5 TDs. 17 catches for 142 scoreless yards. We know what AP is at this point.

A Shell of his former self at age 35, but he still runs hard. But he's sort of a tell at this point because teams tend to know when he's in the game that it's likely going to be a run, because he's not effective in the passing game. Never has been. So we know his upside, especially in PPR leagues, is what he did last season. 9.8 PPG. RB33 in scoring. Peterson has seen 49 targets in 31 games over the last 2 seasons. Yuck. Peterson is expected to be the opening day starter. But he won't be the first Washington RB selected in fantasy drafts. Enter Antonio Gibson. The team drafted Gibson 66th overall. High investment for a player who only played sparingly at Memphis. Only 77 career offensive touches. And they were split between RB and WR. That said, Gibson is a great athlete and was dominant in college with the ball in his hands. PFF credits him with 16 broken tackles on 33 carries and 17 broken tackles on 38 receptions. 15.6 yards per touch. Gibson (6'0/228) played mostly wideout in college but the Football Team has listed him as RB. His 4.39 speed makes him an intriguing, versatile option who could excel in PPR formats. Washington coach Ron Rivera said RB/WR Antonio Gibson has "a skill set like Christian (McCaffrey)." "He's a little bit bigger than Christian, but he's got a skill set like Christian," said Rivera, who obviously coached McCaffrey for two seasons. "This is a very versatile, young football player that we really think is going to be a guy that can get on the field for us early and contribute." According to team beat Writer John Keim, the team views Gibson as a "swiss army knife" player. Gibson was a very popular sleeper among the experts. His ADP was 149 overall. but 110 overall in FFPC high stakes leagues, so experts have been on this guy for a while now. Following Guice's release, Gibson's ADP is about to soar. What makes him so attractive as a late round RB target or "Zero RB" target is the backfield uncertainty, the untapped potential, sure, but mainly that we know he CAN be used to catch passes so for PPR leagues that's extremely valuable. Studies have shown that a target is worth about 2.5 times than a carry in this format. And the other aspect that experts love is that Scott Turner, son of Norv Turner, is the Football team's OC. Norv Turner, hugely successful track record giving his RBs the rock. rarely has a Norv Turner backfield been a committee. And he's coached up some excellent RBs that thrived in fantasy football. Emmitt Smith. LT during his prime. Adrian Peterson 1 year. Christian McCaffrey the last 2 seasons. And Scott Turner has been groomed working under Norv. So you can deduce that he may prefer to give his lead ball carrier MOST of the touches. There are a few concerns, however. First, the Football Team is not likely to be any good. Washington may be 6-10 this season. They don't expect to have a good QB. The jury is still out on Dwayne Haskins. He's young. But it was not a promising rookie season. This is a bottom half offense, most likely, and Mike Tagliere did great research on this topic last offseason. Offenses that rank in the bottom half of the league in total yards very rarely support a RB that finishes in the Top 12. So if you think the Washington offense is going to be bad, or below average, which I do, then upside is capped. Because when the offense is bad, it affects scoring opportunities, sustaining drives, plays per game, positive game script, etc. All of that will be limited. We also have to remember this is a third round rookie who is as raw as they come, having received barely any touches at a small Memphis college. Lastly, the offensive line is troubling. The right side of the unit is OK, even solid, but the left side is the league's worst. All in all, Gibson's unique skillset (re: receiving ability) makes him a potentially sexy pick in PPR formats. He's a playmaker for a team that lacks weapons.

54. **T.Y. Hilton** (WR26, ADP: 66) – After game-logging, I was very high on T.Y. Hilton. I think in my initial set of rankings I slotted him at WR15! Hilton was great last season when he was actually healthy. In his first 6 games before his calf injury derailed his season (I’m referring to Weeks 1-3, 5, 7-8), Hilton averaged 16.33 PPG, which was WR11 Pace! That was with Jacoby Brissett at QB. Now Hilton gets Philip Rivers, a huge upgrade in the passing game. Hilton is also in the best shape of his life and entering a contract year (shocker, I know). So I was all aboard the Hilton train earlier in the offseason, and I still like him as a nice value pick. I still think he’s going too late in drafts. However, Hilton’s game is speed as a deep threat. I’m not sure if Rivers has the arm anymore to feature Hilton’s greatest strength. And if he does early, Rivers’ arm strength will wane drastically in the second half of the season, as it has for the last 3 seasons in a row. Hilton also has more competition for touches. The Colts drafted Jonathan Taylor in Round 2 and still have Marlon Mack and Nyheim Hines. All indications are that the Colts want to be a run-first offense, and Rivers’ playing style will likely result in more of a dink-and-dunk approach. The Colts drafted Michael Pittman in Round 2, even before Taylor, and short-area and possible slot specialist Parris Campbell is healthy after being mostly a nonfactor as a rookie. I think Hilton will cross 1,000 REYD and 7 TDs, like a healthy T.Y. does routinely. And there’s room for more considering Hilton’s talent. I do feel like people are “sleeping on” Hilton this year, and I don’t want to be one of them. But my expectations have been tempered after initially loving him after game-logging.
55. **Melvin Gordon** (RB20, ADP: 38) – When Gordon first signed by Denver, I assumed he was going to be the bell-cow there, maybe a little more, a little less. After all, Gordon is the superior pass catcher and goal line back to Phillip Lindsay, who I see as more of a great change-of-pace type RB. That’s my evaluation of him, at least. Denver is an ascending offense and I love that Mike Munchak is coaching this O-Line. But training camp reports have been gloomy for Gordon. He’s struggling with the altitude in Denver and splitting first-team work with Lindsay. This has soured me on Gordon. I could see him returning value, but I’m letting someone else draft him because I would prefer WRs where he’s going.
56. **Todd Gurley** (RB21, ADP: 38) – Explanation for Gurley’s low ranking is revealed in detail on Episode 16 of the [Fantasy Law Guy Podcast](#), “NFC Players to AVOID.”
57. **Cam Akers** (RB22, ADP: 59) – The Rams backfield has the makings of a 3-way RBBC early on with Akers, Malcolm Brown and Darrell Henderson. Eventually, I think Akers will be the primary ball handler on early downs, with Henderson coming in for obvious passing downs. The Rams invested heavily in Akers (Round 2, but their first selection) despite other obvious needs on the roster. They must have been impressed by Akers’ ability to do more with less, as Akers constantly had to overcome an awful O-Line at FSU. He will again have to do so in L.A. But we’ve seen this Sean McVay offense be favorable for RBs, and Akers has a 3-down skillset. I’m OK with Akers if you only have 2 RBs at this point, but I’m not reaching for him.

Rounds 7-8 (Picks 73-96)

- If I can sweat out waiting until Round 7 to draft Marquise Brown or Will Fuller (maybe because I took a QB like Russ Wilson, Kyler Murray, or Dak Prescott or a fallen WR like D.K. Metcalf or Terry McLaurin in Round 6), then I'm overjoyed if I can land either WR here.
- There's typically a steep drop-off on my draft board after Brown and Fuller go, which is why I keep harping on them in my notes. Regardless of whether I take them or someone else does, after they are gone, it's usually a turning point in my drafts.
- Once Brown and Fuller are gone, I either shift to QB: Josh Allen and Matt Ryan are preferred.
- I see Matt Ryan as pretty neck-and-neck with Josh Allen. Allen has more upside. Ryan has a sturdier floor. Either way, I have a sizable drop off in QBs after Allen and Ryan, so this seems like a sweet spot on my Draft Board to grab your QB if you have not already. If Allen or Ryan are gone.
- If both QBs are unavailable, I like grabbing high upside RBs that don't necessarily have large roles now but could if things break their way. One benefit of going RB-heavy early in the draft is that a stable RB corps buys time for young RBs with potential to establish themselves and hopefully make a big impact in the second half of the season.
- My favorite mid-round RB targets who that fit the mold of potentially strong finishers include Zack Moss and J.K. Dobbins.
- If you still only have 2 WRs at this point (because you've drafted QB and/or TE), I would take whichever WRs in the following group fall over the RBs.

58. **Deshaun Watson** (QB6, ADP: QB4.5) – Quietly QB3 last season in PPG, Watson is my least favorite of that 2nd QB tier that consists of Prescott, Murray, Wilson, and Watson. The reasoning is mainly because he lost DeAndre Hopkins, and his WRs Will Fuller, Brandin Cooks, and Randall Cobb all have extensive injury histories. I love Fuller this year, but if he goes down, and he has at some point every year of his career, it could get ugly fast for Watson's supporting cast. What I like about Watson is positive TD regression is likely coming. According to Mike Clay of ESPN, "The Houston offense scored 61% of its touchdowns through the air last season. That's after marks of 78% and 69% during QB Deshaun Watson's first two seasons. The 2019 expected TD rate based on playcalling was 68%, which aligns well with coach Bill O'Brien's expected rates of 74%, 70%, 76% and 71% during the 2015-18 seasons." Other factors in Watson's favor is game flow, as the Texans project to field one of the worst defensive units in the league. Furthermore, Houston was lucky to go 10-6 last season, winning 8 games by one score. The Vegas over/under for Texans wins this season is 7.5. Watson historically has been one of the NFL's best QBs when trailing. He of course boasts a high rushing floor, too.

59. **Josh Allen (^)** (QB7, ADP: QB9) – Josh Allen parlayed an extremely strong finish in 2018 (QB1 in the final 7 games two years ago) into 2019 success. His 19.25 PPG in 16 games (15 regular season + 1 playoff) was QB9 Pace. The Bills brought in Stefon Diggs, one of the NFL's best WRs, to pair with John Brown and Cole Beasley to form a talented WR trio. The Bills return 4/5 starters along the O-Line. Allen has an aggressive throwing mentality which can lead to big plays (and mistakes). And most importantly, he has a great rushing floor. Allen has scored at least 8 rushing TDs in each of the last 2 seasons. Though the RUTDs will likely come down with Zack Moss there rather than an ineffective Frank Gore at the goal line, only Lamar Jackson had more rushing attempts than Allen's 109 last season. It won't always be pretty, especially through the air, but Allen has legitimate Top-5 upside. *Allen is being disrespected on ESPN with a QB10 ranking. This can usually cause*

Allen to slide to Rounds 8-9. I'm taking advantage of that ranking all day. That's a straight print fest.

60. **Matt Ryan (^)** (QB8, ADP: QB8) – QB12 in PPG last season, which is nothing to write home about, but Ryan was playing in his first season under new OC Dirk Koetter. This is attractive for two reasons. First, Derek Brown (@DBro_FFB) highlighted that Ryan's TD% has increased substantially in the second year of playing in different offenses. For instance, Ryan's 3.5% TD rate in his first season with Kyle Shanahan in 2015 increased to 7.1% in his second season with Shanahan. That was Ryan's MVP season. Under Steve Sarkisian, it was the same story, going from 3.8% TD rate to 5.8% from 2017-2018. Ryan's entering his second season with Koetter, so the trend may continue. Koetter is also great because he loves to throw the football. The Falcons led the NFL in pass attempts last season with 42.8 attempts per game! According to John Daigle of Rotoworld, Atlanta played at the fifth-fastest pace (26.2 seconds) between plays. "Diving deeper, the Falcons passed the ball at the league's highest rate when trailing (77%) and kept their foot on the gas at the fourth-highest rate (55%) while protecting an in-game lead. This offense has also proven to be explosive under coach Dan Quinn and his play-callers, ranking 13th, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 15th in yards per play over the past five seasons." Beyond that great stuff from John Daigle, Mike Clay noted that "Atlanta has scored at least 74% of its offensive touchdowns through the air each of the past two seasons, and offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter's units have reached 74% in the category each of the past four seasons." Ryan has WRs Julio Jones and Calvin Ridley, as well as athletic TE Hayden Hurst, at his disposal. Ryan has no running game that we've seen. And the Falcons have no defense. They play 11/16 games indoors this season. And the O-Line, which struggled last season because they had to play musical chairs at both guard spots, is set to improve this season. *Ryan has a sturdier floor than Josh Allen, but Allen has the Top-5 upside. Either way, one of Ryan or Allen has slid to Round 8 in most drafts I've been in so far, and I've taken advantage of the oversight. This seems like a sweet spot for QBs on my Draft Board.*
61. **DeVante Parker** (WR27, ADP: 71) – Parker was outstanding in the second half of last season. In the final 10 games (minus an early exit in Week 14 vs. NYJ), Parker averaged 19.24 PPG, which was WR4 Pace! A lot of that was without Preston Williams, but I think the splits were more about Ryan Fitzpatrick coming into his own and the offense going extremely pass-happy with no running game or defense to speak of. As long as Fitzpatrick is under center, I like Parker's chances to carry his strong 2019 finish over to 2020, especially with fellow Dolphins WRs Albert Wilson and Allen Hurns opting out. The Dolphins' targets will be very concentrated to Parker, Preston Williams, and TE Mike Gesicki. However, Parker has missed a lot of practice with an undisclosed injury in training camp, forcing me to move him down on my rankings. He also will have to deal with an inevitable QB controversy at some point this season. I think he's worth gambling on if he slips through the cracks in your draft, but I'm not reaching for him.
62. **Courtland Sutton** (WR28, ADP: 44) - With Sutton, it's an issue of competition for targets. He was THE GUY last year, and had a great year despite atrocious QB play. But he was not as great for FANTASY as people seem to recall. Sutton's 13.9 PPG last season was WR28 Pace. The Broncos drafted Jerry Jeudy in Round 1 and then took another WR in

Round 2: K.J. Hamler, the speedster out of Penn St. Denver also drafted receiving TE Albert "O" in Round 4. Last year's first round pick TE Noah Fant is entering his second year. The team signed Melvin Gordon as well. And this is all with a very green, raw QB in Drew Lock. Sutton, last year, was not as good for fantasy as people seem to recall. His ADP at WR14 makes little sense to me.

63. **Zack Moss (^)** (RB23, ADP: 85) – The highest graded rookie RB by Pro Football Focus, Moss is slated to take over a Frank Gore role that saw him gather 8-10 touches a game (including all important goal line work) while splitting work with Devin Singletary. Here's the thing though. Zack Moss is way better than Frank Gore. Not only will he be capable of converting on those goal line carries (so the Bills don't have to resort to using Josh Allen as their featured goal line back again), but Moss is also a capable receiver, arguably even more so than Singletary, who was inefficient in that department last season. Singletary was excellent on the ground, but he only saw 3 carries inside the 10-yard line all season. Gore has seen 18 carries inside the 10-yard line in the last two seasons. So if we assume Singletary and Moss are splitting work, which I am, and the bigger back, Moss, is getting goal line and possibly receiving work, why is Singletary being drafted so much higher? The Bills invested the same draft capital in both backs. The Bills are a run-heavy offense, so there's room for both to produce. However, I see Singletary being used primarily between the 20s, while Moss gets the valuable touches in the red zone. We've seen Singletary's upside: he was the lead back with little to no competition for the Bills in the final 7 games, and his 12.87 PPG was RB23 Pace. I think Moss has more upside. And it wouldn't surprise me if Moss overtakes Singletary as the Bills' 1-A back. My hunch is he will.
64. **J.K. Dobbins (^)** (RB24, ADP: 82) – Taking Zack Moss or J.K. Dobbins requires some patience, as these are long-game plays. Dobbins will be Mark Ingram's backup to open the season. Ingram was outstanding last season, but it's only a matter of time before Dobbins works his way into Ingram's playing time. It may take an injury to Mark Ingram or Devin Singletary for J.K. Dobbins and Zack Moss, respectively, to realize their league-winning upside. But both backs are incredible stashes regardless, because an injury doesn't HAVE to happen. The rookies could simply out-play the veterans. I believe in both of their talents, particularly Dobbins. At this point in the draft, I like swinging for home runs, not singles. And if you've followed my Draft Board to this point, you have likely invested heavily in RB early on and have the starters to ride out the potential slow starts for Dobbins and Moss as they develop. I liken these picks to slow-cookers. You prepare the meal, and sit back and watch it brew, and hope it turns out to be a delicious feast.
65. **Keenan Allen** (WR29, ADP: 70) - No offense to Allen, and I may bump him up with the recent injury to Mike Williams, who should miss the first 3-4 weeks of the season, but Allen, a legit top 12 WR in the NFL, is not near Top-12 for fantasy. Tyrod Taylor is the QB there. Major passing downgrade from Philip Rivers, who peppered Allen with targets in the last 3 years. The Chargers will likely play at a slow pace. Run the ball play defense. LAC could finish last in passing attempts per game, and I wouldn't bat an eye. I think Allen will hit 1,000 yards this year because he's awesome, but I'm only expecting ~70 catches and ~6 scores. He's going at WR21. I'm not taking Allen over Scary Terry, D.J. Chark, D.K.

Metcalf, Will Fuller, or Marquise Brown. And all of those WRs are being selected AFTER Allen in drafts. So for those reasons, I'm out. Shark tank.

66. **Stefon Diggs** (WR30, ADP: 72) – Will be the #1 target in Buffalo's low volume passing attack. Expect some big plays and spiked weeks, followed by a slew of 4-35-0 games. That's the Stefon Diggs way.
67. **A.J. Green** (WR31, ADP: 78) – Green was a Top-5 WR the last time he took the field – the first 8 games of 2018. Can he stay healthy? I'm not sure. But I think he's an affordable gamble this late in drafts.
68. **Michael Gallup** (WR32, ADP: 76) - Explanation for Gallup's semi-low ranking is revealed in detail on Episode 16 of the [Fantasy Law Guy Podcast](#), "NFC Players to AVOID." Though I would not outright avoid Gallup (in fact, I have him ranked right around ADP), I do think there's a greater chance than people realize that Gallup could be replaced in 2-WR sets by CeeDee Lamb by season's end. Gallup is an underrated talent (minus the drops) and will be a nice piece in a great offense, which raises his yearly floor. But weekly, competing for touches with Zeke, Cooper, Lamb, and Jarwin is no easy task.
69. **Le'Veon Bell** (RB25, ADP: 45) - Explanation for Gurley's low ranking is revealed in detail on Episode 14 of the [Fantasy Law Guy Podcast](#), "AFC Players to AVOID."
70. **Mark Ingram** (RB26, ADP: 55) – Major TD regression (scored 15 times in 2020, nearly all in the red zone). Doesn't contribute in the passing game. Ravens only trailed on 19% of their offensive plays last season. Less positive game scripts mean Ingram sees less playing time. J.K. Dobbins looming. Ingram could be valuable early on but I don't get the feeling he's going to be comfortably startable in the fantasy playoffs.

Rounds 9-10 (Picks 97-120)

- YAHOO!: If I haven't drafted TE yet in a Yahoo! draft, I'm likely punting the TE position because Yahoo! ranks Tyler Higbee and Jared Cook (and TEs in general) a lot higher than ESPN does. There's no need to reach for them, as there are plenty of sleepers later.
 - I'm also not reaching for Carson Wentz or Drew Brees if I don't have a QB yet in a start-1 QB league. Let the draft come to you. I'd rather be spending picks on Zack Moss or J.K. Dobbins or even Antonio Gibson if they fall to the 90s (depending on how many RBs you have already, of course).
 - Christian Kirk and Diontae Johnson are too possible breakout picks (albeit with capped ceilings as the No. 2 targets in their offenses).
 - I'm totally fine with drafting some players in my "Sleeper" sections (see below) – namely RBs Alexander Mattison, Chase Edmonds, and Tony Pollard, and WR DeSean Jackson – before pick 120 or even before some of the players listed 75-85 if needed.
 - My Draft Board immediately carries over from the last pick shown here (Pick 83) to my first section in Rounds 10-17 below. I'm not taking any of the players ranked between them nor am I taking any players who have "fallen" and are not listed on my Draft Board or in the proceeding sections. I explain why on the next 2 pages...
71. **Tyler Higbee (^)** (TE5, ADP: 87) – The Curious Case of Tyler Higbee! Tyler Higbee is one of the most polarizing players in all of fantasy football among the community of experts. I swear. The debates for and against Higbee have been among the most heated in all of the fantasy industry. If you aren't aware, Tyler Higbee is a player who did absolutely nothing for the first 50+ games of his entire career. He didn't do diddily poo offensively

for the majority of last season as well. That was until the final 5 games of last season. In the wake of Brandin Cook's second concussion, where the Rams kind of shut him down, and then an injury to fellow TE Gerald Everett. Everett has shared the TE role with Higbee, but Everett is seen as a more athletic and capable receiver than Higbee. Higbee can catch too, but he's a much better blocker than Everett is, so Sean McVay would rotate them in the Rams' "21" personnel (3 WRs, 1 TE). And this is the formation the Rams have used under McVay at almost a league-high rate. But for whatever reason, in Weeks 13-17, Sean McVay completely shifted his offense to "12" personnel (2-TE sets) predominantly, now playing this formation at the league's 3rd highest rate behind only Minnesota and Philadelphia. And during this time, in these 5 games, Tyler Higbee, was made the focal point of the Rams offense, completely out of nowhere. And defenses were caught completely off-guard. So were fantasy managers and experts alike. It started in Week 13 when Higbee had a great game with Gerald Everett OUT. But this 100-yard performance came against the Cardinals, a team that last season had one of the worst defenses at defending TEs that football has ever seen. So no one really paid any mind. A lot of people thought it was a matchup-based fluke. The next week, Higbee doubled down, recording his 2nd straight 100-yard game. So then all of the sudden people are scrambling to get this guy on the waiver wire. And fantasy managers who took a chance on Higbee after either performance were rewarded in a MAJOR way. Tyler Higbee turned out to be such a valuable addition to fantasy rosters down the stretch that only THREE players in all of fantasy football were on MORE ESPN CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS than Tyler Higbee, according to Matthew Berry. And I'm going to list these fantasy totals followed by receiving lines that Higbee posted in the final 5 games of last season.

- Week 13 – 23.7 ... 8/7-107-1 @ ARI.
- Week 14 – 18.6 ... 11/7-116-0 vs. SEA.
- Week 15 – 23.1 ... 14/12-111-0 @ DAL.
- Week 16 – 19.4 ... 11/9-104-0 @ SF.
- Week 17 – 22.4 ... 12/8-84-1 vs. ARI.

According to Bobby Sylvester, formerly of FantasyPros.com, Tyler Higbee was the only TE in NFL history to have 84 or more receiving yards in 5 straight games. So that unprecedented 5-game stretch, Higbee accrued 46 catches on 56 targets for 522 yards, 2 TDs, and 21.44 PPG. That's 5 PPG more than Travis Kelce averaged last season! So this was truly an incredible stretch. Tyler Higbee won a lot of people championships as a waiver wire gem. There are Tyler Higbee fans out there who want to take his final 5 games and argue that it's not a fluke. That he's here to stay. Not that his numbers are sustainable. Spoiler alert: it's not. But maybe he'll carry over some of that strong finish into 2020. However, the majority school of thought among the expert community is the Higbee detractors, those are who not drafting Higbee because they see this as some sort of massive fluke. The opening argument to this stance is a stat by Jared Smola of DraftSharks.com, and it's that prior to his stretch of 4 straight 100-yard games, Tyler Higbee reached 50 receiving yards in just 2 of 58 games. Higbee was a zero in fantasy football prior to Week 13 last season, and he was in his 4th season last year. Another argument was that 2 of these 5 games were against the Cardinals, again the worst defense at defending the TE in NFL history. That's always a tricky argument, however, because the

obvious counter is: well what was he supposed to do? He produced in the great matchups. That's all you can ask out of any player. Not every player does that. How can we hold it against Higbee that he was dominant against the defenses placed in front of him? And that's a fair point, but it does provide more context to why he was able to go on this incredible run. It shouldn't be dismissed. The biggest reason that experts are mostly anti-Higbee, is because they believe that TE Gerald Everett will soon return and have just as big of a role, if not bigger, than Tyler Higbee because Everett is a much more athletic prospect. And they attribute Higbee's success to the fact that Everett got hurt. And it is true that Higbee played a season-high 72 snaps in Week 13, the first game Everett missed, after Higbee received only 23-48 snaps per game in Weeks 1-12 leading up to that. Higbee became a full time player in Weeks 13-17. However, it's ALSO true that Everett was only OUT for Weeks 13-15. Everett "returned" in Week 16, Higbee's 4th straight 100-yard game, but Everett only played 4 snaps in that game. And in Week 17, Everett was not on the injury report but he was a "healthy scratch." We don't know how "healthy" Everett really was in those final 2 weeks. It's also worth noting that the Rams, before last season, handed Higbee a 4-year, \$31M extension to his contract. Everett has not been extended and enters the final year of his rookie deal. Despite the contract extension, Everett had actually out-produced and out-snapped Higbee before Everett got hurt in Week 12. Everett was the starting TE. He was the guy the Rams were using most. Is this a situation where Everett got hurt, and Higbee took his job for good? Or is this a situation where Everett got hurt, and Higbee played well in relief, but the Rams are going back to their 3-WR, 1 TE personnel next season, and the TEs will continue to rotate? Because if that happens, Higbee and Everett may just cancel each other out in terms of fantasy production the way that Kyle Rudolph and Irv Smith do in Minnesota. Or, is feeding Higbee now a big part of this Rams offense? Sean McVay touched on this issue in April. He said I'm really excited for what Gerald Everett is going to do. I think Tyler Higbee did a phenomenal job, but I think Gerald Everett is a guy that I've got to do a better job of utilizing his skillset because he's a difference maker. And that would seem to be sort of a shot from the head coach, indicating that he wants Everett to remain involved, if not even retake his job from Higbee. If the Rams continue to use 2-TE sets at a high rate, then both could be useful. But regardless, this is such an interesting debate. The range of outcomes for Tyler Higbee is enormous. Higbee could either fade into oblivion like so many others who have had great stretches but disappeared because it turned out to be a fluke, and like the oblivion Tyler Higbee was in for 50+ games leading up to this amazing stretch. OR, Higbee could finish as a Top-3 TE if he continues a run even remotely similar to this. Beat writers in training camp seem to think Higbee is still one of Jared Goff's favorite targets. But Tyler Higbee is the ultimate boom-or-bust pick in fantasy football this year. And again, the majority of experts are fading Higbee as just a flash in the pan. They aren't buying into the hype that could be generated from his final 5 games. However, I tend to be on the MINORITY side actually. I'm being somewhat contrarian, because this is not a situation where you are taking Higbee in Round 4 with Zack Ertz and Mark Andrews, where you are foregoing those guys or a really reliable WR. The opportunity cost in Round 4-5 is so much more substantial than in Round 9, where Tyler Higbee is going. And Higbee's average ranking on major sites is TE7. But he actually tends to go much later than that in drafts,

because most people just either don't believe in him, or don't know who this guy is. And based on the ceiling of Tyler Higbee, I'd argue that the cost is actually VERY AFFORDABLE. This isn't to say that I'll be shocked if Higbee totally disappears and is a total flop. That's certainly a possibility. I'm not denying that. But he's cost-affordable enough to take that chance. Because the TE position is so weak in general that most of the position after the Top-4 is TD-dependent. You need your TE score to be a Top-12 option that week. And the experts are saying that the position is so much deeper (they say that every year), but none of these outside of Kelce and Kittle and maybe Ertz and Andrews have shown the ability to string together even TWO 100-yard games in a row. And Higbee did it almost 5 times. So experts can laugh at and mock Higbee's 5-game sample of brilliance. They can dismiss it for being a fluke or small sample size. Whatever. But they can laugh all they want. But the fact is we haven't seen that kind of production, or even the ability to have that sort of production from any of the TEs they prefer. At least we know Higbee CAN do it. We know he's CAPABLE of producing if the situation is right. We don't know if the situation is going to stay like that. But we don't know if these other TEs are even capable of producing in an ideal scenario. We don't know if they have it in them. For most of them, we haven't even seen them put up two 7-catch, 100-yard games in a season, much less 4-5 games in a row. And NOBODY IN THE HISTORY OF THE NFL – not Tony Gonzalez, not Antonio Gates, not Rob Gronkowski – had a stretch as great as Tyler Higbee's in the final 5 games of 2020. I think when you look at the big picture, none of these other TEs have even sniffed the production that Higbee showed us he can do. Again, Higbee could completely flop. But if he sucks, you can cut him. You're more likely to cut your 9th round pick than not in your fantasy league anyway. But we've seen league-winning upside with Higbee. So I think Higbee is well worth the risk, especially if he slides in drafts.

72. **Jared Cook (^)** (TE6, ADP: 80) – Final 9 games with Drew Brees (Weeks 10-18), Cook's 14.9 PPG was TE2 Pace! The Saints did sign Emmanuel Sanders, and we could see TD regression (Cook scored 9 times last season on limited volume), but I do think the TD regression concerns are overblown, as the Saints targets with Drew Brees will always be super-efficient. Brees has always shown a tendency to pepper TEs with targets (Antonio Gates in S.D., Jeremy Shockey, Jimmy Graham, Ben Watson, Coby Fleener – just kidding – and Cook in the second half of last season). Cook is an elite athlete and who get single coverage all day thanks to Michael Thomas. It's his second season in this offense. He will be very difficult for defenses to defend in the Saints' offense. Because of his QB + athleticism combo, Cook's floor is Top-10. His ceiling is Top-4. Again, we saw it already in the second half of last season. He'll be pretty TD-dependent, but what TEs outside of the Top-4 aren't?
73. **Raheem Mostert** (RB27, ADP: 61) – RB6 Pace (19.77 PPG!) in the final 8 games last season, including playoffs. The 49ers running game provides great fantasy production because of their strong O-Line and Kyle Shanahan's scheme, not to mention positive game scripts thanks to a stout defense. However, I think this team comes back to earth a little in 2020. The Niners blew out so many opponents last season, and if they regress, Mostert won't be seeing passing downs over Tevin Coleman and Jerick McKinnon, who are worse runners but more talented receivers. If McKinnon wasn't involved in this platoon, I'd have

Mostert much higher. Although Coleman battled a high ankle sprain last season, Mostert is the superior back by my evaluation. Shanahan loves to “ride the hot hand” and mix-and-match his RBs. Without receiving work, I see too many ways that Mostert will fail to return value at his ADP. I believe in his talent, but everything will have to go right for him again for him to not frustrate in what could easily be a 3-way RBBC.

74. **David Montgomery** (RB28, ADP: TBD) – Montgomery was a terrible flop in his rookie season. And he burned me badly. He was simply too slow to evade NFL defenders, and the Bears situation (terrible O-Line play, even worse QB play, elite defense regressed to league average, predictable play-calling by Matt Nagy) certainly did not help. He ranked near the bottom of every efficiency metric and he despite being a capable pass catcher, he was subbed out routinely on passing downs for Tarik Cohen. On the bright side, Montgomery saw 87.5% of the Bears’ carries from inside the 5-yard line in 2019, according to Adam Pfeifer (@APfeifer24), so we know he’s getting goal line work. And the Bears are very high on the kid. GM Ryan Pace said Montgomery can be the team’s featured back and carry a “heavier load” in 2020. Montgomery also has an outstanding work ethic. Already an extremely strong tackle-breaker, Montgomery spent this offseason slimming down with a strict diet and gearing his workouts to focusing on improving his speed, which is ideal. So for most of August, I actually thought Montgomery, who was going in Round 5 of drafts, was pretty undervalued in fantasy football. I was expecting a bounce back season. I thought he’d be an improved player, and the situation couldn’t be as bad as last season, and most importantly, there’s value to getting a near-guaranteed 275-300 touches from your RB selection in Round 5. I had Montgomery of many RBs going in Rounds 3-4, including Todd Gurley, Le’Veon Bell, Melvin Gordon, Leonard Fournette, etc. I also liked that Montgomery had never missed a game in college or pros due to injury. I viewed him as an extremely durable, safe, albeit unsexy selection in a year where RBs mostly drop off a cliff after Round 3. And then David Montgomery went down in practice with a groin injury. The injury is supposedly going to keep him out 2-4 weeks, which isn’t a terrible timeline. I think Montgomery will be a fast healer based on his diet, work ethic, and lack of injury history. But I’m a little concerned about the Bears easing him in upon returning. It may be Week 3-4 before we see Montgomery at full strength and great shape (he can’t exercise while the injury heals). And even upon returning, there’s the risk of re-injury or aggravating the groin. There’s also the chance that the groin injury saps the speed that he supposedly improved on this offseason, and he’ll be a similar, inefficient player as last season because he’s not running at 100%. I’m typically overly cautious with players I know who are hurt going into the season. Betting on players who are hurt going into the season is usually a bad bet. It’s possible that Montgomery heals well and retakes his role as the Bears’ lead back and impresses this season. And that’s the hope when you draft him – that the injury is no big deal and you get a nice injury discount. I’m open to it, but Montgomery would have to fall in the draft for me to be willing to take that chance. I like him as a RB4, but you may have to endure a slow start.
75. **DeSean Jackson (^)** (WR34, ADP: 150) – DeSean Jackson posted an 8-154-2 receiving line and WR1 finish in Week 1 before succumbing to a groin/core injury in Week 2 that forced him to miss all but 14 snaps for the remainder of the year. Had Jackson been able

to stay healthy, I believe he would have had a very productive season, and his ADP would be closer to Round 6 than Round 13. Alshon Jeffery is more likely than not to start the season on the PUP List, meaning he would miss at least the first six games of the season, and Jalen Reagor could be good, but he's a rookie out of TCU in a shortened offseason. Marquise Goodwin opted out for the 2020 season. Carson Wentz is a good QB with a lively arm, and Jackson is familiar with the offense. His spiked weeks can single-handedly win matchups. I also think the Eagles showed how valuable Jackson is to their team based on their refusal to release him after his anti-Semitic remarks this offseason. At age 34, Jackson is very likely to miss time at some point, but he's still electric when healthy, and I think he'll be a usable WR3 or Flex option right out of the gate. He's more affordable on Yahoo! (195th ranking compared to 125th on ESPN), but either way, D-Jax is a tremendous value late in drafts.

76. **Kareem Hunt** (RB29, ADP: 56) – I'm not as sold as the experts are that Hunt will have nice standalone value, even in PPR formats. If something were to happen to Nick Chubb, though, Kareem Hunt would be a Top-6 asset in fantasy football.
77. **D'Andre Swift** (RB30, ADP: 50) – Swift could be part of a 3-way time-share with Kerryon Johnson and Bo Scarbrough. If Scarbrough gets goal line carries, and Johnson handles most of the early down work, that leaves Swift to handle passing downs and 2-minute drills. Swift is the most talented of the bunch by far, but a COVID-shortened offseason coupled with an absence-filled training camp will make it difficult for him to get up to speed. Unfortunately, the only thing Matt Patricia loves more than running the ball is using an RBBC approach.
78. **Christian Kirk (^)** (WR34, ADP: 113) – A popular sleeper last season, Kirk was playing pretty well with rookie QB Kyler Murray in the first 4 weeks of last season. Kliff Kingsbury was peppering Kirk with targets near the line of scrimmage until Kirk sustained a high ankle sprain in Week 4, causing him to miss 3 games and limiting him in others. Despite great speed and being seen as a deep threat, Kirk only had one blowup game, a 140-yard, 3 TD roasting of Tampa Bay. Apart from that, Kirk did little last season. However, Kirk was a 2nd round pick and he was only in his second year, in a new offense, playing at less than 100%, with a rookie QB. Yes, the Cardinals traded for target hog DeAndre Hopkins. But there wasn't a lot of time that Kyler Murray had to gel with Hopkins. And Kirk may stand to benefit from facing #2 CBs instead of shutdown corners. Jalen Ramsey and Richard Sherman are in this division. Kirk could also benefit from Murray's natural progression as a passer. The Cardinals have no defense still, and they play home games indoors. The situation is ripe for passing game success. I love Kirk as a post-hype sleeper this year. He's going way too late in drafts.
79. **Diontae Johnson (^)** (WR36, ADP: 92) – A very popular breakout candidate among the experts early in the process because Johnson is a smooth route runner and produced in a dreadful QB situation as a rookie last season. However, there are a lot of mouths to feed in Pittsburgh. JuJu Smith-Schuster is there. James Washington was just as good as Johnson was last season, though experts don't like admitting that. The Steelers drafted Chase Claypool in Round 2 of April's NFL Draft. He'll probably be a factor in the red zone. So will newly acquired TE Eric Ebron. The Steelers also get James Conner back healthy (for now)

and their defense is a lot better. Betting on Johnson is a bet on talent (and expert hype), which I have no problem with. But I do not think the upside is quite as high as most experts believe.

80. **Jamison Crowder** (WR35, ADP: 99) – Adam Gase’s offenses have featured the slot WR. Sam Darnold showed a nice connection with Crowder last season. Now, the Jets have two starting outside WRs who are new to the team: Breshad Perriman and Denzel Mims. Both of those WRs have missed the vast majority of training camp with injuries, meaning that they have barely played with Darnold due to the COVID-shortened offseason. Crowder will be flooded with short-area targets in an offense that should be forced to throw often, because the Jets are not a good football team. Crowder is built for garbage time. He’s a sleeper for 100+ catches this season. And even if that goes for 750 REYD and 5-6 TDs, that’s still quite valuable in PPR formats.
81. **Drew Brees** (QB9, ADP: QB10) – I refuse to rank Drew Brees below consensus ADP. Drew’s 21.41 PPG in 11 games, including playoffs was QB4 Pace! This was mainly due to career high TD-rate, which was impressive considering the number of seasons he’s played, but he’s likely to experience regression there. Alvin Kamara’s health will make him more of a red zone factor; the Saints will score more rushing TDs than last season’s abnormally low amount. And Taysom Hill will be an annoyance at times. But the Saints’ supporting cast is lights out. Brees is throwing to the best WR in the game in Michael Thomas. The Saints signed Emmanuel Sanders. TE Jared Cook is entering his second year in the offense and is a tremendous athlete and matchup nightmare for defenses that have to focus on Thomas. Kamara out of the backfield makes defending this offense even more difficult. The Saints have one of the best O-Lines in the NFL, too. I can get behind the argument that Drew’s arm strength may wane as the season progresses. He’s 41 years old. But betting against Drew Brees finishing as a Top-12 QB seems foolish when you consider his fantasy finishes since 2006: 2nd, 4th, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 1st, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 2nd, 10th, 8th, 7th (PPG). That great stat was courtesy of Matt Schauf of DraftSharks.com. Yes, you may argue that Brees’ fantasy finishes have declined as has his average depth of target over the last 3 seasons. But his floor is super high as he still remains the most accurate QB in the NFL in short and intermediate areas, along with that incredible supporting cast.
82. **Matthew Stafford** (QB10, ADP: QB12) – Stafford has been a late riser on my Draft Board as I’m finding that I’m more and more upset when I miss out on him in my own drafts whenever I take a QB-late strategy. Last season, Stafford was quietly awesome. He averaged 20.8 PPG in 8 games, which was QB6 Pace! According to Evan Silva of Establish the Run, Stafford was on pace for a 38-10 TD/INT ratio plus career highs in passer rating (106), yards per attempt (9.1), yards per completion (13.4) and TD Rate (11.4). Detroit gave up on trying to establish the run, particularly after Kerryon Johnson went down, and the offense was super aggressive when throwing. Stafford led the league in average depth of throw and percentage of passes delivered 20+ yards downfield. Although Matt Patricia’s old school ways remain. According to Warren Sharp, Patricia’s Lions ran the ball at an extremely high rate in the second half of games when leading at halftime, and it didn’t work. The Lions averaged 2.7 YPC on those carries and often squandered the lead they got because of Stafford’s aerial attack. Nevertheless, the Lions are set up again to be

a downfield passing attack. Kenny Golladay and Marvin Jones are TD-scoring machines. TE T.J. Hockenson is entering his second season and was talented enough for the Lions to take him in the Top 10 of the 2019 NFL Draft. He could have a huge sophomore campaign. Danny Amendola is ole' reliable in the slot. The Lions also drafted this draft class's best pass-catching RB early in Round 2: D'Andre Swift. He gives the team a dynamic it did not have in the passing game last season. Detroit is still lacking on defense, too, and they play home games indoors. If you miss out on QBs early in the draft, Stafford is usually the 12th QB taken, so you can usually wait until Rounds 9-10 before grabbing him.

83. **Carson Wentz** (QB11, ADP: QB10) – Carson Wentz somehow threw for more than 4,000 PAYD and finished as QB15 in PPG despite losing all of his WRs to injuries last season. DeSean Jackson started and finished one game (Week 1, a game Wentz was great in). Alshon Jeffery missed 8 games. No. 3 WR Nelson Agholor missed 5 games. Rookie WR J.J. Arcega-Whiteside was playing hurt. The team had to sign Greg Ward off the streets, and he was the team's leading WR for the last 3 weeks of the season. No WR was left standing there. Wentz adapted and featured his 2 great TEs, Zach Ertz and Dallas Goedert, and peppered his 2 RBs with targets, Miles Sanders and the Darren Sproles-lite, Boston Scott. All things considered, Wentz's 2019 season was impressive from a real-life standpoint, though he did not help fantasy managers nearly as much as I expected him to. He was just kind of steady every week. Very few bust games or blow up games. The Eagles get D-Jax back at full speed, which should open up this offense quite a bit. Miles Sanders is the full time RB, which should help the passing game. The two great TEs remain. Philadelphia drafted WR Jalen Reagor in the first round (although he'll miss the first few weeks of the season with a shoulder issue, as will Alshon Jeffery). Wentz will likely set a career high in RUTDs given the Eagles RBs on the roster (no Jordan Howard-like back to punch in short-yardage scores). I think we saw Wentz's fantasy floor or worst-case last season, QB15, and that's quite respectable. He should land somewhere between QB7-QB13.
84. **Sterling Shepard** (WR36, ADP: 115) – My favorite of the three Giants WRs by fairly wide margin. I think Shepard is the most talented of the bunch. He's the one the team is most invested in, per their contracts. Unlike Darius Slayton and Golden Tate, he's in his prime and is more versatile of a route-runner than they are. The issue is competition for targets. Slayton and Tate will have their days, and Evan Engram and Saquon Barkley are also going to command relatively heavy usage in the passing game.

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Using This Draft Guide to Take Advantage of Default Rankings on ESPN & Yahoo!:

I would take different approaches to Yahoo! and ESPN drafts because their rankings so heavily influence ADP on those platforms. In general, I think Yahoo! has far superior QB and TE rankings than ESPN but far inferior WR rankings. We can take advantage of this.

With the number of total steals at WR on Yahoo! rankings, it almost seems senseless to take a WR before Round 5 at all on that platform. Obviously, I'd prefer to target RBs early in both formats, but in Yahoo! leagues, being one of the first teams to draft a TE (Kelce, Kittle, Andrews) or one of the last teams to do so makes the most sense according to my board.

The same can be said at QB in Yahoo! leagues with either a Top-6 QB or waiting for late round quarterback(s) in Rounds 12-15. In ESPN leagues, the QBs and TEs are generally ranked lower, which creates some mid-round options at those positions.

Here is a list of players I'm actively targeting in Yahoo! Drafts because I think they are ranked too low on Yahoo!'s platform:

PLAYERS I'M ENDING UP WITH IN YAHOO! DRAFTS:

- Josh Jacobs (18th)
- David Johnson (67th)
- Calvin Ridley (46th)
- Robert Woods (48th)
- D.K. Metcalf (69th)
- T.Y. Hilton (77th)
- Marquise Brown (79th)
- Will Fuller (93rd)
- Tyler Boyd (90th)
- A.J. Green (103rd)
- T.J. Hockenson (TE19)
- Christian Kirk (128th)
- Diontae Johnson (108th)
- DeSean Jackson (191st)
- Mecole Hardman (154th)
- Buffalo Bills (DST4)
- A.J. Dillon (220th)
- Henry Ruggs (182nd)
- Indianapolis Colts (DST18)

Here is a list of players I'm actively targeting in ESPN Drafts because I think they are ranked too low on ESPN's platform:

PLAYERS I'M ENDING UP WITH IN ESPN DRAFTS:

- George Kittle (23rd)
- James Conner (47th)
- David Johnson (43rd)
- Russell Wilson (QB6)
- Tyler Higbee (83rd)
- Jared Cook (111th)
- J.K. Dobbins (90th)
- Zack Moss (91st)

- Josh Allen (QB10)
- Jared Goff (QB18)
- Mike Gesicki (134th)
- Jonnu Smith (193rd)

WHAT IF A PLAYER IS NOT ON MY BOARD?:

Every year, I get a lot of questions about players NOT on my board. Not just: “Why is PLAYER X not on your Top-80 board?” but also: “If a player not on your board falls really far in my draft, should I take him? It’s your team, so you can do what you want. But for me, the answer is **NO**: it is very unlikely that I draft a player who is not listed on my Draft Board or the proceeding sections.

Now, this doesn’t mean that I hate all players not listed in my Draft Guide. Most of them I’m just undecided about, so I’d rather spend picks on players I’m more confident in. And there are some players who I could see myself taking on certain platforms but not others. For example, T.J. Hockenson being ranked as TE19 on Yahoo! Rankings is too sweet to pass up in the final round of drafts.

In the vast majority of cases, however, I’m likely not deviating from my Draft Board even if a perceived value “falls my in my lap” several rounds after he is projected to be taken. You are not awarded extra points if you select a player two or three rounds after his ADP.

The concept of “value” in fantasy football is extremely overrated. Perceived value is based on historically inaccurate rankings. At the end of the day, draft success is about HITS and MISSES. The hits are more important, because the misses can be cut and replaced anyway. The best drafts have the ones with the biggest and most frequent hits.

For example, it doesn’t really matter if someone drafted Lamar Jackson in Round 7 last year or Round 11. They got a league-winner either way. Accordingly, don’t be afraid to “reach” for players you like. Who the heck cares now if the person who picked him in Round 7 didn’t get any “value” out of the pick at the time, and picked him three rounds ahead of when he was supposed to go.

Fantasy drafts are NOT about WHEN you picked players, it’s about WHO you pick. That concept becomes abundantly clear when you at draft results after the season ends. Again, draft value is not nearly as important as you think, and it’s nearly irrelevant once the season starts. Therefore, in summary, I’m going to stick to my board and draft players who I have a certain degree of confidence in them hitting.

All that being said, I do realize that many readers are curious about why certain players are not included on my Draft Board or draft day plans. In the interest of time and carpal tunnel prevention, **I will discuss why certain players did not make the cut on my Podcast, the “Fantasy Law Guy Podcast.”** You can also check out the [AFC and NFC Players to AVOID Episodes \(Episodes 14 & 16\)](#) for some explanations for fading big-name players.

For now, I’ll provide a list of players inside the Top-115 who I’m fading at or near cost on each popular platform because they are ranked too high:

PLAYERS I’M AVOIDING AT COST IN ESPN DRAFTS:

- DeAndre Hopkins (17th, WR3)
- Aaron Jones (13th, RB12)
- Chris Godwin (21st, WR6)
- D.J. Moore (25th, WR9)
- Allen Robinson (26th, WR10)

- Courtland Sutton (30th, WR14)
- Leonard Fournette (39th, RB15)
- Todd Gurley (44th, RB18)
- Devin Singletary (49th, RB23)
- Keenan Allen (50th, WR21)
- Jarvis Landry (53rd, WR24)
- Deebo Samuel (68th, WR34)
- Darren Waller (69th, TE5)
- Tarik Cohen (71st, RB30)
- Deshaun Watson (73rd, QB3)
- Phillip Lindsay (86th, RB34)
- Hunter Henry (110th, TE8)
- Rob Gronkowski (113th, TE11)

PLAYERS I'M AVOIDING AT COST IN YAHOO! DRAFTS:

- Tyreek Hill (11th, WR3)
- Allen Robinson (22nd, WR6)
- Chris Godwin (24th, WR7)
- Chris Carson (27th, RB16)
- Melvin Gordon (28th, RB17)
- D'Andre Swift (44th, RB23)
- Raheem Mostert (49th, RB26)
- Ronald Jones (50th, RB27)
- Hunter Henry (59th, TE8)
- Phillip Lindsay (97th, RB40)
- Tarik Cohen (102nd, RB37)
- Marlon Mack (112th, RB43)

OK, let's get back to the Draft Guide...

ROUNDS 10-17

HOMERUN “HANDCUFF” RUNNING BACKS (Rounds 9-12):

Alexander Mattison (ADP: 119 – *Recommended Handcuff for Dalvin Cook*) – Regardless of your personal stance on handcuffing players, Mattison is a good pick because almost everyone can agree that Dalvin Cook is one of the bigger injury risks in fantasy football and is more likely than not to miss games at some point. Alexander Mattison would immediately be a Top-12 RB option as the lead back for an RB-friendly Gary Kubiak offense that has sprung so many RBs to fantasy stardom. Also, Dalvin Cook still seems a little disgruntled about his contract situation. If he were to hold out into the regular season, Mattison’s stock would skyrocket.

Chase Edmonds (ADP: 139 – *Recommended Handcuff for Kenyan Drake*) – If there’s any part of you that isn’t buying Kenyan Drake as being capable of bell cow usage for 16 games, which by the way is a perfectly reasonable opinion, then you may want to grab Chase Edmonds late in your draft. According to Evan Silva (@evansilva) of Establish the Run, Kenyan Drake has never handled greater than 15.7 touches per game in college or pros (8 years). Edmonds possesses a strong pass-catching profile and the Cardinals sported a quietly elite rushing system that ranked second in Football Outsiders’ rush DVOA metric. If you were to take the lead back for the Cardinals for each game – which included games with David Johnson, Chase Edmonds, and Kenyan Drake – the RB1 for Arizona would have finished as RB5 overall for a full season. For drafters who are bold enough to spend a Top-16 pick on an unproven Kenyan Drake, I highly recommend taking out a Chase Edmonds insurance policy. And the best part is: the cost of that insurance policy is far cheaper than the other handcuff RBs in this section.

Tony Pollard (ADP: 120 – *Recommended Handcuff for Ezekiel Elliot*) – Ezekiel Elliot has been a pinnacle of health. But if he were ever to go down, Tony Pollard would be likely be Top-10 RB in fantasy football. He was extremely efficient on limited touches as a rookie and possesses lightning-in-a-bottle explosiveness and receiving chops that would allow him to get 15-20 touches per game in one of the NFL’s best offenses. I would be looking to draft Pollard as an insurance policy if I drafted Zeke.

- **Strategy Recommendation:** The following RBs are good picks any time after Pick 120’ish REGARDLESS of whether you’re drafting them to be handcuffs because they possess league-winning upside if they catch the right break. In other words, you DO NOT need to have drafted Zeke, Cook, or Drake to justify selecting these RBs. They are players that you stash away on your bench in the event a starter goes down. If it doesn’t happen, you’ve struck out with this pick because these guys have no stand-alone value in fantasy football. However, if it does happen, you’ve hit a homerun. If These boom-or-bust, “all-upside” types of players are desirable in the later rounds of drafts. Philosophically, you should be swinging for the fences, and not for singles, with your picks at this point in the draft.

LATE ROUND QUARTERBACKS (Rounds 13-17):

Jared Goff (ADP: QB18) – It feels like ages ago when Goff finished as fantasy’s QB7 in 2018. Goff’s decline to QB13 (only QB20 in Adjusted PPG) last season was primarily based on two factors. First, downgraded O-Line play, which was largely based on injuries to the unit – the Rams’ starting five O-Linemen made only 53/80 possible starts, one of the lowest rates in the NFL, caused Goff to fold under pressure. Second, Goff’s touchdown rate dropped dramatically from 5.7% to 3.5%, per Nick Mensio (@NickMensio) of Rotoworld. Todd Gurley was a double jeopardy problem for Goff last season because not only did he somehow score a whopping 14 touchdowns, all in the red zone (this was one reason Goff’s TD rate was so low), but he also was a disaster in the passing game as a time when Goff needed that safety outlet more than ever. Still, Goff’s volume and yardage were there. Goff led the league in pass attempts (626) and threw for 4,638 PAYD. As was the pace: according Hayden Winks (@HaydenWinks) of Rotoworld, the Rams played at the fastest pace and had the highest pass rate (84%) in the NFL while in negative game scripts last season. This is a net-positive, because if the Rams are good and have a potent offense, then that’s great for Goff, whereas if the Rams struggle again, then their fast-paced, pass-happy philosophy will allow them to rack up production in garbage time. Although two games were against Arizona’s barely-there defense, Goff finished strongly with 20.78 PPG in the final 5 games (328.6 PAYD/G, 11-4 TD/TO) when Sean McVay creatively adjusted his offense to more “12” personnel, featuring two TEs, following the second Brandin Cooks concussion scare. This year, Goff is quietly surrounded with a great pass-catching supporting cast. Robert Woods and Cooper Kupp, Josh Reynolds, Van Jefferson (who the Rams drafted in Round 2) at WR, Tyler Higbee and Gerald Everett at TE, and 2 RBs in Cam Akers and Darrell Henderson who are both receiving threats out of the backfield. Moreover, despite the presence of All-World DT Aaron Donald, the Rams project to field a terrible defense. They will be playing indoors this season too. In summary, Jared Goff is not a great NFL quarterback, but he’s in a fantastic situation that could spur a surprising Top-10 finish in fantasy football. He finished strongly, has a creative offensive coach in Sean McVay, a great supporting cast of pass catching weapons, a weak defense, guaranteed passing volume, positive pace, a presumably healthier O-Line, and positive regression coming in the TD rate department. As a result, Jared Goff is my favorite late round quarterback target.

Ryan Tannehill (ADP: QB19) – The only QBs that averaged more PPG last season than Ryan Tannehill did in his 13 starts (10 regular season + 3 playoff games) were Lamar Jackson, Pat Mahomes, Deshaun Watson, Drew Brees, Dak Prescott, Matt Stafford, and Russell Wilson. That’s right, Tannehill’s 20.17 PPG was impressively QB8 Pace. With Tannehill under center, the Titans averaged 6.94 yards per play as an offense, ranking first in the league, and scored a TD 76% of the time they made it to the red zone, according to Hayden Winks (@HaydenWinks) of Rotoworld. Those ridiculous numbers, along with Tannehill’s 9.6 YPA and TD Rate (7.7%), were absurd and are inevitably going to regress. That’s all the Fantasy Football Experts’ Community can seem to focus on, however, is that “Tannehill is going to regress.” And while that seems obvious, I don’t think it necessarily spells doom for Tannehill because I believe his inevitable regression in efficiency will be mitigated by more volume. Tannehill only threw 25.4 pass attempts

per game last season because they were able to ride Derrick Henry at will down the stretch. This season, I think defenses will sell out to stop Henry, and Tannehill will be forced to air it out more often. Tannehill has underrated athleticism and can provide a decent rushing floor. And while of course I'm calling for massive regression, I ultimately believe Tannehill is talented enough to be a "thing," i.e. I don't believe this was as fluky as everyone seems to think. That said, his opening slate is brutal, with the Titans playing @DEN, @MIN, PIT, and BUF in four of the first five weeks of the season. It may be frustrating and unwise to hold him as a QB2 through that stretch, but I think this is a situation where it's worth seeing if he can maintain his fantasy magic (albeit with a decrease in efficiency and an increase in volume).

Joe Burrow (ADP: QB20) – Burrow torched college football last year to the tune of 60-6 TD/INT ratio, 10.8 YPA, while competing 76.3% of his passes for the National Champion LSU Tigers last season. Burrow also averaged 27.4 RUYD/G and scored 12 RUTDs in two seasons as a starter and has generated Tony Romo comparisons for his blend of "mobility, playmaking knack, and aggressiveness on downfield throws," according to Evan Silva (@evansilva) of Establish The Run. Burrow lands in Cincinnati, with an underrated supporting cast that includes all-star RB Joe Mixon, and WRs A.J. Green, Tyler Boyd, Tee Higgins, and John Ross. Head coach Zac Taylor prefers a fast-paced, pass-oriented offensive approach. Per Derek Brown (@DBro_FFB) of FTN, Andy Dalton averaged 40.6 pass attempts per game in 13 games last season, and had he kept that up, the Bengals would have finished 2nd in pass attempts behind only Atlanta. It won't always be pretty for Burrow – he's a rookie with a COVID shortened offseason, behind a bottom-5 O-Line, and plays has to play Baltimore and Pittsburgh's defenses twice a year – but Burrow is talented enough, aggressive enough, has good enough wheels, and good enough receiving weapons to allow him to finish as a Top-12 fantasy QB.

Teddy Bridgewater (ADP: QB28) – Teddy has never been a Top-16 QB in his career, and even while he was awesome from a real-life standpoint in the 5-game stretch in which he relieved Drew Brees last season (the Saints went 5-0, and Bridgewater sported a 9-2 TD/TO ratio), Bridgewater's 16.72 PPG was only QB17 Pace. However, there are reasons Bridgewater could enter the Top-16 equation this season in Carolina. First, HC Matt Rhule and OC Joe Brady have great, creative offensive minds with pass-first play-calling mentalities. Second, Bridgewater is familiar with Brady's system, having played under Brady when he was with the Saints two seasons ago, one year before Brady orchestrated the greatest college offensive all time. Third, this offense is filled with speed and playmakers. A WR trio of D.J. Moore, Robby Anderson, and Curtis Samuel is dangerous. TE Ian Thomas has showed promise as Greg Olsen's successor, and of course, Christian McCaffrey is the league's best receiving back by far. These are players with great YAC (yards after catch) ability, which meshes well with Bridgewater's playing style and outstanding short-to-intermediate accuracy. Fourth, Carolina projects to field the league's worst defense on paper. Per Evan Silva (@evansilva) of Establish The Run, last year's Panthers allowed the NFL's second most points per game (29.4), then lost MLB Luke Kuechly, top CB James Bradberry, No. 1 solo tackler Eric Reid, sack leader Mario Addison, 8.5-sack EDGE Bruce Irvin, six-sack DL Vernon Butler, five-sack DT Gerald McCoy, 10-game starter DT Dontari Poe, nickel back Javien Elliott, and S/CB Ross Cockrell, who played 75% of last year's defensive snaps. To replace these players, the Panthers new regime spent all 7 of their draft selections on

defenders, which is great for rebuilding, but suboptimal from an immediate impact standpoint in a COVID-shortened offseason. In sum, the Panthers pathetic defense will ensure passing volume. Fifth, Carolina plays in a division with Drew Brees, Matt Ryan, and Tom Brady. The Panthers will have to score to keep up, and Bridgewater will be placed in a favorable amount of garbage-time game scripts. And sixth, Carolina opens up with three favorable matchups in their first five games (LV, ARI, @ATL in weeks 1, 4, and 5, respectively).

- **Strategy Recommendation:** QB strategy all depends on what type of league I play in and how I approached QB earlier in the draft. Is it a Super Flex league where I can start a second QB? If so, I'm looking to draft a Top-10 QB in first 75 picks and then 2 QBs ranked QB15-QB28. If it's a small, "Start 1 QB" league (10-12 teams), I generally prefer either taking a QB early, one of the top-6 QBs, or taking the opposite approach: waiting on the position completely and drafting one or two of these late round QB options, with the intention of playing the matchups and/or streaming the position, because there should be plenty of QB options in free agency. Not every team should be drafting backup QBs.

RUNNING BACK SLEEPERS (Picks 125+):

Chris Thompson (RB – ADP: 229) – The Jaguars brought in a new offensive coordinator, Jay Gruden, who is historically one of the most pass-happy OCs in the NFL. Chris Thompson is a pass catching specialist who has played in Jay Gruden's offense in the past for five seasons. The Jaguars signed Thompson after hiring Gruden. Leonard Fournette caught 75 passes last season but was among the least efficient pass catchers in the NFL. The Jaguars may be the worst team in the NFL (Vegas over/under win total set at a league-low 4.5). This is a team that will be trailing early and often, which could make for frequent and quality garbage time production. If Thompson is this team's passing down over Fournette, he'll be a huge sleeper in PPR formats.

A.J. Dillon (ADP: 145) – Dating back to the NFL Combine in March, ESPN's Matthew Berry asked head coach Matt LaFleur whether Aaron Jones could handle a bigger workload after what he show-cased last season when Jamaal Williams went down. LaFleur said not only did they need "both guys," but ideally the Packers would add a THIRD running back. And that's exactly what the Packers did in April, when Green Bay bypassed a wide receiver (a position that everyone and their mothers expected Green Bay to take) in order to grab their third running back in the second round. Dillon is an enormous (6'0, 247), highly productive college back who demonstrated uber athletic traits at the NFL Combine. According to Scott Barrett (@ScottBarrettDFB) of FantasyPoints.com, Dillon ranked in the 95th percentile of weight adjusted forty time, the 98th percentile in the vertical leap, and the 99th percentile in the broad jump, among all combine RBs since 2000, and those are the three most predictive NFL Combine numbers for a fantasy RB. Barrett also found in his research that Dillon ranked 5th in rushing yards per game among all "Power 5" conferences (min. 24 games played) in the last 20 years. Only Jonathan Taylor, LaMichael James, Adrian Peterson, and Ray Rice averaged more RUYD/G than Dillon's 125.2. Dillon is a 247-pound bruiser back with 97th percentile Adjusted SPARQ athleticism. Dillon only recorded 21 catches in 3 years at Boston College, so he likely won't be utilized on passing downs,

an area where Aaron Jones excels in. According to Mike Clay (@MikeClayNFL) of ESPN, Aaron Jones scored on 11 of 19 carries within 7 yards of the end zone, and it's possible that the run committed Packers seek to use Dillon as a goal line back. Now, I don't think Dillon is there to usurp Aaron Jones' role as the lead back by any means. In fact, I believe the Packers view Dillon and Jones as a thunder and lightning tandem in the future. So that means I think the player whose role is in jeopardy is Jamaal Williams'. And Williams wasn't irrelevant in fantasy football last season. In 14 healthy games (minus his early exit in Week 4 vs. PHI and including 2 playoff games), Williams averaged 10.72 PPG. That was RB27 Pace, ahead of David Montgomery and Phillip Lindsay last season. While sure, that's not exactly a ringing endorsement. But Williams is being drafted as RB59 on average. And again, if the Packers' plans do include Dillon playing Jamaal Williams' role from last season, that could come with a few goal line plunges (recall, he's 247 pounds). Also, while Aaron Jones was dominant last season (RB2 finish), many people seem to be forgetting that the reason Jones hadn't broken out prior to last season was because he couldn't stay healthy as the bell cow back. That shouldn't be forgotten, and his health shouldn't be assumed simply because he played 18 games last season. Don't hear what I'm not saying, however. This is total dart throw: you're either hitting a Bull's Eye or missing the board completely. Dillon may spend the entire year as a third string RB who receives minimal playing time (maybe the Packers are waiting until Jamaal Williams' contract expires next season, or maybe they envision Dillon best utilized with QB Jordan Love in the future). However, Dillon checks a lot of boxes for a potential breakout pick: size, athleticism, run-committed team, highly productive in college, team spent high draft capital, good quarterback, winning team. And if a few things break his way, he could be a league-winner. That said, even if he hits in year 1, you'll have to be patient. He'll be riding pine on the Packers bench and your bench for weeks. Just put Dillon in the slow cooker, watch it brew, and hope that by the end of the season you come out with a delicious feast.

Damien Harris (ADP: 138) – Sony Michel's career has been plagued by injuries. According to Adam Levitan (@adamlevitan) of Establish The Run, Michel's updated injury history includes an ACL tear in high school, a 2017 knee injury in the SEC Championship, a 2018 knee fluid procedure, a 2019 knee scope, and most recently a 2020 foot surgery that Michel is still recovering from. Based on the latest reports, Michel has a greater than 50-50 shot of opening the season on the PUP list, which would sideline him for at least the first six games. Even if he avoids PUP, Michel was excellent in college, but the injuries have piled up and sapped his burst and effectiveness. He ranks near the bottom of every efficiency metric you can draw up for RBs. He's an absolute zero in the receiving game. The only reason he was remotely valuable in fantasy was because he's been the goal line back for a Tom Brady-led offense. The Patriots hedged their bet on Michel by drafting Damien Harris out of Alabama in Round 3 last season. Harris as a rookie did nothing. He saw only 4 carries last season despite Michel's massive struggles. The team signed Lamar Miller recently, but he's coming off the torn ACL and has not been practicing. At this point, that move looks like a camp body or depth signing. Harris has the opportunity to be the primary early down runner for the Patriots' Cam Newton-driven offense. Newton's running ability may steal some goal line TDs, but it may also open up some lanes by way of read-options. Although James White will take the vast majority of passing down work, Harris is a much more capable pass catcher than Michel, and Harris could form a RBBC with White where they each split touches

pretty evenly. Someone has to emerge from this backfield. Harris is heating up in training camp and remains super cheap in fantasy drafts.

Nyheim Hines (ADP: 146) – Hines’ upside is admittedly capped as a passing down role player. But I’m including him here because game film reveals Philip Rivers’ arm strength has severely declined to the point where Hines could be one of Rivers’ favorite targets in the passing game because he can’t push the ball downfield. Rivers has always peppered his RBs with targets (see Austin Ekeler, Melvin Gordon, Branden Oliver, LaDainian Tomlinson, Darren Sproles). Hines is part of a 3-way RBBC but he could play a larger role than expected as the Colts’ primary third down 2-minute drill back. If you need bench filler, someone to give you a few catches in PPR formats during your starters’ BYE weeks, then Hines is your guy.

Jerick McKinnon (ADP: 150) – McKinnon has not played a football game in two years since sustaining a complicated knee injury in the 2018 preseason. At the time, the 49ers had just paid him handsomely in free agency, and he was set to be the lead back for Kyle Shanahan’s offense. McKinnon is reportedly healthy now (although nobody can blame someone for taking an “I’ll believe it when I see it” approach). As of now, McKinnon is expected to get the first crack at passing down work in 2020. Raheem Mostert and Tevin Coleman were simply nonfactors as receivers out of the backfield last season, McKinnon has the versatile skill-set and pass catching chops to handle the work. The 49ers had the second-best running game in the NFL last season behind only Baltimore. The team has a good offensive line and a great running scheme, organized by Kyle Shanahan, son of Mike Shanahan, a running game guru who made fantasy stars of seemingly countless RBs thanks to his infamous zone-blocking system, one-cut system. This is a system that saw Raheem Mostert average 19.77 PPG (RB6 Pace!) in the final 8 games, including playoffs. Kyle Shanahan is known to “ride the hot hand” on a weekly basis. And while it’s likely that Mostert and a healthy Coleman (he battled a high ankle sprain last season) are better pure runners than McKinnon is at this stage, McKinnon should be sprinkled in the running game and play a high percentage of passing downs. If McKinnon is 100% healthy, he could get more pass game usage than people think for a team that lacks elite receivers (the 49ers are expected to trot out rookie WR Brandon Aiyuk and Kendrick Bourne as their starters in Week 1 because Deebo Samuel is hurt). Especially in PPR formats, where targets are far more valuable than carries, McKinnon makes sense. It may take an injury to either Coleman or Mostert for McKinnon to be a true league-winner, but this is a backfield that you want to spend cheap lottery tickets on. Yahoo! has McKinnon ranked 244th, so he’s basically a free square there.

- *Strategy Recommendation:* I like taking one of these players late in drafts (preferably after pick 150) to fill out my running backs. Ideally, these guys would be the RB5 or RB6 on my teams.

WIDE RECEIVER SLEEPERS (Picks 120+):

Allen Lazard (ADP: 161) is not a great receiver, and many close to the Packers’ organization have hinted he’s getting so much playing time because of his run blocking. That said, the “Lazard King” is not a bad athlete. He sports a 76th percentile SPARQ score with 4.55 speed and a 38-inch

vertical. Aaron Rodgers loves the guy and constantly raves about him. The Packers infamously failed to address the wide receiver position in free agency or the draft. The team has no proven tight ends. Devin Funchess opted out this season, leaving Lazard's competition for targets outside of Davante Adams (who hasn't played a full season in years) to be Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Geronimo Allison, both of whom are... not good. Allen Lazard is the "overwhelming favorite to be the No. 2 receiver opposite Davante Adams," according to Sports Illustrated's Bill Huber. You can do worse than a late round flyer on Aaron Rodgers' No. 2 target.

Anthony Miller (ADP: 141) – Anthony Miller was a nice prospect coming out of college two years ago. He scored 7 times as a rookie while playing through a separated shoulder. The injury nagged at him early last season to the point where Miller did absolutely nothing he randomly had mini-breakout stretch, partly aided by an injury to SWR Taylor Gabriel, in Weeks 11-16, when Miller averaged 14.88 PPG, good enough for WR22 Pace. According to Pat Daugherty (@RotoPat) at Rotoworld, Miller caught at least 6 passes in 4-of-5 games from Weeks 11-15, and actually averaged more yards per catch and yards after the catch than Allen Robinson. Miller should benefit from the extra defensive attention A-Rob receives. He's spent this offseason studying tape of great route runners, such as Stefon Diggs, Isaac Bruce, and Steve Smith. The Bears lack competition for targets behind Robinson, and the Bears COULD get better QB play from Nick Foles this season. New OC Bill Lazor has a recent history of prioritizing his slot WRs. James Koh (@JamesDKoh) laid out a great case for Miller when he stated that while Lazor was in Cincinnati, 38% of the targets went to the slot in the first 8 games (when A.J. Green was healthy); Tyler Boyd averaged 8.3 targets, 6 catches, and 77.5 REYD/G and scored 5 TDs in that span, roughly a 100-1,250-10 pace! In addition, Nick Foles has leaned on slot receivers extensively. Per Michael Florio (@MichaelFFlorio), Foles has threw to the slot 36.4% of the time last year, the most in the league since Andrew Luck retired. Miller is a very nice sleeper pick this season.

Curtis Samuel (ADP: 121) – I got burned last year reaching for him in drafts last season, but Samuel's disappointment was in large part due to no fault of his own. Samuel would have had a much finer season had it not been for injuries to Cam Newton, which forced backup QB Kyle Allen into the lineup. Allen was atrocious as a deep passer, and the Panthers pigeon-holed the talented Samuel into constantly running deep, clear-out routes. Samuel was Top-10 in Air Yards last season, so the opportunity in terms of attempts were there. Unfortunately, Allen ranked last across the league in deep ball accuracy, including Samuel drawing 20 uncatchable targets 20-plus yards downfield, per Josh Norris of Rotoworld. According to Rich Hribar of Sharp Football Analysis, just 59.2% of Samuel's 105 targets were deemed catchable, the lowest rate of any WR last season. Matthew Harmon's Reception Perception, Samuel finished above the 90th percentile in success rate vs. man coverage, so he was getting open. The balls just weren't being delivered accurately, which ruined his season. Now, the Panthers have brought in Matt Rhule and Joe Brady to run a much more creative offense, and more importantly, the Panthers signed Robby Anderson, who can play that "empty-calorie" outside speed role that mainly serves to spread out the defense. We've seen the slot WR position be extraordinarily valuable in Joe Brady's offense at LSU (re: Justin Jefferson). Samuel has play-making ability and makes for a great post-hype sleeper.

Mecole Hardman (WR37, ADP: 123) – Another speedy deep threat, but unlike D-Jax, Mecole Hardman opens the year as the Chiefs 3rd WR behind Tyreek Hill and Sammy Watkins rather than the primary receiver. When given the opportunity, Hardman was outstanding; the 22-year-old scored 6 TDs and averaged 20.7 yards per catch. Unfortunately, the opportunities were rather limited; Hardman totaled just 18 targets in the 13 games he played with both Hill and Watkins healthy. Nevertheless, Hardman is a ticking time bomb because of his big-play ability and Patrick Mahomes' incredible deep ball skills. And it's only a matter of time, in my opinion, before Hardman either supplants Sammy Watkins as Patrick Chiefs #2 WR, OR Tyreek Hill has some sort of soft tissue injury that forces him to miss games like last season. Unlike D-Jax, I think it will be frustrating using Hardman in your starting lineup until one of those two scenarios happen because he's the 4th or 5th receiving option on this team. But he could be a league-winner if given the chance. Again, he's more affordable on Yahoo! (ranked 156th), compared to 106th on ESPN, but Hardman is the ideal boom-or-bust target for the later rounds of your draft.

Others to Consider: **Jerry Jeudy** (ADP: 128) should step into a starting role immediately for an aggressive and strong-armed quarterback. He's supposedly crushing it in training camp. He should be taken among the Top 100 players is are going closer to 120... **Parris Campbell** (ADP: 146) could be an explosive attractive short-area target for Philip Rivers' declining arm strength. Campbell basically lost his rookie season because he couldn't stay healthy, but the Colts were very excited about him when they drafted Campbell in the second round of the NFL Draft last year. Expect him to start opposite of T.Y. Hilton and get some slot work when the Colts are in 3-WR sets.

- *Strategy Recommendation:* I like taking one of these players late in drafts (preferably after pick 150) to fill out my wide receivers. Ideally, these guys would be the WR5 or WR6 on my teams.

TIGHT END SLEEPERS (Picks 150+):

Jonnu Smith (ADP: TE18) – My best bet for “this year’s Mark Andrews.” Smith profiles as an Andrews-lite. He’s a YAC monster who breaks tackles at a league-high rate at his position and can move like a wide receiver. According to Ian Hartz (@Ihartz) of Pro Football Focus, Smith’s 9.98 yards per target ranked #2, his 19.5 yards per rush ranked #1, his 1.78 yards per route run ranked #8, and his 7.8 yards after the catch per reception ranked #2, among 41 qualified TEs. Furthermore, Scott Barrett (@ScottBarrettDFB) of FantasyPoints.com noted that Smith ranks second-best of the PFF College era (2014-2019) in career missed tackles forced per reception, and Smith ranks first in since entering the NFL. The highly efficient Smith takes over the Delanie Walker role that was productive in Tennessee over the last half decade, and although Smith did not produce once Walker went down last season – Smith only averaged 3.6 targets and 30.8 receiving yards, and for the entirety of the 2019 regular season, Smith finished as the TE31 overall per game, per Hayden Winks (@HaydenWinks) of Rotoworld – there are reasons that the highly efficient and uber athletic (93rd percentile SPARQ athlete who ran a 4.62 '40-yard dash) TE will receive more volume this season to make a legitimate fantasy impact. First, the opportunity is there, with A.J. Brown, a low-volume WR as the Titans' primary target in the passing game. WR

Corey Davis and SWR Adam Humphries round out the receivers, and the Titans have shown no interest in getting Derrick Henry involved as a receiver. And although the Titans fed Henry on the ground relentlessly down the stretch during their playoff run, I think Tennessee will be forced to throw more this season due to less favorable game scripts and overall offensive regression. Lastly, the 25-year-old Smith is in his prime and is also entering a contract year. He's highly motivated, evidenced by the fact that he and his QB Tannehill began working out together just over a week after the AFC Championship game in a privately owned local park. We saw a glimpse of this chemistry and Smith's ability in the playoff win vs. Baltimore, when Smith had a sick one-handed snag in the back of the end zone. The lack of volume is concerning, but Smith won't need 7 targets a game to post TE1 numbers. If I miss out on the top TEs, I'm punting the position until I can land Jonnu Smith in the final few rounds (oh yeah, I forgot to mention, Smith is basically free as the 18th TE taken in drafts on average). Smith is my TE9.

Irv Smith Jr. (ADP: TE23) – A second round pick out of Alabama, Irv Smith Jr. was quiet was a rookie last season. Most rookie TEs are. Smith began flashing his smooth route-running and ability to get open in the second half of last season, when the Vikings involved him more in a timeshare with Kyle Rudolph and played “12” personnel (with 2 TEs on the field at the same time) at a rate second only to the Eagles. Per Josh Norris (@JoshNorris) of Rotoworld, in games 1-7, Smith Jr. was on the field for 49.8% of the team's snaps. In games 8-15, that increased to 70.1%. One reason we can expect the Vikings to continue the trend of playing “12” personnel at a high rate is because the team lost WR Stefon Diggs, leaving Bisi Johnson as the team's third WR. The departure of Diggs also opens up a ton of targets in the passing game, creating an opportunity for Irv Smith Jr. to be a key contributor behind Adam Thielen. Irv Smith Jr. is going to be used as a receiver, not as a blocker. Smith Jr. actually ran more pass routes after the Vikings' Week 12 BYE than Kyle Rudolph, according to Graham Barfield (@GrahamBarfield) of Fantasy Points.com. Moreover, ESPN's Courtney Cronin is not the only Vikings beat reporter who expects Smith to have an expanded role as a receiver this season. Minnesota's OC is Gary Kubiak, who had years of solid production at the TE position, namely Owen Daniels. And in an addition to losing Stefon Diggs, the Vikings lost several key defenders. We can expect Minnesota to field a worse defense, and they will not be able to run the ball down team's throats at will this season. The resulting game flow will force Minnesota to air it out more often, and Smith Jr. will be a beneficiary. Smith is ranked as TE21 on ESPN and TE26 on Yahoo! He's completely free in drafts. I have the talented second-year TE ranked as my TE14.

- **Strategy Recommendation:** The sweet spot for TEs this season if you miss out on elite options could be that TE12-TE20 range. I like taking Herndon, Gesicki, Hockenson, or either of “The Smith's” in the last few rounds of my drafts as my backup TE, especially if my starting TE has a boom-or-bust element to him, such as Tyler Higbee, Jared Cook. If I've punted the position completely, I'll throw two darts at this TE tier. That way, I have two chances of hitting the bull's eye.

Earlier Options (but after TE12) to Consider: Mike Gesicki averaged 12.34 PPG (TE9 Pace) and scored 5 times in his “mini breakout” during the final 7 games last season, Weeks 11-17, after he saw his snaps increase from 26-44 SPG in Weeks 1-10 to 50-59 SPG. A better athlete than football player, Gesicki has the size/speed combo (6'6, 250) to make some noise if the new coaching staff led by OC Chan Gailey utilizes him correctly, that is as a slot WR in 3-WR sets, where Gesicki lined

up for 78% of his snaps over the final 7 games, according to Adam Levitan (@adamlevitan) of Establish The Run. Helping his cause is the fact that slot receivers Albert Wilson and Allen Hurns have both opted out for the 2020 season. Preston Williams, Miami's WR2 opposite of DeVante Parker, is coming off a torn ACL. This, along with the Dolphins inevitably trailing in the second half of games, leaves Gesicki and Parker in a position to be heavily targeted by "Yolo" QB Ryan Fitzpatrick initially. Gesicki's ADP is TE13, I have him at TE8, and he could make a big third-year leap. He's in a nice situation, and the fact that you can usually wait until everyone else has drafted their starting TE (and even several rounds after that) before taking Gesicki makes him an affordable gamble... **Chris Herndon** (ADP: TE16) is receiving a lot of training camp buzz from Jets' beat writers, and correspondingly, within the Fantasy Expert Community. Injuries and off-field issues forced him to miss most of last season, but Herndon had an extremely efficient rookie season. Historically, rookie TEs who top 500 REYD are strong bets for future success. Herndon is athletic and has shown good chemistry with Sam Darnold. The only question is whether Adam Gase's offense (run heavy, slow-paced, and historically not TE friendly) will hold him back. He's worth a gamble for a team that sports two new starting WRs on the outside who may not have time to gel with Darnold in a COVID-shortened offseason... I was a lot higher on **Blake Jarwin** (ADP: TE17) before Dallas drafted WR CeeDee Lamb in Round 1, and Jarwin may need an injury from either Lamb, Amari Cooper, or Michael Gallup to truly break out, because as it stands currently he's the 4th option in the potent Dallas offense. Jarwin only played 39% of the Cowboys' offensive snaps last season behind Jason Witten, who the team basically had to show veteran respect to given the circumstances of the Hall of Famer coming out of retirement. Jarwin flashed in limited opportunities, ranking 6th among NFL tight ends in yards per target and 8th in yards per route run, according to Evan Silva (@evansilva) of Establish The Run. The Cowboys view him favorably having just signed him to a 4-year, \$22M contract. And now, Jarwin will get the opportunity as the fulltime starter, a role that saw the corpse of Jason Witten receive 83 targets. Jarwin is a big-play threat and red zone target (6'5, 246) with a great QB in what projects to be one of the highest scoring offenses in the league. Jarwin will be very inconsistent on a week-to-week basis, but it wouldn't surprise me if he finishes as a Top-12 TE... **T.J. Hockenson** is TE18 in Yahoo! leagues. He's a first-round talent who shredded the Cardinals for 6-131-1 in Week 1 last season before fading with injuries as a rookie. Rookie TEs always struggle, and Hockenson has the role, talent, and QB to blossom in Year 2.

D/ST TARGETS (Rounds 13-17):

Buffalo Bills (ADP: DST 4) – Finished as DST6 last season but only scored 1 defensive touchdown. Great sign for positive regression. Adding pass rusher Mario Addison and DT Quinton Jefferson to an already strong Buffalo D-Line makes this unit super deep. The team also added CB Josh Norman to a secondary that already includes a pair of great safeties – Micah Hyde Jordan Poyer – and stud CB Tre White. Buffalo opens with an extremely soft schedule: [NYJ, @MIA, LAR, @LV, TEN]. I'm OK with spending a higher-than-normal pick (~130'ish in most leagues) on the Bills.

Pittsburgh Steelers (ADP: DST 2) – On the back of an incredible seasons by T.J. Watt and Minkah Fitzpatrick, the Steelers averaged 13.38 PPG (DST2 Pace) after a brutal start last season @NE, SEA, @SF. They return 11/12 “Starters” (including NCB), though they could experience health regression after the unit was blessed with fortunate health. An improved offense should help. They open with two great matchups: [@NYG, DEN, HOU, @TEN, PHI].

Baltimore Ravens (ADP: DST 3) – Averaged 11 PPG (DST3 Pace) in their final 12 games after a slow start. Baltimore beefed up its front-7 after getting embarrassed in the playoffs against Derrick Henry. They stole DT Calais Campbell from Jacksonville, added DE Derek Wolfe, and drafted ILB Patrick Queen in Round 1. Baltimore has three great CBs in Marcus Peters, Marlon Humphrey and Jimmy Smith. The Ravens are a winning team that will benefit from positive game scripts. Four of their first five opponents can be seen as favorable matchups: [CLE, @HOU, KC, @WAS, CIN].

- *Strategy Recommendation:* If you miss out on these top options, I would wait until the final round of your draft and grab one of the following defenses, all of which I believe could finish as Top-12 DSTs by season’s-end:

Los Angeles Chargers (ADP: DST13) – Disappointed last season as DST21 but scored only 1 defensive touchdown, so positive regression is coming there. The team drafted ILB Kenneth Murray in Round 1 and added former Pro Bowlers, DT Linval Joseph and CB Chris Harris Jr. They also get stud SS Derwin James back from injury and already have outstanding pass rushers Joey Bosa and Melvin Ingram, along with great CBs Casey Hayward and Desmond King. Los Angeles has one of the most talented defenses in the NFL on paper, but their opening slate is brutal: [@CIN, KC, CAR, @TB, @NO]. Their schedule considerably clears up after that, however, and the Chargers could be a very valuable mid-season waiver addition.

Indianapolis Colts (ADP: DST9) – Finished as DST13 last season with only 3 defensive touchdowns. The Colts added CB Xavier Rhodes and Pro Bowl DT DeForest Buckner. Perhaps the best argument for drafting the Colts DST, other than awesome LB Darius Leonard, as a streaming option is their highly attractive opening schedule: [@JAX, MIN, NYJ, @CHI, @CLE, CIN].

Seattle Seahawks (ADP: DST14) – Seattle is another team that may struggle early; they open up [@ATL, NE, DAL]. The team lost DE Ja’Devon Clowney but added DE Bruce Irvin and CB Quinton Dunbar, a very underrated corner. Most importantly, they traded for All-Pro SS Jamal Adams, who joins LBs Bobby Wagner and K.J. Wright and CB Shaq Griffin. Their opening slate makes them easy to pass on in fantasy drafts but keep an eye on them as the season progresses. They could finish as a Top-12 D/ST.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (ADP: DST15) – Quietly finished as DST10 last season despite Jameis Winston’s league-high 30 INTs consistently putting this defense in a tough spot. A fearsome foursome on the D-Line consists of sack-leader Shaq Barrett, DE Jason Pierre-Paul, and DTs Vita Vea and N’damukong Suh. Athletic, rangy linebackers Lavonte David and Devin White line up behind them. CB Jamel Dean seems to be emerging as a fantastic cover corner. The Bucs should

enjoy positive game scripts Tom Brady running the show. It's not advisable to start them against the Saints in Week 1, making them difficult to draft, but the schedule softens after the tough opening matchup: [@NO, CAR, @DEN, LAC, @CHI].

- *Strategy Recommendation:* Week 1 Streaming Options Include the Indianapolis Colts (@JAX), the Los Angeles Chargers (@CIN), and the Philadelphia Eagles (@WAS).

KICKERS (Rounds 14-17):

Justin Tucker (ADP: K1) – I like starting and drafting kickers on winning teams because it means they are less likely to be trailing in the second half of games, because when teams are chasing points, they are more likely to forgo kicking field goals because they may need touchdowns, and conversely, winning teams are more likely to play conservatively and “take the points” on 4th downs to preserve leads. The Ravens trailed on a league-low 19% of their offensive plays last season. So, CHECK! I also like starting and drafting kickers on great offenses with great QBs because it means more scoring opportunities, whether it's field goals or extra points. CHECK! Oh yeah, and Justin Tucker is the best kicker in the NFL. Per ESPN, Tucker has hit a league-best League best 91.3% of FGs (168/184) and league best 98.4% extra points (188/191) since 2015. He's never finished lower than K8 in 8-year career. And, last year, the Ravens ranked 20th in FG attempts, 1st in XPs. Lamar Jackson threw a TD on 9% of his passes, an unsustainable rate. Inevitable offensive regression should result in fewer touchdowns and more field goals. The rest of your league may laugh at you if you take the first kicker in your draft, but I have no issues with taking a kicker any time after pick 140'ish.

Will Lutz (ADP: K3) – Lutz finished as K2 last season, but his splits were naturally better when Drew Brees was playing. In 10 games Drew Brees started and finished, Lutz scored 10.7 PPG (K1 Pace). In the 6 games that Teddy Bridgewater played, Lutz only averaged 8.6 PPG. Lutz is attached to a high-powered offense, a great QB, and a winning team. He also gets the benefit of playing indoors for 11/16 games, and one of those outdoor games is in Denver.

Harrison Butker (ADP: K2) – The man I like to call “Harrison BUTT-KICKER” scored more points than any other kicker last season. He started slower than he finished, scoring only 71 points in his first 8 games (8.8 PPG) and 91 points in his last 8 games (11.3 PPG). He checks all the boxes of a consistent, elite kicker. He's tied to a Super Bowl winning team and an offense led by Pat Mahomes, the best quarter in football. The Chiefs can put up some historic numbers, and Butt-Kicker will be along for the ride.

Greg Zuerlein (ADP: K4) – “Greg The Leg” has a powerful range and multiple years of Top-3 fantasy kicker production. He is now playing for the Cowboys, one of the most potent offenses in the NFL. Playing in Dallas also means he gets 10/16 games indoors.

- *Strategy Recommendation:* If you miss out on these top options, I would wait until the last round of your draft and grab one of the following kickers:

Younghoe Koo (ADP: K18) – SLEEPER KICKER ALERT! Koo averaged 11.3 PPG (K1 Pace) in the final 8 games to close out the season after he took over for longtime Falcons kicker Matt Bryant. That tied Harrison Butker for the most points in that span. Kicks for a nice Falcons’ offense that plays 11/16 games indoors. Plus, he has a cool name.

DEEP LEAGUE DART THROWS (Picks 200+):

Steven Sims Jr. (WR – ADP: 223) – The Washington Football team may feature Sims in the slot like they did in the final 3 games of the season, when Sims posted 5-45-1, 6-64-2, and 5-81-1 receiving lines. That’s 15.5, 24.4, and 19.1 PPR points, respectively, in Weeks 15-17. The depth chart at WR and TE behind Terry McLaurin is a barren wasteland, and McLaurin himself touted Sims this offseason, saying Sims Jr. has taken a “big jump.” He’s a dark horse for 75 catches, making him a worthy PPR flyer. Sims is by far my favorite deep league dart throw this season.

Carlos Hyde (RB – ADP: 186) – Just a gut feeling here. Last season, Seattle was one of the most run-heavy teams in the NFL. I think Hyde could get more work than expected, which would be frustrating for Chris Carson drafters. Carson is not exactly a pinnacle of health, either.

Darrel Williams (RB – ADP: 240) – We can safely assume that rookie Clyde Edwards-Helaire will be the primary passing down back in Kansas City. However, I don’t think it’s a total guarantee that the “Fresh Prince” will have a stranglehold over the goal line duties, which is noteworthy for Darrel Williams because this Pat Mahomes-led offense gets near the goal line quite frequently. Edwards-Helaire (5’8, 209) is on the smaller side, and Williams (5’11, 224) scored 4 times in the red zone last season. Williams wouldn’t be an every down back even if something were to happen to CEH (he’d likely form an RBBC with DeAndre Washington), but Williams could get short yardage duties in this incredible offense, making him marginally valuable some weeks.

Laviska Shenault (WR – ADP: 218) – The release of Leonard Fournette frees up some touches near the line of scrimmage. The Jaguars invested heavily in Shenault, drafting the rookie in the second round at pick No. 42 overall. Shenault has great size and athleticism. He’ll likely be used as a gadget player or Wildcat runner in Jacksonville. In terms of his role, think of a poor man’s Percy Harvin. After D.J. Chark, there’s a lovely opportunity for usage in an otherwise talent-deficit offense run by pass-happy Jay Gruden on a team that should be trailing often, creating favorable game flow for the passing game.

Joshua Kelley (RB – ADP: 198) – I mentioned in my Austin Ekeler explanation that I’m not completely confident that the Chargers trust Ekeler at the goal line. Kelley could be the preferred short yardage option and could work in tandem with Ekeler. The 4th round rookie will have to win a camp competition with Justin Jackson, and I think he will.

Hunter Renfrow (WR – ADP: 199) – Another full-point PPR dart throw, Renfrow quietly finished strongly last season. He averaged 15.43 PPR PPG in the final 7 games he played in, Weeks 8-12,

16-17. In Weeks 16-17, he posted 9/7-107-1 (23.7 points) and 9/6-102-1 (22.2 points). Of course, I liked Renfrow a lot more before the Raiders drafted WRs Henry Ruggs, Bryan Edwards and Lynn Bowdon in the first three rounds of the NFL Draft, and added WR Nelson Agholor and TE Jason Witten to a suddenly crowded pass-catching corp. Nevertheless, Derek Carr has never met a check down he didn't like, and the two of them flashed a rapport late last season.

Brian Hill (RB – ADP: 238) – If you're like me, you don't trust Todd Gurley (knee) to stay healthy. You also may believe, like I do, that the Falcons will limit Gurley's workload, especially in the receiving game, even when Gurley is "healthy." Hill showed some promising flashes toward the end of last season, and I think he beats out Ito Smith for the backup job in Atlanta. If Hill can wrestle passing downs away from Gurley, or even get a few spot starts, Hill will be a valuable fantasy asset.

Dan Arnold (TE – ADP: TE36) – Arnold was picked up by Arizona after the Saints waived him late last season. Arnold showed some promise, catching 4 passes for 76 REYD and 1 TD in the season finale, when he made a spot start for the injured Charles Clay and Maxx Williams. Kyler Murray reportedly had "immediate chemistry" with Dan Arnold early this offseason, and Arnold is expected to be starting tight end. He'll have to compete for targets with DeAndre Hopkins, Christian Kirk, Larry Fitzgerald and Kenyan Drake, but he could be a factor in the red zone.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Super Flex Sex

The Argument for Why Super Flex Formats Should (and Will) Be Implemented in Fantasy Football Leagues.

Fantasy football is stupid.

We play a game where players like Tarik Cohen, Nyheim Hines, and Golden Tate are all somehow seen as MORE VALUABLE than Aaron Rodgers, Drew Brees, and Matt Stafford – the NFL's best and most important players in reality.

Most of you who are taking the time to read this know that the reason Cohen, Hines, and Tate are typically selected before Drew Brees and Aaron Rodgers in fantasy drafts is a matter of supply and demand.

As fantasy experts throughout the industry will explain: drafting the game's best QBs, Lamar Jackson, and Pat Mahomes, in Round 1 is a rookie move. They'll tell you it's a smarter strategy to spend early draft picks on more valuable and scarcer positions like running back or wide receiver. And because there are PLENTY of quarterbacks who put up quality numbers, experts advise you to wait before addressing the position.

Now stop what you're doing and take a moment to think about what you just read.

If you're a seasoned fantasy football veteran, this line of thinking probably seems totally normal to you.

Should it, though?

Imagine telling an NFL GM that you would rather focus on acquiring your second and third running back instead of Pat Mahomes in Round 4. Think about the perplexed look on his face when you tell him, "you see, you can find quality quarterbacks later in the draft or even in free agency. That there's a surplus of good QBs in the league, so the position doesn't really matter that much."

You'd be laughed out of the room.

Look, there comes a time when you have to put things in perspective. And that perspective comes quickly for anyone who has ever tried to explain fantasy football strategy to someone who has never played fantasy football before. Try explaining to an NFL fan that Tarik Cohen, Nyheim Hines, and Golden Tate are MORE VALUABLE ASSETS THAN DREW BREES, AARON RODGERS, MATT STAFFORD. Their most likely response is to think this game of fantasy football is STUPID and makes ZERO sense.

And they would be right.

Mainstream fantasy football roster constructions are currently lagging behind the times.

In real football, the game has become MORE dependent on strong QB play, and running backs have become devalued to role players who split the workload and are largely dependent on their surroundings (scheme, O-Line, game flow, their QB, etc.). But oddly enough, this pass-oriented evolution of the NFL has OPPOSITE EFFECT in fantasy football.

The mass-pass-heavy hysteria has created so many good statistical QBs that they are now a lot LESS valuable in fantasy football, even though quarterbacks have never been more valuable in REALITY.

Quarterback is without a doubt the most important position in all of sports, but yet it's right above kicker in terms of fantasy football value. This is clearly a, messed up and backward system that we've just learned to blindly accept as fact. When the truth is the system is BROKEN.

It's not the fantasy experts' fault that in their rankings and mock drafts, 40 other players are routinely selected ahead of the two best, most valuable, and most exciting players in the NFL by far: Lamar Jackson and Pat Mahomes. THE SYSTEM is what's at issue.

In fantasy football, we have backup quarterbacks who throw for 4,000 yards and 25 TDs riding our benches all year or even sitting in free agency because we can only start one QB. Conversely, in our flex spots each week, we are usually HOPING our 3rd or 4th RB, who often sees fewer than 50% of snaps on his own team, is going to get 10 touches in his game. Apparently, we would rather be playing a game that prioritizes valuing this type of role player than legitimate starting quarterbacks in the NFL.

It's idiotic nowadays. Quarterbacks are way more entertaining to watch than a team's third receiver or second string running back. What are we doing have these good QBs just sit and rot on our benches and in free agency all year?

Fantasy football is about statistics, so it's curious why in a league with so few bell cow RBs, where 62% of plays are pass plays, and over 80% of total yardage coming through the air, and at least 24 QBs putting up very respectable passing stats each year, that this game nevertheless continues to require you to start at least 3 RBs, but only 1 QB.

Simply put, based on the way the NFL is played today... it makes absolutely NO sense!

I mean come on: early Average Draft Positions in expert leagues have dudes like Russell Gage, Darrynton Evans, Joshua Kelley, Denzel Mims, Chase Claypool... (who???)... these guys are being selected before Top-24 real-life QBs like Cam Newton, Baker Mayfield, Kirk Cousins, Joe Burrow, Jared Goff, Jimmy Garoppolo, Philip Rivers, etc... I'm not kidding. And it's simply because your 6th string RB is clearly more important in this fake football game than your backup QB, or sometimes even your starting QB.

It sounds so ridiculous when you say it out loud. It's time to stop sitting back and accepting this as normal.

While the NFL has evolved in the last 20 years, fantasy football is still using Dial-Up Internet Connection, wearing Cargo Shorts and listening to Backstreet Boys on their Walk-Mans.

At some point, fantasy football has to grow up. Take a look in the mirror, and stop answering "this is way it's always been done," when someone questions why quarterbacks are so devalued in fantasy football yet so important in reality.

Instead, we should be asking: "How can we improve? How can make fantasy football better?"

SUPER FLEX IS THE ANSWER!

Super Flex formats are fantasy football leagues with an extra flex position that allows managers to start any offensive position, including quarterback. There are several excellent reasons to convert your league to a Super Flex league.

First, the Super Flex format allows for much more lineup FLEXIBILITY and CREATIVITY. If you've already selected Pat Mahomes in Round 2, and Russell Wilson is the best player available when you're on the clock in the next round, you can take him and start two great quarterbacks. League members aren't constrained in the draft to oblige by one archaic strategy that everyone is robotically following. And to that effect, Super Flex formats make fantasy drafts more INTERESTING AND UNPREDICTABLE.

Second, quarterbacks are more fun to watch and evaluate than most running backs and wide receivers. Everyone knows quarterbacks and focuses on quarterbacks because of their value in the real game, so there's a certain increase in the level of entertainment you get from your fantasy league because you are starting 2 QBs and having your opponent start 2 QBs against you. In other words, it's more fun to watch Joe Burrow and Cam Newton play and score meaningful points than a 2nd flex option of Philip Lindsay or N'Keal Harry.

What are the drawbacks of Super Flex lineups? There are two popular criticisms.

"Everyone would want to use a second Quarterback in the Super Flex spot because QBs score the most points. This makes them too valuable."

My response to that ridiculous critique is this... GOOD! Quarterbacks are in fact the most valuable players in the NFL and it's the most important position in all of sports. So yeah, them being more valuable in fantasy, that's kind of the point.

The second main criticism of Super Flex leagues is that "there aren't enough starting QBs – in other words, if everyone in a 12-team league drafts 3 QBs now (1 starter, 1 possible super flex starter, and 1 backup), then it adds up to 36 QBs... yet there are only 32 starting QBs in the NFL. The Math doesn't seem to add up..."

This of course is not an issue in 10-Team formats, and while there is some validity to this concern in 12-Team formats, it's not as big of an issue as perceived. Consider that this is a Super Flex position, NOT a second quarterback. Teams can still start a RB, WR, or TE in the Super Flex position if they miss out on QBs, their QBs get hurt, or have BYE weeks. Furthermore, it's easy to place a ROSTER LIMIT (MAXIMUM) of 3 Quarterbacks per team to prevent teams from hoarding QBs.

And if that math STILL concerns you, consider this math:

There are 32 starting QBs, but only 10 or 12 of them matter in your fantasy football league each week. Again, that's absurd, foolish, and it goes against everything the NFL stands for nowadays.

Now, if you play in a 14 or 16-team league, then yeah I can admit that implementing Super Flex positions in those leagues would be more of a challenge. But if you're in a 10-team league, or even 12, this is a no-brainer.

Again, if adding a Super Flex means that everyone in your draft needs to draft quarterbacks higher so they can make sure they get 2-3 viable starters, then GREAT! That makes your league better, not worse. Don't be afraid to change the status quo, especially when the change makes too much sense. Don't be stubborn and stuck in your ways. Evolve with the NFL.

Fantasy Football needs to catch up with the times. It's a pass-first league, and QBs should be more valuable. Super Flex leagues are progressive, and whether you like them or not, they are the future of fantasy football.

The fantasy football industry is rightfully trending toward Super Flex formats (it's about time). Super Flex leagues are becoming more widespread and popular among expert leagues. In fact, I

predict Super Flex formats will be mainstream (as in adopted as the DEFAULT setting by big time host sites like ESPN, Yahoo!, NFL.com, etc.) within the next three years. The major platform could begin shifting as early as next season.

If you're serious about fantasy football like I am, you want to be ahead of the curve, not slow to adapt. You also want the best experience possible in your fantasy football leagues. Super Flex leagues carry both benefits, and so much more.

I STRONGLY urge you to add a Super Flex position to your fantasy football league THIS SEASON! Not only will you never look back, but in a decade, you'll laugh at the very thought of single-quarterback leagues!

Super Flex leagues are the way fantasy football should be played.

- For my best pitch on Super Flex leagues, listen to the first 15 minutes of the [Fantasy Law Guy Podcast, Episode \(17\): "Matthew Berry's Draft Day Manifesto \(Full Breakdown\); Super Flex Sex."](#)

Other Ways to Improve Your Fantasy Football League

Increase Your Starting Lineup by Adding an Extra Flex Position

- In general, your fantasy football league probably has too many bench spots.
- Having 6-7 bench spots in a standard league with 9 starters is pointless.
- Convert one of those bench spots into an extra flex position in the starting lineup.
- Ideally, in 10-12 team leagues, you should have **two** Flex positions and one Super Flex position in your starting lineup, as followed: [QB RB RB WR WR TE FLEX FLEX SUPER FLEX K DST].
- The more players on the field, the more fun it is to play and watch.
- More players in your starting lineup also decreases variance i.e. the impact of a first quarter injury is lessened because more starters are scored.

Use Decimal Scoring

- Every yard matters. It's a game of inches.
- Decimal scoring helps prevent ties, and nobody likes ties.

Move to a Free Agent Auction Bidding (FAAB) Waiver System

- This allows teams to bid fake ("FAAB") money out of a \$100-\$200 team salary cap each year to acquire players.
- FAAB is the most fair and fun waiver system by far.

- I recommend one weekly auction on Wednesday morning of each week, and then having free agency be open (free-for-all, first-come-first-serve) for the rest of the week.
- Although valid arguments can be made for the fairness of “Continuous” FAAB systems (having an auction every morning), I believe continuous, daily auctions limit roster flexibility on game days. And as a commissioner, this problem heavily outweighs the “virtual race to the player” when breaking news occurs.
- There are differing opinions on which style of FAAB to incorporate, but one thing is clear: any FAAB system is better than the alternative waiver systems.
- The classic inverse order of standings or rolling waivers is some real stone age stuff.
- Make sure you set the **MINIMUM BID at \$0**, and NOT \$1.
- If the minimum bid is \$1, then people who have run out of FAAB money cannot make free agent acquisitions. As a commissioner, you want to encourage free agency activity from every team all season long.

Improve Your Fantasy Football Playoff System: Implement the “Guarisco Playoff Format” (GPF)

- 95% of fantasy football playoff formats are garbage. Think about it...
- Single elimination playoffs in fantasy football are terrible.
- Single elimination playoffs that have their Championships decided in Week 17 are even worse.
- Two-week matchups don’t fix the problem because often times, the LOSER from the 1 vs. 4 matchup outscores the WINNER of the 2 vs. 3 matchup, meaning the team that scored fewer points than another playoff team over a span of two weeks in the same round is advancing to the Championship nonetheless.
- There’s no home field advantage for being a higher seed or better team.
- Fantasy playoff seeding and BYE weeks are determined by final standings and not points (when points are the strongest indicator of the best teams).
- Two-week matchups are also 4 weeks long. If you want to avoid Week 17, you have to start your playoffs in Week 13. But two teams have BYE weeks in Week 13 this year!
- A playoff format that lasts 4 weeks long instead of 3 weeks takes away a week of fun and competition for everyone else.
- Ideally, the fantasy playoffs should be 3 weeks long, either in Weeks 14-16 in order to avoid the pitfalls of Week 13 (BYE weeks) and Week 17 (rest) OR Weeks 15-17, with somehow making it so Championships are not solely decided by Week 17 matchups.
- The rigid structures of one and two-week matchups force either 4, 6, or 8 teams to make the postseason. But in 12-team leagues, 4 teams (33% playoff rate) is too few, and 6 teams (50% playoff rate) is too many!

What can we do to fix all of these massive problems?!
Does a fantasy football playoff format that avoids these problems even exist???

Yes! The “Guarisco Playoff Format” (GPF) fixes all of these problems.

- In the GPF, each playoff team accumulates a win/loss result against all other playoff teams for Weeks 15, 16, and 17.
- Every team plays every team each week.
- The team with the best overall win/loss record during the postseason wins the league.
- Allow me to demonstrate: let’s say I make the postseason with three other teams. And in Week 15, I score 120 points and outscore the other three playoff teams. Well, that means I go 3-0 in Week 15. Now, Week 16 rolls around and my team doesn’t play as well. I outscore only one team, but two teams score more points than I do in Week 16. That means I went 1-2 in Week 16, and now my record stands at 4-2 overall. Finally, in Week 17, let’s pretend my team totally lays an egg. Every playoff team scores more points than my sorry team in Week 17, so I’m 0-3 for that week, which makes me 4-5 overall. Now let’s assume that the other three playoff teams went 7-2, 5-4, and 2-7 in their respective “9-game mini-series” against each other and myself. That means my 4-5 overall record is good enough for 3rd place. The team that went 7-2 in Weeks 15-17 wins the league and is declared the League Champion.
- In the GPF, if multiple teams end with the same postseason record (two teams finish 6-3, for example), the tie-breaker goes to the team with the most total points in the regular season + playoffs. This allows the best teams throughout the year to have a tie-breaking “home field advantage” of sorts.
- The Guarisco Style Playoff System helps ensure that a good team throughout the season that also finishes strongly will win your league as opposed to fluky luck-centered outcomes of single-elimination matchups.
- The GPF also ensures that your playoff fate is not determined by matchup “seeding,” where you can get screwed by playing the highest scoring team, while you outscored the both teams, including the winner, in the other matchup in the same round but still get eliminated.
- The GPF gives you the option of still involving Week 17 in order to maximize the weeks in the regular season for everyone to play (your league mates will love 14-week regular seasons), but it minimizes the importance of Week 17, because it’s just 1/3 of playoffs for all teams. Weeks 15 and 16 are more important than Week 17 in the GPF, as they should be. But by not eliminating Week 17 completely, the GPF strikes a fair balance, because the argument can be made that Week 17 requires new challenges and adjustments like any other week, and adjusting to what’s happening in the NFL is the name of the game.
- Either way, because the GPF is only 3 weeks instead of 4, if you want to exclude Week 17 completely because some teams rest starters, then you can use the

GPF for Weeks 14-16 and still avoid Week 13 (when two teams have BYE weeks).

- The GPF also allows you the flexibility to put an odd-number of teams in your playoffs. If you think 4/12 playoff teams is too few and 6/12 is too many... why not have 5? The only difference between 4 teams, or 5 teams, or even 6 teams, in the GPF is the number of games each team plays each week. Instead of a “mini-series” that consists of 9 total games like does in the 4-team GPF example above, there’s a “12-game mini-series” for a 5-team GPF.
- Make the 5th team a wildcard team solely determined by points, and now we’re starting to cook with gas. The GPF gives you the flexibility to do great things like this.
- Most importantly, in the GPF, NO ONE complains that the League Champ got “lucky,” and no one claims that the playoffs were a “fluke,” because in the GPF, each team had 9 matchups against every other team spanning over three weeks to determine the winner.
- All things considered, the GPF is far and away the best fantasy football playoff system.
- I’ve been using this system in all leagues I commission for the last 10 years and we have NEVER had a single complaint.
- In fact, people say the GPF is the best thing about my fantasy leagues.
- People say the GPF is the best thing about ME. As a person.
- So get rid of your inherently unfair and outdated playoff system and implement the Guarisco Playoff Format in your league TODAY!
- *Listen to the [Fantasy Law Guy Podcast, Episode \(12\): “Best FFB Playoff Format”](#) for more details on the [Guarisco Playoff Format](#).*

Eliminate League-Vote Trades.

- Evaluating trades should be the commissioner’s job.
- League votes during the season are riddled with bias and ruin leagues.
- Trades should be accepted and pushed through by commissioners unless there are signs of collusion or the proposed trade is patently unfair and obviously cripples the competitive balance of the league (for instance, an extremely one-sided, shocking “what the heck!?” give-up trade from a non-playoff team to a playoff team right before the postseason).
- Do not be the commissioner that rejects trades from two accepting league members simply because a trade advantages one side. That’s overstepping your boundaries.

Incorporate Double Matchups in Competitive (\$\$\$) Leagues

- If you are in a competitive league with a decent amount of money on the line, consider adopting a concept called Double Matchups (or “Double Headers”), where one game each week will be determined by your head-to-head result against your scheduled opponent as usual, and the other game will depend on

whether you're a Top-Half scorer or Bottom-Half scorer that week (if you outscore half of your league that week, you get a win, and if not, you get a loss).

- In this system, teams go 2-0, 1-1, or 0-2 each week, resulting in 28 games (not 14) by regular season's end.
- Double Matchups decrease the impact of random scheduling luck (something fantasy players have absolutely no control over) and rewards teams that are consistently scoring well each week (and not just benefiting from easy matchups), all the while preserving the fun of head-to-head matchups.
- Basically, if you score 130 points one week but happen to play the one team that scores 150 points, you won't be completely S.O.L. Instead, you'll go 1-1 in this scenario under a Double Matchups system because you'll get a loss for losing your head-to-head matchup but a win for out-scoring half the other teams in your league.
- Double Matchups are a great way to balance fairness and fun, and I strongly recommend this system for any non-casual league with a buy-in, especially high stakes (\$\$\$) leagues.

Last Place Pays Double Buy-In for Competitive (\$\$\$) Leagues

- The best way to make sure eliminated teams at the bottom of the standings are setting their lineup each week is to give them an incentive to keep trying to maximize their point totals each week.
- Positive reinforcements such as weekly high-scoring bonuses or awarding the consolation tournament winner with an early draft pick next season are largely ineffective for a number of reasons.
- In my experience, a stick is more appropriate than a carrot for this particular circumstance. Nothing makes league members respond more than a rule that threatens to take their money.
- Create a league policy where the team that finishes last in points and the team that finishes last in standings has to pay half of the buy-in again at the end of the season.
- If a team finishes last in BOTH points and standings, that manager has to pay double the buy-in (i.e. pay the buy-in again if it's already been distributed).
- Not only does this rule prevent inactivity, it also adds extra money to the pot.
- The added money can be used to pay the winner in points for the regular season, or it can go to whoever had the strongest second half as compared to their first half of the season (i.e. the greatest positive difference between Weeks 1-7 and Weeks 8-14). This is another creative way to prevent inactivity.

Lock All Non-Playoff Teams' Rosters During the Playoffs

- There's no need for a consolation tournament in fantasy football.
- Teams have 14 weeks to qualify for the fantasy playoffs.
- Allowing activity from non-playoff teams once the postseason begins only serves to disrupt the postseason and cause unneeded controversies.

- Make a rule preventing non-playoff teams from making moves during the fantasy postseason to ensure a fair competition among the teams that matter.

My Recommended Roster Settings and Scoring

ROSTER:

Starting Lineup:

QB (3 max per roster)
 RB
 RB
 WR
 WR
 TE
 FLEX (any Running Back or Wide Receiver or Tight End)
 FLEX (any Running Back or Wide Receiver or Tight End)
 OP (Super Flex / Any Offensive Player, including QB)
 Kicker
 DST
 DP (any Defensive Player)
 DP (any Defensive Player)

6 Bench Spots

3 I.R. Spots

SCORING:

Passing:

1 PAYD = 0.04 (Decimal Scoring!)

PATD = 4

INT = -2

2pt PA Conv = 1

Rushing/Receiving:

1 RUYD/REYD YD = .1

RUTD/RETD = 6

2 pt RU/RE Conv = 2
100+ RUYD/REYD Bonus = +2.5
200+ RUYD/REYD Bonus = +5
Non-PPR, but...
Every 5 Catches Bonus = +2.5

Kicking:

PAT Made = 1
PAT Missed = -1
FG 30-39 = 3
FG 40-49 = 4
FG 50+ = 5
FG 60+ = 5

DST:

Sack = 1
All Return & Defensive TDs = 4
Blocked Kick/Punt = 2
FR = 2
Safety = 2
1-pt Safety = 1
2pt Return = 2
INT = 2
0 PA = 7
1-6 PA = 5
7-13 PA = 4
14-17 PA = 2
18-21 PA = 0
22-27 PA = -1
28-34 PA = -2
35+ PA = -4
46+ PA = -4
YA<100 = 7
YA100-199 = 5
YA200-299 = 3
YA300-349 = 1
YA350-399 = 0
YA400-449 = -1
YA450-499 = -2
YA>500 = -4
YA>550+ = -4

IDP:

Sack = 3

Blocked Kick/Punt = 3

FR = 2

FF = 1

Safety = 2

PD = 1

Total Tackle = 1

INT = 4

Stuff = 1

All Misc. TDs = 4

All FL = -2

TEAMS & DIVISION:

- NO Divisions (divisions only cause controversy, no reason for them in FF)

TRANSACTIONS:

- NO Season Acquisition Limit
- Waiver Period for Cut Players = 1 Day
- **Free Agent Auction Bidding (FAAB) Waiver System (Non-Continuous)**
 - One weekly auction on Wednesday morning each week
 - \$150 FAAB Budget
 - Minimum Bid = \$0
- Trade Limit = 10
- **Trade Deadline = November 23, 2020**
- Trade Review Period = 3 Days
- **League Manager Only Veto (NO Trade Voting!)**

SCHEDULE:

- Regular Season Matchups = 14
- Matchup Tie-Breaker = Bench Points (Decimal Scoring Helps Prevent Ties!)
- Playoffs = Weeks 15-17
- **Playoff System = “Guarisco Playoff Format”**
 - See above and/or listen to the *Fantasy Law Guy Podcast, Episode (12): “Best FFB Playoff Format”* for details!

Expert Transparency

“My #1 piece of advice to FF players: learn to sift through the accounts you follow. Taking advice from the wrong people can destroy your team. Just because someone has a platform does not mean they are good at this, nor that they can help you win.

Some financial investors can make you rich, others can lead you to bankruptcy. It is your responsibility to determine which advice is worth following. That being said, nobody is ever correct 100% of the time, but some are right a lot more often than others. It takes many years to learn this.

By choosing to pay a subscription, you are hiring a consultant. Don't be afraid to ask someone what their track record is, ask to see some of their teams and results in industry leagues. You wouldn't pay for fitness/nutrition advice from someone who is morbidly obese, and you wouldn't pay for financial advice from someone who is homeless. This isn't any different. It's a performance-based industry and participation ribbons don't count. Winning does, and experts that help you put your team in position to win year in and year out should be the standard. Don't be afraid to question someone's credibility. If they are really good, they will be proud to show their work...”

*– Unknown Author on Twitter
(I apologize for not having the author!)*

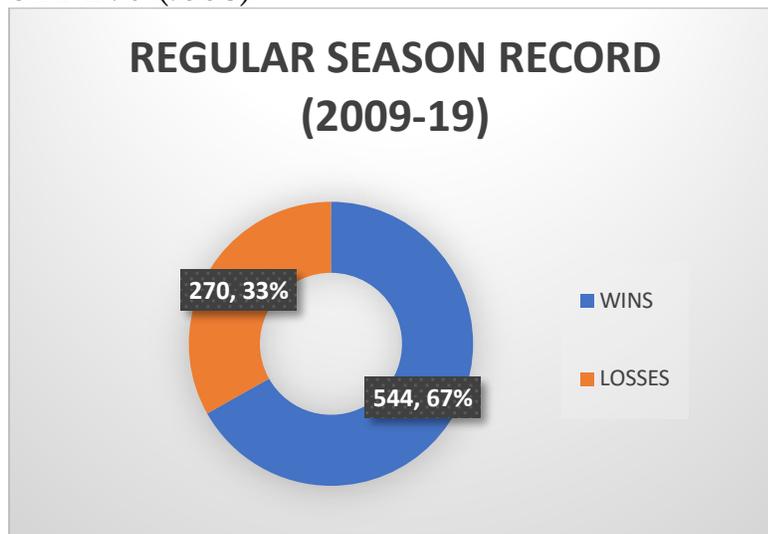
MY WORK from last season can be found by viewing last year's version of this Draft Guide on BigEasySportsTalk.com: “2019 B.E.S.T. Fantasy Football Draft Guide.”

And please check out **Episode 13 of the [Fantasy Law Guy Podcast](#), “Transparency Circle: Evaluating Last Year's Fantasy Draft Guide,”** to hear about all of my **greatest hits** (I ranked Dalvin Cook, Leonard Fournette, Chris Godwin, Tyler Lockett, Lamar Jackson, Dak Prescott, Darren Waller, Mark Andrews, Devin Singletary, Michael Gallup, John Brown, Patriots DST, and Terry McLaurin, significantly higher than ADP and/or advised aggressively targeting all of them) **AND biggest whiffs** (I also recommended reaching for James Conner, Devonta Freeman, David Montgomery, Sony Michel, Curtis Samuel, O.J. Howard, Vance McDonald, Darwin Thompson, Marquez Valdes-Scantling, Sam Darnold, Chargers DST... Oops! Sorry!).

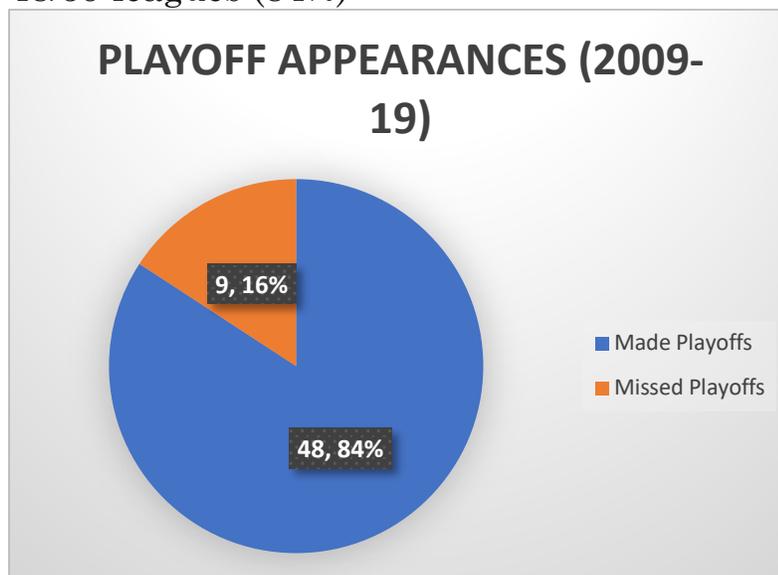
My Fantasy Football League History

Overall Totals Since 2009 (Last 11 Years):

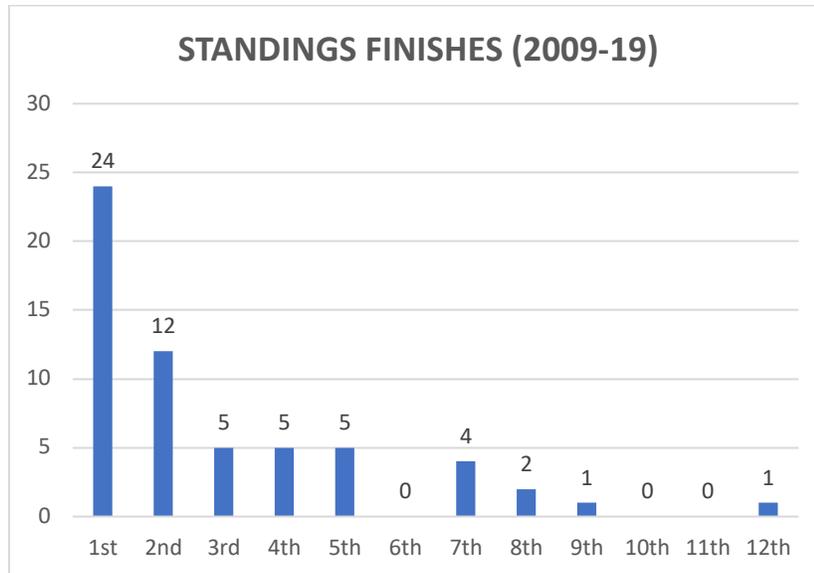
- Total Leagues:
 - 59
- Regular Season Record:
 - 544-270 (.668)



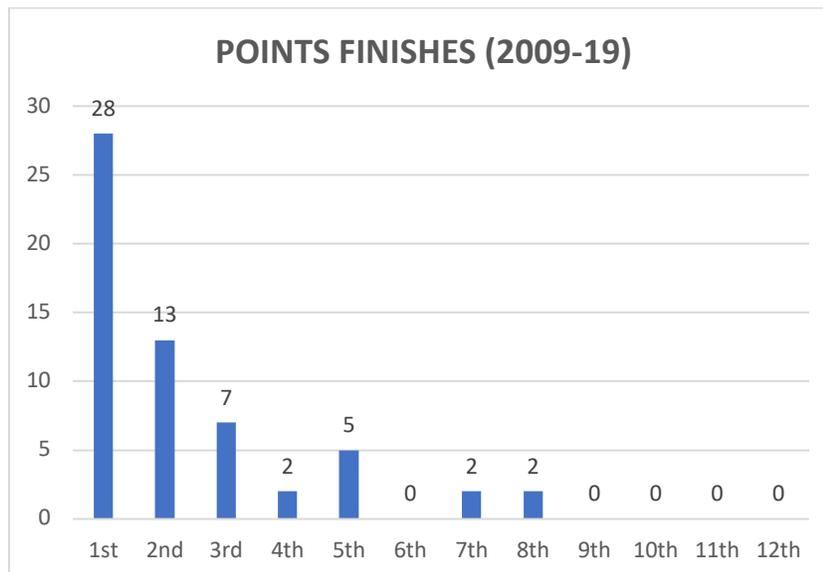
- Playoff Appearances:
 - 48/59 leagues (84%)



- Standings Finishes (Last 11 Years):
 - 24 firsts, 12 seconds, 5 thirds, 5 fourths, 5 fifths, 4 sevenths, 2 eighths, 1 ninth, 1 twelfth ☹️



- Points Finishes (Last 11 Years):
 - 28 firsts, 13 seconds, 7 thirds, 2 fourths, 5 fifths, 2 sevenths, 2 eighths



Recent History / League Breakdown (Last 5 Seasons)

| <u>2019:</u> | <u>League</u> | <u>Record</u> | <u>Finish</u> | <u>Points Finish</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | SPS (Low Stakes) | 9-5* | 2 nd / 12 | 2 nd |
| | Hood (Competitive) | 12-2* | 1 st / 12 | 1 st |
| | DDD (Competitive) | 12-2* | 3 rd / 12 | 1 st |
| | BBL (High Stakes) | 8-5* | 3 rd / 10 | 3 rd |
| | LULA (Competitive) | 10-4* | 4 th / 14 | 3 rd |
| | B.E.S.T. Ball Tourney (1) Best Ball | | 1 st / 50 | 1 st / 50 |
| | B.E.S.T. Ball Tourney (2) Best Ball | | 3 rd / 50 | 3 rd / 50 |
| | Total | 51-18 | (5/5 Playoff Teams) | |

| <u>2018:</u> | <u>League</u> | <u>Record</u> | <u>Finish</u> | <u>Points Finish</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | SPS (Low Stakes) | 13-1* | 2 nd / 12 | 1 st |
| | Hood (Competitive) | 5-9 | 9 th / 12 | 7 th |
| | Experts (High Stakes) | 7-7 | 7 th / 16 | 7 th |
| | BBL (High Stakes) | 6-8 | 7 th / 10 | 3 rd |
| | LULA (Competitive) | 10-4* | 1 st / 14 | 2 nd |
| | G.I.F.F.T. Tournament | Best Ball | 3 rd / 50 | 3 rd / 50 |
| | Total | 41-29 | (2/5 Playoff Teams) | |

| <u>2017:</u> | <u>League</u> | <u>Record</u> | <u>Finish</u> | <u>Points Finish</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | SPS (Low Stakes) | 12-2* | 3 rd / 12 | 2 nd |
| | Hood (Competitive) | 13-1* | 2 nd / 12 | 1 st |
| | Miami (High Stakes) | 9-4* | 1 st / 16 | 5 th |
| | BBL (Low Stakes) | 10-3* | 2 nd / 10 | 1 st |
| | LULA (Competitive) | 12-2* | 1 st / 14 | 1 st |
| | Total | 56-12 | (5/5 Playoff Teams) | |

| <u>2016:</u> | <u>League</u> | <u>Record</u> | <u>Finish</u> | <u>Points Finish</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | SPS (Low Stakes) | 12-2* | 1 st / 12 | 1 st |
| | Hood (Competitive) | 10-4* | 1 st / 12 | 1 st |
| | DDD (Competitive) | 7-7* | 4 th / 12 | 5 th |
| | OGFL (Competitive) | 9-5* | 1 st / 12 | 1 st |
| | Miami (High Stakes) | 8-6* | 3 rd / 16 | 3 rd |
| | BBL (High Stakes) | 8-5* | 3 rd / 10 | 3 rd |
| | GLL (High Stakes) | 12-2* | 1 st / 12 | 1 st |
| | Total | 66-31 | (7/7 Playoff Teams) | |

| <u>2015:</u> | <u>League</u> | <u>Record</u> | <u>Finish</u> | <u>Points Finish</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | Experts (High Stakes) | 11-3* | 1 st / 12 | 2 nd |
| | SPS (Low Stakes) | 10-4* | 2 nd / 12 | 2 nd |
| | Hood (Competitive) | 9-5* | 1 st / 12 | 1 st |
| | DDD (Competitive) | 11-3* | 1 st / 12 | 2 nd |
| | OGFL (Competitive) | 11-3* | 4 th / 12 | 4 th |
| | BBL (High Stakes) | 9-5* | 2 nd / 10 | 2 nd |
| | Miami (High Stakes) | 10-4* | 1 st / 16 | 1 st |
| | Total | 71-27 | (7/7 Playoff Teams) | |

**= Made Postseason*

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THANK YOU to my readers and “Fantasy Law Guy Podcast” listeners! I hope this Draft Guide helps you win your league!

THANK YOU to my amazing wife, Rachel, who always supports me and stays patient with me every August and April during the fantasy draft and NFL Draft seasons.

GOOD LUCK this season, even to my competitors.

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CONTEXTUALIZED GAMELOGS

Introduction to “Contextualized Gamelogs” & Tips for Use

Let’s say, for example, that I have Pick #6 in my draft, and I can’t decide between Saints WR Michael Thomas or Saints RB Alvin Kamara. One way I could use this the “Fantasy Law Guide” is by simply typing “Control/Command – F” and searching each player’s name to find each instance Michael Thomas and Alvin Kamara are mentioned in this massive document.

CONTEXTUALIZED GAMELOGS:

First, a quick player name search will quickly take me to Michael Thomas’s “**Contextualized Gamelog**,” where I can see his statistics and fantasy output for each game last season. As I scan through his gamelog, I can also see the game notes that describe how (and why) these statistics were amassed each game. Unlike a traditional gamelog that only provides numbers, I can view necessary context for any performance. If Michael Thomas had a bad game, I can see if it was because he exited the game early, or if he was battling an injury going into the game, or if the conditions were difficult to play in because of bad weather – driving rain, snow, or a muddy field. I can see if Michael Thomas was being shadowed by an elite cornerback. I can see if game flow negatively affected his production (if his team was leading by double digits throughout the second half so there was no need to throw much). I can see if Michael Thomas was forced to play with his backup quarterback. These types of variables play such a significant role in determining statistical production, and it’s important to gain a full understanding of WHY a player produced the fantasy statistics that he did, so you can determine whether stats are sticky (i.e. reliable) or fluky and based largely on situations unlikely to be repeated. Then, each player’s gamelog is summed up with a brief season summary, total season stats, and an adjusted fantasy total (more on this later).

In order to create the **Contextualized Gamelogs**, I went back and tracked each player’s game-by-game blurbs on Rotoworld.com. The creator of individual player blurbs for fantasy football, no site (that I know of) does a better job of recording a player’s game summary and corresponding fantasy takeaway in such a clean, concise method. The vast majority of the **Contextualized Gamelog** entries are taken from these blurbs. My intention is NOT to present them as my own. Rather, I want to make it abundantly clear that I am simply regurgitating these fantastic, free blurbs and combining the information with a player’s traditional gamelog stats and fantasy scores in an effort to make one, easy-to-read “full picture” summary for a given player’s season.

In terms of statistics, I provide weekly fantasy points scored (ESPN PPR scoring), followed by relevant passing/rushing/receiving production, followed by opponent, followed by a summary and/or context of the player’s performance.

Let's see an example:

QB Kyler Murray

- **Week 1 – 21.6 ... 308, 2-1, 3-13-0 vs. DET.** Murray was awful for the game's first three quarters, missing all kinds of easy throws, while getting a number of balls batted down at the line of scrimmage. His INT was a horrendous decision with even worse mechanics. The Lions were up 24-6 early in the 4th quarter when Murray finally clicked into gear. He had several great throws to Larry Fitzgerald and a 27-yard dime TD to David Johnson to help lead his team to a tie. The extra quarter of play in overtime helped him accrue better fantasy numbers.
 - **21.6** ... All fantasy point totals are based on ESPN PPR scoring and are rounded to the nearest tenth for consistency and for ease of reading. Please note that for any game-logging calculations, I rounded to the hundredth for greater accuracy, however.
 - **308** = Passing Yards
 - **2** = Passing Touchdown(s)
 - **1** = Interception(s)
 - **3-13-0** = 3 Carries for 13 rushing yards and 0 rushing touchdowns.
 - **Vs. DET.** = Against the Lions at home (@ DET would be an away game, at Detroit).

ADJUSTED FANTASY TOTALS:

At the bottom of each player's **Contextualized Gamelog**, I provide their "Adjusted Fantasy Totals." This may appear like Fantasy Points Per Game, but it is more complicated than that. In most cases, using a player's final fantasy ranking is not particularly helpful analysis. Points per game is unquestionably more important. However, points per game can be flawed, too. In my opinion, fantasy experts who use raw PPG as the sole basis of their analysis of a player's fantasy production per game simply are not doing enough work.

Allow me to elaborate by providing examples of what I'm including and not including in my "Adjusted Fantasy Totals": If D.J. Moore played 5 snaps before exiting a game, I'm certainly not going to include that game in his 2019 sample. Adam Thielen bowed out of 2 games last season in the 1st quarter because of his hamstring. What use is it to include those 2 hamstring games in his PPG evaluation? Moreover, it's unfair and unproductive to include the 3 games Robby Anderson played with Luke Falk instead of Sam Darnold in his PPG evaluation. Similarly, it's poor practice to include Josh Allen's week 17, where he only played a few series before resting for the playoffs, in his PPG evaluation.

The goal of my "Adjusted Fantasy Totals" is to exclude faulty games from their PPG calculation, where for example, they exited in the first quarter, or were playing with a third string QB, - games that are simply not relevant and act to screw up the sample - and to calculate PPG from a relevant, applicable sample for each player instead.

Consequently, and using this approach, I have gone through each player's gamelog and created what I believe to be a far more accurate PPG ranking, which I call "Adjusted Fantasy Totals." I have then added the word "Pace" after the total to notify readers that many PPG averages are based on smaller samples, or even larger samples if they played in postseason games - than 16 games, and then are compared to all other player's "Adjusted Fantasy Totals." For instance, "19.9 PPG in 8 Games = RB4 Pace" indicates that if that player averaged 19.9 PPG in his 8 relevant games included in this sample, and it was prorated or extrapolated to a full 16 games, then they would have finished as the 4th ranked running back among all of my "Adjusted Fantasy Totals" that I charted.

After the **Contextualized Gamelogs** for the fantasy-relevant players on each team (listed by passing game with the order of QB > WRs > TEs, followed by running games – RBs), the **Fantasy Law Guide** provides relevant offensive line notes and defensive depth charts for each team.

OFFENSIVE LINE EVALS:

I include the offensive line situation for each team because I believe it's valuable information and an underutilized tool as it pertains to fantasy football decision-making. The goal should be to go further than just knowing whether each team has a good or bad offensive line. Experienced and competitive fantasy football managers should be able to assess strengths and weaknesses of each unit. You should want to know whether each O-Line has continuity, i.e. how many of last year's starters do they return this season? You should want to know which offensive lines were banged up and forced to play a lot of backups and rotate players among positions on the O-Line. For instance, last season every member of the Indianapolis Colts' starting O-Line played 16 games. This means the Colts' O-Line made 80/80 possible starts (a true rarity in the NFL, making them highly likely to experience negative health regression). On the other hand, the Cincinnati Bengals' starters missed 27 combined games, making 53/80 possible starts. Often times, missed starts among elite left tackles can help explain a lack of production from an offense or individual QB or RB. For example, in the past, Drew Brees compiled far worse fantasy numbers when missing his left tackle, Terron Armstead. The same has been the case with Dak Prescott when Tyron Smith misses games.

- **Justin Pugh** – (15/16 LG)... 77 overall (Strong PB). DNP week 17. Started weeks 9-10 at RT.
 - Justin Pugh is the player's name.
 - (15/16) = He played 15 of a possible 16 games last season.
 - LG = Left Guard is his position.
 - 77 overall = My personal "Madden-like" grade for Pugh (see below).
 - (Strong PB) = strong Pass Blocker. RB would mean Run Blocker. This essentially indicates that Pugh is a far better run blocker than pass blocker and/or Pugh is one of among the better pass blockers in the league.
 - DNP week 17 = This means Pugh did not play in week 17.

- Started weeks 9-10 at RT = This means that he was playing out of his usual position, in this case at right tackle instead of left guard, for those two weeks.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS:

Finally, I also include defensive starters and player grades in here for a number of reasons. Seeing the talent level of each defense and whether or not some key starters were unhealthy at times last season can help you target DSTs. In addition, viewing individual defenders can help with weekly matchups. But more than anything, I track defensive players because even if your league does not include IDPs or DSTs, it's important to stay apprised of all of the transactions each off season.

COLOR KEY:

Player Name (RED) = Departed. Player is no longer with this team.

Player Name (PURPLE) = New addition to this team. Player did not play with this team last season.

Player Name (BLUE) = Elite player.

Player Name (GREEN) = Great player.

PLAYER RATINGS:

You may notice that I have "Madden-like" player ratings or grades next to each offensive lineman and defensive player in the **Fantasy Law Guide**. These grades are merely designed to be a *rough estimate* of player value and performance relative to their position. In order to come up with these numbers, I used several data and analytics websites, including PFF and Football Outsiders, film analysis from NFL gurus I trust, as well as my personal evaluation. I'm not going to pretend I'm an NFL expert or grading wizard, nor am I going to contend that these ratings tell the whole story and should be considered as an accurate portrayal of a player's quality. I understand that player ratings can be a touchy subject, and while I accept all feedback, please note that the ratings are intended only to provide readers with a brief, 1,000-foot view of an O-Line or Defense for the purpose of fantasy football strategy.

Please note that incoming ROOKIES ARE NOT GRADED. (--).

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Passing Game:

QB Kyler Murray

- **Week 1 – 21.6 ... 308, 2-1, 3-13-0 vs. DET.** Murray was awful for the game's first three quarters, missing all kinds of easy throws, while getting a number of balls batted down at the line of scrimmage. His INT was a horrendous decision with even worse mechanics. The Lions were up 24-6 early in the 4th quarter when Murray finally clicked into gear. He had several great throws to Larry Fitz and a 27-yard dime TD to David Johnson to help lead his team to a tie.
- **Week 2 – 16.3 ... 349, 0-0, 3-4-0 @ BAL.** Second QB ever to throw for 300+ PAYD in his first two games. The Cardinals' O-Line didn't make life easy for Murray, but he was able make plays out of the pocket. His lack of rushing is concerning, just 6-17-0 combined in 2 games this season.
- **Week 3 – 17.8 ... 173, 2-2, 8-69-0 vs. CAR.** His rushing production was a nice positive, but that's about it. He absorbed 8 sacks, often running backwards to set them up. The O-Line was horrible once again, but Murray made matters worse by failing to step up into clean pockets or simply throw the ball away. His 4.0 YPA was atrocious, and he could have easily had 5-6 interceptions, including 2 pick-sixes. That said, Christian Kirk dropped a deep pass in the 2nd quarter and Trent Sherfield whiffed on what could have been a 35-yard TD catch.
- **Week 4 – 16.3 ... 241, 0-1, 4-27-1 vs. SEA.** Trailing by 17 heading into the 4th quarter, Murray's 9-yard RUTD on a designed QB draw salvaged another bad showing. Kingsbury is designing shallow passes that are easily caught but going nowhere. Murray took 4 sacks.
- **Week 5 – 25.4 ... 253, 0-0, 10-93-1 @ CIN.** Best fantasy day in his best matchup of the season, in large part thanks to his ground work. He picked the right spots to run and made some critical conversions. He showed his elite quickness and acceleration.
- **Week 6 – 28.8 ... 340, 3-0, 11-32-0 vs. ATL.** Nearly perfect in this one, even though there were a bunch of short passes on simple reads. It looks like he's hitting his stride, with a few nice deep throws, albeit in another soft matchup.
- **Week 7 – 6.9 ... 104, 0-0, 10-28-0 @ NYG.** The Cards' passing game was a mess, partially due to rain and partially because of game script. ARI got an early lead and relied on the ground game to lock up the win. Murray only threw 21 passes. Christian Kirk and David Johnson need to get healthy.
- **Week 8 – 10.1 ... 220, 0-0, 2-13-0 @ NO.** Murray was fantastic in the first half. Larry Fitz should have hauled in a fade route TD that was perfectly thrown. The O-Line has not been steady. 48 snaps (season low for full game).

- **Week 9 – 23.0 ... 241, 2-0, 5-34-0 vs. SF.** It looked like an ominous night for Murray, who entered halftime with just 46 yards (0 RUYD). He took a 19-yard sack and Fred Warner dropped a pick-six in the 2nd quarter. The Cards played with more tempo after the break, and Murray steadily heated up before finding Andy Isabella for an 88-yard TD in the 4th quarter on a terrific throw.
- **Week 10 – 26.7 ... 324, 3-1, 3-38-0 @ TB.** A great game, but Murray's 4th quarter INT was a bad decision, though to be fair, his WR did fall down. Murray and Christian Kirk torched the Bucs for 3 deep TDs, though the 3rd was tipped off the linebacker's fingers.
- **Week 11 – 26.7 ... 150, 2-0, 8-67-1 @ SF.** A horrendous 4.5 YPA and took 4 sacks. ARI jumped out to a 16-0 lead and quickly blew it. Overall, the offense was too conservative, dinking and dunking.
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 13.3 ... 163, 0-1, 4-28-1 vs. LAR.** Questionable with a hamstring injury. Murray was off all game and was under pressure often. He should have had more than 1 INT. His 28-yard RUTD saved his stat line. It's possible the bad game was because of his hamstring not being 100%.
- **Week 14 – 9.9 ... 194, 2-3, 6-2-0 vs. PIT.** Unsurprisingly under duress for the majority of the game, taking 5 sacks and tossing 3 INTs. The Steelers defense has been sensational and made a concerted effort to prevent Murray from scrambling. His 2 worst games of the season have come after this hamstring injury.
- **Week 15 – 16.4 ... 219, 1-1, 8-56-0 vs. CLE.** Arguably his best game as a pro with an 8.8 YPA. A 35-yard run that featured him reverse across the field and break several tackles. His game could have been much bigger if not for four (4!) red zone TDs by Kenyan Drake.
- **Week 16 – 12.7 ... 118, 1-0, 6-40-0 @ SEA.** EXITED with a hamstring injury. Was playing well before departing. 37 snaps (about half a game).
- **Week 17 – 13.0 ... 325, 2-2, 2-0-0, 2 FL @ LAR.** Questionable with a hamstring, Murray had an up-and-down game, much like his season. 2 lost fumbles and 2 INTs.
- **Season Summary:** Murray did not shine as a passer as a rookie, and he started especially slow. However, one of the worst offensive lines in football and mediocre receiving weapons contributed. He was able to limit turnovers in an offense that played at a very fast pace. As a runner, Murray was electric when healthy but was limited by a hamstring injury in the second half of the season. 28th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,722 PAYD, 20-12 TD/INT, 6.9 YPA, 64.4%, 87.4 QBR, 5 300+... 93-544-4, 24-14 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.8 PPG in 16 Games = QB13 Pace.

WR Christian Kirk

- **Week 1 – 10.4 ... 12/4-32-0, 1-12-0 vs. DET.** Murray was awful for the game's first three quarters, missing all kinds of easy throws, while getting a number of balls batted down at the line of scrimmage. Murray's struggles hurt Kirk the most, as the duo could not get on the same page. He did get 12 targets though.
- **Week 2 – 17.4 ... 8/6-114-0 @ BAL.** Kirk showed heightened chemistry with Murray in week 2, reeling in a 34-yard dime down the field before later catching a well-timed back shoulder fade. He just missed a TD after being tackled at the 1-yard line. Kirk made some defenders miss after the catch.
- **Week 3 – 15.9 ... 12/10-59-0 vs. CAR.** Kirk was fed the ball relentlessly on quick throws and was unable to break any of them off for big gains. He also had what should have been a gain of 50+ REYD go right through his hands at the end of the first half. ARI couldn't move the ball after that.
- **Week 4 – 8.3 ... 5/4-37-0 vs. SEA.** ARI trailed by 2 scores early, but Murray was forced to throw underneath, and David Johnson was the primary beneficiary. Kirk EXITED in the final 30 seconds of regulation with a limp.
- **Week 5 – DNP – Ankle.**
- **Week 6 – DNP – Ankle.**
- **Week 7 – DNP – Ankle.**
- **Week 8 – 17.8 ... 11/8-79-0, 1-19-0 @ NO.** Questionable with an ankle injury. Kirk finished as the Cardinals' leading rusher, somehow, with only 19 RUYD. He looked fully healthy after missing 3 games with an ankle ailment. He is also ARI's punt returner.
- **Week 9 – 3.6 ... 5/2-8-0 vs. SF.** The Cards' passing attack simply had nothing cooking downfield, and unlike usual, Kirk couldn't compensate with checkdowns.
- **Week 10 – 37.8 ... 10/6-138-3 @ TB.** Finally. Kirk got a step on a Tampa CB and caught a 33-yard laser from Murray for the first score. For the second, Kirk smoked a DB and caught a Murray dime in stride that turned to a 69-yarder. On his third TD, he corralled a ball that actually deflected off a linebacker's fingers. This was obviously the best game of his career. He showed his game-changing speed.
- **Week 11 – 10.2 ... 9/6-41-0 @ SF.** Murray had a horrendous 4.5 YPA and took 4 sacks. ARI jumped out to a 16-0 lead and quickly blew it. Overall, the offense was too conservative, dinking and dunking. All Kirk really managed to do was draw a few DPIs on Richard Sherman.
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 5.3 ... 7/3-23-0 vs. LAR.** The offense was completely out of sync with Murray struggling and playing through a hamstring injury. Kirk was draped with shutdown CB Jalen Ramsey all over him.
- **Week 14 – 16.9 ... 9/8-85-0 vs. PIT.** Kirk was accordingly peppered at the LOS. He managed to create 34 YAC. This was about as good of an outcome as possible, considering Murray was under duress for the majority of the game, taking 5 sacks and tossing 3 INTs with what was probably a less than 100% hamstring.
- **Week 15 – 10.1 ... 5/4-33-0, 1-28-0 vs. CLE.** Kirk had an ankle issue pop up in practice but was not on the final injury report. He added an electric 28-yard rush

on a well-designed play. The Browns couldn't stop the Cardinals, but Kenyan Drake scored 4 RUTDs.

- **Week 16 – 0.9 ... 5/0-0-0 @ SEA.** Game time decision with ankle injury. Kirk came down with an acrobatic catch down the sideline over the top of a Seahawks defender but further review showed that he only got one foot in bounds. Larry Fitzgerald seemed to work as the team's No. 1 WR (possibly due to Kirk's ankle), and Kyler Murray EXITED in the second half.
- **Week 17 – 13.6 ... 10/7-60-0 @ LAR.**
- **Season Summary:** Kirk had sort of a roller coaster season. He showed promise early but then an ankle injury struck, sidelining him for 3 weeks. Kyler Murray looked to Kirk as mainly a high-volume, short area target for most of the season, aside from one blow up game against Tampa Bay where Kirk scored 3 long TDs. Murray's hamstring injury and Kirk's ankle injury appeared to slow the duo down in the final 3 games. Kirk was inconsistent in year 2, but he has potential in this fast-paced offense as he develops a rapport with his young QB. 91st highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 108/68-709-3, 2 100+... 10-93-0
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.9 PPG in 13 Games = WR34 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Kenyan Drake

- **Week 9 – 28.2 ... 15-110-1, 4/4-52-0 vs. SF.** David Johnson and Chase Edmonds OUT, so Drake had the second-best game of his career just 3 days after being traded to Arizona from Miami. He had a 36-yard run on the first play from scrimmage, and he bounced off a Richard Sherman tackle for his score. It was an extremely impressive outing against a good defense. We've always known that Drake was explosive, and he looks like he may be a great fit in Kliff Kingsbury's offense.
- **Week 10 – 10.1 ... 10-35-0, 7/6-6-0 @ TB.** Not an effective day, but he was by far the Cardinals' best back. He out-touched a hobbling David Johnson 16-6. Johnson could barely move. Chase Edmonds was OUT.
- **Week 11 – 14.0 ... 16-67-0, 7/6-13-0 @ SF.** Prior to the game, Kliff Kingsbury said this would be an RBBC. Drake then handled 22 touches and David Johnson did not touch the ball. He has surpassed D.J. on the depth chart. Chase Edmonds was OUT.
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 7.1 ... 13-31-0, 5/2-20-0 vs. LAR.** Drake was very inefficient with Kyler Murray struggling, but he was the clear-cut #1 RB over D.J. and Edmonds. D.J. had only 4 carries and 2 targets while Edmonds did nothing.
- **Week 14 – 9.7 ... 11-37-0, 3/3-30-0 vs. PIT.** Drake continued to work as Arizona's lead rusher, out-carrying D.J. 11-3. D.J. did score on a reception where both he and Drake were on the field. 38 snaps (season low)

- **Week 15 – 39.6 ... 22-137-4, 1/1-9-0 vs. CLE.** Drake was dominant in this game, averaging 6.2 YPC and consistently knifing up the defense. His long run was only 21 yards, which speaks to the consistency that the Cardinals were churning out nice gains over and over again. Neither D.J. nor Edmonds were factors. All 4 TDs were in the red zone.
- **Week 16 – 33.4 ... 24-166-2, 4/3-18-0 @ SEA.** Drake continued his hot streak to be a fantasy league winner. He had an 80-yard TD where he was untouched, showcasing his breakaway speed. Drake also ran tough between the tackles.
- **Week 17 – 17.3 ... 12-60-1, 4/3-23-0 @ LAR.**
- **Season Summary:** After a midseason trade by Miami, Drake averaged 80 RUYD/G and 1.0 TDs per game on 15 carries (5.2 YPC) in his final 8 games with the Cardinals. He took advantage of David Johnson's nagging injuries and was fully entrenched as the starter. 28th highest graded RB (11th with ARI), per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 146-637-5 (4.4 YPC) 3 100+... 34-235-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.9 PPG in 8 Games w/ ARI = RB4 Pace.

RB David Johnson

- **Week 1 – 25.7 ... 18-82-0, 7/6-55-1 vs. DET.** Johnson's 137 YFS would have been his 3rd most in his unfortunate 2018 season where he was misused and had no help. The highlight was a 27-yard TD catch that he caught in the end zone in stride. He looked like a player who was going to be helped by Kliff Kingsbury's new offense.
- **Week 2 – 8.4 ... 7-14-1, 1/1-0-0 @ BAL. EXITED** in the first quarter with a wrist injury. He returned to action, but Chase Edmonds performed well in his short absence. The Cardinals totaled just 11 rush attempts on the afternoon in a tough matchup while trailing. Played only 34 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 18.5 ... 11-37-0, 9/6-28-1 vs. CAR.** The O-Line can't seem to open up any running lanes. The rushing numbers have not been there for Johnson but he saved his day with a 3-yard TD grab.
- **Week 4 – 21.9 ... 11-40-0, 11/8-99-0 vs. SEA.** This game wasn't close, but that didn't stop ARI from involving D.J. underneath as a receiver from the get-go. Johnson led the team with a 34% target share and out-carried Edmonds 11-6. The O-Line continued to struggle to open up holes, but at least Johnson was heavily involved in the passing game.
- **Week 5 – 18.6 ... 17-91-0, 5/3-65-0 @ CIN.** Johnson remained impressive as a receiver but reportedly battled a back injury in this game. His back "locked up" on him. He did see his usual snaps and logged a season-high 156 YFS regardless. He's expected to be monitored this week.
- **Week 6 – 28.2 ... 12-34-1, 8/6-68-1 vs. ATL.** Questionable with a back injury. Johnson played through the injury and was looked at by the training staff several times during the game, but he looked explosive and agile as he normally does. Johnson caught a 50/50 ball for a TD in the 4th quarter when ARI needed points.

- **Week 7 – 0.2 ... 1-2-0, 0/0-0-0 @ NYG.** EXITED with ankle injury after one carry. Johnson was a game-time decision with ankle injury. The Cardinals played it safe with their star RB. Edmonds had a field day against the Giants, scoring 3 TDs on over 20 touches. Edmonds was throwing up on the sideline at one point, so Johnson reentered briefly. Johnson “didn’t feel right” after 3 snaps.
- **Week 8 – DNP – Back/ankle.**
- **Week 9 – DNP – Back/ankle.**
- **Week 10 – 0.0 ... 5-2-0, 1/1-8-0, FL @ TB.** Johnson looked like he was carrying a piano on his back. He did not seem like someone healthy enough to play. Kliff Kingsbury admitted that Johnson has obviously been hampered by the back and ankle injuries. 29 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 0.0 ... 0-0-0, 0/0-0-0 @ SF.** 8 snaps.
- **Week 12 –** BYE
- **Week 13 – 4.4 ... 4-15-0, 2/2-9-0 vs. LAR.** 15 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 13.3 ... 3-19-0, 2/2-34-1 vs. PIT.** 21 snaps. This was the first time Johnson showed signs of life since suffering multiple injuries in Week 7. He was a the clear 2nd option behind Kenyan Drake but ahead of Chase Edmonds.
- **Week 15 – 0.6 ... 3-6-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. CLE.** 13 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 1.7 ... 2-3-0, 1/1-4-0 @ SEA.** 15 snaps.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest.**
- **Season Summary:** After picking up multiple lower-body injuries, the Cardinals traded for Kenyan Drake, who became Johnson’s eventual replacement. Johnson barely saw the field after week 6, appearing in games sporadically as a backup RB and clearly playing at less than 100%. Only Kalen Ballage had a lower PFF elusive rating than DJ in 2019. Even when Johnson was healthy, he could not get enough going in Kliff Kingsbury’s offense. The Cardinals O-Line and Kyler Murray took a while to get going. Johnson did show his value early as a receiver out of the backfield, but that was about it in another lost season. 22nd highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 94-345-2 (3.7 YPC)... 747/36-370-4.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 20.21 PPG in 6 Games, Weeks 1-6 (Pre-Injuries) = RB3 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **D.J. Humphries** – (16/16 LT)... 76 overall (Good PB).
- **Justin Pugh** – (16/16 LG)... 77 overall (Strong PB). Started weeks 9-10 at RT.
 - **Mason Cole** – (2/16 LG)... 64 overall. Started weeks 9-10 at LG.
- **A.Q. Shipley** – (16/16 C)... 69 overall.
- **J.R. Sweezy** – (16/16 RG)... 73 overall.
- **Marcus Gilbert** – (0/16 RT)... 78 overall. DNP weeks 1-17.
 - **Justin Murray** – (13/16 RT)... 72 overall. DNP weeks 3, 9-10.

- Josh Jones – (0/16 RT)... Projected Starter in 2020.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Chandler Jones | 93 | |
| ED: Cassius Marsh | 70 | Sig Snaps weeks 9-17 |
| ED: Devon Kennard | 80 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: Jordan Phillips | 65 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Corey Peters | 81 | |
| DT: Leki Fotu | -- | |
| DT: Rashard Lawrence | -- | |
| DT: Rodney Gunter | 78 | DNP weeks 15-17. |
| DT: Zach Kerr | 74 | Sig Snaps weeks 11-17. |
| DT: Jonathan Bullard | 63 | Sig Snaps weeks 4-10. |
| LB: Jordan Hicks | 77 | |
| LB: Isaiah Simmons | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: De’Vondre Campbell | 62 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Haason Reddick | 62 | Started weeks 1-11, Min Snaps weeks 13-17. |
| LB: Joe Walker | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 8-11, Started weeks 13-17. |
| CB: Patrick Peterson | 94 | DNP weeks 1-6. |
| NCB: Byron Murphy | 77 | |
| CB: Robert Alford | 74 | IR – PRE. |
| CB: Chris Jones | 65 | Started weeks 1, 15-17. |
| SS: Budda Baker | 86 | |
| FS: Jalen Thompson | 72 | Started weeks 5-6, 8-17. |
| HS: Deionte Thompson | 68 | Sig Snaps weeks 5-9, 13. |

ATLANTA FALCONS

Passing Game:

QB Matt Ryan

- **Week 1 – 18.5 ... 304, 2-2, 2-24-0 @ MIN.** Constantly under pressure, the entire Falcons offense had a rough day at the office. The running game was nonexistent. His INT was an ill-advised throw into the end zone that never had a chance. Saving his day was a pair of 4th quarter TDs, the second of which was a garbage time special to Julio Jones.
- **Week 2 – 19.1 ... 320, 3-3 vs. PHI.** No running game once again, so the Falcons aired it out, attacking CB Ronald Darby most of the night. He has 5 INTs in his first 2 games.
- **Week 3 – 22.4 ... 304, 3-1 @ IND.** ATL was stuck in neutral for most of the first half. His INT was woefully bad in the red zone. Ryan was on fire during the second half, going 22/23 with 2 TDs after the break.
- **Week 4 – 15.6 ... 397, 0-0, 2-18-0, FL vs. TEN.** The Falcons found themselves in an early 24-7 hole, which paved the way for an entire 2nd half of garbage time, mainly peppering Mohamed Sanu and Austin Hooper with underneath targets. The O-Line dealt with injuries to C Ale Mack and OG Jamon Brown, but the Falcons horrible secondary allowed Ryan the need to continue to air it out.
- **Week 5 – 31.9 ... 330, 3-1, RUTD @ HOU.** His RUTD was from the goal line. The Falcons continued to have little success running the ball. Ryan was brilliant in the first half before fading off. J.J. Watt made life difficult for the Falcons' O-Line. Ryan racked up some points in the 4th quarter during garbage time, a theme of this season.
- **Week 6 – 30.9 ... 356, 4-0 @ ARI.** Again, the Falcons were trailing for most of the game. Ryan orchestrated a great comeback, before a falling to 1-5. He has 300+ PAYD in every game this season.
- **Week 7 – 2.5 ... 159, 0-1, FL vs. LAR. EXITED** the game with a right leg injury in the 4th quarter. The Falcons were trailing 27-3. Ryan was having a nightmare day before going down. 46 snaps (season low).
- **Week 8 – DNP – Ankle.**
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 14.5 ... 182, 2-1, 2-13-0 @ NO.** Ryan surprisingly didn't need to do much as the running game was ripping off consistent gains throughout the afternoon. Both his TDs were from within the 10-yard line.
- **Week 11 – 16.4 ... 311, 1-0 @ CAR.** Ryan hooked up with Calvin Ridley for a perfect 8/8-143-1 and hit Julio Jones on a 49-yard deep bomb to set ATL up on the 5-yard line.

- **Week 12 – 7.6 ... 271, 0-1, FL vs. TB.** Ryan has only put up 3 TDs in his last 4 games while battling an injury, poor O-Line play and virtually no running game.
- **Week 13 – 16.5 ... 312, 2-2, 3-21-0, FL vs. NO.** Ryan took a whopping 9 sacks and fumbled twice, losing one. Ryan had a bunch of yards in the 4th quarter because the Falcons miraculously recovered back-to-back onside kicks. His 2 TDs went to Jaeden Graham and Russell Gage, helping no one. He did not play well at all until the late 4th.
- **Week 14 – 21.3 ... 313, 2-0 vs. CAR.** The Panthers defense appears to have given up, and Ryan moved up and down the field with ease. Ridley scored the first TD but then checked out with an abdomen injury. Ryan scored on a 93-yard TD in the 2nd half to seal the win.
- **Week 15 – 19.1 ... 210, 2-0, 5-27-0 @ SF.** Ryan targeted Julio Jones relentlessly in this one (20 targets!), including ATL's game-winning TD with only seconds to play.
- **Week 16 – 15.9 ... 384, 1-2 vs. JAX.** For the second straight week, Julio locked onto Julio Jones to spectacular effect. The Falcons are making an improbable late season push, winning their last 3 games.
- **Week 17 – 14.5 ... 313, 1-0, FL @ TB.**
- **Season Summary:** Ryan finishes the season with 11 300+ games, an impressive total though he opened with 6 straight and many of the games were filled with garbage time production due to no running game or defense. Still, Ryan dealt with poor O-Line play throughout the season (career-worst 48 sacks), and the Falcons rallied to a 6-2 finish after starting 1-7. 15th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 4,466 PAYD, 26-14 TD/INT, 7.3 YPA, 66.2%, 92.1 QBR, 11 300+... 34-147-1, 27-19 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.8 PPG in 15 Games = QB12 Pace.

WR Julio Jones

- **Week 1 – 15.1 ... 11/6-31-1 @ MIN.** Jones was shadowed by Xavier Rhodes for much of the afternoon, but he still wasn't able to get things going when Rhodes was on the sidelines dealing with an injury. The Vikings shifted focus to Jones, making stopping him a priority. His only real success came on underneath routes. His TD came on a goal line fade late in garbage time. The main problem was that the Falcons' offense was overwhelmed with the Vikings' pass rush.
- **Week 2 – 27.6 ... 10/5-106-2 vs. PHI.** Jones was held in check for almost the entire game, until within the final 2 minutes, Jones took a short screen to the house for a 54-yard game-winning TD.
- **Week 3 – 26.8 ... 9/8-128-1 @ IND.** The Colts were allowing easy completions but did not allow Julio to beat them deep. This seemed designed. Jones almost did beat them deep on a 34-yard TD if Matt Ryan didn't short arm it. Jones had to stand and wait for the ball to arrive. He eventually found the end zone, fighting off 2 defenders at the back pylon.

- **Week 4 – 9.3 ... 7/4-52-0 vs. TEN.** Very disappointing outing for Jones considering Ryan attempted 53 passes. Several shots downfield to Jones were either poorly thrown or broken up.
- **Week 5 – 7.2 ... 7/3-42-0 @ HOU.** ATL tried to get Jones going on an early deep ball, but he was ultimately held in check.
- **Week 6 – 18.8 ... 9/8-108-0 @ ARI.** Bounce back game for Jones. The Falcons defense forces them to throw often.
- **Week 7 – 15.3 ... 9/6-93-0 vs. LAR.** Jones was a bright spot for the Falcons on a dismal afternoon He battled Jalen Ramsey in his first game with the Rams. Jones had his number more than once. Matt Ryan exited the game in the 4th quarter. 41 snaps (season low).
- **Week 8 – 25.2 ... 12/10-152-0 vs. SEA. MATT SCHAUB STARTED.** Jones was unbelievable. He made multiple contested catches and showcased his elite athleticism over the middle. He carried the offense sans Matt Ryan.
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 10.9 ... 9/3-79-0 @ NO.** Shadowed by Marshon Lattimore until he exited the game with a thigh injury. Matt Ryan managed to hook up with Jones on a 54-yard completion on a deep crosser, but the duo was otherwise quiet. Jones has now failed to reach the end zone in 6 straight games.
- **Week 11 – 14.7 ... 8/6-91-0 @ CAR. HOOPER OUT.** Had a 48-yard deep ball reception on Luke Kuechly that set up ATL at the 5-yard line. Jones hasn't scored since Week 3.
- **Week 12 – 11.8 ... 10/5-68-0 vs. TB. HOOPER OUT. JONES EXITED** with shoulder injury. He stayed in the locker room after halftime to get his shoulder checked out and missed a portion of the 4th quarter with the Falcons trailing big. 48 snaps.
- **Week 13 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 14 – 11.6 ... 8/5-66-0 vs. CAR.** Jones had the most difficult matchup against CB James Bradberry, which led to a below-average day. Jones had his moments, including a sweet over-the-shoulder grab, tip-toeing the sideline.
- **Week 15 – 38.4 ... 20/13-134-2 @ SF. RIDLEY OUT.** Julio put the team on his back in one of the biggest upsets of the season. Calvin Ridley OUT, so Matt Ryan locked onto Julio for the entire game. 20 targets! Julio took a big shot on the game-winning TD with seconds to spare.
- **Week 16 – 26.6 ... 15/10-166-0 vs. JAX. RIDLEY OUT.** With Calvin Ridley OUT, Julio now has 23 catches and a cool 300 REYD and 2 TDs in his last 2 games.
- **Week 17 – 14.8 ... 13/7-78-0 @ TB. RIDLEY OUT.**
- **Season Summary:** Jones' 1,394 REYD were actually his fewest since 2015. Jones finished strongly in the wake of Calvin Ridley's injury, becoming a league winner despite a midseason slump where he failed to find the end zone for 9 straight games. 2nd highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 157/99-1394-6, 6 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 18.3 PPG in 15 Games = WR5 Pace.

WR Calvin Ridley

- **Week 1 – 16.4 ... 6/4-64-1 @ MIN.** Roasted Trae Waynes down the sideline, securing a beautifully thrown ball from Matt Ryan for his first score. He benefitted from Julio Jones getting a lot of attention.
- **Week 2 – 24.5 ... 10/8-105-1 vs. PHI.** Ridley burned Ronald Darby deep on his 34-yard TD. He was the Falcons' leading WR for most of the night until Julio Jones' game-winning 54-yard TD.
- **Week 3 – 1.6 ... 1/0-6-0 @ IND.** Ridley was invisible in this one. Julio (8-128-1), Mohamed Sanu (6-75-0) and Austin Hooper (6-66-2) did all the heavy lifting. Ridley admitted afterward "it was hard to get open" against the Colts' zone defense.
- **Week 4 – 6.2 ... 6/3-32-0 vs. TEN.** Got overlooked in the pecking order, as did Julio Jones, because Mohamed Sanu (9-91-0) and Austin Hooper (9-130-1) did all of the damage underneath on Matt Ryan's 53 pass attempts. Ridley battled a little bit of a hip injury throughout the week.
- **Week 5 – 19.8 ... 9/5-88-1 @ HOU.** Ridley hauled in a beautiful 29-yard TD in the 4th quarter on a sweet toe-tap. He displayed excellent route-running for most of the game. His 9 targets tied for the team lead.
- **Week 6 – 14.8 ... 6/4-48-1 @ ARI.** The Falcons' pass catchers were open for most of the afternoon. Ridley had an easy 9-yard TD early in the game but was held in check thereafter. Only 39 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 7.0 ... 6/4-30-0 vs. LAR.** ATL went off the rails, so Ridley was lucky to escape with this limited production. Matt Ryan exited this game in the 4th quarter. Only 36 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 13.0 ... 7/4-70-0 vs. SEA. MATT SCHAUB STARTED.** Ridley missed a few plays because he was evaluated for a concussion in the 4th quarter. The Falcons' offense lacked downfield explosion and struggled to score until the end of the game. Schaub funneled most targets to Julio Jones.
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 7.7 ... 4/3-28-0 @ NO.** Ridley had fewer targets than Julio Jones, Russell Gage, and Austin Hooper. It was surprising not to see him more involved in the offense after ATL traded Mohamed Sanu to the Patriots. The offense didn't get its usual garbage time production.
- **Week 11 – 28.3 ... 8/8-143-1 @ CAR. HOOPER OUT.** Perfect day for Ridley, laying waste to whichever DB was lined up opposite him. Ridley made plays on deep balls for 30+ yard pickups, and he scored from 6 yards out. It was his first 100+ REYD game since Week 2.
- **Week 12 – 22.0 ... 14/6-85-1 vs. TB. HOOPER OUT AND JONES EXITED.** The 14 targets were a career high. Julio Jones was in the locker room for some time, so Ridley operated as Matt Ryan's go-to option. Ridley made things happen in garbage time sans Julio by scoring on a nice toe-tapping TD.
- **Week 13 – 17.1 ... 10/8-91-0 vs. NO. HOOPER AND JONES OUT.** Ridley racked up nearly half his yards on the final possessions of a 4th quarter in which the Falcons

recovered 2 onside kicks late. Julio Jones was OUT, so Ridley was battling with CB Marshon Lattimore for most of the night. He's played well of late.

- **Week 14 – 18.6 ... 5/5-76-1 vs. CAR. EXITED** with an abdominal injury. He was visibly straining, falling on the field and needing to be carted off. Ridley was playing well before exiting. 36 snaps.
- **Weeks 15-17 – DNP – Abs.**
- **Season Summary:** Ridley had a successful sophomore campaign and was hitting his stride in his final 4 games before a season-ending abdominal injury. His 19 RETDs in his first 2 seasons is impressive. 29th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 93/63-866-7, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.2 PPG in 13 Games = WR19 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Jake Matthews** – (16/16 LT)... 92 overall (Great PB, Strong Finish).
- **Matt Hennessy** – (0/16 LG)... **Projected Starter in 2020.**
- **James Carpenter** – (10/16 LG)... 60 overall. DNP weeks 8, 13-17.
 - **Wes Schweitzer** – (8/16 OG)... 62 overall. Started weeks 4-5 at RG and started weeks 8, 13-17 at LG.
- **Alex Mack** – (16/16 C)... 86 overall (Strong Finish).
- **Chris Lindstrom** – (5/16 RG)... 75 overall. Started weeks 1, 14-17.
 - **Jamon Brown** – (9/16 RG)... 62 overall. Started weeks 2-3, 6-13.
- **Kaleb McGary** – (16/16 RT)... 64 overall.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Dante Fowler | 83 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Vic Beasley Jr. | 70 | |
| ED: Takk McKinley | 78 | DNP weeks 15-17. |
| ED: Adrian Clayborn | 79 | DNP week 17. |
| ED: Charles Harris | 68 | |
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| DT: Grady Jarrett | 97 | |
| DT: Marlon Davidson | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: Tyeler Davison | 75 | |
| DT: Allen Bailey | 70 | |
| DT: Jack Crawford | 60 | |
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| LB: Deion Jones | 91 | |
| LB: De'Vondre Campbell | 60 | |
| LB: Foyesade Oluokun | 66 | Sig Snaps weeks 10-17. |

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| CB: A.J. Terrell | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Darqueze Dennard | 76 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Desmond Trufant | 77 | DNP weeks 6-10, 15-17. |
| CB: Isaiah Oliver | 63 | |
| NCB: Kendall Scheffield | 60 | Started weeks 6-16. |
| CB: Blidi Wreh-Wilson | 68 | Started weeks 7-10, 14-17. |
| SS: Ricardo Allen | 68 | |
| FS: Damontae Kazee | 69 | |
| SS: Keanu Neal | 80 | DNP weeks 4-17. |

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Passing Game:

QB Lamar Jackson

- **Week 1 – 33.5 ... 324, 5-0, 3-6-0 @ MIA.** The Ravens had a field day in Miami. This is as accurate as Jackson has looked as a pro, relying solely on his arm for production. Two of his TDs went to rookie speedster Marquise Brown, including an 83-yard bomb. This was a great game, but it came against a tanking Dolphins team.
- **Week 2 – 30.8 ... 272, 2-0, 16-120-0 vs. ARI.** Jackson got it going in the running game and was unstoppable for the majority of the afternoon. The hapless Cardinals' defense never had a chance. He mixed in accurate darts to Hollywood Brown and Mark Andrews. Jackson through 2 games in 2019 has more PATDs (7) than he did in all of 2018.
- **Week 3 – 21.2 ... 267, 0-0, 8-46-1 @ KC.** Struggled as a passer, needing a pair of miracle / flukey second half conversions to get his yardage above 250. He saved his rough day through the air with his legs, flashing on a 9-yard TD in the 4th quarter.
- **Week 4 – 24.4 ... 247, 3-2, 9-66-0 vs. CLE.** The INTs were Jackson's first picks in his last 8 games. He racked up 70+ PAYD on his final, meaningless drive in garbage time against a defense missing its top two CBs.
- **Week 5 – 11.4 ... 161, 1-3, 14-70-0 @ PIT.** Jackson's bad decisions kept the Steelers in the game. 2 of his INTs were forced throws, and the other bobbled off Nick Boyle's fingertips. Jackson's mobility helped keep the defense honest.
- **Week 6 – 30.6 ... 236, 0-0, 19-152-1 vs. CIN.** His 152 RUYD were the 3rd most for a QB ever, as he was picking up first downs left and right, both on scrambles and designed runs, against a horrible LB group.
- **Week 7 – 23.3 ... 143, 0-0, 14-116-1 @ SEA.** Jackson was the star of this one, channeling his Michael Vick in the wet, rain-soaked conditions. Playing again without downfield option Marquise Brown, he used his legs to create big plays with multiple runs of 20+ yards. Mark Andrews dropped several wide open passes and Jackson lost his footing on a few occasions, which could have made his day bigger.
- **Week 8 – BYE**
- **Week 9 – 28.6 ... 163, 1-0, 16-61-2 vs. NE.** Had his way with the Patriots, scoring on an option run on the opening drive and then again on a QB sneak. He only had 6 incompletions but didn't do much in the passing game. Knocked off the undefeated Patriots on prime time.

- **Week 10 – 33.4 ... 223, 3-0, 7-65-1 @ CIN.** Questionable with an illness. Jackson had a video-game like run, spinning around Bengals for a 47-yard TD. He hit Mark Andrews for 2 TDs. It was an MVP performance. Only needed to play 35 snaps (season low).
- **Week 11 – 32.7 ... 222, 4-0, 10-79-0 vs. HOU.** With the Ravens in control, Jackson took a breather with 7 minutes remaining in the 4th. Became the first QB to clear 60+ RUYD in 7 straight starts. Though it was through the air that Jackson did his damage today. He had another “Heisman” type run, too.
- **Week 12 – 36.2 ... 169, 5-0, 8-95-0 @ LAR.** Jackson again got the night off early with the Ravens dominating early in the 4th quarter. The Rams had zero answer for Jackson. And Jackson is ripping apart defenses with a shaky receiving group.
- **Week 13 – 22.3 ... 105, 1-0, 16-101-1 vs. SF.** Playing in swirling rain, Jackson admitted after the game he was bothered by the conditions. He had a forgettable day as a passer, completing just 3 throws to WRs. He compensated on the ground, as usual. He’s running at an unprecedented level.
- **Week 14 – 19.8 ... 145, 3-1, 11-40-0 @ BUF.** Whenever he is shut down on the ground, he beats teams through the air, and vice versa. The wind was whipping in this game too, so nothing came easy. His biggest play was a 61-yard TD to Hayden Hurst.
- **Week 15 – 37.1 ... 212, 5-0, 8-86-0 vs. NYJ.** Historic night, as he broke Michael Vick’s single-season rushing record for a QB. Jackson shined through the air, turning in his 3rd 5-TD passing performance of the year. These TDs were perfect balls.
- **Week 16 – 29.8 ... 238, 3-0, 17-103-0 @ CLE.** Another largely brilliant performance, demonstrating his usual electric rushing ability alongside underrated passing skills. Both of his TDs to Mark Andrews were well-placed dimes.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest.**
- **Week 18 – 28.9 ... 365, 1-2, 20-143-0 vs. TEN.** The Ravens could not convert on the Titans’ side of the field.
- **Season Summary:** Jackson had a historic season with 1,206 yards on the ground and 40 total touchdowns (36 passing scores) with 8 total turnovers (only 4 INTs). He did this with a limited receiving corp. The Ravens return OC Greg Roman and the vast majority of their starters. He’s only 23 years old. 5th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,127 PAYD, 36-6 TD/INT, 7.8 YPA, 66.1%, 113.3 QBR, 1 300+... 176-1,206-7, 43-8 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 27.78 PPG in 16 Games (15 reg + 1 playoff) = QB1 Pace.

WR Marquise Brown

- **Week 1 – 30.7 ... 5/4-147-2 @ MIA.** Brown spent most of the offseason recovering from a Lisfranc injury he suffered in college. He was questionable going into Week 1, not practicing the Friday prior to the game. None of that mattered, as he looked

fully healthy as Baltimore's No. 1 receiving option. He broke a tackle on a slant and went 47 yards for his first TD, then he burned Minkah Fitzpatrick for an 83-yard TD. Brown got all but 17 of his REYD in the first quarter and then rested in the second half of this blowout against a tanking Miami team. Only played 14 snaps.

- **Week 2 – 16.6 ... 13/8-86-0 vs. ARI.** Questionable again for this game. Brown caught a 41-yard bomb from Lamar Jackson on the Ravens' final drive of the game. Brown was involved plenty prior to the completion, mainly with short high-percentage targets in the first half that showed off his run-after-catch ability.
- **Week 3 – 6.9 ... 9/2-49-0 @ KC.** Brown made a beautiful over-the-shoulder grab in the 4th quarter but otherwise had a long day. Lamar Jackson struggled through the air. Brown's usage was nevertheless encouraging.
- **Week 4 – 6.2 ... 7/4-22-0 vs. CLE.** Brown was quiet for most of the day.
- **Week 5 – 11.2 ... 5/3-22-1 @ PIT. EXITED** with an ankle injury. Brown had an eventful game. He held on to a short TD despite being crushed and then was promptly assisted to the locker room. Brown returned to the sideline in the second half but was only spotted bouncing around and jogging. He then entered the game when the Ravens got into the red zone in the mid-3rd quarter and caught a short pass underneath. He has an ankle injury that is reportedly is not considered too serious. Played 36 snaps after playing 50-61 SPG weeks 2-4.
- **Week 6 – DNP – Ankle.**
- **Week 7 – DNP – Ankle.**
- **Week 8 – BYE**
- **Week 9 – 7.8 ... 4/3-48-0 vs. NE.** Brown was held out through the BYE week with his ankle injury and then played 58 snaps, mainly lining up vs. Stephon Gilmore. The Ravens were milking the clock in the second half after Brown was fed a little early.
- **Week 10 – 18.0 ... 4/4-80-1 @ CIN.** Lamar Jackson found Brown for a 49-yard gain over the top on the first play of the game. Later, Brown broke free for a 20-yard TD. It seemed like Brown would have had a bigger game if the Bengals had kept up a little on offense. He rested at points in the second half. Only 18 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 4.3 ... 4/2-23-0 vs. HOU.** Questionable going into the game as usual, Brown reportedly did not look comfortable as expected going through warm ups. He played anyway, but Jackson compiled only 24 passing attempts. Brown's targets were disappointing even though he tied for the team lead.
- **Week 12 – 21.2 ... 7/5-42-2 @ LAR.** Brown was wide open on both of his TD catches in the 1st quarter. The Rams never threw any punches.
- **Week 13 – 1.1 ... 2/1-1-0 vs. SF.** Playing in steady rain and wind, the Ravens didn't really bother with their vertical attack, attempting just 6 passes to wide receivers. Brown has now cleared 50 REYD just once in his past 8 games, totaling 66 REYD in his last 3 games.
- **Week 14 – 2.8 ... 3/3- -2-0 @ BUF.** Playing through an ankle tweak, Brown was a complete non-factor for the second consecutive week. Brown now only has 25 catches for 236 REYD over his past 8 games.

- **Week 15 – 14.5 ... 4/4-45-1 vs. NYJ.** Brown drew a 43-yard DPI that set the Ravens up at the 1-yard line. Brown's TD was a beautiful 2-yard catch where he got his second foot down with a feathery touch in the back of the end zone. It was much needed from a WR who had -1 REYD (!) over his last 2 games combined!
- **Week 16 – 1.6 ... 2/1-6-0 @ CLE.** Brown got wide open on a red zone attempt, but Lamar Jackson was forced under pressure so he didn't see him. Brown is more of a decoy than anything right now.
- **Week 17 – 3.5 ... 2/2-15-0 vs. PIT. JACKSON OUT. RG3 STARTED.** Questionable with illness. Brown surprisingly did not rest for most of this game despite the Ravens having clinched home field and resting their starters. Brown played deep into the game but couldn't get anything going with RG3 at QB.
- **Week 18 – 19.6 ... 11/7-126-0 vs. TEN.** Played well after two weeks of rest. Played a season-high 80 snaps in this game after only playing 35-48 SPG weeks 11-17.
- **Season Summary:** Oft-injured and entering nearly every game with a designation, Brown was a boom or bust weekly option in fantasy as a rookie. He was mostly bust with an exception of a few blowup games, including his incredible debut against Miami, before only totaling 42/437/5 over his next 13 games. With a full offseason to rehabilitate and return to health, Brown's explosiveness in one of the league's most exciting offenses will make him a high-upside selection. 42nd highest graded WR, per PFF. Marquise Brown had offseason surgery to remove a screw from his foot. He is questionable for Ravens' offseason program.
- **Season Totals:** 71/46-584-7, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 11.6 PPG in 14 Games (13 reg minus season finale w/ RG3 + 1 playoff) = WR40 Pace.

TE Mark Andrews

- **Week 1 – 24.8 ... 8/8-108-1 @ MIA.** Andrews carried his strong training camp into Week 1. He did almost all his damage in the second half, with his TD actually coming from RG3. Andrews lost some targets to Hayden Hurst (3-41-0), but he's still the clear TE1. 31 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 25.2 ... 9/8-112-1 vs. ARI.** Questionable with foot injury going in. Andrews dominated again, now having caught 16/17 targets for 220 REYD and 2 TDs in his first 2 games. Lamar Jackson hooked up with Andrews down the seam for a big 28-yarder, and Andrews broke several tackles and even hurdled a defender on other catches.
- **Week 3 – 4.5 ... 7/3-15-0 @ KC.** Truly questionable (considered 50/50) with a foot injury, Andrews played through the pain, though he was the third TE to enter the game for BAL. Andrews could have scored on one play but Lamar Jackson opted to run for a first down instead.
- **Week 4 – 13.1 ... 8/4-31-1 vs. CLE.** Led the team in targets and visited pay dirt, showing as Lamar Jackson's go-to guy in the red zone.

- **Week 5 – 9.5 ... 7/5-45-0 @ PIT.** Andrews was not listed on the injury report for the first time in 3 weeks. Andrews brought the ball near the goal line at one point, but Mark Ingram plunged it in the next play.
- **Week 6 – 13.9 ... 8/6-99-0, FL vs. CIN.** Andrews comfortably led the Ravens in all receiving categories with Marquise Brown OUT. He has clear chemistry with Lamar Jackson. He did have a dumb fumble on a hurdle attempt.
- **Week 7 – 5.9 ... 8/2-39-0 @ SEA.** Andrews made a sweet 33-yard grab down the seam where he adjusted to the throw, but it was all downhill afterward. He proved to be the worst player on the field in this game, dropping 3 passes that all hit him right in the hands with space to work with after the catch. It was a bad day in the rain.
- **Week 8 – BYE**
- **Week 9 – 4.1 ... 3/2-21-0 vs. NE.** Another nondescript game from Andrews, who was had to 39 REYD last week. He's now been under 50 REYD in 5 of the last 6 games. Season-low 23 snaps (Andrews has played 29-43 SPG in every other game thus far).
- **Week 10 – 23.3 ... 8/6-53-2 @ CIN.** Lamar Jackson was insanely good this week, which allowed Andrews to hit his ceiling. Andrews found space in the end zone on the first drive for a 2-yard TD. He added a 17-yard TD in the 2nd quarter. He's been the most heavily targeted player in Baltimore's run-first offense. Only 23 snaps again.
- **Week 11 – 17.5 ... 4/4-75-1 vs. HOU.** Andrews continued to ball out on a limited target count. He caught a 51-yard pass on a 4th quarter 3rd-and-16. 25 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 6.5 ... 3/2-45-0 @ LAR.** Lamar Jackson only attempted 20 passes, but 5 of those passes went for TDs. Andrews wasn't part of that number. 31 snaps.
- **Week 13 – 14.0 ... 6/3-50-1 vs. SF.** Sprung wide open over the middle on a 1st quarter play fake, Andrews hauled in a 20-yard TD. He was the only Ravens pass catcher to make an impact in a game where Lamar Jackson relied on his legs in the rain-soaked conditions. He has 4 TDs in his last 4 games. 28 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 2.4 ... 3/1-14-0 @ BUF.** EXITED with a knee injury. Andrews spent more than a quarter getting evaluated. He was moving gingerly as he headed toward the locker room. TE Nick Boyle scored a TE in his absence. Andrews had a deep target and end zone target before departing. Only 9 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 15.2 ... 7/4-52-1 vs. NYJ.** Andrews was diagnosed with a minor knee injury – a contusion between his knee and thigh – and decided to give it a go for TNF on a questionable tag. He had a 1-yard TD called back by an illegal formation penalty. He managed another score thankfully a few plays later. Lamar Jackson missed Andrews on what could have been a monster second half strike. 23 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 27.3 ... 9/6-93-2 @ CLE.** He was the recipient of 2 beautiful dimes from Lamar Jackson, but he also demonstrated his always-excellent ability after the catch by hurdling a Browns defender. He is extremely talented when fully healthy. Andrews was seen hobbling off the field late in the 4th quarter with an ankle ailment. Higher snap count: 39 snaps.

- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest.**
- **Week 18 – 7/4-39-0 vs. TEN.** Andrews was questionable with an ankle issue, not moving well at practice leading up to the game. Played 46 snaps. Andrews later missed the Pro Bowl because of the injury, admitting it was something he had to “battle through.”
- Andrews closed out his rookie year well, showing chemistry with Lamar Jackson. That chemistry spilled over into the offseason and then poured on into the 2019 regular season, as Andrews led a thin TE position with 10 RETDs. A clean bill of health after battling several nagging injuries throughout the year would also go a long way. 2nd highest graded TE, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 98/64-852-10, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.18 PPG in 15 Games (14 reg, minus early exit vs. BUF + 1 playoff) = TE3 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Mark Ingram

- **Week 1 – 22.7 ... 14-107-2, 0/0-0-0 @ MIA.** OC Greg Roman said before the game that while Ingram is the team’s starting RB, everyone is going to contribute. “We’ll see who has the hot hand.” Ingram led the “RBBC” in Week 1, though Gus Edwards (17 carries) ended up out-touching him in the second half blowout. The Ravens were clicking on all cylinders and Ingram knifed up Miami’s sorry team. Ingram had a 50-yard run and looked to be the preferred option at the goal line, where he converted one of his TDs. 25 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 9.7 ... 13-47-0, 2/2-30-0 vs. ARI.** Questionable with a shoulder injury, Ingram left the field in a ton of pain at one point in the first half. He managed to return and appeared to be back to his normal self. He had a great matchup here, so his rushing output was underwhelming. He did work as the team’s lead passing down RB, however.
- **Week 3 – 35.5 ... 16-103-3, 4/4-32-0 @ KC.** Ceded 9 touches to Gus Edwards where gameflow was never a positive for BAL. He still capped off multiple drives with a goal line TD, adding a 19-yard TD. Lamar Jackson contributed a 4th RUTD. Ingram looked like his usual self, hitting the hole with immediacy and ferocity while dragging defenders on occasion. He’s averaging 5.97 YPC and has 2 100+ RUYD games already.
- **Week 4 – 8.1 ... 12-71-0, 1/1-0-0, FL vs. CLE.** Almost lost a fumble deep in CLE territory. He ran well again though.
- **Week 5 – 12.9 ... 19-44-1, 2/2-5-0 @ PIT.** Andrews brought the ball near the goal line at one point, but Mark Ingram plunged it in the next play. He has scored 6 times in just 5 games as a Raven.
- **Week 6 – 15.4 ... 13-52-1, 2/2-22-0 vs. CIN.** Lamar Jackson stole the show, but Ingram did his job, finding the end zone yet again. It was a bunny goal line TD again. He made defenders miss on several other carries.

- **Week 7 – 6.3 ... 12-46-0, 1/1-7-0 @ SEA.** Lamar Jackson took over this game single-handedly again, needing minimal help from his supporting cast.
- **Week 8 – BYE**
- **Week 9 – 14.4 ... 15-115-0, 3/2-29-0, FL vs. NE.** Ingram came out hot, burning the Pats with a 53-yard run on the Ravens' third drive. He lost a red zone carry to Gus Edwards on the next play, who converted it for a TD. Ingram and Lamar Jackson salted away the Patriots with 31 carries, helping them control time of possession. Ingram's on pace for 1,170 RUYD and 14 TDs.
- **Week 10 – 9.4 ... 9-34-1, 0/0-0-0 @ CIN.** His volume was disappointing because the Ravens scored 49 points, but Lamar was too explosive for Ingram to get going. The Ravens only ran 46 offensive plays because they averaged 8.2 YPP. Ingram only played 22 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 23.5 ... 13-48-0, 4/3-37-2 vs. HOU.** Ingram's 4 targets matched his season high. He's not very involved in the passing game, though he did score 2 RETDs randomly. The first was on a coverage bust. The second involved Ingram taking a screen down the sideline and extended toward the plane after ducking a tackle. He's up to 10 TDs in 10 games.
- **Week 12 – 24.8 ... 15-111-1, 1/1-7-1 @ LAR.** Baltimore rushed for 285 yards as a team. Ingram did what he wanted against the hapless Rams in prime time.
- **Week 13 – 8.2 ... 15-59-0, 2/2-3-0 vs. SF.** Ingram got a goal line carry that he did not convert. Lamar Jackson did one play later. The lack of TD made it a poor day.
- **Week 14 – 10.9 ... 15-50-0, 3/3-29-0 @ BUF.** Ingram has now been held out of the end zone in back-to-back weeks, which is a problem because of his low yardage totals. He's reached 100 yards from scrimmage just twice since September.
- **Week 15 – 23.6 ... 13-76-1, 2/1-10-1 vs. NYJ.** He could have had a 2nd RUTD but could not cash in on a goal line carry. After a pair of plodding performances, Ingram ran over a defense that entered the game with the lowest YPC against.
- **Week 16 – 17.1 ... 8-55-0, 2/2-36-1 @ CLE. EXITED** with a non-contact calf injury. He was running and catching well prior to the injury. He left the stadium in a walking boot. MRI confirmed a strained calf.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest.**
- **Week 18 – 4.1 ... 6-22-0, 2/1-9-0 vs. TEN.** Truly questionable with calf strain, Ingram played through the pain, but he was obviously limited. He played 28 snaps in this game, which was not out of line with his recent averages (Ingram played 22-35 SPG weeks 6-16), but BAL ran a whopping 94 plays in this contest.
- **Season Summary:** Ingram had a somewhat of a breakout 30-year-old season on the league's most run-heavy team. He never received more than 20 carries in a game or more than 4 catches in a game, but being goal line back helped a ton (15 total TDs!). He stayed relatively healthy before gutting out a calf injury in the Division Round playoff loss. 8th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 98/64-852-10, 4 100+... 29/26-247-5.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.41 PPG in 16 Games (15 reg + 1 play) = RB14 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Ronnie Stanley** – (15/17 LT)... 97 overall. DNP weeks 15, 17.
 - **James Hurst** – (2/17 LT)... 74 overall. Started weeks 15, 17.
- **Bradley Bozeman** – (17/17 LG)... 77 overall (Strong Finish).
- **Matt Skura** – (10/17 C)... 76 overall. DNP weeks 12-18.
 - **Patrick Mekari** – (7/17 C)... 70 overall. Started weeks 12-18.
- **Marshal Yanda** – (16/17 RG)... 94 overall. DNP week 17.
- **D.J. Fluker** – (0/16 RG)... 64 overall.
- **Orlando Brown Jr.** – (17/17 RT)... 84 overall (Strong PB).

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Matthew Judon | 80 | |
| ED: Jaylon Ferguson | 63 | DNP weeks 1-2. |
| ED: Pernell McPhee | 73 | DNP weeks 7-18. |
| ED: Tyus Bowser | 76 | ~25 SPG. |
| ED: Jihad Ward | 61 | Sig Snaps weeks 6-18. |
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| DT: Calais Campbell | 95 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Derek Wolfe | 82 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: Michael Pierce | 82 | DNP weeks 10-12. |
| DT: Brandon Williams | 77 | DNP weeks 4, 17. |
| DT: Justin Madubuike | -- | |
| DT: Chris Wormley | 73 | ~30 SPG. |
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| LB: Patrick Queen | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Malik Harrison | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Josh Bynes | 84 | DNP weeks 1-4. ~30 SPG. |
| LB: Patrick Onwuasor | 60 | Started weeks 1-5, ~25 SPG after. |
| LB: L.J. Fort | 76 | ~20 SPG weeks 6-18. |
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| CB: Marcus Peters | 90 | Started weeks 9-18. |
| CB: Marlon Humphrey | 83 | |
| CB: Jimmy Smith | 78 | DNP weeks 1-7, 17. |
| NCB: Brandon Carr | 73 | |
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| FS: Earl Thomas | 85 | DNP week 17 |
| SS: Chuck Clark | 83 | Started weeks 6-18 |

BUFFALO BILLS

Passing Game:

QB Josh Allen

- **Week 1 – 15.9 ... 254, 1-2, 10-38-1, 2 FL @ NYJ.** Allen wasn't without his flaws, scrambling into pressure and fumbling twice and tossing two INTs. But he did engineer the game-winning drive, that ended with Allen throwing a strike to John Brown for a game-winning 38-yard TD. Allen's legs helped mitigate the turnovers.
- **Week 2 – 22.2 ... 253, 1-0, 7-21-1 @ NYG.** Allen's PATD was merely a pitch. His RUTD came on a QB sweep. Allen did a better job limiting turnovers after 4 in Week 1. He developed chemistry with John Brown and Cole Beasley, his new weapons.
- **Week 3 – 18.3 ... 243, 9-46-0 vs. CIN.** Allen was effective in the running game. Most of those yards came on broken plays and not designed walks.
- **Week 4 – 8.7 ... 153, 0-3, 5-26-1 vs. NE. EXITED** with a concussion after taking a savage helmet-to-helmet hit. Allen looked like he was out cold but ran off the field on his own power. He was having a dismal day before going down. He had also fumbled twice. He refused to throw the ball away, and Bill Belichick made some look like he lost all fundamentals of quarterbacking.
- **Week 5 – 17.4 ... 219, 2-1, 10-27-0 @ TEN.** Rebounded from a turnover-filled loss against the Pats' dominant defense last week. He held on to the ball too long again, taking 4 sacks, but this was a nice day. Both of his TDs were easy red zone throws.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 21.2 ... 202, 2-0, 4-32-0 vs. MIA.** Rushed well and had a 2-point conversion as a runner. The Bills came out of their BYE week looking sloppy, getting booed by the home crowd. Buffalo had several first half penalties and kept settling for field goals. Allen eventually started playing better, completing his first 8 throws of the second half. The Bills only ran 51 plays as the Dolphins owned them in T.O.P.
- **Week 8 – 17.2 ... 169, 2-0, 8-45-0, FL vs. PHI.** Serious wind gusts limited the offenses. Both QBs relied heavily on YAC for big plays. Allen's second TD was a 28-yard screen pass to Devin Singletary. Allen led the Bills in rushing but lost a bad fumble.
- **Week 9 – 17.6 ... 160, 1-0, 8-12-1 vs. WAS.** Allen didn't need to put on a great performance to beat Washington at home, but he did save his fantasy line with a goal line sneak TD. Allen was solid as a passer, finding John Brown downfield and connecting with Devin Singletary on a long screen pass.

- **Week 10 – 25.4 ... 266, 0-0, 6-28-2 @ CLE.** Allen had 0 turnovers, but he did fumble and the Bills were lucky to recover. Beyond that, it was an inefficient day lacking big plays.
- **Week 11 – 33.8 ... 256, 3-0, 7-56-1 @ MIA.** Allen wasn't sacked and matched a career high with 3 PATDs, including 2 to John Brown. Allen added a RUTD, his 7th of the year. He tends to play well against Miami.
- **Week 12 – 19.0 ... 185, 2-1, 9-56-0 vs. DEN.** Buffalo's stingy secondary did most of the legwork, forcing 5 consecutive 3-and-outs, permitting just 82 PAYD to Brandon Allen. Josh Allen's TDs were to the usual suspects, Cole Beasley on a crosser, and John Brown on the sideline.
- **Week 13 – 23.5 ... 231, 1-0, 10-43-1 @ DAL.** Allen made a handful of jaw-dropping plays in primetime, evading pass rushers to find Cole Beasley for a revenge game TD. Allen barreled over Byron Jones for a 4th-and-1 pickup. The Bills are now 9-3.
- **Week 14 – 10.7 ... 146, 1-0, 2-9-0, FL vs. BAL.** Allen lost a fumble and took a season-worst 6 sacks. Both his passing and rushing totals were the lowest of the year. Allen airmailed a pair of potential long first quarter scores – including a would-be 90-yarder to Robert Foster – and never came close to hitting another one. This was ugly, as we've seen Josh Allen can be against good defenses.
- **Week 15 – 16.3 ... 139, 1-1, 7-28-1 @ PIT.** Allen vultured Devin Singletary at the 1-yard line with a RUTD. He also had the game-winning TD on a bunny throw. Allen's INT arguably should have been caught by Cole Beasley.
- **Week 16 – 20.6 ... 208, 2-0, 7-43-0 @ NE.** We saw good Josh Allen and bad Josh Allen today. He was a rushing threat on scrambles and designed runs, but his best plays were actually as a passer. He dropped a dime on a deep ball to TE Dawson Knox for a near TD, and then again to John Brown for a TD. He made a few other spark plays, but he was too inaccurate and took too many sacks to get a win.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest.** Allen played the first quarter.
- **Week 18 – 19.7 ... 264, 0-0, 9-92-0, FL @ HOU.** Allen had a great first half with no mistakes, and the Bills were up 16-0 at half. However, he made mind-numbing mistakes in the 4th quarter, taking a pair of sacks to push the Bills out of FG range. Buffalo tied the game to send it into OT, but Allen tried to give this game away multiple times. He looked like a true deer in the headlights in his first ever playoff game.
- **Season Summary:** Allen improved in his second year, upping his comp% from 52.8 as a rookie to 58.8. He scored 9 TDs on the ground after 8 RUTDs in year 1. He had an improved offensive line and weapons in John Brown and Cole Beasley. 29th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,089 PAYD, 20-9 TD/INT, 6.7 YPA, 58.8%, 85.3 QBR, 0 300+... 109-510-9, 29-13 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.25 PPG in 16 Games (15 reg + 1 playoff) = QB9 Pace.

WR John Brown

- **Week 1 – 25.3 ... 10/7-123-1 @ NYJ.** Brown's 133 air yards were far and away a team-high mark as the prized free agent addition had a 27% target share in his debut with Buffalo. Brown beat one-on-one coverage on the outside to notch the go-ahead 38-yard TD with less than 2 minutes to play.
- **Week 2 – 14.2 ... 8/7-72-0 @ NYG.** Brown's missed connection could have been a 52-yard TD if not for Josh Allen overthrowing him. Still, Josh Allen and John Brown played pitch and catch, moving the chains throughout the day.
- **Week 3 – 9.5 ... 5/4-51-0 vs. CIN.** Brown's biggest gain was a 27-yard catch in which he adjusted his route to get open for his QB. He was otherwise quiet.
- **Week 4 – 11.9 ... 11/5-69-0 vs. NE.** 3 catches for 37 REYD came after Josh Allen exited with a head injury. Brown was also the target on one of Allen's 3 picks, as well as Matt Barkley's game-ending INT. Brown did have an impressive snag with Stephon Gilmore draped all over him and interfering, a play that went for 28 yards.
- **Week 5 – 12.5 ... 5/5-75-0 @ TEN.** Brown got behind Logan Ryan on a few plays and looked on track for a huge game before cooling off in the second half. He's had at least 50 REYD in all 5 games, but he hasn't found the end zone since Week 1.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 19.3 ... 6/5-83-1 vs. MIA.** Buffalo was sloppy in the first half, settling for 3 FGs and committing multiple penalties. Things were better after the break. His TD was from 6 yards out.
- **Week 8 – 10.4 ... 8/5-54-0 vs. PHI.** With winds gusting 40-50 MPH at times, the Bills could not really push the ball downfield against a terrible pass defense. Brown still managed to lead the team in targets and record 50+ REYD yet again.
- **Week 9 – 11.6 ... 7/4-76-0 vs. WAS.** Brown has 4 catches and 50 REYD in all 8 games this season. He's on pace for 84-1206-4.
- **Week 10 – 12.7 ... 11/5-77-0 @ CLE.** Brown continues to reach his floor without displaying his ceiling. One of these days, all of his air yards will result in a huge game.
- **Week 11 – 34.7 ... 14/9-137-2 @ MIA.** Smokey finally gave us a glimpse of his ceiling playing against a Dolphins secondary missing its top CB Xavien Howard. Brown poured it on, soaking up 5 catches for 97 REYD in the first half alone. His first TD was a simple pitch-and-catch; Allen fired a laser to Brown down the right sideline. Smokey then juke a defender for the score. His 2nd TD came on a 9-yard bootleg.
- **Week 12 – 11.9 ... 4/2-39-1 vs. DEN.** Brown didn't see many chances against shutdown CB Chris Harris, but he had a highlight reel route and catch on a 30-yard reception. This was shockingly Brown's first game with under 50 REYD. He's been extremely consistent this season.
- **Week 13 – 10.7 ... 4/3-26-0, PATD @ DAL.** Brown actually threw a touchdown pass on a reverse. In the receiving game, he took a backseat to Cole Beasley.

- **Week 14 – 5.6 ... 8/3-26-0 vs. BAL.** Brown now has fewer than 50 REYD in 3 straight after opening the season with 10 straight games with more. He got free for what could have been a huge early TD but Josh Allen overshot him.
- **Week 15 – 16.9 ... 10/7-99-0 @ PIT.** It's a needed nice game from Brown. He led Buffalo in both receiving and targets. He burned Steven Nelson for a pair of 20-yard catches and had a 40-yard catch as well.
- **Week 16 – 12.6 ... 4/1-53-1 @ NE.** Faced with arguably the toughest matchup in fantasy, Brown was completely stymied by shutdown CB Stephon Gilmore with the exception of one play, which thankfully was a 53-yard TD where Brown absolutely torched Gilmore with a double move. It was perhaps his finest play of his impressive season.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest.**
- **Week 18 – 9.0 ... 8/4-50-0 @ HOU.** Second on the team in targets behind Duke Williams (10), though a number of those were throwaways or out of the end zone.
- **Season Summary:** Signed to a 3-year deal last offseason, Brown was as consistent as they come, posting at least 50 REYD in every game Weeks 1-11. Brown faded a bit down the stretch, but he proved to be a perfect deep threat fit with Josh Allen's big arm. He was able to stay healthy all season. Perhaps the cold air in Baltimore and Buffalo has helped with his sickle cell trait. 32nd highest graded WR, per PFF. His per-game grades faded down the stretch. Did not finish as strongly as he started, weeks 12-18.
- **Season Totals:** 115/72-1060-6, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.3 PPG in 16 Games (15 reg + 1 playoff) = WR24 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Devin Singletary

- **Week 1 – 14.8 ... 4-70-0, 6/5-28-0 @ NYJ.** OC Brian Daboll said that all of Frank Gore, Devin Singletary, and T.J. Yeldon will have roles and they may change on a week-to-week basis. In the first game, Singletary's role was minimal, but he made a great impact on limited opportunities. He didn't touch the ball until 6 minutes left in the 3rd quarter but still managed to lead Buffalo's backfield in rushing while catching 5 passes. He also had a phenomenal block inside the 5-yard line to spring Josh Allen open for a RUTD. Frank Gore (11-20-0) was the "lead" back, but this looks like it could be Singletary's backfield sooner than later. Singletary played an encouraging 45 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 11.7 ... 6-57-1, 0/0-0-0 @ NYG.** EXITED with a hamstring injury midway through the 4th quarter. Singletary was the most explosive Bills RB, though he was out-snapped decisively by Frank Gore. 23 snaps.
- **Week 3 – DNP – Hamstring.**
- **Week 4 – DNP – Hamstring.**
- **Week 5 – DNP – Hamstring.**

- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 2.6 ... 7-26-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. MIA.** Singletary's first action since week 2 after missing a month with a hamstring pull. Frank Gore got the start and out-carried Singletary 11-7 for 55 scoreless yards. Miami dominated T.O.P. and the Bills ran just 51 offensive snaps. Singletary saw 21 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 14.9 ... 3-19-0, 6/4-30-1 vs. PHI.** Again played well behind Frank Gore, who out-carried Singletary 9-3. Singletary is serving as the passing down back, out-targeting Gore 6-0. Singletary produced 16 yards on a final meaningless play of the game, but he did score on a screen pass from 28 yards out. 40 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 23.0 ... 20-95-1, 4/3-45-0 vs. WAS.** Finally the breakout game we've been waiting for, this should force the Bills into playing Singletary over Gore the rest of the way. Gore had 15 yards on 11 attempts. Singletary shook defenders all game long and took a screen pass for a big gain. Gore was subbed in early in the game when the Bills were near the end zone, but Singletary punched in a short TD late. 41 snaps.
- **Week 10 – 8.0 ... 8-42-0, 6/3-8-0 @ CLE.** One week after seemingly taking control of the Bills' backfield with 23 touches, Singletary bafflingly handled the ball just 3 times before halftime and was scarcely involved after the break.
- **Week 11 – 8.9 ... 15-75-0, 1/1-4-0 @ MIA.** Singletary had a number of chunk gains, including a 22-yard gallop off misdirection on the Bills' opening snap. He fumbled at the end of a 32-yard scamper but John Brown luckily recovered. The rookie fumbled again later but recovered his own fumble.
- **Week 12 – 12.4 ... 21-106-0, 2/1-8-0 vs. DEN.** Singletary played a huge role in the Bills' dominating win, gashing Denver's front seven. Frank Gore is still Buffalo's goal line back, but Singletary has quietly out-touched the veteran 72-44 since Week 9.
- **Week 13 – 19.1 ... 14-63-0, 4/3-38-1 @ DAL.** Singletary essentially split carries with Frank Gore 14-9 since the Bills led for the majority of the game. His TD catch was from John Brown on a reverse pass.
- **Week 14 – 17.8 ... 17-89-0, 8/6-29-0 vs. BAL.** A 38-yard rumble in the 4th quarter put him at 118 yards from scrimmage. His 6 catches were a career high. Singletary doesn't typically break away for big plays, but he is slippery enough to routinely gain 4-5 yards. Season-high 60 snaps (Singletary played 46-60 SPG weeks 10-16).
- **Week 15 – 8.9 ... 21-87-0, 3/2-2-0, FL @ PIT.** The Bills again wisely featured Singletary, who had snap rates of at least 70% over the last 3 weeks. He was stopped just short of the goal line on a 14-yard run that set up a Josh Allen TD. Singletary had a pair of fumbles, losing one. The Bills stuck with the rookie despite the fumbling issues.
- **Week 16 – 5.8 ... 15-46-0, 1/1-2-0 @ NE.** After 5 straight games of 60+ RUYD, Singletary found nowhere to run against the impossible Patriots defense. Frank Gore had a goose egg in the stat sheet.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest.**

- **Week 18 – 19.4 ... 13-58-0, 7/6-76-0 @ HOU.** Singletary led the tea, in receiving in this game and was the best player on the field for Buffalo. Season-high 63 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Singletary's rookie season started off strong in the preseason and he sparked on limited touches in weeks 1-2 before a hamstring injury sidelined him until Week 7. By Week 9, Singletary took over clear-cut No. 1 duties over the plodding Frank Gore, registering 20+ touches 4 times over the second half of the year. A tackle-breaking machine who consistently beats first contact, Singletary benefited from the threat of Josh Allen running, though he was siphoned from Allen and Gore at the goal line often. 30th highest graded RB, per PFF. Graded highly from week 9-onward.
- **Season Totals:** 151-775-2 (5.1 YPC), 1 100+... 41/29-194-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.8 PPG in 13 Games (12 reg + 1 playoff) = RB23 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Dion Dawkins** – (16/17 LT)... 84 overall. DNP week 17.
- **Quinton Spain** – (17/17 LG)... 67 overall (Weak RB).
- **Mitch Morse** – (14/17 C)... 79 overall. DNP weeks 5, 12, 17.
- **Brian Winters** – (9/16 RG)... 74 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Jon Feliciano** – (15/17 RG)... 76 overall. DNP weeks 3, 17. Started weeks 5, 12 at C. Injured Reserve for the 2020 Season.
 - **Spencer Long** – (3/17 G/C)... 63 overall. Started weeks 5, 12, 17 at RG.
- **Cody Ford** – (16/17 RT)... 62 overall. DNP week 9. Started week 3 at RG. Half snaps weeks 8, 10.
 - **Ty Nsekhe** – (2/17 RT)... 74 overall. Started weeks 3, 9, Sig Snaps weeks 1-2, 4, 8, 10, 18.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Trent Murphy | 84 | |
| ED: Jerry Hughes | 84 | DNP week 17. |
| ED: Mario Addison | 78 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: A.J. Epenesa | -- | |
| ED: Shaq Lawson | 75 | DNP week 17. |
| ED: Lorenzo Alexander | 75 | DNP week 17. ~30 SPG. |
| DT: Ed Oliver | 81 | |
| DT: Star Lotulelei | 68 | DNP week 17. Opted Out of 2020 Season. |
| DT: Quinton Jefferson | 83 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Vernon Butler | 66 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: Jordan Phillips | 65 | |
| DT: Corey Liuget | 71 | ~20 SPG weeks 10-18. |

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| LB: Tremaine Edmunds | 69 | DNP week 17. |
| LB: Matt Milano | 69 | DNP weeks 7, 17. |
| LB: A.J. Klein | 60 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Tre'Davious White | 91 | DNP week 17. |
| CB: Josh Norman | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Levi Wallace | 73 | DNP week 18. |
| NCB: Taron Johnson | 67 | DNP weeks 2-5. |
| CB: Kevin Johnson | 78 | ~20 SPG. |
| SS: Micah Hyde | 90 | DNP week 17. |
| FS: Jordan Poyer | 90 | DNP week 17. |

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Passing Game:

WR D.J. Moore

- **Week 1 – 12.6 ... 10/7-76-0, FL vs. LAR.** Moore finished with the 2nd most targets on the team behind CMC. Cam Newton was inconsistent as a passer.
- **Week 2 – 17.9 ... 14/9-89-0 vs. TB.** Moore's 14 targets led the team, though Curtis Samuel was targeted 13 times. Moore was Cam Newton's primary check down target, keeping the chains moving on a night Newton struggled to get anything going deep. Moore wrecked the Bucs on quick slants.
- **Week 3 – 13.4 ... 2/1-52-1, 1-12-0 @ ARI.** NEWTON OUT. KYLE ALLEN BEGINS STARTING. He made his one catch count. Moore ran across the middle of the field, caught a pass from Kyle Allen in stride, and raced almost untouched to the end zone. Curtis Samuel and Greg Olsen were each targeted 7 times. Only 45 snaps (played at least 59 SPG in every other game).
- **Week 4 – 7.4 ... 5/3-44-0 @ HOU.** Moore now just has 7 targets in 2 games with Kyle Allen. All of Allen's deep balls went to Curtis Samuel. Moore had to rely on his excellent ability after the catch to pick up most of his production.
- **Week 5 – 15.1 ... 8/6-91-0 vs. JAX.** Moore's headliner was a 52-yard reception over the top of A.J. Bouye. Kyle Allen trusted his top receiver in single coverage on the outside and Moore elevated to go up and get the catch in tight coverage. Kyle Allen is lowering Moore's fantasy ceiling.
- **Week 6 – 15.6 ... 10/7-73-0, 1-13-0 @ TB.** Led the Panthers in receiving and targets but also struggled with some drops. Kyle Allen is looking to him more, but he has just 1 TD this season.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 8.8 ... 9/5-38-0 @ SF.** Moore was tossed 2 deep balls in tight coverage, but he's otherwise been treated as an underneath option. It seems like Moore would benefit from Cam Newton's return.
- **Week 9 – 17.1 ... 10/7-101-0 vs. TEN.** His first 100+ day of the year, Moore has now caught at least 5 balls in 4 straight games. Kyle Allen is mostly dinking and dunking, so Moore is not getting the opportunity to make plays down field, though the conservatism does fit his YAC skill set.
- **Week 10 – 21.0 ... 11/9-120-0 @ GB.** Back-to-back 100+ games, and he's averaging 10 targets a game over his last 4 weeks. He seems to be rounding into form.
- **Week 11 – 17.5 ... 15/8-95-0 vs. ATL.** Moore and CMC were the only sources of offense for a Panthers team that mustered just 3 points. Moore now has at least 8 targets in the last 6 games. Kyle Allen is playing horribly, however.

- **Week 12 – 31.4 ... 9/6-126-2 @ NO.** This was arguably Moore’s best game of his career. Moore showed his prowess after the catch, but his improved route running was also on display. Moore also hauled in a difficult contested end zone grab away from his body on 4th down. He now has 4 straight games with 95+ REYD.
- **Week 13 – 19.2 ... 12/6-75-1 vs. WAS.** Not an efficient day for Kyle Allen and Moore, but his volume is bankable. He is now producing like a low-end WR1, posting at least 6 catches and 70 REYD in 7 of his last 8 games.
- **Week 14 – 12.1 ... 6/4-81-0 @ ATL.** Kyle Allen was truly awful once again. He racked up 39 yards on one play but was otherwise quiet. He has at least 73 REYD in 8 of his last 9 games, showing his floor despite his QB situation.
- **Week 15 – 20.3 ... 12/8-113-0, 1-10-0 vs. SEA.** He didn’t get going until the second half, recording 7 of his 8 catches after halftime, including 3 on the Panthers’ final drive. Even with the walls caving in on Carolina, Moore has maintained his floor.
- **Week 16 – 1.1 ... 2/1-1-0 @ IND.** EXITED with a concussion after attempting to make a catch on a sky-high throw from Will Grier. Only 6 snaps.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Concussion.**
- **Season Summary:** Moore’s sensational sophomore campaign saw him being one the league’s most prolific receivers during the second half of the season. Moore was a target hog and YAC monster. Most of his work was compiled with Kyle Allen under center. Only 23 years old. 10th highest graded WR, per PFF. Finished strongly weeks 9-15.
- **Season Totals:** 135/87-1175-4, 4 100+... 6-40-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.38 PPG in 14 Games (minus early exit vs. IND) = WR9 Pace.

WR Curtis Samuel

- **Week 1 – 6.2 ... 4/3-32-0 vs. LAR.** Samuel was an offseason darling and training camp MVP, but it did not translate to week 1. Cam Newton favored CMC, D.J. Moore, and Greg Olsen in targets over Samuel. The Rams defense forced the Panthers to grind their way down the field with short passes.
- **Week 2 – 14.3 ... 13/5-91-0 vs. TB.** After a disappoint 4-target week 1, the Panthers showed willingness to get Samuel the ball. A decent number of Samuel’s 13 targets were deep throws, though Cam Newton has having big time trouble delivering accurate passes. The duo almost hooked up for a 75-yard TD in the first quarter but a slight lack of air rendered it just a 44-yard catch. This was an encouraging usage game, however, and showed what the offseason hype was about.
- **Week 3 – 16.3 ... 7/5-53-1 @ ARI.** NEWTON OUT. KYLE ALLEN BEGINS STARTING. Samuel caught the first of Kyle Allen’s 4 TD passes, scoring from 5 yards out. He and Allen seemed to have a nice connection.
- **Week 4 – 6.3 ... 7/3-32-0 @ HOU.** Samuel looked like the Panthers #1 WR for Kyle Allen for the second straight week. His day could have been much bigger with some better luck on numerous deep ball targets. One resulted in long DPI. Samuel

nearly made a ridiculous one-handed catch on another long ball. The upside is evident.

- **Week 5 – 7.4 ... 6/3-19-0, 2-25-0 vs. JAX.** The opportunity was not there thanks to CMC playing like a football God. Kyle Allen did give Samuel a chance for a big play down the right sideline, but the Jaguars' corner was in superior position and nearly picked it off.
- **Week 6 – 23.8 ... 6/4-70-1, 1-8-1 @ TB.** This was a nice, much-needed rebound game. Samuel got open in the red zone for an 8-yard TD. The Panthers simply aren't a high volume passing team. He also scored a RUTD.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 8.6 ... 11/4-46-0 @ SF.** Samuel was Kyle Allen's most targeted player. He got open for what could have been a 21-yard TD in the first half, but it wasn't meant to be. The entire offense couldn't get anything going besides CMC.
- **Week 9 – 16.4 ... 6/3-64-1, 1-10-0 vs. TEN.** Questionable with shoulder injury. Samuel's score was a leaping 12-yarder in the end zone after Kyle Allen took a huge hit. Samuel has been hit or miss this season. Kyle Allen's struggles and CMC's dominance have not helped matters.
- **Week 10 – 13.5 ... 8/4-35-1 @ GB.** Caught a 2-yard TD in the 1st quarter. He's now scored in 3 of his last 4 games and has seen at least 6 targets in every game since Week 1.
- **Week 11 – 6.5 ... 6/4-25-0 vs. ATL.** Carolina only scored 3 points, but Samuel could not do anything despite Kyle Allen attempting 50 passes. D.J. Moore and CMC dominated targets.
- **Week 12 – 5.9 ... 4/1-9-0, 4-40-0 @ NO.** His "highlight" was drawing a deep DPI in the end zone on an underthrown vertical shot. His air yards have been great this season, but the production is not there. The Panthers saw something they liked against the Saints linebackers, moving Samuel around the formation, and handing it to him out of the backfield.
- **Week 13 – 16.5 ... 7/4-65-1 vs. WAS.** This game was a microcosm of his entire season. He got hot early with an easy TD, but he left a ton of production on the field. Kyle Allen overthrew him on a long TD where Samuel was open. Samuel inexcusably dropped a first down catch later in the game. He's proven to be more bust than boom, despite the usage of a high ceiling player.
- **Week 14 – 6.2 ... 4/2-25-0, 3-17-0 @ ATL.** Great matchup in a dome against a bad defense with game script on his side, but Samuel still came up empty. Kyle Allen can't throw deep with any sort of consistency and has just opted to check down to D.J. Moore or CMC often.
- **Week 15 – 16.4 ... 7/5-31-1, 4-23-0 vs. SEA.** Four catches came after halftime with the Panthers trailing, and his TD came late in 4th quarter garbage time. Samuel has quietly shown a nose for the end zone with 7 TDs, but that's about all he can show for in an anticipated breakout season. He's cleared 50 REYD just once in the last 6 games.

- **Week 16 – 4.1 ... 5/2-17-0 @ IND.** Questionable with knee injury. D.J. Moore left the game early, but Samuel was not able to capitalize with QB Will Grier under center. Grier was a check down (and turnover) king in his first start.
- **Week 17 – 3.3 ... 4/2-13-0 vs. NO.** Could not produce in blowout loss with D.J. Moore OUT but with Will Grier in.
- Samuel was one of the most hyped up players last summer. While he did find the end zone 7 times and dominated “air yards” early on, he faded from relevancy as Kyle Allen and Will Grier struggled at QB and favored short passes to D.J. Moore and CMC. Samuel only had 1 catch go over 40+ yards, despite several deep ball opportunities, and he cleared 50 REYD just twice in his final 9 games. The gifted athlete is only 23 years old. 87th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 105/54-627-6, 0 100+... 19-130-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 11.75 PPG in 14 Games (minus 2 gms w/ Grier) = WR38 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Christian McCaffrey

- **Week 1 – 42.9 ... 19-128-2, 11/10-81-0 vs. LAR.** CMC was the entire offense. He only lost one non-Cam Newton carry to a teammate. He led the team in all receiving numbers, including targets with 11.
- **Week 2 – 7.3 ... 16-37-0, 6/2-16-0 vs. TB.** Four days after running free against the Rams, CMC had nowhere to go behind an offensive line that wasn’t blocking a soul. He nearly saved face with a last-second TD, but he got chased down after taking a direct snap on 4th-and-1 with the game on the line. His 53 yards from scrimmage is his lowest for a full game since 2017. The Bucs had his number.
- **Week 3 – 27.8 ... 24-153-1, 4/3-35-0 @ ARI.** The bulk of this production came on a career-long 76-yard TD run right up the middle of the Cardinals’ barely there defense. It was an excellent game.
- **Week 4 – 33.9 ... 27-93-1, 10/10-86-0 @ HOU.** CMC was the best player on the field all afternoon. He seemed to make the first man miss almost every time he caught the ball, racking up numerous chunk plays throughout the afternoon.
- **Week 5 – 47.7 ... 19-176-2, 8/6-61-1 vs. JAX.** No linebackers had an answer for CMC. He burned Myles Jack on a hesitation route for his 18-yard RETD. He also scored late on another long TD run right up the middle, this one for an 84-yard RUTD. He did miss the final few drives because of cramping.
- **Week 6 – 21.7 ... 22-31-1, 5/4-26-1 @ TB.** The Bucs had CMC’s number again, as he struggled on a per-play basis. He saved his day with a pair of highlight TDs. His RUTD was a goal line conversion, and he did all the work on a screen pass from 25 yards out. This was the second time CMC has been held under 100 YFS, both against Tampa.
- **Week 7 – BYE**

- **Week 8 – 27.5 ... 14-117-1, 5/4-38-0 @ SF.** CMC didn't let the Panthers abysmal offensive performance ruin his fantasy day, creating chunk plays as both a rusher and receiver thanks to his excellent blend of speed and tackle-breaking ability. He had 2 runs of 40+ RUYD, along with a 3rd that was nullified by a holding penalty. The bell cow has racked at least 18 touches in every game thus far.
- **Week 9 – 37.6 ... 24-146-2, 3/3-20-1 vs. TEN.** CMC has now cleared 150 YFS in 6/8 games this season, a completely ridiculous accomplishment. His biggest play today was a 58-yard TD where he was never touched until diving into the end zone. He went down awkwardly but passed the concussion evaluation. He's on pace to challenge Chris Johnson's record for most yards from scrimmage in a single season ever.
- **Week 10 – 26.1 ... 20-108-1, 7/6-33-0 @ GB.** CMC was held in check during the first half, but he got in a groove after the break and finally found the end zone from 3 yards out in the 4th quarter. The Panthers flirted with the goal line again on the final drive, down 8, and handed it to CMC with 4 seconds left from the 2-yard line, but he was stuffed mere centimeters from the goal line. Carolina lost again, the same way they did in Week 2.
- **Week 11 – 30.1 ... 14-70-0, 15/11-121-0 vs. ATL.** The Panthers were never in this game, and it shows just how matchup-proof CMC is. He did so much damage despite the blowout loss from the get-go.
- **Week 12 – 34.3 ... 22-64-1, 9/9-69-1 @ NO.** CMC's goal line score showcased his agility, as he made a Saints defender totally whiff in space with a jump cut inside. He was shut down on the ground, with a long carry of 9 yards. He did continue to shine on short checkdowns from Kyle Allen, including a 23-yard tight rope walk along the sideline.
- **Week 13 – 17.2 ... 14-44-0, 12/7-58-0 vs. WAS.** CMC looked fine, but he could only do so much with Kyle Allen playing the way he did.
- **Week 14 – 24.5 ... 11-53-0, 12/11-82-0 @ ATL.** CMC has now been held out of the end zone in 3 of the last 4 games, but he's getting an insane PPR workload. He caught multiple cheap receptions with just a few minutes left despite trailing by 3 TDs, a near weekly tradition that has given CMC an unheard of floor.
- **Week 15 – 37.5 ... 19-87-2, 10/8-88-0 vs. SEA.** He ended the dry spell of TDs in an emphatic fashion, going for 175 YFS in the losing effort. That puts him over 2,000 scrimmage yards on the year. The holes weren't always there today, but whenever he got a head of steam, there was no stopping him. He has 18 total TDs this year.
- **Week 16 – 32.3 ... 13-54-0, 15/15-119-0 @ IND.** There was no contest with Will Grier starting (244 PAYD, 3 INTs), but CMC still remarkably caught 15 (!) passes on 15 targets! He needs just 67 REYD to join Marshall Faulk and Roger Craig as the only members of the 1,000 RU / 1,000 RE club. He became the first RB with back-to-back 100 catch seasons.
- **Week 17 – 22.8 ... 9-26-1, 10/7-72-0 vs. NO.** The Panthers kept him in during the blowout in the meaningless finale for Carolina to ensure he'd accrue 67 REYD to reward his historic season by going over 1K yards in both rushing and receiving.

- **Season Summary:** CMC's 116 catches on the season are the most ever for an RB. He became the 3rd player ever to amass 1K rushing and receiving in the same season. This was a prime LaDainian Tomlinson or Marshall Faulk like season that will go down in fantasy football history. His historic campaign is all the more impressive considering the Panthers' pathetic QB play and despite the Panthers losing often, proving how much of a matchup-proof beast he is. Still only 23 years old. 3rd highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 287-1387-15 (4.8 YPC), 100+... 142/116-1005-4, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 29.5 PPG in 16 Games = RB1 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Russell Okung** – (0/16 LT)... 77 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Dennis Daley** – (10/16 LT)... 64 overall. Started weeks 5-10, 13-17.
 - **Greg Little** – (3/16 LT)... 62 overall. Started weeks 4, 11-12.
- **Greg Van Roten** – (10/16 LG)... 76 overall (Strong Finish). DNP weeks 12-17.
 - **Daryl Williams** – (12/16 OG)... 64 overall (Weak RB). DNP weeks 8-11. Started weeks 1-3 at LT, weeks 4-6 at RG, and weeks 12-17 at LG.
- **Matt Paradis** – (16/16 C)... 75 overall (Weak PB).
- **Trai Turner** – (13/16 RG)... 74 overall. DNP weeks 4-6.
- **John Miller** – (0/16 RG)... 66 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Taylor Moton** – (16/16 RT)... 87 overall (Strong PB).

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Brian Burns | 72 | |
| ED: Yetur Gross-Matos | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Stephen Weatherly | 60 | |
| ED: Mario Addison | 75 | |
| ED: Bruce Irvin | 78 | DNP weeks 1-3. |
| ED: Efe Obada | 62 | ~15 SPG |
| DT: Kawann Short | 90 | DNP weeks 3-17. |
| DT: Derrick Brown | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Zach Kerr | 77 | |
| NT: Dontari Poe | 77 | DNP weeks 13-17. |
| DT: Gerald McCoy | 83 | |
| DT: Vernon Butler | 64 | DNP weeks 1-2. |
| DT: Kyle Love | 60 | ~25 SPG |
| LB: Luke Kuechly | 98 | |
| LB: Shaq Thompson | 77 | DNP weeks 16-17 |

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| LB: Jermaine Carter | 60 | |
| LB: Tahir Whitehead | 63 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Eli Apple | 75 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: James Bradberry | 83 | DNP week 10 |
| CB: Donte Jackson | 72 | DNP weeks 4-7, 16-17 |
| NCB: Ross Cockrell | 64 | DNP weeks 2, 11-12 |
| CB: Javien Elliot | 66 | |
| FS: Tre Boston | 85 | |
| SS: Eric Reid | 60 | |
| SS: Juston Burris | 76 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| SS: Jeremy Chinn | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |

CHICAGO BEARS

Passing Game:

WR Allen Robinson

- **Week 1 – 17.2 ... 13/7-102-0 vs. GB.** Robinson was the best player on the field for the Bears, making highlight-reel catches left and right. He had a brilliant 27-yard back-shoulder catch. He converted a huge third down for a gain of 21 in the 4th quarter. He was the target of Mitch Trubisky's horrible game-sealing INT in the end zone. He has a knack for winning 50/50 balls.
- **Week 2 – 8.1 ... 7/4-41-0 @ DEN.** A-Rob was completely erased by stud CB Chris Harris until the final seconds, when he rescued Chicago with a clutch 25-yard catch, which put the Bears in position for a game-winning FG as time expired.
- **Week 3 – 12.0 ... 7/6-60-0 @ WAS.** Looked poised for a big night with 5-46-0 in the first half, but Mitch Trubisky had just 58 PAYD in the second half, as the Bears offense stalled with a big lead.
- **Week 4 – 14.7 ... 7/7-77-0 vs. MIN.** CHASE DANIEL STARTED. A-Rob caught literally everything Daniel threw at him. The Bears fed David Montgomery to grind the clock in the second half. Robinson ran circles around Xavier Rhodes.
- **Week 5 – 28.7 ... 9/7-97-2 @ OAK.** CHASE DANIEL STARTED. Robinson was virtually impossible to cover for most of the afternoon, routinely coming down with contested catches in tight coverage whenever Daniel threw the ball his way. He's overcome the Bears' suspect QB play.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 24.7 ... 16/10-87-1 vs. NO.** As has been the case for pretty much every game this season, A-Rob was the only bright spot for the Bears' brutal offense. His QB play is hurting his ceiling, but he looks as good physically as ever.
- **Week 8 – 11.2 ... 7/5-62-0 vs. LAC.** He also drew a pair of DPI penalties. He didn't have a great game vs. Casey Hayward, but he did well enough to find soft spots in the defense. A well placed ball from Mitch Trubisky resulted in a 31-yard grab down the sideline, setting the Bears up with 1st-and-goal.
- **Week 9 – 1.6 ... 5/1-6-0 @ PHI.** Robinson went down with the ship in the first half as Mitch Trubisky failed to complete a pass beyond the L.O.S. for the first two quarters. He nearly made a heroic leaping snag to bolster his stats in the 3rd quarter but dropped the severely underthrown throw upon violently crashing onto his back. 42 snaps (season low).
- **Week 10 – 14.6 ... 9/6-86-0 vs. DET.** He was unphased by another challenging CB matchup, this time against Darius Slay. He set the tone with 4 catches before halftime and never took his foot off the gas. He's winning with his size (6'2, 220).

- **Week 11 – 5.5 ... 6/4-15-0 @ LAR.** Another tough CB, Jalen Ramsey, erased A-Rob in shadow coverage. Trubisky didn't really even try to test Ramsey.
- **Week 12 – 25.1 ... 10/6-131-1 vs. NYG.** It looked like it was going to be another quiet week. Robinson had 2 catches for 18 REYD in the first half. But he flipped the switch after halftime, exploding on his 4 catches after the break. He hauled in a 49-yard deep ball and a 32-yard TD. He proved to be a nightmare for young Giants corners.
- **Week 13 – 22.6 ... 12/8-86-1 @ DET.** His score was an opening drive 10-yarder where he split defenders for an excellent catch.
- **Week 14 – 21.8 ... 8/5-48-2 vs. DAL.** It was a rugged night with both his TDs coming against tight coverage in the end zone. The second was on LB Jaylon Smith. A-Rob also drew a DPI on Byron Jones. He continues to shine in adverse offensive conditions.
- **Week 15 – 19.5 ... 14/7-125-0 @ GB.** Did almost all his damage in the second half, as he went into the break with only 9 yards. Mitch Trubisky threw it 53 times.
- **Week 16 – 11.3 ... 12/6-53-0 vs. KC.** Robinson got behind the Chiefs secondary for what should have been a long TD but was overthrown by Mitch Trubisky. There wasn't much he could do in a game where Trubisky threw for only 157 PAYD. He still managed to make contested catches in traffic, something he's done as well as any player this season.
- **Week 17 – 16.3 ... 12/9-71-0 @ MIN.**
- **Season Summary:** Robinson broke out in 2019 after a failed first season with the Bears, coming off a torn ACL. He finished as a WR1 in fantasy despite horrible QB play (which he's had every year of his career). He looked as healthy as ever and in his prime physically, making contested catches routinely and having good games against great CBs. The 27-year-old enters a contract year in 2020. 15th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 154/98-1147-7, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.9 PPG in 16 Games = WR13 Pace.

WR Anthony Miller

- **Week 1 – 0.0 ... 1/0-0-0 vs. GB.** Miller was limited for most of the offseason recovering from shoulder surgery and then sprained his ankle in August, to the point where beat writers speculated he would have a limited role to open the season. Not having time to get familiar with the Matt Nagy's newly installed offense, Nagy said Miller's challenge is "getting the offense down" and "that route timed up the quarterback." Miller was unheard from on opening night, not being targeted until the 4th quarter. He only played 15 snaps. Tarik Cohen essentially filled in as the slot receiver instead.
- **Week 2 – 1.2 ... 1/1-2-0 @ DEN.** Miller played 31 snaps but was cold-shouldered by Mitch Trubisky, who targeted him just once on his 12 routes.
- **Week 3 – 2.5 ... 3/1-15-0 @ WAS.** 32 snaps.

- **Week 4 – 3.1 ... 3/2-11-0 vs. MIN.** CHASE DANIEL STARTED. Daniel largely ignored Miller though. As we've seen, Miller is an afterthought in this offense. Snaps increased slightly to 43.
- **Week 5 – 9.2 ... 7/4-52-0 @ OAK.** CHASE DANIEL STARTED. Miller made the best catch of the game over the top of Lamarcus Joyner for a 32-yard completion down the field. He wasn't too much of a factor outside of that. Daniel fed plenty of underneath targets to Tarik Cohen and Trey Burton. 43 snaps.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 9.3 ... 9/5-64-0, FL vs. NO.** His lost fumble came on a jet sweep. Almost all of his production came in garbage time on the final 2 drives of the game. 48 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 9.7 ... 3/3-67-0 vs. LAC.** Not much went right for the Bears, but everything Miller and David Montgomery touched turned to gold. He has still yet to score despite finding the end zone a surprising 7 times as a rookie in limited time. 40 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 0.0 ... 1/0-0-0 @ PHI.** Miller's on-field usage began trending down with Taylor Gabriel (3-69-0) back to full health in week 8. Only played 18 snaps.
- **Week 10 – 1.7 ... 2/1-7-0 vs. DET.** He exited briefly in the 2nd quarter after a Mitch Trubisky hospital ball led him into heavy traffic. Miller has gone off the grid as a sophomore. 32 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 11.4 ... 11/6-54-0 @ LAR.** With Allen Robinson drawing most of the defensive attention and being shut down by Jalen Ramsey, Miller saw his highest target share of the season. Season-high 65 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 13.7 ... 9/6-77-0 vs. NYG.** Four of his catches came on Chicago's final drive of the first half. He was the intended target of one of Trubisky's INTs. He still hasn't scored a TD this season, but his volume is on the rise. 39 snaps. Notably, Taylor Gabriel exited with a concussion.
- **Week 13 – 23.0 ... 13/9-140-0 @ DET.** Heating up over the past 2 weeks, Miller boiled over for a new career high in yards. He came up huge on the game-winning drive with receptions of 11, 35, and 32 yards. The 35-yarder was an over-the-shoulder bucket grab. Miller now is clear No. 2 receiver over Taylor Gabriel. 56 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 13.2 ... 4/3-42-1 vs. DAL.** Miller also had a rugged first half gain called back by a soft block in the back penalty. His TD was the first of the year. It was a bubble screen where the entire Cowboys defense declined to tackle. 62 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 26.8 ... 15/9-118-1 @ GB.** Miller's 15 targets led the team on a day Mitchell Trubisky fired off 53 passes. It was all Miller and Allen Robinson moving the ball for the Bears. Miller has been great over the last month, with 54 REYD and/or 1 TD in 5 straight games. Season-high 79 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 1.2 ... 2/1-2-0 vs. KC.** It's a disappointing game from Miller, who was hot since Taylor Gabriel went down. He wasn't involved at all despite the Bears trailing all night. 63 snaps.

- **Week 17 – 1.5 ... 1/1-5-0 @ MIN. EXITED** with a shoulder injury early. Only 20 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** It was a tale of two halves for Anthony Miller in 2019. Over his first 9 games, Miller averaged just 1.9 catches and 24.2 REYD while playing on about half of the offensive snaps. Offseason shoulder surgery and an ankle roll prevented him from picking up the new offense and contributed to the slow start. But a second half concussion to Taylor Gabriel opened up playing time down the stretch. Miller averaged 5.7 catches and 72 REYD from weeks 11-16. Miller could use some health and better QB play. 73rd highest graded WR, per PFF. Anthony Miller underwent surgery for his shoulder (the same shoulder as last off-season's surgery).
- **Season Totals:** 85/52-656-2, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 8.5 PPG in 15 Games (minus week 17 early exit) = WR44 Pace.

Running Game:

RB David Montgomery

- **Week 1 – 5.5 ... 6-18-0, 1/1-27-0 vs. GB.** The Bears traded up for Montgomery and were reportedly “in love” with him this summer. They did not show it in week 1. The rookie was out-touched by backfield mates Mike Davis and Tarik Cohen. He did flash his signature elusiveness in limited fashion, forcing some missed tackles. He also added an acrobatic catch. He was not called on much in the second half, seeing just 2 touches after halftime. Cohen soaked up targets out of the backfield. Unfortunately this looks like a full-fledged RBBC. 27 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 13.8 ... 18-62-1, 3/1-6-0 @ DEN.** HC Matt Nagy stated he had to run the ball more after week 1. Week 2 was a positive in that he led the backfield with 19 touches, but he was not efficient, averaging 3.4 YPC with a long gain of 12 yards. Montgomery's athletic shortcomings (4.63 '40, 36.4 SPARQ score) are evident, but he's big and elusive and can hold his own as a pass catcher. 27 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 11.1 ... 13-67-0, 3/3-14-0 @ WAS.** A great portion of those yards, including a patient 25-yard run, came on the meaningless final drive with the Bears salting away a 16-point win. Still, Montgomery dominated backfield touches 16-6-1 over Cohen and Davis. 41 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 9.7 ... 21-53-0, 5/3-14-0 vs. MIN.** Facing another tough test, Montgomery's usage is growing but his efficiency is not. He averaged 2.52 YPC, though the Bears are treating him as their bell cow whether he deserves it or not. 48 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 10.6 ... 11-25-1, 1/1-11-0 @ OAK.** He only out-snapped Tarik Cohen 30-29, and he has not shown the ability to create big plays in a below average offense.
- **Week 6 – BYE**

- **Week 7 – 1.9 ... 2-6-0, 2/2-13-0, FL vs. NO.** Montgomery lost a fumble, and the Bears offense was atrocious, failing to clear 90 yards before halftime. Game script was negative for Montgomery, as the Bears trailed by multiple scores for most of the game.
- **Week 8 – 24.7 ... 27-135-1, 5/4-12-0 vs. LAC.** Montgomery bounced back from the ugliness last week with his first breakout performance of his career. The Bears struggled in the red zone and Mitch Trubisky made several bone-headed plays, but Montgomery was a bright spot. He had a 55-yard burst in the second quarter. Coach Matt Nagy promised to get Montgomery more involved this week after limiting him to 2 carries, and he delivered on that promise, feeding him 31 touches. Tarik Cohen only had 7. 59 snaps (season high).
- **Week 9 – 22.6 ... 14-40-2, 4/3-36-0 @ PHI.** Montgomery was again the lone bright spot for Chicago. Things were looking rough at halftime, as he rode the pine during the Bears' first opportunity inside the 5-yard line. However, he scored on a goal line TD after Trubisky was stuffed on a scramble. His 2nd TD occurred after Tarik Cohen was knocked out of bounds next to the pylon. Montgomery has now handled 48/62 backfield touches in Chicago's last 2 games.
- **Week 10 – 6.0 ... 17-60-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. DET.** His longest run was only 9 yards, and he was not targeted on 14 routes. He broke some tackles, but he saw similar playing time to Cohen. He's averaging only 3.4 YPC this year, but he does have 5 goal line TDs.
- **Week 11 – 6.0 ... 14-31-0, 3/1-19-0 @ LAR.** Game time decision with ankle injury. Tarik Cohen got the start after Montgomery missed most of practice this week. They saw the same amount of touches, though Montgomery played around half the snaps. He didn't look 100%.
- **Week 12 – 5.1 ... 13-22-0, 3/2-9-0 vs. NYG.** Another tepid showing for Montgomery, who seems to have hit the proverbial rookie wall. He has averaged 2.64 YPC over his last 4 games, and he has not scored in the last 3 games.
- **Week 13 – 16.7 ... 16-75-0, 2/2-12-1 @ DET.** He was not a factor early, but Montgomery eventually rallied for his best effort in over a month. He scored the game-winning TD on a catch over the middle. The Bears offense was remained dysfunctional with Trubisky under center. The Lions' inept defense was a major help.
- **Week 14 – 6.6 ... 20-86-0, 1/0-0-0, FL vs. DAL.** Lost a fumble but it came after forward progress had halted, and the play should have been blown dead. Montgomery was churning out tough yardage between the tackles. Montgomery's night ended in the medical tent with a leg injury.
- **Week 15 – 5.9 ... 14-39-0, 1/1-10-0 @ GB.** Actually led the Bears in rushing despite the lousy output. He has 0 RUTD since Week 9.
- **Week 16 – 6.9 ... 13-57-0, 1/1-2-0 vs. KC.** Slight improvement on last week. He continues to out-touch Tarik Cohen by a wide margin. Today, he was effective on a per-play basis, but it didn't amount to much.

- **Week 17 – 17.3 ... 23-113-1, 0/0-0-0 @ MIN.** In a game where Minnesota rested many starters, Montgomery had his second signature game of the season. 49 snaps (second most – Montgomery played 32-49 SPG weeks 9-17).
- **Season Summary:** Montgomery flopped in his rookie season despite plenty of volume. His 3.67 YPC was one of the worst marks in the league, and he did not really put a dent into Tarik Cohen’s receiving usage. He appeared slow in transitioning to the NFL, and his lack of athleticism prevented big plays, though he broke many tackles as usual. The rookie did average 17.1 rushes per game over his last 10 games and the Bears seem committed to him. Mitch Trubisky’s awfulness unquestionably hurt Montgomery’s production. 38th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 242-889-6 (3.7 YPC) 2 100+... 35/25-185-1
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 10.7 PPG in 16 Games = RB28 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Charles Leno Jr.** – (16/16 LT)... 72 overall (Weak RB).
- **James Daniels** – (16/16 LG)... 79 overall (Strong Finish at LG). Started weeks 1-9 at C and weeks 10-17 at LG.
- **Cody Whitehair** – (16/16 C)... 77 overall (Strong RB). Started weeks 1-9 at LG and weeks 11-17 at C. Played better at LG.
- **Germain Ifedi** – (0/16 RG)... 70 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Kyle Long** – (4/16 RG)... 60 overall (Weak RB). Started weeks 1-3, 5.
 - **Rashaad Coward** – (9/16 RG)... 60 overall (Weak PB). Started weeks 7-15.
- **Bobby Massie** – (10/16 RT)... 73 overall. DNP weeks 3, 13-17.
 - **Cornelius Lucas** – (6/16 RT)... 72 overall. Started week 3, 13-17.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Khalil Mack | 97 | |
| ED: Robert Quinn | 77 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Leonard Floyd | 77 | |
| ED: Aaron Lynch | 60 | ~15 SPG. |
| DT: Akiem Hicks | 92 | Started weeks 1-2, Sig Snaps weeks 3, 15. |
| DT: Roy Robertson-Harris | 76 | DNP week 15. ~35 SPG. |
| NT: Eddie Goldman | 80 | DNP weeks 16-17. Opted Out of 2020 Season. |
| NT: John Jenkins | 80 | |
| DT: Nick Williams | 76 | ~35 SPG. |
| DT: Bilal Nichols | 60 | DNP weeks 2-5. ~30 SPG. |
| LB: Roquan Smith | 81 | DNP weeks 14-17. |

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| LB: Danny Trevathan | 77 | DNP weeks 10-17. |
| LB: Nick Kwiatkoski | 79 | Started weeks 10-17. |
| CB: Kyle Fuller | 74 | |
| CB: Jaylon Johnson | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Prince Amukamara | 74 | DNP weeks 14, 17. |
| NCB: Buster Skrine | 65 | |
| CB: Kevin Toliver II. | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 14-17. |
| FS: Ha Ha Clinton-Dix | 82 | |
| SS: Eddie Jackson | 77 | |

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Passing Game:

WR Tyler Boyd

- **Week 1 – 14.3 ... 12/8-60-0 @ SEA.** Boyd was second in targets behind John Ross, who had the best game of his life. Boyd was primarily targeted underneath, as he has been throughout his career, and he wasn't able to break off any big plays after the catch.
- **Week 2 – 22.2 ... 10/10-122-0 vs. SF.** Boyd was the only WR getting open for Andy Dalton, though most of his production came after the catch. Playing without A.J. Green is helping Boyd's usage.
- **Week 3 – 12.8 ... 11/6-68-0 @ BUF.** Boyd led the Bengals in targets with CB Tre'Davious White locking down John Ross. Boyd has had double digit targets every week with A.J. Green sidelined and with the Bengals trailing so often and abandoning the run.
- **Week 4 – 6.3 ... 6/3-33-0 @ PIT.** This was one to forget for the entire Cincy offense. They mustered just 3 points. Notably, John Ross got hurt.
- **Week 5 – 28.3 ... 14/10-123-1 vs. ARI.** It was looking like a lost day for Boyd in a golden matchup as Andy Dalton entered halftime 4/10 for 22 PAYD. The duo got cooking after the break. His TD was a game-tying 42-yarder with just 2 minutes remaining after he got a step on Budda Baker.
- **Week 6 – 4.0 ... 7/3-10-0 @ BAL.** It was a disastrous game for the entire Bengals offense. Ravens CB Marlon Humphrey did an excellent job with Boyd, and the O-Line wasn't able to hold up enough for Dalton to get into any sort of rhythm. Boyd is still averaging 10.0 targets per game.
- **Week 7 – 8.5 ... 14/5-55-0, FL vs. JAX.** It's been rough lately. Boyd has just cashed in on 8 of 21 targets with 3 drops in that span. This game included 2 drops and a lost fumble and 0 first half yards. He was also the intended target on 2 of Andy Dalton's 3 INTs. Still, Boyd continues to see impressive volume.
- **Week 8 – 12.8 ... 9/6-65-0 @ LAR.** His 8 targets were third on the team behind Auden Tate and Tyler Eifert. Boyd has slumped in recent weeks.
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 12.2 ... 8/6-62-0 vs. BAL. RYAN FINLEY STARTED.** This was a typical Boyd game, operating as a check down option on one of the worst teams in the NFL. It will be difficult for Boyd to hit any sort of ceiling with Finley at QB.
- **Week 11 – 2.0 ... 3/1-0-0, 1-10-0 @ OAK. RYAN FINLEY STARTED.** Even with nickel corner Lamarcus Joyner sidelined, Ryan Finley didn't stand a chance at finding Boyd at any point through the air behind Cincy's struggling O-Line.

- **Week 12 – 19.1 ... 9/5-101-1, FL vs. PIT. RYAN FINLEY STARTED.** After last week's 0 yard effort, Boyd made some noise in the media, saying he needed the ball more. His 9 targets led the team on a day Ryan Finley threw it just 26 times, completing 12. Boyd fumbled after a 22-yard pass in the 4th quarter inside the 10.
- **Week 13 – 16.9 ... 10/5-59-1 vs. NYJ. ANDY DALTON RESUMES AS STARTER.** Boyd has now gone at least 5-55 in 5 of his last 6 games and has scored in 2 straight. He appears to have broken out of his midseason slump.
- **Week 14 – 13.2 ... 6/5-75-0 @ CLE.** Standard afternoon for Boyd, who again led the team in receiving. The offense just doesn't score points.
- **Week 15 – 5.6 ... 7/3-26-0 vs. NE.** On Stephon Gilmore's island, Boyd was the intended target on 2 of Andy Dalton's 4 INTs, with the second being housed.
- **Week 16 – 33.8 ... 15/9-128-2 @ MIA.** Boyd definitely won some people their fantasy championships today. He took an advantage of an easy matchup, but he was aided by 4th quarter garbage time that crazily ended up forcing the game into OT. Boyd had a simple 3-yard TD with 29 seconds remaining. His 34-yard TD came earlier in that contest. 83 snaps were a season-high (played 54-72 SPG in every other game).
- **Week 17 – 10.9 ... 7/5-59-0 vs. CLE.** His effort got Boyd above 1K REYD for the second straight year.
- **Season Summary:** Boyd spent the entire year as the Bengals' No. 1 wideout without A.J. Green and with John Ross missing half the season. Boyd dealt with erratic QB play and a terrible O-Line, but his high volume helped his numbers as the Bengals were trailing by multiple scores in almost every game, abandoning the run for the first half of the season. He's a talented slot WR. 40th highest graded WR, per PFF. Finished strongly weeks 12-17.
- **Season Totals:** 148/90-1046-5, 4 100+... 4-23-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.58 PPG in 13 Games (minus 3 Finley starts) = WR23 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Joe Mixon

- **Week 1 – 3.7 ... 6-10-0, 3/2-7-0 @ SEA. EXITED** with an ankle sprain. Was limping slowly toward the sideline. The Bengals O-Line predictably struggled before Mixon departed. 28 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 5.7 ... 11-17-0, 5/3-10-0 vs. SF.** Game-time decision with ankle injury. Mixon was at less than 100% but played through the injury. In the game, he looked OK, but the O-Line issues and the Bengals abandoning the run after going down early sabotaged his day.
- **Week 3 – 17.4 ... 15-60-0, 2/2-34-1 @ BUF.** Mixon got off to another slow start, but he came alive in the passing game in the second half. The Bengals' makeshift

offensive line has not created any running room for Mixon. His TD was an easy throw from Andy Dalton to the flats that the Bills left wide open.

- **Week 4 – 10.3 ... 15-62-0, 5/4-1-0 @ PIT.** Mixon has no chance behind this offensive line. His rushing numbers have plummeted from his strong finish last season.
- **Week 5 – 11.9 ... 19-93-0, 1/1-16-0 vs. ARI.** Mixon's first game with 100 YFS in 2019 in an easy matchup. Mixon had 8 carries for 60 RUYD on the opening drive. He's still averaging just 3.66 YPC behind his putrid O-Line.
- **Week 6 – 5.9 ... 8-10-0, 3/2-29-0 @ BAL.** Saying Mixon had zero rushing lanes would be a massive understatement. As has been the case all season long, the Bengals were dominated at the L.O.S. 29 snaps (played 35-42 SPG weeks 2-5).
- **Week 7 – 7.4 ... 10-2-0, 2/1-2-1 vs. JAX.** This was rock bottom for the third-year workhorse, who managed a long run of 4 yards. He sprinkled in a 2-yard RETD but was otherwise nonexistent against Jacksonville's great front seven. Because of game script, the Bengals entered today having thrown on a league-high 71.1% of their offensive plays.
- **Week 8 – 17.7 ... 17-66-0, 4/4-11-1 @ LAR.** Mixon had 61 of his 77 total yards and his TD before halftime. He was cruising, but then the Bengals were forced to throw 30 times after the break.
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 17.1 ... 30-114-0, 3/2-37-0 vs. BAL.** RYAN FINLEY NAMED STARTER. The Bengals didn't even try to keep up with Lamar Jackson in this one. There was no reason for Mixon to touch the ball 30 times when the final score is 49-13, but they did not care. 55 snaps were a season-high.
- **Week 11 – 17.3 ... 15-86-1, 3/1-17-0 @ OAK.** Mixon's 3-yard RUTD was far and away the best, and only, highlight for Cincy, as he danced around multiple defenders behind the L.O.S. to score the Bengals' lone TD. It was the first RUTD by any Cincy RB all year.
- **Week 12 – 7.9 ... 18-79-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. PIT.** Mixon has at least 16 touches in his last 4 games, but the Bengals rarely threaten to score.
- **Week 13 – 17.0 ... 19-44-1, 4/4-26-0 vs. NYJ.** ANDY DALTON RESUMES AS STARTER. Mixon's recent usage continued with the QB change-back. The Jets have been playing pass-funnel defense and have done a great job of late stopping opposing RBs. Mixon was no different. He couldn't do anything with a monster workload.
- **Week 14 – 27.6 ... 23-146-1, 4/3-40-0 @ CLE.** Mixon was the entire offense for the Bengals, and this day could have been bigger if Cincy would have been able to capitalize on its goal-to-go situations. Mixon was visibly fuming when he didn't get the ball on 4th down near the goal line. After not scoring on the ground weeks 1-10, Mixon has 3 RUTDs over the last 4 weeks, right in time for fantasy playoffs (if you managed to make it there in spite of Mixon).

- **Week 15 – 18.6 ... 25-136-0, 3/3-20-0 vs. NE.** Even in a 3-TD loss, the Bengals made sure to establish the run, feeding him constantly. Mixon was finding lanes. The Bengals are literally running out the clock on their tanked season.
- **Week 16 – 9.3 ... 21-50-0, 2/2-23-0 @ MIA.** It was a disappointing game considering the high-scoring nature and the Bengals having 2 extra possessions in OT. He was arguably slower because of his “stomach bug,” but the matchup was great.
- **Week 17 – 30.6 ... 26-162-2, 1/1-14-0 vs. CLE.** Mixon saved his best game for a cupcake opponent in the season finale. 51 snaps (only 2 other games with 50+ snaps were week 10 and week 13).
- **Season Summary:** Mixon was a mega bust in the first of the season, but the Bengals committed to him as the focal point of their offense following their Week 9 BYE. They featured him despite trailing by several scores often, and he was able to pad his stats to a somewhat respectable level. Mixon, 24, had to deal with a highly dysfunctional offense and ran behind one arguably the worst O-Line in the league. He deserves credit for finishing strongly on a lost season, but his usage in the receiving game was disappointing under first year HC Zac Taylor. 16th highest graded RB, per PFF. Finished very strongly weeks 10-17.
- **Season Totals:** 278-1137-5 (4.1 YPC) 4 100+... 45/35-287-3.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.1 PPG in 16 Games = RB19 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Jonah Williams** – (0/16 LT)... DNP weeks 1-17.
 - **Cordy Glenn** – (5/16 LT)... 78 overall (Strong PB). Started weeks 12-16.
 - **Andre Smith** – (3/16 LT)... 60 overall. Started weeks 1, 3-4.
 - **John Jerry** – (7/16 LT)... 63 overall. Started weeks 2, 5-11.
- **Michael Jordan** – (9/16 LG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 1-2, 4-5, 13-17.
 - **Billy Price** – (8/16 OG)... 60 overall (Weak PB). Started weeks 3, 6-12 at LG, and week 16 at RG.
- **Trey Hopkins** – (16/16 C)... 73 overall (Strong Finish).
- **Xavier Su’a-Filo** – (0/16 RG)... 70 overall (Good PB). Projected Starter in 2020.
- **John Miller** – (12/16 RG)... 66 overall. DNP weeks 6-8, 16.
 - **Alex Redmond** – (3/16 RG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 6-8.
- **Bobby Hart** – (16/16 RT)... 65 overall (Weak RB, Strong Finish).

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Carlos Dunlap | 96 | DNP weeks 6-7 |
| ED: Sam Hubbard | 73 | |
| ED: Carl Lawson | 62 | DNP weeks 3-4, 7-8. |

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| DT: Geno Atkins | 93 | |
| DT: D.J. Reader | 93 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Mike Daniels | 78 | |
| NT: Andrew Billings | 74 | Opted Out of 2020 Season. |
| DT: Josh Tupou | 76 | Opted Out of 2020 Season. |
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| LB: Josh Bynes | 86 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Nick Vigil | 60 | |
| LB: Germaine Pratt | 60 | Started weeks 11-17. |
| LB: Logan Wilson | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
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| CB: Trae Waynes | 74 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NCB: Darqueze Dennard | 76 | DNP weeks 1-6, 8, 10. |
| CB: William Jackson | 75 | DNP weeks 7, 17. |
| NCB: Mackensie Alexander | 72 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Dre Kirkpatrick | 71 | DNP weeks 6-17. |
| CB: B.W. Webb | 60 | |
| CB: LeShaun Sims | 60 | |
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| FS: Jessie Bates III. | 82 | |
| SS: Shawn Williams | 82 | |
| SS: Vonn Bell | 76 | Projected Starter in 2020. |

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Passing Game:

QB Baker Mayfield

- **Week 1 – 9.4 ... 285, 1-3 vs. TEN.** Mayfield absorbed 5 sacks for a loss of 41 yards in the losing effort. Mayfield was on fire to open the game, marching down the Browns down the field with ease. He completed 11 straight passes at one point. But he also took a safety and imploded late with 3 4th quarter INTs, one of which was a pick-six. Cleveland's inept O-Line hung Mayfield out to dry often. Cleveland was down to its third string LT after Greg Robinson's ejection and a knee injury to the backup. Mayfield looked shaken up after Cam Wake's safety but he continued to play. He escaped with a bruised throwing hand.
- **Week 2 – 15.0 ... 325, 1-1 @ NYJ.** His hand/wrist didn't appear to be an issue. Mayfield started slowly, struggling to diagnose the defense in the first half. But things quickly turned around for him when he hit Odell Beckham on a simple slant pattern that OBJ took to the house for an 89-yard TD. His INT was a forced throw to Beckham in the 4th.
- **Week 3 – 9.7 ... 195, 1-1 vs. LAR.** Freddie Kitchens said the he needs to do a better job getting the ball out of Mayfield's hands because he's taking too many hits. Mayfield was bad in this game, taking 3 sacks and rarely staying inside the pocket. His struggles continued against zone coverage. He's taken a step back after his rookie year.
- **Week 4 – 15.7 ... 342, 1-1 @ BAL.** Great bounce-back game. Mayfield found Ricky Seals-Jones for a walk-in score. Jarvis Landry was his favorite target, and Odell Beckham was a nonfactor. Only played 43 snaps, a season low (his second lowest snap count was 53).
- **Week 5 – -2.0 ... 100, 0-2, FL @ SF.** Mayfield was pulled with the Browns trailing 31-3 with under 5 minutes left. He had an abysmal 36.4 comp% and 13.4 QB Rating. Mayfield was also sacked 4 times and fumbled twice. The Browns bottomed out on national television. Mayfield didn't even complete a pass until the final play of the 1st quarter. The Niners D-Line owned the Browns' O-Line. Mayfield's 2nd INT was a drop by Antonio Callaway at the goal line that should have been a TD.
- **Week 6 – 19.4 ... 249, 1-3, 4-35-1 vs. SEA.** Another shaky performance. Mayfield never saw the defender for INT #1. Jarvis Landry got undercut for INT #2. Mayfield threw behind Dontrel Hilliard for INT #3. Throwing behind his receivers was a common problem for Mayfield, though he was hurt by a pure drop or two. He briefly headed to the locker room with a hip issue but didn't miss any time. He was in visible pain, however.

- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 11.5 ... 194, 1-1, 1-18-0 @ NE.** Mayfield took 5 sacks playing on the road in awful conditions against the league's best defense. His lone turnover was a failed toss to Nick Chubb. Mayfield had a sweet TD to Demetrius Harris after seeing Odell Beckham was being doubled. The O-Line was a disaster, as was Freddie Kitchens' play-calling.
- **Week 9 – 17.1 ... 273, 1-0, 3-22-0 @ DEN.** On 4th and 4 late in the game, trailing 24-19 to Brandon Allen's Broncos, Mayfield missed Odell Beckham beating Chris Harris's press coverage along the sideline and opted to rifle it to Jarvis Landry, who dropped the ball underneath. Mayfield also fell shy of a 4th and short QB sneak that Freddie Kitchens took Nick Chubb off the field for. Those 2 plays summarize the 2-6 Browns.
- **Week 10 – 17.6 ... 238, 2-0 vs. BUF.** Stuningly, it was Mayfield's first 2-TD performance through the air this season. He was extremely lucky to get there after a stupefying first half series of events that saw the Browns score 0 points on 12 plays over 2 series at the goal line. Mayfield found Jarvis Landry for a 17-yard score and Rashard Higgins for a game-winning 7-yarder later.
- **Week 11 – 21.8 ... 193, 2-0, 1-1-1 vs. PIT.** Mayfield built on last week's end game confidence, coming out hot. He had 64 PAYD and a RUTD on the opening drive. He was much shakier after, sailing one throw after another. His 2nd TD was a blind luck 8-yarder in the back of the end zone. His first was a 1-yarder to an uncovered Jarvis Landry.
- **Week 12 – 23.5 ... 327, 3-1 vs. MIA.** Mayfield started hot again, throwing 3 TDs on 3 of the Browns' first 4 drives. All TDs were to his stud WRs. Mayfield didn't do much in the second half, and he had another INT called back by penalty, with the Browns protecting their lead. Mayfield has been trending up lately with a 7-1 TD/INT ratio in his last 3 games.
- **Week 13 – 8.0 ... 196, 1-1, FL @ PIT.** Cleveland jumped out to a 10-0 lead but Pittsburgh finished it with 20 unanswered. Mayfield began the game 10/12, including a TD to Kareem Hunt. However, a big hit from Bud Dupree and potential sprained/broken finger off his helmet on his follow-through motion started a bad run where he finished 8/20 with an INT.
- **Week 14 – 10.9 ... 192, 0-2, 2-13-1 vs. CIN.** He was able to save his day with his 3rd RUTD of the year. He has just 3 multi-score games with 4 multi-INT efforts.
- **Week 15 – 16.9 ... 247, 2-1, 2-11-0 @ ARI.** Mayfield struggled to create explosive plays through the air. Patrick Peterson largely locked up Odell Beckham, but Jarvis Landry's disappointing performance against the Cards' backup CBs was surprising.
- **Week 16 – 14.0 ... 192, 2-1 vs. BAL.** As has been the case all season, Mayfield struggled to consistently move the ball through the air. He had the occasional flash of his arm and accuracy at moments, but it was another porous effort as a whole. His pocket presence behind a bad O-Line needs to be improved.
- **Week 17 – 20.0 ... 279, 3-3, 4-29-0 @ CIN.** The awful showing ends Mayfield's nightmare 2019. He had 3 multi-score games in his final 3 games, but only 6 for

the entire season. He also threw 9 INTs in his final 6 games, including at least 1 in each game down the stretch.

- **Season Summary:** Although coaching, play-calling, his O-Line, and the poor health of his receivers, were all to blame, Mayfield took a massive step back as a sophomore when the trajectory appeared to be positioning upward. He lacked pocket presence and awareness, taking too many sacks and forcing too many throws that led to turnovers. Overall, he was just sloppy. 18th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,827 PAYD, 22-21 TD/INT, 7.2 YPA, 59.4%, 78.8 QBR, 3 300+... 28-141-3, 25-23 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.3 PPG in 16 Games = QB27 Pace.

WR Odell Beckham

- **Week 1 – 14.1 ... 11/7-71-0 vs. TEN.** Reports shortly before week 1 revealed that Odell Beckham's hip still "hasn't opened up yet" while running. Beckham said, "It's like an extremely fast car with the alignment off. The car can still go, but it's dangerous... [the hip injury] is something that prevents me from opening up and sprinting." Despite the ominous report, he was declared healthy enough for week 1. He looked OK as far as his hip pointer is concerned. He had a 22-yard catch called back for OPI.
- **Week 2 – 28.1 ... 10/6-161-1 @ NYJ.** Gregg Williams talked smack to OBJ prior to the game, and Beckham responded in a big way. He had a 33-yard one-handed grab down the sideline to open the game. He later ripped off an 89-yard TD where he ran untouched through the middle of Gregg Williams' defense.
- **Week 3 – 11.6 ... 9/6-56-0 vs. LAR.** Beckham couldn't get anything going downfield. The Browns offense is struggling big time.
- **Week 4 – 4.0 ... 7/2-20-0 @ BAL.** Beckham was draped in Marlon Humphrey's stingy coverage all afternoon. It's been a sluggish start to the year.
- **Week 5 – 5.0 ... 6/2-27-0, 3-15-0 @ SF.** Yikes. The Browns could not do anything offensively. Baker Mayfield has been atrocious behind one of the worst O-Lines in the NFL. Coaches tried to get the ball in Beckham's hands, giving him a few rushing attempts and letting him throw (for a 20-yard completion). However, he muffed a punt. It's been a bad few weeks to start Beckham's career in Cleveland.
- **Week 6 – 16.1 ... 11/6-101-0 vs. SEA.** This game could have been bigger, but Beckham had 2 drops, and Mayfield misfired on some back-shoulder throws. He also had a pair of catches called back by penalty. His biggest play was a 41-yard circus grab over a defender that was lucky to stand on appeal.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 10.2 ... 7/5-52-0 @ NE.** There weren't many highlights from Beckham, who was followed by shut down CB Stephon Gilmore, though he did turn heads with an impossible 31-yard catch in traffic late in the 4th quarter. He drew double coverage often.

- **Week 9 – 13.2 ... 6/5-87-0 @ DEN.** Beckham earned his yards. He plucked a high throw on a comeback route away from Chris Harris before turning upfield for a huge gain, and stopping on a dime and cutting back a reception on a quick slant to sprint downhill for a 20-yard explosion. Still, Beckham has not recorded over 6 catches since week 1. Baker Mayfield missed Beckham on a wide open 4th-and-4 along the sideline. They lack chemistry.
- **Week 10 – 10.7 ... 12/5-57-0 vs. BUF.** Beckham nearly had a 75-yard TD on the first play from scrimmage. He had a step on Tre'Davious White, but Mayfield wasn't on target. After that, White largely had OBJ's number. OBJ did manage to draw a DPI on White in the end zone. The yardage and scores are simply not there, but it has not helped that Beckham has had to face a murderer's row of CBs in Stephon Gilmore, Chris Harris, and Tre White, during the last 3 games.
- **Week 11 – 10.0 ... 10/4-60-0 vs. PIT.** Beckham stormed out of the gate with 2 catches for 49 REYD. His second catch appeared to be a 43-yard TD, but replay ruled him down at the 1-yard line. Beckham gained only 11 more yards all evening. Baker Mayfield was too inaccurate.
- **Week 12 – 20.4 ... 8/6-84-1 vs. MIA.** Most of the damage came on a 35-yard TD against blown coverage. He was out-shined by teammate Jarvis Landry, who put a show against his former team.
- **Week 13 – 5.9 ... 6/3-29-0 @ PIT.** Notched 2 catches early but didn't record his next, and final reception, until midway through the 4th. He's gone 6 straight games without 100 REYD and this is the 3rd game with fewer than 30 REYD in 2019.
- **Week 14 – 5.9 ... 5/2-39-0 vs. CIN.** During the week, Ian Rapoport reported that Odell Beckham has been playing with a sports hernia that will require offseason surgery. He categorized the injury as both serious and often painful. In this game, Beckham caught both his passes early again and didn't see another target after halftime. He did draw a DPI call deep in the 4th to seal the win. He's been playing second fiddle to Jarvis Landry.
- **Week 15 – 14.6 ... 13/8-66-0 @ ARI.** During the week, Jay Glazer reported that Beckham has told players and coaches on other teams that he wants out of Cleveland. Glazer doesn't see this ending well, and Beckham has supposedly made it a habit to tell coaches on opposing teams "come get me." Beckham said "I couldn't sit here and tell you whether I'm going to be here, want to be here, don't want to be here..." In this game, OBJ was largely held in check by Pat Peterson. He did get unlucky and finish just short of the goal line late in the 4th quarter after catching a slant. Mayfield tried to feed him deep, but Beckham didn't create much separation.
- **Week 16 – 14.4 ... 6/4-44-1 vs. BAL.** During the week, Beckham said he wanted to play through the painful injury in Cleveland's final 2 games because of his love for football and his teammates. He also said "I'm not going anywhere. I'll be here. It's too special," when he was asked about his future with the Browns. In this game, Beckham was passionate, talking trash to the Ravens sideline early and often. He

drew a taunting penalty and was seen throwing his helmet on the sideline before arguing with coach Freddie Kitchens.

- **Week 17 – 17.1 ... 6/3-81-1 @ CIN.** Beckham's score was a leaping 20-yarder in the end zone.
- **Season Summary:** He managed to reach 1K REYD on an injury-plagued brutal first season in Cleveland. Beckham seemed unhealthy and unhappy all year, having feuds with coach Freddie Kitchens, and not denying he wanted to request a trade at one point. The Browns' pitiful play from Baker Mayfield and the O-Line didn't help matters. The 27-year-old is expected to be ready for OTAs. 60th highest graded WR, per PFF. Beckham underwent successful surgery to repair a core muscle injury that he played through all season.
- **Season Totals:** 133/74-1035-4, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.6 PPG in 16 Games = WR35 Pace.

WR Jarvis Landry

- **Week 1 – 11.7 ... 7/4-67-0, 1-10-0 vs. TEN.** Landry was bottled up in the first half but shined after halftime. He picked up 23 yards on 3rd-and-long and nabbed a 34-yard deep shot from Baker Mayfield to set up 1st-and-goal from the 3-yard line.
- **Week 2 – 6.2 ... 7/3-32-0 @ NYJ.** Landry played second fiddle to OBJ.
- **Week 3 – 9.2 ... 9/3-62-0 vs. LAR.** Landry was quiet for most of the night before a clutch 27-yard catch on 3rd-and-15 late in the game. He's locked into heavy targets with TE David Njoku on injured reserve.
- **Week 4 – 24.7 ... 10/8-167-0 @ BAL.** EXITED with a concussion after a career-best day. His 65-yard catch was basically poor tackling by the Ravens, but he feasted on the Ravens' CBs, as Marlon Humphrey locked down OBJ. Landry was knocked out of bounds at the 2-yard line before one of Nick Chubb's TDs.
- **Week 5 – 11.5 ... 6/4-75-0 @ SF.** Landry easily led the Browns in receiving on a night Baker Mayfield threw for just 100 PAYD. One of his catches, for 20 REYD, came from Odell Beckham.
- **Week 6 – 6.6 ... 5/3-36-0 vs. SEA.** Landry finally took a backseat to OBJ. Landry got undercut by a DB for one of Mayfield's INTs on a poorly thrown pass.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 11.5 ... 10/5-65-0 @ NE.** Odell Beckham was blanketed by Stephon Gilmore, so Landry led the team in targets. He exited for a spell after landing awkwardly on his shoulder in the 4th quarter but he only missed a handful of snaps.
- **Week 9 – 17.1 ... 13/6-51-1 @ DEN.** Landry snapped his 7-game TD drought. He broke a tackle from 9 yards out.
- **Week 10 – 24.7 ... 10/9-97-1 vs. BUF.** Landry beat Levi Wallace 1-on-1 for his 17-yard TD. His night was fueled by Tre'Davious White shadowing Odell Beckham. Landry has drawn 10+ targets in 3 straight.
- **Week 11 – 14.3 ... 7/4-43-1 vs. PIT.** Landry has now scored in 3 straight games. His TD was a 1-yard bunny where he was uncovered.

- **Week 12 – 36.8 ... 13/10-148-2 vs. MIA.** Landry had his way with a banged up Dolphins secondary, relentlessly burning CB Ryan Lewis. Both of his TDs came in the red zone, and he had a 37-yard highlight catch to set up another score. He's scored in 4 straight and has 10+ targets in 4 of his last 5 games. He's peaking.
- **Week 13 – 13.6 ... 11/6-76-0 @ PIT.** Now with double digit targets in 5 of his last 6 games, Landry is the primary receiver over a hindered or checked out OBJ. He arguably made the catch of the year, dancing along the sideline for a 15-yard acrobatic gain.
- **Week 14 – 11.6 ... 7/4-76-0 vs. CIN.** He paces the Browns in receiving pretty much every week with Beckham struggling.
- **Week 15 – 7.3 ... 8/5-23-0 @ ARI.** Landry was shown having some heated words with coach Freddie Kitchens following a failed 4th down attempt. The general lack of production during this cupcake matchup was a bigger issue. It was disappointing considering Pat Peterson shadowed OBJ, and Landry couldn't take advantage of weak Cardinals DBs.
- **Week 16 – 14.4 ... 9/7-74-0 vs. BAL.** Landry worked as Mayfield's primary target. None of his yardage was easy with Marlon Humphrey providing plenty of resistance from the slot.
- **Week 17 – 16.2 ... 6/2-82-1 @ CIN.** Before the game, Landry admitted that he'll see a hip specialist at the end of the season. He's been playing through a hip issue since week 14 (at least that's when he first popped up on the injury report with it).
- **Season Summary:** Landry finished with a career high in REYD, while his 14.1 YPR were easily his new personal best. The outstanding campaign comes despite the fact Landry played the latter portion of the season with a hip injury, and dealt with Baker Mayfield's struggles. It likely helped that Odell Beckham was not right for most of the season. 20th highest graded WR, per PFF. Jarvis Landry underwent offseason hip surgery in February. He initially said surgery was a last resort, but he admitted to playing "80 percent" healthy in 2019. He did participate in the Pro Bowl Skills Showdown before the surgery. Jarvis Landry is expected to be sidelined for 6-8 months from his Feb. 4th operation date. He's questionable for Week 1.
- **Season Totals:** 138/83-1174-6, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.8 PPG in 16 Games = WR22 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Nick Chubb

- **Week 1 – 11.5 ... 17-75-0, 4/3-10-0 vs. TEN.** Chubb sprinkled in some nice runs. He looked shifty in the backfield, forcing a trio of missed tackles. Unfortunately, game script worked against him in the second half. He saw just 5 carries after halftime as the Browns abandoned their running game. Chubb lost a handful of passing down reps to Dontrell Hilliard, who also vultured him for a goal line score in the 1st quarter before later exiting with a concussion.

- **Week 2 – 19.8 ... 18-62-1, 4/4-36-0 @ NYJ.** Chubb scored on a 19-yard scamper. It hasn't been flashy, but he's racked up 41 touches, including 7 catches. The volume is there.
- **Week 3 – 17.1 ... 23-96-0, 7/4-35-0 vs. LAR.** Coach Freddie Kitchens said before the game he'd love to get Nick Chubb more touches. He was able to in week 3. Chubb had a heavy workload despite game flow working against him. He was a bright spot for a Browns offense that couldn't pass or protect Baker Mayfield. 67 snaps (season high).
- **Week 4 – 39.3 ... 20-165-3, 4/3-18-0 @ BAL.** The Browns could have gotten Chubb a 4th TD late, but they gave Dontrell Hilliard some goal line chances to close out the game, and he punched one in. Chubb's big score was an untouched 88-yard run perfectly blocked where Chubb showed an extra gear to separate from the defense. What a game.
- **Week 5 – 10.9 ... 16-87-0, 1/1-12-0 @ SF.** Cleveland failed to score a TD in this game. Baker Mayfield completed only 8 passes. Chubb was easily Cleveland's best player. Game script was against Chubb all night, once again.
- **Week 6 – 28.9 ... 20-122-2, 6/5-17-0, FL vs. SEA.** Chubb's scores came from 7 and 3 yards out. He also lost a fumble, letting a screen pass get punched from behind. He has rushed for 87 yards at least in the last 4 games despite genuinely dreadful play around him. He enters the BYE averaging 5.32 YPC. 59 snaps (played 38-45 SPG weeks 2, 4-5, 8-9).
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 10.8 ... 20-131-0, 1/1-7-0, 2 FL @ NE.** Chubb's numbers look terrific on paper, but he was responsible for 2 critical turnovers on consecutive plays. Ball security has been a growing concern for Chubb, who has coughed it up 3 times in the past 2 games. He ran well though.
- **Week 9 – 13.1 ... 20-65-0, 5/4-26-0 @ DEN.** Chubb got 24 touches, but it was disappointing considering the great matchup. Chubb was removed on a critical 3rd-and-3 and failed 4th-and-1 late in the game.
- **Week 10 – 14.1 ... 20-116-0, 4/2-5-0 vs. BUF.** KAREEM HUNT RETURNS FROM SUSPENSION. Coach Freddie Kitchens hinted Chubb's touches would take a hit with Kareem Hunt returning. Hunt had an immediate role as a receiver, and also playing RB with Chubb in the backfield too. He looked fresh. Chubb luckily kept his usual 20-touch role.
- **Week 11 – 9.2 ... 27-92-0, 1/0-0-0 vs. PIT.** With Kareem Hunt operating as the third down back, Chubb was targeted just once in the passing game. He still matched his season high in touches. He's cleared 20 carries in 5 straight games and 7 of the last 8.
- **Week 12 – 25.4 ... 21-106-1, 3/3-58-0 vs. MIA.** Chubb wasn't used much in the first half with Baker Mayfield throwing 3 TDs. He did have a TD vultured by Kareem Hunt, but he converted a goal line carry late in the 4th to seal the game. Chubb has remained a workhorse, with 6 straight games with 20+ carries.

- **Week 13 – 8.9 ... 16-58-0, 2/1-21-0 @ PIT.** Chubb had 10 carries at halftime and looked solid, but he saw just 5 second half carries as the Browns saw their 10-0 lead disappear. Chubb is offering very little in Cleveland's receiving game, having caught just 6 passes to Hunt's 20 since Hunt rejoined the Browns in week 10.
- **Week 14 – 12.7 ... 15-106-0, 1/1-11-0 vs. CIN.** Chubb went into halftime with just 3 carries for 7 RUYD but broke off a 57-yard run after the break only to get dragged down at the 3-yard line. Of course, he left the field and watched Kareem Hunt score 2 plays later. Chubb also watched Baker Mayfield run it in from 7 yards out.
- **Week 15 – 23.8 ... 17-127-1, 3/3-21-0 @ ARI.** Chubb was easily the bright spot for the entire Browns offense, breaking tackles all afternoon and getting loose in the secondary on a few occasions.
- **Week 16 – 4.5 ... 15-45-0, 1/0-0-0 vs. BAL.** Chubb's longest run was 12, and he did not benefit from negative game script, as he was barely used as a receiver.
- **Week 17 – 5.2 ... 13-41-0, 2/1-1-0 @ CIN.** Chubb closed out 2019 with his 2 worst rushing days of the season. Season-low 31 snaps (played 35-39 SPG weeks 12-16).
- **Season Summary:** Few backs in the league possess Chubb's blend of explosiveness and tackle-breaking ability. The presence of Kareem Hunt puts a ceiling on Chubb's pass game involvement. Chubb managed to have a great rushing season despite poor O-Line play, coaching, and QB play from Baker Mayfield. Chubb's efficiency on a bad team was a result of his talent. PFF had Chubb leading the league in yards after first contact heading into week 17. 1st highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 298-1494-8 (5.0 YPC) 7 100+... 49/36-278-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.0 PPG in 16 Games = RB13 Pace.

RB Kareem Hunt

- **Week 10 – 14.4 ... 4-30-0, 9/7-44-0 vs. BUF.** A massive part of the Browns' game plan in Hunt's debut following his suspension, Hunt's 9 targets were only behind OBJ and Jarvis Landry. Hunt added a desired change-of-pace element and was even deployed with Nick Chubb on the field as well. He looked fresh as a receiver. 38 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 11.8 ... 6-12-0, 8/6-46-0 vs. PIT.** Being used like James White behind workhorse Nick Chubb, Hunt now has 17 targets in 10 games.
- **Week 12 – 12.6 ... 8-37-1, 3/2-9-0 vs. MIA.** Hunt's role didn't change, but he capitalized on his first red zone carry for a TD. Cleveland used some formations with both Chubb and Hunt on the field together.
- **Week 13 – 17.5 ... 7-46-0, 5/5-19-1 @ PIT.** Hunt shedded multiple tackles in the 2nd quarter for a 15-yard TD.
- **Week 14 – 14.8 ... 9-28-1, 2/2-40-0 vs. CIN.** Hunt's 3-yard RUTD came 2 plays after Nick Chubb did all the work with a 57-yard run down to the 3-yard line. Hunt has double digit touches in all 5 games he's played since his suspension.

- **Week 15 – 15.6 ... 4-14-0, 9/8-62-0 @ ARI.** Hunt continues to be featured as a passing game option with OBJ and Jarvis Landry. He's displayed the same rare combo of burst and tackle-breaking ability he showed off in Kansas City.
- **Week 16 – 8.1 ... 2-8-0, 4/4-33-0 vs. BAL.** Continues to work as 1B to Nick Chubb's 1A.
- **Week 17 – 6.6 ... 3-4-0, 4/3-32-0 @ CIN.** Hunt played between 34-44 SPG in every game weeks 10-17.
- **Season Summary:** Suspended the first half of the season, the 24-year-old Hunt returned in Week 9 and proceeded to catch 37 passes in 8 games as the Browns' pass catching back, finishing as the RB17 over the last 8 games behind a fruitful 5.5 targets per outing. 11th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 43-179-2 (4.1 YPC) 0 100+... 44/37-285-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.7 PPG in 8 Games = RB24 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Jedrick Wills** – (0/16 LT)... Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Greg Robinson** – (13/16 LT)... 74 overall. DNP weeks 1, 8, 13.
- **Joel Bitonio** – (16/16 LG)... 86 overall (Great PB).
- **J.C. Tretter** – (16/16 C)... 84 overall (Great PB).
- **Wyatt Teller** – (8/16 RG)... 65 overall. Started weeks 9-16.
 - **Eric Kush** – (7/16 RG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 1-8.
- **Jack Conklin** – (0/16 RT)... 90 overall (Strong RB). Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Chris Hubbard** – (14/16 RT)... 60 overall (Weak RB). DNP weeks 3, 14. Started at LT week 1.
 - **Justin McCray** – (5/16 OL)... 60 overall (Weak PB). Started weeks 1,3 at RT, weeks 8, 13 at LT, and week 17 at RG.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Myles Garrett | 95 | DNP weeks 12-17. |
| ED: Olivier Vernon | 89 | DNP weeks 10-16. |
| ED: Chad Thomas | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 10-17. |
| ED: Porter Gustin | 72 | Sig Snaps weeks 12-17. |
| ED: Bryan Cox Jr. | 65 | Sig Snaps weeks 12-17. |
| NT: Andrew Billings | 76 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: Larry Ogunjobi | 68 | DNP week 12. |
| DT: Sheldon Richardson | 81 | |
| LB: B.J. Goodson | 63 | Projected Starter in 2020. |

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| LB: Joe Schobert | 72 | |
| LB: Mack Wilson | 60 | Started weeks 3-17. |
| LB: Christian Kirksey | 62 | Started weeks 1-2. |
| CB: Denzel Ward | 81 | DNP weeks 3-6. |
| CB: Greedy Williams | 70 | DNP weeks 3-6. |
| CB: Terrance Mitchell | 71 | Started weeks 3-6. |
| NCB: Kevin Johnson | 78 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NCB: Eric Murray | 65 | Started weeks 2-8, 17. |
| FS: Karl Joseph | 79 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| FS: Andrew Sendejo | 78 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| SS: Grant Delpit | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| FS: Damarious Randall | 76 | DNP weeks 2-3, 8-9. |
| SS: Morgan Burnett | 76 | DNP weeks 3-4, 12-17. |
| SS: Juston Burris | 76 | Sig Snaps weeks 3, 11-17. |
| S: Sheldrick Redwine | 72 | Started weeks 11-17. |

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Passing Game:

QB Dak Prescott

- **Week 1 – 33.4 ... 405, 4-0, 4-12-0 vs. NYG.** Prescott posted a perfect 158.3 QB Rating in the best game of his career. He consistently found both Amari Cooper and Michael Gallup down the field while taking 0 sacks. The much-anticipated Kellen Moore offense looked even better than advertised. Three of Dak's TDs were to wide open WRs. The fully healthy O-Line played well.
- **Week 2 – 27.6 ... 269, 3-1, 5-69-0 @ WAS.** Prescott now has 7 scores in his first 2 games under new OC Kellen Moore. He started out throwing an INT but hit 8 receivers in the second half and made waves on the ground.
- **Week 3 – 22.5 ... 246, 2-1, 2-7-1 vs. MIA.** He looked shaky for large stretches of the first half, missing throws and tossing a bone-headed INT on a play he had a lot of time. He slowly settled in against the worst team in the league. His RUTD came on a bootleg.
- **Week 4 – 7.6 ... 223, 0-1, 1-7-0 @ NO.** This was a check down heavy game from Prescott, who completed 7 of his passes to his TEs. The Cowboys struggled to sustain drives, with their only TD coming on a 1-yard Ezekiel Elliot run. Dak's INT came on a Hail Mary on the final play. It's the first bad game from Prescott, who looked well on his way to a breakout season.
- **Week 5 – 23.2 ... 463, 2-3, 4-27-0 vs. GB.** He was brought down for 3 sacks. Dak's huge counting stats were largely fueled by garbage time, as he threw for 329 PAYD after the break. The first INT was a drop by Amari Cooper. The others were results of heavy pressure, and one miscommunication between the QB and WR. It wasn't the prettiest 400-yard game you'll ever see, though in fairness Dak played without both of his starting OTs (La'El Collins got hurt, while Tyron Smith was OUT). The Packers defense has been playing well.
- **Week 6 – 18.2 ... 278, 0-0, 3-11-1 @ NYJ.** Both starting OTs were out again, and Amari Cooper exited in the 1st quarter. Dallas made a valiant effort in storming back from a 21-9 4th quarter deficit and cutting the lead to 24-22 on the back of Prescott's 4-yard RUTD with 43 seconds remaining. The ensuing 2-point try fell short. Prescott also missed out on 2 TD tosses as Jason Witten's was negated for OPI and Ezekiel Elliot dropped a would-be red zone TD.
- **Week 7 – 20.5 ... 239, 1-1, 5-30-1 vs. PHI.** He added some rushing yards and scored on an 8-yard scramble. Prescott was accurate, completing 78% of his throws. Most of his throws come on check downs. Prescott's numbers have regressed to the mean after a hot start.

- **Week 8 – BYE**
- **Week 9 – 21.4 ... 257, 3-1, 3-12-0 @ NYG.** Dallas looked good after the BYE, dominating the Giants for the second time. Things didn't start all that great for Prescott; he tossed an INT on the first play of the game. The Cowboys also settled for some early FGs. Dak eventually hooked up with Blake Jarwin, Michael Gallup, and Amari Cooper for lengthy TDs. Jarwin and Cooper were left wide open.
- **Week 10 – 25.8 ... 397, 3-1, 0-0-0 vs. MIN.** His INT came on a Hail Mary at the end of the game (his 2nd of the year). Prescott was otherwise sharp, making a number of plays outside the pocket.
- **Week 11 – 31.5 ... 444, 3-0, 6-18-0 @ DET.** Dak was magnificent for nearly the entire afternoon. Consistently clean pockets helped, but Prescott regularly escaped any free rushers. Two of his TD tosses were via short and easy throws to RBs, but his strike to Randall Cobb was a thing of beauty down the seam. Prescott has been on fire in his last 3 games coming out of the BYE.
- **Week 12 – 6.8 ... 212, 0-1, 1-4-0 @ NE.** Prescott struggled with both brutal weather conditions and with the Patriots elite defense. His one explosive play was a 59-yarder to Randall Cobb in the 4th quarter. Drops didn't help, but Prescott deserves plenty of blame for erratic accuracy all afternoon. This of course is the worst matchup in football.
- **Week 13 – 22.7 ... 355, 2-1, 4-25-0, FL vs. BUF.** He lowered his head and powered through defenders for 2 separate first downs. The bad news was that Thanksgiving was far and away Prescott's worst performance of the season (despite the box score). LG Connor Williams got hurt in the 2nd quarter. Prescott had 2 fumbles and an INT under pressure. He held on to the ball entirely too long all afternoon. The Cowboys failed to score after their opening drive, a 7-yard TD to Jason Witten. They got inside Buffalo territory several times, but it didn't matter. Dallas has yet to defeat a winning team in 2019. Jason Garrett is on the hot seat (finally).
- **Week 14 – 17.4 ... 334, 1-0, 3-1-0 @ CHI.** Wildly inaccurate for the 3rd straight game, Prescott's lofty yardage total was the result of quarters worth of garbage time. The Cowboys trailed 24-7 early in the 3rd quarter and 31-14 in the 4th. Prescott's TD came late in the game. It was a beautiful throw to Amari Cooper. Prescott suffered a sprained left hand and injured the index finger on his throwing hand. His season, and the Cowboys, appear to be unraveling.
- **Week 15 – 17.6 ... 212, 2-0, 7-12-0 vs. LAR.** Prescott initially appeared hampered by his sprained left hand but still found Jason Witten for a one-handed 19-yard TD in the 1st quarter. His 2nd score was the result of a blown coverage or miscommunication in the Rams' secondary, allowing Tavon Austin to release wide open for a 59-yard TD. Amari Cooper and Michael Gallup combined for 2 catches on Prescott's season-low number of attempts (23). Dallas leaned on Ezekiel Elliot and Tony Pollard, who each had 100+ RUYDs.
- **Week 16 – 11.3 ... 265, 0-0, 1-7-0 @ PHI.** Questionable with AC Joint injury, Dak did not throw all week until Saturday. This was his 3rd scoreless performance of the season in a must-win game. He lacked zip on his downfield passes because of

the injury. He had his lowest completion percentage of the year and settled for a 41-yard completion on what could have been a 79-yard TD to Michael Gallup and missed Tavon Austin on a potential 75-yarder in the 4th quarter.

- **Week 17 – 29.6 ... 303, 4-0, 3-35-0, FL vs. WAS.** Prescott missed some practice time with his shoulder injury but was feeling better. He dismantled the Redskins for the 2nd time this season, this time locking on to Michael Gallup for some massive plays in the second half. Gallup scored 3 TDs.
- **Season Summary:** Prescott was more efficient and had more big plays through the air under first year OC Kellen Moore. He was one of the league's best QBs for a large portion of the season. The Cowboys season unraveled as Prescott struggled to close out the year, beginning in Week 12 vs. the Patriots. He was far less accurate in the final games but was hindered by minor injuries later in the year. The team will look to sign him to a long-term extension this offseason once they fire head coach Jason Garrett. 10th highest graded QB, per PFF. Finished poorly weeks 12-17.
- **Season Totals:** 4,902 PAYD, 30-11 TD/INT, 8.2 YPA, 65.1%, 99.7 QBR, 7 300+... 52-277-3, 33-13 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 21.1 PPG in 16 Games = QB5 Pace.

WR Amari Cooper

- **Week 1 – 22.6 ... 9/6-106-1 vs. NYG.** Cooper dealt with a foot injury late in August. It was described as plantar fasciitis and a strained heel at different points. He was able to run at full speed but it affected his ability to cut in and out of his routes. He was on schedule to play in week 1 and he did just that. He looked fine. His pristine route-running was simply too much for the Giants DBs to handle. Cooper toasted DeAndre Baker, the rookie, on his 21-yard TD. The Cowboys pass game looked spectacular under new OC Kellen Moore.
- **Week 2 – 14.4 ... 5/4-44-1 @ WAS.** Third on the team in targets behind Michael Gallup and Randall Cobb. Dak Prescott had no trouble moving the ball, finding 8 different receivers.
- **Week 3 – 26.8 ... 7/6-88-2 vs. MIA.** Michael Gallup was OUT. Cooper's missed connection was a long drop, but he quickly atoned with a 5-yard TD. He also had a 19-yard TD on a simple post route where he was left open.
- **Week 4 – 9.8 ... 8/5-48-0 @ NO.** Questionable with an ankle injury. Cooper was held in check by Marshon Lattimore. He made some contested catches, but the entire offense struggled in a tough road matchup. He looked healthy. Michael Gallup was OUT.
- **Week 5 – 39.6 ... 14/11-226-1 vs. GB.** Cooper got off on the wrong foot by dropping a pass that ended up being intercepted. He showed impressive resiliency, bursting ahead for a 46-yard gain later in the 1st. Cooper also put Jaire Alexander on skates with a 53-yard TD in the 4th. Green Bay left Cooper 1-on-1

without safety help often. Positive game script helped, with Prescott throwing for more than 300 PAYD in the second half alone.

- **Week 6 – 1.3 ... 2/1-3-0 @ NYJ. EXITED** with a quad injury early in the game. Only 3 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 15.6 ... 5/5-106-0 vs. PHI.** Questionable with quad injury, Cooper played through the injury and looked healthy enough, running his routes at full speed. Cooper got behind the Eagles secondary for a 44-yard catch. He also had a TD overturned by a penalty.
- **Week 8 – BYE**
- **Week 9 – 18.0 ... 7/4-80-1 @ NYG.** After the BYE week to rest his leg, Cooper appeared to tweak his knee early in this game and went into halftime 2-30-0 before laying waste to a nonexistent Giants defense for a wide open 45-yard TD on a deep crosser. Cooper has 100 REYD and/or 1 TD in 6 of 7 healthy games this season.
- **Week 10 – 31.7 ... 14/11-147-1 vs. MIN.** Cooper had a precautionary MRI on his knee, similar to his precautionary MRI on his ankle earlier in the season. It's just a bruise. But he was a game-time decision. As usual though, he looked healthy in the game. He led the Cowboys in receiving numbers.
- **Week 11 – 6.8 ... 8/3-38-0 @ DET.** Questionable with knee, ankle injuries. Cooper declared himself good to go, but this time he did not look healthy in the game. He did not play a full-time role. His 41 snaps (season-low for full game) was only a 56% snap rate. CB Darius Slay did a great job limiting Cooper on his looks.
- **Week 12 – 0.0 ... 2/0-0-0 @ NE.** Shadowed by shutdown CB Stephon Gilmore, Cooper was invisible in this game. Driving rain and limited snaps didn't help. Cooper is reportedly playing at less than 100% due to a knee injury.
- **Week 13 – 16.5 ... 11/8-85-0 vs. BUF.** Tre'Davious White surprisingly didn't shadow him around, allowing Cooper to get involved immediately. Cooper needed an X-Ray following a hit to the previously injured knee late in the 4th.
- **Week 14 – 20.3 ... 8/6-83-1 @ CHI.** Cooper did not appear to be himself, as he gutted out his knee injury. Garbage time made it a successful fantasy night. Cooper had to take frequent breathers and was not always moving as crispy as usual. His 19-yard TD was a thing of beauty on a perfectly throw rainbow by Dak Prescott.
- **Week 15 – 2.9 ... 2/1-19-0 vs. LAR.** Cooper and Michael Gallup combined for 2 catches on 5 targets as Dak Prescott took a backseat to Ezekiel Elliot and Tony Pollard. Dak threw only 23 times, and Zeke and Pollard had 100+ RUYD each. This was the 5th straight game that Cooper failed to exceed 85 REYD. There are concerns over whether or not he's battling a lingering knee and/or ankle injury behind the scenes. 50 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 6.4 ... 12/4-24-0 @ PHI.** It was a nightmare effort for Cooper, who committed an awful drop on third down and was in and out of the game in crucial situations in the second half. He was never announced with an injury, but things do not appear right. 46 snaps.

- **Week 17 – 13.8 ... 5/4-92-0 vs. WAS.** Cooper looked fine, but Michael Gallup stole the show as the go-to playmaker in this one. Gallup has actually had more targets than Cooper since the Cowboys' week 8 BYE.
- **Season Summary:** Cooper stormed out to an overall WR4 ranking through Dallas' first 9 games but then stumbled down the stretch with Dak Prescott and the rest of the Cowboys team. He arguably dealt with injuries over the final 2 months of the season that led the Cowboys to utilize him less, but his finish nevertheless cast doubt on his future with Dallas. He also faced some of the NFL's best CBs in that span. He has proven to be very important to the Dallas offense, evidenced by his quarterback's splits with and without him on the field. It's worth noting that Cooper was inconsistent, showing dominance at home and sluggishness on the road, which has been the case since he was traded to Dallas. The Cowboys re-signed WR Amari Cooper to a 5-year, \$100M contract. 9th highest graded WR, per PFF. Finished poorly weeks 11-17.
- **Season Totals:** 119/79-1189-8, 4 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.3 PPG in 15 Games (minus early exit vs. NYJ) = WR10 Pace.

WR Michael Gallup

- **Week 1 – 22.8 ... 7/7-158-0 vs. NYG.** The Cowboys' new-found explosive passing attack under new OC Kellen Moore was impossible to stop thanks to Gallup's consistent ability to get behind the defense. Dak Prescott displayed some beautiful touch on downfield throws, hooking up with Gallup for lengthy completions of 62, 36, and 23 yards. If this game was any indication, he's poised for a breakout season.
- **Week 2 – 12.8 ... 8/6-68-0 @ WAS.** Gallup has been a prominent piece of OC Kellen Moore's offense and play-calling. He's clearly being utilized as more than a "go" runner along the sidelines this year. He was absent for a portion of the final quarter because he tweaked his knee. 46 snaps.
- **Week 3 – DNP – Torn Meniscus (reports indicate Gallup will miss 2-4 weeks).**
- **Week 4 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 5 – 24.3 ... 14/7-113-1 vs. GB.** Positive game script helped, with Prescott throwing for more than 300 PAYD in the second half alone. Accordingly, 91 of Gallup's REYD came after the break. Gallup played 61/71 snaps, recovering quickly from the torn meniscus. Gallup committed a costly 4th quarter drop, but he bullied Tramon Williams for a 40-yard TD.
- **Week 6 – 8.8 ... 7/4-48-0 @ NYJ.**
- **Week 7 – 6.4 ... 4/3-34-0 vs. PHI.** He made some nice catches underneath, but there weren't many opportunities with Dallas nursing a second-half lead.
- **Week 8 – BYE**

- **Week 9 – 11.3 ... 6/2-33-1 @ NYG.** Fourth on the team in targets but made a sweet tap-dance TD in the 4th quarter, hopping over the defender before twisting into the end zone.
- **Week 10 – 17.6 ... 10/4-76-1 vs. MIN.** Gallup benefitted from CB Trae Waynes sitting out. He did most of his damage in the first half, including a 23-yard walk-in TD where he was left wide open.
- **Week 11 – 23.8 ... 13/9-148-0 @ DET.** With Darius Slay shadowing Amari Cooper, Gallup proved to be too much for Rashaan Melvin to handle, making contested catches down the field and generally getting open at will. He is a great route-runner and can make plays on 50/50 balls.
- **Week 12 – 9.5 ... 6/4-55-0 @ NE.** Gallup had to earn his yards despite No. 2 CB Jason McCourty out, and with Stephon Gilmore following Amari Cooper. Dak was inaccurate, and it was pouring rain.
- **Week 13 – 9.3 ... 7/3-63-0 vs. BUF.** Tre'Davious White did not shadow Amari Cooper, which limited Gallup as the team's second option. Dak Prescott was forced under pressure often so there was no time to go downfield. He checked down to Ezekiel Elliot often.
- **Week 14 – 16.9 ... 10/6-109-0 @ CHI.** 41 REYD came in the 4th quarter of a non-competitive game, but Gallup also lost a 26-yard catch to a soft penalty call on Tavon Austin. Amari Cooper did not look well, gutting out a knee issue. Gallup has reached at least 55 REYD in 5 straight games.
- **Week 15 – 1.6 ... 3/1-6-0 vs. LAR.** Amari Cooper and Michael Gallup took a back seat to the Cowboys' rushing attack, which outgained the Rams 263-22 on the ground.
- **Week 16 – 14.8 ... 11/5-98-0 @ PHI.** Gallup hauled in a 41-yard catch, but it might have been a 79-yard TD had Dak Prescott gotten more air underneath it. He's shown a higher ceiling than the hobbled Amari Cooper in the second half of the season.
- **Week 17 – 32.8 ... 7/5-98-3 vs. WAS.** Gallup looked incredible, particularly in the second half, repeatedly burning the Redskins for big plays.
- **Season Summary:** Gallup got off to a hot start this season before tearing his meniscus. He was actually featured more than Amari Cooper during the second half of the season due to a slew of shutdown CBs Cooper faced while he was battling through knee and ankle injuries. There were games where Gallup was overshadowed by Ezekiel Elliot and Amari Cooper, but he had his blowup games and was consistent enough to be a weekly fantasy WR2. 34th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 113/66-1107-6, 4 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.2 PPG in 14 Games = WR18 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Ezekiel Elliot

- **Week 1 – 13.3 ... 13-53-1, 2/1-10-0 vs. NYG.** Signed to a 6-year, \$90M contract just days before this game, Zeke held out through the offseason for the Cowboys, so the plan was to get him eased in on limited reps in week 1. The Cowboys stayed true to their word, although Dak Prescott's overwhelming success allowed them to do that. Zeke showed his usual tackle-breaking ability and solid burst on his 37 total snaps.
- **Week 2 – 20.0 ... 23-111-1, 2/2-9-0 @ WAS.** Elliot put this one away in the 4th with a 27-yard TD run. Although Zeke split touches evenly with Tony Pollard in week 1, he was the clear-cut starter in this one, out-touching Pollard 25-5.
- **Week 3 – 15.9 ... 19-125-0, 3/2-14-0 vs. MIA.** Averaged a crisp 6.6 YPC but failed to find the end zone against the league's worst team. OC Kellen Moore turned to Tony Pollard on the final drive with the game decided.
- **Week 4 – 16.5 ... 18-35-1, 7/6-30-0, FL @ NO.** Elliot never got going in this one, with a long run of 9 yards. He had his most success in the passing game to date. His 1-yard TD saved his salvaged his night.
- **Week 5 – 17.1 ... 12-62-1, 3/2-29-0 vs. GB.** Negative game script for Zeke called for heavy pass volume. Dak Prescott attempted 29 passes in the second half. Zeke still averaged 5.2 YPC and had another goal line TD.
- **Week 6 – 26.3 ... 28-105-1, 6/5-48-0 @ NYJ.** Elliot has now out-touched Tony Pollard 71-7 in the past 3 games, and he's averaged 5.3 targets in that stint. He dropped a would-be TD catch inside the 20 during the 3rd quarter.
- **Week 7 – 26.7 ... 22-111-1, 7/6-36-0 vs. PHI.** Elliot came in hot, running over Malcolm Jenkins and powering his way to the 1-yard line before converting the goal line carry. He salted away clock in the second half. Elliot has found the end zone in 6 of 7 games this season.
- **Week 8 – BYE**
- **Week 9 – 13.9 ... 23-139-0, 0/0-0-0 @ NYG.** He was the best player on the field in this one, constantly churning out runs of 5+ yards.
- **Week 10 – 8.3 ... 20-47-0, 3/2-16-0 vs. MIN.** The Vikings run defense shut down Elliot. He had just 10 total yards in the second half. He had no running room, and the Cowboys were playing most of the game from behind.
- **Week 11 – 19.3 ... 16-45-1, 3/2-28-1, FL @ DET.** Dallas utilized a pass-first approach. Zeke burst through the middle of the defense for an 8-yard TD and then later on a screen pass from 17 yards out. Tony Pollard got some passing game reps.
- **Week 12 – 16.6 ... 21-86-0, 4/4-40-0 @ NE.** Zeke was largely the Cowboys only consistent source of offense all afternoon. Dak Prescott was erratic. Zeke finished runs strongly. OC Kellen Moore dialed up some screens for Elliot in the rain.
- **Week 13 – 20.7 ... 12-71-0, 10/7-66-0 vs. BUF.** The majority of Elliot's RUYDs came on a 30-yard sprint, his longest of the season and first carry for 20+ RUYD since week 2. With Dak Prescott facing heavy pressure, he dumped off several passes to Zeke in garbage time.

- **Week 14 – 23.3 ... 19-81-2, 5/2-12-0 @ CHI.** He capped the opening drive with a goal line TD before adding another early in the 4th. That TD came on 4th down following failed 2nd and 3rd down runs. His 31-yard run was his new longest of the year, somewhat embarrassingly. Zeke has been fed, but he has not rushed for 100+ RUYD in the past 4 games.
- **Week 15 – 31.0 ... 24-117-2, 4/3-43-0 vs. LAR.** Zeke did his damage in 3 quarters as the Cowboys built a 34-7 lead. Dallas decimated the Rams on the ground. Tony Pollard (12-131-1) excelled off the bench.
- **Week 16 – 15.4 ... 13-47-0, 7/7-37-0 @ PHI.** With the Cowboys' passing attack looking dysfunctional as Dak Prescott played through a shoulder injury, Elliot was running into brick walls vs. the Eagles pass-funnel defense. Zeke got shaken up after being smashed to the turf. He checked out briefly but was never checked for a concussion.
- **Week 17 – 27.4 ... 18-122-1, 5/3-2-1 vs. WAS.**
- **Season Summary:** Zeke finished the season with 1,777 total yards and 14 TDs despite holding out until days before the regular season. He notched his 2nd straight season with 50+ catches, but Jason Witten appeared to limit Zeke's number of check downs. The Cowboys started to get electric back Tony Pollard involved toward the end of the season, but Pollard's big games really only occurred in blowouts (Pollard played 22, 16, 23 snaps in weeks 1-3 but then only exceeded 13 snaps in 3 other games: 19 in week 7, 23 in week 15, and 27 in week 17). Zeke remains one of the best bell cows in the league and stayed healthy for the 4th straight year. 10th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 301-1357-12 (4.5 YPC) 7 100+... 71/54-420-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.5 PPG in 16 Games = RB7 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Tyron Smith** – (13/16 LT)... 92 overall (Strong Finish). DNP weeks 5-6, 17.
 - **Cam Fleming** – (3/16 LT)... 66 overall. Started weeks 5-6, 17.
- **Connor Williams** – (11/16 LG)... 72 overall. DNP weeks 11, 14-17.
 - **Xavier Su'a-Filo** – (5/16 OG)... 70 overall. Started weeks 11, 13-16.
- **Travis Frederick** – (16/16 C)... 83 overall.
- **Joe Looney** – (0/16 C)... 60 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Zack Martin** – (16/16 RG)... 97 overall.
- **La'el Collins** – (15/16 RT)... 90 overall. DNP week 6.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Demarcus Lawrence | 96 | |
| ED: Robert Quinn | 78 | DNP weeks 1-2 |
| ED: Kerry Hyder | 70 | ~450 snaps. |

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| ED: Michael Bennett | 74 | Started weeks 9-17. |
| NT: Dontari Poe | 81 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Gerald McCoy | 83 | IR – PRE. |
| DT: Maliek Collins | 73 | |
| DT: Christian Covington | 72 | Started weeks 1-5, ~20 SPG after |
| DT: Antwaun Woods | 66 | Sig Snaps weeks 1, 6-12, 15-16 |
| LB: Leighton Vander Esch | 88 | DNP weeks 9, 12-17. |
| LB: Jaylon Smith | 86 | |
| LB: Sean Lee | 70 | Sig Snaps weeks 4-17. |
| CB: Byron Jones | 90 | DNP week 17 |
| CB: Chidobe Awuzie | 80 | |
| CB: Trevon Diggs | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NCB: Jourdan Lewis | 77 | Started weeks 6-17. |
| CB: Daryl Worley | 72 | |
| NCB: Anthony Brown | 71 | Started weeks 1-5. |
| CB: Maurice Canady | 80 | Opted Out of the 2020 Season. |
| FS: Xavier Woods | 85 | |
| SS: Jeff Heath | 78 | DNP weeks 10-11, 13-14. |
| FS: Ha Ha Clinton-Dix | 80 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| HS: Darian Thompson | 69 | Started weeks 3, 9-11, 13-14 |

DENVER BRONCOS

Passing Game:

QB Drew Lock

- **Week 13 – 12.8 ... 134, 2-1, 3-15-0 vs. LAC.** Rookie Drew Lock sprained his thumb, requiring surgery, in Denver's third preseason game. Head coach Vic Fangio stated that Lock looked really raw during the summer. The Broncos placed him on short-term I.R. and reactivated him prior to this game after Joe Flacco predictably failed as the team's starter, and Brandon Allen struggled in his first 2 games as a starter. In his debut, Courtland Sutton bailed the rookie QB out on a ridiculously impressive one-handed TD catch. Lock deserved credit for buying time and throwing a strike on the run for his 2nd TD. And he could have had a 3rd TD if DeaSean Hamilton didn't drop the ball late in the 4th quarter. Lock threw an ill-advised INT over the middle and only posted a 4.8 YPA. The Broncos got the win nonetheless.
- **Week 14 – 23.8 ... 309, 3-1, 3-15-0 @ HOU.** Lock had has many TDs as incompletions (3) when the Broncos head into intermission with a 31-3 lead. The rookie aced his first road start, pasting Houston's secondary for 3 easy scores, including a lengthy one to Noah Fant. His INT was a rookie mistake forcing a pass between defenders near the goal line. Lock did hit 10 different receivers in an encouraging outing.
- **Week 15 – 6.6 ... 208, 0-1, 2-3-0 @ KC.** Lock made a few impressive throws in the first half that showed off the rookie's tantalizing arm talent and potential to create positive plays off script. Still, he made a number of bad decisions, notably under throwing Noah Fant on his INT in the end zone. He only completed 18/40 passes in snowy conditions.
- **Week 16 – 12.6 ... 192, 1-0, 4-10-0 vs. DET.** It was a cleaner day for the Denver offensive line as Lock didn't take any sacks. Playing at home against the Lions dismal secondary, Lock took care of business by leading 5 straight scoring drives. His TD pass came in the 4th quarter on an RPO with Lock pitching to DaeSean Hamilton for the go-ahead score.
- **Week 17 – 11.9 ... 177, 1-0, 6-29-0, FL vs. OAK.** His play wasn't great, but Lock guided the Broncos to a 4-1 finish as a starter.
- **Season Summary:** Lock largely avoided the boneheaded decisions that derailed his play often at Missouri. His 64.1 comp% was better than expected, but his 6.53 YPA was pedestrian. Lock has jaw-dropping arm talent and appeared to make progress cleaning up his mechanics. He only had 2 TDs in his final 3 games and 7

over 5 starts. He's a wild card for the 2020 season. 34th highest graded QB, per PFF.

- **Season Totals:** 1,020 PAYD, 7-3 TD/INT, 6.5 YPA, 64.1%, 89.7 QBR, 1 300+... 18-72-0, 7-4 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.6 PPG in 5 Games = QB29 Pace.

WR Courtland Sutton

- **Week 1 – 19.0 ... 8/7-120-0 @ OAK.** Sutton looked like Joe Flacco's go-to option. His big play skills were on full display with Flacco, who hit Sutton on multiple 20+ yard gains. His downfield ability seems to mesh well with Flacco's arm talent.
- **Week 2 – 8.0 ... 7/4-40-0 vs. CHI.** Sutton vanished for a large portion of the game, coming up empty on his lone first half target. He made up for lost time a little bit with a great 4th quarter, notching all of his catches in that period. Several grabs were of the do-or-die variety, including a clutch reception on 4th-and-10.
- **Week 3 – 13.7 ... 7/5-87-0 @ GB.** Easily out-paced Emmanuel Sanders despite playing through a minor rib injury. Sutton was Flacco's favorite target, largely because of his size advantage with the Packers playing tight coverage on the outside. The Broncos offense has gotten stagnant at times.
- **Week 4 – 24.2 ... 9/6-62-2 vs. JAX.** Sutton's first score was a 7-yard slant against Tre Herndon, who the Broncos attached all game with Jalen Ramsey OUT. Sutton then scored the go-ahead TD with 92 seconds remaining, beating his defender inside in the red zone. He's flashed high-level contested catch ability, but there's a boom or bust element to his game.
- **Week 5 – 19.2 ... 7/4-92-1 @ LAC.** Most of Sutton's production came on one play; Sutton cut across the middle, broke a tackle, and won a foot race to the end zone for a 70-yard TD in the 1st quarter. Denver went into ball-control mode after that TD and he was quiet from that point on.
- **Week 6 – 11.6 ... 8/4-76-0 vs. TEN.** Sutton beat Logan Ryan down the sideline on a well-thrown deep ball from Joe Flacco. He wasn't featured much in the second half. Emmanuel Sanders left the game with a knee injury. Sutton has shown a surprisingly safe floor, clearing 60 REYD in 5 of 6 appearances.
- **Week 7 – 14.7 ... 8/6-87-0 vs. KC.** Even with Joe Flacco sucking, Sutton managed to exceed 75 REYD for the 3rd straight game. He is an ascending talent and is upgrading the play of his horrible QB.
- **Week 8 – 10.2 ... 6/3-72-0 @ IND.** EMMANUEL SANDERS TRADED. The clear No. 1 without Emmanuel Sanders, Sutton accounted for almost half of Joe Flacco's PAYD. He's on pace for 1272 REYD and 6 TDs. 46 snaps (season low).
- **Week 9 – 17.3 ... 8/5-56-1 vs. CLE.** BRANDON ALLEN STARTED. Sutton's highlight reel 21-yard TD saw him out-leap Denzel Ward. He and Noah Fant seem to be the only options without Emmanuel Sanders.
- **Week 10 –** BYE

- **Week 11 – 18.8 ... 9/5-113-0, 2-10-0, 38 PAYD @ MIN.** BRANDON ALLEN STARTED. The box score just doesn't capture how good Sutton was. He straight up bullied Xavier Rhodes. He also could have notched a 75-yard TD on the first play of the game, but Brandon Allen delivered an inaccurate ball. Later in the quarter, Sutton drew a 24-yard DPI on Rhodes to set up Denver on the 3-yard line. He even completed a 38-yard pass to Tim Patrick, showing his athleticism.
- **Week 12 – 3.7 ... 8/1-27-0 @ BUF.** BRANDON ALLEN STARTED. The good news is that Sutton accounted for nearly half of his QBs yardage total. The bad news is that his QB threw for only 82 PAYD. Allen force-fed Sutton for a 32% target share across from shutdown CB Tre'Davious White. White had Sutton's number, but through no help from his QB. White had an INT because of a miscommunication from Sutton and his QB.
- **Week 13 – 23.4 ... 5/4-74-2 vs. LAC.** DREW LOCK NAMED STARTER. Both of Sutton's TDs came in the first half and against stud CB Casey Hayward. The first was an insane one-handed snag in contested coverage, while the other was more thanks to Drew Lock extended a play and throwing on the run. Sutton essentially won the game by drawing a long DPI to set up Denver for the game-winning FG.
- **Week 14 – 8.4 ... 7/5-34-0 @ HOU.** Denver rushed out to a 31-3 first half lead due in part to Noah Fant and Jeff Heurman embarrassing Houston's secondary for wide open catches down the middle of the field. Sutton, on the other hand, was locked down by Bradley Roby for most of the game and wasn't looked to often. Lock's only INT was a forced throw to Sutton in the end zone.
- **Week 15 – 11.9 ... 10/4-79-0 @ KC.** Sutton's best play went for 33 yards when he broke away from multiple would-be tacklers. Drew Lock only threw for 202 PAYD in snowy conditions.
- **Week 16 – 9.1 ... 10/5-41-0 vs. DET.** Sutton was held in check by CB Darius Slay, who stuck to him like glue all afternoon.
- **Week 17 – 9.2 ... 8/4-52-0 vs. OAK.** Sutton endured a mammoth hit from safety Erik Harris as a defenseless receiver but managed to stay in the game. 46 snaps (season low).
- **Season Summary:** The sensational sophomore season closes with an impressive 15.4 YPR. On film, Sutton looked like an all-pro, dominating corners with his 6'4 frame and physicality. He was a magnet for DPI penalties, and he produced despite largely erratic play from 3 different QBs. 10th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 125/72-1112-6, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.9 PPG in 16 Games = WR27 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Phillip Lindsay

- **Week 1 – 10.6 ... 11-43-0, 6/4-23-0 @ OAK.** Lindsay struggled in this one, getting held to 14 yards in the first half. He had a lot of negative plays and looked to be in a true timeshare with Royce Freeman, who was more effective on fewer touches.
- **Week 2 – 10.6 ... 13-36-0, 7/4-30-0 vs. CHI.** Showed occasional signs of life, including a 19-yard burst in the 2nd quarter on a well-designed screen. His contributions paled in comparison to Royce Freeman, who produced 102 YFS against the touted Bears defense.
- **Week 3 – 29.0 ... 21-81-2, 5/4-49-0 @ GB.** Denver was establishing the run in the second half despite trailing all game. This helped Lindsay's stat line. Royce Freeman was also in and out of the game with a shoulder injury, which gave Lindsay goal line opportunities that led to 2 short TDs.
- **Week 4 – 7.0 ... 9-53-0, 1/1-7-0 vs. JAX.** Lindsay surprisingly was not as involved as Royce Freeman was in the passing game. The Broncos truly have used their RBs interchangeably.
- **Week 5 – 24.7 ... 15-114-1, 4/4-33-0 @ LAC.** Lindsay's speed and cutting ability were a major problem for the Chargers' linebackers. He made critical plays and amassed several first downs. This was Lindsay's best game of the season.
- **Week 6 – 15.5 ... 15-70-1, 3/2-5-0 vs. TEN.** He was bottled up for the most part, but he did break a 30-yard run in the 4th. He also punched in a 2-yard TD to seal the game for Denver. This backfield is still a 50-50 split, but Lindsay has emerged as the better fantasy bet because he's scored in 3 straight games.
- **Week 7 – 4.2 ... 11-36-0, 1/1- -4-0 vs. KC.** His one catch was a hospital ball where Joe Flacco left him out to dry. Lindsay was not happy about it. Flacco was the story, as the Chiefs were able to tee off, torpedoing the passing and running games alike. Royce Freeman received the only goal line carry of the evening, cashing it in. Lindsay still leads Freeman 7-1 in carries inside the 5-yard line this season.
- **Week 8 – 12.6 ... 14-59-0, 5/5-17-0 @ IND.** Lindsay ran hard but didn't have any explosive plays. He's been vultured in the red zone by Royce Freeman 2 straight weeks now.
- **Week 9 – 15.2 ... 9-92-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. CLE.** Lindsay got most of the work considering Denver mustered only 41 plays. A whopping 70 of Lindsay's 92 RUYD came on 2 plays, one of which was a 30-yard dash up the gut for a TD. He's out-carried Royce Freeman 118-93 through 9 games.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 9.5 ... 16-67-0, 2/2-8-0 PAYD @ MIN.** Reports indicated that the Broncos wanted to ride Lindsay more. The usage was nice, but this was a disappointing stat line considering the Broncos raced out to a 20-0 halftime lead. Lindsay did out-touch Freeman 18-9 and received a season high 51 snaps (Lindsay played 33-41 SPG weeks 1-3, then declined to 23-36 SPG weeks 4-9).
- **Week 12 – 7.8 ... 13-57-0, 3/1-11-0 @ BUF.** Lindsay out-touched Freeman 14-4, making the touch count 32-13 in the last 2 games. In fact, Freeman has only 5 rushing attempts in that span. The offense isn't doing much with Brandon Allen at QB.

- **Week 13 – 9.2 ... 17-58-0, 3/3-4-0 vs. LAC.** DREW LOCK NAMED STARTER. Lindsay continued to work as the offense's clear-cut RB1. Still, the Broncos weren't able to move the ball consistently outside of when they threw to Courtland Sutton.
- **Week 14 – 13.5 ... 16-51-1, 2/2-4-0 @ HOU.** Lindsay had a TD catch called back on a meaningless illegal block. Lindsay has now out-carried Royce Freeman 62-23 in Denver's last 4 games. Lindsay is handling the goal line work as well. The production and efficiency has not been there.
- **Week 15 – 3.2 ... 7-32-0, 2/0-0-0 @ KC.** The volume was disappointing considering snowy conditions. The Chiefs also built a multi-score lead by halftime, forcing the Broncos to throw 40 times.
- **Week 16 – 19.8 ... 19-109-1, 3/2-9-0 vs. DET.** Royce Freeman vultured a 1-yard TD in the 2nd quarter. Lindsay found the end zone eventually, hammering the final nail with a 27-yard TD dash in the 4th quarter. This was his first 100-yard game since Week 5. 41 snaps (one of 2 games after week 3 that Lindsay exceeded 36 snaps).
- **Week 17 – 5.3 ... 18-53-0, 1/0-0-0 vs. OAK.** Held without a catch for the second time all season. It wasn't pretty on the ground either. 35 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** After 2 months of a near-even split with Royce Freeman, Lindsay was treated as more of a lead back following Week 11. Lindsay cleared 4.5 YPC and 1K RUYD for the second season in as many years as a pro. However, Lindsay was overall underwhelming despite the late-season volume, mainly because he surprisingly struggled as pass catcher (5.6 YPR). Lindsay's receiving splits: First 8 games: 32/25-160-0... Final 8 games: 16/10-36-0. He also was a terrible pass protector. The undrafted but tough 5'8, 190-pound back may never quite be allowed to run away with No. 1 duties. Royce Freeman's role diminished to a mere 5.5 carries per game behind Lindsay from week 9 onward. 25th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 224-1011-7 (4.5 YPC) 2 100+... 48/35-196-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.4 PPG in 16 games = RB25 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Garett Bolles** – (16/16 LT)... 85 overall (Strong Finish).
- **Dalton Risner** – (16/16 LG)... 75 overall (Strong Start).
- **Connor McGovern** – (16/16 C)... 83 overall (Strong PB).
 - **Lloyd Cushenberry** – (0/16)... Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Graham Glasgow** – (0/16 RG)... 83 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Ron Leary** – (12/16 RG)... 67 overall (Strong Finish). DNP weeks 14-17.
 - **Austin Schlottman** – (4/16 RG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 14-17.
- **Ja'Wuan James** – (1/16 RT)... 80 overall. Played half of week 14. Opted Out for 2020 Season.
 - **Elijah Wilkinson** – (13/16 RT)... 60 overall. DNP weeks 16-17, half of week 14.
 - **Jake Rodgers** – (2/16 RT)... 76 overall. Started weeks 16-17.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Von Miller | 95 | DNP week 13 |
| ED: Bradley Chubb | 68 | Started weeks 1-4 |
| ED: Malik Reed | 75 | Started weeks 5-13 |
| ED: Jeremiah Attaochu | 60 | Started weeks 12-17 |
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| DT: Jurrell Casey | 86 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Christian Covington | 73 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Derek Wolfe | 81 | DNP weeks 3, 14-17 |
| DT: Shelby Harris | 81 | |
| DT: Mike Purcell | 83 | DNP weeks 2-4 |
| DT: Adam Gotsis | 66 | Started weeks 1-4 |
| DT: Dre'Mont Jones | 74 | ~20 SPG |
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| LB: Alexander Johnson | 94 | DNP weeks 1-4 |
| LB: Todd Davis | 73 | DNP weeks 1-2 |
| LB: Josey Jewell | 69 | Started weeks 1-3 |
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| CB: A.J. Bouye | 72 | |
| CB: Chris Harris Jr. | 84 | |
| CB: Duke Dawson Jr. | 66 | Started weeks 4-12 |
| NCB: Will Parks | 65 | Started weeks 1-4, 6, 13-17 |
| NCB: Bryce Callahan | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Michael Ojemudia | -- | |
| CB: Davontae Harris | 60 | Started weeks 6-12 |
| CB: Isaac Yiadom | 60 | Started weeks 1-2, 13-17 |
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| FS: Kareem Jackson | 90 | DNP weeks 4, 16-17 |
| SS: Justin Simmons | 97 | |

DETROIT LIONS

Passing Game:

QB Matt Stafford

- **Week 1 – 27.6 ... 385, 3-0, 3-22-0, FL @ ARI.** Aided by overtime, Stafford's 385 PAYD were more than any outing in 2018. He couldn't make a play when it mattered most, but he was dealing early, finding new TE T.J. Hockenson for big chunk gains often. Fellow newcomer SWR Danny Amendola also went over 100+ yards. Of course, the eruption came against one of the worst defenses in a shoot out.
- **Week 2 – 15.1 ... 245, 2-2, 4-13-0 vs. LAC.** The Lions offense came back to earth. He trusted Kenny Golladay with a 1-on-1 jump ball that resulted in Stafford's first INT. But he went right back to him for a 31-yard TD. His other score was a screen to Kerryon Johnson out of the backfield. It was a great play call.
- **Week 3 – 12.1 ... 201, 1-0, 3-1-0 @ PHI.** Despite being contained for the majority of the afternoon, Stafford heroically hit Marvin Jones in the back of the end zone when it counted most. Even though the Eagles had a depleted cornerback crew, Stafford's inconsistency held the offense back on a day they were bailed out by a 100-yard kickoff return.
- **Week 4 – 23.4 ... 291, 3-0, 2-18-0, FL vs. KC.** Questionable with a hip injury, this was "probably the closest he's been to not playing" in quite some time (132nd straight start). Not surprisingly, Stafford was dropped for 4 sacks and committed a costly fumble, turning the ball over on a 3rd-and-goal. Stafford played through a hip injury that significantly hindered his mobility. Most of his success was throwing to Kenny Golladay. Stafford is attempting passes 20+ yards down the field at more than double the rate he did in 2018. His 11.2 air yards per throw is the highest of any current starter.
- **Week 5 – BYE**
- **Week 6 – 11.5 ... 265, 0-0, 3-9-0 @ GB.** The refs completely blew this game late for the Lions and gifted the Packers numerous extra plays and sets of downs in the 4th quarter with phantom calls, which directly led to game-winning scores by GB. Stafford had several big hook ups despite not throwing a TD, particularly to Kenny Golladay. Detroit settled for too many FGs. The Lions are surprisingly a hack job by the refs and a Mahomes last minute TD from being undefeated.
- **Week 7 – 28.5 ... 364, 4-1 vs. MIN.** Stafford's lone mistake happened to seal the game for MIN, as Stafford missed Marvin Jones down the right sideline, resulting in a pick with 1 minute left. He was picture-perfect up until then.
- **Week 8 – 23.3 ... 342, 3-1 vs. NYG.** Tearing holes in the Giants' undermanned defense, Stafford's 3-score effort was his 4th of the year already. The biggest play

was a 49-yard TD where the secondary lost track of Marvin Hall. Stafford also found Kenny Golladay on a 41-yard flea flicker.

- **Week 9 – 24.8 ... 406, 3-1, FL @ OAK.** Stafford did what he's done all season – throw the ball deep to Kenny Golladay and Marvin Jones. That worked out really well, but the Lions came up just short after getting stopped on the goal line late. Detroit is passing even more with Kerryon Johnson on injured reserve. Stafford's on pace for 4,998 PAYD and 38 TDs on what is quietly turning into a career season for the veteran.
- **Week 10 – DNP – Fractured bones in back.**
- **Week 11 – DNP – Back**
- **Week 12 – DNP – Back**
- **Week 13 – DNP – Back**
- **Week 14 – DNP – Back**
- **Week 15 – DNP – Back**
- **Week 16 – DNP – Back**
- **Week 17 – DNP – Back**
- **Season Summary:** The Lions waited 6 weeks for Stafford's fractured back to get better, but it never got to a point where he could suit back up. Age 32, Stafford was well on his way to a career year. The Lions were running a radically different system than during their first year under Matt Patricia. Stafford is expected to be ready for the offseason program. Rumors have circulated that Stafford wants to be traded, but he and GM Bob Quinn have shut those rumors down. 8th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 2,499 PAYD, 19-5 TD/INT, 8.6 YPA, 64.3%, 106.0 QBR, 4 300+... 20-66-0, 27-19 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 20.8 PPG in 8 Games = QB6 Pace.

WR Kenny Golladay

- **Week 1 – 14.2 ... 9/4-42-1 @ ARI.** Golladay drew 4 fewer looks than Danny Amendola and as many as T.J. Hockenson, but we will take the TD.
- **Week 2 – 25.7 ... 10/8-117-1 vs. LAC.** Stafford's first trust throw to Golladay ended up in CB Casey Hayward's hands, but Stafford went right back to Golladay when it counted, resulting in a 31-yard TD in the 4th quarter. Golladay had a 33% target share in week 2 after getting somewhat overlooked in the week 1 shootout.
- **Week 3 – 3.7 ... 8/2-17-0 @ PHI.** Golladay was consistently used as a receiving threat over the middle of the field, allowing Marvin Jones (6-101-1) to run free in man-on-man coverage over the top and along the sidelines. It was odd.
- **Week 4 – 23.7 ... 9/5-67-2 vs. KC.** After squandering a golden matchup against a deeply flawed Eagles secondary in week 3, Golladay got back on track against the Chiefs. He nearly pulled off a hat trick for TDs, having a 3rd TD overturned on review. On one, Golladay showed awareness by dragging his toe across the end zone before fading out of bounds. He has 4 TDs in as many games.

- **Week 5 – BYE**
- **Week 6 – 17.1 ... 9/5-121-0 @ GB.** Golladay opened the night on a 66-yard catch on the first play of the game on a flea flicker. He also made a sick grab on the sideline as he was falling on the ground draped in the DBs coverage.
- **Week 7 – 3.1 ... 2/1-21-0 vs. MIN.** Golladay caught a 21-yard jump ball, but that was it on a day Stafford threw for 364 PAYD. He had a 2-point conversion intended toward him batted away. This was a disappointing day, his second of an otherwise great season.
- **Week 8 – 28.3 ... 8/6-123-2 vs. NYG.** Golladay bounced back again for his best game of the season. He bullied Giants rookie DeAndre Baker for a 9-yard TD. He got open for a 41-yard catch on a flea flicker.
- **Week 9 – 23.2 ... 7/4-132-1 @ OAK.** The Lions offense is actually catching fire with Kerryon Johnson on injured reserve. Golladay was targeted deep and often. He got free down the sideline for a 59-yard TD. He's on pace for 70-1280-14!
- **Week 10 – 14.7 ... 9/3-57-1 @ CHI. STAFFORD OUT. JEFF DRISKEL IN.** Golladay pulled in a 47-yard TD on an improvised deep ball. He had a 4th quarter drop and an OPI penalty.
- **Week 11 – 4.4 ... 5/1-34-0 vs. DAL. JEFF DRISKEL STARTED.** Golladay's only catch came in the 4th quarter on a circus snag for 34 yards in tight coverage over the middle. Driskel only attempted 26 passes.
- **Week 12 – 10.1 ... 4/4-61-0 @ WAS. JEFF DRISKEL STARTED.** Golladay's lone highlight was a short pass that the explosive 3rd year WR turned into 34 yards. He primarily saw downfield shots from Driskel.
- **Week 13 – 25.8 ... 5/4-158-1 vs. CHI. DAVID BLOUGH STARTED.** It was an eventful day for Golladay, who caught a 75-yard TD on the opening drive in a coverage bust. He also tallied catches of 34 and 29 REYD.
- **Week 14 – 17.8 ... 8/6-58-1 @ MIN. DAVID BLOUGH STARTED.** The Vikings defense was relentless, allowing Blough little breathing room. Golladay managed to produce even in the Blough-led onslaught. He caught a 10-yard TD with 2 minutes to play in garbage time.
- **Week 15 – 7.4 ... 7/3-44-0 vs. TB. DAVID BLOUGH STARTED.** Disappointing day, which is to be expected from his QB.
- **Week 16 – 18.6 ... 12/6-66-1 @ DEN. DAVID BLOUGH STARTED.** The league leader in receiving TDs added another, lunging for a 3-yard TD, his 11th of the season. He had a 7th catch overturned on a call. He's managed to weather the storm of inexperienced QBs.
- **Week 17 – 10.2 ... 4/3-72-0 vs. GB. EXITED** with a concussion in the 2nd quarter. He was having a great game before exiting. Played only 23 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Kenny Golladay scored 11 TDs in a 3rd year breakout season. The Lions threw downfield way more than in 2018, and Golladay was able to impressively produce through 3 QBs, two of which were very inexperienced. He played with backup QBs for 8 games. He possesses a lethal combination of field-

stretching and contested catch ability inside of his 6'4, 218-pound frame. 17th highest graded WR, per PFF.

- **Season Totals:** 116/65-1190-11, 5 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.87 PPG in 15 Games (minus week 17 early exit) = WR14 Pace ... 17.37 PPG in 8 Games w/ Stafford = WR8 Pace.

WR Marvin Jones

- **Week 1 – 10.0 ... 4/4-56-0 @ ARI.** A distant 4th in targets, it looks like the additions of SWR Danny Amendola and TE T.J. Hockenson are going to cut into Jones' production.
- **Week 2 – 9.3 ... 6/5-43-0 vs. LAC.** Stafford was off at times, missing Jones on an awful throw into the end zone that got picked. T.J. Hockenson and Danny Amendola combined for 1 catch.
- **Week 3 – 22.1 ... 9/6-101-1 @ PHI.** The Eagles' battered secondary allowed Jones a season-high yards and a score. His TD was made possible because T.J. Hockenson dropped his on the play prior. Jones surprisingly led DET with 130 air yards as the primary deep threat today over Kenny Golladay.
- **Week 4 – 10.7 ... 5/3-77-0 vs. KC.** He made his bacon on big plays, torching Kyle Fuller for 33 yards in the 1st quarter. He then picked up 25 yards on the Lions' final drive. He's picking up steam.
- **Week 5 – BYE**
- **Week 6 – 3.7 ... 5/2-17-0 @ GB.** Kenny Golladay is distancing himself as the Lions No. 1 wideout.
- **Week 7 – 43.3 ... 13/10-93-4 vs. MIN.** Jones has been quite inconsistent this season, but today he showed up in a major way. Jones had totaled 4 TDs in his last 11 games but somehow scored 4 today. Stafford leaned on the low-and-hard fade route on 3 of Jones' 4 TDs, so they saw something they liked on film. Jones bullied Trae Waynes, Xavier Rhodes, and Mike Hughes for 1 score a piece.
- **Week 8 – 6.2 ... 5/4-22-0 vs. NYG.** Jones in the past 3 games has gone from terrible, to amazing, to terrible again.
- **Week 9 – 26.6 ... 10/8-126-1 @ OAK.** Jones bounced back in an easy matchup, leading the team in catches and targets.
- **Week 10 – 12.7 ... 5/5-77-0 @ CHI. STAFFORD OUT. JEFF DRISKEL IN.** Jones showed surprising chemistry with fill-in starter Jeff Driskel, particularly in the second half. His last catch, a 12-yarder, was arguably not a clean catch.
- **Week 11 – 19.9 ... 5/4-43-2 vs. DAL. JEFF DRISKEL STARTED.** Jones, Golladay, and Amendola each had 5 targets. Jones saw the best looks, but he also deserves credit in his own right for displaying some after-catch goodness on his 25-yard TD.
- **Week 12 – 9.6 ... 11/5-46-0 @ WAS. JEFF DRISKEL STARTED.** Jones' 11 targets were 7 more than the next closest WR. He managed to lead the Lions in air yards as their primary downfield threat, too. He's having a quietly good season, even with Jeff Driskel.

- **Week 13 – 13.0 ... 6/3-40-1 vs. CHI.** DAVID BLOUGH STARTED. Jones wasn't covered on a crossing route near the end zone but was quiet beyond that as Kenny Golladay provided the big plays.
- **Week 14 – 6.8 ... 7/3-38-0 @ MIN.** DAVID BLOUGH STARTED. In a complete free-fall, Jones never stood a chance with Blough at QB. Jones didn't help with an ugly drop.
- **Week 15 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 16 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 17 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Season Summary:** Marvin Jones was placed on I.R. for the second year in a row. Jones was in the midst of a quietly nice campaign (9 TDs) until Matt Stafford landed on the shelf himself. He was inconsistent, battling Kenny Golladay, Danny Amendola, and T.J. Hockenson for targets, but the Lions aired it out more, and aired it out deeper than in 2018. He's entering his age 30 season and a contract year. 41st highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 91/62-779-9, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.9 PPG in 13 Games = WR21 Pace ... 16.4 PPG in 8 Games w/ Stafford = WR9 Pace.

TE T.J. Hockenson

- **Week 1 – 25.1 ... 9/6-131-1 @ ARI.** The 8th overall pick looked like a mini Rob Gronkowski in his debut, admittedly against a team that simply can not cover tight ends. He was great on a 23-yard TD where Stafford scrambled outside the pocket and found his new seam stretcher in the back of the end zone. Hockenson narrowly out-snapped blocking TE Jesse James but out-targeted him 9-1.
- **Week 2 – 1.7 ... 3/1-7-0 vs. LAC.** Hockenson accrued merely 20 air yards as a shallow threat, finishing 4th in targets. It was an extremely disappointing performance, as he wasn't even put in a position to succeed.
- **Week 3 – 1.1 ... 4/1-1-0 @ PHI.** Much like last week, Hockenson was boringly used in the flats rather than being featured over the middle of the field. He could have logged a TD that was ripped from his belly before his feet touched the ground.
- **Week 4 – 11.7 ... 3/3-27-1 vs. KC.** EXITED with a concussion late in the 3rd quarter. 41 snaps.
- **Week 5 – BYE**
- **Week 6 – 6.1 ... 6/4-21-0 @ GB.** Hockenson dropped a TD and had another quiet game.
- **Week 7 – 6.2 ... 5/3-32-0 vs. MIN.** It has now become easy to attribute Hockenson's 100-yard game in week 1 to Arizona's league-worst coverage against TEs. The rookie hasn't topped 35 REYD in any other game outside of that matchup.
- **Week 8 – 3.1 ... 1/1-21-0 vs. NYG.** Another quiet day.
- **Week 9 – 8.6 ... 7/3-56-0 @ OAK.** It was the most Hockenson was used since Week 1. He took a hard fall and got the wind knocked out of him late.

- **Week 10 – 7.7 ... 6/3-47-0 @ CHI. STAFFORD OUT. JEFF DRISKEL IN.** Hockenson didn't register a catch until the 4th quarter.
- **Week 11 – 1.6 ... 2/1-6-0 vs. DAL.** JEFF DRISKEL STARTED. Hock was a nonfactor all afternoon.
- **Week 12 – 0.0 ... 2/0-0-0 @ WAS.** JEFF DRISKEL STARTED. Questionable with a shoulder injury. Hockenson was clearly limited by the shoulder injury. He didn't catch a pass and was visibly hampered.
- **Week 13 – 7.8 ... 11/6-18-0 vs. CHI.** DAVID BLOUGH STARTED. He failed to clear 20 REYD for the 3rd straight game. He was spotted using crutches after the loss.
- **Week 14 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 15 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 16 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 17 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Season Summary:** Hockenson shot of the gates with a dominant game against the league's worst defense at covering tight ends. This appeared to be a mirage, as the Lions only used him as a role player afterward. His usage was horizontal into the flats rather than vertically down the field. He battled a concussion and an ankle injury, which he played through in the last 3 games, but he never surpassed 56 REYD after week 1, and had several games under 30 REYD. Hockenson looks the part, but TEs have a slow learning curve toward NFL success. 40th highest graded TE, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 59/32-367-2, 1 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 7.95 PPG in 8 Games w/ Stafford = TE16 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Kerryon Johnson

- **Week 1 – 8.2 ... 16-49-0, 2/2-13-0 @ ARI.** Prior to the season, Matt Patricia preached his preference toward RBBCs, but then the Lions released passing down back Theo Riddick, so it was unclear if Kerryon Johnson's role would expand. Johnson touched the ball on the game's first 3 snaps but ultimately had a disappointing day where the Lions ran a whopping 80 plays thanks to a full overtime shoot. Kerryon played 48 snaps. More importantly, he ceded 11 carries to C.J. Anderson.
- **Week 2 – 16.8 ... 12-41-0, 3/2-47-1 vs. LAC.** The good news is that Johnson's 12 carries were a backfield high. The bad news is that every back continued to be utilized on the ground, including rookie Ty Johnson (5-30-0), C.J. Anderson (5-8-0) and even third down back J.D. McKissic (2-2-0). Johnson's 33-yard TD catch was bobbled in the flat at first, but he collected it and found a pretty easy path to the end zone thanks to some motion trickery. 33 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 11.3 ... 20-36-1, 1/1-7-0 @ PHI.** His 1.8 YPC is not ideal to say the least, but his 20 carries were a career high after C.J. Anderson got cut during the week.

Kerryon was also used as the team's primary third down and goal line back. He received 4 carries inside the 10-yard line. Ty Johnson had only 4 carries behind him for the game. 47 snaps.

- **Week 4 – 15.7 ... 26-125-0, 3/2-32-0, FL vs. KC.** Johnson was fed early and often, bleeding the Chiefs for 65 yards in the first half. His breakout was marred by a costly goal line fumble, which was returned 100 yards for a TD. It was still a nice bounce back. 53 snaps.
- **Week 5 –** BYE
- **Week 6 – 14.1 ... 13-34-1, 4/2-27-0 @ GB.** Johnson wasn't nearly as involved as he was last week. J.D. McKissic sprinkled in 5 touches. Luckily, Kerryon was able to score from 1 yard out in the 1st quarter. The Lions settled for too many FGs. 39 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 2.3 ... 5-23-0, 1/0-0-0 vs. MIN. EXITED** with a knee injury. Was wearing a brace and walking with a limp before the game ended. Only 11 snaps. Kerryon Johnson was placed on short-term injured reserve.
- **Weeks 8-15 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 16 – 5.3 ... 10-42-0, 1/1-1-0 @ DEN.** Reports indicated Kerryon Johnson would see his fair share of carries along with Bo Scarbrough in his return to the field after missing 8 games with a knee injury. Johnson did not start but nonetheless out-touched Scarbrough. He didn't break off any big ones and played only 16 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 11.3 ... 11-53-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. GB.** Johnson worked in tandem with but played better. 27 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Kerryon Johnson's efficiency took a big hit this season, as he was much better on the ground (5.4 YPC) in 2018 than in 2019 (3.6 YPC). The larger issue is that the Lions have clearly been hesitant to truly free Kerryon from a RBBC with inferior backs, and this may be because of his inability to stay healthy. He's had 2 injury-plagued seasons as an NFL player. 37th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 113-403-3 (3.6 YPC) 1 100+... 15/10-127-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 11.81 PPG in 7 Games (minus early exit vs. MIN) = RB26 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Taylor Decker** – (15/16 LT)... 84 overall. DNP week 2.
- **Joe Dahl** – (13/16 LG)... 75 overall. DNP weeks 15-17.
 - **Oday Aboushi** – (2/16 LG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 16-17.
- **Frank Ragnow** – (15/16 C)... 88 overall. DNP week 12.
- **Jonah Jackson** – (0/16 OG)... Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Graham Glasgow** – (15/16 RG)... 84 overall. DNP week 9. Started week 12 at C.
 - **Kenny Wiggins** – (3/16 OG)... 61.8 overall. Started weeks 9, 12 at RG, and week 15 at LG. ~20 SPG otherwise.

- **Halapoulivaati Vaitai** – (0/16 RT)... 83 overall (Weak PB). Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Rick Wagner** – (10/16 RT)... 76 overall. DNP weeks 10-11, 15-17.
 - **Tyrell Crosby** – (6/16 OT)... 71 overall. Started week 2 at LT, and weeks 10-11, 15-17 at RT.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Trey Flowers | 92 | |
| ED: Devon Kennard | 80 | |
| ED: Romeo Okwara | 72 | DNP weeks 10-11. |
| ED: Julian Okwara | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: Danny Shelton | 82 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Nick Williams | 76 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Damon Harrison | 72 | DNP week 13. |
| DT: A'Shawn Robinson | 60 | DNP weeks 15-17. |
| DT: John Atkins | 60 | DNP weeks 1-4. |
| DT: Da'Shawn Hand | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 8, 9, 13. |
| OLB: Jamie Collins | 80 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Reggie Ragland | 75 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Jarrad Davis | 60 | DNP weeks 1-2, 15-17. |
| LB: Christian Jones | 60 | DNP weeks 15-17. |
| LB: Jahlani Tavai | 66 | Sig Snaps weeks 1-3, 6-15. |
| LB: Jalen Reeves-Maybin | 60 | Started weeks 1-2, 15-17. |
| CB: Jeffrey Okudah | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Desmond Trufant | 78 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Darius Slayia | 60 | DNP weeks 4, 7-8. |
| CB: Rashaan Melvin | 60 | DNP weeks 12-14. |
| NCB: Justin Coleman | 69 | |
| CB: Amani Oruwariye | 74 | Started weeks 12-14, 17. |
| CB: Darryl Roberts | 60 | |
| FS: Duron Harmon | 83 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| SS: Tavon Wilson | 76 | DNP weeks 1-3, 7. |
| FS: Tracy Walker | 79 | DNP weeks 9-12. |
| SS: Will Harris | 60 | Started weeks 4, 8-13, ~30 SPG otherwise. |

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Passing Game:

QB Aaron Rodgers

- **Week 1 – 12.9 ... 203, 1-0, 3-8-0 @ CHI.** Rodgers was dropped for 5 sacks. This was a punt-a-thon with little scoring. Part of it was great defense by the Bears and Packers. Rodgers sprinkled in a handful of nice throws, his longest on a gorgeous 47-yard rip to Marquez Valdes-Scantling. He ultimately wasn't special though, but again, part of that was because Chicago's front seven was swarming. Rust may have been a factor too, as Rodgers didn't see a single preseason snap in Matt LaFleur's offense, and it showed.
- **Week 2 – 14.3 ... 209, 2-0, FL vs. MIN.** Rodgers came out hot, completing his first 8/9 throws for 119 PAYD and 2 TDs to build a 21-0 lead early. Then, Mike Zimmer happened, according to Rodgers. The Packers offense was largely discombobulated for the rest of the afternoon, and he even had a mini tiff with new coach Matt LaFleur. Rodgers was hurt by some supporting cast miscues, including penalties and a Geronimo Allison fumble.
- **Week 3 – 13.3 ... 235, 1-0 vs. DEN.** Matt LaFleur and Aaron Rodgers are most definitely ironing things out. They looked upset at each other at times. Rodgers lone TD was a signature one. He got the Broncos to bite on a hard count and hit MVS over the top for a long TD. Outside of that, it was quiet. At this point, it seems like the Packers want to use their RBs more than their passing game.
- **Week 4 – 25.4 ... 422, 2-1, 5-46-0, FL vs. PHI.** Rodgers looked like he did his best to throw out Matt LaFleur's vanilla, run-established playbook and takeover himself. Aaron Jones was going nowhere on first down runs often, so Rodgers relentlessly worked his connection with Davante Adams. He found other pass catchers against a severely undermanned Eagles secondary. He should have had a 3rd TD, but the Packers somehow managed to come away from 1st-and-goal at the 1-yard line with 4 straight passes and nothing to show for it. Rodgers' final pass was forced to MVS and batted up in the air for a game-sealing INT. He looked like the real Aaron Rodgers in this game, though.
- **Week 5 – 9.4 ... 238, 0-0 @ DAL.** DAVANTE ADAMS OUT. Rodgers wasn't asked to do much, largely taking a backseat to Aaron Jones, who had a career day with 4 TDs. With no Adams, Rodgers had to make do with a trio of Marquez Valdes-Scantling, Geronimo Allison, and Jake Kumerow, which explains the lackluster receiving line. It wasn't a vintage performance.
- **Week 6 – 18.3 ... 283, 2-1, 3-10-0 vs. DET.** DAVANTE ADAMS OUT. Rodgers' first score was a short one to Jamaal Williams after Aaron Jones dropped a 33-yard TD.

Rodgers was making incredible throws all evening, but was also gifted multiple extra throws and sets of downs late by some shoddy officiating. One of these gifts led to a 35-yard TD strike to Allen Lazard, who caught all 4 of his passes for 65 REYD and a TD in the 4th quarter after coming in for an injured Geronimo Allison.

- **Week 7 – 43.7 ... 429, 5-0, 2-6-1 vs. OAK.** DAVANTE ADAMS OUT. Rodgers destroyed the Raiders, posting 6 total TDs. His first score was his best, where he found Aaron Jones back shoulder on a corner route in the back of the end zone. He also had a 74-yard TD strike to MVS in the 4th on a simple out. Rodgers seems to be heating up.
- **Week 8 – 27.1 ... 305, 3-0, 6-29-0 @ KC.** DAVANTE ADAMS OUT. Rodgers came out firing, spreading it around sans Adams, with no receiver going over 50 REYD. He made a highlight cross-body throw to Jamaal Williams in the back corner of the end zone. He was a factor in the running game again.
- **Week 9 – 12.9 ... 161, 1-0, 1-5-0 @ LAC.** Coming off the best 2-game stretch of his career, hopes were high with Rodgers getting stud WR Davante Adams back. Joey Bosa and the Packers run defense had other plans. Bosa took up residence in the Packers' backfield and the run defense never got a stop. The Chargers gobbled up 36 minutes of possession. Rodgers was out of rhythm, overthrowing passes and sending a few to the turf. It was a "burn the tape" afternoon.
- **Week 10 – 10.0 ... 233, 0-0, 1-7-0 vs. CAR.** The 29 attempts matched a season-low, and it was his 2nd TD-less effort of the year. Rodgers played well though and made some great throws. Aaron Jones just did all the scoring himself with 3 RUTDs.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 9.4 ... 104, 1-0, 3-13-0, FL @ SF.** This was another rough fantasy game. He was under constant pressures, taking 5 sacks and checking down for most of the night, managing just 3.2 YPA. Over the past 3 games, Rodgers is averaging only 166 PAYD and has just 2 TDs.
- **Week 13 – 28.1 ... 243, 4-0, 3-24-0 @ NYG.** The Giants porous defense was just the cure Rodgers needed to bust his slump. Rodgers was in control for most of the afternoon in the snow. His TD to Mercedes Lewis was impressive considering he had a defender draped all over him as he was making the throw.
- **Week 14 – 11.4 ... 195, 1-0, 5-16-0, FL vs. WAS.** Rodgers did not play great in this one, losing a fumble and taking 4 sacks. He led GB to scoring drives on 2 of their first 3 possessions before stalling out. His TD was a wide open throw to Robert Tonyan. It was a let down game.
- **Week 15 – 14.4 ... 203, 1-0, 3-23-0 vs. CHI.** Another lousy fantasy effort, Rodgers completed a season-worst 48.5% of his throws. MVS did drop what would have been a 70-yard TD on the opening play of the game. Davante Adams was the lone playmaker in this game. Rodgers has 0 250+ PAYD games since Week 8.
- **Week 16 – 8.3 ... 216, 0-1 @ MIN.** Rodgers wasn't very good yet again, but he was OK enough. His INT was first since week 6, but he failed to post 250+ PAYD again. Rodgers has just one multi-TD game since week 8. The Packers are 12-3 but not

because of Rodgers. GB will try to keep riding Aaron Jones in its slow-paced ball-control offense. Rodgers has no one to throw to besides Davante Adams.

- **Week 17 – 19.0 ... 323, 2-1 @ DET.** Rodgers marched the offense down the field on multiple occasions in the 4th quarter to rally the squad, but he did miss both Aaron Jones and Tyler Ervin for what should have been easy TDs. Rodgers only truly gelled with Davante Adams, though Allen Lazard made some big catches downfield.
- **Week 18 – 19.1 ... 243, 2-0, 5-14-0 vs. SEA.** Rodgers has just 1 250+ PAYD game since Week 8. Rodgers did make some ridiculous throws in this one, including a dime to Davante Adams on third down late in the 4th to seal the win and other to Jimmy Graham to ice it.
- **Week 19 – 15.0 ... 326, 2-2, FL @ SF.** Green Bay got buried by the 49ers for the 2nd time this season. GB mostly couldn't stop the 49ers running attack, falling behind 27-0 in the first half. Rodgers' lost fumble was a botched snap. Rodgers lacked aggression before the break, prioritizing not making mistakes over hunting for big plays, a theme of this season under coach Matt LaFleur. Packers pass catchers not named Davante Adams frequently appeared to have no idea where they were going, another theme of the season.
- **Season Summary:** Rodgers was mostly a game manager for large portions of the season, believe it or not. Aaron Jones was the offense, scoring 16 TDs on the ground. Rodgers did a great job not turning the ball over and winning games with limited receivers behind Davante Adams, but for fantasy purposes, his stats were aided by only a few big blowup games against soft opponents. Rodgers averaged fewer than 7.5 YPA for the 5th straight year after clearing that mark in 5 of his 6 campaigns from 2009-2014. 7th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 4002 PAYD, 26-4 TD/INT, 7.0 YPA, 62.0%, 95.4 QBR, 4 300+... 46-183-0, 26-8 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.36 PPG in 18 Games (16 reg + 2 playoff) = QB14 Pace.

WR Davante Adams

- **Week 1 – 7.6 ... 8/4-36-0 @ CHI.** Adams didn't do much in this one. Kyle Fuller deserves credit for keeping him in check. It didn't help that Rodgers took 5 sacks and barely had any time to throw with the Bears' elite pass rush breathing down his neck.
- **Week 2 – 17.6 ... 9/7-106-0 vs. MIN.** Adams caught a 39-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage. He was more involved after a weak opening game.
- **Week 3 – 9.6 ... 4/4-56-0 vs. DEN.** Adams was out-targeted by Marquez Valdes-Scantling 10-4. It was an odd game; Adams was hurt by Matt LaFleur's conservative game plan, with the Packers leaning on their rushing attack and defense more than ever.
- **Week 4 – 28.0 ... 15/10-180-0 vs. PHI.** On a career night against an overmatched secondary, Adams exited late in the game with a turf toe injury. Adams was tearing

holes in the defense, nearly scoring a 65-yard TD on the Packers opening drive (he had to settle for a 58-yard catch). He tried to stay in the game following his injury but was limping heavily on the sideline.

- **Week 5 – DNP – Toe**
- **Week 6 – DNP – Toe**
- **Week 7 – DNP – Toe**
- **Week 8 – DNP – Toe**
- **Week 9 – 11.1 ... 11/7-41-0 @ LAC.** One of Adams' missed connections was a drop. Returning from a 4-game absence, Adams easily led the Packers in targets. There just wasn't a whole lot he could do on an afternoon Rodgers had little time to throw. He's now been held below 60 REYD in 3/5 games this season.
- **Week 10 – 18.8 ... 10/7-118-0 vs. CAR.** This time his 7 catches amounted to something. He was wreaking havoc on the Panthers' secondary without their best CB James Bradberry. Aaron Jones rushed for 3 TDs.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 19.3 ... 12/7-43-1 @ SF.** Adams also caught a 2-point conversion. He had a 39% target share but was somewhat held in check by Richard Sherman.
- **Week 13 – 24.4 ... 10/6-64-2 @ NYG.** Adams' first TD featured him finding an open area in the Giants' zone before dragging a defender into the end zone. The second came on a free play from 17 yards out when Rodgers got the snap off before the Giants could get their extra defender off the field.
- **Week 14 – 8.1 ... 6/4-41-0 vs. WAS.** Quiet game for Adams, who finished behind Aaron Jones in targets. Rodgers only threw for 195 PAYD.
- **Week 15 – 23.3 ... 13/7-103-1 vs. CHI.** Adams was targeted on 13 of Rodgers' 33 throws and accounted for more than half of his 203 PAYD. Adams beat Buster Skrine from 29 yards out for his TD in the 1st quarter. Adams and Aaron Jones have been all GB has on offense.
- **Week 16 – 22.6 ... 16/13-116-0, FL @ MIN.** Adams led the team in targets as he does. His only miscue was a lost fumble, one of 3 Packers turnovers before halftime. Adams was taking Xavier Rhodes' lunch money all evening. He's heating up.
- **Week 17 – 22.3 ... 13/7-93-1 @ DET.** His TD featured some pristine route running to get open from 20 yards out. He's been the one constant in the passing game that's otherwise been a little bit of a mess all season. He's playing really well though after a slow start.
- **Week 18 – 36.0 ... 11/8-160-2 vs. SEA.** The next closest Packer was targeted just 4 times. Adams has been a one-man show in the passing game for Rodgers this season. Defenses still can't stop him. Adams was wide open for the first score of the game, then raced past a pair of DBs on the way to the end zone for the second TD. He later helped seal the win with a crucial catch on 3rd down late in the 4th.
- **Week 19 – 22.8 ... 11/9-138-0 @ SF.** A monster night, but most of it was in an entire half's worth of garbage time as the Packers trailed 27-0 at half.

- **Season Summary:** Adams was Rodgers' only reliable receiver this season. He showed his great chemistry with Rodgers, especially toward the end of the season and during the Packers playoff run where he was looked like Michael Thomas. Adams started slowly due to the Packers' run-established, conservative offense under Matt LaFleur and because of a turf toe injury. He heated up in big way a few games after returning. 4th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 127/83-997-5, 5 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.39 PPG in 14 Games (12 reg + 2 playoff) = WR3 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Aaron Jones

- **Week 1 – 4.9 ... 13-39-0, 1/1-0-0 @ CHI.** Jones did very little of note on TNF, which was to be expected against the Bears' stifling front seven. Jones did improve as the game went on, delivering most of his production after halftime. He endured a brief injury scare, heading to the sideline with what appeared to be a hand issue. Jones has had trouble staying healthy in his first 2 years in the league. Luckily, he returned on the next drive. He out-touched Jamaal Williams by a convincing 14-7 margin.
- **Week 2 – 25.0 ... 23-116-1, 6/4-34-0 vs. MIN.** Jones ceded 12 touches to Jamaal Williams but it didn't matter on a day where Green Bay was team establish the run. Rodgers started scorching hot but then gradually succumbed to Mike Zimmer's pass defense. Jones never stopped moving the chains.
- **Week 3 – 15.3 ... 10-19-2, 1/1-4-0 vs. DEN.** Coach Matt LaFleur said he wants to "even up" the touches between Aaron Jones and Jamaal Williams, so his RBBC style (he refused to let Derrick Henry be a workhorse in TEN) just won't go away. This was after Jones played so well last week. Williams had 2 more carries and 1 more target than Jones and was actually far more productive. Jones played only 21 snaps. Jones was fortunate to have 2 TDs from inside the 10-yard line, including a 1-yarder.
- **Week 4 – 17.8 ... 13-21-1, 7/6-37-0 vs. PHI.** Jones started the game alongside Jamaal Williams, but Williams was knocked out on the first play of the game by a helmet-to-helmet hit. This led to Jones playing a whopping 66 snaps as the Packers' only other active RB. Matt LaFleur dialed up one fruitless first down run after another against the Eagles pass funnel defense. Aaron Rodgers started to take matters in his own hands and move the ball himself.
- **Week 5 – 49.2 ... 19-107-4, 8/7-75-0 @ DAL.** JAMAAL WILLIAMS AND DAVANTE ADAMS OUT. Jones was a behemoth, almost beating Dallas by himself. He was dominant in every facet. His 8 TDs in 5 games this season already matches his 2018 total. This will go down as one of the top fantasy performances of the year, if not the best.
- **Week 6 – 8.0 ... 11-47-0, 7/4-13-0, FL vs. DET.** DAVANTE ADAMS OUT. Jones followed up his unbelievable game with a nightmare evening, losing a fumble and

then dropping a wide open would-be 33-yard TD at the goal line as he ran free down the seam. Jamaal Williams then cashed in with a short TD catch. Williams out-touched Jones 18-15 and out-gained him 136-60 too. It was a massive letdown after Jones crushed it last week without Williams active.

- **Week 7 – 18.3 ... 12-50-0, 4/4-33-1 vs. OAK.** DAVANTE ADAMS OUT. It was a complete reversal of last week. This time, Jones won the touch battle 16-7. Jones caught a TD in the back of the end zone, making a nice grab on back shoulder pass.
- **Week 8 – 41.6 ... 13-67-0, 8/7-159-2 @ KC.** DAVANTE ADAMS OUT. Jones was involved heavily early, scoring on the Packers' opening drive. He had a second TD that was called back and vultured by Jamaal Williams. Jones later scored on a 67-yard screen where he outran the entire Chiefs defense. He missed part of the 2nd quarter with a shoulder injury but looked fine upon returning.
- **Week 9 – 3.9 ... 8-30-0, 3/1- -1-0 @ LAC.** Although Jamaal Williams rushed just twice for 10 yards, he out-gained Jones 49-29 thanks to his 6 catches. The Chargers were playing swarming run defense, but the main problem was that the Packers' run defense couldn't get the Chargers off the field. The Packers only possessed the ball for 24 minutes.
- **Week 10 – 27.3 ... 13-93-3, 0/0-0-0 vs. CAR.** Jones accounted for all 3 GB TDs and has now found the end zone 14 times in 10 games. Jamaal Williams received the same amount of carries, but Jones dominated the money looks in scoring area. Carolina's defense has been bad against the run all year and today was no different.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 3.8 ... 13-38-0, 1/0-0-0 @ SF.** The Packers offense struggled to sustain drives and Jones fell out of the game plan playing from behind. Jones was out-touched by Jamaal Williams (18 touches).
- **Week 13 – 7.1 ... 11-18-0, 6/4-13-0 @ NYG.** Jones had one of the more unlucky afternoons from a RB in recent memory. He was stopped twice inside the 1-yard line and also had a score nullified by penalty. Jones continues to spend plenty of time on the sidelines in favor of Jamaal Williams.
- **Week 14 – 31.2 ... 16-134-1, 7/6-58-0 vs. WAS.** Jones was the entire offense, including in the passing game.
- **Week 15 – 17.1 ... 13-51-2, 0/0-0-0 vs. CHI.** Jones had 6 carries for 16 scoreless yards at halftime, but he scored the Packers' 2 TDs after the break. GB did nothing over the final 22 minute of the game. Jones was not targeted in the passing game. Some games, he's Rodgers favorite target not named Davante Adams and other times he's not involved at all through the air.
- **Week 16 – 28.0 ... 23-154-2, 3/2-6-0, FL @ MIN.** JAMAAL WILLIAMS INJURED. The Packers dominated for much of the night, but they simply could not find the end zone, settling for 3 FGs. Jones took over after the break. It helped that Jamaal Williams left with a shoulder injury, paving the way for every down Jones, something we love to see. His 2nd TD was a 56-yarder up the sideline to salt the

game away. He now has a whopping 19 TDs on the season. High snap count of 52 (played 30-42 SPG weeks 6-15).

- **Week 17 – 16.3 ... 25-100-0, 6/2-43-0 @ DET.** JAMAAL WILLIAMS OUT. Another great performance from Jones. 75 snaps (season high)
- **Week 18 – 19.6 ... 21-62-2, 2/1-4-0 vs. SEA.** Jamaal Williams and Tyler Ervin combined for just 3 carries. The yards weren't there for Jones, but he did punch in a pair of 1-yard TDs.
- **Week 19 – 25.3 ... 12-56-1, 5/5-27-1 @ SF.** Jones' 2 TD-effort (both in the second half as the Packers trailed 0-27 at half) closes the book with 23 total TDs in 18 games.
- **Season Summary:** Aaron Jones confirmed years of belief from fantasy analysts that he was capable of being one of the most productive RBs in football if coaches would feed him and he could stay healthy. Jamaal Williams got plenty of run in Matt LaFleur's preferred RBBC, but some injuries and Jones getting the money touches in the red zone allowed Jones to showcase his talent and thus his fantasy prowess (19 regular season TDs on 285 touches). Jones is entering his age 26 season, and he may need to rework his contract being set to make only \$2M next season. Aaron Jones = 5th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- Jamaal Williams (107-450-1 (4.3 YPC), 45/39-253-5), in his own right, was the 17th highest graded RB, per PFF. He played 21-33 SPG in every game except high counts of 39 and 38 snaps in weeks 6, 12. He missed weeks 4-5, and 17. His snap counts faded down the stretch, playing only 25, 24, 21 snaps in weeks 14-16 before only 9 in week 18 (divisional round) and 19 in week 19 (conference round).
- **Season Totals:** 236-1084-16 (4.6 YPC) 5 100+... 68/49-474-3.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.98 PPG in 18 Games (16 reg + 2 playoff) = RB3 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **David Bakhtiari** – (18/18 LT)... 93 overall (Amazing PB).
- **Elgton Jenkins** – (16/18 LG)... 78 overall. DNP weeks 1-2.
 - **Lane Taylor** – (2/18 LG)... 76 overall. Started weeks 1-2.
- **Corey Linsley** – (16/18 C)... 85 overall. DNP weeks 5, 17.
 - **Lucas Patrick** – (2/18 C)... 60 overall. Started weeks 5, 17.
- **Billy Turner** – (18/18 RG)... 74 overall.
- **Rick Wagner** – (0/16 RT)... 78 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Bryan Bulaga** – (15/18 RT)... 87 overall. DNP weeks 4, 12, 18.
 - **Jared Veldheer** – (1/18 RT)... 60 overall. Started week 18.

DEFENSE:

ED: [Za'Darius Smith](#)

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| ED: Preston Smith | 77 | |
| ED: Rashan Gary | 60 | ~15 SPG |
| DT: Kenny Clark | 86 | |
| DT: Dean Lowry | 64 | |
| DT: Tyler Lancaster | 63 | ~25 SPG |
| LB: Blake Martinez | 71 | |
| LB: Christian Kirksey | 62 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| OLB: Kyler Fackrell | 63 | ~25 SPG |
| LB: B.J. Goodson | 61 | ~300 Snaps |
| CB: Jaire Alexander | 83 | |
| CB: Kevin King | 73 | |
| NCB: Tramon Williams | 77 | |
| FS: Darnell Savage | 74 | DNP weeks 5-7. |
| SS: Adrian Amos | 83 | |
| S: Chandon Sullivan | 81 | ~30 SPG weeks 5-18. |

HOUSTON TEXANS

Passing Game:

QB Deshaun Watson

- **Week 1 – 30.7 ... 268, 3-1, 4-40-1 @ NO.** Watson got the scoring started with a 21-yard helicoptering TD run on 4th and 1. He was hit and soared through the air and appeared to injure his back on the play. Watson spent the rest of the game in and out of the medical tent and getting back massages on the sideline. That still didn't keep him from lighting up the stat sheet. He found DeAndre Hopkins for a pair of short TDs, and with 37 seconds remaining, he stood firm in the pocket and threw a beautiful strike to Kenny Stills for a 37-yard TD to put Houston up 1.
- **Week 2 – 12.8 ... 159, 0-0, 4-5-1 vs. JAX.** Rushing RUTD kind of saved his day but it obviously was not good.
- **Week 3 – 25.8 ... 351, 3-0, 7-18-0, FL @ LAC.** Watson was brilliant whenever he was given a decent amount of time to throw. Even when he wasn't, he was too elusive for the Chargers' pass rush to bring down. He managed chunk plays to Kenny Stills, DeAndre Hopkins, Will Fuller, and Jordan Atkins.
- **Week 4 – 11.6 ... 160, 0-0, 3-12-1, FL vs. CAR.** Watson struggled to find rhythm all afternoon and was sacked 6 times. The Texans offense relied on the running game and short passes for most of the game. Watson badly missed open receivers on two of his deep shots. Watson managed to salvage his day with a short TD run from the 1-yard line late.
- **Week 5 – 41.7 ... 426, 5-0, 4-47-0 vs. ATL.** Watson finished with a perfect QB Rating of 158.3. He also added almost 50 yards on the ground. He routinely put the ball exactly where it needed to go, which was typically in the waiting arms of Will Fuller. The Falcons simply didn't have an answer for the Texans' passing game.
- **Week 6 – 29.4 ... 280, 1-2, 10-42-2 @ KC.** It was a heroic effort from Watson, who was handed the ball up 7 on 4th and 3 in the final 2 minutes and beat a zero-blitz over the middle to D-Hop for the 8-yard game winning catch. Watson wasn't without his flaws, tossing 2 clumsy INTs into double and triple coverage. His WRs hurt him immensely, as Will Fuller and D-Hop dropped a total of 4 TDs! The designed runs were added bonuses.
- **Week 7 – 15.5 ... 308, 1-2, 3-32-0 @ IND.** FULLER EXITED. Watson mixed in spectacular plays with some bone-headed mistakes in his attempt to lead the Texans back from a 4th quarter deficit. Will Fuller exited after the first drive, so Watson honed in on D-Hop and Kenny Stills (4-105-0). The offense was somewhat robbed from the refs in the first half, as they said Watson was in the grasp of a defender and ruled down on a play where Watson spun out and found D-Hop for a TD.

- **Week 8 – 27.7 ... 279, 3-0, 10-46-0 vs. OAK.** FULLER OUT. Trailing by 3 in the 4th, Watson worked miracles in spinning out of Arden Key's near sack and taking a cleat to the face before breaking free and hitting Darren Fells over the middle for a 9-yard TD. Those two connected again on the game's final play, seeing Watson (with his left eye swollen shut) throw in range for Fells to corral a one-handed catch while hitting the ground to walk away with a wild win.
- **Week 9 – 19.7 ... 201, 2-0, 7-37-0 @ JAX.** FULLER OUT. Watson only needed to manage this one, with the Texans defense holding JAX to just one FG. He threw a pair of goal line TDs.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 3.9 ... 169, 0-1, 3-12-0, FL @ BAL.** FULLER OUT. The Texans got demolished 41-7. It was one of the worst starts of his career, and the first where the Texans lost by 2 or more scores, which is remarkable. Watson took 6 sacks and nearly got his right leg destroyed in the process. He appeared to suffer a bad ankle sprain but miraculously stayed in the game. He was trying to do too much on both his turnovers.
- **Week 12 – 18.9 ... 298, 2-1, 3-10-0 vs. IND.** The Texans were missing Will Fuller over the last few games, evidenced by Watson finding him for one big play after another. Fuller's presence also seemed to free DeAndre Hopkins, who had a pair of scores. Watson finished with 5 completions of 30+ PAYD.
- **Week 13 – 28.8 ... 234, 3-0, 4- -1-0, RETD vs. NE.** DeAndre Hopkins found Deshaun Watson for a 6-yard TD on a trick play. Watson spread it around in this one, with none of his receivers going over 70 REYD. His TDs came on checkdowns to Duke Johnson and Darren Fells, and a deep shot to Kenny Stills.
- **Week 14 – 28.0 ... 292, 1-2, 6-44-2 vs. DEN.** FULLER OUT. His second RUTD was a highlight reel play, as he danced around a defender and hurdled another before stretching the ball across the pylon. Will Fuller's absence cratered the Texans offense as they were down 3-31 heading into halftime.
- **Week 15 – 16.9 ... 243, 2-2, 7-32-0 @ TEN.** Fuller was active, but it was far from Watson's best effort. He killed the Texans opening drive with a goal line INT. He found Kenny Stills for a pair of TDs before throwing yet another goal line. 4 of Watson's 11 INTs have come in the past 2 weeks, while he has not had a 300-yard passing day in 8 weeks.
- **Week 16 – 9.0 ... 184, 0-1, 7-37-0 @ TB.** FULLER OUT. He sustained an ankle injury in the 3rd quarter that he played through. Their lone TD was a 1-yard run by Carlos Hyde. It's obvious to anyone watching football that this offense completely breaks whenever Will Fuller is not available.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest.**
- **Week 18 – 25.3 ... 247, 1-0, 14-55-1 vs. BUF.** FULLER OUT. Watson had a heroic second half after the Texans trailed 0-16 at the break. Watson used his legs more than ever (he did so on a successful 2-point conversion attempt as well) and forced the ball to D-Hop to pull Houston back. Escaping a sack in OT, Watson hit Taiwan

Jones for a 34-yard catch and run deep into BUF territory to set up the game-winning FG.

- **Week 19 – 33.2 ... 388, 2-0, 6-37-1 @ KC.** Watson took 4 sacks and Houston blew an early 24-point advantage. Watson had a 54-yard dime to an open Kenny Stills on Houston's opening drive. Watson could not match Pat Mahomes' 5 TDs, but he played well enough, even if a large chunk of his output (222 PAYD) came with Houston trailing in the second half.
- **Season Summary:** Still 24, Watson had a fine season. He was boom or bust for the first few weeks, followed by a stretch of underwhelming performances that coincided mostly with the injury to WR Will Fuller. Still, Watson had plenty of real-life heroic efforts to affirm he's one the best playmakers at the position. His 400 RUYD and 7 RUTDs really help boost his fantasy production, but he's good through the air too. 8th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,852 PAYD, 26-12 TD/INT, 7.8 YPA, 67.3%, 98.0 QBR, 3 300+... 82-413-7, 33-11 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 22.33 PPG in 17 Games (15 reg + 2 playoff) = QB3 Pace.

WR DeAndre Hopkins

- **Week 1 – 31.1 ... 13/8-111-2 @ NO.** Hopkins had some tough grabs uncharacteristically fall to the ground, but he quickly pulled himself together and made some massive grabs. He scored 2 short TDs and gave the business to shadowing CB Marshon Lattimore.
- **Week 2 – 9.0 ... 8/5-40-0 vs. JAX.** Limited all week with a ribs injury. He didn't catch a pass in the first half, wrapped up in Jalen Ramsey's coverage all day.
- **Week 3 – 12.7 ... 7/6-67-0 @ LAC.** Hopkins was bottled up for most of the first half but came alive enough in the 3rd and 4th quarters to somewhat salvage the afternoon. He was limited with a ribs injury again during the week.
- **Week 4 – 7.1 ... 8/5-41-0 vs. CAR.** Two of Hopkins' catches came on the final drive of the game thanks to off coverage. He's now failed to find the end zone or surpass even 70 REYD in 3 straight games. He has matched up with Jalen Ramsey, Casey Hayward, and James Bradberry in that span, however.
- **Week 5 – 15.8 ... 8/7-88-0 vs. ATL.** Nuk was the clear second-hand man to Will Fuller's incredible performance. He received mostly underneath targets. Watson looked his way in the red zone a few times but decided to go elsewhere.
- **Week 6 – 16.5 ... 12/9-55-0 @ KC.** Hopkins dropped a TD today. This is the 5th straight game Hopkins failed to eclipse 100 REYD and/or score a TD. He's currently only on pace for 105-1072-5. Odds are he'll turn it around based on his talent.
- **Week 7 – 25.6 ... 12/9-106-1 @ IND.** FULLER EXITED. Nuk found the end zone with some route running goodness from the 4-yard line. He had another TD called back after the refs ruled Deshaun Watson was already in the defender's grasp. The Colts couldn't stay with Hopkins for much of the afternoon despite Will Fuller bowing out early.

- **Week 8 – 21.9 ... 13/11-109-0 vs. OAK.** FULLER OUT. D-Hop saw a 34% target share and 44% of team air yards in his last 2 games sans Fuller. This was the 3rd game in a row he recorded 9 catches. His 10-yard catch on the final drive iced the game.
- **Week 9 – 19.4 ... 11/8-48-1 @ JAX.** FULLER OUT. Hopkins worked mostly underneath in this one, averaging just 6 yards per catch. He was lucky to find the end zone, scoring on a goal line TD.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 15.0 ... 12/7-80-0 @ BAL.** FULLER OUT. Hopkins has now posted 11+ targets in 5 straight games, though today's calories were empty in a game where the Texans were never competitive. Deshaun Watson was under siege and the passing game was dysfunctional. Hopkins had a chance to catch a TD but was basically tackled in the end zone, and no call was made.
- **Week 12 – 27.4 ... 8/6-94-2 vs. IND.** Even with Fuller returning and posting a nice line, Hopkins had his best game in nearly a month. A coverage bust left Hopkins wide open for a 35-yard grab in the end zone. On the second, he roasted CB Pierre Desir down the left sideline before hauling in a 30-yarder.
- **Week 13 – 15.6 ... 8/5-64-0, PATD vs. NE.** D-Hop was held in check by shutdown CB Stephon Gilmore most of the night. He did throw a 6-yard PATD to Deshaun Watson on a trick play. Season low 43 snaps (played at least 56 SPG in all others).
- **Week 14 – 26.2 ... 13/7-120-1, 1-12-0 vs. DEN.** FULLER OUT. Game script worked in Hopkins' favor since the Texans were staring down the barrel of a 31-3 deficit at halftime. Hopkins was fed with Fuller absent. He's averaged 12.2 targets per game with Fuller OUT. Hopkins nearly walked away from a second TD in garbage time but it bounced off his helmet after being tipped by a defender.
- **Week 15 – 17.9 ... 8/6-119-0 @ TEN.** Fuller was active, but Hopkins was efficient, particularly in the third quarter.
- **Week 16 – 7.3 ... 9/5-23-0 @ TB.** FULLER OUT. Houston built an early lead thanks to Jameis Winston turnovers and then Deshaun Watson was under pressure constantly, especially after sustaining an ankle injury in the game.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest**
- **Week 18 – 15.0 ... 8/6-90-0 vs. BUF.** FULLER OUT. All-pro CB Tre'Davious White shut down Hopkins in the first half, holding him to no catches on 2 targets. Hopkins then caught his first in the 3rd quarter, but White forced a fumble on the play. Hopkins eventually settled in and led the team in receiving.
- **Week 19 – 20.8 ... 14/9-118-0 @ KC.** Hopkins led the team in catches and receiving in the losing effort. He avoided near disaster when he tossed an errant lateral to Deshaun Watson in the 2nd quarter. He went for X-Rays after taking a shot to the ribs late in the first half but nonetheless played 77 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** While not as flawless as his phenomenal 2018, Hopkins had a good but not great season where he started slowly and did most of his damage in games where WR Will Fuller was absent. He looked great on the field, though the numbers did not show up as they normally come. He's the best body control WR in the NFL and turns 28 this offseason. 5th highest graded WR, per PFF.

- **Season Totals:** 150/104-1165-7, 5 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.9 PPG in 17 Games (15 reg + 2 playoff) = WR7 Pace.

WR Will Fuller

- **Week 1 – 8.9 ... 3/2-69-0 @ NO.** Coming off a torn ACL, Fuller is reportedly all systems go for Week 1. Bill O’Brien claimed that Fuller had a good camp and improved his hands. Unfortunately, he wasn’t used a lot on opening day. His first grab was a sensational 54-yard catch over the top of CB Eli Apple; it was arguably the best catch of week 1. But for some reason, he only had one other target, which was also caught.
- **Week 2 – 8.0 ... 7/4-40-0 vs. JAX.** The 7 targets were an increase, but the Texans offense was pitiful against JAX.
- **Week 3 – 10.1 ... 7/5-51-0 @ LAC.** Fuller has yet to erupt this season with 3 disappointing games to start the year. He remains locked into 2-WR sets.
- **Week 4 – 5.3 ... 6/3-23-0 vs. CAR.** Fuller’s afternoon was disappointing yet again. Panthers CB2 Donte Jackson was not active, and Fuller took advantage of CB Ross Cockrell when he broke free for a 75-yard would-be score that was overthrown by Deshaun Watson. He was also targeted on a post route in the end zone that was picked.
- **Week 5 – 53.7 ... 16/14-217-3 vs. ATL.** Finally! This will wind up as one of the best performances, if not the best, from a fantasy WR all season. Fuller was uncoverable. His first score was a short red zone corner route, the second came off a busted coverage on a deep crosser, and a third was a beautifully placed ball down the sideline for 44 yards to ice the game. He could have had an even bigger day, but he was incredibly tackled on a 1-yard line on two separate occasions! If we know anything about Fuller, we can expect a letdown next week.
- **Week 6 – 9.4 ... 9/5-44-0 @ KC.** Sure enough, Fuller disappointed after his breath-taking game vs. ATL. In fact, the box score doesn’t do it justice. Fuller left a ton of production on the field. His first target was a 28-yard end zone target that was within his finger tips but wasn’t corralled. His next 2 drops were much more egregious, missing a challenging but possible 41-yard TD to his back shoulder as he came down hard, and another that bounced off his palms and out of bounds. You can make the argument he left 3-103-3 on the field in what could have been back-to-back thrillers. Realistically, he should have caught 2 TDs, but Fuller has always had issues with drops.
- **Week 7 – 1.6 ... 1/1-6-0 @ IND.** EXITED on the first drive of the game with a hamstring pull. Only 3 snaps. Kenny Stills had 4-105-0 on 61 snaps after Fuller exited.
- **Week 8 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 9 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – DNP – Hamstring**

- **Week 12 – 21.0 ... 11/7-140-0 vs. IND.** Playing for the first time since Week 7, Fuller exposed the back end of the Colts' defense for receptions of 44 and 51 REYD. He seemed to be favoring his balky hamstring at times but did not miss a play.
- **Week 13 – 1.8 ... 2/1-8-0 vs. NE.** This was rough. Fuller had a would-be 35-yard TD slip out of his hands in the end zone. He was targeted only once more. It's unclear whether he was fully healthy, but it was a terrible matchup vs. the Patriots regardless. Only 41/55 snaps (played 57-78 SPG weeks 1-6). Hopkins played 46 snaps.
- **Week 14 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 15 – 11.1 ... 7/5-61-0 @ TEN.** Questionable with the hamstring. Fuller seemed to avoid setbacks, but it seems like a matter of time before he re-pulls his hammy. 59 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 3.1 ... 2/2-11-0 @ TB.** Questionable with the hamstring. **EXITED** with a groin injury. The Texans offense wasn't doing anything before Fuller left. Only 16 snaps.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Groin**
- **Week 18 – DNP – Groin**
- **Week 19 – 13.9 ... 8/5-89-0 @ KC.** Admittedly operating at much less than 100%, Fuller saw full snaps and didn't look noticeably hampered, putting his considerable downfield chops to good use with an impressive 39-yard catch in the 1st. He recorded 72 REYD in the second half.
- **Season Summary:** Fuller was coming off a torn ACL in 2018 so it was predictable that he had an injury-plagued 2019 season (though he's proven to never be able to stay healthy, as he's never reached 700 REYD in a season in 4 years. When he's on the field and healthy, he's effective in fantasy but even more so in reality. He's a crucial difference maker for the Texans offense, evidenced by the stark contrast in the splits with and without him in recent years. His speed opens up the entire offense. He heads into the final year of his rookie contract having appeared in just 42 of a possible 64 games. 25th highest graded WR, per PFF. Fuller underwent sports hernia surgery to repair his injured groin. He's expected to be ready for training camp.
- **Season Totals:** 71/49-670-3, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.32 PPG in 10 Games (9 reg minus 2 early exits weeks 9, 16 + 1 playoff) = WR24 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Laremy Tunsil** – (16/18 LT)... 91 overall (Outstanding PB). DNP weeks 9, 17.
- **Max Scharping** – (16/18 LG)... 69 overall (Good PB). DNP weeks 1-2.
 - **Senio Kelemete** – (1/16 LG)... 70 overall. Started week 1.
- **Nick Martin** – (17/18 C)... 76 overall (Strong PB). DNP week 17.

- **Zach Fulton** – (17/18 RG)... 62 overall (Weak RB). DNP week 4.
- **Tytus Howard** – (8/18 RT)... 69 overall. Started week 2 at LG weeks 3-6, 9-12 at RT.
 - **Chris Clark** – (9/18 OT)... 61 overall. Started weeks 8, 13-16, 18-19 at RT, and weeks 9 and 17 at LT.
 - **Roderick Johnson** – (4/18 RT)... 73 overall. Started weeks 2, 6-7, 17.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: J.J. Watt | 96 | DNP weeks 9-17. |
| ED: Whitney Mercilus | 75 | DNP week 17. |
| ED: Brennan Scarlett | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 7-19. |
| DT: Ross Blacklock | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: D.J. Reader | 94 | DNP week 17. |
| DT: Charles Omenihu | 63 | DNP weeks 1, 4. ~30 SPG. |
| NT: Brandon Dunn | 60 | ~25 SPG. |
| DT: Angelo Blackson | 60 | ~25 SPG. |
| DT: Carlos Watkins | 60 | DNP weeks 2-3, 5, 7, 13-14. ~25 SPG. |
| LB: Zach Cunningham | 75 | DNP week 17. |
| LB: Benardrick McKinney | 75 | DNP weeks 16-17. |
| CB: Bradley Roby | 76 | DNP weeks 7-12, 17. |
| CB: Gareon Conley | 72 | DNP weeks 1-7, 13. |
| NCB: Lonnie Johnson Jr. | 60 | Started weeks 2-7, 17, 19. |
| CB: Johnathan Joseph | 69 | Started weeks 1-5, 12-13. |
| CB: Vernon Hargreaves | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 12-19. |
| FS: Justin Reid | 84 | DNP week 12. |
| SS: Tashaun Gipson Jr. | 65 | DNP weeks 7-9, 18-19. |
| FS: Jahleel Addae | 67 | Started weeks 7-12, ~20 SPG otherwise. |
| FS: Eric Murray | 66 | Projected Starter in 2020. |

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Passing Game:

WR T.Y. Hilton

- **Week 1 – 28.7 ... 9/8-87-2 @ LAC.** Colts beat writers claimed that T.Y. Hilton had his best training camp of his career, and that no one on the Colts offense has looked better than Hilton, and it's not close. He carried this into Week 1. No other Colt had more than 5 targets, and T.Y. Hilton had a 33% target share for QB Jacoby Brissett. His first TD was a wide open 4-yarder in the middle of the defense, and his second was a 19-yard catch and run that forced the game into OT.
- **Week 2 – 14.3 ... 6/4-43-1 @ TEN.** Hilton caught a jump ball TD from a few yards out to save his stat line. It was a slow day for the Colts offense with the Titans playing at such a slow pace. Jacoby Brissett isn't playing bad, but he's not playing great either.
- **Week 3 – 20.5 ... 10/8-65-1 vs. ATL. EXITED** with quad injury. Was questionable with injured quad. He had to test it in warm-ups before being declared active. He soaked up 10 first half targets and was playing well. He went straight to the locker room after catching a TD, limping badly. He re-aggravated his quad injury. 35 snaps.
- **Week 4 – DNP – Quadricep**
- **Week 5 – 7.7 ... 4/4-37-0 @ KC.** Questionable with quad injury. He played through it but he was not 100%. The Colts went run heavy while protecting their lead, so there wasn't much hope for Hilton in a game Jacoby Brissett had just 5.2 YPA.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 19.4 ... 11/6-74-1 vs. HOU.** Hilton proved to be too much for Texans' backup CBs to deal with, regularly showing off some dynamic route running ability to break free against man coverage all afternoon. His TD came on the goal line via a short designed screen. Frank Reich has done a great job scheming Hilton free in the red zone, elevating his floor in the Colts' run-first offense.
- **Week 8 – 7.4 ... 6/2-54-0 vs. DEN.** Hilton was quiet for most of the game, with just one catch late in the 4th quarter. He helped set up the game-winning FG on a highlight 35-yard pass out of the back of his own end zone. Snap counts are still high (played 56-67 SPG in every game thus far except week 3).
- **Week 9 – DNP – Calf** (injury suffered in practice. Frank Reich said it was a 3-4 week injury).
- **Week 10 – DNP – Calf**
- **Week 11 – DNP – Calf**

- **Week 12 – 4.8 ... 6/3-18-0 @ HOU.** Questionable for TNF. Frank Reich informed the FOX broadcast booth that Hilton would be a on pitch count in his return. He was true to his word. Hilton could have had a bigger statistical night if not for a pair of brutal deep drops on third down. They were extremely costly for fantasy players and the Colts team. Hilton was visibly frustrated after drop No. 2. Only 25 snaps.
- **Week 13 – DNP – Calf** (week-to-week)
- **Week 14 – DNP – Calf**
- **Week 15 – 6.5 ... 9/4-25-0 @ NO.** Questionable with calf. Hilton claimed he was 100% over his calf injury, but he wasn't out there on his normal allotment of snaps despite leading the team in targets. He was routinely taking breaks on the sideline. Only 29 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 5.6 ... 4/3-26-0 vs. CAR.** Frank Reich said he expected Hilton's snap count to increase for the next 2 games. His production was underwhelming, but Hilton actually led the team in both catches and receiving. Brissett was unable to connect with Hilton deep. The Colts scored 14 points on special teams and pressured rookie QB Will Grier into 3 INTs. Hilton did appear to look healthier and on more snaps. Only 38 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 10.2 ... 3/3-72-0 @ JAX.** This was Hilton's best performance in weeks, though it didn't matter much as the Colts finished their season in humiliating fashion with an 18-point loss to the lowly Jags. Only 38 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Coming off a 120/76-1270-6 line in 14 games during his final season with Andrew Luck despite playing through a high ankle sprain late in the year, Hilton had a forgettable, injury-ruined season with Jacoby Brissett in 2019. Hilton was a model of year-to-year consistency for the past 6 seasons before last year, but he has never scored more than 7 TDs in a season (though he likely would have in 2019). T.Y. Hilton reportedly played through a 2-centimeter tear in his calf late in the season. It stretched to 3-CM when he re-injured it in week 12. Hilton hobbled and limped to the finish line, averaging a very un-Hilton like 39 REYD over his final 5 games with no TDs. The 30-year-old got off to a hot start when he was healthy. 28th highest graded WR, per PFF (Jacoby Brissett was 32nd ranked QB by PFF)
- **Season Totals:** 68/45-501-5, 0 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.5 PPG in 10 Games = WR38 Pace... 16.33 PPG in First 6 Games, Weeks 1-3, 5, 7-8 (Pre-Calf Injury) = WR11 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Marlon Mack

- **Week 1 – 25.4 ... 25-174-1, 0/0-0-0 @ LAC.** Mack had just 8 carries had 21 yards at halftime, but he opened the 3rd quarter with a 25-yard run and had 100 yards in the period. His TD was a 63-yard scamper up the left side. The Colts' great O-Line was opening up massive running lanes all throughout the second half.

- **Week 2 – 8.3 ... 20-51-0, 3/2-12-0 @ TEN.** The Colts tried to establish the run in again in their second game post-Andrew Luck, but Mack didn't do much with the Titans filling the gaps at the LOS. Three different receivers scored TDs, which hurt his fantasy performance.
- **Week 3 – 16.8 ... 16-74-1, 3/2-14-0 vs. ATL.** Questionable with calf injury. Had to test the injury in warm ups before giving it a go. Mack took a while to get going in this one, nursing the minor calf issue. A big 26-yard run late in the 4th helped seal the win.
- **Week 4 – 3.9 ... 11-39-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. OAK.** Mack was not targeted in the passing game. The Colts were in a surprisingly bad game script from their opening drive, so the running game never got to impose its will. This was upsetting, as Mack is largely game-script driven; he splits in Colts victories are way, way better than their defeats, as he is rarely ever used as a receiver. Mack exited midway through the 4th quarter and was announced questionable with an ankle injury but did not return. Frank Reich said post game that he was not medically ruled out, the Colts were just in their no-huddle mode with Nyheim Hines in. Only 27 snaps (played 41-49 SPG weeks 1-3).
- **Week 5 – 17.8 ... 29-132-0, 3/3-16-0 @ KC.** Questionable with ankle injury. Was considered a game time decision. He looked fine, playing a whopping 67 snaps and averaging 4.6 YPC. In fact, he was the entire Colts offense, accounting for half their total yards and wearing down the Chiefs in the upset victory. Mack continued to lose pass down work to Hines and was spelled by Jordan Wilkins every now and then in the red zone. He's still the focal point of the offense when it's up to the Colts.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 8.6 ... 18-44-0, 3/3-12-0 vs. HOU.** The rushing attack never managed to get anything rolling despite optimal game flow. There were fairly large lanes throughout the afternoon but Mack's longest rush was ultimately a pedestrian 7 yards. The good news was that he continued to work well ahead of both Jordan Wilkins (3 touches) and Nyheim Hines (2).
- **Week 8 – 16.0 ... 19-76-1, 1/1-14-0 vs. DEN.** Mack was the only thing working in the Colts' offense against a run funnel defense. Mack is quietly averaging 20 carries a game, 4th highest mark in the league.
- **Week 9 – 8.9 ... 21-89-0, 0/0-0-0 @ PIT.** Mack picked up extra yardage all afternoon, regularly displaying an elite combination of lateral agility along with consistent yards after contact. The Colts leaned on their RB with Jacoby Brissett sidelined with a knee injury after the first quarter. Snaps have decreased slightly to 39 SPG in weeks 8-9 after seeing 41-54 SPG in weeks 1-3, 5, 7.
- **Week 10 – 9.2 ... 19-74-0, 1/1-8-0 vs. MIA.** The 'Fins largely sold out against the run in an effort to limit Mack and the usually dominant Colts O-Line. This worked in the first half, but he grinded out yards in the offense's attempted second half comeback. The passing game's inability to get anything going limited the ceiling of the offense. The only issue was that Nyheim Hines continued to annoying be

involved on passing downs. Hines had 31 snaps and Jordan Wilkins had 8. Mack played 32 snaps.

- **Week 11 – 16.9 ... 14-109-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. JAX.** EXITED with a hand injury early in the 3rd quarter. Mack was on his way to a huge day. 21 snaps.
- **Week 12 – DNP – Hand**
- **Week 13 – DNP – Hand**
- **Week 14 – 9.8 ... 13-38-1, 0/0-0-0 @ TB.** Frank Reich said he was not going to have Mack on a pitch count, but the Colts did activate 4 RBs. Tampa Bay has one the best run defenses in the NFL. Mack looked healthy, unleashing multiple deadly stiff arms and showing no ill effects from his hand injury. He was fed well ahead of any other RB, as his 13 touches surpassed Hines (8), Wilkins (1) and Jonathan Williams (0). 26 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 1.9 ... 11-19-0, 0/0-0-0 @ NO.** Wasn't targeted in the passing game, but was phased out due to the Colts trailing by multiple scores in a blow out road loss against another stout run defense. 25 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 18.1 ... 16-95-1, 2/2-6-0 vs. CAR.** All 3 available Colts RBs scored a TD against the Panthers leaky defense, but it was mainly a result of the Colts defense forcing 3 turnovers on rookie QB Will Grier. Mack's TD was a 1-yarder. 31 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 19.7 ... 15-77-2, 1/0-0-0 @ JAX.** Mack's performance was all that went right for Indy during the rout. 27 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Mack's total lack of usage in the passing game makes him one of the most game-script dependent players in all of fantasy football. When the Colts win, Mack typically plays well. When the Colts are trailing, Mack is subbed out for passing down contributors. The Colts do show a reliance on him when the score permits, and the Colts do have a great O-Line. Mack is not a supreme talent but he gets what's blocked, which is particularly a lot behind this O-Line. It's worth noting that health regression should be expected from the Colts O-Line; the 5 starters made 80/80 possible starts, a feat that occurs about once or twice every 3 years. Mack, 24, is entering the final year of his contract. 28th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 247-1091-8 (4.4 YPC) 3 100+... 17/14-82-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.0 PPG in 14 Games = RB22 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Anthony Castonzo** – (16/16 LT)... 93 overall.
- **Quenton Nelson** – (16/16 LG)... 98 overall. Half Snaps week 16.
- **Ryan Kelly** – (16/16 C)... 87 overall. Half Snaps week 9.
- **Mark Glowinski** – (16/16 RG)... 77 overall. Better RB.
- **Braden Smith** – (16/16 RT)... 86 overall.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Justin Houston | 93 | |
| ED: Jabaal Sheard | 69 | DNP weeks 1-3. |
| ED: Al-Quadin Muhammad | 72 | ~35 SPG. |
| ED: Ben Banogu | 60 | ~15 SPG. |
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| DT: DeForest Buckner | 93 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Denico Autry | 77 | DNP weeks 16-17. |
| DT: Grover Stewart | 72 | |
| DT: Sheldon Day | 68 | |
| DT: Margus Hunt | 60 | ~30 SPG. |
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| LB: Darius Leonard | 91 | DNP weeks 3-5. |
| LB: Anthony Walker | 73 | |
| LB: Bobby Okereke | 78 | Started weeks 3-5, ~25 SPG after. |
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| CB: Xavier Rhodes | 78 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Rock Ya-Sin | 72 | DNP week 12. |
| NCB: Kenny Moore | 84 | DNP weeks 7, 14-17. |
| CB: Pierre Desir | 63 | DNP weeks 8-11. |
| CB: T.J. Carrie | -- | |
| NCB: Marvell Tell III. | 70 | Sig Snaps weeks 8-12. |
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| FS: Malik Hooker | 77 | DNP weeks 4-7. |
| SS: Khari Willis | 74 | DNP weeks 12, 17. |
| SS: Clayton Geathers | 73 | Started weeks 1-4, 7-9, 12, 16-17. |

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Passing Game:

QB Gardner Minshew

- **Week 1 – 17.6 ... 275, 2-1, 1-6-0 vs. KC.** Minshew, an undersized 6th round rookie who operated a spread offense at Washington St., played shockingly well when called upon after Nick Foles broke his collarbone in the first quarter. Minshew spread the ball around to D.J. Chark, Chris Conley and Dede Westbrook. He simply wasn't missing any throws. 47 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 16.1 ... 213, 1-0, 6-56-0, FL @ HOU.** Minshew was sacked 4 times and pretty horrendous in the first half before settling down a bit. He missed a wide open D.J. Chark early and also overthrew Leonard Fournette on a wheel route that could have been a huge pickup. Minshew nearly pulled off a comeback by hitting Chark for a 4-yard TD with 30 seconds left to make it 13-12. The Jags went for 2 and did not convert on the run. Minshew led an incredible final drive with his legs.
- **Week 3 – 17.9 ... 204, 2-0, 4-18-0 vs. TEN.** Despite the occasional driving rain, Minshew gave his receivers an opportunity to make plays down the field, especially D.J. Chark. Minshew could have had a bigger night but he received a drop-filled performance from his pass catchers, particularly Dede Westbrook (3 drops, including a would-be 22-yard TD). Minshew is playing an aggressive style.
- **Week 4 – 16.7 ... 213, 2-0, 1-2-0 @ DEN.** Minshew Mania has reached a fever pitch. The Jags rookie didn't post a great stat line, but he routinely extended the play with his feet before making clutch throws downfield. He made 3 defenders miss on his first TD. He had a short TD nullified by penalty. He played through pain on the final drive to set the Jags up for a game-winning FG.
- **Week 5 – 21.1 ... 374, 2-0, 7-42-0, 3 FL @ CAR.** Minshew nearly produced another magical moment, as the Jags needed a 95-yard TD drive to tie with 2 minutes left. No dice after multiple heaves into the end zone. On the opening drive, Minshew completed all 3 of his passes, one for a TD dime to D.J. Chark. There were negatives, notably 2 fumbles off sacks and another flubbed handoff where Minshew appeared to hit the lead blocking fullback with the ball.
- **Week 6 – 4.6 ... 163, 0-1, 2-1-0 vs. NO.** Minshew looked like a 6th round pick in this one. Cam Jordan hounded him all day, never letting him get comfortable. He had a difficult time connecting with his lead receiver D.J. Chark, who had Marshon Lattimore in his grill all afternoon.
- **Week 7 – 21.0 ... 255, 1-0, 9-48-0 @ CIN.** His lone TD came in the 4th, finding Keelan Cole from the 2-yard line. The rushing was a pleasant surprise. He didn't trust his pass protection. Cam Robinson exited with a first half injury. He often failed to make second and third reads in favor of scrambles. Minshew's stat line would have

been a lot worse if B.W. Webb didn't let him off the hook by dropping 2 INTs. Minshew has played pretty poorly in the past 2 weeks.

- **Week 8 – 23.9 ... 279, 3-0, 8-28-0, FL vs. NYJ.** Minshew bounced back against a banged up Jets defense. He was extending plays with his legs, finding Chris Conley on a 70-yard TD strike. He is a genuine playmaker, though he has a fumbling problem.
- **Week 9 – 7.7 ... 309, 0-2, 4-34-0, 2 FL vs. HOU.** Terrible timing for his implosion, as Nick Foles is set to return after the BYE week. Minshew had 4 turnovers and took 3 sacks. He failed to throw a TD.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – DNP – Benched**
- **Week 12 – DNP – Benched**
- **Week 13 – 10.6 ... 147, 1-1, 2-8-0 vs. TB. MINSHEW REPLACED FOLES AT HALFTIME.** Foles turned the ball over 3 times and led 0 scoring drives. Minshew was better in relief but still faced immense pressure as the Bucs dialed up blitz after blitz. His INT was a bad end zone throw on 3rd-and-goal. 41 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 13.5 ... 162, 1-0, 6-31-0 vs. LAC.** Minshew added some rushing but struggled to move the offense, though the team's lackluster running game didn't help matters. Minshew checked down too often, refusing to throw down the field to D.J. Chark breaking free on a few occasions.
- **Week 15 – 18.7 ... 201, 2-0, 5-27-0 @ OAK.** D.J. CHARK OUT. The Jags offense was nonexistent in the first half. The Jags went into halftime with 75 PAYD despite 55 PAYD coming on one deep bomb to Keelan Cole. Minshew came threw when it mattered most in the 4th, erasing the Jags' deficit with a pair of TDs, one of which was a go-ahead score with 31 seconds left. Chark's absence was felt.
- **Week 16 – 14.8 ... 181, 1-0, 7-36-0 @ ATL.** His TD was a rainbow 42-yarder to Chris Conley on a double move. He had some gutsy plays on third and fourth down but ultimately looked like a backup. He's now averaging just 181 PAYD in 3 starts since replacing Nick Foles.
- **Week 17 – 24.5 ... 295, 3-1, 5-7-0 vs. IND.** Dropped for 3 sacks, but Minshew was excellent in his finale.
- **Season Summary:** It's debatable whether Minshew has the goods to be a franchise signal caller. He was certainly better than Nick Foles last season, however. Minshew should some gutsy, clutch performances, making plays late in games. He also had plenty of mistakes to put the Jags in position to make come backs to begin with (he fumbled the ball a whopping 13 times, losing 7). He showed surprising mobility, but he slowed down considerably after the initial Minshew Mania craze. 21st highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,271 PAYD, 21-6 TD/INT, 7.0 YPA, 60.6%, 91.2 QBR, 2 300+... 67-344-0, 21-18 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.81 PPG in 13 Games (minus week 13 halftime entry) = QB16 Pace.

WR D.J. Chark

- **Week 1 – 24.6 ... 4/4-146-1 vs. KC.** Chark was taking advantage of a good matchup, and he's already 84% on the way to his rookie yardage total of 174. His TD was a rainbow 35-yarder from Nick Foles delivered on a dime in the end zone. More impressive was Chark's 69-yard reception where he was throwing stiff arms. 41 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 18.5 ... 9/7-55-1 @ HOU.** He led the Jags in targets in this one and seems to be a favorite of Gardner Minshew. The two practiced together a lot this summer.
- **Week 3 – 17.6 ... 5/4-76-1 vs. TEN.** Chark continued to emerge as the Jags' No. 1 receiver, scoring for the 3rd time in as many games. Minshew gave him the opportunity 1-on-1 to make a play against Malcolm Butler and he responded. Low count 38 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 8.4 ... 8/4-44-0 @ DEN.** Chark had an 18-yard TD nullified by penalty. He continues to impress and is clearly the No. 1 WR. Plenty of Chark's work came against stud CB Chris Harris.
- **Week 5 – 36.4 ... 11/8-164-2 @ CAR.** Chark's second year leap is incredible. He scored on a beautiful 37-yard rope from Gardner Minshew on the opening drive. In the second half, Chark hauled in a twisting sideline grab where he reached the ball just short of the pylon while tapping his feet inbounds.
- **Week 6 – 7.3 ... 7/3-43-0 vs. NO.** Chark struggled to create space against Marshon Lattimore, who stuck to him like glue for most of the afternoon. He even had the INT, which was intended to Chark. 41 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 10.3 ... 4/3-53-0, 1-20-0 @ CIN.** Chark's opportunities were few and far between on a day where the Jags attempted just 32 passes compared to 44 runs. Chark made the most of his involvement, flashing separation skills and athleticism. He had a 33-yard catch and run down the sideline and a jet sweep. Chark was inches away from a TD on the Jags opening drive.
- **Week 8 – 19.9 ... 12/6-79-1 vs. NYJ.** Chark re-established himself with a season high 12 targets. His score was part of Minshew Mania, as he scrambled around like Tony Romo before finding Chark in the right corner of the end zone for an 8-yard TD.
- **Week 9 – 7.2 ... 9/4-32-0 vs. HOU.** Led JAX in targets but couldn't do anything with them. This was a let down game. Even though Minshew imploded with 4 turnovers, he still had 302 PAYD and Dede Westbrook was OUT. Chark has been hit or miss this season.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 30.4 ... 15/8-104-2 @ IND. NICK FOLES STARTED.** Chark was the lone bright spot, catching both of Nick Foles' TDs. He sprinted untouched to the end zone for a 34-yarder. He added a TD in garbage time on a fade route. Chark has been Foles' go-to WR based off 5 quarters of play.

- **Week 12 – 10.8 ... 6/5-38-0 @ TEN.** NICK FOLDES STARTED. Even with Foles forced to throw 30 times in the second half, Chark was never really involved in this blowout. Chark did add a 2-point conversion, however. Season high 81 snaps.
- **Week 13 – 6.7 ... 5/2-47-0 vs. TB.** MINSHEW REPLACED FOLDES AT HALFTIME. Chark had 0-0-0 with Nick Foles before he was benched at halftime. He made a diving 30-yard catch to set up Dede Westbrook's 3-yard TD 2 plays later. That was about it for Chark.
- **Week 14 – 16.5 ... 10/9-75-0 vs. LAC.** EXITED with 5 minutes left in the 4th quarter after a catch. He's had 3 quiet games in a row as the Jags offense has really stalled out. 58 snaps (played at least 55 SPG weeks 7-14). Chark left the stadium in a walking boot because of his injured left foot or ankle sprain.
- **Week 15 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 16 – 3.8 ... 7/2-18-0 @ ATL.** Chark seemed to have little trouble cutting on his troublesome ankle, but he was held to his lowest yardage total nonetheless. 54 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 7.4 ... 5/4-34-0 vs. IND.** Chark mostly took a backseat in this one even though Minshew had a great game and the Jags won by 18. 54 snaps.
- Chark got off to a red-hot start in his first 5 games before doing nothing for the rest of the season outside of one blowup game with Nick Foles at QB in week 11 (though he did battle an ankle injury for the last 2 games). He failed to score in his final 5 games. Chark is athletic and speedy with great size (6'4, 198 with a 4.3 '40), so it was nice to see him breakout in his second year. He's firmly the Jags No. 1 WR. 27th highest graded WR, per PFF (very high marks weeks 1-5 before leveling off, finishing poorly weeks 16-17).
- **Season Totals:** 118/73-1008-8, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.1 PPG in 15 Games = WR20 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Leonard Fournette

- **Week 1 – 11.4 ... 13-66-0, 6/4-28-0, FL vs. KC.** Lost the first fumble of his career. The receptions were the main takeaway. LF looked noticeably thinner and spryer after an offseason of weight loss narratives.
- **Week 2 – 12.7 ... 15-47-0, 6/4-40-0 @ HOU.** The Texans game planned for Fournette with Nick Foles out, forcing Gardner Minshew to beat them. Fournette was stuffed on a 2-point conversion attempt for the win. His 6 targets were again impressive, and it could have been better had Gardner Minshew not badly miss him on a deep wheel route.
- **Week 3 – 15.2 ... 15-66-0, 8/6-26-0 vs. TEN.** Playing in driving rain all evening, Fournette looked horrible until a 69-yard 4th quarter run that probably should have been a 78-yard TD. He got tracked down from behind after the marathon

rumble. Fournette had 12 carries for negative 8 yards prior to that play. He had several gainless receptions too.

- **Week 4 – 26.5 ... 29-225-0, 3/2-20-0 @ DEN.** Fournette was a man on a mission in the second half, repeatedly gashing the Broncos for chunk plays, breaking plenty of tackles along the way. His best play was an 81-yard run that he cut back across the field and nearly took to the house. While his receptions were up, Fournette wasn't doing much of anything on the ground until this breakout performance.
- **Week 5 – 23.7 ... 23-108-1, 7/4-29-0 @ CAR.** It was another Fournette-type day, running for numerous short gains before then exploding for a 48-yard gain. He had an amazing blitz pickup.
- **Week 6 – 17.8 ... 20-72-0, 6/6-46-0 vs. NO.** He never broke the big one, but he was still the Jags main source of offense, delivering 66 of his yards before half. He was the recipient of Gardner Minshew dump offs on an afternoon the passing game never got going. He's been cooking over the last 3 games after a sluggish start.
- **Week 7 – 16.5 ... 29-131-0, 2/2-14-0 @ CIN.** Career high 31 touches, Fournette broke off numerous chunk gains, bullying a Bengals run defense that was already yielding plenty of rushing yards. The end zone eluded Fournette. He was stuffed on 4th-and-goal from the 1 on the opening drive. He recovered a botched hand off for a loss of 5 and converted another 4th and short later in the game.
- **Week 8 – 20.6 ... 19-76-0, 7/7-60-0 vs. NYJ.** Has now cleared 118 YFS in 5 straight games, though his inability to find the end zone has been odd and annoying. He appeared to bust a 75-yard TD on the Jags second play from scrimmage, but as is often the case, he got chased down from behind. LF finally seemed the cross the stripe on a 1-yard rush, but the ref ruled that his forward progress had been stopped. He lost 7 yards on the next play.
- **Week 9 – 12.2 ... 11-40-0, 6/5-32-0 vs. HOU.** Fournette had nowhere to run despite facing a Texans D-Line without J.J. Watt. He managed to stay involved with the Jags trailing, which has aided his fantasy season.
- **Week 10 –** BYE
- **Week 11 – 12.7 ... 8/23-0, 7/7-34-0 @ IND.** LF fell victim to game script, with the Jags throwing it 47 times. He saved his day with 7 catches, which again has been essential this season. Played 44 snaps (season low; played at least 51 SPG in every other game).
- **Week 12 – 36.9 ... 24-97-2, 12/9-62-0 @ TEN.** Fournette had a hand in just about everything on a career high 33 touches. He was Nick Foles' go-to target down the stretch. Beyond his absurd usage, he got the monkey off his back by punching in a pair of TDs from the goal line, ending his TD drought at 5 games. Season high 80 snaps!
- **Week 13 – 18.1 ... 14-38-0, 11/9-53-0 vs. TB.** MINSHEW REPLACED FOLES AT HALFTIME. Solid PPR day for LF, but he could have had a bigger afternoon if he could have capitalized on a pair of goal line opportunities. Short receptions saved his day, as has often been the case this season.

- **Week 14 – 9.3 ... 15-50-0, 6/3-13-0 vs. LAC.** Fournette had several tackle-breaking runs but never quite managed to get loose.
- **Week 15 – 12.3 ... 15-42-0, 7/5-31-0 @ OAK.** CHARK OUT. Another pedestrian showing by LF, who has averaged a sluggish 2.95 YPC without scoring a TD over his last 3 games. He still drew considerable volume, but the lack of efficiency hurts. He was bottled up for 6 yards on 6 carries in the first half.
- **Week 16 – 13.5 ... 15-71-0, 6/3-34-0 @ ATL.** It was the first time in 4 games that LF reached 100 YFS. He still failed to score for the 13th time in 15 appearances, which is inconceivable for a RB with Fournette’s weekly workload. The Jags had a 1st-and-goal from the Falcons’ 5-yard line late in the game but opted for 4 passes.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Illness / Neck**
- **Season Summary:** Fournette’s usage was awesome, as he saw at least 50 snaps in every game except week 11, where he logged 44 snaps. In addition, he saw games with snap counts of 62, 68, 76, 72, 80, and 62. He made notable and impressive strides as a receiver (100 targets!), which aided his fantasy value in a big way, especially during his odd TD droughts spanning several weeks at a time despite extremely heavy volume (only 3 TDs despite 352 touches!). LF started slowly, had an awesome midseason stretch, and then finished poorly. The 24-year-old RB is entering a contract year but under a new pass-first coach in Jay Gruden. 47th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 265-1152-3 (4.3 YPC) 3 100+... 100/76-522-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.3 PPG in 15 Games = RB11 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Cam Robinson** – (13/16 LT)... 65 overall. DNP weeks 1-2, half of week 3, 7.
- **Andrew Norwell** – (16/16 LG)... 83 overall.
- **Brandon Linder** – (16/16 C)... 92 overall (Great PB).
- **A.J. Cann** – (16/16 RG)... 64 overall.
 - **Will Richardson Jr.** – (2/16 RG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 1-2 at LT, played ~30 SPG at RG weeks 3-13, 17.
- **Jawaan Taylor** – (16/16 RT)... 76 overall.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Calais Campbell | 96 | |
| ED: Yannick Ngakoue | 85 | DNP week 2. |
| ED: Josh Allen | 75 | ~35 SPG. |
| ED: K’Lavon Chaisson | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Dawuane Smoot | 60 | ~25 SPG. |
| ED: Cassius Marsh | 71 | |

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| DT: Marcell Dareus | 75 | DNP weeks 1, 8-17. |
| DT: Taven Bryan | 82 | Sig Snaps weeks 6-17. |
| DT: Abry Jones | 66 | |
| NT: Timmy Jernigan | 73 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: Al Woods | 76 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Joe Schobert | 72 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Myles Jack | 60 | DNP weeks 1, 13-17. |
| LB: Quincy Williams | 60 | DNP weeks 8-11, 15-17. |
| LB: Donald Payne | 60 | Started weeks 13-17. |
| CB: C.J. Henderson | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Rashaan Melvin | 62 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: A.J. Bouye | 72 | DNP weeks 2, 17. |
| NCB: D.J. Hayden | 80 | DNP weeks 9, 12. |
| CB: Tre Herndon | 60 | DNP weeks 1, 3. |
| FS: Jarrod Wilson | 79 | |
| SS: Ronnie Harrison | 68 | DNP weeks 12-14 |

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Passing Game:

QB Patrick Mahomes

- **Week 1 – 27.3 ... 378, 3-0 @ JAX.** Mahomes looked like he might go for 500 today, entering halftime at 16/20 for 313 PAYD and 2 TDs. Both of the TDs were long ones to Sammy Watkins, with Watkins doing major damage after the catch. Mahomes was quieter after the break in a non-competitive game. Mahomes rolled his ankle late in the 2nd quarter but he was able to shake it off. Mahomes rested for the final 5 minutes.
- **Week 2 – 31.6 ... 443, 4-0, FL @ OAK.** TYREEK HILL OUT. Mahomes was unstoppable. He racked up 313 PAYD and 4 TDs by halftime, and he even had a 74-yard TD that was perfectly thrown negated by an iffy penalty. He did this without Hill or LT Eric Fisher. Fisher will be out for an extended period.
- **Week 3 – 27.8 ... 374, 3-0, 4-9-0 vs. BAL.** TYREEK HILL OUT. We're witnessing one of the greatest stretches of QB play ever. He had everything working, even with the Ravens forcing early pressure and Mahomes taking a number of hard hits. He found Mecole Hardman wide open for an 83-yarder. His 14-yarder to LeSean McCoy was a perfectly executed screen.
- **Week 4 – 18.0 ... 315, 0-0, 6-54-0 @ DET.** TYREEK HILL OUT. Mahomes was uncharacteristically shaky in this one. He was actually playing in a dome for the first time in his career. He didn't have the deep ball working despite the Lions being without their top CB Darius Slay. He still made some plays when needed, keeping the Chiefs comeback hopes alive with a 15-yard scramble on 4th-and-8 late in the 4th.
- **Week 5 – 18.5 ... 321, 1-0, 3-17-0 vs. IND.** TYREEK HILL OUT. SAMMY WATKINS HURT on first drive. Mahomes was playing without his top 2 WRs, and he aggravated his ankle injury and was clearly playing at less than 100%. This was a letdown against a Colts secondary missing 2 starters.
- **Week 6 – 18.8 ... 273, 3-1, FL vs. HOU.** Mahomes missed a few throws to crossing receivers in the corner of the end zone that he notoriously hit last year. Noticeably in pain and limping once his already-tweaked ankle was caught underneath a defender in the 1st quarter, Mahomes inaccuracy could very well be pinned on his inability to make plays outside of the pocket on one good foot. Mahomes has been reluctant to abandon the pocket with his injury, so teams are able to play more man defense.
- **Week 7 – 7.2 ... 76, 1-0 @ DEN.** EXITED with right knee injury in 2nd quarter. He got hurt on a QB sneak on 4th and short near the goal line. Diagnosed with dislocated right knee cap which is expected to cost him at least 3 weeks. 20 snaps.

- **Week 8 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 9 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 10 – 29.8 ... **446, 3-0 @ TEN.** You wouldn't have known he was only 2 weeks removed from a dislocated kneecap. Following an overturned INT on KC's first play Mahomes responded by capping off a 69-yard scoring drive with a shovel pass TD to Travis Kelce. He continued to make numerous mind-bending highlights all afternoon in the shoot out, including a 63-yard TD to Mecole Hardman that saw Mahomes hop up in a crushed pocket and throw off his left foot. Mahomes overthrew Hill at one point for a wide open streaking would-be TD.**
- **Week 11 – 15.1 ... **182, 1-1, 5-59-0 @ LAC.** TYREEK HILL EXITED. LT ERIC FISHER returned after missing weeks 2-10. The passing yards were a career low for a non-injury shortened game, but he played better than the stats suggest. Tyreek Hill exited after the first series and never returned. Sammy Watkins made little impact in his absence, but Travis Kelce beasted. His 59 RUYD were a career high.**
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 19.5 ... **175, 1-0, 3-25-1 vs. OAK.** Mahomes set a new career worst for passing yards in this one. His 14 completions were also a career low. It was windy. The Chiefs ran for 3 TDs and scored 1 on defense to put the Raiders 40-9. Mahomes' 1 PATD was a short hook up to Darrel Williams in the 1st quarter.**
- **Week 14 – 13.9 ... **283, 1-1, 6-6-0 @ NE.** Mahomes jogged all over NE in the first half, throwing for 226 PAYD, but did not fare well after the break against the league's best defense. Mahomes' 1 TD was a 48-yard deep hurl to Mecole Hardman. He wasn't bad, but the Pats defense definitely slowed him. He's now gone 3 straight without a 300+ PAYD game. Mahomes injured his throwing hand but played all 77 snaps. The hand explains why things went south in the second half after starting hot with 226 PAYD at halftime. Andy Reid said Mahomes had difficulty gripping the ball while Mahomes believes it affected his deep throws.**
- **Week 15 – 22.7 ... **340, 2-1, 3-11-0 vs. DEN.** Mahomes was great despite the snowy conditions. He added a 2-point conversion that featured some off-script scrambling before finding his man. Mahomes connected with Tyreek Hill on both scoring strikes.**
- **Week 16 – 25.4 ... **340, 2-1, 2-14-1 @ CHI.** Mahomes and the Chiefs coasted to an easy win, with the defense holding CHI out of the end zone. He scored on the opening drive on a 12-yard RUTD. He played well in the tough matchup.**
- **Week 17 – 11.0 ... **174, 1-1, 7-21-0 vs. LAC.** Mahomes didn't take a sack all afternoon but struggled to move the ball downfield. Damien Williams rushed for 12-124-2 and Mecole Hardman scored on a kickoff return.**
- **Week 18 – 38.1 ... **321, 5-0, 7-53-0 vs. HOU.** A number of first half blunders by the Chiefs found them down 24-0 early. But Mahomes resurrected KC in breathtaking fashion, hurling 4 second quarter TDs.**
- **Week 19 – 35.0 ... **294, 3-0, 8-53-1 vs. TEN.** Trailing 17-7 through the 1st quarter, Mahomes again rallied the team with 3 consecutive scoring drives to take the lead before halftime. Mahomes scored on a 27-yard scramble where he tight roped the**

left sideline while averting a spying LB and dashing ahead. Tyreek Hill and Sammy Watkins both got loose over the top.

- **Week 20 – 24.3 ... 286, 2-2, 9-29-1 vs. SF.** Under constant duress in the second half by a swarming 49ers defense, Mahomes was not himself. He was short-arming one pass after another. He got it together in time to make yet another comeback late.
- **Season Summary:** Mahomes experienced the predictable regression in his second season as a starter but was still one of the most explosive players in the game. He exploded out of the gates but a week 5 aggravation to his ankle injury led to worse numbers. In week 7, he sustained a dislocated knee cap that sidelined him for 2.5 games. He returned to form, though he did have some slower games down the stretch (just 8 PATDs in final 6 regular season games), twice against LAC. 3rd highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 4,031 PAYD, 26-5 TD/INT, 8.3 YPA, 65.9%, 105.3 QBR, 7 300+... 43-218-2, 28-7 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 24.03 PPG in 16 Games (13 reg minus week 7 early exit + 3 playoff) = QB2 Pace.

WR Tyreek Hill

- **Week 1 – 4.1 ... 2/2-16-0, 1-5-0 @ JAX. EXITED** with a shoulder injury after a hard hit from Jalen Ramsey. He broke his collarbone. Only 12 snaps.
- **Week 2 – DNP – Collarbone**
- **Week 3 – DNP – Collarbone**
- **Week 4 – DNP – Collarbone**
- **Week 5 – DNP – Collarbone**
- **Week 6 – 25.0 ... 10/5-80-2 vs. HOU.** It was obvious Hill was healthy the moment KC took the field as their first play went in his direction on a downfield fly route. Hill capped off the Chiefs opening drive with a 46-yard catch between 2 defenders that took a valiant leap and ensuing effort on a free play. His 2nd TD occurred in man-to-man coverage gone awry. He had a team-high 10 targets in his return. Only played 28 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 16.4 ... 5/3-74-1 @ DEN. MAHOMES EXITED BEFORE HALF.** Hill was shaping up to be in for a disastrous night until a 57-yard TD late in the 3rd quarter. Sweeping across the field, Hill got a step on Chris Harris and was off to the races with his unrivaled speed. Hill entered halftime with 0 targets and without his QB, as Pat Mahomes exited late in the second quarter. The big play was with Matt Moore and was a good sign going forward.
- **Week 8 – 14.1 ... 9/6-76-0, 1-5-0 vs. GB. MAHOMES OUT. MATT MOORE IN.** Hill led the team in yards and targets. The deep shots weren't there without Mahomes.
- **Week 9 – 26.5 ... 9/6-140-1, 1-5-0 vs. MIN. MATT MOORE STARTED.** Moore tossed a rainbow that looked overthrown but Tyreek Hill beat Trae Waynes and ran under the ball. Hill made a ton of big plays in this one.

- **Week 10 – 33.0 ... 19/11-157-1 @ TEN.** Hill was dominant in this one. His 19 looks not only came on deep shots over the top but included multiple snags in the flats. The Titans defenders couldn't track his speed. Mahomes overthrew Hill at one point for a wide-open streaking would-be TD.
- **Week 11 – 0.0 ... 2/0-0-0 @ LAC. EXITED** in the first quarter with a hamstring injury. This game was in Mexico City, and sometimes the altitude can cause dehydration and cramping. Only 7 snaps.
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 10.1 ... 8/5-55-0 vs. OAK.** Hill's hammy wasn't an issue, but the wind played a factor. The Chiefs just had one pass play of over 20 yards. The Chiefs ran for 3 TDs and scored 1 on defense to put the Raiders 40-9.
- **Week 14 – 13.0 ... 8/6-62-0, 2-8-0 @ NE.** The Pats made sure not to let Hill score 3 times against them like they did last time the Chiefs visited NE. They largely took the burner out of the equation. Mahomes hurt his hand and said it caused his deep passes to be off in the second half.
- **Week 15 – 23.8 ... 7/5-67-2 vs. DEN.** Hill roasted Chris Harris for a 41-yard score. His 2nd TD came on a well-designed pick play. It was snowing in this game.
- **Week 16 – 12.2 ... 5/5-72-0 @ CHI.** Hill was mostly held in check with a long catch of 19 REYD. The Chiefs controlled the game throughout.
- **Week 17 – 10.1 ... 5/4-61-0 vs. LAC.** He had a 47-yard catch but was held in check beyond that. Low count of 44 snaps (the offense played only 51).
- **Week 18 – 5.1 ... 4/3-41-0, FL vs. HOU.** The Texans made a concerted effort to erase Hill, hounding him in double coverage. Pat Mahomes responded by feeding Travis Kelce (12/10-134-3). Hill committed a costly blunder early on, giving the ball away on a muffed punt. Hill was slow to get up after absorbing a monster hit from Justin Reid.
- **Week 19 – 24.4 ... 7/5-67-2, 1-7-0 vs. TEN.** His receiving score was really a 10-yard jet sweep behind the LOS.
- **Week 20 – 19.5 ... 16/9-105-0 vs. SF.** Got behind the defense with one huge catch in the second half for 40+ yards. The ball was actually somewhat underthrown.
- **Season Summary:** Hill played through an injury-marred campaign, missing weeks 2-5 and exiting early in 2 other games. He failed to clear 75 REYD in any of the Chiefs' final 5 regular season games but still managed to score 7 TDs for the year. His game-breaking speed makes him a dangerous threat that fits well with Pat Mahomes escape ability and huge arm. 8th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 89/58-860-7, 2 100+... 8-23-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.9 PPG in 13 Games (10 reg minus early exits in weeks 1, 11 + 3 playoff) = WR6 Pace.

TE Travis Kelce

- **Week 1 – 11.8 ... 8/3-88-0 @ JAX.** It was a day of near misses for Kelce, who was wide open for an early TD but was flat-out missed by Mahomes. Kelce then nearly had a score in the second half but was forced out of bounds (and interfered with).

- **Week 2 – 23.7 ... 9/7-107-1 @ OAK.** TYREEK HILL OUT. Kelce made himself comfortable in the intermediate areas of the field against the Raiders overmatched secondary. His TD came on a beautiful ball from the 27-yard line that he caught in coverage down the sideline.
- **Week 3 – 15.9 ... 8/7-89-0 vs. BAL.** TYREEK HILL OUT. Kelce has cleared at least 88 REYD in all 3 games with Hill out.
- **Week 4 – 15.5 ... 8/7-85-0 @ DET.** TYREEK HILL OUT. Kelce gave the Chiefs a lift by absorbing a clutch 18-yard catch with 90 seconds remaining, extending what would be the game-winning drive. He also had a sweet lateral to LeSean McCoy at the end of a 10-yard catch.
- **Week 5 – 11.0 ... 10/4-70-0 vs. IND.** TYREEK HILL OUT. His targets led the Chiefs, but the Chiefs offense had an off night with Sammy Watkins leaving early and Pat Mahomes playing through an ankle injury.
- **Week 6 – 9.8 ... 6/4-58-0 vs. HOU.** Kelce nearly hauled in a 5-yard TD but slipped in his break toward the sideline and ended up falling over. His 6 targets were a season low mark. He seems due for some positive TD regression.
- **Week 7 – 10.4 ... 8/6-44-0 @ DEN.** MAHOMES EXITED. In a slump, Kelce has just 172 REYD over his past 3 games and hasn't scored since week 2. Mahomes left in the 2nd quarter with an injury.
- **Week 8 – 16.3 ... 8/4-63-1 vs. GB.** MATT MOORE STARTED. Kelce was left wide open against busted coverage for a 29-yard TD in the 2nd quarter. He was quiet for most of the night afterward.
- **Week 9 – 13.2 ... 9/7-62-0 vs. MIN.** MATT MOORE STARTED. Standard day at the office.
- **Week 10 – 20.5 ... 7/7-75-1 @ TEN.** Kelce caught a 3-yard shovel pass TD. His 2nd score for 16 yards was actually wiped away by a flimsy PI penalty on the other side of the field.
- **Week 11 – 22.2 ... 10/7-92-1 @ LAC.** Kelce has now scored in 3 of the last 4 games after finding the end zone just once in the first 7 weeks. Kelce was leaned on in a game where Mahomes only threw for 182 PAYD. He did a great job of toe-tapping in bounds on a 23-yard catch.
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 14.0 ... 9/5-90-0 vs. OAK.** Kelce accounted for over half of Pat Mahomes' career low 175 PAYD.
- **Week 14 – 18.0 ... 9/7-66-0, RUTD, FL @ NE.** Kelce looked outstanding in the first half, recording 49 REYD and a 4-yard RUTD. He wasn't as effective in the second half as NE bared its teeth defensively. He lost a fumble.
- **Week 15 – 25.2 ... 13/11-142-0 vs. DEN.** Kelce was absolutely unstoppable, regularly making contested catches with ease against plenty of Broncos defenders.
- **Week 16 – 21.4 ... 9/8-74-1 @ CHI.** Kelce scored a short TD at the end of the first half on an easy red zone throw. He led KC in receiving though all his productions came on checkdowns.

- **Week 17 – 5.4 ... 5/3-24-0 vs. LAC.** He was targeted twice on KC's first possession but was held in check beyond that.
- **Week 18 – 41.4 ... 12/10-134-3 vs. HOU.** Questionable with knee injury. Kelce dominated, wreaking havoc on a Texans defense that was focused on Tyreek Hill and ill-equipped to handle a player like Kelce. He backed down defenders, gobbling up 3 TDs, all within an 8-minute span in the 2nd quarter as the Chiefs came back from a 0-24 deficit. Kelce also drew a 28-yard DPI flag. He tweaked his hamstring late in the first half but continued to playing.
- **Week 19 – 6.0 ... 4/3-30-0 vs. TEN.** A one-on-one matchup with Kevin Byard proved to be a much tougher task. He sprinkled some catches but was ultimately shutdown for the final 2 quarters.
- **Week 20 – 16.3 ... 6/6-43-1 vs. SF.**
- **Season Summary:** Kelce turns 31 next season, but he's shown no hint of an impending drop off. He missed no time with injury for the 6th straight season. He fell off statistically from 103-1336-10 to 97-1229-5 this year but it's perfectly understandable with Mahomes' knee and ankle issues. 3rd highest graded TE, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 136/97-1,229-5, 2 100+... 1-4-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.73 PPG in 19 Games (16 reg + 3 playoff) = TE1 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Damien Williams

- **Week 1 – 18.5 ... 13-26-1, 6/6-39-0 @ JAX.** The Chiefs signed LeSean McCoy shortly before the season and he was expected to take a decent portion of touches. Williams added 6 grabs and a 1-yard TD plunge. He almost had a second score late in the 4th but it was called back by holding. He won the backfield snaps (46-20), especially when the game was close and ended up out-rushing him 81-26 on 3 fewer carries.
- **Week 2 – 8.6 ... 9-8-0, 5/3-48-0 @ OAK. EXITED** with a knee injury in the 4th quarter. He struggled to get going before then. The Chiefs running game totaled just 31 yards on 22 rush attempts.
- **Week 3 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 4 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 5 – 6.8 ... 9-23-0, 4/3-15-0 vs. IND.** Questionable with knee injury. He didn't do too much with his touches, but game flow played a role in that. Williams out-snapped LeSean McCoy by a wide margin. 34 snaps.
- **Week 6 – 9.0 ... 1-6-0, 1/1-14-1 vs. HOU.** Williams scored on his only target and only had 1 carry. He's averaged a laughable 1.96 YPC on 32 carries this year, but his 2 touches are still odd considering Andy Reid leaned on him for 100% of the team's backfield carries just last week. Williams was out-carried by LeSean McCoy 1-8 on the day. Darrel Williams caught a 52-yard pass. Damien led the trio in snaps

(56%) for the second straight game but it looks like a timeshare moving forward. Only 21 snaps.

- **Week 7 – 2.6 ... 9-7-0, 3/2- -1-0 @ DEN.** MAHOMES EXITED. It was a disastrous night for Williams. He saw the ball on the Chiefs opening drive, but McCoy got the start and out-touched his backfield mate 4-1 on the first possession. McCoy went on to out-touch Williams 14-11 and out-gain him 76-6. Only 17 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 9.0 ... 7-30-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. GB.** MATT MOORE STARTED. Williams wasn't involved until LeSean McCoy fumbled late in the 3rd quarter. His TD came on a goal line carry set up by a Packers penalty. Williams played 2 more snaps than McCoy but he hasn't had much of a role with 17 touches the last 3 weeks. Only 25 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 20.8 ... 12-125-1, 2/2-3-0 vs. MIN.** Williams looked well on his way to another nondescript box score but ripped off a virtually untouched 91-yard TD run right up the middle of the Minnesota defense in the 3rd quarter. McCoy carried the ball just 3 times. 43 snaps.
- **Week 10 – 13.9 ... 19-77-0, 5/5-32-0, FL @ TEN.** LeSean McCoy was a healthy scratch, so Williams out-carried Darrel Williams 19-2 and caught 4 more balls than Darwin Thompson. Having said that, he did have a costly fumble in the 2nd quarter that was returned for a TD. Season-high 60 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 2.3 ... 4-7-0, 1/1-6-0 @ LAC.** EXITED with rib injury right before halftime. He wasn't doing much, splitting some work with LeSean McCoy. 12 snaps.
- **Week 12 –** BYE
- **Week 13 –** DNP – Ribs
- **Week 14 –** DNP – Ribs
- **Week 15 –** DNP – Ribs
- **Week 16 – 18.2 ... 16-65-0, 3/3-27-1 @ CHI.** Williams was part of a 2-back RBBC with LeSean McCoy inactive. He saw 11 more touches than Spencer Ware, who left early in the 4th quarter with a shoulder injury. Williams was the preferred red zone back, where he caught a 14-yard TD. 35 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 31.4 ... 12-124-2, 7/4-30-0 vs. LAC.** His 84-yard TD was one of the most impressive runs of the year, pin-balling off 2 defenders before breaking free with a spin move and out-racing everyone down the left sideline. McCoy and Thompson were active and healthy, but Williams unanimously out-touched both 16-5. The Chargers pathetic linebackers had no answer for Williams. 36 snaps.
- **Week 18 – 23.7 ... 12-47-2, 6/2-21-1 vs. HOU.** Picking up where he left off last postseason, Williams was a one-man wrecking crew in the red zone. Two of his TDs were of the goal line variety. The third was on a wheel route. Mahomes engineered 7 TD drives in this game. Williams faced little backfield competition, seeing the field for all but 2 snaps. Williams has now filled the stat sheet with a remarkable 7 TDs over his last 3 playoff games dating back to last season.
- **Week 19 – 19.9 ... 17-45-1, 6/5-44-0 vs. TEN.** LeSean McCoy was inactive (illness). Williams out-touched Darwin Thompson 22-1. Andy Reid has treated Williams as the team's true bell cow in the last 3 weeks. It's looking very similar to Williams

great late season run in 2018 that led to him being over-drafted last fantasy season.

- **Week 20 – 29.3 ... 17-104-1, 8/4-29-1 vs. SF.** Williams had a case to be Super Bowl MVP with a pair of 4th quarter TDs. Played 58-65 SPG in 3 playoff games.
- **Season Summary:** Damien Williams struggled to open the season and was never really trusted by Andy Reid until week 16. He sustained a knee injury and rib injury during the season, causing him to miss several games. He was a nonfactor as a rotational RB in several others. Oddly enough, Reid allowed Williams to be the team's bell cow to close the season on a very high note for the second year in a row. Williams is not very talented but has proven to have a nose for the end zone on the high-powered Chiefs offense.
- **Season Totals:** 111-498-5 (4.5 YPC) 2 100+... 37/30-213-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.28 PPG in 13 Games (10 reg minus early exit vs. LAC + 3 playoff) = RB12 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Eric Fisher** – (10/19 LT)... 87 overall. DNP weeks 2-10.
 - **Cam Erving** – (9/19 LT)... 60 overall. Started weeks 2-10.
- **Andrew Wylie** – (11/19 LG)... 84 overall. DNP weeks 6-8, 16-20. Started weeks 9-10 at RG.
 - **Stefen Wisniewski** – (5/19 LG)... Started weeks 16-20.
 - **Martinas Rankin** – (5/19 LG)... Started weeks 6-10.
- **Austin Reiter** – (19/19 C)... 83 overall.
- **Laurent Duvernay-Tardif** – (17/19 RG)... 77 overall. DNP weeks 9-10. Opting Out for 2020 Season.
- **Kelechi Osemele** – (0/16 RG)... Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Mitchell Schwartz** – (19/19 RT)... 97 overall.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Frank Clark | 77 | DNP weeks 8-9. |
| ED: Tanoh Kpassagnon | 60 | |
| ED: Emmanuel Ogbah | 76 | DNP weeks 11-20. |
| ED: Alex Okafor | 60 | DNP weeks 5, 9-11, 15-20. |
| ED: Terrell Suggs | 69 | ~35 SPG weeks 17-20. |
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| DT: Chris Jones | 94 | DNP weeks 6-8, 18. |
| DT: Derrick Nnadi | 65 | |
| NT: Mike Pennel | 79 | ~20 SPG weeks 8-20. |

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| DT: Khalen Saunders | 60 | DNP weeks 1-4. |
| LB: Anthony Hitchens | 60 | DNP weeks 5-6 |
| LB: Damien Wilson | 60 | Started weeks 1-9, ~30 SPG after. |
| LB: Willie Gay Jr. | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Reggie Ragland | 72 | Sig Snaps weeks 7-9, 18-20 |
| CB: Charvarius Ward | 73 | |
| CB: Bashaud Breeland | 61 | |
| NCB: Rashad Fenton | 75 | Half Snaps weeks 7-11, 17-20. |
| SS/NCB Tyrann Mathieu | 91 | |
| FS: Juan Thornhill | 81 | DNP weeks 18-20. |
| FS/NCB: Kendall Fuller | 83 | DNP weeks 7-11. |
| SS: Daniel Sorensen | 69 | Sig Snaps weeks 7-10, Started weeks 11-20. |

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Passing Game:

QB Derek Carr

- **Week 1 – 14.5 ... 259, 1-0 vs. DEN.** Carr had a perfect opening drive, completing 5 straight throws and capping it off with an 8-yard TD to Tyrell Williams. He only had 1 incompleting going into half. He avoided throwing into Chris Harris' coverage. This was a statement win for Carr.
- **Week 2 – 9.7 ... 198, 1-2, 2-18-0 vs. KC.** Carr marched the Raiders right down the field on their first 2 drives, coming away with 10 points. That was pretty much the end of the Raiders' passing game. Both INTs were Carr's fault.
- **Week 3 – 15.6 ... 242, 2-1 @ MIN.** Carr was erratic for the majority of the afternoon, consistently overthrowing receivers and failing to deal with even the smallest amount of pressure. It's hard to give him too much credit for either of his TDs, as the first was off a well-designed flea flicker to a wide open J.J. Nelson, while the 2nd was to an open Tyrell Williams in garbage time. Carr's reluctance to test defenses downfield may be frustrating Jon Gruden and is limiting his fantasy ceiling.
- **Week 4 – 7.9 ... 189, 2-0, FL @ IND.** It was a sleepy affair, as the Raiders rode their running game and a rare opportunistic defense to a road victory. Carr's longest completion went for 20 yards as the Raiders kept everything underneath. He likes Tyrell Williams in the red zone.
- **Week 5 – 15.7 ... 229, 0-0, FL vs. CHI.** TYRELL WILLIAMS OUT. Carr engineered a 13-play drive that covered 97 yards to take the lead with 2 minutes remaining. Carr wasn't asked to attack the Bears defense downfield. But he deserves credit for not making mistakes against a good defense.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 23.4 ... 293, 2-1, FL @ GB.** TYRELL WILLIAMS OUT. It was a good day for Carr, but his lost fumble changed the game. He was lunging for the pylon on 2nd and goal and needlessly fumbled out of the back of the end zone for a touchback. Carr's second half INT was forced into double coverage in the end zone. He worked the seam well with Darren Waller and Foster Moreau.
- **Week 8 – 19.5 ... 285, 3-0 @ HOU.** Arguably Carr's best game to date as Jon Gruden's game plan transparently involved attacking recently traded CB Gareon Conley over the top. Tyrell Williams (3-91-1) returned and gave Carr a target on the outside for a change. Williams did have 2 drops, including a deep shot in the 4th.

- **Week 9 – 19.5 ... 289, 2-0 vs. DET.** Carr had a rock solid performance led by great play calling from Jon Gruden. Carr spread the ball out, adding Hunter Renfrow and backup RBs to the passing game mix. He avoided turnovers to get Oakland to 4-4.
- **Week 10 – 13.1 ... 218, 1-0 vs. LAC.** Carr guided the Raiders down the field for what would prove to be the game-winning TD by Josh Jacobs. The Chargers had most of the time of possession and the Raiders established the run. Carr wasn't crisp, taking a number of inopportune sacks on 3rd down. He managed to avoid big mistakes though, which he's been good with.
- **Week 11 – 19.7 ... 292, 1-1, 5-1-1 vs. CIN.** Completed his first 14 passes and evaded defenders to dive for a RUTD. Carr was surgical against Cincy's swiss cheese secondary. He almost added another score but Zay Jones was just short of pay dirt.
- **Week 12 – 4.1 ... 127, 0-1, 1-11-0 @ NYJ.** The offense failed to get anything going all afternoon. Jon Gruden pulled Carr down 31 points at the end of the 3rd quarter.
- **Week 13 – 9.5 ... 222, 1-2, 3-7-0 @ KC.** Carr hit Derek Carrier for a short score on the final meaningless possession of the game. The Raiders have lost the last 2 games by 31 points a piece.
- **Week 14 – 20.1 ... 262, 2-0, 2-17-0 vs. TEN.** The Raiders were rightfully booed while the final seconds ticked off in the Titans 42-21 victory. Carr was largely ineffective, especially in the 2nd half when the Raiders needed big plays. OAK was without RT Trent Brown, RB Josh Jacobs and SWR Hunter Renfrow, but they lost by 21 at home to a team missing several starting defenders.
- **Week 15 – 15.8 ... 267, 1-0, 1-12-0 vs. JAX.** The Jags' pass rush hounded Carr all day, dropping him for 4 sacks. Carr found Tyrell Williams for a 40-yard TD on the Raiders opening drive, but OAK squandered a 13-point second half lead. Darren Waller was the only Raiders receiver that showed chemistry with Carr.
- **Week 16 – 21.9 ... 291, 1-0, 1-3-1 @ LAC.** His passing and rushing scores both came before half. His 56-yard TD was a catch and run by Hunter Renfrow, dodging some shoddy tackling on a short reception.
- **Week 17 – 19.6 ... 391, 1-0 @ DEN.** This was Carr's first 300+ PAYD day.
- **Season Summary:** Carr did a fine job of executing Jon Gruden's game plan for most weeks with a limited supporting of outside WRs. He didn't turn the ball over, had a 7.9 YPA and completed 70% of his throws, all impressive numbers. However, Carr failed to push the ball downfield and make big plays, faded down the stretch, and somehow only managed 1 300+ PAYD game. 11th highest graded QB, per PFF. Slowed down weeks 10-17.
- **Season Totals:** 4,054 PAYD, 21-8 TD/INT, 7.9 YPA, 70.4%, 100.8 QBR, 1 300+... 27-82-2, 23-14 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.3 PPG in 16 Games = QB23 Pace.

WR Tyrell Williams

- **Week 1 – 22.5 ... 7/6-105-1vs. DEN.** Williams had a pair of splash plays, including a 43-yarder where he burned a DB. He also had some success against Chris Harris.

- **Week 2 – 15.6 ... 7/5-46-1 vs. KC.** Williams' TD saw him win a contested catch situation from the 4-yard line. Carr looked to Williams again on a goal line fade later in the game, but the bad pass was intercepted. He's the No. 1 WR in this offense.
- **Week 3 – 11.9 ... 3/3-29-1 @ MIN.** Williams has shown capability at coming down with contested catches. Carr is not taking many chances downfield, however. He had an easy 11-yard TD with 2 minutes remaining in the game, but he was 4th in targets.
- **Week 4 – 12.6 ... 7/3-36-1 @ IND.** Williams has now scored in all 4 games, though he has not cleared 50 REYD since week 1.
- **Week 5 – DNP – Foot**
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – DNP – Foot**
- **Week 8 – 18.1 ... 6/3-91-1 @ HOU.** Questionable with a foot injury. He has now scored in 5 straight games, every game he's played as a Raider. The offense flowed through Darren Waller while Williams was sidelined, but Williams immediately returned to his same role in a tasty matchup.
- **Week 9 – 7.8 ... 4/3-48-0 vs. DET.** Josh Jacobs carried the load on the ground with 28 carries. Williams still finished 4th on the team in targets. This was his first clunker.
- **Week 10 – 5.5 ... 5/3-25-0 vs. LAC.** Williams has caught exactly 3 balls in 5 straight games. He's hitting his floor lately.
- **Week 11 – 12.2 ... 4/4-82-0 vs. CIN.** Used sparingly over the top, Williams remained the only deep threat as Carr continues to pepper both Waller and Hunter Renfrow underneath.
- **Week 12 – 3.8 ... 6/2-18-0 @ NYJ.** Williams hasn't been consistently involved in the offense since returning from injury in week 8. This has largely been the case for all Raiders pass catchers, however. The Raiders have spread the ball out to TEs and RBs.
- **Week 13 – 1.9 ... 4/1-9-0 @ KC.** Williams' 4 targets were a distant second on the team. He hasn't scored since week 8.
- **Week 14 – 6.5 ... 4/3-35-0 vs. TEN.** The Titans were without multiple starting defenders, including CB Adoree' Jackson, but Williams still busted in perfect weather. He's now averaging under 50 REYD on the season and has 4 or fewer receptions in 7 straight games.
- **Week 15 – 12.5 ... 3/2-45-1 vs. JAX.** Raiders OC Greg Olson admitted that Tyrell Williams is still bothered by his plantar fasciitis injury. He's battling through it. This would explain why his production has tailed off since his injury. Williams started this game hot, running with a 40-yard TD on the opening drive. He didn't do much after that. He had a costly drop.
- **Week 16 – 12.2 ... 4/4-82-0 @ LAC.** He did all his damage in the first half. Derek Carr attempted just 10 second half passes.

- **Week 17 – 0.0 ... 0/0-0-0 @ DEN.** EXITED with a foot injury. Played sparingly. 20 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Tyrell Williams opened the season with 5 straight games with a TD. He missed a few games with a plantar fasciitis injury that bothered him throughout the season. He was not a great fit with Carr’s passive playing style. Jon Gruden had a long talk with Williams about getting his feet right this offseason. He has good size and speed but is best utilized as a No. 2 or No. 3 WR as opposed to the lead. 84th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 64/42-651-6, 1 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 11.0 PPG in 13 Games (minus week 17 early exit) = WR43 Pace.

WR Hunter Renfrow

- **Week 1 – 3.3 ... 3/2-13-0 vs. DEN.** Ryan Grant played ahead of Renfrow. 16 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 7.0 ... 8/4-30-0 vs. KC.** Team-high 8 targets as the offense’s primary underneath receiver. 46 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 5.8 ... 4/3-28-0 @ MIN.** 33 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 3.8 ... 3/2-18-0 @ IND.** 25 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 2.2 ... 5/1-12-0 vs. CHI.** WILLIAMS OUT. Raiders had only 3 active WRs, but nobody on the entire offense received over 5 targets. Renfrow dropped his first 2 targets. He broke some tackles on his lone reception. 42 snaps.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 3.4 ... 3/2-14-0 @ GB.** WILLIAMS OUT. Renfrow is averaging just 19 REYD per game. 30 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 18.8 ... 4/4-88-1 @ HOU.** Renfrow scored his first career TD on a 65-yard catch and sprint over the middle after splitting the defense and shaking off a tackle 14 yards downfield. It was an impressive dash. 35 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 17.4 ... 7/6-54-1 vs. DET.** Led the Raiders in targets and catches in a game where Darren Waller (2 targets) and Tyrell Williams (4) were oddly quiet. The rookie receiver was a check-down option. His TD was on a 9-yard scramble drill in the corner of the end zone.
- **Week 10 – 8.2 ... 5/4-42-0 vs. LAC.** Has caught at least 4 balls in 3 straight.
- **Week 11 – 11.6 ... 6/5-66-0 vs. CIN.** Injected into Oakland’s offense as the team’s primary slot WR in week 8, the 5th round rookie has led the Raiders in targets, catches, and REYD in that 4 game span. His ceiling leaves a lot to be desired, however.
- **Week 12 – 6.1 ... 5/3-31-0 @ NYJ.** EXITED with ribs injury. Only 24 snaps (has played 31-37 SPG weeks 8-11).
- **Week 13 – DNP – Broken rib and punctured lung**
- **Week 14 – DNP – Ribs**
- **Week 15 – DNP – Ribs**

- **Week 16 – 23.7 ... 9/7-107-1 @ LAC.** Took a short pass 56 yards to the house in the 1st quarter and led the team in targets. Only 29 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 22.2 ... 9/6-102-1 @ DEN.** Back-to-back 100-yard games to close the season after returning from punctured ribs. Season-high 56 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Renfrow came on in week 8, acting as the Raiders primary slot weapon, which was more utilized because of the team's lack of outside WRs. He was putting up nice slot numbers before breaking a rib, and then returning to impressively post 2 100-yard games in weeks 16-17. The Raiders are likely to upgrade at WR this offseason. 23rd highest graded WR, per PFF. Finished strongly weeks 9-12, 16-17.
- **Season Totals:** 71/49-605-4, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 10.6 PPG in 12 Games (minus week 12 early exit) = WR44 Pace.

TE Darren Waller

- **Week 1 – 14.0 ... 8/7-70-0 vs. DEN.** Waller lived up to his preseason hype, putting on a show with some highlight catches. Oakland used Waller all over the field and it's clear they want to feature the wide receiver-like TE. Derek Carr fed Jared Cook successfully last season in this offense. Gruden called Waller "special" after the game. 55/55 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 12.3 ... 7/6-63-0 vs. KC.** Displayed a blend of ball skills and athleticism seen in wide receivers. At one point, he hurdled a Chiefs defender for extra yards.
- **Week 3 – 27.1 ... 14/13-134-0 @ MIN.** Carr looked Waller's way all afternoon. Their only incomplection would have been for 20 yards but Waller couldn't quite come down with the slightly overthrown pass. He displayed a natural ability to catch the ball and offered plenty of YAC. Positive game script helped.
- **Week 4 – 12.3 ... 8/7-53-0 @ IND.** Most of his production came in the first quarter.
- **Week 5 – 7.9 ... 5/4-39-0 vs. CHI.** WILLIAMS OUT. The lack of usage sans Williams was somewhat surprising.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 31.6 ... 8/7-126-2 @ GB.** WILLIAMS OUT. Waller scored his first and second touchdowns of the year. He even scored a 3rd TD but it was called back by holding. Waller's second TD that counted came from backup Mike Glennon in garbage time.
- **Week 8 – 9.1 ... 8/2-11-1 @ HOU.** Waller began the game lined up out wide against Gareon Conley but it was ultimately Tyrell Williams who returned to thrive against Houston's banged up secondary. His TD was a 2nd and goal laser. Waller is second in TE catches thus far.
- **Week 9 – 7.2 ... 2/2-52-0 vs. DET.** Derek Carr was dealing, but Waller just wasn't involved outside of 2 chunk gains. It was an oddly quiet game for Waller.
- **Week 10 – 7.0 ... 5/3-40-0 vs. LAC.** Limited opportunities in a game the Chargers dominated T.O.P. He's seen just 103 REYD over his past 3 games.

- **Week 11 – 12.6 ... 7/5-78-0 vs. CIN.** Waller picked up the majority of his yardage in the final 15 minutes, exploding for a 32-yard catch up the sideline to open the 4th quarter and breaking off a 23-yard crossing route on the next drive.
- **Week 12 – 7.1 ... 6/3-41-0 @ NYJ.** Waller just missed a circus catch in the end zone surrounded by several defenders. The return of Tyrell Williams and Hunter Renfrow's increased usage has lowered the production of Waller weeks 8-11.
- **Week 13 – 17.0 ... 9/7-100-0 @ KC.** RENFROW OUT. The 9 targets were Waller's most since week 2. He's still on a 5-game TD drought.
- **Week 14 – 11.2 ... 6/6-72-0, FL vs. TEN.** RENFROW OUT. Waller remains allergic to the end zone. He's seeing more targets without Renfrow.
- **Week 15 – 20.2 ... 10/8-122-0 vs. JAX.** RENFROW OUT. Waller was on a war path in the 1st quarter, tallying a ridiculous 85 REYD.
- **Week 16 – 7.7 ... 4/4-37-0 @ LAC.** Waller's usage took a massive hit with Hunter Renfrow back in the lineup after missing the last 3 weeks.
- **Week 17 – 16.7 ... 10/6-107-0 @ DEN.** This was Carr's first 300+ PAYD day of the season, which aided Waller's 5th 100+ REYD game.
- **Season Summary:** Waller had 178 lifetime receiving yards before this year but reached 1,145 REYD on the season on 90 catches. The 27-year-old has not made much headway in the TD department (3 TDs), but he emerged as Carr's go-to receiver. He started the season better than he finished it; Hunter Renfrow's increased usage in the middle of the field (also Waller's territory) beginning in week 8 hurt Waller's production. Still, Waller is athletic and smooth, having the skill-set of a big wide receiver. Waller impressively played at least 50 snaps in every game in 2019. 5th highest graded TE, per PFF. Hot start.
- **Season Totals:** 117/90-1,145-3, 5 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.8 PPG in 16 Games = TE6 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Josh Jacobs

- **Week 1 – 24.3 ... 23-85-2, 1/1-28-0 vs. DEN.** Jacobs was the clear workhorse, rarely coming off the field for Jalen Richard. He didn't have too much success on the ground but converted both of his goal line carries for TDs and had a clutch 28-yard reception to seal the game.
- **Week 2 – 9.9 ... 12-99-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. KC.** He was the only bright spot for Oakland after the 1st quarter. He displayed a tantalizing mix of agility and pure speed on a 51-yard run straight through the teeth of the Chiefs defense, finishing the run in style by bullying through a defender for a few extra yards. The only troublesome outcome was his lack of a role in the passing game. DeAndre Washington and Jalen Richard combined for 5 targets. Jacobs only played 30 snaps. Game script was negative.

- **Week 3 – 4.4 ... 10-44-0, 2/0-0-0 @ MIN.** Questionable with illness and hip issues (he reportedly has lost 10 pounds). Jacobs played just 25 snaps, as the broadcast noted that Oakland wanted to spell him more than usual. Washington and Richard continued to be more involved in the passing game. He didn't look 100% on the field and was supposedly receiving IV treatment before the game for a cold.
- **Week 4 – 12.8 ... 17-79-0, 2/2-29-0 @ IND.** Gruden said he wanted to get more out of Jacobs as a receiver, but it did not really happen. His 13 routes were only 4 more than week 3. 34 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 29.3 ... 26-123-2, 3/3-20-0 vs. CHI.** WILLIAMS OUT. Exited briefly with an elbow issue but returned. He was brilliant all afternoon, regularly making defenders miss. The Raiders were rotating RBs in the passing game but surprisingly positive game script allowed the team's stud RB to rack up touches on the ground. 49 snaps.
- **Week 6 – BYE**
- **Week 7 – 16.4 ... 21-124-0, 3/3-10-0 @ GB.** WILLIAMS OUT. Jacobs made a statement on the Raiders' opening drive with a 42-yard run where he posterized numerous would-be tacklers. Unfortunately, he picked up a shoulder nick in the process. He headed to the locker room for evaluation but ended up missing little time. He's been very impressive on the ground this season. 37 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 10.1 ... 15-66-0, 2/2-15-0 @ HOU.** Questionable with shoulder injury. Jacobs struggled to get anything going following the departure of C Rodney Hudson on a cart in the 1st quarter. Richie Incognito's 4th quarter holding penalty negated a 12-yard first down run. Jacobs ceded passing down work to both Washington and Richard. 30 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 24.0 ... 28-120-2, 2/0-0-0 vs. DET.** The primary reason the Raiders were able to get back to .500 on the season. The rookie was able to consistently pick up moderate gains on the ground while finishing off 2 drives with goal line scores. He did have 2 drops on his only 2 targets. 42 snaps.
- **Week 10 – 19.1 ... 16-71-1, 5/3-30-0 vs. LAC.** Jacobs volume was fine given that the Chargers were dominating T.O.P. He ended up touching the ball on 20/55 plays. Jacobs had an 18-yard game-winning TD with 1 minute remaining where he shot through the hole like a cannonball. His 30 REYD were the most of the season. 30 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 13.4 ... 23-112-0, 3/3-12-0, FL vs. CIN.** The only knock was a first quarter fumble. He has 2 straight games with 3 catches. 43 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 4.6 ... 10-34-0, 1/1-2-0 @ NYJ.** Still dealing with that shoulder issue during the week, Jacobs was bottled up against the Jets' pass-funnel defense. Jacobs was eventually pulled late in the 3rd quarter down 34-3. The Raiders reluctance to use him as their lead passing down RB limits his floor. Season-low 23 snaps.
- **Week 13 – 10.4 ... 17-104-0, 0/0-0-0 @ KC.** Jacobs had 95 RUYD at halftime but the Raiders were getting blown out of the building, again losing by 31, so Jacobs

barely touched the ball after the break. He's been one of the more game-script dependent backs in the league thanks to his minimal passing game role. 34 snaps.

- **Week 14 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 15 – 12.9 ... 24-89-0, 3/2-20-0 vs. JAX.** Questionable with shoulder. Jacobs said he'd been playing through a fractured shoulder since week 7. His MRI came back clean and he decided to suit up after a good week of practice. He didn't appear limited, seeing his usual workload. He largely underwhelmed against a poor defense. PFF did credit him with 9 missed tackles, however. 43 snaps.
- **Week 16 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 17 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Season Summary:** PFF graded Jacobs as the league-leader in elusive rating and top-5 in yards after contact. He rushed for 1150 yards despite missing 3 games and battling a shoulder injury from week 7, onward. He had a minimal role in the passing game as a rookie, something the coaches kept saying they wanted to feature him on but it never materialized. This made Jacobs very reliant on positive game flow. He'll need to increase his 20-166-0 receiving line going forward, because he did look fantastic on the ground, especially early in the season when he was fresh. Perhaps DeAndre Washington's departure will help make passing downs a 2-man show between he and Jalen Richard (who the Raiders re-signed to a nice-sized deal) instead of a 3-man battle. 2nd highest graded RB, per PFF. Slowed down weeks 8-15.
- **Season Totals:** 242-1150-7 (4.8 YPC) 5 100+... 27/20-166-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.7 PPG in 13 Games = RB16 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Kolton Miller** – (16/16 LT)... 77 overall.
- **Richie Incognito** – (12/16 LG)... 84 overall (Great PB). DNP weeks 1-2, 16-17.
 - **Jordan Devey** – (4/16 OG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 1-2 at LG and weeks 3-4 at RG.
- **Rodney Hudson** – (14/16 C)... 90 overall (Amazing PB). DNP weeks 8-9.
 - **Andre James** – (2/16 C)... 60 overall. Started weeks 8-9.
- **Gabe Jackson** – (11/16 RG)... 74 overall. DNP weeks 1-5.
 - **Denzelle Good** – (5/16 OG)... 73 overall. Started weeks 1-2, 5 at RG and weeks 16-17 at LG.
- **Trent Brown** – (10/16 RT)... 82 overall. DNP weeks 7, 9, 14-17.
 - **David Sharpe** – (4/16 RT)... 67 overall. Started weeks 7, 9, 16-17.
 - **Brandon Parker** – (2/16 RT)... 60 overall. Started weeks 14-15.

DEFENSE:

ED: Maxx Crosby 75
ED: Clelin Ferrell 73 DNP week 5.

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| ED: Carl Nassib | 74 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Arden Key | 60 | DNP weeks 7, 10-17. ~30 SPG. |
| ED: Dion Jordan | 68 | Sig Snaps weeks 13-17. |
| DT: Maurice Hurst | 80 | |
| DT: P.J. Hall | 79 | |
| NT: Johnathan Hankins | 71 | |
| DT: Maliek Collins | 73 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Cory Littleton | 86 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Nick Kwiatkoski | 79 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Tanner Muse | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Tahir Whitehead | 60 | |
| LB: Vontaze Burfict | 68 | Started weeks 1-3. |
| LB: Nicholas Morrow | 60 | Started weeks 4-13, ~20 SPG in others. |
| LB: Will Compton | 68 | Started weeks 15-17. |
| CB: Damon Arnette | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Daryl Worley | 72 | DNP week 15. |
| CB: Trayvon Mullen | 74 | Started weeks 8-17. |
| NCB: Lamarcus Joyner | 60 | DNP weeks 11-12. |
| NCB: Nevin Lawson | 64 | Sig Snaps weeks 8-9, 11-2, 15-16. |
| SS: Johathan Abram | -- | IR – PRE. |
| SS: Jeff Heath | 79 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| FS: Damarious Randall | 80 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| FS: Karl Joseph | 79 | DNP weeks 11-17. |
| SS: Erik Harris | 72 | DNP weeks 1, 3. |

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Passing Game:

QB Philip Rivers

- **Week 1 – 23.9 ... 333, 3-1 vs. IND.** Rivers' first score was a short dump off to Austin Ekeler at the goal line. The second was a jump ball to Keenan Allen from 28 yards out. And the third was a 55-yard catch and run by Ekeler again. Rivers' pick was a brutally late throw in the end zone. He took 4 sacks behind the Chargers' shaky O-Line. Dump offs and quick passes are his recipe for success.
- **Week 2 – 10.9 ... 293, 0-1, 1-12-0 @ DET.** HENRY OUT. Rivers struggled under pressure throughout the afternoon without Hunter Henry and with Mike Williams on a snap count. His indecisiveness was on full display in the final minute when he chucked a duck into the end zone in double coverage toward Keenan Allen. The Chargers' O-Line was mismatched from the start. LAC also had 2 RUTDs called back and 2 missed FGs in the loss.
- **Week 3 – 19.6 ... 318, 2-0, 2-9-0, FL vs. HOU.** HENRY OUT. Rivers consistently found Keenan Allen and Austin Ekeler underneath. Allen was impossible to cover. Travis Benjamin dropped a beautiful deep ball that would have been a TD in the 4th.
- **Week 4 – 20.4 ... 310, 2-0 @ MIA.** HENRY OUT. Mike Williams and Travis Benjamin OUT. Rivers only had 6 incompletions. He did most of his damage on short throws, as usual. Outside of week 2, Rivers has been great with a limited supporting cast.
- **Week 5 – 4.1 ... 211, 0-2 vs. DEN.** HENRY OUT. Rivers wasn't on the same page with his pass catchers the entire game. The Broncos multi-score lead forced the Chargers to scrap the rushing attack, and Chris Harris did a fantastic job on Keenan Allen. Austin Ekeler had 15 catches.
- **Week 6 – 14.8 ... 320, 2-2, FL vs. PIT.** Rivers missed Melvin Gordon on a backwards pass in the 1st quarter, leading to a scoop-and-score by Steelers LB Devin Bush. Rivers was under constant duress all evening, and the Steelers defense stopped the running game. His INTs were egregious.
- **Week 7 – 21.1 ... 329, 2-0 @ TEN.** Rivers' reoccurring nightmare happened once again. After a couple of Titans 4th quarter scores, Rivers was forced into comeback mode late in the game. Rivers, of course, marched downfield for a TD to bring the Chargers within a score. Then the Chargers folded late, as they typically do. Rivers brought the Chargers to the half-yard line but Melvin Gordon was stuffed before he coughed up a fumble to send the Chargers to 2-4.
- **Week 8 – 10.0 ... 201, 1-1 @ CHI.** He predictably struggled on the road against a fierce Bears defense, though the receiving corps did little to help his cause, leaving yards on the field with a number of inexplicable drops, including 2 dropped TDs.

His INT was an underthrown chuck to Mike Williams that was almost returned for a pick-six.

- **Week 9 – 11.7 ... 294, 0-0 vs. GB.** Rivers averaged over 10.0 YPA but the Chargers established the run big time in the home upset. This was a crisp performance. He worked a deep connection with Mike Williams and relentlessly targeted Hunter Henry in the intermediate area. He has just 12 TDs through 9 games, though.
- **Week 10 – 10.2 ... 207, 2-3 @ OAK.** Rivers lost LT Russell Okung to a groin injury on the opening drive and was under siege for the entire game. He responded by trying to set the INT record. Rivers was extremely lucky to escape with just 3 INTs, having 2 undone by penalty and countless others nearly missed or dropped. It was a “gutsy” performance but also very reckless. Rivers looked like he had no clue what to do on the Bolts’ final futile drive, simply heaving the ball up into the air one play after another. It didn’t seem like the Chargers were running real plays. Rivers appeared to be playing pitch and catch with Raiders FS Erik Harris.
- **Week 11 – 12.1 ... 353, 1-4 vs. KC.** Rivers now has 7 INTs in his last 2 games to put the Chargers at 4-7. The Chargers absolutely clocked the Chiefs in total yards in Mexico City but couldn’t get the offense into the end zone early, before tossing a bunch of mindless INTs late. Rivers needs this BYE week more than ever.
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 16.6 ... 265, 2-1 @ DEN.** Rivers threw a horrendous INT to DT Dre’Mont Jones in the 1st quarter that resulted in backup QB Tyrod Taylor briefly warming up. The veteran QB did recover well enough, finding Keenan Allen and Austin Ekeler for 30+ yard TDs thanks to blown coverage.
- **Week 14 – 24.5 ... 314, 3-0 @ JAX.** Rivers played only 3 quarters before Tyrod Taylor came in to relieve him. Rivers had his best game of the season. His TD to Ekeler was a screen that wound up going 84 yards to the house, but Rivers deserves plenty of credit for his TDs to Mike Williams and Hunter Henry. His day could have been bigger if not for rookie Jalen Guyton dropping a 50+ yard TD.
- **Week 15 – 8.2 ... 307, 1-3, FL vs. MIN.** The Chargers turned the ball over 7 times, with Melvin Gordon losing 2 fumbles and Hunter Henry 1. Rivers has had 12 INTs over his last 5 games. They are just dead ducks down the field. He’s having his third straight late season collapse due to declining arm strength.
- **Week 16 – 11.1 ... 279, 0-0 vs. OAK.** Rivers looks cooked and just doesn’t have it anymore.
- **Week 17 – 15.7 ... 281, 2-2 @ KC.**
- **Season Summary:** The 16-year vet has shown obvious decline and inability to throw WRs open anymore. Rivers showed promise through the first month of the year, tossing 7 TDs and 2 INTs and eclipsing 300 PAYD in 3 of the first 4 games. In September, he cooled down for a variety of reasons, before imploding in the second half of the season for the 3rd straight year. 17th highest graded QB, per PFF. Finished poorly weeks 10-11, 15-17.
- **Season Totals:** 4,615 PAYD, 23-20 TD/INT, 7.8 YPA, 66.0%, 88.5 QBR, 8 300+... 12-29-0, 33-11 TTD/TO.

- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.7 PPG in 16 Games = QB24 Pace.

WR Keenan Allen

- **Week 1 – 26.3 ... 10/8-123-1 vs. IND.** Allen paced the Chargers with targets, and he and Austin Ekeler were truly the only real playmakers. Allen won a jump ball from 28 yards out for his TD. He was open for a 2nd TD in the 4th quarter but Rivers saw him late and threw a pick instead.
- **Week 2 – 17.8 ... 15/8-98-0 @ DET.** HENRY OUT. Hunter Henry and Melvin Gordon OUT. Allen was impressive against shadow CB Darius Slay. Rivers ultimately looked to Allen a little too much, forcing the game-ending INT into double coverage toward Allen.
- **Week 3 – 43.6 ... 17/13-183-2 vs. HOU.** HENRY OUT. Allen was too good for Darius Slay in week 2, so it wasn't surprising to see him explode against the Texans' under-qualified CBs. Allen roasted Johnathan Joseph. His 2nd score featured some filthy YAC. He has a whopping 42 targets in 3 weeks to open the year.
- **Week 4 – 9.8 ... 5/5-48-0 @ MIA.** HENRY AND WILLIAMS OUT. Travis Benjamin OUT too. The Dolphins took away the deep ball, forcing Rivers to settle for underneath throws. Allen got open for a few short catches but was mostly held in check by Xavien Howard.
- **Week 5 – 5.8 ... 6/4-18-0 vs. DEN.** HENRY OUT. GORDON RETURNS. Rivers attempted 48 passes in this one, but Allen was quiet with elite CB Chris Harris draped all over him. Rivers looked to Austin Ekeler instead (15 targets).
- **Week 6 – 5.3 ... 6/2-33-0 vs. PIT.** The Steelers utilized consistent double teams to get the job done vs. Allen Keenan.
- **Week 7 – 10.1 ... 11/4-61-0 @ TEN.** The catches Allen did receive weren't easy. A few close misses would have put Allen over 100 REYD. The Chargers have been forced into comeback mode in 3 straight games.
- **Week 8 – 12.3 ... 10/7-53-0 @ CHI.** Questionable with hamstring injury. Multiple reports had Allen not playing or on a snap count. Allen played fewer snaps than usual (31/45 snaps), but Rivers involved him early. Allen had a TD with his name on it in the 4th but couldn't convert, letting it slip through his fingertips. It's been a rough stretch for Allen, who has largely been a nonfactor since his week 3 explosion.
- **Week 9 – 7.0 ... 4/3-40-0 vs. GB.** Another disappointing day. Allen has 154 REYD over his last 3 games. The Chargers ran the ball extensively in this one.
- **Week 10 – 16.6 ... 11/8-68-0 @ OAK.** Allen was the intended target on 2 of Rivers' 3 INTs. He also lost a 30-yard catch to a holding penalty, though he regained a lot of that one play later. Allen is getting looks, but not production with Rivers' scattershot arm.
- **Week 11 – 21.1 ... 12/8-71-1 vs. KC.** This was Allen's first TD and most yards since week 3. He's actually drawn double digit targets in 4 of the last 5 games.
- **Week 12 –** BYE

- **Week 13 – 18.8 ... 6/6-68-1 @ DEN.** Allen's 36-yard TD was a result of blown coverage.
- **Week 14 – 13.3 ... 6/5-83-0 @ JAX.** He was getting open seemingly at will, but Rivers (16/22 for 314 PAYD and 3 TDs) simply didn't need all that many pass attempts to rack up points against a useless defense. Low snap count of 41.
- **Week 15 – 18.9 ... 10/9-99-0 vs. MIN.** The catches and yards were both his most since week 3.
- **Week 16 – 11.6 ... 10/5-71-0 vs. OAK.** Could have had a much better afternoon if he didn't been tackled at the 1-yard line to set up Melvin Gordon's 2nd TD.
- **Week 17 – 23.2 ... 10/9-82-1 @ KC.**
- **Season Summary:** Allen has shed the injury-prone label in the last few seasons (3 straight 16-game seasons). It's his 3rd straight season with 1100+ REYD and 2nd time in 3 seasons he surpassed 100 catches. Allen came out white hot, totaling 29-403-3 on a league-high 36% target share through 3 games. He failed to reach 100 REYD from week 4, onward. Keenan Allen = 16th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 149/104-1,199-6, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.3 PPG in 16 Games = WR11 Pace.

WR Mike Williams

- **Week 1 – 4.9 ... 3/2-29-0 vs. IND.** EXITED with a knee injury later in the game. He wasn't much of a factor before exiting. 41 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 11.3 ... 5/3-83-0 @ DET.** HENRY OUT. Questionable and game time decision with knee injury. He was declared active on the premise that he'd be used strictly in the red zone, but Rivers looked to him often on 50/50 deep shots as the Chargers struggled to move the ball. 40 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 7.5 ... 7/3-45-0 vs. HOU.** HENRY OUT. Williams looked healthier than he did in week 2, but he ultimately worked well behind Keenan Allen. LAC has emphasized Williams as a red zone target with Hunter Henry sidelined. Full snaps after being limited in weeks 1-2. Played 69 snaps.
- **Week 4 – DNP – Back**
- **Week 5 – 13.4 ... 13/6-74-0 vs. DEN.** HENRY OUT. Questionable with back injury. Williams landed on his back after being tackled and he laid face-down in the dirt for about a minute while trainers examined him. He managed to job off and return a few plays later. His 13 targets were a career high.
- **Week 6 – 12.2 ... 10/5-72-0 vs. PIT.** Could have had an even bigger day had he come down with a diving catch roughly 40 yards downfield, but he made up for the borderline drop with more than a few impressive plays. He racked up an absurd 235 air yards in this one.
- **Week 7 – 8.7 ... 6/4-47-0 @ TEN.** Williams had a couple of awesome grabs, including an over the shoulder grab that required him to get his toes down before heading to the sideline.

- **Week 8 – 9.9 ... 6/3-69-0 @ CHI.** Only credited with one drop, but that’s debatable. He had a deep TD within his grasp but couldn’t finish the deed. He did manage to beat Kyle Fuller downfield for a 43-yard reception. Williams played 43 snaps, but the Chargers as a whole had 45 plays run.
- **Week 9 – 14.3 ... 3/3-111-0 vs. GB.** This was surprisingly the first 100+ REYD game of his career. He was buoyed by 56 and 46 yard catches, doing major YAC damage on the 56-yarder.
- **Week 10 – 7.5 ... 3/2-55-0 @ OAK.** The Raiders pressure prevented Rivers from getting his deep passing game going. Williams caught one 45-yarder with no YAC, but that was it.
- **Week 11 – 9.6 ... 5/2-76-0 vs. KC.** He had a sensational 50-yard grab on 3rd down late in Mexico City to keep LAC alive. Rivers tossed his 4th INT a few plays later.
- **Week 12 –** BYE
- **Week 13 – 16.7 ... 7/5-117-0 @ DEN.** Williams got loose for a monster 52-yard gain before halftime where 2 defenders ran into each other and fell down. Later, he converted a 4th and 11 on a circus, contested catch deep down the sideline. He continues to make one or two outstanding plays a week.
- **Week 14 – 14.3 ... 3/2-63-1 @ JAX.** It took 71 targets, but Williams finally found the end zone. It was a ridiculous 44-yard diving catch over the top of a defender. He scored 10 TDs on just 66 targets in 2018. He has more than 7 targets in just 2 games this season in a crowded LAC group of pass catchers.
- **Week 15 – 17.1 ... 9/4-71-1 vs. MIN.** After not scoring weeks 1-13, Williams has found the end zone in back-to-back weeks.
- **Week 16 – 8.1 ... 4/3-51-0 vs. OAK.** He drew a few DPI penalties, including one in the end zone that set up a 1-yard bunny TD run for Melvin Gordon.
- **Week 17 – 5.8 ... 5/2-38-0 @ KC.** He quietly surpassed 1K REYD in this one.
- **Season Summary:** Williams scored 10 TDs on 66 targets in 2018 but just 2 TDs on 89 targets in 2019, proving TDs are volatile year-to-year. Williams had 1617 air yards, 8th most in the NFL. He averaged a whopping 20.4 YPC, but multiple penalties, drops, Rivers’ erratic play late, and a minor chronic knee injury caused him to underwhelm. 33rd highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 89/49-1001-2, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 10.8 PPG in 15 Games = WR43 Pace.

TE Hunter Henry

- **Week 1 – 10.0 ... 5/4-60-0 vs. IND.** Henry was nonexistent until the second half. He managed to escape healthy in this one despite limping off after his knees were taken out from under him in the 4th quarter. He returned and caught a pass in OT.
- **Week 2 – DNP – tibia plateau fracture in left knee** (expected 4-6 week absence).
- **Week 3 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 4 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 5 – DNP – Knee**

- **Week 6 – 30.0 ... 9/8-100-2 vs. PIT.** Questionable with knee. Henry was expected to be limited in his return but wound up dominating for most of the evening. He caught an 18-yard pass down the seam on the Chargers' first offensive play. He carved up the Steelers in the intermediate areas at will. The Steelers were particularly focused on Keenan Allen. Henry's TD was a beautiful toe-tap in the back of the end zone, and his second was a pretty post from 11 yards out. 41 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 15.7 ... 8/6-97-0 @ TEN.** Another perfect game script for the Chargers' pass catchers, and Henry benefited. Rivers locked on to Henry and Ekeler in the second half. 58 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 8.7 ... 6/4-47-0 @ CHI.** He was shut out in the first half but came alive after the break, converting all 4 of his targets. Earlier, he committed an inexcusable drop on 3rd-and-5. 39/45 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 15.4 ... 10/7-84-0 vs. GB.** Another excellent day for Henry.
- **Week 10 – 13.0 ... 7/4-30-1 @ OAK.** He managed to find the end zone in an otherwise quiet game. He was left alone for his 2-yard score. He slipped on Rivers' 2nd INT, which was Henry's fault.
- **Week 11 – 14.9 ... 9/6-69-0 vs. KC.** Henry has 60 REYD and/or 1 TD in 6 of 7 games played this season and shows no ill effects from the knee injury that sidelined him weeks 2-5.
- **Week 12 –** BYE
- **Week 13 – 3.0 ... 3/2-10-0 @ DEN.** Rivers' spread the ball around to Keenan Allen, Melvin Gordon, Mike Williams, and Austin Ekeler. It's a crowded receiving game in LAC.
- **Week 14 – 11.9 ... 4/2-39-1 @ JAX.** Henry's 30-yard TD was a result of busted coverage. Only 37 snaps (season-low) but Chargers had low count as team.
- **Week 15 – 2.9 ... 2/2-29-0, FL vs. MIN.** He wasn't targeted until deep in the 3rd quarter. He snagged a 24-yard gain on 4th-and-2. On his second catch, Henry lost a fumble. Henry has been fading as Rivers' arm has been declining.
- **Week 16 – 9.5 ... 7/5-45-0 vs. OAK.** Henry has 45 REYD or fewer in 5 of his last 6 games and 2 TDs over that span. This is a broken offense.
- **Week 17 – 15.2 ... 6/5-42-1 @ KC.**
- **Season Summary:** Henry suffered a tibia fracture to his left knee only 1 year after missing the entire 2018 season with a torn ACL. He was able to return in week 6 and played really well for a stretch before fading down the stretch along with Rivers' decline. The 25-year-old enters a contract year. 11th highest graded TE, per PFF. Faded down stretch weeks 13-17.
- **Season Totals:** 76/55-652-5, 1 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.5 PPG in 12 Games = TE8 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Austin Ekeler

- **Week 1 – 39.4 ... 12-58-1, 7/6-96-2 vs. IND.** GORDON OUT. Ekeler out-touched Justin Jackson 18-7, continuing what we saw in camp and in preseason. The Chargers O-Line was terrible, so Rivers was constantly looking to Ekeler on dump-offs. He looked great.
- **Week 2 – 23.3 ... 17-66-1, 6/6-67-0, FL @ DET.** GORDON OUT. Ekeler actually left points on the table, having a 20-yard TD run negated for offensive holding before coughing up a goal line carry at the 1-yard line. Justin Jackson (7-59-0) was involved in a few big runs behind Ekeler.
- **Week 3 – 15.1 ... 9-36-0, 7/7-45-0 vs. HOU.** GORDON OUT. Ekeler continues to rack up catches while mostly splitting ground work with Justin Jackson.
- **Week 4 – 29.2 ... 18-60-1, 5/5-62-1 @ MIA.** GORDON OUT. Ekeler was all the Chargers needed in the second half blowout of Miami. He iced the game with a goal line plunge in the 4th.
- **Week 5 – 22.3 ... 3-7-0, 16/15-86-0, FL vs. DEN.** HENRY OUT. GORDON RETURNS. It looked like LAC was going to use Melvin Gordon more if game script allowed. The Chargers were down multiple scores so Ekeler essentially became the entire offense because Rivers was willing to take what was given to him underneath. He had 15 catches on 16 targets! Ekeler has played 46-48 SPG weeks 1-5.
- **Week 6 – 5.8 ... 5-14-0, 4/3-14-0 vs. PIT.** There wasn't much room for either RB to get going. Ekeler displayed some strong tackle-breaking ability on a few of his touches but was ultimately out-snapped 37-28 to Melvin Gordon.
- **Week 7 – 25.5 ... 5-7-0, 8/7-118-1 @ TEN.** Melvin Gordon had 29 yards on 19 touches (1.5 YPT) while Ekeler had 125 YFS on 15 touches (8.3 YPT). The Chargers stubbornly handed the ball off to Gordon often in the first half before relying on Ekeler as a receiver in the second half. He created separation on a stop-and-go route for a 41-yard TD. He nearly had a 2nd RETD but was tackled on the half yard line.
- **Week 8 – 10.2 ... 3-3-0, 3/2-19-1 @ CHI.** The 5 touches were a season low for Ekeler. He had only 1 in the first half. The Bears dominated T.O.P., holding the ball for 38/60 minutes of run time, which limited the Chargers to 45 offensive snaps. Ekeler made his mark on a 11-yard TD strike, eluding a LB. He leads the league YAC.
- **Week 9 – 13.3 ... 12-70-0, 4/4-23-0 vs. GB.** Gordon vacuumed up 23 carries but Ekeler managed 16 touches. He even received a pair of carries inside the 5 but couldn't cash them in. Gordon did just one play after Ekeler's failure. This is how the Chargers want their backfield to look, but it came against one of the league's worst run defenses.
- **Week 10 – 12.8 ... 6-19-0, 2/2-29-1 @ OAK.** He caught a 22-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage but was mostly quiet after. For the second week in a row,

Ekeler couldn't cash in a carry inside the 5. Thankfully, he caught his TD on the next play. He got out-touched 23-8 by Gordon, who is starting to pick up steam.

- **Week 11 – 21.2 ... 5-24-0, 12/8-108-0 vs. KC.** The Chargers were moving the ball with Ekeler in the first half. He was out-carried 14-5. High snap count of 46 (he's played 24-37 SPG weeks 6-10 since Gordon returned).
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 16.7 ... 9-16-0, 5/4-51-1 @ DEN.** Ekeler's TD was a well-designed wheel route from 30 yards out. The Chargers seemd to make more of an effort to feature Ekeler alongside Melvin Gordon instead of a third WR.
- **Week 14 – 31.3 ... 8-101-0, 5/4-112-1 @ JAX.** Ekeler was brilliant all afternoon, ripping off 27, 23, and 35 yard runs on his first 3 carries and later taking a screen pass 84 yards to the house. He earned most of his yards thanks to elite elusiveness and tackle-breaking ability.
- **Week 15 – 13.1 ... 7-19-0, 7/5-62-0 vs. MIN.** Constant PPR force.
- **Week 16 – 11.9 ... 4-11-0, 6/5-58-0 vs. OAK.** Was out-targeted and out-carried by his backfield mate. The Chargers could barely move the ball on Sunday. Ekeler has a safe PPR floor.
- **Week 17 – 17.9 ... 9-46-0, 11/9-43-0 @ KC.** 46 snaps (played 30-32 SPG weeks 13-16).
- **Season Summary:** Ekeler was the overall RB1 in fantasy while Melvin Gordon was OUT during his September holdout. His return in week 5 tanked Ekeler's ceiling (27.2 PPG to 16.8 PPG in the final 12 contests) but Ekeler maintained a steady PPR floor as a featured passing option for Rivers' declining arm. The Chargers rewarded the 24-year-old with a 4-year, \$24.5M contract. 4th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 132-557-3 (4.2 YPC), 1 100+... 108/92-993-8, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.3 PPG in 16 Games = RB8 Pace.

RB Melvin Gordon

- **Week 1 – DNP – Holdout**
- **Week 2 – DNP – Holdout**
- **Week 3 – DNP – Holdout**
- **Week 4 – DNP – Holdout**
- **Week 5 – 7.8 ... 12-31-0, 6/4-7-0 vs. DEN.** Coach Anthony Lynn said that he didn't want to put Gordon in there and play him too much. "I really don't have to. I like what Austin Ekeler has been doing." Gordon split work with Ekeler and had 9 more carries than Ekeler, but he was mostly game-scripted out of the offense in the second half after DEN jumped out to a multi-score lead. Ekeler soaked up 16 targets.
- **Week 6 – 7.8 ... 8-18-0, 4/3-30-0 vs. PIT.** The entire Chargers run game was held in check, converting 14 carries into 32 scoreless yards. He managed to out-snap Austin Ekeler and included plenty of pass down work this week, even with LAC trailing again.

- **Week 7 – 8.9 ... 16-32-0, 3/2- -3-1, FL @ TEN.** Austin Ekeler out-played Gordon again, but the Bolts got to the 1-yard line with the game on the line, and ran Gordon into brick walls before he fumbled the game away with seconds remaining. Gordon lacked speed and agility today. A goal line catch saved his stat line.
- **Week 8 – 11.4 ... 8-31-1, 3/2-3-0 @ CHI.** As he has been, Gordon was largely ineffective, though he salvaged the day with a 19-yard TD Gallup, his first run over 7 RUYD this season. He out-touched teammate Austin Ekeler 10-5 and out-gained him 34-22. Gordon is averaging 2.55 YPC since returning from his holdout. Low snap count of 25 (played 32-37 SPG weeks 5-7).
- **Week 9 – 25.9 ... 20-80-2, 4/3-29-0 vs. GB.** Gordon cashed in a pair of goal line carries as Austin Ekeler was stymied on his. Ekeler played well but Gordon out-touched him 23-16. Today was how the Chargers want their backfield to look. 45 snaps.
- **Week 10 – 20.3 ... 22-108-1, 1/1-25-0 @ OAK.** Gordon looked more explosive and powerful like last week despite Rivers' disaster performance. He pushed the pile on a 3-yard TD. He might have had a second score late had he not been briefly forced to exit following a helmet-to-helmet hit. 47 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 12.0 ... 14-69-0, 5/3-21-0 vs. KC.** Gordon handled just 4 carries after halftime and dropped his 2 4th quarter targets. He was chewing up yards, but the Chargers went extremely pass heavy after the break for some reason. Ekeler had 12 targets and 5 carries.
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 13.0 ... 20-99-0, 3/2-11-0 @ DEN.** The Chargers continue to feed Gordon all the run game work he can handle. He's displaying some tackle breaking ability, finding his groove after a brutal start to the season. Ekeler remains plenty involved.
- **Week 14 – 19.4 ... 12-55-1, 5/5-29-0 @ JAX.** Gordon scored another goal line TD and he was effective as a rusher and receiver against the Jags' barely there defense. Austin Ekeler stole the spotlight, however, with huge rushing and receiving lines. Only 29 snaps (played 40-47 SPG weeks 9-13).
- **Week 15 – 7.4 ... 7-28-0, 7/5-36-0, 2 FL vs. MIN.** Gordon lost a pair of fumbles, contributing to the Chargers 7 turnovers in this one. Gordon was briefly benched, losing snaps to Justin Jackson, but he returned. Only 25 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 22.7 ... 9-15-0, 7/6-32-0 vs. OAK.** The Chargers simply couldn't run the ball. The offense appears to be broken, largely thanks to Philip Rivers' decline. Both his TDs were 1-yard plunges.
- **Week 17 – 24.2 ... 14-46-1, 7/6-76-0 @ KC.** 36 snaps (played 36-37 SPG weeks 16-17).
- **Season Summary:** Ending a 4-game holdout, Gordon stumbled out of the gates, averaging 2.55 YPC through the first half of the season. He came on strong in LAC's final 8 games. He got the lions share of the carries but ceded a ton of receiving work to Austin Ekeler. Almost all of his TDs were of the goal line variety, which

saved his fantasy value. 41st highest graded RB, per PFF. Slow start; much better weeks 9-17.

- **Season Totals:** 162-612-8 (3.8 YPC) 1 100+... 55/42-296-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.1 PPG in 12 Games = RB15 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Russell Okung** – (5/16 LT)... 77 overall. Started weeks 8, 9, 13-15.
 - **Trent Scott** – (11/16 LT)... 61 overall. Started weeks 1-7 at LT, DNP week 8, started weeks 9-11 at RT, played half snaps weeks 14-17 at LT.
 - **Trey Pipkins** – (4/16 LT)... 72 overall. Started weeks 10-11, 16-17.
- **Dan Feeney** – (16/16 LG)... 63 overall. Started weeks 5-6 at C.
 - **Forrest Lamp** – (2/16 LG)... 70 overall. Started weeks 5-6 at LG.
- **Mike Pouncey** – (5/16 C)... 73 overall.
 - **Scott Quessenberry** – (10/16 C)... 66 overall. Started weeks 7-17.
- **Michael Schofield III.** – (16/16 RG)... 75 overall (Strong PB).
- **Sam Tevi** – (13/16 RT)... 59.0 overall. DNP weeks 9-11.
- **Trai Turner** – (0/16 RG)... 74 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Bryan Bulaga** – (0/16 RT)... 87 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Joey Bosa | 97 | |
| ED: Melvin Ingram | 85 | DNP weeks 4-7 |
| ED: Uchenna Nwosu | 73 | Started weeks 4-7 |
| NT: Linval Joseph | 79 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: Brandon Mebane | 60 | DNP weeks 7-9 |
| DT: Damion Square | 71 | ~25 SPG |
| DT: Justin Jones | 60 | DNP weeks 7-10 |
| DT: Jerry Tillery | 60 | ~25 SPG |
| LB: Kenneth Murray | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Thomas Davis | 74 | |
| LB: Denzel Perryman | 68 | DNP weeks 1-2, 14 |
| LB: Drue Tranquill | 73 | Sig Snaps weeks 5-10, 13-17 |
| LB: Nick Vigil | 60 | |
| LB: Kyzir White | 66 | Started weeks 1-2, ~15 SPG after |
| CB: Casey Hayward Jr. | 92 | |
| CB: Chris Harris Jr. | 84 | Projected Starter in 2020. |

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| NCB: Desmond King II. | 81 | DNP week 15 |
| CB: Michael Davis | 66 | DNP weeks 1-3, 13-14 |
| CB: Brandon Facyson | 64 | Started weeks 1-3, 13-14 |
| FS: Rayshawn Jenkins | 69 | |
| SS: Derwin James | 93 | DNP weeks 1-12 |
| SS: Roderic Teamer | 60 | Started weeks 3-8 |
| FS/NCB: Adrian Phillips | 87 | Started weeks 1-2, Sig Snaps weeks 13-17 |
| SS: Jaylen Watkins | 60 | Started weeks 9-11 |
| FS: Nasir Adderley | 60 | Min Snaps week 2 |

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Passing Game:

QB Jared Goff

- **Week 1 – 9.4 ... 186, 1-1 @ CAR.** Goff missed many open targets and a lot his PAYD came after the catch on short throws. The Rams were lucky to walk away with the road win, though it hasn't been surprising to see Goff struggle on the road.
- **Week 2 – 19.1 ... 283, 1-0, RUTD FL vs. NO.** Goff was better than he was in week 1. He had a goal TD on a QB sneak. He still wasn't sharp, missing throws and folding under pressure. RG Austin Blythe was carted off with an ankle injury.
- **Week 3 – 14.1 ... 268, 2-2, 4-14-0, FL @ CLE.** It was a slow start for Goff, with neither team scoring a TD in the first half. He salvaged his night with a pair of red zone TDs to Cooper Kupp. Goff had some misfires that led to his INTs. It was a letdown against a Browns defense that was without their top 2 CBs and multiple starters.
- **Week 4 – 20.6 ... 517, 2-3, FL vs. TB.** Goff dropped back a whopping 70 times, taking 2 sacks. His 68 attempts were a career high by 15! It was a terrific fantasy day for Goff but brutal in real life. He could have easily had 2 or 3 more INTs, and he lost a fumble that was returned for a TD. The O-Line is a work in progress. Season-high 89 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 17.9 ... 395, 1-1, @ SEA.** Goff came out looking disastrous in the 1st quarter but managed to get into a serious rhythm for the game's final 3 frames. He was making quick decisions and accurate throws as Sean McVay schemed players into space. In other words, it was the Rams offense as it's supposed to be. Goff's INT was not his fault; Gerald Everett dropped it. He could have had an INT of his own, however. Brandin Cooks exited with a concussion.
- **Week 6 – 1.1 ... 78, 0-0, FL vs. SF.** The Rams marched right down the field on their opening drive, capping it off with a Robert Woods RUTD. After that, 49ers DC Robert Saleh's group manhandled Goff and the Rams' putrid O-Line. He took 4 sacks and had a career low PAYD. The Rams went 0/9 on 3rd and 4th downs. Goff spiked a ton of inaccurate passes at his receivers feet and missed a wide open Gerald Everett for what should have been an easy 50+ yard TD in the 4th. Goff has been flat out bad in 2019 after being handed a mega extension. Only 52 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 25.0 ... 268, 2-0, 3-3-1 @ ATL.** Goff wasn't very good, but he was better than Matt Ryan and the Falcons, who imploded. Goff left a ton of yards on the field with overthrows and inaccuracy. He should have had a bigger day. His first score was a dime to Todd Gurley. His second was a TE screen to Gerald Everett where Everett did all the work. The Falcons' defense was nonexistent.

- **Week 8 – 22.8 ... 372, 2-0 vs. CIN.** COOKS OUT. Goff did all his damage in the first half before completing just 4/12 passes after the break. It was a nice game, finding Cooper Kupp and Josh Reynolds for long scores.
- **Week 9 –** BYE
- **Week 10 – 3.7 ... 243, 0-2, FL @ PIT.** COOKS OUT. Road Goff and Goff versus pressure predictably showed up in this one against a strong Steelers defense. Goff wasn't on the same page with his primary targets. Cooper Kupp failed to make a catch. He had 2 bad turnovers, one of which went for a score. The 3rd turnover was a deflected pass at the line.
- **Week 11 – 5.2 ... 173, 0-1 vs. CHI.** ROBERT WOODS AND BRANDIN COOKS OUT. Another ugly game for Goff. The Rams hid behind a run-heavy game script. His INT was an ill-advised throw under pressure that went directly to LB Roquan Smith. Only 54 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 4.3 ... 212, 0-2 vs. BAL.** It's been all downhill for Goff since his nightmarish 78-yard performance against the 49ers in week 6. Goff has 4 TDs, 5 INTs and 6 fumbles since, with 1 300+ PAYD game against the winless Bengals. He's even playing poorly at home, as he did tonight in the blowout loss. The Rams are actively trying to transition into a defensive-minded, run-first team. Low count of 52 snaps.
- **Week 13 – 24.9 ... 424, 2-0 @ ARI.** The old, 2018 Sean McVay and Goff showed up against the Cardinals' lowly pass defense. It was a clinic of wide open receivers and TEs. This was his best game of the season by far, but it came easy against a terrible team.
- **Week 14 – 16.1 ... 293, 2-2 vs. SEA.** Goff started hot, but bad Goff showed up in the second half. He threw a pick-six, and his TDs were easy red zone throws.
- **Week 15 – 17.5 ... 284, 2-1 @ DAL.** Goff whiffed on multiple wide open throws in the 2nd half due in part to suffering a swollen thumb in the mid-2nd quarter. When he wasn't tossing inaccurate passes or getting pressured, LAR wideouts were dropping passes. Dallas led 31-7 in the third quarter. Goff connected with Kupp for a garbage time TD.
- **Week 16 – 20.1 ... 323, 2-1, 4-12-0 @ SF.** Goff found a lot of early-game success on play-action bootleg throws to Tyler Higbee and Robert Woods. A crucial mistake came back to haunt the Rams; Goff threw a soft pass into the flats without seeing LB Fred Warner, which led to a pick-six.
- **Week 17 – 25.1 ... 319, 3-0 vs. ARI.** Goff had higher snap counts weeks 13-17, playing 68-82 SPG down the stretch.
- **Season Summary:** Goff was largely responsible for his poor season, but the writing was on the wall for the not-so-talented QB to come back down to earth. To be fair, the O-Line was not as strong, and Goff struggles when pressured and offers nothing of scrambling. He has a great group of pass catchers and Sean McVay can still scheme nicely. Goff picked up his play in the final 5 games, but it was really ugly before then. 20th highest graded QB, per PFF

- **Season Totals:** 4,638 PAYD, 22-16 TD/INT, 7.4 YPA, 62.9%, 86.5 QBR, 6 300+... 33-40-2, 24-21 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.5 PPG in 16 Games = QB20 Pace.

WR Robert Woods

- **Week 1 – 16.6 ... 13/8-70-0, 2-16-0 @ CAR.** Woods led the team in all receiving categories and it could have been a bigger day if Goff was more accurate.
- **Week 2 – 6.2 ... 2/2-33-0, 1-9-0 vs. NO.** This was Woods' lowest reception total in a non-week 17 game since week 4 of 2017. There wasn't a great reason for the bad game either. Goff just uncomfortable for most the game, and Cooper Kupp kind of ate into Woods' performance. The Rams also had a lead for most of the game.
- **Week 3 – 8.8 ... 8/3-40-0, 2-18-0 @ CLE.** Another down game for Woods.
- **Week 4 – 29.4 ... 15/13-164-0 vs. TB.** This was a huge, much-needed game. It helped that Goff threw 68 times for a career-best 517 PAYD. Woods still hasn't found the end zone in 2019.
- **Week 5 – 9.8 ... 9/5-48-0 @ SEA.** Woods was millimeters away from a bigger night but was ruled out of bounds on what could have been a 21-yard TD.
- **Week 6 – 7.6 ... 4/0-0-0, 2-16-1 vs. SF.** Goff was terrible with a career-worst 78 PAYD. Woods was lucky to cap the opening drive with a RUTD, his first TD of the season.
- **Week 7 – 13.6 ... 7/5-80-0, 1-6-0 @ ATL.** Goff is struggling with downfield accuracy, so Woods did some clean up underneath.
- **Week 8 – 6.2 ... 2/2-36-0, 4-6-0 vs. CIN.** COOKS EXITED EARLY. The Bengals had a very injured secondary. Cooper Kupp stole the show. The 2 targets tied a season-low for Woods, who only has 1 100+ game and 1 TD through 8 games.
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 16.5 ... 11/7-95-0 @ PIT.** COOKS OUT. Woods led the team in receiving after the BYE, but no one was close to scoring a TD. Goff was put in bad spots by a good Steelers defense. Woods and Gerald Everett were the go-to receivers today.
- **Week 11 – DNP – Personal**
- **Week 12 – 15.7 ... 9/6-97-0 vs. BAL.** Led the team in receiving by a wide margin. But he was sitting on 4-51-0 before a stat-padding final drive in the blowout loss. He's starting to come along though. Only 34 snaps (played at least 52 snaps in every other game).
- **Week 13 – 30.2 ... 19/13-172-0 @ ARI.** It was an absurd game from the passing attack against a nonexistent Cardinals secondary. Players were left wide open multiple times for chunk gains. Woods was left open the most. He's now led the Rams in air yards for 3 straight games.

- **Week 14 – 25.7 ... 9/7-98-1, 2-29-0 vs. SEA.** Woods was left uncovered on a play-action pass at the 2-yard line for his TD. This was amazingly his first RETD of 2019! He's recorded at least 90 REYD in 4 straight.
- **Week 15 – 5.7 ... 9/4-17-0 @ DAL.** Goff was inaccurate while battling through a 2nd quarter thumb injury. This was Woods' 5th straight game to total 9+ targets.
- **Week 16 – 20.3 ... 11/8-117-0, 2-6-0 @ SF.** He's now averaged 11.2 targets over his last 6 games. He's been the clear-cut No. 1 WR for the Rams since the BYE week. He has a rapport with Goff on intermediate spaces.
- **Week 17 – 20.6 ... 12/7-67-1, 1-9-0 vs. ARI.**
- **Season Summary:** His age-27 season started out poorly thanks to the inaccuracies of Jared Goff and being overshadowed by Cooper Kupp. After the BYE, Woods went on a tear that saw him receive at least 9 targets in every game after the week 9 BYE. The problem was that he only scored 2 RETDs. 12th highest graded WR, per PFF. Finished strongly weeks 12-17.
- **Season Totals:** 139/90-1,134-2, 3 100+... 17-115-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.5 PPG in 15 Games = WR16 Pace.

WR Cooper Kupp

- **Week 1 – 11.6 ... 10/7-46-0 @ CAR.** Jay Glazer reported that Cooper Kupp timed better in every athletic test post ACL-tear in August. Kupp supposedly had a great recovery from his midseason ACL tear in 2018. In this game, Todd Gurley and Malcolm Brown ran out the clock in the second half. Kupp looked healthy, but it wasn't a great day for the Rams passing attack.
- **Week 2 – 17.6 ... 9/5-120-0, 1-6-0 vs. NO.** Kupp shook the Saints secondary in the second half on a 66-yard reception, but he was just a few inches short of the end zone. He's healthy and trusts his knee.
- **Week 3 – 33.1 ... 12/11-101-2 @ CLE.** Kupp caught both of Goff's TDs in the red zone. Kupp has looked faster and stronger than he was before his 2018 knee surgery.
- **Week 4 – 26.9 ... 15/9-121-1 vs. TB.** Averaging 11.5 targets a game, Kupp is shining despite erratic play from Jared Goff. Goff threw 68 times for 500+ PAYD today, which helps.
- **Week 5 – 26.7 ... 17/9-117-1 @ SEA.** 4th straight 100+ REYD game. Kupp kept getting open in the middle of the field. He's fantasy's WR1 right now, amazingly.
- **Week 6 – 5.7 ... 6/4-17-0 vs. SF.** Goff had a career worst 78 PAYD. Kupp led the team in targets. No Rams pass catcher had more than 25 REYD.
- **Week 7 – 11.0 ... 8/6-50-0 @ ATL.** It was a smash spot on paper, but Goff struggled with accuracy early. The Falcons imploded, meaning the Rams could rely on their rushing attack. Kupp gets another sweet matchup next week. Snap counts have declined in last 3 games (44-47 SPG weeks 5-7 but 63-85 SPG weeks 1-4).
- **Week 8 – 35.0 ... 10/7-220-1 vs. CIN.** BRANDIN COOKS EXITED EARLY. After a down weeks 6-7, Kupp smashed against a depleted secondary missing starters. The

Bengals simply refused to cover him in the middle of the field, and Kupp was constantly racking up big time YAC. He scored from 65 yards out on a triple reverse. Kupp did nothing for the final 25 minutes of the game but didn't have to. 58 snaps.

- **Week 9** – BYE
- **Week 10** – 0.0 ... **4/0-0-0 @ PIT.** BRANDIN COOKS OUT. Failed to make a single catch with “Road Goff.” 69 snaps.
- **Week 11** – 8.3 ... **3/3-53-0 vs. CHI.** BRANDON COOKS AND ROBERT WOODS OUT. Kupp had a TD overturned, getting ruled out just short of the goal line at the end of a 50-yard catch. The 3 targets were a surprising letdown sans Cooks and Woods, but the Rams went run-heavy.
- **Week 12** – 9.5 ... **10/6-35-0 vs. BAL.** Kupp led the Rams in targets but has now been held to 53 scoreless yards or fewer in 4 of the last 5 games with the crazy Bengals game in between.
- **Week 13** – 18.5 ... **6/6-65-1 @ ARI.** Arizona boldly opted not to cover receivers and Kupp was one of several to take advantage. His TD required toe-dragging footwork. Kupp's production has settled down since week 6 after a hot start. Has played 51-57 SPG weeks 11-13.
- **Week 14** – 14.5 ... **4/4-45-1 vs. SEA.** Kupp was left wide open for a 10-yard TD. He hasn't gone over 65 REYD since week 8. Only 19 snaps.
- **Week 15** – 16.1 ... **6/6-41-1 @ DAL.** Kupp had a meaningless 4th quarter TD in garbage time. Coach Sean McVay cited “personnel changes” for passing game numbers. Kupp has managed to stay relevant because he's finding the end zone. Played 68 snaps after strangely playing 19 last week.
- **Week 16** – 13.1 ... **4/4-31-1 @ SF.** Kupp has averaged 4 catches and under 40 REYD per game since Week 10, with Robert Woods and TE Tyler Higbee emerging as the clear-cut top targets in the offense. The 2-TE sets has Kupp's snap counts down. He's still making some plays. He worked his way open for a 22-yard TD tonight. 43 snaps.
- **Week 17** – 22.9 ... **10/7-99-1 vs. ARI.** 5th straight game with 1 TD. 50 snaps (played 43-57 SPG weeks 11-13, 16-17, with a high count of 68 snaps in week 15 and only 19 snaps in week 14).
- **Season Summary:** Kupp had a very interesting season. He finished as the WR4. He was the WR1 after a white hot start weeks 1-5 coming off the torn ACL. Then he went on a midseason lull where he did next to nothing weeks 6-12 other than one monster game against the winless Bengals. Aside from that game, Kupp only topped 65 REYD once weeks 9-17. He maintained fantasy relevance down the stretch by scoring 1 TD in each of his final 5 games. However, he was playing fewer snaps because of the Rams' increased usage of 2-TE sets from weeks 12-17, which brought on the emergence of Tyler Higbee. 31st highest graded WR, per PFF. Graded poorly weeks 6-7, 10-12, 15-16.
- **Season Totals:** 134/94-1,161-10, 5 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.9 PPG in 16 Games = WR8 Pace.

WR Brandin Cooks

- **Week 1 – 5.9 ... 6/2-39-0 @ CAR.** Cooks had a step on his defender deep down the sideline but Goff just missed him. It was a forgettable passing game performance all around on the road.
- **Week 2 – 16.6 ... 4/3-74-1 vs. NO.** Cooks had a sweet 57-yard grab early and polished off his game with a red zone TD that was impressively caught in traffic. He looked great vs. his former team.
- **Week 3 – 20.0 ... 12/8-112-0, 1-8-0 @ CLE.** Cooks didn't have any splash plays and had a bad drop, but he did lead the team in receiving.
- **Week 4 – 13.1 ... 9/6-71-0 vs. TB.** This was actually a disappointing stat line considering Goff threw the ball 68 times for over 500 PAYD.
- **Week 5 – 6.6 ... 3/1-29-0, 1-27-0 @ SEA. EXITED** with concussion early in the 4th quarter. Cooks made a spectacular catch on the play he got hurt on. This is his 3rd concussion as a pro. 46 snaps.
- **Week 6 – 6.2 ... 3/3-18-0 vs. SF.** Goff had a career-worst 78 PAYD in this one, so none of the Rams pass catchers produced. Cooks has been extremely disappointing through 6 weeks.
- **Week 7 – 9.9 ... 7/4-59-0 @ ATL.** Even with the Falcons missing CB Desmond Trufant, big plays were nowhere to be found for Cooks. Goff kept overthrowing people.
- **Week 8 – 0.0 ... 1/0-0-0 vs. CIN. EXITED** with a concussion on his first target of the game. Concussions have been a major issue for Cooks in recent years. Only 3 snaps.
- **Week 9 –** BYE
- **Week 10 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 11 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 12 – 5.3 ... 4/2-32-0 vs. BAL.** Cooks made a spectacular sideline grab on one of his 2 catches but that was really it in the blowout loss. Cooks has only 1 100+ game and 0 TDs since week 2. 40 snaps.
- **Week 13 – 4.4 ... 2/2-24-0 @ ARI.** This was troubling as he was the only Rams player not to get going. Goff had 424 PAYD on 43 attempts, finding open receivers everywhere. Cooks is simply getting exercise running deep routes to open up space for Robert Woods and Cooper Kupp. 61 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 0.0 ... 2/0-0-0 vs. SEA.** Cooks was invisible. His role has taken a major hit since returning from his concussion. He has just 4 catches for 56 scoreless yards in his last 3 games. Only 26 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 8.6 ... 8/4-46-0 @ DAL.** He took a hard hit in the back of the end zone during a 2-point try. The Rams were blown out. 53 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 13.9 ... 6/4-39-1 @ SF.** Cooks has been unheard of for most of the season, partially due to a scary stretch of injuries. Sadly, tonight was one of his

better games. His TD was a 10-yard strike from Goff. Tyler Higbee has now clearly surpassed Cooks as the 3rd target. 41 snaps.

- **Week 17 – 7.0 ... 5/3-40-0 vs. ARI.** 49 snaps (snaps decreased to after returning from concussions. Cooks played 70, 65, 57, 80 snaps in first 4 games).
- **Season Summary:** Disappointing season for the entire Rams offense, but especially for Cooks. He was already off to a very slow start, before 2 midseason concussions (the 3rd and 4th of his career) caused him to see a concussion specialist and miss 3 games. His role was greatly diminished upon his return. He never exceeded 8 targets, 4 catches, or 46 REYD in a game after week 7. He only scored 1 TD in that span (2 all year). The Rams have made WR Brandin Cooks (27) available for a trade. 63rd highest graded WR, per PFF. Was not good after weeks 1-3.
- **Season Totals:** 72/42-583-2, 1 100+... 6-52-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 9.79 PPG in 12 Games (minus early exit vs. CIN) WR45 Pace.

TE Tyler Higbee

- **Week 1 – 12.0 ... 5/4-20-1 @ CAR.** The Rams rewarded Higbee with a 4-year, \$31M contract, making him a top-10 highest paid TE. This seems to indicate that athletically-gifted TE Gerald Everett likely won't see much of an expanded role in 2019. Everett played on just 35% of the Rams' snaps last season compared to 72% for Higbee. The Rams have tended to use Cooper Kupp over 2-TE sets under Sean McVay... Higbee caught Goff's only TD pass from 5 yards out in traffic.
- **Week 2 – 4.1 ... 3/2-21-0 vs. NO.** EXITED with a chest injury.
- **Week 3 – DNP – Lungs**
- **Week 4 – 8.1 ... 7/4-41-0 vs. TB.** Gerald Everett went 5-44-1.
- **Week 5 – 7.7 ... 3/3-47-0 @ SEA.** Gerald Everett went 7-136-0.
- **Week 6 – 5.5 ... 3/3-25-0 vs. SF.** Goff threw for only 78 PAYD.
- **Week 7 – 1.8 ... 1/1-8-0 @ ATL.**
- **Week 8 – 1.8 ... 1/1-8-0 vs. CIN.**
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 5.2 ... 4/3-22-0 @ PIT.**
- **Week 11 – 0.0 ... 0/0-0-0 vs. CHI.**
- **Week 12 – 7.0 ... 6/5-20-0 vs. BAL.**
- **Week 13 – 23.7 ... 8/7-107-1 @ ARI.** EVERETT OUT. Higbee got the start for the injured Gerald Everett and fell into a few chunk plays against the league's worst team at defending TEs. Season-high 72 snaps (played 23-48 SPG weeks 1-12).
- **Week 14 – 18.6 ... 11/7-116-0 vs. SEA.** EVERETT OUT. Apparently the Cardinals game wasn't a total fluke based on the best matchup possible. He had some great blocks on Gurley's longer runs and recorded 100 REYD for the 2nd straight week with Everett sidelined. 66 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 23.1 ... 14/12-111-0 @ DAL.** EVERETT OUT. The Rams once again made a concerted effort to get Higbee involved as a receiving threat. He had first down

gains of 26, 12, 12, 10, and 9 as Goff threw 51 throws with the Rams trailing big time. Higbee has seen a 23% target share in the last 3 weeks. 63 snaps.

- **Week 16 – 19.4 ... 11/9-104-0 @ SF.** This one, his 4th straight 100+ REYD game, was especially impressive because former TE starter Gerald Everett was healthy and active. Higbee has flashed a ton of playmaking ability and can even get his hands dirty as a run blocker. The Rams are sliding into 2-TE sets to close out the season. 62 snaps. Everett played only 4 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 22.4 ... 12/8-84-1 vs. ARI.** An amazing 5-game stretch for Higbee, now apparently an every-down stud. 79 snaps. Everett played 0 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Tyler Higbee came from out of nowhere following a Gerald Everett injury in week 13 to torch defenses with 5 straight amazing games, including 4 straight 100+ REYD games and the 5th game and lowest receiving output being 84 REYD (though it's worth noting 2 games were against Arizona). He has effectively taken Everett's job, and the Rams even transformed their offense around Higbee, running way more 2-TE sets to close out the year. Third TE Johnny Mundt played as the 2nd TE in weeks 11-17 with snap counts of 37, 0, 23, 49, 11, 31, 35. It's worth noting that the Rams handed Higbee a multi-year extension before the year and Everett is entering the final year of his rookie deal. Everett finished 10th in PFF grade. Everett played 30 snaps in week 1, 48-57 SPG weeks 2-5, 28 snaps week 6, 55 snaps week 7, 29 snaps week 8, 52 snaps week 9, only 14 snaps week 11, only 17 snaps week 12, was hurt for weeks 13-14, and then played 4 snaps in week 16 before being a "healthy scratch" in week 17. Higbee played only 25-41 SPG weeks 1-12 before playing 62-79 SPG weeks 13-17. Higbee = 3rd highest graded TE, per PFF. Finished elite in weeks 13-17.
- **Season Totals:** 89/69-734-3, 4 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 10.7 PPG in 15 Games = TE10 Pace

Running Game:

RB Todd Gurley

- **Week 1 – 11.1 ... 14-97-0, 1/1-4-0 @ CAR.** Gurley struggled early but broke off run after run in the second half. The bad news was Gurley's disappearance near the goal-line and in the passing game. When the Rams were inside the 5-yard line, it was Malcolm Brown (2 RUTDs). Gurley's 15 total touches were in line with his projection considering his chronic knee issue. This split was also consistent to how he was deployed in the 2018 postseason, which led to him taking a backseat to C.J. Anderson down the stretch.
- **Week 2 – 15.7 ... 16-63-1, 4/3-4-0 vs. NO.** The Rams are limiting Gurley's overall touches. This week, he was used near the goal line and he saw 4 targets.
- **Week 3 – 4.3 ... 14-43-0, 1/0-0-0 @ CLE.** Gurley never got going in this one. The Rams called 38 pass plays despite having a lead for most of the night. He lost significant snaps to Malcolm Brown, who had a few series to himself. Gurley did out-touch Brown by a wide margin.

- **Week 4 – 26.0 ... 5-16-2, 11/7-54-0 vs. TB.** Gurley scored from 13 yards out and then from 5 yards away later. He did nothing else on his other 3 carries. He was heavily involved in the passing game on a day where Jared Goff dropped back to throw a whopping 70 times.
- **Week 5 – 18.7 ... 15-51-2, 5/3-6-0, FL @ SEA.** Gurley's first score came from 8 yards out, and his second from the 1. It was a great fantasy night, but Gurley has been held below 4.0 YPC for 4 of his 5 games. The Rams' blocking has been a major problem, but he has not looked like the same back since his injury issues set in last year. Malcolm Brown only played 3 snaps after having played 17-25 SPG weeks 1-4.
- **Week 6 – DNP – Quad.** Malcolm Brown played 35 snaps. Darrell Henderson played 17 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 12.4 ... 18-41-0, 1/1-13-1 @ ATL.** Neither Gurley nor backup Darrell Henderson could find much running room behind the Rams' ramshackle O-Line, but it didn't matter on an afternoon where ATL collapsed. Gurley beat Vic Beasley in 1-on-1 coverage for his nice receiving score. Gurley played deep into the 4th quarter in a non-competitive game. Darrell Henderson played 26 snaps and saw 12 touches.
- **Week 8 – 10.4 ... 10-44-1, 1/0-0-0 vs. CIN.** Gurley didn't catch a pass and only played 32 snaps (season low). Darrell Henderson played 28 snaps and out-touched Gurley 11-10. It appears his role is rising. Meanwhile, Gurley was getting treatment on his knee late in the game with the Rams up 2 scores.
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 7.3 ... 12-73-0, 4/0-0-0 @ PIT.** Gurley looked good on the ground after the week of rest, but he wasn't on the same page as Goff as a receiver despite all his targets being at the LOS. Gurley played 55 snaps. Darrell Henderson only played 8 snaps. Brown played 12 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 20.3 ... 25-97-1, 3/3-36-0, FL vs. CHI.** The Rams made it a point to feature Gurley after his light Week 10 workload. He touched the ball on 12 of the first 17 plays. He wasn't great in short yardage situations, but he did convert 1 goal line TD. He had a TD vultured by Malcolm Brown with the Rams staying in no-huddle. This was Gurley's first game over 18 carries this season. 41 snaps. Brown played 10 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 4.9 ... 6-22-0, 3/3- -3-0 vs. BAL.** The Rams got stomped from the opening kickoff, so they only ran the ball 8 times.
- **Week 13 – 18.5 ... 19-95-1, 1/1-20-0 @ ARI.** Just like many offenses, the Rams could do no wrong against the Cardinals. Jared Goff finished with over 400 PAYD and Gurley had a lot of room to run. He continues to only pick up the yards that are blocked for him as he plays through knee issues. He has not had a 100-yard rushing game yet.
- **Week 14 – 21.3 ... 23-79-1, 4/4-34-0 vs. SEA.** The Rams got Gurley involved early. He had a TD vultured by Malcolm Brown (14 snaps) after the Rams went no huddle following a Tyler Higbee catch that set them up at the 1-yard line. The Rams also

ran a play-action pass from the 2-yard line to Robert Woods. Gurley finally got his TD on a 6-yard run where he stiff-armed Trey Flowers.

- **Week 15 – 20.8 ... 11-20-1, 6/3-18-1 @ DAL.** Five of Gurley's 11 carries occurred during the Rams' first 3 drives. The Rams mustered just 5 plays over their next 2 possessions, eventually being forced to call pass plays on every down after trailing 28-7 at halftime. Fortunately, Gurley had a meaningless TD late in the 4th to pad his stats. Brown played only 4 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 16.8 ... 15-48-2, 2/0-0-0 @ SF.** Gurley has somewhat saved his fantasy season with a dozen red zone TDs. Gurley had 2 of them tonight from inside the 5-yard line. It's obvious that he's not fully healthy. Brown played 14 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 10.9 ... 20-68-0, 2/2-21-0 vs. ARI.** Gurley finishes the season having failed to rush for 100 RUYD in a game and not eclipsing 4.0 YPC in 11/15 games played. Gurley played at least 50 snaps each game weeks 12-17 and played at least 42 snaps in every game except week 8 (32). Brown played 27 snaps in week 17.
- **Season Summary:** Todd Gurley was inefficient on the ground on fewer touches and used far less in the receiving game thanks in large part to his chronic knee and arthritis issues. He did not look like the same explosive young back, getting mainly what was blocked for him behind a Rams' O-Line that declined. He was PFF's lowest graded receiver among RBs with at least 25 targets. Luckily for his fantasy managers, he salvaged his relatively poor season with an outstanding 14 TDs, all of which came inside the red zone. 36th highest graded RB, per PFF. Receiving grade = 34.8.
- **Season Totals:** 223-857-12 (3.8 YPC) 0 100+... 49/31-207-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.6 PPG in 15 Games = RB17 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Andrew Whitworth** – (16/16 LT)... 87 overall (Great PB, Strong Finish).
- **Joseph Noteboom** – (5/16 LG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 1-5.
 - **Austin Corbett** – (8/16 LG)... 62 overall. Started weeks 10-17.
- **Brian Allen** – (8/16 C)... 68 overall (Weak PB). DNP weeks 10-17.
- **Austin Blythe** – (15/16 G/C)... 74 overall. DNP week 3. Started weeks 1-8 at RG and weeks 10-17 at C.
 - **David Edwards** – (10/16 OG)... 61.0 overall. Started weeks 7-8 at LG and weeks 10-17 at RG.
- **Rob Havenstein** – (9/16 RT)... 76 overall. DNP weeks 11-17.
 - **Bobby Evans** – (7/16 RT)... 60 overall. Started weeks 11-17.

DEFENSE:

ED: Dante Fowler

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| ED: Leonard Floyd | 80 | Projected Starter in 2020. | |
| ED: Clay Matthews | 60 | DNP weeks 6-8. | |
| ED: Samson Ebukam | 73 | ~35 SPG | |
| DT: Aaron Donald | 99 | | |
| DT: Michael Brockers | 81 | | 82.5 RD. |
| DT: A'Shawn Robinson | 62 | Projected Starter in 2020. | |
| NT: Sebastian Joseph-Day | 64 | ~30 SPG | |
| DT: Morgan Fox | 60 | ~25 SPG | |
| LB: Cory Littleton | 85 | | 82.3 CV. |
| LB: Troy Reader | 60 | ~300 snaps | |
| CB: Jalen Ramsey | 96 | Started weeks 7-16. | |
| NCB: Nickell Robey-Coleman | 81 | | |
| CB: Troy Hill | 80 | Started weeks 6-14. | |
| FS: Eric Weddle | 86 | | |
| SS: John Johnson III. | 86 | DNP weeks 7-17. | |
| SS: Taylor Rapp | 70 | Sig Snaps weeks 1-6, Started weeks 7-17. | |
| S: Marqui Christian | 63 | Sig Snaps weeks 7-12. | |

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Passing Game:

QB Ryan Fitzpatrick

- **Week 1 – 10.2 ... 185, 1-1 vs. BAL.** The Dolphins O-Line was a huge problem, but Fitzpatrick struggled to get anything going in the blowout loss. Josh Rosen came off the bench and replaced Fitzpatrick in the 3rd quarter. The Dolphins look to be in full tank mode.
- **Week 2 – -1.8 ... 89, 0-3 vs. NE.** Fitzpatrick was dropped for 4 sacks. Fitzpatrick was dismal against a swarming Pats defense. He was again pulled for Josh Rosen in the 4th quarter. Two of his INTs were pick-sixes in the 0-43 loss. Perhaps the team will start Rosen next week to change things up.
- **Week 3 – 1.1 ... 29, 0-0 @ DAL. JOSH ROSEN STARTED.** Fitzpatrick came in late and completed 2 passes for 29 PAYD.
- **Week 4 – DNP – Benched. JOSH ROSEN STARTED.**
- **Week 5 – BYE**
- **Week 6 – 9.7 ... 132, 1-0 vs. WAS. JOSH ROSEN STARTED.** Rosen mustered a scoreless 85 PAYD and 2 picks. Fitzpatrick came in for relief and led a pair of 2 TD drives late. Only 27 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 20.5 ... 282, 1-1, 6-13-1 @ BUF. RYAN FITZPATRICK RENAMED AS STARTER.** The Dolphins threatened winning this one, but the offense did next to nothing after the break. His TD was a hook up with DeVante Parker in the red zone. Fitzpatrick rushed for a TD in the final quarter.
- **Week 8 – 11.3 ... 190, 2-2, 5-17-0, FL @ PIT.** The 'Fins jumped out to another early lead on the back of FitzMagic, who tossed a pair of first quarter TDs. Miami was shut out over the final 46 minutes of action. Both of his INTs weren't his fault. He's at least made Miami watchable in the last two weeks.
- **Week 9 – 23.7 ... 288, 3-0 vs. NYJ.** Dropped for 4 sacks, but FitzMagic had a field day in this one, devouring his former team. Two of his TDs were to UDFA rookie Preston Williams, who overmatched DB Daryl Roberts all day. Fitzpatrick did take a bad safety on a botched snap but it was smooth sailing for the veteran outside of that slip up.
- **Week 10 – 13.0 ... 169, 0-1, 4-23-1 @ IND. PRESTON WILLIAMS OUT GOING FORWARD.** Fitzpatrick briefly exited the game in the 4th quarter to go to concussion protocol but returned quickly. The Dolphins didn't move the ball with consistency, but Fitzpatrick made some nice plays to keep the game close and ultimately win.

- **Week 11 – 12.9 ... 323, 0-0 vs. BUF.** Fitzpatrick took 7 sacks but didn't turn the ball over. He had some stat padding in the second half, with 200 PAYD coming while trailing in that frame. Fitzpatrick didn't get much help from the running game or O-Line. He did get help from DeVante Parker.
- **Week 12 – 23.0 ... 214, 2-2, 5-45-1 @ CLE.** A strong rushing game propelled Fitzpatrick to be Miami's leading rusher. His first INT came on an Albert Wilson dropped pass, but the second was a bad overthrow into coverage. He managed to keep Miami in it before Nick Chubb sealed the game.
- **Week 13 – 26.8 ... 365, 3-1 vs. PHI.** Fitzpatrick was intercepted on his first pass of the game but rallied in a big way with 5 straight TD drives against a poor Eagles secondary. DeVante Parker was huge, and Fitzpatrick was the main reason for the upset win.
- **Week 14 – 14.3 ... 245, 0-1, 7-65-0 @ NYJ.** Fitzpatrick lost DeVante Parker to a first half concussion, leaving him without WR weapons. Albert Wilson then departed with a head injury of his own. Fitzpatrick tried to compensate with playing school-lot ball, running with reckless abandon. Isaiah Ford was his #1 WR. The 'Fins kicked 7 FGs and scored 0 TDs.
- **Week 15 – 20.4 ... 279, 2-0, 4-33-0, FL @ NYG.** It's not always pretty but Fitzpatrick is dropping back to throw a lot this season, keeping him in the 2-QB league mix. He has at least 33 attempts in 9 straight games. This was a nice game in a favorable matchup.
- **Week 16 – 31.6 ... 419, 4-1, 5-9-0 vs. CIN.** This was a wild one. The Dolphins lost a 35-12 4th quarter lead and punted twice in overtime but still managed to beat Cincinnati on a game-winning FG attempt. Fitzpatrick was electric while building the initial lead, airing it out to DeVante Parker and Mike Gesicki frequently. It was a peak "FitzMagic" performance, but it also locked the Bengals into the #1 overall draft pick.
- **Week 17 – 24.3 ... 320, 1-0, 5-15-1 @ NE.** Fitzpatrick again played well in a huge upset win over the Patriots, who were fighting for a playoff BYE week. He was unafraid to attack shutdown CB Stephon Gilmore with WR DeVante Parker.
- **Season Summary:** Fitzpatrick was initially benched for a terrible stretch to open the season but overtook the disappointing Josh Rosen. Fitzpatrick squeezed the most he could out of a relatively bare-bones pass-catching corps, a nonexistent running game and league-worst O-Line, especially down the stretch, as he elevated DeVante Parker and TE Mike Gesicki to breakout runs late in the year. Not usually known for his mobility, the 37-year-old was an effective scrambler, leading the team in rushing yards with 243 (wow). 16th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,529 PAYD, 20-13 TD/INT, 7.0 YPA, 62.0%, 85.5 QBR, 4 300+... 54-243-4, 24-15 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 20.19 PPG in Final 11 Games, Weeks 7-17 = QB8 Pace.

WR DeVante Parker

- **Week 1 – 10.5 ... 7/3-74-0 vs. BAL.** Parker started opposite of Preston Williams and led Miami in targets. He benefitted from game flow in this blowout loss, but he made some nice catches in traffic. With Albert Wilson sidelined, it looks like Parker will continue to start. Only 37 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 0.0 ... 7/0-0-0 vs. NE.** Parker had a chance to make a big play on a second quarter deep bomb but it was knocked away at the last second. He was the intended WR on 2 of Ryan Fitzpatrick's 3 INTs. This was a tough matchup for Parker.
- **Week 3 – 8.6 ... 6/3-56-0 @ DAL.** JOSH ROSEN STARTED. Parker drew a 26-yard DPI. He had an amazing one-handed grab on the opening drive. He also was interfered with on his 40-yard catch.
- **Week 4 – 17.0 ... 4/4-70-1 vs. LAC.** JOSH ROSEN STARTED. Parker slipped behind the secondary for an untouched 34-yard score. He led Miami in receiving but continued to see fewer targets than Preston Williams He has played better with Josh Rosen the last 2 weeks. Only 43 snaps.
- **Week 5 – BYE**
- **Week 6 – 11.8 ... 4/3-28-1 vs. WAS.** Parker benefitted from Preston Williams drawing Josh Norman's attention. He scored what would have been the game-winning TD in the 4th quarter but Miami failed to convert the ensuing 2-point conversion.
- **Week 7 – 16.5 ... 10/5-55-1 @ BUF.** Parker has scored in 3 straight games. His floor remains low in this pathetic offense.
- **Week 8 – 11.9 ... 8/6-59-0 @ PIT.** Parker has surprisingly hit 50+ REYD and/or 1 RETD in 6 of 7 games this season. He's shown little upside but a consistent floor in a dreadful offense that is always playing from behind. Only 45 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 15.7 ... 6/4-57-1 vs. NYJ.** Three catches came in the second half. His one first half catch being a 17-yard TD. Dropped an easy pass. Preston Williams hurt in the 4th quarter with a knee injury.
- **Week 10 – 11.9 ... 10/5-69-0 @ IND.** PRESTON WILLIAMS OUT GOING FORWARD. Parker was clearly Ryan Fitzpatrick's favorite target.
- **Week 11 – 20.5 ... 10/7-135-0 vs. BUF.** Parker established career highs in catches and yards. He didn't seem the least bit fazed by his matchup against Tre'Davious White. He broke off chunk gains, including a 50-yard catch and run.
- **Week 12 – 15.1 ... 11/6-91-0 @ CLE.** Another solid game, as Parker is quietly in the midst of a breakout campaign. Parker benefitted from Albert Wilson AND Jakeem Grant leaving with injuries. He's been one of the lone bright spots for Miami.
- **Week 13 – 34.9 ... 10/7-159-2 vs. PHI.** Parker had his way with the Eagles secondary, catching a 4th down back-shoulder fade over Ronald Darby for a 43-yard TD. He high-pointed over Jalen Mills on a red zone throw for his second score. Parker also drew a DPI in the end zone to set up another Dolphins TD.
- **Week 14 – 4.8 ... 2/2-28-0 @ NYJ.** EXITED in the second quarter with a concussion after being slammed to the turf following a reception. The Dolphins have laughably little talent at WR sans Parker. 18 snaps.

- **Week 15 – 23.2 ... 7/4-72-2 @ NYG.** Parker signed a 4-year, \$40M contract extension. Injuries and inconsistent play aren't holding him back this season. In this game, he caught a 20-yard strike over the middle for a TD. He also made a terrific contested catch for a TD deep into garbage time.
- **Week 16 – 22.1 ... 15/5-111-1 vs. CIN.** Parker and Fitzpatrick actually left a lot of production on the field. 10 of his targets went incomplete. His TD was a quick slant.
- **Week 17 – 21.7 ... 11/8-137-0 @ NE.** He absolutely massacred Stephon Gilmore and the Pats' league-best secondary.
- **Season Summary:** Parker finally broke out in his 4th season and was awarded with a 4-year contract extension. He was awesome down the stretch, particularly after Ryan Fitzpatrick found his groove and WR Preston Williams went down with a knee injury in week 10. Williams had 60/32-428-3 up to that point, which was similar to Parker's numbers at the time. Parker looked like a true No. 1 WR. He scored 5 times in his final 5 games and was excellent weeks 11-17. 18th highest graded WR, per PFF. Finished strongly weeks 9-17.
- **Season Totals:** 128/72-1,202-9... 4 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.09 PPG in 15 Games (minus week 14 early exit) = WR12 Pace.

WR Preston Williams

- **Week 1 – 11.4 ... 5/3-24-1 vs. BAL.** Williams started after shining in the preseason. The Dolphins rotated their WRs but he finished 3rd in targets. His TD was a highlight toe-tapping catch in the back of the end zone for MIA's only score. Albert Wilson's setback on his calf injury could open up more playing time.
- **Week 2 – 10.3 ... 6/4-63-0 vs. NE.** Williams was easily Miami's most productive receiver, a very low bar. He made the most of his garbage time of this blowout loss.
- **Week 3 – 10.8 ... 12/4-68-0 @ DAL.** JOSH ROSEN STARTED. Williams lived up the hype of being Josh Rosen's favorite target after the duo's summer work together, though he cost them by dropping what should have been a 15-yard TD.
- **Week 4 – 8.6 ... 7/4-46-0 vs. LAC.** JOSH ROSEN STARTED. Williams again led Miami in targets after getting 12 targets last week. One of his catches was a Mike Gesicki drop. He also made a contested sideline catch. He's been Josh Rosen's go-to WR.
- **Week 5 – BYE**
- **Week 6 – 5.1 ... 6/2-31-0 vs. WAS.** He was shadowed by Josh Norman for most of the game, but he made some plays in the 4th quarter.
- **Week 7 – 12.2 ... 8/6-82-0 @ BUF.** Williams led the team in catches and yards. He was Ryan Fitzpatrick's favorite target.
- **Week 8 – 8.2 ... 7/4-42-0 @ PIT.** All of his catches came in the first half. He's yet to have a 100-yard game and hasn't scored since week 1.

- **Week 9 – 24.2 ... 9/5-72-2 vs. NYJ. EXITED** with a knee injury in the 4th quarter. Before he went down, he found himself all alone for a gift-wrapped 12-yard TD on an underneath route. He also had a connection with Ryan Fitzpatrick for a 5-yard missile. He sprained his wrist in the 3rd quarter but returned before exiting the 4th with a torn ACL.
- **Season Summary:** Williams was an undrafted rookie who showed out in the preseason and parlayed that into a starting role for a bad Dolphins team. He played through bad QB play through the first few games of Fitzpatrick and Rosen, but he seemed to be finding a groove with Fitzpatrick as he picked up his play. Unfortunately, he'll have to recover from a torn ACL. While healthy, he was splitting the work pretty evenly with DeVante Parker. 67th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 60/32-428-3, 0 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 11.4 PPG in 8 Games = WR39 Pace.

TE Mike Gesicki

- **Week 1 – 5.1 ... 6/2-31-0 vs. BAL.** Gesicki reportedly struggled throughout training camp to the point where other TEs were passing him on the depth chart. He was expected to make a second-year leap. Gesicki did not start in week 1, but he finished only behind DeVante Parker in targets in the blowout loss. Gesicki was used strictly as a move-TE with Durham Smythe and Chandler Cox starting in base sets.
- **Week 2 – 2.1 ... 2/1-11-0 vs. NE.** Despite immense physical gifts, Gesicki has yet to make an impact as a professional, proving to be an inept blocker while struggling to carve out a meaningful role in a barren Dolphins pass-catching corps.
- **Week 3 – 3.9 ... 3/3-9-0 @ DAL.** JOSH ROSEN STARTED.
- **Week 4 – 0.0 ... 0/0-0-0 vs. LAC.** JOSH ROSEN STARTED. Season-low 26 snaps.
- **Week 5 – BYE**
- **Week 6 – 8.1 ... 7/3-51-0 vs. WAS.** Season-high snap count (so far) of 44 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 8.1 ... 4/4-41-0 @ BUF.** Gesicki caught all 4 of his passes in the second half and had a long catch called back on a penalty.
- **Week 8 – 3.0 ... 3/2-10-0 @ PIT.**
- **Week 9 – 15.5 ... 6/6-95-0 vs. NYJ.** The Jets had no answer for Gesicki, who pillaged New York's listless secondary for career highs. Preston Williams hurt in the 4th quarter with a knee injury. An athletic freak who tested through the roof at last year's NFL Combine could make some noise down the stretch at a thin TE position.
- **Week 10 – 3.8 ... 6/3-28-0, FL @ IND.** PRESTON WILLIAMS OUT GOING FORWARD. Parker was clearly Ryan Fitzpatrick's favorite target. Gesicki fumbled away his first catch of the game, but he did see the majority of snaps at TE.

- **Week 11 – 5.8 ... 6/4-18-0 vs. BUF.** Increase in snaps – season high 59. Played 26-44 SPG weeks 1-10. It's looking like his performance against the Jets in week 9 was an outlier.
- **Week 12 – 11.8 ... 7/3-28-1 @ CLE.** First career TD. Injuries to Albert Wilson and Jakeem Grant could give Gesicki some low-end streamer appeal.
- **Week 13 – 18.9 ... 7/5-79-1 vs. PHI.** Gesicki's had an expanded role in the last few weeks, but this was one of his most complete games. He made a contested catch in the end zone over Jalen Mills and had another red zone target he came down with. Gesicki was called for OPI, but the Dolphins have looked to get him more involved with at least 6 targets in 5 straight games.
- **Week 14 – 1.6 ... 5/1-6-0 @ NYJ.** DeVante Parker and Albert Wilson exited with concussions, but Gesicki still had his worst game in months.
- **Week 15 – 8.7 ... 8/4-47-0 @ NYG.** 8 targets were a season-high but he didn't light up the box score in a great matchup.
- **Week 16 – 26.2 ... 12/6-82-2 vs. CIN.** Gesicki showed his elite athleticism on contested catches and is working open with ease when Ryan Fitzpatrick scrambles outside the pocket. That's how he scored both TDs today.
- **Week 17 – 13.4 ... 7/4-34-1 @ NE.** Scored the game-winning TD with 24 seconds left to upset the Pats. Played 51-59 SPG weeks 11-17 after playing 26-44 SPG weeks 1-10.
- **Season Summary:** The 6'6, 250-pound TE with 4.5 wheels, made a second-year leap thanks to a nice second half the season after the Dolphins' pass catchers got hurt. His role and snap counts increased drastically in week 11, onward. He scored 4 TDs in the last 6 weeks. 40th highest graded TE, per PFF. Finished strongly weeks 9-17.
- **Season Totals:** 89/51-570-5.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.34 PPG in Final 7 Games, Weeks 11-17 (Post-Snap Increase) = TE9 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Austin Jackson – (0/16 LT)...** Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Julie'n Davenport – (8/16 LT)...** 63 overall. Started week 1 at RT and weeks 11-17 at LT.
 - **J'Marcus Webb – (8/16 LT)...** 60 overall. Started weeks 2-3 at RT and weeks 4-10 at LT.
- **Ereck Flowers – (0/16 LG)...** 76 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Michael Deiter – (15/16 LG)...** 60 overall (Weak PB). DNP week 14. Started week 3 at LT.
- **Daniel Kilgore – (13/16 C)...** 66.3 overall. DNP weeks 7-9.
- **Ted Karras – (0/16 C)...** 72 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Danny Isidora – (3/16 RG)...** 61 overall. Started weeks 1-3.

- **Evan Boehm** – (9/16 RG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 3-11, 14. Started weeks 7-9 at C.
- **Deion Calhoun** – (8/16 RG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 7-8, 12-13, 15-17.
- **Jesse Davis** – (14/16 RT)... 68 overall. DNP weeks 3-4. Started weeks 1-2 at LT.
- **Robert Hunt** – (0/16 RT)... Projected Starter in 2020.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Shaq Lawson | 79 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Emmanuel Ogbah | 79 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Vince Biegel | 75 | Started weeks 6-16. |
| ED: Charles Harris | 66 | Started weeks 1-3, ~25 SPG after. |
| ED: Taco Charlton | 60 | Started weeks 4-10. |
| ED: Avery Moss | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 1-4, 11-15. |
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| DT: Christian Wilkins | 75 | DNP week 7. |
| DT: Davon Godchaux | 74 | |
| DT: Raekwon Davis | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| NT: John Jenkins | 77 | |
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| OLB: Kyle Van Noy | 89 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Kamu Grugier-Hill | 67 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Elandon Roberts | 65 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Jerome Baker | 60 | |
| LB: Raekwon McMillan | 68 | DNP weeks 16-17. |
| LB: Sam Eguavoen | 60 | Started weeks 1-4, Sig Snaps after. |
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| CB: Byron Jones | 90 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Xavien Howard | 83 | Started weeks 1-4, 8. |
| NCB: Noah Igbinoghene | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Nik Needham | 66 | Started weeks 8-17. |
| NCB: Jomal Wiltz | 60 | Started weeks 2-3, 6-16. |
| CB: Ryan Lewis | 60 | Started weeks 7-9, 12, 14. |
| CB: Aqib Talib | -- | IR |
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| SS: Eric Rowe | 67 | |
| FS: Bobby McCain | 64 | Started weeks 1-3, 6-11. |
| FS: Adrian Colbert | 67 | Started weeks 13-17. |
| FS: Steven Parker | 73 | Sig Snaps weeks 3-4, 10-14. |
| S: Brandon Jones | -- | |
| SS: Reshad Jones | 79 | Started weeks 1, 4, 6, 11. |

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Passing Game:

QB Kirk Cousins

- **Week 1 – 14.3 ... 98, 1-0, RUTD vs. ATL.** We knew the Vikings were ready to embrace a run-heavy offense with Gary Kubiak in town, but nobody expected only 10 pass attempts. Cousins went 8/10 but semi-saved his day with a short RUTD from the goal line. Game flow worked against him, as the Vikings led ATL all game.
- **Week 2 – 8.9 ... 230, 1-2, 2-17-0, FL @ GB.** Cousins fumbled twice, losing one. Today showed why Mike Zimmer has been so adamant about establishing the run. Both of Cousins' INTs were poor decisions. Cousins should have had a second TD but it was called back by an extremely ticky tack Dalvin Cook OPI penalty. Cousins converted on a score that was a nearly picked off 45-yard pass to Stefon Diggs.
- **Week 3 – 12.5 ... 174, 1-0, 4-16-0 vs. OAK.** The Vikings didn't need Cousins to do much, as they built a 21-0 lead before halftime. He hit Adam Thielen in stride for a 35-yard TD.
- **Week 4 – 7.3 ... 233, 0-0, FL @ CHI.** Cousins took a beating, surrendering 51 yards on 6 sacks. He was also charged with 2 fumbles. The Vikings have been largely run-first under new OC Kevin Stefanski though gamescript provided for a different approach today. Cousins didn't do much outside of a gutsy 39-yard completion to Stefon Diggs on 4th down.
- **Week 5 – 20.5 ... 306, 2-0 @ NYG.** This was Cousins' first 300-yard PAYD game since Week 11 of last season. The Giants secondary is a well that will keep giving, however. The squeaky wheel got the grease, as Cousins found Adam Thielen for 130 yards and 2 TDs after Thielen complained about the offense not passing enough.
- **Week 6 – 27.3 ... 333, 4-1 vs. PHI.** Stefon Diggs had bomb TDs of 62 and 51 yards as well as a toe-tapping score. Cousins has fared well in two cupcake matchups.
- **Week 7 – 29.2 ... 338, 4-0 @ DET.** Adam Thielen departed following his 25-yard TD, but Cousins surgically picked apart Detroit's secondary for 3 more scores. The Vikings have discovered something special in their play-action play-calling in the past 3 weeks, allowing Cousins to stay clean for a total of 976 PAYD, 10 TDs and 75 comp% in that span. A nice 67-yard shot to Stefon Diggs iced the game with 2 minutes to spare.

- **Week 8 – 11.6 ... 285, 0-0 vs. WAS.** ADAM THIELEN OUT. Cousins completed 23/26 throws, with one being a drop and the other a throwaway. He was pinpoint precise, but he did take 3 sacks. The Vikings didn't have to do much to win 19-9.
- **Week 9 – 21.3 ... 220, 3-0 @ KC.** Completed only 50% of his throws, an off mark lately. Stefon Diggs was taken away and Adam Thielen re-injured his hamstring on the first series. Cousins was able to toss some TDs to lesser known players.
- **Week 10 – 19.3 ... 220, 2-0 @ DAL.** ADAM THIELEN OUT. Cousins came out firing, throwing a pair of TDs to Kyle Rudolph on the first 2 drives. He managed the game in the second half, checking down to Dalvin Cook often. Cousins has rebounded after a slow start, throwing 13 TDs and 1 INT in his last 5 games.
- **Week 11 – 22.8 ... 319, 3-0, FL vs. DEN.** ADAM THIELEN OUT. This will go down as one of Cousins' best starts of his career. He completed 29/35 throws and helped rally the Vikings from a 0-20 halftime deficit. Cousins only had 58 PAYD with a lost fumble at the break. Cousins was surgical in the second half, taking everything the Broncos gave him underneath.
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – 17.0 ... 276, 2-1 @ SEA.** ADAM THIELEN OUT. Cousins was not the problem in this one. His INT was a lucky grab by the CB. Having Adam Thielen would have really helped. He did find Laquon Treadwell for a 58-yard TD.
- **Week 14 – 13.5 ... 242, 1-0 vs. DET.** ADAM THIELEN OUT. Cousins completed passes to 11 different receivers. His go-to was Stefon Diggs. Many of his completions came on play-action passes and designed roll-outs.
- **Week 15 – 11.6 ... 207, 1-1, 3-14-0 @ LAC.** Cousins only attempted 5 second-half passes with the Vikings steam-rolling the Chargers. His lone TD went to Irv Smith in short range. Mike Boone had 2 RUTDs and the Vikings DST scored another.
- **Week 16 – 6.8 ... 122, 1-1 vs. GB.** Cousins, who had been playing well, maybe made one good throw all night. He was under an incredible amount of pressure behind one of the worst O-Line performances of the season, taking 5 sacks and running for his life on several other drop-backs. He had no help, but he had his fair share of misfires.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest**
- **Week 18 – 13.6 ... 242, 1-0 @ NO.** Cousins hit Adam Thielen on a beautiful 43-yard deep ball to put the offense on the 5-yard line before he found Kyle Rudolph for the game-winning TD in overtime. The Vikings largely went through Dalvin Cook, who had 28 rushing attempts. This was the biggest win of his career.
- **Week 19 – 8.8 ... 172, 1-1 @ SF.** A dismal end to Cousins' best season, a big chunk of his production came during garbage time.
- **Season Summary:** Cousins started slowly, as he failed to find his groove in a run-first offense. Adam Thielen called out the passing offense in week 4, and the QB picked up his play from weeks 4-15, playing the best football of his career during that span mostly without a healthy Thielen. However, Cousins had horrific showings in week 16 and week 19 to close out the year on a sour note. He kept his INTs down. 6th highest graded QB, per PFF

- **Season Totals:** 3,603 PAYD, 26-6 TD/INT, 8.1 YPA, 69.1%, 107.4 QBR, 4 300+... 31-63-1, 27-9 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.7 PPG in 17 Games (15 reg + 2 playoff) = QB18 Pace.

WR Stefon Diggs

- **Week 1 – 5.7 ... 2/2-37-0 vs. ATL.** Questionable with hamstring injury. Diggs has a history of underwhelming when he has an injury designation. This game, however, he underwhelmed because the Vikings attempted just 10 passes in their new, run-first offense and in a game they were leading all day. Only 32 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 9.9 ... 7/1-49-1, FL @ GB.** Despite only one catch, it was an eventful day. He was the intended target on both of Cousins' INTs. Diggs had a long TD and a second TD called back by a dubious Dalvin Cook OPI penalty. Even Diggs' TD was inches away from being intercepted.
- **Week 3 – 4.5 ... 3/3-15-0 vs. OAK.** The Vikings didn't need Cousins to do much, as they built a 21-0 lead before halftime. Diggs has only 12 targets through 3 games in this new run-established offense.
- **Week 4 – 15.8 ... 7/7-108-0, FL @ CHI.** Diggs awoke from his early season slumber in the second half with Minnesota trailing. He pulled in a 39-yard missile from Cousins on 4th down.
- **Week 5 – 7.4 ... 4/3-44-0 @ NYG.** Diggs was unhappy this week and was expected by some to be traded. He started this game nonetheless, but things went Adam Thielen's way.
- **Week 6 – 43.5 ... 11/7-167-3, 2-18-0 vs. PHI.** After Adam Thielen dominated last week, this week it was Diggs' turn. He exploded in a major way, roasting the Eagles hapless secondary for 2 deep bomb TDs. One was a coverage bust. He had a 3rd TD on toe-tapping red zone reception. The Vikings even gave Diggs a few handoffs.
- **Week 7 – 21.3 ... 8/7-143-0 @ DET.** Diggs had a 67-yard downfield catch to seal the game late. Adam Thielen left the game in the first quarter. Diggs is turning it on.
- **Week 8 – 19.3 ... 7/7-143-0, FL vs. WAS.** THIELEN OUT. Diggs has incredibly piled up a ridiculous 453 REYD over his last 3 games. He did lose a fumble on the opening drive, surprisingly his 3rd lost fumble of the year. But he's on fire lately.
- **Week 9 – 2.6 ... 5/1-4-0, 1-12-0 @ KC.** Major letdown, as Thielen played one series before aggravating his injury. The Chiefs focused on taking Diggs away.
- **Week 10 – 7.9 ... 6/3-49-0 @ DAL.** THIELEN OUT. His only highlight was a 27-yard catch in the second quarter. All of his yards came in the first half. This was another letdown game.
- **Week 11 – 23.1 ... 5/5-121-1 vs. DEN.** THIELEN OUT. Diggs entered halftime with a goose egg and the Vikings trailed 0-20. He did have a 34-yard catch called back due to holding. It was a different story after the break. Diggs scored on a 54-yard TD because he got a step on Chris Harris.
- **Week 12 –** BYE

- **Week 13 – 9.2 ... 9/4-25-0, 1-27-0 @ SEA.** THIELEN OUT. He added a nice 27-yard run to set up a short Dalvin Cook TD. He appeared to injure his foot/ankle in the 3rd quarter but returned the game shortly after.
- **Week 14 – 15.2 ... 9/6-92-0 vs. DET.** THIELEN OUT. Three of Diggs' grabs and 60 REYD came on Minnesota's final possession of the first half. He beat Darius Slay for a 44-yard ridiculous sideline catch.
- **Week 15 – 12.0 ... 6/4-76-0 @ LAC.** Cousins only needed to attempt 25 passes, but Diggs led the Vikings in receiving and targets.
- **Week 16 – 14.7 ... 5/3-57-1 vs. GB.** His 21-yard TD was a perfectly thrown ball in tight coverage, and it was the only good play of the night for the Vikings, who could not pass protect to save their lives. Cousins was off, too.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest**
- **Week 18 – 3.9 ... 3/2-19-0 @ NO.** Diggs was very upset about his lack of targets, chucking his helmet on the sideline and yelling at teammates.
- **Week 19 – 13.7 ... 5/2-57-1 @ SF.** Diggs was the lone bright spot in the otherwise humiliating loss, scorching Ahkello Witherspoon for a beautiful TD on a hesitation move. Diggs almost pulled it off again in garbage time.
- **Season Summary:** The Vikings' newfound obsession with the running game meant that Diggs' targets went from 149 in 2018 to 94 in 2019 despite 15 games played in both seasons. Diggs had a brutal 3-game start but turned it on with an incredible 3-game stretch weeks 6-8. He managed to get some more action with Adam Thielen battling injuries all season, but he was disgruntled for the lack of passes thrown his way in the new offense. He was inconsistent but showed his talent and propensity for big plays, especially on deep passes, at times over the year. 19th highest graded WR, per PFF
- **Season Totals:** 94/63-1130-6, 5 100+... 5-61-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.51 PPG in 17 Games (15 reg + 2 playoff) = WR32 Pace.

WR Adam Thielen

- **Week 1 – 13.3 ... 3/3-43-1 vs. ATL.** This was an impressive line considering Cousins attempted just 10 passes in the Vikings' new run-oriented offense and in a game the Vikings controlled throughout.
- **Week 2 – 12.5 ... 8/5-75-0 @ GB.** Mike Zimmer tried to be devoted to the run again and Cousins' 3 INTs will make him even more conservative going forward.
- **Week 3 – 20.6 ... 5/3-55-1, RUTD vs. OAK.** Thielen's first TD came on a well-designed throwback pass from 35 yards out. His second score was a cleverly designed rushing attempt near the goal line. His 5 targets were a result of game flow, with the Vikings building an early 21-0 lead.
- **Week 4 – 2.6 ... 6/2-6-0 @ CHI.** This was a dismal afternoon for Thielen, who could not get on the same page as his QB. Thielen's amazing streak of 8 straight 100+ REYD games to open 2018 feels like ages ago. He struggled in the second half of 2018 and is carrying those low statistics to 2019.

- **Week 5 – 32.0 ... 8/7-130-2 @ NYG.** Thielen complained about the Vikings' struggles, stating that "you have to throw the ball." Sure enough, he was the clear-cut top option for Cousins after the receiver called out the passing game. Cousins found Thielen on intermediate passes all day long. His second score was a great grab in traffic over the middle. Volume remains a concern in this run-first offense.
- **Week 6 – 17.7 ... 8/6-57-1 vs. PHI.** Thielen had a 6-yard TD from a perfect throw by Cousins. After that, Stefon Diggs took over with a 7-167-3 line.
- **Week 7 – 9.5 ... 2/1-25-1 @ DET. EXITED** with hamstring injury following a diving 25-yard TD catch on a beautiful bootleg play-action toss. Only 9 snaps.
- **Week 8 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 9 – 0.0 ... 1/0-0-0 @ KC. EXITED** in the first quarter, re-injuring his hamstring. Only 7 snaps.
- **Week 10 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 11 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 12 – BYE**
- **Week 13 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 14 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 15 – 6.0 ... 3/3-27-0 @ LAC.** The numbers weren't great in his return, but Minnesota didn't need to throw much in the blowout win. Cousins attempted just 5 passes after halftime. Only 33 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 0.2 ... 4/0-0-0 vs. GB.** The Vikings offense was awful. Kirk Cousins had no time to throw, and he was off when he did throw. Thielen was targeted only once of the 19 throws while trailing in the second half. It was an ugly goose egg. 50 snaps.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Rest**
- **Week 18 – 19.9 ... 9/7-129-0, FL @ NO.** This was Thielen's first game all season with more than 8 targets. He had more than 150 targets last season. His biggest play was a beautiful 43-yard deep ball to seal the game in overtime. 65 snaps.
- **Week 19 – 10.0 ... 7/5-50-0 @ SF.** Thielen hurt his ankle in practice leading up to the game and was questionable. He was kept "off his feet" until the game, reportedly and wore padding on the ankle. It sounds like he would have missed this game if it were not a playoff game. He played through an ankle laceration, but the Vikings passing attack could not get out of neutral vs. the 49ers great pass rush. 41 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** After a 153/113-1373-9 career year in 2018, Thielen followed that up with an injury-plagued, useless 2019 season. He was underutilized by a new offensive system that emphasized the running game big time. He never had more than 8 targets in a game in the regular season. Thielen, 30, battled a balky hamstring from week 7, onward, but it was looking like a disappointing season prior to that. 24th highest graded WR, per PFF
- **Season Totals:** 48/30-418-6, 1 100+... 4-6-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.48 PPG in 10 Games (8 reg minus early exits in weeks 7 & 9, + 2 playoff) = WR33 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Dalvin Cook

- **Week 1 – 26.0 ... 21-111-2, 2/2-9-0 vs. ATL.** Cook balled out against the Falcons horrible defense. The Vikings controlled the game, and Cook looked like a great fit and benefactor with OC Kevin Stefanski and Gary Kubiak's run-oriented offense. He should be the focal point of this offense going forward.
- **Week 2 – 28.1 ... 20-154-1, 3/3-37-0 @ GB.** Cook again looked like a star, saving an otherwise bad performance from the Vikings offense as a whole with a 75-yard TD in the 2nd quarter with the Vikes trailing 0-21.
- **Week 3 – 24.3 ... 16-110-1, 5/4-33-0 vs. OAK.** Cook put on a dizzying display of athletic ability and ridiculous vision all afternoon. He looks as healthy as ever with great burst. He had more than a few runs for 15+ RUYD where Raiders defenders ended up on the ground. Alexander Mattison and Adam Thielen each found the end zone on rushing attempts, so Cook could have had a bigger day.
- **Week 4 – 19.0 ... 14-35-1, 8/6-35-0 @ CHI.** The Bears defense was without Akiem Hicks and Roquan Smith, but they still looked great. Minnesota was forced to abandon the running game, but Cook showed his nice receiving floor. He had a late goal line plunge to save his day.
- **Week 5 – 25.8 ... 21-132-0, 6/6-86-0, FL @ NYG.** Cook was a beast all game long, constantly beating defenders to the edge on outside runs and not being shy to take on contact up the middle. Cook had space to pick up chunk gains as a receiver too.
- **Week 6 – 13.4 ... 16-41-1, 2/2-13-0 vs. PHI.** Alexander Mattison was heavily involved in this one. Cook out-carried Mattison just 16-14, but Mattison out-gained Cook 63-41. Mattison did set up Cook for his lone TD, a 1-yarder.
- **Week 7 – 27.9 ... 25-142-2, 2/1-7-0 @ DET.** Cook has now eclipsed 100 RUYD or scored in 6/7 games. He took advantage of a DET D-Line missing both Mike Daniels, Da'Shawn Hand, and Damon Harrison. He got the bulk of the work after sharing last week.
- **Week 8 – 28.1 ... 23-98-1, 6/5-73-0 vs. WAS.** Cook is on pace for 2,322 YFS this season and has found the end zone 9 times through 8 games. He did have a drop in this one, but he's looking like a matchup proof league-winner.
- **Week 9 – 15.6 ... 21-71-0, 7/4-45-0 @ KC.** DT Chris Jones was blowing up the Vikings O-Line and making plays in the backfield. Cook totaled 100 YFS but saw No. 3 RB Ameer Abdullah catch a TD in the red zone early in the game.
- **Week 10 – 31.3 ... 26-97-1, 7/7-86-0 @ DAL.** Cook was the entire Vikings offense, leading the team in receiving with Adam Thielen out. He had just 27 RUYD at halftime. His TD was a 4th and goal run that proved to be the game-winner. He's quietly having an MVP-like season.

- **Week 11 – 16.7 ... 11-26-1, 6/5-31-0 vs. DEN.** The Vikings shockingly found themselves trailing 0-20 at the break, so the running game was never established. Cook saved face with a TD.
- **Week 12 –** BYE
- **Week 13 – 13.4 ... 9-29-1, 4/3-35-0, FL @ SEA.** EXITED with a shoulder injury after fumbling. He had dealt with a chest issue in practice. Only 24 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 15.5 ... 18-62-1, 2/2-13-0 vs. DET.** Questionable with shoulder/chest injury. He didn't appear limited at all, receiving his usual workload despite missing practice all week. Cook wasn't particularly effective on the ground (3.4 YPC), but he salvaged his day with a league-leading 13th RUTD. 35 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 7.3 ... 9-27-0, 3/3-16-0 @ LAC.** EXITED around halftime with a shoulder injury. Cook had to be helped off the field and was in serious pain. It appears like a much worse injury than the initial one. 28 snaps.
- **Week 16 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 17 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 18 – 28.0 ... 28-94-2, 5/3-36-0 @ NO.** Cook looked 100% healthy in his return from a shoulder injury. He was breaking tackles and regularly created positive yardage even when nothing looked available.
- **Week 19 – 8.6 ... 9-18-0, 8/6-8-0 @ SF.** Cook “added” 6 catches for 8 yards on an afternoon where the Vikings screen game was dysfunctional as its rushing attack. The 49ers simply overwhelmed the Vikings O-Line.
- **Season Summary:** Cook was one of the 3 backs to reach 1K RUYD and 500 REYD in his arrival, breakout campaign in 2019. A usage monster, Cook looked like a fantasy MVP through 10 weeks but did wear down as the season progressed. He suffered a shoulder injury in week 13 and reaggravated it in week 15, forcing him to miss 2 games. He averaged 5.28 YPC through weeks 1-8 but just 3.32 YPC over his final 6 games. Cook, 24, is heading into the final year of his rookie deal, and he appears like the ideal focal point of the Vikings run-oriented offense, that lost conservative OC Kevin Stefanski but is assisted by Gary Kubiak. 14th highest graded RB, per PFF
- **Season Totals:** 250-1135-13 (4.5 YPC) 5 100+... 63/53-519-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 21.44 PPG in 15 Games (13 reg minus early exit week 15 + 2 playoff) = RB2 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Riley Reiff** – (15/18 LT)... 80 overall. DNP weeks 6, 13, 17.
 - **Rashod Hill** – (2/18 LT)... 66 overall. Started weeks 6, 17.
 - **Ezra Cleveland** – (0/16 OT)...
- **Pat Elflein** – (16/18 LG)... 66 overall (Weak PB). DNP weeks 2, 17.
- **Garrett Bradbury** – (17/18 C)... 67 overall (Weak PB). DNP week 17.
- **Josh Kline** – (14/18 RG)... 73 overall. DNP weeks 4, 6, 11, 17.

- **Dakota Dozier** – (4/18 OL)... 60 overall. Started week 2 at LG and weeks 4, 11, 17 at RG.
- **Brian O’Neill** – (17/18 RT)... 81 overall. DNP week 17.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Danielle Hunter | 96 | DNP week 17 |
| ED: Everson Griffen | 86 | DNP week 17 |
| ED: Ifeadi Odenigbo | 79 | ~20 SPG. |
| ED: Stephen Weatherly | 60 | ~20 SPG. |
| NT: Michael Pierce | 81 | Opting Out of 2020 Season. |
| NT: Linval Joseph | 81 | DNP weeks 10-11, 17. |
| DT: Shamar Stephen | 64 | DNP week 17. |
| DT: Jaleel Johnson | 60 | ~20 SPG. |
| LB: Eric Kendricks | 94 | DNP week 17 |
| LB: Anthony Barr | 74 | DNP week 3, 17 |
| LB: Eric Wilson | 68 | Sig Snaps weeks 11-19 |
| CB: Xavier Rhodes | 78 | DNP weeks 15, 17 |
| CB: Trae Waynes | 78 | DNP weeks 10, 17 |
| NCB: Mackensie Alexander | 75 | Sig Snaps weeks 4-7, 9-17 |
| CB: Mike Hughes | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 3-17 |
| CB: Jeff Gladney | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Cameron Dantzler | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| FS: Anthony Harris | 96 | DNP week 11, 17 |
| SS: Harrison Smith | 95 | DNP week 17 |
| FS/NCB: Andrew Sendejo | 77 | Started weeks 4, 11, 17. ~20 SPG. |

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Passing Game:

QB Tom Brady

- **Week 1 – 25.64 ... 341, 3-0 vs. PIT.** Brady had most of his success versus the blitz. He hit Phillip Dorsett for a pair of scores, with the other being a 20-yard strike to Josh Gordon. He had his way with the Steelers secondary, as usual.
- **Week 2 – 24.6 ... 264, 2-0, RUTD @ MIA.** Even without both his starting OTs, Brady had no issue shredding the 'Fins in the 43-0 rout. His first TD came on a back-shoulder throw to the newly acquired Antonio Brown. His second came on a 10-yard screen to James White. He added a rushing score on a goal line sneak.
- **Week 3 – 20.1 ... 306, 2-0 vs. NYJ.** This was a glorified scrimmage against a Jets team starting third-stringer Luke Falk at QB. He delivered as casual of a 300-yard game as you'll ever see, spreading the wealth to 7 different receivers. His first TD came on a 25-yard play action pass to Phillip Dorsett, who scampered into the end zone untouched. Later, Brady connected with Julian Edelman for a lay-up TD. He's barely broken a sweat in the first 3 games.
- **Week 4 – 3.7 ... 150, 0-1 @ BUF.** Things were a lot more difficult against a good defense. The Pats offense was one 3-and-out after another. Brady avoided turnovers aside from an awful end zone INT. The Pats DST did the heavy lifting. Brady only found success with James White occasionally.
- **Week 5 – 23.9 ... 348, 3-1 @ WAS.** Brady absorbed 4 sacks and committed an ugly red zone INT and overthrew Josh Gordon on a would-be 65-yard TD. But he also threw for a season-high in yards (over 200 PAYD at halftime). He got a breather in the 4th quarter with the Pats up big.
- **Week 6 – 21.9 ... 334, 0-1, 7-6-2, FL vs. NYG.** Brady fumbled twice, and was actually pretty shaky despite the fantasy points. Brady's INT appeared to be a miscommunication with he and Edelman. He looked stone aged trying to move around the pocket facing pressure in the first half. He eventually got into rhythm with Edelman and James White after the break. Two RUTDs salvaged his day.
- **Week 7 – 11.9 ... 249, 1-1 @ NYJ.** Brady and the Pats coasted to an easy win by jumping out to a 17-0 first quarter lead. Sony Michel scored 3 goal line TDs, but Brady was picking apart the Jets barely-there defense with short passes before hitting Phillip Dorsett for a 26-yard TD. His INT was a deflected pass.
- **Week 8 – 18.3 ... 259, 2-0 vs. CLE.** Both of his TDs went to his main man Julian Edelman. He was nearly picked off on an end zone pass forced to Phillip Dorsett. Brady's arm strength has diminished in recent years, and it's sometimes visible. Though, he's still a remarkable talent, practically never missing when he has time to throw. He can dominate the short to intermediate areas of the field. His longest

gain today came on a perfectly executed screen pass to James White for 59 PAYD. The Pats are undefeated.

- **Week 9 – 13.4 ... 285, 1-1 @ BAL.** The Ravens got out to an early three score lead, forcing Brady into a pass heavy game script. Brady found Mohamed Sanu for his lone TD, a 4-yarder. He now only has 4 PATDs over the last 4 weeks.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 8.5 ... 216, 0-0 @ PHI.** The 42-year-old veteran looked his age in this one, struggling to find rhythm while facing constant pressure. Brady did well to avoid turnovers but struggled to sustain drives. The Pats punted 8 times and still won. His longest gain was a 30-yard shovel pass to Rex Burkhead. NE's only TD was an Edelman pass to Phillip Dorsett.
- **Week 12 – 11.3 ... 190, 1-0 vs. DAL.** Brady struggled to get the offense on track, as the Cowboys' pass rush consistently kept the Pats from stringing together long drives. The lack of running game didn't help. Additionally, bad weather conditions and the absence of Mohamed Sanu and Phillip Dorsett made this an unfavorable setting.
- **Week 13 – 24.3 ... 326, 3-1, 1-13-0 @ HOU.** Brady played much worse than his stats, with most of his yards and 2 TDs coming in the 4th quarter. He struggled to find his receivers all night and had a second INT called back by penalty. Brady had his full supporting cast with Sanu and Dorsett returning, but he locked on to Edelman and James White.
- **Week 14 – 10.7 ... 169, 1-1, 2-20-0 vs. KC.** He took 3 sacks but almost had a 4th quarter comeback. He missed Edelman on a game-deciding 4th and 3 late. His INT was a miscommunication between he and Edelman, but they also connected on a 37-yard TD on a flea-flicker. Brady should have been credited with a second TD but N'Keal Harry was ruled out at the 3 and the Pats were out of challenges.
- **Week 15 – 12.9 ... 128, 2-0 @ CIN.** Brady was seen in an elbow wrap, a minor injury he's been nursing for the last few weeks, but he claims he's fine and his status was never really in doubt. This was an easy victory but another uninspiring day for Brady. He was sailing throws to open receivers, including a should-be score to Mohamed Sanu, and tossed a potential TD at Sony Michel's feet.
- **Week 16 – 17.2 ... 271, 1-0 vs. BUF.** Brady was as effective as he's been in weeks despite the tough matchup. He didn't complete a pass beyond 20 yards but was accurate on his underneath passes thanks to an excellent game plan by Josh McDaniels. NE also got great games from Rex Burkhead and Sony Michel.
- **Week 17 – 14.8 ... 221, 2-1 vs. MIA.** Brady was a disaster, unraveling against a secondary that allowed 400 PAYD and 4 TDs to Andy Dalton the week prior. The Dolphins pulled off the upset. Brady's highlights included a 50-yard deep bomb to Phillip Dorsett, a screen pass TD by James White, and 38-yard TD strike to linebacker Elandon Roberts. Julian Edelman has been battling knee and shoulder injuries, and his receivers aren't exactly world beaters, but Brady struggled in this one.

- **Week 18 – 6.3 ... 209, 0-1 vs. TEN.** The Pats offense looked like it had for most of the 2019 season: slow and offbeat.
- **Season Summary:** Brady doesn't have the fastball he once did. His 3.9% TD rate was a career worst, but he also did not have the necessary receiving weapons to survive the post-Gronk era as a 42-year-old QB. Brady made a living off short throws to Edelman and James White all season after a white hot start turned cold from week 6-onward. 12th highest graded QB, per PFF
- **Season Totals:** 4,057 PAYD, 24-8 TD/INT, 6.6 YPA, 60.8%, 88.0 QBR, 5 300+... 26-34-3, 27-9 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.51 PPG in 17 Games (16 reg + 1 playoff) = QB21 Pace.

WR Julian Edelman

- **Week 1 – 16.3 ... 11/6-83-0 vs. PIT.** Edelman easily led the Pats in targets with Josh Gordon and Phillip Dorsett getting 4 each. His role as Brady's trusted slot man is secure.
- **Week 2 – 9.2 ... 4/4-51-0 @ MIA.** The 4 targets were his fewest in a game since week 4 of 2016. There wasn't much for Edelman to do in the 43-0 rout. Antonio Brown was targeted 8 times, and Josh Gordon's reinstatement has also made the receiving corps crowded.
- **Week 3 – 19.2 ... 10/7-62-1 vs. NYJ. EXITED** just before halftime with a chest injury. There was no need for him to come back with a huge lead. He also reportedly partially tore some rib cartilage (labeled as a chest injury). 39 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 7.0 ... 7/4-30-0 @ BUF.** Questionable with chest injury. It was a disappointing day for the entire Patriots offense against a stifling Bills defense. It's been a subpar first quarter to the season for Edelman.
- **Week 5 – 25.0 ... 9/8-110-1 @ WAS.** Questionable with chest injury. Edelman was all alone on his 6-yard RETD. He landed a bit gingerly after drawing a pass interference flag in the second quarter, appearing to re-aggravate his chest injury. He played through the pain and ran circles around Washington's overmatched secondary. He did commit a drop, his 4th of the year.
- **Week 6 – 20.3 ... 15/9-113-0 vs. NYG.** Questionable with chest injury. With the Pats' pass attack just not clicking, Edelman had to essentially take over in the second half. Brady and he had a miscommunication that led to an INT, and Edelman could have had a score on another missed connection but the pass was woefully underthrown by Brady near the goal line.
- **Week 7 – 13.7 ... 12/7-47-0, 3-20-0 @ NYJ.** JOSH GORDON OUT AND MOHAMED SANU IN. Questionable with chest injury. Edelman led the team in targets but rarely saw anything more than a few yards past the LOS. On one of his few downfield looks, Edelman shook the defender but dropped a perfect throw from Brady. He also committed a penalty that negated a James White TD.
- **Week 8 – 27.5 ... 11/8-78-2 vs. CLE.** JOSH GORDON OUT. Questionable with chest injury. Edelman extended a scoring drive by converting a crucial 4th and 7 opportunity in the 1st quarter. He continued his annihilation of the Browns later in

the half by finding a soft spot in the Browns' secondary for an 8-yard TD. He caught a 14-yard bullet from Brady in the second half for a TD.

- **Week 9 – 16.9 ... 11/10-89-0 @ BAL.** GORDON OUT. Questionable with chest injury. It was a rough night for Edelman, who had a fumble that was returned for a TD. He was targeted a bunch, but did not turn it into much in a blowout loss.
- **Week 10 –** BYE
- **Week 11 – 14.9 ... 10/5-53-0 @ PHI.** Edelman threw a 15-yard TD.
- **Week 12 – 17.3 ... 12/8-93-0 vs. DAL.** Questionable with a chest injury. Edelman didn't appear to be operating at 100%. Rex Burkhead was fielding punts instead of Edelman. The injury didn't prevent Edelman from utilizing his pristine route-running ability to break free on more than a few occasions. However, the combination of rain and sometimes erratic passing from Brady prevented him from having a bigger day.
- **Week 13 – 21.9 ... 11/6-106-1 @ HOU.** Questionable with a chest injury. Edelman faced constant double teams and struggled to get on the same page as Brady for most of the game. He managed to salvage his night with some garbage time catches, including a 20-yard TD with under a minute remaining. He did almost all his damage against prevent defenses.
- **Week 14 – 24.3 ... 12/8-95-1 vs. KC.** Questionable with a shoulder injury. Edelman scored for the second straight week. The TD came on a 37-yard flea-flicker from Brady. He couldn't squeeze the potential game-tying TD, and there was a miscommunication with Brady on a 2nd quarter INT.
- **Week 15 – 2.9 ... 5/2-9-0 @ CIN.** Questionable with knee and shoulder injuries. Edelman had double digit targets in 8 straight games and has been the one consistent option in this offense. However, this game was a lost day for Edelman, who was listed with a new knee injury. He did next to nothing today, other than a false start penalty. 41 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 14.2 ... 6/5-72-0 vs. BUF.** EXITED with a head injury but returned a few series later. He was questionable with knee and shoulder injuries going in. His return sparked the offense. It was a big-time gutsy performance from the veteran. 52 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 5.6 ... 7/3-26-0 vs. MIA.** Questionable with shoulder injury. Michael Giardi reported that Edelman's shoulder injury is "worse than you could possibly imagine." He's also battling tendinitis in his left knee. He was noticeably hampered with the injuries today and couldn't stop the bleeding for NE in this sluggish game. He's averaged just 35.7 REYD and 0 TDs in the final 3 regular season games. The upset loss will prevent him from receiving an extra week of recovery. 54 snaps.
- **Week 18 – 13.2 ... 5/3-30-0-, 2-12-1 vs. TEN.** The Pats offense looked like it had for most of the 2019 season: slow and offbeat. 54 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** The 34-year-old was averaging close to 7 catches for 78 REYD and 0.5 TDs in the first 13 games of the season. Despite a slow start weeks 1-4, Edelman was fantastic weeks 4-14 with double digit targets in 8 straight games at one point, being the only consistent fantasy option in this offense. He faded down

the stretch with knee and shoulder injuries and had minimal production in his final 4 games. 48th highest graded WR, per PFF

- **Season Totals:** 153/100-1117-6, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.85 PPG in 17 Games = WR15 Pace.

WR N'Keal Harry

- **Weeks 1-10 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 11 – 4.8 ... 4/3-18-0 @ PHI.** 32 snaps. He saw fewer snaps than Edelman, Sanu, and Dorsett.
- **Week 12 – 8.0 ... 4/1-10-1 vs. DAL.** 55 snaps. He flashed and showed why the Patriots used a first round pick to acquire his services. His 10-yard TD was a contested catch and he was open on some nice routes. Unfortunately, he dropped 2 passes that would have resulted in an extra 30 or so yards.
- **Week 13 – 0.0 ... 1/0-0-0 @ HOU.** 22 snaps. His only target resulted in a Brady INT.
- **Week 14 – 2.2 ... 1/1-12-0 vs. KC.** 2 snaps. **EXITED** with a minor hip injury. His one catch was controversial. Officials ruled him out at the 3-yard line but he was actually in and scored a TD. The Pats were out of challenges, however, so the call on the field stood.
- **Week 15 – 11.7 ... 4/2-15-1, 2-22-0 @ CIN.** 39 snaps. The Pats were finally proactive about getting Harry the ball, and he responded with some nice runs and a TD in traffic.
- **Week 16 – 5.9 ... 3/2-21-0, 2-18-0 vs. BUF.** 37 snaps. JOSH GORDON OUT. Harry is getting more involved, but it's likely only because Julian Edelman is hobbling.
- **Week 17 – 6.8 ... 7/3-29-0, 1-9-0 vs. MIA.** 34 snaps. JOSH GORDON OUT. Harry made a spectacular leaping grab in the end zone but he couldn't keep both feet in bounds. He took a hard fall at one point and gingerly walked off the field but returned. He appears to have supplanted Phillip Dorsett in 3-WR sets, for what it's worth.
- **Week 18 – 4.8 ... 7/2-21-0, 1-7-0 vs. TEN.** 41 snaps. JOSH GORDON OUT. Harry was not good, like the rest of the Pats offense, in this one.
- **Season Summary:** N'Keal Harry, the Pats rookie 1st round pick, spent most of the season on injured reserve, and then he slowly worked into the rotation with very limited success despite Josh Gordon being out and Edelman playing through major injuries to close the season. He flashed on a few short, contested catches in the end zone, but his inability to separate against man coverage led to a lowly 4.1 YPT average. 76th highest graded WR, per PFF
- **Season Totals:** 24/12-105-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 5.3 PPG in 7 Games (6 reg minus early exit vs. KC + 1 playoff) = WR50+ Pace.

Running Game:

RB Sony Michel

- **Week 1 – 1.4 ... 15-14-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. PIT.** Michel was expected to have more of a role after an injury-plagued rookie season where the Pats rode him hard in their post-season run, despite the Patriots investing a 3rd round pick in Alabama RB Damien Harris. He looked more explosive this offseason, reportedly. That didn't appear to be the case on opening night. Damien Harris was a healthy scratch, but Rex Burkhead had a larger than expected role. Michel was not effective with his touches.
- **Week 2 – 12.3 ... 21-83-1, 0/0-0-0, FL @ MIA.** As usual, Michel was not a factor at all in the passing game. The numbers should have been better from an efficiency standpoint against a tanking MIA team that lost this one 0-43. He scored a 1-yard TD on the opening drive and got the bulk of the work. He appeared to find the end zone in the 3rd quarter again but was marked just inches short of the goal line. Near the goal line for a potent offense is where his value lies.
- **Week 3 – 7.1 ... 9-11-1, 1/0-0-0 vs. NYJ.** Michel capped the Pats opening drive with a 5-yard TD before disappointing the rest of the day. He was out-touched and out-gained by Rex Burkhead, who has been the superior back all season. Michel is plodding to 2.4 YPC through 3 easy contests. 17 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 6.3 ... 17-63-0, 0/0-0-0 @ BUF.** Michel has had 1 target in the passing game all season. This was one of Michel's better efforts of the season, but it did not amount to much. He's on pace for just 684 RUYD despite facing an extremely soft schedule.
- **Week 5 – 21.3 ... 16-91-1, 3/3-32-0 @ WAS.** Rex Burkhead was OUT. He was surprisingly involved in the receiving game. He did most of his damage after halftime, gashing the Redskins for 81 RUYD on 12 carries after the break. He showed burst on a 25-yard run and a 14-yard TD. Again, he had positive game script. Michel ran 18 pass routes. His previous career-high was 8. This was probably a result of Burkhead being out.
- **Week 6 – 13.3 ... 22-86-0, 3/2-27-0 vs. NYG.** Rex Burkhead was OUT. The Pats had 3 RUTDs from other players. Tom Brady had 2 goal line sneaks and Brandon Bolden scored from 1 yard out. This was a very frustrating day for Michel holders, but he remained slightly involved in the passing game.
- **Week 7 – 22.4 ... 19-42-3, 2/1- -8-0 @ NYJ.** Rex Burkhead was OUT. Michel dropped a pass that would have maybe went for a TD. He turned a second pass his way into a loss of 8 yards. He averaged 2.2 YPC. However, he found the end zone 3 times from 3, 1, and 1 yards away. His only value is being the goal line back for a good offense.
- **Week 8 – 7.4 ... 21-74-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. CLE.** Michel appears to be an ordinary ball carrier that does not affect the passing game and who is lucked into the de facto lead for the league's best team. He's made his bacon off goal line TDs and positive game scripts. Rex Burkhead returned but wasn't much of a factor.
- **Week 9 – 4.0 ... 4-18-0, 2/1-12-0 @ BAL.** Michel saw fewer touches than James White and Rex Burkhead with the Pats trailing all game. He played just 22% of snaps. Only 15 snaps.

- **Week 10** – BYE
- **Week 11** – 6.4 ... **10-33-0, 4/2-11-0 @ PHI**. The Eagles have been among the toughest teams to run on this year, and that held true. The Philly front stymied Michel at every turn. The one-dimensional player has now gone 3 straight games without a TD. 21 snaps.
- **Week 12** – 8.5 ... **20-85-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. DAL**. Michel was rolling early, breaking tackles and doing more than just falling forward after picking up whatever was blocked for him. However, he continued to lose plenty of snaps to James White and Rex Burkhead.
- **Week 13** – 4.5 ... **10-45-0, 0/0-0-0 @ HOU**. Michel got off to a fast start but faded with the Pats playing from behind in the second half. He's highly game script dependent. Only 15 snaps.
- **Week 14** – 1.9 ... **5-8-0, 1/1-1-0 vs. KC**. New England was again playing from behind, which is a death wish for Michel holders. He watched as James White drove the ship. The goal line carries have not been there. Only 9 snaps.
- **Week 15** – 11.3 ... **19-89-0, 2/1-14-0 @ CIN**. Still yet to have a 100-yard RUYD game (while not managing better than a 3/3-32-0 receiving line), this was sadly one of Michel's better games. The Bengals have allowed the league's most rushing yardage by far. He was actually wide open for a short RETD but Brady underthrew him.
- **Week 16** – 11.1 ... **21-96-0, 2/1-5-0 vs. BUF**. Michel was unfortunately subbed out at the goal-line for Rex Burkhead in the 4th quarter, but this is arguably the best he's looked all year. He made multiple defenders miss, allowing him to reach the second level multiple times.
- **Week 17** – 13.4 ... **18-74-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. MIA**. Michel was added to the injury report just hours before the game with an illness. He snapped an 8-game TD drought by scoring on a 4-yarder in the 2nd quarter.
- **Week 18** – 9.0 ... **14-61-0, 2/2-9-0 vs. TEN**. Michel's season ends the way his entire season played out, as he simply failed to make enough defenders miss.
- **Season Summary**: Michel was largely ineffective as the Patriots de facto lead back on early downs. He did nothing in the receiving game, and the few games he did contribute there, Rex Burkhead was out for. He averaged 3.69 YPC on one of the league's best teams despite playing plenty of sorry opponents and with plenty of positive game scripts, which is he is dependent on. He scored some goal line TDs early in the year, but he had an 8-game TD drought. For the second year in a row, he picked up his plodding play a little in the final games. Michel finished as 46th among 61 qualifying RBs in PFF's elusive rating and caught only 12 passes. 39th highest graded RB, per PFF
- **Season Totals**: 247-912-7 (3.7 YPC), 0 100+... 20/12-94-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals**: 9.5 PPG in 17 Games (16 reg + 1 playoff) = RB29 Pace.

RB James White

- **Week 1 – 13.2 ... 4-26-0, 7/5-56-0 vs. PIT.** Both White and Rex Burkhead (5-41-0) had high-volume roles out of the backfield, which is concerning going forward. White played well though.
- **Week 2 – 11.9 ... 3-10-0, 4/3-19-1 @ MIA.** White mostly took a backseat to Sony Michel, but he salvaged his day with a late TD with the Patriots already up 37-0. He got lucky here.
- **Week 3 – DNP – Personal.**
- **Week 4 – 13.8 ... 1-1-0, 10/8-57-0 @ BUF.** White was essentially the Pats' entire offense in the knock-down, low-scoring affair.
- **Week 5 – 13.2 ... 6-26-0, 9/6-46-0 @ WAS.** Rex Burkhead was OUT. White handled his passing down duties as usual but had a few hiccups, including a failed 4th down attempt in the 1st quarter on a direct snap. He was also thrown to on Brady's INT, but that was mostly Brady's fault.
- **Week 6 – 13.5 ... 2- -1-0, 9/9-46-0 vs. NYG.** Rex Burkhead was OUT. With the Pats' passing attack going nowhere fast in the first half, Brady locked on to White and Edelman after the break.
- **Week 7 – 12.9 ... 5-0-0, 8/7-59-0 @ NYJ.** Rex Burkhead was OUT. White had a first quarter TD run wiped out by a Julian Edelman block in the back. Sony Michel then scored 3 goal line TDs.
- **Week 8 – 11.9 ... 2-4-0, 5/4-75-0 vs. CLE.** White didn't do much outside of a 59-yard catch and run on a 3rd quarter screen pass. White has gotten less rushing work in the last few games. Burkhead was back in action so he was in the rotation (19% of snaps compared to 41% to White and 41% to Michel).
- **Week 9 – 16.4 ... 9-38-1, 3/2-46-0 @ BAL.** Questionable with a toe injury. He looked fully healthy. He vultured a goal line TD in NE's no-huddle offense. Rex Burkhead cut into White's workload a little more this week, but White's pass-game role remained secure.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 9.6 ... 5-20-0, 7/4-16-0 @ PHI.** White was in on more snaps (32) than both Michel and Burkhead (22 a piece), but it didn't really matter. White hasn't reached the heights of his 2018 breakout campaign in which he scored 12 total TDs.
- **Week 12 – 0.9 ... 2-5-0, 3/1- -6-0 vs. DAL.** The driving rain perhaps dissuaded Brady from looking White's way too often, but the low target total was surprisingly in a game without Mohamed Sanu and Phillip Dorsett. White's reception totals have slipped since week 9, which is around the time Burkhead returned to action.
- **Week 13 – 37.7 ... 14-79-0, 11/8-98-2 @ HOU.** Finally. White scored first on an uncovered pass to the flats. His 32-yard run was the longest of his career. Game script was working in White's favor with the Pats chasing points the entire game. Sony Michel barely played. Season-high 67 snaps (White had 2 other games with more than 33 snaps: 44 snaps in week 7, and 40 snaps in week 14).

- **Week 14 – 12.4 ... 6-33-0, 7/5-27-0 vs. KC.** White remained plenty involved because the Patriots again found themselves losing. He did most of the heavy lifting late. He also completed a 35-yard pass on a trick play.
- **Week 15 – 15.2 ... 3-13-0, 4/3-49-1 @ CIN.** White was the Pats' receiving leader on an afternoon where Tom Brady looked awful.
- **Week 16 – 6.9 ... 3-5-0, 5/4-24-0 vs. BUF.** The story of this one was Sony Michel and Rex Burkhead. Burkhead led the team in receiving with 77 REYD and scored the game-winning TD. Michel picked up a season-high 97 RUYD.
- **Week 17 – 10.7 ... 2-4-0, 3/3-33-1, FL vs. MIA.** White was charged with a fumble on the final lateral-driven play of the game. He snagged a 13-yard TD off a 4th quarter screen pass.
- **Week 18 – 12.6 ... 1-14-0, 5/5-62-0 vs. TEN.**
- **Season Summary:** Unlike his breakout 2018 campaign in which White scored 12 total TDs, White's rushing contributions were few and far between in 2019, and the receiving work was lessened primarily because of the presence of Rex Burkhead. He remained a sure-handed pass catcher who Brady leaned on in crucial moments, but the first half of the 2018 season (in which he scored TDs seemingly every game) looked like an aberration. His target total dropped from 123 to 95 with Michel and Burkhead getting more involved. 12th highest graded RB, per PFF
- **Season Totals:** 67-263-1 (3.9 YPC) 0 100+... 95/72-645-5.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.3 PPG om 16 Games (15 reg + 1 playoff) = RB21 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Isaiah Wynn – (8/17 LT)...** 77 overall. DNP weeks 2-11.
 - **Marshall Newhouse – (10/17 LT)...** 70 overall. Started weeks 2-11 at LT and week 16 at RT.
- **Joe Thuney – (17/17 LG)...** 90 overall. (Great PB).
- **David Andrews – (0/17 C)...** 83 overall. DNP weeks 1-17.
 - **Ted Karras – (16/17 C)...** 72 overall. DNP week 14.
- **Shaq Mason – (15/17 RG)...** 87 overall (Strong RB). DNP week 8.
 - **James Ferentz – (2/17 OG)...** 65 overall. Started week 8 at RG and week 14 at C.
- **Marcus Cannon – (16/17 RT)...** 82 overall. DNP week 16. Opted Out of 2020 Season.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Kyle Van Noy | 89 | DNP week 1 |
| ED: John Simon | 80 | ~35 SPG |
| ED: Chase Winovich | 78 | ~20 SPG |
| ED: Shilique Calhoun | 65 | ~20 SPG |
| NT: Danny Shelton | 80 | |
| DT: Lawrence Guy | 72 | |

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| DT: Adam Butler | 66 | ~30 SPG. |
| DT: Beau Allen | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Jamie Collins | 80 | |
| LB: Dont'a Hightower | 80 | DNP week 4. Opted Out of 2020 Season. |
| LB: Ja'Whaun Bentley | 69 | ~15 SPG. |
| LB: Brandon Copeland | 63 | |
| CB: Stephon Gilmore | 98 | |
| CB: Jason McCourty | 83 | DNP weeks 12-18. |
| NCB: Jonathan Jones | 81 | DNP week 16. |
| CB: J.C. Jackson | 75 | |
| FS: Duron Harmon | 83 | |
| SS: Devin McCourty | 90 | |
| SS: Patrick Chung | 69 | DNP weeks 6-7. Opted Out of 2020 Season. |
| FS: Adrian Phillips | 87 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| SS: Kyle Dugger | -- | -- |

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Passing Game:

QB Drew Brees

- **Week 1 – 20.8 ... 370, 2-1 vs. HOU.** 32/43. Attempted only one pass more than 20 yards downfield but was his usual surgical self in the intermediate range. Bad red zone INT.
- **Week 2 – -0.5 ... 38, 0-1 @ LAR. EXITED EARLY (THUMB).** Injured on throwing hand in first quarter. Only 9 snaps. Brees is slated to miss 6 weeks with torn thumb ligament. Surgery required.
- **Week 3 – DNP – Thumb**
- **Week 4 – DNP – Thumb**
- **Week 5 – DNP – Thumb**
- **Week 6 – DNP – Thumb**
- **Week 7 – DNP – Thumb**
- **Week 8 – 24.9 ... 373, 3-1 vs. ARI.** 34/43. Also had a 20-yard TD to Dan Arnold nullified by holding penalty. Missed some throws that he normally makes in the first half but shook off the rust in the second half and threw for 3 scores. He'll have the BYE week to rest the thumb.
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 11.5 ... 287, 0-0 vs. ATL.** 32/45. Falcons' pass rush came out of nowhere and played hard to sack Brees 6 times. Offense couldn't get anything going. This was the first time in the Brees-Payton era that the offense failed to reach 10 points.
- **Week 11 – 21.1 ... 228, 3-0 @ TB.** 28/35. Brees could have done more but wasn't needed. Saints opened with 5 consecutive scoring drives to lead 27-10 heading into the 4th quarter. Nice bounce back game.
- **Week 12 – 22.4 ... 311, 3-1 vs. CAR.** 30/39. Orchestrated Saints' game-winning 65-yard drive. Ted Ginn dropped a deep shot.
- **Week 13 – 11.3 ... 184, 1-0 @ ATL.** Another slow game vs. the lowly Falcons.
- **Week 14 – 40.1 ... 349, 5-0, RUTD vs. SF.** Six total TDs by Drew, beginning with two nice scores to Jared Cook. His RUTD was a QB sneak from the 1. Brees did all he could do to win the shoot out, but the defense couldn't stop anyone.
- **Week 15 – 28.3 ... 307, 4-0 vs. IND.** 29/30 (NFL Record comp%) and broke Manning's NFL PATD record on MNF. Historic night in blowout as Brees picked apart the Colts' zone defense.
- **Week 16 – 22.9 ... 279, 3-0 @ TEN.** Stymied out of the gate, but they rattled off 24 unanswered points. Developing a rapport with Jared Cook.

- **Week 17 – 22.0 ... 253, 3-0 @ CAR.** Brees departed in the third quarter with the Saints up 42-3. Finished with a 74.3 comp% on the year. He finished the regular season on fire.
- **Week 18 – 12.3 ... 208, 1-1 vs. MIN.** Brees was under constant pressure and was forced to check down a lot. He also missed some throws in this one, and even some of his completions were off the mark. Taysom Hill was the only way the Saints could move the ball in the upset loss.
- **Season Summary:** Drew Brees was excellent after returning from a thumb injury that sidelined him for 5.5 games. He posted a career high TD rate and peppered Michael Thomas with targets. He was very consistent for fantasy purposes and finished the season on a tear before folding in the playoffs against Minnesota. 2nd highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 2,979 PAYD, 27-4 TD/INT, 7.9 YPA, 74.3%, 116.3 QBR, 5 300+... 9/-4-1, 28-4 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 21.41 PPG in 11 Games (10 reg minus early exit week 2 + 1 playoff) = QB4 Pace.

WR Michael Thomas

- **Week 1 – 22.3 ... 13/10-123-0 vs. HOU.** Pitch-and-catch connection. Thomas showed elite route-running and ability to get open in the intermediate area.
- **Week 2 – 18.9 ... 13/10-89-0 @ LAR. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** Brees hurt after only 9 snaps, but Thomas still managed 10 catches in blowout loss.
- **Week 3 – 16.4 ... 7/5-54-1 @ SEA. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** This mellow performance was to be expected with Bridgewater under center.
- **Week 4 – 18.5 ... 9/9-95-0 vs. DAL. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** Caught every ball thrown his way, but his big plays are down with Bridgewater. Accounted for half of Teddy's yards though.
- **Week 5 – 41.2 ... 13/11-182-2 vs. TB. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** MT was unstoppable in this one, as Teddy Bridgewater finally broke out of his shell. He shed some tackles on his second score, and he's been ridiculously efficient all year, regardless of who is throwing to him.
- **Week 6 – 16.9 ... 12/8-89-0 @ JAX. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** Failed to record a catch until the mid-2nd quarter, and he negated a Murray TD with a holding penalty. He had 67 REYD on 6 catches in the second half though.
- **Week 7 – 22.1 ... 11/9-131-0 @ CHI. BRIDGEWATER STARTED. KAMARA AND COOK OUT.** Virtually impossible to cover all afternoon, dominating the middle of the field. Bridgewater is showing good chemistry with Thomas, and it helps that the Saints have no other legitimate pass catchers.
- **Week 8 – 27.3 ... 11/11-112-1 vs. ARI. Brees RETURNS. KAMARA AND COOK OUT.** Patrick Peterson couldn't cover Thomas. Thomas beat him with crafty route-running and his big body on slants.
- **Week 9 – BYE**

- **Week 10 – 28.2 ... 14/13-152-0 vs. ATL.** Unstoppable once again despite the surprising loss. He was the only thing going for the Saints.
- **Week 11 – 25.4 ... 10/8-114-1 @ TB.** Fourth straight 100-yard REYD game for MT, as he continues to stack up pace records.
- **Week 12 – 26.1 ... 11/10-101-1 vs. CAR.** Played a pivotal role in this game, helping get the Saints in position for a game-winning FG. He has 104 catches with 5 games left!
- **Week 13 – 10.8 ... 8/6-48-0 @ ATL.** Season-lows all around. Season-low snap count (39) because the Saints barely had the ball in the 4th quarter. Played at least 49 SPG in every other game.
- **Week 14 – 30.4 ... 15/11-134-1 vs. SF.** Richard Sherman could not contain Thomas, but no one can really. Another day at the office for the top WR in the shootout loss.
- **Week 15 – 30.8 ... 12/12-128-1 vs. IND.** Another dominant performance, putting MT within 11 catches of tying Marvin Harrison's single-season catch record of 143.
- **Week 16 – 31.6 ... 17/12-136-1 @ TEN.** Broke record for catches in a season on a 4th quarter game-sealing short TD. The Titans knew Thomas and the Saints were going for the record and still couldn't stop him.
- **Week 17 – 7.7 ... 9/4-37-0 @ CAR.** Interfered with twice in the end zone and sat out for a lot of the 4th quarter due to rest. He finishes a historically great season.
- **Week 18 – 14.0 ... 8/7-70-0 vs. MIN.** The Saints could only get short work going, as the O-Line did not hold up against a fierce Vikings pass rush.
- **Season Summary:** Michael Thomas was amazing in 2019. 3rd highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 185/149-1,725-9.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 22.86 PPG in 17 Games (16 reg + 1 playoff) = WR1 Pace.

TE Jared Cook

- **Week 1 – 5.7 ... 3/2-37-0 vs. HOU.** After plenty of offseason puff seasons about Cook's impact with the Saints, Cook was invisible in the second half. He was a little banged up late in training camp, so perhaps this was the reason for the lack of involvement.
- **Week 2 – 4.5 ... 7/2-25-0 @ LAR. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** Cook was awful in this game, dropping passes, and looking lost at times. Drew Brees hurt his hand early in this game too, which will surely hurt Cook's numbers going forward.
- **Week 3 – 1.7 ... 2/1-7-0 @ SEA. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** Committed another embarrassing drop.
- **Week 4 – 5.1 ... 6/3-21-0 vs. DAL. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** Has been a nonfactor with Teddy Bridgewater under center and is not getting many red zone looks.
- **Week 5 – 12.1 ... 6/4-41-1 vs. TB. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** All of his numbers were season-highs. Bridgewater finally unleashed the passing attack. Cook drew one red zone target but it was an overthrown fade.

- **Week 6 – 13.4 ... 3/3-37-1 @ JAX. BRIDGEWATER STARTED.** Cook supplied the game's lone TD, snagging a well thrown pass from Bridgewater. He's now scored in two straight games after being scoreless for the first 4 games.
- **Week 7 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 8 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 13.4 ... 10/6-74-0 vs. ATL.** Heavily utilized for the first time with Brees.
- **Week 11 – 11.3 ... 2/2-33-1 @ TB.** Made his only end zone look count as he skied over a safety to put the Saints up 20-0 early. He had another 30-yard deep shot up the seam on the opening drive. Limited usage but efficient with Drew.
- **Week 12 – 21.9 ... 8/6-99-1 vs. CAR.** Hauled in a difficult catch and is becoming a significant threat over the middle of the field and in the red zone. That's 4 TDs in 5 weeks. Now looks like he's finally second in the pecking order behind Michael Thomas.
- **Week 13 – 11.5 ... 6/3-85-0 @ ATL.** Dropped a TD and had just had a deep sideline shot graze off his fingertips. His hands have been inconsistent but he's athletic enough to get open and make some tough grabs. He has 74 REYD and/or 1 TD in 6 straight games now.
- **Week 14 – 20.4 ... 2/2-64-2 vs. SF. EXITED EARLY (CONCUSSION).** Played just 8 snaps and hauled in two deep TDs. Looked like he was on his way to a huge performance.
- **Week 15 – 9.4 ... 4/4-54-0 vs. IND.** Corralled all 4 targets in this one.
- **Week 16 – 23.4 ... 4/3-84-2 @ TEN.** Revenge game for Cook. One TD was a red zone score, and the second was a long TD where he was found open in the middle and beat defenders in a race down the sideline.
- **Week 17 – 12.4 ... 2/2-44-1 @ CAR.** Cook quietly has 9 TDs after a slow start on the year, 5 of which came in the final 4 weeks. He's the #2 option behind Michael Thomas.
- **Week 18 – 10.4 ... 5/5-54-0 vs. MIN.**
- **Season Summary:** Cook balled out once Drew returned from injury. The 33-year-old showed a lot after the catch and fared well in the red zone, too. Interestingly, Cook played 38-47 SPG until Week 11, when his snap counts dropped slightly to 26-37 SPG Weeks 12-18. 8th highest graded TE, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 65/43-705-9.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 11.86 PPG in 15 Games (14 reg + 1 playoff) = TE9 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Alvin Kamara

- **Week 1 – 23.9 ... 13-97-0, 8/7-72-0 vs. HOU.** The only thing missing was a TD. Kamara dominated the backfield work significantly, but Latavius Murray had his

role as a breather back and was sprinkled in the red zone. Kamara was dangerously close to breaking several big gainers, and even potential TDs.

- **Week 2 – 7.0 ... 13-45-0, 3/1-15-0 @ LAR.** Kamara was victim to Drew Brees' early exit. Teddy Bridgewater did not dump the ball off to Kamara.
- **Week 3 – 37.1 ... 16-69-1, 10/9-92-1 @ SEA.** This was an incredible game from AK41. PFF credited him with 11 missed tackles, a truly absurd number. A handful of those came on a weaving, 29-yard TD catch from a screen pass from Teddy Bridgewater. Kamara showed his usual impeccable balance, somehow staying inbounds on his way to the pylon. Kamara later punched in a goal line TD, which came after he drew a DPI on K.J. Wright.
- **Week 4 – 11.9 ... 17-69-0, 3/3-20-0 vs. DAL.** Didn't have any chunk plays, but he ran hard and kept the chains moving for an offense that didn't score any TDs without Drew Brees. Season-high snap count (55).
- **Week 5 – 16.9 ... 16-62-0, 7/6-42-0 vs. TB.** Quiet day for Kamara as Bridgewater finally got the Saints' down-field passing game going. There was a missed connection that resulted in a Bridgewater INT. Kamara has 20+ touches in 5/6 games this season, the lone exception being when Drew got hurt in the loss to the Rams.
- **Week 6 – 13.6 ... 11-31-0, 8/7-35-0 @ JAX.** Kamara was questionable for this game and played hurt, nursing an ankle injury that he sustained earlier in the week. Reports indicate it's of the high-ankle sprain variety. Kamara was clearly slowed by the injury and didn't do much on his touches. His longest run went for 7 yards.
- **Week 7 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 8 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 9 – BYE**
- **Week 10 – 15.4 ... 4-24-0, 10/8-50-0 vs. ATL.** Most of the receiving work came in the 4th quarter with the Saints surprisingly down multiple scores. He looked close to 100% and played his full complement of snaps, out-snapping Murray 52-16.
- **Week 11 – 22.2 ... 13-75-0, 10/10-47-0 @ TB.** Tampa played great run defense, and Kamara had to break tackles just to get back to the LOS. He scored on a 6-yard run but it was called back due to holding.
- **Week 12 – 19.2 ... 11-54-0, 9/9-48-0 vs. CAR.** The Saints fed Kamara more after the break, and he quietly produced in this one.
- **Week 13 – 12.4 ... 11-61-0, 8/4-23-0 @ ATL.** Hasn't scored since Week 3, a drought of 7 games. He also has zero 100+ RUYD games.
- **Week 14 – 6.3 ... 13-25-0, 6/4-18-0, FL vs. SF.** It's fair to question now whether he's truly healthy after missing a few games with a high-ankle sprain. Murray was the better player in this one. Kamara was stuffed on at the goal line before Brees snuck it in.
- **Week 15 – 13.9 ... 14-66-0, 5/5-23-0 vs. IND.** Hasn't had a 100+ RUYD game or scored a TD since Week 3, which is 9 games. Season-high snap count (55).
- **Week 16 – 29.0 ... 11-80-2, 7/6-30-0 @ TEN.** Finally. Kamara took over in the second half.

- **Week 17 – 19.7 ... 8-39-2, 3/2-18-0 @ CAR.** Kamara scored twice again in a blowout win before getting pulled to rest for the playoffs. Only 28 snaps (he played 39-55 SPG in every other active game).
- **Week 18 – 19.5 ... 7-21-1, 9/8-34-0 vs. MIN.** Kamara ended the season with 5 TDs in his last 3 games after 0 TDs from Week 3 to Week 16.
- **Season Summary:** Kamara caught 80 passes and had more than 500 REYD for the third time in as many seasons in the NFL, a feat only Marshall Faulk and Christian McCaffrey have accomplished, but he has yet to have a 1,000-yard RUYD season and he regressed big time in the TD department. 32nd highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 171-797-5 (4.7 YPC), 81-553-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.86 PPG in 15 Games (14 reg + 1 playoff) = RB9 Pace.

RB Latavius Murray

- **Week 1 – 12.7 ... 6-43-1, 3/2-4-0 vs. HOU.** Murray got a considerable amount of run early in this one, but the game got away from the Saints a bit, so they used Kamara more. Murray scored on a perfectly-blocked one-cut run, a TD from 30 yards out. 18 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 3.3 ... 5-7-0, 1/1-16-0 @ LAR.** Brees hurt, and the goal line opportunities and positive game scripts will be lessened as a result. 22 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 0.2 ... 2-2-0, 0/0-0-0 @ SEA.** Has failed to secure the Ingram role and has taken a backseat to Kamara. Only 12 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 3.0 ... 4-14-0, 1/1-6-0 vs. DAL.** Plays sparingly. Only 16 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 5.4 ... 7-28-0, 2/2-6-0 vs. TB.** 23 snaps.
- **Week 6 – 10.9 ... 8-44-0, 3/3-35-0 @ JAX.** His best game of the season so far. He took on added responsibilities with Kamara nursing an ankle injury he picked up earlier in the week. Murray had a 42-yard TD catch on a screen but it was nullified by holding. Played 28 snaps, his most to-date.
- **Week 7 – 32.0 ... 27-119-2, 6/5-31-0 @ CHI.** KAMARA OUT. Worked as the lead dog with Kamara sidelined. Ran hard all afternoon, regularly breaking through first contact and falling forward. Also showed enhanced passing game role. The Saints seemed comfortable with Murray in a 3-down role without Kamara, and this performance may give the team more incentive to rest Kamara longer. Season-high snap count (64).
- **Week 8 – 36.7 ... 21-102-1, 12/9-55-1 vs. ARI.** KAMARA OUT. Another brilliant game from Murray, showing tough running and finding the end zone as both a runner and receiver. Kamara said later that week that he's comfortable with sharing the load with Murray. "I don't need the ball every play... I think we'll get a good balance going and it will be hard to stop." Sean Payton also said he wanted to be smart with Kamara's usage, implying he favors a timeshare. Another high snap count (61).
- **Week 9 – BYE**

- **Week 10 – 3.9 ... 5-12-0, 2/2-7-0 vs. ATL.** Murray was out-snapped by Kamara 52-16, but he was involved more in the first half before the Saints started trailing.
- **Week 11 – 5.2 ... 10-27-0, 3/2-5-0 @ TB.** The Saints made a concerted effort to get Murray involved early. Kamara has out-touched Murray 35-19 since the Saints' BYE.
- **Week 12 – 12.4 ... 7-64-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. CAR.** Murray had a TD on the opening drive, but the Saints went back to Kamara in the second half. Kamara had 20 touches to Murray's 9.
- **Week 13 – 0.2 ... 4-2-0, 0/0-0-0 @ ATL.** Since Kamara returned to action, Murray has carry counts of 5, 10, 7, 4. He was not targeted in the passing game at all. Low snap count (13) despite playing 22-27 SPG weeks 11-16.
- **Week 14 – 11.4 ... 7-69-0, 3/2-25-0 vs. SF.** Murray was more effective than Kamara despite getting 8 fewer touches.
- **Week 15 – 6.9 ... 9-29-0, 3/2-20-0 vs. IND.** Single digit carries in 4 straight games and appears to be a TD-or-bust play in fantasy, as he's not getting the receiving work either.
- **Week 16 – 4.5 ... 7-14-0, 3/2-11-0 @ TEN.** Split touches in the first half, but Kamara took over in the second half.
- **Week 17 – 8.5 ... 6-43-1, 1/1-14-0 @ CAR.** Kamara was rested early in this blowout, so Murray played 37 snaps, his most outside of Weeks 7-8 sans Kamara.
- **Week 18 – 3.5 ... 5-21-0, 2/1-4-0 vs. MIN.** Only 15 snaps.
- 19th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 146-637-5 (4.4 YPC), 34-235-1.
- **Season Summary:** Latavius Murray did not totally take over the Mark Ingram role, but he proved to be an extremely valuable handcuff, doing major damage with great games in the 2 games that Alvin Kamara missed. Otherwise, Murray would get about 10 touches a game as a rotational back. He was not used much in the passing game, and the Saints did not score as many rushing touchdowns this season as they have in the past few seasons. 19th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 9.45 PPG in 17 Games (16 reg + 1 playoff) = RB30 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Terron Armstead** – (15/17 LT)... 94 overall. DNP weeks 12-13.
- **Andrus Peat** – (10/17 LG)... 70 overall. DNP weeks 10-16.
 - **Nick Easton** – (6/17 LG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 11-16.
- **Erik McCoy** – (17/17 C)... 86 overall.
- **Cesar Ruiz** – (0/16 C)... Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Larry Warford** – (16/17 RG)... 82 overall. DNP week 16.
 - **Will Clapp** – (2/17 OG)... 60 overall. Started week 16 at RG and week 10 at LG. Played ~15 SPG as 6th OL.

- **Ryan Ramczyk** – (17/17 RT)... 96 overall.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Cam Jordan | 96 | |
| ED: Marcus Davenport | 87 | DNP weeks 15-18. |
| ED: Trey Hendrickson | 73 | DNP weeks 5-7 |
| ED: Mario Edwards | 73 | |
| DT: Sheldon Rankins | 85 | DNP weeks 1-3, 14-18. |
| NT: Malcom Brown | 77 | |
| DT: David Onyemata | 72 | DNP week 1 |
| DT: Shy Tuttle | 75 | |
| LB: Demario Davis | 93 | |
| OLB: Zack Baun | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: A.J. Klein | 60 | |
| LB: Kiko Alonzo | 73 | Sig Snaps weeks 7-13. |
| LB: Alex Anzalone | 60 | DNP weeks 3-18. |
| CB: Marshon Lattimore | 91 | DNP weeks 11-12. |
| CB: Janoris Jenkins | 84 | Started weeks 17-18. |
| CB: Eli Apple | 75 | DNP weeks 16-18. |
| NCB: P.J. Williams | 60 | DNP weeks 7-8. |
| FS: Marcus Williams | 92 | |
| SS: Vonn Bell | 77 | DNP weeks 15-17. |
| HS: Chauncey Gardner-Johnson | 75 | Started weeks 7-18. |
| SS: Malcolm Jenkins | 76 | Projected Starter in 2020. |

NEW YORK GIANTS

Passing Game:

QB Daniel Jones

- **Weeks 1-2 – DNP – 2nd String.** ELI MANNING STARTED.
- **Week 3 – 34.2 ... 336, 2-0, 4-28-2, 2 FL @ TB.** TATE OUT. Named the starter over Eli Manning after 2 weeks (Jones did play briefly in week 1 garbage time, losing a fumble), Jones thrived from a fantasy perspective in his debut. Jones bucked constant duress and Saquon Barkley's ankle injury absence in the second half to drive the Giants on an 8-play, 75-yard game-winning drive. Jones did damage with his legs, scoring 2 RUTDs. He also showed an early rapport with Sterling Shepard and Evan Engram down the field.
- **Week 4 – 12.3 ... 225, 1-2, 5-33-0 vs. WAS.** BARKLEY AND TATE OUT. Jones was not as polished as he was in his debut. The rookie had 2 bad INTs and should have had at least 1 more. He wasn't tasked with making big plays because the Giants had a multi-score lead for most of the outing. He had some rushing production again and got most of his passing production from Saquon Barkley's backup on short throws.
- **Week 5 – 10.4 ... 182, 1-1, 3-12-0 vs. MIN.** BARKLEY OUT. Jones kept leaving his pass catchers exposed to big hits from the Vikings' secondary, and he easily could have had more than 1 INT. He also had a few brutally inaccurate passes to Sterling Shepard, who could have scored 2 TDs on better-thrown balls. Jones appears to be taking steps backward as a thrower, or perhaps teams picked up on a few tendencies to expose him on film.
- **Week 6 – 5.2 ... 161, 1-3, 2-8-0 @ NE.** BARKLEY, SHEPARD AND ENGRAM OUT. Jones was a turnover machine in this tough spot. He was missing his top 3 receiving weapons against the league's best defense in windy conditions. Jones was a deer in headlights, making one awful decision after another. He was lucky to escape with only 3 INTs. He now has 5 TDs and 9 turnovers in only 4 starts.
- **Week 7 – 10.4 ... 223, 1-1, 4-35-0, 2 FL vs. ARI.** SHEPARD OUT. Golden Tate summed it up after the game: "We made them look like the '85 Bears." Jones started the game with a truly awful interception where he stared down the WR before lobbing a pass directly to 2 Cardinal defenders. The rookie spent the rest of the day dinking and dunking.
- **Week 8 – 28.1 ... 322, 4-0, 4-13-0, FL @ DET.** SHEPARD OUT. Jones committed a pair of fumbles, one of which was returned for a TD. He was again lucky to only escape with 1 turnover. Jones' 4th TD and much of his yardage came in garbage time.

- **Week 9 – 11.8 ... 210, 1-1, 6-54-0, 2 FL vs. DAL.** SHEPARD OUT. Jones led the Giants with 54 RUYD but lost 2 more fumbles, one of which was returned for a TD on the final play of the game. He took 5 sacks and has now fumbled 10 times this year, with 8 INTs. Turnovers have been his major downfall.
- **Week 10 – 30.3 ... 308, 4-0, 3-20-0, FL @ NYJ.** SHEPARD AND ENGRAM OUT. It's Jones' second 4-TD game in the last 3 weeks. Jones threw a pair of TDs to Darius Slayton and Golden Tate. He was also sacked 6 times and had a fumble ripped out of his hands and returned for a score. Jones was playing without 3 starters on the O-Line. Barkley got nothing going on the ground, which forced Jones to kept pushing through the air.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 14.7 ... 150, 2-0, 2-27-0, FL @ CHI.** ENGRAM OUT. Khalil Mack stripped Jones on a sack, setting the Bears up with first and goal. Jones showed off his wheels on a 26-yard scramble. He mixed in a pair of scores in a non-prolific passing day. His 23-yard hook up with Golden Tate on 4th and 18 with 4 minutes remaining in the 4th quarter. The Giants have now lost 7 straight games since winning Jones' first 2 starts.
- **Week 13 – 8.2 ... 240, 1-3, 5-6-0 vs. GB.** ENGRAM AND TATE OUT. The INTs were far from ideal, but Jones did show some poise under pressure in the first half and managed to complete several tough throws to Sterling Shepard and Darius Slayton. The TD was a perfectly thrown ball over Shepard's shoulder down the sideline. Jones has a live arm. He suffered a high ankle sprain at some point in the game.
- **Week 14 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 15 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 16 – 35.2 ... 352, 5-0, 3-12-0 @ WAS.** ENGRAM OUT. It was a career day for Jones, having his way with an injured Redskins secondary. He played most of the game without Darius Slayton, forcing him to spread it out. Jones led the Giants to a win in overtime with a goal line TD toss to Kaden Smith.
- **Week 17 – 14.6 ... 301, 1-1, 3-26-0, FL vs. PHI.** ENGRAM OUT.
- **Season Summary:** Jones took over for Eli Manning in week 3 and was very impressive. He proceeded to struggle big time, showing major growing pains and failing to protect the football. He absorbed 38 sacks, tossed 12 INTs, and fumbled 18 times... in only 12 starts. Still, he flashed fantasy upside with a trio of 4-TD games against the Bucs, Lions, and Jets, and a 5-TD game against the Redskins. His game appears conducive to fantasy production. He takes shots downfield and has a nice rushing floor, albeit his aggressive and often careless style leads to plenty of mind-numbing turnovers. 26th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,027 PAYD, 24-12 TD/INT, 6.6 YPA, 61.9%, 87.7 QBR, 5 300+... 45-279-2, 26-25 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.9 PPG in 12 Games (minus week 1 late entry) = QB11 Pace.

WR Sterling Shepard

- **Week 1 – 10.2 ... 7/6-42-0 @ DAL.** ELI MANNING STARTED. GOLDEN TATE OUT. Shepard missed about a month of practice in late July – August with a broken Thumb. Shepard’s longest catch today was 11 yards. Evan Engram and even Cody Latimer had more targets.
- **Week 2 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 3 – 27.1 ... 9/7-100-1, 2-21-0 @ TB.** TATE OUT. Shepard was catching 5-yard outs from Eli Manning the last time we saw him. Today, he connected with Daniel Jones for a 7-yard TD over double coverage and was utilized more downfield.
- **Week 4 – 16.9 ... 9/7-76-0, 1-23-0 vs. WAS.** TATE OUT. Shepard was targeted often early, but he was game-scripted out of the offense in the second half with the Giants in control. Daniel Jones did not look nearly as good as he did in week 3.
- **Week 5 – 9.7 ... 9/5-49-0 vs. MIN.** Shepard was on the receiving end of a lot of inaccurate passes from Daniel Jones, and it cost him at least a dozen fantasy points. Jones had Shepard downfield open but overthrew him and completely missed a wide-open Shepard in the end zone later. Times are sometimes tough with a rookie QB. It’s worth noting that Shepard moved back outside with the season debut of Golden Tate returning from suspension.
- **Week 6 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 7 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 8 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 9 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 10 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 8.7 ... 9/5-15-0, 1-22-0 @ CHI.** ENGRAM OUT. Shepard was targeted often in his return from a 5-game absence due to his second concussion of the year. He never broke the big one, finishing with a long catch of merely 6 REYD.
- **Week 13 – 13.0 ... 6/3-40-1 vs. GB.** TATE AND ENGRAM OUT. Shepard’s TD came on a beautifully-thrown ball from Daniel Jones into the end zone from 18 yards out after he broke free from the outside. He was hardly featured in an offense that was missing Tate and Engram.
- **Week 14 – 7.6 ... 7/4-28-0 @ PHI.** ELI MANNING STARTED. ENGRAM OUT. Four yards per target is not great. Eli views Shepard as a check down option. Darius Slayton was his deep ball target. Season-low snap count of 48 (played at least 54 SPG every other week).
- **Week 15 – 20.1 ... 11/9-111-0 vs. MIA.** ELI MANNING STARTED. ENGRAM OUT. Shepard delivered in the elite matchup. His 11 targets more than doubled Barkley, who was second on the team in targets.
- **Week 16 – 19.6 ... 6/6-76-1 @ WAS.** ENGRAM OUT. Shepard got the Giants on the board with a 24-yard TD on the opening drive. He was left wide open on the play after the Redskins fell for a Daniel Jones pump fake. He’s trending up with 17 targets over the last 2 weeks.

- **Week 17 – 8.9 ... 10/5-39-0 vs. PHI.** ENGRAM OUT. Shepard finished with 27 targets in the last 3 weeks, but he was mainly used underneath again.
- **Season Summary:** Shepard signed a 4-year extension prior to the year before breaking his thumb, causing him to miss late July and all of August. He then had to deal with 2 concussions and a QB change. He was mainly used as an underneath, chain mover for both QBs, and he never really got going in 2019 despite injuries to Evan Engram and Saquon Barkley and a suspension for Golden Tate. 23rd highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 83/57-576-3, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.2 PPG in 10 Games = WR26 Pace.

WR Golden Tate

- **Week 1 – DNP – Suspended**
- **Week 2 – DNP – Suspended**
- **Week 3 – DNP – Suspended**
- **Week 4 – DNP – Suspended**
- **Week 5 – 4.3 ... 6/3-13-0 vs. MIN.** Tate's first game of 2019 wasn't a great one with Daniel Jones struggling. Tate was used in the slot but only played 45/68 snaps. He ran 29/32 routes from the slot while Sterling Shepard worked outside.
- **Week 6 – 22.2 ... 9/6-102-1 @ NE.** STERLING SHEPARD AND EVAN ENGRAM OUT. Tate was essentially the Giants' only weapon with Saquon Barkley OUT as well. Tate made a number of challenging catches with defenders glued to him. That was the case on his 64-yard TD. He showed he can still be a feisty playmaker.
- **Week 7 – 14.0 ... 11/6-80-0 vs. ARI.** SHEPARD OUT. Tate's 11 targets led the team. He was open over the middle often, but Daniel Jones had another rough outing, leaving fantasy points on the field for Tate.
- **Week 8 – 16.5 ... 10/8-85-0 @ DET.** SHEPARD OUT. Tate did what you would expect from a 31-year-old slot target. He's had some nice PPR games with Shepard OUT.
- **Week 9 – 11.8 ... 6/6-42-0, 1-16-0 vs. DAL.** SHEPARD OUT. Tate made a sick one-handed catch on the left sideline and was pushed out at the 1-yard line on the play.
- **Week 10 – 23.5 ... 8/4-95-2 @ NYJ.** SHEPARD AND ENGRAM OUT. Tate took a short screen and ran through the entire Jets secondary for a 61-yard TD. His 2nd TD came on a pick play inside the red zone. Tate's 8 targets were behind Darius Slayton's 14, but he made the most of his touches. The Giants running game was going nowhere, so game flow helped here.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 12.3 ... 7/3-33-1 @ CHI.** ENGRAM OUT. Tate exited briefly in the 1st quarter to be checked for a concussion but returned. He and Daniel Jones were rarely on the same page, save for a miracle 23-yard TD on 4th and 18 with the

Giants trailing in the 4th quarter. Tate's been one of the few bright spots during this Giants 7-game losing skid.

- **Week 13 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Week 14 – 2.1 ... 5/1-11-0 @ PHI.** ELI MANNING STARTED. ENGRAM OUT. Tate was a nonfactor in this game. He was wide open on a flea-flicker but the Eagles blew it up too quickly in the backfield.
- **Week 15 – 12.1 ... 4/1-51-1 vs. MIA.** ELI MANNING STARTED. ENGRAM OUT. Tate juggled a pass over the middle before avoiding a tackle on his 51-yard TD, one where he was nearly tackled at the 1-yard line because of an early celebration. There are suddenly a lot of mouths to feed in New York with Barkley, Shepard, Tate, and Slayton. Eli Manning certainly wasn't going to do it.
- **Week 16 – 15.6 ... 11/6-96-0 @ WAS.** ENGRAM OUT. Tate led the Giants in receiving but was held out of the end zone on a day Daniel Jones threw for 5 TDs and Darius Slayton spent most of the day on the sidelines.
- **Week 17 – 17.8 ... 8/5-68-1 vs. PHI.** ENGRAM OUT.
- **Season Summary:** Tate, 32, opened the season with a 4-game suspension. He returned and operated from the slot, where he was surprisingly consistent with rookie QB Daniel Jones. He ended up posting 80 REYD and/or 1 TD in 8/12 games, serving as a solid PPR option. One reason for that was likely because TE Evan Engram and WR Sterling Shepard missed several games a piece. 35th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 85/49-676-6, 1 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.8 PPG in 11 Games = WR29 Pace.

WR Darius Slayton

- **Week 1 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 2 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 3 – 11.2 ... 5/3-82-0 @ TB.** GOLDEN TATE OUT. The 5th round rookie did not disappoint in his NFL debut. His block sprung Evan Engram open for a 75-yard TD and he made some big catches in the receiving game. Only 27 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 3.3 ... 2/2-13-0 vs. WAS.** TATE OUT. Slayton was quiet in this one with Daniel Jones struggling and locking on to Sterling Shepard, Evan Engram, and Wayne Gallman. 34 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 16.2 ... 5/4-62-1 vs. MIN.** Slayton needed just one step on Xavier Rhodes to haul in a 35-yard TD. He showed his 4.39 speed and 40.5 inch vertical. He averaged 20.3 YPR in college and his deep threat ability can keep defenses honest. 44 snaps.
- **Week 6 – 6.2 ... 8/3-32-0 @ NE.** STERLING SHEPARD AND EVAN ENGRAM OUT. Slayton's 8 targets were second behind Golden Tate. There just wasn't much Slayton could do with them with Daniel Jones struggling against the league's best defense. 49 snaps.

- **Week 7 – 4.8 ... 2/2-28-0 vs. ARI.** SHEPARD OUT. Season-high 68 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 19.0 ... 5/2-50-2 @ DET.** SHEPARD OUT. Both of Slayton's TDs were contested grabs against Rashaan Melvin. It was an impressive day, but he did make one rookie mistake with a drop.
- **Week 9 – 1.6 ... 4/1-6-0 vs. DAL.** SHEPARD OUT. He was 6th on the team in targets, as the volume has not been there most weeks, and that's with Sterling Shepard OUT.
- **Week 10 – 34.1 ... 15/10-121-2 @ NYJ.** SHEPARD AND ENGRAM OUT. Slayton caught a first and goal pass from Daniel Jones for the Giants' first TD. He burned a Jets CB off the line and outran the Jets' secondary for his second TD. This was a breakout game for Slayton, who was looked to a team-high 14 teams with two weapons out.
- **Week 11 –** BYE
- **Week 12 – 10.7 ... 7/4-67-0 @ CHI.** ENGRAM OUT. There was concern that Slayton would see his workload reduced with Sterling Shepard coming back. Luckily, Slayton maintained an important role in the Giants' passing game. He shed multiple tackles on an 18-yard catch and run and had a clutch 4th down conversion.
- **Week 13 – 10.4 ... 9/6-44-0 vs. GB.** TATE AND ENGRAM OUT. Slayton made several tough catches throughout the day, displaying more usage and ability in the intermediate areas of the field than we've seen thus far.
- **Week 14 – 32.4 ... 8/5-154-2 @ PHI.** ELI MANNING STARTED. ENGRAM OUT. Daniel Jones was out, but Slayton put on a show in the first half against terrible Eagles DBs. He set CB Ronald Darby ablaze with 36 and 54-yard TDs in his coverage. Slayton did nothing after the break as Eli Manning went 4/11 for 24 PAYD in the final 2 quarters. Lower snap count of 42 (played 49-68 SPG weeks 6-13).
- **Week 15 – 11.1 ... 3/2-31-1 vs. MIA.** ELI MANNING STARTED. ENGRAM OUT. The rookie continues to ball when targeted, but low target totals are concerning. There are quite a few mouths to feed in New York. 47 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 0.0 ... 2/0-0-0 @ WAS.** ENGRAM OUT. **EXITED** with a knee injury and spent most of the game on the sidelines before returning for overtime. 20 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 9.0 ... 9/4-50-0 vs. PHI.** ENGRAM OUT. 64 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** The 5th round rookie played fast (15.4 YPR) and had a few explosive games. He maintained a role and nice snap count even as Golden Tate and Sterling Shepard returned from suspensions and injuries, but Slayton was rarely the No. 1 option. Slayton is the only receiver of the bunch who can threaten downfield. He'll look to grow a rapport with Daniel Jones. 53rd highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 84/48-740-8, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.07 PPG in 13 Games (minus week 16 early exit) = WR34 Pace.

TE Evan Engram

- **Week 1 – 28.6 ... 14/11-116-1 @ DAL.** ELI MANNING STARTED. GOLDEN TATE OUT. Evan Engram was expected to have a much larger role this season, and it showed in week 1. He emerged as the primary target sans Odell Beckham and Golden Tate. Engram's TD came on an easy pitch-and-catch off play action near the goal line. He was featured and came up with some nice catches in tight coverage.
- **Week 2 – 10.8 ... 8/6-48-0 vs. BUF.** ELI MANNING STARTED. TATE AND SHEPARD OUT. With no receivers to threaten the defense, the Giants passing game was a disaster. His primary contributions came in garbage time.
- **Week 3 – 23.3 ... 8/6-113-1 @ TB.** TATE OUT. Daniel Jones' first throw was an 18-yard gain to Engram. This was a sign of things to come. The two connected on a 75-yard TD sprint.
- **Week 4 – 9.4 ... 7/4-54-0 vs. WAS.** TATE OUT. Engram was literally being tackled by the Redskins' secondary in the middle of his routes at times. It was evident the Redskins were making sure Engram wasn't going to beat them. It worked for the most part, but Engram was able to his elite athleticism to break free for a big run after the catch.
- **Week 5 – 10.7 ... 11/6-42-0 vs. MIN.** Engram was consistently targeted but fell victim to a stagnant offense led by Daniel Jones' inaccuracies. New York manufactured some high percentage plays for him in the short area, hoping he could pick up some YAC.
- **Week 6 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 7 – 1.6 ... 5/1-6-0 vs. ARI.** SHEPARD OUT. Engram was expected to have a field day against the Cardinals' horrible defense at defending TEs, but he was completely shut down with Daniel Jones looking shaky at best. TE Rhett Ellison got loose for a random TD. This was a modern day tragedy.
- **Week 8 – 14.0 ... 7/4-40-1 @ DET.** SHEPARD OUT. Engram saved some face, but he's averaging a disappointing 36 REYD per contest over his last 4 games, failing to establish chemistry with Daniel Jones after Jones' first start.
- **Week 9 – 11.0 ... 8/6-48-0 vs. DAL.** SHEPARD OUT. Engram tied Saquon Barkley for the team lead in targets. Engram played at least 49 snaps in every game.
- **Weeks 10-17 – DNP – Foot**
- **Season Summary:** Engram was enjoying a breakout season before injuries struck. He started out hot but cooled off as Daniel Jones' play became erratic. When healthy, Engram was very productive, displaying his athleticism and movement like a WR. A Lisfranc injury that required surgery (he was in a walking boot in March) is one of several injuries he's sustained early in his career. 31st highest graded TE, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 68/44-467-3, 2 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.7 PPG in 8 Games = TE7 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Saquon Barkley

- **Week 1 – 17.9 ... 11-120-0, 6/4-19-0 @ DAL.** ELI MANNING STARTED. Barkley looked as good as ever with the ball in his hands, ripping off a 59-yard run on his first carry of the season and regularly breaking tackles. The Giants being one of the worst teams in the league won't help the game scripts, but he'll continue to be used as a receiver.
- **Week 2 – 22.5 ... 18-107-1, 7/3-28-0 vs. BUF.** ELI MANNING STARTED. Barkley had 55 RUYD after the Giants' opening drive, including his 27-yard TD. It was a thing of beauty where he bounced an inside handoff outside, got a DB 1 on 1 and found the corner of the end zone. Beyond that, the receiver-less Giants couldn't move the ball on the Bills' stout defense.
- **Week 3 – 7.7 ... 8-10-0, 5/4-27-0 @ TB.** EXITED in the first half with an ankle injury. He was unable to walk off on his own power. He's expected to miss the next 4-8 weeks with a high ankle sprain. Only 23 snaps.
- **Week 4 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 5 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 6 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 7 – 17.0 ... 18/72-1, 5/3-8-0 vs. ARI.** SHEPARD OUT WEEKS 7-10. Barkley had an amazing recovery from his high ankle sprain, only missing 3 games. In this one, he had another injury scare, and he was seen slamming his helmet in frustration before having his leg looked at by trainers. Luckily, Barkley returned shortly after. Barkley likely was not playing at full health even before the re-aggravation. The Cardinals barely-there defense likely let him off the hook.
- **Week 8 – 28.3 ... 19-64-0, 10/8-79-1 @ DET.** Barkley was having little trouble cutting and planting, or sometimes sprinting. He put on some ridiculous moves this afternoon.
- **Week 9 – 15.5 ... 14-28-0, 8/6-67-0 vs. DAL.** He saved his night with a 65-yard catch and run in the second half. He was stuffed on his lone goal line carry.
- **Week 10 – 8.1 ... 13-1-0, 5/5-30-0 @ NYJ.** ENGRAM OUT WEEKS 10-17. Barkley had zero running room with an O-Line missing 3 starters against a good Jets run defense. The Giants gave up on running in the second half. Barkley has struggled on the ground since returning from his ankle injury. He has admitted to not being 100% over his ankle, so the BYE week should help.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 8.0 ... 17-59-0, 3/2-1-0 @ CHI.** It was another down week for Barkley, who hasn't been himself since returning from a high ankle sprain. He did break off a 22-yard gallop late but was mostly held in check by a good Bears defense. Barkley had an ugly drop on 3rd and 3. Clearly hobbled, Barkley has limped to 2.0 YPC over his last 3 outings.
- **Week 13 – 14.5 ... 19-83-0, 7/3-32-0 vs. GB.** Barkley showed off some juice on his 27-yard catch with the Giants in comeback mode in the 4th quarter. He flashed some of his patented tackle-breaking ability on a nifty 16-yard run over the left

end that left multiple defenders gasping for air. Barkley still hasn't found the end zone since week 8 in an offense that is dysfunctional.

- **Week 14 – 9.7 ... 17-66-0, 4/3-1-0 @ PHI.** ELI MANNING STARTED. Barkley has 0 TDs over the last 5 weeks and 0 100+ RUYD games since going down with an ankle injury in week 2. Barkley admitted that physically he's OK but mentally he's not recovered from the injury.
- **Week 15 – 30.3 ... 24-112-2, 5/4-31-0 vs. MIA.** ELI MANNING STARTED. There's nothing a matchup with the defenseless Dolphins won't fix. Barkley was making defenders miss with his signature jump-cuts, which led to 2 TDs inside the 10.
- **Week 16 – 43.9 ... 22-189-1, 4/4-90-1 @ WAS.** It's a massive game for Barkley, who went over 100 yards halfway through the 1st quarter. He ran right through the Redskins defense for his 67-yard TD and was left uncovered somehow on a seam route from 33 yards out. He was picking up chunk plays all game, adding in a 51-yard catch and another 32-yard run.
- **Week 17 – 20.7 ... 17-92-1, 4/3-25-0 vs. PHI.** Barkley has looked really healthy over the final weeks of the season, totaling 539 YFS and 5 TDs in weeks 15-17.
- **Season Summary:** Barkley's high ankle sprain in week 3 crippled his fantasy season. He likely returned too early from that injury, and he struggled for a midseason stretch on the ground before finishing strongly against a string of easy opponents as he regained his explosiveness and confidence. Barkley has had to work with a bad supporting cast with Eli Manning and a rookie QB, as the Giants have been one of the worst teams in his first two seasons as a pro. Although the team is heavily invested in him, his O-Line could stand to be upgraded too. 22nd highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 217-1003-6 (4.6 YPC) 4 100+... 73/52-438-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.7 PPG in 12 Games (minus week 3 early exit) = RB6 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Nate Solder – (15/16 LT)...** 74 overall. DNP week 10. Opted Out of the 2020 Season.
- **Will Hernandez – (16/16 LG)...** 71 overall.
- **Jon Halapio – (15/16 C)...** 63 overall. DNP week 10.
- **Spencer Pulley – (0/16 C)...** Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Kevin Zeitler – (15/16 RG)...** 88 overall. DNP week 15.
- **Andrew Thomas – (0/16 RT)...** Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Mike Remmers – (13/16 RT)...** 74 overall. DNP weeks 10, 16-17.
 - **Nick Gates – (4/16 RT)...** 70 overall. Started weeks 10, 16-17 at RT and week 15 at RG.
 - **Matt Peart – (0/16 RT)...** --.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Lorenzo Carter | 76 | DNP week 5. | |
| ED: Markus Golden | 69 | | |
| ED: Kyler Fackrell | 66 | Projected Starter in 2020. | |
| ED: Oshane Ximines | 66 | ~30 SPG. | |
| DT: Leonard Williams | 84 | DNP week 4. | |
| DT: Dalvin Tomlinson | 85 | | |
| NT: Dexter Lawrence | 83 | | |
| DT: B.J. Hill | 79 | ~25 SPG. | |
| DT: Austin Johnson | 67 | | |
| LB: Blake Martinez | 74 | Projected Starter in 2020. | |
| LB: Alec Ogletree | 64 | DNP weeks 3-5, 16. | |
| LB: David Mayo | 75 | DNP weeks 1-3 | 90.1 RD. |
| LB: Ryan Connelly | 60 | Started weeks 1-4 | 34.8 RD. |
| LB: Deone Bucannon | 60 | Half Snaps weeks 9-17. | |
| CB: James Bradberry | 83 | Projected Starter in 2020. | |
| CB: DeAndre Baker | 60 | | |
| CB: Sam Beal | 60 | Started weeks 14-16. | |
| NCB: Ross Cockrell | 64 | Projected Starter in 2020. | |
| NCB: Grant Haley | 60 | Started weeks 1-8. | |
| NCB: Corey Ballentine | 60 | Started weeks 9-12, 15-16. | |
| FS: Xavier McKinney | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. | |
| FS: Antoine Bethea | 79 | | |
| SS: Jabrill Peppers | 78 | DNP weeks 13-17. | |
| NCB/FS: Julian Love | 76 | Started weeks 12-17. | |

NEW YORK JETS

Passing Game:

QB Sam Darnold

- **Week 1 – 13.0 ... 175, 1-0 vs. BUF.** Darnold worked under duress for the majority of the afternoon, taking 4 sacks and struggling to get anything going downfield. His rapport with Robby Anderson, who was draped by Bills shutdown CB Tre'Davious White, was transparently out of sync as Darnold missed the 26-year-old burner on 2 separate occasions, whiffing on a would-be touchdown slant and under-throwing Anderson along the left sideline.
- **Week 2 – DNP – Mono**
- **Week 3 – DNP – Mono**
- **Week 4 – BYE**
- **Week 5 – DNP – Mono**
- **Week 6 – 19.6 ... 338, 2-1 vs. DAL.** Darnold immediately instilled life into a previously lifeless Jets offense as the Jets' 3 TDs in the first half trumped their 2 offensive scores from the first 4 games. Darnold launched a 92-yard TD to Robby Anderson streaking downfield.
- **Week 7 – -6.6 ... 86, 0-4, FL vs. NE.** He lost a fumble on the lone sack he took. After Darnold's impressive showing in his return from mono, he completely folded against the league's best defense tonight. He was under heavy pressure early, as Bill Belichick dialed up countless blitzes. Darnold was mic'ed up for the game and was caught admitting he was "seeing ghosts" in the pocket. He threw off his back foot at an alarming rate, sometimes in a clean pocket. All 4 of his INTs were hideous throws.
- **Week 8 – 12.6 ... 218, 2-3 @ JAX.** Darnold tweaked his non-throwing thumb but stayed in the game. Coming off what was the worst QB start of the season, Darnold was scarcely better in Jacksonville, making one inexcusable decision after another as he forced throws in the face of unrelenting pressure. The Jets' O-Line is hot garbage, and Darnold took a whopping 8 sacks in this game. He's up to 9 turnovers and 5 TDs through 4 2019 starts.
- **Week 9 – 12.5 ... 260, 1-1 @ MIA.** Darnold was tagged for 3 sacks. He shined on the opening drive, capping it with a 12-yard TD to Jamison Crowder, who has quickly emerged as Darnold's go-to target. It was all downhill from there, as Darnold continued to see the ghosts that haunted him 2 weeks ago. He threw an INT on 2nd and goal. He let a Brian Winters snap sail past him for a safety. Darnold's 2019 has been an utter nightmare.
- **Week 10 – 21.7 ... 230, 1-0, 3-25-1 vs. NYG.** He scored on a designed QB run from the 2-yard line. Darnold started off hot, completing his first 7 passes and leading

the Jets to scoring drives on the first 2 series. He faded after that but he managed the Jets to a win in the second half.

- **Week 11 – 25.4 ... 293, 4-1 @ WAS.** The Redskins were pathetic on both sides of the ball, but Darnold took advantage of the golden opportunity. He spread the ball to his 3 receivers and got his TEs involved on easy TDs.
- **Week 12 – 28.2 ... 315, 2-0, 4-16-1 vs. OAK.** Darnold scampered in for a short RUTD on a read-option play near the goal line. He played great for the majority of the afternoon, slinging accurate passes to his various receivers in rhythm while demonstrating the ability to create off-script when protection broke down. Adam Gase schemed a good game, as receivers were running open.
- **Week 13 – 10.4 ... 239, 0-0 @ CIN.** In the extraordinarily pathetic display, Darnold found himself under nonstop pressure. His line did not block a soul. Drops and penalties were mixed in. Darnold avoided turnovers but contributed a long pass of 20 PAYD against the league's worst defense.
- **Week 14 – 17.1 ... 270, 2-1 vs. MIA.** It was an embarrassing performance. The Jets needed a last-second FG to beat a tanking Dolphins team. Darnold was lucky to escape with 1 INT. He uncorked wildly inaccurate passes. He was also hurt by a few drops. He did manage to escape pressure to find Robby Anderson wide open for a TD. The second TD was a tough YAC number from Demaryius Thomas. Darnold is playing behind a gruesome O-Line, but he's failing to deliver in golden matchups..
- **Week 15 – 15.8 ... 218, 2-1, FL @ BAL.** The Jets got annihilated. They entered the 4th quarter trailing 35-7. Darnold found Jamison Crowder for a garbage time TD. Darnold was not wildly bad, but he wasn't good either. His INT was atrocious, however. Crowder dropped a wide open score.
- **Week 16 – 9.6 ... 183, 1-0, FL vs. PIT.** Darnold lost a fumble on a sack. He got off to booming start, opening 5/6 with a TD to Robby Anderson. That was the only TD the Jets scored.
- **Week 17 – 9.7 ... 199, 1-1 @ BUF.** Darnold closed the season on a somewhat high note, leading the Jets to wins in 3 of the last 4 weeks.
- **Season Summary:** Darnold's season was plagued by mono, which sidelined him for 3 games and probably effected his play and health in others. He saw ghosts thanks to a league-worst O-Line that could not block a soul. Still 22 years old, Darnold's 2019 season was a disaster under Adam Gase, but despite the lost season, there's still room for growth at such a young age, as long as the Jets improve the O-Line. 31st highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,024 PAYD, 19-13 TD/INT, 6.9 YPA, 61.9%, 84.3 QBR, 2 300+... 33-62-2, 21-16 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.6 PPG in 13 Games = QB25 Pace.

WR Jamison Crowder

- **Week 1 – 24.3 ... 17/14-99-0 vs. BUF.** Crowder’s whopping 41.4% target share was one of the few offensive highlights for a Jets team that flushed a 16-0 halftime lead away. Robby Anderson was battling a calf injury and was locked down by Tre’Davious White, but new coach Adam Gase’s playbook clearly ran through Le’Veon Bell and Jamison Crowder.
- **Week 2 – 8.0 ... 6/4-40-0 vs. CLE. DARNOLD OUT.** Crowder came crashing back to Earth after losing Sam Darnold to mono and being forced to catch passes from Trevor Siemian and Luke Falk. He didn’t catch a pass until midway through the 4th quarter.
- **Week 3 – 4.5 ... 5/2-25-0 @ NE. DARNOLD OUT.** Crowder snagged a 15-yard catch on the Jets’ opening drive but was otherwise a nonfactor. He was the intended WR on Luke Falk’s INT, which was a miscommunication between the two.
- **Week 4 – BYE**
- **Week 5 – 3.0 ... 3/2-10-0 @ PHI. DARNOLD OUT.** Crowder couldn’t get any production even with the Jets trailing all game. Luke Falk was a disaster at QB.
- **Week 6 – 15.8 ... 9/6-98-0 vs. DAL.** Crowder was nonexistent in the 3 games Darnold was OUT for, but he’s mounted a team-high 35% target share in their 2 games together. This is a team-high.
- **Week 7 – 6.6 ... 5/4-26-0 vs. NE.** This was a night to forget for the entire Jets offense, as Darnold turned the ball over 5 times and passed for just 86 scoreless PAYD.
- **Week 8 – 5.4 ... 5/3-24-0 @ JAX.** Darnold once again went off the trails, so there was little Crowder could do.
- **Week 9 – 22.3 ... 9/8-83-1 @ MIA.** Crowder came out of the gates hot, surging to 4 catches for 50 REYD and a 12-yard RETD on the opening drive alone. The rest of his afternoon wasn’t as fruitful. He wasn’t targeted again until after halftime. Despite this, Crowder has shown a semi-strong rapport with Darnold, who has targeted Crowder 45 times in their 5 games together.
- **Week 10 – 19.1 ... 6/5-81-1 vs. NYG.** Crowder got open behind the zone and made a nice cutback for his 23-yard TD. He also had a catch late that helped the Jets seal the win.
- **Week 11 – 18.6 ... 8/5-76-1 @ WAS.** Washington basically opted not to cover pass catchers this week, which led Crowder to a real nice revenge game. Crowder has scored in 3 straight games. Today’s score was on a wheel route where he was left pretty uncovered. He led the team in targets.
- **Week 12 – 3.8 ... 4/2-18-0 vs. OAK.** This was a real let down game as Crowder had been surging. He got open in the end zone from inside the 10-yard line but Darnold never gave him a chance while scrambling. This was a dud.
- **Week 13 – 2.8 ... 9/2-8-0 @ CIN.** Sam Darnold’s favorite target has now had two duds in a row against weak opponents.
- **Week 14 – 5.9 ... 7/3-29-0 vs. MIA.** For some reason, Crowder has been unable to get things going for the 3rd straight week. Robby Anderson went off in this one. Crowder has under 60 REYD combined in the last 3 weeks.

- **Week 15 – 27.0 ... 11/6-90-2 @ BAL.** Crowder’s night threatened to be defined by one of the worst end zone drops you’ll ever see, but he thankfully managed a score one play later. He was literally uncovered on it. He did have an impressive 18-yard snag in the 4th quarter, beating tight coverage.
- **Week 16 – 10.0 ... 8/4-60-0 vs. PIT.** Crowder is coming along again, this time commanding a 30.8% target share, though New York’s reliance on the run limited his opportunities. Darnold threw only 26 times.
- **Week 17 – 20.6 ... 10/8-66-1 @ BUF.**
- **Season Summary:** Jamison Crowder proved to be a focal point of Adam Gase’s offense. He showed a rapport with Sam Darnold, but he did have 2 separate 3-game stretches where he had minimal production (one early in the season sans Darnold and one later in the season with him). He was a high-volume slot WR and trusted target for Darnold, but he may have benefitted from the lack of supporting cast outside of Robby Anderson, as well as TE Chris Herndon’s absence. 44th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 122/78-833-6, 0 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.01 PPG in 13 Games w/ Darnold = WR27 Pace.

WR Robby Anderson

- **Week 1 – 5.3 ... 7/3-23-0 vs. BUF.** Sam Darnold was unable to connect with anyone downfield, instead peppering Jamison Crowder and Le’Veon Bell with shallow targets. The Jets’ pass protection struggled against the Buffalo front-seven.
- **Week 2 – 12.1 ... 6/4-81-0 vs. CLE. DARNOLD OUT.** Anderson actually performed better with 3rd string Luke Falk, recording all of his receiving stats when Falk entered the game. It was against a soft Browns defense that already had the game wrapped up, though.
- **Week 3 – 4.1 ... 5/3-11-0 @ NE. DARNOLD OUT.** CB Stephon Gilmore wrapped up Anderson. He had no chance with a backup QB.
- **Week 4 – BYE**
- **Week 5 – 2.6 ... 3/1-16-0 @ PHI. DARNOLD OUT.** New York was overwhelmed in the trenches all day. Anderson can’t get anything going downfield with Luke Falk, mainly because Falk doesn’t have time to throw.
- **Week 6 – 23.5 ... 8/5-125-1 vs. DAL.** Anderson busted out in Sam Darnold’s return from mono. Darnold stepped up and rocketed a ball to Anderson streaking downfield for a 92-yard TD in the 1st quarter.
- **Week 7 – 2.0 ... 8/1-10-0 vs. NE.** Darnold was horrific in this one, going 11/32 for 86 scoreless yards (and 5 turnovers). Again, CB Stephon Gilmore was a tough draw.
- **Week 8 – 8.3 ... 6/4-43-0 @ JAX.** Robby Anderson was made available at the trade deadline. He could have had a much bigger day, but had a chunk gain called back by his own OPI. He lost a 92-yard TD potentially when CB Tre Herndon wisely committed DPI.

- **Week 9 – 5.3 ... 4/2-33-0 @ MIA.** Anderson was largely ignored in this one as Darnold locked onto his slot WR Jamison Crowder and Le’Veon Bell. This was a potential home run spot.
- **Week 10 – 2.1 ... 3/1-11-0 vs. NYG.** Another nondescript game despite a great matchup. Even Demaryius Thomas is getting more usage.
- **Week 11 – 7.6 ... 3/1-6-1 @ WAS.** Aside from a busted coverage where Darnold found Anderson roaming free in the corner of the end zone, Anderson was basically unheard from.
- **Week 12 – 18.6 ... 5/4-86-1 vs. OAK.** Coach Adam Gase went out of his way to get Anderson involved. Anderson got loose for a chunk gain off a flea flicker and later from the a 1-yard line crossing route for his score.
- **Week 13 – 17.1 ... 10/7-101-0 @ CIN.** Robby Anderson is heating up, as Darnold is looking to him as the focal point instead of Jamison Crowder.
- **Week 14 – 25.1 ... 11/7-117-1 vs. MIA.** Anderson is now looking to have his second straight hot finish. He’s averaging 101 REYD over his past 3 games. The big play today was a 26-yard TD in the 2nd quarter. Darnold later found Anderson open near the goal line.
- **Week 15 – 12.6 ... 6/4-66-0 @ BAL.** Anderson’s 41-yard grab helped set up a TD with the Jets trailing 42-13, but Anderson’s night was otherwise lost.
- **Week 16 – 11.2 ... 4/2-32-1 vs. PIT.** Questionable with an illness. Anderson reeled in a heroic 23-yard TD while sandwiched between 2 defenders. That was it for him.
- **Week 17 – 4.8 ... 7/3-18-0 @ BUF.** Questionable with a calf injury.
- **Season Summary:** This was a mainly down year for the deep threat, who started slow with Sam Darnold’s mono issue, forcing him to play with backup QBs for 3 games early in the year. Then, Anderson saw his lowest point when Demaryius Thomas, Jamison Crowder, and Le’Veon Bell were all getting more targets than he was. Adam Gase flipped the script from week 12, onward. Robby Anderson finished strongly for the second straight year, particularly during a 3-week stretch against weak opponents where he temporarily overtook Jamison Crowder as the lead WR. In the end, the Jets O-Line couldn’t buy enough time for Darnold to best utilize Anderson’s skill set. 72nd highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 96/52-779-5, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 11.03 PPG in 13 Games w/ Darnold = WR42 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Le’Veon Bell

- **Week 1 – 23.2 ... 17-60-0, 9/6-32-1 vs. BUF.** Bell bucked the Jets’ poor O-Line by totaling 92 YFS and a RETD on 66/66 snaps despite not playing football in over a full calendar year. He was split out as a WR inside the 10 on his TD. He also added a 2-point conversion after. The fact that Bell mustered any sort of production on

a day Sam Darnold struggled mightily bodes well for the FA addition's outlook going forward.

- **Week 2 – 20.9 ... 21-68-0, 10/10-61-0, FL vs. CLE. DARNOLD OUT.** Questionable with a shoulder injury. He received an MRI on the shoulder but it came back clean. Trevor Siemian made the start for Darnold but he suffered an ankle injury and 3rd stringer Luke Falk came in. This led to Bell getting fed relentlessly. We can't question Bell's effort in this one. He could have easily given up and quit on the night where the Jets had zero chance to win. He ran hard, but he lost a fumble inside the 10-yard line in the 4th quarter.
- **Week 3 – 10.3 ... 18-35-0, 4/4-28-0 @ NE. DARNOLD OUT.** Bell saw a robust workload as the Jets trotted out Luke Falk against the league's best defense. The Pats didn't give an inch to Bell, holding him to a long run of 8 RUYD. He's averaging just 2.91 YPC through 3 contests.
- **Week 4 – BYE**
- **Week 5 – 15.8 ... 15-43-0, 9/7-45-0 @ PHI. DARNOLD OUT.** The Jets and Luke Falk were unsurprisingly overwhelmed from the get-go, getting manhandled for 10 sacks, a pick-6, a strip-sack, and a fumble returned for 6. Bell has been a bell-cow back without Darnold, but defenses know he's the only option too. He needs Sam Darnold back.
- **Week 6 – 12.3 ... 14-50-0, 1/1-3-0 vs. DAL.** Bell's first TD came in Sam Darnold's return. The offense regained life. He was a disappointment in the passing game. The Jets tried to run out the clock with Bell.
- **Week 7 – 8.6 ... 15-70-0, 4/1-6-0 vs. NE.** Bell was easily the Jets' best player in the 33-0 blowout loss against the elite NE defense. The game script was quickly negative as the Jets fell in a 0-17 hole after 1 quarter and Sam Darnold turning the ball over 5 times.
- **Week 8 – 6.5 ... 8-23-0, 5/3-12-0 @ JAX.** With the Jets offense all the way off the rails, Bell had his worst game by far this season. Bell somehow only has 5 catches for 21 REYD over his past 3 games. Bell admitted he was angry and frustrated after the loss. He had a conversation with Adam Gase that was "productive."
- **Week 9 – 20.1 ... 17-66-0, 9/8-55-0 @ MIA.** Bell got plenty of touches after complaining about the offense. The Jets appeased Bell, who was livid after seeing his lightest workload of the season. He was the clear focal point. Unfortunately he couldn't find much daylight behind a weak O-Line.
- **Week 10 – 16.8 ... 18-34-1, 4/4-34-0 vs. NYG.** Questionable with a knee injury. Bell got an MRI on the knee and it came back clean. He was held in check all game by the Giants. He converted on his goal line carry to seal the win. Other than that, Bell really struggled in this one. He looks miscast in Adam Gase's zone-run scheme.
- **Week 11 – 17.2 ... 18-59-1, 2/2-33-0 @ WAS.** Questionable with rib injury and an illness. This is a pretty standard stat line for Bell (3.3 YPC on 18 attempts), but this time he found the end zone. Bell simply isn't getting things going on the ground, but most can be blamed on an O-Line that couldn't even open up lanes against Washington. 39 snaps (played at least 49 SPG in every game up until this point).

- **Week 12 – 15.8 ... 12-49-0, 5/5-59-0 vs. OAK.** Bell was involved early and often in the passing and running game. Bell is finally being used as a receiver in this offense, which raises his floor in a bad offense. Season-low 36 snaps.
- **Week 13 – 10.7 ... 10-32-0, 5/4-35-0 @ CIN.** IT was yet another barely-there day for Bell in a forgettable season. His longest run went for 7 RUYD. He had a 22-yarder called back by penalty. He's making zero impact behind a putrid O-Line, and he hasn't been shifty enough to make plays on his own.
- **Week 14 – DNP – Illness**
- **Week 15 – 10.8 ... 21-87-0, 2/2-1-0 @ BAL.** Bell said he still doesn't believe he's getting enough touches this week. He got plenty of touches today. His rushing was a season high, sadly. He failed to run a few routes.
- **Week 16 – 13.3 ... 25-72-0, 4/4-21-0 vs. PIT.** Bell's much-anticipated #RevengeGame against his former team was largely uneventful. The Steelers stymied him on the ground, holding him to 2.9 YPC. Patient to a fault, Bell lost 11 RUYD on one play trying to make something happen. He hasn't scored in 4 games.
- **Week 17 – 12.7 ... 16-41-0, 5/5-36-0 @ BUF.** Bell had 0 touches in the second half, which was very curious.
- **Season Summary:** Darnold's season was plagued by mono, which sidelined him for 3 games and probably effected his play and health in others. He saw ghosts thanks to a league-worst O-Line that could not block a soul. Still 22 years old, Darnold's 2019 season was a disaster under Adam Gase, but despite the lost season, there's still room for growth at such a young age, as long as the Jets improve the O-Line. 20th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 245-789-3 (3.2 YPC) 0 100+... 78/66-461-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.3 PPG in 15 Games = RB18 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Mekhi Becton** – (0/16 LT)... Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Kelvin Beachum** – (13/16 LT)... 76 overall. 72.7 PB. DNP weeks 7-9.
- **Kelechi Osemele** – (3/16 LG)... 84 overall. Started weeks 1-3.
 - **Alex Lewis** – (12/16 LG)... 63 overall. Started weeks 5-16.
- **Connor McGovern** – (0/16 C)... 83 overall (Strong PB). Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Ryan Kalil** – (6/16 C)... 65 overall. Half Snaps weeks 7-8, DNP weeks 9-17.
 - **Jonotthan Harrison** – (10/16 C)... 60 overall. Half Snaps weeks 7-8, Started weeks 9-17.
- **Brian Winters** – (9/16 RG)... 74 overall. DNP weeks 11-17.
 - **Tom Compton** – (5/16 RG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 11-15.
 - **Conor McDermott** – (2/16 RG)... 64 overall. Started weeks 16-17.
- **Greg Van Roten** – (0/16 RG)... 76 overall (Strong Finish). Projected Starter in 2020.
- **George Fant** – (0/16 RT)... 68 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.

- **Brandon Shell – (13/16 RT)... 72 overall. DNP weeks 5-6, 10.**
 - **Chuma Edoga – (6/16 OT)... 60 overall. Started weeks 5-6, 10-12 at RT and weeks 7-9 at LT.**

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Tarell Basham | 79 | |
| ED: Henry Anderson | 69 | DNP weeks 5-8, 17. |
| ED: Jordan Jenkins | 68 | DNP weeks 2-5. |
| ED: Kyle Phillips | 68 | DNP week 1. |
| ED: Jabari Zuniga | -- | |
| DT: Quinnen Williams | 73 | DNP weeks 2-3, 14-15. |
| DT: Steve McLendon | 88 | 81.3 RD. |
| DT: Folorunso Fatukasi | 83 | DNP weeks 1, 5. ~30 SPG. |
| LB: C.J. Mosley | 88 | Started weeks 1, 7. Opted Out for the 2020 Season. |
| LB: Avery Williamson | -- | IR – PRE. |
| LB: Neville Hewitt | 60 | Started weeks 1-6, 11-17. |
| LB: James Burgess | 60 | Started weeks 8-17. |
| LB: Blake Cashman | 60 | Started weeks 2-8. |
| LB: Brandon Copeland | 60 | Started weeks 9-10, ~20 SPG otherwise. |
| NCB: Brian Poole | 85 | DNP weeks 14-15. |
| CB: Trumaine Johnson | 65 | Started weeks 1, 5-7. |
| CB: Darryl Roberts | 60 | Started weeks 1-9, 14-15. |
| CB: Maurice Canady | 79 | Sig Snaps weeks 3-6, 13-17. |
| CB: Blessuan Austin | 75 | Started weeks 10-16. |
| CB: Arthur Maulet | 69 | Started weeks 10-13, 16-17. |
| NCB: Nate Hairston | 60 | Started weeks 2-3, 8-9, 14-15. |
| FS: Marcus Maye | 81 | |
| SS: Jamal Adams | 97 | DNP weeks 14-15. |
| SS: Bradley McDougald | 72 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| FS: Ashtyn Davis | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| S: Marqui Christian | 65 | |

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Passing Game:

QB Carson Wentz

- **Week 1 – 25.0 ... 313, 3-0 vs. WAS.** The Eagles fell in a 0-17 hole and were getting booed off the field every chance the fans got in the first half. But Wentz and the offense finally found their groove midway through the 2nd quarter. Wentz hooked up with DeSean Jackson for TDs of 51 and 53 PAYD and hit Alshon Jeffery for a short score in between. He could have been credited for a 4th PATD but it was barely ruled a lateral / backward pass, scoring it as a RUTD for Jeffery from 2 yards out.
- **Week 2 – 17.5 ... 231, 1-2, 3-3-1 @ ATL.** DESEAN JACKSON, ALSHON JEFFERY, & DALLAS GOEDERT EXITED EARLY. Wentz added a RUTD but this one was again ugly early. Wentz briefly checked out with an injury but was cleared to return after missing a series. His supporting cast was wrecked with injuries – DeSean Jackson, Alshon Jeffery, and Dallas Goedert all left with injuries early. Wentz's TD came on a clutch 4th down strike to Nelson Agholor. Agholor also dropped a potential long TD later in the game.
- **Week 3 – 21.6 ... 259, 2-0, 4-33-0 vs. DET.** JEFFERY OUT. Wentz scrambled for his life behind 3rd string LT Halapoulivaati Vaitai. J.J. Arcega-Whiteside dropped a deep attempt. In fact, there were 6 drops suffered, including 2 would-be TDs. Wentz was without his starting WRs and it showed.
- **Week 4 – 19.7 ... 160, 3-0, 6-13-0 @ GB.** Wentz did work in the screen game, finding Jordan Howard for a 20-yard TD. His other scoring strikes were from within the 10-yard line, to Alshon Jeffery and Dallas Goedert. Wentz did miss a few easy passes, but the running game bailed him out
- **Week 5 – 12.0 ... 189, 1-0 vs. NYJ.** Wentz just had to coast in this game against the lifeless Jets who started Luke Falk. The Eagles DST had 10 sacks and 2 DTDs, making life easy for Wentz. He tossed a few bad incompletions. He found Zach Ertz for an 11-yard TD.
- **Week 6 – 20.5 ... 306, 2-1, 2-23-0 @ MIN.** LT JASON PETERS OUT WEEKS 6-9. Wentz's 2 TDs went to Miles Sanders up the seam and Alshon Jeffery from 3 yards out. The Eagles have been missing DeSean Jackson.
- **Week 7 – 6.8 ... 191, 1-1, 4-12-0, 2 FL @ DAL.** Wentz fumbled on an opening drive sack and bobbled a snap that led to a second fumble. He was under pressure all night, taking 3 sacks. His only TD was to Dallas Goedert just outside the red zone. Dallas dominated.

- **Week 8 – 14.3 ... 172, 1-0, 8-35-0 @ BUF.** It was pretty windy in Buffalo, so neither team made any attempts down field, instead relying on YAC. Wentz has thrown for fewer than 200 PAYD in 4 of his last 5 games with a weak supporting cast.
- **Week 9 – 15.0 ... 239, 1-0, 4-15-0 vs. CHI.** The Eagles ran 78 plays so scoring 22 points was underwhelming. DeSean Jackson returned, but for only one series. Zach Ertz was featured. Alshon Jeffery committed 3 inexcusable drops. He got no help from his wide receivers.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 12.2 ... 214, 1-0, 3-17-0, FL vs. NE.** JEFFERY OUT. Wentz absorbed 5 sacks, and it felt like more. He simply had no time to throw, a problem exacerbated by the loss of RT Lane Johnson, who had a first half concussion. Alshon Jeffery and D-Jax were OUT. Wentz was lucky to escape with only 1 turnover. RT Lane Johnson DNP.
- **Week 12 – 8.9 ... 256, 1-2, 5-27-0, 2 FL vs. SEA.** JEFFERY AND NELSON AGHOLOR OUT. Wentz lost a pair of fumbles and had 4 turnovers total. His 256 PAYD were actually a high since week 6. Wentz did most of his damage in the 4th quarter, including the TD to Ertz, with the Eagles down 14. RG Brandon Brooks DNP.
- **Week 13 – 24.4 ... 310, 3-1 @ MIA.** Wentz was out-dueled by Ryan Fitzpatrick in a surprising shootout. His INT came on a hail mary pass at the game's end. He had a nice 10-yard scoring strike to Alshon Jeffery.
- **Week 14 – 19.9 ... 325, 2-0, 5-9-0, FL vs. NYG.** RT LANE JOHNSON OUT FROM THIS POINT FORWARD. AGHOLOR OUT. Neither team could move the ball in the first quarter. Wentz was overall pretty terrible in the first half. The Eagles were getting booed off the field down 3-17 at halftime. Philly dominated after the break and barely squeaked out the OT win against the 2-0 Giants. Both of Wentz's scores were 2-yard hookups to Ertz. By the time the game ended, the Eagles had literally one healthy WR, Greg Ward.
- **Week 15 – 21.5 ... 266, 3-0, 3-9-0, FL @ WAS.** JEFFERY AND AGHOLOR OUT. Despite a good final line, this was an erratic game from Wentz, who had 3 fumbles and averaged just 6.2 YPA. He didn't get much help from his supporting cast, as usual. This time, Alshon Jeffery and Nelson Agholor were OUT too. He came through on a game-winning drive and score to Greg Ward.
- **Week 16 – 18.9 ... 319, 1-0, 6-22-0 vs. DAL.** JEFFERY AND AGHOLOR OUT. Playing with the world's most injured supporting cast, Wentz played well today in a huge revenge game.
- **Week 17 – 17.0 ... 289, 1-0, 3-15-0 @ NYG.** JEFFERY, AGHOLOR AND ERTZ OUT. In this game, Boston Scott, Dallas Goedert, Josh Perkins, Deontay Burnett, and Greg Ward were his top 5 receivers.
- **Week 18 – EXITED EARLY** (concussion). 9 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Wentz exploded out the gates due to his deep connection with DeSean Jackson, but once Jackson, Alshon Jeffery, Nelson Agholor, and some crucial O-Linemen all missed games, Wentz predictably was erratic. His career high in PAYD should be applauded, and he was able to stay healthy all year for the first

time since his rookie season. The coaching staffed leaned on Wentz to drag them out of the mud with 40 attempts in each of his last 7 contests despite the horribly injured supporting cast. 16th highest graded QB, per PFF. Finished poorly weeks 11-17.

- **Season Totals:** 4,039 PAYD, 27-7 TD/INT, 6.7 YPA, 63.9%, 93.1 QBR, 5 300+... 62-243-1, 28-14 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.2 PPG in 16 Games (minus early exit in playoff) = QB15 Pace.

WR Alshon Jeffery

- **Week 1 – 22.1 ... 7/5-49-1, RUTD vs. WAS.** Jeffery added a 2-yard RUTD that was on a sideways or slightly backwards pass. His TD grab was a great job to fight for the ball in tight coverage.
- **Week 2 – 0.0 ... 0/0-0-0 @ ATL. EXITED** with calf injury early. 6 snaps.
- **Week 3 – DNP – Calf**
- **Week 4 – 12.8 ... 9/3-38-1 @ GB.** Jeffery was having trouble getting separation. Wentz missed him on a drop-in-the-bucket second half third down attempt.
- **Week 5 – 11.2 ... 8/6-52-0 vs. NYJ.** His 8 targets were a team high mark. Philly's passing game took a backseat to their DST, who scored 2 DTDs and had 10 sacks. The offense only needed to coast.
- **Week 6 – 23.6 ... 12/10-76-1 @ MIN.** Jeffery did nothing down the field but he logged a ton of quick catches for short gains and scored from 3 yards out.
- **Week 7 – 5.8 ... 5/2-38-0 @ DAL.** Jeffery wasn't targeted in the first half. He saved his night with a 30-yard catch but rarely got open vs. Byron Jones.
- **Week 8 – 10.4 ... 6/4-64-0 @ BUF.** Jeffery's 38-yard pickup was the longest pass play of the game where wind, rain, and weather played a role.
- **Week 9 – 7.6 ... 8/4-36-0 vs. CHI.** He suffered an ankle injury that doesn't appear to be too serious. He also had 3 horrible drops. This was a bad showing all around.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 12 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 13 – 28.7 ... 16/9-137-1 @ MIA.** Jeffery took advantage of a banged-up Miami secondary, season highs in the shootout. He looked over his ankle injury and scored from 10 yards out.
- **Week 14 – 0.0 ... 2/0-0-0 vs. NYG. EXITED** in the 2nd quarter with a foot injury. 20 snaps.
- **Week 15 – DNP – Foot**
- **Week 16 – DNP – Foot**
- **Week 17 – DNP – Foot**
- **Week 18 – DNP – Foot**

- Outside of 3 good games thrown into the mix, Alshon Jeffery couldn't get it going in 2019 despite all of the WR injuries in Philly. The 29-year-old had an injury plagued season of his own, missing 2 games with a calf, 2 with an ankle, and 4 with a foot. He's appeared in all 16 games just once since 2014. He is losing more explosion each year. 30th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 73/43-490-4, 1 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.27 PPG in 8 Games (minus early exits in weeks 2, 14) = WR16 Pace.

WR DeSean Jackson

- **Week 1 – 35.4 ... 10/8-154-2 vs. WAS.** It was another revenge game for Jackson against his former Redskins teammates. After a slow start for the Eagles offense, he scored on bombs from 51 and 53 yards out.
- **Week 2 – 0.0 ... 0/0-0-0 @ ATL. EXITED** early with a groin/core injury. 10 snaps.
- **Weeks 3-8 – DNP – Core**
- **Week 9 – 0.5 ... 1/1-5-0 vs. CHI. EXITED** early after one catch, re-injuring his abdomen. 4 snaps.
- **Weeks 10-18 – DNP – Core**
- **Season Summary:** Jackson underwent surgery in November for a core muscle injury that kept him out of pretty much the entire season save for one huge game in the season opener where he torched the Redskins. The Eagles really missed the 32-year-old's speed on offense.
- **Season Totals:** 10/9-159-2, 1 100+.

TE Zach Ertz

- **Week 1 – 10.4 ... 7/5-54-0 vs. WAS.** Ertz was quiet in the first half, but he produced something after the break. He was tackled at the 2-yard line on a 26-yard grab.
- **Week 2 – 17.2 ... 16/8-72-0 @ ATL.** Ertz racked up targets with Dallas Goedert, DeSean Jackson, and Alshon Jeffery all leaving with injuries.
- **Week 3 – 10.4 ... 7/4-64-0 vs. DET.** More was expected from Ertz with Jeffery and D-Jax missing.
- **Week 4 – 13.5 ... 8/7-65-0 @ GB.** Dallas Goedert cashed in on a red zone look from 3 yards out. Even with D-Jax sidelined, Ertz has managed only decent outings to open the season.
- **Week 5 – 16.7 ... 7/5-57-1 vs. NYJ.** Ertz manhandled the Eagles' lone TD through the air, fighting off 1-on-1 coverage on an 11-yard grab over the middle. The passing game wasn't asked to do much in the second half as the Eagles DST allowed them to cruise to an easy win.
- **Week 6 – 7.4 ... 9/4-54-0 @ MIN.** His receiving totals this season are all between 54-72 REYD, with just 1 TD.

- **Week 7 – 5.8 ... 6/2-38-0 @ DAL.** Ertz did not even have a target in the first half. He was outshined by Dallas Goedert (4-69-1) in this one.
- **Week 8 – 4.0 ... 4/2-20-0 @ BUF.** Ertz has zero games with more than 72 REYD and just 1 TD all season. Dallas Goedert (3-22-1) scored for the second straight week.
- **Week 9 – 25.3 ... 11/9-103-1 vs. CHI.** Finally, Ertz was utilized like in 2018 when he had 150+ targets. He bullied a pressing CB to run for a 25-yard TD. Dallas Goedert (4-39-0) played second fiddle. Ertz looked great in this one and really stepped up.
- **Week 10 –** BYE
- **Week 11 – 18.4 ... 11/9-94-0 vs. NE.** Ertz enjoyed a nice afternoon despite the rest of the Eagles' offense looked rough. Of course, Dallas Goedert vultured a 1-yard TD. Ertz is not going to catch 116 balls like he did last year, but things are starting to pick up due to the lack of receiving weapons.
- **Week 12 – 27.1 ... 14/12-91-1 vs. SEA.** Ertz has now seen double digit targets in 3 straight games. He's basically the Eagles' No. 1 WR right now. His TD came in garbage time.
- **Week 13 – 5.4 ... 6/3-24-0 @ MIA.** Questionable with hamstring injury. Ertz didn't practice much this week but was cleared in pre-game warmups. He played 74% of the snaps but didn't look fully healthy. He was out-targeted by Dallas Goedert (7-66-0).
- **Week 14 – 30.1 ... 13/9-91-2 vs. NYG.** Ertz was literally the only real means of offense through the air for the Eagles, who entered this game with 3 healthy WRs before watching 2 of them get hurt. The TEs and RBs were Wentz's best friends. Ertz helped the Eagles erase a 17-3 deficit and win.
- **Week 15 – 17.1 ... 10/5-61-1 @ WAS.** Ertz had a couple of bad drops. He was left wide open for his score from 2 yards out.
- **Week 16 – 6.8 ... 6/4-28-0 vs. DAL.** EXITED with a rib injury in the first half. He returned but played through visibly bad pain. Dallas Goedert picked up the slack (12/9-91-1).
- **Week 17 – DNP – Ribs**
- **Week 18 – 6.4 ... 4/2-44-0 vs. SEA.** WENTZ EXITED EARLY. Ertz ended up in a hospital bed after his lacerated kidney and cracked rib sustained in week 15 (which he played through). He was not fully healthy for this one but played anyway. Dallas Goedert out-produced him (8/7-73-0).
- **Season Summary:** Ertz's 16 red zone targets in 2018 were cut in half for 2019. The 29-year-old still mustered TE4 behind 135 targets thanks to injuries to DeSean Jackson, Alshon Jeffery, and Nelson Agholor. The Eagles played a lot in 2-TE sets down the stretch and emerging TE Dallas Goedert vultured some scores from Ertz. Ertz had injury issues of his own in the second of the season, injuring his hamstring in week 12 and his ribs in week 16. 14th highest graded TE, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 135/88-916-6, 1 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.9 PPG in 15 Games (15 reg minus 1 playoff w/o Wentz) = TE5 Pace.

TE Dallas Goedert

- **Week 1 – 3.6 ... 3/2-16-0 vs. WAS.** Goedert was a distant 5th on the team in targets.
- **Week 2 – 0.0 ... 0/0-0-0 @ ATL. EXITED** early with a calf injury. It sounds like this may be related to the calf issues Goedert had in training camp.
- **Week 3 – 0.0 ... 1/0-0-0 vs. DET.** Was a game-time decision for this one because of his calf. He dropped his only target, a would-be 26-yard TD from Wentz.
- **Week 4 – 9.6 ... 3/2-16-1 @ GB.** Dallas Goedert cashed in on a red zone look from 3 yards out. The Eagles used more 2-TE sets due to their lack of WRs.
- **Week 5 – 2.1 ... 3/1-11-0 vs. NYJ.** Goedert wasn't needed in this one.
- **Week 6 – 9.8 ... 8/5-48-0 @ MIN.** This was easily Goedert's best game in terms of usage.
- **Week 7 – 14.9 ... 4/4-69-1 @ DAL.** He high-pointed a fade over Leighton Vander Esch from 28 yards out for the Eagles' only TD. Most of his damage came in the 2nd half.
- **Week 8 – 11.2 ... 5/3-22-1 @ BUF.** Goedert scored for the second straight week and actually out-gained Ertz 22-20.
- **Week 9 – 7.9 ... 5/4-39-0 vs. CHI.** Zach Ertz was featured in this one. Goedert is showing a higher floor than he did earlier in the season.
- **Week 10 –** BYE
- **Week 11 – 12.6 ... 6/3-36-1 vs. NE.** Goedert's TD was the Eagles' only score. It was controversial. The play was initially ruled incomplete but was overturned after officials determined Goedert had already possessed the ball before Jonathan Jones snatched it in the end zone. Goedert also had a drop. Goedert played 58 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 8.2 ... 8/7-32-0 vs. SEA.** The catches were nice, but he did little with them and lost a fumble.
- **Week 13 – 12.6 ... 7/6-66-0 @ MIA.** Second in targets behind Alshon Jeffery, it helped that Zach Ertz was not 100%. Goedert is trending up lately.
- **Week 14 – 7.1 ... 6/3-41-0 vs. NYG.** Goedert had a big 28-yard catch in overtime, but that was his lone highlight.
- **Week 15 – 10.5 ... 6/5-55-0 @ WAS.** He was quiet for most of the game before a highlight one-handed 20-yard catch on the Eagles' final drive that helped set up the game-winning TD. His role is on the rise in this injury-depleted offense.
- **Week 16 – 24.1 ... 12/9-91-1 vs. DAL.** Zach Ertz played through visibly bad pain. Dallas Goedert picked up the slack and posted an Ertz-like line.
- **Week 17 – 10.5 ... 10/4-65-0 @ NYG.** ERTZ OUT. Goedert has become one of the Eagles' top targets.
- **Week 18 – 14.3 ... 8/7-73-0 vs. SEA. WENTZ EXITED EARLY.** Goedert again out-produced Ertz, and most of his production came with backup QB Josh McCown, who played pretty well.

- **Season Summary:** Dallas Goedert quietly finished as TE10 after a strong finish – 8.2 targets per game from Week 12 onward. He took advantage to several injuries to Eagles’ pass catchers but showcased his athleticism in year 2. The Eagles leaned on a league-high rate of “12” personnel down the stretch. Goedert struggled with his own minor injury to open the season, which limited him in weeks 2-3. Goedert played 35-49 SPG weeks 1, 3-7 before getting an uptick in snaps, 55-74 from week 8, onward except for 39 snaps in week 13. 6th highest graded TE, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 87/58-607-5.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 9.93 PPG in 16 Games (15 reg minus early exit week 2 + 1 playoff) = TE11 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Miles Sanders

- **Week 1 – 3.7 ... 11-25-0, 2/1-2-0 vs. WAS.** The Eagles staff spent the entire offseason telling us to expect a RBBC between the second round rookie and bruiser back Jordan Howard. In this one, Darren Sproles got the start and 12 touches. Sanders got 12 touches as well, but he had a 21-yard TD run called back on a hold and was stuffed on back-to-back carries at the 2-yard line before Alshon Jeffery scored.
- **Week 2 – 6.7 ... 10-28-0, 4/3-9-0 @ ATL.** Sanders got the start over Jordan Howard this week. He out-touched Howard for the 2nd straight game but neither back was effective. Sanders has averaged just 2.5 YPC early on.
- **Week 3 – 12.6 ... 13-53-0, 4/2-73-0, FL vs. DET.** All hope seemed lost after Jordan Howard vultured the Eagles’ first goal line try. Unlike the last 2 weeks, the Eagles opened up the playbook and made an effort to keep Sanders involved between the tackles and out of the backfield, even with downfield routes. He even had an end zone fade target. His receiving numbers were a team high due to the injuries to the starting WRs. Sanders had have 2 fumbles in this game, an issue in college too.
- **Week 4 – 7.2 ... 11-72-0, 0/0-0-0 @ GB.** He could have had a bigger night but let one of the biggest holes you will ever see go to waste. He made an awful cut and ran into the back of one of his blockers, settling for a 4-yard gain. He had a 67-yard kirk return to make up for it. Jordan Howard out-touched and out-gained Sanders. Howard scored 3 TDs in this game.
- **Week 5 – 10.4 ... 9-15-0, 5/4-49-0 vs. NYJ.** Sanders showed a rapport with Wentz through the air. Jordan Howard (13-62-1) has entrenched himself as the early down back and goal line back, unfortunately.
- **Week 6 – 18.2 ... 3-6-0, 3/3-86-1 @ MIN.** Sanders caught a Wentz TD on a seam play where he beat Eric Kendricks’ coverage. Sanders hasn’t been getting it done as a runner, but his passing role has remained steady. 19 snaps (season-low). Played 22-36 SPG in every game up to this point.

- **Week 7 – 6.2 ... 6-21-0, 3/3-11-0 @ DAL.** Sanders started this game and led the backfield in snaps, but he was out-touched by Jordan Howard. 32 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 22.8 ... 3-74-1, 3/3-44-0 @ BUF.** EXITED with a shoulder injury in the second half. He broke free for a 65-yard TD on the opening drive of the second half. Only 13 snaps (season-low).
- **Week 9 – 10.3 ... 10-42-0, 3/3-31-0 vs. CHI.** He had a nice chain-mover for 15 yards with only 4 minutes remaining. Sanders' 13 touches were encouraging since Darren Sproles made his return for the first time since week 5. 32 snaps.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 6.7 ... 11-38-0, 4/2-9-0 vs. NE.** JORDAN HOWARD OUT. The Eagles signed Jay Ajayi, but Sanders was used extensively in Howard's absence. Massive jump in snaps to 61. He only had 13 touches, but it led the backfield. He wasn't effective, averaging 3.5 YPC against the league's top defense.
- **Week 12 – 11.6 ... 12-63-0, 5/3-23-0 vs. SEA.** HOWARD OUT. Carson Wentz missed him badly on 2 connections, at least one of which could have been a TD with Sanders open in the flat.
- **Week 13 – 21.5 ... 17-83-0, 5/5-22-1 @ MIA.** HOWARD OUT. Sanders remained the Eagles lead back. His pass game usage helped when chasing points late. Sanders was left wide open for his 15-yard TD on the Eagles' first drive.
- **Week 14 – 10.9 ... 15-45-0, 5/4-23-0 vs. NYG.** HOWARD OUT. Sanders was close to scoring the game-winning TD in OT but was stopped at the 2-yard line. Sanders out-touched Boston Scott 19-16, but Scott found the end zone from a short distance. He also put up 128 yards. Sanders was treated for cramping and dehydration in the second half, and Scott took over the backfield with a number of big plays. Scott played 38 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 35.2 ... 19-122-1, 6/6-50-1 @ WAS.** HOWARD OUT. Sanders converted on a goal line TD and on a dime throw from Wentz in the back of the end zone. He also ripped off a 56-yard run on a delayed handoff where he ran past the Redskins' secondary. Boston Scott played 35 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 26.6 ... 20-79-1, 6/5-77-0 vs. DAL.** HOWARD OUT. Sanders again converted from the goal line. He could have scored after breaking free on would-be 58-yard TD on the second to last play but opted to go down voluntarily to seal the win and kneel out the clock. Sanders has been hot while the Eagles pass catchers have dropped like flies. Sanders has played 55-63 SPG weeks 11-16. Boston Scott played 20 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 8.1 ... 9-52-0, 5/3- -1-0 @ NYG.** EXITED with an ankle sprain in the first quarter. He returned to the game but went into the tent again and was ruled out. He was playing well before leaving. 23 snaps. Boston Scott played 55 snaps.
- **Week 18 – 10.7 ... 14-69-0, 5/3-8-0 vs. SEA.** Sanders played through his ankle sprain but looked healthy enough. 47 snaps. Boston Scott played 18 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** At the beginning of his rookie season, Sanders played as the passing down complement to Jordan Howard. Howard was lost for the season after the week 10 BYE, and Sanders took over lead back duties. Sanders was very

effective in the passing game and got better as a runner as the season progressed. He battled sustained some minor injuries down the stretch, and Boston Scott carved a late-season role on a team that loves RBBCs. Still, the potential is there for Sanders to thrive as the Eagles' primary ball carrier. He has a nice passing game floor. 50th highest graded RB, per PFF.

- **Season Totals:** 179-818-3 (4.6 YPC) 1 100+... 63/50-509-3.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.83 PPG in 16 Games (15 reg minus early exit week 17 + 1 playoff) = RB21 Pace... 17.6 PPG in Final 7 Full Games (Post-Howard Injury) = RB10 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Jason Peters** – (13/17 LT)... 90 overall. DNP weeks 6-9. Projected Starter at RG in 2020.
 - **Andre Dillard** – (4/17 LT)... 66 overall. Started weeks 6-9. Projected Starter at LT in 2020.
- **Isaac Seumalo** – (17/17 LG)... 80 overall (Strong Finish).
- **Jason Kelce** – (17/17 C)... 93 overall (Great RB).
- **Brandon Brooks** – (15/17 RG)... 98 overall. DNP weeks 12, 18. Torn Achilles: OUT for 2020.
 - **Matt Pryor** – (2/17 RG)... 66 overall. Started weeks 12, 18.
- **Lane Johnson** – (10/17 RT)... 95 overall, (Great RB). DNP weeks 11, 14-18.
 - **Halapoulivaati Vaitai** – (7/17 RT)... 83 overall. Started weeks 11-12, 14-18.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Brandon Graham | 93 | |
| ED: Derek Barnett | 73 | DNP weeks 14-15. |
| ED: Vinny Curry | 81 | ~25 SPG |
| ED: Josh Sweat | 69 | ~20 SPG |
| DT: Fletcher Cox | 98 | |
| NT: Javon Hargrave | 87 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Malik Jackson | 76 | DNP weeks 2-18. |
| NT: Timmy Jernigan | 75 | DNP weeks 3-8. ~30 SPG. |
| DT: Hassan Ridgeway | 60 | DNP weeks 8-18. ~30 SPG. |
| LB: Nigel Bradham | 71 | DNP weeks 7-11. |
| LB: Nathan Gerry | 70 | Started weeks 6-18. |
| LB: Davion Taylor | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Kamu Grugier-Hill | 66 | Sig Snaps weeks 6-13. |
| CB: Darius Slay | 88 | Projected Starter in 2020. |

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| NCB: Nickell Robey-Coleman | 79 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Avonte Maddox | 60 | DNP weeks 5-8. |
| CB: Rasul Douglas | 60 | Started weeks 1-7, 16-17. |
| CB: Jalen Mills | 60 | DNP weeks 1-6, 17. Moving to Safety in 2020. |
| CB: Ronald Darby | 60 | DNP weeks 4-7, 16-18. |
| CB: Sidney Jones | 68 | DNP weeks 4-5, 9-15. |
| FS: Rodney McLeod | 76 | |
| SS: Malcolm Jenkins | 78 | |

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Passing Game:

QB Ben Roethlisberger

- **Week 1 – 9.7 ... 276, 0-1 @ NE.** Big Ben played even worse than his stats suggest. He went TD-less on 47 attempts and was limited to check downs against a great defense. He got no help from his running game, and the offense looked less explosive without Antonio Brown.
- **Week 2 – 3.0 ... 75, 0-0 vs. SEA.** EXITED with an elbow injury just before halftime.
- **Season Summary:** Ben Roethlisberger was ruled out for the season with a right elbow injury that he had a procedure on but avoided the dreaded “Tommy John” surgery. Still, this is a lengthy rehab for a 37-year-old QB who showed signs of decline prior to the injury (though he did throw for over 5,000 PAYD in 2018). As of February 22, 2020, Big Ben was seen throwing a football, and coach Mike Tomlin said he “has no hesitation” when asked if he expected Roethlisberger to be ready for week 1. Still, at this time, he has 2-3 months left of rehab before full clearance. On March 20, 2020, Roethlisberger said he’s “throwing without pain for the first time in years.” Mike Tomlin said he was “comfortable” with where Big Ben was in his rehab, and that he’s had several throwing sessions with teammates.

WR JuJu Smith-Schuster

- **Week 1 – 13.8 ... 8/6-78-0 @ NE.** EXITED late in the 4th quarter with a toe injury. He was playing well against Stephon Gilmore and NE’s stingy defense.
- **Week 2 – 13.4 ... 8/5-84-0 vs. SEA.** ROETHLISBERGER EXITED. Smith-Schuster was pretty quiet before catching a 45-yard bomb from Mason Rudolph in the 3rd quarter.
- **Week 3 – 17.1 ... 7/3-81-1 @ SF.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Smith-Schuster and Rudolph weren’t on the same page for most of the game, but they connected on a crossing route over the middle that JuJu took to the house for a 76-yard TD. The Pittsburgh offense struggled mightily aside from that play.
- **Week 4 – 4.5 ... 4/3-15-0 vs. CIN.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. The Steelers took very few shots downfield. Pittsburgh spent most of the night dumping short passes off to James Conner and Jaylen Samuels and using the Wildcat formation. JuJu tweaked his toe injury in this game, but he’s expected to play through it.
- **Week 5 – 18.5 ... 7/7-75-1, FL vs. BAL.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Questionable with toe injury. He was actually a game-time decision. His performance will be

overshadowed by his fumble in OT that set up BAL to win. Pittsburgh had more success passing the ball, mainly thanks to JuJu.

- **Week 6 – 1.7 ... 3/1-7-0 @ LAC.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. JuJu showed off a beautiful stop-and-go route on the Steelers' first play but was badly overthrown despite getting plenty of separation from CB Casey Hayward. The Steelers didn't look his way for the rest of the evening really. His first catch, a quick slant, came with 13 minutes left in the game. He was overthrown on a potential contested-catch opportunity in the end zone.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 21.3 ... 9/5-103-1 vs. MIA.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. It was easily his best game, and of course the Dolphins were the remedy. It wasn't easy for him, though. He had to pluck an underthrown ball off the top of a DB's helmet to secure his 26-yard acrobatic TD. The Steelers were aggressive downfield.
- **Week 9 – 4.6 ... 5/3-16-0 vs. IND.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. JuJu had a perfectly thrown deep ball slip through his hands thanks to tight coverage. He then dropped a pass that led to an INT. He wasn't really involved after that.
- **Week 10 – 7.4 ... 5/3-44-0 vs. LAR.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Questionable with a toe injury. This was a sloppy game by both teams, but we've come to expect that with Mason Rudolph at QB. JuJu isn't seeing the volume or QB we would have expected.
- **Week 11 – 4.1 ... 4/2-21-0 @ CLE.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED AND EXITED with a concussion in the 2nd quarter. He did not appear well. He also injured his knee on the same play and was wearing a bulky knee brace after the game. In the last 7 games, JuJu has gone 5 games with under 4 catches and 50 REYD. 22 snaps.
- **Week 12 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 13 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 14 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 15 – DNP – Knee**
- **Week 16 – 4.2 ... 4/2-22-0 @ NYJ.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. JuJu admittedly was not operating at 100%. He waited until the second half to log his first catch. He had one impressive catch in tight coverage. He dropped a 4th down target.
- **Week 17 – 2.6 ... 5/2-6-0 @ BAL.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. He completed 9 passes for 95 PAYD. 37 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Both Mason Rudolph and Delvin Hodges struggled to replace Ben Roethlisberger, and the QB play tanked the Steelers pass offense. JuJu did not show he was capable of being the No. 1 WR without Antonio Brown. He showed flashes, but he was very quiet and played with low volume for most of the season, albeit again with poor QB play. The main issue, of course, was JuJu's injuries. He battled a minor toe injury early in the season and missed 4 games with a knee injury before limping through the final 2 games not at 100%. 85th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 69/42-552-3, 1 100+.

- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 11.64 PPG in 9 Games w/ Roethlisberger or Rudolph (minus week 6, 11, and 17 w/ Hodges) = WR39 Pace.

WR Diontae Johnson

- **Week 1 – 5.5 ... 5/3-25-0 @ NE.** Johnson played a limited role as the Steelers' 4th WR.
- **Week 2 – 2.7 ... 4/1-17-0 vs. SEA. BIG BEN EXITED.** Johnson's playing time increased. He played 47% of snaps. James Washington played 60% and Donte Moncrief and Ryan Switzer played 32% and 23%, respectively.
- **Week 3 – 14.8 ... 6/3-52-1 @ SF. MASON RUDOLPH STARTED.** Johnson started this game as the No. 2 WR. He caught CB Jason Verrett peaking at the QB on his 39-yard wide open TD catch but was otherwise quiet with Rudolph struggling. He'll continue to battle James Washington and JuJu Smith-Schuster for targets with poor QB play. Played 42 snaps in his first start of the season (played 24-26 SPG weeks 1-2).
- **Week 4 – 17.7 ... 6/6-77-1, FL vs. CIN. MASON RUDOLPH STARTED.** Johnson has been the best wide out in the 2 games Rudolph has started. He and Rudolph have a connection seeing as they practiced with the 2nd team unit all summer. He was left wide open on his 43-yard TD catch. The 5'10, 183-pound target showed off his 4.53 wheels. 37 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 7.7 ... 8/5-27-0 vs. BAL. MASON RUDOLPH STARTED.** This was the second straight game Johnson led PIT in targets. Donte Moncrief was a healthy scratch. He didn't have a TD, but Delvin Hodges kept him involved with Rudolph exited with a concussion.
- **Week 6 – 3.4 ... 2/2-14-0 @ LAC. DELVIN HODGES STARTED.** Johnson was barely involved, just like every other PIT WR. Both of his targets were easy completions. He took a scary hit from Thomas Davis but appeared OK.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 19.4 ... 7/5-84-1 vs. MIA. MASON RUDOLPH STARTED.** This was a nice rebound from the rookie after 2 bad games. Johnson has shown a real connection with Mason Rudolph, with a TD in 3 of Rudolph's 4 starts. Johnson had a ridiculous 30-yard catch called back on a weak OPI penalty but redeemed himself with a 45-yard TD on 3rd and 20 when the Dolphins engaged 8.
- **Week 9 – 1.5 ... 2/1-3-0 vs. IND. MASON RUDOLPH STARTED.** Johnson took a back seat to JuJu and James Washington, but it was tough going for the Steelers pass game. Jaylen Samuels had 13 catches.
- **Week 10 – 10.4 ... 6/4-64-0 vs. LAR. MASON RUDOLPH STARTED.** James Washington was the best receiver today. Johnson continues to battle him for the 2nd or 3rd receiving option.
- **Week 11 – 3.7 ... 4/2-17-0 @ CLE. MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. EXITED** with a concussion in the 3rd quarter. Johnson was a defenseless WR.

- **Week 12 – 5.9 ... 6/3-29-0 @ CIN.** MASON RUDOLPH BENCHED. JUJU OUT. Johnson's 6 targets were 1 behind James Washington for the team lead on a day where the Steelers completed just 13/27 throws. Rudolph was benched in the 3rd quarter after skipping a pass to Johnson's feet.
- **Week 13 – 4.1 ... 5/1-14-0, 1-17-0 vs. CLE.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. JUJU OUT. He actually led the team with 5 targets but James Washington (4-111-1) ruled the day.
- **Week 14 – 25.6 ... 8/6-60-1, 1-16-0, TD @ ARI.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. JUJU OUT. Johnson was single-handedly responsible for 14 of the 23 PIT points, slicing through flailing arm tackles for an 85-yard punt return TD. He also caught a back-shoulder fade from Duck Hodges, and he turned a 14-yard rushing gain out of a play that looked to be going nowhere.
- **Week 15 – 9.2 ... 7/5-62-0 vs. BUF.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. JUJU OUT. He fumbled a handoff from James Conner in the red zone but made up for that by opening up the second half with a 31-yard catch and run.
- **Week 16 – 22.1 ... 9/8-81-1 @ NYJ.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Johnson snatched a game-tying TD pass just before the half, dusting a CB for an uncontested 29-yard score.
- **Week 17 – 9.4 ... 7/4-54-0 @ BAL.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. Played 32-56 SPG weeks 3-17 with high counts of 53 in weeks 5 and 10 and 56 in week 16.
- **Season Summary:** Johnson was one of the few offensive bright spots, playing well as a rookie. He does not have great speed or size, but he is a good route runner who knows how to separate. His numbers would have been better if not for poor QB play, and the Steelers were reluctant to feature him, as he battled James Washington for No. 2 duties behind JuJu all season long. Johnson performed well despite his QBs in weeks 14-17, when Smith-Schuster was dealing with a knee injury. He had offseason sports-hernia surgery. 65th highest graded WR, per PFF. Strong Finish weeks 14-17.
- **Season Totals:** 92/59-680-5, 0 100+... 4-41-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.5 PPG in 11 Games w/ Rudolph (minus weeks 1-2 w/ limited snaps and weeks 6, 11, 17 w/ Hodges) = WR38 Pace... 11.13 in Final 10 Games = WR41 Pace.

WR James Washington

- **Week 1 – 7.1 ... 6/2-51-0 @ NE.** Washington outplayed Donte Moncrief, but his only highlight was a 45-yard catch.
- **Week 2 – 4.3 ... 3/2-23-0 vs. SEA. BIG BEN EXITED.**
- **Week 3 – 3.4 ... 5/2-14-0 @ SF.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Washington was not showered with targets despite playing with his college QB.
- **Week 4 – 0.0 ... 1/0-0-0 vs. CIN.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Washington appears to be the 3rd receiving option behind JuJu and Diontae Johnson.

- **Week 5 – 8.2 ... 6/3-52-0 vs. BAL.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. EXITED later in the game with a shoulder injury.
- **Week 6 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 3.1 ... 6/1-21-0 vs. MIA.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Washington only has 10 catches on 27 targets this season. Diontae Johnson passed Washington on the depth chart long ago. Washington rotates with Donte Moncrief in sub-packages.
- **Week 9 – 10.9 ... 4/4-69-0 vs. IND.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Washington's first catch was in tight coverage and required some solid body control to complete the process while his second was an acrobatic one-handed snag on a slant behind him. The 69 REYD was the most he's gained in 20 career games.
- **Week 10 – 19.0 ... 7/6-90-1, FL vs. LAR.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Washington led the Steelers in all receiving categories. He had a red zone TD on a jump ball in the corner of the end zone and busted off a 34-yard run later in the game. He did fumble on that run after catch.
- **Week 11 – 7.9 ... 5/3-49-0 @ CLE.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Washington drew a 33-yard DPI on the Steelers' second drive. JuJu Smith Schuster and Diontae Johnson were both knocked out with concussions, so this was an underwhelming game.
- **Week 12 – 18.8 ... 7/3-98-1 @ CIN.** MASON RUDOLPH BENCHED. JUJU OUT. The Steelers threw just 27 times, and Washington's 7 targets led the day. Delvin Hodges came in for Mason Rudolph and found him for a 79-yard TD on his second pass. Steelers WRs are hard to trust in this broken offense, but Washington has been more involved in the last month.
- **Week 13 – 21.1 ... 4/4-111-1 vs. CLE.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. JUJU OUT. This was his 3rd TD in his last 4 games. He snagged a 31-yard catch over Greedy Williams and then tied the game heading into halftime with a 30-yard TD while being dragged to the ground. He led the team with 100 air yards as Duck Hodges blindly trusted his receivers downfield, breathing life into an anemic passing attack.
- **Week 14 – 7.3 ... 4/4-33-0 @ ARI.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. JUJU OUT. Washington also drew 2 DPI penalties downfield, getting dragged to the ground multiple times by a rookie CB.
- **Week 15 – 13.3 ... 11/5-83-0 vs. BUF.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. JUJU OUT. He had one highlight catch, a 34-yarder. He managed to lead the Steelers in receiving despite a horrific game from Hodges.
- **Week 16 – 9.1 ... 8/5-41-0 @ NYJ.** MASON RUDOLPH STARTED. Washington was nearly the hero for PIT, coming painfully close to what would have been a go-ahead TD on the final drive. He had his hands on a potential 44-yard score but safety Marcus Maye denied him, closing fast for a game-saving pass breakup.
- **Week 17 – 0.0 ... 3/0-0-0 @ BAL.** DELVIN HODGES STARTED. It's a bad finish to a good second half of the season.

- **Season Summary:** James Washington was not used much during weeks 1-8, batting Donte Moncrief in the WR rotation. He ended up finding a groove as a deep threat along with Diontae Johnson. Washington had a nice second half of the season, making the most of abysmal QB play. 73rd highest graded WR, per PFF. Strong finish weeks 9-17.
- **Season Totals:** 80/44-735-3, 1 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 10.38 PPG in 11 Games w/ Rudolph (minus weeks 1-2 w/ limited snaps and weeks 6, 11, 17 w/ Hodges) = WR44 Pace... 11.05 in Final 10 Games (Post-BYE) = WR42 Pace.

Running Game:

RB James Conner

- **Week 1 – 10.5 ... 10-21-0, 4/4-44-0 @ NE.** The Steelers staff spent the offseason talking about the backfield touches being spread out pretty evenly, and how they have experimented with 2-back formations, although Mike Tomlin has noted that he likes one runner. On opening night, he didn't lose much work to Jaylen Samuels, who had just 3 touches. Conner looked great in preseason, but he didn't against New England's defense.
- **Week 2 – 13.5 ... 11-33-1, 4/3-12-0 vs. SEA. EXITED** with a knee injury. He was bottled up before then but scored on a goal line TD. 31 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 7.7 ... 13-43-0, 4/4-14-0, FL @ SF. MASON RUDOLPH STARTED.** The Steelers offense was stagnant and could have looked worse if not for the 49ers' 5 offensive turnovers. Conner has had a rough going early in the season against 3 tough matchups.
- **Week 4 – 26.5 ... 10-42-0, 8/8-83-1 vs. CIN.** The Steelers' best way of moving the ball was on short passes to RBs James Conner and Jaylen Samuels. The duo combined for 16 catches for 140 REYD. Samuels also scored a RUTD. The Wildcat formation helped the runners create yards.
- **Week 5 – 11.5 ... 14-55-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. BAL.** After being evaluated for an ankle injury during the week, Conner saw a season-high in 46 snaps (played 31-38 SPG weeks 1-4). He out-carried Jaylen Samuels 14-5. Conner had goal line touches. Mason Rudolph got hurt and Devlin Hodges came in for relief.
- **Week 6 – 30.9 ... 16-41-1, 7/7-78-1 @ LAC. EXITED** with a quad injury after 3 quarters. Conner was fed the ball all night long. The touches caught up to him eventually, as he eventually got hurt. The Steelers were already up multiple TDs when the injury occurred. Conner was happy to consistently break tackles and rack up yards in both the rushing and passing games. He showed some elusive running on a 26-yard screen. 29 snaps.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 24.0 ... 23-145-1, 4/3-5-0 vs. MIA.** Season-high snap count of 61. The Dolphins predictably paved the way for his breakout game. His TD came from 9

yards out in the 4th quarter where he wouldn't be denied finding the end zone. He EXITED in the 4th quarter while handling meaningless clock-killing carries.

- **Week 9 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 10 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 11 – 2.6 ... 5-10-0, 2/1-6-0 @ CLE. EXITED** early with a re-aggravation of his shoulder injury. He looked nowhere near healthy in this game. Only 13 snaps.
- **Week 12 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 13 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 14 – DNP – Shoulder**
- **Week 15 – 15.1 ... 8-42-0, 5/4-9-1 vs. BUF.** Questionable with shoulder injury. Conner started and led the backfield in snaps. He looked over his shoulder injury, playing his physical style and running through multiple tackles despite not having much of a workload. He broke a tackle from 11 yards out for his RETD. He was the clear back in what ended up a pass-heavy gamescript. 34 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 3.2 ... 6-32-0, 0/0-0-0 @ NYJ. EXITED** with a thigh injury. Conner was playing well before exiting, but it's another week, another injury. 9 snaps.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Thigh**
- **Season Summary:** James Conner had an injury-riddled, disappointing season. He averaged only 4.0 YPC playing mostly with backup QBs. He missed 6 games and exited early in 4 others. He's a talented back, but he can't stay healthy as the lead runner with a physical style. This will likely force Pittsburgh to dial down his touches in 2020. He enters the final year of his contract. 21st highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 116-464-4 (4.0 YPC) 1 100+... 38/34-251-3.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 17.46 PPG in 8 Games (minus early exits in week 11, 16) = RB10 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Alejandro Villanueva** – (16/16 LT)... 85 overall.
- **Ramon Foster** – (14/16 LG)... 62.3 overall. DNP weeks 9-10.
- **Stefen Wisniewski** – (0/16 LG)... 81 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Maurkice Pouncey** – (13/16 C)... 62 overall. DNP weeks 12-13, 17.
 - **B.J. Finney** – (4/16 iOL)... 62 overall. Started week 9 at LG, weeks 12-13, 17 at C.
- **David DeCastro** – (16/16 RG)... 82 overall.
- **Matt Feiler** – (16/16 RT)... 84 overall.

DEFENSE:

ED: **T.J. Watt** 98
ED: Bud Dupree 89

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| ED: Anthony Chickillo | 69 | DNP weeks 3-5, 8. ~15 SPG. |
| ED: Alex Highsmith | -- | |
| DT: Cameron Heyward | 97 | |
| DT: Stephon Tuitt | 94 | DNP weeks 6-17. |
| DT: Javon Hargrave | 88 | |
| DT: Chris Wormley | 73 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Tyson Alualu | 83 | ~25 SPG. |
| LB: Devin Bush | 72 | |
| LB: Mark Barron | 65 | DNP week 6. |
| LB: Vince Williams | 73 | Sig Snaps weeks 5-17. |
| CB: Steven Nelson | 87 | |
| CB: Joe Haden | 85 | |
| NCB: Mike Hilton | 74 | |
| NCB: Cameron Sutton | 74 | ~15 SPG. |
| FS: Minkah Fitzpatrick | 92 | Started weeks 3-17. |
| SS: Terrell Edmunds | 71 | |

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Passing Game:

QB Jimmy Garoppolo

- **Week 1 – 10.4 ... 166, 1-1 @ TB.** The 49ers' DST scored 14 points as Jimmy G struggled early and often. He missed several open receivers downfield and gifted a pick-6 to the Bucs. George Kittle TDs were called back due to penalties, so that was unlucky. Reminder that he's coming off a torn ACL.
- **Week 2 – 22.6 ... 296, 3-1 @ CIN.** This was a nice rebound. He started fast with 2 30+ PATDs to Raheem Mostert and Marquise Goodwin. He added a goal line throw to Deebo Samuel. He forced some throws, including his INT into heavy coverage.
- **Week 3 – 9.3 ... 277, 1-2, FL vs. PIT.** The offense moved the ball well but turned the ball over 5 times, including a few while approaching a score.
- **Week 4 –** BYE
- **Week 5 – 14.9 ... 181, 2-0 vs. CLE.** This was an easy night as the 49ers blew out the Browns by running the ball and playing defense. Jimmy G had 2 short scores and managed the game well.
- **Week 6 – 12.1 ... 243, 0-1, 5-4-1, FL @ LAR.** Again, Jimmy G wasn't asked to do much because the defense balled out and the running game carried the offense. He's limited his mistakes in the last 2 games.
- **Week 7 – 6.0 ... 151, 0-1, 4-20-0 @ WAS.** DEEBO SAMUEL OUT. The 49ers shut out the lowly Redskins, so again Garoppolo wasn't asked to do much. He had just 21 attempts. He struggled, underthrowing Dante Pettis badly on his INT and making a number of bad decisions.
- **Week 8 – 13.0 ... 175, 2-1 vs. CAR.** Jimmy G was efficient, completing 18/22 throws with the lone exception of a bad INT to Luke Kuechly on a routine out route. He had 2 short scores to build a 27-3 lead.
- **Week 9 – 28.8 ... 317, 4-0 @ ARI.** After basically 7 games of getting carried by an outstanding defense and running game, Jimmy G finally balled out himself. He worked his connections with Emmanuel Sanders and George Kittle, showing quick release and ball placement.
- **Week 10 – 10.0 ... 248, 1-1, 2 FL vs. SEA.** GEORGE KITTLE OUT. His 46 attempts were a career high by 9 throws, but his 52% completion rate stunk. He absorbed 5 sacks and numerous hits despite getting LT Joe Staley and RT Mike McGlinchey back from month+ injuries. He could have easily thrown 5 INTs, and he looked scared with the pocket collapsing around him.
- **Week 11 – 29.6 ... 424, 4-2 vs. ARI.** GEORGE KITTLE OUT. The cure must be playing ARI each week, as Jimmy G scored 8 TDs in 2 games vs. ARI. Today, he didn't play

as well as the numbers suggest. His 2 INTs were horrible throws in the red zone. Richie James did all the work on his longest play of 57 yards.

- **Week 12 – 18.2 ... 253, 2-0 vs. GB.** Garoppolo picked apart the Packers' secondary, tossing TDs on deep shots to Deebo Samuel and George Kittle. He was perfect on play action. He only attempted 20 throws but had a great YPA.
- **Week 13 – 9.1 ... 165, 1-0, FL @ BAL.** It was a low-wattage day in the rain-drenched road affair. Deebo Samuel did the heavy lifting on his 33-yard 4th down score. The 49ers are a run-first team.
- **Week 14 – 28.0 ... 349, 4-1 @ NO.** This is his 3rd 4-TD game this season, and actually 3rd in the last 3rd in the last 6 games. This was a total shoot out in the dome. The Saints couldn't stop the 49ers offense. Jimmy G had a 75-yard lob to Emmanuel Sanders who fell down after the catch and got back up and scored. Garoppolo led a 4th quarter comeback drive with little time. He was clutch today.
- **Week 15 – 12.6 ... 200, 1-0 vs. ATL.** This was a train wreck performance after the emotional road win in New Orleans. Garoppolo only found luck with George Kittle today. He's averaged 1.27 scores in 11 games not against ARI or NO.
- **Week 16 – 10.4 ... 248, 1-2 vs. LAR.** Jimmy G was bad for most of this game. He was sacked 6 times and his 2 INTs were costly. The second was deflected into the air. He did make some big plays to erase some of the nonsense. He was clutch again in the 4th quarter, making big throws to set up a game-winning FG, just like in the Saints game.
- **Week 17 – 11.8 ... 285, 0-0 @ SEA.** Garoppolo aired it out, connecting on deep shots. He was 18/22 and averaged 13.0 YPA despite not scoring.
- **Week 18 – 7.2 ... 131, 1-1 vs. MIN.** Garoppolo wasn't very good, but he didn't need to be with the 49ers' defensive front erasing the Vikings. The ground game dominated.
- **Week 19 – 3.0 ... 77, 0-0 vs. GB.** The running game was so great that Jimmy G only had to attempt 8 passes to win by 17 in a blowout.
- **Week 20 – 8.7 ... 219, 1-2 @ KC.** The 49ers finally took the training wheels off, but Kyle Shanahan was too conservative with a first half lead before having to dial it up late. He missed a big throw to Emmanuel Sanders, who had a step or two on a defender on a deep route.
- **Season Summary:** The 49ers rode their great running attack and defense to a Super Bowl appearance. Garoppolo was inconsistent. He had some great performances (three 4-TD games vs. ARI twice and NO) and some clutch throws on a few game-winning drives, but he also had many horrible INTs and struggles under pressure. He'd prefer to be a game manager, but he's aided by a great offensive mind and play-caller in Kyle Shanahan. 13th highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 3,978 PAYD, 28-18 TD/INT, 8.4 YPA, 69.1%, 102.0 QBR, 3 300+... 46-62-1, 24-14 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.02 PPG in 19 Games (16 reg + 3 playoff) = QB28 Pace.

WR Deebo Samuel

- **Week 1 – 4.7 ... 3/3-17-0, FL @ TB.** Samuel started ahead of Dante Pettis but only had 3 targets. He successfully corralled a 2-point conversion as the Niners had a commanding lead. 59 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 20.3 ... 7/5-86-1 @ CIN.** Samuel started for the second straight week over Dante Pettis. The 49ers made it a point to get him involved, manufacturing short passes to him and touches from the backfield. He led the team in targets. His TD came on a goal line corner route. Only 27 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 7.4 ... 4/3-44-0 vs. PIT.** Samuel was quiet with Jimmy G spreading the ball around to 10 different receivers. 41 snaps.
- **Week 4 – BYE**
- **Week 5 – 1.3 ... 3/1-3-0 vs. CLE.** He appears part of a receiver committee. He couldn't get anything going after the catch today, which is his strength. 35 snaps.
- **Week 6 – 4.9 ... 5/3-18-0 @ LAR.** Samuel hasn't had a productive day since week 2, as the 49ers continue to run the ball religiously.
- **Week 7 – DNP – Groin**
- **Week 8 – 13.8 ... 3/3-19-0, 2-29-1 vs. CAR.** The 49ers made an effort to get Samuel going, feeding him two carries on end-arounds. He converted one for a score. It's tough for his receiving game to get going in this run-first offense.
- **Week 9 – 8.0 ... 7/4-40-0 @ ARI.** Samuel displayed some serious juice on his 4 grabs, but he did have a comically bad drop in the end zone. He looked like he was intentionally trying not to score. Emmanuel Sanders put a stranglehold on No. 1 duties with his game + Samuel's gaffe.
- **Week 10 – 19.2 ... 11/8-112-0 vs. SEA.** KITTLE OUT AND SANDERS EXITED. After Sanders left in the first half, Samuel was Jimmy G's go-to guy with Kittle OUT. Samuel was a truck with the ball in his hands and delivered some punishing YAC.
- **Week 11 – 21.4 ... 10/8-134-0 vs. ARI.** KITTLE OUT. Samuel has back-to-back great games with Kittle OUT. Emmanuel Sanders was active for this one but re-injured his ribs halfway through and did not return.
- **Week 12 – 13.0 ... 2/2-50-1 vs. GB.** Questionable with a shoulder injury. Samuel stayed hot, breaking loose and out-running the entire Packers' secondary for a 42-yard TD. The 49ers didn't throw much after that because they didn't need to. Emmanuel Sanders and George Kittle were healthy for this one, and Samuel was a focal point. Low snap count of 35.
- **Week 13 – 14.1 ... 4/2-41-1, 1-20-0 @ BAL.** Samuel was rugged on a 33-yard catch and run TD in the 1st quarter, breaking a weak Marcus Peters tackle. It was raining in this one.
- **Week 14 – 15.9 ... 8/5-76-0, 2-33-0 @ NO.** His 31-yard gain on the ground was explosive. Samuel has 100 YFS and/or 1 TD in 5 straight games.
- **Week 15 – 4.7 ... 3/1-29-0, 1-8-0 vs. ATL.** Jimmy G had a rough game today even though it was at home against a soft Falcons defense.
- **Week 16 – 15.9 ... 6/4-31-0, 3-28-1 vs. LAR.** Samuel was an all-around gadget weapon for Kyle Shanahan. He was given manufactured touches near the LOS,

including a straight-up handoff run that he took down the sideline for a 19-yard TD. He's built like a RB, and Shanahan is moving him all around the formation.

- **Week 17 – 24.5 ... 5/5-102-0, 2-33-1 @ SEA.** Samuel got a reverse and hit a spin move on the sidelines for his score. He nearly had another TD but went down at the 1-yard line at the end of a 24-yard catch.
- **Week 18 – 7.8 ... 6/3-42-0, 1-6-0 vs. MIN.** Samuel's 6 targets actually led the 49ers' offense on an afternoon where the passing attack was not needed. He almost lost a fumble but was ruled down by contact.
- **Week 19 – 10.9 ... 3/2-46-0, 2-43-0 vs. GB.** Samuel was the only Niners' pass catcher to clear 20 REYD on a night where Jimmy G only had to attempt 8 passes. The ground game was that good for the second straight week. He had a 32-yard end-around.
- **Week 20 – 14.1 ... 9/5-39-0, 3-52-0 @ KC.** The 49ers should have used him more in the Super Bowl. Samuel played 43-57 SPG weeks 11-20 except for weeks 12 (35) and 17 (39).
- **Season Summary:** The No. 36 overall pick in the draft, Samuel flashed his skill-set after an Emmanuel Sanders rib injury in week 10 allowed him to take on a bigger role. He never gave the job back to Sanders, and the 49ers worked to get the ball into Samuels' hands. He's a play-maker with the ball, and he was often used as a runner by Kyle Shanahan. Unfortunately, the 49ers' running game limited his upside. 21st highest graded WR, per PFF. Strong finish weeks 16-20.
- **Season Totals:** 81/57-802-3, 3 100+... 14-159-3.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 14.68 PPG in Final 11 Games (Post-Sanders Injury and Snap Increase, 8 reg + 3 playoff) = WR23 Pace.

TE George Kittle

- **Week 1 – 13.4 ... 10/8-54-0 @ TB.** Kittle held his own even in a day that saw the Niners' offense crumble. He had 7 more targets than the next closest receiver. His receiving line should have included 2 TDs, but both were negated due to offensive penalties.
- **Week 2 – 8.4 ... 3/3-54-0 @ CIN.** Kittle took a back seat to Deebo Samuel and the 49ers ran the ball 42 times thanks to game flow.
- **Week 3 – 11.7 ... 8/6-57-0 vs. PIT.**
- **Week 4 –** BYE
- **Week 5 – 20.8 ... 8/6-70-1, 1-18-0 vs. CLE.** Kittle hasn't scored a TD yet or topped 70 REYD. The Niners ran the ball with ease and rode that along with their defense to an easy 28-point win.
- **Week 6 – 18.3 ... 8/8-103-0 @ LAR.** Questionable with groin injury. There was concern he wouldn't be able to "finish the game" with his injury. But Kittle didn't look slowed at all, dominating all over the field. The 49ers defense again dominated after the opening drive.

- **Week 7 – 6.8 ... 5/3-38-0 @ WAS.** DEEBO SAMUEL OUT. Kittle led the team in targets but fell victim to game flow once again with the 49ers running 39 times. He looked healthy after missing some practice time with that groin injury.
- **Week 8 – 14.6 ... 7/6-86-0 vs. CAR.** Kittle was dominant for most of the afternoon, catching everything thrown his way before inevitably showing off some of his patented run after catch ability. Kittle has only managed to find the end zone once this season.
- **Week 9 – 19.9 ... 8/6-79-1 @ ARI.** Kittle took a shot in the knee and remained down for several moments before heading to the sideline to try to walk it off. He eventually did, but he appeared hobbled several more times throughout the evening. The issue didn't affect him when the ball was in his hands. He was a man amongst boys on his 30-yard TD in the opening quarter, breaking tackles and stiff arming defenders. He looked like Rob Gronkowski on that play.
- **Week 10 – DNP – Knee/Ankle**
- **Week 11 – DNP – Knee/Ankle**
- **Week 12 – 24.9 ... 6/6-129-1 vs. GB.** Adam Schefter reported that Kittle has been dealing with a broken bone in his ankle. It is not completely recovered. He was still able to get behind the Packers' secondary and was left wide open for a 61-yard TD off play action. Low snap count of 38 (played least 47 SPG in every other game).
- **Week 13 – 3.4 ... 4/2-17-0 @ BAL.** Playing on a rain-soaked day in BAL, Kittle was the victim of a run-first game plan from the 49ers. Jimmy G attempted just 21 passes.
- **Week 14 – 18.7 ... 8/6-67-1 @ NO.** Kittle scored from 5 yards out in the 3rd quarter of the shootout, diving for the pylon for the TD. His biggest play was a 39-yard catch and run on 4th and 2 with less than 1 minute to play with the 49ers trailing by 1. Kittle dragged 3 defenders with him after he turned upfield, channeling his inner Marshawn Lynch.
- **Week 15 – 26.4 ... 17/13-134-0 vs. ATL.** It was an embarrassing effort from the 49ers' offense, but Kittle himself looked incredible in all aspects of the game. He manhandled defenders while run blocking and accounted for 67% of the Niners' 200 REYD.
- **Week 16 – 18.9 ... 8/5-79-1 vs. LAR.** Kittle once again proved why he's one of the best TEs in the game. In addition to demolishing defenders while run blocking, Kittle was a near impossible cover for the Rams' secondary. He found room over the middle for chunk first down gains and made a contested grab in the 4th.
- **Week 17 – 16.3 ... 7/7-86-0 @ SEA.** Kittle owned the middle of the field, burning Seattle for a pair of chunk plays. Jimmy G did not throw any TDs in this one. He's gone over 1,000 REYD for the 2nd straight year.
- **Week 18 – 7.8 ... 5/3-16-0 vs. MIN.** This was his most quiet performance. He was needed as more of a run blocker with the 49ers gutting MIN on the ground.
- **Week 19 – 10.9 ... 1/1-19-0 vs. GB.** Still dealing with an ankle injury in practice, Kittle was again reduced to run blocking for Raheem Mostert's dominant 4 TD

performance. The 49ers again relied on running game and defense to destroy manhandle their opponent.

- **Week 20 – 14.1 ... 7/4-36-0 @ KC.** Kittle revealed he has been playing with a torn labrum in his right shoulder since 2018.
- **Season Summary:** In a tier with Travis Kelce ahead of the rest of the NFL's TEs, Kittle took a small statistical step backward as the 49ers rode a great rushing attack and defense to the Super Bowl. He still balled out despite battling ankle, knee, and labrum issues. The 26-year-old TE excelled as a run blocker last season and is entering a contract year. He also had a few TDs called back by penalty. 1st highest graded TE (and player in the NFL), per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 107/85-1,053-5, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.97 PPG in 17 Games (14 reg + 3 playoff) = TE4 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Raheem Mostert

- **Week 1 – 5.0 ... 9-40-0, 1/1-0-0 @ TB.** TEVIN COLEMAN EXITED. Mostert was inserted into the lineup once Tevin Coleman was ruled out and Matt Breida had dehydration issues. 20 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 24.1 ... 13-83-0, 4/3-68-1 @ CIN.** COLEMAN OUT. Mostert had an expanded role with Coleman inactive. Matt Breida was the feature back before Mostert took over late in the blowout win. Jeff Wilson played a role in the red zone to form out the RBBC trio. 32 snaps.
- **Week 3 – 5.9 ... 12-79-0, 1/0-0-0, FL vs. PIT.** COLEMAN OUT. Mostert was the best runner this week, but was targeted only once and lost all goal line TDs to Jeff Wilson. 24 snaps.
- **Week 4 – BYE**
- **Week 5 – 3.4 ... 7-34-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. CLE.** 24 snaps.
- **Week 6 – 1.3 ... 4-13-0, 0/0-0-0 @ LAR.** 7 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 0.0 ... 0-0-0, 0/0-0-0 @ WAS.** DEEBO SAMUEL OUT. Questionable with a knee injury. He was active but didn't play.
- **Week 8 – 12.0 ... 9-60-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. CAR.** Questionable with a knee. Mostert had a nifty 41-yard TD, but the game had already been decided when he entered. The 49ers have featured Tevin Coleman and Matt Breida as 1-A and 1-B. Breida exited with an ankle injury. 14 snaps.
- **Week 9 – -0.2 ... 1- -2-0, 0/0-0-0 @ ARI.** Questionable with a knee. With Matt Breida and Tevin Coleman health, Mostert wasn't needed. 2 snaps.
- **Week 10 – 4.5 ... 6-28-0, 1/1-7-0 vs. SEA.** Questionable with a knee. 18 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 4.7 ... 6-13-0, 3/2-14-0 vs. ARI.** MATT BREIDA OUT. Questionable with a knee. Neither Mostert nor Tevin Coleman were able to do anything as a runner. 35 snaps.

- **Week 12 – 13.7 ... 6-45-1, 3/1-22-0 vs. GB.** BREIDA OUT. Mostert had an expanded role with Breida missing another week. He was a nonfactor in the first half before getting fed touches in mop-up duty. Mostert's TD came on a run up the middle where he broke multiple tackles late in the 4th quarter. He played ahead of Jeff Wilson, who had 2 carries. 14 snaps.
- **Week 13 – 23.4 ... 19-146-1, 2/2-8-0 @ BAL.** BREIDA OUT. Tevin Coleman got the start, but Mostert took advantage of an opportunity and unseated Coleman, at least for this game. Coleman (5-6-0) struggled in the rain-soaked conditions. Mostert was a mudder, breaking off chunk gains in a strong effort. He's earned more playing time now. 40 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 24.9 ... 10-69-1, 2/2-40-1 @ NO.** Even with Breida back in the lineup, Mostert paced the Niners' backfield with 12 touches compared to Breida's 7 and Coleman's 3. Mostert has effectively taken Coleman's job, it appears. He looks more explosive with fresher legs. 38 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 10.9 ... 14-54-1, 2/1-5-0 vs. ATL.** Kyle Shanahan said Mostert has earned his role as the team's top ball carrier. He converted a goal line TD and was fine between the 20s. Matt Breida fumbled twice and Coleman only had 4 carries. 34 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 11.3 ... 11-53-1, 1/0-0-0 vs. LAR.** Tevin Coleman started and finished the game on the last drive, but it was Mostert in the middle. He continues to show top-end burst, averaging 4.8 YPC in a physical contest. 31 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 20.3 ... 10-57-2, 2/1-16-0 @ SEA.** Mostert's first TD was a goal line conversion from 2 yards out. His second was a trap play where he broke 2 tackles and walked into the end zone. This is the 6th straight game he's scored a TD. He has 952 total yards and 10 TDs on 151 regular season touches. 27 snaps.
- **Week 18 – 5.8 ... 12-58-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. MIN.** For the first time since week 11, Mostert was out-gained by Tevin Coleman, who surprisingly had a 22-12 advantage in carries with the hot hand. Both runners were efficient. Mostert admitted he was limited by a calf cramp, which led to his departure in the 4th quarter. 23 snaps.
- **Week 19 – 48.6 ... 29-220-4, 2/2-6-0 vs. GB.** Mostert felt much better in this game. His 220 RUYD were the second most of the season and in postseason history. The 49ers utterly dominated the Packers' defensive front with play design. Mostert was routinely sprung for gains of 10+ RUYD. Tevin Coleman was dealing with a shoulder issue and Matt Breida is no longer a factor. 44 snaps.
- **Week 20 – 13.0 ... 12-58-1, 1/1-2-0 @ KC.** The 49ers should have utilized Mostert more in the Super Bowl. 35 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** No one better epitomized the 49ers' dominant rushing attack than journeyman Mostert, who became coach Kyle Shanahan's third and most effective lead back down the stretch. He averaged 5.6 YPC (6.1 from week 13, onward) behind a road-paving O-Line and scheme. He was not involved in the passing game, however. He's earned the right to start in 2020. 6th highest graded RB, per PFF.

- **Season Totals:** 137-772-8 (5.6 YPC) 1 100+... 22/14-180-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.92 PPG in 18 Games (15 reg minus healthy scratch vs. CAR + 3 playoff) = RB23 Pace... 19.77 PPG in Final 8 Games (Post-Snap Increase, 5 reg + 3 playoff) = RB6 Pace.

RB Tevin Coleman

- **Week 1 – 7.6 ... 6-23-0, 3/2-33-0 @ TB.** EXITED with a high ankle sprain. 18 snaps.
- **Week 2 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 3 – DNP – Ankle**
- **Week 4 – BYE**
- **Week 5 – 15.7 ... 16-97-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. CLE.** Matt Breida got the start and rushed for an 83-yard TD on the opening play but Coleman out-carried him 16-11. It was a 2-man show with Jeff Wilson OUT and Raheem Mostert mixing in sparingly and on special teams. 25 snaps.
- **Week 6 – 14.1 ... 18-45-1, 3/2-16-0 @ LAR.** Coleman has scored in both games since returning from his high ankle sprain and has averaged 17 carries. The 49ers are a run-dominant offense, so he and Breida are having value. 43 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 8.1 ... 20-62-0, 2/2- -1-0 @ WAS.** DEEBO SAMUEL OUT. The team leaned heavily on Coleman in a game with poor field conditions. The 49ers ran the ball 39 times. Matt Breida checked out in the second half for a concussion. 42 snaps.
- **Week 8 – 37.8 ... 11-105-3, 2/2-13-1 vs. CAR.** Coleman scored 3 first half TDs to help give the Niners a 27-3 lead. He scored from 19 and 48 out on the ground, and he converted a 10-yard screen pass. The 49ers were without their starting OTs but still took advantage of Carolina's weak run defense. 31 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 5.6 ... 12-23-0, 4/2-13-0 @ ARI.** It was a very frustrating night for Coleman, who couldn't find any running room as a supposedly-hobbled Matt Breida kept posting chunk gains. Coleman also had a TD called back by holding and dropped what might have been an 84-yard TD on a 4th quarter screen. He'll want to burn this tape just one week after scoring 4 TDs. 37 snaps.
- **Week 10 – 11.2 ... 9-40-0, 4/4-32-0 vs. SEA.** MATT BREIDA EXITED. Raheem Mostert was plugged in as Coleman's sidekick. 41 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 9.2 ... 12-14-0, 4/3-48-0 vs. ARI.** Jimmy G missed him badly on a connection that should have been a walk-in 4-yard TD. Coleman was also stuffed on a 1st and goal carry from the 3-yard line. He's been awful since his 4-TD explosion 3 weeks ago. 37 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 12.9 ... 11-39-1, 4/2-10-0 vs. GB.** Coleman's TD was his only highlight. His downward trend on the ground continued, getting held under 40 RUYD for the 4th straight week despite positive game flow. He's still the lead back in San Fran, for now. 29 snaps.
- **Week 13 – 2.5 ... 5-6-0, 1/1-9-0 @ BAL.** Coleman got the start but quickly gave way to Raheem Mostert, who took the reigns as he ripped off one chunk gain after another (19-146-1). Coleman has averaged 2.48 YPC on 49 carries in 5 games since

his 4-score outburst in Week 8, totaling 122 RUYD. Even considering the 49ers' O-Line injuries, that's pathetic production in one of the league's best-designed rushing attacks. 10 snaps.

- **Week 14 – 0.6 ... 3-6-0, 0/0-0-0 @ NO.** After being benched last week, he was the clear No. 3 RB today. 10 snaps.
- **Week 15 – 4.0 ... 4-40-0, 1/0-0-0 vs. ATL.** Coleman is a complementary piece but played well sparingly today. 19 snaps.
- **Week 16 – 3.3 ... 5-33-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. LAR.** Coleman started and ended this game, but it was all Raheem Mostert again. 24 snaps.
- **Week 17 – 2.8 ... 5-11-0, 2/1-7-0 @ SEA.** Coleman got the start again and then was again outplayed by Mostert. 15 snaps.
- **Week 18 – 22.5 ... 22-105-2, 0/0-0-0 vs. MIN.** Both Coleman and Mostert gutted the Vikings' defensive front on an afternoon where Jimmy G had little success as a passer. This was a reminder that sometimes Kyle Shanahan likes to ride the "hot hand." 33 snaps.
- **Week 19 – 2.1 ... 6-21-0, 0/0-0-0 vs. GB. EXITED** with a dislocated shoulder. He had taken a back seat to a Raheem Mostert before departing. 8 snaps.
- **Week 20 – 4.1 ... 5-28-0, 1/1-3-0 @ KC.** 17 snaps.
- **Season Summary:** Tevin Coleman was slow getting out of the gate because of a high ankle sprain. He had a return in weeks 5-8 as the primary ball carrier over Matt Breida, including a 4-TD game vs. CAR. It was all downhill after that. Coleman began to struggle mightily on the ground despite the 49ers' having such a great rushing attack. Then Raheem Mostert took his job. Coleman averaged 3.21 YPC after week 7 while other 49ers RBs were extremely efficient in a well-blocked, greatly schemed rushing attack. Coleman had the hot hand in the opening round of the playoffs but then disappeared again when Mostert dominated the next week. 24th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 137-544-6 (4.0 YPC) 1 100+... 30/21-180-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 10.1 PPG in 15 Games (13 reg minus early exit week 1 + 2 playoff minus early exit week 19) = RB29 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Joe Staley – (10/19 LT)...** 92 overall. DNP weeks 3-9, 11-13.
 - **Justin Skule – (7/19 LT)...** 68 overall. Started weeks 3-9, 11.
- **Trent Williams – (0/16 LT)...** 92 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Laken Tomlinson – (19/19 LG)...** 77 overall.
- **Weston Richburg – (12/19 C)...** 75 overall. DNP weeks 14-20.
 - **Ben Garland – (7/19 C)...** 77 overall. Started weeks 14-20.
- **Mike Person – (17/19 RG)...** 70 overall. DNP weeks 16-17.
 - **Tom Compton – (0/16 RG)...** 60 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.

- **Mike McGlinchey** – (15/19 RT)... 83 overall (Strong RB). DNP weeks 6-9.
 - **Daniel Brunskill** – (8/19 OL)... 80 overall. Started weeks 6-9 at RT, weeks 12-13 at LT, and weeks 16-17 at RG.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Nick Bosa | 96 | |
| ED: Arik Armstead | 94 | |
| ED: Dee Ford | 82 | DNP weeks 12-17. ~25 SPG. |
| DT: DeForest Buckner | 92 | |
| DT: Javon Kinlaw | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| DT: Solomon Thomas | 66 | ~25 SPG. |
| DT: D.J. Jones | 75 | DNP weeks 10-11, 15-20. ~20 SPG. |
| DT: Sheldon Day | 64 | ~20 SPG. |
| LB: Fred Warner | 83 | |
| LB: Kwon Alexander | 79 | DNP weeks 10-17. |
| LB: Dre Greenlaw | 79 | Started weeks 10-20. |
| LB: Joe Walker | 60 | |
| CB: Richard Sherman | 96 | |
| CB: Emmanuel Moseley | 80 | Started weeks 4-12, 15, 18-20. |
| NCB: K'Waun Williams | 84 | |
| CB: Ahkello Witherspoon | 64 | DNP weeks 4-10, 18-20. |
| FS: Jimmie Ward | 93 | DNP weeks 1-4. |
| SS: Jaquiski Tartt | 75 | DNP weeks 14-17. |
| HS: Marcell Harris | 74 | Started weeks 14-17. |

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Passing Game:

QB Russell Wilson

- **Week 1 – 16.6 ... 195, 2-0, 4-8-0 vs. CIN.** Wilson needed the long ball to move the ball down the field, but luckily he had D.K. Metcalf and Tyler Lockett, who both had a 40+ yard reception. Other than deep passes, CIN kept Wilson under wraps.
- **Week 2 – 24.2 ... 300, 3-0, 6-22-0, FL @ PIT.** Wilson hit TE Will Dissly for 2 red zone scores. He had a game-winning TD to D.K. Metcalf from 28 yards out.
- **Week 3 – 41.3 ... 406, 2-0, 7-51-2 vs. NO.** Wilson let it rip in the second half with SEA trailing, gashing the Saints for 251 PAYD on 36 attempts in the second half. Some of it, including his final TD to Will Dissly, was garbage time (it came on the final play). He had his most success throwing to Tyler Lockett, and D.K. Metcalf reeled in a 54-yard beauty. Wilson extended countless plays with his feet, breaking off TD runs in the 4th quarter.
- **Week 4 – 14.3 ... 240, 1-0, 2-7-0 @ ARI.** Seattle grabbed an early lead then cruised to an easy win. Wilson was allowed to sit back and watch Chris Carson seal the deal. The Cards were zero threat from the opening kickoff.
- **Week 5 – 29.9 ... 268, 4-0, 8-32-0 vs. LAR.** Wilson overcame a night of horrendous play-calling to maintain his ridiculous efficiency. He now has 12 TDs on just 156 attempts. His first score to Tyler Lockett may have been the throw of the season so far. It was a tight-window throw on the run in the back corner of the end zone. It almost looked like he was throwing it away, but it perfectly floated into Tyler Lockett's hands. Wilson is looking great despite under 30 attempts in 3 of 5 games so far.
- **Week 6 – 28.9 ... 295, 2-0, 9-31-1 @ CLE.** Regression-proof Wilson keeps smashing in fantasy. He's the leading MVP candidate through 6 weeks in reality. He's up to 17 TDs and 1 turnover through 6 games. Both his PATDs were to Jaron Brown.
- **Week 7 – 14.3 ... 241, 1-1, 3-27-0 vs. BAL.** Wilson tossed his first INT of the season, and it was his fault on a soft throw that was returned for a TD. The steady rain didn't help Wilson as a passer, but he seemed off today. He definitely missed having red zone threat TE Will Dissly (out for season).
- **Week 8 – 15.6 ... 182, 2-0, 4-4-0 @ ATL.** This was a smash spot, but unfortunately Wilson had too easy of a day. SEA jumped to a lead. D.K. Metcalf was left wide open in the red zone twice. The offense filtered through RB Chris Carson in the second half.
- **Week 9 – 39.2 ... 378, 5-0, 1-21-0 vs. TB.** This was another great matchup, and this time the Bucs showed up to play, forcing Wilson to keep throwing into overtime.

Wilson completed his first 5 throws for 73 PAYD and a TD on the opening drive. His 21-yard run in the 4th quarter was clutch. He threaded the needle to TE Jacob Hollister for the game-winning TD in OT. Tyler Lockett was unstoppable, and D.K. Metcalf was great too. Wilson looks like he has 2 great WRs for the foreseeable future.

- **Week 10 – 16.5 ... 232, 1-1, 6-53-0 @ SF.** This was a physical slugfest that featured a combined 10 sacks, 7 fumbles, and a pair of INTs, with a handful of big hits. Wilson improvised and created outside of structure, making some big plays. He had an INT in OT, but Seattle held firm. He ran for 21 yards in OT to get the team in FG range.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 9.5 ... 200, 1-1, 3-15-0, FL @ PHI.** Wilson started hot with an early 33-yard TD bomb to Malik Turner on a flea-flicker. That was about it, however. Wilson should have had a 2nd 30+ yard TD, but D.K. Metcalf dropped it in the end zone. Wilson also badly missed a wide open Jacob Hollister in the end zone early in the game. His FL was Chris Carson's fault on a handoff issue.
- **Week 13 – 16.9 ... 240, 2-1, 4-13-0 vs. MIN.** Wilson had only 98 PAYD and a pick-6 in the first half. The INT was batted at the LOS. Wilson picked it up after the break, finding Rashaad Penny for a short score and then David Moore for a wide-open 60-yarder. Wilson has failed to reach 250 PAYD in 5 of his last 6 games.
- **Week 14 – 10.6 ... 245, 0-1, 5-28-0 @ LAR.** Wilson never really got going in this one, stalling out on a bunch of drives. He was under a lot of pressure, taking 5 sacks and forcing throws. His INT was a Hail Mary with 2 minutes left. This was easily his worst game. He's slowed down in recent weeks.
- **Week 15 – 19.3 ... 286, 2-0, 3- -1-0 @ CAR.** The Seahawks poured on 4 TDs against Carolina's give-up defense. Wilson found both his starting WRs for 19-yard scores. Wilson was extending plays with his elusiveness while improvising when necessary.
- **Week 16 – 10.9 ... 169, 1-0, 2-2-0 vs. ARI.** Wilson averaged just 5.5 YPA and took 5 sacks. It was a brutal for a great matchup. The loss of Chris Carson and C.J. Prosise didn't help matters, but it was shocking to see Wilson fail to enable either Tyler Lockett or D.K. Metcalf.
- **Week 17 – 20.2 ... 233, 2-0, 8-29-0 vs. SF.** Wilson had just 55 PAYD going into the first half. He had a pair of highlight TDs, extending the play and throwing a dime in a tight window to Tyler Lockett, and hitting back-shoulder fade to D.K. Metcalf for his 2nd score.
- **Week 18 – 21.5 ... 325, 1-0, 9-45-0 @ PHI.** Wilson and D.K. Metcalf scorched the Eagles' weak secondary on the back of 2 big receptions, one for a 53-yard TD and one game-clinching grab for 36 REYD. Poor early-down coaching forced Wilson into many 3rd and longs, but he escaped by clutch play on that down.
- **Week 19 – 21.4 ... 277, 1-0, 7-64-0 @ GB.** Wilson led the team in rushing. He was the offense. Seattle stubbornly tried to hammer the run even though Marshawn Lynch and Travis Homer combined for 39 yards on 15 carries.

- **Season Summary:** Wilson had another great season, as he continued to bail out run-first OC Brian Schottenheimer, with his clutch throws and play-making ability, especially outside the pocket. Wilson loved having TE Will Dissly in the red zone early in the season, and then he moved on to D.K. Metcalf and Tyler Lockett after Dissly got hurt and the season progressed. Wilson went through a minor slump later in the year after an MVP start, but he was still great as always overall. 1st highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 4,110 PAYD, 34-7 TD/INT, 8.0 YPA, 66.1%, 106.3 QBR, 3 300+... 75-342-3, 24-14 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 20.64 PPG in 18 Games (16 reg + 2 playoff) = QB7 Pace.

WR Tyler Lockett

- **Week 1 – 11.4 ... 2/1-44-1 vs. CIN.** Lockett wasn't targeted until the 4th quarter, but it went for a 44-yard TD. Seattle rushed more than it passed, but Lockett has always been so efficient.
- **Week 2 – 17.9 ... 12/10-79-0 @ PIT.** After seeing 2 targets in week 1, Russell Wilson was peppering Lockett with a team-high 12 targets. Unfortunately, Lockett was unable to shake tackle attempts and kept getting dropped immediately after the catch. TE Will Dissly caught 2 TDs and Metcalf the other.
- **Week 3 – 32.4 ... 14/11-154-1 vs. NO.** The 11 catches were a career high. Lockett ran circles around the Saints overmatched secondary. Seattle was forced to throw the entire second half. He was open for a 2nd score but Wilson left him short on a heave.
- **Week 4 – 9.1 ... 4/4-51-0 @ ARI.** Seattle destroyed ARI, so Lockett wasn't needed. Wilson's lone score went to TE Will Dissly, and RB Chris Carson controlled the second half. Lockett has corralled 25/30 targets this season.
- **Week 5 – 14.3 ... 4/4-51-1 vs. LAR.** Lockett had a 5th touch, an ill-advised pitch from Wilson that went down as a -8 yard rush. His 4 targets tied a team lead, surprisingly. Lockett's TD was one of the best you'll see, catching a perfect tight-window throw in the back corner of the end zone and showing impeccable footwork to stay in bounds.
- **Week 6 – 12.8 ... 5/5-75-0 @ CLE.** Russ Wilson is one of the hottest players in the NFL, but Lockett is soaking up defensive attention. He's still efficient as ever and is playing well. TE Will Dissly was lost for the season today.
- **Week 7 – 16.8 ... 7/5-61-1 vs. BAL.** Lockett had 3-53-1 at halftime but disappeared after the break. His targets have been sporadic, but he's been consistently good, but not great.
- **Week 8 – 16.0 ... 6/6-100-0 @ ATL.** Lockett is averaging 11.4 YPT this season. He's been so efficient, but the Seahawks attempted just 20 passes today.
- **Week 9 – 40.2 ... 18/13-152-2 vs. TB.** Lockett was completely un-coverable, assuming multiple forms against a Bucs secondary that simply had no answer for

him. He excelled on underneath routes and deep shots. Lockett did whatever he wanted against CB Jamel Dean. He roasted the Bucs for 49 REYD and 1 TD on the opening drive. He skied over Dean on a breathtaking 3rd quarter TD.

- **Week 10 – 5.9 ... 4/3-26-0 @ SF. EXITED** on the first play of overtime and never returned with a lower leg injury.
- **Week 11 –** BYE
- **Week 12 – 4.8 ... 2/1-38-0 @ PHI.** Lockett played his normal allotment of snaps through his shin injury. He actually led the team in receiving. Wind played a factor in the passing game.
- **Week 13 – 0.0 ... 3/0-0-0 vs. MIN.** Battling the flu during the week, Lockett continued his 3-game slump. He's not being utilized in recent weeks.
- **Week 14 – 8.3 ... 6/4-43-0 @ LAR.** It's an improvement from last week, but he got out-played by Jacob Hollister and D.K. Metcalf. Lockett has been held under 50 REYD in 4 straight weeks.
- **Week 15 – 26.0 ... 9/8-120-1 @ CAR.** Lockett busted his slump in a favorable matchup. He had a difficult 44-yard catch against CB Donte Jackson early. He had an easy 19-yard TD later and a clutch 14-yard gain on 3rd and 11.
- **Week 16 – 2.2 ... 7/1-12-0 vs. ARI.** Lockett struggled to separate throughout the game. He hardly saw any looks until deep into the second half, despite D.K. Metcalf dealing with Patrick Peterson.
- **Week 17 – 17.1 ... 7/6-51-1 vs. SF. EXITED** twice with minor injuries but stayed in the game. His TD was an absolute dime from Russ Wilson in a tight window in the back of the end zone.
- **Week 18 – 10.2 ... 8/4-62-0 @ PHI.** Lockett made numerous splash plays, including a 29-yard catch along the sideline, but his performance was overshadowed by D.K. Metcalf's dominant day.
- **Week 19 – 28.6 ... 10/9-136-1 @ GB.** Seattle loves to run the ball, but Lockett filled up the box score in this one.
- **Season Summary:** Tyler Lockett had a nice season in the wake of Doug Baldwin retiring. Lockett played his role in the slot and was extremely efficient with Russell Wilson, particularly in the first half of the season. He was hospitalized in week 10 and went through a horrible 4-game stretch but was reportedly healthy enough and received full snaps during that span. Lockett came on again in 4 of the final 5 games, which was partly because run-heavy SEA lost their RBs to injuries. Lockett, 28, will share the wealth of the SEA passing game with D.K. Metcalf next season. Both are big-play threats. 13th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 110/82-1,057-8, 4 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 15.22 PPG in 18 Games (16 reg + 2 playoff) = WR17 Pace.

WR D.K. Metcalf

- **Week 1 – 12.9 ... 6/4-89-0 vs. CIN.** The rookie had a minor knee scope in mid-August but declared himself fully healthy for week 1. He wasn't on the injury

report. Metcalf was as good as advertised in his debut. He used his size and elite straight line speed and athleticism to haul in 2 deep balls where he had to go up and snag the ball in traffic. He had 4 more targets than Tyler Lockett.

- **Week 2 – 15.1 ... 7/3-61-1 @ PIT.** Metcalf made a nice 16-yard grab on an off-target throw on Seattle's first play and then stiff-armed 2 players on his 2nd grab before running by a safety for a 28-yard TD.
- **Week 3 – 8.7 ... 6/2-67-0 vs. NO.** His biggest contribution came on a 54-yard catch on the final play of the first half. He somehow reeled it in despite tight coverage from Marshon Lattimore.
- **Week 4 – 1.6 ... 4/1-6-0 @ ARI.** Metcalf wasn't needed in this one. He received a 6-yard end zone target in the second half. RB Chris Carson burned out the clock with a big second half lead. Season-low 39 snaps (played at least 51 SPG in every other game after week 1).
- **Week 5 – 12.4 ... 3/2-44-1 vs. LAR.** Sprung by play action, Metcalf's score was a 40-yarder where he scorched Marcus Peters. He has home run upside but a low floor, with just 13 targets over the past 3 weeks.
- **Week 6 – 11.3 ... 5/4-69-0 @ CLE.** He stiff armed the entire Browns defense pretty much on a 30-yard catch. He was quiet thereafter.
- **Week 7 – 7.3 ... 9/4-53-0, FL vs. BAL.** This was mostly a day to forget for the rookie. He dropped the ball and lost it for a BAL return TD.
- **Week 8 – 16.3 ... 5/3-13-2 @ ATL.** Metcalf was due for some TD luck. He cashed in on 2 red zone grabs, both of which he was uncovered somehow. Metcalf even left a TD on the field when he dropped an over-the-shoulder pass in the corner of the end zone. Rookie mistake.
- **Week 9 – 27.0 ... 9/6-123-1 vs. TB.** Metcalf chipped in a 2-point conversion, a 53-yard TD dash that made CB Jamel Dean look like he was moving in quicksand and countless other highlights. Metcalf showed his freakish athleticism in this game. He had one clutch catch after another in the 4th quarter and OT. Tyler Lockett was even better today, but Metcalf is going to be a problem.
- **Week 10 – 11.0 ... 10/6-70-0, FL @ SF.** Metcalf led the Seahawks in receiving but lost a fumble inside his own 5 yard line fighting for extra yards. His usage is increasing, with 9+ targets in 3 of his last 4 games.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 6.5 ... 6/3-35-0 @ PHI.** Metcalf led the team in targets on a day Russ Wilson only threw it 25 times. He dropped a 38-yard TD in the end zone and was unable to come down with a diving catch later in the game.
- **Week 13 – 11.5 ... 7/6-76-0, FL vs. MIN.** Metcalf again led SEA in receiving, but he nearly fumbled the game away again by losing another fumble inside MIN's 30-yard line.
- **Week 14 – 13.8 ... 6/6-78-0 @ LAR.** Metcalf was the lone bright spot for the Seahawks, catching all 6 of his team-leading 6 targets. He was the only WR getting open for Wilson. He has at least 70 REYD and/or 1 TD in 4 of his past 5 games.

- **Week 15 – 11.6 ... 4/2-36-1 @ CAR.** Metcalf skied over Donte Jackson for a 19-yard TD but was a nonfactor after. Russ Wilson rediscovered Tyler Lockett today.
- **Week 16 – 0.0 ... 1/0-0-0 vs. ARI.** Metcalf saw shadow coverage from Patrick Peterson and was basically ignored all game. Peterson shut him down.
- **Week 17 – 20.1 ... 12/6-81-1 vs. SF.** Metcalf won a fade route over Ahkello Witherspoon from 14 yards out for his TD. He was the clear No. 1 option.
- **Week 18 – 29.0 ... 9/7-160-1 @ PHI.** His 160 REYD were the most by a rookie in a playoff game ever. Philly's weak secondary had no answer for the burly 6'3/228 speedster, getting burnt for a 53-yard TD that Metcalf lunged for, then allowing him to run wide open up the seam for a game-clinching 36-yard grab.
- **Week 19 – 9.9 ... 5/4-59-0 @ GB.**
- **Season Summary:** Metcalf had a fun rookie season. He was surprisingly consistent, going for at least 60 REYD and/or 1 TD in 13 games. He was used as a one-dimensional threat with a limited route tree early on, relying on what he did in college. But the Seahawks expanded his role as the season progressed, especially when Tyler Lockett was hospitalized in week 10. Metcalf can win deep with speed and in the red zone with his leaping ability, and he meshes well with Russell Wilson. 38th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 100/58-900-7, 1 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 12.5 PPG in 18 Games (16 reg + 2 playoff) = WR37 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Chris Carson

- **Week 1 – 24.0 ... 15-46-1, 7/6-34-0, FL vs. CIN.** First round pick Rashaad Penny was expected to take more of Carson's workload in his second season. Carson out-touched Penny 21-6 and had more touches than Russell Wilson (20 attempts) in week 1. As promised, SEA used Carson as a pass catcher, too, which was missing last year.
- **Week 2 – 9.7 ... 15-60-0, 3/3-27-0, FL @ PIT.** Carson fumbled twice in this one after losing 1 in week 1. Carson was able to help kill clock and seal the win later. Rashaad Penny was more involved after the fumbles (10-62-1).
- **Week 3 – 4.0 ... 15-52-0, 1/1- -2-0, FL vs. NO.** Carson spent most of the afternoon in the dog house after losing yet another fumble (3 straight weeks with FL). This one was returned for a TD. He ceded 45 snaps to backup C.J. Prosise.
- **Week 4 – 18.5 ... 22-104-0, 4/4-41-0 @ ARI.** Pete Carroll threw his support behind Carson during the week despite his ball security problems. SEA rode him for 26 touches and 145 YFS. He was a true star, constantly pin-balling in between tackles and plowing through multiple defenders almost every touch. C.J. Prosise vultured a short TD. Rashaad Penny was OUT.

- **Week 5 – 19.3 ... 27-118-0, 2/1-5-1 vs. LAR.** Carson was found all alone in the end zone. He bobbled the pass but eventually caught it. He was running angry, dragging tacklers. He's been in prove-it mode since his fumbling benching in week 3.
- **Week 6 – 25.9 ... 24-124-1, 4/4-35-0 @ CLE.** His 3rd straight 100+ RUYD game, and he's averaging 27 touches per game since being benched. It hasn't mattered whether Rashaad Penny was in or out.
- **Week 7 – 10.4 ... 21-65-0, 5/3-9-0 vs. BAL.** He lost his footing in this game as it rained all day.
- **Week 8 – 15.0 ... 20-90-1, 1/0-0-0 @ ATL.** Game script predictably went Carson's way, so he extended his streak of 20+ carries to 5. He was a monster on the ground, knocking over defenders and picking up first downs, and a goal line TD. Rashaad Penny (8-55-0) was solid too.
- **Week 9 – 13.3 ... 16-105-0, 3/2-28-0, FL vs. TB.** This wasn't a dominant performance, as most of the yards came on a 59-yard burst where he got stripped by Devin White on a chase-down. It landed out of bounds. Carson again coughed it up in the 4th quarter, resulting in his 4th FL of the year.
- **Week 10 – 19.1 ... 25-89-1, 4/3-12-0 @ SF.** Carson ran as hard as ever in this physical dog fight. He continued to push piles forward and fight for extra yards. His TD was of the goal line variety. Rashaad Penny lost another fumble on one of his 2 touches. Carson has at least 20 touches in 6 of his last 7 games. Season-high snap count of 70.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 9.7 ... 8-26-0, 4/4-31-0 @ PHI.** Carson fumbled on back-to-back second dhalf plays, recovering his own but losing it to Philly on the next play. They charged the fumble to Russ Wilson because Carson technically never had possession of it. Carson saw a season-low 8 carries and Rashaad Penny hung a 14-129-1 line with a few explosive runs. Low count of 31 snaps (played at least 37 SPG in all other games).
- **Week 13 – 17.9 ... 23-102-1, 2/1-7-0 vs. MIN.** It's been the story of Carson's season: he fumbles and then responds with a great game afterward. Rashaad Penny was more involved (15-74-1, 5/4-33-1) and had a great game, his second in a row. SEA jumped out to a big lead and hammered the Vikings.
- **Week 14 – 12.1 ... 15-76-0, 4/3-15-0 @ LAR.** Rashaad Penny EXITED with a knee injury on the opening drive, but Carson was ineffective on his touches. Game flow worked against him, with Carson ceding snaps to C.J. Prosise.
- **Week 15 – 26.7 ... 24-133-2, 2/1-4-0 @ CAR.** Going against a horrible run defense, Carson laid waste to CAR, rumbling to a season high in RUYD and scoring twice, once on the opening drive. His second score was a grown man TD from 6 yards out.
- **Week 16 – 7.0 ... 8-40-0, 1/1-20-0 vs. ARI.** EXITED with a hip injury with 2 minutes left in the 2nd quarter. He was playing well before exiting. 18 snaps.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Hip**

- **Week 18 – DNP – Hip**
- **Week 19 – DNP – Hip**
- **Season Summary:** Carson struggled with a league-high 7 fumbles, but Seattle stuck with him, and he responded with several great outings after his fumbles. He fended off Rashaad Penny early in the season, but Penny was pushing for a true backfield split in weeks 12-13 with great games before he tore his ACL on the first drive of week 14. SEA remained run-first and gave Carson plenty of work, sticking with him after his fumbles, though he ceded some passing down work to C.J. Prosise. He ran hard and proved tough to tackle for the majority of the year. A hip injury caused Carson to go on I.R. in week 16, but he's expected to be OK for week 1 of 2020. 9th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 278-1,230-7 (4.4 YPC) 6 100+... 47/37-266-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 16.11 PPG in 14 Games (minus early exit week 16) = RB12 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Duane Brown** – (13/18 LT)... 87 overall (Strong Finish). DNP weeks 6-7, 16-18.
 - **George Fant** – (4/18 LT)... 68 overall. Started weeks 6-7, 17-18.
- **Mike Iupati** – (15/18 LG)... 63 overall. DNP weeks 1, 18-19.
- **B.J. Finney** – (0/16 C)... 63 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Justin Britt** – (7/18 C)... 75 overall. DNP weeks 7-19.
 - **Joey Hunt** – (11/18 C)... 61 overall. Started weeks 8-19.
- **Damien Lewis** – (0/16 RG)... Projected Starter in 2020.
- **D.J. Fluker** – (15/18 RG)... 70 overall. DNP weeks 5-7.
 - **Jamarco Jones** – (5/18 OL)... 60 overall. Started weeks 5-7 at RG, week 16 at LT, and week 18 at LG.
- **Germain Ifedi** – (18/18 RT)... 70 overall (Strong Finish).
- **Brandon Shell** – (0/16 RT)... 72 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Bruce Irvin | 79 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Benson Mayowa | 78 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Darrell Taylor | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Jadeveon Clowney | 93 | DNP weeks 12, 15-16. |
| ED: Rasheem Green | 60 | ~35 SPG. |
| ED: Ezekiel Ansah | 60 | DNP weeks 1-2, 7, 14-15. ~35 SPG. |
| ED: L.J. Collier | 60 | DNP weeks 1, 3-5, 10, 13, 18-19. Min Snaps. |
| DT: Jarran Reed | 79 | DNP weeks 1-6. |

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| NT: Poona Ford | 82 | ~35 SPG. |
| NT: Al Woods | 78 | DNP weeks 16-19. ~35 SPG. |
| DT: Quinton Jefferson | 78 | DNP weeks 7-9. |
| LB: Bobby Wagner | 97 | |
| LB: K.J. Wright | 81 | |
| LB: Jordyn Brooks | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| LB: Mychal Kendricks | 76 | DNP weeks 14-15, 18-19. |
| CB: Quinton Dunbar | 92 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Shaquill Griffin | 87 | |
| CB: Tre Flowers | 60 | |
| NCB: Akeem King | 70 | |
| FS: Quandre Diggs | 85 | DNP weeks 4-6, 8-9, 16-17. |
| SS: Jamal Adams | 97 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| SS: Bradley McDougald | 72 | DNP weeks 7-8. |
| FS: Tedric Thompson | 60 | Started weeks 1, 4-8. |
| FS: Delano Hill | 63 | Started weeks 2-3, 15-17. |
| SS: Marquise Blair | 84 | Started weeks 7-9. |

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Passing Game:

WR Chris Godwin

- **Week 1 – 14.3 ... 6/3-53-1 vs. SF.** Godwin was the lone bright spot for the Bucs, leading the way in targets and fighting off 1-on-1 coverage to grasp the team's only TD.
- **Week 2 – 26.1 ... 9/8-121-1 @ CAR.** Godwin's 20-yard score came on a play fake where he was cutting back toward the middle of the field and got a step on the CB. Godwin was creating space all evening. Jameis Winston's lack of overall passing volume and success is a concern, but Godwin has been the favorite target.
- **Week 3 – 7.0 ... 5/3-40-0 vs. NYG.** Mike Evans (8-190-3) emerged with a whopping 11 more targets than Godwin.
- **Week 4 – 41.2 ... 14/12-172-2 @ LAR.** Questionable with a hip injury. He was actually a game-time decision. This week, it was Godwin who exploded. The Rams had no answer for Godwin out of the slot. He set Nickell Robey-Coleman and the safeties on fire. Both of his scores were of the red zone variety.
- **Week 5 – 31.5 ... 9/7-125-2 @ NO.** With Mike Evans locked down by Marshon Lattimore, Godwin went nuts again for his 3rd 120+ REYD effort in 4 weeks.
- **Week 6 – 25.1 ... 12/10-151-0 vs. CAR.** Another huge game, Godwin has 120+ REYD in 4 of his last 5 games.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 10.3 ... 8/4-43-0 @ TEN.** Godwin played second fiddle to Mike Evans (11-198-2). Season-high 80 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 13.9 ... 9/7-61-0 @ SEA.** Godwin again took a back seat to Mike Evans (12-180-1) and his 16 targets. Godwin still brought plenty of firepower, particularly in the second half. Both players were getting open at will.
- **Week 10 – 13.4 ... 12/6-74-0 vs. ARI.** Godwin has been held below 75 REYD in 3 straight games, though he's drawn 8 targets in each game.
- **Week 11 – 13.7 ... 6/3-47-1 vs. NO.** Godwin's lone highlight occurred on a shallow crossing route that 3rd year standout turned into a 30-yard TD sprint. The Bucs got sudden involvement from Ronald Jones and O.J. Howard in week 10 and Cam Brate in week 11.
- **Week 12 – 37.4 ... 8/7-184-2 @ ATL.** Godwin got cooking early, finding just enough space over the middle to break off a 71-yard TD. Winston kept giving him opportunities in the intermediate part of the field, and Godwin was constantly open. Godwin's 2nd score was a 1-yarder where Godwin beautifully adjusted to an inaccurate throw and snagged it with one hand as the defender tackled him.

- **Week 13 – 9.0 ... 6/4-50-0 @ JAX.** The 6 targets matched his fewest of the season. Winston failed to throw a TD with the Bucs coasting in the second half up 25-0. Godwin was tackled at the 1-yard line at the end of a 27-yard catch.
- **Week 14 – 16.1 ... 9/7-91-0 vs. IND.** MIKE EVANS EXITED. The Colts focused their entire secondary on Godwin after Mike Evans was ruled OUT shortly into the second quarter. Godwin still managed to make a handful of impressive plays, showing off his wild catch radius and after-the-catch goodness.
- **Week 15 – 17.1 ... 8/5-121-0 @ DET.** EVANS OUT. **EXITED** with a hamstring injury in the mid-3rd quarter. He was looked to often without Mike Evans, recording chunk gains of 62, 38, and 20 REYD. 46 snaps (played least 56 SPG in every other game).
- **Week 16 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 17 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Season Summary:** Godwin plays the slot WR role in Bruce Arians pass-first offense, a role that has seen Hines Ward and Larry Fitzgerald thrive. The third-year breakout was real for the 23-year-old before missing the final 2 games with a hamstring pull. He will look to build off an incredible 2019 campaign entering a contract year. 1st highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 121/86-1,333-9, 6 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.7 PPG in 14 Games = WR2 Pace.

WR Mike Evans

- **Week 1 – 4.8 ... 5/2-28-0 vs. SF.** Despite reportedly being over an illness that limited him in practice throughout the week, Evans wheezed his way on and off the field sporadically, and the offense sputtered.
- **Week 2 – 10.1 ... 8/4-61-0 @ CAR.** Evans almost had a 21-yard TD in the 1st quarter but could only get one hand on an off-target Winston throw. Evans has been locked down by the Panthers in past games.
- **Week 3 – 45.0 ... 15/8-190-3 vs. NYG.** We figured his breakout was coming after a slow start. His 15 targets were far and away a team-high mark. Winston peppered Evans downfield (244 air yards) for 2 20-yard TDs and another inside the 5-yard line. Evans' monster 44-yard catch in the game's final seconds was clutch.
- **Week 4 – 18.9 ... 7/4-89-1 @ LAR.** Chris Godwin got fed this week (12-172-2). But then Mike Evans badly burned CB Marcus Peters for a 67-yard TD in the 4th quarter.
- **Week 5 – 0.0 ... 3/0-0-0 @ NO.** Evans was held without a catch. He was locked down by Marshon Lattimore. Jameis Winston rarely had time to let plays develop.
- **Week 6 – 20.6 ... 17/9-96-0 vs. CAR.** Jameis Winston said that in order to win games, the Bucs have to get Mike Evans the ball. He took responsibility for Evans' goose egg in week 5. Here, his 17 targets led the team, but Godwin led the team in receiving. The Bucs made it a point to get Evans, who has struggled against

James Bradberry, going. Jameis Winston turned the ball over all day. It's been an up and down year so far for Evans.

- **Week 7** – BYE
- **Week 8** – 42.8 ... **12/11-198-2 @ TEN**. The Titans were without outside CB Adoree Jackson, so Evans took the soul of interim CB LeShaun Sims. Sims gave up completions of 46, 43, 14, and 13. Evans has been treated as the go-to downfield option, but Chris Godwin leads him 47-38 in catches. Evans has accrued 36% of Tampa's air yards.
- **Week 9** – 36.0 ... **16/12-180-1 @ SEA**. Evans became the first WR in franchise history to clear 150+ REYD in back-to-back games. His 12 catches were a career high. He singlehandedly kept the Bucs afloat in the thrilling barnburner. He went down on the 1-yard line following a 17-yard snag in the 4th quarter.
- **Week 10** – 12.2 ... **6/4-82-0 vs. ARI**. Winston spread the ball around more than usual, finding 5 catchers for at least 3 catches.
- **Week 11** – 10.9 ... **8/4-69-0 vs. NO**. The Bucs have recently tried to get their TEs involved. Cam Brate had 10 catches for 73 REYD on 14 targets. Evans dropped a crucial 3rd and 6.
- **Week 12** – 9.0 ... **8/4-50-0 @ ATL**. Evans was close to a few second half plays, but he was overshadowed by Chris Godwin (7-184-2). Evans joined Randy Moss as the only players with at least 1K REYD in his first 6 seasons.
- **Week 13** – 9.3 ... **11/4-53-0 @ JAX**. This was not a good game considering the target share. Winston had no TDs, and Breshad Perriman and O.J. Howard led the team in receiving. The Bucs jumped out to a 25-0 halftime lead and squatted on the ball in the second half. Winston also missed a wide-open Evans on a would-be 48-yard TD in the first half, overthrowing him by several feet with no defender in the area after a double move.
- **Week 14** – 13.1 ... **2/1-61-1 vs. IND**. **EXITED** early in the 2nd quarter with a hamstring injury after he roasted CB Pierre Desir for a 61-yard TD. 18 snaps.
- **Week 15** – **DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 16** – **DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 17** – **DNP – Hamstring**
- **Season Summary:** Evans, 26, had an up-and-down season with several blow-up games. He was the primary downfield threat for Jameis Winston in Bruce Arians' vertical passing attack, but he had to share the wealth with the emerging Chris Godwin. He missed the final 3.5 games with a hamstring injury. He's never not had at least 1K REYD. 6th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 118/67-1,157-8, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 18.3 PPG in 12 Games (minus early exit week 14) = WR4 Pace.

WR Breshad Perriman

- **Week 13 – 13.7 ... 6/5-87-0 @ JAX.** This was easily Perriman’s best game to date after his previous high in yardage was 44 REYD. He has scored 1 TD to date despite the high-scoring nature of the TB offense.
- **Week 14 – 16.0 ... 5/3-70-1 vs. IND.** MIKE EVANS EXITED. Perriman had a nice one-handed snag for a chunk gain, was overthrown on a potential TD from 26 yards out, and later did find the end zone from the 12-yard line on a well-executed back-shoulder connection. The boost was a result of Scotty Miller (hamstring) being inactive and Mike Evans leaving for the afternoon shortly after the 2nd quarter started.
- **Week 15 – 34.6 ... 6/5-113-3 @ DET.** CHRIS GODWIN EXITED. Perriman’s 3 TDs matched his single SEASON high with the Ravens his rookie year. Chris Godwin left the game, and Scotty Miller was inactive, but Winston was looking to Perriman before those fallouts, finding the speedster for 34 and 25 yard TDs in the first half alone. His 3rd score iced the game from 25 yards out. .
- **Week 16 – 17.2 ... 12/7-102-0 vs. HOU.** EVANS AND GODWIN OUT. Perriman made the most of his opportunities with a back-to-back 100-yard REYD games. The Texans CBs struggled to contain him. He was also overthrown while streaking wide open up the seam for a would-be TD in the 2nd quarter and nearly padded his stats further with a circus-like 32-yard catch that was negated and ruled out of bounds.
- **Week 17 – 24.4 ... 8/5-134-1 vs. ATL.** EVANS AND GODWIN OUT.
- **Season Summary:** Perriman failed to top 44 REYD in any game weeks 1-12, with just 1 TD in that span, but he absolutely took off in the final 5 games with Mike Evans, Chris Godwin, and Scotty Miller all battling hamstring injuries. Perriman combined for a 25-506-5 line, averaging over 100 REYD per game in the 5 game span. And, Winston missed him on 2 would-be TDs during that stretch. Perriman, the 26-year-old deep threat (17.9 YPC was among the league lead), is slated for free agency. 42nd highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 69/36-645-6, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 21.18 PPG in Final 5 Games = WR2 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Ronald Jones

- **Week 1 – 10.3 ... 13-75-0, 1/1-18-0 vs. SF.** Jones was clearly the best back for the Bucs tonight. He bounced off defenders and exploded through gaps en route to 5.8 YPC. He out-performed Peyton Barber (8-33-0). Dare Ogunbowale was the receiving back (4-33-0). 22 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 0.9 ... 4-9-0, 0/0-0-0 @ CAR.** Bruce Arians said that Peyton Barber would remain the starting RB, but Ronald Jones is expected to receive more carries. That proved to be false. Jones got dominated for both touches and snaps by Barber. He was also out-snapped by Ogunbowale. Only 7 snaps.

- **Week 3 – 13.1 ... 14-80-0, 1/1-41-0 vs. NYG.** Jones was the superior rusher, totaling 127 yards and 5.7 YPC on as many touches as Peyton Barber (13-48-0). He had a 41-yard screen pass early. 23 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 15.2 ... 19-70-1, 1/1-12-0 @ LAR.** Jones is taking the lead in the Tampa Bay backfield. He out-touched Peyton Barber 20-9. Ogunbowale had 4 touches. Jones could have had a bigger day if it weren't for multiple long runs getting called back by penalties. 36 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 7.6 ... 9-35-0, 3/2-21-0 @ NO.** Jones once again out-gained Peyton Barber, but it was Barber who found the end zone. The duo played in an even rotation. There wasn't much running room, as the Saints kept caving in the Bucs' O-Line. 19 snaps.
- **Week 6 – 7.0 ... 4-10-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. CAR.** Jones managed a 5-yard TD but that was about it. He played behind Barber. The Bucs were forced to abandon the run with Jameis Winston committing 6 turnovers. 13 snaps.
- **Week 7 – BYE**
- **Week 8 – 6.2 ... 11-35-0, 3/1-17-0 @ TEN.** The RBs split the work evenly. Barber has 79 touches this season compared to Jones's 74. Jameis Winston continues to put the Bucs in situations where they have to play from behind. 21 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 16.2 ... 18-67-1, 2/2-15-0 @ SEA.** Jones had 20 touches to Barber's 4. Jones only averaged 3.7 YPC, though he did provide an 8-yard TD on the Bucs' opening drive. Tampa attempted 44 passes today. Season-high 42 snaps.
- **Week 10 – 22.6 ... 11-29-1, 8/8-77-0, FL vs. ARI.** Bruce Arians said that Jones earned the right to start. He lost a fumble that was inexcusable. He got benched late from the fumble, and Barber got the snaps on the final, game-winning possession. He also had a 1-yard TD. 38 snaps.
- **Week 11 – 3.4 ... 4-13-0, 4/2-1-0 vs. NO.** He out-touched Barber 6-2 and led the Bucs with only 4 carries. Down 0-20 by the mid-2nd quarter, Tampa predictably abandoned the run and leaned on Cam Brate and Mike Evans for the rest of the day. Barber was the goal line back for Winston's 6-yard dump off TD to him late in the 4th quarter. 20 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 15.7 ... 12-51-1, 3/3-16-0 @ ATL.** Game script was finally on Jones' side this week with the Bucs winning by multiple scores. He led the Bucs in carries and targets for RBs but was still subbed out occasionally.
- **Week 13 – 0.8 ... 6-8-0, 0/0-0-0 @ JAX.** Jones got the first few carries for the Bucs, but Barber capped off the opening drive with a 15-yard TD run. There was nothing else explosive about Barber, but the coaching staff felt he had the "hot hand" after that score and fed him the ball relentlessly as the Bucs protected a 25-point lead. Barber finished with 17-44-2 while Jones watched from the side line. Bruce Arians later said that Jones was benched for an error in pass protection. "RoJo missed a blitz pickup and that's it. You don't get to play no more."
- **Week 14 – 9.9 ... 11-36-0, 5/4-23-0 vs. IND.** Arians said Jones was still the starter, and Jones did draw the start, but Barber continued to play plenty on early downs. Dare Ogunbowale once again served as the offense's pass-down RB.

- **Week 15 – 5.9 ... 11-23-0, 3/1-26-0 @ DET.** Jones recorded a 26-yard catch but was overall a disappointment, considering the 2.09 YPC. Peyton Barber (10-17-0) didn't get anything going up the gut despite taking a 21-3 lead.
- **Week 16 – 19.9 ... 14-77-1, 4/3-32-0 vs. HOU.** Peyton Barber got benched for 2 quarters following a costly fumble. Jones played pretty well, including a 49-yard run. He dropped a screen pass that would have gone for a chunk play.
- **Week 17 – 11.6 ... 11-106-0, 2/2-10-0, FL vs. ATL.** Jones had a fumble on the first play of the game, but somehow he had his best rushing game of the season after. Played 20-32 SPG weeks 11-17, leveling out after fluctuation in the first half of the season.
- **Season Summary:** Ronald Jones, a former 2nd round pick, could not separate from Peyton Barber, although he did play much better as a sophomore. Jones was probably the best rusher of the group and most efficient, but the Bucs didn't trust him in pass protection (he permitted a sack, 2 hits, and 5 hurries on 49 pass blocking snaps), and he wasn't used as a receiver too much. Dare Ogunbowale played on obvious passing downs in what was a 3-way RBBC. Ronald Jones = 35th highest graded RB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 172-724-6 (4.2 YPC) 1 100+... 40/31-309-0.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 10.4 PPG in 16 Games = RB28 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Donovan Smith** – (15/16 LT)... 79 overall. DNP week 15.
 - **Josh Wells** – (2/16 OT)... 60 overall. Started week 6 at RT and week 15 at LT.
- **Ali Marpet** – (16/16 LG)... 90 overall (Strong PB).
- **Ryan Jensen** – (16/16 C)... 89 overall (Great PB).
- **Alex Cappa** – (13/16 RG)... 73 overall. DNP weeks 6, 8, 14.
 - **Earl Watford** – (3/16 RG)... 72 overall. Started weeks 6, 8, 14.
- **Demar Dotson** – (15/16 RT)... 83 overall. DNP week 6.
- **Tristan Wirfs** – (0/16 RT)... Projected Starter in 2020.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Shaq Barrett | 89 | |
| ED: Jason Pierre-Paul | 85 | DNP weeks 1-6. |
| ED: Carl Nassib | 82 | DNP weeks 9-11. |
| DT: Ndamukong Suh | 86 | |
| NT: Vita Vea | 86 | |
| DT: William Gholston | 75 | ~35 SPG. |
| DT: Rakeem Nunez-Roches | 72 | ~20 SPG. |

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| LB: Lavonte David | 95 | |
| LB: Devin White | 65 | DNP weeks 2-5. |
| LB: Kevin Minter | 65 | Started weeks 2-5. |
| CB: Carlton Davis | 81 | DNP weeks 9-10. |
| NCB: Sean Murphy-Bunting | 78 | Started weeks 5-17. |
| CB: Jamel Dean | 84 | Started weeks 9-10, 12, 14-17. |
| CB: M.J. Stewart | 66 | Started weeks 1-4, 10, 17. |
| SS: Jordan Whitehead | 60 | DNP weeks 16-17. |
| FS: Antoine Winfield Jr. | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| FS: Andrew Adams | 64 | Started weeks 6-17. |
| SS: Mike Edwards | 64 | Started weeks 2-5, Sig Snaps weeks 10-17. |

TENNESSEE TITANS

Passing Game:

QB Ryan Tannehill

- **Weeks 1-5 – DNP - Backup**
- **Week 6 – 4.3 ... 144, 0-1 @ DEN.** Tannehill entered for Mariota in the 3rd quarter. He took 4 sacks in only a quarter and a half. But other than that, he played well while Mariota struggled big time. His INT was a 4th down heave out of desperation. He gave the Titans offense a much-needed jolt of energy. 28 snaps.
- **Week 7 – 19.1 ... 312, 2-1 vs. LAC.** Tannehill had more rhythm and zip on his passes than Marcus Mariota. He found crossers over the middle to pick up first downs and found wide-open targets inside the 10-yard line for his 2 PATDs.
- **Week 8 – 19.4 ... 193, 3-0, FL vs. TB.** The Titans offense benefitted from 2 short fields that a pair of Jameis Winston turnovers gave them inside the 10-yard line. Tannehill hooked up with TE Jonnu Smith for a wide open 5-yard TD before spotting Tajae Sharpe in the back corner of the end zone on a 6-yard fade. Tannehill has breathed life into the Titans' offense.
- **Week 9 – 23.0 ... 331, 1-2, 4-38-1 @ CAR.** It was a decent day. Tannehill's first INT bounced off A.J. Brown's hands. It wasn't an amazing through, but Brown should have caught it. Tannehill's second INT was his fault. He woefully underthrew a number of deep balls, just as he did often as a member of the Miami Dolphins. He lucked into a pair of long DPIs on some of them.
- **Week 10 – 18.9 ... 181, 2-0, 3-37-0, FL vs. KC.** A great game, the Titans trailed 32-27 with 1:14 remaining. Tannehill scrambled for 18 RUYD before connecting with Anthony Firkser 20 yards downfield, then hit Adam Humphries in stride for the go-ahead 23-yard score. He trucked rookie S Juan Thornhill across the goal line to punch in the 2-point conversion. Derrick Henry ran with ease (188 RUYD), so Tannehill's yardage total was based on 19 attempts. Having said that, Tannehill was robbed of a 73-yard score to Kalif Raymond once the refs ruled him down by contact.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 32.3 ... 259, 2-0, 7-40-2, FL vs. JAX.** The Titans are back in the playoff hunt thanks to Tannehill. He was stripped of the ball on the only sack he took all day. It was his only slip-up. Tannehill, a former college receiver, flashed his athleticism with a pair of RUTDs while also showing impressive chemistry with A.J. Brown, who torched JAX. TEN is 4-1 with Tannehill under center.
- **Week 13 – 13.7 ... 182, 2-0, FL @ IND.** Tannehill was dropped for 6 sacks resulting in 44 yards lost. He also lost a fumble. He came out scorching hot, completing his first 5 throws while pitting TEN on the board with a 13-yard PATD to Adam

Humphries. Workhorse Derrick Henry (166 YFS) remained the Titans' focal point, but Tannehill made the plays he needed to, including a brilliant 40-yard PATD to Khalif Raymond with 3 minutes to play.

- **Week 14 – 27.5 ... 391, 3-1, 4-19-0 @ OAK.** Tannehill has looked like a Hall of Fame QB since taking over for Marcus Mariota. He's averaging a whopping 9.9 YPA, leading the NFL. Tannehill has confidence, maneuvering in and out of the pocket and throwing the ball deeper downfield. He's 6-1 as a starter with TEN.
- **Week 15 – 24.1 ... 279, 2-1, 3-10-1 vs. HOU.** It was Tannehill's worst day initially. He took advantage of increased volume to help his fantasy performance. His 36 attempts were his second most of the season, coming after TEN fell behind 0-14 going into halftime. His INT was the receivers fault.
- **Week 16 – 23.6 ... 272, 3-0, 1-8-0 vs. NO.** DERRICK HENRY OUT. He took 5 sacks and rushed for just 8 yards. The Titans really missed Derrick Henry, but the offense got some huge plays with 41 and 36-yard PATDs to Jonnu Smith and Tajae Sharpe. Sharpe had Tannehill's 3rd TD too.
- **Week 17 – 17.9 ... 198, 2-0, 5-20-0 @ HOU.** The Texans started A.J. McCarron at QB and the Titans didn't play well enough to break free from HOU until the 4th quarter. Derrick Henry rushed for 200+ and 3 RUTDs on a whopping 32 carries. TEN moved to 7-3 under Tannehill, who hit A.J. Brown for a 51-yard TD on the first possession. He nearly had a 3rd TD but Brown fell just short of the goal line on a 47-yard grab. Tannehill only attempted 20 passes.
- **Week 18 – 5.9 ... 72, 1-1, 4-11-0 @ NE.** Tannehill was nowhere near the QB he was in the previous 10 games. New England's league-best defense will do that to you. The pressure of the playoffs maybe got to him. The Titans ran Derrick Henry 34 times for 182 RUYD anyway. Tannehill was only 8/15 throwing.
- **Week 19 – 18.8 ... 88, 2-0, 6-13-1 @ BAL.** Once again, Tannehill attempted only 14 throws, completing 7 and threw for fewer than 90 PAYD for the 2nd straight game. He remained efficient on limited tries, finding Jonnu Smith a 1-handed 12-yard TD in the first quarter and hitting Kalif Raymond for a 45-yard bomb over the top of the BAL secondary, putting the Titans up 28-6 at half of the shocking upset. TEN milked the clock after the break.
- **Week 20 – 17.4 ... 209, 2-0, 3-11-0 @ KC.**
- **Season Summary:** Ryan Tannehill was named Comeback Player of the Year after taking over for Marcus Mariota in week 7 and leading the Titans to a 9-4 record (including playoffs) en route to the AFC Championship game. It was a break out year of sorts for the 31-year-old QB. He led the Titans to the 3rd ranked offense in points and yards per game. His YPA was extremely impressive, pushing the ball downfield, and he was efficient both on the ground and in the air. His issue later in the season was volume, as feeding Derrick Henry led to a number of games with under 20 attempts. He signed a 4-year, \$118M contract this offseason. 3rd highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 2,742 PAYD, 22-6 TD/INT, 9.6 YPA, 70.3%, 117.5 QBR, 3 300+... 43-185-4, 26-9 TTD/TO.

- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 20.17 PPG in 13 Games (10 reg minus late entries in weeks 1, 6 + 3 playoff) = QB8 Pace.

WR A.J. Brown

- **Week 1 – 13.0 ... 4/3-100-0 @ CLE.** MARCUS MARIOTA STARTED. The second round rookie made the most of his workload playing behind Corey Davis and Tajae Sharpe. He broke free for a 47-yard catch and then escaped for a 51-yard catch and run, shedding multiple tackles. He looked very strong and elusive for his size (6'1, 226). 25 snaps.
- **Week 2 – 5.5 ... 5/3-25-0 vs. IND.** MARIOTA STARTED. 27 snaps. Brown continued to eat into Corey Davis' target share. The problem is the Titans' offense overall. They are still too run-heavy and slow-paced. Delanie Walker is leading the team in targets.
- **Week 3 – 1.4 ... 5/1-4-0 @ JAX.** MARIOTA STARTED. Brown's biggest impact came on a first half OPI. This is life in a Marcus Mariota-led offense. 39 snaps.
- **Week 4 – 24.4 ... 3/3-94-2 @ ATL.** MARIOTA STARTED. Brown's first TD was an eas play-action pass over the middle. He out-sprinted the ATL defense for the 55-yard RETD. He later beat Desmond Trufant again on a fade route that hit pay dirt. 26 snaps.
- **Week 5 – 4.7 ... 2/2-27-0 vs. BUF.** MARIOTA STARTED. Brown had a TD negated by an illegal forward pass but was otherwise invisible against Tre'Davious White and company.
- **Week 6 – 4.3 ... 4/2-23-0 @ DEN.** MARIOTA STARTED BUT TANNEHILL PLAYED SECOND HALF. Brown was stripped by Chris Harris but the ball landed out of bounds. The rookie has been inconsistent.
- **Week 7 – 12.2 ... 8/6-64-0 vs. LAC.** RYAN TANNEHILL STARTS FROM THIS POINT, FORWARD. Tannehill played with rhythm, which led to season highs in receptions and targets for Brown in Tannehill's first start.
- **Week 8 – 9.1 ... 3/2-11-1 vs. TB.** Tannehill engineered an impressive 12-play drive that traveled 90 yards and resulted in the game-winning TD to Brown from 8 yards out. Unfortunately, Brown was out-targeted by Corey Davis, Tajae Sharpe, and Adam Humphries.
- **Week 9 – 12.1 ... 7/4-81-0 @ CAR.** One of Brown's missed connections was a play where he got called for OPI before letting the ball bounce off his hands for an INT. It was not his finest moment. Season-high 50 snaps (played 36-39 SPG weeks 5-8).
- **Week 10 – 2.7 ... 4/1-17-0 vs. KC.** Brown didn't show up in the box score until his 17-yard catch with 8:13 remaining in the 4th quarter of a shoot out. Tannehill only had 19 attempts. Corey Davis was OUT, too. 47 snaps.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 23.5 ... 5/4-135-1 vs. JAX.** Brown set career highs in this one. He broke free for a 65-yard TD on a routine crossing pattern. He added a 36-yard grab later. He looked like the Titans' preferred downfield threat. 37 snaps.

- **Week 13 – 7.5 ... 4/3-45-0 @ IND.** Brown followed up a career-best performance with a relatively quiet game. However, he still paced the Titans in receiving yards. His lone incomplection was a controversial one as the Colts challenged what they believed to be a fumble. Targets are tough to come by in TEN's run-first offense. Season-high 53 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 33.6 ... 7/5-153-2, 1-13-0 @ OAK.** Brown showed his high ceiling with his best game to-date. He got the party started with a 91-yard TD that required a broken tackle and burners to get into the end zone. It showed off his top-notch athleticism. He then caught a slant in the red zone a few plays later and truck-sticked multiple Raiders defenders for a 16-yard TD.
- **Week 15 – 25.4 ... 13/8-114-1 vs. HOU.** The question for Brown has been volume, but he finally had it today, reaching a season high in targets by 5. He caught a 60-yard pass on the Titans' second play. His TD was a 5-yarder early in the 4th. He's an absolute load in the open field. He has now posted at least 114 REYD in 3 of the last 4 games.
- **Week 16 – 15.3 ... 2/1-34-0, 1-49-1 vs. NO.** Brown was draped in the coverage of Marshon Lattimore much of the afternoon, and the Saints didn't have to worry about stopping the run without Derrick Henry playing. He wasn't even targeted until deep into the 4th quarter, making an over-the-shoulder catch for his only grab. He did take a hand off and rumbled through the defense for his long RUTD. Nobody wants to tackle him in the open field.
- **Week 17 – 22.4 ... 8/4-124-1 @ HOU.** Brown scored on a 51-yard catch and run, his 5th TD in the last 4 weeks. He fell just short of notching another TD after hitting the ground at the 1-yard line following a 47-yard snag.
- **Week 18 – 1.4 ... 1/1-4-0 @ NE.** Brown was hot entering this game but was shut down completely by Stephon Gilmore and company. The passing game couldn't do anything against NE. Derrick Henry put the team on his back. Brown was a decoy / run blocker.
- **Week 19 – 2.8 ... 3/1-9-0, 1-9-0 @ BAL.** This second invisible game in a row is concerning, as Tannehill has only attempted 29 passes for 160 PAYD in the 2 playoff games combined. They are riding Derrick Henry when it matters most.
- **Week 20 – 8.1 ... 6/3-51-0 @ KC.** Played 49-62 SPG weeks 13-20.
- **Season Summary:** Brown debuted with a 100-yard game with Marcus Mariota in week 1 but averaged just 2.3-45.5-0.3 in 6 games with Mariota. Ryan Tannehill's insertion into the starting lineup breathed life into Brown, and the Titans started utilizing his skills more. A big play threat thanks to his athleticism, defenders had a very difficult time stopping him once he got into the open field, and Brown had several big YAC plays. He was featured more as the Titans' go-to WR down the stretch, but a very quiet and concerning playoffs reminds fantasy managers that his volume is very low in a run-first, slow-paced offense that features Derrick Henry as its focal point. 14th highest graded WR, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 84/52-1,051-8, 5 100+... 3-60-1.

- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.55 PPG in 13 Games w/ Tannehill (10 reg + 3 playoff) = WR31 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Derrick Henry

- **Week 1 – 28.9 ... 19-84-1, 2/1-75-1 @ CLE.** MARCUS MARIOTA STARTED WEEKS 1-5. A calf injury cost Henry all of training camp, and many pegged Henry as a prime regression candidate coming off last year's late-season surge (585 RUYD + 7 RUTDs in final 4 games). Cleveland could not stop him, as the 247-pound Goliath broke their spirits with a monster opening day effort. He overpowered the Browns on a 1-yard RUTD and snagged a screen pass taking it 75 yards to the house. He out-touched teammate Dion Lewis by a decisive 20-6 margin, while also edging him in snaps 36-24.
- **Week 2 – 17.4 ... 15-82-1, 3/2-12-0 vs. IND.** Henry should have had a 2nd TD, but the Titans dialed up a play-action pass to their LT at the goal line instead, which helped nobody.
- **Week 3 – 11.6 ... 17-44-1, 2/1-2-0 @ JAX.** Henry muffed a screen pass. He ran in soggy conditions but came close to bursting a few runs but never could make it happen. Marcus Mariota was giving the Titans offense no chance to find a rhythm. Henry has cleared 15 carries with a TD in each contest as the centerpiece of the Titans offense.
- **Week 4 – 11.8 ... 27-100-0, 1/1-8-0 @ ATL.** Henry chipped away in the second half as the Titans took a lead. Henry appears to not really be in a committee with Dion Lewis anymore, as he's only playing on obvious passing downs.
- **Week 5 – 13.8 ... 20-78-1, 0/0-0-0 vs. BUF.** LT TAYLOR LEWAN RETURNS FROM SUSPENSION. Henry had just 5 carries for 27 RUYD at halftime. He got his goal line TD though. It was TEN's only trip to the end zone. The O-Line failed to create holes for Henry despite getting Taylor Lewan back.
- **Week 6 – 4.3 ... 15-28-0, 3/1-5-0 @ DEN.** MARCUS MARIOTA BENCED FOR RYAN TANNEHILL. Henry plodded his way to 1.87 YPC. His longest run was 6 RUYD. The contract-year workhorse hasn't moved needle much in his last 4 contests, but the offense got somewhat of a spark with Ryan Tannehill at QB.
- **Week 7 – 17.8 ... 22-90-1, 1/1-18-0 vs. LAC.** RYAN TANNEHILL STARTED FROM THIS POINT, ONWARD. This was a classic Henry performance. He picked up consistent 4 yard gains before scoring a red zone TD. Henry has at least 15 carries in every game this season.
- **Week 8 – 7.3 ... 16-75-0, 1/1-8-0, FL vs. TB.** Henry failed to reach the end zone and lost a fumble on a hit. He's been an afterthought in the passing game with both QBs, averaging 1 catch per game.
- **Week 9 – 24.9 ... 13-63-1, 3/3-36-1 @ CAR.** In bizarre fashion, Henry only touched the ball 2 times in the frist half, watching helplessly as TEN fell behind 17-0. He

was then established after the break. His RETD was a 23-yard screen where he found the edge. His RUTD was an 8-yard pile driver.

- **Week 10 – 33.1 ... 23-188-2, 2/2-3-0 vs. KC.** Henry had a monster day against the pitiful Chiefs run defense. The coaching staff continues to give him the occasional look on screen passes, but today was all rushing. He was fed early and often. He had a 68-yard run and his patented goal line TD.
- **Week 11 – BYE**
- **Week 12 – 28.5 ... 19-159-2, 1/1-16-0, FL vs. JAX.** Henry went scorched earth in this one, continuing his career-long domination of Jacksonville with a second straight blowup game. He had a 74-yard RUTD and followed that up with a 7-yard plunge shortly after. This was a blowout win.
- **Week 13 – 23.6 ... 26-149-1, 3/3-17-0, FL @ IND.** Henry steered the ship once again. He's on a great run. His 13th RUTD of the season was on a 4th and 1, bullying his way to the pylon for 13 yards. He out-touched backfield mate Dion Lewis 28-1. He lost a fumble on the first play from scrimmage but was dominant after.
- **Week 14 – 23.9 ... 18-103-2, 1/1-6-0 @ OAK.** Henry now has a 4-game streak with 100+ RUYD AND a TD. He did this one at less than 100% health. He was clearly slowed by a hamstring injury that sent him to the bench more often than normal. He started dealing with the ailment in week 13.
- **Week 15 – 8.6 ... 21-86-0, 1/0-0-0 vs. HOU.** Questionable with a hamstring injury. Henry is still not involved in the passing game, and he actually failed to convert both of his goal line carries, surprisingly. He looked healthy enough.
- **Week 16 – DNP – Hamstring**
- **Week 17 – 39.1 ... 32-211-3, 0/0-0-0 @ HOU.** Everything went according to plan for TEN as the Titans pounded the rock against A.J. McCarron and Houston's backups, clinching the league's rushing title for Henry and punching a playoff ticket. Henry was a true workhorse with 32 carries. He was unstoppable, as he's been since week 10.
- **Week 18 – 27.4 ... 34-182-1, 1/1-22-0 @ NE.** Henry single-handedly put the Titans offense on his back to knock off the Patriots. Their league-best defense couldn't stop Henry. He was running over defenders all game long, especially in the first half when he compiled 106 RUYD and a score. That forced the Pats into a scheme change, but it didn't really matter. Henry was too big and too fast to bring down on the first try.
- **Week 19 – 22.2 ... 30-195-0, 2/2-7-0 @ BAL.** The Ravens corralled Henry to 56 RUYD on 11 carries in the first half but watched him gash their front seven for a 66-yard dash up the gut in the 3rd quarter before lining up in the Wildcat formation and Tebow'ing a 3-yard PATD to Corey Davis. Henry has been an unstoppable force.
- **Week 20 – 14.1 ... 19-69-1, 2/2- -8-0 @ KC.** Played 30-49 SPG in every game.
- **Season Summary:** Henry had a ludicrous 4-game stretch to close out 2018 and had an even more insane stretch to close out 2019 in the final 9 games, rushing for over 100+ RUYD 7 times, scoring 12 RUTDs and more than 18 carries in every

game during that ridiculous stretch. At one point Henry had at least 30 carries and 182 RUYD in 3 straight (weeks 17-19). The 26-year-old contract-year RB was brutal for defenders to take down, and the Titans fed him constantly in the second half of the season. Although he's not used in the passing game at all, he redefines what it means to be a workhorse and bell cow back. With the help of Ryan Tannehill, Henry was the centerpiece of the Titans AFC Championship game run. 7th highest graded RB, per PFF.

- **Season Totals:** 303-1,540-16 (5.1 YPC) 6 100+... 24/18-206-2.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 19.9 PPG in 18 Games (15 reg + 3 playoff) = RB5 Pace... 22.5 PPG in 12 Games w/ Tannehill (9 reg + 3 playoff) = RB2 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Taylor Lewan** – (15/19 LT)... 91 overall (Strong Finish). DNP weeks 1-4.
 - **Dennis Kelly** – (5/19 LT)... 78 overall. Started weeks 1-4 at LT and week 7 at RT.
- **Rodger Saffold** – (18/19 LG)... 89 overall (Strong Finish). DNP week 8.
- **Ben Jones** – (18/19 C)... 90 overall (Great PB). DNP week 9.
- **Jamil Douglas** – (6/19 iOL)... 66 overall. Started weeks 1-3, 7 at RG, week 8 at LG, and week 9 at C.
 - **Nate Davis** – (15/19 RG)... 60 overall (Strong Finish). DNP weeks 1-3, 7.
- **Jack Conklin** – (18/19 RT)... 90 overall (Great RB). DNP week 7.
- **Isaiah Wilson** – (0/16 RT)... Projected Starter in 2020.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Jadeveon Clowney | 93 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Harold Landry III. | 82 | |
| ED: Vic Beasley Jr. | 74 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Kamalei Correa | 71 | |
| ED: Reggie Gilbert | 73 | ~20 SPG weeks 4-18. |
| ED: Cam Wake | 84 | ~20 SPG weeks 1-4, 7-12. |
| DT: Jurrell Casey | 86 | DNP weeks 9-10. |
| DT: DaQuan Jones | 82 | |
| DT: Jeffery Simmons | 82 | ~30 SPG weeks 7-20. |
| DT: Austin Johnson | 73 | ~20 SPG. |
| LB: Rashaan Evans | 60 | |
| LB: Jayon Brown | 78 | DNP weeks 6-7, 10, 18. |
| LB: Wesley Woodyard | 74 | Started weeks 6-7, 9-10, 18. |
| CB: Malcolm Butler | 78 | DNP weeks 10-20. |

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| NCB: Logan Ryan | 82 | |
| CB: Adoree Jackson | 85 | DNP weeks 8, 13-17. |
| CB: Kristian Fulton | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Tramaine Brock Sr. | 75 | DNP weeks 10, 12. |
| CB: LeShaun Sims | 60 | Sig Snaps weeks 8, 10, 12, 15-16. |
| FS: Kevin Byard | 92 | |
| SS: Kenny Vaccaro | 80 | |
| FS: Amani Hooker | 74 | ~20 SPG. |

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL

Passing Game:

QB Dwayne Haskins

- **Week 1 – DNP – Backup**
- **Week 2 – DNP – Backup**
- **Week 3 – DNP - Backup**
- **Week 4 – 0.5 ... 107, 0-3, 2-23-0 @ NYG. CASE KEENUM STARTED.** He was pulled in the first half after throwing an INT. Haskins came in, but the Redskins were without their 2 best pass catchers, Terry McLaurin and Jordan Reed and were already down multiple scores. Haskins' situation is bad as it gets, but he did underthrow a few passes and stayed in the pocket too long at times. 32 snaps.
- **Week 5 – DNP - Backup**
- **Week 6 – DNP - Backup**
- **Week 7 – DNP - Backup**
- **Week 8 – -0.6 ... 33, 0-1 @ MIN. CASE KEENUM STARTED.** Haskins played the entire second half, but you wouldn't guess it from the stat line. A deer in headlights, Haskins looked like he had zero shot of sustaining drives, and the Redskins called plays accordingly. He air mailed a wide open Terry McLaurin on one throw. 14 snaps.
- **Week 9 – 7.1 ... 144, 0-0, 3-14-0 @ BUF.** The Redskins had a very conservative game plan for Haskins in his first career start. Adrian Peterson was given the ball on nearly half of Washington's offensive plays. When Haskins dropped back to pass, most targets were at or in front of the first down line. Haskins showed some accuracy and arm strength, but he has a long way to go.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 17.0 ... 214, 2-1 vs. NYJ.** Haskins missed passes and took too many hits in the pocket to get the offense in any rhythm. He's having major issues diagnosing pressure and isn't athletic enough to get himself out of trouble. He's also getting zero help from his coaching staff, O-Line, and receivers not named Terry McLaurin. It's not a good environment for a rookie to succeed in.
- **Week 12 – 5.0 ... 156, 0-1, 3-28-0, FL vs. DET.** Haskins' 17-yard completion to Terry McLaurin with 20 seconds remaining sealed the game for Washington. That's where compliments stop, as Haskins continued attempting ill-advised throws while missing layup opportunities on blown assignments. DET's DST ripped a fumble out of Haskins' hands on the opening drive and later intercepted him (though that may have been Kelvin Harmon's fault). Haskins sailed 2 passes to Terry McLaurin in the red zone.

- **Week 13 – 6.4 ... 147, 0-0 @ CAR.** Haskins didn't do anything in this one, but he didn't need to with Derrius Guice and Adrian Peterson running wild.
- **Week 14 – 8.7 ... 170, 1-1 @ GB.** Haskins continued his rookie struggles. He was noticeably limping throughout the game with an ankle injury but did not miss any snaps. He had an ugly INT and a number of miscues. He only had 95 PAYD going into the final 2 minutes before a garbage-time TD to Terry McLaurin.
- **Week 15 – 19.0 ... 261, 2-0, 3-26-0, FL vs. PHI.** Haskins did most of his damage in the first half. The Redskins featured Haskins outside the pocket, using him on a pair of screen options, with one resulting in a 23-yard run.
- **Week 16 – 13.3 ... 133, 2-0 vs. NYG.** EXITED with an ankle injury. It's a high ankle sprain. He was playing well enough against an over-matched Giants defense. Case Keenum came in relief and played well too. 35 snaps.
- **Week 17 – DNP - Ankle**
- **Season Summary:** Dwayne Haskins did not have a good rookie season. After some bad relief experiences, Haskins made his first start in week 9 and struggled thereafter. He topped 214 PAYD in a game only once (261 vs. a terrible Eagles secondary), and he never scored more than 2 TDs in a game. After miserable performances as a starter, he did close out the season with a pair of solid outings against soft opponents. To be fair, the Redskins' coaching staff and Haskins' surroundings did not exactly set him up for success. 23rd highest graded QB, per PFF.
- **Season Totals:** 1,365 PAYD, 7-7 TD/INT, 6.7 YPA, 58.4%, 76.1 QBR, 0 300+... 20-101-0, 7-9 TTD/TO.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 10.97 PPG in 7 Games (minus late entries in week 4, 8) = QB30 Pace.

WR Terry McLaurin

- **Week 1 – 23.5 ... 7/5-125-1 @ PHI.** CASE KEENUM STARTED. Scary Terry was downright terrifying in his pro debut. Deadly fast with 4.35 wheels at 6'/210, McLaurin ran by slow-footed Eagles CB Rasul Douglas for a 70-yard TD. He should have had another 73-yard TD in the second half but Keenum badly overthrew the wide open receiver who could have walked in the end zone.
- **Week 2 – 17.2 ... 9/5-62-1 vs. DAL.** KEENUM STARTED. It may not seem like it, but McLaurin's 62 REYD was extremely impressive considering they came against Cowboys top cover corner Byron Jones. McLaurin's back-shoulder TD from 1 yard out occurred in garbage time, but his route-running skills were on full display.
- **Week 3 – 19.0 ... 8/6-70-1 vs. CHI.** KEENUM STARTED. McLaurin has been the bright spot for the team. He beat slot CB Buster Skrine for his 3rd RETD in as many games. He did take a hard fall at the end of the game.
- **Week 4 – DNP – Hamstring**

- **Week 5 – 8.1 ... 7/3-51-0 vs. NE.** KEENUM STARTED. McLaurin looked healthy but was erased by New England's league-best secondary. He was responsible for Washington's 2 longest completions.
- **Week 6 – 26.0 ... 7/4-100-2 @ MIA.** KEENUM STARTED. McLaurin took advantage of an Xavien Howard-less secondary. He scored both TDs on wide open throws, with his second coming out of the slot. Bill Callahan took over as interim HC and the Redskins ran the ball a ton.
- **Week 7 – 2.1 ... 2/1-11-0 vs. SF.** KEENUM STARTED. It's the first real bad game from McLaurin, who had at least 50 REYD and/or 1 RETD in every game. The Redskins' move to Bill Callahan's run-based scheme has been a hit to McLaurin's targets.
- **Week 8 – 7.9 ... 6/4-39-0 @ MIN.** KEENUM STARTED AND HASKINS PLAYED SECOND HALF. This was a frustrating evening, as McLaurin was abusing Xavier Rhodes but getting little reward for it in the box score. He drew a 19-yaard DPI, but once Keenum went down was ruled OUT with a concussion, his night was doomed. Dwayne Haskins targeted him 1 time in the second half and the Redskins only played offensive snaps after the break. Haskins looked lost. Season-low 40 snaps (played at least 44 SPG in every other game).
- **Week 9 – 7.9 ... 6/4-39-0 @ BUF.** HASKINS STARTED. McLaurin was set up for failure with the Redskins taking the ball out of Haskins' hands in his first career start. Tre'Davious White was a tough matchup.
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 9.9 ... 4/3-69-0 vs. NYJ.** HASKINS STARTED. McLaurin only seeing 4 targets while the Redskins were trailing multiple scores was very disappointing. McLaurin made the most of them. His longest gain was called back on a hold.
- **Week 12 – 12.2 ... 12/5-72-0 vs. DET.** HASKINS STARTED. McLaurin's previous high in targets with Haskins under center was 6, so the usage was encouraging.
- **Week 13 – 2.8 ... 4/2-8-0 @ CAR.** HASKINS STARTED. McLaurin is now on a 6-game TD drought. McLaurin ran out of bounds before securing a TD in the end zone.
- **Week 14 – 15.7 ... 7/4-57-1 @ GB.** HASKINS STARTED. McLaurin didn't make his first catch until 2 minutes left in the 3rd quarter. His TD was a highlight one-handed catch in garbage time to salvage his day.
- **Week 15 – 24.0 ... 5/5-130-1 vs. PHI.** HASKINS STARTED. McLaurin caught a deep post, broke a tackle, and outran the Eagles secondary for a 75-yard TD. Steven Sims had 11 targets in this game, so McLaurin's 5 were mildly concerning.
- **Week 16 – 15.6 ... 9/7-86-0 vs. NYG.** HASKINS STARTED. McLaurin was once again out-targeted by Steven Sims (10), but he still led WAS in receiving. He had a few clutch catches that sent the game to OT. He missed a few plays with a head injury.
- **Week 17 – DNP – Concussion**
- **Season Summary:** Dwayne Haskins and Terry McLaurin may have had chemistry at Ohio State, but they did not show it at the NFL level, though this was mainly Haskins' doing. McLaurin did almost all his damage in the first half of the season with Case Keenum at QB. He was an electric speedster with pristine route-running

for a rookie. Essentially, McLaurin looked like an emerging, great player that was trapped playing in a terrible situation. After a hot start with Keenum, McLaurin went on an midseason run of irrelevancy as Haskins dipped his toes in the water, before picking up the production in the final 2 games against bad defenses (the only 2 games Haskins looked comfortable). 6th highest graded WR, per PFF.

- **Season Totals:** 93/58-919-7, 3 100+.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.7 PPG in 14 Games = WR30 Pace.

Running Game:

RB Derrius Guice

- **Week 1 – 6.8 ... 10-18-0, 3/3-20-0 @ PHI.** Guice got the start, as Adrian Peterson was a surprise healthy scratch. Jay Gruden had said Guice is expected to get more carries than Adrian Peterson, and this all but confirms it. Unfortunately, Guice did not look ready to play despite the Redskins getting out to an early lead before folding. He was coming off a complicated ACL surgery and tore his meniscus in this game. 23 snaps.
- **Weeks 2-9 – DNP – Torn Meniscus**
- **Week 10 – BYE**
- **Week 11 – 13.9 ... 7-24-0, 2/1-45-1 vs. NYJ.** Guice entered the game as a clear backup. Adrian Peterson started the game and saw the first two series. But Guice may have earned more work going forward. He picked up a 45-yard TD on a screen pass and was slightly more effective running between the tackles than AP. 20 snaps.
- **Week 12 – 4.8 ... 10-32-0, 2/1-6-0 vs. DET.** Guice out-snapped Adrian Peterson 24-10 but still split carries down the middle with 10 a piece. Neither found any success on the ground.
- **Week 13 – 27.7 ... 10-129-2, 2/2-8-0 @ CAR.** Guice was phenomenal against a porous Panthers run defense. He showed a ton of strength while running through arm tackles and had enough wiggle in space to create big plays. Both of his TDs were at the goal line. Adrian Peterson was also fantastic (13-99-1). This is still a RBBC. 19 snaps.
- **Week 14 – 4.2 ... 5-42-0, 0/0-0-0 @ GB. EXITED** with a knee injury after a 23-yard run. 9 snaps.
- **Week 15 – DNP – Sprained MCL**
- **Week 16 – DNP – Sprained MCL**
- **Week 17 – DNP – Sprained MCL**
- **Season Summary:** The second-year pro was coming off a lost rookie season due to tear his ACL in the preseason (after looking impressive and poised for a nice rookie year). The ACL surgery was a complicated one, and as so often occurs, Guice got hurt in his first year returning from the surgery, tearing his meniscus and spraining his MCL, crippling his second year too. Guice is a tough, talented runner,

but the Redskins have not shown the desire to feed him like a lead back considering the injury history, and Guice has not won over receiving downs in a crowded backfield on a losing team with a bad QB situation. 14th highest graded RB, per PFF.

- **Season Totals:** 42-245-2 (5.8 YPC) 1 100+... 9/7-79-1.
- **Adjusted Fantasy Totals:** 13.3 PPG in 4 Games (minus early exit vs. GB) = RB21 Pace.

O-LINE:

- **Cornelius Lucas** – (0/16 LT)... 72 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
 - **Saahdiq Charles** – (0/16 LT)...
- **Trent Williams** – (0/16 LT)... 92 overall. DNP weeks 1-17.
 - **Donald Penn** – (16/16 LT)... 76 overall.
- **Ereck Flowers** – (16/16 LG)... 76 overall (Strong Finish).
- **Wes Schweitzer** – (0/16 LG)... 64 overall. Projected Starter in 2020.
- **Chase Roullier** – (14/16 C)... 80 overall. DNP weeks 4-5.
- **Brandon Scherff** – (11/16 RG)... 88 overall. DNP weeks 4-5, 15-17.
 - **Wes Martin** – (5/16 RG)... 60 overall. Started weeks 4-5, 15-17.
- **Morgan Moses** – (16/16 RT)... 78 overall. Half Snaps weeks 13, 16.

DEFENSE:

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| ED: Chase Young | -- | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| ED: Ryan Kerrigan | 87 | DNP weeks 15-17. |
| ED: Montez Sweat | 76 | |
| ED: Ryan Anderson | 70 | Started weeks 15-17, ~30 SPG otherwise. |
| DT: Daron Payne | 83 | DNP week 12. |
| DT: Jonathan Allen | 82 | DNP weeks 1-2. |
| NT: Matt Ioannidis | 83 | |
| DT: Tim Settle | 65 | ~25 SPG. |
| LB: Jon Bostic | 63 | |
| LB: Cole Holcomb | 60 | |
| LB: Shaun Dion Hamilton | 70 | ~30 SPG. |
| CB: Quinton Dunbar | 92 | DNP weeks 8, 14-17. |
| NCB: Kendall Fuller | 82 | Projected Starter in 2020. |
| CB: Josh Norman | 81 | DNP weeks 12-17. |
| NCB: Fabian Moreau | 67 | DNP weeks 1-2, 16-17. |
| CB: Ronald Darby | 60 | |

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| CB: Jimmy Moreland | 60 | Started weeks 1-3, 7-8, 12-15. |
| CB: Aaron Colvin | 60 | Started weeks 16-17. |
| SS: Landon Collins | 83 | DNP week 17. |
| FS: Montae Nicholson | 60 | DNP weeks 8-9, 17. |
| SS: Troy Apke | 76 | Started weeks 8-9. |