Week 13 DFS Notes

Please note, these are all tools I use to try and find value, trends, and players to fade. Looking at history isn't the entire puzzle, team and player health is also just as important. Injury of players, their teammates, and opponents are already factored into my exposure plays.

KEY:
GPP = Guaranteed Prize Pool (large tournament)
Heavy = large exposure (25% and up)
Middle = medium exposure (10% - 25%)
Light = low exposure (Less than 10%)
Feather = very limited exposure – rare dart throw (Less than 2%)

TOP PLAYS FOR DFS TOURNAMENTS (GPP)

As of 12/1/23

Heavy

QB Howell, Hurts, Purdy
RB Moss (very chalky – careful)
WR Ty Hill
TE McBride, Taysom Hill

Middle

QB Tua, Stroud, R. Wilson
RB Stevenson, Gibbs, Warren, Mostert, K. Williams, CMC, Singletary
WR Downs, Waddle, Dell, M. Evans, A Brown, D Smith, Aiyuk
TE LaPorta, Kittle

Light

QB
RB Henry, Montgomery, Kamara, Harris, Achane, J. Williams, R. White,
WR Pittman, Hopkins, K. Allen, St. Brown, Olave (if plays), Dortch, McLaurin/Doston/Samuel, Collins, N. Brown (if plays), Sutton, Thielen, Samuel
TE B. Jordan, Otton

Feather

QB Murray
RB
WR Guyton, J. Williams, A Perry, Mingo
TE Okonkwo

DETAILS

IND @ TEN

Weather: Good/Non-Factor

Key Injuries: IND J. Taylor OUT. TEN Burks QUE.

Implied Total: IND 22 – TEN 20.5 = 42.5 Total

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

IND Defense **QB** = 26 **RB** = 10 **WR** = 20 **TE** = 10
TEN Offense **QB** = 26 **RB** = 23 **WR** = 18 **TE** = 27

TEN Defense **QB** = 14 **RB** = 14 **WR** = 11 **TE** = 26
IND Offense **QB** = 28 **RB** = 08 **WR** = 16 **TE** = 26

Redzone info (carries + targets) on season:
IND RB 60, WR 28 (Pittman 16/Downs 10), TE 7
TEN RB 35 (Henry 25/Spears 10), WR 20 (Hopkins 12), TE 7

Recent Match-Up History:
Played this year on 10/8 – Zach Moss 2 TDs/165 rushing, Spears 1 TD. Hopkins 8/140. Downs 6/97
Played last season 10/23/22 - Low scoring 19-10, no offensive TDs. Henry 30/128, P. Campbell 10/70
Played last season 10/2/22 – Woods TD, M. Cox 2 TDs, Okonkwo TD, Henry 22/114 1 TD

Other Notes:
- Henry has played IND 14 times and scored over 20 PPR points 4 times
- Pittman has played TEN 7 times and scored over 20 PPR points 1 time (30.6 points in 2021)
- Hopkins has played IND 15 times and scored over 20 PPR points 6 times (most recently this year)
- Henry is in a roughly 60/40 snap count split with Spears.
- Over the last 5 games, Hopkins leads TEN with 24% target share, 38% air yard share, but only plays 60%-70% snaps, which leads the team but is not typical for a WR1. 14.96 PPR over that span
- Over the last 5 games, Pittman leads IND with 34% target share, 36% air yard share, and 95% of snaps. 17.16 PPR over that span.
- Over the last 5 games, Downs is 2nd on IND with 21% target share, 26% air yard share, but only around 70% of snaps when healthy.
- Over the last 5 games, Okonkwo is 2nd on TEN with 16% target share, 4th in air yards at 12%

CASH: RB – Moss

GPP: RB – Moss (heavy), RB – Henry (light), WR – Downs (middle), WR – Pittman (light) WR – Hopkins (light), TE – Okonkwo (feather)

LAC @ NE

Weather: 44 degrees and rainy, light wind. Medium impact. Will be pretty wet, which could cause some issue. Worst weather game on the slate. Not playing many people from this game either way.

Key Injuries: LAC K. Allen QUE but should play, J. Palmer OUT. NE D. Douglas OUT, Boutte OUT

Implied Total: LAC 22.5 – NE 39.5 = 39.5 Total

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

LAC Defense **QB** = 16 **RB** = 07 **WR** = 09 **TE** = 08
NE Offense **QB** = 31 **RB** = 11 **WR** = 24 **TE** = 23

NE Defense **QB** = 19 **RB** = 25 **WR** = 03 **TE** = 31
LAC Offense **QB** = 09 **RB** = 17 **WR** = 09 **TE** = 17

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
LAC RB 52, WR 34 (Allen 14), TE 18 (Parham 8, Everett 7)
NE RB 38 (Stevenson 23, Elliott 15), WR 19 (Bourne 6/Douglas 4), TE 7 (Henry 4, Gesicki 3)

Recent Match-Up History:
Last played in 2021 season (10/31/21) – No one had huge fantasy days but Ekeler (24.4 ppr), Allen, and Plamer scored for LAC. For NE D. Harris and their D scored.

Other Notes:
- In 5 games vs NE, K. Allen's highest PPR output is 19.7, that was in 2021.
- Over last 5 games, Stephenson has seen 66.2% of snaps, and Elliot has seen 34.2%
- If you want to play a NE WR, D. Douglas is your man with a 23.46% target share over last 5 games
- K. Allen has a monstrous 35.52% target share over last 5 games, and almost 50% air yards.
- With so many injuries in LAC WR room, Guyton or Erickson could get a random TD but I'm not buying

CASH: NONE

GPP: RB – R. Stevenson (middle), WR – K. Allen (light), WR – Guyton (feather)

DET @ NO

Weather: DOME

Key Injuries: DET A. Anzalone (LB) Doubtful. NO K. Miller OUT, Shaheed OUT, Olave QUE

Implied Total: DET 25.75 – NO 21.25 = 47 Total

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

DET Defense	**QB** = 08 **RB** = 24 **WR** = 06 **TE** = 29
NO Offense	**QB** = 16 **RB** = 13 **WR** = 13 **TE** = 02
NO Defense	**QB** = 12 **RB** = 09 **WR** = 29 **TE** = 01
DET Offense	**QB** = 13 **RB** = 01 **WR** = 08 **TE** = 08

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
DET RB 66 (Montgomery 37, Gibbs 22), WR 30 (St. Brown 15) , TE 10 (LaPorta 9)
NO RB 42 (Kamara 30), WR (28 (Olave 10, Thomas 9) , TE 38 (Taysom Hill 28)

Recent Match-Up History: Last played in 2020, current teams very different. Over the last 10 years though, when they do play, it's fairly high scoring. 35-29, 38-52, 28-13, 35-27 as some examples.

Other Notes:
- Over last 5 games, Olave leads NO with 26.17% target share, and 41.77% air yards (15.74 ppr).
- Over last 5 games, Kamara is tied with Olave for receptions with 31, and had 19.14 ppr
- Over last 5 games, St. Brown leads DET with 31.38% target share, and 35.45% air yards, suprisingly J. Williams is tied for 4th in target % (9.04) but 2nd in air yards with 24.15 %. St. Brown averaging 22.14 ppr and Williams 5.38 ppr.
- Gibbs 23.2 ppr in last 5 games, and Montgomery 16.17 in last 3 games.

CASH: WR – St. Brown, RB – Gibbs. If you're feeling risky you can do Kamara, Olave (if plays), or Hill for NO.

GPP: WR – St. Brown (light), WR – J Williams (feather), RB – Gibbs (middle), RB – Montgomery (light), TE – LaPorta (middle), WR – Olave (if plays – light), TE – T. Hill (middle), WR – AT Perry (feather), RB – Kamara (light), TE – J. Johnson (feather)

ATL @ NYJ

Weather: Wet field with some rain, minor impact.

Key Injuries: ATL None, NYJ Cook QUE

Implied Total: ATL 17.5 – NYJ 16 = 33.5 Total

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

ATL Defense	**QB** = 04	**RB** = 21	**WR** = 17	**TE** = 05
NYJ Offense	**QB** = 27	**RB** = 20	**WR** = 32	**TE** = 19
GB Defense	**QB** = 20	**RB** = 20	**WR** = 16	**TE** = 16
ATL Offense	**QB** = 20	**RB** = 09	**WR** = 30	**TE** = 14

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
ATL RB 56 (Allgeier 32/B. Robinson 19), WR 15 (London 10) , TE 15 (Smith 8/Pitts 4)
NYJ RB 30 (Hall 19), WR 20 (Wilson 13), TE 9 (Conklin 4/Uzomah 4)

Recent Match-Up History: Last played in 2021 season. Teams are very different now. Only thing to note is K. Pitts had 9/119/1TD. I would eat my hat if he had the same performance.

Other Notes:
- B. Robinson and Allgeier are still spliting time around a 70:30 snap split, but now C. Patterson has been joining them with about a 20% snap rate. They'll have two of the three on the field at the same time. It's hard to go with any in a GPP.
- I'm fully fading this game. Jets have the worst starting QB in the league and I say that with Flacco starting this Sunday. Falcons are unpredictable and not where I want my money.

CASH: NONE

GPP: NONE

ARI @ PIT

Weather: Some heavy to light rain. Some wind off and on. Could get bad but hard to tell. Could impact the pass game.

Key Injuries: ARI M. Brown QUE (DNP Friday), McBride QUE but should play, M. Wilson OUT PIT - None

Implied Total: ARI 17.25 – PIT 23.75 = 41 Total

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

ARI Defense	**QB** = 11	**RB** = 02	**WR** = 25	**TE** = 14
PIT Offense	**QB** = 32	**RB** = 05	**WR** = 31	**TE** = 22
PIT Defense	**QB** = 28	**RB** = 18	**WR** = 23	**TE** = 13

ARI Offense **QB** = 12 **RB** = 32 **WR** = 26 **TE** = 04

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
ARI RB 26 (Conner 17), WR 20 (M. Brown 9) , TE 14 (Bride 6)
PIT RB 30 (Harris 16/Warren 12), WR 15 (Johnson 6/Pickens 6) , TE 7 (Freiermuth 4)

Recent Match-Up History: Last played in 2019 = irrelevant.

Other Notes:
- Week 12 snap split was Conner 42%, Carter 38%, Demercado 20%. I am avoiding this backfield, especially since they haven't been productive and they have a running QB.
- M. Brown has been frustrating to play this season. He's gotten nearly WR1 volume in targets and air yards but hasn't produced. In last 5 games he's averaging 8.7 PPR points. I think he may have a big game before the season ends but I'm not betting it to be this one.
- T. McBride at TE for ARI is putting up WR numbers. 27.5% target share in last 5 weeks, with 23.73% air yard share, and 14.82 PPR.
- Dortch is averaging 8.83 PPR in last 3 games and comes very cheap in DFS. If M. Wilson doesn't play again, he is a decent dart throw.
- The PIT backfield is doing very well but still frustrating to figure out. It's almost a 50/50 split at this point. Over last 5 games Harris is averaging 13.04 PPR and Warren 14.76. Both have been breaking tackles and looking good. Warren has more explosive speed but Harris isn't going anywhere as he's looked better than the media will tell you.
- D. Johnson has received a massive amount of volume with 29.05% of the targets and 49.29% of the air yards but only has 10.62 PPR. Freiermuth has received almost 1/3 of that volume but has 11.35 fantasy points. Pickens is averaging 7.16 PPR. Pickett is a bad starting QB and with the running game going strong, I can't see a WR breaking out to be viable for GPP.

CASH: TE – T. McBride, For their price, you could sneak in Harris or Warren at RB.

GPP: TE – McBride (heavy), WR – Dortch (light if Wilson doesn't play), RB - Warren (middle), RB – Harris (light), QB – Murray (feather)

MIA @ WAS

Weather: Low to medium chance of rain, low to no impact on game

Key Injuries: NONE. All major players will play.

Implied Total: MIA – 29.5 - WAS 20.0 = 49.5 TOTAL

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

MIA Defense **QB** = 29 **RB** = 32 **WR** = 15 **TE** = 18
WAS Offense **QB** = 05 **RB** = 07 **WR** = 04 **TE** = 15

WAS Defense **QB** = 03 **RB** = 03 **WR** = 02 **TE** = 24
MIA Offense **QB** = 14 **RB** = 06 **WR** = 03 **TE** = 32

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
WAS RB 36 (B. Robinson 25/Gibson 7), WR 29 (Samuel 12/Dotson 8/McLaurin 7) , TE 12 (Thomas 7)
MIA RB 65 (Mostert 33/Achane 17), WR 31 (Hill 17/Waddle 7) , TE 6

Recent Match-Up History: Last played in 2019 = irrelevant

Other Notes:
- MIA offense is elite. Achane should be back but after being on IR came back and played only 3 snaps and left the week 11 game with a knee issue. He sat last week. If he's 100% he's a must start. He's a risky play because I doubt he's a 100% but I'm not doctor so you'll have to be the judge. Wilson, Mostert, and Achane have yet to all play together this season so we will see what happens. Mostert should get decent volume.
- Waddle and Hill both get enough volume to be dangerous. Over last 5 games, Hill sees 34% target share and 34% air yards, and Waddle receives 25% target share and 39% air yards. Hill has averaged 23.93 PPR and Waddle 15.6 PPR.
- Unfortunately for B. Robinson, when Gibson plays the split in snaps is fairly close, with Robinson getting a little more work, although week 12 was 45% Robinson (15.96 PPR last 5), 46% Gibson (11.25 PPR last 2 games as he was hurt for a bit). The almost cancel each other out in GPP.
- For WAS WRs, good luck. Over the last 5, McLaurin leads the team in target share and Air yards but only has 11.04 PPR, Dotson is second in both categories but has score 12.64 PPR. In last two games, Samuel has seen an uptick in volume with second in team in targets and air yards and tied with Dotson for 10.25 PPR for first in receivers.
- In last 5 weeks, Howell is 5th in NFL with 22.8 fantasy points. Tua is 18th with 15.9 fantasy points. WAS D is a gold mine for QBs though. Both QBs in play for this game.

CASH: RB – Mostert, QB – Tua, WR – Hill, WR – Waddle

GPP: MIA – Tua (middle), Hill (heavy), Waddle (middle), Mostert (middle), Achane (light). Stack this team! WAS QB – Howell (heavy), WR – pick any 3 of McLaurin, Dotson, or Samuel at a "light" rate. Wouldn't gamble to go heavy on any of them unless you have some insider knowledge.

DEN @ HOU

Weather: DOME

Key Injuries: DEN – NONE HOU – N. Bown QUE (GTD), Schultz OUT

Implied Total: DEN 22.25 – HOU 25.25 = 47.5 Total

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

DEN Defense	**QB** = 25	**RB** = 23	**WR** = 32	**TE** = 02
HOU Offense	**QB** = 04	**RB** = 31	**WR** = 02	**TE** = 13
HOU Defense	**QB** = 07	**RB** = 27	**WR** = 12	**TE** = 07
DEN Offense	**QB** = 18	**RB** = 04	**WR** = 22	**TE** = 29

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
DEN RB 54 (Williams 30/McLaughlin 12/Perine 12), WR 30 (Sutton 15/Jeudy 6), TE 8 (Trautman 7)
HOU RB 50 (Singletary 28/Pierce 20), WR 34 (Dell 10/Collins 10/Woods 9) , TE 17 (Schultz 12)

Recent Match-Up History: Played last year 9/18/22. HOU was a very different team but for DEN, they only had one TD ad that was R. Wilson to E. Saubert. Sutton had a good game with 7/122. Jeudy was shut down for 1/11.

Other Notes:
- Denver's defense has been pretty solid the last 5 weeks, except against TE's but Schultz is out for HOU. So it'll be B. Jordon. Play him at your own risk.

- I don't need to go into details about how good HOU's passing game has been. Dell has been leading the way with 20.14 PPR over last 5, Collins at 14.57, AND N. Brown with 20.07 over his last 3 games. If Brown plays, he would be an interesting GPP target.
- Over the last 5 games, Sutton leads DEN in target share % with 25, and air yards % with 46%. Jeudy has 19% target share and 38% air yards. The big difference is Sutton is averaging 15.1 PPR and Jeudy only 8.96 PPR.
- Over the last 5 games, Jav. Williams is averaging 13.96 PPR. In week 12, he got 70% of the snaps, but in the previous four games, he only averaged 54%. HOU has had a decent run D, so I'd probably avoid him but a few dart throws may not hurt.

CASH: QB – Stroud, QB – Wilson, WR – Dell, WR – Collins, WR – Sutton

GPP: HOU = Stroud (middle), Dell (middle), Collins (light), N. Brown (middle if plays), Singletary (light), Jordan (light). DEN = Wilson (middle), Jav. Williams (light), Sutton (light)

CAR @ TB

Weather: Slight chance of rain, field probably wet. Minor game impact.

Key Injuries: CAR V. Bell S – OUT, Horn, Chinn, and Gross-Matos all activated off IR and may play, Hurst TE OUT, Tremble TE Doubtful TB – L. David LB OUT, J. Dean S OUT, M. Greene DT OUT, D. White LB OUT, Godwin QUE

Both teams pretty beat up.

Implied Total: CAR 16.5 – TB 20.0 = 36.5 Total

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

CAR Defense	**QB** = 32	**RB** = 15	**WR** = 30	**TE** = 21
TB Offense	**QB** = 15	**RB** = 15	**WR** = 12	**TE** = 18
TB Defense	**QB** = 02	**RB** = 29	**WR** = 04	**TE** = 03
CAR Offense	**QB** = 29	**RB** = 29	**WR** = 29	**TE** = 20

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
CAR RB 35 (Hubbard 22/Sanders 11) , WR 26 (Thielen 13) , TE 10
TB RB 36 (R. White 32), WR 35 (Evans 13/Godwin 13) , TE 11 (Otton 9)

Recent Match-Up History:
Last season 1/1/23 (with Brady and Darnold as QB: Mike Evans 3 TDs - 10/207, Godwin 9/120. DJ Moore 6/117/1TD.
Last season 10/23/22 Carolina won 21-3. Evans 9/96. Moore 7/63/1TD

Other Notes:
- Mike Evans has played CAR 17 times, has scored 18 or more PPR 7 times. Has done very well last four years vs Carolina.
- Godwin has played CAR 9 times and has scored 18 or more PPR 4 times.
- Over last 5 games, Evans has 25% target share, with 47% air yard share and 18.44 PPR. Godwin has 19% target share with 16% air yard share and 9.64 PPR.
- Otton has averaged 10.36 PPR over last 5 games, and R. White has averaged 18.88 PPR over last 5
- Thielen has averaged 27% target share, with 23% air yards and 10 PPR. Mingo is second on the team in target % with 18% and 1st in air yards with 30%.
- Hubbard has averaged 10.54 PPR in last 5 games.

CASH: WR – Mike Evans

GPP: WR – M. Evans (middle), WR – Godwin (light), RB – R. White (light), TE – Otton (light), WR – Thielen (light), WR – Mingo (feather).

CLE @ LAR

Weather: Good/No Impact

Key Injuries: CLE – Dorian Thompson-Robinson OUT, D. Ward CB OUT, RAMS - NONE

Implied Total: CLE 18.5 – LAR 22.0 = 40.5 Total

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

CLE Defense	**QB** = 31	**RB** = 19	**WR** = 28	**TE** = 30
LAR Offense	**QB** = 25	**RB** = 08	**WR** = 21	**TE** = 24

LAR Defense	**QB** = 10	**RB** = 22	**WR** = 07	**TE** = 17
CLE Offense	**QB** = 22	**RB** = 14	**WR** = 25	**TE** = 07

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
LAR RB 59 (Williams 38), WR 26 (Nacua 12/Kupp 6/Atwell 5) , TE 7 (Higbee 5)
CLE RB 37 (Hunt 18/Ford 11), WR 23 (Moore 10/Cooper 9) , TE 15 (Njoku 12)

Recent Match-Up History: Last played in 2019 - irrelevant.

Other Notes:
- Ford has been the lead back most of the time in CLE, with a typical 65/35 split but some games it's 50/50 split with Hunt receiving goal line work as well. So it's hard to go with either.
- Njoku has averaged 13.32 PPR over last 5 games, Cooper 13.32, E. Moore with 8.64, Ford with 10.66, and Hunt with 8.62.
- Over last 5 games, Nacua has averaged 28.08% target share, 33.35% air yards, and 12.46 PPR. Over the same period, Kupp has averaged 20.55% target share, 27.65% air yards, and 4.94 fantasy points.

CASH: K. Williams

GPP: RB – K. Williams (middle)

SF @ PHI

Weather: Field will be wet from previous rain, and some rain during game. Minor game impact.

Key Injuries: SF – NONE, PHI Goedert TE Doubtful

Implied Total: SF 25.25 – PHI 22.25 = 47.5

Last 5 weeks fantasy rankings (1 = Worst in NFL, 32 = Best in NFL) based on 1 PPR scoring

SF Defense	**QB** = 27	**RB** = 30	**WR** = 10	**TE** = 25

PHI Offense **QB** = 02 **RB** = 16 **WR** = 06 **TE** = 31

PHI Defense **QB** = 01 **RB** = 26 **WR** = 01 **TE** = 06
SF Offense **QB** = 06 **RB** = 02 **WR** = 14 **TE** = 03

Redzone info (carries and targets) on season:
SF RB 78 (McCaffrey 65) , WR 23 (Samel 15/Aiyuk 5), TE 11 (Kittle 10)
PHI RB 51 (Swift 30/Gainwell 19), WR 18 (Brown 10/Smith 4), TE 9 (Goedert 7)

Recent Match-Up History: Last season playoffs, 1/29/23 – Phi 31 – SF 7. We all know Purdy got hurt in this game. For the Eagles, they didn't have a ton of yards but M. Sanders has 2 TDs, Hurts 1TD, and B. Scott 1 TD. CMC had 1 rushing TD and 106 combined yards.

Other Notes:
- Over last 5 games, AJ Brown has average 33.33% target share, 44.92% air yards, and 19.76 PPR. D. Smith has averaged 22.96% target share, 36.01% air yards, and 17.08. Swift has averaged 12.68 PPR.
- The niners spread the ball out between Aiyuk, Kittle, Samuel, and CMC fairly evenly, with Kittle and Aiyuk each getting over 30% of the air yards.

CASH: QB – Hurts, WR – A Brown, WR – D. Smith, QB – Purdy, RB – CMC, WR – Aiyuk, TE – Kittle

GPP: Hurts (heavy), WR – A Brown (middle), WR – D. Smith (middle), QB – Purdy (heavy), RB – CMC (middle), WR – Aiyuk (middle), Samuel (light), Kittle (middle).