

RB Week 16

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Some of these write-ups are going to have quicker analysis than usual unless I feel I need to delve deeper. Merry Christmas, Kwanza, Festivus, and all that.

TIER	PLAYER	OPP	O/U	SPREAD	UPSIDE	FUNNEL	NOTES
GB 1	Aaron Jones	TEN	56	-3.5	YES	PASS	Williams missed practice this week thus far, and if he doesn't play, Jones will be an RB1 with upside this week against the Titans. Jones finished as the RB5 last week with Williams leaving the game and had 158 total yards and a TD. If Williams returns, Jones is still a viable option, but his ceiling is lowered.
NO 1	Alvin Kamara	MIN	52	-7	YES		Kamara is the RB2 for the year with 777/10 rushing and 80/739/5 receiving. Kamara's targets have shot back up the past two games to 10,6 from 1,2,3 in weeks 11-13. Saints get a potential bounce-back matchup with the Vikings, who rank 20th in rush defense DVOA (according to FO), after coming off of two losses with the Eagles and Chiefs. The Saints are favored by 7 in this affair. Pencil in Kamara as an upside RB1 for your fantasy finals week. It also bodes well for him that Thomas is out. Murray is a sit.
TEN 1	Derrick Henry	@GB	56	3.5	YES		Henry seemingly shows up at the end of the fantasy season to ruin opponents as he busts through the playoffs. He has finished (1), (41), (1), (8) in these last three games and is an RB1 weekly. This game may turn into a passing shootout, which could lower Henry's floor, but he could also get opportunity in the redzone. Henry is 2nd in redzone touches, 1st in rushing yards, and 2nd in total TDs. Start Henry with confidence, not that you were sitting him.
CHI 1	David Montgomery	@JAC	47	-7.5	YES		Montgomery is a bonafide RB1 this week in a game they may get ahead and are favored by 7.5 against the Jags. Montgomery's last four fantasy finishes are (6), (1), (6), (2). Start him with confidence in your finals.
MIN 1	Dalvin Cook	@NO	52	7	YES		Cooks is the RB1 for the year with 1484/15 rushing and 42/349/1 receiving. He is 1st in redzone touches, evaded tackles, and TDs. You aren't sitting Cook if you own him, but this is a tougher matchup with the Saints. He has proven to be a capable RB against higher-ranked rush defenses like Tampa Bay and Chicago, which he finished as the RB3 against last week and RB11 the week before. Start him with confidence as your RB1. Matteson isn't expected to be back by Christmas from the concussion protocol, which helps Cook even more.
CLE 1	Nick Chubb	@NYJ	47.5	-9.5	YES	PASS	Chubb is a soon-in RB1 in this matchup with the pass funnel Jets, especially if the Browns, who are 9.5 point favorites, get ahead. Chubb's last four finishes are (4), (11), (7), (21). Hunt is a less trustworthy flex option that could get work depending on the game flow as he has finished (31), (36), (30), (4), (49) in his last five games.
LAC 1	Austin Ekeler	DEN	49	-3	YES	RUN	Ekeler had gotten vultured by Ballage and Herbert last week, but his previous four fantasy finishes are (8), (24), (8), (27). He warrants RB1 discussion playing against a run funnel Broncos team that the Chargers could get ahead on if Lock doesn't keep pace. Ballage is a sit.
HOU 1	David Johnson	CIN	46	-8	YES		Duke has been out of practice this week, which will bode well for the other Johnson and his fantasy owners. David went 133 yards and finished as the RB6 with 11 receptions on 11 targets. He is a high-end RB2 with upside this week against the Bengals, a middling rush defense. The Texans are an 8 point favorite that didn't budge even with the Bengal's win over the Steelers. Start David with confidence.
LV 1	Josh Jacobs	MIA	47.5	3		RUN	The Raiders get a run funnel Dolphins team this week that are vying for playoff hopes. The Raiders enter as 3 point dogs, and I would think the Dolphins play a little harder in this "playoff" type matchup for them. Jacobs is the RB7 for the year and is an RB2, at least in this matchup with less upside. Jacobs's last four fantasy finishes are (17), (41), (24), (12). Booker is a sit.
PHI 1	Miles Sanders	@DAL	49.5	-2.5	YES		Sanders has finished (3), (29) in the past two games and gets a Cowboys team ranked 25th in rush defense DVOA (according to FO). Sanders is an RB1/RB2 this week. He does have to contend with Hurts rushing for TDs as well. Scott is a sit.

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TB	1	Leonard Fournette	@DET	54	-9.5	YES		Rojo looks as if he will miss this game based on reports, and remember he broke his pinkie. Fournette finished with 14 carries and five targets last week and was the RB11. He gets a plus matchup against the Lions, who rank 28th in rush defense DVOA (according to FO). Fournette is a high-end RB2 this week with upside in a game the Bucs are heavily favored by 9 points. McCoy only played 12% of the snaps and should be avoided.
DET	2	D'Andre Swift	TB	54	9.5			Swift is an automatic RB2 even in a challenging affair with the number one ranked rush defense DVOA (according to FO) in the Bucs. The Lions may end up in a negative game script as they are 9 point dogs, which would bode well for Swift in PPR leagues, although he has not topped five targets this year in any game. He finished as the RB16 and RB10 since returning and is a confident start for your fantasy finals. Adrian "Methuselah" Peterson is a sit, and so is Johnson.
SEA	2	Chris Carson	LA	47.5	-1			Carson has finished (17), (6), (12), (34) in his last four games and missed the previous affair with the Rams. This game may be a defensive battle, and the Rams rank 7th in rush defense DVOA (according to FO). I would temper expectations here; Carson is a low-end RB1 to high-end RB2 this week against the Rams. Hyde is a sit.
MIA	2	Myles Gaskin	@LV	47.5	-3	YES		Gaskin looks as if he will return this week based on news reports. He is typically a safe RB2 this year with low volatility in a plus matchup with the Raiders, who rank 31st in rush defense DVOA (according to FO) in a must-win game for the playoff-hopeful Fins. It's in the realm of possibility that they still utilize Ahmed, who has played quite well, but he is a fringe flex-start with Gaskin back in. Breida is a sit. Bowden finished as the RB44, but he is a fringe flex if the receivers return, which looks like they will. If they don't, then Bowden becomes a high-end flex option, if not more.
JAC	2	James Robinson	CHI	47	7.5			Robinson has gotten many teams to the fantasy playoffs and might have lost some playoff games for you. If you are still in the thick of it and plays this week, he is an RB1/2, but with tempered expectations, since he could still be hobbled. Also, I don't imagine the Jags trying to win this game with a chance at the number one overall pick.
BAL	2	JK Dobbins	NYG	45	-11			Dobbins has finished (8), (21), (22), (20) in his last four games. He is an RB2 in a possible plus draw as 11 point favorites against the Giants. Edwards is a boom or bust fringe flex play that needs to score to get you some value. Ingram is a sit.
KC	2	Le'Veon Bell	ATL	54	-10.5	PASS		Bell is an opportunity-driven RB2 this week with upside with Clyde out. Bell finished with 15/62/1 last week and one reception for 14 yards.
DEN	2	Melvin Gordon	@LAC	49	3			Lindsay didn't practice Wednesday, and if he doesn't play, it helps Gordon's floor and ceiling against his former team in a possible "revenge" game, but that narrative has not worked out too well this year. Gordon would be an RB2 regardless but will have room for more if Lindsay sits. Gordon's last five fantasy finishes are (5), (56), (15), (20), (7). The 56 doesn't count because it was when the Broncos didn't have a viable QB. The Chargers are 26th in rush defense DVOA (according to FO). Start Gordon with confidence. Lindsay is a sit for your fantasy finals.
WAS	2	Antonio Gibson	CAR	44.5	-2.5			Gibson is practicing this week, and if he returns, he is an RB2 against the Panthers. Turf Toe isn't anything to scoff at, though, so you may want to temper expectations slightly. If he returns, Barber is a sit. If he doesn't, Barber is still a sit. McKissic went 9/107/1 last week and finished as the RB4. If Gibson is out, he is a high-end RB2 with upside. If Gibson returns, he is an RB2 to flex option.
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SF	2	Jeff Wilson	@ARI	49	5			With Mostert leaving the game, the ball primarily ran through Wilson, who finished as the RB26 last week. He is a fill-in RB2 this week if you are needy at the position for your fantasy finals against a middling Cardinals rush defense. Temper expectations if Beathard can't advance the ball in a possible negative game script. I would still suspect Wilson to be serviceable. McKinnon and Coleman are both sits.
ARI	F	Kenyan Drake	SF	49	-5			Edmonds hasn't practiced yet this week, but if he plays, it's going to make this weekend's decision to start Drake a little bit murkier. If he doesn't go, Drake is a shoo-in RB2. Drake finished as the RB48 last week, while Edmonds finished as the RB19. If Edmonds plays, I think Drake is a riskier RB2/Flex, and Edmonds is a risky flex play for your fantasy finals.
CLE	F	Kareem Hunt	@NYJ	47.5	-9.5		PASS	Chubb is a shoo-in RB1 in this matchup with the pass funnel Jets, especially if the Browns, who are 9.5 point favorites, get ahead. Chubb's last four finishes are (4), (11), (7), (21). Hunt is a less trustworthy flex option that could get work depending on the game flow as he has finished (31), (36), (30), (4), (49) in his last five games.
LA	F	Darrell Henderson	@SEA	47.5	-1			Akers will be out this game, and it's possible these two split, or Henderson takes the lead as he did earlier in the year. He would still be hard to trust as your fantasy starter for the finals, so he is a risky low-end RB2 to flex play this week. The last time these two played, he finished with 33 yards and a TD for RB25 for the week.
DAL	F	Ezekiel Elliott	PHI	49.5	2.5		PASS	Elliott looks poised to return this week. I was hoping we'd get another week of Pollard. Not that I hate Elliott, and it could be injury-related, but he has been unmotivated since Dak went out. Hopefully, he gets reinvigorated after watching Pollard bust one out last week. If Elliot plays, he is an RB2; if he doesn't, Pollard is an RB2.
CIN	F	Gio Bernard	@HOU	46	8			Who would have thought the mustached marauder saved fantasy days for whoever had the balls to play him against the Steelers on Monday night. If the Bengals somehow do the same thing, Bernard is a flex option with room for more against the Texans. If they come off of their high, Bernard is a risky flex play for your fantasy finals. Perine and Williams are sits.
PIT	F	James Conner	IND	45	1.5			Conner may suit up this week, but he would be hard to trust as a fantasy finals play. He would be a risky low-end RB2. If he doesn't play, Snell performed well against the Bengals and should be an RB2. Conner's last five fantasy finishes are (13), (54), (32), (18), (73). McFarland is a sit.
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NYG	F	Wayne Gallman	@BAL	45	11			Gallman has been a productive RB2 but hit a wall last week against Cleveland. Freeman may return this week, making Gallman a risky low-end RB2 to flex start against a stout Ravens team. Morris is a sit.

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NYJ	F	Frank Gore	CLE	47.5	9.5			Old man river is a serviceable flex to RB2 fill-in against the Browns 19th ranked rush defense DVOA (according to FO). Gore finished as the RB25 against the Rams last week. Johnson is a sit, although he was targeted six times last week and finished as the RB17.
IND	F	Nyheim Hines	@PIT	45	-1.5			If Gio can gash the tough Steelers defense, then Taylor surely could, right? He has finished (11), (5), (2), (15) in his last four games and is an RB1/2 this week against the Steelers. I would temper expectations, though, seeing as it's still a tough spot, and the Steelers are coming off three losses straight, so they are going to perk up here. Hines could get some increased usage here coming out of the backfield if it becomes a defensive battle or the Colts get behind. Hines is a low-end flex play. He has finished (11), (22), (21), (40) in his last four games.
BUF	F	Devin Singletary	@NE	46	7		RUN	Moss is a sit for the fantasy finals. Singletary's last four finishes are (22), (23), (54), (18). He is a risky low-end flex against the Patriots if you are desperate.
MIA	f	Lynn Bowden	@LV	47.5	-3			Gaskins looks as if he will return this week based on news reports. He is typically a safe RB2 this year with low volatility in a plus matchup with the Raiders, who rank 31st in rush defense DVOA (according to FO) in a must-win game for the playoff-hopeful Fins. It's in the realm of possibility that they still utilize Ahmed, who has played quite well, but he is a fringe flex-start with Gaskin back in. Breida is a sit. Bowden finished as the RB44, but he is a fringe flex if the receivers return, which looks like they will. If they don't, then Bowden becomes a high-end flex option, if not more.
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MIA	f	Salvon Ahmed	@LV	47.5	-3			Gaskins looks as if he will return this week based on news reports. He is typically a safe RB2 this year with low volatility in a plus matchup with the Raiders, who rank 31st in rush defense DVOA (according to FO) in a must-win game for the playoff-hopeful Fins. It's in the realm of possibility that they still utilize Ahmed, who has played quite well, but he is a fringe flex-start with Gaskin back in. Breida is a sit. Bowden finished as the RB44, but he is a fringe flex if the receivers return, which looks like they will. If they don't, then Bowden becomes a high-end flex option, if not more.
NE	f	Sony Michel	BUF	46	-7			Damien may return this week, which could lead to him returning as the primary back or splitting with Michel, who finished with 10/74/0 last week. If Damien is out, Michel is a risky flex play; if Harris returns, I wouldn't play any for your fantasy finals. White finished with 4/52/0 but is not a viable starter for your fantasy playoffs.
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