

DRAFTKINGS DFS NFL CASH PICKS - WEEK 17

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QUARTERBACK

TOP PLAY

Jalen Hurts, PHI (\$8300)

Hurts isn't playing like an MVP lately, but his fantasy box scores aren't reflective of that based on his insane rushing usage, particularly in the red zone. Hurts has 15 rushing TDs this year, which is RB1 upside ON TOP of the elite QB play. The Eagles have a whopping implied team total of 30 points, and the Cardinals are dead last in both pressure rate and QB hit rate. Hurts should go nuts.

Other options - Josh Allen, Lamar Jackson, Brock Purdy

Mid-tier options - Kyler Murray

VALUE PLAY

Tyrod Taylor, NYG (\$4600)

With all the QB benchings this week, there is no shortage of uber-cheap value QBs. Tyrod Taylor almost led the New York Giants to a comeback against the Philadelphia Eagles on Christmas night, and is a dual-threat quarterback who is priced as a backup. The Los Angeles Rams have allowed the sixth-most rushing yards to quarterback along with the seventh-most fantasy points per game (FPPG) to the position. He'd be my pick of the sub-5k guys.

Other options - Jacoby Brissett, Jared Stidham

RUNNING BACK

TOP PLAY

Christian McCaffrey, SF (\$9600)

Do not overthink this one in cash. Christian McCaffrey being the top-ranked RB isn't a hot take, but he laps the field this week. CMC is averaging 26.7 FPPG and has 21 all-purpose TDs. It's laughable to imagine anyone on Washington stopping him, and the Niners also have an implied total over 30 points. The Commanders have allowed the fifth most FPPG to opposing RBs. McCaffrey should be easily over 10k.

Other options - Kyren Williams, Rachaad White, Travis Etienne, James Cook

Mid-tier options - Saquon Barkley, D'Andre Swift, Ezekiel Elliott

VALUE PLAY

Clyde Edwards-Helaire, KC (\$5300)

Here we go again! CEH should get another golden opportunity this weekend with Jerick McKinnon on IR and Isiah Pacheco looking mighty iffy as well in the concussion protocol. I 100% understand the hesitancy (and also the GPP fade), but at his price and ownership in the Chiefs' offense, you can't build a cash lineup without CEH this week.

Other options - Javonte Williams, Devin Singletary, Chuba Hubbard, Zamir White

WIDE RECEIVER

TOP PLAY

Tyreek Hill, MIA (\$9300)

It's fair to worry about the matchup against Baltimore, whose defense and league-leading QB hits/sack rate have limited production to both QBs and WRs. However, Tyreek Hill has proven time and time again to be matchup-proof, and Jaylen Waddle's likely absence is going to move even more usage Tyreek's way. The Dolphins passing offense has shown itself to be streamlined towards the two running backs and the top two WRs, so Waddle's usage is likely to come Tyreek's way rather than the ancillary WRs.

Other options - Deebo Samuel, Brandon Aiyuk, Davante Adams, Nico Collins

Mid-tier options - Rashee Rice, Chris Olave, DJ Moore, DeAndre Hopkins

VALUE PLAY

Demario Douglas, NE (\$4300)

Playing someone on an offense with an implied 14 points is scary, but Pop Douglas has shown enough PPR floor to be viable in cash. His price tag of \$4300 is necessary on a slate where it's vital to fit Christian McCaffrey, and Douglas has 8+ targets in three of his last four games.

Other options - Zay Flowers, Terry McLaurin, Curtis Samuel, Zay Jones, Jonathan Mingo

TIGHT END

TOP PLAY

Trey McBride, ARI (\$5900)

I've been back and forth on McBride vs Kittle all week, but ultimately I'm going to lean towards the guy who is the team's #1 option in the passing game, rather than the #3 or 4. Even in a box score dud, McBride still had eight targets last week, and now has 72 in eight games since taking over for Zack Ertz full time (and 53 in Kyler Murray's six games). The Eagles are soft over the middle, and have allowed the eighth most FPPG to opposing TEs.

Other options - Travis Kelce, George Kittle

VALUE PLAY

Chig Okonkwo, TEN (\$3600)

Okonkwo's price tag rose \$500, but it's still in a range where we can utilize him. He has six targets in three of his past four games and finally found pay dirt in Week 16 (from a Derrick Henry pass, no less). Okonkwo's involvement as a sub-4k price tag is what we're looking for from the tight end position, and Houston has given up the fifth-most FPPG to the position.

Other options - Dalton Schultz, Gerald Everett

TOP FIVE DEFENSES FOR CASH

1. Denver Broncos (\$2900)
2. Buffalo Bills (\$3900)
3. Houston Texans (\$3000)
4. Los Angeles Chargers (\$2900)
5. Los Angeles Rams (\$3500)