

## Week 17 Blue-Rated Wideouts

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The volatile scoring nature of the wide receiver position may cause more start-sit headaches for fantasy managers than any other position, but when things go well wide receivers can post point totals capable of winning fantasy games.

How does one know which wide receivers are capable of posting those game-winning point totals? My player grading system (a full version of which can be found at [TheFootballScientist.com](http://TheFootballScientist.com)) aims to identify these players via an overall/upside/downside approach. A player's overall grade measures his likely performance, the downside the grade indicates how a player is apt to fare if things go poorly for him that week, and the upside grade measures the scoring ceiling of a player if things go well in a given contest.

This grading system also uses five color-coded categories: blue (indicating someone who can post elite point totals), green (a strong starter), yellow (a solid backup or a potential starter in bye weeks or deep leagues), orange (a desperation play), and red (someone who should not be started).

This means fantasy managers who are looking for big scoring potential at wide receiver should aim for someone who has a blue-rated upside grade (which is 90-100 in my system). This weekly article series will identify all the blue-rated upside wideouts in a given week and then provide details on a few of the unexpected candidates on this board. It will also detail the strength of the matchup each of these receivers is facing via a matchup points total of 1-100, with 100 being most favorable.

### Week 17 wide receivers with blue-rated upside

Player	Team	Opponent	Upside PPR	Matchup points
Deebo Samuel	SAN	Washington Commanders	100.0	68
A.J. Brown	PHI	Arizona Cardinals	100.0	78
CeeDee Lamb	DAL	Detroit Lions	100.0	64
Cooper Kupp	LRM	New York Giants	100.0	85
Tyreek Hill	MIA	Baltimore Ravens	99.8	68
Justin Jefferson	MIN	Green Bay Packers	100.0	100
Rashee Rice	KC	Cincinnati Bengals	97.9	49
Puka Nacua	LRM	New York Giants	96.5	64
Mike Evans	TB	New Orleans Saints	96.5	64
Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	Dallas Cowboys	94.5	30

DeVonta Smith	PHI	Arizona Cardinals	95.1	64
Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	Las Vegas Raiders	93.7	87
Davante Adams	LAV	Indianapolis Colts	92.4	60
Nico Collins	HOU	Tennessee Titans	91.7	55
Brandon Aiyuk	SAN	Washington Commanders	95.6	68
Chris Olave	NO	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	90.3	60
Demarcus Robinson	LRM	New York Giants	92.1	78

### **Demarcus Robinson, Los Angeles Rams**

Robinson has scored 13+ PPR points in each of the past four weeks and yet is still available in just over 94 percent of ESPN leagues. With 78 matchup points this week and the Rams offense playing as well as any offense in the league right now, Robinson has the potential to post another game of that caliber and should be in all lineups as a flex candidate. This means fantasy managers should put in a free agent claim immediately if he is still available.

### **Nico Collins, Houston**

Collins has tallied only five catches for 31 yards in his last two games, but it looks like he will once again be catching passes from C.J. Stroud, who is on track to return to the lineup after missing two games due to a concussion. With Collins likely to face Sean Murphy-Bunting in coverage (a cornerback who has allowed 8.0 PPR PPG over the past four weeks, per Stathead), expect Stroud to throw to him quite often and potentially give Collins another impact scoring game.

### **Davante Adams, Las Vegas**

Which version of Adams is going to show up this week? The one who posted 24.1 PPR points against the Chargers in Week 16, or the one who tallied 1.4 PPR points against the Chiefs in Week 17.

Adams has a solid matchup versus Jaylon Jones, who has allowed 7.4 YPT and 7.1 PPR PPG in the past four weeks. Those aren't the type of numbers that will motivate the Raiders to avoid throwing to Adams, so the answer leans in the direction of the Week 16 version. This indicates Adams belongs in lineups, as Las Vegas will make it a primary goal to get their impact wideout fully involved again this week.