Week 17: Digging In The Crates

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DraftKings Main Slate (13 Games)

Quarterbacks

Tyrod Taylor vs. Rams (\$4,600)

The Tommy DeVito story has come to an end in East Rutherford, as the Giants have elected to go with Tyrod Taylor. Taylor is a proven veteran with mobility, and is nearly free Week 17. Taylor connected with Darius Slayton on a 69 yard touchdown for the longest play of the Giants horrible season. Saquon Barkley will be busy, and Taylor is going to throw for 300 yards, but he won't hurt us either at this price.

Derek Carr @ Buccaneers (\$5,500)

We have picked on the Buccaneers pass defense all season, and it doesn't make much sense this week as they continue to allow opposing quarterbacks to dominate them. Carr dropped 29 FPTS a week ago against the Rams, on forty pass attempts. I like stacking him with Chris Olave here. Maybe I will even add Juwan Johnson or Alvin Kamara into the Saints mix.

Running Backs

Clyde Edwards-Helaire (\$5,300)

It appears that CEH will have another large role Week 17, with Jerick McKinnon, and Isaiah Pacheco to be sidelined. He's had 24 touches combined over the last two weeks, and the Chiefs are going to continue to run the ball. CEH is going to be one of the RB plays this Week that will allow us to pay up elsewhere. Should we have skepticism? Yes. But where he could have the Chiefs backfield to himself. I am less worried.

Zamir White @ Colts (\$5,100)

Josh Jacobs has yet to play in a game since Week 14, and Zamir White has done a hell of a job filling the void. White is coming off of a 22 carry, 145 rushing yard game last Week against the Chiefs. Obviously using White is contingent on the health and status of Josh Jacobs Sunday.

Wide Receivers

Demario Douglas @ Bills (\$4,300)

Anything that can go wrong, has gone wrong for the Patriots offense in 2023. However, Demario Douglas is still standing, and as the Patriots are heavy road underdogs to the Bills this Weekend, he could soak up plenty of targets. He is still waiting on his first NFL career touchdown, but this could be the week.

Tight Ends

Chig Okonkwo @ Texans (\$3,600)

We are going right back to our guy Chig this Week as he is coming off his best game of the 2023 season. Okonkwo caught all six of his targets, totaling 63 receiving yards, and a touchdown. He'll get a divisional foe this Week on the road. The Texans give up the fourth-most fantasy points to tight ends, and we are getting Chig for nearly free.

Juwan Johnson @ Buccaneers (\$3,400)

The Versatile Juwan Johnson has now scored touchdowns in back to back games for the Saints, as he has become the proverbial safety blanket for Derek Carr and the Saints offense. As I mentioned earlier in the article, the Buccaneers have been one of, if not, the best pass defenses in the league to attack this season. I like Okonkwo more, but they are both a nice price.

Defense/Special Teams

Ravens vs. Dolphins (\$2,800)