
A Passing Fantasy Issue 117

NFLBP Player Newsletter 2002 Week Eleven

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WEEK TEN REVIEW

New England looked in control in Buffalo through three quarters, unfortunately they only managed to build up a lead of 13 points. In the fourth quarter the Bills' offense suddenly came to life and put 17 points on the board to steal victory. Miami were made to work hard in New York before a couple of fourth quarter touchdowns turned a tight game into a comfortable victory. Cincinnati exploded in the fourth quarter in Tennessee with 5 touchdowns, the Titans had been struggling to keep up in the first three quarters and had no answers to this onslaught. The Browns had been looking better of late but they were brought back down to earth by Baltimore. A balanced offensive attack from the Ravens controlled the game and put up the points. Seattle had their passing game in full working order for the visit of the Broncos, 300 yards through the air was too much for Denver to keep up with. Oakland moved a step closer to retaining their division title with a comfortable win in Kansas City. The Raiders got three second quarter touchdowns and were able to sit back and relax in the second half.

Philadelphia put in another strong defensive performance to see off the Giants. New York were unable to get anything going on offense and the Eagles were able to take advantage of several short fields. Dallas got into a tight defensive battle in Arizona but a 35 yard touchdown pass, the only visit either team made to the endzone, gave the Cowboys the edge. The Bears have been disappointing all season but a convincing win over the reigning Central champions, Green Bay, may indicate

that Chicago are about to start turning it around. Detroit moved back into a tie for first place by beating their most immediate rivals, the Bucs. Tampa struggled to control the ball on offense as the Lions kept things on the ground. San Francisco also appear to be getting back to form after an early season slump, their offense was hardly explosive in Carolina but looked competent, which is more than can be said for some of their outings so far. The Rams continued their relentless march towards the NFC West title with another solid win over a divisional rival. The Saints got on the board first but once the St Louis offense clicked into gear they didn't get another look in.

Offensive performance of the week goes to the Bengals, who actually scored more points in one quarter than 22 of the other 23 teams managed in a whole game this week. Defensive performance of the week goes to the Rams who, after one early mistake, completely shut down their opponents. Special teams performance of the week goes to the Eagles, whose kicker did most of the damage in their win.

PREDICTIONS STANDINGS

Darren Birtchnell

Darren Birtchnell	13.00	(8)
Martyn Williams	12.78	(9)
Rob Crowther	11.50	(8)
Dave Pinder	9.00	(1)

WEEK TEN TOP PERFORMERS

Martyn Williams

RUSHING OFFENCE

Team	Att	Yards	AvgR	TD	Fm	Rating
Rams	38	175	4.61	0	1	57.37
Patriots	25	116	4.64	0	1	50.70
Bucs	20	54	2.70	1	1	56.00

PASSING OFFENCE

Team	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Sk	Rating
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Bears	8	14	57.14	182	2	0	1	141.37
49ers	19	28	67.86	202	3	0	5	124.40
Bengals	19	28	67.86	206	6	1	3	113.99

RUSHING DEFENCE

Team	Att	Yards	AvgR	TD	Fm	Rating
Dolphins	21	108	5.14	0	2	25.71
Ravens	25	113	4.52	0	2	30.10
Eagles	17	53	3.12	0	1	33.68

PASSING DEFENCE

Team	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Sk	Rating
Eagles	15	31	48.39	110	0	3	6	17.61
Bengals	16	36	44.44	145	1	2	9	42.01
Seahawks	13	27	48.15	177	1	3	3	42.28

STATS CORNER

Martyn Williams

RUSHING OFFENCE

Team	Att	Yards	AvgR	TD	Fm	Rating
Rams	323	1286	3.98	9	1	77.00
Patriots	280	1191	4.25	9	3	76.27
Bucs	337	1219	3.62	13	6	72.11
Raiders	300	1421	4.74	9	7	71.52
Dolphins	300	1106	3.69	11	6	70.60
Saints	401	1330	3.32	9	2	70.57
Eagles	375	1514	4.04	7	5	68.49
Bengals	234	1054	4.50	6	7	65.32
Chiefs	351	1189	3.39	8	6	65.01
Packers	389	1428	3.67	7	8	62.77
Lions	367	1024	2.79	13	10	62.00
Cardinals	380	946	2.49	8	6	60.47

PASSING OFFENCE

Team	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Sk	Rating
Bengals	216	353	61.19	2736	34	14	39	100.95
Dolphins	189	329	57.45	2542	24	5	23	100.13
Raiders	148	258	57.36	2110	26	11	24	99.79
Patriots	205	334	61.38	2394	19	5	32	95.82
Rams	182	308	59.09	2257	20	7	26	94.03
Bucs	173	281	61.57	2181	15	8	32	91.66
Broncos	132	243	54.32	1940	14	10	30	82.67
Chiefs	164	296	55.41	2227	13	9	20	81.57
49ers	156	268	58.21	1609	16	9	31	81.51
Titans	207	373	55.50	2269	17	8	34	79.93
Packers	160	272	58.82	2041	9	10	26	78.08

Cards	137	235	58.30	1417	6	4	14	77.21
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TURNOVERS

Team	T/O +/-
Cardinals	13
Rams	12
Dolphins	11
Patriots	10
Eagles	9
Bills	5
Chiefs	5
49ers	4
Raiders	3
Lions	3
Buccaneers	2
Bengals	0

RUSHING DEFENCE

Team	Att	Yards	AvgR	TD	Fm	Rating
Chiefs	195	528	2.71	3	10	41.55
Eagles	249	549	2.20	3	10	43.26
Cardinals	325	1009	3.10	4	16	43.33
Broncos	252	793	3.15	3	9	50.14
Patriots	264	779	2.95	3	7	53.54
Lions	299	787	2.63	7	9	54.97
Dolphins	265	952	3.59	5	9	56.03
Ravens	269	899	3.34	6	9	56.40
49ers	352	1195	3.39	6	10	57.09
Bills	252	928	3.68	7	10	57.18
Raiders	311	1145	3.68	2	7	57.23
Seahawks	299	990	3.31	5	8	57.37

PASSING DEFENCE

Team	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Sk	Rating
Rams	168	318	52.83	2044	7	17	30	57.95
49ers	173	320	54.06	1783	5	13	28	58.63
Bills	188	372	50.54	1997	13	11	51	65.89
Raiders	192	346	55.49	2378	9	14	35	68.77
Dolphins	181	334	54.19	2245	10	13	23	69.01
Bengals	197	356	55.34	2355	11	14	41	69.67
Lions	172	306	56.21	2104	13	13	41	74.03
Jets	159	295	53.90	1727	13	8	28	74.78
Eagles	178	311	57.23	2405	9	12	45	75.57
Patriots	201	349	57.59	2466	10	11	29	75.94
Cowboys	170	290	58.62	2023	10	10	22	77.13

Packers 152 273 55.68 2002 11 8 31 80.26

WEEK TWELVE PREVIEW

Predictions and commentary from myself, other predictions from Martyn Williams and Darren Birtchnell.

Patriots at Bengals – On current form New England will need something of a miracle to retain their division title, this is a game they need to win but it's hard to see them beating Cincinnati in their own backyard. BENGALS BY 7

Dolphins at Browns – Miami are on a rampage this season, Cleveland have shown some signs of life recently but nothing to suggest they can compete with playoff calibre opposition. DOLPHINS BY 10

Jets at Seahawks – New York have yet to find a consistent formula on offense but have been solid on defense. Seattle blow hot and cold, they were hot last week so... JETS BY 3

Bills at Chiefs – Buffalo are the surprise package of the season so far, Kansas City are their closest rivals for the second wildcard spot at the moment. The Chiefs must be favourite at home but, as they proved last week, the Bills are very hard to put away. CHIEFS BY 3

Ravens at Raiders – On current records this should be no contest, but Oakland have hardly been dominating in recent weeks and Baltimore looked pretty good last week, albeit against opposition of a similar status. The Raiders will not be taking this game lightly but expect to win.

Titans at Broncos – Tennessee got blown away in the fourth quarter last week, Denver are unlikely to produce a similarly explosive performance. TITANS BY 7

Eagles at Packers – Green Bay have yet to really gel under Coach Odgers and will find it difficult to make headway against the aggressive Philadelphia defense. EAGLES BY 10

Cowboys at Bucs – Both teams are vying for a playoff spot, this game may be more important for Dallas as they look outsiders to win their division, but Tampa have played well at home. BUCS BY 3

Cardinals at Panthers – Neither team has much in the way of offense, but Arizona have been more consistent on both sides of the ball. CARDINALS BY 7

Giants at Saints – New York are leading the race for top draft pick and have been fairly lacklustre since their entry into NFLBP. New Orleans have hardly set the world afire this season but are clear favourites here. SAINTS BY 7

Lions at Rams – Strangely Detroit seems to have something of a hex over Coach Williams in St Louis, I can't see it continuing for ever though. RAMS BY 14

Bears at 49ers – Chicago looked better last week but taking on perennial contenders San Francisco in their own back yard may be asking a bit too much of them. 49ERS BY 7

MW – Bengals by 10, Dolphins by 14, Seahawks by 7, Bills by 3 (slugfest), Raiders by 17 (lock, blowout), Titans by 7, Eagles by 14, Cowboys by 3 (shootout), Cardinals by 7, Saints by 7, 49ers by 13. Shock – Lions.

DB – Dolphins by 8 (shootout), Seahawks by 10, Bills by 3 (shock, slugfest) Raiders by 21 (lock, blowout), Titans by 6, Eagles by 10, Cowboys by 3, Cardinals by 4, Saints by 7, Rams by 14, 49ers by 14

RC – Lock: Dolphins; Shock: Bucs; Blowout: Rams; Shootout: Patriots at Bengals; Slugfest: Cardinals at Panthers.