



Week 10 Preview

Week 10 already!! The season is just over the midway point now. There are already teams looking at next season and what they have on their roster heading into that season. There are however still nine teams in the AFC fighting for a playoff spot, whereas in the NFC there are arguably 12 still fighting hard. Could a win for a couple of teams drag them back into contention or will it be too little too late? Let's take a look at the games and give my predictions for it.

Sadly this will have to be another quick fire one

Bengals (4-5) @ (6-3) Ravens

The Bengals are pushing to keep their playoff hopes alive against one of the most inform teams, it will be a really close game.

Key match-up - Henry Vs Hill and Rankins, I could add the linebackers in as well but the Bengals need to pressure Henry.

Score prediction - Bengals 29-32 Ravens

Giants (2-7) @ (2-7) Panthers (Germany game)

This does not have much on the line other than closer to the first overall pick. Both teams had moments last week and Bryce Young stepped up to get the Panthers a win.

Key match-up - Jones Vs Young - whichever quarterback protects the ball best wins this one.

Score prediction - Giants 21-27 Panthers

Patriots (2-7) @ (4-4) Bears

This game sees the 1st and 3rd overall picks face off. The Bears need a win to keep hopes of the playoffs, whereas the Patriots are looking to see what they have in the future.

Key match-up - Williams Vs Patriots pass rush - if the pats can pressure Caleb we can see some strange decisions from the young QB.

Score prediction - Patriots 24-33 Bears

Bills (7-2) @ (4-5) Colts

The Bills are on fire at the moments and the Colts are desperate for a win to keep their playoff and divisional title hopes alive.

Key match-up - Allen Vs Colts pass rush - we saw that with pressure Allen can make mistakes, but getting any kind of real pressure is tough. The Colts defensive line is key to making Allen make any mistakes when he has been excellent most of the year.

Score prediction - Bills 36-20 Colts

Broncos (5-4) @ (8-0) Chiefs

Broncos tough a huge loss against the Ravens and it doesn't get easier against the Chiefs who look to have found rhythm on offence, Broncos need a bounce back week.

Key match-up - Sutton Vs McDuffie - for the Broncos to stand a chance Sutton has to get away from McDuffie and be a reliable target for Nix.

Score prediction - Broncos 17-34 Chiefs

Falcons (6-3) @ (2-7) Saints

Big divisional game for the Falcons who will want to put some more room between them and the Bucs, the Saints will want to make a statement and a terrible run of form and a new head coach arriving.

Key match-up - Bijan Vs Kamara - the run game is vital to both sides with injuries affecting the offences.

Score prediction - Falcons 30-20 Saints

49ers (4-4) @ (4-5) Bucs

Both of these sides will be itching to get a win, the 49ers welcome back CMC and will hope the bye week has given them the rest required for a late push. The Bucs will want to head into the bye week with another win and get back to .500

Key match-up - CMC Vs White/Irving - Both teams have missing receivers, the running backs will be key and CMC and his fitness is going to be a serious watch.

Score prediction - 49ers 33-30 Bucs

Steelers (6-2) @ (7-2) Commanders

What a match-up this one is! There are two huge games that have a direct impact on the AFC North. The Steelers and Commanders will want to pull away from the Ravens and Eagles so they are closer to the division titles.

Key match-up - TJ Watt Vs Daniels - TJ will want to get to the rookie early, it will be interesting to watch Daniels against one of the very best defences again.

Score prediction - Steelers 24-21 Commanders - this is the one game that could easily go each way though.

Vikings (6-2) @ (2-7) Jaguars

The Vikings head to the Jags after getting back on track last week, they will want to keep pressure on the Lions whilst also look to secure a postseason spot. The Jags have no Lawrence and it will be a tough game.

Key match-up - Robinson Vs Hines-Allen - these two will have faced off in training all the time but Robinson has to stop Hines-Allen getting to Darnold

Score prediction - Vikings 27-10 Jaguars

Titans (2-6) @ (5-3) Chargers

The Chargers need a win to keep the momentum going for their playoff push, where as the Titans are coming off a win last time out and welcome back Levis.

Key match-up - Sneed and Brownlee Vs Johnson and McConkey - if the Chargers receivers don't get tied up it could be another disappointing loss for the Titans.

Score prediction - Titans 17-28 Chargers

Eagles (6-2) @ (3-5) Cowboys

The Eagles are flying high, they have played well the last few weeks with Saquon running the show. The Cowboys are banged up and lose big names Prescott and Lamb for this one.

Key Match-up - Hurts Vs Parsons - Micah is due to play, he has to keep Hurts in the pocket and try not to allow easy passes to be made.

Score prediction - Eagles 41-10 Cowboys - this is a shutout game in my opinion.

Jets (3-6) @ (5-4) Cardinals

The Jets made some good progress last week and will hope another win gets them back into playoff contention, the Cardinals downed the Bears with ease last week and will want to continue that momentum.

Key match-up - Jets linebackers - Connor - Connor ran all over the Bears and will want to continue this, the Jets have to force Kyler to throw.

Score prediction - Jets 21-18 Cardinals

Lions (7-1) @ (6-3) Texans

The Lions are the best team in football right now, and go against a Texans side who looked poor last week. The Texans welcome back some key players on defence back and potentially Collins.

Key match-up - Gibbs and Montgomery Vs Al-Shaair and To'oto'o - the Texans have to stop the run, their corners are playing well but the Lions can hurt you in so many ways.

Score prediction - Lions 36-27 Texans

Dolphins (2-6) @ (4-4) Rams

The final game seems like two teams that have been plagued by injuries and it has cost them dearly. The Rams still are in the hunt and welcome more players back this week. The Rams have found other weapons with the absence of Kupp and Nacua and can rely on going there and that makes a difference.

Key match-up - Hill and Waddle Vs Kupp and Nacua - I love both pairs and think they are both excellent in what they do. I want a shoot out and they will have to play well to do it.

Score prediction - Dolphins 24-30 Rams

Teams on a Bye

Browns, Packers, Raiders, Seahawks

Game of the Week

The Ravens Vs Bengals looks to be the most intriguing with not only a divisional battle but both teams fighting for playoff spots and division title for the Ravens.

Potential Shock of the Week

This was a tough one to call. There are a few favourites that I could see losing, but I think the one that interests me the most is potentially the Broncos inflicting the first defeat to the Chiefs. The Broncos need a bounce back week, why not do it against the only undefeated side.