



### **Week 9 Review**

#### **Texans (6-2) @ (2-6) Jets**

The Jets at 2-6 are odds on favourite for this game, which on paper is hard to believe but the injuries for the Texans is significant. Nico Collins, Stefon Diggs, Azeez Al-Shaair and Jimmy Ward are huge losses, but even so the Jets look really poor.

Key match-up - Tank Dell Vs Sauce Gardner - Dell has to step up into the wide receiver role otherwise this could be a long night for the Texans.

Prediction - Texans 24-21 Jets

#### **Cowboys (3-4) @ (5-3) Falcons**

The Cowboys have been struggling as of late whereas the Falcons have been flying. Kirk Cousins has been finding his receivers with ease and they have been strong defensively. The Cowboys however will be hoping for a fast start and not being out of the game by the third quarter.

Key match-up - Ceedee Lamb Vs AJ Terrell - This is going to be a great battle, the two are playing well, Terrell needs to keep Lamb quiet for as long as possible.

Prediction - Cowboys 21-30 Falcons

#### **Dolphins (2-5) @ (6-2) Bills**

The Bills are playing some really strong football as they invite the Dolphins into Buffalo. Dolphins looked better with Tua under centre, however they still were not able to get the job done. Allen threw his first interception of the season last week showing how well he has kept the ball safe, the expectation is this will continue but the Dolphins will hope to pressure him.

Key match-up - Dolphins pass rush Vs Josh Allen - the Dolphins need to pressure Allen and try to force mistakes which has not been easy this year.

Prediction - Dolphins 24-37 Bills

#### **Raiders (2-6) @ (3-5) Bengals**

The Raiders and Bengals would have not expected to be this far off the playoffs at this stage of the season, both have really struggled. The Raiders will hope to expose a poor Bengals

defence whereas the Bengals will hope to expose a poor offence. This could be a close game but the Burrow factor plays a big part in this prediction.

Key match-up - Brock Bowers Vs Bengals Linebackers/Nickel. - Bowers is easily the number one target and the Bengals need to stop him.

Prediction - Raiders 18-30 Bengals

### **Chargers (4-3) @ (2-6) Browns**

This game is a tough one to predict, the Chargers are doing well and will hope to keep pushing for a playoff spot, the game two weeks ago would be an easy one to predict. However with the quarterback change for the Browns they looked far better. Winston managed the first 300 passing yards of the season and will want to build on this.

Key match-up - Joe Alt Vs Myles Garrett - Alt has held his own against some good defensive lineman this year, he should get reps against one of the very best in the business this week.

Prediction - Chargers 28-27 Browns - This is a tough one to predict.

### **Patriots (2-6) @ (1-6) Titans**

A battle for the number one overall pick is here, if Drake Maye was playing the Patriots would be favourite in my opinion. With Maye likely missing this becomes a close game. Levis maybe back, if not Rudolph will take the reins again.

Key match-up - Rhamondre Stevenson Vs Tony Pollard - Whichever running back leads their team best should win this one.

Prediction - Patriots 24-20 Titans

### **Commanders (6-2) @ (2-6) Giants**

The Commanders continue to impress this season thanks to rookie Jayden Daniels. He played through injury last time out. The Commanders maybe the surprise package this year look like the really deal winning tough games. The Giants continue but have found a few nice pieces for the future in Malik Nabers and Tyrone Tracy, but it is unlikely they are able to help enough to win this one.

Key match-up - Jayden Daniels Vs Brian Burns, Azeez Ojulari and Dexter Lawrence. The Giants frontline have to work together to stop Daniels and these three will be key.

Prediction - Commanders 34-17 Giants

### **Saints (2-6) @ (1-7) Panthers**

Both teams are really struggling and likely to be fighting for the first overall pick next season. The Panthers traded away their best receiver in Johnson this week. We may see Jonathan Brooks for the first time for the Panthers. The Saints will be hoping Derek Carr is back and he can find that early season offence once again.

Key match-up - Alvin Kamara Vs Chuba Hubbard

Prediction - Saints 27-21 Panthers

### **Broncos (5-3) @ (5-3) Ravens**

This is a terrific game, both sides playing well. The Broncos have won their last two games. The Ravens are coming off a shock loss last week to the Browns and will be wanting to bounce back which makes this an interesting battle.

Key match-up - Bo Nix Vs Ravens Secondary - If Nix can try and get an early lead we have seen a few times the Ravens go away from the run and Derrick Henry.

Prediction - Broncos 24-30 Ravens

### **Jaguars (2-6) @ (5-2) Eagles**

The Jaguars played well in their last two games and look like they have found something but the injury to Christian Kirk and potentially Brian Thomas Jr is going to hurt them. The Eagles have been good for long periods this year and all three phases have stepped up for them. The offence is a tough one to stop so the Jaguars will have to be at their very best to get anything from this one.

Key match-up - Foyesade Oluokun and Devin Lloyd Vs Saquon Barkley - the Jags linebacker has to stop Barkley who looks like the final piece to the jigsaw for the Eagles.

Prediction - Jaguars 24-36 Eagles

### **Bears (4-3) @ (4-4) Cardinals**

Both teams are playing well, the Bears had a tough loss last time out, whereas the Cardinals walk off touchdown gives them hope. Both sides will be wanting to keep momentum to push for a playoff spot. This is likely to be a close battle coming down to which quarterback can lead their side over the line.

Key match-up - Caleb Williams Vs Kyler Murray - The battle of two elusive quarterbacks will be a huge battle, these two lead their teams so well.

Prediction - Bears 27-28 Cardinals

### **Lions (6-1) @ (6-2) Packers**

This is arguably the best game this weekend. The Lions are flying at the moment and so are the Packers. Jordan Love does have an injury and this could be key in this game, if he is down Malik Willis will have to step up once again. The Lions are rolling at the minute and seem to be able to score at any point. This will be a great game either way.

Key match-up - it is difficult to come up with one, but Jaire Alexander Vs Amon-Ra seems key to this match.

Prediction - Lions 36-29 Packers - I think the Lions are too strong for any team in the NFL right now, they are exciting and are also strong defensively.

### **Rams (3-4) @ (4-4) Seahawks**

The Rams looked so much better last week having both Cooper Kupp and Puka Nacua back. The offence was able to move the ball freely. The Seahawks missed DK Metcalf and were not able to move the ball easily as the run was also stuffed. Both sides are chasing a playoff spot so this could be an interesting watch.

Key match-up - Kyren Williams Vs Tyrel Dodson and Ernest Jones IV - the Seahawks linebackers will need to keep Williams quiet who has also benefited from the wide receivers duo being back.

Prediction - Rams 28-24 Seahawks

### **Colts (4-4) @ (5-2) Vikings**

The Colts are making a change at quarterback with Joe Flacco replacing Anthony Richardson. Flacco steps in and will look to utilise the receivers who have struggled under Richardson. The Vikings are coming off two losses and will be hoping to get back on track. The game is an interesting one, if Flacco can get the offence moving it could be tough for the Vikings, however the Vikings have been good all year.

Key match-up - Flacco Vs Vikings defensive line - The Vikings will need to stop Flacco finding his receivers.

Prediction - Colts 28-27 Vikings - I can see the Colts nicking this one, the Vikings last two losses key to this.

### **Bucs (4-4) @ (7-0) Chiefs**

The Bucs head to Kansas City after a couple of rough weeks losing Chris Godwin and Mike Evans and losing to the Falcons in a divisional match-up. It does not get any easier as they head to the undefeated Chiefs. Although the Chiefs have not looked at the best they are able to get wins and look certain to make the postseason already.

Key match-up - Bucs receivers Vs Chiefs secondary - for the Bucs to stand a chance in this game the receivers have to get open for Baker to be able to move the ball, it can not be on Baker, Irving and White.

Prediction - Bucs 18-27 Chiefs

### **Teams on Bye**

Steelers and 49ers