



WEEK 2 DEF STREAMERS

LOOKING FOR TEAMS ON LESS THAN 75% OF ROSTERS IN YAHOO

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS VS MIA

After an impressive performance against one of the best offenses last season, with all of their playmakers returning, they are now facing a MIA offense that threw for less than 200 yards and rushed for under 100 yards as a team against a LV defense that wasn't projected to be a top-half team in the league, and that's an understatement. While it's too early to implement a "stream against the bad offenses" strategy, I believe this SF defense will be above average by the end of the season.

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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS VS IND

While I was more disappointed in the DEN offense, I was also impressed with the KC defense, and they are now facing an IND offense that's capable but struggled to keep up with BAL last week. It's only one game, but I think we may have underrated this KC defense, since they are widely available in leagues. I'm more confident DEN will bounce back and be a top-10/15 offense in the league than I am that the IND offense will be what we saw in the first half of last season. I'm optimistic that they won't make it easy for Jonathan Taylor, and it will require Daniel Jones to make a couple of big 50/50 plays to win.

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS VS PIT

This one is riskier, but it shouldn't be. At least that's what I tell myself because this NE defense played well for the most part, even with Sam Darnold's injury. They generated multiple sacks and held SEA to under 14 points after giving up 29 in last season's Super Bowl. They will now face a PIT offense that barely beat an ATL team with their 3rd-string QB dealing with an injury. Even with the addition of Michael Pittman, this offense didn't look good against a mediocre ATL defense and barely scored 20 points.

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ARIZONA CARDINALS VS SEA

This was tough because I was considering TB vs CLE, or GB @ NYJ, but decided to go with the divisional matchup where they face a backup QB who beat NE last week. One of the bigger surprises was how well this AZ defense performed last week against a LAC offense that's been talked about as top-10 before the season. They generated multiple sacks and forced multiple turnovers, a key component of a top-12 streaming defense (top 10 last week). While there's risk, I don't think this defense is good, but I know SEA's defense is, and I predict a low-scoring matchup where AZ will be one of those top-15 options.

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