WEEK 5 THURSDAY NIGHT - IND @ DEN

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Deon Jackson led the RBs in snaps (58%), while Phillip Lindsay was involved (38%). Together they averaged over four yards per carry on 24 attempts, each with four targets.

Alec Pierce led the team with a 21% target share and back-to-back games with at least 80 receiving yards.

Michael Pittman failed to surpass 75 receiving yards in the last three games.

Matt Ryan averaged 6.1 yards per attempt while completing 63% of my passes. He surpassed 250 passing yards in consecutive games despite not throwing a touchdown in the last three.

IND's offense struggled to convert on 3rd downs (4/16). In their first four drives, they got only one first down and followed it up by ending their next drive with a turnover.

IND struggled to protect Matt Ryan (six sacks) and didn't have a red zone appearance until the last drive of the 4th quarter (previous four drives, only one first down).



FINAL SCORE: IND 12 - DEN 9

Melvin Gordon was the lead back (56% of snaps), out-touching Mike Boone (41%) 18-10. Both players had three targets and accounted for 35% of the team's receiving yards.

Courtland Sutton led the team in targets with a 28% target share while getting 68% of his receiving yards from one big play. He's averaging 83 yards on nine targets per game.

Jerry Jeudy finished 2nd on the team with a 20% target share, who got 69% of his yards from one play. With back-to-back games of 53 yards, he hasn't surpassed 60 yards since Week 1.

Russell Wilson averaged seven yards per attempt and completing 53% of his passes. He failed to throw a touchdown for the second game with two turnovers (one in IND's red zone).

DEN's offense didn't play well, allowing four sacks and struggling to convert 3rd downs (2/15). The only scoring drive in the second half resulted from an IND turnover they went three-and-out on.

WEEK 5 TAKEAWAYS

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IND

Depending on the injury to Nyheim Hines and Jonathan Taylor, Deon Jackson looked like a possible waiver wire candidat. Philip Lindsay can remain on the waiver wire.

Michael Pittman is a high-end WR2 with WR1 upside that has been underwhelming averaging 45 yards on four catches in the last two games.

Alec Pierce averaged more than 70 receiving yards over the last three games despite averaging less than seven targets. He's a decent waiver - wire candidate in deeper leagues.

Matt Ryan is not a QB2 you want in superflex leagues unless its a 16-team league.

Hard to tell if IND's defense played well since DEN's offense looked awful. They did force two turnovers and generated four sacks.



DEN

Melvin Gordon is a solid RB3/flex option that will have to compete with Mike Boone and Latavius Murray in the next couple of weeks. Could be a committee where neither player is effective

2 Courtland Sutton has been a low-end WR1 despite the concern in the DEN offense. He may be a sell-high candidate or a mid-tier WR2 if his volume drops.

Russell Wilson is a high-end QB2 in superflex leagues. He's no longer a top-12 option and is too inconsistent to be a streaming option in single QB leagues.

Jerry Jeudy has been a mid-tier flex option in PPR leagues. He's been underwhelming with the lack of volume and cannot be started regardless of matchup.

DEN's defense remains a solid top-12 option. There's certainly concern if they can keep this up with the offense struggling, but so far it's been okay.