WEEK 2 THURSDAY NIGHT - LAC @ KC

FINAL SCORE: LAC 24 - KC 27

Mike Williams (88%) and Joshua Palmer (91%) led the WRs in snaps played and accounted for 37% of the team's total targets.

Austin Ekeler led the RB committee in snaps played (63%), with Joshua Kelley (25%) and Sony Michel (12%) involved. Ekeler tied for the lead in the team's targets (10)

Gerald Everett (67%) was involved in more snaps than Tre McKitty (52%), and Everett tied for the team's leader in targets (10).

Offensively struggled on converting 3rd down attempts (5/16) and had trouble running the ball efficiently (less than 3.5 yards per carry as a team).

Per NFL Next Gen Stats, Herbert attempted fewer passes (12) that were 10+ yds than at or behind the line of scrimmage (13). However, he still averaged a solid 7 yards per attempt on a 68% completion rate.

1 Jerrick McKinnon (47%) barely out-snapped Clyde Edwards-Helaire (44%) despite being out-touched by Edwards-Helaire (12-6).

2 Marquez Valdes Scantling (79%) and JuJu Smith-Schuster (74%) played the most snaps, with MVS tied with Travis Kelce for leading the team in targets (7).

3 Offensively also struggled to convert 3rd down attempts (4/12) and wasn't effective in running the ball either (also averaged less than 3.5 yards per carry as a team).

4 If you take away Clyde Edwards-Helaire's big play (52 yards), he would've finished with 66 total yards on 11 touches. The team got more than 55% of the total rushing yards on that play.

5 Travis Kelce was on the field (89% of offensive snaps) and tied for the lead in targets (7). He almost had a TD but was tackled at the goal line.

WEEK 2 TAKEAWAYS

LAC

KC

Mike Williams has a top-12 WR upside and will be a volatile WR2 based on weekly matchups and volume. Joshua Palmer is a low-end flex option with Keenan Allen injured.

Austin Ekeler is still a top-12 RB, but the efficiency hasn't been the same (he hasn't averaged less than 4 yards per carry in a season, currently 2.7).

Herbert's red-zone INT returned for a TD was a massive momentum swing of 10-14 points, and it broke the tie early in the 4th quarter.

Gerald Everett is a streamable TE that appears to have a consistent role within the offense as a complementary piece.

LAC defense looks like a top ten defense with the potential for top five with the pass rush of Mack & Bosa and a solid run defense with their off-season signings.

1 Predicting the WR1 weekly will be tricky on this offense. Marquez Valdes-Scantling, Juju Smith-Schuster, and Mecole Hardman will all have roles within the offense.

2 CEH is making the most of the limited touches on this offense. He's sadly a mid-tier flex option with a low-end RB2 upside in PPR scoring formats.

3 Patrick Mahomes is a top-five QB because of the floor he provides against good defenses. Of course, he'll have better numbers, but he played well.

4 KC's defense played well against a good LAC offense. The pass rush got to Herbert, also slowing down the run game. They could be an above-average defense.

5 Jerrick McKinnon could be a bench stash in PPR formats as a handcuff, but the upside isn't that appealing, as there's likely a committee with Isaiah Pacheco if that happens.