

WEEK 1 THURSDAY NIGHT - BUF @ LAR

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FINAL SCORE: BUF 31 - LAR 10

Josh Allen's first and last TD was due to defensive mistakes. Gabriel Davis got open off play action. Stefon Diggs ran by Jalen Ramsey with no Safety help.

1

Stafford got sacked seven times and the BUF didn't even blitz once during the game. Since 2016 - only three times it happened all were the BUF DEF (per NFL Next Gen Stats)

Isaiah McKenzie and Jamison Crowder split time on the field with three & four targets (44% and 31% of snaps).

2

Allen Robinson played 97% of snaps on offense and ran routes on more than 95% of dropbacks despite only two targets.

Zack Moss finished 2nd on the team in targets (6) ahead of Gabriel Davis (5). Davis's biggest plays were because of defensive breakdowns. About a 16% target share.

3

Cam Akers played only 18% of the snaps and finished with three carries compared to Darrell Henderson with 82% of snaps and 13 carries

Devin Singletary averaged six ypc and was the lead RB but finished with 32% of the team's carries. Allen finished with 40%, and Moss was the RB2 (24%).

4

Tyler Higbee finished with 11 targets (2nd on the team) but ended up with only five catches for 39 yds. Not a good sign, and I don't believe his large target share will be a regular thing.

Per NFL Next Gen Stats: Josh Allen had 10/31 passing attempts 10+ yds compared to Matthew Stafford with only 8/41 attempts 10+ yds.

5

Per NFL Next Gen Stats: LAR offense was in "11 personnel" on every offensive play. Since 2016, it has only happened seven times. LAR was responsible for six games (1-5)

WEEK 1 TAKEAWAYS

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BILLS

No BUF RB will be a weekly top 30 option because of the RBBC, along with the QB being the leading rusher on the team. 15 RB attempts in a blowout win

Isaiah McKenzie and Jamison Crowder are cannibalizing each other upsides unless one can be the lead slot WR.

One of Josh Allen's INT was not his fault as it was dropped by the WR. Looked to get the ball out early in the first half.

BUF O-line wore down the LAR defense, and by the 2nd half, you could tell the LAR defense was beat up and wasn't flying around as much in the first half.

Despite a couple of sloppy plays, BUF looked like they were in mid-season form, and it's too early to decide if the receiving threats besides Diggs and Davis will be weekly starts at their ADP.



RAMS

1

Darrell Henderson is the lead back for the time being (top 24), and the injury to Kyren Williams raises his weekly floor. Cam Akers is a handcuff for the time being.

2

Starting C Brian Allen will be out for the next 2-4 weeks, leaving more questions about the OL and RB upside.

3

Matthew Stafford had a few inaccurate throws and was not comfortable targeting the boundaries and outside WRs. Hard to tell if elbow is a factor or if being under pressure was the cause.

4

Allen Robinson and Gabe Davis could be opposite ends of the spectrum for WR2 options. Both seem to have the role as the deep threat/redzone targets but less than 7 targets a game.

5

This was an awful game by LAR on both sides. I expect them to bounce back, but the questions around Stafford's arm and the O-line are legitimate concerns to watch for.