WEEK 3 THURSDAY NIGHT - PIT @ CLE

Najee Harris remains the lead back and is seeing the field more (80% of snaps from 59% in week 1). He out-touched Jaylen Warren (18-5).

Pat Freiermuth was not involved in the offense until the 4th quarter when he saw all his targets.

For the first week, Diontae Johnson led the WRs in snaps (98%), followed by Chase Claypool (92%) and George Pickens (75%). Johnson finished with a 34% target share as the WR1.

Mitch Trubisky wasn't horrible but wasn't impressive either, averaging 6.5 yards per attempt and completing 62.5% of his passes with zero turnovers.

Per NFL Next Gen Stats, Trubisky attempted more passes (18) that were 10+ yds than less than ten yards (14). Additionally, he was aggressive despite struggling to convert 3rd downs (1/9).

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FINAL SCORE: PIT 17 - CLE 29

1 Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt remain in a near split committee, with Nick Chubb leading (62% of snaps vs. 44% for Hunt). Chubb out-touched Hunt (23-15).

2 Donovan Peoples-Jones leads the WRs in snaps (88%) followed by Amari Cooper (82%) yet, he was out-targeted by Cooper (3-11).

3 Jacoby Brissett played efficiently, averaging 7.1 yards per attempt while completing 67% of his passes and zero turnovers with two touchdowns.

4 Per NFL Next Gen Stats, Brissett didn't have more than one completion on the left side of the field. Offensively they were efficient, averaging 5.2 yards per play.

5 David Njoku was finally utilized as a receiving threat, finished 2nd on the team in targets (10), and was the clear WR2 within the offense, accounting for 40% of the total receiving yards.

WEEK 3 TAKEAWAYS

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Najee Harris is a mid-tier RB2 with RB1 upside but hampered by the inefficient offense and lack of targets compared to last season. His floor is an RB3, and he carries some volatility weekly.

1 Nick Chubb is a low-end RB1, while Kareem Hunt is a high-end flex option with RB2 upside weekly.

Diontae Johnson remains a mid-tier WR2 with WR1 in PPR scoring formats. Chase Claypool is a low-end WR 4 with a high floor.

2 Amari Cooper has become a high-end WR2 if he maintains this target share weekly. Donovan Peoples-Jones remains on benches until he can be more consistent.

Mitch Trubisky is not startable even in superflex leagues. He has averaged less than 200 passing yards and one touchdown in three games. Awful.

3 David Njoku had a great game, but it's hard to assume he'll have the same targe share regularly, so I'm comfortable waiting another week to watch.

Pat Freiermuth will have better games, as he took a backseat. If he continues this, then it may be time to be concerned. He's still a top-12 TE.

4 Jacoby Brissett had an excellent performance showing his upside as a streamable candidate. However, it will be hard to predict which matchups.

PIT defense hasn't been impressive as they couldn't slow down CLE's running game and wasn't able to force turnovers. T.J. Watt's injury

5 CLE's defense was solid against a good matchup, generating pressure and forcing a turnover. I expected more, but they remain a streamable defense against good matchups.