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### **Week 17 Predictions**

It all starts on Christmas day. There are some mouthwatering games once again and huge playoff implications for many teams.

#### **Chiefs (14-1) @ (10-5) Steelers**

Key Match-up - Chiefs offensive line Vs TJ Watt - the Chief offensive line played well last week, need to do this again against one of the best on the edge.

Score prediction - Chiefs 21-18 Steelers

#### **Ravens (10-5) @ (9-6) Texans**

Key Match-up - Derrick Henry Vs Christian Harris - Harris did a great job last time Henry played the Texans but this is a better team he is in now, and a better offensive line, Harris will have to beat that as well.

Score prediction - Ravens 33-21 Texans

#### **Seahawks (8-7) @ (4-11) Bears**

Key Match-up - The receiver rooms - I like both these groups, I think the ones that step up the most can carry their team to victory.

Score prediction - Seahawks 28-21 Bears

#### **Chargers (9-6) @ (3-12) Patriots**

Key Match-up - Herbert Vs Maye - One of my favourite things is when two of my favourite quarterbacks go up against each other, this is the case here. Both QB's are playing well, the Chargers look like they have more, but Maye is fighting hard.

Score prediction - Chargers 24-20 Patriots

#### **Broncos (9-6) @ (7-8) Bengals**

Key Match-up - Pat Surtain Vs Ja'Marr Chase - the best corner Vs the best receiver, what is not to like. Both of these two are guaranteed all pros this year and both are the best in their

position right now. It makes for a great Match-up and could give the Bengals a sniff at the playoffs.

Score prediction - Broncos 21-27 Bengals

#### **Cardinals (7-8) @ (9-6) Rams**

Key Match-up - James Conner Vs Kyren Williams - both run games open up the rest of the playbook, whichever running back can lead their team could help get a victory due to opening the field more. McBride, Harrison and Nacua, Kupp will want their back to get it done early.

Score prediction - Cardinals 24-27 Rams

#### **Jets (4-11) @ (12-3) Bills**

Key Match-up - Quincy Williams Vs James Cook - Cook has really stepped up the last few weeks to give consistent support to Josh Allen. He will be watched by Williams and Sherwood as well but this could be a really good battle for Cook and cementing himself as one of the better backs in the league

Score prediction - Jets 21-30 Bills

#### **Raiders (3-12) @ (5-10) Saints**

Key Match-up - O'Connell Vs Rattler - both young quarterbacks trying to make a name for themselves. Both will also be fighting to get a roster spot next year also.

Score prediction - Raiders 18-12 Saints

#### **Colts (7-8) @ (2-13) Giants**

Key Match-up - Taylor Vs Giants run blockers - Taylor has started to heat up and last week went red hot, he needs to be stopped for the Giants to have a chance of victory.

Score prediction - Colts 27-10 Giants

#### **Cowboys (7-8) @ (12-3) Eagles**

Key Match-up - Cowboys pass rush Vs Eagles quarterback - we aren't sure if it will be Hurts or Pickett but either way the Cowboys have to get to the quarterback on pass plays to try and slow the offence down, there is also Saquon Barkley to contain if the pass plays break down.

Score prediction - Cowboys 17-24 Eagles

#### **Panthers (4-11) @ (8-7) Bucs**

Key Match-up - Hubbard Vs Irving - Two impressive running backs that have really carried their side in recent weeks, both have been impressive all season in fact. It could come down to which moves the ball best in this one.

Score prediction - Panthers 21-27 Bucs

#### **Titans (3-11) @ (3-11) Jaguars**

Key Match-up - Rudolph Vs Jones - both backup quarterbacks will be fighting for a contract next year, both will want to show they can still offer something to the team, it will not be a pretty game. Brian Thomas Jr may be the difference at the end though.

Score prediction - Titans 21-28 Jaguars

#### **Dolphins (7-8) @ (3-12) Browns**

Key Match-up - Achane Vs Browns defence - I cant put just the run game as he is involved with the passing game as well but Achane has proven to be a seriously good back this year, and will want to carry any momentum he can into the new season.

Score prediction - Dolphins 24-7 Browns

#### **Packers (11-4) @ (13-2) Vikings**

Key Match-up - Love Vs Darnold - I will be honest, I could be anywhere on the field, this looks to be another classic, both offences are playing well, both defenses are playing well. It has playoff implications, there is literally nothing this game does not have.

Score prediction - Packers 28-33 Vikings

#### **Falcons (8-7) @ (10-5) Commanders**

Key Match-up - Penix Vs Commanders pass rush - Penix played well in his first start, he now faces a tough task. Not only is the Commanders defence good but they can run away from you in games through their offence. Therefore Penix has to beat the pass rush and get the ball out quick in this one.

Score prediction - Falcons 24-26 Commanders

#### **Lions (13-2) @ (6-9) 49ers**

Key Match-up - Gibbs Vs Warner - The lions have weapons all over but Gibbs is now the only back, if Warner could slow him down the 49ers stand a chance to win this one.

Score prediction - Lions 27-14 49ers

#### **Game of the Week**

I think the Packers and Vikings has everything you could want in a game this late in the season. 2 great sides, 2 teams playing good football, playoff implications and possible momentum heading into there playoffs and phycology advantage should they meet further down the stretch.

#### **Most Points in Game Guess**

Again, this game is taking over but the Packers Vikings gets another mention, I think it will be a shootout and even though both defences are playing well, the offences are doing just as well making it a really good match up.

#### **Potential Shock of the week (I have forgot this one for several weeks)**

It's a tough one to call, there are a few big underdog games, the Cowboys could win if it is Pickett, but the one I look at and see a potential upset most is the Bears beating the Seahawks, I am not totally convinced myself with it though, it is a game where the Seahawks may lose trying to force the ball because of their playoff hopes.