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WR vs. CB Matchups to Exploit & Avoid in DFS - Week 13



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When it comes to selecting receivers in DFS, it's important to understand who will cover them, as sometimes defense versus position stats alone don't tell the whole story. In addition, there can many times be defensive injuries that will have a significant, and perhaps hidden, effect on a receiver's matchup. Below we'll take a deeper look at the matchups that should help in your WR decisions for Week 13.

Note: Any unlisted matchups -- especially those of prominent WRs -- should generally be considered a push.

Dallas [Cowboys](#) @ Minnesota [Vikings](#) (Thursday)

Avoid: Xavier Rhodes will likely be shadowing [Dez Bryant](#) this week, and Rhodes has been harder to shake than Link's shadow in Zelda II. Rhodes and Bryant do spend around the same amount of routes lined up on the same side of the field, so this could be a situation to avoid this week. as Rhodes is allowing fewer than 0.20 points per route and six yards per target.

Exploit: Captain Munnerlyn looks set to return this week and he's been burnable from the slot, which makes [Cole Beasley](#) a sneaky play in the Thu-Mon slates. Munnerlyn is allowing 0.27 points per route.

Exploit: Anthony Brown hasn't been very good in Morris Claiborne's absence, and with Claiborne ruled out again, Brown should draw [Cordarrelle Patterson](#) for most of the game. Patterson does move around, but the [Vikings](#) would be smart to keep him on Brown's side of the field. Brown is allowing 0.44 points per route and is being targeted an average of over 12 yards downfield.

Kansas City [Chiefs](#) @ Atlanta [Falcons](#)

Exploit: Kenneth Acker, rather than Marcus Peters, could draw [Julio Jones](#) for most of the day. Acker has lined up as the right corner on 52 percent of his routes, while Jones has run 46 percent of his routes from the left side. Acker has been below average in coverage and has yielded 0.33 points per route while being targeted an average of 12 yards downfield.

Exploit: Phillip Gaines has been KC's primary slot corner and has been the QB's primary target in the pass on 24 percent of their throws, which means one thing: he's bad and gives up yardage. Gaines is allowing 0.42 points per route and is allowing 12 yards per target. DFS players could be on [Taylor Gabriel](#), but I think Mohammad Sanu is a better play with a better matchup.

Update: [Jeremy Maclin](#) is out, so expect plenty of targets go to Tyreek Hill and [Travis Kelce](#). Hill is expected to draw Jalen Collins in coverage, who turned in a decent game last week against the [Cardinals](#) after being targeted heavily by [Carson Palmer](#).

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