



THREE QB/WR STACKS TO AVOID IN YOUR DRAFT

We previously offered you [three affordable WR/QB stacks to target](#) in your upcoming drafts and now we're going to highlight three that you should be avoiding.

Finding the right WR/QB combo can be key to finding those week-winning plays on Sunday afternoons. In Best Ball and DFS formats, stacks are even more valuable. In traditional season-long Fantasy Leagues, targeting a stack, especially at a value, can be tempting, but there are a few this year to avoid at all costs.

Ryan Fitzpatrick (Undrafted) & DeVante Parker (ADP 6.10)

Fitz"magic" has early-season streaming appeal as he's coming free in drafts and has a track record of boom games. Interest in the 37-year-old facial follicle fantasm has waned given the unknown timeline for developing 2020 No. 5 overall pick Tua Tagovailoa into the team's starter. In 2019, Fitzpatrick was the No. 3 fantasy QB between weeks 12 and 17. Yes, NUMBER THREE! The main benefactor of the QB's success was late-blooming WR DeVante Parker who offered game-breaking performance as the No. 2 WR in the same 6-week span. Parker, currently being drafted in the back-end of the 6th round seems like a steal. His draft price has dipped based on the assumption that Tua will play in 2020 and will not be able to maintain a WR1. So, why are we shying away from this duo to start the season?

The Dolphins have one of the toughest 5-week schedules to start 2020 for WRs and for QBs. Their opponents include the Patriots, Bills, Seahawks, and 49ers; all considered top-10 secondaries by Pro Football Focus. Chances are, Fitz isn't going to be able to find much magic to start the year and may end up clipboard-coaching Tua sooner rather than later. If you're looking for a hot start, there are better stacks to buy.

Daniel Jones (ADP 11.04) & Darius Slayton (ADP 9.07)

This is really a word-of-warning for Daniel Jones and all his WR options for the start of 2020. As has been discussed on The Fantasy Footballers Podcast, Jones may seem like a strong QB breakout candidate, but his start of season schedule is horrendous. The Giants will play the Steelers, 49ers, and Rams in the first 4 weeks of the season; all top-10 secondaries (PFF).

New Giants Head Coach, Joe Judge, was the former WRs Coach for the Patriots and I expect him to take some time experimenting with different receiver formations before there's clarity around where the fantasy value will be. I'm looking at the veteran Golden Tate to be a safer pick than Slayton or Sterling Shephard and he comes at a cheaper draft cost.

Slayton and Jones both fit the "boom or bust" mold in 2019, the lack of a preseason and the painful early-season schedule put the Giants' passing game squarely in my "avoiding" list on draft day. Look for Jones as a strong streaming option from week 7 and beyond.

Deshaun Watson (ADP 6.07) & Will Fuller (ADP 7.12)

Just like the Giants, Fuller is representing the entire Texans receiving corps for the sake of this argument. Watson has been one of the most reliable fantasy QBs over the past two seasons and may end up having another solid campaign in 2020 but I'm avoiding the QB/WR stack strategy with Houston.

The Texans start the season with games against the Super Bowl winning Chiefs and league MVP-led Ravens. Both games are primed to be shootouts which is always great for fantasy points. Unfortunately, without a preseason, it's going to be hard to speculate who Watson's primary passing weapon will be. As fantasy analysts, we try to interpret the tea leaves which usually come in the form of draft capital or guaranteed money, but the Texans have almost intentionally made it difficult to understand their balance sheet.

Texans WRs	Guaranteed Money	Draft Capital
Will Fuller	\$10,162,000	1 st Round Pick
Brandin Cooks	\$8,000,000	2 nd Round Pick
Kenny Stills	\$3,000,000	Blockbuster trade with MIA
Randall Cobb	\$18,000,000	None

Whether you're playing DFS, Best Ball, or standard redraft fantasy football, being mindful of the early season strength of schedule and depth chart is critical to winning games early. Make sure you check out these [three budget QB/WR stacks to target](#) in your drafts.