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Fantasy football waiver pickups week 12

Welcome to Week 12. With just two weeks left in regular-season fantasy football, all fantasy players fall into one of these three categories: 1. Secured a spot in the Playoffs on March 2. The fight for one of the last remaining spots in the Playoffs on October 3rd will be the last. Completely eliminated! Fantasy players who fall into the first category should primarily be focused on weeks 14, 15, 16. Even fantasy players who fall into the second category should have one eye focused on fantasy playoffs, and the second on the weeks 12 and 13. Our waiver proposals factor in both the short term (Weeks 12 and 13) and fantasy playoffs. Be realistic with your playoff chances because it will have a big impact on the type of player you target in free agency. Get to the point: QuarterbacksTaysom Hill, New Orleans Saints: After Drew Brees was ruled out of action for a minimum of three weeks, most expected Jameis Winston to take over under New Orleans center. But Sean Payton shocked those onlookers when he announced Hill would be the starter against the Falcons. If your league is on ESPN, Hill actually has solid eligibility, which is the ultimate fantasy football loophole/cheat-code. But even outside of ESPN, Hill has fantasy value. Against the Falcons, Hill passed for 233 yards and completed 18 of 23 passes. He also led the team in rushing with 52 yards and two touchdowns. Hill and the Saints have a date with the Broncos in Week 12 and then battle the Falcons again in Week 13. Kirk Cousins, Minnesota Vikings: Cousins' Week 11 appearance was one of his best this season. He threw for 318 yards and three touchdowns, which amounted to a top-10 fantasy point performance in standard formats. With matchups against the Panthers and Jaguars for the next two weeks, Cousins can be a saviour for QB needy fantasy teams. Daniel Jones, New York Giants: With a bye in Week 11, Jones is available in 75% of the league. The last time he got on the field, Jones had no turnovers, and while he passed for only 244 yards and didn't throw in a touchdown, he still ran for 62 yards and a score. The Giants take on the Bengals, Seahawks, Cardinals and Browns in the next four meetings. Other QBs to consider: Derek Carr-Las Vegas RaidersRunning BacksJ.K. Dobbins, Baltimore Ravens: (Update: Dobbins & Mark Ingram tested positive for COVID-19. Gus Edwards is now back to own in Baltimore.) A hot commodity earlier this year, Dobbins disappointed in Weeks 9 and 10 with a total of seven fantasy points. He is widely available in most 10-team leagues and after leading the Ravens' forwards from 70 yards and a touchdown in Week 11, the Ravens rookie should be added in all league formats. Wayne Gallman, New York Giants: Like his quarterback Daniel Jones, Gallman spent Week 11 on the bye. But in his last outing he twice found the end zone and rushed for 53 yards. Devonta Freeman doesn't come down. Reserves anytime soon, having the Gallman Giants primary ball carrier. Gallman's advantage is a little limited because he's not exactly involved in passing offense. But he is consistent enough to rely on him as the flex option goes forward. James White, New England Patriots: After disappointment for most of the season, White found his rhythm in Week 11, catching six passes for 64 yards. He only contributed 19 yards on the field, but it came off five attempts, making massive progress given he hasn't been getting any carries in recent weeks. With what appears to be a serious injury to Rex Burkhead, White could win back his role as the Patriots' primary pass quarterback. Other running backs to consider: Frank Gore-New York Jets, Samaje Perine-Cincinnati Bengals, Benny Snell-Pittsburgh SteelersWide ReceiversMichael Pittman, Indianapolis Colts: The Colts rookie is really warming up. It started in Week 9 when he saw seven targets convert four catches for 56 yards. Pittman then had his best game of the year in Week 10, catching seven passes for 101 yards. That brings us to Week 11, when Pittman caught three catches for 66 yards and scored the first touchdown of his career. With two matchups against the Texans and one against the Raiders and Titans, Pittman Jr. could be a very valuable commodity at the right time for receiver-need fantasy teams. Cole Beasley, Buffalo Bills: I'm not sure what else Cole Beasley needs to do to get some respect for his imagination. He is still available in 50% of the leagues and that's despite coming off the best game of his season. Buffalo had a bye in Week 11, but fantasy managers should have already found a roster spot for the Bills' tickle playmaker. With John Brown dealing with nagging injuries, Beasley provides great safety Josh Allen and can do the same for fantasy managers playing in PPR format. Other WR's to consider: Allen Lazard-Green Bay Packers, Damiere Byrd-New England Patriots, Nelson Agholor-Las Vegas Raiders, Willie Snead-Baltimore RavensTight EndJordan Akins, Houston Texans: Year after year, a tight position is the underdog in the entire fantasy and 2020 is not proving any different. When a hard end jumps out for 93 yards on five catches, it's noteworthy. Even when that player, like Akins, has less than 30 yards and only three catches in the previous two weeks. The bright side for Akins is he takes on the Lions, Colts, and Bears over the next three weeks, all of which are mediocre at best when it comes to stopping tight ends. Other TEs to consider: Dalton Schultz-Dallas Cowboys There are too many familiar faces among week 12 waiver-wire pickups. It's never a big sign to be a frequent member of the wire waiver column. When someone really breaks out as rookie Justin Herbert, Justin Jefferson, Chase Claypool, and James Robinson have, you're lucky to get more out of chances chances claim them. Anyone who still qualifies for this space on a number of occasions is either not in the right breach or has fallen back to earth after an early outburst. This late in the season, few rising players rocket to stardom. Depletion largely leads to backups getting a short chance to shine or at least compile enough volume to help as a usable flex game. In many cases, it feels more like patching over a hole than finding a significant fix. Far more of these players than have not appeared in this column at some point this season. Headliner, however, is another newcomer gradually joined Jefferson and Claypool as another prominent first-year wideout. Not enough fantasy managers have noticed in the past two weeks, but that should change before Week 12. Keep on the list: Rostered percentages provided through Yahoo Leagues. See the best available players in your league with My Playbook &t;gt;: Top 5 Waiver Targets of Week 12 Michael Pittman Jr. (WR – IND): 43% Rostered This should be the last call on Pittman. Listed as a top waiver target last week, the rookie passed for 45 yards a touchdown against the Packers. That gives him 244 yards over the past three games, so it looks like the Colts finally have a wide receiver worth using in favorable matchups. The Titans - against whom Pittman just fought for 101 yards in Week 10 - and the Texans represent just that over the next two weeks. Taysom Hill (QB – NO): 42% Rostered Even if he hadn't attempted a single pass in his first NFL start of his career, Hill would have amassed 16 fantasy points at power from 51 rushing yards and two touchdowns (and a fumble). While he certainly wasn't Drew Brees through the air, the polarizing playmaker exceeded expectations by completing an economical 18 of 23 pass attempts for 233 yards. As a result, he finished Week 11 as QB3 behind Deshaun Watson and Justin Herbert. Even without that eligibility, Hill is an intriguing fantasy weapon. Last weekend's line resembled a good version of what we saw from Cam Newton this year, and the Saints will quickly face the Falcons again in Week 13 after another opportunistic match in Denver. A lot of volatility remains in an untested 30-year-old, but Hill is a QB2 with a high upside. Sterling Shepard (WR – NYG): 45% Rostered Since returning from a foot injury, Shepard has at least six catches in each of his four games. Dating back to 2018, he has received at least six targets in 21 of his last 22 competitions. He drew four targets in Week 2 before leaving early with an illness that cost him four weeks. Managers outside the PPR league may not care yet, 295 receiving yards and one touchdown in six games this season. Still, 47 yards represents his parquet full game in 2020, and the 27-year-old could lift his ceiling in matches against the Bengals and Seahawks. Gus Edwards (RB (RB BAL): The 29% rostered The Ravens placed J.K. Dobbins and Mark Ingram II on the COVID-19/reserve list Monday after both reportedly tested positive. That could be a moot point, as this outbreak puts Baltimore's Thanksgiving game in jeopardy. Still, if the Ravens continue to play, and if Edwards doesn't have to isolate as close contact with his back-to-back counterparts, he'll get a full board of quick opportunities. With Ingram out of action in a Week 8 loss to the Steelers, Edwards notched 97 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries. This is despite Dobbins also receiving 16 touches on more than double snaps (54 to 26). Baltimore is on track to lead the NFL in rushing attempts for the second year in a row; The problem is the back three and Lamar Jackson have shared those runs all year. Edwards would probably draw at least 15-20 surrenders if he played this week without Dobbins and Ingram. Justice Hill, the popular sleeper of 2019 who has yet to touch the ball this season, could guarantee darts throws in deep leagues. James White (RB – BAL): 40% rostered Rex Burkhead suffered a gruesome injury in Week 11 of the loss to the Texans. While there is no word yet on his status, the Patriots initially feared a torn ACL. With Burkhead removed from the action, White regained his old role to match nine goals of the season at his highest bite rate (57%) Season. You must have heard a line about not trusting New England so far, but White has caught 159 of 218 targets for 1,396 yards in 2018 and 2019. He should conclude the season as a complement to catching a pass to Damien Harris, which would once again make the 28-year-old a valuable PPR depth piece. Famous players 36-50% Rostered Curtis Samuel (WR - CAR): 50% Samuel hype came to an abrupt halt when Tampa Bay stymied it to eight yards on five targets in Week 10. He bounced off one of his strongest performances to date. Playing alongside P.J. Walker, Samuel converted a season-high 10 targets into 70 receiving yards and his fifth touchdown in as many games. He has now offered at least 14 fantasy points in four of the five contests since missing week six with a knee injury. While frequent trips in the end zone certainly helped, he also compiled 35 goals and 11 carries during that time frame. Samuel only makes the cut to 50% rostered, although it's worth noting that another namesake, Deebo Samuel, is another tempting addition rostered into 51% of yahoo leagues. Carlos Hyde (RB - SEA): 46% of Chris Carson is expected to return this week, which would quickly strip Hyde of any newly acquired fantasy utility. If Carson is a full-go in Tuesday's practice, his support will only be handcuffed to add out of caution. Still, any setback for Carson would put Hyde back in short-lived RB2 territory. When he returned to Seattle ahead of Carson last Thursday, Hyde carried 14 in 79 yards and a touchdown. Derek (QB – LVR): 36% While Hill had a big Sunday, he actually delivered fewer fantasy points than the NFL's worst 29.5 that Atlanta gave up quarterbacks before Week 11. Carr, meanwhile, fell out of a three-game funk to record 275 passing yards and three touchdowns in Sunday's heavy night football loss to Kansas City. Few fantasy managers will need a quarterback streamer without teams scheduled for the Week 12 bye, but Carr is a tempting option for those who need to replace Brees or Joe Burrow. Famous players 10-35% Rostered Daniel Jones (QB - NYG): 28% Before the G-Men's Week 11 bye, Jones began to find more fantasy success with his feet. The so-so-called quarterback has registered at least 18 fantasy points in three of his last four games, led by a season-high 22 in Week 10 win over the Eagles. Kyler Murray and Lamar Jackson are the only two signal callers to put together more rushing yards than Jones, who will get two golden road matches to make more magic through the air against the Bengals and Seahawks. Tevin Coleman (RB - SF): The 21% 49ers could get some reinforcements after their Week 11 bye. They're going to need all the help they can get with injury replacements Jeff Wilson Jr. and Ja'Mycal Hasty got injured. But before you put too much of your budget on Coleman, Raheem Mostert could come back with him. That would probably subject Coleman to a supporting role, which he has managed before under Kyle Shanahan. Dalton Schultz (TE – DAL): 21% of Schultz's 61 targets are in fifth place among all tight ends. He is 10th in receiving yards (408) at the position, but his fantasy value subsided when he went for five games - starting with a Week 5 contest in which Dak Prescott was injured - without a touchdown. That drought stopped in Andy Dalton's return. Schultz's figures for 2020 almost mirror those of Hayden Hurst, who is generally perceived as a low-end TE1. While he won't swing a matchup in his favor, most managers can do far worse at tight end than Schultz. Kerryon Johnson (RB - DET): 16% When the Lions ruled out D'Andre Swift with a concussion, most Yahoo players added Adrian Peterson. The veteran entered Week 11 in 54% of the leagues, but anyone who got him into the starting lineup gained only 18 rushing yards in a 20-0 loss. While Johnson wasn't much better, he at least paired his 17 rushing yards with 21 yards received and played more tackles (39) than Peterson (17). Even in a delicious Thanksgiving matchup against Houston, Johnson or Peterson are nothing more than desperation flex plays. Nelson Agholor (WR – LVR): 15% For those waiting for more volume before buying Agholor's getaway, here it is. Wideout set season highs Sunday night in goals (nine) and catches (six) while scoring his sixth score of the season. He has visited the end zone in five of his last seven games. Problem, is that he produced eight and zero yards in two outliers. Agholor brings a wild range of outcomes, but it is also averaging an astronomical 18.5 meters per catch and 14.4 average target depth. Betting on the Las Vegas wideout could pay big dividends with the Raiders playing the next two games against the Falcons and Jets. Jordan Reed (TE – SF): 14% of Reed appeared as last week's premier pickup at the tight end after a 10th-place win. Nothing changed after San Francisco's goodbyes. George Kittle won't be back any time soon, so replacing him is a viable starting option while healthy. New York Giants D/ST: The 10% Giants quietly own a capable defense that has given up only 103 points in its last five games. More importantly from a fantasy perspective, they have produced at least two sacks in each game this season in addition to taking over in eight of the 10 contests. With Joe Burrow out for the season, the Bengals suddenly become a major opponent to target for streaming defenses. Set to replace the No.1 pick, Ryan Finley collected a completion rate of 47.1% and 5.5 yards per pass attempt in three starts - all losses the Bengals combined to score just 33 points - last year. He went 3-for-10 with 30 yards and a pick after entering last Sunday in the third quarter. Breshad Perriman (WR – NYJ): The 10% Jets may be a joke, but Perriman has touchdowns of 50, 49, and 15 yards during his last two games. They all came with Joe Flacco under center, and Sam Darnold could return week 12. However, there is plenty of deep play upside down on a team that always plays from the back. Also, it's the right case for playing former Ravens quarterback over a healthy Darnold. Looking far ahead, Perriman could swing first-round fantasy playoff matchups with a Week 14 date in Seattle. Notable players &t;gt;:10% rostered Frank Gore (RB - NYJ): 9% of La'Mical Perine would instead get the nod if he doesn't come out of the Week 11 game with a high ankle sprain that will sideline him indefinitely. Gore stepped up to score his first score of the season as he received double-digit handovers for the fifth consecutive game. The 37-year-old remains a more warm body in the deep leagues, as the Jets will give reps to Ty Johnson and/or Josh Adams should Perine fall out. At least they moved the ball well enough in the last two games to actually create some opportunities in the red zone for Gore. Russell Gage (WR – ATL): 7% Julio Jones exited Sunday's game with a clamping. Although he returned for a moment in the fourth quarter, the star receiver jumped off the field again immediately after the catch. Playing most of Week 11 without Jones, Gage led the Falcons with seven receiving and 12 targets. Before getting too excited, Gage summed up only four combined catches for 42 yards in two. Jones missed earlier in the season. Those attacks, however, were against the Bears and Panthers. The Raiders, Saints and Chargers could bring him to a little more volume if Jones misses time. Damiere Byrd (WR – NO): 2% With all eyes on Jakobi Meyers, Byrd instead capitalized on a trulent Texans secondary. With Cam Newton turning into a pocket passer and attempting his most throws (40) since Week 2, Byrd grabbed six of seven targets for 132 yards and only the second receiving touchdown by a Patriots wide receiver this season. This aerially difficult match was out of character for New England, with Meyers dominating the target stakes before a quiet Week 11. Byrd, however, now has 16 goals during his last two contests and two more high-volume outings in weeks 2 and 4. He also makes a whopping 32.86% of the team's predicted air yards, per NFL Next Gen Stats. Whether by choice or necessity, Bill Belichick can continue to choose more passing to keep up with the Cardinals and Chargers over the next two weeks. Jordan Akins (TE - HOU): 2% Akins averaged 32 yards per game before racking up 83 against the Patriots. It's probably a one-off outing, but happy finding my semi-reliable tight ends on waiver wires. Import your team into My Playbook for instant waiver wire tips &t;gt;: Subscribe: Apple Podcasts | Spotify | Google Podcasts | Sew | SoundCloud | iHeartRadio If you want to dive deeper into fantasy football, be sure to check out our award-winning Fantasy Football Tools board as you navigate your season. 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