

Team	Pos.	Name	GPA	Start/Sit
HOU	WR	Andre Johnson	2.50	This start may not be as good as the grade indicates due to Houston's issues on offense and the Jets playing better than their talent level. The matchup still makes Johnson an excellent flex start.
CLE	WR	Braylon Edwards	2.25	<b>Upside play of the week:</b> Edwards has big-time upside potential this week vs. Tory James. Get him in your lineup.
IND	WR	Reggie Wayne	2.00	Last week Indy proved once again that they will target Wayne over Harrison if Wayne's matchups are the more favorable. That's the case again this week by a mile with Lito Sheppard facing Wayne. A definite start.
STL	WR	Isaac Bruce	2.00	Bruce just came off one of his worst games of the year but Shawntae Spencer is just the tonic he needs. A very good flex start.
NO	WR	Marques Colston	2.00	Would be a great start but will he even play? And if he does, will the ankle injury hinder him? A huge risk to start and you should strongly consider benching him.
GB	WR	Donald Driver	1.80	Driver has been putting up solid numbers just about every single week. Add that to a very favorable matchup and it has a strong start written all over it.
DAL	WR	Terrell Owens	1.50	Start.
CAR	WR	Steve Smith	1.35	Start.
NYJ	WR	Jerricho Cotchery	1.30	The matchup screams start but the Jets offense has been very inept. He has upside as a flex but could also give you a goose egg.
PHI	WR	Donte Stallworth	1.25	I don't think the drop-off for the Philly receivers will be as large as many pundits think. Stallworth has been dominant when he plays so he should still be at least a very good play under Garcia. Start.
CIN	WR	Chad Johnson	1.20	His matchup is favorable but Cleveland has been slowing down passing games of late. CJ should put up solid numbers in any event but don't expect the explosive games he's had the past two weeks, especially if Bodden comes back.
IND	WR	Marvin Harrison	1.00	Same story as last week. Indy will target the Wayne-Sheppard matchup and will avoid the Harrison-Brown one. Harrison is still worth a flex start due to his potential upside but don't be surprised if he comes away with less than 10 points again.
PIT	WR	Hines Ward	1.00	As I mentioned in my ESPN The Magazine Single Coverage article this week, Ward has had plenty of trouble against Rolle and McAlister. Rolle still catches some passes against them but he hasn't hit big plays. His upside could be limited this week so that makes him a flex start at best.
NYG	WR	Tim Carter	1.00	<b>Longshot play of the week:</b> Tennessee's defense is so bad that even the Giants backup receivers should be able to beat them. If you are hard pressed for upside against a strong opponent, Carter could be a very good one game play.
NYG	WR	Plaxico Burress	1.00	A definite start against the Titans secondary.
SEA	WR	Deion Branch	1.00	Al Harris is having something of an off year, and that makes Branch a very good play. Only issue could be if Hass comes back and has a lot of rust to work off.
TEN	WR	Drew Bennett	1.00	The matchup is good but Vince Young really hasn't lit it up passing the ball. That makes Bennett a very risky flex pick.
CIN	WR	TJ Houshmanzadeh	0.85	Ditto Chad Johnson's comments. Housh is a good play but don't be surprised if he is held somewhat in check.
JAX	WR	Ernest Wilford	0.85	<b>Upside play of the week part 2:</b> Wilford and Garrard seem to have some chemistry and when you combine that with Nate Clements coverage skills, it makes for a very explosive fantasy matchup.
ARI	WR	Larry Fitzgerald	0.75	Only concern here is if Fitz is still slowed by the injury. He's still worth a flex start due to his upside.
SEA	WR	Darrell Jackson	0.50	A bit of a tough matchup but still worth a start due to his upside and the overall weakness of the GB secondary.
ATL	WR	Ashley Lelle	0.50	I know that as soon as I say I am off the Lelle bandwagon he'll go out and put up a TD, but I'm still saying I am off of his bandwagon. Don't you go getting a TD, Ashley!
PHI	WR	Reggie Brown	0.40	He doesn't have Stallworth's skill level and he was already a borderline fantasy player under McNabb. Sit him until he proves he can produce with Garcia.
DET	WR	Mike Furrey	0.40	I'd expect Furrey to see the ball quite often since he's facing the weaker of the two Dolphins CBs. A good flex start, especially in catch leagues.
BAL	WR	Mark Clayton	0.30	
ATL	WR	Michael Jenkins	0.30	
STL	WR	Torry Holt	0.25	I don't care what the matchup score says. The 49ers haven't been able to even slow down Holt in their last four matchups. He is a definite start.
TB	WR	Joey Galloway	0.25	
ARI	WR	Anquan Boldin	0.25	
DEN	WR	Javon Walker	0.25	
DET	WR	Roy Williams	0.25	I have a theory when it comes to teams facing their former CBs. Every time this has happened this year, the former team was able to exploit their old player by doing things that the former player wasn't good at covering. I'll be the Lions have a really good idea of how to beat Andre Goodman, who played with them last year. On the basis of that theory, Williams is an excellent start.
BUF	WR	Lee Evans	0.25	The Texans thought that Faggins could cover Evans and Faggins looked like, well, an injured CB who had only been back for a couple of weeks. Brian Williams is a much better CB than Faggins so don't expect another 43 point performance from Evans. He has upside due to his vertical capabilities but Buffalo is only throwing to him 1-2 times per game deep. Until they start going deep on a more consistent basis, Evans is worth a flex start at best.
WSH	WR	Brandon Lloyd	0.20	
CHI	WR	Bernard Berrian	0.20	
NYJ	WR	Laveranues Coles	0.15	
SD	WR	Eric Parker	0.15	
MIA	WR	Chris Chambers	0.00	
NE	WR	Troy Brown	0.00	
CLE	WR	Joe Jurevicius	0.00	
CHI	WR	Muhsin Muhammad	0.00	
CAR	WR	Keyshawn Johnson	(0.20)	
MIN	WR	Troy Williamson	(0.20)	
NO	WR	Joe Horn	(0.25)	
BAL	WR	Derrick Mason	(0.45)	
TEN	WR	Brandon Jones	(0.50)	
NE	WR	Reche Caldwell	(0.50)	
PIT	WR	Cedrick Wilson	(0.60)	
GB	WR	Greg Jennings	(0.60)	
WSH	WR	Santana Moss	(0.75)	
OAK	WR	Randy Moss	(0.80)	One catch for eight yards in two weeks. Why don't the Raiders just go ahead and bench him?
DEN	WR	Rod Smith	(1.00)	
DAL	WR	Terry Glenn	(1.00)	
BUF	WR	Peerless Price	(1.00)	
SF	WR	Amaz Battle	(1.00)	
MIA	WR	Marty Booker	(1.00)	
OAK	WR	Alvis Whitted	(1.15)	
SD	WR	Keenan McCardell	(1.15)	
MIN	WR	Travis Taylor	(1.20)	
TB	WR	Michael Clayton	(1.25)	
SF	WR	Antonio Bryant	(1.25)	
KC	WR	Eddie Kennison	(1.35)	
HOU	WR	Eric Moulds	(1.50)	
KC	WR	Samie Parker	(1.65)	
JAX	WR	Reggie Williams	(2.00)	

### #3 WR

Team	Pos.	Name	GPA	Start/Sit
STL	#3 WR	Kevin Curtis	1.75	I know the prevailing thought about the Rams right now is that their WRs must be bad plays but this is SF they are facing. Curtis has significant upside potential as a flex candidate.
ATL	#3 WR	Roddy White	1.50	NO secondary is doing quite poorly. White has upside potential but he doesn't tend to be targeted often, so he also has the chance of putting up a bad game.
NO	#3 WR	Devery Henderson	1.00	<b>#3 WR with most upside potential:</b> I mentioned him in the email update I sent out earlier today. It is likely that he will face Rossum so he has huge upside potential.
IND	#3 WR	Ben Utecht	0.80	
CAR	#3 WR	Drew Carter	0.45	
NE	#3 WR	Doug Gabriel	0.25	
MIN	#3 WR	Billy McMullen	0.00	
PIT	#3 WR	Santonio Holmes	0.00	
CIN	#3 WR	Chris Henry	0.00	
CHI	#3 WR	Mark Bradley	(0.15)	
NYG	#3 WR	David Tyree	(0.25)	
BAL	#3 WR	Demetrius Williams	(0.30)	
CLE	#3 WR	Dennis Northcutt	(0.35)	
MIA	#3 WR	Wes Welker	(0.40)	
SEA	#3 WR	DJ Hackett	(0.50)	
BUF	#3 WR	Josh Reed	(0.50)	
ARI	#3 WR	Bryant Johnson	(0.50)	
PHI	#3 WR	Greg Lewis	(0.75)	
NYJ	#3 WR	Tim Dwight	(0.80)	
JAX	#3 WR	Matt Jones	(0.80)	
GB	#3 WR	Ruvell Martin	(1.00)	
DAL	#3 WR	Patrick Crayton	(1.35)	
SD	#3 WR	Malcom Floyd	(1.35)	
WSH	#3 WR	Antwaan Randle El	(1.50)	
OAK	#3 WR	Ronald Curry	(1.50)	
HOU	#3 WR	Kevin Walter	(1.50)	
KC	#3 WR	Dante Hall	(1.65)	
SF	#3 WR	Bryan Gilmore	(1.65)	
DET	#3 WR	Eddie Drummond	(1.80)	
DEN	#3 WR	David Kircus	(2.00)	
TEN	#3 WR	Bobby Wade	(2.25)	
TB	#3 WR	Ike Hilliard	(2.80)	

## QB

Team	Pos.	Name	GPA	Start/Sit
ATL	QB	Michael Vick	4.85	I have to admit that I was quite surprised with Vick's GPA. I was already on his bandwagon for this week because the Saints don't play disciplined defense and Vick could have one of his huge running days, but when that is added to his high GPA grade, it makes him a lock start this week.
IND	QB	Peyton Manning	4.60	This isn't a dominant start for Manning despite the GPA but it is a very good week to play him.
STL	QB	Marc Bulger	3.50	I know he is coming off of two straight bad games but trust me on this, you want to start him against SF.
NO	QB	Drew Brees	3.25	He's coming off a 500 yard performance and is facing Atlanta's bad and banged up secondary. Need I say more?
CLE	QB	Charlie Frye	2.70	He could be a good pickup and play if you had McNabb and need a fill-in.
NYG	QB	Eli Manning	2.35	Eli needs a break and the Tennessee secondary will give it to him. A very good start.
DAL	QB	Tony Romo	2.35	TB's defense isn't giving up dominant fantasy performances but Dallas does have a definite talent edge. A good start.
SEA	QB	Matt Hasselbeck	2.00	He is coming off of an injury and could have some rust but Seattle does have a very favorable matchup against the bad GB secondary. A good start.
PHI	QB	Jeff Garcia	1.90	Not as bad of a start as many pundits are saying. If Philly can pass block for him, Garcia is a candidate for 200 yards and 1-2 TDs.
NE	QB	Tom Brady	1.65	A risky play against a good Chicago defense but he does have upside against the backup riddled Chicago secondary.
CHI	QB	Rex Grossman	1.50	Grossman has had 8 bad quarters out of his last 10 quarters played. He is facing a good NE defense on the road. All of these reasons point to sit.
CIN	QB	Carson Palmer	1.05	Cleveland's secondary held Ben in check last week and it should do the same to Palmer. Palmer could still put up good numbers but there are QBs with more upside.
PIT	QB	Ben Roethlisberger	1.05	His upside is much better than his grade indicates because the Steelers do go deep and Baltimore has struggled against the deep pass. A risky start with upside.
CAR	QB	Jake Delhomme	0.80	I just have a good feeling about the Steve Smith-Carlos Rogers matchup with regards to Delhomme's upside. A good start with upside.
MIA	QB	Joey Harrington	0.10	Could be a good start in that he puts the ball in the air quite often and that Miami could have something in mind for Andre Goodman (see Roy Williams comment).
NYJ	QB	Chad Pennington	(0.35)	
BAL	QB	Steve McNair	(0.90)	
ARI	QB	Matt Leinart	(1.00)	
GB	QB	Brett Favre	(1.55)	
SD	QB	Philip Rivers	(1.60)	A better play than this grade indicates but the Raiders secondary has been playing well for most of the year.
DET	QB	Jon Kitna	(1.65)	
WSH	QB	Jason Campbell	(2.00)	Could be a good emergency start for McNabb owners.
HOU	QB	David Carr	(2.20)	
MIN	QB	Brad Johnson	(2.40)	
BUF	QB	JP Losman	(2.80)	
TEN	QB	Vince Young	(3.15)	Another good emergency candidate because of the points he is getting from running the ball.
TB	QB	Bruce Gradkowski	(3.70)	
JAX	QB	David Garrard	(3.80)	
DEN	QB	Jake Plummer	(4.20)	
KC	QB	Trent Green	(4.65)	
SF	QB	Alex Smith	(5.10)	
OAK	QB	Aaron Brooks	(6.35)	

## TE

Team	Pos.	Name	GPA	Start/Sit
ATL	TE	Alge Crumpler	1.80	Start.
DAL	TE	Jason Witten	1.50	Start.
KC	TE	Tony Gonzalez	1.25	Start.
CLE	TE	Kellen Winslow	0.80	Start.
SEA	TE	Jerramy Stevens	0.80	Start.
WSH	TE	Chris Cooley	0.75	Start.
NE	TE	Ben Watson	0.65	Start.
CHI	TE	Desmond Clark	0.65	Start.
SD	TE	Antonio Gates	0.50	Start.
NYG	TE	Jeremy Shockey	0.50	Start.
PHI	TE	LJ Smith	0.50	Start.
IND	TE	Dallas Clark	0.30	Start.
MIA	TE	Randy McMichael	0.00	
BAL	TE	Todd Heap	(0.25)	
PIT	TE	Heath Miller	(0.35)	
TB	TE	Alex Smith	(0.65)	
SF	TE	Eric Johnson	(1.00)	
DET	TE	Dan Campbell	(1.00)	
STL	TE	Joe Klopfenstein	(1.00)	
CAR	TE	Michael Gaines	(1.00)	
BUF	TE	Robert Royal	(1.15)	
JAX	TE	George Wrightster	(1.20)	<p>Many thanks to Jason Miller for pointing out that Wrightster has been targeted more often than Mercedes Lewis and therefore should be listed in Lewis' place. Wrightster is still a hit/miss fantasy option in that game situations, and not matchups, dictate when he has the ball thrown to him.</p>
TEN	TE	Bo Scaife	(1.25)	<p><b>Upside potential for rest of season:</b> Scaife and Vince Young have shown on-field chemistry when they are on the field. With Troupe now being out for the year, it could make Scaife a very good fantasy option, especially in catch leagues.</p>
GB	TE	Bubba Franks	(1.25)	
HOU	TE	Owen Daniels	(1.30)	
NO	TE	Mark Campbell	(1.50)	
MIN	TE	Jermaine Wiggins	(1.75)	
DEN	TE	Stephen Alexander	(1.80)	
OAK	TE	Courtney Anderson	(1.90)	
CIN	TE	Reggie Kelly	(2.00)	
NYJ	TE	Chris Baker	(2.00)	
ARI	TE	Leonard Pope	(2.80)	

RB

Running Back	Start/Sit
Edgerrin James	James versus Minnesota's run defense? A definite sit.
Warrick Dunn	A definite start against a Saints defense that is finally showing its talent level.
Jamal Lewis	Pitt has a good run defense but not so good that Lewis should be sat. A good flex start.
Anthony Thomas	A risky flex start against a very good Jax run defense.
DeShaun Foster/DeAngelo Williams	If Williams starts over Foster, he's a great start this week. If Foster does start and they split carries, either is a viable flex start but no better than that due to the split carries.
Thomas Jones	A risky start due to NE's ever improving defense but it's damn hard to sit a back who is the workhorse and who is coming off of two straight 100 yard games. Take the risk and start him.
Rudi Johnson	The one thing Cleveland can't do on defense is stop the run. Start Rudi.
Jason Wright	One of many things that Cincinnati can't do on defense is stop the run. Start Wright.
Julius Jones	Jones has been putting up mediocre numbers of late due to Marion Barber taking his goal line carries but Jones is still worth a start against a TB run defense that Dallas should be able to push around
Marion Barber	A very good flex start due to getting the goal line carries.
Tatum Bell	I'm just as sick and tired of guessing about which Denver back is going to get the carries as you are. Any of them are good flex starts against a weak Oakland run defense.
Mike Bell	I'm just as sick and tired of guessing about which Denver back is going to get the carries as you are. Any of them are good flex starts against a weak Oakland run defense.
Arlen Harris	Harris looked good replacing Jones last week and he should be good for a start this week.
Ahman Green	A risky play but probably worth a flex start against a mediocre Seattle run defense.
Wali Lundy/Samkon Gado	Split carries are a bad option but facing the Jets defense is a good one. Not a bad flex start for either of them.
Dominic Rhodes/Joseph Addai	Philly does not have a good run defense but neither of these two has proven to be the dominant back. They aren't bad flex starts but there are probably better ones.
Fred Taylor/Maurice Jones-Drew	Taylor is a no-brainer start. Jones-Drew is a good flex start due to his goal line carries and big play ability.
LJ	Start.
Ronnie Brown	Forget last week. Minnesota's run defense is that good. Detroit's isn't. Start Brown.
Chester Taylor	Another solid week from Taylor. Start.
Corey Dillon	Either Dillon or Maroney are both good starts against a Chicago defense that doesn't handle power running well at all. The only caveat is to check Dillon's injury before playing him.
Lawrence Maroney	Either Dillon or Maroney are both good starts against a Chicago defense that doesn't handle power running well at all. The only caveat is to check Dillon's injury before playing him.
Deuce McAllister	A very good start against an overrated Atlanta run defense
Reggie Bush	Bush is once again a very good flex start in catch leagues. He could be a flex start with upside in a yardage only league, as Atlanta does not have a good run defense (never mind their stats, which are a mirage).
Tiki Barber	I don't care how he did on Monday night. He's still a back to start every week.
Kevan Barlow	Gets goal line carries so could be worth a flex start. Only concern is that the Jets offense doesn't get a lot of goal line opportunities of late.
Leon Washington	A good flex start.
Justin Fargas	I was feeling really good about having picked up Fargas on waivers after Jordan got hurt. I may feel just as good next week but this week I don't feel quite so good with Fargas facing SD. Sit.
Brian Westbrook	Still start him. Can't sit him just because McNabb is hurt.
Willie Parker	Could be the toughest call of the week. Parker has been putting up very consistent numbers all year long but they are facing Baltimore. I'd still start him as you just can't sit your big dogs even when they have tough matchups.
Steven Jackson	Forget last week. Jackson is a great play against a weak SF run D.
LT	Start.
Frank Gore	Have to start him against a terrible Rams run defense.
Maurice Morris/Shawn Alexander	Sit Morris. Alexander is a risky start due to the Seattle O line, his rust and GB's run defense. He has tremendous upside, though, so you are almost compelled to play him unless an injury concern crops up.
Cadillac Williams	It may sound crazy but I'd sit Caddy this week. Something about the way Dallas played last week tells me that they are in a mode of outphysicaling their opponents. They may dominate TB on Sunday.
Travis Henry	Start, start, start. Henry has been dominant the past two weeks and the Giants are still down bodies on their D.
Ladell Betts?/Mike Sellers?/TJ Duckett?	Did the Skins decide who was going to be their lead RB last week? With the split carries it sure didn't look like they did. Sit all of these guys until Gibbs decides who is going to at least get the bulk of the carries.

## DEF

Team		GPA	Start/Sit
SD	DEF	-6.35	Best start on the board against an Oakland offense with a backup RB and no passing game to speak of.
STL	DEF	-5.1	This has more to do with SF's ineptitude in the passing game than with St. Louis's strong defense. The Rams can't stop the run so they really aren't that great of an option.
DEN	DEF	-4.65	I don't think the Broncos are quite as strong as the GPA indicates but the KC offense has bogged down of late. A good start.
KC	DEF	-4.2	A good start.
BUF	DEF	-3.8	Garrard isn't an explosive player and the Jags tend to play it safe. A good start.
DAL	DEF	-3.7	<b>Upside play of the week:</b> I just have a feeling that the Bucs don't have the horses to deal with the Cowboys defense. I could easily see Dallas pushing TB around and dominating this game.
NYG	DEF	-3.15	Too many injuries and facing a team with a running QB. Sit.
JAX	DEF	-2.8	Buffalo doesn't put up many points regardless of the circumstance. A good start.
ARI	DEF	-2.4	Minnesota's offense is inept. The Cards have some upside.
NYJ	DEF	-2.2	A solid play in that they do a good job of putting together schemes to slow their opponents.
CAR	DEF	-2	A rookie starting QB could mean a very good game for an aggressive Carolina defense. A very good start.
MIA	DEF	-1.65	They are coming off of three straight dominant performances. If they are on your waiver wire, pick them up and start them.
OAK	DEF	-1.6	SD's offense is doing too well of late to highly recommend Oakland. Add to that the Raiders issues with stopping the run and it makes them a risky play.
SEA	DEF	-1.55	Could be worth a start if Favre is slowed or can't go with the injury. You'd have to wait until Monday to make the decision so it might be too risky.
MIN	DEF	-1	We know one thing. Arizona won't run the ball with much success. A good start because of this.
PIT	DEF	-0.9	Baltimore's offense has been playing well of late. A risky start.
HOU	DEF	-0.35	Jets have done nothing of late on offense. A decent start.
DET	DEF	0.1	Lions have too many weaknesses to be considered a good start.
WSH	DEF	0.8	
BAL	DEF	1.05	
CLE	DEF	1.05	I expect Cleveland to have similar success to their game last week, which means they could have a lot of upside.
NE	DEF	1.5	A better play than the GPA indicates. Grossman could be tricked into making a number of mistakes. A very good start.
CHI	DEF	1.65	Another better play than the GPA indicates. Bears secondary is the only concern, as they may struggle against Brady.
IND	DEF	1.9	
GB	DEF	2	
TB	DEF	2.35	
TEN	DEF	2.35	
CIN	DEF	2.7	
ATL	DEF	3.25	
SF	DEF	3.5	
PHI	DEF	4.6	
NO	DEF	4.85	