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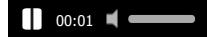
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LOSING IS FOR SUCKERS AND CATS: EARLY WEEK 13 FANTASY FOOTBALL PICKUPS

I really hate losing.



I know you think that's common sense. No one likes to lose. Except maybe the Green Bay Packers. I mean, why else would they be starting Matt Flynn, who couldn't start in Seattle when they were mediocre and couldn't start in Oakland when they were, well, Oakland? Or perhaps you're the creators of "Lucky 7", the very short-lived show (i.e. 2 episodes) on ABC about gas station employees who win the lottery. Wow, whoever thought up that idea must really like to lose. Nothing like watching a drama about people winning money. Perhaps next we can watch people who are already incredibly rich complain about things like who has the better looking purse or who has the worst personality. Oh wait, we already have that with the "Real Housewives of New Jersey". But I digress.

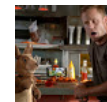
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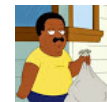
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The truth is that I've had a tough run of it in my fantasy football leagues this year. So, of course, I've spent most of the past two weeks reacting the way that most fantasy football players react to losing. I blame the players for being terrible and blame the fantasy football gods for sabotaging my season by making Harry Douglas fall on the one yard line and allowing the terrible Steven Jackson to score twice. I've always envisioned the fantasy football gods looked a lot like Garfield the cat. Kinda sitting there eating lasagna and occasionally looking down upon me and saying "oh, so you think you know better than me, do you?" before laughing and making Andrew Luck throw another incompletion.



Well, if you're lucky enough to be in the playoffs of your fantasy league, don't stop now. You still have work to do. And what better place to start than with refreshing your roster with some of these week 13 free agency pickups (as usual, owned in less than 50% of standard Yahoo leagues):

Michael Crabtree – WR – 47% Owned

Michael Crabtree was never the force we thought he would be when he was drafted, but he became solid weapon with ColinKaepernick under center. And then there was the injury that sidelined him for the first 12 games of the season. In his first week back, we had no right to expect anything from him, right? Well, he showed us, with 2 receptions on 4 targets (1 of which had him beat a defender, burst down the sideline, stop on a dime and turn for a few more yards) for 68 yards. The 49ers needed weapons other than Vernon Davis and Anquan Boldin, and Crabtree is that weapon. If he's still available in your 12-team or deeper league, he could be a nice pickup for the playoff run.

Andre Holmes – WR - 1% Owned

With Denarius Moore out and Run DMC perpetually injured, receiving targets were hard to come by for Matt McGloin. In stepped Andre Holmes last week with 2 receptions on 5 targets for 32 yards. Nothing notable, and with all the talk about RodStreater getting more looks, there was no reason to expect anything more. But if Rod Streater draws a little extra attention, would there be room for another receiver in Oakland? Apparently, there is. Holmes came almost out of nowhere to

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catch 7 of a team high 11 targets for 136 yards. At this point of the season, that's pretty notable. If Denarius Moore remains out, Holmes may be a nice flyer in 14-team and deeper leagues as long as McGloin remains the signal caller in Oakland.

LeGarrette Blount – RB - 6% Owned

Steven Ridley fumbled one too many times (or 3 too many times) for Bill Belichick, so Ridley was a healthy inactive for this week's game. And who got the carries this week? Well basically everyone including Shane Vereen, Brandon Bolden and LeGarrette Blount. Heck, even fullback James Develin got 3 touches and a TD. But Blount led all RBs with 12 carries for 44 yards and a TD. Will he get this again, or will Ridley be back? Frankly, I want no part of this committee, but if you're speculating and have the roster spot available in a 16-team or deeper league, why not?

Ladarius Green – TE – 8% Owned

Antonio Gates is the man in San Diego. We've all known this for years. And when he seemed like he might be at the end of his career, he revives his career this year becoming a top 10 TE again. But there's another guy out there on the field, and he may be the future of San Diego. Ladarius Green is a true move tight end. He's incredibly athletic and is a big target for Rivers. He's had at least 5 targets each week for the last three weeks. He had 81 yards two weeks ago, 80 yards and a TD last week and had 45 yards and a TD this week. Even with Gates on the field, Green is getting plenty of targets to do his damage. If you're hurting for a TE with upside for the playoff run in 12-team or deeper leagues, or want to back up Gates, Green may be worth picking up.

And here's a list of pickups mentioned in previous weeks that I still recommend picking up if they're still available: Zac Stacy, Nick Foles, Kris Durham, Harry Douglas, Fred Jackson, Brian Hartline, Julian Edelman, Rueben Randle, Jared Boykin, Mike Glennon, Jordan Reed, Tim Wright, Mike Tolbert, Dennis Johnson, Aaron Dobson, Tiquan Underwood, Brandon LaFell, Tavon Austin, Doug Baldwin, Justin Hunter, John Carlson, Ace Sanders, Delanie Walker and Dennis Pitta.

If you want to know more about any of these past pickups, go ahead and check out my pick up discussions here: <http://www.footballxtrapoints.com/search/label/Ha%20Kung%20Wong>

So don't hate losing like I do! Just win and avoid it. But if you're feeling down, go ahead and watch an episode of the "Real Housewives of New Jersey". You'll feel better about yourself, guaranteed. I don't care who you are, you can't be that bad.

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Hakung Wong December 4, 2013 at 5:26 PM

Thanks so much! I appreciate the complement! You keep reading and I'll keep writing! ;-)

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Hakung Wong December 6, 2013 at 10:27 AM

EARLY WEEK 14 PICKUP - Jordan Todman - RB - 1% Owned

MJD was just rounding into form and becoming usable once again in fantasy leagues when the dreaded hamstring injury popped up. Unfortunately, hamstrings can be tricky for RBs, and we won't know more until MJD has his MRI, but if you're speculating, than Jordan Todman is the pickup in 14-team and deeper leagues.

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