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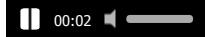
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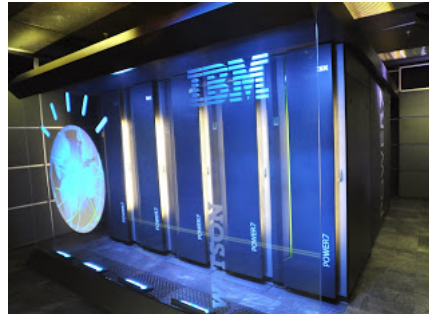
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WATSON WILL RULE THE WORLD: RESULTS OF MY UNLIKELY FANTASY FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

Have you heard of IBM Watson?



The super computer that's better at chess and Jeopardy than we are? Yeah, you know what Watson's friends call him? Skynet. Yeah, you guessed it. Today, Watson is beating us at board games and helping us "build a smarter planet", according to IBM. Tomorrow? Well, let's just say Watson won't be driving himself around for long. Well, I guess he doesn't drive himself around now either because he can't drive, but you know what I mean. I'm pretty sure Sarah Connor knows what I mean.



But with everything Watson can do, he certainly can't tell the future. The question is, can I? Well, let's take a look at whether "unlikely predictions" from the beginning of the fantasy football season (http://www.footballextrapoints.com/2013/08/does-miley-cyrus-hate-teddy-bears_30.html) came true.

1. Was Le'Veon Bell a Top 20 fantasy running back?

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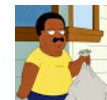
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Indeed he was. Even with the missed time, Bell ended up being the 15th RB in fantasy with 860 rush yards, 8 rushing TDs and 399 receiving yards. Most importantly, the jump to the NFL and facing NFL defenses has not impacted the "Bell Cow's" ball security as he only 1 lost fumble on the season.

2. **Was Ryan Tannehill a Top 14 quarterback?**

Not quite. Ryan Tannehill ended up being the 16th QB in fantasy with 3913 passing yards, 24 passing TDs, 17 INTs, 238 rushing yards, 1 rushing TD and 5 lost fumbles. Unfortunately, Tannehill didn't get going with Mike Wallace on a consistent level, and looks like Miami is terrific at making great receivers terrible (Brandon Marshall being Exhibit A).

3. **Was C.J. Spiller outside the top 15 running backs?**

Yup, he sure was. In fact, he was way worse ending up the 28th RB in fantasy with only 927 rushing yards, a measly 2 rushing TDs, 185 receiving yards and 1 lost fumble. Spiller was a mess with injuries and sharing time almost 50% with Fred Jackson while healthy (which wasn't much). Spiller has homerun potential, but hard to hit one when he's nursing and injury on the sidelines or not getting any touches.

4. **Did Wes Welker have more than 200 total yards receiving than any other Broncos WR?**

Nope. Unfortunately, not only did Welker miss three games, but Peyton Manning went downfield a lot to Thomas, Thomas and Decker which limited Welkers' yards over the middle. Welker ended up 4th on his team with 778 receiving yards and 10 TDs, compared to Decker's 1288 receiving yards and 11 TDs, Demariyus Thomas' 1430 receiving yards and 14 TDs, and Julius Thomas' 788 receiving yards and 12 TDs. Hard say how much difference the three missed games would make, but he probably still wouldn't be better than 3rd.

5. **Was Cordarelle Patterson the player with the most yards on the Vikings?**

Well, it depends on how you look at it. Patterson had a total of 627 total yards from scrimmage, which put him behind Greg Jennings (804 yards) and Jerome Simpson (726 yards). But, he did have 1393 return yards and 2 return TDs. So, in a manner of speaking he did, but I just didn't expect him to get them this way.

6. **Was Josh Gordon a top 15 wide receiver?**

In fact, even though he was suspended for the first two games of the season, he ended being the number one wide receiver in fantasy with 1646 receiving yards and 9 TDs. That's 147 more yards than second place Antonio Brown. And he had three different QBs throw him the ball. It's official, folks. As long as Gordon stays out of trouble off the field, he's going to be a beast.

7. **Was Greg Olson the most targeted player and the player with the most receiving yards on the Panthers?**

Close enough. Olson had the most receiving yards of any player on the Panthers with 816 yards (as compared Steve Smith's 745

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yards) and tied with Smith for most targets with 109.

8. ***Did Reggie Bush have more receiving touchdowns than any other Lion?***

Not even close. Bush only had 3 receiving TDs as compared to 12 for Megatron. But Bush way outperformed his draft position with 1512 total yards from scrimmage and 7 total TDs. So Bush was great this season, just not in the way I thought he would be.

9. ***Did Michael Floyd have more receiving touchdowns than any other Cardinal?***

Nope, he only had 5 TDs compared to Larry Fitzgerald's 10 TDs. But Floyd had more yards than Fitzgerald with 1041 compared to 954. I think Arizona found their legitimate second option in the pass game.

10. ***Was Alshon Jeffery a top 15 wide receiver?***

In fact, Jeffery was the 9th wide receiver in fantasy with 1421 receiving yards, 7 receiving TDs and 105 rush yards. Brandon Marshall actually still had 1295 receiving yards and 12 receiving TDs. It's strange for Bears fans to see, but Chicago's offense is clicking under Trestman (regardless of QB) and there are plenty of receiving yards to go around.

11. ***Was Eddie Lacy a top 3 running back?***

He wasn't top 3, but he was the 6th RB in fantasy, which is pretty good for a rookie who missed several games. Lacy ended up with 1178 rushing yards and 11 TDs with 257 receiving yards. In terms of fantasy points, he had slightly more than the much higher drafted Adrian Peterson. No doubt that he'll have a shot at top 3 next year.

So how did I do? Well, I was 6 for 11 on the "unlikely predictions" this year, which, in all honesty, is better than I thought it would be. Did you hear that, Watson? I'm better than you! Just kidding. Where would you like to go today, Mr. Watson?



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