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Why is there no Wonder Woman movie?



I know some of you are saying that there are already too many super hero movies with all the various Avengers movies, X-Men movies and even a TV show for S.H.I.E.L.D. (which, by the way, is an awesome show. I mean, how many times do you get a fictional character like Phil Coulson, played by Clark Gregg, that is so popular that he not only comes back from the dead, but gets his own TV show? And even Samuel L. Jackson makes a guest appearance. Of course, Samuel L. Jackson also agreed to do "Snakes on a Plane", so perhaps we shouldn't use the appearances he agrees to make as a barometer for what's "good". But I digress...).



The problem is that none of the above super heroes are from the DC Universe, they're all Marvel super heroes (nerd alert -- but too late, I saw you shaking your head in agreement, so let's just keep that between

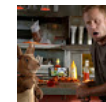
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the two of us). Of the DC heroes, we have endless remakes of Batman (and can you believe that Ben Affleck is set to be Batman in the Batman v. Superman movie? Wow, he must have an amazing agent. I can think about a dozen people I think would be a better Batman, and that's just of the people living in my apartment building.), and we have several attempts to get a new Superman to catch on (sorry, Christopher Reeves is the one and only in my mind). And there's a Green Arrow TV show (really, Green Arrow got a show and Wonder Woman didn't? Actually, to be honest, it isn't bad. But then again, I watch too much TV.).



But where is Wonder Woman? Well, there was a failed attempt at a TV show several years ago because no one could agree on what she should wear (among other things). Really, I'm not making this up. Feel free to check out the costumes

here:<http://news.moviefone.com/2011/03/30/wonder-woman-costume-tv-show/>. Anyway, looks like people (and by that I mean "important people who can make this happen") are starting to notice, as Kevin Tsujihara, the CEO of Warner Bros., stated that they needed to get Wonder Woman on the big screen (<http://now.msn.com/kevin-tsujihara-warner-bros-ceo-wants-wonder-woman-movie-or-tv-series>). Well, alright then!

Of course, I recently re-watched some of those Lynda Carter Wonder Woman episodes, and I have to admit, they're pretty bad. So do yourself a favor and don't re-watch them. Just pretend they were awesome.



But what does this have to do with football? Well, like me, you're probably a nostalgic person. Or at least, you're impacted by name value. Like all of us talking about how LaDainian Tomlinson was going to make a comeback after he was booted from San Diego, or how we thought Plaxico Burress might become relevant again after getting out of jail for shooting himself. Or how we thought Michael Vick would come back after getting out of jail. Oh wait, I guess that one kindahappened. Well, sometimes we hold on to players too long after their value is long gone because we remember how great they once were. How about Ben Roethlisberger? Or Maurice Jones Drew? Sometimes you need to look at some of these players and try and trade them away to others who might be "nostalgic" and start filling your roster with some upside. Need some suggestions for possible lottery tickets with upside you say? Well, how about one of these (all of which, as usual, are under 50% owned in standard Yahoo leagues)?

Zac Stacy - RB - 17% Owned

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If he isn't seriously injured with a rib injury he sustained in the fourth quarter (and from recent reports, it appears that he just had the wind knocked out of him), he may be worth a look. He had 14 carries for 78 yards before going out, ultimately out working previous starter Daryl Richardson, who had 13 carries for only 48 yards. He didn't look particularly shifty, but when Sam Bradford was rolling, linebackers stood back giving the Rams some room to run. Stacy was the most effective back in the Ram's stables, but Bradford won't always be good and there's an injury risk here. But Rams' coach Jeff Fisher confirmed that Stacy will remain the starter in St. Louis, and if you want to take a flyer in 14-team or deeper leagues, there are worse bets.

Andre Ellington – RB – 22% Owned

It's not sexy playing for the Cardinals nowadays. And it hasn't been since the time of Kurt Warner. But there have been some versatile weapons in Arizona that might just be worth a gamble. And Andre Ellington is one of them. He doesn't get many touches, but between carries and receptions, he's had at least 6 total touches in each of the last 4 games, and has been very efficient with them. This week he had 7 carries for 52 yards and four receptions for 31 yards. True, he only had one TD on the season and the Cardinals don't score much, but if you need yards, make no mistake, Ellington can get them. And he's been much better on a yards per carry average than running mate Rashard Mendenhall (though Mendenhall got the TD against the Panthers). Either way, need a bye week desperation fill in in 14-team or deeper leagues, or perhaps a flex in 16-team or deeper leagues? Ellington is your man. And if his touches continue to trend up, then he just might sneak into 12-team territory.

Terrance Williams – WR – 15% Owned

Miles Austin won't be injured forever, and Tony Romo won't always be as on target as he was against the suddenly vulnerable Denver defense. But Terrance Williams was 7 for 8 for 71 yards last week (which I mentioned as a bonus pick up last week), showing he had Romo's attention. And this week, he did way more than that with 151 yards and 2 TDs. Sounds like what he did when he was at Baylor, doesn't it? The problem is that he only had four targets, but at least he converted all of them. He'll be boom or bust, and it will be hard to predict when he'll go off, but you could do worse for a bye week fill in in 12-team and deeper leagues, or 4th WR in 14-team and deeper leagues, as long as Miles Austin remains out.

Rueben Randle – WR – 37% Owned

The Giants aren't a good team. Let's face it, Eli Manning is having some timing problems, vision problems, or both. And he's going to keep throwing interceptions and missing receivers. But at the end of the day, junk time points count as much as regular points in fantasy football, so all we care about is that the Giants will be playing from behind, a lot, and thus they'll have to throw a lot. And it looks like defenses will key on Victor Cruz, leaving a little room for Hakeem Nicks, and apparently a good amount of room for Rueben Randle. Randle has good raw skills, but hasn't had an opportunity to show it until now. He won't be consistent, but over the first four games, he's had 23 targets. And against the Eagles, he had 6 receptions for 96 yards and his first 2 TDs of the season. He won't be scoring tons of TDs, but it's not unforeseeable that he might get 5-7 targets per game and convert most of them for 70-90 yards. Not too shabby as a third WR in 14-team or deeper leagues, or a flex or bye week replacement in 12-team or deeper leagues.

Austin Pettis – WR – 10% Owned

Here's another flyer. Sam Bradford likes to spread it around, but he's on pace for over 4000 passing yards, so even if you split that up amongst his receivers, some of them have to go to Austin Pettis. And as of now he's getting his fair share of targets and his fair share of touchdowns with four of them over his last four games. Of course, 2 of them were against the Jaguars, but hey, they all count the same don't they? If the Rams can't get their ground game going, they'll continue going to the air. Worth a look as a bye week fill in or possible flex in 14-team or deeper leagues.

Kris Durham – WR – 1% Owned

You really hurtin' in those 16-team or deeper leagues? Here's a flyer for you. Kris Durham has had increasing targets every week, from 2, to 3, to 4 to 8 against the Packers. Of course, Megatron was out of the game, but he may be out next week as well, and hey, you never know, do you?


Durham only caught 3 of his 8 targets today, but at least it included a touchdown. He'll get better if he needs to keep starting, and those in very deep leagues might be able to use his services as a bye week fill in, flex, or 3rd/4th WR, assuming Megatron remains sidelined.

And here's a list of pick ups mentioned in previous weeks that I still recommend picking up if they're still available: *Nate Washington, DeAndre Hopkins, Bernard Pierce, Fred Jackson, Brian Hartline, Joique Bell, Julian Edelman, Roy Helu Jr., Terrelle Pryor and Rashad Jennings.*

So cut bait on those name value players! But don't cut bait on Wonder Woman. Anyone who's so confident that all they need are two armored bracelets to deflect bullets is too cool to be cut.

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Hakung Wong October 8, 2013 at 2:37 PM

BONUS PICKUP – Julio Jones now reported likely to be out for the season with a foot injury. Roddy White already has an injured hamstring, reinjured during the Monday night game. Atlanta will probably look for some veteran help in free agency, but Harry Douglas knows the system and has done well in the past. He's now a good pick up in all 12-team and deeper leagues.

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Hakung Wong October 8, 2013 at 2:42 PM

BONUS PICKUP 2 – Keenan Allen - WR - 7% Owned - He's playing in two wide sets in San Diego, and even though Rivers had a down game, he's going to be a legitimate TD threat. He caught 6 for 115 yards and a TD and is well on the radar for 14-team and deeper leagues as a 4th WR, flex or a desperate bye week replacement.

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Hakung Wong October 9, 2013 at 5:58 PM

BONUS PICKUP 3 – Garrett Graham - TE - 47% Owned - With Owen Daniels going to limited IR for 8 weeks, Graham will be the number 1 TE in a decent system that favors the check down.

Graham was getting looks before Daniels went out, so this should help his value for those of you who need a TE in 12-team or deeper leagues.

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Hakung Wong October 11, 2013 at 6:35 PM

And interestingly, Forbes.com just published an article on this very topic of why there isn't a Wonder Woman movie. So don't say I don't cover important cutting edge topics (along with great fantasy football advice)!

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<http://www.forbes.com/sites/melissasilverstein/2013/10/11/why-is-it-so-hard-to-get-a-wonder-woman-movie/>

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