

2026 Week 3 Waiver Wire

Week 3 revision 1 - NOT PUBLISHED

12-team redraft, half-PPR, one starting quarterback. Bids are percentages of the original season FAAB budget. Half-PPR game points use official standard points plus 0.5 per reception; they are results, not projections. The Aug 19 preseason reference uses full PPR, so no direct rank-change claim is made.

Prioritize a usable role before chasing a big score. Coleman offers opportunity upside; Boston and Vele lead our receiver choices. Stats cover all 32 games from Weeks 1-2. Availability is a dated ESPN snapshot, not your league inventory. Rankings and bids are MFT editorial judgments.

FAAB ranges use your original season budget: 10% is \$10 from an original \$100 budget. Cap bids at your remaining balance and follow league minimums and increments.

Check these players first

Jonah Coleman / Denzel Boston / Devaughn Vele / Kaelon Black / Dontayvion Wicks

Running backs

1. Jonah Coleman | DEN

Opportunity add | Suggested FAAB: 15-25%

Coleman gained work after Denver backfield injuries. Add for upside, with the bid tied to the next practice reports. Half-PPR game points: W1 0.00, W2 13.30.

Main risk: A healthy backfield could sharply reduce his workload.

Injury condition: Dobbins and Harvey were reported with hamstring issues; neither is assumed out for Week 3.

Report-week opponent: vs LA

ESPN (via NFL.com): 22% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

2. Kaelon Black | SF

Bench stash | Suggested FAAB: 5-10%

Black remains involved behind McCaffrey. Prioritize him as bench insurance rather than a guaranteed starter. Half-PPR game points: W1 7.50, W2 2.50.

Main risk: Limited touches can leave a low weekly floor.

Report-week opponent: vs ARI

ESPN (via NFL.com): 50% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

3. Tyjae Spears | TEN

Bench depth | Suggested FAAB: 3-7%

Spears remains the secondary Tennessee back. Add selectively when the bench needs receiving upside.

Half-PPR game points: W1 3.40, W2 8.00. Preseason reference: RB45 (Aug 19, full PPR; different scoring).

Main risk: The lead role is not his; do not bid as if it is.

Report-week opponent: at NYG

ESPN (via NFL.com): 49% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

Wide receivers

1. Denzel Boston | CLE

Priority add | Suggested FAAB: 8-15%

Boston has scored in both games. His Week 2 seven-target workload strengthens the case beyond the touchdowns. Half-PPR game points: W1 12.90, W2 18.00.

Main risk: Two early touchdowns are not a sustainable weekly expectation.

Report-week opponent: vs CAR

ESPN (via NFL.com): 26% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

2. Devaughn Vele | NO

Add for depth | Suggested FAAB: 6-12%

Vele offers exposure to a Saints passing attack that has supported useful production in consecutive games. Half-PPR game points: W1 16.40, W2 8.90.

Main risk: Target distribution can change quickly; avoid treating two games as a full-season guarantee.

Report-week opponent: vs LV

ESPN (via NFL.com): 54% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

3. Dontayvion Wicks | PHI

Flex consideration | Suggested FAAB: 2-6%

Wicks topped 70 receiving yards in each game, but his Week 2 snap share declined. Half-PPR game points: W1 14.30, W2 9.90.

Main risk: Competition for routes limits confidence in a weekly starting role.

Report-week opponent: at CHI

ESPN (via NFL.com): 26% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

4. Tre Tucker | LV

Upside bench add | Suggested FAAB: 2-5%

Tucker rebounded from a quiet opener with a large Week 2 receiving line. Treat him as a volatile flex candidate. Half-PPR game points: W1 3.70, W2 20.40. Preseason reference: WR66 (Aug 19, full PPR; different scoring).

Main risk: A touchdown and long gain can mask week-to-week inconsistency.

Report-week opponent: at NO

ESPN (via NFL.com): 25% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

Quarterbacks

1. Tyler Shough | NO

Quarterback streamer | Suggested FAAB: 2-5%

New Orleans attempted 90 passes across two games. Shough merits a starting-QB comparison before you spend on a replacement. Half-PPR game points: W1 23.20, W2 22.38. Preseason reference: QB17 (Aug 19, full PPR; different scoring).

Main risk: Passing volume and efficiency can fall together; one-QB replacement options limit the bid.

Report-week opponent: vs LV

ESPN (via NFL.com): 50% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

2. Bryce Young | CAR

Quarterback streamer | Suggested FAAB: 1-4%

Young opened with consecutive three-touchdown games. He is an option when your current quarterback has a weaker outlook. Half-PPR game points: W1 31.44, W2 24.08.

Main risk: Two games do not establish a dependable weekly ceiling.

Report-week opponent: at CLE

ESPN (via NFL.com): 34% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

3. Kirk Cousins | LV

Deep-league streamer | Suggested FAAB: 0-2%

Cousins has three passing touchdowns in each game. He is a cheaper fallback after the preferred quarterbacks. Half-PPR game points: W1 13.80, W2 20.22.

Main risk: Touchdown efficiency may regress; retain room for a different streamer next week.

Report-week opponent: at NO

ESPN (via NFL.com): 3% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

Tight ends

1. Dalton Schultz | HOU

Tight end add | Suggested FAAB: 3-7%

Schultz drew 14 Week 2 targets. Consider the role useful while treating the huge yardage total as an outlier. Half-PPR game points: W1 5.50, W2 20.00.

Main risk: A repeat of that target spike is unlikely.

Injury condition: His elevated opportunity came without Nico Collins; reassess the bid when Collins returns.

Report-week opponent: at IND

ESPN (via NFL.com): 21% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

2. Juwan Johnson | NO

Tight end streamer | Suggested FAAB: 1-4%

Johnson has produced in both games. Compare his weekly receiving involvement with your current tight end. Half-PPR game points: W1 12.90, W2 8.60. Preseason reference: TE20 (Aug 19, full PPR; different scoring).

Main risk: A small target total can make scoring touchdown-dependent.

Report-week opponent: vs LV

ESPN (via NFL.com): 53% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

Kickers

1. Harrison Butker | KC

Kicker streamer | Suggested FAAB: 0-1%

Butker made four field goals in Week 2. Kansas City visits Miami next.

Main risk: Kicker scoring depends on drives ending in attempts rather than touchdowns.

Report-week opponent: at MIA

Check your league; availability unknown.

2. Daniel Carlson | NO

Kicker streamer | Suggested FAAB: 0-1%

Carlson plays at home against Las Vegas. The dome setting removes outdoor weather exposure.

Main risk: Do not pay a premium for a one-week kicking choice.

Report-week opponent: vs LV

Check your league; availability unknown.

Team defenses

1. Detroit Lions | DET

Defense streamer | Suggested FAAB: 0-2%

Detroit hosts the Jets. A home streaming option for managers rotating defenses.

Main risk: Turnovers and defensive touchdowns are volatile; this is not a rest-of-season promise.

Report-week opponent: vs NYJ

ESPN (via NFL.com): 52% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

2. Carolina Panthers | CAR

Budget defense streamer | Suggested FAAB: 0-1%

Carolina visits Cleveland. A low-cost alternative when the preferred defense is unavailable.

Main risk: Do not chase a prior defensive score as a repeatable forecast.

Report-week opponent: at CLE

ESPN (via NFL.com): 4% rostered; checked on 2026-09-22. Check your league.

Deep leagues and stashes

Black and Spears are bench-depth choices rather than assured Week 3 starters. Cousins is a lower-cost quarterback fallback. Avoid dropping a proven starter after two games merely to follow this list. Unknown availability stays unknown.

Superflex adjustment

Move available starting quarterbacks ahead of bench receivers when you can start two QBs. These one-QB bid ranges should not be reused in superflex; compare replacement options and remaining budget first.

Claim strategy

Order claims by the improvement over the player you would drop. Use conditional alternatives so several claims do not empty the same position. Reserve premium priority for a likely starter, and minimize kicker/defense spending. Confirm league deadlines, minimum bids and increments. Recheck injury-dependent bids before waivers process.

What changed

New entering-Week-3 report based on completed Weeks 1-2 and September 22 research. Earlier editions remain preserved. Current game points and dated preseason references are included where identity matches are verified. ESPN observations are kept distinct from unlabeled or blended percentages, which were not imported.

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Source notes

Knowledge cutoff: 2026-09-22T19:01:20Z

FantasyPros - Week 3 rankings and pickups

NFL.com - Week 3 waiver targets

nflverse - Official 2026 weekly player stats

PFSN - Week 3 waiver targets

FantasyPros - Week 3 kicker pickups

Availability observations were checked September 22 from the September 21 NFL.com article. Recheck injury conditions and league availability before bidding.