



# SLIM PICKINS

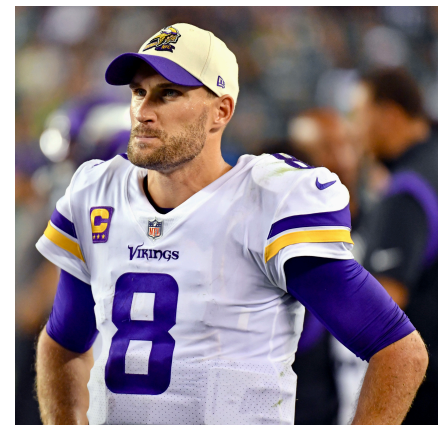
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**NFL WEEK 3** (all games on Sunday, September 25, 2022)

**Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings (1 p.m. Eastern)**

**1 unit: 2-part parlay Jared Goff Over 249.5 passing yards and Kirk Cousins Over 274.5 passing yards (+200 on DraftKings)**

After going 2 out of 3 in the debut issue of the “Slim Pickins NFL Player Props Guide” last week, why not push the envelope with a two-part parlay in a potential shootout with a week-high Over/Under of 53 points? That should mean scoring and yards and Minnesota gun-slinger Kirk Cousins is bound to bounce-back after a disgraceful performance in Philly on Monday night. Cousins has been brutal on prime time and luckily gets home to a Detroit Lions team that has given up the sixth most passing yards this year. Detroit has been unable to stop #1 WRs early this year and historically last year, so look for top wideout Justin Jefferson to get back on track at home on the fast turf. With old-reliable Adam Thielen and a finally healthy tight end Irv Smith, Cousins has the weapons to get 275 yards, even if the team is focused on getting Dalvin Cook back on track, as was reported earlier this week.



There will be passing in this one, as the Vikings are actually fourth worst against the pass this year. Even worse than the soft Loins (I mean Lions) pass defense. I can't believe I am throwing Lions quarterback Jared Goff in here as an Over also, but Goff is averaging 235.5 yards passing a game after contests with the tough Eagles defense and a run-of-the-mill Commanders squad. Goff now has the emerging break-out star of the year Amon-Ra St. Brown, who has tied an all-time record with only Michael Thomas and Antonio Brown, having 8 catches or more in 8 straight games going back to last year. In a game with passing aplenty likely in the second half, Goff should be able to clear 250 yards passing with St. Brown doing damage along with fellow wideouts Josh Reynolds and off-season free-agent acquisition DJ Chark. Tight end TJ Hockenson and especially star running back D'andre Swift are both capable of making big plays off dump-offs from Goff, too.

## Houston Texans at Chicago Bears (1 p.m. Eastern)

### 1 unit: 2-part parlay - David Montgomery over 64.5 rushing yards and Khalil Herbert over 24.5 rushing yards (+175 on Draftkings)

After a dismal start to the 2022 season, in which Chicago Bears starting running back David Montgomery could muster only 26 yards on 17 carries (1.5 yards/carry) at home to a stout San Francisco defense in a monsoon, Montgomery broke out last week at Green Bay with an ultra-sexy 122 yards on 15 carries (8.1 yards/carry). Even trailing 24-7 at the half against the Packers, Montgomery still had 83 yards rushing in the second half of the game, as Chicago's staff decided to only let Justin Fields pass the ball 11 times last week. The Bears will need to rely on the run to have any chance to beat the Houston Texans that come into this game with an ugly looking 0-1-1 record. The Texans gave up 149 yards rushing to Denver last week with the running back duo of Javante Williams and Melvin Gordon III averaging a robust 4.9 yards/carry. In Week 1, top running back Jonathan Taylor for the Colts compiled 161 yards by himself on 31 carries (5.2 yards/carry) in Houston. There looks to be rain in the forecast at Soldier Field on Sunday, so Montgomery should be cutting all over the soggy sod against the 3rd worst run defense in the 2022 NFL. Khalil Herbert may actually be the better running back in the Chicago backfield in the long-run and will get plenty of work relieving Montgomery to also go Over 21.5 yards. Herbert is averaging 41.5 yards per game through the first two weeks of the season, so his Over this week by itself may be the stronger play of the two Chicago RBs.



## Buffalo Bills at Miami Dolphins (1 p.m. Eastern)

### 1 unit - Gabriel Davis Anytime Touchdown (+155)

I want some of the action in this likely high-scoring affair between two teams that scored a combined 83 points last week. That likely won't happen again in this AFC East showdown, but with an Over/Under line of 52.5 points, scoring is expected. I always like looking for value with an anytime touchdown in a game with a lot of scoring expected. The Buffalo Bills TD machine Gabriel Davis provides that value at +155 to score a TD. In Gabe's last 8 games (including the playoffs), he has 54 Targets (~7 per game) for 32 catches (4 per game) and 10 TDs (almost every 3rd catch has been a TD). Imagine a wide receiver where every 3rd catch is a TD? He probably can't keep that rate up for the season with more targets this year, but I'm willing to bet he can get one TD in a possibly high scoring game. Davis did miss last week's game with an ankle injury, but is "100% confident" he will return to face a Miami Dolphins team that gave up 3 passing TDs to the Ravens, a similar high-octane offense to the Bills.

