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# Points Per Reception Rankings

## Strategy Guide & Tier Rankings

### Overview

The mistake most people make in Fantasy Drafts is hoping to get a specific player or a certain amount of a specific position within the first few rounds. I fundamentally disagree with this approach. It makes more sense to arrange your draft board like NFL teams arrange their college prospect draft boards. In other words, draft the best value rather than filling each position a round at a time.

As part of this analysis, I review each player's point projection and their competitive advantage with relation to players at other positions. Competitive advantage is important as your fantasy draft moves on and you're choosing between a starting quarterback or a flex running back. This tier-based approach, which is cross analyzed against average draft position, is the best way to find value on draft day.

**Note: Remember to email me at [support@thefantasyfootballalmanac.com](mailto:support@thefantasyfootballalmanac.com) with promo code for your free offseason updates.**

### Step 1: Draft as Many Tier 1 and Tier 2 Players As Possible

Simply put, no matter who is on the board or how many players at these positions you have already drafted, do not draft a lower-ranked player until all of the players in better tiers are drafted. There is only one exception. Do not take a second quarterback in the first eight rounds of your draft unless you play in a two QB format.

This year, I've noticed the top quality wide receivers are going a little earlier so it wouldn't hurt to try and grab two receivers out of your first four selections in PPR formats, but don't force it. Let the draft come to you.

#### Tier 1:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
NA	Saquon Barkley Jahmyr Gibbs Bijan Robinson Derrick Henry Christian McCaffrey Ashton Jeanty	Ja'Marr Chase Amon-Ra St. Brown Justin Jefferson CeeDee Lamb Brian Thomas Jr. Malik Nabers Puka Nacua Nico Collins Jaxon Smith-Njigba Drake London	NA	NA	NA

#### Tier 2:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Lamar Jackson Josh Allen Joe Burrow	De'Von Achane Kyren Williams Bucky Irving Josh Jacobs James Cook Jonathan Taylor Chase Brown	Tee Higgins A.J. Brown Tyreek Hill Mike Evans Garrett Wilson Rashee Rice Chris Olave	Trey McBride Brock Bowers	NA	NA

## Step 2: Start Considering Other Positions

I expect a handful of players from tiers 1 and 2 to sneak into the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> round of your draft. Keep drafting the lower tiers regardless of position strength. Don't worry about having one player at each position in the first four rounds. Just draft the highest quality player. But remember the exception. If you play in a one QB format, do not draft more than one QB within the first 8 rounds of your draft. Wait until later to draft your second QB.

Beginning in the 5<sup>th</sup> round, I don't mind if you fill out your roster to make sure you have starters at QB, RB, WR and TE (at least one of each). However, make sure you follow the tier approach. Don't draft a QB or TE from a lower ranked tier just because you don't have one on your roster.

### Tier 3:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Jalen Hurts	Joe Mixon	Davante Adams	George Kittle	NA	NA
Jayden Daniels	Alvin Kamara	Jerry Jeudy	Sam LaPorta		
Baker Mayfield	Omarion Hampton	Terry McLaurin			
Patrick Mahomes	James Conner	Ladd McConkey			
Bo Nix	Breece Hall	DK Metcalf			
	David Montgomery	Zay Flowers			
	Chuba Hubbard	Courtland Sutton			
	TreVeyon Henderson	Chris Godwin			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	DJ Moore			
	Quinshon Judkins	Jameson Williams			
	Tony Pollard	Calvin Ridley			
		Marvin Harrison Jr.			
		Khalil Shakir			
		Xavier Worthy			
		Travis Hunter			

## Step 3: Pick Viable Starters Where You're Weak

By now, you should be well into the middle rounds of the draft. Depending on how your league has drafted, you might have a very strong bench of RB/WR options, or you might have starters at all positions but lack depth at running back and receiver. RBs are more replaceable in PPR formats, so if you're going to lean one way earlier in the draft, take a wide receiver because they dry up quickly.

Also, if you don't have a QB or TE yet, now would be the time. There is a drop off in quality at these positions after tier 4.

### Tier 4:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Kyler Murray	Kenneth Walker III	Jayden Reed	David Njoku	NA	NA
Justin Fields	D'Andre Swift	DeVonta Smith	Mark Andrews		
Jared Goff	Kaleb Johnson	Jordan Addison	T.J. Hockenson		
Trevor Lawrence	Jaylen Warren	Stefon Diggs	Travis Kelce		
	Aaron Jones	Jaylen Waddle	Evan Engram		
	Brian Robinson Jr.	Jakobi Meyers			
	RJ Harvey	Tetairoa McMillan			
	Travis Etienne Jr.	Michael Pittman Jr.			
	Isiah Pacheco	Rome Odunze			
	Javonte Williams	Cooper Kupp			

## Step 4: Find Potential

At this point, you'll probably have great depth at RB and very strong WRs. If you don't have starters at every offensive position, do that now. You may start thinking about taking your favorite defense or kicker. Fight that urge and keep adding quality at RB, WR and TE. This will give you trade flexibility later in the season.

### Tier 5:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Brock Purdy	Tank Bigsby	Brandon Aiyuk	Tyler Warren	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	Roschon Johnson	Deebo Samuel	Colston Loveland		
Jordan Love	Zach Charbonnet	Keon Coleman	Zach Ertz		
Justin Herbert	Rhamondre Stevenson	Cedric Tillman	Darren Waller		
Drake Maye	Rachaad White	Luther Burden III	Jake Ferguson		
Dak Prescott	Najee Harris	Adam Thielen			
C.J. Stroud		George Pickens			
		Ricky Pearsall			

### Tier 6:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
J.J. McCarthy	Austin Ekeler	Josh Downs	Dallas Goedert	NA	NA
Sam Darnold	J.K. Dobbins	Jauan Jennings	Pat Freiermuth		
Cam Ward	Jordan Mason	Jayden Higgins			
Tua Tagovailoa	Kareem Hunt	Matthew Golden			
Bryce Young	Tyjae Spears	Darnell Mooney			
	Jaylen Wright	Quentin Johnston			

## Step 5: Complete Your Draft, Trade and Play the Waiver Wire

You'll notice that I've started to include my top-rated defense and special teams groups. Draft guides will typically recommend that you wait until the last rounds drafts to fill this position. For the most part I agree. If you feel better drafting your favorite defense early, that is ok. Don't do this before round 12, though.

When you're thinking about the last roster spots at QB, RB, WR and TE, remember that you are trying to take home run swings at this stage. Don't draft an older player who has been consistently average throughout his career. Draft young players who have the best chance of having a breakout game in week 1.

### Tier 7:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Russell Wilson	Jerome Ford	Emeka Egbuka	Kyle Pitts	Eagles Defense	NA
Geno Smith	Tyler Allgeier	Romeo Doubs	Tucker Kraft	Vikings Defense	
Matthew Stafford	Rico Dowdle	DeAndre Hopkins	Hunter Henry	Broncos Defense	
Aaron Rodgers	Braelon Allen	Marvin Mims Jr.	Dalton Kincaid		
	Nick Chubb	Jack Bech	Cade Otton		
	Dylan Sampson	Dont'e Thornton Jr.			
	Trey Benson	Marquise Brown			
	Raheem Mostert	Alec Pierce			
	Kendre Miller	Wan'Dale Robinson			
	Ray Davis	Jalen McMillan			
	Isaac Guerendo	Christian Kirk			
	Cam Skattebo	Rashid Shaheed			
		Tyler Lockett			
		Calvin Austin III			
		Jaylin Noel			
		Xavier Legette			

## Tier 8:

### QB

Bryce Young  
Sam Darnold

### RB

Devin Singletary  
MarShawn Lloyd

### WR

Malachi Corley  
Michael Wilson  
Robert Woods  
DeMario Douglas  
Joshua Palmer  
Jordan Whittington  
Brandin Cooks  
Rashod Bateman

### TE

Isaiah Likely  
Mason Taylor  
Brenton Strange  
Jonnu Smith  
Juwan Johnson

### DST

Ravens Defense  
Chargers Defense  
Bills Defense  
Steelers Defense  
Rams Defense  
Chiefs Defense  
Seahawks Defense  
49ers Defense

### K

Cameron Dicker  
Brandon Aubrey  
Chris Boswell

## Tier 9:

### QB

Michael Penix Jr.  
Daniel Jones  
Tyler Shough

### RB

Justice Hill  
Miles Sanders  
Blake Corum  
Keaton Mitchell  
Devin Neal  
Elijah Mitchell  
Zack Moss  
Jordan James  
Jaleel McLaughlin  
Khalil Herbert  
Bhayshul Tuten  
Kyle Monangai  
Jacory Croskey-Merritt  
Ty Johnson  
Will Shipley  
Damien Martinez  
Jaydon Blue

### WR

Dontayvion Wicks  
Roman Wilson  
Adonai Mitchell  
Andrei Iosivas  
Keenan Allen  
Mack Hollins  
Jalen Royals  
Xavier Gipson  
Amari Cooper  
Diontae Johnson  
Kyle Williams  
Tre Harris  
Jalen Tolbert  
Darius Slayton  
Devaughn Vele  
Josh Reynolds

### TE

Dalton Schultz  
Chig Okonkwo  
Tyler Higbee  
Ja'Tavion Sanders  
Mike Gesicki  
Noah Fant  
Tyler Conklin  
Noah Gray  
Terrance Ferguson  
Elijah Arroyo  
Theo Johnson

### DST

Patriots Defense  
Packers Defense  
Texans Defense  
Browns Defense  
Lions Defense  
Jets Defense  
Bears Defense  
Cowboys Defense  
Commanders Defense  
Dolphins Defense  
Buccaneers Defense  
Titans Defense

### K

Wil Lutz  
Ka'imi Fairbairn  
Jake Bates  
Evan McPherson  
Chase McLaughlin  
Jake Elliott  
Tyler Bass  
Tyler Loop  
Jason Sanders  
Will Reichard  
Harrison Butker  
Younghoe Koo  
Matt Gay  
Joshua Karty  
Jason Myers  
Daniel Carlson  
Chad Ryland  
Graham Gano  
Jake Moody

Points Per Reception Overall Rankings

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye
1	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	45	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
2	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	46	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
3	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	47	RB	James Conner	ARI	8
4	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	48	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
5	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	49	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
6	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	50	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9
7	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	51	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5
8	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	52	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8
9	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	53	TE	George Kittle	SF	14
10	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	54	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
11	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	55	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8
12	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	56	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
13	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	57	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
14	WR	Drake London	ATL	5	58	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
15	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	59	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
16	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	60	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
17	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	61	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
18	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	62	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
19	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	63	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
20	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	64	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
21	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	65	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
22	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	66	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
23	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9	67	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
24	QB	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	68	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12
25	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	69	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
26	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7	70	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
27	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	71	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
28	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9	72	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
29	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	73	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
30	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	74	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
31	RB	James Cook	BUF	7	75	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9
32	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	76	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
33	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	77	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
34	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	78	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
35	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10	79	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
36	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8	80	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
37	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	81	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
38	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	82	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
39	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	83	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
40	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6	84	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
41	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	85	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
42	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	86	TE	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
43	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	87	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
44	WR	DK Metcalf	PIT	5	88	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10

89	TE	Evan Engram	DEN	12	135	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
90	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11	136	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
91	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5	137	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14
92	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8	138	RB	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10
93	QB	Jared Goff	DET	8	139	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
94	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	140	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
95	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8	141	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
96	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	142	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
97	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	143	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
98	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14	144	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
99	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14	145	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
100	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12	146	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
101	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7	147	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
102	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	148	WR	Jack Bech	LV	8
103	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5	149	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5
104	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10	150	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
105	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	151	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
106	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8	152	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
107	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9	153	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
108	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	154	RB	Nick Chubb	HOU	6
109	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5	155	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9
110	WR	Adam Thielen	CAR	14	156	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
111	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10	157	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
112	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	158	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10
113	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14	159	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11
114	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	160	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8
115	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	161	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14
116	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	162	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
117	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14	163	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
118	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	164	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8
119	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12	165	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
120	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9	166	WR	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
121	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12	167	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
122	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10	168	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
123	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12	169	RB	Raheem Mostert	LV	8
124	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	170	QB	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
125	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	171	RB	Kendre Miller	NO	11
126	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	172	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
127	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11	173	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5
128	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	174	DST	Eagles Defense	PHI	9
129	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	175	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7
130	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	176	WR	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6
131	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5	177	DST	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
132	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	178	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
133	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	179	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9
134	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	180	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14

181	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12	227	RB	Zack Moss	CIN	10
182	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	228	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
183	WR	Malachi Corley	NYJ	9	229	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
184	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	230	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
185	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7	231	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
186	WR	Robert Woods	PIT	5	232	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
187	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	233	K	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
188	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	234	WR	Keenan Allen	FA	0
189	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	235	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14
190	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14	236	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10
191	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7	237	WR	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9
192	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12	238	WR	Amari Cooper	FA	0
193	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7	239	RB	Jordan James	SF	14
194	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	240	WR	Diontae Johnson	CLE	9
195	WR	Brandin Cooks	NO	11	241	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
196	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	242	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14
197	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5	243	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
198	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5	244	DST	Browns Defense	CLE	9
199	RB	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	245	TE	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
200	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8	246	RB	Khalil Herbert	IND	11
201	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10	247	DST	Lions Defense	DET	8
202	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8	248	DST	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
203	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14	249	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
204	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	250	K	Will Reichard	MIN	6
205	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7	251	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5
206	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	252	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
207	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	253	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12
208	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7	254	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5
209	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	255	WR	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10
210	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5	256	RB	Ty Johnson	BUF	7
211	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6	257	TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
212	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11	258	TE	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
213	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	259	TE	Noah Fant	SEA	8
214	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8	260	WR	Darius Slayton	NYG	14
215	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14	261	WR	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12
216	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	262	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9
217	K	Jake Bates	DET	8	263	RB	Damien Martinez	SEA	8
218	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5	264	WR	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9
219	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10	265	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10
220	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6	266	TE	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
221	RB	Devin Neal	NO	11	267	WR	Dyami Brown	JAC	8
222	WR	Roman Wilson	PIT	5	268	TE	Noah Gray	KC	10
223	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9	269	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
224	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11	270	TE	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
225	RB	Elijah Mitchell	KC	10	271	RB	Sincere McCormick	LV	8
226	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9	272	RB	Emanuel Wilson	GB	5

273	WR	Tank Dell	HOU	6
274	QB	Daniel Jones	IND	11

275	WR	M. Valdes-Scantling	SEA	8
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### Positional Rankings

#### Quarterbacks

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7
2	Josh Allen	BUF	7
3	Joe Burrow	CIN	10
4	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9
5	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12
6	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
7	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
8	Bo Nix	DEN	12
9	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
10	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
11	Jared Goff	DET	8
12	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
13	Brock Purdy	SF	14
14	Caleb Williams	CHI	5
15	Jordan Love	GB	5
16	Justin Herbert	LAC	12
17	Drake Maye	NE	14
18	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
19	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6
20	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6
21	Sam Darnold	SEA	8
22	Cam Ward	TEN	10
23	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
24	Bryce Young	CAR	14
25	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
26	Geno Smith	LV	8
27	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
28	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
29	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
30	Daniel Jones	IND	11
31	Tyler Shough	NO	11
32	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5
33	Kenny Pickett	CLE	9
34	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
35	Anthony Richardson	IND	11
36	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5
37	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
38	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
39	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9
40	Will Howard	PIT	5

41	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9
42	Spencer Rattler	NO	11

#### Running Backs

Rank	Team	Player	Bye
1	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9
2	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8
3	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5
4	Derrick Henry	BAL	7
5	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14
6	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8
7	De'Von Achane	MIA	12
8	Kyren Williams	LAR	8
9	Bucky Irving	TB	9
10	Josh Jacobs	GB	5
11	James Cook	BUF	7
12	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11
13	Chase Brown	CIN	10
14	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
15	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
16	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
17	James Conner	ARI	8
18	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
19	David Montgomery	DET	8
20	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
21	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
22	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
23	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
24	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
25	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
26	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
27	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
28	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
29	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
30	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
31	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
32	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
33	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
34	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
35	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
36	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5

37	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	
38	Rhamondre Stevenson		NE 14	
39	Rachaad White	TB	9	
40	Najee Harris	LAC	12	
41	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	
42	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	
43	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	
44	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	
45	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10	
46	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	
47	Jerome Ford	CLE	9	
48	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	
49	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14	
50	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9	
51	Nick Chubb	HOU	6	
52	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	
53	Trey Benson	ARI	8	
54	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	
55	Kendre Miller	NO	11	
56	Ray Davis	BUF	7	
57	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14	
58	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	
59	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	
60	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	
61	Justice Hill	BAL	7	
62	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	
63	Blake Corum	LAR	8	
64	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	
65	Devin Neal	NO	11	
66	Elijah Mitchell	KC	10	
67	Zack Moss	CIN	10	
68	Jordan James	SF	14	
69	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12	
70	Khalil Herbert	IND	11	
71	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8	
72	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	
73	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	
74	Ty Johnson	BUF	7	
75	Will Shipley	PHI	9	
76	Damien Martinez	SEA	8	
77	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	
78	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	
79	Sincere McCormick	LV	8	
80	Emanuel Wilson	GB	5	
81	Michael Carter	ARI	8	
82	Phil Mafah	DAL	10	

### Wide Receivers

Rank	Team	Player	Bye
1	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10
2	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8
3	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6
4	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10
5	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8
6	Malik Nabers	NYG	14
7	Puka Nacua	LAR	8
8	Nico Collins	HOU	6
9	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8
10	Drake London	ATL	5
11	Tee Higgins	CIN	10
12	A.J. Brown	PHI	9
13	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12
14	Mike Evans	TB	9
15	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
16	Rashee Rice	KC	10
17	Chris Olave	NO	11
18	Davante Adams	LAR	8
19	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
20	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
21	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
22	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
23	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
24	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
25	Chris Godwin	TB	9
26	DJ Moore	CHI	5
27	Jameson Williams	DET	8
28	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
29	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
30	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
31	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
32	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
33	Jayden Reed	GB	5
34	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
35	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
36	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
37	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
38	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
39	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
40	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
41	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
42	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
43	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14



13	Darren Waller	MIA	12
14	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
15	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
16	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
17	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
18	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
19	Hunter Henry	NE	14
20	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
21	Cade Otton	TB	9
22	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
23	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
24	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
25	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
26	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
27	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
28	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
29	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
30	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
31	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
32	Noah Fant	SEA	8
33	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
34	Noah Gray	KC	10
35	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
36	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
37	Theo Johnson	NYG	14

### DST

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Eagles Defense	PHI	9
2	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
3	Broncos Defense	DEN	12
4	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
5	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
6	Bills Defense	BUF	7
7	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
8	Rams Defense	LAR	8
9	Chiefs Defense	KC	10
10	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
11	49ers Defense	SF	14
12	Patriots Defense	NE	14
13	Packers Defense	GB	5
14	Texans Defense	HOU	6
15	Browns Defense	CLE	9
16	Lions Defense	DET	8
17	Jets Defense	NYJ	9

18	Bears Defense	CHI	5
19	Cowboys Defense	DAL	10
20	Commanders Defense	WAS	12
21	Dolphins Defense	MIA	12
22	Buccaneers Defense	TB	9
23	Titans Defense	TEN	10
24	Falcons Defense	ATL	5
25	Cardinals Defense	ARI	8
26	Giants Defense	NYG	14
27	Raiders Defense	LV	8
28	Bengals Defense	CIN	10
29	Jaguars Defense	JAC	8
30	Saints Defense	NO	11
31	Colts Defense	IND	11
32	Panthers Defense	CAR	14

### Kicker

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12
2	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10
3	Chris Boswell	PIT	5
4	Wil Lutz	DEN	12
5	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
6	Jake Bates	DET	8
7	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
8	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
9	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
10	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
11	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
12	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
13	Will Reichard	MIN	6
14	Harrison Butker	KC	10
15	Younghoe Koo	ATL	5
16	Matt Gay	WAS	12
17	Joshua Karty	LAR	8
18	Jason Myers	SEA	8
19	Daniel Carlson	LV	8
20	Chad Ryland	Ari	8
21	Graham Gano	NYG	14
22	Jake Moody	SF	14
23	Brandon McManus	GB	5
24	Cam Little	JAC	8
25	Cairo Santos	CHI	5
26	Blake Grupe	NO	11

# Half Point Per Reception

## Strategy Guide & Tier Rankings

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#### Overview

The mistake most people make in Fantasy Drafts is hoping to get a specific player or a certain amount of a specific position within the first few rounds. I fundamentally disagree with this approach. It makes more sense to arrange your draft board like NFL teams arrange their college prospect draft boards. In other words, draft the best value rather than filling each position a round at a time.

As part of this analysis, I review each player's point projection and their competitive advantage with relation to players at other positions. Competitive advantage is important as your fantasy draft moves on and you're choosing between a starting quarterback or a flex running back. This tier-based approach, which is cross analyzed against average draft position, is the best way to find value on draft day.

**Note: Remember to email me at [support@thefantasyfootballalmanac.com](mailto:support@thefantasyfootballalmanac.com) with promo code for your free offseason updates.**

#### Step 1: Draft as Many Tier 1 and Tier 2 Players As Possible

Simply put, no matter who is on the board or how many players at these positions you have already drafted, do not draft a lower-ranked player until all of the players in better tiers are drafted. There is only one exception. Do not take a second quarterback in the first eight rounds of your draft unless you play in a two QB format.

This year, I've noticed the top quality wide receivers are going a little earlier so it wouldn't hurt to try and grab two receivers out of your first four selections in PPR formats, but don't force it. Let the draft come to you.

#### Tier 1:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
NA	Saquon Barkley Jahmyr Gibbs Derrick Henry Bijan Robinson Ashton Jeanty Christian McCaffrey De'Von Achane Kyren Williams	Ja'Marr Chase Justin Jefferson Amon-Ra St. Brown CeeDee Lamb Brian Thomas Jr. Malik Nabers Puka Nacua Nico Collins	NA	NA	NA

#### Tier 2:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Lamar Jackson Josh Allen Joe Burrow	Josh Jacobs Jonathan Taylor Bucky Irving James Cook Chase Brown Alvin Kamara	Tee Higgins Jaxon Smith-Njigba Drake London A.J. Brown Mike Evans Garrett Wilson Tyreek Hill	Trey McBride Brock Bowers	NA	NA

## Step 2: Start Considering Other Positions

I expect a handful of players from tiers 1 and 2 to sneak into the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> round of your draft. Keep drafting the lower tiers regardless of position strength. Don't worry about having one player at each position in the first four rounds. Just draft the highest quality player. But remember the exception. If you play in a one QB format, do not draft more than one QB within the first 8 rounds of your draft. Wait until later to draft your second QB.

Beginning in the 5<sup>th</sup> round, I don't mind if you fill out your roster to make sure you have starters at QB, RB, WR and TE (at least one of each). However, make sure you follow the tier approach. Don't draft a QB or TE from a lower ranked tier just because you don't have one on your roster.

### Tier 3:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Jalen Hurts	Joe Mixon	Rashee Rice	George Kittle	NA	NA
Jayden Daniels	Omarion Hampton	Terry McLaurin	Sam LaPorta		
Baker Mayfield	Breece Hall	Jerry Jeudy			
Patrick Mahomes	James Conner	Chris Olave			
Bo Nix	David Montgomery	DK Metcalf			
	Chuba Hubbard	Ladd McConkey			
	TreVeyon Henderson	Zay Flowers			
	Quinshon Judkins	Courtland Sutton			
	Kenneth Walker III	Jameson Williams			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	Chris Godwin			
	Tony Pollard	DJ Moore			
	Kaleb Johnson	Marvin Harrison Jr.			
	Jaylen Warren	Calvin Ridley			
	Aaron Jones	Xavier Worthy			
	Brian Robinson Jr.	Khalil Shakir			
	D'Andre Swift	Travis Hunter			

## Step 3: Pick Viable Starters Where You're Weak

By now, you should be well into the middle rounds of the draft. Depending on how your league has drafted, you might have a very strong bench of RB/WR options, or you might have starters at all positions but lack depth at running back and receiver. RBs are more replaceable in PPR formats, so if you're going to lean one way earlier in the draft, take a wide receiver because they dry up quickly.

Also, if you don't have a QB or TE yet, now would be the time. There is a drop off in quality at these positions after tier 4.

### Tier 4:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Kyler Murray	RJ Harvey	DeVonta Smith	David Njoku	CLE	NA
Justin Fields	Javonte Williams	Jayden Reed	Mark Andrews	BAL	
Jared Goff	Tank Bigsby	Jordan Addison	Travis Kelce	KC	
Trevor Lawrence	Travis Etienne Jr.	Stefon Diggs	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	
		Jaylen Waddle	Evan Engram	DEN	
		Tetairoa McMillan			
		Michael Pittman Jr.			
		Rome Odunze			
		Jakobi Meyers			
		Cooper Kupp			

#### Step 4: Find Potential

At this point, you'll probably have great depth at RB and very strong WRs. If you don't have starters at every offensive position, do that now. You may start thinking about taking your favorite defense or kicker. Fight that urge and keep adding quality at RB, WR and TE. This will give you trade flexibility later in the season.

#### Tier 5:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Brock Purdy	Isiah Pacheco	Brandon Aiyuk	Tyler Warren	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	Zach Charbonnet	Keon Coleman	Colston Loveland		
Jordan Love	Rhamondre Stevenson	Deebo Samuel	Zach Ertz		
Justin Herbert	Roschon Johnson	George Pickens			
Drake Maye	Rachaad White	Cedric Tillman			
Dak Prescott	Najee Harris	Luther Burden III			
C.J. Stroud	Austin Ekeler	Adam Thielen			
	Jordan Mason				
	J.K. Dobbins				

#### Tier 6:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
J.J. McCarthy	Kareem Hunt	Ricky Pearsall	Darren Waller	NA	NA
Sam Darnold	Nick Chubb	Jauan Jennings	Jake Ferguson		
Cam Ward	Tyjae Spears	Jayden Higgins	Dallas Goedert		
Tua Tagovailoa	Jerome Ford	Darnell Mooney	Tucker Kraft		
	Tyler Allgeier	Quentin Johnston			
		Matthew Golden			
		Josh Downs			

#### Step 5: Complete Your Draft, Trade and Play the Waiver Wire

You'll notice that I've started to include my top-rated defense and special teams groups. Draft guides will typically recommend that you wait until the last rounds drafts to fill this position. For the most part I agree. If you feel better drafting your favorite defense early, that is ok. Don't do this before round 12, though.

When you're thinking about the last roster spots at QB, RB, WR and TE, remember that you are trying to take home run swings at this stage. Don't draft an older player who has been consistently average throughout his career. Draft young players who have the best chance of having a breakout game in week 1.

## Tier 7:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Bryce Young	Jaylen Wright	Emeka Egbuka	Pat Freiermuth	Eagles Defense	NA
Russell Wilson	Braelon Allen	Romeo Doubs	Kyle Pitts	Vikings Defense	
Geno Smith	Rico Dowdle	DeAndre Hopkins	Dalton Kincaid	Broncos Defense	
Matthew Stafford	Dylan Sampson	Marvin Mims Jr.	Cade Otton		
	Trey Benson	Marquise Brown	Hunter Henry		
	Raheem Mostert	Alec Pierce	Isaiah Likely		
	Kendre Miller	Jack Bech			
	Ray Davis	Dont'e Thornton Jr.			
	Isaac Guerendo	Wan'Dale Robinson			
		Jalen McMillan			
		Christian Kirk			
		Rashid Shaheed			
		Tyler Lockett			

## Tier 8:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Aaron Rodgers	Cam Skattebo	Calvin Austin III	Mason Taylor	Ravens Defense	Cameron Dicker
	MarShawn Lloyd	Jaylin Noel	Brenton Strange	Chargers Defense	
	Justice Hill	Xavier Legette		Bills Defense	
	Miles Sanders	Malachi Corley		Steelers Defense	
	Devin Singletary	Michael Wilson		Rams Defense	
		Robert Woods		Chiefs Defense	
		DeMario Douglas		Seahawks Defense	
				49ers Defense	

## Tier 9:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Michael Penix Jr.	Blake Corum	Joshua Palmer	Jonnu Smith	Patriots Defense	Brandon Aubrey
Daniel Jones	Keaton Mitchell	Jordan Whittington	Juwan Johnson	Packers Defense	Chris Boswell
Tyler Shough	Devin Neal	Brandin Cooks	Dalton Schultz	Texans Defense	Wil Lutz
	Zack Moss	Rashod Bateman	Chig Okonkwo	Browns Defense	Ka'imi Fairbairn
	Jordan James	Dontayvion Wicks	Ja'Tavion Sanders	Lions Defense	Jake Bates
	Jaleel McLaughlin	Roman Wilson	Tyler Higbee	Jets Defense	Evan McPherson
	Khalil Herbert	Adonai Mitchell	Mike Gesicki	Bears Defense	Chase McLaughlin
	Bhayshul Tuten	Andrei Iosivas	Tyler Conklin	Cowboys Defense	Jake Elliott
	Kyle Monangai	Mack Hollins	Noah Fant	Commanders Defense	Tyler Bass
	Ty Johnson	Keenan Allen	Noah Gray	Dolphins Defense	Tyler Loop
	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	Kyle Williams		Buccaneers Defense	Jason Sanders
	Damien Martinez	Xavier Gipson		Titans Defense	Will Reichard
	Jaydon Blue	Amari Cooper			Harrison Butker
	Sincere McCormick	Diontae Johnson			Younghoe Koo
	Ollie Gordon II	Jalen Royals			Matt Gay
	Elijah Mitchell				Joshua Karty
					Jason Myers
					Daniel Carlson
					Chad Ryland
					Graham Gano
					Jake Moody

## Half Point Per Reception Overall Rankings

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye					
					45	WR	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
1	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	46	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
2	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	47	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
3	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	48	RB	James Conner	ARI	8
4	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	49	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
5	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	50	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8
6	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	51	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
7	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	52	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
8	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	53	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
9	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	54	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
10	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	55	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
11	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	56	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8
12	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	57	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9
13	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	58	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5
14	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	59	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
15	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	60	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
16	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	61	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
17	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	62	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
18	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	63	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
19	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	64	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
20	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	65	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
21	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	66	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
22	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	67	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
23	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9	68	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
24	WR	Drake London	ATL	5	69	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
25	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	70	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
26	QB	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	71	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
27	RB	James Cook	BUF	7	72	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
28	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7	73	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12
29	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9	74	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
30	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10	75	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
31	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	76	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
32	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	77	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
33	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	78	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9
34	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8	79	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
35	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	80	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
36	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6	81	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
37	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	82	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
38	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	83	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10
39	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	84	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
40	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	85	TE	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
41	TE	George Kittle	SF	14	86	TE	Evan Engram	DEN	12
42	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	87	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
43	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	88	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
44	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	89	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5

90	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	136	RB	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10
91	QB	Jared Goff	DET	8	137	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
92	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8	138	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
93	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8	139	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5
94	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10	140	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5
95	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11	141	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11
96	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	142	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10
97	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14	143	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
98	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8	144	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
99	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14	145	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
100	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8	146	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
101	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	147	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
102	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	148	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
103	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5	149	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
104	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	150	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
105	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14	151	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14
106	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7	152	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
107	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5	153	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
108	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12	154	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
109	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10	155	DST	Eagles Defense	PHI	9
110	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	156	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10
111	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14	157	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9
112	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	158	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11
113	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	159	DST	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
114	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9	160	WR	Jack Bech	LV	8
115	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9	161	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
116	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	162	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9
117	WR	Adam Thielen	CAR	14	163	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12
118	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12	164	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8
119	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	165	RB	Raheem Mostert	LV	8
120	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	166	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
121	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	167	RB	Kendre Miller	NO	11
122	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12	168	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
123	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12	169	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
124	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10	170	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
125	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	171	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7
126	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	172	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
127	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	173	WR	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
128	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	174	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8
129	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	175	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7
130	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	176	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
131	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5	177	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
132	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9	178	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14
133	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	179	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
134	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5	180	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
135	RB	Nick Chubb	HOU	6	181	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8

182	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	228	WR	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
183	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10	229	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
184	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	230	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
185	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8	231	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
186	QB	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5	232	RB	Jordan James	SF	14
187	WR	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6	233	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
188	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10	234	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
189	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	235	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
190	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8	236	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
191	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14	237	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14
192	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14	238	WR	Keenan Allen	FA	0
193	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5	239	TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
194	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	240	K	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
195	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	241	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
196	RB	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	242	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14
197	WR	Malachi Corley	NYJ	9	243	TE	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
198	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	244	RB	Khalil Herbert	IND	11
199	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	245	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
200	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7	246	WR	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9
201	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	247	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
202	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	248	K	Will Reichard	MIN	6
203	WR	Robert Woods	PIT	5	249	K	Harrison Butker	KC	10
204	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	250	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5
205	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14	251	RB	Ty Johnson	BUF	7
206	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	252	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
207	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	253	RB	Damien Martinez	SEA	8
208	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6	254	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10
209	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5	255	TE	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
210	DST	Browns Defense	CLE	9	256	K	Younghoe Koo	ATL	5
211	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11	257	TE	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
212	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7	258	RB	Sincere McCormick	LV	8
213	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	259	K	Matt Gay	WAS	12
214	WR	Brandin Cooks	NO	11	260	QB	Daniel Jones	IND	11
215	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8	261	TE	Noah Fant	SEA	8
216	DST	Lions Defense	DET	8	262	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
217	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6	263	WR	Amari Cooper	FA	0
218	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7	264	WR	Diontae Johnson	CLE	9
219	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5	265	RB	Elijah Mitchell	KC	10
220	DST	Jets Defense	NYJ	9	266	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10
221	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	267	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12
222	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5	268	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11
223	RB	Devin Neal	NO	11	269	QB	Tyler Shough	NO	11
224	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6	270	QB	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5
225	K	Jake Bates	DET	8	271	TE	Noah Gray	KC	10
226	RB	Zack Moss	CIN	10	272	WR	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10
227	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10	273	RB	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9

274 RB Trevor Etienne CAR 14

275 RB Patrick Taylor Jr. SF 14

## Positional Rankings

### Quarterbacks

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7
2	Josh Allen	BUF	7
3	Joe Burrow	CIN	10
4	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9
5	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12
6	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
7	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
8	Bo Nix	DEN	12
9	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
10	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
11	Jared Goff	DET	8
12	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
13	Brock Purdy	SF	14
14	Caleb Williams	CHI	5
15	Jordan Love	GB	5
16	Justin Herbert	LAC	12
17	Drake Maye	NE	14
18	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
19	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6
20	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6
21	Sam Darnold	SEA	8
22	Cam Ward	TEN	10
23	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
24	Bryce Young	CAR	14
25	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
26	Geno Smith	LV	8
27	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
28	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
29	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
30	Daniel Jones	IND	11
31	Tyler Shough	NO	11
32	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5
33	Kenny Pickett	CLE	9
34	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
35	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	11
36	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5
37	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
38	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
39	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9
40	Will Howard	PIT	5
41	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9

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### Running Backs

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9
2	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8
3	Derrick Henry	BAL	7
4	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5
5	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8
6	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14
7	De'Von Achane	MIA	12
8	Kyren Williams	LAR	8
9	Josh Jacobs	GB	5
10	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11
11	Bucky Irving	TB	9
12	James Cook	BUF	7
13	Chase Brown	CIN	10
14	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
15	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
16	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
17	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
18	James Conner	ARI	8
19	David Montgomery	DET	8
20	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
21	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
22	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
23	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
24	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
25	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
26	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
27	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
28	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
29	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
30	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
31	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
32	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
33	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
34	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
35	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
36	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
37	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
38	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5





8	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
9	Evan Engram	DEN	12
10	Tyler Warren	IND	11
11	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
12	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
13	Darren Waller	MIA	12
14	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
15	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
16	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
17	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
18	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
19	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
20	Cade Otton	TB	9
21	Hunter Henry	NE	14
22	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
23	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
24	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
25	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
26	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
27	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
28	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
29	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
30	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
31	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
32	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
33	Noah Fant	SEA	8
34	Noah Gray	KC	10
35	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8

### Kicker

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12
2	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10
3	Chris Boswell	PIT	5
4	Wil Lutz	DEN	12
5	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
6	Jake Bates	DET	8
7	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
8	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
9	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
10	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
11	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
12	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
13	Will Reichard	MIN	6
14	Harrison Butker	KC	10
15	Younghoe Koo	ATL	5
16	Matt Gay	WAS	12
17	Joshua Karty	LAR	8
18	Jason Myers	SEA	8
19	Daniel Carlson	LV	8
20	Chad Ryland	Ari	8
21	Graham Gano	NYG	14
22	Jake Moody	SF	14
23	Brandon McManus	GB	5
24	Cam Little	JAC	8
25	Cairo Santos	CHI	5
26	Blake Grupe	NO	11

# Standard (Non-Points Per Reception) Rankings

## Strategy Guide & Tier Rankings

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#### Overview

The mistake most people make in Fantasy Drafts is hoping to get a specific player or a certain amount of a specific position within the first few rounds. I fundamentally disagree with this approach. It makes more sense to arrange your draft board like NFL teams arrange their college prospect draft boards. In other words, draft the best value rather than filling each position a round at a time.

As part of this analysis, I review each player's point projection and their competitive advantage with relation to players at other positions. Competitive advantage is important as your fantasy draft moves on and you're choosing between a starting quarterback or a flex running back. This tier-based approach, which is cross analyzed against average draft position, is the best way to find value on draft day.

**Note: Remember to email me at [support@thefantasyfootballalmanac.com](mailto:support@thefantasyfootballalmanac.com) with promo code for your free offseason updates.**

#### Step 1: Draft as Many Tier 1 and Tier 2 Players As Possible

Simply put, no matter who is on the board or how many players at these positions you have already drafted, do not draft a lower-ranked player until all of the players in better tiers are drafted. There is only one exception. Do not take a second quarterback in the first eight rounds of your draft unless you play in a two QB format.

#### Tier 1:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
NA	Saquon Barkley Derrick Henry Jahmyr Gibbs Ashton Jeanty Bijan Robinson Christian McCaffrey De'Von Achane	Ja'Marr Chase Justin Jefferson CeeDee Lamb Amon-Ra St. Brown Puka Nacua Nico Collins Brian Thomas Jr. Malik Nabers Tee Higgins	NA	NA	NA

#### Tier 2:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Lamar Jackson Josh Allen Joe Burrow	Kyren Williams Josh Jacobs Jonathan Taylor James Cook Bucky Irving Chase Brown Joe Mixon Omarion Hampton Alvin Kamara	A.J. Brown Jaxon Smith-Njigba Mike Evans Drake London Garrett Wilson Davante Adams Tyreek Hill Terry McLaurin	Brock Bowers Trey McBride	NA NA	NA

## Step 2: Start Considering Other Positions

I expect a handful of players from tiers 1 and 2 to sneak into the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> round of your draft. Keep drafting the lower tiers regardless of position strength. Don't worry about having one player at each position in the first four rounds. Just draft the highest quality player. But remember the exception. If you play in a one QB format, do not draft more than one QB within the first eight rounds of your draft. Wait until later to draft your second QB.

Beginning in the 5<sup>th</sup> round, I don't mind if you fill out your roster to make sure you have starters at QB, RB, WR and TE (at least one of each). However, make sure you follow the tier approach. Don't draft a QB or TE from a lower ranked tier just because you don't have one on your roster.

### Tier 3:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Jalen Hurts	Breece Hall	Rashee Rice	George Kittle	NA	NA
Jayden Daniels	James Conner	Chris Olave	Sam LaPorta		
Baker Mayfield	David Montgomery	Jerry Jeudy			
Patrick Mahomes	Quinshon Judkins	DK Metcalf			
Bo Nix	TreVeyon Henderson	Jameson Williams			
	Chuba Hubbard	Ladd McConkey			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	Courtland Sutton			
	Tony Pollard	Zay Flowers			
	Kenneth Walker III	Chris Godwin			
	Kaleb Johnson	Marvin Harrison Jr.			
	Jaylen Warren	DJ Moore			
	Brian Robinson Jr.	Calvin Ridley			
	D'Andre Swift	Travis Hunter			
	Aaron Jones				

## Step 3: Pick Viable Starters Where You're Weak

By now, you should be well into the middle rounds of the draft. Depending on how your league has drafted, you might have a very strong bench of RB/WR options, or you might have starters at all positions but lack depth at running back and receiver.

Also, if you don't have a QB or TE yet, now would be the time. There is a drop off in quality at these positions after tier 4.

### Tier 4:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Kyler Murray	RJ Harvey	Xavier Worthy	David Njoku	NA	NA
Justin Fields	Isiah Pacheco	Khalil Shakir	Mark Andrews		
Jared Goff	Tank Bigsby	DeVonta Smith	Travis Kelce		
Trevor Lawrence	Javonte Williams	Michael Pittman Jr.	T.J. Hockenson		
	Travis Etienne Jr.	Jayden Reed			
	Roschon Johnson	Jordan Addison			
		Stefon Diggs			
		Jaylen Waddle			
		Tetairoa McMillan			
		Rome Odunze			

## Step 4: Find Potential

At this point, you'll probably have great depth at RB and very strong WRs. If you don't have starters at every offensive position, do that now. You may start thinking about taking your favorite defense or kicker. Fight that urge and keep adding quality at RB, WR and TE. This will give you trade flexibility later in the season.

### Tier 5:

<b>QB</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>DST</b>	<b>K</b>
Brock Purdy	Rhamondre Stevenson	Jakobi Meyers	Evan Engram	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	Zach Charbonnet	Cooper Kupp	Tyler Warren		
Jordan Love	Najee Harris	Brandon Aiyuk	Colston Loveland		
Justin Herbert	Jordan Mason	Keon Coleman	Darren Waller		
Drake Maye	Rachaad White	Cedric Tillman	Dallas Goedert		
Dak Prescott	Austin Ekeler	Adam Thielen	Zach Ertz		
C.J. Stroud		George Pickens	Jake Ferguson		
		Deebo Samuel			
		Luther Burden III			

### Tier 6:

<b>QB</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>DST</b>	<b>K</b>
J.J. McCarthy	J.K. Dobbins	Ricky Pearsall	Tucker Kraft	NA	NA
Sam Darnold	Kareem Hunt	Jauan Jennings			
	Jerome Ford	Quentin Johnston			
	Tyler Allgeier	Jayden Higgins			
	Nick Chubb	Darnell Mooney			
	Tyjae Spears	DeAndre Hopkins			
	Braelon Allen	Matthew Golden			
	Jaylen Wright	Josh Downs			

### Step 5: Complete Your Draft, Trade and Play the Waiver Wire

You'll notice that I've started to include my top-rated defense and special teams groups. Draft guides will typically recommend that you wait until the last rounds drafts to fill this position. For the most part I agree. If you feel better drafting your favorite defense early, that is ok. Don't do this before round 12, though.

When you're thinking about the last roster spots at QB, RB, WR and TE, remember that you are trying to take home run swings at this stage. Don't draft an older player who has been consistently average throughout his career. Draft young players who have the best chance of having a breakout game in week 1.

### Tier 7:

<b>QB</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>DST</b>	<b>K</b>
Tua Tagovailoa	Rico Dowdle	Romeo Doubs	Hunter Henry	Vikings Defense	
Bryce Young	Cam Skattebo	Marvin Mims Jr.	Pat Freiermuth	Broncos Defense	
Russell Wilson	Dylan Sampson	Marquise Brown	Isaiah Likely		
Geno Smith	Trey Benson	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	Kyle Pitts		
Matthew Stafford	Raheem Mostert	Alec Pierce			
	Kendre Miller	Jack Bech			
	Isaac Guerendo	Wan'Dale Robinson			
	Devin Neal	Jalen McMillan			
	MarShawn Lloyd	Christian Kirk			
		Rashid Shaheed			
		Tyler Lockett			
		Calvin Austin III			
		Jaylin Noel			

### Tier 8:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Aaron Rodgers	Justice Hill Miles Sanders Devin Singletary	Xavier Legette Malachi Corley Michael Wilson Robert Woods DeMario Douglas Joshua Palmer Jordan Whittington Brandin Cooks Rashod Bateman	Cade Otton Mason Taylor Brenton Strange	Ravens Defense Chargers Defense Bills Defense Steelers Defense Rams Defense Chiefs Defense Seahawks Defense 49ers Defense	Cameron Dicker

### Tier 9:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Michael Penix Jr. Daniel Jones Tyler Shough	Keaton Mitchell Blake Corum Zack Moss Jaleel McLaughlin Jordan James Khalil Herbert Kyle Monangai Jacory Croskey-Merritt Bhayshul Tuten Damien Martinez Jaydon Blue Ty Johnson Ollie Gordon II Sincere McCormick Elijah Mitchell Phil Mafah DJ Giddens Isaiah Davis	Dontayvion Wicks Roman Wilson Adonai Mitchell Andrei Iosivas Keenan Allen Mack Hollins Kyle Williams Xavier Gipson Amari Cooper Diontae Johnson Jalen Royals Tre Harris	Jonnu Smith Juwan Johnson Dalton Schultz Chig Okonkwo Mike Gesicki Ja'Tavion Sanders Tyler Higbee Tyler Conklin Noah Fant Noah Gray Theo Johnson	Patriots Defense Packers Defense Texans Defense Browns Defense Lions Defense Jets Defense Bears Defense Cowboys Defense Commanders Defense Dolphins Defense Buccaneers Defense Titans Defense	Brandon Aubrey Chris Boswell Wil Lutz Ka'imi Fairbairn Jake Bates Evan McPherson Chase McLaughlin Jake Elliott Tyler Bass Tyler Loop Jason Sanders Will Reichard Harrison Butker Younghoe Koo Matt Gay Joshua Karty Jason Myers Daniel Carlson Chad Ryland Graham Gano Jake Moody

### Standard Overall Rankings

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye
1	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	17	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8
2	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	18	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8
3	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	19	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9
4	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	20	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5
5	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	21	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8
6	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	22	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11
7	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	23	QB	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7
8	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	24	RB	James Cook	BUF	7
9	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	25	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8
10	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	26	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7
11	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	27	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9
12	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	28	WR	Drake London	ATL	5
13	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	29	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9
14	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	30	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10
15	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	31	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
16	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	32	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10
					33	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8

34	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	80	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10
35	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6	81	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
36	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	82	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
37	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	83	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
38	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	84	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
39	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	85	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
40	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	86	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
41	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	87	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
42	TE	George Kittle	SF	14	88	QB	Jared Goff	DET	8
43	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	89	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
44	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9	90	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
45	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	91	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
46	RB	James Conner	ARI	8	92	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
47	WR	DK Metcalf	PIT	5	93	TE	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
48	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8	94	TE	Evan Engram	DEN	12
49	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8	95	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
50	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	96	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
51	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9	97	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11
52	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12	98	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14
53	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7	99	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
54	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14	100	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5
55	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8	101	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5
56	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9	102	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
57	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8	103	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
58	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5	104	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
59	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14	105	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
60	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	106	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
61	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	107	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12
62	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14	108	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12
63	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10	109	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14
64	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8	110	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
65	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10	111	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
66	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	112	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9
67	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	113	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6
68	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5	114	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
69	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12	115	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
70	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5	116	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12
71	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12	117	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
72	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9	118	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
73	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6	119	WR	Adam Thielen	CAR	14
74	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10	120	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10
75	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7	121	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
76	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9	122	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
77	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	123	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
78	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11	124	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5
79	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7	125	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14

126	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	172	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
127	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	173	RB	Kendre Miller	NO	11
128	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	174	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
129	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	175	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
130	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12	176	DST	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
131	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	177	RB	Devin Neal	NO	11
132	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	178	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5
133	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9	179	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12
134	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	180	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
135	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	181	RB	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5
136	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5	182	WR	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6
137	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7	183	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
138	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5	184	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
139	RB	Nick Chubb	HOU	6	185	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9
140	RB	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10	186	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7
141	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11	187	QB	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
142	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5	188	WR	Malachi Corley	NYJ	9
143	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9	189	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
144	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	190	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8
145	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	191	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7
146	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12	192	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10
147	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7	193	WR	Robert Woods	PIT	5
148	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14	194	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
149	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9	195	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
150	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7	196	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
151	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14	197	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
152	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14	198	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
153	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5	199	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8
154	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5	200	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10
155	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	201	WR	Brandin Cooks	NO	11
156	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	202	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
157	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5	203	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
158	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12	204	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14
159	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14	205	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12
160	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10	206	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
161	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8	207	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
162	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11	208	WR	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
163	WR	Jack Bech	LV	8	209	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14
164	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	210	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10
165	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14	211	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5
166	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8	212	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12
167	WR	Jalen McMillan	TB	9	213	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14
168	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8	214	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7
169	DST	Eagles Defense	PHI	9	215	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
170	RB	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	216	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8
171	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6	217	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5

218	RB	Zack Moss	CIN	10	248	DST	Lions Defense	DET	8
219	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11	249	WR	Diontae Johnson	CLE	9
220	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5	250	RB	Damien Martinez	SEA	8
221	K	Jake Bates	DET	8	251	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10
222	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12	252	RB	Ty Johnson	BUF	7
223	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6	253	DST	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
224	RB	Jordan James	SF	14	254	TE	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
225	RB	Khalil Herbert	IND	11	255	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
226	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10	256	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10
227	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	257	K	Will Reichard	MIN	6
228	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6	258	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
229	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11	259	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5
230	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10	260	TE	Noah Fant	SEA	8
231	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9	261	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12
232	WR	Keenan Allen	FA	0	262	TE	Noah Gray	KC	10
233	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14	263	RB	Sincere McCormick	LV	8
234	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14	264	RB	Elijah Mitchell	KC	10
235	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10	265	RB	Phil Mafah	DAL	10
236	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9	266	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11
237	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7	267	RB	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9
238	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	268	WR	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10
239	WR	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9	269	RB	Patrick Taylor Jr.	SF	14
240	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7	270	WR	Darius Slayton	NYG	14
241	TE	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10	271	WR	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12
242	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8	272	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9
243	K	Jason Sanders	MIA	12	273	WR	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9
244	DST	Browns Defense	CLE	9	274	WR	Dyami Brown	JAC	8
245	TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14	275	RB	Kenneth Gainwell	PIT	5
246	WR	Amari Cooper	FA	0					
247	TE	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8					

## Positional Rankings

### Quarterbacks

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7
2	Josh Allen	BUF	7
3	Joe Burrow	CIN	10
4	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9
5	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12
6	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
7	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
8	Bo Nix	DEN	12
9	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
10	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
11	Jared Goff	DET	8
12	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
13	Brock Purdy	SF	14
14	Caleb Williams	CHI	5
15	Jordan Love	GB	5
16	Justin Herbert	LAC	12
17	Drake Maye	NE	14
18	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
19	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6
20	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6
21	Sam Darnold	SEA	8
22	Cam Ward	TEN	10
23	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
24	Bryce Young	CAR	14
25	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
26	Geno Smith	LV	8
27	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
28	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
29	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
30	Daniel Jones	IND	11
31	Tyler Shough	NO	11
32	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5
33	Kenny Pickett	CLE	9
34	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
35	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	11
36	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5
37	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
38	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
39	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9
40	Will Howard	PIT	5
41	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9
42	Spencer Rattler	NO	11

### Running Backs

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9
2	Derrick Henry	BAL	7
3	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8
4	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8
5	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5
6	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14
7	De'Von Achane	MIA	12
8	Kyren Williams	LAR	8
9	Josh Jacobs	GB	5
10	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11
11	James Cook	BUF	7
12	Bucky Irving	TB	9
13	Chase Brown	CIN	10
14	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
15	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
16	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
17	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
18	James Conner	ARI	8
19	David Montgomery	DET	8
20	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
21	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
22	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
23	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
24	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
25	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
26	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
27	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
28	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
29	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
30	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
31	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
32	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
33	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
34	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
35	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
36	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
37	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
38	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
39	Najee Harris	LAC	12
40	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
41	Rachaad White	TB	9

42	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	5	Puka Nacua	LAR	8
43	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	6	Nico Collins	HOU	6
44	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	7	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8
45	Jerome Ford	CLE	9	8	Malik Nabers	NYG	14
46	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	9	Tee Higgins	CIN	10
47	Nick Chubb	HOU	6	10	A.J. Brown	PHI	9
48	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10	11	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8
49	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9	12	Mike Evans	TB	9
50	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	13	Drake London	ATL	5
51	Ray Davis	BUF	7	14	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
52	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14	15	Davante Adams	LAR	8
53	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	16	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12
54	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	17	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
55	Trey Benson	ARI	8	18	Rashee Rice	KC	10
56	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	19	Chris Olave	NO	11
57	Kendre Miller	NO	11	20	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
58	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14	21	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
59	Devin Neal	NO	11	22	Jameson Williams	DET	8
60	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	23	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
61	Justice Hill	BAL	7	24	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
62	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	25	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
63	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	26	Chris Godwin	TB	9
64	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	27	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
65	Blake Corum	LAR	8	28	DJ Moore	CHI	5
66	Zack Moss	CIN	10	29	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
67	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12	30	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
68	Jordan James	SF	14	31	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
69	Khalil Herbert	IND	11	32	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
70	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	33	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
71	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	34	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
72	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8	35	Jayden Reed	GB	5
73	Damien Martinez	SEA	8	36	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
74	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	37	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
75	Ty Johnson	BUF	7	38	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
76	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	39	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
77	Sincere McCormick	LV	8	40	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
78	Elijah Mitchell	KC	10	41	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
79	Phil Mafah	DAL	10	42	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
80	DJ Giddens	IND	11	43	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14

**Wide Receivers:**

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10
2	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6
3	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10
4	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8

44	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
45	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
46	Adam Thielen	CAR	14
47	George Pickens	DAL	10
48	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
49	Luther Burden III	CHI	5
50	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14



20	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
21	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
22	Cade Otton	TB	9
23	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
24	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
25	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
26	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
27	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
28	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
29	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
30	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
31	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
32	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
33	Noah Fant	SEA	8
34	Noah Gray	KC	10
35	Theo Johnson	NYG	14

#### DST

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Eagles Defense	PHI	9
2	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
3	Broncos Defense	DEN	12
4	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
5	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
6	Bills Defense	BUF	7
7	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
8	Rams Defense	LAR	8
9	Chiefs Defense	KC	10
10	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
11	49ers Defense	SF	14
12	Patriots Defense	NE	14
13	Packers Defense	GB	5
14	Texans Defense	HOU	6
15	Browns Defense	CLE	9
16	Lions Defense	DET	8
17	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
18	Bears Defense	CHI	5
19	Cowboys Defense	DAL	10
20	Commanders Defense	WAS	12
21	Dolphins Defense	MIA	12

22	Buccaneers Defense	TB	9
23	Titans Defense	TEN	10
24	Falcons Defense	ATL	5
25	Cardinals Defense	ARI	8
26	Giants Defense	NYG	14
27	Raiders Defense	LV	8
28	Bengals Defense	CIN	10
29	Jaguars Defense	JAC	8
30	Saints Defense	NO	11
31	Colts Defense	IND	11
32	Panthers Defense	CAR	14

#### Kicker

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12
2	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10
3	Chris Boswell	PIT	5
4	Wil Lutz	DEN	12
5	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
6	Jake Bates	DET	8
7	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
8	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
9	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
10	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
11	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
12	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
13	Will Reichard	MIN	6
14	Harrison Butker	KC	10
15	Younghoe Koo	ATL	5
16	Matt Gay	WAS	12
17	Joshua Karty	LAR	8
18	Jason Myers	SEA	8
19	Daniel Carlson	LV	8
20	Chad Ryland	Ari	8
21	Graham Gano	NYG	14
22	Jake Moody	SF	14
23	Brandon McManus	GB	5
24	Cam Little	JAC	8
25	Cairo Santos	CHI	5
26	Blake Grupe	NO	11

## Two Quarterback / Superflex

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye
1		Lamar Jackson	BAL	7
2		Josh Allen	BUF	7

3	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	49	Davante Adams	LAR	8
4	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	50	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
5	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	51	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
6	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	52	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6
7	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	53	Rashee Rice	KC	10
8	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10	54	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
9	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	55	George Kittle	SF	14
10	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	56	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
11	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	57	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6
12	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	58	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
13	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	59	Sam Darnold	SEA	8
14	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	60	Chris Olave	NO	11
15	Bo Nix	DEN	12	61	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
16	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	62	Cam Ward	TEN	10
17	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	63	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
18	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	64	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
19	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	65	James Conner	ARI	8
20	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	66	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
21	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	67	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
22	Justin Fields	NYJ	9	68	David Montgomery	DET	8
23	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	69	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
24	Jared Goff	DET	8	70	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
25	Nico Collins	HOU	6	71	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
26	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	72	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
27	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	73	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
28	Trey McBride	ARI	8	74	Jameson Williams	DET	8
29	Brock Bowers	LV	8	75	Bryce Young	CAR	14
30	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	76	Chris Godwin	TB	9
31	Brock Purdy	SF	14	77	DJ Moore	CHI	5
32	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	78	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
33	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	79	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
34	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	80	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
35	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	81	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
36	Jordan Love	GB	5	82	Geno Smith	LV	8
37	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	83	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
38	Bucky Irving	TB	9	84	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
39	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	85	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
40	Drake London	ATL	5	86	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
41	Drake Maye	NE	14	87	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
42	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	88	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
43	James Cook	BUF	7	89	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
44	Mike Evans	TB	9	90	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
45	Chase Brown	CIN	10	91	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
46	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	92	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
47	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	93	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
48	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	94	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9

95	Jayden Reed	GB	5	141	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
96	Jordan Addison	MIN	6	142	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
97	David Njoku	CLE	9	143	Kareem Hunt	KC	10
98	Stefon Diggs	NE	14	144	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
99	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5	145	Nick Chubb	HOU	6
100	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12	146	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10
101	Mark Andrews	BAL	7	147	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
102	Travis Kelce	KC	10	148	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
103	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6	149	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5
104	Evan Engram	DEN	12	150	Matthew Golden	GB	5
105	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	151	Josh Downs	IND	11
106	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11	152	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
107	Rome Odunze	CHI	5	153	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
108	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	154	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
109	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8	155	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
110	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8	156	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
111	Javonte Williams	DAL	10	157	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
112	Tyler Warren	IND	11	158	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
113	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8	159	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
114	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14	160	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
115	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8	161	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
116	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	162	Eagles Defense	PHI	9
117	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	163	Marquise Brown	KC	10
118	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14	164	Cade Otton	TB	9
119	Keon Coleman	BUF	7	165	Alec Pierce	IND	11
120	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5	166	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
121	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12	167	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5
122	George Pickens	DAL	10	168	Kenny Pickett	CLE	9
123	Rachaad White	TB	9	169	Jack Bech	LV	8
124	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9	170	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9
125	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	171	Broncos Defense	DEN	12
126	Adam Thielen	CAR	14	172	Trey Benson	ARI	8
127	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5	173	Raheem Mostert	LV	8
128	Najee Harris	LAC	12	174	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
129	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	175	Kendre Miller	NO	11
130	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	176	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
131	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	177	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
132	Zach Ertz	WAS	12	178	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
133	Jonnu Smith	MIA	12	179	Ray Davis	BUF	7
134	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10	180	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
135	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	181	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
136	Daniel Jones	IND	11	182	Bills Defense	BUF	7
137	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	183	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
138	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	184	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	11
139	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	185	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5
140	Tyler Shough	NO	11	186	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14

187	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8	232	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
188	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9	233	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
189	Christian Kirk	HOU	6	234	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7
190	Steelers Defense	PIT	5	235	Bears Defense	CHI	5
191	Hunter Henry	NE	14	236	Devin Neal	NO	11
192	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	237	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
193	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11	238	Jake Bates	DET	8
194	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	239	Zack Moss	CIN	10
195	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10	240	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
196	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	241	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
197	Rams Defense	LAR	8	242	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
198	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6	243	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
199	Will Howard	PIT	5	244	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
200	Chiefs Defense	KC	10	245	Jordan James	SF	14
201	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	246	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
202	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8	247	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
203	49ers Defense	SF	14	248	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
204	Patriots Defense	NE	14	249	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
205	Packers Defense	GB	5	250	Mack Hollins	NE	14
206	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	251	Keenan Allen	FA	0
207	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	252	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
208	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	253	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
209	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9	254	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
210	Malachi Corley	NYJ	9	255	Kyle Williams	NE	14
211	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	256	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
212	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	257	Khalil Herbert	IND	11
213	Justice Hill	BAL	7	258	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
214	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	259	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9
215	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	260	Will Reichard	MIN	6
216	Robert Woods	PIT	5	261	Harrison Butker	KC	10
217	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	262	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5
218	DeMario Douglas	NE	14	263	Ty Johnson	BUF	7
219	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	264	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
220	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	265	Damien Martinez	SEA	8
221	Texans Defense	HOU	6	266	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10
222	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5	267	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
223	Browns Defense	CLE	9	268	Younghoe Koo	ATL	5
224	Juwan Johnson	NO	11	269	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
225	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7	270	Sincere McCormick	LV	8
226	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	271	Matt Gay	WAS	12
227	Brandin Cooks	NO	11	272	Noah Fant	SEA	8
228	Blake Corum	LAR	8	273	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
229	Lions Defense	DET	8	274	Amari Cooper	FA	0
230	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6	275	Diontae Johnson	CLE	9
231	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7				

## Dynasty League Rankings

The Fantasy Football Almanac was built for dynasty leagues because as many of you know, dynasty drafts turn into an exercise in projecting which rookies will start and which sleepers you should trade for before they emerge.

My philosophy on dynasty and deep keeper leagues is simple. Sacrifice season one and dominate the rest of your career. I don't care what my record is in the first season. The worse, the better. That way I will have early draft picks in year two. For that reason, you're going to see me favor youth over production. Unlike my advice for players in one-season leagues, I would rather overdraft youth in exchange for long term, high-end productivity. That said, you don't want to draft Colston Loveland in the second round just because he's young. You still want to maximize the value of each pick.

I like to boost players in the rankings who are 26 or younger. I try to avoid players 29 and older in the first five rounds unless they are excellent. If you wind up with an older player, you can always trade them to a title contender in exchange for draft picks or other young players.

Enjoy the rankings and enjoy dominating your league for the next decade!

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye
1	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	28	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
2	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	29	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9
3	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	30	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12
4	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	31	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11
5	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	32	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10
6	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	33	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5
7	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	34	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10
8	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	35	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9
9	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	36	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14
10	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	37	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
11	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	38	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
12	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	39	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
13	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	40	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
14	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	41	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7
15	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	42	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
16	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	43	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12
17	WR	Drake London	ATL	5	44	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
18	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	45	WR	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
19	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	46	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
20	QB	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	47	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
21	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	48	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8
22	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9	49	RB	James Cook	BUF	7
23	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7	50	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
24	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	51	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
25	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	52	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8
26	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	53	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
27	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	54	TE	George Kittle	SF	14
					55	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9

56	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	102	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
57	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9	103	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
58	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	104	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
59	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14	105	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
60	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5	106	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
61	TE	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6	107	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
62	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11	108	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
63	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8	109	RB	James Conner	ARI	8
64	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14	110	TE	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
65	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	111	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
66	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	112	WR	Jack Bech	LV	8
67	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7	113	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
68	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	114	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12
69	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	115	WR	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
70	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11	116	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10
71	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6	117	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10
72	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9	118	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
73	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5	119	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12
74	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	120	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
75	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9	121	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14
76	QB	Jared Goff	DET	8	122	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10
77	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5	123	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
78	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14	124	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5
79	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10	125	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14
80	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	126	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
81	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7	127	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8
82	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	128	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6
83	TE	Evan Engram	DEN	12	129	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
84	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8	130	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
85	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9	131	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10
86	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	132	WR	Malachi Corley	NYJ	9
87	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14	133	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8
88	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8	134	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14
89	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6	135	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
90	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	136	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
91	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	137	WR	Adam Thielen	CAR	14
92	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5	138	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9
93	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7	139	TE	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
94	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12	140	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
95	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	141	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
96	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	142	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
97	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7	143	QB	Daniel Jones	IND	11
98	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5	144	RB	R. Stevenson	NE	14
99	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9	145	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
100	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8	146	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
101	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	147	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9

148	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	194	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11
149	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	195	WR	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6
150	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12	196	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
151	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5	197	TE	Luke Schoonmaker	DAL	10
152	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	198	WR	Savion Williams	GB	5
153	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12	199	WR	Pat Bryant	DEN	12
154	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8	200	WR	Tai Felton	MIN	6
155	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14	201	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8
156	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11	202	TE	Gunnar Helm	TEN	10
157	WR	Arian Smith	NYJ	9	203	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
158	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9	204	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
159	TE	Cole Kmet	CHI	5	205	WR	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
160	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9	206	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
161	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	207	TE	Noah Fant	SEA	8
162	QB	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14	208	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8
163	QB	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8	209	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
164	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5	210	RB	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10
165	WR	Jaylin Lane	WAS	12	211	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14
166	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	212	QB	Anthony Richardson	IND	11
167	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7	213	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
168	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	214	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12
169	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8	215	TE	Mitchell Evans	CAR	14
170	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8	216	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10
171	WR	Kaden Prather	BUF	7	217	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
172	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12	218	RB	Phil Mafah	DAL	10
173	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14	219	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5
174	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	220	QB	Tyler Shough	NO	11
175	RB	Damien Martinez	SEA	8	221	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10
176	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	222	RB	Trevor Etienne	CAR	14
177	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5	223	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
178	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	224	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14
179	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14	225	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
180	TE	Taysom Hill	NO	11	226	RB	Jarquez Hunter	LAR	8
181	RB	Jordan James	SF	14	227	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
182	TE	Cade Stover	HOU	6	228	QB	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9
183	TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14	229	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
184	TE	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12	230	TE	Tip Reiman	ARI	8
185	TE	Erick All Jr.	CIN	10	231	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8
186	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7	232	WR	Robert Woods	PIT	5
187	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14	233	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
188	TE	Ben Sinnott	WAS	12	234	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
189	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11	235	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
190	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6	236	WR	Brandin Cooks	NO	11
191	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10	237	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
192	RB	Brashard Smith	KC	10	238	RB	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5
193	TE	Harold Fannin Jr.	CLE	9	239	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5

240	RB	Devin Neal	NO	11	258	WR	Keenan Allen	FA	0
241	TE	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10	259	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7
242	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10	260	QB	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9
243	RB	Kendre Miller	NO	11	261	WR	M. Valdes-Scantling	SEA	8
244	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14	262	WR	Tim Patrick	DET	8
245	WR	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9	263	TE	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
246	QB	Will Howard	PIT	5	264	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14
247	WR	Amari Cooper	FA	0	265	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12
248	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14	266	WR	Ray-Ray McCloud III	ATL	5
249	WR	Diontae Johnson	CLE	9	267	WR	Jalen Coker	CAR	14
250	TE	Noah Gray	KC	10	268	WR	Jalen Nailor	MIN	6
251	WR	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10	269	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7
252	WR	Darius Slayton	NYG	14	270	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10
253	WR	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12	271	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10
254	WR	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9	272	RB	Zack Moss	CIN	10
255	RB	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	273	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
256	WR	Dyami Brown	JAC	8	274	QB	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
257	WR	Tank Dell	HOU	6	275	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12

## Positional Rankings

### Quarterbacks

Rank	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	24	Daniel Jones	IND	11
2	Josh Allen	BUF	7	25	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
3	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	26	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
4	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	27	Geno Smith	LV	8
5	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	28	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
6	Bo Nix	DEN	12	29	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
7	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10	30	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
8	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	31	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	11
9	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	32	Tyler Shough	NO	11
10	Brock Purdy	SF	14	33	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9
11	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	34	Will Howard	PIT	5
12	Jared Goff	DET	8	35	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
13	Drake Maye	NE	14	36	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9
14	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	37	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
15	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	38	Kenny Pickett	CLE	9
16	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	39	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5
17	Justin Fields	NYJ	9	40	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5
18	Cam Ward	TEN	10	41	Spencer Rattler	NO	11
19	Jordan Love	GB	5	42	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
20	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6				
21	Sam Darnold	SEA	8				
22	Bryce Young	CAR	14				
23	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12				

### Running Backs

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8
2	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5



12	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	58	Adam Thielen	CAR	14
13	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	59	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
14	Rashee Rice	KC	10	60	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
15	Mike Evans	TB	9	61	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
16	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	62	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
17	Chris Olave	NO	11	63	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
18	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8	64	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
19	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	65	Josh Downs	IND	11
20	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	66	Arian Smith	NYJ	9
21	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	67	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
22	DK Metcalf	PIT	5	68	Jaylin Lane	WAS	12
23	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9	69	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
24	Zay Flowers	BAL	7	70	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5
25	Jameson Williams	DET	8	71	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
26	Xavier Worthy	KC	10	72	Kaden Prather	BUF	7
27	Davante Adams	LAR	8	73	Tre Harris	LAC	12
28	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12	74	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
29	DJ Moore	CHI	5	75	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
30	Keon Coleman	BUF	7	76	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
31	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	77	Marquise Brown	KC	10
32	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	78	Alec Pierce	IND	11
33	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11	79	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6
34	Chris Godwin	TB	9	80	Savion Williams	GB	5
35	Jayden Reed	GB	5	81	Pat Bryant	DEN	12
36	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	82	Tai Felton	MIN	6
37	Rome Odunze	CHI	5	83	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
38	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	84	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
39	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9	85	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
40	Jordan Addison	MIN	6	86	Tory Horton	SEA	8
41	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12	87	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
42	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	88	Michael Wilson	ARI	8
43	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7	89	Robert Woods	PIT	5
44	Matthew Golden	GB	5	90	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
45	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9	91	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
46	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8	92	Brandin Cooks	NO	11
47	Jack Bech	LV	8	93	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
48	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8	94	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
49	Jalen McMillan	TB	9	95	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
50	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	96	Mack Hollins	NE	14
51	George Pickens	DAL	10	97	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9
52	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12	98	Amari Cooper	FA	0
53	Kyle Williams	NE	14	99	Diontae Johnson	CLE	9
54	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14	100	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10
55	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8	101	Darius Slayton	NYG	14
56	Jalen Royals	KC	10	102	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12
57	Malachi Corley	NYJ	9	103	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9

104	Dyami Brown	JAC	8	27	Cade Stover	HOU	6
105	Tank Dell	HOU	6	28	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
106	Keenan Allen	FA	0	29	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12
107	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	SEA	8	30	Erick All Jr.	CIN	10
108	Tim Patrick	DET	8	31	Ben Sinnott	WAS	12
109	Ray-Ray McCloud III	ATL	5	32	Harold Fannin Jr.	CLE	9
110	Jalen Coker	CAR	14	33	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
111	Jalen Nailor	MIN	6	34	Luke Schoonmaker	DAL	10
112	Noah Brown	WAS	12	35	Gunnar Helm	TEN	10
113	Bo Melton	GB	5				
114	Tre Tucker	LV	8				
115	Malik Washington	MIA	12				
116	Elic Ayomanor	TEN	10				
117	Chris Moore	ARI	8				
118	Jalen Reagor	LAC	12				
119	Parker Washington	JAC	8				
120	Ja'Lynn Polk	NE	14				

#### Tight Ends:

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Brock Bowers	LV	8
2	Trey McBride	ARI	8
3	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
4	George Kittle	SF	14
5	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
6	Tyler Warren	IND	11
7	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
8	David Njoku	CLE	9
9	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
10	Evan Engram	DEN	12
11	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
12	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
13	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
14	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
15	Darren Waller	MIA	12
16	Travis Kelce	KC	10
17	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
18	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
19	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
20	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
21	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
22	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
23	Cade Otton	TB	9
24	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
25	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
26	Taysom Hill	NO	11



27	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	44	WR	Elic Ayomanor	TEN	10
28	RB	Damien Martinez	SEA	8	45	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
29	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	46	QB	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
30	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	47	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
31	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10	48	TE	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12
32	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12	49	TE	Harold Fannin Jr.	CLE	9
33	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11	50	QB	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
34	QB	Tyler Shough	NO	11	51	QB	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9
35	RB	Trevor Etienne	CAR	14	52	QB	Will Howard	PIT	
36	TE	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8	53	WR	Savion Williams	GB	5
37	WR	Jaylin Lane	WAS	12	54	WR	Kaden Prather	BUF	7
38	RB	Phil Mafah	DAL	10	55	WR	Tai Felton	MIN	6
39	RB	Woody Marks	HOU	6	56	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8
40	WR	Pat Bryant	DEN	12	57	QB	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9
41	TE	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8	58	TE	Gunnar Helm	TEN	10
42	RB	Brashard Smith	KC	10	59	RB	Kalel Mullings	TEN	10
43	RB	Jarquez Hunter	LAR	8	60	WR	Chimere Dike	TEN	10

## Individual Defensive Player Rankings

I'm expanding the individual defense player rankings section this season. Leagues vary widely based on how the roster is comprised. Leagues can be grouped by position (CB, S, DE, DT, LB) or by position grouping (DB, DL, LB). What I've done below is rank players by their position group, but I've included their specific position within that group. If you need more granular assistance, please email the Fantasy Football Almanac support team and we will send you a spreadsheet that you will be able to filter as needed.

If this is your first year playing with individual defensive players and are wondering when you should take them in your draft, I recommend viewing these players like strong kickers and strong team defenses. It's easier to find good defenders on waivers than it is to find a good offensive player. Don't take an individual defensive player until the late rounds of your draft.

### Linebackers

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye
1	LB	Zaire Franklin	IND	11	15	LB	Josey Jewell	CAR	14
2	LB	Zack Baun	PHI	9	16	LB	Jamien Sherwood	NYJ	9
3	LB	Roquan Smith	BAL	7	17	LB	Logan Wilson	CIN	10
4	LB	Alex Singleton	DEN	12	18	LB	Nick Bolton	KC	10
5	LB	Fred Warner	SF	14	19	LB	Jack Campbell	DET	8
6	LB	Blake Cashman	MIN	6	20	LB	Lavonte David	TB	9
7	LB	Bobby Okereke	NYG	14	21	LB	Harold Landry III	NE	14
8	LB	Kaden Elliss	ATL	5	22	LB	Quay Walker	GB	5
9	LB	Robert Spillane	NE	14	23	LB	T.J. Edwards	CHI	5
10	LB	Ernest Jones IV	SEA	8	24	LB	Bobby Wagner	WAS	12
11	LB	Jordyn Brooks	MIA	12	25	LB	Jaelan Phillips	MIA	12
12	LB	Daiyan Henley	LAC	12	26	LB	Dre Greenlaw	DEN	12
13	LB	Foyesade Oluokun	JAC	8	27	LB	Terrel Bernard	BUF	7
14	LB	Azeez Al-Shaair	HOU	6	28	LB	Patrick Queen	PIT	5

29	LB	Edgerrin Cooper	GB	5	53	LB	Pete Werner	NO	11
30	LB	Ivan Pace Jr.	MIN	6	54	LB	Omar Speights	LAR	8
31	LB	Dorian Williams	BUF	7	55	LB	Mohamoud Diabate	CLE	9
32	LB	Jonathon Cooper	DEN	12	56	LB	Kyzir White	FA	0
33	LB	Frankie Luvu	WAS	12	57	LB	Jaylon Carlies	IND	11
34	LB	Germaine Pratt	CIN	10	58	LB	Cody Barton	Ten	10
35	LB	Alex Highsmith	PIT	5	59	LB	Kenneth Murray Jr.	DAL	10
36	LB	Jordan Hicks	CLE	9	60	LB	Ja'Whaun Bentley	FA	0
37	LB	Demario Davis	NO	11	61	LB	Shaq Thompson	FA	0
38	LB	Tyrel Dodson	MIA	12	62	LB	Trenton Simpson	BAL	7
39	LB	Tyrice Knight	SEA	8	63	LB	Elandon Roberts	LV	8
40	LB	Jihaad Campbell	PHI	9	64	LB	Folorunso Fatukasi	HOU	6
41	LB	Carson Schwesinger	CLE	9	65	LB	Matt Judon	FA	0
42	LB	Tremaine Edmunds	CHI	5	66	LB	Deatrich Wise Jr.	WAS	12
43	LB	Alex Anzalone	DET	8	67	LB	Jack Sanborn	DAL	10
44	LB	Troy Reeder	LAR	8	68	LB	Mack Wilson Sr.	ARI	8
45	LB	Abdul Carter	NYG	14	69	LB	A Davis-Gaither	ARI	8
46	LB	Nakobe Dean	PHI	9	70	LB	C.J. Mosley	FA	0
47	LB	Micah McFadden	NYG	14	71	LB	Christian Elliss	NE	14
48	LB	Matt Milano	BUF	7	72	LB	Christian Harris	HOU	6
49	LB	Quincy Williams	NYJ	9	73	LB	Christian Rozeboom	CAR	14
50	LB	Drue Tranquill	KC	10	74	LB	DeMarvion Overshown	DAL	10
51	LB	Devin Lloyd	JAC	8	75	LB	Junior Colson	LAC	12
52	LB	Jahlani Tavai	NE	14					

### Defensive Lineman

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye					
1	DE	Aidan Hutchinson	DET	8	20	DE	Byron Young	LAR	8
2	DE	T.J. Watt	PIT	5	21	DE	Nik Bonitto	Den	12
3	DE	Maxx Crosby	LV	8	22	DE	George Karlaftis III	KC	10
4	DE	Jonathan Greenard	MIN	6	23	DE	Josh Hines-Allen	JAC	8
5	LB	Andrew Van Ginkel	MIN	6	24	DE	Nolan Smith Jr.	PHI	9
6	DE	Trey Hendrickson	CIN	10	25	DE	Carol Granderson	NO	11
7	DE	Myles Garrett	CLE	9	26	DT	Derrick Brown	CAR	14
8	DE	Greg Rousseau	BUF	7	27	DE	Yaya Diaby	TB	9
9	DE	Brian Burns	NYG	14	28	DE	Micah Parsons	DAL	10
10	DT	Jeffery Simmons	TEN	10	29	DT	Cameron Heyward	PIT	5
11	DE	Bradley Chubb	MIA	12	30	DE	Nick Bosa	SF	14
12	DT	DeForest Buckner	IND	11	31	DE	Kobie Turner	LAR	8
13	DT	Christian Wilkins	LV	8	32	DE	Anfernee Jennings	NE	14
14	DE	Jared Verse	LAR	8	33	DE	Arden Key	TEN	10
15	DE	Danielle Hunter	HOU	6	34	DE	Kyle Van Noy	BAL	7
16	DT	Zach Sieler	MIA	12	35	DT	Dexter Lawrence	NYG	14
17	DE	Zach Allen	DEN	12	36	DE	Dorance Armstrong	WAS	12
18	DE	Travon Walker	JAX	0	37	DE	Will Anderson Jr.	HOU	6
19	DE	Leonard Williams	SEA	8	38	DE	Jermaine Johnson	NYJ	9

39	DE	Josh Sweat	ARI	8	45	DT	Grover Stewart	IND	11
40	DT	Jalen Carter	PHI	9	46	DE	Mykel Williams	SF	14
41	DT	Chris Jones	KC	10	47	DE	Jalon Walker	ATL	5
42	LB	Khalil Mack	LAC	12	48	DT	Daron Payne	WAS	12
43	DT	Tershawn Wharton	CAR	14	49	DE	Mike Green	BAL	7
44	DE	Will McDonald IV	NYJ	9	50	DE	James Pearce Jr.	ATL	5

### Defensive Backs

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye					
1	S	Brian Branch	DET	8	26	S	Cam Bynum	IND	11
2	S	Jaquan Brisker	CHI	5	27	CB	Deommodore Lenoir	SF	14
3	S	Budda Baker	ARI	8	28	S	Justin Reid	NO	11
4	S	Kevin Byard III	CHI	5	29	CB	Quentin Lake	LAR	8
5	S	Nick Cross	IND	11	30	S	Tre'von Moehrig	CAR	14
6	S	Antoine Winfield Jr.	TB	9	31	S	Jevon Holland	NYG	14
7	CB	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	32	CB	DaRon Bland	DAL	10
8	S	Kyle Hamilton	BAL	7	33	S	Jalen Thompson	ARI	8
9	S	Derwin James Jr.	LAC	12	34	S	Ronnie Hickman	CLE	9
10	S	Jessie Bates III	ATL	5	35	S	Jabril Peppers	NE	14
11	CB	Jalen Pitre	HOU	6	36	S	Minkah Fitzpatrick	PIT	5
12	CB	Paulson Adebo	NYG	14	37	S	Jordan Poyer	FA	0
13	S	Jeremy Chinn	LV	8	38	S	Talanoa Hufanga	DEN	12
14	S	Kyle Dugger	NE	14	39	S	C.J. Gardner-Johnson	HOU	6
15	S	DeShon Elliott	PIT	5	40	CB	Marlon Humphrey	BAL	7
16	S	Malik Hooker	DAL	10	41	S	Taylor Rapp	BUF	7
17	CB	Alontae Taylor	NO	11	42	S	Reed Blankenship	PHI	9
18	S	Joshua Metellus	MIN	6	43	S	Julian Blackmon	FA	0
19	S	Grant Delpit	CLE	9	44	CB	Dax Hill	CIN	10
20	S	Brandon Jones	DEN	12	45	CB	Keisean Nixon	GB	5
21	CB	Mike Sainristill	WAS	12	46	CB	Tyrique Stevenson	CHI	5
22	CB	Devon Witherspoon	SEA	8	47	S	Kam Curl	LAR	8
23	S	Tyler Nubin	NYG	14	48	S	Donovan Wilson	DAL	10
24	S	Julian Love	SEA	8	49	CB	L'Jarius Sneed	TEN	10
25	S	Tony Adams	NYJ	9	50	S	Isaiah Pola-Mao	LV	8

## Auction Draft Strategy

Readers who participate in auction drafts ask me how my rankings translate to auction strategy. My very short answer is that my rankings are built to maximize competitive advantage in each draft and to offer my readers the best strategy to 1) create a draft plan and 2) adapt the plan when necessary. No matter what your scoring system, using a tiered approach will allow you to build the best team possible.

Auctions are fun. Not only are we looking at the competitive advantage of players and their season-long value but we are also looking at the per-player budget with respect to your league. Having a budgeted plan going into the draft will help gain even more value from this text.

## Understanding Your Rules

I always mention the importance of understanding your scoring rules including explosive play bonuses and negative points (if any) for turnovers. Of course, this is crucial. Knowing your auction rules is just as important. Leagues are going to differ in roster size, starting/flex player amounts, etc. For this guide, I'm going to adhere to what I consider to be the standard league approach which is comprised of the following:

- Roster Size: 16 Players
- Starting QB: 1
- Starting RB: 1
- Starting WR: 1
- Starting TE: 1
- Starting Flex (RB/WR/TE): 3
- Starting Kicker: 1
- Starting DST: 1

In this scenario, you will have 9 starting players and 7 bench slots.

## Breaking Down Your Budget

The most frequently asked question is "how much money should I spend on player "X"?" and I'm sorry if I've done this to you but my reply is always "it depends". It depends on how many bench players you have. It depends on how many starters you have. It depends on your waiver rules. But ultimately, there is no particular dollar amount to spend on a player. Instead, it helps to look at each player as a percentage of your budget. Who knew those fraction lessons you blew off in grade school would have real-world fantasy football implications?

Most auction draft resources are doing a poor job of setting auction strategy in two key areas: 1. There is little room to help their readers adapt and 2. There is little in-draft strategy involved.

For the sake of my entire audience, I'm not going to talk specific dollars but use percentages. If your roster is comprised of 16 players, then each player is worth 6.25% of your total budget. Looking at player values in terms of percentages helps translate this guide across varying auction league types and budgets. If math and fractions aren't your thing, no worries. Your cell phone has a calculator. And if cell phone calculators aren't your thing, you can sign up for my mailing list and I'll send you a spreadsheet that you can customize with your league rules and budgets.

### Important Note:

I assume that you are allowed to exhaust your entire budget on the draft and that waiver wire budget is handled separately. If your league requires you to hold some of your total money back for in season waiver wire claims, make sure you keep enough in the bank to claim players when needed.

## Per-Player Budget

My goal in an auction draft is to spend money on consistently productive players and find diamonds in the rough. The NFL will vary year to year but you can always count on high tier RBs to pull you through. You just need to keep your spending in check.

While trying to grab your running backs, keep in mind that a team with more tier-2 RBs will likely have more flexibility and upside during the season. For example, if your strategy is based round buying the best player at each position, what happens if they get injured?

I urge you to keep a fluid approach to per-player or per-position budgeting. That said, I do want to provide some framework. Let's assume your 16-player roster will be broken down as follows (but do feel free to deviate here):

2 Quarterbacks:	\$20 (or 10%)
5 Running Backs:	\$80 (or 40%)
5 Wide Receivers:	\$80 (or 40%)
2 Tight Ends:	\$10 (or 5%)
1 Kicker:	\$2* (or 1%)
1 DST:	\$2* (or 1%)
Totals: 16 Players:	\$200

*Note: The dollar amounts at each position are the total amount. Not a per-player amount*

\*You'll notice that I suggest \$2 for a kicker and \$2 for a defense. This will make most of you scratch your heads because conventional wisdom states that you should never spend more than \$1 on them. I'll explain why that shouldn't be the case below. There's a method to the madness, folks. Read on!

By now, you've probably read through my guide ... or perhaps just scrolled through the rankings. With respect to auction drafts, I suggest you scrutinize the players in the top tier. The best running backs and receivers are going to have a lot of bids. I'm not going to be the person to win the spirited auction.

With every player, whether it's Ja'Marr Chase at WR or position standouts like Josh Allen or Lamar Jackson at QB, you need to be disciplined.

## Auction Strategy

It's simple, right? The object of the auction draft, like any draft, is to get as many of the best players on your team. To do this, you need to drive the cost of star players down.

I'm going to state this again but in a different way because it's very important. Everyone wants to have the best players on their team and in the race to acquire them, the vast majority of auction fantasy football players forget one simple rule: In an auction draft, players aren't the most valuable resource. Money is.

How do you make players less expensive? Get your competition to spend their money too early.

## How To Sabotage Your Competition Nominate Players Strategically

Many of you participate in leagues where the commissioner will dictate the players nominated for auction. Perhaps there will be a silent auction, or multiple are players listed at once over email while a group haggles over

the price. In these situations, I understand you won't have much control over the situation. But for those of you who nominate one player at a time, here's how to completely throw off your competition.

In the early rounds, don't nominate a star player you want. Let someone else do that. Use your early nominations to drain the bank accounts of your players. Here's how:

- a. **Target the homer.** For example, if you know someone in your league is a huge Rams fan, nominate Puka Nacua at a respectable amount in the hopes that it sparks a bidding war. However, never nominate this player for more than you're willing to pay for him in the case nobody else bids.
- b. **Psychologically punch them in the face by securing non-essential positions.** Nominate your preferred defense for \$1-\$2. Do you think Philadelphia is a safe bet to accumulate sacks and turnovers again, and do you think they will be a season-long starter on your team? Will anyone in your league out-bid you for a team defense this early in the draft? People may throw popcorn at you or dump their beer on your head but it'll be fun to get under their skin this early. You can have friends before and after the draft – but when the bidding starts, take no prisoners.
- c. **Attack the middle tier running backs early.** If you really want to play dirty, start throwing mid-tier running backs out there that you don't care about. Imagine the fun you'll have when you nominate Kareem Hunt (or someone else you don't care for) for \$1 and watch a few players with pained expressions battling it out for a running back they don't even know if they'll want on their roster. If nobody bites? You'll have gained a strong depth player for only \$1, which will allow you to bid more aggressively on higher tier players.

Again, think of the auction draft as a means to make your competition spend more money on players you don't want early in the draft. Once players break the bank early, you can outbid them later and build a deep, formidable team with upside.

### It's OK to Be Aggressive

Yes, I love driving my competitors crazy. If you do it well enough, they won't even realize what you're doing. By the sixth round, they'll be comparing the \$20 they have left to your \$190 and realize their season is toast. But don't let this take you away from being aggressive with the players you want.

When it comes to the tier 1 players on your draft sheet, you can feel confident in fighting for them but it's not going to be in your best interests to fight hard for more than a couple (probably not more than 1). You should have a budget cap in mind for each player. If you think you're lean at a position and you go over your budget, then be disciplined enough to dial it back in the following rounds.

If you follow the general principle of making your competitors spend their money while having laser-like precision in the early rounds, you'll be in a position to absolutely dominate tier-2 and tier-3 players and should have the deepest, most flexible roster in your league including your preferred defense and kicker.

### Rough Budget Per Player:

#### Starters:

QB:	\$7 (or 5%)
RB1:	\$35 (or 17.5%)
RB2:	\$30 (or 15%)
WR1:	\$33 (or 15%)
WR2:	\$20 (or 15%)
TE:	\$4 (or 2%)

Flex:	\$28 (or 14%)
K:	\$2 (or 1%)
DST:	\$2 (or 1%)
Backup QB:	\$2 (or 1%)
Backup RB1:	\$10 (or 5%)
Backup RB2:	\$9 (or 4.5%)
Backup WR1:	\$8 (or 4%)
Backup WR2:	\$7 (or 3.5%)
Backup TE:	\$1 (or 0.5%)
Backup Flex:	\$2 (or 1%)

*Example is based on 16 Players and \$200 Budget*

In the above scenario, I'm assuming you will compete heavily for strong WRs and RBs, but not the best ones. Remember, while you're securing backup and bench players with your auction nominations, others will be nominating studs.

If you want to spend more money on a Tight End or QB, this is ok. You will just have to adjust the budget for the rest of your team accordingly.

### **Auction Tier Guidelines:**

As I said, it's fine to be aggressive with one or two guys at the beginning of the draft but you're going to end up winning your auction league by having enough cash on hand to dominate the middle rounds. I lean heavily on running backs but if you want to take a crack at a strong QB, I'm good with that. He might be more expensive than the "prescribed" quarterback amount but the competitive advantage he'll give you week to week could be worth that spend. If you want to spend a lot of dough to stack a QB and WR from the same team (for ex: Joe Burrow and Ja'Marr Chase), that is ok. Just know that you will have less to spend on your bench later.

# Sleepers

I've had an issue with the use of the word "sleeper" for years. If you're like me, you probably find it hard to find sleeper columns that you will be able to use on draft day. They are either filled with well-known and obvious breakout candidates or they are packed with players so obscure that they would never warrant draft consideration. I do things differently.

I used to break my sleepers into three categories, but I'm adding a fourth this year!

1. **Undervalued** – these are well known players but based on changes in offensive personnel and strategy, I believe they are valued 1-2 rounds too low. For example, Lamar Jackson was on this list last season. Jackson would never be considered a sleeper, but he was being drafted in the 4<sup>th</sup> round last season when he should have been a late 2<sup>nd</sup> or early 3<sup>rd</sup> round pick.
2. **Deep Sleepers** – based on average draft position, these players should be available in the later rounds of your drafts. You may be familiar with these names, but I select players on this list who could wind up starting for your team. These are the potential breakout players you're looking for. Jayden Daniels and J.K. Dobbins made this list last season.
3. **Hibernators** – based on average draft position, players in this category will likely be undrafted and thus, you can use your very last selection on these players. These are players that I think you should roster prior to week 1 in the hopes that they become stars. It's much better to own a breakout candidate in week 1 than to fight over that player in a waiver wire cycle (especially if you play in a FAAB format). Zach Ertz was a hibernator selection last season. Players such as Kyren Williams and Devon Achane have been featured in previous seasons.
4. **Zombies** – this new section identifies players that are so far off the radar that you probably won't see them mentioned in other sleeper lists. These are players that have no chance at being drafted, but who should be placed on your watch list and monitored throughout training camp and early in the NFL season. You'll notice many of these players are rookies.

## Under-Valued:

**QB, Bo Nix:** His first few games in 2024 were so bad that it brought down his per-game fantasy point average. Nix's pace in the back half of last season was torrid. My computer projection on him is very high in 2025. Don't be surprised if he finds himself ranked in the top 5 or 6 among QBs by the end of this season.

**QB, Justin Fields:** I don't think the Jets will be a great team this year, but that doesn't matter. Fields can run so well that he will be a good fantasy QB when healthy. He'll be selected in the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> round in most fantasy drafts this season. Fields offers excellent value in that range.

**RB, Alvin Kamara:** He's aging, there's no doubt about it. But Kamara is playing for a coach that has a track record of producing excellent fantasy football running backs. Kamara also doesn't have much competition behind him. I have a strong computer projection on him this season. He'll be selected in the late 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> round this year. If he can stay healthy, he'll give you 2<sup>nd</sup> round value.

**WR, Rashee Rice:** A possible suspension gives me pause, but I have a great statistical projection on Rice this season. He will be a PPR machine when he's on the field. Also, now that the Chiefs are trying to rest Kelce a bit more during games, it'll be Rice that works the middle of the field.

**WR, Michael Pittman Jr.:** I'm harsh, but the stink of the Colts 2024 passing game has impacted Pittman's 2025 ranking. Assuming Daniel Jones can win and maintain the starting QB job, Pittman will have a bounce back season.

**TE, David Njoku:** Njoku will take a step forward in production this year. He'll be best with Flacco, Sanders or Gabriel throwing him the ball. Unfortunately, Kenny Pickett is the projected starting QB to begin the offseason, so proceed with caution here.

**DST: Buffalo Bills:** The coaching is good and Buffalo brought in a lot of talent to the defense this offseason. They are ranked as the 9<sup>th</sup> best defense among fantasy publications, but I think they have top 5 potential.

**DST: Los Angeles Chargers:** They didn't bring in many fresh faces to the defense in free agency or the draft, but the Chargers defensive personnel will benefit from having a second year with this coaching staff.

## Deep Sleepers and Late-Round Gems:

**QB, Trevor Lawrence:** Liam Coen coached Baker Mayfield to another great season in 2024 and he'll be calling plays for Lawrence in Jacksonville this season. Trevor Lawrence has not lived up to his NFL potential, but this could be the year things change. He'll be throwing the ball to Brian Thomas Jr., Travis Hunter (probably) and underrated players like Parker Washington and Brenton Strange. The Jaguars running game will continue to provide support as well. 35 combined touchdowns is a real possibility for Lawrence this season.

**RB, Roschon Johnson:** I don't understand why, but fantasy football publications *still* have not adjusted to Ben Johnson's player utilization philosophy. The Bears will have a short yardage back who will accumulate a lot of rushing touchdowns this season. I'm not counting out 7<sup>th</sup> round selection Kyle Monangai, but Roschon Johnson figures to win this role. There is no way he should be ranked as a late round selection, but that is what is happening.

**RB, Zach Charbonnet:** He had better rushing efficiency than Kenneth Walker III last season. Can he overtake Walker this season like Bigsby and Irvine were able to do in Jacksonville and Tampa Bay last season?

**RB, Braelon Allen:** he is very impressive when on the field. The Jets will want to spread carries around multiple backs this year. Allen looks like the best short yardage runner on the team to me. Isiah Davis figures to be involved as well, but I love Allen's value on draft day.

**WR, Luther Burden III:** I'm including another Bear on this list for you. With Keenan Allen leaving the Bears this year, Ben Johnson was desperate for a versatile inside receiver. They landed a good one in the draft. Burden will not come close to Amon-Ra St. Brown's production (St. Brown played this role under Ben Johnson in Detroit). That said, Burden should be an immediate flex option in PPR formats.

**WR, Adam Thielen:** I'm not straying away from the older players. Alvin Kamara will be good in New Orleans and I think Adam Thielen still has value for the Panthers. Bryce Young and the passing game were steadily improving at the end of the 2024 season. What I like most about Thielen is that Bryce Young looks for him when he's in trouble. Safety valve players are always valuable and that's what Thielen is for Carolina.

**WR, Cedric Tillman:** If you follow my waiver wire columns, you'll remember Tillman prominently listed in the second half of 2024. Tillman rewarded owners with a few great fantasy weeks before a concussion ended his season early. Jeudy projects as the most targeted Browns receiver, but I argue Tillman is the superior red zone threat. He'll warrant plenty of flex consideration this season.

**TE, Zach Ertz:** Once again, I'm fighting against age bias! Ertz has graduated from the "hibernator" list I had him on last season, but he's still massively undervalued in the consensus rankings this year. If Ertz can stay healthy, he'll be a top 10 TE this season.

**TE, Tyler Warren:** I don't love the landing spot for Warren, but I'm trusting my eyes here. I think he's too good to *not* have a significant statistical impact for the Colts this season.

**DST, San Francisco:** A lot of defensive talent left the organization this year, but Robert Saleh's return will have this team performing well regardless. I expect the 49ers to be a top 10 defense this year, but they are likely to be available for you in the last round of your draft in 2025.

## Hibernators:

**RB, Kareem Hunt:** Apparently I'm the only one who noticed the Chiefs used Hunt more than they used Pacheco in the playoffs last season. Why would Hunt go undrafted? I don't get it.

**RB, Damien Martinez:** Don't consider drafting the Seattle Seahawk rookie, but I want you to pay attention to the running back battle this season. Martinez is underrated and new OC Clint Kubiak will not be shy about playing the best rusher in 2025.

**WR, Calvin Austin III:** He'll be the second-most targeted Steeler this year. Austin should be rostered prior to the start of the season.

**WR, Tyler Lockett:** More age bias? Lockett has slowed down, but he'll be the second WR on an improved passing team. He'll warrant flex consideration for fantasy teams this year.

**TE, Darren Waller:** With an average draft position in the 200s, I could have easily put Waller in the "hibernator" class of sleeper, but I can't imagine his ranking will stay that low throughout August and early September. Regardless, Jonnu Smith posted over 80 receptions, 880 yards and 8 TDs. If Waller can capture even half of those totals, he'll be worth a roster spot. If healthy, I think Waller is likely to exceed 60 receptions, 600 yards and 6 touchdowns. He's my favorite late round value tight end.

**TE, Mason Taylor:** Not only will this new offensive system scheme reward their starting tight end, but QB Justin Fields has always passed many targets to this position grouping. Mason Taylor projects as the starter, but if veteran Jeremy Ruckert wins the job, you should roster him instead.

**DST: New England Patriots:** They had a bad 2024 season, but they aren't far removed from being a good defense. Mike Vrabel will get things moving in the right direction.

## Zombies:

**RB, Nick Monangai:** If he outcompetes Roschon Johnson for the short yardage RB role in Chicago, he will be a breakout fantasy player this year.

**RB, Nick Chubb:** He's currently a free agent, but he would be the best RB on several teams. For example, I think he'd make immediate impact on the Dallas Cowboys. He would be a great short yardage compliment to Alvin Kamara in New Orleans. I think he's better than Brian Robinson Jr. in Washington. Keep an eye on his landing spot.

**RB, Jacory Croskey-Merritt:** The backfield is good, but not elite. Croskey-Merritt will have a chance to compete for immediate playing time.

**WR, Jordan Whittington:** I'm in the minority, but I think Whittington will be the starting slot receiver for the Rams. That will make him a valuable player, especially in PPR formats.

**WRs Malachai Corely and Arian Smith:** I blame Aaron Rodgers, not Corely, for Corely's lackluster rookie season. If Corely starts in the slot of the Jets, he could be an intriguing talent. Arian Smith has a good chance to play early in the season at outside receiver.

**WR, Dont'e Thornton Jr.:** He has a chance to start as one of the Raider outside receivers. Geno Smith throws a great deep ball. Thornton is tall and fast. I am going to try to find roster space for him prior to week 1 in many of my leagues.

**TE: Tyler Conklin:** This offense throws the ball to their tight end and Conklin is an upgrade compared to last season's Chargers TEs Will Dissly and Hayden Hurst.

**TE, Terrance Ferguson:** I think Higbee will be the starter for the Rams this year but if Ferguson wins the job, he will be rostered in most leagues by the end of 2025.

## Risk Players

I identify risk by comparing my statistical projections to the consensus rankings published by Fantasy Pros. This list is usually comprised of players that have had success in previous seasons but are finding themselves in changing situations. The players below will generate more hate mail than anything else I do this year, but it's my job to offer my opinion. Here are a few practical examples from 2024:

- I included Breece Hall (the consensus #2 RB last season) on this list due to my concerns with how Aaron Rodgers would impact the offense.
- I included Anthony Richardson, a QB drafted in the top 6 or 7 among QBs, because he is vulnerable to injury and not an efficient passer.
- I included TE Dalton Kincaid who was ranked among the top 5 TEs. It's not that I thought Kincaid was a bad player. I think he's excellent. But the 2023 Bills shifted their offensive approach and TEs weren't used as much after that change. That trend held true in 2024.

Long story short, I know I'm going to receive spirited disagreements about the players I list below. I'm not criticizing the quality of these players, but I'm noting risk to their workshare in 2025.

**RB, Isaiah Pacheco:** Based on what I saw last year, Kareem Hunt took the starting Chiefs RB role away from Pacheco. I'm also intrigued by the talent of 7<sup>th</sup> rounder, Brashard Smith. I'd rather take a TE, WR or QB with the draft selection I'd need to use on Pacheco. Let someone else take the risk.

**RB, Kenneth Walker III:** As I detailed in his player summary, Walker was not as efficient as backup Zack Charbonnet in Seattle last year. The Seahawks have a new coaching staff and they will hand the ball to the best runner whether that's Walker, Charbonnet or even rookie Damien Martinez.

**WR, Travis Hunter:** He's an excellent player and by far my favorite rookie WR. So why include him here? There's no guarantee that he'll be a full time offensive player. If Hunter's only playing half the snaps offensively, he won't be worth the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> round selection you will need to use to draft him.

**WR, Jaylen Waddle:** Like Buffalo between 2023 and 2024, the Dolphins have strategically changed direction. Waddle won't be used as much as TE Jonnu Smith. I don't think he's worth his draft day value unless Miami trades Smith away and fails to acquire a replacement tight end.

**WR, Mike Williams:** He's being drafted as though he'll be the top outside Charger receiver this season. I think Quentin Johnston is better and the Chargers have also added Tre Harris via the draft.

**WR, Brandon Aiyuk:** I don't think he'll be an awful middle-round pick, but I don't think he's going to reproduce the stats from his lone, excellent season. I think Aiyuk should be drafted sometime after the 10<sup>th</sup> round.

**DST, Detroit Lions:** They haven't finished higher than the 23<sup>rd</sup> ranked defense the past few years. They have a new, but unproven defensive coordinator. Their top-10 defensive ranking is based more on hype than analysis in my opinion.