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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 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 De'Von Achane Kyren Williams	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	Bucky Irving Josh Jacobs Jonathan Taylor Chase Brown James Cook	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 3rd and 4th 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 5th 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	Alvin Kamara	Davante Adams	George Kittle	NA	NA
Jayden Daniels	Omarion Hampton	Jerry Jeudy	Sam LaPorta		
Baker Mayfield	TreVeyon Henderson	Terry McLaurin			
Patrick Mahomes	Breece Hall	Ladd McConkey			
Bo Nix	Joe Mixon	Calvin Ridley			
	David Montgomery	DK Metcalf			
	Chuba Hubbard	Tetairoa McMillan			
	James Conner	Zay Flowers			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	Courtland Sutton			
	Jaylen Warren	Chris Godwin			
	Tony Pollard	DJ Moore			
		Jameson Williams			
		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	Rhamondre Stevenson	Jordan Addison	T.J. Hockenson		
Trevor Lawrence	RJ Harvey	Stefon Diggs	Travis Kelce		
	Aaron Jones	Jaylen Waddle	Evan Engram		
	Isiah Pacheco	Michael Pittman Jr.			
	Jerome Ford	Jakobi Meyers			
	Travis Etienne Jr.	George Pickens			
	Roschon Johnson	Cooper Kupp			
	Javonte Williams				

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	Kaleb Johnson	Ricky Pearsall	Tyler Warren	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	Zach Charbonnet	Deebo Samuel	Colston Loveland		
Jordan Love	Tank Bigsby	Keon Coleman	Zach Ertz		
Justin Herbert	Rachaad White	Cedric Tillman	Darren Waller		
Drake Maye	Najee Harris	Christian Kirk	Jake Ferguson		
Dak Prescott	Austin Ekeler	Luther Burden III			
C.J. Stroud	J.K. Dobbins	Adam Thielen			
		Rome Odunze			

Tier 6:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
J.J. McCarthy	Kareem Hunt	Josh Downs	Dallas Goedert	NA	NA
Sam Darnold	Jordan Mason	Jauan Jennings	Pat Freiermuth		
Cam Ward	Braelon Allen	Jayden Higgins			
Tua Tagovailoa	Dylan Sampson	Matthew Golden			
Bryce Young	Quinshon Judkins	Brandon Aiyuk			
	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	Dont'e Thornton Jr.			
	Nick Chubb	Rashid Shaheed			
		Darnell Mooney			
		Tre Tucker			

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	Rico Dowdle	Romeo Doubs	Kyle Pitts	Eagles Defense	NA
Geno Smith	Trey Benson	DeAndre Hopkins	Tucker Kraft	Vikings Defense	
Matthew Stafford	Tyler Allgeier	Marvin Mims Jr.	Hunter Henry	Broncos Defense	
Aaron Rodgers	Jaylen Wright	Marquise Brown	Dalton Kincaid		
	Keaton Mitchell	Alec Pierce	Cade Otton		
	Tyjae Spears	Wan'Dale Robinson	Theo Johnson		
	Brian Robinson Jr.	Parker Washington			
	Raheem Mostert	Quentin Johnston			
	Kendre Miller	Jalen McMillan			
	Ray Davis	Tyler Lockett			
	Isaac Guerendo	Calvin Austin III			
	Cam Skattebo	Jaylin Noel			
		Xavier Legette			
		Tory Horton			

Tier 8:

QB

Bryce Young
Sam Darnold

RB

Devin Singletary
Ollie Gordon II
Tahj Brooks

WR

Michael Wilson
Robert Woods
DeMario Douglas
Joshua Palmer
Jordan Whittington
Isaac TeSlaa
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

DJ Giddens
Kyle Monangai
MarShawn Lloyd
Justice Hill
Miles Sanders
Blake Corum
Samaje Perine
Will Shipley
Jaleel McLaughlin
Tyler Goodson
Bhayshul Tuten
Devin Neal

WR

Dontayvion Wicks
Roman Wilson
Adonai Mitchell
Andrei Iosivas
Keenan Allen
Mack Hollins
Jalen Royals
Xavier Gipson
Amari Cooper
Jamari Thrash
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

DST

Patriots Defense
Packers Defense
Texans Defense
Bears Defense
Browns Defense
Lions Defense
Jets Defense
Cowboys Defense
Commanders Defense
Giants 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	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
2	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	46	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
3	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	47	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
4	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	48	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
5	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	49	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
6	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	50	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
7	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	51	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
8	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	52	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9
9	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	53	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5
10	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	54	TE	George Kittle	SF	14
11	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	55	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
12	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	56	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8
13	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	57	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8
14	WR	Drake London	ATL	5	58	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
15	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	59	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
16	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	60	RB	James Conner	ARI	8
17	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	61	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
18	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	62	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
19	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	63	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
20	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	64	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
21	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	65	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
22	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	66	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
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	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
26	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7	70	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
27	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	71	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
28	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9	72	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
29	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	73	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
30	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	74	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9
31	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10	75	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
32	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	76	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
33	RB	James Cook	BUF	7	77	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
34	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	78	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
35	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	79	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
36	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8	80	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
37	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	81	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
38	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	82	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
39	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	83	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
40	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	84	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
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	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	87	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
44	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	88	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11

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

181	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14	217	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
182	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9	218	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
183	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	219	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
184	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12	220	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10
185	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	221	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8
186	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8	222	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14
187	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	223	K	Jake Bates	DET	8
188	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7	224	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5
189	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	225	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
190	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	226	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6
191	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	227	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
192	WR	Robert Woods	PIT	5	228	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
193	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14	229	WR	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
194	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12	230	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
195	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7	231	RB	Samaje Perine	CIN	10
196	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7	232	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
197	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	233	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
198	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	234	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
199	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8	235	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
200	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5	236	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
201	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	237	K	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
202	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14	238	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
203	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	239	WR	Keenan Allen	LAC	12
204	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11	240	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14
205	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	241	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10
206	RB	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	242	WR	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9
207	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8	243	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9
208	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10	244	WR	Amari Cooper	FA	0
209	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8	245	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
210	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14	246	WR	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9
211	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	247	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
212	WR	Brandin Cooks	NO	11	248	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5
213	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	249	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
214	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	250	RB	Tyler Goodson	IND	11
215	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7					
216	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12					

Positional Rankings

Quarterbacks

Rank	Player	Team	Bye				
				7	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
1	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	8	Bo Nix	DEN	12
2	Josh Allen	BUF	7	9	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
3	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	10	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
4	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	11	Jared Goff	DET	8
5	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	12	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
6	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	13	Brock Purdy	SF	14

14	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	15	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
15	Jordan Love	GB	5	16	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
16	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	17	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
17	Drake Maye	NE	14	18	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
18	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	19	David Montgomery	DET	8
19	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	20	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
20	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	21	James Conner	ARI	8
21	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	22	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
22	Cam Ward	TEN	10	23	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
23	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12	24	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
24	Bryce Young	CAR	14	25	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
25	Russell Wilson	NYG	14	26	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
26	Geno Smith	LV	8	27	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
27	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8	28	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
28	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5	29	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
29	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5	30	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
30	Daniel Jones	IND	11	31	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
31	Tyler Shough	NO	11	32	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
32	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5	33	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
33	Kenny Pickett	CLE	9	34	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
34	Joe Flacco	CLE	9	35	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
35	Anthony Richardson	IND	11	36	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
36	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5	37	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
37	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14	38	Rachaad White	TB	9
38	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8	39	Najee Harris	LAC	12
39	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9	40	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12
40	Will Howard	PIT	5	41	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
41	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9	42	Kareem Hunt	KC	10
42	Spencer Rattler	NO	11	43	Jordan Mason	MIN	6

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		Jonathan Taylor	IND	11
12		Chase Brown	CIN	10
13		James Cook	BUF	7
14		Alvin Kamara	NO	11

44	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
45	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9
46	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
47	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
48	Nick Chubb	HOU	6
49	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
50	Trey Benson	ARI	8
51	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5
52	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
53	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7
54	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10
55	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
56	Raheem Mostert	LV	8
57	Kendre Miller	NO	11
58	Ray Davis	BUF	7
59	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
60	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14

61	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	29	Jameson Williams	DET	8
62	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	30	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
63	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	31	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
64	DJ Giddens	IND	11	32	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
65	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	33	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
66	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	34	Jayden Reed	GB	5
67	Justice Hill	BAL	7	35	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
68	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	36	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
69	Blake Corum	LAR	8	37	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
70	Samaje Perine	CIN	10	38	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
71	Will Shipley	PHI	9	39	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
72	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12	40	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
73	Tyler Goodson	IND	11	41	George Pickens	DAL	10
74	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8	42	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
75	Devin Neal	NO	11	43	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14

Wide Receivers

Rank	Team	Player	Bye				
1	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	44	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
2	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	45	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
3	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	46	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
4	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	47	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
5	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	48	Luther Burden III	CHI	5
6	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	49	Adam Thielen	CAR	14
7	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	50	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
8	Nico Collins	HOU	6	51	Josh Downs	IND	11
9	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	52	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
10	Drake London	ATL	5	53	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6
11	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	54	Matthew Golden	GB	5
12	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	55	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
13	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	56	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
14	Mike Evans	TB	9	57	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
15	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	58	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
16	Rashee Rice	KC	10	59	Tre Tucker	LV	8
17	Chris Olave	NO	11	60	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
18	Davante Adams	LAR	8	61	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
19	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	62	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
20	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	63	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
21	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	64	Marquise Brown	KC	10
22	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	65	Alec Pierce	IND	11
23	DK Metcalf	PIT	5	66	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
24	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	67	Parker Washington	JAC	8
25	Zay Flowers	BAL	7	68	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
26	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12	69	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
27	Chris Godwin	TB	9	70	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
28	DJ Moore	CHI	5	71	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5
				72	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6
				73	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
				74	Tory Horton	SEA	8

75	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	18	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
76	Robert Woods	PIT	5	19	Hunter Henry	NE	14
77	DeMario Douglas	NE	14	20	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
78	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7	21	Cade Otton	TB	9
79	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	22	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
80	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8	23	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
81	Brandin Cooks	NO	11	24	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
82	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7	25	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
83	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5	26	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
84	Roman Wilson	PIT	5	27	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
85	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11	28	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
86	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10	29	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
87	Keenan Allen	LAC	12	30	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
88	Mack Hollins	NE	14	31	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
89	Jalen Royals	KC	10	32	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
90	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9	33	AJ Barner	SEA	8
91	Amari Cooper	FA	0	34	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
92	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9	35	Noah Gray	KC	10
93	Kyle Williams	NE	14	36	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
94	Tre Harris	LAC	12	37	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
95	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10	38	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
96	Darius Slayton	NYG	14	39	Austin Hooper	NE	14
97	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12	40	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12
98	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9				
99	Tank Dell	HOU	6				
100	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	SEA	8				

DST

Tight Ends

Rank	Team	Player	Bye
1	Trey McBride	ARI	8
2	Brock Bowers	LV	8
3	George Kittle	SF	14
4	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
5	David Njoku	CLE	9
6	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
7	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
8	Tyler Warren	IND	11
9	Travis Kelce	KC	10
10	Evan Engram	DEN	12
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	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
17	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5

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	Bears Defense	CHI	5
16	Browns Defense	CLE	9
17	Lions Defense	DET	8
18	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
19	Cowboys Defense	DAL	10

20	Commanders Defense	WAS	12
21	Giants Defense	NYG	14
22	Dolphins Defense	MIA	12
23	Buccaneers Defense	TB	9
24	Titans Defense	TEN	10
25	Falcons Defense	ATL	5
26	Cardinals Defense	ARI	8
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

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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 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 De'Von Achane Kyren Williams Ashton Jeanty	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 Chase Brown James Cook Alvin Kamara	Tee Higgins Jaxon Smith-Njigba Drake London A.J. Brown Mike Evans Garrett Wilson Tyreek Hill Davante Adams	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 3rd and 4th 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 5th 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	Omarion Hampton	Rashee Rice	George Kittle	NA	NA
Jayden Daniels	Breece Hall	Terry McLaurin	Sam LaPorta		
Baker Mayfield	Joe Mixon	Jerry Jeudy			
Patrick Mahomes	David Montgomery	Chris Olave			
Bo Nix	Chuba Hubbard	DK Metcalf			
	TreVeyon Henderson	Ladd McConkey			
	Jaylen Warren	Calvin Ridley			
	James Conner	Courtland Sutton			
	Kenneth Walker III	Tetairoa McMillan			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	Jameson Williams			
	Tony Pollard	Chris Godwin			
	Rhamondre Stevenson	DJ Moore			
	RJ Harvey	Zay Flowers			
	Jerome Ford	Marvin Harrison Jr.			
	Aaron Jones	Xavier Worthy			
	D'Andre Swift	Khalil Shakir			
	Kaleb Johnson	Jaylen Waddle			
	Roschon Johnson	Travis Hunter			
	Isiah Pacheco				

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	Javonte Williams	DeVonta Smith	David Njoku	CLE	NA
Justin Fields	Tank Bigsby	Jayden Reed	Mark Andrews	BAL	
Jared Goff	Travis Etienne Jr.	Michael Pittman Jr.	Travis Kelce	KC	
Trevor Lawrence		Jordan Addison	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	
		Stefon Diggs	Evan Engram	DEN	
		George Pickens			
		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	Zach Charbonnet	Ricky Pearsall	Tyler Warren	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	J.K. Dobbins	Deebo Samuel	Colston Loveland		
Jordan Love	Nick Chubb	Keon Coleman	Zach Ertz		
Justin Herbert	Braelon Allen	Rome Odunze			
Drake Maye	Rachaad White	Cedric Tillman			
Dak Prescott	Najee Harris	Luther Burden III			
C.J. Stroud	Austin Ekeler	Christian Kirk			
	Jordan Mason	Adam Thielen			

Tier 6:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
J.J. McCarthy	Kareem Hunt	Jauan Jennings	Darren Waller	NA	NA
Sam Darnold	Trey Benson	Jayden Higgins	Jake Ferguson		
Cam Ward	Dylan Sampson	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	Dallas Goedert		
Tua Tagovailoa	Quinshon Judkins	Darnell Mooney	Tucker Kraft		
	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	Rashid Shaheed			
	Tyler Allgeier	Matthew Golden			
		Brandon Aiyuk			
		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	Rico Dowdle	Romeo Doubs	Kyle Pitts	Vikings Defense	
Geno Smith	Keaton Mitchell	DeAndre Hopkins	Dalton Kincaid	Broncos Defense	
Matthew Stafford	Brian Robinson Jr.	Marvin Mims Jr.	Cade Otton		
	Tyjae Spears	Marquise Brown	Hunter Henry		
	Raheem Mostert	Alec Pierce	Isaiah Likely		
	Kendre Miller	Tre Tucker			
	Ray Davis	Wan'Dale Robinson			
	Isaac Guerendo	Parker Washington			
		Quentin Johnston			
		Jalen McMillan			
		Tyler Lockett			

Tier 8:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Aaron Rodgers	Cam Skattebo	Calvin Austin III	Mason Taylor	Ravens Defense	Cameron Dicker

Ollie Gordon II
Tahj Brooks
DJ Giddens
Kyle Monangai
MarShawn Lloyd
Justice Hill
Miles Sanders
Devin Singletary
Blake Corum

Tory Horton
Xavier Legette
Michael Wilson
Robert Woods
DeMario Douglas

Brenton Strange
Theo Johnson

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

Tier 9:

QB

Michael Penix Jr.
Daniel Jones
Tyler Shough

RB

Samaje Perine
Will Shipley
Tyler Goodson
Isaiah Davis
Bhayshul Tuten
Devin Neal

WR

Joshua Palmer
Jordan Whittington
Isaac TeSlaa
Keenan Allen
Brandin Cooks
Rashod Bateman
Dontayvion Wicks
Roman Wilson
Adonai Mitchell
Andrei Iosivas
Mack Hollins
Kyle Williams
Amari Cooper
Jamari Thrash
Jalen Royals
Tre Harris

TE

Jonnu Smith
Juwan Johnson
Dalton Schultz
Chig Okonkwo
Ja'Tavion Sanders
Tyler Higbee
Mike Gesicki
Tyler Conklin
Noah Fant
Noah Gray

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Tyler Loop
Jason Sanders
Will Reichard
Harrison Butker
Younghoe Koo
Matt Gay
Joshua Karty
Jason Myers
Daniel Carlson
Chad Ryland
Graham Gano
Jake Moody

Half Point Per Reception Overall Rankings

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye	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	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
3	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	48	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8
4	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	49	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
5	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	50	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
6	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	51	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
7	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	52	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
8	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	53	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
9	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	54	RB	James Conner	ARI	8
10	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	55	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
11	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	56	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
12	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	57	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8
13	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	58	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9
14	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	59	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5
15	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	60	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
16	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	61	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
17	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	62	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
18	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	63	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
19	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	64	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
20	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	65	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
21	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	66	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
22	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	67	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
23	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9	68	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
24	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10	69	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
25	WR	Drake London	ATL	5	70	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
26	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	71	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12
27	QB	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	72	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
28	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7	73	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
29	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9	74	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
30	RB	James Cook	BUF	7	75	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
31	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	76	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
32	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	77	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
33	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	78	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9
34	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8	79	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
35	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	80	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
36	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	81	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
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	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
43	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9	88	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
44	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	89	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10

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

182	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14	217	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
183	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	218	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
184	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8	219	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
185	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	220	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8
186	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10	221	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
187	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	222	DST	Browns Defense	CLE	9
188	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8	223	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
189	QB	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5	224	WR	Keenan Allen	LAC	12
190	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8	225	WR	Brandin Cooks	NO	11
191	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10	226	DST	Lions Defense	DET	8
192	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	227	DST	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
193	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8	228	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
194	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14	229	K	Jake Bates	DET	8
195	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14	230	RB	Samaje Perine	CIN	10
196	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5	231	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
197	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	232	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
198	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	233	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
199	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	234	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
200	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11	235	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
201	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	236	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
202	RB	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	237	WR	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
203	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	238	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
204	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	239	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
205	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	240	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
206	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7	241	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
207	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	242	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
208	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	243	K	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
209	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	244	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9
210	WR	Robert Woods	PIT	5	245	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14
211	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	246	TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
212	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	247	RB	Tyler Goodson	IND	11
213	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6	248	RB	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9
214	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14	249	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
215	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5	250	K	Will Reichard	MIN	6
216	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5					

Positional Rankings

Quarterbacks

Rank	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Player	Team	Bye
8	Bo Nix	DEN	12	8	Bo Nix	DEN	12
9	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	9	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
10	Justin Fields	NYJ	9	10	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
11	Jared Goff	DET	8	11	Jared Goff	DET	8
12	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	12	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
13	Brock Purdy	SF	14	13	Brock Purdy	SF	14
14	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	14	Caleb Williams	CHI	5
15	Jordan Love	GB	5	15	Jordan Love	GB	5

16	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	17	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
17	Drake Maye	NE	14	18	David Montgomery	DET	8
18	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	19	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
19	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	20	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
20	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	21	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
21	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	22	James Conner	ARI	8
22	Cam Ward	TEN	10	23	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
23	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12	24	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
24	Bryce Young	CAR	14	25	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
25	Russell Wilson	NYG	14	26	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
26	Geno Smith	LV	8	27	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
27	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8	28	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
28	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5	29	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
29	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5	30	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
30	Daniel Jones	IND	11	31	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
31	Tyler Shough	NO	11	32	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
32	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5	33	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
33	Kenny Pickett	CLE	9	34	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
34	Joe Flacco	CLE	9	35	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
35	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	11	36	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
36	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5	37	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
37	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14	38	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
38	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8	39	Nick Chubb	HOU	6
39	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9	40	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
40	Will Howard	PIT	5	41	Rachaad White	TB	9
41	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9	42	Najee Harris	LAC	12
42	Spencer Rattler	NO	11	43	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12

Running Backs

Rank	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	45	Kareem Hunt	KC	10
2	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	46	Trey Benson	ARI	8
3	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	47	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9
4	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	48	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
5	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	49	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
6	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	50	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5
7	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	51	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
8	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	52	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
9	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	53	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7
10	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	54	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
11	Bucky Irving	TB	9	55	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10
12	Chase Brown	CIN	10	56	Raheem Mostert	LV	8
13	James Cook	BUF	7	57	Kendre Miller	NO	11
14	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	58	Ray Davis	BUF	7
15	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	59	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
16	Breece Hall	NYJ	9	60	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14
				61	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
				62	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10

63	DJ Giddens	IND	11	31	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
64	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	32	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
65	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	33	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
66	Justice Hill	BAL	7	34	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
67	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	35	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
68	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	36	Jayden Reed	GB	5
69	Blake Corum	LAR	8	37	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
70	Samaje Perine	CIN	10	38	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
71	Will Shipley	PHI	9	39	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
72	Tyler Goodson	IND	11	40	George Pickens	DAL	10
73	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9	41	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
74	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8	42	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
75	Devin Neal	NO	11	43	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14

Wide Receivers:

Rank	Player	Team	Bye				
1	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	44	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
2	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	45	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
3	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	46	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
4	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	47	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
5	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	48	Luther Burden III	CHI	5
6	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	49	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
7	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	50	Adam Thielen	CAR	14
8	Nico Collins	HOU	6	51	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
9	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	52	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6
10	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	53	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
11	Drake London	ATL	5	54	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
12	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	55	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
13	Mike Evans	TB	9	56	Matthew Golden	GB	5
14	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	57	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
15	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	58	Josh Downs	IND	11
16	Davante Adams	LAR	8	59	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
17	Rashee Rice	KC	10	60	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
18	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	61	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
19	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	62	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
20	Chris Olave	NO	11	63	Marquise Brown	KC	10
21	DK Metcalf	PIT	5	64	Alec Pierce	IND	11
22	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	65	Tre Tucker	LV	8
23	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	66	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
24	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12	67	Parker Washington	JAC	8
25	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	68	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
26	Jameson Williams	DET	8	69	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
27	Chris Godwin	TB	9	70	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
28	DJ Moore	CHI	5	71	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5
29	Zay Flowers	BAL	7	72	Tory Horton	SEA	8
30	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8	73	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
				74	Michael Wilson	ARI	8
				75	Robert Woods	PIT	5
				76	DeMario Douglas	NE	14

77	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
78	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
79	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
80	Keenan Allen	LAC	12
81	Brandin Cooks	NO	11
82	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
83	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
84	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
85	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
86	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
87	Mack Hollins	NE	14
88	Kyle Williams	NE	14
89	Amari Cooper	FA	0
90	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9
91	Jalen Royals	KC	10
92	Tre Harris	LAC	12
93	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10
94	Darius Slayton	NYG	14
95	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12
96	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9
97	Tank Dell	HOU	6
98	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	SEA	8
99	Tim Patrick	DET	8
100	Ray-Ray McCloud III	ATL	5

Tight Ends:

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Trey McBride	ARI	8
2	Brock Bowers	LV	8
3	George Kittle	SF	14
4	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
5	David Njoku	CLE	9
6	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
7	Travis Kelce	KC	10
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	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
26	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
27	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
28	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
29	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
30	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
31	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
32	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
33	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
34	AJ Barner	SEA	8
35	Noah Gray	KC	10
36	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
37	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
38	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
39	Austin Hooper	NE	14
40	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12

Defense

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	Bears Defense	CHI	5
16	Browns Defense	CLE	9
17	Lions Defense	DET	8
18	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
19	Cowboys Defense	DAL	10
20	Commanders Defense	WAS	12
21	Giants Defense	NYG	14
22	Dolphins Defense	MIA	12

23	Buccaneers Defense	TB	9	7	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
24	Titans Defense	TEN	10	8	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
25	Falcons Defense	ATL	5	9	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
26	Cardinals Defense	ARI	8	10	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
27	Raiders Defense	LV	8	11	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
28	Bengals Defense	CIN	10	12	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
29	Jaguars Defense	JAC	8	13	Will Reichard	MIN	6
30	Saints Defense	NO	11	14	Harrison Butker	KC	10
31	Colts Defense	IND	11	15	Younghoe Koo	ATL	5
32	Panthers Defense	CAR	14	16	Matt Gay	WAS	12

Kicker

Rank	Player	Team	Bye				
1	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	17	Joshua Karty	LAR	8
2	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	18	Jason Myers	SEA	8
3	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	19	Daniel Carlson	LV	8
4	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	20	Chad Ryland	Ari	8
5	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6	21	Graham Gano	NYG	14
6	Jake Bates	DET	8	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 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 Bijan Robinson Christian McCaffrey De'Von Achane Kyren Williams Ashton Jeanty	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	Josh Jacobs Jonathan Taylor James Cook Bucky Irving Chase Brown 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 3rd and 4th 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 5th 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	Joe Mixon	Chris Olave	Sam LaPorta		
Baker Mayfield	James Conner	Jerry Jeudy			
Patrick Mahomes	David Montgomery	DK Metcalf			
Bo Nix	Jaylen Warren	Jameson Williams			
	TreVeyon Henderson	Ladd McConkey			
	Chuba Hubbard	Courtland Sutton			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	Zay Flowers			
	Tony Pollard	Tetairoa McMillan			
	Kenneth Walker III	Chris Godwin			
	Rhamondre Stevenson	Marvin Harrison Jr.			
	RJ Harvey	DJ Moore			
	Aaron Jones	Calvin Ridley			
	Jerome Ford	Travis Hunter			
	D'Andre Swift				

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	Roschon Johnson	Xavier Worthy	David Njoku	NA	NA
Justin Fields	Isiah Pacheco	Michael Pittman Jr.	Mark Andrews		
Jared Goff	Kaleb Johnson	Khalil Shakir	Travis Kelce		
Trevor Lawrence	Tank Bigsby	DeVonta Smith	T.J. Hockenson		
	Javonte Williams	Jayden Reed			
	Travis Etienne Jr.	Jordan Addison			
		Stefon Diggs			
		Jaylen Waddle			
		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:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Brock Purdy	J.K. Dobbins	Jakobi Meyers	Evan Engram	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	Braelon Allen	Cooper Kupp	Tyler Warren		

Jordan Love	Jordan Mason	Ricky Pearsall	Colston Loveland
Justin Herbert	Zach Charbonnet	Deebo Samuel	Darren Waller
Drake Maye	Nick Chubb	Keon Coleman	Dallas Goedert
Dak Prescott	Rachaad White	Cedric Tillman	Zach Ertz
C.J. Stroud	Austin Ekeler	Christian Kirk	Jake Ferguson
		Adam Thielen	
		George Pickens	
		Luther Burden III	

Tier 6:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
J.J. McCarthy	Najee Harris	Jauan Jennings	Tucker Kraft	NA	NA
Sam Darnold	Kareem Hunt	Matthew Golden			
	Dylan Sampson	Brandon Aiyuk			
	Quinshon Judkins	Jayden Higgins			
	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	Dont'e Thornton Jr.			
	Tyler Allgeier	Darnell Mooney			
	Keaton Mitchell	Rashid Shaheed			
	Tyjae Spears	DeAndre Hopkins			
	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:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Cam Ward	Ray Davis	Emeka Egbuka	Dalton Kincaid	Eagles Defense	NA
Tua Tagovailoa	Rico Dowdle	Romeo Doubs	Hunter Henry	Vikings Defense	
Bryce Young	Cam Skattebo	Marvin Mims Jr.	Pat Freiermuth	Broncos Defense	
Russell Wilson	Trey Benson	Marquise Brown	Isaiah Likely		
Geno Smith	Brian Robinson Jr.	Alec Pierce	Kyle Pitts		
Matthew Stafford	Raheem Mostert	Tre Tucker			
	Kendre Miller	Wan'Dale Robinson			
	Isaac Guerendo	Parker Washington			
	Devin Neal	Quentin Johnston			
	Ollie Gordon II	Jalen McMillan			
	Tahj Brooks	Tyler Lockett			
	MarShawn Lloyd	Calvin Austin III			

Tier 8:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Aaron Rodgers	DJ Giddens Kyle Monangai Justice Hill Miles Sanders Devin Singletary	Xavier Legette Tory Horton Michael Wilson Robert Woods DeMario Douglas Joshua Palmer Jordan Whittington Brandin Cooks Rashod Bateman	Cade Otton Mason Taylor Brenton Strange Theo Johnson	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	Blake Corum Samaje Perine Tyler Goodson Jaleel McLaughlin Bhayshul Tuten George Holani Jaydon Blue Isaiah Davis	Dontayvion Wicks Roman Wilson Adonai Mitchell Andrei Iosivas Mack Hollins Kyle Williams Allen Lazard Amari Cooper Jamari Thrash 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	Patriots Defense Packers Defense Texans Defense Bears Defense Browns Defense Lions Defense Jets Defense Cowboys Defense Commanders Defense Giants 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	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10
2	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	18	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	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	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	24	RB	James Cook	BUF	7
9	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	25	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8
10	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	26	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7
11	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	27	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9
12	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	28	WR	Drake London	ATL	5
13	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	29	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9
14	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	30	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10
15	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	31	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
16	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	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	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	81	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
36	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	82	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
37	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9	83	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
38	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	84	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
39	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	85	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
40	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	86	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
41	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	87	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
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	Joe Mixon	HOU	6	90	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
45	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	91	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
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	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
50	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5	96	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11
51	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	97	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14
52	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12	98	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
53	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7	99	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5
54	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14	100	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5
55	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	101	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
56	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8	102	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
57	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9	103	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
58	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8	104	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14
59	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5	105	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
60	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14	106	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
61	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14	107	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
62	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	108	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12
63	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	109	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14
64	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10	110	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
65	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8	111	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
66	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10	112	RB	Nick Chubb	HOU	6
67	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14	113	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9
68	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	114	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6
69	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12	115	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
70	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9	116	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
71	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	117	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
72	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6	118	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12
73	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9	119	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
74	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10	120	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
75	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11	121	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
76	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7	122	WR	Adam Thielen	CAR	14
77	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9	123	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10
78	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	124	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
79	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7	125	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10

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

218	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14	235	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14
219	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6	236	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14
220	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	237	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
221	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5	238	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
222	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11	239	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
223	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5	240	WR	Allen Lazard	NYJ	9
224	K	Jake Bates	DET	8	241	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
225	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8	242	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
226	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6	243	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
227	RB	Samaje Perine	CIN	10	244	K	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
228	RB	Tyler Goodson	IND	11	245	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5
229	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12	246	TE	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
230	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10	247	WR	Amari Cooper	FA	0
231	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6	248	TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
232	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11	249	DST	Browns Defense	CLE	9
233	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10	250	WR	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9
234	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9					

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	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5
5	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14
6	De'Von Achane	MIA	12
7	Kyren Williams	LAR	8
8	Ashton Jeanty	LV	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	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
15	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
16	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
17	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
18	James Conner	ARI	8
19	David Montgomery	DET	8
20	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
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	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
27	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
28	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
29	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
30	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
31	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
32	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
33	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
34	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
35	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
36	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
37	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
38	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
39	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
40	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
41	Nick Chubb	HOU	6

42	Rachaad White	TB	9	8	Malik Nabers	NYG	14
43	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	9	Tee Higgins	CIN	10
44	Najee Harris	LAC	12	10	A.J. Brown	PHI	9
45	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	11	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8
46	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	12	Mike Evans	TB	9
47	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9	13	Drake London	ATL	5
48	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	14	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
49	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	15	Davante Adams	LAR	8
50	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	16	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12
51	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10	17	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
52	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	18	Rashee Rice	KC	10
53	Ray Davis	BUF	7	19	Chris Olave	NO	11
54	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14	20	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
55	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	21	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
56	Trey Benson	ARI	8	22	Jameson Williams	DET	8
57	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12	23	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
58	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	24	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
59	Kendre Miller	NO	11	25	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
60	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14	26	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
61	Devin Neal	NO	11	27	Chris Godwin	TB	9
62	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	28	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
63	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	29	DJ Moore	CHI	5
64	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	30	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
65	DJ Giddens	IND	11	31	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
66	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	32	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
67	Justice Hill	BAL	7	33	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
68	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	34	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
69	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	35	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
70	Blake Corum	LAR	8	36	Jayden Reed	GB	5
71	Samaje Perine	CIN	10	37	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
72	Tyler Goodson	IND	11	38	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
73	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12	39	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
74	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8	40	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
75	George Holani	SEA	8	41	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
76	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	42	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
77	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9	43	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14
				44	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
				45	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
				46	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
				47	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
				48	Adam Thielen	CAR	14
				49	George Pickens	DAL	10
				50	Luther Burden III	CHI	5
				51	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
				52	Matthew Golden	GB	5
				53	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				
5	Puka Nacua	LAR	8				
6	Nico Collins	HOU	6				
7	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8				

54	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6
55	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
56	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
57	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
58	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
59	Josh Downs	IND	11
60	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
61	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
62	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
63	Marquise Brown	KC	10
64	Alec Pierce	IND	11
65	Tre Tucker	LV	8
66	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
67	Parker Washington	JAC	8
68	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
69	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
70	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
71	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5
72	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
73	Tory Horton	SEA	8
74	Michael Wilson	ARI	8
75	Robert Woods	PIT	5
76	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
77	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
78	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
79	Brandin Cooks	NO	11
80	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
81	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
82	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
83	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
84	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
85	Mack Hollins	NE	14
86	Kyle Williams	NE	14
87	Allen Lazard	NYJ	9
88	Amari Cooper	FA	0
89	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9
90	Jalen Royals	KC	10
91	Tre Harris	LAC	12
92	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10
93	Darius Slayton	NYG	14
94	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12
95	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9
96	Dyami Brown	JAC	8
97	Tank Dell	HOU	6
98	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	SEA	8
99	Tim Patrick	DET	8

100	Ray-Ray McCloud III	ATL	5
Tight Ends:			
Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Brock Bowers	LV	8
2	Trey McBride	ARI	8
3	George Kittle	SF	14
4	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
5	David Njoku	CLE	9
6	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
7	Travis Kelce	KC	10
8	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
9	Evan Engram	DEN	12
10	Tyler Warren	IND	11
11	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
12	Darren Waller	MIA	12
13	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
14	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
15	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
16	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
17	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
18	Hunter Henry	NE	14
19	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
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	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
30	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
31	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
32	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
33	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
34	AJ Barner	SEA	8
35	Noah Gray	KC	10
36	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
37	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
38	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
39	Austin Hooper	NE	14
40	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12

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	Bears Defense	CHI	5
16	Browns Defense	CLE	9
17	Lions Defense	DET	8
18	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
19	Cowboys Defense	DAL	10
20	Commanders Defense	WAS	12
21	Giants Defense	NYG	14
22	Dolphins Defense	MIA	12
23	Buccaneers Defense	TB	9
24	Titans Defense	TEN	10
25	Falcons Defense	ATL	5
26	Cardinals Defense	ARI	8
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	QB	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7
2	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7
3	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10
4	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9
5	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12
6	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10
7	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
8	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
9	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9
10	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8

11	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5
12	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7
13	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6
14	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8
15	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12
16	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10
17	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
18	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8
19	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14
20	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14

21	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	67	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
22	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9	68	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
23	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	69	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
24	QB	Jared Goff	DET	8	70	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
25	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	71	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
26	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	72	RB	James Conner	ARI	8
27	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	73	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
28	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	74	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
29	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	75	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14
30	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	76	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
31	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14	77	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8
32	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	78	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9
33	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	79	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
34	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	80	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
35	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	81	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5
36	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5	82	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8
37	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	83	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
38	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9	84	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
39	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	85	QB	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
40	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10	86	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
41	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14	87	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
42	WR	Drake London	ATL	5	88	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
43	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9					
44	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9	89	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
45	RB	James Cook	BUF	7	90	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
46	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	91	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
47	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	92	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
48	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	93	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
49	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8	94	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
50	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11	95	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
51	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	96	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9
52	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	97	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
53	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	98	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
54	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	99	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
55	TE	George Kittle	SF	14	100	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
56	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	101	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10
57	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	102	TE	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
58	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9	103	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
59	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	104	TE	Evan Engram	DEN	12
60	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	105	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
61	WR	DK Metcalf	PIT	5	106	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
62	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	107	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10
63	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	108	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
64	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6	109	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
65	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8	110	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
66	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12	111	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11

112	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5	157	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
113	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	158	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
114	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	159	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
115	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8	160	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
116	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10	161	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
117	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8	162	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
118	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12	163	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
119	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	164	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
120	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	165	DST	Eagles Defense	PHI	9
121	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7	166	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10
122	RB	Nick Chubb	HOU	6	167	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9
123	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9	168	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11
124	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5	169	DST	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
125	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9	170	QB	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5
126	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9	171	QB	Kenny Pickett	CLE	9
127	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6	172	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7
128	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	173	RB	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10
129	WR	Adam Thielen	CAR	14	174	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12
130	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5	175	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12
131	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12	176	RB	Raheem Mostert	LV	8
132	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	177	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
133	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	178	RB	Kendre Miller	NO	11
134	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	179	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
135	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12	180	WR	Tre Tucker	LV	8
136	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12	181	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
137	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10	182	WR	Parker Washington	JAC	8
138	QB	Daniel Jones	IND	11	183	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7
139	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	184	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
140	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	185	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
141	QB	Tyler Shough	NO	11	186	WR	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
142	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8	187	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7
143	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5	188	QB	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
144	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11	189	QB	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	11
145	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9					
146	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	190	QB	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5
147	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5	191	QB	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
148	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5	192	QB	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
149	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8	193	QB	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9
150	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14	194	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
151	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	195	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14
152	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9	196	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
153	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	197	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14
					198	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
154	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	199	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5
155	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11	200	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8
156	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	201	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8

202	QB	Will Howard	PIT	5	227	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
203	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10	228	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5
204	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	229	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
205	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8	230	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
206	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14	231	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
207	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14	232	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
208	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5	233	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8
209	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	234	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
210	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	235	DST	Browns Defense	CLE	9
211	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	236	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
212	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11	237	WR	Brandin Cooks	NO	11
213	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	238	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
214	RB	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	239	DST	Lions Defense	DET	8
215	QB	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9	240	DST	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
216	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	241	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
217	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	242	K	Jake Bates	DET	8
218	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	243	RB	Samaje Perine	CIN	10
219	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7	244	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
220	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	245	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
221	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	246	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
222	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	247	WR	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
223	WR	Robert Woods	PIT	5	248	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
224	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	249	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
225	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	250	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
226	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6					

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	3	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6
1	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	4	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8
2	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	5	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5

6	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	52	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
7	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	53	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8
8	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	54	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
9	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	55	TE	George Kittle	SF	14
10	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	56	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
11	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	57	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
12	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	58	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11
13	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	59	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5
14	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	60	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9
15	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	61	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
16	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	62	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
17	WR	Drake London	ATL	5	63	TE	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
18	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	64	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8
19	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	65	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14
20	QB	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	66	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5
21	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	67	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
22	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9	68	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5
23	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7	69	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
24	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	70	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
25	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	71	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
26	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	72	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
27	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	73	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9
28	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	74	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
29	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10	75	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9
30	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9	76	QB	Jared Goff	DET	8
31	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	77	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
32	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	78	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14
33	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	79	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
34	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	80	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
35	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	81	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
36	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	82	TE	Evan Engram	DEN	12
37	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8	83	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
38	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8	84	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
39	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	85	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
40	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	86	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9
41	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	87	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
42	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14	88	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
43	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12	89	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
44	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	90	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
45	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9	91	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12
46	WR	DK Metcalf	PIT	5	92	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
47	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9	93	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
48	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7	94	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
49	RB	James Cook	BUF	7	95	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6
50	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10	96	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6
51	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8	97	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5

98	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	144	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
99	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7	145	QB	Daniel Jones	IND	11
100	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9	146	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
101	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8	147	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
102	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8	148	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
103	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5	149	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
104	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5	150	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
105	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12	151	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
106	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	152	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
107	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	153	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
108	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	154	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
109	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9	155	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8
110	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10	156	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
111	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8	157	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11
112	TE	AJ Barner	SEA	8	158	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
113	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	159	TE	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
114	WR	Jack Bech	LV	8	160	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9
115	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12	161	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
116	WR	Jalen McMillan	TB	9	162	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
117	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	163	QB	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
118	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10	164	QB	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
119	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8	165	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
120	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12	166	WR	Jaylin Lane	WAS	12
121	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5	167	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
122	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	168	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
123	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10	169	WR	Malachi Corley	NYJ	9
124	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12	170	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
125	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5	171	WR	Tyrell Shavers	BUF	7
126	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8	172	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12
127	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14	173	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
128	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	174	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
129	RB	James Conner	ARI	8	175	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5
130	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	176	RB	Damien Martinez	SEA	8
131	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14	177	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
132	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8	178	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
133	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10	179	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
134	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	180	TE	Taysom Hill	NO	11
135	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	181	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
136	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14	182	TE	Cade Stover	HOU	6
137	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	183	TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
138	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6	184	TE	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12
139	WR	Adam Thielen	CAR	14	185	TE	Noah Fant	CIN	10
140	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9	186	RB	Jordan James	SF	14
141	TE	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8	187	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
142	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5	188	TE	Ben Sinnott	WAS	12
143	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12	189	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11

190	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6	235	RB	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9
191	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10	236	WR	Brandin Cooks	NO	11
192	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7	237	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
193	TE	Harold Fannin Jr.	CLE	9	238	RB	Trevor Etienne	CAR	14
194	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11	239	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
195	WR	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6	240	RB	Jarquez Hunter	LAR	8
196	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12	241	TE	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
197	TE	Luke Schoonmaker	DAL	10	242	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
198	WR	Savion Williams	GB	5	243	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
199	WR	Pat Bryant	DEN	12	244	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14
200	WR	Tai Felton	MIN	6	245	QB	Will Howard	PIT	5
201	RB	Brashard Smith	KC	10	246	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
202	TE	Gunnar Helm	TEN	10	247	WR	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9
203	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	248	TE	Noah Gray	KC	10
204	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11	249	WR	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10
205	WR	Roman Wilson	PIT	5	250	WR	Darius Slayton	NYG	14
206	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8					
207	TE	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8					
208	WR	Arian Smith	NYJ	9					
209	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10					
210	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14					
211	RB	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10					
212	QB	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	11					
213	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10					
214	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14					
215	TE	Mitchell Evans	CAR	14					
216	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12					
217	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10					
218	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7					
219	RB	Phil Mafah	DAL	10					
220	QB	Tyler Shough	NO	11					
221	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5					
222	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10					
223	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5					
224	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14					
225	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10					
226	RB	Nick Chubb	HOU	6					
227	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11					
228	QB	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9					
229	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6					
230	TE	Tip Reiman	ARI	8					
231	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8					
232	WR	Robert Woods	PIT	5					
233	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14					
234	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7					

Positional Rankings

Quarterbacks

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

Running Backs

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

46	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	12	A.J. Brown	PHI	9
47	Jerome Ford	CLE	9	13	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
48	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14	14	Rashee Rice	KC	10
49	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	15	Mike Evans	TB	9
50	Damien Martinez	SEA	8	16	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12
51	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	17	Chris Olave	NO	11
52	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	18	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
53	Jordan James	SF	14	19	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
54	Ray Davis	BUF	7	20	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
55	Brashard Smith	KC	10	21	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
56	Blake Corum	LAR	8	22	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
57	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14	23	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
58	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10	24	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
59	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	25	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
60	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	26	Jameson Williams	DET	8
61	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	27	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
62	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	28	Davante Adams	LAR	8
63	Phil Mafah	DAL	10	29	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
64	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	30	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
65	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	31	DJ Moore	CHI	5
66	Nick Chubb	HOU	6	32	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
67	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9	33	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
68	Trevor Etienne	CAR	14	34	Chris Godwin	TB	9
69	Jarquez Hunter	LAR	8	35	Jayden Reed	GB	5
70	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	36	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
71	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	37	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
72	Devin Neal	NO	11	38	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
73	Kendre Miller	NO	11	39	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
74	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	40	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
75	Justice Hill	BAL	7	41	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6
76	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	42	Matthew Golden	GB	5
77	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	43	Luther Burden III	CHI	5

Wide Receivers:

Rank	Player	Team	Bye				
1	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	44	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
2	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	45	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
3	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	46	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
4	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	47	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
5	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	48	Jack Bech	LV	8
6	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	49	Jalen McMillan	TB	9
7	Nico Collins	HOU	6	50	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14
8	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	51	George Pickens	DAL	10
9	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	52	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
10	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	53	Tory Horton	SEA	8
11	Drake London	ATL	5	54	Kyle Williams	NE	14
				55	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
				56	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
				57	Jalen Royals	KC	10

58	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	1	Brock Bowers	LV	8
59	Adam Thielen	CAR	14	2	Trey McBride	ARI	8
60	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	3	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
61	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12	4	George Kittle	SF	14
62	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5	5	Tyler Warren	IND	11
63	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	6	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
64	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12	7	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
65	Stefon Diggs	NE	14	8	David Njoku	CLE	9
66	Josh Downs	IND	11	9	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
67	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8	10	Evan Engram	DEN	12
68	Romeo Doubs	GB	5	11	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
69	Jaylin Lane	WAS	12	12	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
70	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7	13	AJ Barner	SEA	8
71	Malachi Corley	NYJ	9	14	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
72	Tyrell Shavers	BUF	7	15	Darren Waller	MIA	12
73	Tre Harris	LAC	12	16	Travis Kelce	KC	10
74	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14	17	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
75	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11	18	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
76	Christian Kirk	HOU	6	19	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
77	Marquise Brown	KC	10	20	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
78	Alec Pierce	IND	11	21	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
79	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6	22	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
80	Savion Williams	GB	5	23	Cade Otton	TB	9
81	Pat Bryant	DEN	12	24	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
82	Tai Felton	MIN	6	25	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
83	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	26	Taysom Hill	NO	11
84	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11	27	Cade Stover	HOU	6
85	Roman Wilson	PIT	5	28	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
86	Arian Smith	NYJ	9	29	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12
87	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10	30	Noah Fant	CIN	10
88	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	31	Ben Sinnott	WAS	12
89	Robert Woods	PIT	5	32	Harold Fannin Jr.	CLE	9
90	DeMario Douglas	NE	14	33	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
91	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7	34	Luke Schoonmaker	DAL	10
92	Brandin Cooks	NO	11	35	Gunnar Helm	TEN	10
93	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7	36	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
94	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5	37	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
95	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10	38	Mitchell Evans	CAR	14
96	Mack Hollins	NE	14	39	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
97	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9	40	Hunter Henry	NE	14
98	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10				
99	Darius Slayton	NYG	14				
100	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12				

Tight Ends:

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
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DST

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Eagles Defense	PHI	9
2	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
3	Broncos Defense	DEN	12

4	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
5	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
6	49ers Defense	SF	14
7	Bills Defense	BUF	7
8	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
9	Rams Defense	LAR	8
10	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
11	Chiefs Defense	KC	10
12	Patriots Defense	NE	14
13	Packers Defense	GB	5
14	Browns Defense	CLE	9
15	Texans Defense	HOU	6
16	Bears Defense	CHI	5
17	Commanders Defense	WAS	12
18	Lions Defense	DET	8
19	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
20	Cowboys Defense	DAL	10
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

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

Rookie Rankings

These rankings reflect my rookie strategy for rookie-only drafts. These are most appropriate for players in dynasty or deep keeper formats. They are not a reflection of how I think rookies will perform in 2025. They reflect how I think they'll perform over the next five years of their career.

1	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	15	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
2	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	16	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
3	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14	17	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
4	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	18	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
5	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	19	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8
6	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	20	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14
7	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11	21	WR	Jack Bech	LV	8
8	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	22	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5
9	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5	23	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
10	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	24	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14
11	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	25	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
12	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	26	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
13	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	27	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12
14	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	28	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
					29	QB	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
					30	QB	Tyler Shough	NO	11

31	QB	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9	46	QB	Will Howard	PIT	
32	TE	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8	47	RB	Kalel Mullings	TEN	10
33	TE	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8	48	WR	KeAndre Lambert-Smith	LAC	12
34	RB	Trevor Etienne	CAR	14	49	WR	Pat Bryant	DEN	12
35	RB	Phil Mafah	DAL	10	50	RB	Brashard Smith	KC	10
36	WR	Jaylin Noel	HOU	6	51	WR	Arian Smith	NYJ	9
37	RB	Devin Neal	NO	11	52	RB	Jarquez Hunter	LAR	8
38	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	53	WR	Konata Mumpfield	LAR	8
39	RB	Damien Martinez	SEA	8	54	WR	Elic Ayomanor	TEN	10
40	RB	Jordan James	SF	14	55	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
41	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10	56	TE	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12
42	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11	57	WR	Jordan Watkins	SF	14
43	WR	Jaylin Lane	WAS	12	58	TE	Harold Fannin Jr.	CLE	9
44	QB	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8	59	WR	Savion Williams	GB	5
45	RB	Woody Marks	HOU	6	60	WR	Tai Felton	MIN	6

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	17	LB	Logan Wilson	CIN	10
2	LB	Zack Baun	PHI	9	18	LB	Nick Bolton	KC	10
3	LB	Roquan Smith	BAL	7	19	LB	Jack Campbell	DET	8
4	LB	Alex Singleton	DEN	12	20	LB	Lavonte David	TB	9
5	LB	Fred Warner	SF	14	21	LB	Harold Landry III	NE	14
6	LB	Blake Cashman	MIN	6	22	LB	Quay Walker	GB	5
7	LB	Bobby Okereke	NYG	14	23	LB	T.J. Edwards	CHI	5
8	LB	Kaden Elliss	ATL	5	24	LB	Bobby Wagner	WAS	12
9	LB	Robert Spillane	NE	14	25	LB	Jaelan Phillips	MIA	12
10	LB	Ernest Jones IV	SEA	8	26	LB	Dre Greenlaw	DEN	12
11	LB	Jordyn Brooks	MIA	12	27	LB	Terrel Bernard	BUF	7
12	LB	Daiyan Henley	LAC	12	28	LB	Patrick Queen	PIT	5
13	LB	Foyesade Oluokun	JAC	8	29	LB	Edgerrin Cooper	GB	5
14	LB	Azeez Al-Shaair	HOU	6	30	LB	Ivan Pace Jr.	MIN	6
15	LB	Josey Jewell	CAR	14	31	LB	Dorian Williams	BUF	7
16	LB	Jamien Sherwood	NYJ	9	32	LB	Jonathon Cooper	DEN	12

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

Defensive Lineman

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye					
1	DE	Aidan Hutchinson	DET	8	22	DE	George Karlaftis III	KC	10
2	DE	T.J. Watt	PIT	5	23	DE	Josh Hines-Allen	JAC	8
3	DE	Maxx Crosby	LV	8	24	DE	Nolan Smith Jr.	PHI	9
4	DE	Jonathan Greenard	MIN	6	25	DE	Carol Granderson	NO	11
5	LB	Andrew Van Ginkel	MIN	6	26	DT	Derrick Brown	CAR	14
6	DE	Trey Hendrickson	CIN	10	27	DE	Yaya Diaby	TB	9
7	DE	Myles Garrett	CLE	9	28	DE	Micah Parsons	DAL	10
8	DE	Greg Rousseau	BUF	7	29	DT	Cameron Heyward	PIT	5
9	DE	Brian Burns	NYG	14	30	DE	Nick Bosa	SF	14
10	DT	Jeffery Simmons	TEN	10	31	DE	Kobie Turner	LAR	8
11	DE	Bradley Chubb	MIA	12	32	DE	Anfernee Jennings	NE	14
12	DT	DeForest Buckner	IND	11	33	DE	Arden Key	TEN	10
13	DT	Christian Wilkins	LV	8	34	DE	Kyle Van Noy	BAL	7
14	DE	Jared Verse	LAR	8	35	DT	Dexter Lawrence	NYG	14
15	DE	Danielle Hunter	HOU	6	36	DE	Dorance Armstrong	WAS	12
16	DT	Zach Sieler	MIA	12	37	DE	Will Anderson Jr.	HOU	6
17	DE	Zach Allen	DEN	12	38	DE	Jermaine Johnson	NYJ	9
18	DE	Travon Walker	JAX	0	39	DE	Josh Sweat	ARI	8
19	DE	Leonard Williams	SEA	8	40	DT	Jalen Carter	PHI	9
20	DE	Byron Young	LAR	8	41	DT	Chris Jones	KC	10
21	DE	Nik Bonitto	Den	12	42	LB	Khalil Mack	LAC	12

43	DT	Tershawn Wharton	CAR	14	47	DE	Jalon Walker	ATL	5
44	DE	Will McDonald IV	NYJ	9	48	DT	Daron Payne	WAS	12
45	DT	Grover Stewart	IND	11	49	DE	Mike Green	BAL	7
46	DE	Mykel Williams	SF	14	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 4th round last season when he should have been a late 2nd or early 3rd 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 9th or 10th 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 4th or 5th round this year. If he can stay healthy, he'll give you 2nd 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 9th 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 7th 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, Dylan Sampson: I've been watching the NFL a long time. The front office has evolved and pure talent doesn't always cut it. The Cleveland Browns, after taking on the PR nightmare of Deshaun Watson and failing, are going to be sensitive to domestic violence issues. Rookie Quinshon Judkins was poised to win the starting job in Cleveland and then got himself into a horrible mess. I'm not convinced that the Browns will *ever* sign him. At the very least, they will wait until his court situation has resolved itself. All the while, the talented Dylan Sampson is getting reps by the day. You should take a flyer on the rookie

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.

WR, Tory Horton: I think the cat is already out of the bag. I've moved him up my rankings in a big way. Horton could enter week 1 as a starter in Seattle.

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 7th 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. ***NOTE: I'm higher on him after the first preseason game.***

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 5th or 6th round selection you will need to use to draft him. ***NOTE: I'm higher on him after the first preseason game.***

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. ***NOTE: I'm higher on him after the first preseason game.***

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 10th round.

DST, Detroit Lions: They haven't finished higher than the 23rd 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.