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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.

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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	Courtland Sutton			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	Zay Flowers			
	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	Stefon Diggs	T.J. Hockenson		
Trevor Lawrence	RJ Harvey	Jaylen Waddle	Travis Kelce		
	Aaron Jones	Michael Pittman Jr.	Evan Engram		
	Isiah Pacheco	Jakobi Meyers			
	Jerome Ford	George Pickens			
	Travis Etienne Jr.	Jordan Addison			
	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	Zach Charbonnet	Ricky Pearsall	Tyler Warren	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	Tank Bigsby	Deebo Samuel	Colston Loveland		
Jordan Love	Rachaad White	Keon Coleman	Zach Ertz		
Justin Herbert	Najee Harris	Cedric Tillman	Darren Waller		
Drake Maye	Austin Ekeler	Christian Kirk	Jake Ferguson		
Dak Prescott	J.K. Dobbins	Luther Burden III			
C.J. Stroud		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	Emeka Egbuka	Kyle Pitts	Eagles Defense	NA
Geno Smith	Trey Benson	Romeo Doubs	Tucker Kraft	Vikings Defense	
Matthew Stafford	Tyler Allgeier	DeAndre Hopkins	Hunter Henry	Broncos Defense	
Aaron Rodgers	Jaylen Wright	Marvin Mims Jr.	Dalton Kincaid		
	Keaton Mitchell	Marquise Brown	Brenton Strange		
	Kaleb Johnson	Alec Pierce	Mason Taylor		
	Tyjae Spears	Wan'Dale Robinson	Cade Otton		
	Brian Robinson Jr.	Parker Washington	Isaiah Likely		
	Raheem Mostert	Quentin Johnston	Theo Johnson		
	Kendre Miller	Tyler Lockett			
	Ollie Gordon II	Calvin Austin III			
	Kyle Monangai	Xavier Legette			
	Ray Davis	Tory Horton			
	Isaac Guerendo				
	Cam Skattebo				

Tier 8:

QB

Bryce Young
Sam Darnold

RB

Devin Singletary
Tahj Brooks

WR

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

TE

Jonnu Smith
Juwan Johnson

DST

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

K

Cameron Dicker
Brandon Aubrey
Chris Boswell

Tier 9:

QB

Michael Penix Jr.
Daniel Jones
Tyler Shough
Joe Flacco

RB

DJ Giddens
Will Shipley
Isaiah Davis
MarShawn Lloyd
Justice Hill
Miles Sanders
Blake Corum
Samaje Perine
Kenneth Gainwell
Jaleel McLaughlin
Tyler Goodson

WR

Dontayvion Wicks
Adonai Mitchell
Tre Harris
Andrei Iosivas
Jamari Thrash
Troy Franklin
Keenan Allen
Mack Hollins
Jalen Royals
Xavier Gipson
Amari Cooper
Kyle Williams
Roman Wilson
Jalen Tolbert
Darius Slayton
Devaughn Vele
Josh Reynolds
Tank Dell
Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Tim Patrick
Ray-Ray McCloud III

TE

Dalton Schultz
Chig Okonkwo
Tyler Higbee
Ja'Tavion Sanders
Mike Gesicki
AJ Barner
Tyler Conklin
Noah Gray
Terrance Ferguson
Elijah Arroyo
Cole Kmet
Austin Hooper
Oronde Gadsden II

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

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

181	DST	Vikings Defense	MIN	6	216	WR	Jalen Coker	CAR	14
182	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	217	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
183	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	SF	14	218	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
184	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	219	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
185	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9	220	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10
186	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	221	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8
187	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12	222	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14
188	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	223	K	Jake Bates	DET	8
189	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14	224	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5
190	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7	225	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
191	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	226	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6
192	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	227	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
193	WR	Scotty Miller	PIT	5	228	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
194	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12	229	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
195	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5	230	RB	Samaje Perine	CIN	10
196	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7	231	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
197	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	232	WR	Amari Cooper	LV	8
198	WR	Parker Washington	JAC	8	233	RB	Chris Brooks	GB	5
199	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5	234	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
200	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14	235	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
201	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	236	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
202	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11	237	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
203	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9	238	K	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
204	RB	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9	239	WR	Keenan Allen	LAC	12
205	RB	Phil Mafah	DAL	10	240	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
206	WR	Tre Tucker	LV	8	241	WR	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9
207	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8	242	WR	Troy Franklin	DEN	12
208	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10	243	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12
209	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14	244	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14
210	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8	245	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10
211	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	246	WR	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9
212	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	247	QB	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
213	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	248	RB	Kenneth Gainwell	PIT	5
214	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7	249	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
215	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	250	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5

Positional Rankings

Quarterbacks

Rank	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Team	Player	Bye
1	Josh Allen	BUF	7	1	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9
2	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	2	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8
3	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	3	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5
4	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	4	Derrick Henry	BAL	7
5	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	5	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14
6	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	6	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8
7	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10	7	De'Von Achane	MIA	12
8	Bo Nix	DEN	12	8	Kyren Williams	LAR	8
9	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	9	Bucky Irving	TB	9
10	Justin Fields	NYJ	9	10	Josh Jacobs	GB	5
11	Jared Goff	DET	8	11	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11
12	Brock Purdy	SF	14	12	Chase Brown	CIN	10
13	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	13	James Cook	BUF	7
14	Jordan Love	GB	5	14	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
15	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	15	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
16	Drake Maye	NE	14	16	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
17	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	17	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
18	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	18	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
19	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	19	David Montgomery	DET	8
20	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	20	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
21	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	21	James Conner	ARI	8
22	Bryce Young	CAR	14	22	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
23	Cam Ward	TEN	10	23	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
24	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12	24	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
25	Russell Wilson	NYG	14	25	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
26	Geno Smith	LV	8	26	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
27	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8	27	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
28	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5	28	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
29	Joe Flacco	CLE	9	29	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
30	Daniel Jones	IND	11	30	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
31	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5	31	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
32	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14	32	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
33	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	11	33	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
34	Spencer Rattler	NO	11	34	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
35	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5	35	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
36	Tyler Shough	NO	11	36	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
37	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8	37	Rachaad White	TB	9
38	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5	38	Najee Harris	LAC	12
39	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9	39	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12
40	Will Howard	PIT	5	40	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
41	Dillon Gabriel	CLE	9	41	Kareem Hunt	KC	10
				42	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
				43	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9

Running Backs

44	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9		12	A.J. Brown	PHI	9
45	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9		13	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12
46	Jacory Croskey-Merritt		WAS	12	14	Mike Evans	TB	9
47	Nick Chubb	HOU	6		15	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
48	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14		16	Rashee Rice	KC	10
49	Trey Benson	ARI	8		17	Chris Olave	NO	11
50	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5		18	Davante Adams	LAR	8
51	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12		19	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
52	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7		20	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
53	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5		21	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
54	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10		22	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
55	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12		23	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
56	Raheem Mostert	LV	8		24	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
57	Kendre Miller	NO	11		25	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
58	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12		26	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
59	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5		27	Chris Godwin	TB	9
60	Ray Davis	BUF	7		28	DJ Moore	CHI	5
61	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14		29	Jameson Williams	DET	8
62	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14		30	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
63	Devin Singletary	NYG	14		31	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
64	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10		32	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
65	DJ Giddens	IND	11		33	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
66	Will Shipley	PHI	9		34	Jayden Reed	GB	5
67	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9		35	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
68	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5		36	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
69	Justice Hill	BAL	7		37	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
70	Miles Sanders	DAL	10		38	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
71	Blake Corum	LAR	8		39	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
72	Samaje Perine	CIN	10		40	George Pickens	DAL	10
73	Kenneth Gainwell	PIT	5		41	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
74	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12		42	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
75	Tyler Goodson	IND	11		43	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14

Wide Receivers

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

58	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5	1	Trey McBride	ARI	8
59	Tre Tucker	LV	8	2	Brock Bowers	LV	8
60	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9	3	George Kittle	SF	14
61	Romeo Doubs	GB	5	4	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
62	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7	5	David Njoku	CLE	9
63	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12	6	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
64	Marquise Brown	KC	10	7	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
65	Alec Pierce	IND	11	8	Tyler Warren	IND	11
66	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14	9	Travis Kelce	KC	10
67	Parker Washington	JAC	8	10	Evan Engram	DEN	12
68	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12	11	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
69	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10	12	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
70	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	13	Darren Waller	MIA	12
71	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	14	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
72	Tory Horton	SEA	8	15	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
73	Michael Wilson	ARI	8	16	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
74	DeMario Douglas	NE	14	17	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
75	Robert Woods	PIT	5	18	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
76	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7	19	Hunter Henry	NE	14
77	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8	20	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
78	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8	21	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
79	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7	22	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
80	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5	23	Cade Otton	TB	9
81	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11	24	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
82	Tre Harris	LAC	12	25	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
83	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10	26	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
84	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9	27	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
85	Troy Franklin	DEN	12	28	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
86	Keenan Allen	LAC	12	29	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
87	Mack Hollins	NE	14	30	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
88	Jalen Royals	KC	10	31	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
89	Xavier Gipson	NYJ	9	32	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
90	Amari Cooper	FA	0	33	AJ Barner	SEA	8
91	Kyle Williams	NE	14	34	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
92	Roman Wilson	PIT	5	35	Noah Gray	KC	10
93	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10	36	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
94	Darius Slayton	NYG	14	37	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
95	Devaughn Vele	DEN	12	38	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
96	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9	39	Austin Hooper	NE	14
97	Tank Dell	HOU	6	40	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12
98	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	SEA	8				
99	Tim Patrick	DET	8				
100	Ray-Ray McCloud III	ATL	5				

DST

Tight Ends

Rank Team Player Bye

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	49ers Defense	SF	14
11	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
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 Ashton Jeanty De'Von Achane Kyren Williams	Ja'Marr Chase Amon-Ra St. Brown Justin Jefferson Malik Nabers Brian Thomas Jr. Puka Nacua Nico Collins CeeDee Lamb 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 Jaxon Smith-Njigba Tyreek Hill Mike Evans Garrett Wilson	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	Terry McLaurin	Sam LaPorta		
Baker Mayfield	TreVeyon Henderson	Courtland Sutton			
Patrick Mahomes	Breece Hall	Ladd McConkey			
Bo Nix	David Montgomery	Tetairoa McMillan			
	Chuba Hubbard	Calvin Ridley			
	James Conner	DK Metcalf			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	Jerry Jeudy			
	Jaylen Warren	Rashee Rice			
	Tony Pollard	Zay Flowers			
		Chris Godwin			
		DJ Moore			
		Jameson Williams			
		Chris Olave			
		Jaylen Waddle			
		Marvin Harrison Jr.			
		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	Stefon Diggs	David Njoku	NA	NA
Justin Fields	D'Andre Swift	DeVonta Smith	Mark Andrews		
Jared Goff	Rhamondre Stevenson	Jakobi Meyers	T.J. Hockenson		
Trevor Lawrence	RJ Harvey	Khalil Shakir	Travis Kelce		
	Aaron Jones	George Pickens	Evan Engram		
	Isiah Pacheco	Michael Pittman Jr.			
	Nick Chubb	Jayden Reed			
	Travis Etienne Jr.	Cooper Kupp			
	Javonte Williams				
	J.K. Dobbins				

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	Braelon Allen	Deebo Samuel	Tyler Warren	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	Roschon Johnson	Ricky Pearsall	Colston Loveland		
Jordan Love	Joe Mixon	Jordan Addison	Zach Ertz		
Justin Herbert	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	Keon Coleman	Darren Waller		
Drake Maye	Zach Charbonnet	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	Jake Ferguson		
Dak Prescott	Tank Bigsby	Emeka Egbuka			
C.J. Stroud	Jerome Ford	Xavier Legette			
	Rachaad White	Rome Odunze			
	Najee Harris				
	Austin Ekeler				

Tier 6:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
J.J. McCarthy	Kareem Hunt	Christian Kirk	Dallas Goedert	NA	NA
Sam Darnold	Dylan Sampson	Josh Downs			
Cam Ward	Quinshon Judkins	Jauan Jennings			
Tua Tagovailoa	Jordan Mason	Jayden Higgins			
Bryce Young		Matthew Golden			
		Cedric Tillman			
		Brandon Aiyuk			
		Rashid Shaheed			
		Luther Burden III			
		Darnell Mooney			

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	DeAndre Hopkins	Kyle Pitts	Eagles Defense	NA
Geno Smith	Trey Benson	Marvin Mims Jr.	Tucker Kraft	Vikings Defense	
Matthew Stafford	Tyler Allgeier	Marquise Brown	Hunter Henry	Broncos Defense	
Aaron Rodgers	Jaylen Wright	Tory Horton	Dalton Kincaid		
	Ollie Gordon II	Alec Pierce	Brenton Strange		
	Keaton Mitchell	Calvin Austin III	Mason Taylor		
	Jaydon Blue	Romeo Doubs	Cade Otton		
	Kaleb Johnson	Isaac TeSlaa	Isaiah Likely		
	Kalel Mullings	Wan'Dale Robinson	Pat Freiermuth		
	Jeremy McNichols	Joshua Palmer	Theo Johnson		
	Raheem Mostert	Quentin Johnston			
	Kendre Miller	Tyler Lockett			
	Kyle Monangai				

Ray Davis
Brian Robinson Jr.
Cam Skattebo

Tier 8:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Bryce Young Sam Darnold	Devin Singletary Tahj Brooks	Michael Wilson DeMario Douglas Scotty Miller Jordan Whittington Parker Washington Tre Tucker Jalen Coker Rashod Bateman	Jonnu Smith Juwan Johnson	Ravens Defense Chargers Defense Bills Defense Steelers Defense Rams Defense Chiefs Defense 49ers Defense Seahawks Defense	Cameron Dicker Brandon Aubrey Chris Boswell

Tier 9:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Michael Penix Jr. Daniel Jones Tyler Shough Joe Flacco	DJ Giddens Will Shipley Isaiah Davis Phil Mafah Justice Hill Miles Sanders Blake Corum Samaje Perine Chris Brooks Kenneth Gainwell	Dontayvion Wicks Amari Cooper Adonai Mitchell Keenan Allen Andrei Iosivas Jamari Thrash Troy Franklin Tre Harris Mack Hollins Jalen Royals Josh Reynolds Kyle Williams Roman Wilson Jalen Tolbert Darius Slayton Trent Sherfield Josh Reynolds Tank Dell Jake Bobo Kalif Raymond Ray-Ray McCloud III	Jonnu Smith Juwan Johnson Dalton Schultz AJ Barner Chig Okonkwo Tyler Higbee Ja'Tavion Sanders Elijah Arroyo Mike Gesicki Tyler Conklin Noah Gray Cole Kmet Terrance Ferguson	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	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

Half Point Per Reception Overall Rankings

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

90	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11	136	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
91	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12	137	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
92	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11	138	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10
93	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	139	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5
94	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14	140	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5
95	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	141	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8
96	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9	142	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
97	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5	143	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
98	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6	144	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5
99	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8	145	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11
100	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8	146	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10
101	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7	147	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
102	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5	148	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
103	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5	149	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
104	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12	150	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
105	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6	151	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
106	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14	152	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
107	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9	153	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
108	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	154	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10
109	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	155	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
110	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	156	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8
111	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	157	QB	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
112	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	158	QB	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
113	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	159	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10
114	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9	160	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
115	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	161	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14
116	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6	162	QB	Daniel Jones	IND	11
117	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10	163	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
118	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12	164	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14
119	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9	165	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5
120	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8	166	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12
121	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	167	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
122	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	168	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
123	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	169	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11
124	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	170	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9
125	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12	171	RB	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9
126	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9	172	RB	Chris Brooks	GB	5
127	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12	173	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
128	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10	174	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
129	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	175	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10
130	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	176	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14
131	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	177	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7
132	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	178	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
133	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	179	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5
134	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	180	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
135	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5	181	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8

182	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12	217	DST	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
183	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	218	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
184	DST	Eagles Defense	PHI	9	219	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
185	WR	Scotty Miller	PIT	5	220	WR	Tre Tucker	LV	8
186	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	221	K	Jake Bates	DET	8
187	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10	222	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5
188	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	223	RB	Samaje Perine	CIN	10
189	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6	224	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
190	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9	225	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
191	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14	226	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
192	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8	227	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
193	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5	228	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
194	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11	229	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
195	WR	Jalen Coker	CAR	14	230	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7
196	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	231	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
197	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5	232	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
198	DST	Vikings Defense	MIN	6	233	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
199	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8	234	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	SF	14
200	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14	235	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
201	WR	Parker Washington	JAC	8	236	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8
202	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	237	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
203	DST	Browns Defense	CLE	9	238	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7
204	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	239	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
205	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6	240	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
206	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	241	WR	Amari Cooper	LV	8
207	WR	Keenan Allen	LAC	12	242	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14
208	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12	243	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
209	WR	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9	244	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
210	RB	Kalel Mullings	TEN	10	245	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
211	WR	Troy Franklin	DEN	12	246	RB	Jeremy McNichols	WAS	12
212	RB	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	247	TE	AJ Barner	SEA	8
213	DST	Lions Defense	DET	8	248	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
214	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7	249	K	Jason Sanders	MIA	12
215	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12	250	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14
216	RB	Kendre Miller	NO	11					

Positional Rankings

Quarterbacks

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

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

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Running Backs

Rank	Player	Team	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	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	Bucky Irving	TB	9
12	Chase Brown	CIN	10
13	James Cook	BUF	7
14	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
15	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
16	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
17	David Montgomery	DET	8
46	Kareem Hunt	KC	10
47	Trey Benson	ARI	8
48	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
49	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5
50	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
51	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
52	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
53	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
54	DJ Giddens	IND	11
55	Will Shipley	PHI	9
56	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9
57	Chris Brooks	GB	5
58	Justice Hill	BAL	7
59	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
60	Miles Sanders	DAL	10
61	Devin Singletary	NYG	14
62	Blake Corum	LAR	8
63	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7

64	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	32	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
65	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	33	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
66	Kalel Mullings	TEN	10	34	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
67	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	35	Chris Godwin	TB	9
68	Kendre Miller	NO	11	36	Jayden Reed	GB	5
69	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	37	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
70	Samaje Perine	CIN	10	38	George Pickens	DAL	10
71	Ray Davis	BUF	7	39	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
72	Brian Robinson Jr.	SF	14	40	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
73	Jeremy McNichols	WAS	12	41	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
74	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	42	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
75	Tyler Goodson	IND	11	43	Keon Coleman	BUF	7

Wide Receivers:

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

78	Tre Tucker	LV	8
79	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
80	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
81	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
82	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
83	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
84	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
85	Amari Cooper	LV	8
86	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
87	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10
88	Mack Hollins	NE	14
89	Roman Wilson	PIT	5
90	Kyle Williams	NE	14
91	Jalen Royals	KC	10
92	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10
93	Devaughn Vele	NO	11
94	Tyquon Thornton	KC	10
95	Darius Slayton	NYG	14
96	Trent Sherfield	DEN	12
97	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9
98	Tank Dell	HOU	6
99	Jake Bobo	SEA	8
100	Kalif Raymond	DET	8

Tight Ends:

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Trey McBride	ARI	8
2	Brock Bowers	LV	8
3	George Kittle	SF	14
4	David Njoku	CLE	9
5	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
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	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
18	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
19	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
20	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5

21	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
22	Cade Otton	TB	9
23	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
24	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
25	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
26	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
27	Hunter Henry	NE	14
28	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
29	AJ Barner	SEA	8
30	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
31	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
32	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
33	Tyler Higbee	LAR	8
34	Mike Gesicki	CIN	10
35	Tyler Conklin	LAC	12
36	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8
37	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
38	Noah Gray	KC	10

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	49ers Defense	SF	14
11	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
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

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 Amon-Ra St. Brown Malik Nabers Brian Thomas Jr. Nico Collins Puka Nacua CeeDee Lamb 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	Courtland Sutton	George Kittle	NA	NA
Jayden Daniels	James Conner	Tetairoa McMillan	Sam LaPorta		
Baker Mayfield	David Montgomery	DK Metcalf			
Patrick Mahomes	Jaylen Warren	Jerry Jeudy			
Bo Nix	TreVeyon Henderson	Jameson Williams			
	Chuba Hubbard	Jaylen Waddle			
	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	Chris Olave			
	Tony Pollard	Rashee Rice			
	Kenneth Walker III	Ladd McConkey			
	Rhamondre Stevenson	Zay Flowers			
	RJ Harvey	Calvin Ridley			
	Aaron Jones	Chris Godwin			
	D'Andre Swift	Marvin Harrison Jr.			
		DJ Moore			
		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.

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	Nick Chubb	Xavier Worthy	David Njoku	NA	NA
Justin Fields	Isiah Pacheco	Michael Pittman Jr.	Mark Andrews		
Jared Goff	Tank Bigsby	Khalil Shakir	Travis Kelce		
Trevor Lawrence	Javonte Williams	DeVonta Smith	T.J. Hockenson		
	J.K. Dobbins	Jayden Reed			
	Braelon Allen	Stefon Diggs			
	Roschon Johnson	Rome Odunze			
	Joe Mixon				
	Travis Etienne Jr.				

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	Jordan Mason	Jakobi Meyers	Evan Engram	NA	NA
Caleb Williams	Zach Charbonnet	Cooper Kupp	Tyler Warren		

Jordan Love	Rachaad White	Ricky Pearsall	Colston Loveland
Justin Herbert	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	Deebo Samuel	Darren Waller
Drake Maye	Jerome Ford	Keon Coleman	Dallas Goedert
Dak Prescott	Austin Ekeler	Cedric Tillman	Zach Ertz
C.J. Stroud		Christian Kirk	Jake Ferguson
		Xavier Legette	
		George Pickens	
		Jordan Addison	
		Emeka Egbuka	

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	Dont'e Thornton Jr.			
	Tyler Allgeier	Jayden Higgins			
	Keaton Mitchell	Darnell Mooney			
	Kalel Mullings	Rashid Shaheed			
		DeAndre Hopkins			
		Luther Burden III			
		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	Jaylen Wright	Romeo Doubs	Dalton Kincaid	Eagles Defense	NA
Tua Tagovailoa	Ollie Gordon II	Marvin Mims Jr.	Hunter Henry	Vikings Defense	
Bryce Young	Kyle Monangai	Marquise Brown	Isaiah Likely	Broncos Defense	
Russell Wilson	Kaleb Johnson	Tory Horton	Brenton Strange		
Geno Smith	Jaydon Blue	Alec Pierce	Mason Taylor		
Matthew Stafford	Rico Dowdle	Calvin Austin III			
	Ray Davis	Tre Tucker			
	Cam Skattebo	Isaac TeSlaa			
	Trey Benson	Wan'Dale Robinson			
	Jeremy McNichols	Joshua Palmer			
	Raheem Mostert	Quentin Johnston			
	Kendre Miller				
	Brian Robinson Jr.				

Tier 8:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Aaron Rodgers	Devin Neal	Tyler Lockett	Cade Otton	Ravens Defense	Cameron Dicker
	Tahj Brooks	Jalen Coker	Pat Freiermuth	Chargers Defense	
	DJ Giddens	DeMario Douglas	Kyle Pitts	Bills Defense	
	Will Shipley	Michael Wilson	Jonnu Smith	Steelers Defense	
	Isaiah Davis	Scotty Miller	Juwan Johnson	Rams Defense	
	Justice Hill	Jordan Whittington	Dalton Schultz	Chiefs Defense	
	Miles Sanders	Parker Washington	AJ Barner	49ers Defense	

Devin Singletary Rashod Bateman Chig Okonkwo Seahawks Defense
 Theo Johnson

Tier 9:

QB	RB	WR	TE	DST	K
Michael Penix Jr.	Blake Corum	Dontayvion Wicks	Mike Gesicki	Patriots Defense	Brandon Aubrey
Daniel Jones	Samaje Perine	Amari Cooper	Elijah Arroyo	Packers Defense	Chris Boswell
Tyler Shough	Kenneth Gainwell	Adonai Mitchell	Ja'Tavion Sanders	Texans Defense	Wil Lutz
Joe Flacco	Tyler Goodson	Andrei Iosivas	Tyler Higbee	Bears Defense	Ka'imi Fairbairn
		Tre Harris	Tyler Conklin	Browns Defense	Jake Bates
		Jamari Thrash	Noah Gray	Lions Defense	Evan McPherson
		Keenan Allen	Terrance Ferguson	Jets Defense	Chase McLaughlin
		Troy Franklin	Cole Kmet	Cowboys Defense	Jake Elliott
		Mack Hollins		Commanders Defense	Tyler Bass
		Kyle Williams		Giants Defense	Tyler Loop
		Josh Reynolds		Dolphins Defense	Jason Sanders
		Jalen Royals		Buccaneers Defense	Will Reichard
				Titans Defense	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
					24	RB	James Cook	BUF	7
1	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	25	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8
2	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	26	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7
3	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	27	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9
4	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	28	WR	Drake London	ATL	5
5	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	29	RB	Bucky Irving	TB	9
6	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	30	RB	Chase Brown	CIN	10
7	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	31	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
8	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14	32	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10
9	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14	33	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8
10	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8	34	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12
11	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6	35	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12
12	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8	36	RB	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
13	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	37	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9
14	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12	38	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
15	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	39	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9
16	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	40	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12
17	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	41	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
18	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	42	TE	George Kittle	SF	14
19	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	43	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
20	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	44	WR	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
21	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	45	RB	James Conner	ARI	8
22	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	46	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
23	QB	Lamar Jackson	BAL	7	47	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8

48	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12	94	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5
49	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8	95	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5
50	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	96	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
51	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	97	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
52	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5	98	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
53	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	99	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
54	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7	100	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
55	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14	101	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
56	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	102	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
57	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9	103	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14
58	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8	104	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
59	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5	105	QB	Justin Herbert	LAC	12
60	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14	106	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14
61	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14	107	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
62	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	108	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
63	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10	109	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9
64	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8	110	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8
65	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10	111	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6
66	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9	112	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
67	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8	113	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5
68	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14	114	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
69	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	115	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
70	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12	116	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12
71	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	117	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
72	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6	118	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
73	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10	119	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
74	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11	120	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
75	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7	121	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
76	WR	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9	122	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10
77	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	123	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12
78	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7	124	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
79	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10	125	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
80	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9	126	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12
81	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5	127	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12
82	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14	128	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
83	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5	129	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
84	QB	Jared Goff	DET	8	130	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5
85	RB	Nick Chubb	HOU	6	131	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10
86	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	132	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
87	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8	133	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6
88	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5	134	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8
89	TE	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6	135	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9
90	TE	Evan Engram	DEN	12	136	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9
91	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11	137	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
92	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14	138	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6
93	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8	139	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5

140	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11	186	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
141	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7	187	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11
142	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	188	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9
143	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	189	RB	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9
144	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11	190	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8
145	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	191	WR	Jalen Coker	CAR	14
146	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5	192	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
147	RB	Kalel Mullings	TEN	10	193	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9
148	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	194	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9
149	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	195	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7
150	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12	196	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
151	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	197	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
152	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	198	QB	Aaron Rodgers	PIT	5
153	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	199	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
154	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	200	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
155	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14	201	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8
156	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14	202	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7
157	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7	203	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10
158	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14	204	WR	Scotty Miller	PIT	5
159	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7	205	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
160	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5	206	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
161	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	207	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8
162	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	208	WR	Parker Washington	JAC	8
163	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12	209	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10
164	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14	210	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14
165	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10	211	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
166	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8	212	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
167	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11	213	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12
168	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	214	WR	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5
169	WR	Tre Tucker	LV	8	215	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10
170	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8	216	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5
171	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14	217	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12
172	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7	218	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14
173	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8	219	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
174	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12	220	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14
175	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8	221	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
176	DST	Eagles Defense	PHI	9	222	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
177	RB	Jeremy McNichols	WAS	12	223	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5
178	RB	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	224	K	Jake Bates	DET	8
179	RB	Kendre Miller	NO	11	225	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8
180	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10	226	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6
181	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	SF	14	227	RB	Samaje Perine	CIN	10
182	DST	Vikings Defense	MIN	6	228	RB	Kenneth Gainwell	PIT	5
183	RB	Devin Neal	NO	11	229	RB	Tyler Goodson	IND	11
184	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12	230	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
185	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8	231	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10

232	RB	Chris Brooks	GB	5	242	WR	Mack Hollins	NE	14
233	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6	243	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14
234	WR	Amari Cooper	LV	8	244	TE	AJ Barner	SEA	8
235	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11	245	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
236	WR	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10	246	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
237	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9	247	WR	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9
238	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12	248	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
239	WR	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9	249	TE	Chig Okonkwo	TEN	10
240	WR	Keenan Allen	LAC	12	250	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
241	WR	Troy Franklin	DEN	12					

Positional Rankings

Quarterbacks

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

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	James Conner	ARI	8
18	David Montgomery	DET	8
19	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5
20	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14
21	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14
22	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
23	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
24	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
25	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
26	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
27	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
28	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
29	Nick Chubb	HOU	6
30	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
31	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
32	Javonte Williams	DAL	10
33	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
34	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
35	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5
36	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
37	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
38	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
39	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8
40	Rachaad White	TB	9
41	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
42	Jerome Ford	CLE	9

43	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	11	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8
44	Najee Harris	LAC	12	12	Mike Evans	TB	9
45	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	13	Drake London	ATL	5
46	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	14	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9
47	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9	15	Davante Adams	LAR	8
48	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	16	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12
49	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	17	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
50	Kalel Mullings	TEN	10	18	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
51	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	19	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
52	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	20	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
53	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	21	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
54	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	22	Jameson Williams	DET	8
55	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	23	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
56	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14	24	Chris Olave	NO	11
57	Ray Davis	BUF	7	25	Rashee Rice	KC	10
58	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	26	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
59	Trey Benson	ARI	8	27	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
60	Jeremy McNichols	WAS	12	28	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
61	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	29	Chris Godwin	TB	9
62	Kendre Miller	NO	11	30	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
63	Brian Robinson Jr.	SF	14	31	DJ Moore	CHI	5
64	Devin Neal	NO	11	32	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
65	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	33	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
66	DJ Giddens	IND	11	34	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
67	Will Shipley	PHI	9	35	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
68	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9	36	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
69	Justice Hill	BAL	7	37	Jayden Reed	GB	5
70	Miles Sanders	DAL	10	38	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
71	Devin Singletary	NYG	14	39	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
72	Blake Corum	LAR	8	40	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
73	Samaje Perine	CIN	10	41	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
74	Kenneth Gainwell	PIT	5	42	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14
75	Tyler Goodson	IND	11	43	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12

Wide Receivers:

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10
2	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6
3	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8
4	Malik Nabers	NYG	14
5	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8
6	Nico Collins	HOU	6
7	Puka Nacua	LAR	8
8	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10
9	Tee Higgins	CIN	10
10	A.J. Brown	PHI	9

44	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
45	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
46	Christian Kirk	HOU	6
47	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
48	George Pickens	DAL	10
49	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
50	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
51	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
52	Matthew Golden	GB	5
53	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
54	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8
55	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6
56	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5

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	49ers Defense	SF	14
11	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8
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	13	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8
2	QB	Josh Allen	BUF	7	14	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6
3	QB	Joe Burrow	CIN	10	15	QB	Bo Nix	DEN	12
4	QB	Jalen Hurts	PHI	9	16	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14
5	QB	Jayden Daniels	WAS	12	17	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8
6	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	18	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8
7	QB	Baker Mayfield	TB	9	19	WR	Puka Nacua	LAR	8
8	QB	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10	20	RB	Christian McCaffrey	SF	14
9	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9	21	RB	De'Von Achane	MIA	12
10	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	22	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9
11	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5	23	WR	Nico Collins	HOU	6
12	RB	Derrick Henry	BAL	7	24	QB	Jared Goff	DET	8

25	WR	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	10	71	RB	James Conner	ARI	8
26	RB	Kyren Williams	LAR	8	72	RB	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	8
27	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	73	RB	Tyrone Tracy Jr.	NYG	14
28	TE	Trey McBride	ARI	8	74	WR	Jameson Williams	DET	8
29	TE	Brock Bowers	LV	8	75	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14
30	QB	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	8	76	WR	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
31	QB	Brock Purdy	SF	14	77	WR	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
32	WR	Tee Higgins	CIN	10	78	WR	DJ Moore	CHI	5
33	QB	Caleb Williams	CHI	5	79	QB	Russell Wilson	NYG	14
34	RB	Josh Jacobs	GB	5	80	TE	David Njoku	CLE	9
35	RB	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11	81	WR	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
36	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5	82	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8
37	WR	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	8	83	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10
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	TE	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
41	QB	Drake Maye	NE	14	87	WR	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8
42	WR	Drake London	ATL	5	88	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12
43	WR	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	89	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
44	WR	Mike Evans	TB	9	90	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
45	RB	James Cook	BUF	7	91	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
46	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10	92	RB	D'Andre Swift	CHI	5
47	WR	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	93	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	
48	WR	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	14				
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	WR	Chris Godwin	TB	9
52	QB	C.J. Stroud	HOU	6	97	WR	Jayden Reed	GB	5
53	WR	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12	98	RB	Nick Chubb	HOU	6
54	WR	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12	99	TE	Mark Andrews	BAL	7
55	TE	George Kittle	SF	14	100	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10
56	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	101	TE	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
57	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	102	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
58	RB	Breece Hall	NYJ	9	103	TE	Evan Engram	DEN	12
59	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	104	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
60	WR	DK Metcalf	PIT	5	105	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10
61	WR	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12	106	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
62	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	107	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8
63	WR	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10	108	WR	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
64	RB	David Montgomery	DET	8	109	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12
65	RB	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	14	110	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11
66	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12	111	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
67	WR	Rashee Rice	KC	10	112	WR	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
68	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14	113	RB	Joe Mixon	HOU	6
69	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5	114	RB	Tank Bigsby	JAC	8
70	WR	Chris Olave	NO	11	115	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8

116	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5	161	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
117	WR	Rome Odunze	CHI	5	162	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5
118	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9	163	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
119	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	164	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
120	WR	Jordan Addison	MIN	6	165	DST	Eagles Defense	PHI	9
121	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	166	TE	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	7
122	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS		167	WR	DeMario Douglas	NE	14
	12				168	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9
123	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	169	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
124	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9	170	DST	Vikings Defense	MIN	6
125	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6	171	QB	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
126	WR	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9	172	QB	Anthony Richardson Sr.	IND	
127	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8		11			
128	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	173	RB	Jaleel McLaughlin	DEN	12
129	QB	Joe Flacco	CLE	9	174	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
130	RB	Javonte Williams	DAL	10	175	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11
131	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	176	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9
132	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12	177	DST	Broncos Defense	DEN	12
133	RB	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	178	RB	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9
134	TE	Zach Ertz	WAS	12	179	DST	Ravens Defense	BAL	7
135	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12	180	RB	Chris Brooks	GB	5
136	TE	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10	181	DST	Chargers Defense	LAC	12
137	QB	Daniel Jones	IND	11	182	WR	Michael Wilson	ARI	8
138	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9	183	RB	Justice Hill	BAL	7
139	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14	184	RB	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14
140	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5	185	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
141	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	186	WR	Scotty Miller	PIT	5
142	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	187	RB	Miles Sanders	DAL	10
143	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5	188	WR	Marquise Brown	KC	10
144	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9	189	RB	Devin Singletary	NYG	14
145	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	190	DST	Bills Defense	BUF	7
146	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5	191	QB	Spencer Rattler	NO	11
147	WR	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11	192	QB	Kirk Cousins	ATL	5
148	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	193	QB	Tyler Shough	NO	11
149	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5	194	QB	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
150	RB	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	195	QB	Mason Rudolph	PIT	5
151	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8	196	DST	Steelers Defense	PIT	5
152	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9	197	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
153	RB	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	198	TE	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
154	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14	199	RB	Blake Corum	LAR	8
155	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	200	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8
156	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11	201	WR	Alec Pierce	IND	11
157	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	202	DST	Rams Defense	LAR	8
158	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7	203	WR	Jalen Coker	CAR	14
159	WR	Tyler Lockett	TEN	10	204	QB	Shedeur Sanders	CLE	9
160	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	205	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5

206	DST	Chiefs Defense	KC	10	229	DST	Bears Defense	CHI	5
207	DST	49ers Defense	SF	14	230	TE	Dalton Schultz	HOU	6
208	DST	Seahawks Defense	SEA	8	231	WR	Troy Franklin	DEN	12
209	DST	Patriots Defense	NE	14	232	WR	Tre Harris	LAC	12
210	DST	Packers Defense	GB	5	233	RB	Ray Davis	BUF	7
211	K	Cameron Dicker	LAC	12	234	WR	Tre Tucker	LV	8
212	RB	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	235	DST	Browns Defense	CLE	5
213	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	236	K	Ka'imi Fairbairn	HOU	6
214	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	237	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
215	RB	Kalel Mullings	TEN	10	238	DST	Lions Defense	DET	8
216	RB	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	239	DST	Jets Defense	NYJ	9
217	QB	Will Howard	PIT	5	240	TE	Hunter Henry	NE	14
218	WR	Parker Washington	JAC	8	241	K	Jake Bates	DET	8
219	K	Brandon Aubrey	DAL	10	242	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	SF	14
220	RB	Kendre Miller	NO	11	243	K	Evan McPherson	CIN	10
221	K	Chris Boswell	PIT	5	244	WR	Joshua Palmer	BUF	7
222	WR	Keenan Allen	LAC	12	245	K	Chase McLaughlin	TB	9
223	K	Wil Lutz	DEN	12	246	K	Jake Elliott	PHI	9
224	WR	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9	247	K	Tyler Bass	BUF	7
225	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	248	WR	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7
226	RB	Samaje Perine	CIN	10	249	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
227	DST	Texans Defense	HOU	6	250	K	Tyler Loop	BAL	7
228	TE	Juwan Johnson	NO	11					

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!

					5	RB	Bijan Robinson	ATL	5
1	WR	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	10	6	WR	Brian Thomas Jr.	JAC	8
2	RB	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	8	7	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8
3	WR	Justin Jefferson	MIN	6	8	WR	Malik Nabers	NYG	14
4	WR	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	8	9	RB	Saquon Barkley	PHI	9

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
52	WR	Xavier Worthy	KC	10	98	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5
53	WR	Davante Adams	LAR	8	99	WR	Khalil Shakir	BUF	7
54	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	100	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9
55	TE	George Kittle	SF	14	101	WR	Jakobi Meyers	LV	8

102	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8	148	QB	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	12
103	RB	Roschon Johnson	CHI	5	149	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
104	RB	Jaylen Warren	PIT	5	150	QB	Daniel Jones	IND	11
105	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	12	151	QB	Dak Prescott	DAL	10
106	RB	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	8	152	QB	Michael Penix Jr.	ATL	5
107	QB	Kyler Murray	ARI	8	153	WR	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
108	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	154	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
109	QB	Justin Fields	NYJ	9	155	WR	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
110	RB	Tony Pollard	TEN	10	156	WR	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
111	RB	Trey Benson	ARI	8	157	WR	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
112	TE	AJ Barner	SEA	8	158	WR	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12
113	TE	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7	159	QB	Geno Smith	LV	8
114	WR	Amari Cooper	LV	8	160	WR	Stefon Diggs	NE	14
115	TE	Darren Waller	MIA	12	161	WR	Josh Downs	IND	11
116	WR	Jalen McMillan	TB	9	162	TE	Dallas Goedert	PHI	9
117	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	163	TE	Cole Kmet	CHI	5
118	TE	Travis Kelce	KC	10	164	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5
119	RB	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10	165	TE	Cade Otton	TB	9
120	RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8	166	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
121	TE	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	5	167	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8
122	WR	Ricky Pearsall	SF	14	168	QB	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14
123	WR	George Pickens	DAL	10	169	RB	Will Shipley	PHI	9
124	WR	Deebo Samuel	WAS	12	170	QB	Jalen Milroe	SEA	8
125	QB	Jordan Love	GB	5	171	WR	Romeo Doubs	GB	5
126	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8	172	WR	Jaylin Lane	WAS	12
127	RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14	173	WR	DeAndre Hopkins	BAL	7
128	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14	174	WR	Allen Lazard	NYJ	9
129	RB	Najee Harris	LAC	12	175	QB	Matthew Stafford	LAR	8
130	RB	Jordan Mason	MIN	6	176	WR	Curtis Samuel	BUF	7
131	RB	James Conner	ARI	8	177	WR	Keenan Allen	LAC	12
132	RB	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12	178	RB	Jerome Ford	CLE	9
133	QB	J.J. McCarthy	MIN	6	179	RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	SF	14
134	RB	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9	180	TE	Kyle Pitts	ATL	5
135	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	181	RB	Chris Brooks	GB	5
136	WR	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14	182	TE	Theo Johnson	NYG	14
137	WR	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8	183	TE	Taysom Hill	NO	11
138	WR	Jalen Royals	KC	10	184	RB	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12
139	WR	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5	185	TE	Cade Stover	HOU	6
140	QB	Sam Darnold	SEA	8	186	TE	Ja'Tavion Sanders	CAR	14
141	QB	Bryce Young	CAR	14	187	TE	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC	12
142	TE	Brenton Strange	JAC	8	188	TE	Noah Fant	CIN	10
143	RB	Aaron Jones	MIN	6	189	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14
144	WR	Xavier Legette	CAR	14	190	WR	Wan'Dale Robinson	NYG	14
145	RB	Rachaad White	TB	9	191	TE	Ben Sinnott	WAS	12
146	TE	Terrance Ferguson	LAR	8	192	WR	Adonai Mitchell	IND	11
147	TE	Tucker Kraft	GB	5	193	WR	Christian Kirk	HOU	6

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

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	Spencer Rattler	NO	11
33	Joe Flacco	CLE	9
34	Will Howard	PIT	5

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	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
37	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	8
38	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	14
39	Najee Harris	LAC	12
40	Jordan Mason	MIN	6
41	James Conner	ARI	8
42	J.K. Dobbins	DEN	12
43	Braelon Allen	NYJ	9
44	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12
45	Aaron Jones	MIN	6
46	Rachaad White	TB	9
47	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC	8
48	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10
49	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5
50	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12
51	Will Shipley	PHI	9
52	Jerome Ford	CLE	9

53	Brian Robinson Jr.	SF	14	19	Ladd McConkey	LAC	12
54	Chris Brooks	GB	5	20	Terry McLaurin	WAS	12
55	Jaylen Wright	MIA	12	21	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14
56	Isaac Guerendo	SF	14	22	Jerry Jeudy	CLE	9
57	Ray Davis	BUF	7	23	DK Metcalf	PIT	5
58	Brashard Smith	KC	10	24	DeVonta Smith	PHI	9
59	Blake Corum	LAR	8	25	Zay Flowers	BAL	7
60	Rico Dowdle	CAR	14	26	Jameson Williams	DET	8
61	Kalel Mullings	TEN	10	27	Xavier Worthy	KC	10
62	Cam Skattebo	NYG	14	28	Davante Adams	LAR	8
63	Austin Ekeler	WAS	12	29	Courtland Sutton	DEN	12
64	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	30	Travis Hunter	JAC	8
65	Keaton Mitchell	BAL	7	31	DJ Moore	CHI	5
66	Phil Mafah	DAL	10	32	Keon Coleman	BUF	7
67	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	5	33	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
68	Kareem Hunt	KC	10	34	Chris Godwin	TB	9
69	Nick Chubb	HOU	6	35	Jayden Reed	GB	5
70	Isaiah Davis	NYJ	9	36	Rome Odunze	CHI	5
71	Trevor Etienne	CAR	14	37	Calvin Ridley	TEN	10
72	Jarquez Hunter	LAR	8	38	Cedric Tillman	CLE	9
73	MarShawn Lloyd	GB	5	39	Jordan Addison	MIN	6
74	Devin Neal	NO	11	40	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	12
75	Kendre Miller	NO	11	41	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6
76	Raheem Mostert	LV	8	42	Matthew Golden	GB	5
77	Justice Hill	BAL	7	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	Amari Cooper	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
12	A.J. Brown	PHI	9	55	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	14
13	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	9	56	Cooper Kupp	SEA	8
14	Rashee Rice	KC	10	57	Jalen Royals	KC	10
15	Mike Evans	TB	9	58	Calvin Austin III	PIT	5
16	Tyreek Hill	MIA	12	59	Xavier Legette	CAR	14
17	Chris Olave	NO	11	60	Jauan Jennings	SF	14
18	Marvin Harrison Jr.	ARI	8	61	Marvin Mims Jr.	DEN	12
				62	Darnell Mooney	ATL	5
				63	Jordan Whittington	LAR	8
				64	Quentin Johnston	LAC	12

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	Allen Lazard	NYJ	9	14	Isaiah Likely	BAL	7
72	Curtis Samuel	BUF	7	15	Darren Waller	MIA	12
73	Keenan Allen	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	Jalen Coker	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	Scotty Miller	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	Rashod Bateman	BAL	7	35	Gunnar Helm	TEN	10
93	Dontayvion Wicks	GB	5	36	Elijah Arroyo	SEA	8
94	Andrei Iosivas	CIN	10	37	Jake Ferguson	DAL	10
95	Mack Hollins	NE	14	38	Mitchell Evans	CAR	14
96	Jamari Thrash	CLE	9	39	Jonnu Smith	PIT	5
97	Jalen Tolbert	DAL	10	40	Hunter Henry	NE	14
98	Darius Slayton	NYG	14	25	Cardinals Defense	ARI	8
99	Trent Sherfield	DEN	12				
100	Josh Reynolds	NYJ	9				

Tight Ends:

Rank	Player	Team	Bye
1	Brock Bowers	LV	8
2	Trey McBride	ARI	8
3	Sam LaPorta	DET	8
4	George Kittle	SF	14
5	Tyler Warren	IND	11
6	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	6
7	Colston Loveland	CHI	5

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	16	Matt Gay	WAS	12
11	Tyler Loop	BAL	7	17	Joshua Karty	LAR	8
12	Jason Sanders	MIA	12	18	Jason Myers	SEA	8
13	Will Reichard	MIN	6	19	Daniel Carlson	LV	8
14	Harrison Butker	KC	10	20	Chad Ryland	Ari	8
15	Younghoe Koo	ATL	5				

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.

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye				
					31	RB	Cam Skattebo	NYG 14
					32	WR	KeAndre Lambert-Smith	LAC 12
1	RB	Ashton Jeanty	LV	8	33	QB	Spencer Rattler	NO 11
2	RB	Omarion Hampton	LAC	12	34	TE	Elijah Arroyo	SEA 8
3	RB	TreVeyon Henderson	NE	14	35	TE	Terrance Ferguson	LAR 8
4	WR	Tetairoa McMillan	CAR	14	36	TE	Harold Fannin Jr.	CLE 9
5	RB	RJ Harvey	DEN	12	37	RB	Phil Mafah	DAL 10
6	TE	Tyler Warren	IND	11	38	QB	Jalen Milroe	SEA 8
7	RB	Kaleb Johnson	PIT	5	39	RB	Bhayshul Tuten	JAC 8
8	WR	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	40	RB	Dameon Pierce	HOU 6
9	TE	Colston Loveland	CHI	5	41	WR	Jaylin Noel	HOU 6
10	RB	Dylan Sampson	CLE	9	42	WR	Elic Ayomanor	TEN 10
11	RB	Quinshon Judkins	CLE	9	43	RB	Devin Neal	NO 11
12	WR	Jayden Higgins	HOU	6	44	WR	Amari Cooper	LV 8
13	RB	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	WAS	12	45	RB	Trevor Etienne	CAR 14
14	WR	Emeka Egbuka	TB	9	46	RB	LeQuint Allen	JAC 8
15	WR	Matthew Golden	GB	5	47	WR	Chimere Dike	TEN 10
16	WR	Luther Burden III	CHI	5	48	QB	Shedeur Sanders	CLE 9
17	WR	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	LV	8	49	WR	Konata Mumpfield	LAR 8
18	TE	Mason Taylor	NYJ	9	50	WR	Jalen Royals	KC 10
19	QB	Cam Ward	TEN	10	51	WR	Pat Bryant	DEN 12
20	WR	Tory Horton	SEA	8	52	RB	Brashard Smith	KC 10
21	WR	Kyle Williams	NE	14	53	WR	Arian Smith	NYJ 9
22	RB	Kyle Monangai	CHI	5	54	QB	Will Howard	PIT 5
23	WR	Isaac TeSlaa	DET	8	55	WR	Tai Felton	MIN 6
24	RB	Ollie Gordon II	MIA	12	56	WR	Jaylin Lane	WAS 12
25	WR	Keenan Allen	LAC	12	57	WR	Savion Williams	GB 5
26	RB	Jaydon Blue	DAL	10	58	RB	Isaac Guerendo	SF 14
27	QB	Jaxson Dart	NYG	14	59	TE	Oronde Gadsden II	LAC 12
28	RB	Tahj Brooks	CIN	10	60	TE	Gunnar Helm	TEN 10
29	RB	DJ Giddens	IND	11	61	RB	Jarquez Hunter	LAR 8
30	RB	Tyjae Spears	TEN	10				

Individual Defensive Player Rankings

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

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

Linebackers

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye	Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye
1	LB	Zaire Franklin	IND	11	32	LB	Jonathon Cooper	DEN	12
2	LB	Zack Baun	PHI	9	33	LB	Frankie Luvu	WAS	12
3	LB	Roquan Smith	BAL	7	34	LB	Germaine Pratt	CIN	10
4	LB	Alex Singleton	DEN	12	35	LB	Alex Highsmith	PIT	5
5	LB	Fred Warner	SF	14	36	LB	Jordan Hicks	CLE	9
6	LB	Blake Cashman	MIN	6	37	LB	Demario Davis	NO	11
7	LB	Bobby Okereke	NYG	14	38	LB	Tyrel Dodson	MIA	12
8	LB	Kaden Elliss	ATL	5	39	LB	Tyrice Knight	SEA	8
9	LB	Robert Spillane	NE	14	40	LB	Jihaad Campbell	PHI	9
10	LB	Ernest Jones IV	SEA	8	41	LB	Carson Schwesinger	CLE	9
11	LB	Jordyn Brooks	MIA	12	42	LB	Tremaine Edmunds	CHI	5
12	LB	Daiyan Henley	LAC	12	43	LB	Alex Anzalone	DET	8
13	LB	Foyesade Oluokun	JAC	8	44	LB	Troy Reeder	LAR	8
14	LB	Azeez Al-Shaair	HOU	6	45	LB	Abdul Carter	NYG	14
15	LB	Josey Jewell	CAR	14	46	LB	Nakobe Dean	PHI	9
16	LB	Jamien Sherwood	NYJ	9	47	LB	Micah McFadden	NYG	14
17	LB	Logan Wilson	CIN	10	48	LB	Matt Milano	BUF	7
18	LB	Nick Bolton	KC	10	49	LB	Quincy Williams	NYJ	9
19	LB	Jack Campbell	DET	8	50	LB	Drue Tranquill	KC	10
20	LB	Lavonte David	TB	9	51	LB	Devin Lloyd	JAC	8
21	LB	Harold Landry III	NE	14	52	LB	Jahlani Tavai	NE	14
22	LB	Quay Walker	GB	5	53	LB	Pete Werner	NO	11
23	LB	T.J. Edwards	CHI	5	54	LB	Omar Speights	LAR	8
24	LB	Bobby Wagner	WAS	12	55	LB	Mohamoud Diabate	CLE	9
25	LB	Jaelan Phillips	MIA	12	56	LB	Kyzir White	FA	0
26	LB	Dre Greenlaw	DEN	12	57	LB	Jaylon Carlies	IND	11
27	LB	Terrel Bernard	BUF	7	58	LB	Cody Barton	Ten	10
28	LB	Patrick Queen	PIT	5	59	LB	Kenneth Murray Jr.	DAL	10
29	LB	Edgerrin Cooper	GB	5	60	LB	Ja'Whaun Bentley	FA	0
30	LB	Ivan Pace Jr.	MIN	6	61	LB	Shaq Thompson	FA	0
31	LB	Dorian Williams	BUF	7	62	LB	Trenton Simpson	BAL	7

63	LB	Elandon Roberts	LV	8	70	LB	C.J. Mosley	FA	0
64	LB	Folorunso Fatukasi	HOU	6	71	LB	Christian Elliss	NE	14
65	LB	Matt Judon	FA	0	72	LB	Christian Harris	HOU	6
66	LB	Deatrich Wise Jr.	WAS	12	73	LB	Christian Rozeboom	CAR	14
67	LB	Jack Sanborn	DAL	10	74	LB	DeMarvion Overshown	DAL	10
68	LB	Mack Wilson Sr.	ARI	8	75	LB	Junior Colson	LAC	12
69	LB	A Davis-Gaither	ARI	8					

Defensive Lineman

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye					
1	DE	Aidan Hutchinson	DET	8	26	DT	Derrick Brown	CAR	14
2	DE	T.J. Watt	PIT	5	27	DE	Yaya Diaby	TB	9
3	DE	Maxx Crosby	LV	8	28	DE	Micah Parsons	DAL	10
4	DE	Jonathan Greenard	MIN	6	29	DT	Cameron Heyward	PIT	5
5	LB	Andrew Van Ginkel	MIN	6	30	DE	Nick Bosa	SF	14
6	DE	Trey Hendrickson	CIN	10	31	DE	Kobie Turner	LAR	8
7	DE	Myles Garrett	CLE	9	32	DE	Anfernee Jennings	NE	14
8	DE	Greg Rousseau	BUF	7	33	DE	Arden Key	TEN	10
9	DE	Brian Burns	NYG	14	34	DE	Kyle Van Noy	BAL	7
10	DT	Jeffery Simmons	TEN	10	35	DT	Dexter Lawrence	NYG	14
11	DE	Bradley Chubb	MIA	12	36	DE	Dorance Armstrong	WAS	12
12	DT	DeForest Buckner	IND	11	37	DE	Will Anderson Jr.	HOU	6
13	DT	Christian Wilkins	LV	8	38	DE	Jermaine Johnson	NYJ	9
14	DE	Jared Verse	LAR	8	39	DE	Josh Sweat	ARI	8
15	DE	Danielle Hunter	HOU	6	40	DT	Jalen Carter	PHI	9
16	DT	Zach Sieler	MIA	12	41	DT	Chris Jones	KC	10
17	DE	Zach Allen	DEN	12	42	LB	Khalil Mack	LAC	12
18	DE	Travon Walker	JAX	0	43	DT	Tereshawn Wharton	CAR	14
19	DE	Leonard Williams	SEA	8	44	DE	Will McDonald IV	NYJ	9
20	DE	Byron Young	LAR	8	45	DT	Grover Stewart	IND	11
21	DE	Nik Bonitto	Den	12	46	DE	Mykel Williams	SF	14
22	DE	George Karlaftis III	KC	10	47	DE	Jalon Walker	ATL	5
23	DE	Josh Hines-Allen	JAC	8	48	DT	Daron Payne	WAS	12
24	DE	Nolan Smith Jr.	PHI	9	49	DE	Mike Green	BAL	7
25	DE	Carol Granderson	NO	11	50	DE	James Pearce Jr.	ATL	5

Defensive Backs

Rank	Pos	Player	Team	Bye					
1	S	Brian Branch	DET	8	9	S	Derwin James Jr.	LAC	12
2	S	Jaquan Brisker	CHI	5	10	S	Jessie Bates III	ATL	5
3	S	Budda Baker	ARI	8	11	CB	Jalen Pitre	HOU	6
4	S	Kevin Byard III	CHI	5	12	CB	Paulson Adebo	NYG	14
5	S	Nick Cross	IND	11	13	S	Jeremy Chinn	LV	8
6	S	Antoine Winfield Jr.	TB	9	14	S	Kyle Dugger	NE	14
7	CB	Travis Hunter	JAC	8	15	S	DeShon Elliott	PIT	5
8	S	Kyle Hamilton	BAL	7	16	S	Malik Hooker	DAL	10

17	CB	Alontae Taylor	NO	11	34	S	Ronnie Hickman	CLE	9
18	S	Joshua Metellus	MIN	6	35	S	Jabril Peppers	NE	14
19	S	Grant Delpit	CLE	9	36	S	Minkah Fitzpatrick	PIT	5
20	S	Brandon Jones	DEN	12	37	S	Jordan Poyer	FA	0
21	CB	Mike Sainristill	WAS	12	38	S	Talanoa Hufanga	DEN	12
22	CB	Devon Witherspoon	SEA	8	39	S	C.J. Gardner-Johnson	HOU	6
23	S	Tyler Nubin	NYG	14	40	CB	Marlon Humphrey	BAL	7
24	S	Julian Love	SEA	8	41	S	Taylor Rapp	BUF	7
25	S	Tony Adams	NYJ	9	42	S	Reed Blankenship	PHI	9
26	S	Cam Bynum	IND	11	43	S	Julian Blackmon	FA	0
27	CB	Deommodore Lenoir	SF	14	44	CB	Dax Hill	CIN	10
28	S	Justin Reid	NO	11	45	CB	Keisean Nixon	GB	5
29	CB	Quentin Lake	LAR	8	46	CB	Tyrique Stevenson	CHI	5
30	S	Tre'von Moehrig	CAR	14	47	S	Kam Curl	LAR	8
31	S	Jevon Holland	NYG	14	48	S	Donovan Wilson	DAL	10
32	CB	DaRon Bland	DAL	10	49	CB	L'Jarius Sneed	TEN	10
33	S	Jalen Thompson	ARI	8	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.

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

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.

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.

RB, Kaleb Johnson: Ignore the hype from early this offseason. He has yet to beat out Kenneth Gainwell. It'll take even longer, if ever, to out produce Jaylen Warren.

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.