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FantasyDrafthelp.com Draft Philosophy: Value With Every Pick!

We at FantasyDrafthelp.com always emphasize the wisdom of our VIP approach to drafting: information and process lead to value. Of course, value is the single most important component of drafting or auctions. Even in the fantasy industry, this point is often overlooked.

In most cases, titles are won by patiently accruing value throughout a draft or auction. During the Information stage, fantasy owners compile information about players at individual positions. Process involves comparison of players across all of the positions.

We put a tremendous amount of hard work into our draft board, and you do as well. As such, you need to trust the fruits of these labors and adhere to your draft board as much as possible. The surest way to be able to extract maximum value is to prepare extensively ahead of time and then refrain from jumping around on the board on Draft Day. Approach the draft with an actuarial mindset, determined to squeeze maximum value out of every pick, and you will be poised for success.

Draft Board Decoder

The FantasyDrafthelp.com draft board contains all the relevant information you need right at your fingertips. For example, in terms of QB, RB, WR and TE:

^ Players are color-coded by their value by round in a 12-team draft. 1st round is gold, 2nd round silver, 3rd round bronze, 4th round orange and 5th round light blue.

^ The "Exp" column displays where each player placed in an "experts consensus board" of top fantasy magazines and "\$" signifies auction value.

^ The "Stat" column shows how each player performed on our standard deviation from the mean statistic in 2008 (stat details on Page 4).

^ 2008 yardage and TD totals are listed, along with rankings for each and rankings in the aforementioned "Stat" category. Quarterbacks also have interceptions and completion percentage tracked, while running backs also have yards per carry and receiving yards tracked, while wide receivers and tight ends also have number of receptions and yards per catch tracked. Kickers have points, extra points made, field goals made and field goal percentage tracked. Any particularly noteworthy achievements by a player are bolded

^ "Bye" denotes each player's bye week.

Top 60 Players Regardless of Position

1	Peterson	31	Rivers
2	Forte	32	Owens
3	S Jackson	33	D Bowe
4	M Turner	34	Ochocinco
5	Brees	35	K Smith
6	Tomlinson	36	Ron Brown
7	Fitzgerald	37	P Thomas
8	A Johnson	38	B Wells
9	Jones-Drew	39	Moreno
10	D Williams	40	T Jones
11	R Moss	41	McFadden
12	P Manning	42	B Marshall
13	Brady	43	Houshmandz
14	Westbrook	44	Welker
15	Wayne	45	V Jackson
16	Cal Johnson	46	L Evans
17	Gore	47	Roy Williams
18	Jacobs	48	B Edwards
19	M Barber	49	McNabb
20	Portis	50	Romo
21	Ch Johnson	51	Witten
22	Slaton	52	T Gonzalez
23	Colston	53	D Clark
24	R Grant	54	Gates
25	A Boldin	55	Lynch
26	R White	56	Addai
27	G Jennings	57	Walter
28	S Smith	58	Bush
29	Warner	59	Stewart
30	Rodgers	60	J Lewis

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	QB	UQB	Rk	Exp	\$\$	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Int	Rk	Comp%	Rk	Bye
1	Drew Brees	1797	1	1	32	5069	1	34	1T	17		65.0	8	5
2	Peyton Manning	1550	6	2	30	4002	6	27	5	12	14T	66.8	3	6
3	Tom Brady	NA		3	29	NA		NA		NA		NA		8
4	Kurt Warner	1656	2	7	20	4583	2	30	3	14		67.1	2	4
5	Aaron Rodgers	1554	4	4T	20	4038	4	28	4	13	18T	63.6	9	5
6	Philip Rivers	1551	5	4T	20	4009	5	34	1T	11	10T	65.3	7	5
7	Donovan McNabb	1538	7	8	15	3916	7	23	8	11	10T	60.4	17	4
8	Tony Romo 1X	1509	12T	6	15	3448	12	26	6	14		61.3	15	6
9	Carson Palmer	785		13	8	731		3		4		58.1		8
10	Eli Manning	1507	17	16	8	3238	17	21	10T	10	7T	60.3	18	10
11	Matt Schaub	1499	18	9	8	3043	18	15	16T	10	7T	66.1	4	10
12	Matt Ryan	1509	12T	11	8	3440	13	16	15	11	10T	61.1	16	4
13	Ben Roethlisberger	1508	14T	12	8	3301	14	17	14	15		59.9	20	4
14	Jay Cutler	1643	3	10	8	4526	3	25	7	18		62.3	13T	8
15	Trent Edwards	1464		19	8	2699		11		10	7T	65.5	6	5
16	Matt Cassel	1520	8	14	8	3693	8	21	10T	11	10T	63.4	10	8
17	Matt Hasselbeck	1022		15	7	1216		5		10		52.2		7
18	Brett Favre	1511	11		7	3472	11	22	9	22		65.7	5	9
19	Kyle Orton 2X	1492	19T	17	7	2972	19	18	13	12	14T	58.5		7
20	David Garrard	1515	10	18	5	3620	10	15	16T	13	18T	62.6	12	7
21	Jake Delhomme	1508	14T		5	3288	15	15	16T	12	14T	59.4		4
22	Chad Pennington	1518	9		5	3653	9	19	12	7	2T	67.4	1	6
23	Jason Campbell	1508	14T		4	3245	16	13	20T	6	1	62.3	13T	8
24	Shaun Hill	1333		20	4	2046		13	20T	8	4T	62.8	11	6
25	Marc Bulger	1466			3	2720		11		13	18T	57.0		9
26	Joe Flacco	1492	19T		3	2971	20	14	19	12	14T	60.0	19	7
27	Brady Quinn 3X	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA		9

Injury Risks for 2009

High: Deion Branch, Laurence Maroney, Brian Westbrook
Medium: Percy Harvin, Willis McGahee, Rashard Mendenhall, Willie Parker, Adrian Peterson, LaDainian Tomlinson, Michael Turner
Low: Marc Bulger, Maurice Jones-Drew, Kellen Winslow

NOTE: Brett Favre was actually on our board even after he said he wasn't playing for the Vikings.

	TE	UQB	Rk	Exp	\$\$	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Rec	Rk	YPC	Rk	Bye
1	Jason Witten	1524	2	1	15	952	2	4	8	81	3	11.8	9	6
2	Tony Gonzalez	1534	1	3	15	1058	1	10	1	96	1	11.0	16T	4
3	Dallas Clark	1517	4T	4	15	848	5	6	5T	77	4	11.0	16T	6
4	Antonio Gates	1511	7	2	15	704	7	8	2	60	6	11.7	10	5
5	Greg Olsen	1508	10T	7	13	574	12	5	7T	54	10	10.6		5
6	Kellen Winslow 1X	1506	20T	9	13	428	20	3	9T	43	15	10.0		8
7	Chris Cooley	1517	4T	5	11	849	4	1		83	2	10.2		8
8	John Carlson	1509	8T	8	8	627	9	5	7T	55	9	11.4	14	7
9	Owen Daniels	1518	3	6	7	862	3	2		70	5	12.3	7	10
10	Tony Scheffler	1509	8T	15T	6	645	8	3	9T	40	19	16.1	1	7
11	Jeremy Shockey	1507	17T	13	5	483	17	0		50	11	9.7		5
12	Dustin Keller	1508	10T	12	5	535	14	3	8T	48	12T	11.1	15	9
13	Heath Miller	1508	10T	14	5	514	15	3	9T	48	12T	10.7	19T	8
14	Visanthe Shiancoe	1508	10T	10	5	596	10	7	3T	42	16	14.2	3	9
15	Zach Miller	1513	6	11	5	778	6	1		56	8	13.9	4	9
16	Todd Heap	1506	20T	20T	5	403		3	9T	35	20	11.5	12T	7
17	Kevin Boss	1505		15T	4	384		6	5T	33		11.6	11	10
18	Vernon Davis	1504		18	3	358		2		31		11.5	12T	6
19	Steve Heiden 2X	1499			2	249		0		23		10.8	18	9

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RB	UQB	Rk	Exp	\$\$	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Avg	Rk	Rec	Yds	Rk	Bye
1 Adrian Peterson	1618	1	1	36	1760	1	10	8T	4.8	18T	125		9	
2 Matt Forte	1539	7	3T	35	1238	7	8	18T	3.9		477	3	5	
3 Steven Jackson	1520	11T	5	34	1042	12	7	21T	4.1		379	10	9	
4 Michael Turner	1606	2	2	33	1699	2	17	2	4.5	23T	41		4	
5 LaDainian Tomlinson	1526	10	7T	32	1110	10	11	7	3.8		426	5	5	
6 Mo Jones-Drew	1512	18T	3T	31	824	25	12	6	4.2	36T	565	1	7	
7 DeAngelo Williams	1571	3	6	31	1515	3	18	1	5.5	7T	121		4	
8 Brian Westbrook 1X	1514	17	7T	28	936	18	9	13T	4.0		402	7	4	
9 Frank Gore	1520	11T	9	25	1036	13T	6	25T	4.3	31T	373	12	6	
10 Marion Barber	1512	18T	14	24	885	21	7	21T	3.7		417	6	6	
11 Brandon Jacobs	1520	11T	12	23	1089	11	15	3T	5.0	14T	36		10	
12 Clinton Portis	1570	4	13	23	1487	4	9	13T	4.3	31T	218	29	8	
13 Chris Johnson	1536	8	10	22	1228	8	9	13T	4.9	17	260	25	7	
14 Steve Slaton	1543	6	11	21	1282	6	9	13T	4.8	18T	377	11	10	
15 Ryan Grant	1529	9	16	21	1203	9	4	35T	3.9		116		5	
16 Kevin Smith	1515	16	15	18	976	17	8	18T	4.1		286	20	7	
17 Ronnie Brown	1512	18T	17	18	916	19	10	8T	4.3	31T	254	26	6	
18 Pierre Thomas	1507	21T	19	17	625	33	9	13T	4.8	18T	284	22	5	
19 Beanie Wells	NA		29	17	NA		NA		NA		NA		4	
20 Knowshon Moreno	NA		30	16	NA		NA		NA		NA		7	
21 Thomas Jones	1545	5	22	15	1312	5	13	5	4.5	23T	207	30	9	
22 Darren McFadden 2X	1503	34T	23	15	499		4	35T	4.4	27T	285	21	9	
23 Marshawn Lynch	1519	14T	18	14	1036	13T	8	18T	4.1		300	19	9	
24 Joseph Addai	1504	33	21	14	544	39	5	28T	3.5		206	31	6	
25 Reggie Bush	1500		20	14	404		2		3.8		440	4	5	

Kickers	UQB	Rk	Exp	\$\$	Pts	Rk	XPM	Rk	FGM	Rk	FG%	Rk	Bye
1 Stephen Gostkowski	1531	1T	1	4	148	1	40	11T	36	1	90.0	6	8
2 Rob Bironas	1528	5T	2	4	127	7T	40	11T	29	8T	87.9	10T	7
3 Ryan Longwell	1528	5T	4	4	127	7T	40	11T	29	8T	85.3	17	9
4 Mason Crosby	1512	13T	5	4	127	7T	46	1T	27	14T	79.4		5
5 Nate Kaeding	1512	13T	7	4	127	7T	46	1T	27	14T	84.4	18	5
6 Neil Rackers	1523	11	6	4	119	15T	44	5	25	20T	89.3	8	4
7 Garrett Hartley	1505	18T	10	4	67		28		13		100.0		5
8 Jason Elam	1529	3T	8	4	129	6	42	7T	29	8T	93.5	2	4
9 David Akers	1514	12	3	4	144	2	45	4	33	3	82.5		4
10 Jeff Reed	1527	9T	14T	4	117	17	36	19	27	14T	87.1	14	8
11 Nick Folk	1501		8	4	102		42	7T	20		90.9	4	6
12 Adam Vinatieri 1X	1484		14T	4	103		43	6	20		80.0		6
13 Robbie Gould	1528	5T	11	2	119	15T	41	9T	26	18T	89.7	7	5
14 Kris Brown	1528	5T	9	2	124	11T	37	18	29	8T	87.9	10T	10
15 Rian Lindell	1511	15T	12	2	124	11T	34		30	6T	78.9		9
16 Shayne Graham	1500		16	2	78		15		21		87.5	13	8
17 John Kasay	1529	3T	13	2	130	5	46	1T	28	13	90.3	5	4
18 Joe Nedney	1527	9T	20T	2	121	14	34		29	8T	87.9	10T	6
19 Jason Hanson	1501		18T	2	88		25		21		95.5	1	7
20 Jay Feely	1499			2	111	20	39	15T	24		85.7	16	9
21 Josh Brown 2X	1502	20		2	112	19	19		31	5	86.1	15	9

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	RB	UQB	Rk	Exp	\$\$	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Avg	Rk	Rec	Yds	Rk	Bye
26	Jonathan Stewart	1506	24T	24	14	836	24	10	8T	4.5	23T	47			4
27	Jamal Lewis	1512	18T	32	14	1002	16	4	35T	3.6		178	37		9
28	Willie Parker	1505	30T	27	13	791	26	5	28T	3.8		13			8
29	Larry Johnson	1507	21T	25	13	874	22	5	28T	4.5	23T	74			8
30	Derrick Ward	1519	14T	28	13	1025	15	2		5.6	6	384	9		8
31	LenDale White	1505	30T	26	13	773	27	15	3T	3.9		16			7
32	Cedric Benson	1502	38T	31	13	747	28	2		3.5		185	33T		8
33	Felix Jones	1486		34	12	266		3		8.9	1	10			6
34	Fred Jackson	1506	24T	36	12	571	36	3		4.4	27T	317	17		9
35	Donald Brown	NA		33	12	NA		NA		NA		NA			6
36	Earnest Graham	1501		41	12	563	37	4	35T	4.3	31T	174	38		8
37	Julius Jones 3X	1503	34T	35	12	698	30	2		4.4	27T	66			7
38	Leon Washington	1502	38T	40	9	448		6	25T	5.9	4	355	13		9
39	Darren Sproles	1495		38	9	330		1		5.4	9	342	14		5
40	LeRon McClain	1507	21T	45	9	902	20	10	8T	3.9		123			7
41	Chester Taylor	1500		43T	9	399		4	35T	4.0		399	8		9
42	Willis McGahee	1502	38T	37	9	671	31	7	21T	3.9		173	39		7
43	Ray Rice 4X	1501		43T	9	454		0		4.2	36T	273	23		7
44	Sammy Morris	1503	34T	42	6	727	29	7	21T	4.7	21	161			8
45	Tim Hightower	1498		39	6	399		10	8T	2.8		237	27		4
46	Laurence Maroney	NA			6	93		0		3.3		0			8
47	Justin Fargas	1506	24T		5	853	23	1		3.9		52			9
48	Ricky Williams 5X	1506	24T		5	659	32	4	35T	4.1		219	28		6
49	Shonne Greene	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA			9
50	LeSean McCoy	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA			4
51	Jerious Norwood	1503	34T		2	489		4	35T	5.1	12T	338	15		4
52	Jamaal Charles	1496			2	357		0		5.3	10T	272	24		8
53	Tashard Choice	1498			2	472		2		5.1	12T	185	33T		6
54	Rashard Mendenhall	NA			2	58		0		3.1		17			8
55	Glen Coffee	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA			6
56	Brandon Jackson	1483			2	248		1		5.5	7T	185	33T		5
57	Ladell Betts	1479			2	206		1		3.4		200	32		8
58	Ahmad Bradshaw	1493			2	355		1		5.3	10T	42			10
59	Mewelde Moore	1506	24T		2	588	34	5	28T	4.2	36T	320	16		8
60	Fred Taylor	1501			2	556	38	1		3.9		98			8
61	Rashad Jennings	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA			7
62	James Davis	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA			9
63	Jerome Harrison 6X	1483			2	246		1		7.2	2	116			9

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Evaluating Production Across a Spectrum: Lessons of “The Stat”

Our “Stat” category on our draft board calculates the standard deviation from the mean in all statistical categories. In simple English, imagine a spectrum going across from left to right, with negative numbers on the left side, a “zero” in the middle and positive numbers on the right side. We utilize this statistic for baseball, basketball, hockey and NASCAR as well as football. A player’s performance in each category is plotted on one of these spectrums, with the most valuable players putting up most of their numbers on the most of their numbers on the positive side. Then, we add up the totals of every category, positive and negative. By using this tool, we can identify not merely how they performed, but how valuable their performances were in each category. Truly, this statistic serves as the ultimate baseline for the previous season’s production.

D/ST	Exp	\$\$	Bye
1 NY Giants	2	4	10
2 Pittsburgh	1	4	8
3 <u>Philadelphia</u>	5	4	4
4 Minnesota	4	2	9
5 NY Jets	8	2	9
6 Baltimore	3	2	7
7 Dallas	7	2	6
8 Tennessee	6	2	7
9 New England	10	2	8
10 San Diego	11	2	5
11 <u>Carolina 1X</u>	13	2	4
12 Indianapolis	15	1	6
13 Washington	16	1	8
14 Miami	12	1	6
15 Arizona	18	1	4
16 Green Bay	17	1	5
17 Seattle	20	1	7
18 Chicago	9	1	5
19 Buffalo	19	1	9
20 Tampa Bay	14	1	8
21 Atlanta	1	4	4
22 San Francisco	1	6	6
23 Jacksonville	1	7	7
24 Houston	1	10	10
25 New Orleans	1	5	5
26 <u>St Louis 2X</u>	1	9	9

FantasyDrafthelp.com Suggested League Guidelines

Many leagues start 1 QB, 2 RB, 2 WR, 1TE, 1 K and some D/ST combination. Some leagues allow the TE position to be WR or TE (in which case, only a few TEs merit any consideration) and some have a "flex" position, which is generally 1 additional RB or WR. With leagues who utilize defense, some deploy a team D/ST unit and some use individual D players.

The most common scoring system is a variation of the following: 4 points per passing TD, 1 point per 25 yards passing, 1 point per passing 2-point PAT, 6 points per receiving or rushing TD, 1 point per 10 yards rushing or receiving, 2 points per rushing or receiving 2-point PAT, 2 points per "big play touchdown" (50 or more yards), 1 point per kicking PAT, 3 points per FG, with a 1-point bonus at 45 yards, a 2-point bonus at 50 yards and a 3-point bonus at 55 yards, 6 points per defensive or special teams TD, 1 point per interception, sack or fumble recovered and 2 points per safety. In leagues that award 6 points for passing TDs, QBs are worth much more.

Projected Breakthroughs of 2009

QB: Carson Palmer, Brady Quinn, Matt Schaub
 RB: Jerome Harrison, Felix Jones, Rashard Mendenhall, Darren Sproles, Pierre Thomas, Derrick Ward
 WR: Anthony Gonzalez, Devery Henderson, Domenik Hixon, Michael Jenkins, Robert Meachem, Sidney Rice
 TE: Dustin Keller, Greg Olsen

Rookie Player Rankings

- 1 Beanie Wells
- 2 Knowshon Moreno
- 3 Michael Crabtree
- 4 Donald Brown
- 5 Rashad Jennings
- 6 Hakeem Nicks
- 7 Kenny Britt

Overvalued and Undervalued Players of 2009

NOTE: Players are listed as overvalued or undervalued based on their placement in the "Experts' Draft Board" on our draft board under the "Exp" heading.

Overvalued

QB: Jay Cutler
 RB: Reggie Bush, Tim Hightower, Larry Johnson, Marshawn Lynch, Willis McGahee, LenDale White
 WR: Donnie Avery, Deion Branch, Antonio Bryant, Mark Clayton, Laveranues Coles, Jerricho Cotchery, Percy Harvin, Devin Hester, Santonio Holmes, Brandon Marshall, Lance Moore, Santana Moss, Eddie Royal, Nate Washington, Hines Ward, Wes Welker, Roy Williams
 TE: Zach Miller, Visanthe Shiancoe

Undervalued

QB: Eli Manning, Trent Edwards
 RB: Marion Barber, Donald Brown, Earnest Graham, Jamal Lewis, Le'Ron McClain
 WR: Isaac Bruce, Nate Burleson, Michael Crabtree, Braylon Edwards, Devery Henderson, Michael Jenkins, Muhsin Muhammad, Chad Ochocinco, Kevin Walter
 TE: Todd Heap, Tony Scheffler

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	WR	UQB	Rk	Exp	\$\$	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Rec	Rk	YPC	Rk	Bye
1	Larry Fitzgerald	1554	1	1	32	1431	2	12	1T	96	4	14.9	24T	4
2	Andre Johnson	1552	3	2	32	1575	1	8	8T	115	1	13.7	36T	10
3	Randy Moss	1546	7T	4	30	1008	20	11	3T	69	23T	14.6	27	8
4	Reggie Wayne	1543	11	5T	28	1145	10	6	18T	82	11	14.0	31T	6
5	Calvin Johnson 1X	1553	2	3	27	1331	5	12	1T	78	17T	17.1	9	7
6	Marques Colston	1527	24	9	21	760	39	5	23T	47		16.2	12T	5
7	Anquan Boldin	1522	25	8	21	1038	15	11	3T	89	7	11.7		5
8	Roddy White	1548	6	5T	20	1382	4	7	10T	88	8	15.7	17	4
9	Greg Jennings	1549	4T	7	20	1292	6	9	7	80	13T	16.2	12T	5
10	Steve Smith	1549	4T	8	20	1421	3	6	18T	78	17T	18.2	6	4
11	Terrell Owens	1546	7T	13	18	1052	12	10	5T	69	23T	15.2	19	9
12	Dwayne Bowe	1517	31T	11	18	1022	17	7	10T	86	9	11.9		8
13	Chad Ochocinco	1497		21	18	540		4	32T	53	42T	10.2		8
14	Brandon Marshall	1520	26T	10	15	1265	7	6	18T	104	3	12.2		7
15	T.J. Houshmandz	1515	37	14	15	904	27	4	32T	92	5	9.8		7
16	Wes Welker	1512	45T	12	15	1165	9	3		111	2	10.5		8
17	Vincent Jackson	1545	10	16	15	1098	11	7	10T	59	33	18.6	5	5
18	Lee Evans	1533	18	20	15	1017	18	3		63	28	16.1	14	9
19	Roy Williams	1481		15	15	430		2		36		11.9		6
20	Braylon Edwards 2X	1530	20T	18	15	873	29	3		55	38T	15.9	15	9
21	Kevin Walter	1541	12	32	14	899	28	8	8T	60	31T	15.0	22T	10
22	Santonio Holmes	1537	16	19	14	821	33	5	23T	55	38T	14.9	24T	8
23	Bernard Berrian	1535	17	22	14	964	23	7	10T	48		20.1	3	9
24	Anthony Gonzalez	1500		24	14	664	43	4	32T	57	34T	11.6		6
25	DeSean Jackson	1531	19	26	14	912	26	2		62	29	14.7	26	4
26	Donald Driver 3X	1539	13	29T	14	1012	19	5	23T	74	20	13.7	36T	5
27	Eddie Royal	1516	33T	23	12	980	22	5	23T	91	6	10.8		7
28	Antonio Bryant	1546	7T	17	12	1248	8	7	10T	83	10	15.0	22T	8
29	Muhsin Muhammad	1538	14T	42	12	923	25	5	23T	65	25T	14.2	28	4
30	Santana Moss	1514	38T	27	12	1044	13	6	18T	79	15T	13.2	44T	8
31	Michael Jenkins	1528	23		12	777	37	3		50		15.5	18	4
32	Laveranues Coles	1513	41T	29T	12	850	31	7	10T	70	22	12.1		8
33	Torry Holt	1502		34	12	796	34	3		64	27	12.4		7
34	Nate Burleson 4X	NA			12	NA		NA		NA		NA		7
35	Steve Breaston	1505		36	9	1006	21	3		77	19	13.1		4
36	Devery Henderson	1530	20T		9	793	35	3		32		24.8	1	5
37	Hines Ward	1516	33T	25	9	1043	14	7	10T	81	12	12.9		8
38	Derrick Mason	1513	41T	40T	8	1037	16	5	23T	80	13T	13.0		7
39	Ted Ginn Jr.	1529	22	38	8	790	36	2		56	36T	14.1	29T	6
40	Isaac Bruce	1538	14T		8	835	32	7	10T	61	30	13.7	36T	6
41	Chris Chambers	1514	38T	39	8	462		5	23T	33		14.0	31T	5
42	Jerricho Cotchery	1512	45T	28	8	858	30	5	23T	71	21	12.1		9
43	Donnie Avery	1499		33	8	674	41	3		53	42T	12.7		9
44	Domenik Hixon	1505			7	596		2		43		13.9	35	10
45	Malcom Floyd 5X	1517	31T		7	465		4	32T	27		17.2	8	5
46	Jeremy Maclin	NA		45	5	NA		NA		NA		NA		4
47	Michael Crabtree	NA		35	5	NA		NA		NA		NA		6

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48 Justin Gage	1518	29T		5	651	44	6	18T	34		19.1	4	7
49 Deion Branch	1514	38T	40T	5	412		4	32T	30		13.7	36T	7
50 Mark Clayton	1520	26T		5	695	40	3		41		17.0	10	7
51 Devin Hester	1499		37	5	665	42	3		51		13.0		5
52 Nate Washington	1505		43T	5	631		3		40		15.8	16	8
53 Percy Harvin	NA		43T	4	NA		NA		NA		NA		9
54 the other Steve Smith	1492			4	574		1		57	34T	10.1		10
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56 Lance Moore	1518	29T	31	4	928	24	10	5T	79	15T	11.7		5
57 Joey Galloway	1490			4	138		0		13		10.6		8
58 <u>Sidney Rice 6X</u>	1495			4	141		4	32T	15		9.4		9
59 Hakeem Nicks	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA		10
60 Kenny Britt	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA		7
61 Robert Meachem	1520	26T		2	289		3		12		24.1	2	5
62 Darrius Heyward-Bey	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA		9
63 <u>Juaquin Iglesias 7X</u>	NA			2	NA		NA		NA		NA		5

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^ Don't be that guy who is unprepared and whines in the mid to late rounds that everyone worth taking is already gone. They're not, you're just woefully unprepared.

^ Don't be that guy who doesn't properly understand your league's scoring system. League setups are like snowflakes; no two are the same. Our draft board is configured to conform to a fairly basic scoring system (illustrated on Page 5), but your league could well have some quirks that would force you to make adaptations to our board. Be aware of them.

^ Don't be that guy who doesn't pay enough attention and selects players who are already off the board. It's impolite to your leaguemates and it will invariably break your concentration when everyone howls at you and you've got to go back to Square One on a backup pick. To ensure that you are aware of everything that is going on during your draft, utilize a "grid" to track all teams, with the number of rounds going down the left side and the teams listed in order along the top.

^ Don't be that guy who approaches the draft like it's a night of epic decision-making. If you've done your homework, it's not. You merely find out where you're drafting and you "let the draft come to you." Trust your draft board, abide by it and don't overrule your rankings lightly. Weeks of preparation will trump minutes of frantic guessing anytime.

^ Don't be that guy who has ironclad rules, like the weenies who always say, "I'm going to take running backs with my first two picks." Really? No matter how picked-over they are? That's insane. To a certain extent, this goes back to the last point about letting the draft come to you. When everyone else zigs, you zag and you'll get value with every pick.

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^ Now more than ever, you have to abandon the feeling that you have to be super-comfortable with every pick. Even Adrian Peterson, with his past injury history and his 2008 workload, cannot possibly engender the amount of comfort that LT did in past years, but he still rates the top pick. Matt Forte was a lightly-regarded rookie at this time last year, but he still merits top-five selection. DeAngelo Williams is now a legitimate first-round pick despite having his team's top draft pick of a year ago pushing him for time and probably taking away goal-line carries. Especially very early in the draft, you just have to do what the draft board tells you to do in a given situation without worrying about that little voice in your head saying, "WHAT???"

^ While there are fewer slam-dunk picks at any position than most years in recent history (due in part to the RB-by-committee trend that we have been chronicling since 2005), there is also more depth overall than in most years. We rate 8 QBs and 8 RBs as worthy of the #1 level and while we only rate 5 WRs at that level, our acceptable level of #2 WRs goes all the way down to 20. Wide receiver depth in particular this season is quite incredible. While our first point warns you that your first pick or two may leave you feeling cold purely on a gut level, your subsequent selections will fill you with joy if you draft properly.

^ Every season is different and while last year's numbers are never to be used as an absolute in terms of predicting this year, so too should last year's trends be considered in the same manner. Last year saw the emergence of many top-flight RBs, many of them under the radar at the beginning of the season. This year should be closer to the norm, with few RBs breaking out big-time and the most likely ones being the ones picked high last April (Beanie Wells, Knowshon Moreno).

FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones QB Rankings

Player	Comments-Make sure to get one in the top 5, and a backup no worse than 17
1 Tom Brady	All of the killer offense is back, add Fred Taylor, could be a 50+ TD season again...
2 Peyton Manning	Never discount Peyton...there seems to be some offensive wrinkles in the works too
3 Drew Brees	Best statistical QB in 2008. Still a top tier and fringe first round possibility
4 Donovan McNabb	Could be a little low with the new offensive weapons
5 Phillip Rivers	Statistically very good, but still has no stellar receiving options
6 Aaron Rogers	Surprisingly good last year, but both Driver and Jennings just got paid.
7 Carson Palmer	This may seem like a stretch but, OchoCinco is rejuvenated and Coles is on the other side.
8 Matt Ryan	C'mon, seriously, Ryan is EFFICIENT...period.
9 Tony Romo	Generally reached on, and with no T.O. I am skeptical of his production
10 Kurt Warner	Almost 5,000 yds and a 2 to 1 TD to INT ratio. Hold out on him high unless Boldin resigns.
11 Jay Cutler	Current starters at WR, Rashied Davis and Devon Hester...neither over 5'11..not exactly DENs WRs
12 Ben Roethlisberger	This one hurts me, but he is a two time Super Bowl Champion. 17 tds to 15 ints? On 3300 yds
13 Matt Cassell	Great job in NE, but NE is not KC. If Cassell has a good year, Bowe will have a monster year by comparison
14 Brett Favre	If he signs, and I believe he will. He could be a huge steal as a fantasy backup.
15 Eli Manning	Considering no Burress...he still had 21 tds to 10 ints. No Burress changes those numbers significantly
16 Matt Hasselback	The addition of TJ Houshmandzadeh will improve his numbers
17 Trent Edwards	DO NOT DISREGARD THE T.O. EFFECT. T.O. Even if its only one season, Edwards will look like a real NFL QB
18 Jake Delhomme	The most overrated starting NFL QB in a long time.
19 Marc Bulger	Not that long ago, Bulger was a top 5-8 QB, as a backup it could be a legit risk. Remember though, no Holt, no Bruce
20 Brady Quinn	All indications are that he will win the job...he will be a Manager of the Game...Do not expect major numbers
21 Chad Pennington	Chad's starting position is his for now...but they love Pat White. Be very cautious about the value where you pick him
22 Kyle Orton	The only way you should pick Orton is if you buy everything that Josh McDaniels is selling
23 Jason Campbell	Will this guy ever live up to potential? He is the starter and that's the only reason he's on this list
24 Joe Flacco	Again, Flacco is the starter. But he puts up pedestrian numbers (3,000 yds, 14tds, 12 ints)
25 Kerry Collins	Again, just a starter. Vince Young should scare Collins owners, especially with the loss of Steve McNair (young's mentor)
26 Jeff Garcia	Only if he steals the job from Russell (I wouldn't touch him until that happens sometime during the regular season)
27 Shaun Hill	Will be the starter for SF, but what does that really mean fantasy wise. Hill owner better believe in Crabtree
28 David Garrard	The starter but so what? Roethlisberger/Delhomme numbers
29 Mark Sanchez	Should be the starter and would not be a bad value pick. His mobility will allow him to make some plays.
30 Daunte Cullpepper	Should start until Stafford takes over, buyer be ware
31 Derek Anderson	Should not start, but if Quinn chokes, Anderson would go in pretty quickly
32 Vince Young	This would be a pure upside pick and only if you believe he will make an aggressive comeback.

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FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones RB Rankings

Player	Comments-Many guys are way overrated, which means great value on guys who will fall
1 Adrian Peterson	1st overall pick until further notice...shades of LT for over 5 years
2 Michael Turner	Model of consistency. Actually had a better season than AP...but evaluate everything, AP is a better pick
3 LaDainian Tomlinson	1500 yds 12 tds from scrimmage was a disgraceful season for LT
4 Steven Jackson	Generally a top 3 pick before AP and Turner came along, the team is recommitted to being a smashmouth rushing team
5 Brian Westbrook	Better offensive weapons, better o-line, and a solid backup RB...Westbrooks touches should have more punch
6 Matt Forte	Another consistency guy and he catches the ball well, Cutler will check down to him frequently
7 DeAngelo Williams	Don't buy the one year hype. He's good, but not top 5 good like some think, he will go early to allow better guys to drop
8 Maurice Jones-Drew	Do you really want to put all your eggs in the 5'9 feature back basket?
9 Clinton Portis	Skins sucked, but you cannot deny 1700 yds an 9 tds from scrimmage...all the while bitching about his line
10 Thomas Jones	Check his numbers, now that the team should have better coaching his numbers should be consistant
11 Frank Gore	He has greatness in him, but who knows which Gore you're going to get
12 Marion Barber	Great running back, but with Felix Jones coming back and no T.O., who knows what his stats will look like
13 Steve Slaton	Great rookie season, lets see how the sophomore season pans out...I think it's a slight risk, use your discretion
14 Brandon Jacobs	RedZone killer. 15 tds, enough said. Beware though, he just got paid.
15 Chris Johnson	Great little player. Very explosive, the LenDale White situation worries me. Value is the word
16 Marshawn Lynch	Granted, he is out for the first quarter of the season...T.O. will loosen the box for Lynch when he plays
17 Knowshon Moreno	That's right a rookie...I have a hunch, in the McDaniels scheme, Moreno will be a beast from day one.
18 Willie Parker	If he stays healthy, Parker is potentially a top 10 rb. Remember, until wk 14 in '07, he lead the NFL in rushing
19 Larry Johnson	Could be a great sleeper if he gets his head out of his ass under new regime
20 Willis McGahee	Not clearly a featured back in BAL, but the closest thing to it from what's left
21 Jonathan Stewart	Good redzone numbers. Can CAR really rack up 100,000 yds an 200 tds between 2 guys again?
22 LenDale White	Claims to be recommitted. I will reserve judgement on his attitude and weight until at least week 4
23 Jamal Lewis	Could be rejuvenated with new coaching staff, on a bad year he still got 1000 yds 4 tds,better redzone #s
24 Ronnie Brown	It may be the Wildcat (so be leary) but he still put up 1100 yds and 10 tds in limited action
25 Fred Taylor	Who knows? Maybe a Corey Dillon first year with NE type of season for Taylor, he will do more than Maroney
26 Ryan Grant	Another guy I don't trust. If he's good he's very good, if he's not he's on your bench taking up a roster spot
27 Joseph Addai	There will be pressure to perform with the rookie on his heels..it'll either be great or horrific
28 Kevin Smith	He is the starter and should improve on last season's numbers
29 Reggie Bush	DO NOT REACH ON BUSH!!! He cannot run between the tackles
30 Cedric Benson	He is the starter for whatever that's worth in CIN
31 Felix Jones	Could be very productive...in bye weeks when you need to sub out your starters
32 Darren McFadden	Another sexy college back who cannot successfully run between the tackles in the NFL
33 Pierre Thomas	I don't buy it. He and Bush should split carries 50/50. Bush has more explosiveness, better quality touches
34 Edgerrin James	Depends on where he ends up, use caution
35 Carnell Williams	Only if you have huge ONIONS. Great talent, terrible injury history
36 Chris Wells	Great talent. Could be the best Buckeye since E.George. But he couldn't stay healthy in college...?
37 Derrick Ward	Not with Jacobs getting the bulk of the redzone touches, I don't care if the guy gets 2,000 yds rushing
38 Julius Jones	A joke of a Fantasy player
39 T.J. Duckett	Only a redzone threat. Think...10 tds on 50 yds rushing...on the entire season.
40 Tim Hightower	Ten TDs last season. Great, but only if they bring Wells along slowly

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FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones WR Rankings

Players	Comments-The deepest position this year. Potentially 1000yds clear into the mid 20s
1 Larry Fitzgerald	Most talented WR in the League. 3 of his 5 seasons he went over 1400yds and avg's 9 tds a season. Safest WR
2 Andre Johnson	Lead the league in receiving and does it quietly. Not the sexiest pick but can be one of the smartest
3 Randy Moss	There are 4 guys you don't sleep on and #1 is MOSS. Brady will be good = happy Moss is an effective Moss
4 Steve Smith	I don't know how he does it, but little Steve Smith is a beast. Easily a first rd talent and no worse than 2nd rd
5 Terrell Owens	Another don't sleep. No one in history has a better first year with a new team track record.
6 Reggie Wayne	Its still Indy and that means Peyton will throw it more than hand it off. No Harrison, Wayne will have numbers
7 Calvin Johnson	Quietly got 1300yds and 12tds on the history's worst team ever.
8 Brandon Marshall	Are you kidding? Some boards have him in the 20s. The kid can do it and I don't care who's throwing the ball.
9 T.J. Houshmandzadeh	2 years ago 1200 yds and 12tds as a #2 in terrible CIN, Hasselback finally has a #1 to throw to.
10 Chad OchoCinco	Don't Sleep. He claims to be motivated with the Bengals. You may think it's a reach, I think he could be huge.
11 Braylon Edwards	Braylon can do it. (1300yds 16tds in 07) never discount a guy too much if he's done it before.
12 Roddy White	I am only putting him this high because I have a hunch. I would take him since he's done two years in a row.
13 Dwayne Bowe	I like this kid, bet you he did better than you think, and that's with Tyler Thigpen at QB. 1022yds/7tds...
14 Marques Colston	Again..did it before, Revert back to Brees' numbers. Missed 6 gms and non factor is 3 others. 760/5 in 7 games
15 Anquan Boldin	If he would let us know who he's going to play for, I could put him higher.
16 Greg Jennings	Remember, just got paid (red flag). Besides its still just GB.
17 Hines Ward	Ward is solid. Until Holmes officially becomes Ben's go to guy...Ward is still very relevant
18 Lee Evans	Great #3. T.O. will get a lot of attention. I expect Evans to get a lot of surprise catches and TDs
19 Eddie Royal	In McDaniels offense he will thrive. Especially if Marshall is not on the team.
20 Torry Holt	Don't Sleep again and finally. New environment, still a very good receiver. No worse than 1200/7
21 Laverneous Coles	The number 2 in CIN, I like it. Again, value, value, value
22 Wes Welker	Don't overrate this guy. He's still just a slot possession guy. Most leagues don't give a ton of points for catches
23 Roy Williams	He is now the go to guy in DAL...will he fold like the rest of that team? I think he will
24 Santonio Holmes	Coming of SB MVP, this could be the year he puts it all together
25 DeSean Jackson	Lots of new faces on that O. He will be a familiar one for McNabb and they will build on
26 Jerricho Cotchery	Hey he's the #1 on the Jets. At some point you say stats be damned and pick #1 WRs
27 Vincent Jackson	See the above
28 Antonio Bryant	Ditto
29 Anthony Gonzalez	Can Gonzalez fill Harrison's shoes? To be honest I hope you have all of your starting WRs by now.
30 Donnie Avery	I don't like it but I have to put him in the top 32
31 Santana Moss	Has had good fantasy seasons before, but it is a crapshoot trying to figure out if this will be one of them
32 Donald Driver	If you believe Rogers will have a good year like 2008, he may be a safe late round pick
33 Deion Branch	TJ on the team puts him back against #2 CBs where he belongs. Keep in mind, he's only gone for 1,000yds once
34 Ted Ginn Jr	I like him in that wildcat formation, but he really should be a 4th WR and a bench player for most of the season
35 Devin Hester	Not even Jay Cutler can make this guy into a legit WR. He'll get the ball but don't bank on much
36 Michael Crabtree	Could be a serious fantasy rookie. He's no Randy Moss as a rookie, but look where we are on this list
37 Bernard Berrian	Hate him fantasy wise, but if Favre is in MIN, Berrian's number will go up at least 30%
38 Chris Henry	If CIN gets back to airing it out, Henry will play, but with OchoCinco and Coles ahead of him
39 Percy Harvin	Another guy that could be decent with the arrival of Brett Favre
40 Plaxico Burress	I don't see him playing. Just keep your eyes on him if he's A) cleared to play B) gets on a team with a decent QB

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FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones TE Rankings

Players	Comments-MUST get a starter in the top 5, if you don't have one by 14, give up.
1 Tony Gonzalez	With the move to ATL, Gonzalez's numbers could even go up
2 Antonio Gates	Barring injury, there has not been a situation that dictates that a Gates owner would be dissatisfied...at all
3 Jason Witten	Steady. He isn't the big time threat the previous two are, but he gradually puts up stats.
4 Dallas Clark	Without Harrison in the fold, I look for Clark to have an improved season.
5 Kellen Winslow	In CLE, Winslow never got the ball enough. If TB is smart they will make Winslow the #2 reciever.
6 Owen Daniels	The quiet assassin. Most fantasy owner undervalue this guy heavily.
7 Greg Olsen	We're still waiting for the breakout MIAMI U TE season from Olsen, lack of WRs in CHI
8 Chris Cooley	WAS is still in flux and has no idea what their identity is, but Cooley is a great weapon
9 Heath Miller	The poor man's Jason Witten. If you don't have a starting TE now, pull the trigger on Miller.
10 Brandon Pettigrew	Yes that's right, a rookie in the top 10.
11 Todd Heap	Not much to say about him.
12 Jeremy Shockey	Shockey has scourned most fantasy players. Brees' numbers and Shockey's potential have to merge
13 Dustin Keller	Great playmaking ability. His rookie season had a lot of bumps in the road
14 Zach Miller	Most "experts" have Zach Miller as the best non top tier TE, I might agree...I just like 13 guys more.
15 Visanthe Shiancoe	With Favre in toe, Shiancoe (or any MIN reciever for that matter) should have a better season
16 Vernon Davis	Davis grew up a lot last year and is now one of Coach Singletary's favorite guys.
17 Anthony Fasano	The Wildcat means tons of options. Fasano is one of them, he's just like #5 or #6
18 Tony Scheffler	This is a travesty. Scheffler should be top 10, but NE coaches do not use TE's as offensive threats...
19 Bo Scaife	Steady but a backup in my world
20 Donald Lee	Has moments but has yet to string a few games in a row. He dissappears for weeks at a time
21 L.J. Smith	This guy has talent as proven in PHI. He should have stayed there. In BAL he is not even a starter
22 Alge Crumpler	Seriously, if you don't have a TE by now punt the position for a while.
23 Kevin Boss	Boss was great during the Giants' SuperBowl push, but he is still just another multi-purpose TE
24 Mercedes Lewis	Another young guy with great potential that has not been realized.
25 Martellus Bennett	A flashy TE specifically suited for DAL, like most Cowboys (Romo, R.Williams, etc) tends to choke
26 John Carlson	Young guy that SEA believes in implicetly
27 Daniel Graham	You really don't want to pick backups, period. Especially if the starter isn't rated very high
28 Alex Smith	Again, its NE. They could have Winslow Sr or Newsome and the guy wouldn't average much.
29 Brent Celek	You have to be kidding if you haven't picked a TE by now
30 Jerramy Stevens	You have to be kidding if you haven't picked a TE by now
31 Chase Coffman	You have to be kidding if you haven't picked a TE by now
32 Billy Miller	You have to be kidding if you haven't picked a TE by now

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FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones D/ST Rankings

Units	Comments-After #10, the DEF's don't even matter...6 of one, half dozen of another
1 PIT	Best DEF bar none regardless of the stats
2 BAL	Interesting moves, but still a great DEF, even without their Ryan as their coordinator
3 NYG	Giants will have to depend on their D to save them in many games
4 MIN	They still are the best against the run, which should lead to turnovers
5 PHI	Steady and effective, won't lose you any games
6 CHI	When healthy, they are a top 3 DEF. No Mike Brown to worry about this year
7 NE	It is still NE, their secondary is improved and they still have a top tier front 7, even if they are old
8 SD	With Merriman back, everything changes. SD could be the steal of your draft
9 DAL	DAL will get turnovers, but they will also give up yards and points
10 NYJ	Sleeper alert!!! Coach Ryan is the best defensive mind in the NFL, he will make Gholston the next Terrell Suggs
11 TEN	IMPORTANT: TEN has like a .300 winning percentage when Albert Haynesworth doesn't play.
12 MIA	I don't know how they do it, there is no defensive wildcat, but they get results
13 CAR	This team is built on their defense, we'll see how it pans out.
14 TB	See comments about CAR
15 GB	Better have a DEF by now. GB will have growing pains transitioning into the 3-4
16 IND	Its Indy. The OFF wins games, but they do get sacks and turnovers
17 ARI	ARI played great in the playoffs, can they sustain it?
18 CLE	They have a unit that is balanced, that's been the problem. If ManGENIUS can let them loose it'll be different
19 DEN	DEN has the personel to make a quick transition to the 3-4, I just don't trust McDaniels. I do trust Nolan, though
20 JAX	Great front 7 talent, injuries have been a problem

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FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones K Rankings

Player	Comments-C'mon, really...they're just kickers. Just make sure you get one by the last round.
1 Stephen Gostkowski	Best offense will produce enough extra points to merit the pick
2 David Akers	With the added offensive players, PHI should get to the red zone more frequently
3 Ryan Longwell	Favre means more deep balls plus the running game. More points is still more points
4 Jason Elam	Tony Gonzalez adds to the potential for Elam scoring
5 Robbie Gould	CHI will be improved, keep in mind, Cutler is the most inefficient top tier QB in the red zone
6 Adam Vinatieri	He is still Vinatieri, the most clutch kicker ever
7 Neil Rackers	Still expect the Cards to put up numbers week in and week out
8 Nate Kaeding	SD had a bad year by comparison, that includes Kaeding
9 Jeff Reed	They won't average 35 pts a game, but Reed will get his fair share FG attempts
10 Mason Crosby	GB unlogically puts up points in some regard, not all from Aaron Rogers
11 Nick Folk	Its DAL, lots of points...not as many wins
12 Rob Bironas	TEN scores just enough to win games...that means lots of FGs
13 John Kasay	Steve Smith from day one and the most potent "rushing tandem"
14 Jason Hanson	DET HAS TO BE BETTER
15 Shayne Graham	CIN is looking to get back to the "air it out" Bengals, we'll see
16 Phil Dawson	Beware, rumors that Phil may not be the starter at PK by the start of the season
17 Kris Brown	HOU should keep ascending upward, so should Brown's production
18 Matt Bryant	They should score FGs if nothing else. Note: Winslow (TE) is the only Buc that I rank high
19 Rian Lindell	T.O. is balls out the first season with a new team. Should be worth the PATs
20 Josh Brown	Can the Rams get back on track offensively? In the mean time, Brown should get attempts
21 Joe Nedey	Seriously, I shouldn't even be typing...if you don't have a kicker by now... .. PUNT!!!!
22 Sebastian Janikowski	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
23 Josh Scobee	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
24 Matt Prater	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
25 Jay Feely	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
26 Lawrence Tynes	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
27 Olindo Mare	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
28 Dan Carpenter	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
29 Shaun Suisham	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
30 Garrett Hartley	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
31 Brandon Coutu	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better
32 Mike Nugent	Just pick one, swap 'em out on the waiver wire if it makes you feel better

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1	Peterson	S Jackson	Turner	Forte	Tomlinson	Brees	Fitzgerald	A Johnson	Jones-Drew	P Manning	R Moss	D Williams
2	Slaton	Rodgers	Portis	Colston	Cal Johnson	Jacobs	Chr Johnson	M Barber	Wayne	Gore	Westbrook	Brady
3	K Warner	K Smith	Boldin	Grant	R White	S Smith	Ron Brown	Rivers	Owens	G Jennings	Ochocinco	Wells
4	Evans Roy Wil- liams	Welker	Houshmand	V Jackson	Romo	McFadden	McNabb	B Marshall	T Jones	P Thomas	Moreno	Bowe
5	L White	S Holmes	A Gonzalez	D Clark	Addai	Witten	Edwards	Walter	R Bush	A Bryant	T Gonzalez	Gates
6	Driver	W Parker	Winslow	Roethlisberg	Berrian	Royal	De Jackson	J Lewis	E Manning	J Stewart	Schaub	Lynch
7	Chambers	Holt	T Edwards	Coles	Olsen	Crabtree	J Jones	Cooley	Jenkins	S Moss	Benson	Muhammad
8	F Jackson	Shockey	Cutler	H Ward L Washing- ton	E Graham	D Brown	F Jones	L Johnson	Henderson	D Ward	Ginn Jr	Breaston
9	Cassel	Sproles	McClain	Burleson	Avery	Bruce	Bironas	Gostkowski	R Jennings	Rice		
10	Longwell	Pitt D/ST	Rackers	S Morris	Elam	Mendenhall	Scheffler	C Taylor	McGahee	Carlson	Kaeding	Hixon
11	NYG D/ST	Hartley	Philly D/ST	Crosby	Galloway	Vinatieri	NYJ D/ST	Akers	Balt D/ST	Minn D/ST	NE D/ST	Folk
12	Heap	H Miller	Maroney	O Daniels	Caro D/ST	SD D/ST	K Brown	Dallas D/ST	Keller	M Ryan	Maclin	Tenn D/ST
13	Delhomme	J Reed	M Floyd	Indy D/ST	Z Miller	K Orton	Shiancoe	Wash D/ST	Boss	Gould	S Hill	V Davis
14	Hanson	Chi D/ST	Ariz D/ST	Feely	Bulger	S Graham	Campbell	Hasselbeck	Garrard	Ric Williams	Miami D/ST	Quinn
15	GB D/ST	Branch	Nedney	Sea D/ST	Lindell	Atl D/ST	Kasay	J Brown	Hou D/ST	Buf D/ST	Fasano	Dawson
16	Scaife	Norwood	Watson	Flacco	St Lou D/ST	D Lee	Jax D/ST	Heiden	Mare	Celek	Prater	SF D/ST

On July 30, we convened a panel of luminaries to conduct a mock draft for this publication. Included were FDH contributors and also those from fellow members of The 21st Century Media Alliance. Here was the draft order: 1) FDH Lounge Dignitary Jeff Weber. 2) FDH Entertainment Editor Samantha Jones. 3) Googling Atlee Hammaker blog CEO Raymond Smalley. 4) Sportsology's Russ Cohen. 5) FDH Lounge Dignitary Jon Adams. 6) FDH Lounge Dignitary Mike Vili. 7) FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones. 8) FDH Managing Partner Rick Morris. 9) FDH Lounge Dignitary Tim Foust. 10) The FDH New York Bureau. 11) FDH Lounge Dignitary Mike Ptak. 12) FDH Lounge Dignitary Nate Noy.

Guidelines were as follows: Draftmasters format (with no transactions during the year), the standard league scoring referenced on Page 5, 16-round standard serpentine draft with the following position requirements: 2 QB, 4 RB, 4 WR, 2 TE, 2 K, 2 D/ST.

Here are some round-by-round notes from the proceedings:

- 1) The first round didn't have too many curveballs, with the possible exception of Jones-Drew and Williams sliding a bit further than they have in other recent mock drafts.
- 2) Nate is a bit of a swashbuckler, so it's not a shock that he paid a dear price for a Brady comeback scenario. Portis looks like a good bargain in the late second round, while Rodgers was a surprise to go this high.
- 3) The late round was wide receiver reclamation time with Ochocinco and TO. Beanie Wells may risk a nosebleed going this high!
- 4) Any RBs with a shred of #2 upside were going fast in the early part of the round. That left some nice WR value in the latter half of the round.
- 5) The run on top TEs started early and was over by the end of the round.
- 6) The "best of the rest" at QB began to be picked over throughout this round. We also saw some remaining shreds of RB upside being taken here as well.
- 7) There were some intriguing sleepers being selected: rookie Crabtree and the recycled J Jones and Benson.
- 8) Gambling on explosive upside was contagious in this round: Breaston, Ginn Jr., Henderson and F Jones.
- 9) And the run on kickers inevitably starts! McClain and Jennings, two goal-line specialists, were also among the "take what you can get" selections.
- 10) Look out for two of the sleepers picked here: Hixon and Mendenhall.
- 11) The D/ST units started flying off the shelves at this point.
- 12) From high-upside hope (Maclin) to the repository of lost souls (Maroney and Heap).
- 13-14-15-16) There were few surprises at this point, with the possible exception of QB Quinn in Round 14.

NOTABLE UNDRAFTED PLAYERS

RB: Bradshaw, Fargas, Hightower, B Jackson

WR: Britt, M Clayton, Gage, Hester, Heyward-Bey, Nicks, Rice, N Washington

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AFC EAST

X-New England 12-4
Y-New York Jets 9-7
Miami 8-8
Buffalo 7-9

AFC NORTH

X-Pittsburgh 10-6
Baltimore 9-7
Cincinnati 6-10
Cleveland 6-10

AFC SOUTH

X-Indianapolis 11-5
Y-Houston 9-7
Tennessee 9-7
Jacksonville 7-9

AFC WEST

X-San Diego 10-6
Denver 8-8
Kansas City 5-11
Oakland 2-14

NFC EAST

X-New York Giants 12-4
Y-Philadelphia 11-5
Dallas 9-7
Washington 7-9

NFC NORTH

X-Green Bay 10-6
Y-Minnesota 9-7
Chicago 8-8
Detroit 5-11

NFC SOUTH

X-New Orleans 9-7
Atlanta 8-8
Carolina 8-8
Tampa Bay 4-12

NFC WEST

X-Arizona 10-6
San Francisco 6-10
Seattle 6-10
St. Louis 6-10

Wild Card Round

Pittsburgh over Houston
Philadelphia over Green Bay
New Orleans over Minnesota
San Diego over New York Jets

Divisional Round

New England over San Diego
Pittsburgh over Indianapolis
New York Giants over Philadelphia
New Orleans over Arizona

Championship Sunday

New England over Pittsburgh
New York Giants over New Orleans

Super Bowl

New England over New York Giants

Super Bowl MVP

Tom Brady

NFL MVP

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2009 NFL Draft Notebook

By Russ Cohen/Sportsology

NEARLY 750 MEDIA, including ESPN and NFL Network, came to New York City to cover the 2009 NFL Draft and its related events – the most in history and up from last year's total of 720, the previous high.

PREEMINENT PEACH: Quarterback MATTHEW STAFFORD, the top selection in the 2009 NFL Draft who has already signed with the Detroit Lions, is the first Georgia player drafted first overall since HARRY BABCOCK in 1953.

Stafford – the fourth No. 1 overall selection in Georgia history – is also the second Bulldog quarterback to be selected by the Lions, joining JOHN RAUCH (No. 2 overall in 1949).

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In honor of Mr. Irrelevant, www.refresheverything.com is hosting an exclusive video round-table interview with 7 former Mr. Irrelevants. The site also includes stats, bios and background info on each of them. These former Mr. Irrelevants include:

- ^ David Vobora – LB 2008; Pick number 252, 7th round
- ^ Kevin McMahan – WR, 2006; Pick number 255, 7th round
- ^ Ryan Hoag – WR, 2003; Pick number 262, 7th round
- ^ Ahmad Miller – DT, 2002; Pick number 261, 7th round
- ^ Michael Green – DB, 2000; Pick number 254, 7th round
- ^ Ronnie McAda – QB, 1997; Pick number 240, 7th round
- ^ Mike Travis – S, 1986; Pick number 333, 7th round

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BEAR WITH US: Tackle JASON SMITH is the third Baylor player to be selected at No. 2 overall in an NFL Draft, joining B JACK WILSON (Cleveland Rams in 1942) and QB ADRIAN BURK (Baltimore Colts in 1950).

Here's the full list:

- ^ T Jason Smith, 2009, St. Louis
- ^ QB Adrian Burk, 1950, Baltimore Colts
- ^ B Jack Wilson, 1942, Cleveland Rams

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TOP 10 TACKLE TRIO: Three offensive tackles – Jason Smith, ANDRE SMITH of Alabama and EUGENE MONROE of Virginia – were selected in the top 10. This group is the third trio of offensive linemen in the past 20 years, and first since 2002, to be selected in the top 10.

2009: Jason Smith, 2, (St. Louis), Baylor -- Andre Smith, 6, (Cincinnati), Alabama -- Eugene Monroe, 8, (Jacksonville), Virginia
2002: Mike Williams, 4, (Buffalo), Texas -- Bryant McKinnie, 7, (Minnesota), Miami -- Levi Jones, 10, (Cincinnati), Arizona State
1997: Orlando Pace, 1, (St. Louis), Ohio State -- Walter Jones, 5, (Seattle), Florida State -- Chris Naeole, 10, (New Orleans), Colorado

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TROJAN HORSES: Two linebackers from Southern California – BRIAN CUSHING (No. 15, Houston) and CLAY MATTHEWS (No. 26, Green Bay) – were selected in the first round of today's draft, becoming the sixth pair of college linebacker teammates to be selected in Round 1 of the same NFL Draft.

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2009: Southern Cal -- Brian Cushing (No. 15, Houston) & Clay Matthews (No. 26, Green Bay)
2006 Florida State -- Ernie Sims (No. 9, Detroit) & Kamerion Wimbley (No. 13, Cleveland)
2006 Ohio State -- A.J. Hawk (No. 5, Green Bay) & Bobby Carpenter (No. 18, Dallas)
2004 Miami (FL) -- Jonathan Vilma (No. 12, N.Y. Jets) & D.J. Williams (No. 17, Denver)
1974 Ohio State -- Rick Middleton (No. 13, New Orleans) & Randy Gradishar (No. 14 Denver)
1970 Oklahoma -- Steve Zabel (No. 6, Philadelphia) & Jim Files (No. 13, N.Y. Giants)

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USC IN ROUND 1: For the second consecutive draft, Southern California had the most first-round draft choices with three – Cushing, Matthews and quarterback MARK SANCHEZ. USC now has 63 first-round selections since the inception of the common draft in 1967 – the most of any school.

Colleges with the most first-round picks (Since first common draft in 1967): USC 63, , Miami (Fla.) 56, Ohio State 53, Florida 37, Tennessee 36, Notre Dame 35, Florida St. 34, Michigan 32, Penn State 32, Texas 31

Sanchez is the fifth Southern Cal QB to be selected in the first round and third in the past seven years:

2009: Mark Sanchez, 5, (New York Jets)
2006: Matt Leinart, 10, (Arizona)
2003: Carson Palmer, 1, (Cincinnati)
1991: Todd Marinovich, 24, (Los Angeles Raiders)
1964: Pete Beathard, 5, (Detroit)

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RED RAIDERS RECEIVER RIGHT NEAR THE TOP: Wide receiver MICHAEL CRABTREE became the sixth Texas Tech player to be drafted in the first round and only the third to be a top 10 selection.

Below are the Texas Tech players selected in the first round of the NFL Draft:

1945: Walter Schlinkman, Back, Green Bay, 11
1964: Dave Parks, Wide Receiver, San Francisco, 1
1965: Donnie Anderson, Running Back, Green Bay, 7
1981: Ted Watts, Defensive Back, Oakland, 21
1983: Gabe Rivera, Defensive Tackle, Pittsburgh, 21
2009: Michael Crabtree, Wide Receiver, San Francisco, 10

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LOUISIANA FLAVOR: For the third consecutive draft, the Kansas City Chiefs chose a Louisiana State player with their first-round pick. Defensive end TYSON JACKSON (No. 3 overall) joins defensive tackle GLENN DORSEY (No. 5 overall, 2007) and wide receiver DWAYNE BOWE (No. 23, 2006) as LSU first-rounders chosen by the Chiefs in the past three drafts.

JACKSON'S SELECTION marks the sixth year in a row that LSU had a player taken in the first round – tied for the longest such active streak by any school (Texas, since 2004):

2004: WR Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay, No. 15
2005: DE Marcus Spears, Dallas, No. 20
2006: RB Joseph Addai, Indianapolis, No. 30
2007: QB JaMarcus Russell, Oakland, No. 1
2008: DT Glenn Dorsey, Kansas City, No. 5
2009: DE Tyson Jackson, Kansas City, No. 3

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SOME FIRSTS – AND RARITIES – IN THE 2009 FIRST ROUND

^ CONNECTICUT had never had a player selected higher than Round 3 in NFL Draft history (LB ALFRED FINCHER, No. 82 overall in 2005) until this year, when running back DONALD BROWN was chosen by Indianapolis at No. 27 in the first round.

^ THERE WERE two centers – ALEX MACK of California (No. 21 overall by Cleveland) and ERIC WOOD of Louisville (No. 28 overall by Buffalo) – selected in Round 1, tying the record for most first-round centers in one draft. This is the only fourth time two centers have been picked in the first round and first time since 1968.

^ WIDE RECEIVER KENNY BRITT (No. 30 overall by Tennessee) is the first Rutgers player to be selected in the first round.

^ ILLINOIS DEFENSIVE BACK VONTAE DAVIS (No. 24 overall by Miami) was a first-rounder, joining his older brother VERNON, who was selected No. 5 overall by San Francisco in 2006 as a tight end.

^ LINEBACKER LARRY ENGLISH (No. 16 overall by San Diego) is the first Northern Illinois player to be chosen Round 1.

^ JEREMY MACLIN (No. 19 overall by Philadelphia) is the first Missouri wide receiver to be picked in the first round.

2009 Donruss Classics Football Will Make Collectors Yearn For More

By Russ Cohen/Card Corner Club

2009 Donruss Classics Football has me thinking about the gridiron once again with another very solid release. For around \$75, collectors can expect a nice checklist of rookies and stars and some of these auto rookies will be classics down the road.

My auto rookie was of Mohamed Massaquoi (plus I got a base rookie numbered to 999). The card is numbered to just 200 and this kid could be a star for the Cleveland Browns in the near future. If Brady Quinn can find him open, this wide receiver will catch it. I know I said Quinn: he will be the starter.

Every box will yield either three autograph or memorabilia cards or a combination of the two, plus some great inserts like "College Ties" and "Passing the Torch," and once again the cards have a terrific design.

My two other base rookies were of Glen Coffee, a third-round back for the Niners, and Jarrett Dillard (a die-cut numbered to just 81!) a fifth-rounder signed by the Jags. These two are long shots, but hey they are in the league!

My two memorabilia cards were numbered to just 299 and they are both stars! The Brett Favre card has a piece of green fabric, and it's close enough to the Jets color that makes me say this is a great card. I still have mixed feelings about his time with the Jets. I hope this is not the last card of this future Hall-of-Famer so I can casually forget about last season.

Steve Smith is the other card and this guy is still waiting and hoping to bring the Panthers a Super Bowl win. I think the guy has the stuff and when he's healthy, he is electric. I appreciate the black piece, which is one of the accent colors of the uniform.

This set has a lot of promise, and even though I didn't get a Mark Sanchez, I will live -- but remember, this set has great rookie cards of players like Knowshon Moreno, Brandon Pettigrew and many more. That's the biggest reason to pick up a box -- you won't be sorry.

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