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## Pro Football Draft Overview

Unusually, A Team Is The Story Of This Year's Draft



The 2018 NFL Draft (April 26-28 in Dallas) looms as an absolutely unique chapter in league history: an event defined less by the top players than by a team holding an unprecedented number of offseason chips. The Cleveland Browns, who at 1-31 are coming off of the single worst two-year stretch in NFL history and are inexplicably retaining their "don't-blame-me-everyone-else-sucks" excuse for a head coach, are at least coming into the draft with what you should have when you make the unprecedented decision to tank two seasons so brutally: a beefed-up front office, \$100 million in cap space (albeit, much of it regrettably used already on non-impact players) and five picks in the first two rounds with two in the top four overall. More than any other team in recent memory, they will dictate the terms of the draft, as well as the overall offseason.

With either the first or the fourth overall pick, Penn State RB Saquon Barkley, the rare player at his position to be rated so highly these days, could be in play. The top QBs, Sam Darnold of USC, Josh Rosen of UCLA, Josh Allen of Wyoming and Oklahoma QB Baker Mayfield, are also in play for one of the two picks. Louisville's Lamar Jackson is also in play as a first-round passer, as could Oklahoma State's Mason Rudolph. The first round projects as a real smorgasbord in terms of positional talent. The other skill position talents that might make this cut include RBs Derrius Guice of LSU and Ronald Jones of USC, WRs Calvin Ridley of Alabama, Courtland Sutton of SMU, James Washington of Oklahoma State and Christian Kirk of Texas A&M and San Diego State TE Dallas Goedert. Also, Notre Dame G Quenton Nelson is the rare interior offensive lineman who is in play in the Top 5 overall.

The two biggest defensive prospects are Alabama CB/S Minkah Fitzpatrick and North Carolina State DE Bradley Chubb. Other candidates to go in the first half of the round include Florida State S Derwin James, Ohio State CB Denzel Ward, Michigan DT Maurice Hurst, Washington DT Vita Vea and Virginia Tech ILB Tremaine Edwards.

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Quarterbacks		Ht/Wt	School
1	Sam Darnold	6'4, 230	USC
2	Josh Rosen	6'4, 210	UCLA
3	Baker Mayfield	6'1, 215	Oklahoma
4	Josh Allen	6'4, 240	Wyoming
5	Lamar Jackson	6'3, 205	Louisville
6	Mike White	6'4, 225	W. Kentucky
7	Luke Falk	6'3, 210	Washington St
8	Kyle Lauletta	6'2, 215	Richmond
9	Mason Rudolph	6'4, 235	Oklahoma St
10	Nic Shimonek	6'3, 225	Texas Tech
11	Kurt Benkert	6'2, 220	Virginia
12	Riley Ferguson	6'3, 215	Memphis
13	Logan Woodside	6'1, 200	Toledo
14	Tanner Lee	6'4, 220	Nebraska
15	Danny Etling	6'1, 215	LSU
16	Chase Litton	6'4, 220	Marshall
17	Richard Laglow	6'6, 240	Indiana
18	Kenny Hill	6'1, 205	TCU
19	Quinton Flowers	5'10, 215	USF
20	JT Barrett	6'1, 225	Ohio St
Running Backs		Ht/Wt	School
1	Saquon Barkley	5'11, 235	Penn St
2	Derrius Guice	5'10, 225	LSU
3	Nick Chubb	5'10, 220	Georgia
4	Ronald Jones II	6'0, 200	USC
5	Rashaad Penny	5'10, 225	San Diego St
6	Sony Michel	5'11, 215	Georgia
7	Kerryon Johnson	5'11, 215	Auburn
8	Kalen Ballage	6'2, 230	Arizona St
9	Nyheim Hines	5'9, 200	NC State
10	Mark Walton	5'10, 205	Miami FL
11	Royce Freeman	5'11, 230	Oregon
12	Jaylen Samuels	5'11, 225	NC State
13	Kamryn Pettway	6'0, 230	Auburn
14	John Kelly	5'10, 215	Tennessee
15	Bo Scarborough	6'2, 230	Alabama
16	Josh Adams	6'2, 215	Notre Dame
17	Akrum Wadley	5'9, 195	Iowa
18	Phillip Lindsay	5'8, 190	Colorado
19	Roc Thomas	5'10, 200	Jacksonville St
20	Justin Jackson	6'0, 200	Northwestern
21	Ralph Webb	5'10, 200	Vanderbilt
22	Ito Smith	5'10, 200	Southern Miss
23	Chase Edmunds	5'9, 205	Fordham
24	Martez Carter	5'9, 205	Grambling St
25	Kyle Hicks	5'10, 205	TCU
Tight Ends		Ht/Wt	School
1	Hayden Hurst	6'4, 250	South Carolina
2	Mike Gesicki	6'5, 245	Penn St
3	Mark Andrews	6'5, 260	Oklahoma
4	Dallas Goedert	6'4, 260	S. Dakota St
5	Dalton Schultz	6'5, 245	Stanford
6	Troy Fumagalli	6'4, 250	Wisconsin
7	Ian Thomas	6'3, 255	Indiana
8	Jordan Aikens	6'3, 250	UCF
9	Durham Smythe	6'5, 255	Notre Dame
10	Chris Herndon	6'4, 250	Miami (FL)

**NOTE:** Draft rankings compiled by FDH Senior Editor and Gridiron & Hardwood proprietor Jason Jones.

## First Look Ahead to 2019 Pro Football Draft

The strength of next year's draft is in a non-glamour area, but a very important one nonetheless. Ohio State DE is the best edge rusher in the group, but will have stiff competition to be the top pick from DT Ed Oliver of Houston and Dexter Lawrence of Clemson. Other top five candidates in this group include Alabama DE/DT Raekwon Davis, Michigan DE/DT Rashan Gary, Auburn DE Marlon Davidson and Clemson's DE Clelin Ferrell, Miami DE Joe Jackson and DT Christian Wilkins. At OT, Washington's Trey Adams, Wisconsin's David Edwards and 'Bama's Jonah Williams look to go high in the first round.

A year out, the QB picture is cloudier than usual. From the Big 10, Missouri's Drew Lock, Michigan's Shea Patterson and Northwestern's Clayton Thorson all have questions to answer this fall, but each could skyrocket with a strong season. Jacob Eason in his first year at Washington after transferring from Georgia and Auburn's Jarrett Stidham also cannot be ruled out as high picks.

With the Top 10 seeming to be dominated by players from the aforementioned positions, it will be difficult for others to sneak in, but these players have a chance: Mississippi WR AJ Brown, Texas WR Collin Johnson, Miami WR Ahmmon Richards, Florida WR Tyrie Cleveland, LSU CB Greedy Williams and Georgia DB DeAndre Baker.

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## Draft Priorities By Team

- 1 Cleveland: QB, WR, DB, LB, DL, OT
- 2 New York Giants: QB, OL, LB, RB, WR, DE
- 3 Indianapolis: OL, LB, CB, RB, WR, DE
- 4 Houston: OL, DB, OLB, WR, DL
- 5 Denver: QB, OL, ILB, WR, RB
- 6 New York Jets: QB, DE, OL, ILB, RB, WR, TE
- 7 Tampa Bay: DB, RB, G, DL
- 8 Chicago: CB, LB, DL, OL, WR
- 9 San Francisco: OL, CB, WR, RB, LB, DL
- 10 Oakland: LB, CB, DL, OT, RB, WR, TE
- 11 Miami: OL, LB, QB, TE, WR, DE, RB
- 12 Cincinnati: OL, LB, DL, TE, DB, QB, WR
- 13 Washington: DL, DB, WR, RB, OL, TE
- 14 Green Bay: LB, DB, OL, DE
- 15 Arizona: QB, OL, WR, DB, TE, LB, DL
- 16 Baltimore: WR, OL, RB, TE, ILB, CB
- 17 Los Angeles Chargers: OL, DL, LB, WR, S, RB, QB
- 18 Seattle: OL, RB, DL, TE, WR, DB
- 19 Dallas: WR, OL, LB, S, DL, RB
- 20 Detroit: DL, LB, RB, DB, OL
- 21 Buffalo: QB, LB, WR, DT, OL, TE, RB, CB
- 22 Kansas City: DB, LB, DE, G
- 23 Los Angeles Rams: DB, DE, OL, WR
- 24 Carolina: WR, DB, OL, RB, DE, TE
- 25 Tennessee: DL, OL, RB, LB
- 26 Atlanta: DL, WR, G, CB
- 27 New Orleans: LB, DL, TE, G, DB, WR, QB
- 28 Pittsburgh: LB, S, RB, OL, QB
- 29 Jacksonville: OL, WR, QB, TE, CB, MLB
- 30 Minnesota: OL, DE, CB, WR
- 31 New England: DL, LB, OL, CB, QB
- 32 Philadelphia: LB, DB, OT, RB, WR

### Strength of Positions in Draft

GREAT: OG  
 VERY GOOD: QB, RB, WR, OLB, ILB  
 GOOD: TE, C, DT, DE, CB, S  
 AVERAGE: none  
 POOR: OT  
 VERY POOR: none  
 HORRIBLE: none

## Wide Receivers

- 1 Calvin Ridley
- 2 DJ Moore
- 3 Christian Kirk
- 4 DJ Chark
- 5 Equanimeous St. Brown
- 6 Courtland Sutton
- 7 Simmie Cobbs Jr
- 8 James Washington
- 9 Anthony Miller
- 10 Michael Gallup
- 11 DaeSean Hamilton
- 12 Deontay Burnett
- 13 Allen Lazard
- 14 Tre'Quan Smith
- 15 Auden Tate
- 16 Marcel Ateman
- 17 Keke Coutee
- 18 Dante Pettis
- 19 Deon Cain
- 20 Cedric Wilson
- 21 Javon Wims
- 22 J'Mon Moore
- 23 Darren Carrington
- 24 Antonio Callaway
- 25 Jaleel Scott

## Ht/Wt

- 6'0, 190
- 6'0, 210
- 5'10, 200
- 6'2, 200
- 6'5, 215
- 6'4, 220
- 6'3, 220
- 5'10, 210
- 5'11, 200
- 6'0, 200
- 6'0, 200
- 6'0, 190
- 6'4, 230
- 6'1, 210
- 6'5, 230
- 6'4, 215
- 5'10, 185
- 6'0, 185
- 6'2, 205
- 6'1, 190
- 6'3, 215
- 6'2, 210
- 6'2, 195
- 5'11, 200
- 6'4, 215

## School

- Alabama
- Maryland
- Texas A&M
- LSU
- Notre Dame
- SMU
- Indiana
- Oklahoma St
- Memphis
- Colorado St
- Penn St
- USC
- Iowa St
- UCF
- Florida St
- Oklahoma St
- Texas Tech
- Washington
- Clemson
- Boise St
- Georgia
- Missouri
- Utah
- Florida
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## Short List of Players For 2018 FDH Top 32 in the NFL

Every summer, The FDH Lounge unveils its list of the Top 32 players in the NFL (with the number chosen to represent an average of one player per team) at The FDH Lounge Multimedia Magazine, with an analysis then being performed of the list. Here and now, we are revealing our short list prior to the final construction of the feature, 40 players who will form the group and an Honorable Mention collection. For the players on the 2017 list, their number is included in parentheses

QB: Tom Brady (3), Drew Brees, Jared Goff, Aaron Rodgers (1), Ben Roethlisberger, Carson Wentz and Russell Wilson (7).  
RB: Le'Veon Bell (24),

Ezekiel Elliott (16), Leonard Fournette, Todd Gurley, Kareem Hunt and David Johnson (6).  
WR: Keenan Allen, Odell Beckham Jr. (8), Antonio Brown (5), DeAndre Hopkins and Julio Jones (12).

TE: none

OL: Duane Brown and Zack Martin (23).

DE: Joey Bosa (31), Calais Campbell, Everson Griffen, Cameron Jordan, Khalil Mack (4) and JJ Watt (32).

DT: Geno Atkins (27) and Fletcher Cox.

LB: Luke Kuechly and Bobby Wagner (26).

CB: Marshon Lattimore and Jalen Ramsey.

S: Harrison Smith and Eric Weddle.

	Offensive Tackles	Ht/Wt	School
1	Mike McGlinchey	6'7, 310	Notre Dame
2	Kolton Miller	6'9, 310	UCLA
3	Alex Cappa	6'5, 300	Humboldt St
4	Connor Williams	6'5, 300	Texas
5	Martinas Rankin	6'4, 310	Mississippi St
6	Chukwuma Okorafor	6'6, 320	W. Michigan
7	Brian O'Neill	6'6, 300	Pitt
8	Brandon Parker	6'7, 305	N. Carolina A&T
9	Tyrell Crosby	6'4, 320	Oregon
10	Jamarco Jones	6'4, 300	Ohio St
11	Orlando Brown	6'8, 345	Oklahoma
12	Austin Corbett	6'4, 310	Nevada
13	Toby Weathersby	6'7, 305	LSU
14	Brett Toth	6'5, 305	Army
15	Desmond Harrison	6'6, 290	West Georgia
	Offensive Guards	Ht/Wt	School
1	Quentin Nelson	6'5, 325	Notre Dame
2	Billy Price	6'4, 305	Ohio St
3	Isaiah Wynn	6'2, 310	Georgia
4	Will Hernandez	6'2, 340	UTEP
5	Braden Smith	6'6, 315	Auburn
6	Frank Ragnow	6'4, 310	Arkansas
7	Scott Quessenberry	6'3, 315	UCLA
8	Sean Walsh	6'2, 300	Iowa
9	Skyler Phillips	6'2, 315	Idaho St
10	Will Clapp	6'4, 315	LSU

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## Draft Play- Along Game

We at FantasyDrafthelp.com have devised a contest to help you and your friends measure your acumen on Draft Day. It's the FantasyDrafthelp.com Mock Draft Game (credit to Fantasy Drafthelp.com contributor Bob Benak for inventing the game). Each participant submits a mock draft before the proceedings ... and then all parties compete in a separate "live draft competition."

Each board is scored separately, but the scores of the two are compiled to crown the Grand Champion of Draft Day. Here's the scoring system:

Picks #1-4 are weighted at one point apiece.  
Picks #5-8 are weighted at two points apiece.  
Picks #9-12 are weighted at three points apiece.  
Picks #13-16 are weighted at four points apiece.  
Picks #17-20 are weighted at five points apiece.  
Picks #21-24 are weighted at six points apiece.  
Picks #25-28 are weighted at seven points apiece.  
Picks #29-32 are weighted at eight points apiece

Players may "roll over" their picks from the completed mock draft to the live draft if a player remains on the board ... or they may cover themselves with another pick. Example: a player has Denver taking Josh Rosen with the #5 pick on the mock draft they turned in at the outset. That would count for two points if the pick is correct. If Rosen is still on the board when the Broncos are on the clock, the player is not obligated to pick Trubisky during the live draft. He may "roll over" the pick, choosing to try to win two points in both the live and completed mock draft categories. Or he may try to cover himself with another pick. For example, should he correctly pick Saquon Barkley in the live draft part of the competition, he would gain the two points in the live draft but win no points in the completed mock draft part of the competition, in which he incorrectly picked Rpsen. So strategy is at a premium during this competition. This game also puts great emphasis on correctly making picks later in the first round, when chances for success are the most difficult. Picking a player accurately in the later part of the first round on both the completed mock draft and the live mock draft can ensure a thrilling, come-from-behind victory. If you and your friends want to take your enjoyment of Draft Day to the next level by competing and strategizing along with the wizards of the NFL, try our game and enjoy!

## 2018 Fantasy Football UQB Rankings

Top 25 Overall			Running Backs		UQB	Wide Receivers		UQB	Tight Ends		UQB
1	Todd Gurley	1644	1	Todd Gurley	1644	1	DeAndre Hopkins	1623	1	Travis Kelce	1622
2	Alvin Kamara	1643	2	Alvin Kamara	1643	2	Antonio Brown	1618	2	Rob Gronkowski	1608
3	DeAndre Hopkins	1623	3	Le'Veon Bell	1581	3	Julio Jones	1586	3	Zach Ertz	1570
4	Travis Kelce	1622	4	Mark Ingram	1559	4	Keenan Allen	1581	4	Jack Doyle	1558
5	Antonio Brown	1618	5	Duke Johnson	1554	5	Marvin Jones	1575	5	Delanie Walker	1557
6	Rob Gronkowski	1608	6	Kareem Hunt	1553	6	Michael Thomas	1564	6	Evan Engram	1534
7	Julio Jones	1586	7	Christian McCaffrey	1543	7	Larry Fitzgerald	1558	7	Jimmy Graham	1530
8T	Le'Veon Bell	1581	8	Melvin Gordon	1537	8	Adam Thielen	1554	8	O.J. Howard	1518
8T	Keenan Allen	1581	9	LeSean McCoy	1529	9	Tyreek Hill	1550	9T	Jason Witten	1517
10	Marvin Jones	1575	10T	Leonard Fournette	1523	10	Jarvis Landry	1547	9T	Vernon Davis	1517
11	Zach Ertz	1570	10T	Jordan Howard	1523	11	Brandin Cooks	1546	11	Jared Cook	1516
12	Michael Thomas	1564	12	Chris Thompson	1520	12	Keelan Cole	1539	12	Ben Watson	1511
13	Mark Ingram	1559	13T	Carlos Hyde	1518	13	A.J. Green	1537	13	Cameron Brate	1510
14T	Larry Fitzgerald	1558	13T	Austin Ekeler	1518	14	Marquise Goodwin	1536	14	Eric Ebron	1509
14T	Jack Doyle	1558	15	Dion Lewis	1516	15	T.Y. Hilton	1535	15	Hunter Henry	1506
16	Delanie Walker	1557	16T	Ezekiel Elliott	1513	16	Davante Adams	1534			
17T	Duke Johnson	1554	16T	Alex Collins	1513	17	Doug Baldwin	1528			
17T	Adam Thielen	1554	16T	Devonta Freeman	1513	18T	Tyrell Williams	1527			
19	Kareem Hunt	1553	19	Aaron Jones	1511	18T	JuJu Smith-Schuster	1527			
20	Russell Wilson	1551	20T	Jerick McKinnon	1509	18T	Golden Tate	1527			
21	Tyreek Hill	1550	20T	Marshawn Lynch	1509	21	Josh Gordon	1524			
22	Jarvis Landry	1547	20T	T.J. Yeldon	1509	22	Robby Anderson	1522			
23	Brandin Cooks	1546	20T	C.J. Anderson	1509	23	Alshon Jeffery	1521			
24	Christian McCaffrey	1543	24	Lataavius Murray	1508	24T	Travis Benjamin	1520			
25	Cam Newton	1541	25	Giovani Bernard	1507	24T	Paul Richardson	1520			
						26	Mike Evans	1519			
						27T	Sammy Watkins	1518			
						27T	Demaryius Thomas	1518			
						27T	Kenny Golladay	1518			
						27T	Stefon Diggs	1518			

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	Centers	Ht/Wt	School
1	Billy Price	6'4, 305	Ohio St
2	James Daniels	6'3, 305	Iowa
3	Isaiah Wynn	6'2, 310	Georgia
4	Frank Ragnow	6'4, 310	Arkansas
5	Austin Corbett	6'4, 310	Nevada
	Defensive Tackles	Ht/Wt	School
1	Vita Vea	6'5, 330	Washington
2	Taven Bryan	6'5, 295	Florida
3	Da'Ron Payne	6'2, 310	Alabama
4	Maurice Hurst	6'1, 295	Michigan
5	Harrison Phillips	6'3, 295	Stanford
6	Rasheem Green	6'4, 275	USC
7	Tim Settle	6'3, 330	Virginia Tech
8	Derrick Nnandi	6'1, 315	Florida St
9	BJ Hill	6'3, 320	NC State
10	RJ McIntosh	6'4, 285	Miami (FL)
11	Justin Jones	6'2, 310	NC State
12	Folorunso Fatukasi	6'4, 305	Uconn
13	Nathan Shepherd	6'3, 310	Fort Hays State
14	Andrew Brown	6'3, 295	Virginia
15	Trenton Thompson	6'3, 290	Georgia
	Defensive Ends	Ht/Wt	School
1	Bradley Chubb	6'4, 270	NC State
2	Marcus Davenport	6'5, 260	U Texas-San Antonio
3	Sam Hubbard	6'5, 270	Ohio St
4	Arden Key	6'5, 240	LSU
5	Harold Landry	6'2, 250	Boston College
6	Duke Ejirofor	6'4, 265	Wake Forest
7	Da'Shawn Hand	6'3, 280	Alabama
8	Dorance Armstrong Jr	6'4, 260	Kansas
9	Rasheem Green	6'4, 275	USC
10	Breeland Speaks	6'3, 280	Ole Miss
11	Chad Thomas	6'5, 275	Miami (FL)
12	Josh Sweat	6'5, 250	Florida St
13	Jalyn Holmes	6'4, 280	Ohio St
14	Tyquan Lewis	6'2, 275	Ohio St
15	Marcell Frazier	6'5, 260	Mizzou

## 2018 Rookie Class Fantasy Analysis

For the most part, 2018 doesn't shape up as a very out-of-the-ordinary fantasy football season for rookies (little immediate QB production, decent early contributions at WR).

Penn State RB Saquon Barkley projects to be perhaps a generational talent at his position and, as such, should certainly be a first-round pick – and potentially, a high first-round pick depending on where he lands. LSU's Derrius Guice has a pretty good all-around skill set, as does San Diego State's Rashaad Penny. USC's Ronald Jones II is a very explosive back who has a pretty high fantasy ceiling, even as a rookie. In the national championship game, Georgia's Sony Michel – a shifty back with above-average power and acceleration – seemed to surpass his teammate, the super-powerful Nick Chubb, but while neither presently projects as a three-down back, both could be valuable contributors in fantasy even as rookies.

At the WR position, the ceiling of the top players profile as #3 receivers off the bat and #2 receivers as rookies. Alabama's Calvin Ridley is pretty smooth in many areas and would be a franchise receiver if he had more of a physical presence. Texas A&M's Christian Kirk is the opposite of Ridley in many ways. Courtland Sutton of SMU and James Washington of Oklahoma State also have a chance to be at least good sport-start options off the bat. San Diego State TE Dallas Goedert and his positional counterpart Hayden Hurst of South Carolina can potentially contribute as rookies.

As is the case in the vast majority of seasons, there are no QBs who even come close to profiling as immediate fantasy starters.

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Safeties	Ht/Wt	School
1 Derwin James	6'3, 215	Florida St
2 Minkah Fitzpatrick	6'0, 205	Alabama
3 Ronnie Harrison (SS)	6'2, 205	Alabama
4 Justin Reid (FS)	6'0, 210	Stanford
5 Terrell Edmunds	6'0, 215	Virginia Tech
6 Jessie Bates (FS)	6'1, 200	Wake Forest
7 DeShon Elliott	6'1, 210	Texas
8 Jordan Whitehead	5'10, 200	Pitt
9 Armani Watts (FS)	5'10, 190	Texas A&M
10 Kyzir White	6'2, 215	West Virginia
11 Marcus Allen	6'2, 215	Penn St
12 Natrell Jameson	5'11, 200	Wisconsin
13 Damon Webb	5'11, 210	Ohio St
14 Van Smith	5'11, 185	Clemson
15 Godwin Igwebuike	5'11, 215	Northwestern
16 Quin Blanding	6'2, 210	Virginia
17 Tray Matthews	6'0, 210	Auburn
18 Jeremy Reaves	5'10, 205	South Alabama
19 Tre Flowers	6'3, 200	Virginia Tech
20 Jordan Martin	6'3, 205	Syracuse

Cornerbacks	Ht/Wt	School
1 Denzel Ward	5'10, 185	Ohio St
2 Josh Jackson	6'0, 195	Iowa
3 Jaire Alexander	5'10, 195	Louisville
4 Mike Hughes	5'10, 190	UCF
5 Isaiah Oliver	6'0, 200	Colorado
6 Anthony Averett	5'11, 180	Alabama
7 Carlton Davis	6'1, 205	Auburn
8 Donte Jackson	5'10, 180	LSU
9 JC Jackson	5'10, 200	Maryland
10 Kevin Tolliver II	6'2, 195	LSU
11 Duke Dawson	5'10, 200	Florida
12 Dane Cruikshank	6'1, 210	Arizona
13 Taron Johnson	5'11, 190	Weber St
14 Isaac Yiadom	6'0, 190	Boston College
15 Tavarus McFadden	6'2, 200	Florida St
16 Nick Nelson	5'11, 200	Wisconsin
17 MJ Stewart	5'10, 200	UNC
18 Christian Campbell	6'10, 195	Penn St
19 Kameron Kelly	6'1, 205	San Diego St
20 Tony Brown	6'0, 195	Alabama
21 Holton Hill	6'2, 200	Texas
22 Parry Nickerson	5'10, 180	Tulane
23 Rashaan Gaulden	6'1, 200	Tennessee
24 Greg Stroman	5'11, 180	Virginia Tech
25 Michael Joseph	6'0, 195	Dubuque

## 2018 FDH UQB Team Stat

For a decade now, FantasyDrafthelp.com has featured the UQB, or Ultimate Quantitative Baseline, as the most accurate measure of what a player achieved the previous season in fantasy production. Now, for the first time, The FDH Lounge has a non-fantasy version of this statistic for team production: the most accurate version of how good, or bad, a given team was during the previous season.

Our statistic simply adds together the ranking of eight different indexes: The FDH Lounge final power rankings for 2017, The FDH Lounge rankings for impressiveness of victories (based equally on a team's victories and the strength of the schedule that they played), offensive yards gained, defensive yards allowed, DVOA, Offensive DVOA, Defensive DVOA and Special Teams DVOA. The lower the number, the better each team did. These numbers may surprise you in some ways and then again, they may not.

Team	UQB
1 Minnesota	51
2 New Orleans	53
3 Los Angeles Rams	54
4 Pittsburgh	55
5 Philadelphia	64
6 Carolina	72
7 New England	73
8T Atlanta	93
8T Jacksonville	93
10 Dallas	110
11 Seattle	111
12 Kansas City	114
13 Baltimore	116
14 Los Angeles Chargers	117
15 Detroit	124
16 Washington	139
17 San Francisco	146
18 Tennessee	147
19 Arizona	148
20 Green Bay	149
21 Buffalo	151
22 Miami	161
23 Oakland	163
24T Chicago	174
24T Tampa Bay	174
26 Denver	176
27 New York Jets	178
28 Cincinnati	186
29 Houston	192
30 Cleveland	209
31 Indianapolis	212
32 New York Giants	217

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Outside Linebackers	Ht/Wt	School
1 Tremaine Edmunds	6'5, 240	Virginia Tech
2 Roquan Smith	6'1, 235	Georgia
3 Leighton Vander Esch	6'4, 256	Boise St
4 Harold Landry	6'2, 250	Boston College
5 Lorenzo Carter	6'5, 250	Georgia
6 Jerome Baker	6'1, 230	Ohio St
7 Shaquem Griffin	6'1, 225	UCF
8 Dorance Armstrong Jr	6'4, 255	Kansas
9 Uchenna Nwosu	6'2, 250	USC
10 Josey Jewell	6'1, 235	Iowa
11 Ogbonnia Okoronkwo	6'1, 245	Oklahoma
12 Tre Williams	6'2, 240	Auburn
13 Chris Worley	6'2, 230	Ohio St
14 Anthony Winbush	6'1, 250	Ball St
15 Olasunkanmi Adeniyi	6'1, 250	Toledo

3-4 Outside Linebackers	Ht/Wt	School
1 Marcus Davenport	6'5, 260	U Texas-San Antonio
2 Sam Hubbard	6'5, 270	Ohio St
3 Leighton Vander Esch	6'4, 256	Boise St
4 Harold Landry	6'2, 250	Boston College
5 Lorenzo Carter	6'5, 250	Georgia
6 Arden Key	6'5, 240	LSU
7 Dorance Armstrong Jr	6'4, 260	Kansas
8 Chad Thomas	6'5, 275	Miami (FL)
9 Josh Sweat	6'5, 250	Florida St
10 Jalyn Holmes	6'4, 280	Ohio St

Inside Linebackers	Ht/Wt	School
1 Roquan Smith	6'1, 235	Georgia
2 Tremaine Edmunds	6'5, 240	Virginia Tech
3 Rashaan Evans	6'2, 235	Alabama
4 Leighton Vander Esch	6'4, 256	Boise St
5 Malik Jefferson	6'2, 235	Texas
6 Micah Kiser	6'0, 235	Virginia
7 Josey Jewell	6'1, 235	Iowa
8 Darius Leonard	6'2, 230	S. Carolina St
9 Oren Burks	6'2, 230	Vanderbilt
10 Tegrays Scales	6'0, 230	Indiana

## Top 10 Team Rankings Heading Into NFL Draft

- 1 New England
- 2 Philadelphia
- 3 LA Rams
- 4 Minnesota
- 5 Atlanta
- 6 New Orleans
- 7 Green Bay
- 8 Carolina
- 9 Pittsburgh
- 10 LA Chargers

## Top 10 Coaches In The NFL

- 1 Bill Belichick
- 2 Doug Peterson
- 3 Mike Zimmer
- 4 Sean Payton
- 5 Sean McVay
- 6 Dan Quinn
- 7 Pete Carroll
- 8 John Harbaugh
- 9 Mike McCarthy
- 10T Jon Gruden
- 10T Doug Marrone
- 10T Mike Tomlin

## Links to Top Prospect Highlight Videos

NOTE: These video links, when viewed online, can be clicked through to see highlight reels of the draft's top prospects (be warned that you may want to mute your computer because of the tendency of reel-compilers to overlay bad music on top).

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 Saquon Barkley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vufo5irdJ8o>  
 Bradley Chubb <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZdNIO1wNCw>  
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 Maurice Hurst [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZC8RdRbt-\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZC8RdRbt-_E)  
 Lamar Jackson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDhwcRCPTv8>  
 Derwin James <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lievln0yZ5E>  
 Baker Mayfield <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZprJbOgROps>  
 Quenton Nelson [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xi3Um\\_aHdMk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xi3Um_aHdMk)  
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 Roquan Smith [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOe0v8Zx\\_2g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOe0v8Zx_2g)  
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- 2 New York Giants
- 3 New York Jets
- 4 Cleveland
- 5 Denver
- 6 Indianapolis
- 7 Tampa Bay
- 8 Chicago
- 9 San Francisco
- 10 Oakland
- 11 Miami
- 12 Buffalo
- 13 Washington
- 14 Green Bay
- 15 Arizona
- 16 Baltimore
- 17 Los Angeles Chargers
- 18 Seattle
- 19 Dallas
- 20 Detroit
- 21 Cincinnati
- 22 Buffalo
- 23 New England
- 24 Carolina
- 25 Tennessee
- 26 Atlanta
- 27 New Orleans
- 28 Pittsburgh
- 29 Jacksonville
- 30 Minnesota
- 31 New England
- 32 Philadelphia

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- 1 Minnesota at Philadelphia: Week 5, FOX
- 2 Green Bay at New England: Week 9, NBC
- 3 New Orleans at Minnesota: Week 8, NBC
- 4 Atlanta at Philadelphia: Week 1, NBC
- 5 Philadelphia at Los Angeles Rams: Week 15, NBC
- 6 Minnesota at New England: Week 13, FOX
- 7 Carolina at Philadelphia: Week 7, FOX
- 8T Green Bay at Minnesota/Minnesota at Green Bay: Week 12, FOX/Week 2, FOX
- 10T Atlanta at New Orleans/New Orleans at Atlanta: Week 12, NBC/Week 3, FOX
- 12 Atlanta at Green Bay: Week 14, FOX
- 13T Philadelphia at Dallas/Dallas at Philadelphia: Week 14, FOX/Week 10, NBC
- 15T New Orleans at Carolina/Carolina at New Orleans: Week 15, ESPN/Week 17, FOX
- 17T Atlanta at Carolina/Carolina at Atlanta: Week 16, FOX/Week 2, FOX
- 19T Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco/San Francisco at Los Angeles Rams: Week 7, NBC/Week 17, FOX
- 21 Green Bay at Los Angeles Rams: Week 8, FOX
- 22 Pittsburgh at Jacksonville: Week 11, NBC
- 23 Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans: Week 9, FOX
- 24 Carolina at Pittsburgh: Week 10, FOX, NFLN
- 25 Atlanta at Pittsburgh: Week 5, FOX
- 26 Pittsburgh at New Orleans: Week 16, CBS
- 27 New England at Pittsburgh: Week 15, CBS
- 28 New England at Jacksonville: Week 2, CBS
- 29 Green Bay at Seattle: Week 11, FOX/NFLN
- 30T Los Angeles Rams at Seattle/Seattle at Los Angeles Rams: Week 5, FOX/Week 10, CBS

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Team	Player	Position	School
1 Cleveland	Sam Darnold	QB	USC
2 New York Giants	Josh Allen	QB	Wyoming
3 New York Jets	Baker Mayfield	QB	Oklahoma
4 Cleveland	Saquon Barkley	RB	Penn St
5 Denver	Josh Rosen	QB	UCLA
6 Indianapolis	Bradley Chubb	DE	NC State
7 Tampa Bay	Minkah Fitzpatrick	CB	Alabama
8 Chicago	Quenton Nelson	OG	Notre Dame
9 San Francisco	Roquan Smith	ILB	Georgia
10 Oakland	Denzel Ward	CB	Ohio St
11 Miami	Vita Vea	DT	Washington
12 Buffalo	Mike McGlinchey	OT	Notre Dame
13 Washington	Tremaine Edmunds	OLB	Virginia Tech
14 Green Bay	Marcus Davenport	OLB	UT-San Antonio
15 Arizona	Calvin Ridley	WR	Alabama
16 Baltimore	Hayden Hurst	TE	South Carolina
17 LA Chargers	Derwin James	S	Florida St
18 Seattle	Harold Landry	OLB	Boston College
19 Dallas	DJ Moore	WR	Maryland
20 Detroit	Derrius Guice	RB	LSU
21 Cincinnati	Will Hernandez	OG	UTEP
22 Buffalo	Leighton Vander Esch	ILB	Boise St
23 New England	Lamar Jackson	QB	Louisville
24 Carolina	Jaire Alexander	CB	Louisville
25 Tennessee	James Daniels	C	Iowa
26 Atlanta	Taven Bryan	DT	Florida
27 New Orleans	Dallas Goedert	TE	South Dakota St
28 Pittsburgh	Rashaan Evans	OLB	Alabama
29 Jacksonville	Mike Hughes	CB	UCF
30 Minnesota	Isaiah Wynn	OG	Georgia
31 New England	Kolton Miller	OT	UCLA
32 Philadelphia	Mike Gesicki	TE	Penn St

## Rick Morris Mock Draft

Team	Player	Position	School
1 Cleveland	Sam Darnold	QB	USC
2 New York Giants	Josh Allen	QB	Wyoming
3 New York Jets	Josh Rosen	QB	UCLA
4 Cleveland	Bradley Chubb	DE	NC State
5 Denver	Saquon Barkley	RB	Penn St
6 Indianapolis	Denzel Ward	CB	Ohio St
7 Tampa Bay	Derwin James	S	Florida St
8 Chicago	Quentin Nelson	OG	Notre Dame
9 San Francisco	Tremaine Edmunds	OLB	Virginia Tech
10 Oakland	Roquan Smith	LB	Georgia
11 Miami	Vita Vea	DT	Washington
12 Buffalo	Baker Mayfield	QB	Oklahoma
13 Washington	Minkah Fitzpatrick	CB	Alabama
14 Green Bay	Harold Landry	OLB	Boston College
15 Arizona	Lamar Jackson	QB	Louisville
16 Baltimore	Calvin Ridley	WR	Alabama
17 LA Chargers	Da'Ron Payne	DT	Alabama
18 Seattle	Mike McGlinchey	OT	Notre Dame
19 Dallas	Courtland Sutton	WR	SMU
20 Detroit	Marcus Davenport	OLB	UT-San Antonio
21 Cincinnati	Isaiah Wynn	OG	Georgia
22 Buffalo	Leighton Vander Esch	OLB	Boise St
23 New England	Josh Jackson	CB	Iowa
24 Carolina	DJ Moore	WR	Maryland
25 Tennessee	Rashaan Evans	ILB	Alabama
26 Atlanta	Taven Bryan	DT	Florida
27 New Orleans	Dallas Goedert	TE	S. Dakota St
28 Pittsburgh	Will Hernandez	OG	UTEP
29 Jacksonville	DJ Chark	WR	LSU
30 Minnesota	Kolton Miller	OT	UCLA
31 New England	Connor Williams	OT	Texas
32 Philadelphia	Donte Jackson	CB	LSU

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Players	Position	Players	Position
1 Saquon Barkley	RB	41 Christian Kirk	WR
2 Quenton Nelson	OG	42 Dallas Goedert	TE
3 Bradley Chubb	DE	43 Sony Michel	RB
4 Derwin James	FS/SS	44 Harrison Phillips	DT
5 Tremaine Edmunds	ILB/OLB	45 DJ Chark	WR
6 Marcus Davenport	DE	46 Lamar Jackson	QB
7 Sam Darnold	QB	47 Brian O'Neill	OT
8 Roquan Smith	ILB/OLB	48 Ronnie Harrison	SS
9 Denzel Ward	CB	49 Isaiah Oliver	CB
10 Vita Vea	DT	50 Equanimeous St. Brown	WR
11 Harold Landry	DE/OLB	51 Mark Andrews	TE
12 Da'Ron Payne	DT	52 Justin Reid	FS
13 Hayden Hurst	TE	53 Martinus Rankin	OT
14 Calvin Ridley	WR	54 Malik Jefferson	ILB
15 Lorenzo Carter	OLB	55 Ronald Jones II	RB
16 Mike McGlinchey	OT	56 Micah Kizer	ILB
17 Minkah Fitzpatrick	FS/CB	57 Tyrell Crosby	OT
18 James Daniels	C	58 Jessie Bates	FS
19 Baker Mayfield	QB	59 Shaquem Griffin	OLB/SS
20 Josh Jackson	CB	60 Mason Rudolph	QB
21 Isaiah Wynn	OG	61 Courtland Sutton	WR
22 Taven Bryan	DT	62 Braden Smith	OG
23 DJ Moore	WR	63 Mike White	QB
24 Leighton Vander Esch	ILB	64 Tim Settle	DT
25 Maurice Hurst	DT	65 James Washington	WR
26 Billy Price	OG/C	66 Carlton Davis	CB
27 Josh Rosen	QB	67 Terrell Edmunds	FS
28 Jerome Baker	ILB/OLB	68 Alex Cappa	OT
29 Kolton Miller	OT	69 Anthony Miller	WR
30 Rashaan Evans	ILB	70 Kyle Lauletta	QB
31 Jaire Alexander	CB	71 Connor Williams	OT
32 Will Hernandez	OG	72 Rashaad Penny	RB
33 Derrius Guice	RB	73 Ian Thomas	TE
34 Josh Allen	QB	74 Simmie Cobbs Jr	WR
35 Sam Hubbard	DE	75 Luke Falk	QB
36 Mike Hughes	CB	76 Da'Shawn Hand	DE
37 Mike Gesicki	TE	77 Anthony Averett	CB
38 Arden Key	DE	78 Chukwuma Okarafor	OT
39 Nick Chubb	RB	79 RJ McIntosh	DT
40 Rasheem Green	DT/DE	80 Donte Jackson	CB

## Top 10 Schools of the 2018 NFL Draft

- 1 Alabama
- 2 Georgia
- 3 USC
- 4 Ohio State
- 5 Oklahoma
- 6 LSU
- 7 Penn State
- 8 Notre Dame
- 9 Iowa
- 10 Virginia Tech

### Top 5 Conferences of the 2018 NFL Draft

- 1 SEC
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- 3 Big 10
- 4 Pac 12
- 5 AAC

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Players	Position	Players	Position
81 Ogbornia Okoronkwo	OLB	121 Folornso Fatukasi	DT
82 Brandon Parker	OT	122 Derrick Nnandi	DT
83 Duke Ejiofor	DE	123 Tarvarus McFadden	CB
84 Deon Cain	WR	124 John Kelly	RB
85 Duke Dawson	CB	125 Trenton Thompson	DT
86 Nic Shimonek	QB	126 Tegray Scales	ILB/OLB
87 Kalen Ballage	RB	127 Frank Ragnow	C
88 JC Jackson	CB	128 Kurt Benkert	QB
89 DeShon Elliott	SS	129 Lowell Lotulelei	DT
90 Dorance Armstrong	DE/OLB	130 Jamarco Jones	OT
91 Kerryon Johnson	RB	131 Mark Walton	RB
92 Michael Gallup	WR	132 Jordan Aikens	TE
93 Will Dissly	TE	133 Breeland Speaks	DE
94 BJ Hill	DT	134 Dane Cruikshank	CB
95 Royce Freeman	RB	135 Andrew Brown	DT
96 DaeSean Hamilton	WR	136 Tyquan Lewis	DE
97 Orlando Brown	OT	137 Auden Tate	WR
98 Kemoko Turay	OLB	138 Darren Schultz	TE
99 Dante Pettis	WR	139 Chase Litton	QB
100 Kevin Tolliver II	CB	140 Taron Johnson	CB
101 Deontay Burnett	WR	141 Jordan Mailata	OT
102 Uchenna Nwosu	OLB	142 Isaak Yiadom	CB
103 Logan Woodside	QB	143 Jeff Holland	DE/OLB
104 Jordan Whitehead	FS	144 Antonio Callaway	WR
105 Will Clapp	OG	145 Josey Jewell	OLB
106 Josh Sweat	DE/OLB	146 Tre'Quan Smith	WR
107 Desmond Harrison	OT	147 Tre Williams	OLB
108 Tre Flowers	SS	148 Marcus Baugh	TE
109 Nyheim Hines	RB	149 Riley Ferguson	QB
110 Austin Corbett	OT	150 Jalyn Holmes	DE
111 Allen Lazard	WR	151 Nathan Shepherd	DT
112 Armani Watts	FS	152 Bo Scarborough	RB
113 Chad Thomas	DE	153 Marcus Allen	FS
114 Marcel Ateman	WR	154 Kameron Kelly	CB
115 Tanner Lee	QB	155 Troy Fumagalli	TE
116 Josh Adams	RB	156 Keke Coutee	WR
117 Oren Burks	ILB	157 Roc Thomas	RB
118 Jaylen Samuels	RB	158 Marcell Frazier	DE
119 Darius Leonard	ILB/OLB	159 Holton Hill	CB
120 Cedric Wilson	WR	160 Justin Jones	DT

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Players	Position
161 Toby Weathersby	OT
162 Skai Moore	OLB
163 Damon Webb	FS/SS
164 Danny Etling	QB
165 Geron Christian	OT
166 Greg Senat	OT
167 Rashaan Gaulden	CB
168 Sean Walsh	OG
169 Jamar Summers	FS/CB
170 Javon Wims	WR
171 Chris Herndon	TE
172 Scott Quessenberry	C
173 Durham Smythe	TE
174 Kendrick Norton	DT
175 Adam Breneman	TE
176 Phillip Lindsay	RB
177 Shaun Dion Hamilton	ILB
178 Olasunkamni Adeniyi	OLB
179 Hercules Mata'afa	DE
180 JT Barrett	QB
181 Austin Roberts	TE
182 Jamarcus King	CB
183 Tony Brown	CB
184 James Hearn	DE/OLB
185 Siran Neal	FS/SS
186 Jaleel Scott	WR
187 Taylor Hearn	OG
188 Nick Deluca	ILB
189 Kahlil McKenzie	DT
190 Alex McGough	QB
191 Akrum Wadley	RB
192 Justin Lawler	OLB
193 Quinton Flowers	QB/ATH
194 MJ Stewart	CB
195 Dmitri Flowers	FB
196 Ryan Izzo	TE
197 D'Montre Wade	CB
198 Kamryn Pettway	RB
199 Quin Blanding	SS
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## Early FDH Predictions For 2018 NFL Season

### AFC East

X-New England 12-4  
Buffalo 6-10  
Miami 6-10  
New York Jets 5-11

### NFC East

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

### AFC North

X-Pittsburgh 10-6  
Y-Baltimore 9-7  
Cincinnati 6-10  
Cleveland 5-11

### NFC North

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

### AFC South

X-Houston 9-7  
Y-Tennessee 9-7  
Jacksonville 9-7  
Indianapolis 8-8

### NFC South

X-Atlanta 11-5  
Y-New Orleans 10-6  
Carolina 8-8  
Tampa Bay 6-10

### AFC West

X-Los Angeles 10-6  
Kansas City 7-9  
Oakland 7-9  
Denver 7-9

### NFC West

X-Los Angeles 12-4  
San Francisco 9-7  
Seattle 7-9  
Arizona 1-15

### Wild Card Playoffs

Houston over Baltimore  
Los Angeles over Tennessee  
Green Bay over Minnesota  
Atlanta over New Orleans

### Divisional Round

New England over Houston  
Pittsburgh over Los Angeles  
Los Angeles over Atlanta  
Philadelphia over Green Bay

### Championship Sunday

New England over Pittsburgh  
Los Angeles over Philadelphia

### Super Bowl 53

Los Angeles over New England  
Super Bowl MVP: Jared Goff  
NFL MVP: Aaron Rodgers  
Coach of the Year: Kyle Shanahan  
Offensive Rookie of the Year: Saquon Barkley  
Defensive Rookie of the Year: Derwin James

## Why Value Matters In Fantasy & Pro Sports Drafts

By Rick Morris

On our FANTASYDRAFTHELP.COM INSIDER webcasts, we've discussed this point many times, but we're continually reminded of the need to readdress it: the very real link between fantasy sports drafts and the so-called real kind.

12 years ago, when the Buffalo Bills selected Donte Whitner with the eighth overall pick at a time when he was considered a fringe Top 20 player at best, FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones and I ridiculed the pick in a real-time webcast.

We explained that Marv Levy, who was new to the Buffalo front office, clearly had no concept of value. Top 10 picks must become franchise players at their positions. If, for whatever reason, you are fixated on a player unworthy of the draft slot, trade back and obtain the value collectively, through the desired player and additional picks, but always get value for your pick.

And if a Top 10 pick must become a franchise player, then a Top 5 pick must become one of the elite players in the league. For a team like the Browns that squandered numerous draft picks in the last dozen years under the auspices of such luminaries as Dwight Clark, Butch Davis, Shoebox Pete Garcia, Eric Mangini, Mike Lombardi, Ray Farmer and Sashi Brown, the fourth overall pick in the draft has to be a home run and cannot be used on a player not deemed safe enough by the collective brainpower of NFL personnel people. There is no margin for error.

We at FDH don't have to educate skilled fantasy sports owners on the concept of value. This is something they know, or at the very least intuit, as they go through their draft or auction preparation. We always say that you win by obtaining value with every pick. While that ideal is almost impossible, you have to come as close as you can. That means that your high picks have to perform at the level forecasted and your mid-round and lower-round picks must outperform their draft slots. We have always emphasized that the same precept holds true in professional sports drafts. Winning organizations make the most of their draft picks and they know how to proceed in a measured fashion. They do not panic.

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