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1	Ja'Marr Chase	31	Drake Maye
2	Puka Nacua	32	Derrick Henry
3	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	33	Kyren Williams
4	Jahmyr Gibbs	34	DeVonta Smith
5	Bijan Robinson	35	Joe Burrow
6	Amon-Ra St. Brown	36	Javonte Williams
7	Justin Jefferson	37	Tee Higgins
8	Jonathan Taylor	38	Chase Brown
9	CeeDee Lamb	39	Jared Goff
10	James Cook	40	Tetairoa McMillan
11	Brock Bowers	41	Breece Hall
12	Trey McBride	42	Tyler Warren
13	George Pickens	43	Dak Prescott
14	Saquon Barkley	44	Colston Loveland
15	Christian McCaffrey	45	Emeka Egbuka
16	Ashton Jeanty	46	Travis Etienne
17	Josh Jacobs	47	Justin Herbert
18	Jeremiah Love	48	Sam LaPorta
19	Malik Nabers	49	Rome Odunze
20	A.J. Brown	50	Quinshon Judkins
21	Nico Collins	51	Jaylen Waddle
22	Chris Olave	52	Matthew Stafford
23	Josh Allen	53	Harold Fannin Jr.
24	Rashee Rice	54	Kenneth Walker III
25	Drake London	55	D'Andre Swift
26	De'Von Achane	56	Tucker Kraft
27	Lamar Jackson	57	Cam Skattebo
28	Jameson Williams	58	Kyle Pitts
29	Zay Flowers	59	Garrett Wilson
30	Omarion Hampton	60	Davante Adams

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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.

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The NBA's 75th Anniversary has prompted a wave of Best-Of lists, but few with the substance to reinforce the selections. Authors Rick Morris, Ben Chew and Russ Cohen came together to create a list of the top 75 pro basketball players ever, with evidence to justify the placement of each -- as well as biographical details, comparisons of various legends, little-known-but-interesting tidbits, what-if scenarios and much more. Additionally, the book includes our year-by-year ranking of the top players in pro basketball and rosters for hypothetical "Olympic Dream Teams" had they existed prior to 1992. This is a book that is crafted for sports fans who are interested in learning more about the rich history of pro basketball.

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	Quarterbacks	\$	Exp	UQB	Rk	Comp%	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Int	Rk	RushYds	Rk
1	Josh Allen	34	1	1534	5	69.3%	5	3668	11	25	9T	10		579	1
2	Lamar Jackson	32	2	1504	17T	63.6%		2549		21	18	7	15T	349	13
3	Drake Maye	29	3	1555	3	72.0%	2	4394	4	31	3	8	20T	450	4
4	Joe Burrow	28	4T	1491		66.8%	14	1809		17		5	8T	41	
5	Jared Goff	25	17	1556	2	68.0%	7T	4564	2	34	2	8	20T	45	
6	Dak Prescott	24	10T	1547	4	67.3%	13	4552	3	30	4	10		177	
7	Justin Herbert	22	12	1520	8T	66.4%	15	3727	9	26	7T	13		498	2
8	Matthew Stafford 1X	21	14	1625	1	65.0%	19	4707	1	46	1	8	20T	1	
9	Jayden Daniels	16	4T	1479		60.6%		1262		8		3	3T	278	15
10	Jaxson Dart	16	7	1513	12T	63.7%		2272		15		5	8T	487	3
11	Trevor Lawrence	16	8	1526	7	60.9%		4007	6	29	5	12		359	11
12	Caleb Williams	15	9	1529	6	58.1%		3942	7	27	6	7	15T	383	7T
13	Brock Purdy	15	10T	1495		69.4%	4	2167		20	19T	10		147	
14	Jalen Hurts	15	6	1516	11	64.8%		3224	16	25	9T	6	11T	421	6
15	Bo Nix	14	15	1520	8T	63.4%		3931	8	25	9T	11		356	12
16	Patrick Mahomes	14	13	1513	12T	62.7%		3587	12	22	17	11		422	5
17	Jordan Love	12		1508	14	66.3%	16T	3381	13	23	14T	6	11T	199	18
18	Baker Mayfield 2X	11	19	1517	10	63.2%		3693	10	26	7T	11		382	9
19	Sam Darnold	6		1506	16	67.7%	9T	4048	5	25	9T	14		95	
20	Aaron Rodgers	6		1504	17T	65.7%	18	3322	15	24	13	7	15T	61	
21	Daniel Jones	6		1501	19T	68.0%	7T	3101	18	19		8	20T	164	
22	C.J. Stroud	6		1501	19T	64.5%		3041	19	19		8	20T	209	17
23	Cam Ward	6		1501	19T	59.8%		3169	17	15		7	15T	159	
24	Bryce Young	5		1499		63.6%		3011		23	14T	11		216	16
25	Kyler Murray	4	16	1465		68.3%	6	962		6		3	3T	173	
26	Tyler Shough	4	18	1494		67.6%	11	2384		10		6	11T	186	19
27	Fernando Mendoza	4		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
28	Malik Willis 3X	3	20	1449		85.7%	1	422		3		0	1	123	

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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.

^ \$ denotes the dollar value in auction leagues.

^ The "Exp" column displays where each player placed in an "experts consensus board" of top fantasy magazines and websites.

^ The "Stat" column shows how each player performed on our standard deviation from the mean statistic in 2025 (stat details on Page 4).

^ 2025 yardage and TD totals are listed, along with rankings for each and rankings in the aforementioned "Stat" category. Also, on the WR and TE boards, "Catch%" measures the completion percentage of targets to each player. Rushing yards for quarterbacks and receiving yards for running backs are also listed.

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

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	Running Backs	\$	Exp	UQB	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	YPC	Rk	RecYds	Rk	Bye
1	Jahmyr Gibbs	59	1	1589	5	1223	7	13	3T	5	13T	616	3	6
2	Bijan Robinson	58	2	1635	2	1478	4	7	17T	5.2	8T	820	2	11
3	Jonathan Taylor	56	3	1617	3	1585	3	18	1	4.9	15T	378	7	13
4	James Cook	54	4	1570	6	1621	1	12	5T	5.2	8T	291	16	7
5	Saquon Barkley	51	7	1517	17T	1140	10	7	17T	4.1		273	22	10
6	Christian McCaffrey	49	9	1654	1	1202	8	10	8T	3.9		924	1	8
7	Ashton Jeanty	47	6	1510	25T	975	18	5	30T	3.7		346	10	13
8	Josh Jacobs	45	10T	1534	9	929	20	13	3T	4		282	18T	11
9	Jeremiah Love 1X	43	12	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		14
10	De'Von Achane	32	5	1565	7	1350	5	8	12T	5.7	4T	488	4	6
11	Omarion Hampton	29	8	1505	32T	545	38	4		4.4	34T	192	33T	7
12	Derrick Henry	28	13	1594	4	1595	2	16	2	5.2	8T	150		13
13	Kyren Williams	28	16	1533	10	1252	6	10	8T	4.8	17T	281	20	11
14	Javonte Williams	27	17	1532	11	1201	9	11	7	4.8	17T	137		14
15	Chase Brown	26	10T	1525	13	1019	17	6	23T	4.4	34T	437	6	6
16	Breece Hall	25	15	1517	17T	1065	15	4		4.4	34T	350	9	13
17	Travis Etienne	23	18	1517	17T	1107	11	7	17T	4.3	37T	292	15	8
18	Quinshon Judkins	21	20	1502		827	22	7	17T	3.6		171	37	11
19	Kenneth Walker III	19	14	1514	21T	1027	16	5	30T	4.7	21T	282	18T	5
20	D'Andre Swift	19	21T	1524	14	1087	12	9	10T	4.9	15T	299	13	10
21	Cam Skattebo 2X	18	19	1503	38T	410		5	30T	4.1		207	30	8
22	Jadarion Price	14	28T	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		11
23	David Montgomery	14	24	1510	25T	716	30	8	12T	4.5	29T	192	33T	8
24	Bucky Irving	14	21T	1490		588	35	1		3.4		277	21	10
25	TreVeyon Henderson	14	23	1520	16	911	21	9	10T	5.1	11T	221	27	11
26	Bhayshul Tuten	13	27	1492		307		5	30T	3.7		79		7
27	Chuba Hubbard	13	25	1495		511		1		3.8		223	26	5
28	Tony Pollard 3X	13	26	1513	23T	1082	13	5	30T	4.5	29T	206	31	9
29	Kyle Monangai	8	35T	1507	30	783	24	5	30T	4.6	25T	164	38	10
30	Rhamondre Stevenson	8	30	1513	23T	603	34	7	17T	4.6	25T	345	11	11
31	Jaylen Warren	8	28T	1514	21T	958	19	6	23T	4.5	29T	333	12	9
32	Rico Dowdle	8	32	1516	20	1076	14	6	23T	4.6	25T	297	14	9
33	Rachaad White	7	37	1505	32T	572	36	4		4.3	37T	218	28	7
34	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	7	40T	1498		500		6	23T	4.5	29T	30		7
35	Kenneth Gainwell	7	35T	1526	12	537	40	5	30T	4.7	21T	486	5	10
36	Jacory Croskey-Merritt	7	38	1506	31	805	23	8	12T	4.6	25T	68		7
37	RJ Harvey	7	31	1508	28T	540	39	7	17T	3.7		356	8	10
38	Tyjae Spears	7	40T	1495		283		2		3.9		264	24	9
39	Jordan Mason	7	40T	1502		758	26	6	23T	4.8	17T	51		6
40	Blake Corum	7	39	1504	35T	746	27	6	23T	5.1	11T	36		11
41	J.K. Dobbins	7	33T	1503	38T	772	25	4		5	13T	37		10
42	Aaron Jones 4X	7	33T	1501		548	37	2		4.2	40T	199	32	6
43	Kaytron Allen	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		7
44	Tank Bigsby	3		1508	28T	356		2		5.7	4T	32		10
45	Keaton Mitchell	3		1510	25T	341		1		5.8	2T	63		7
46	Brian Robinson Jr.	3		1491		400		2		4.3	37T	25		11
47	Alvin Kamara	3		1491		471		1		3.6		186	35T	8
48	Dylan Sampson	3		1458		175		0		2.7		271	23	11

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Many leagues start 1 QB, 2 RB, 2 WR, 1 TE, 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.

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- 1 Jeremiyah Love
- 2 Carnell Tate
- 3 Jordyn Tyson
- 4 Jadarian Price
- 5 Makai Lemon
- 6 Kenyon Sadiq
- 7 Omar Cooper
- 8 De'Zhaun Stribling
- 9 KC Conception
- 10 Denzel Boston

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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.

Top NFL Over-Under Predictions For 2026

TOP TIER

1 Jacksonville UNDER 9.5

SECOND TIER

2 Houston OVER 9.5

3 NY Jets UNDER 5.5

THIRD TIER

4 Dallas OVER 8.5

5 New England UNDER 9.5

6 LA Chargers OVER 10.5

7 Washington OVER 7.5

8 Chicago OVER 9.5

9 Cleveland UNDER 6.5

10 Denver OVER 9.5

11 Minnesota UNDER 8.5

12 Carolina OVER 6.5

13 San Francisco UNDER 10.5

Wild Card Players

NOTE: These are players listed with a wide range of opinion on our experts' draft board between the highest and lowest rankings.

QB: Bo Nix

RB: Christian McCaffrey

WR: Alec Pierce, Christian Watson,

Michael Pittman

TE: Isaiah Likely

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Overvalued Players

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.

QB: Jalen Hurts, Jayden Daniels

RB: Aaron Jones, Jaylen Warren, JK Dobbins, Rico Dowdle, RJ Harvey

WR: Drake London

TE: Brandon Strange, Dalton Kincaid, George Kittle, Isaiah Likely,

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Projected Breakthroughs

QB: Malik Willis

RB: Jonathon Brooks

WR: Matthew Golden

TE: Tucker Kraft

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	D/ST	\$	Exp	Bye
1	Houston	5	2	8
2	Denver	5	1	10
3	Seattle	5	3	11
4	LA Rams	5	6T	11
5	Philadelphia	5	4	10
6	LA Chargers	5	10	7
7	Baltimore	5	9	13
8	Pittsburgh	5	5	9
9	<u>Kansas City 1X</u>	5	14	14
10	New England	4	6T	11
11	Cleveland	4	8	11
12	Buffalo	4	16	7
13	<u>Dallas 2X</u>	4	17T	14
14	NY Giants	3	20	8
15	Jacksonville	3	11	7
16	Green Bay	3	13	11
17	Minnesota	3	12	6
18	Detroit	3	15	6
19	Indianapolis	3	17T	13
20	<u>New Orleans 3X</u>	3	17T	8

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Undervalued Players

QB: Dak Prescott, Jared Goff, Jordan Love, Justin Herbert

RB: Chris Rodriguez, Jr, Jadarian Price, Kyle Monangai

WR: Carnell Tate, Jameson Williams, Makai Lemon, Marvin Harrison, Jr, Rome Odunze

TE: Dalton Schultz, Juwon Johnson, Kenyon Sadiq

Projected Sleepers

QB: Cam Ward

RB: Blake Corum

WR: Jordan Addison

TE: David Njoku

Kickers	\$	Exp	UQB	Rk	FG%	Rk	Pts	Rk	Bye
1 Brandon Aubrey	5	1	1589	3	85.7%		155	3	14
2 Cameron Dicker	5	2	1569	4	92.7%	10	148	4	7
3 Ka'imi Fairbairn	5	3	1605	2	91.7%	12T	160	2	6
4 Cam Little	5	4	1550	5	88.2%	18T	140	5	7
5 Jason Myers	5	6	1643	1	85.4%		171	1	11
6 Tyler Loop	5	7	1537	7T	88.2%	18T	134	7T	13
7 Jake Bates	5	8	1539	6	79.4%		135	6	6
8 <u>Harrison Butker 1X</u>	5	10T	1530	9T	86.8%		130	9T	5
9 Eddy Pineiro	4	5	1513	14	96.6%	5T	118	14	8
10 Andres Borregales	4	14	1537	7T	84.4%		134	7T	11
11 Will Reichard	4	15T	1530	9T	94.3%	7	130	9T	6
12 Harrison Mevis	4	9	1490		92.3%	11	75		11
13 Chase McLaughlin	4	12	1527	11	84.2%		128	11	10
14 Wil Lutz	4	18	1519	12T	87.5%	20	123	12T	10
15 Chris Boswell	4	13	1519	12T	84.4%		123	12T	9
16 Cairo Santos	4	10T	1509	17	83.3%		114	17	10
17 Evan McPherson	4	15T	1511	15	89.3%	16	116	15	6
18 <u>Charlie Smyth 2X</u>	4	19	1446		75.0%		49		8
19 Jake Elliott	3		1501		74.1%		101		10
20 Joey Slye	3		1505	20	80.0%		110	20	9
21 Trey Smack	3	17	NA		NA		NA		11
22 Jason Sanders	3	20	NA		NA		NA		13
23 <u>Andre Szmyt 3X</u>	3		1500		88.9%	17	97		8

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	Wide Receivers	\$	Exp	UQB	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	YPC	Rk	Catch%	Rk	Rec	Rk
1	Ja'Marr Chase	60	1	1640	5	1412	4	8	8T	11.3		67.6%	32	125	2
2	Puka Nacua	60	2	1713	1T	1715	2	10	4T	13.3		77.7%	5	129	1
3	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	60	3	1713	1T	1793	1	10	4T	15.1	17T	73.0%	13	119	3
4	Amon-Ra St. Brown	57	4	1647	4	1401	5	11	2T	12		68.0%	28	117	4
5	Justin Jefferson	57	6T	1536	19T	1048	11	2		12.5		59.6%		84	10
6	CeeDee Lamb	55	5	1536	19T	1077	10	3		14.4	32T	64.1%		75	16T
7	George Pickens 1X	52	10	1610	7	1429	3	9	6T	15.4	12	67.9%	29T	93	6
8	Malik Nabers	41	11	1489		271		2		15.1	17T	51.4%		18	
9	A.J. Brown	40	12	1537	17T	1003	18T	7	10T	12.9		64.5%		78	13T
10	Nico Collins	38	9	1547	13	1117	8T	6	17T	15.7	11	59.2%		71	21
11	Chris Olave	36	13	1578	8	1163	7	9	6T	11.6		64.1%		100	5
12	Rashee Rice	33	8	1500		571		5	31T	10.8		67.9%	29T	53	38
13	Drake London	32	6T	1526	27T	919	21	7	10T	13.5		60.7%		68	23
14	Jameson Williams	31	25	1563	11	1117	8T	7	10T	17.2	8	63.7%		65	25T
15	Zay Flowers	30	14T	1556	12	1211	6	5	31T	14.1	38	72.9%	14	86	8
16	DeVonta Smith	28	16	1530	24T	1008	16	4		13.1		68.1%	27	77	15
17	Tee Higgins	27	14T	1546	14	846	25	11	2T	14.3	36	60.2%		59	30T
18	Tetairoa McMillan	25	18	1535	21T	1014	13T	7	10T	14.5	28T	57.4%		70	22
19	Emeka Egbuka	23	19	1526	27T	938	20	6	17T	14.9	21T	49.6%		63	28
20	Rome Odunze	21	26	1516	35	661	40	6	17T	15	19T	48.9%		44	
21	Jaylen Waddle 2X	21	20T	1522	29T	910	22	6	17T	14.2	37	64.0%		64	27
22	Garrett Wilson	17	17	1494		395		4		11		61.0%		36	
23	Davante Adams	17	20T	1575	9	789	27T	14	1	13.2		52.6%		60	29
24	Marvin Harrison Jr.	17	30T	1512	39T	608	45	4		14.8	24	56.2%		41	
25	Ladd McConkey	17	22	1514	36	789	27T	6	17T	11.9		62.3%		66	24
26	Carnell Tate	17	32	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
27	Luther Burden III	17	23	1507		652	41	2		13.9	39	78.3%	4	47	45T
28	Terry McLaurin	17	24	1513	37T	582		3		15.3	13T	63.3%		38	
29	Courtland Sutton	17	33	1535	21T	1017	12	7	10T	13.7	42T	59.7%		74	18
30	Christian Watson	16	29	1538	15T	611	43	6	17T	17.5	7	63.6%		35	
31	Jordyn Tyson	16	35	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
32	DJ Moore 3X	16	27	1511	41T	682	39	6	17T	13.6	45	58.8%		50	40T
33	Mike Evans	12	28	1496		368		3		12.3		48.4%		30	
34	Alec Pierce	12	34	1628	6	1003	18T	6	17T	21.3	2	56.0%		47	45T
35	DK Metcalf	12	30T	1519	32	850	23	6	17T	14.4	32T	59.6%		59	30T
36	Makai Lemon	12	42T	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
37	Michael Wilson	12	41	1537	17T	1006	17	7	10T	12.9		61.9%		78	13T
38	Jordan Addison	12	42T	1510	44T	610	44	3		14.5	28T	53.2%		42	
39	Chris Godwin	12	39	1488		360		2		10.9		64.7%	44T	33	
40	Brian Thomas Jr.	12	40	1510	44T	707	36	2		14.7	25T	52.7%		48	43T
41	Parker Washington	12	36	1517	34	847	24	5	31T	14.6	27	61.1%		58	33T
42	Michael Pittman	12	37	1511	41T	784	29	7	10T	9.8		72.1%	18	80	12
43	Jakobi Meyers	12	38	1513	37T	835	26	3		11.1		68.2%	26	75	16T
44	Matthew Golden	12		1486		361		0		12.4		65.9%	39T	29	
45	Wan'Dale Robinson 4X	12	45T	1538	15T	1014	13T	4		11		65.7%	41	92	7
46	Romeo Doubs	8		1512	39T	724	33	6	17T	13.2		64.7%	44T	55	36T
47	Ricky Pearsall	8	42T	1499		528		0		14.7	25T	67.9%	29T	36	
48	Quentin Johnston	8		1522	29T	735	31	8	8T	14.4	32T	60.7%		51	39
49	Omar Cooper	8		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
50	De'Zhaun Stribling	7		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
51	Jayden Reed	7	45T	1468		207		1		10.9		86.4%	2	19	

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	Running Backs	\$	Exp	UQB	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	YPC	Rk	RecYds	Rk	Bye
49	Zach Charbonnet	3		1523	15	730	29	12	5T	4		144		11
50	Jonathon Brooks	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		5
51	Demond Claiborne	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		6
52	Jordan James	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		8
53	Kaelon Black	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		8
54	Emmett Johnson	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		5
55	Mike Washington	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		13
56	Jonah Coleman	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		10
57	<u>Adam Randall 5X</u>	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		13

	Wide Receivers	\$	Exp	UQB	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	YPC	Rk	Catch%	Rk	Rec
52	<u>Josh Downs 5X</u>	7		1491		566		4		9.8		65.9%	39T	58
53	Xavier Worthy	3		1501		532		1		12.7		57.5%		42
54	Brandon Aiyuk	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
55	Travis Hunter	3		1478		298		1		10.6		62.2%		28
56	Isaiah Bond	3		1530	24T	338		0		18.8	4	40.9%		18
57	Jauan Jennings	3		1521	31	643	42	9	6T	11.7		61.1%		55
58	Jerry Jeudy	3		1503		602		2		12		47.2%		50
59	Rashid Shaheed	3		1503		687	38	2		11.6		64.1%		59
60	Keon Coleman	3		1492		404		4		10.6		64.4%		38
61	KC Conception	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
62	Denzel Boston	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
63	Cooper Kupp	3		1505		593		2		12.6		67.1%	34	47
64	Marquise Brown	3		1506		587		5	31T	12		66.2%	38	49
65	Zachariah Branch	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
66	Malachi Fields	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
67	Chris Brazzell II	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
68	Khalil Shakir	3		1500		719	34	4		10		75.8%	8	72
69	Tre Tucker	3		1509		696	37	5	31T	12.2		62.0%		57
70	Kayshon Boutte	3		1527	26	551		6	17T	16.7	10	71.7%	19	33
71	Antonio Williams	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
72	Ja'Kobi Lane	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
73	Chris Bell	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
74	Germie Bernard	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
75	Jayden Higgins	3		1509		525		6	17T	12.8		60.3%		41
76	Jalen McMillan	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA
77	<u>Jalen Coker 6X</u>	3		1497		394		3		11.9		76.7%	7	33

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	Tight Ends	\$	Exp	UQB	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Avg	Rk	Catch%	Rk	Rec	Rk	Bye
1	Brock Bowers	53	1	1545	11	680	10	7	5T	10.6		74.4%		64	9	13
2	Trey McBride	52	2	1885	1	1239	1	11	1T	9.8		74.6%		126	1	14
3	Tyler Warren	24	4	1576	7	817	5	4		10.8		67.9%		76	6T	13
4	Colston Loveland	23	3	1539	12	713	9	6	8T	12.3	10	70.7%		58	13	10
5	Sam LaPorta	21	5	1513		489		3		12.2	11	81.6%	6	40		6
6	Harold Fannin Jr.	19	6	1562	8	731	8	6	8T	10.2		67.3%		72	8	11
7	Tucker Kraft	18	8	1530	14	489		6	8T	15.3	1	72.7%		32		11
8	Kyle Pitts 1X	17	7	1626	2	928	2	5	13T	10.6		74.6%		88	2	11
9	Travis Kelce	11	9	1582	5	851	4	5	13T	11.2		70.4%		76	6T	5
10	Kenyon Sadiq	11	16	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		13
11	Dallas Goedert	10	11	1556	9	591	14	11	1T	9.8		73.2%		60	10T	10
12	Jake Ferguson	9	13T	1579	6	600	13	8	3T	7.3		80.4%	9	82	3T	14
13	Juwan Johnson	8	17T	1588	3	889	3	3		11.6	18T	75.5%		77	5	8
14	George Kittle 2X	8	10	1532	13	628	12	7	5T	11		82.6%	5	57	14	8
15	Oronde Gadsden II	3	20	1529	15	664	11	3		13.6	6	71.0%		49	20	7
16	Dalton Schultz	3		1588	4	777	6	3		9.5		77.4%	17	82	3T	8
17	Mark Andrews	3	12	1511		422		5	13T	8.8		68.6%		48		13
18	Isaiah Likely	3	13T	1500		307		1		11.4		75.0%		27		8
19	Hunter Henry	3	17T	1551	10	768	7	7	5T	12.8	8	69.0%		60	10T	11
20	Max Klare	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		11
21	David Njoku	3		1504		293		4		8.9		68.8%		33		7
22	Dalton Kincaid	3	14	1528	16	571	16	5	13T	14.6	4	79.6%	11	39		7
23	Brenton Strange	3	15	1514		540	18	3		11.7	14T	76.7%	20	46		7
24	Eli Stowers	3		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		10
25	T.J. Hockenson	3	19	1511		438		3		8.6		77.3%	18	51	17	6
26	Cade Otton	3		1507		572	15	1		9.7		51.9%		59	12	10
27	Terrance Ferguson 3X	3		1496		231		3		21	1	44%		11		11

\$1 Quarterbacks	Exp	UQB	Rk	Comp%	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Int	Rk	RushYds	Rk	Bye
Cade Klubnik		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		13
Carson Beck		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		14
Deshawn Watson		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		11
Drew Allar		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		9
Geno Smith		1466		67.4%	12	3025	20	19		17		109		13
J.J. McCarthy		1477		57.6%		1632		11		12		181	20	6
Jacoby Brissett		1507	15	64.9%	20	3366	14	23	14T	8	20T	168		14
Jake Browning		1444		64.8%		771		6		8	20T	39		10
Joe Flacco		1492		60.3%		2479		15		10		35		6
Justin Fields		1491		62.7%		1259		7		1	2	383	7T	5
Kirk Cousins		1481		61.7%		1721		10		5	8T	7		13
Mac Jones		1492		69.6%	3	2151		13		6	11T	60		8
Marcus Mariota		1485		61.2%		1695		10		7	15T	297	14	7
Michael Penix Jr.		1493		60.1%		1982		9		3	3T	70		11
Quinn Ewers		1438		66.3%	16T	622		3		3	3T	19		6
Riley Leonard		1426		58.2%		415		2		3	3T	27		13
Shedeur Sanders		1469		56.6%		1400		7		10		169		11
Tua Tagovailoa		1476		67.7%	9T	2660		20	19T	15		43		11
Ty Simpson		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		11

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\$1 Running Backs	Exp	UQB	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	YPC	Rk	RecYds	Rk	Bye
Braelon Allen		1476		76		1		4.2	40T	17		13
Cam Akers		1465		19		0		3.8		0		11
Devin Singletary		1498		437		5	30T	3.7		151	40	8
Emanuel Wilson		1499		496		3		4		99		11
Emari Demercado		1561	8	312		0		7.1	1	101		5
Isaiah Davis		1504	35T	236		1		5.5	6T	186	35T	13
Isiah Pacheco		1493		462		1		3.9		101		6
James Conner		1460		95		1		3		38		14
Jaylen Wright		1489		288		2		4.1		44		6
Kareem Hunt		1505	32T	611	33	8	12T	3.8		143		5
Kimani Vidal		1503	38T	643	32	3		4.2	40T	136		7
Malik Davis		1488		250		2		4.8	17T	16		14
Miles Sanders		1499		117		1		5.8	2T	30		14
Nick Chubb		1498		506		3		4.2	40T	67		8
Ollie Gordon II		1463		199		3		2.8		32		6
Raheem Mostert		1480		104		0		4.7	21T	70		13
Ray Davis		1487		275		0		4.7	21T	86		7
Samaje Perine		1498		382		3		4.5	29T	87		6
Sean Tucker		1491		320		7	17T	3.7		34		10
Trey Benson		1493		160		0		5.5	6T	64		14
Ty Johnson		1495		200		3		4		263	25	7
Tyler Allgeier		1499		514		8	12T	3.6		96		14
Tyrone Tracy Jr.		1504	35T	740	28	2		4.2	40T	288	17	8
Woody Marks		1496		703	31	2		3.6		208	29	8
Zonovan Knight		1487		269		4		3.3		160	39	14

\$1 Wide Receivers	Exp	UQB	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	YPC	Rk	Catch%	Rk	Rec	Rk	Bye
Brandin Cooks		1476		279		0		11.6		66.7%	35T	24		7
Brenen Thompson		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		7
Calvin Ridley		1511	41T	303		0		17.8	6	47.2%		17		9
Christian Kirk		1450		239		1		8.5		53.8%		28		8
Deebo Samuel		1502		727	32	5	31T	10.1		72.7%	15	72	19T	?
Jalen Nailor		1508		444		4		15.3	13T	54.7%		29		13
John Metchie III		1455		274		2		8.3		68.8%	24T	33		5
Keenan Allen		1503		777	30	4		9.6		66.4%	37	81	11	7
Kyle Williams		1569	10	209		3		20.9	3	47.6%		10		11
Luke McCaffrey		1518	33	203		3		18.4	5	73.3%	11T	11		7
Mack Hollins		1503		550		2		12		70.8%	21T	46		11
Rashod Bateman		1478		224		2		11.8		50.0%		19		13
Ryan Flournoy		1503		475		4		11.9		71.4%	20	40		14
Ted Hurst		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		10
Troy Franklin		1507		709	35	6	17T	10.9		62.5%		65	25T	10
Tyreek Hill		1481		265		1		12.6		72.4%	17	21		?
Zavion Thomas		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		10

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Exp	UQB	Rk	Yds	Rk	TD	Rk	Avg	Rk	Catch%	Rk	Rec	Rk	Bye
AJ Barner	1519	19	519	20	6	8T	10		76.5%		52	16	11
Austin Hooper	1497		263		2		12.5	9	80.8%	8	21		11
Chigoziem Okonkwo	1520	17T	560	17	2		10		70.9%		56	15	7
Colby Parkinson	1520	17T	408		8	3T	9.5		76.8%	19	43		11
Cole Kmet	1505		347		2		11.6	18T	62.5%		30		10
Daniel Bellinger	1509		286		2		15.1	3	73.1%		19		9
Darnell Washington	1505		364		1		11.7	14T	72.1%		31		9
Darren Waller	1503		283		6	8T	11.8	12T	70.6%		24		6
Davis Allen	1493		208		3		8.7		72.7%		24		11
Dawson Knox	1510		417		4		11.6	18T	73.5%		36		7
Elijah Higgins	1498		301		0		10		81.1%	7	30		14
Evan Engram	1509		461		1		9.2		65.8%		50	18T	10
Greg Dulcich	1504		335		1		12.9	7	78.8%	15	26		6
Gunnar Helm	1505		357		2		8.1		80.0%	10	44		9
Jake Tonges	1505		293		5	13T	8.6		73.9%		34		8
Jonnu Smith	1488		222		2		5.8		70.4%		38		?
Mason Taylor	1504		369		1		8.4		67.7%		44		13
Michael Mayer	1504		328		1		9.4		70.0%		35		13
Mike Gesicki	1502		307		2		11		66.7%		28		6
Noah Fant	1504		288		3		8.5		82.9%	4	34		8
Pat Freiermuth	1512		486		4		11.8	12T	75.9%		41		9
Theo Johnson	1515	20	528	19	5	13T	11.7	14T	60.8%		45		8
Tommy Tremble	1498		249		2		9.2		73.0%		27		5
Tyler Higbee	1500		281		3		11.2		69.4%		25		11
Zach Ertz	1514		504		4		10.1		69.4%		50	18T	9

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Exp	UQB	Rk	FG%	Rk	Pts	Rk	Bye
Ben Sauls	1397		100.0%	1T	31		8
Blake Grupe	1507	18	78.4%		112	18	13
Chad Ryland	1506	19	75.8%		111	19	14
Daniel Carlson	1498		81.5%		87		13
Jake Moody	1486		82.6%		72		7
Lucas Havrisik	1354		100.0%	1T	19		11
Matt Gay	1492		73.9%		77		13
Matthew Wright	1354		100.0%	1T	19		7
Nick Folk	1503		96.6%	5T	106		11
Riley Patterson	1510	16	93.1%	8	115	16	6
Ryan Fitzgerald	1500		82.8%		99		5
Spencer Shrader	1455		92.9%	9	53		13
Tyler Bass	NA		NA		NA		7
Zane Gonzalez	1489		86.4%		74		6

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FDH Ranking of Top 10 NFL Coaching Trees

NOTE: We are just counting the "most direct branches."

10 Marty Schottenheimer: branches include Bill Cowher, Herman Edwards, Lindy Infante, Tony Dungy, Tony Sparano, Wade Phillips.

9 Tom Landry: branches include Dan Reeves, Gene Stallings, Mike Ditka, Raymond Berry.

8 Bill Belichick: branches include Al Groh, Bill O'Brien, Brian Flores, Brett Bielema, Charlie Weis, Eric Mangini, Jim Schwartz, Joe Judge, Kirk Ferentz, Matt Patricia, Mike Vrabel, Nick Saban, Romeo Crennel, Brian Daboll.

7 Andy Reid: branches include Brad Childress, Doug Pederson, Jim Johnson, John Harbaugh, Jon Gruden, Leslie Frazier, Matt Nagy, Ron Rivera, Sean McDermott, Steve Spagnuolo, Todd Bowles.

6 Jim Lee Howell: branches include Allie Sherman, Tom Landry, Vince Lombardi.

5 Bill Parcells: branches include Bill Belichick, Sean Payton, Steve Spagnuolo, Todd Haley, Tom Coughlin, Todd Bowles.

4 Mike Holmgren: branches include Andy Reid, Dick Jauron, Jim Zorn, Jon Gruden, Marty Mornhinweg, Mike Sherman, Ray Rhodes, Steve Mariucci.

3 Paul Brown: branches include Bill Walsh, Blanton Collier, Don Shula, Nick Skorich, Sam Wyche, Weeb Ewbank.

2 Bill Walsh: branches include Andy Reid, Brian Billick, Dennis Green, Gary Kubiak, George Seifert, Jeff Fisher, Jim Fassel, Jim Harbaugh, John Harbaugh, Jon Gruden, Mike Holmgren, Mike McCarthy, Mike Shanahan, Mike White, Paul Hackett, Ray Rhodes, Steve Mariucci.

1 Sid Gillman: branches include Al Davis, Bum Phillips, Chuck Knox, Chuck Noll, Dick Vermeil, Don Coryell, George Allen.

Top 10 For The Next 10

The FDH Top 10 for the Next 10 is a list attempting to identify the best players in the league -- not necessarily in a pure fantasy sense -- over the course of the entire next decade. It's not a pure 25-and-under draft, but it skews heavily in that direction because most big-time stars are past their primes sometime in their 30s. Players who are both very young and very skilled already have the biggest edges. We have broken out our list for both Quarterbacks and Non-Quarterbacks, because of the disproportionate importance that passers have in today's game.

Quarterbacks

- 1 Drake Maye
- 2 Justin Herbert
- 3 Caleb Williams
- 4 Fernando Mendoza
- 5 Patrick Mahomes
- 6 Joe Burrow
- 7 Josh Allen
- 8 Lamar Jackson
- 9 Jordan Love
- 10 Jayden Daniels

Non-Quarterbacks

- 1 Ja'Marr Chase
- 2 Jaxon Smith-Njigba
- 3 Puka Nacua
- 4 Justin Jefferson
- 5 Brock Bowers
- 6 Nick Emmanwori
- 7 Devon Witherspoon
- 8 Kyle Hamilton
- 9 Patrick Surtain II
- 10 Derek Stingley Jr.

2026 Fantasy Overview

^ While the top tier at RB is very similar to 2025, it's somewhat deeper at the second, third and fifth tiers. The fourth tier is actually even with 2025. Our advice in 2024 and 2025 was to try to get two running backs in the first three rounds -- all things being equal, that is, assuming that the position hadn't been picked over too thoroughly to do that. That shouldn't be necessary this year, but waiting past the fourth round to get two running backs could be risky. We projected a year ago that overall depth at the position would improve as teams trended more towards valuing high-level running back production again and that has indeed been the case.

^ Wide receiver depth is narrowly thinner on the top tier, narrowly deeper on the second, narrowly thinner on the third, deeper on the fourth, thinner on the fifth and far deeper on the sixth. Prioritizing running back talent earlier and wide receiver depth later remains a constant from the last two years.

^ The top two tiers at tight end are both narrowly deeper than in 2025, but as with last year, Brock Bowers and Trey McBride are the clear-cut top two and they actually have late first-round value. With the talented influx of players at this position in recent drafts, it is likely that others could ascend to their level this year and picking one who does could yield the kind of amazing value that could help greatly in winning your league.

^ The top tier at QB is narrowly deeper than in 2025 and the second tier is decently deeper. The third tier, like last year, goes down to an incredible 28, so, like last year, if you somehow get shut out of appropriate value in the top two spots -- but this year, you really shouldn't -- then you might want to consider playing the numbers game and coming away with four quarterbacks. Consider that doing so a year ago could have landed you Sam Darnold or Drake Maye.

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Predictions For College Football Playoff Format Starting in 2028

The deadlock between the SEC (preferring 16 teams in the future) and the Big Ten (preferring 24 teams) will be solved with the King Solomon solution of expanding to 20 teams. Put aside for the moment the truth that there is no public yearning for any expansion and that it is widely seen as an empty money grab. It will happen in some form or fashion and this will be it. Conference championship games will remain intact on the first Saturday of December, with the selection show still taking place the next day. But now the first round of four games will start the next week, with a game on Thursday night, Friday night and a Saturday doubleheader that will still leave an exclusive TV window for the Army-Navy game. The biggest change will come the next week, when the Round of 16 will require eight playoff games. This will require doubleheaders on Thursday and Friday nights (6 PM and 9:30 PM Eastern Time kickoffs) and a quadruple-header on Saturday. Subsequent rounds will remain as is.

TV rights will be split at least two and probably three ways. There's no way that ESPN will be paying for all of this. Now that Paramount is a true media juggernaut, they won't let CBS be without games and Amazon Prime could be creeping around for some action. NBC probably doesn't have room left in their sports budget for what this is going to cost. It's possible that Fox could take some of the money that they won't be spending on future World Cups for this purpose.

2027 NFL Draft Preview

Years such as 1983, 1999 and 2018 have etched themselves in the history books in terms of having vaulted QB draft classes. As we all know, some panned out and some didn't. Such will be the case in 2027, when many decorated passers will define much of how we remember that draft class.

Arch Manning of Texas is the early favorite to be the top pick overall. Potentially slotting in just behind him are Julian Sayin of Ohio State, Dante Moore of Oregon and John Mateer of Oklahoma (notwithstanding his size). Additional potential high picks from the pocket include a few potential reclamation projects from the 2025 season: Nico Iamaleava of UCLA and LaNorris Sellers of South Carolina. If Josh Hoover can keep Indiana humming at a high level, then you'll see his name in this conversation.

Speaking of ifs, if none of the QBs go #1 overall, then Ohio State WR Jeremiah Smith would probably be that guy as one of the most decorated players at his position of the 21st Century.

Aside from the quarterback position, the Top 10 looks to be dominated by defensive ends, with the top candidates to go that high including Dylan Stewart of South Carolina, Yhonzae Pierre of Alabama, Quincy Rhodes Jr of Arkansas, John Henry Daley of Utah and Damon Wilson II of Miami. Other strong candidates to go in the half of the first round include offensive tackles Wilkin Formby of Alabama and Brandon Baker of Texas, wide receivers Cam Coleman and Ryan Wingo of Texas and Nick Marsh of Indiana, CB Leonard Moore of Notre Dame, LB Collin Simmons of Texas, RB Jadan Baugh of Florida and DT Will Echoles of Mississippi.

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FDH Non-Fantasy Ranking of the Top 32 Players in the NFL

NOTE: As opposed to our fantasy rankings, these do not pertain to statistical accomplishments, but rather are reflections of overall excellence and worth on the gridiron. 32 players were selected to represent an average of one per team in the league. Numbers in parentheses represent where the players ranked in 2025. Players listed underneath the Top 32 were on the list in 2025. Patrick Mahomes and Micah Parsons have their injury recoveries taken into account.

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Amon-Ra St. Brown (28)
Brian Branch (30)
Derrick Henry (31)
Brock Bowers (32)

TOP TIER

- 1 Matthew Stafford (NA)
 - 2 Joe Burrows (2)
 - 3 Myles Garrett (8)
 - 4 Jaxon Smith-Njigba (NA)
 - 5 Josh Allen (3)
 - 6 Puka Nacua (NA)
 - 7 Ja'Marr Chase (7)
 - 8 Chris Jones (5)
 - 9 Drake Maye (NA)
 - 10 Lamar Jackson (4)
 - 11 Justin Jefferson (10)
 - 12 Patrick Surtain II (9)
 - 13 Derek Stingley Jr (16)
 - 14 T.J. Watt (12)
 - 15 Patrick Mahomes (1)
 - 16 Devon Witherspoon (NA)
 - 17 Brian Burns (NA)
 - 18 Antoine Winfield (NA)
 - 19 Jaycee Horn (NA)
- ### SECOND TIER

- 20 Penei Sewell (22)
- 21 Quenton Nelson (26)
- 22 Tristan Wirfs (NA)
- 23 Tyler Smith (NA)
- 24 Creed Humphrey (NA)
- 25 Kyle Hamilton (29)
- 26 Fred Warner (24)
- 27 Aaron Brewer (NA)
- 28 Will Anderson (25)
- 29 Jalen Carter (11)
- 30 Nick Emmanwori (NA)
- 31 Joe Thuney (NA)
- 32 Micah Parsons (6)

- Saquon Barkley (13)
CeeDee Lamb (14)
Trey Hendrickson (15)
Jalen Hurts (17)
Cameron Heyward (18)
Jeyden Daniels (19)
Lane Johnson (20)
Danielle Hunter (21)
Landon Dickerson (23)
Derwin James (27)

Ranking The Biggest Sad-Sack Franchises In The NFL

1 Cleveland: This one shouldn't be too controversial. The Deshaun Watson fiasco is just the cherry on the excrement sundae of decades mismanagement, from Modell to the Lerner to Haslam. It would be very unwise to expect the new taxpayer-funded domed monstrosity change the franchise's karma. While the NFL finally, belatedly, recognized the franchise as an eight-time world champion with the addition of the AAFL titles in recent months, the vast majority of people in Greater Cleveland weren't alive for the last NFL crown in 1964 – thus rendering this organization even more pitiful than the Toronto Maple Leafs, who raised many Stanley Cups once upon a time, but none since 1967.

2 New York Jets: Talk about a franchise that's lucky that Cleveland exists, because they'd be at the top of this sad heap otherwise (admittedly, that luck did not extend to the team's collapse in the 1986 AFC Divisional Playoff on the North Coast). But even though this team exists in the shadow of Big Blue, there's still no reason that a New York-based team should have a championship drought that exists going back to Super Bowl 3 – with no returns to the big game since then and only the most sporadic AFC Championship appearances.

3 Buffalo: You have to go back to the AFL days to find the team's championship glory and those four consecutive Super Bowl losses in the 1990s constitute one of the most infamous futility strings in all of sports history. Much like the two franchises ahead of them on this list, they are supported by many passionate fans who feel the weight of the absence of championship glory to be suffocating. Ownership's freakout over last year's playoff loss didn't do anything to boost public confidence. Will the new stadium help? Highly unlikely!

4 Dallas: This team shot up the rankings when their archrivals, Washington, made a miracle run to the NFC Championship Game and left the Cowboys (1996) as the franchise with the longest drought in Championship Sunday appearances with Chicago (2011) in second-place in this dubious category by a full 15 years! Almost always good-to-very-good, Dallas can't get over the hump to even CHALLENGE for a Super Bowl appearance thanks largely to cap mismanagement that results in a stars-and-scrubs approach to roster building. Quietly, though, they look like they might finally be figuring it out. We'll see.

5 Minnesota: The Vikings' 0-4 Super Bowl record is less memorable than Buffalo's, largely because it was compiled over close to a decade in the 1960s and 1970s, but a crazed fanbase feels the pressure nonetheless. Rarely terrible and rarely superlative, the Vikes have sometimes been below-average, sometimes been average and sometimes been above-average over the years, but rarely at the forefront of public attention such that the average fan would perceive the frustration of those in the Twin Cities – with the exception of 1998-99, a time in which Minnesota was poised to win it all but collapsed in the NFC Championship Game.

6 Detroit: Fans have been happier over the past few seasons, but the team underachieved last year, have never won a Super Bowl and haven't won an NFL Championship since 1957. Don't underestimate the angst.

7 Houston: This designation includes the weight that Texans fans feel from the Oilers never even making it to a Super Bowl and hadn't tasted championship glory since the opening two seasons of the AFL. The Texans have been up and down in the years since without getting particularly close to the top of the mountain, which extends that Oiler legacy across more than five decades.

8 LA Chargers: Like Houston and Buffalo, the Chargers have to look all the way back to the AFL years for championship glory. From Dan Fouts to Philip Rivers to Justin Herbert, they've had top-flight QB play over the past few decades (although they were hilariously led to their only Super Bowl appearance, a loss, by the much less heralded Stan Humphries!), but they've never been good enough to go all the way.

9 Atlanta: Their championship futility has been under the radar more than with many organizations, but the football-crazed fans feel it fully. Rarely has their suffering been at the forefront of public consciousness, but it certainly was in Super Bowl 51 when they blew a 28-3 lead to New England.

10 Arizona: Having moved from Chicago to St. Louis to the Phoenix area over their history, the Cardinals having a futility streak dating back to their 1947 NFL Championship is less famous fashion than other franchises, but it exists nonetheless.

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2	Nico Collins	Chris Olave	A.J. Brown	Josh Jacobs	Omarion Hampton	Ashton Jeanty
3	Kyren Williams	Joe Burrow	Derrick Henry	Zay Flowers	Drake London	Rashee Rice
4	Emeka Egbuka	Harold Fannin Jr.	Quinshon Judkins	Colston Loveland	Matthew Stafford	Tetairoa McMillan
5	Breece Hall	Kenneth Walker III	Jayden Daniels	Jaylen Waddle	Ladd McConkey	Cam Skattebo
6	Kenyon Sadiq	DJ Moore	Terry McLaurin	Jaxson Dart	Kyle Pitts	Caleb Williams
7	Jordan Love	Bucky Irving	Trevor Lawrence	Brock Purdy	Sam Darnold	Patrick Mahomes
8	Cam Ward	DK Metcalf	Christian Watson	Jaylen Warren	Alec Pierce	Kyle Monangai
9	Jacory Croskey-erritt	Parker Washington	Cameron Dicker	Chris Godwin	Michael Wilson	George Kittle
10	Harrison Butker	Philadelphia D/ST	Seattle D/ST	Rico Dowdle	Jason Myers	Pittsburgh D/ST
11	Cleveland D/ST	Daniel Jones	J.K. Dobbins	Cam Little	Baltimore D/ST	Chris Boswell
12	KC Conception	Will Reichard	Jake Ferguson	LA Chargers D/ST	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	De'Zhaun Stribling
	7 Nate	8 Jason	9 Mike V	10 Jon	11 Rick	12 Jake
1	Jonathan Taylor	Amon-Ra St. Brown	CeeDee Lamb	James Cook	Brock Bowers	Christian McCaffrey
2	Malik Nabers	Trey McBride	Jeremiah Love	Josh Allen	Saquon Barkley	George Pickens
3	Lamar Jackson	Javonte Williams	De'Von Achane	DeVonta Smith	Jameson Williams	Tee Higgins
4	Tyler Warren	Dak Prescott	Jared Goff	Chase Brown	Drake Maye	Justin Herbert
5	Travis Etienne	Davante Adams	Sam LaPorta	Garrett Wilson	Rome Odunze	Travis Kelce
6	TreVeyonHenderson	Carnell Tate	Jadarian Price	David Montgomery	Marvin Harrison Jr.	D'Andre Swift
7	Baker Mayfield	Jalen Hurts	Bo Nix	Courtland Sutton	Bhayshul Tuten	Makai Lemon
8	Luther Burden III	Tony Pollard	Jordyn Tyson	Mike Evans	Brandon Aubrey	Chuba Hubbard
9	Brian Thomas Jr.	<u>Wan'Dale Robinson4X</u>	Matthew Golden	Ka'imi Fairbairn	Houston D/ST	Aaron Rodgers
10	Travis Hunter	Denver D/ST	LA Rams D/ST	Kyler Murray	Jordan Addison	Ricky Pearsall
11	Tyler Loop	Jake Bates	RJ Harvey	Dallas D/ST	RhamondreStevenson	Eddy Pineiro
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ROUND 1: The early picks are relatively interchangeable, but it is still a bit jarring to see Nacua slide to #6.

ROUND 2: Many years it's not unusual to see owners double up on players at the same position with the first two picks, but here it was only Russ, Ron and Mike P.

ROUND 3: Only three QBs through three rounds, which is a bit unusual.

ROUND 4: Maye was a good value for Rick at this point.

ROUND 5: Etienne and LaPorta were very good values.

ROUND 6: Pitts to Russ was one of the very best values of the entire draft.

ROUND 7: What an insane run on quarterbacks in this middle of this round: seven in a row!

ROUNDS 8-12: How the mighty have fallen: Chris Godwin, George Kittle, Brian Thomas Jr, Kyler Murray and Aaron Rodgers.

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AFC EAST
X-Buffalo 11-6
New England 8-9
Miami 4-13
NY Jets 3-14

AFC NORTH
X-Baltimore 11-6
Y-Cincinnati 10-7
Pittsburgh 8-9
Cleveland 5-12

AFC SOUTH
X-Houston 12-5
Indianapolis 8-9
Tennessee 7-10
Jacksonville 6-11

AFC WEST
X-LA Chargers 12-5
Y-Denver 11-6
Y-Kansas City 10-7
Las Vegas 6-11

NFC EAST
X-Philadelphia 11-6
Y-Dallas 10-7
Washington 9-8
NY Giants 7-10

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

NFC SOUTH
X-Tampa Bay 8-9
Carolina 8-9
Atlanta 8-9
New Orleans 7-10

NFC WEST
X-LA Rams 11-6
Y-Seattle 11-6
San Francisco 9-8
Arizona 4-13

WILD CARD ROUND
2 Houston over 7 Cincinnati
6 Kansas City over 3 Buffalo
5 Denver over 4 Baltimore
2 Seattle over 7 Green Bay
3 Philadelphia over 6 Dallas
5 Seattle over 4 Tampa Bay
DIVISIONAL ROUND
1 LA Chargers over 6 Kansas City
2 Houston over 5 Denver
5 Seattle over 1 Chicago
2 LA Rams over 3 Philadelphia
CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY
1 LA Chargers over 2 Houston
2 LA Rams over 5 Seattle
SUPER BOWL 61
LA Rams over LA Chargers

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FDH Top 10 Coaches In The NFL

- 1 Mike Macdonald
- 2 Sean McVay
- 3 Andy Reid
- 4 Sean Payton
- 5 Kyle Shanahan
- 6 Jim Harbaugh
- 7 Liam Coen
- 8 Ben Johnson
- 9 Nick Siriani
- 10 DeMeco Ryans

2026 NFL Power Rankings

- TOP TIER
1 LA Rams
2 Seattle
3 Philadelphia
4 Chicago
5 LA Chargers
6 Buffalo
7 Dallas
8 Baltimore
9 Denver
SECOND TIER
10 Houston
11 Green Bay
12 San Francisco
13 New England
14 Kansas City
15 Detroit
THIRD TIER
16 Cincinnati
17 Carolina
18 Tampa Bay
19 Washington
20 NY Giants
FOURTH TIER
21 Pittsburgh
22 Atlanta
23 Indianapolis
24 Tennessee
25 Jacksonville
FIFTH TIER
26 Minnesota
27 New Orleans
28 Las Vegas
29 NY Jets
30 Cleveland
31 Miami
32 Arizona

FDH Top Games of The 2026 NFL Season

- 1T Seattle at LA Rams/LA Rams at Seattle
3 New England at Seattle
4 Seattle at Philadelphia
5 Chicago at Seattle
6 Seattle at Denver
7T San Francisco vs LA Rams in Melbourne/LA Rams at San Francisco
9 Denver at New England
10 Green Bay at LA Rams
11 Philadelphia at LA Rams
12T Detroit at Chicago/Chicago at Detroit/Detroit at Green Bay/Green Bay at Detroit/Chicago at Green Bay/Green Bay at Chicago
18 LA Chargers at Seattle
19 Green Bay at New England
20 Philadelphia at Chicago
21 Kansas City at Seattle
22 New England at Chicago
23 Philadelphia at San Francisco
24 San Francisco at Kansas City
25T Seattle at San Francisco/San Francisco at Seattle
27T Houston at Jacksonville/Jacksonville at Houston
29 Jacksonville at Denver
30 Jacksonville at Baltimore
31 Baltimore at Houston
32 LA Rams at Denver
33 San Francisco at LA Chargers
34 New England at Detroit
35T Kansas City at LA Chargers/LA Chargers at Kansas City/Kansas City at Denver/Denver at Kansas City/LA Chargers at Denver/Denver at LA Chargers

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TOP TIER

- 1 Seattle
- 2 LA Rams

SECOND TIER

- 3 Houston
- 4 San Francisco
- 5 Jacksonville
- 6 Denver
- 7 New England

THIRD TIER

- 8 Buffalo
- 9 Detroit
- 10 Green Bay
- 11 LA Chargers
- 12 Indianapolis

FOURTH TIER

- 13 Philadelphia
- 14 Baltimore

FIFTH TIER

- 15 Minnesota
- 16 Chicago
- 17 Tampa Bay
- 18 Kansas City
- 19 Pittsburgh
- 20 New Orleans

SIXTH TIER

- 22 NY Giants
- 23 Arizona
- 24 Dallas
- 25 Carolina
- 26 Cincinnati
- 27T Washington
- 27T Cleveland
- 29 Miami
- 30 Tennessee
- 31 Las Vegas
- 32 NY Jets

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Top 10 NFL Players On The Spot In 2026

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

1 CJ Stroud, QB, Houston: The Texans are a legitimate Super Bowl contender, as they were a year ago, and the way that the season ended in the playoffs left serious questions. Now, the running game and offensive line were part of the problem a year ago and both are better, but really, that only increases the pressure on Stroud. If he can resume the trajectory that he had been on not long ago, Houston can win it all.

2 DJ Moore, WR, Buffalo. Buffalo knew that they needed to upgrade at wide receiver, but they are now paying a dear price for a 1-2 punch that doesn't figure to rank among the league's elite – but will need to for the Bills to achieve their Super Dreams.

3 Matthew Golden, WR, Green Bay. A year ago, we forecast that Golden would be just the weapon that the Packers' offense needed. The coaching staff was unable to capitalize on his talents and so the team's slide was unsurprising in that sense. Golden remains the team's only true potential downfield major threat and so this will be another year where his progress will define the team's ceiling.

4 Bo Nix, QB, Denver. The Broncos never found out if he was a good enough QB to allow the team to reach the Super Bowl since suffered a season-ending injury in the Divisional Round. The team has bet everything on him being, again the phrase would be "good enough" for the team to make it all the way. If he can't be that, then even Sean Payton will have to admit that the team needs an upgrade.

5 Jake Slaughter, G, Los Angeles Chargers. LA has its tremendous bookend tackles back healthy this year, but the interior of the line remains one of the team's true question marks. Slaughter is probably the utmost embodiment of that dynamic and if he can pull his weight, the ripple effects across the offense will be very positive.

6 Anthony Bradford, G, Seattle. Any team that wins the Super Bowl by definition hasn't had to weather any debilitating holes, but the interior offensive line last year wasn't elite and it is one of the few question marks remaining on the team. Strong play from Bradford can mitigate a potential area of vulnerability.

7 Corey Bullock, C, Baltimore. Having to replace one of the league's best centers in Tyler Linderbaum. Good luck with that!

8 Tyler Steen, G, Philadelphia. The Eagles' offensive line is a bit more vulnerable just as the great position coach Jeff Stoutland has exited. While Jalen Hurts may be a more obvious pick for this spot given the disappointing season that he just had, Steen performing at a good level could be a major part of elevating the QB once again.

9 Alaric Jackson, G, Los Angeles Rams. For LA, protecting Matt Stafford is the highest priority by far. Jackson may well be the weakest link on the offensive line, so acceptable play from him is of paramount importance.

10T Carson Beck/Kyler Murray/JJ McCarthy/Shadeur Sanders/Deshaun Watson. The teams that employ these quarterbacks are, across the board, not forecast to make the playoffs and make more noise there – which is the only reason that these suspect passers don't rank higher on our list. Lower stakes will do that.

Business Predictions For The NFL In The Next Several Years

International expansion will accelerate even more broadly – with an eye towards player development. The NFL, quietly, is seriously lagging behind other major American sports leagues in terms of global player development – which is one of the primary issues that enables expansion, since it helps to keep the talent pool from being noticeably watered down. Along these lines, look for the first NFL games to be played in Africa, Japan and Italy.

The next TV rights won't be much different than now, with a few more games here and there carved out for streaming and the networks continuing to have to tolerate shrinkflation. But there will be big change IF the seemingly inevitable move towards an 18-week season creates a new Tuesday and/or Wednesday package, because either scenario would require an extra bye week that would allow for teams to play mid-week.

FDH Top Games Of The 2026 NCAA Football Season

- 1 Ohio State at Indiana, October 17
- 2 Ohio State at Texas, September 12
- 3 Oregon at Ohio State, November 7
- 4 Miami at Notre Dame, November 7
- 5 LSU at Mississippi, September 19
- 6 Michigan at Ohio State, November 28
- 7 Georgia at Mississippi, November 7
- 8 Texas at LSU, November 14
- 9 Texas at Texas A&M, November 27
- 10 Georgia at Alabama, October 10
- 11 Oklahoma vs. Texas at Dallas, October 10
- 12 Notre Dame at BYU, October 17
- 13 Oklahoma at Georgia, September 26
- 14 Alabama at LSU, November 7
- 15 Mississippi at Texas, October 24
- 16 Oklahoma at Michigan, September 12
- 17 Texas A&M at Alabama, October 24
- 18 Houston at Texas Tech, September 19
- 19 Oregon at USC, September 26
- 20 Penn State at Michigan, October 17
- 21 Ohio State at USC, October 31
- 22 Clemson at LSU, September 5
- 23 BYU at Utah, November 7
- 24 Washington at Oregon, November 28
- 25 Washington at USC, October 3

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| 5 Notre Dame | fiscal responsibility in |
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| 7 Ohio State | promotion of honest |
| 8 LSU | budgeting, accounting, |
| 9 Texas A&M | financial management |
| 10 Oklahoma | and reporting practices |
| 11 BYU | by Congress and the |
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FIRST ROUND

- 5 Notre Dame over 12 Boise State
- 6 Miami over 11 BYU
- 7 Ohio State over 10 Oklahoma
- 8 LSU over 9 Texas A&M

QUARTERFINALS

- Fiesta Bowl: 4 Georgia over 5 Notre Dame
- Peach Bowl: 1 Indiana over 8 LSU
- Rose Bowl: 6 Miami over 3 Oregon
- Cotton Bowl: 7 Ohio State over 2 Texas

SEMIFINALS

- Orange Bowl: 1 Indiana over 4 Georgia
- Sugar Bowl: 7 Ohio State over 6 Miami

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1 Indiana over 7 Ohio State

FDH Projected NCAA Football Major Conference Standings, Group of 5 Champions and College Football Playoff

BIG TEN	ACC	AAC Champion
1 Indiana	1 Miami	Navy
2 Oregon	2 Louisville	
3 Ohio State	3 SMU	
4 USC	4 Virginia	Conference USA
5 Michigan	5 Clemson	Champion
6 Washington	6 Georgia Tech	Western Kentucky
7 Penn State	7 Virginia Tech	
8 Iowa	8 Pittsburgh	
9 Illinois	9 California	MAC Champion
10 Nebraska	10 North Carolina State	Western Michigan
11 Minnesota	11 Florida State	
12 Wisconsin	12 Duke	
13 UCLA	13 Wake Forest	Mountain West
14 Northwestern	14 North Carolina	Champion
15 Michigan State	15 Syracuse	UNLV
16 Maryland	16 Stanford	
17 Purdue	17 Boston College	
18 Rutgers	BIG 12	Sun Belt
SEC	1 Texas Tech	Champion
1 Texas	2 BYU	James Madison
2 Georgia	3 Utah	
3 LSU	4 Houston	Pac 12
4 Texas A&M	5 Arizona	Champion
5 Oklahoma	6 Oklahoma State	Boise State
6 Mississippi	7 Kansas State	
7 Alabama	8 Arizona State	
8 Missouri	9 TCU	
9 Tennessee	10 Baylor	
10 South Carolina	11 Cincinnati	
11 Florida	12 Kansas	
12 Vanderbilt	13 UCF	
13 Auburn	14 West Virginia	
14 Kentucky	15 Iowa State	
15 Mississippi State	16 Colorado	
16 Arkansas		

FDH Ranking Of The Top 25 NCAA Football Coaches

NOTE: These rankings are for the purposes of determining, in order, which coaches would be most desirable to lead a program in 2026.

- 1 Curt Cignetti
- 2 Kirby Smart
- 3 Ryan Day
- 4 Dan Lanning
- 5 Lane Kiffin
- 6 Steve Sarkisian
- 7 Mario Cristobal
- 8 Kalen DeBoer
- 9 Marcus Freeman
- 10 Mike Elko
- 11 Joey McGuire
- 12 Kalani Sitake
- 13 Josh Heupel
- 14 Clark Lea
- 15 Kyle Whittingham
- 16 Kenny Dillingham
- 17 Matt Campbell
- 18 Spencer Danielson
- 19 Dabo Swinney
- 20 Bob Chesney
- 21 Chris Klieman
- 22 Lincoln Riley
- 23 Eli Drinkwitz
- 24 Rhett Lashlee
- 25 Pete Golding

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What An NCAA SuperLeague Would Resemble

As college football continues to evolve, speculation ensues about what a true SuperLeague would resemble. Some pundits foresee a merger between the SEC and Big 10 that leaves the rest of the teams behind and another, more formalized proposal, portrays a structure of 72 teams that includes relegation. What's likeliest is a scenario that's far more stripped down than either of these models. Because so much of the income that's accrued in the sport comes from a disproportionately small number of programs. The amount of greed that would drive a SuperLeague – and attract the venture capital money that could make it happen – would cause the elite of the Big 10 and SEC to not want to share that money with the likes of Northwestern and Vanderbilt. No, this would be a true mask-off moment. There would be no more than 20 teams involved, with a full 10 mega-games every Saturday across different networks and streamers:

NORTHEAST DIVISION: Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State, Notre Dame

SOUTHEAST DIVISION: Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Tennessee

SOUTH DIVISION: Clemson, Florida, Florida State, Miami

SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION: LSU, Oklahoma, Texas, Texas A&M

PACIFIC DIVISION: Oregon, UCLA, USC, Washington

You get five division winners with a playoff bye and the highest-ranked wild card. Four other wild cards are selected and they play in the first round, with the standard quarterfinals, semifinals and championship game to follow. The two lowest-ranked teams get relegated to the FBS. It's that simple.

FDH College Rankings & Team Draft Guidelines

On the draft board, the numbers in parentheses are taken from a poll consensus. Take 6 owners and conduct a 7-round standard draft. Points will be assigned at 4 intervals: when the first College Football Playoff poll is released, when the third poll is released, when the final poll is released on December 6 and when the final AP poll is released after the national title game. The first CFP poll accounts for 20% of the total score (with the exception of the bonus points, mentioned below), the third CFP poll accounts for 20% of the total score, the December 7 poll accounts for 20% of the total score and the final AP poll accounts for 40% of the total score.

For the first three polls, scoring is as follows: 1st place (50 points), 2nd place (45 points), 3rd place (43 points), 4th place (42 points), 5th place (41 points), 6th place (38 points), 7th place (37 points), 8th place (36 points), 9th place (35 points), 10th place (34 points), 11th place (30 points), 12th place (29 points), 13th place (28 points), 14th place (27 points), 15th place (26 points), 16th place (22 points), 17th place (21 points), 18th place (20 points), 19th place (19 points), 20th place (18 points), 21st place (13 points), 22nd place (12 points), 23rd place (11 points), 24th place (10 points), 25th place (9 points).

Points are doubled in the final poll, since it accounts for twice the point total of each of the three previous ones. Additional bonuses are awarded for the following accomplishments:

35 points for winning the National Championship Game, 20 points for winning the national semifinals, 25 points for a conference title (or piece of one, for conferences without a championship game), 15 points for winning a quarterfinal bowl game, 10 points for winning a first-round playoff game, 5 points for winning a non-playoff bowl game and 10 points for having the Heisman Trophy winner on one of your teams.

Our projected standings for each conference are listed on Page 15.

The FDH Top 50 Players In The NFL Over The Past Decade

This is a compilation of our FDH rankings season-by-season from 2016-2025. These are not fantasy rankings, but an assessment of the value of which players would command the highest priority year-by-year for the purposes of building an actual professional sports franchise, using the exact same criteria as the 2025 players listed on Page 11.

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1 Patrick Mahomes	214	18 Nick Chubb	92	35 Todd Gurley	47
2 Aaron Donald	209	19 Davante Adams	86	36T Ndamukong Suh	44
3 Aaron Rodgers	186	20 DeAndre Hopkins	84	36T Tyron Smith	44
4 TJ Watt	157	21 Lamar Jackson	81	38T Le'Veon Bell	43
5 Tom Brady	150	22 Travis Kelce	80	38T Chandler Jones	43
6T Russell Wilson	138	23 Nick Bosa	76	40T Patrick Peterson	41
6T Khalil Mack	138	24 Odell Beckham	73	40T Ezekiel Elliot	41
8 Myles Garrett	131	25 Christian McCaffrey	69	42 Sauce Gardner	40
9 Von Miller	125	26 Quenton Nelson	66	43T Julio Jones	37
10 Justin Jefferson	120	27 Luke Kuechly	60	43T Patrick Surtain II	37
11T Antonio Brown	114	28 Saquon Barkley	58	45 Andrew Luck	36
11T Chris Jones	114	29T Derrick Henry	51	46 JJ Watt	33
13 Joey Bosa	110	29T Cameron Heyward	51	47 Bobby Wagner	32
14 Joe Burrow	108	31 Tyreek Hill	50	48T Cooper Kupp	31
15 Josh Allen	105	32 Trent Williams	49	48T Deshaun Watson	31
16 Micah Parsons	102	33T Richard Sherman	48	48T Minkah Fitzpatrick	31
17 Ja'Marr Chase	93	33T David Johnson	48	48T Cameron Heyward	31

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- 13 USC
- 14 Michigan
- 15 Mississippi
- 16 Alabama
- 17 Texas Tech
- 18 Louisville
- 19 SMU
- 20 Utah
- 21 Washington
- 22 Houston
- 23 Penn State
- 24 Missouri
- 25 Virginia
- 26 Iowa
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- 29 Georgia Tech
- 30 Tennessee
- 31 Oklahoma State
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One Run-On Sentence For Each AFC Team

AFC EAST

Buffalo: Notwithstanding an owner who impulsively fired his coach – by the way, at the exact moment that the owner's daughter was competing in her first-round Australian Open match, thereby stepping on her big moment – admittedly purely because of laying eyes on a distraught Josh Allen in the locker room after the Denver playoff loss and notwithstanding that same owner putting his #1 wide receiver on blast at a diarrhea-of-the-mouth press conference and notwithstanding that same owner wanting a real change but settling, in the end, for promoting his offensive coordinator to head coach and notwithstanding overpaying to get a dubious #2 wide receiver, the Bills stand firmly atop the AFC East, albeit completely by default as New England falls out of the playoff picture altogether and the Dolphins and Jets both being a smelly pile of doo-doo.

New England: An exponentially tougher schedule plus an ongoing scandal with the head coach that keeps regenerating constantly in terms of providing toxic distractions plus unaddressed needs on defense equals a number of steps back, all the way out of the playoffs, even with the AJ Brown acquisition.

Miami: Chris Grier's Swiss Cheese roster is being swiftly overhauled, but that will take time, but the new coaching staff will have the team playing very hard and Malik Willis is likely the QB that the team can build around over time, but the very achievable ceiling is still being the most competitive 4-13 team of all time.

NY Jets: Blatantly tanking with Geno Smith under center is a way of "overcoming" an improved roster, but with lame duck head coach Aaron Glenn pacing the sidelines, the franchise is firmly poised to be bad enough to land a flagship quarterback in the landmark 2027 draft.

AFC NORTH

Baltimore: The team remains questionable in the trenches having essentially stood still on a net basis – yes, adding stud guard loane in the draft but losing the best center in the league, Tyler Linderbaum – but in a bad division and having picked the right head coach in Jesse Minter, the Ravens will be poised to continue their January tradition of disappointing their fans.

Cincinnati: The offensive line is still bad – c'mon, it's the Bengals, they're not going to commit resources to all areas – but the defense was upgraded and a healthy Joe Burrow with his wide receivers could very well result in a playoff berth.

Pittsburgh: Quietly, the team upgraded an aging defense, but a suspect offensive line will still be aimlessly loitering in front of the rapidly aging Aaron Rodgers and the team will be performing for a coach stuck on the cutting edge of yesteryear, so the tradition of mediocrity on the Three Rivers will be discontinued on the downside.

Cleveland: One of the league's most gruesome quarterback rooms will sandbag the new head coach, who was not sought by any other team, even as the offensive line upgrades from historically bad to merely below-average, but the defense will be hard-pressed to maintain its momentum under a new coordinator and system and now with, let's not call him a Temu Myles Garrett, but maybe a Target Myles Garrett, the team is positioned, at most, merely a few tiny steps ahead of where they were in 2024 and 2025.

AFC SOUTH

Houston: The team still has some vulnerabilities in the offensive line, but the entire season hinges on whether CJ Stroud's difficulties last season were mere growing pains or a troubling sign that he has peaked, because with that defense and the other offensive weapons, not only the division but also the conference are right there for the taking if everything is cool behind center.

Indianapolis: This is a good-but-not-great roster with pretty darn good coaching that will go as far as the improbable Danny Dimes Revival will take it once he is fully healthy, which indicates a ceiling at the wild card level.

Tennessee: There's still some work to do in the trenches, but Robert Saleh walks into a pretty good situation with fewer holes than many realize, so this is a team that will sneak up on many observers in 2026.

Jacksonville: This is the collapse team that almost nobody sees coming because of a comatose offseason, because in this league, if you stand still, you're moving swiftly backward, so, notwithstanding a season in which all of the stars aligned during the season-defining eight-game winning streak, the Jags will crumple under the weight of a first-place schedule and a number of holes all over the roster.

AFC WEST

LA Chargers: Re-adding their healthy bookend tackles along with adding Mike McDaniel to pilot the offense with an already-strong defense returning means that the Chargers are finally poised to break through their perennial AFC also-ran status – just in time for the Super Bowl to be played in the City of Angels on Valentine's Day.

Denver: Defense has been the better side of the ball in the Sean Payton era and it's likely still the strength of the team notwithstanding a few remaining spots that should be upgraded, but the offensive skill positions are now pretty strong – thus finally putting Bo Nix in the no-excuses spot that should determine once and for all if he can take the Broncos to the Super Bowl.

Kansas City: Mahomes may be back surprisingly early in the season, but his effectiveness may not be fully there right off the bat and the entire picture for the season may come down to whether the team still has question marks at wide receiver and tackle.

Las Vegas: The rebuild is still incomplete, as the team still has some vulnerabilities in the trenches notwithstanding signing the league's best center in free agency, but it's entirely possible that this season can serve as a platform for contention in 2027 with the relatively pro-ready Fernando Mendoza coming into a situation with elite talent at running back and tight end to facilitate his development.

Remaining AFC Team Needs

AFC EAST

Buffalo: IOL
New England: C, CB, LB, DT
Miami: WR, G, DT
NY Jets: CB, OT, C

AFC NORTH

Baltimore: DT, OOL, RB, CB
Cincinnati: OOL
Pittsburgh: IOL
Cleveland: QB, CB, LB, C

AFC SOUTH

Houston: T, C, QB, CB
Indianapolis: WR, DL, OT
Tennessee: T, C, DT, TE
Jacksonville: CB, T, WR, C, LB, RB

AFC WEST

LA Clippers: G, DT, CB, LB:
Denver: EDGE, DB
Kansas City: WR, OT, EDGE, LB
Las Vegas: S, DL, OOL, WR

One Run-On Sentence For Each NFC Team

NFC EAST

Philadelphia: Philly's era of being the predominant NFC East team is nearing the end, not because of the AJ Brown trade, turmoil in the fanbase about how good Jalen Hurts really is or any other sensationalistic factors, but because the gap between top and bottom in this division is set to mostly evaporate over the next two seasons.

Dallas: This Cowboy roster has very few holes, a welcome deviation for the fanbase from the stars-and-scrubs identity over the past decade-plus and the ceiling for the season could be very high if the team manages to keep George Pickens happy and if new young defensive coordinator Christian Parker can meld the pieces together on that side of the ball.

Washington: Roster-building has been a strength of the past few seasons, setting up DC for results somewhere in the decent middle ground between the miracle run to the NFC Championship Game in 2024 and last year's falloff without Jayden Daniels.

NY Giants 7-10: Jaxson Dart's ability to stay healthy and build off of his good debut in 2025 will determine just how far this squad can go, considering that, shockingly, there's not a team in the league with less holes than them.

NFC NORTH

Chicago: The universal assumption seems to be to fade ChiTown because teams with an unlikely quick rise sometimes refund some gains the next season, but the work of roster-building continued strongly through the offseason, culminating in the drafting of strong Defensive Rookie of the Year candidate Dillon Thieneman who has the potential to help that side of the ball to really congeal and the prospect of Ben Johnson and Caleb Williams continuing to progress together in Year Two helps to paint a picture of a team that will be remaining squarely in championship contention.

Green Bay: Jordan Love and the Packers are going to have to bust through the plateau in their development, a feat which will become much easier if Matthew Golden becomes the kind of passing game weapon that the team has long sought, the kind that Green Bay championship squads have traditionally boasted.

Detroit: On the surface, the Lions are poised for a comeback from their somewhat fluky down year in 2025, but they will be adjusting to another new OC and their playoff record even in this run has been uneven, with their shocking collapse at home to DC in the 2024 Divisional Round in particular serving as a real skidmark, so the team will have to work for everything that they get this year, especially without Terrion Arnold.

Minnesota: A contract-year Kyler Murray who washed out of Arizona is still infinitely preferable to historic-level flop JJ McCarthy, but this roster isn't as ready for contention as many observers believe, so their path in one of the game's toughest divisions will be incredibly rocky.

NFC SOUTH

Tampa Bay: Notwithstanding the loss of franchise legend Mike Evans, the Bucs being a bit suspect in the trenches and legitimate questions about what Baker Mayfield's attitude is going to be if he doesn't get the contract upgrade that he's seeking, there is no reason to believe that Tampa can't once again grab what will be the only playoff spot in football's weakest division.

Carolina: Dave Canales and Bryce Young will really be on the spot after the team's surprising playoff appearance in 2026, such that they may not be back in 2027 if they don't at least get back that far given organizational impatience and the guess here is that it will go that way.

Atlanta: It wouldn't be a Kevin Stefanski team without a zoo at quarterback, but the team should be in the mix in this execrable division if for no other reason than it's much better balanced than most of the squads that Stefanski had in Cleveland.

New Orleans: Against the expectations of most, Tyler Shough might actually be the quarterback that the Saints can now legitimately build around and Jordyn Tyson will certainly be a tasty treat for him in the vertical game, but the team has enough holes remaining that it's still a year away from serious contention, even in this dumpster of a division.

NFC WEST

LA Rams Los Angeles learned in 2025 that the deck is really stacked against you if you can't win what is arguably the league's toughest division and with the Seahawks not going anywhere, the Rams had an appropriately aggressive offseason, decisively upgrading at both cornerback spots and importing Myles Garrett, likely edging ahead of the defending champs by millimeters.

Seattle: The Hawks could be a shade weaker in the trenches than they were in their championship run, but they covered for the loss of Kenneth Walker III, locked down JSN and generally maintained momentum – albeit they are now pairing Sam Darnold with a first-time offensive coordinator in the wake of Klint Kubiak's inevitable departure.

San Francisco: Post-draft social media coverage highlighted just how much the Niners have gone against the grain in recent years when it comes to value in the annual college selection process, so you have to put that qualifier on it when you say that San Fran has few roster holes, but the ones that they do have are on the interior of the offensive line, which could present problems and the offense, although skilled, is built exclusively for today as Mike Evans joins CMC and George Kittle.

Arizona: Poor Mike LaFleur is the fourth coach in a division where they'll be doing documentaries on the other three coaches in the division for decades to come, but the good news for him, if there is any, is that he's being given a long leash in the rebuild inasmuch as the franchise is clearly tanking for Arch Manning in 2027.

Remaining NFC Team Needs

NFC EAST

Philadelphia: S, IOL, LB
Washington: EDGE, DT, DT
Dallas: LB, DT
NY Giants: C

NFC NORTH

Chicago: DL
Green Bay: S, DT, RB, WR
Detroit: CB, DT, IOL, WR
Minnesota: CB, EDGE, LB, DT, IOL, WR

NFC SOUTH

Tampa Bay: DT, IOL
Atlanta: DL, TE
Carolina: EDGE, TE
New Orleans: EDGE, DB, OT, LB

NFC WEST

LA Rams: S, IOL, LB, DL, WR
Seattle: IOL, DL, LB
San Francisco IOL
Arizona: WR, EDGE, S