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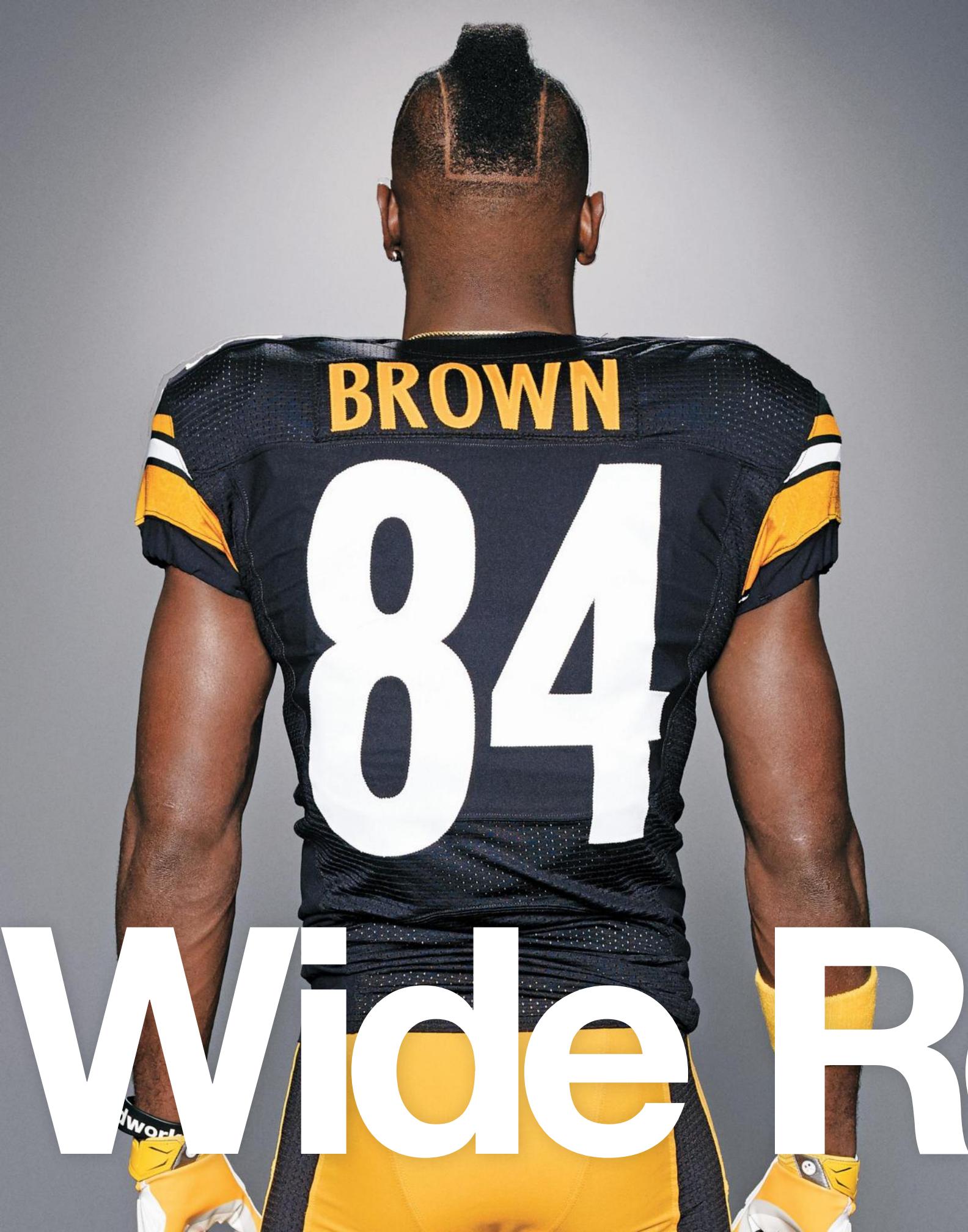
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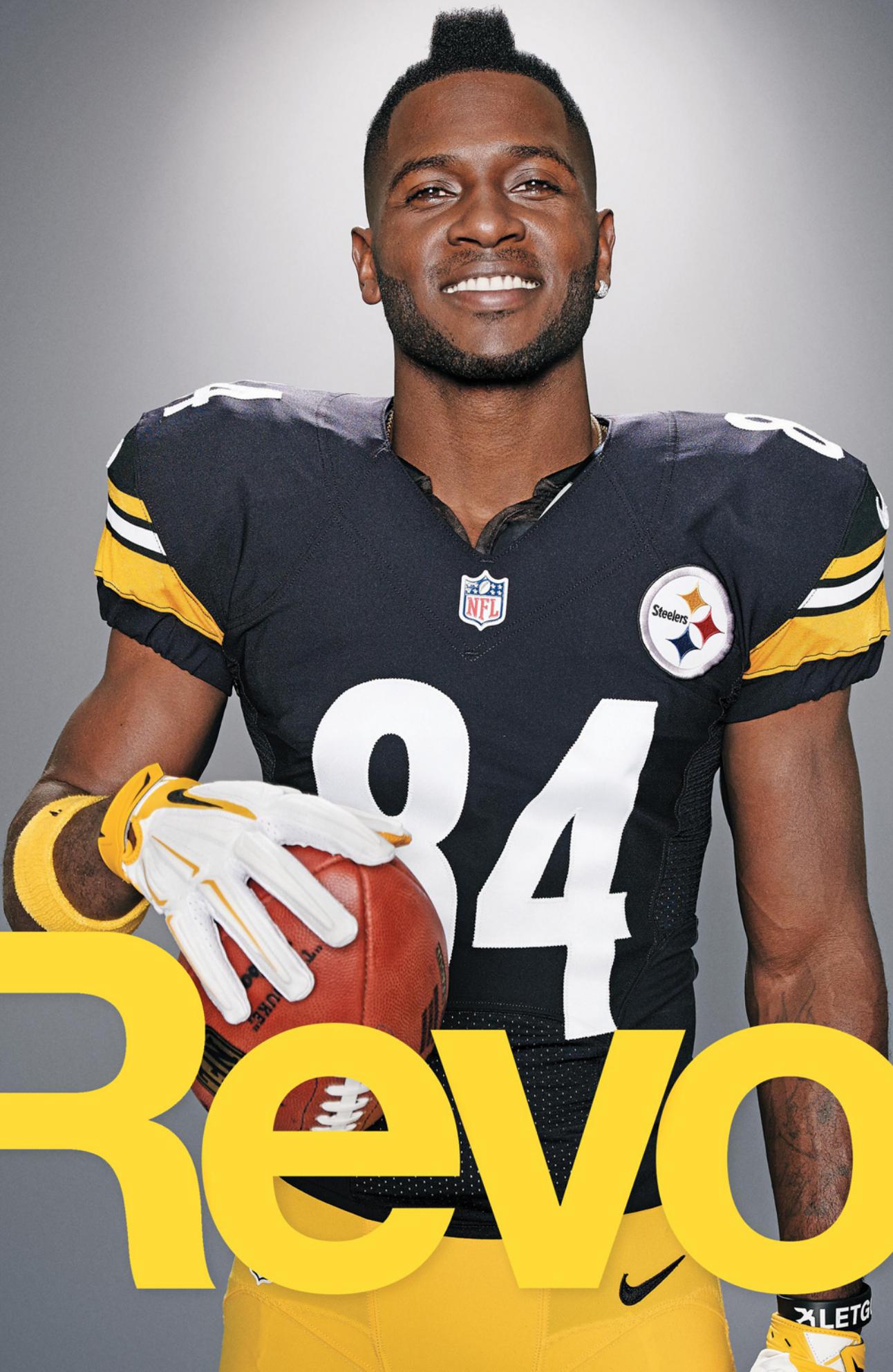
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The first round has long been the domain of running backs and elite quarterbacks. Antonio Brown & Co. are changing that.

BY MATTHEW BERRY

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Two thousand words, they said. "We've got Antonio Brown for the cover," I am told, "and we want you to write it. You've got 2,000 words. Can you do it?"

"Sure!" I say, because I am the agreeable sort that never argues with editors. So I dive right in.

Antonio Brown is good.

There. Four down, 1,996 to go. Wait a minute. I got something. Gimme a sec, something is percolating: Antonio Brown is very, very good.

This is getting easier by the minute! Should I throw another "very" in there? Because I'm starting to feel it.

The truth is that, well, what am I going to tell you about Antonio Brown that you don't already know? He's great. He is as close to a sure thing as there is in fantasy football.

You want stats on that? I got stats. Over the past three years, no non-quarterback has scored more fantasy points in ESPN standard scoring than Antonio Brown's 691. No. 2,

uction!

Matt Forte, is significantly behind at just 641. The next-best receiver is Demaryius Thomas at 599. If we do PPR scoring, it becomes even more ridiculous. Brown has 1,066 compared with No. 2 Thomas' 907.

Want more?

Brown's 375 receptions and 5,031 yards over the past three years dwarf Thomas' 308/4,353 and Julio Jones' 281/4,044 lines, though Jones has played 12 fewer games.

Pick a stat, any stat. Here's my favorite: Antonio Brown has played nine games the past two seasons with Ben Roethlisberger as his QB and without wide receiver Martavis

Bryant playing opposite him. In those nine games, Brown has 70 receptions on 96 targets for 1,065 yards and seven touchdowns. If we extrapolate that pace to 16 games (Bryant will miss the entire 2016 season due to repeated violations of the league's substance abuse policy), Brown would put up 124 catches (on 171 targets), 1,893 yards and 12 touchdowns. Or, put another way, it would be the second-best fantasy season by a receiver since 2001, behind only Randy Moss in 2007.

So yeah, he's good. Deserves to be on the cover, should dance with the stars. Someone give him his

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In the past two seasons, Antonio Brown led all players with 25 games of at least 10 targets.

own cereal and a Saturday-morning cartoon in which he solves crimes alongside a talking animal. (I'm thinking a wisecracking hippo, but I'm not married to it.) But so what? You really need more words on how amazeballs he is?

These are the kinds of discussions I have with my editor. His face says, "They don't pay me enough for this." His eyes roll back and pause, resting intently, as if he is silently chanting his mantra. "Serenity now. Serenity now."

But what my editor's mouth actually says is, "Is he worth the top overall pick? With all the injuries to running backs and the league being pass-heavy, should we be looking more for wideouts in the first round? Think you can get 2,000 words out of that, genius?" Except he didn't say genius. And then he muttered something about contractual obligations and "Why can't I just work with Field?" and he walked away.

Well, I dove in and began researching. I asked for even more research from *The Mag's* Ben Bradley and the folks at ESPN Stats & Information. I looked at Tristan H. Cockcroft's always informative consistency rankings, and then I talked to Sean Comerford and the team that oversees our league manager product.

I wanted to focus on the first three rounds, which in a standard league will account for roughly 36 percent of your fantasy point production. (See "Points by round" on page 13.) Just three guys—count 'em, three—will count toward nearly 40 percent of your team's desired production. In short, it's crucial to nail the first three rounds or, more appropriately, to not screw them up. Am I right, Eddie Lacy's 2015 owners?

As I sifted through all the data, I found that wide receivers drafted inside the top 30—the first three rounds—were the most likely non-quarterbacks to return top-30 value at their position.

In 2014 and 2015, 25 different running backs were drafted in the first three rounds of ESPN standard leagues. Seventeen of them (68 percent) finished the year as top-30 running backs. In that same time frame, 19 different wide receivers were drafted in the first three rounds, and 17 of them (89 percent) finished as top-30 receivers. In fact, over the past three years, there have been 16



Antonio Brown is as close to money in the bank as there is in fantasy football. What more do you want from your top pick?



Manifesto



different top-30 seasons from receivers, versus only 14 from running backs. And if we eliminate quarterbacks from the mix, wide receivers lead running backs 44 to 41 in terms of top-30 finishes the past three years.

One of the reasons receivers consistently return value is that they aren't as big of an injury risk. Over the past three years, running backs taken in the top 30 overall on ESPN.com have missed 131 total games (2.98 games on average),

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Seven players, not including QBs, had at least seven games of 15-plus fantasy points in 2015. Six were wide receivers.

while receivers have missed just 43 (1.43 games on average).

That's just a bunch of numbers to pad my word count—hal! I mean, that's just a bunch of numbers to put in context what you instinctively know: Playing the running back position is generally more hazardous to your health than playing wideout.

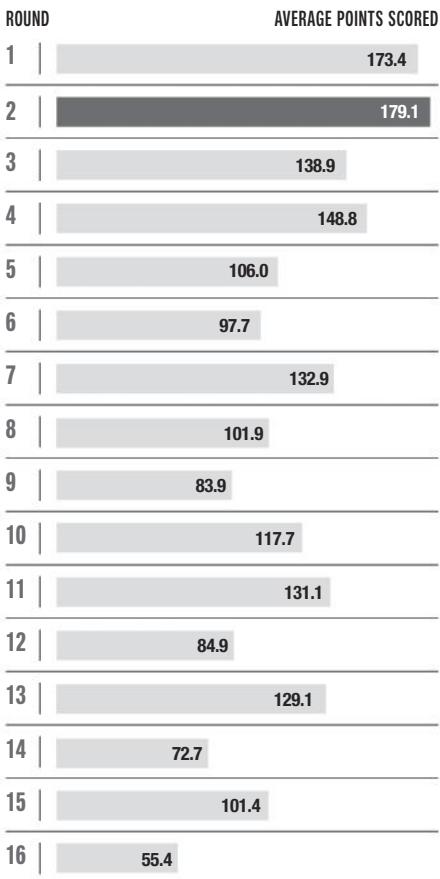
Wide receivers are also on the field a lot more. Can't score if you're not in the game! Over the past three years, the top 30 receivers drafted have averaged 57 snaps a game, while the

top 30 running backs have averaged just 40 snaps a game. One of the reasons? Teams are passing more. There were a crazy 18,298 pass attempts last season, an increase of 2.34 percent from 2014 and the most total pass attempts in NFL history.

So it's pretty obvious, right? I always say that fantasy football success is about minimizing risk and giving yourself the best odds to win. And the odds say that receivers are more likely to retain their top-30 value, are more likely to finish as top-30 players

Points by round

Here are the average fantasy points scored by draft picks from each round over the past two seasons in ESPN standard leagues.



overall regardless of where they are drafted, are more likely to stay healthy and are more likely to be on the field at any given time. With Antonio Brown leading the way, this has to be the year of the wide receiver, yes?

As my colleague Lee Corso might say: Not so fast, my friend. The truth is, jokes about my editor aside, I approached this article with the idea that, yeah, this year would have the most receiver-centric first few rounds of the draft—ever. And no doubt, I have more wide receivers

in my overall top 10 and top five than ever before. But as I started digging, the research showed that while stud receivers are important, running backs—and running backs early—are still a crucial part of a successful draft.

Much of the take-a-wide-receiver-over-a-running-back data is skewed by last season, when there was an inordinate number of injuries. And ... Eddie Lacy. (Bangs head against desk repeatedly. No, I'm totally over it, why do you ask?)

Stud running backs are more likely to provide weekly help. It's one of the tenets of my Draft Day Manifesto: While we play fantasy football over the course of a season, it's won or lost on a week-to-week basis. And Cockcroft's consistency rankings for the past three years reveal that the most consistent non-QB position is, in fact ... running back.

Counting those who have played at least two seasons since 2013, 12 different running backs have a start percentage of at least 50 percent (meaning they finished as one of the top 25 players at their position in a given week at least 50 percent of the time). Meanwhile, just nine wide receivers can say that. If we raise the bar to 60 percent of the time (and, come on, 60 percent shouldn't be too tough since we are talking about the stars here), we are left with just four wide receivers. Four! Antonio Brown, Demaryius Thomas, Odell Beckham Jr. and Brandon Marshall. Meanwhile, seven running backs qualify, and that number jumps to nine if you count David Johnson and Todd Gurley, and I did not due to their much shorter track record.

Running backs score more touchdowns, and it makes sense since they get more red zone touches (2.5 a game for running backs compared with just 0.7 for wide receivers among top-30-drafted players the past three years). That translates to more opportunities for scoring (more touches near the end zone) and, ultimately, big-time fantasy points.

Yes, wide receivers played far more snaps the past three years, but in terms of actually touching the ball? On average during that time, running backs drafted in the top 30 have touched the ball 18.2 times a game compared with just 6.1 for top-30 wide receivers. Still impres-

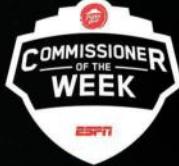
sive, but we're talking about the best of the best here, so the numbers should be impressive.

Remember when I told you that pass attempts had increased last year to the highest total ever? That was true, but the part I didn't tell you is that targets to wide receivers stayed the same. They actually decreased slightly from 2014 (10,394) to 2015 (10,373). The overall increase in passing is reflective of more targets to running backs (3,322 in 2014 to 3,501 in 2015) and tight ends (3,458 in 2014 to 3,744 in 2015).

Look, Antonio Brown is absolutely worth the No. 1 overall pick. Not only does he have the most fantasy points of any non-quarterback in the past three years, but he also has 17 different games in that time span in which he was a "stud" per the consistency rankings. That means he was a top-five player at his position and likely carried the week for you. Brown's 17 weeks as a stud are more than any other player in the NFL, including quarterbacks. He's played all 48 games, and his quarterback will depend on him more than ever in an offensive scheme designed to get him the ball. Brown is as close to money in the bank as there is in fantasy football. What more do you want from your top pick?

But ... if you take him No. 1 (or another stud wide receiver in the first round), you will probably want a running back in Round 2, or no later than the third. Yes, running backs get hurt, and every year there are David Johnson and Tim Hightower types who can be picked up or elevated from your bench into a starting role. But to get to the playoffs, you need to win a good chunk of games all season long, not just at the end. And of non-quarterbacks, there is no player more consistent, week in and week out, than a top-30-drafted running back.

You can win a league a zillion different ways, and there is no one correct way to win. But if we're playing the what's-most-likely-to-happen game, and I am, you're gonna need at least one stud running back and one stud wide receiver in the first three rounds. As for which ones to get if you don't have the top overall pick to grab Antonio Brown? Well, that's what the rest of the magazine is for. ■



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Look for good blocking

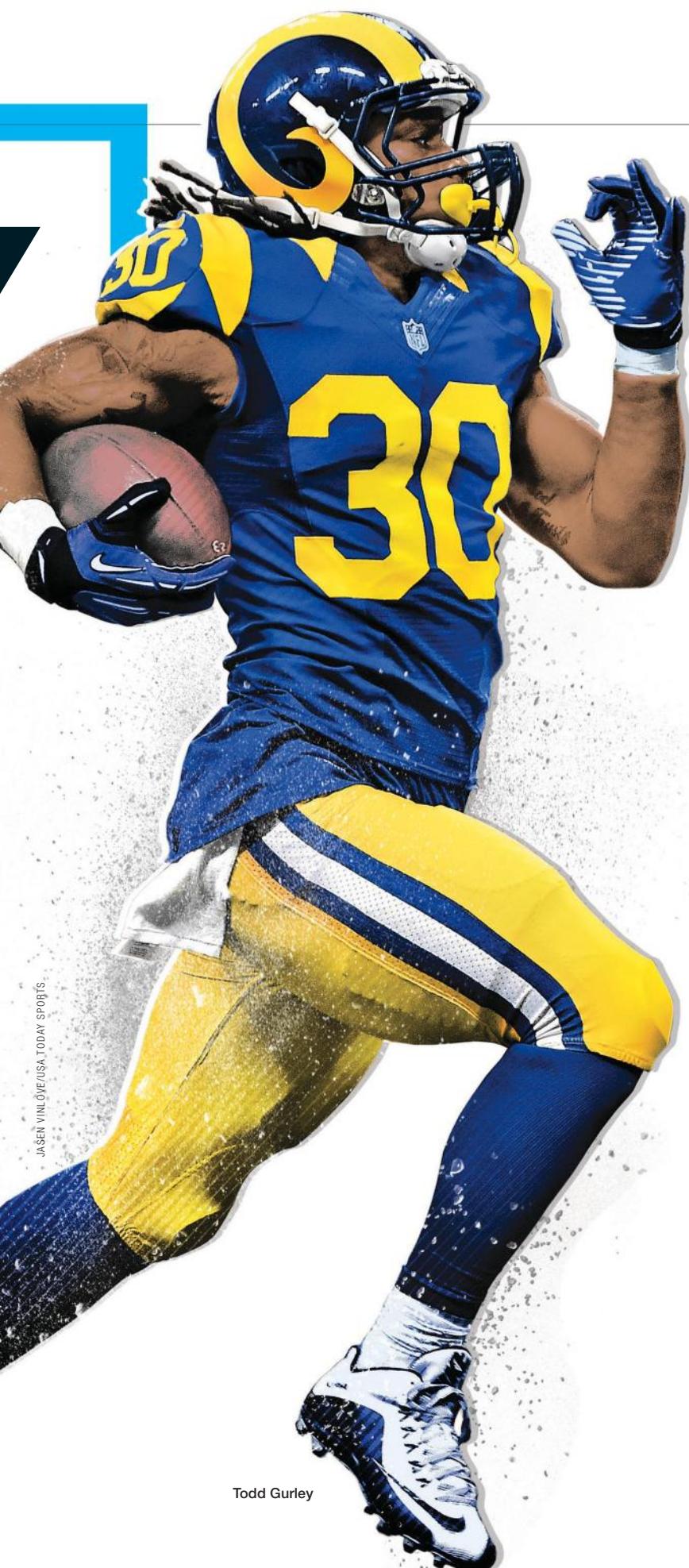
► Running backs are only as good as their blocking. NFL personnel directors have been saying this for decades, and the adage is just as true in fantasy football. Last season ball carriers averaged 1.1 fantasy points per carry on rush attempts with good blocking (defined as the offense not allowing the

defense to disrupt the play). That number plummeted to 0.2 points per carry when the blocking was bad. Simply put, it pays to look for running backs with a high good blocking rate (GBR). So which backs are likely to see an increase or decrease in 2016? One of the surprise upside

candidates is Todd Gurley. His 31.5 percent GBR last season ranked 39th out of 44 qualifying backs. Move that number closer to the 38 percent league average in GBR and it provides an amazing level of upside for someone who is already one of the most impactful players in fantasy football. But you

might want to steer clear of Giovani Bernard. He parlayed a league-best 48.1 percent GBR into a No. 21 ranking in running back fantasy points. He'll likely see a GBR decline in 2016, so think twice before slotting him in an RB2 or RB3 spot on a fantasy team. —KC JOYNER

Strategy Guide



Todd Gurley

RUNNING BACKS, HIGHEST GBR IN 2015

1	Giovani Bernard	CIN	48.1%
2	DeAngelo Williams	PIT	46.1%
T3	Justin Forsett	BAL	42.9%
T3	Chris Johnson	ARI	42.9%
T3	Charles Sims	TB	42.9%
T3	David Johnson	ARI	42.9%
T7	Ryan Mathews	PHI	42.1%
T7	Duke Johnson Jr.	CLE	42.1%
9	Eddie Lacy	GB	41.7%
10	Ameer Abdullah	DET	41.6%
11	Rashad Jennings	NYG	41.4%
T12	DeMarco Murray	PHI	40.2%
T12	Darren McFadden	DAL	40.2%
T14	Ronnie Hillman	DEN	40.1%
T14	Jeremy Hill	CIN	40.1%
T16	Le'Veon Bell	PIT	40.0%
T16	Mark Ingram	NO	40.0%
18	LeGarrette Blount	NE	39.6%
19	Charcandrick West	KC	39.4%
20	Jeremy Langford	CHI	38.8%
21	Matt Forte	CHI	38.7%
22	Adrian Peterson	MIN	38.6%
23	T.J. Yeldon	JAC	38.4%
24	C.J. Anderson	DEN	38.1%
25	Latavius Murray	OAK	37.8%
26	LeSean McCoy	BUF	37.7%
27	Thomas Rawls	SEA	37.3%
28	Devonta Freeman	ATL	36.9%
29	Carlos Hyde	SF	35.8%
30	Isaiah Crowell	CLE	35.6%
31	Doug Martin	TB	35.1%
32	Lamar Miller	MIA	35.0%
33	Frank Gore	IND	34.5%
34	Javorius Allen	BAL	34.3%
35	Matt Jones	WAS	33.8%
36	Melvin Gordon	SD	32.8%
T37	Alfred Blue	HOU	32.4%
T37	James Starks	GB	32.4%
39	Todd Gurley	STL	31.5%
40	Jonathan Stewart	CAR	30.9%
41	Chris Ivory	NYJ	30.4%
42	Alfred Morris	WAS	29.6%
43	Marshawn Lynch	SEA	28.7%
44	Antonio Andrews	TEN	25.7%

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Watch off-target percentages...

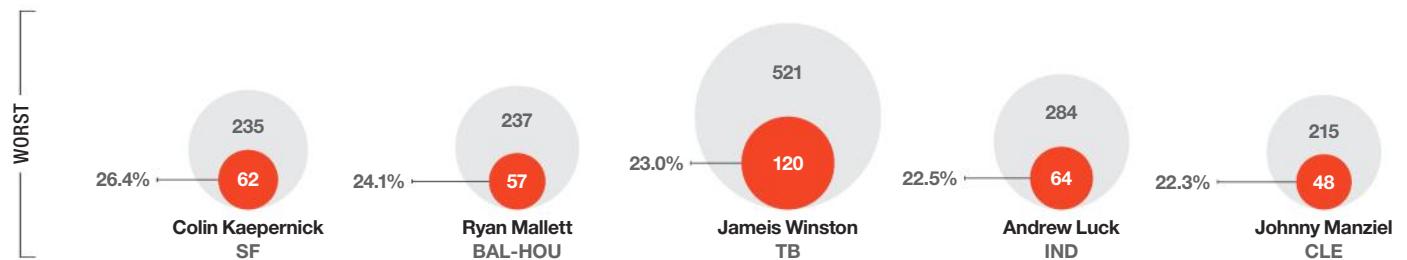
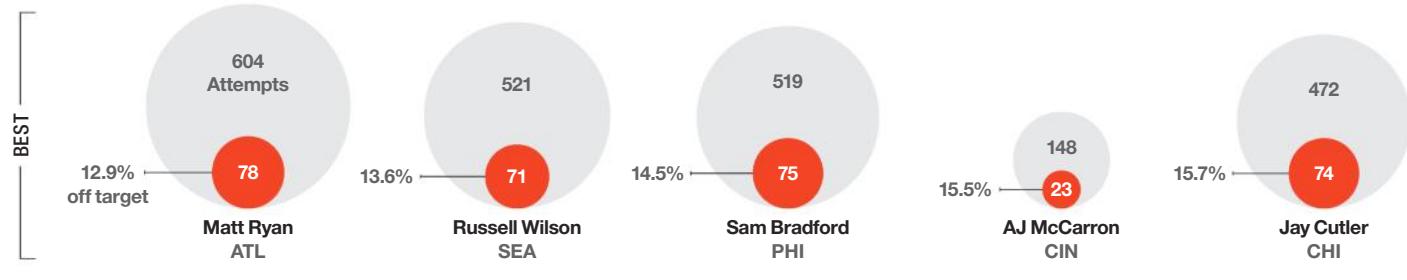
► We're all familiar with completion percentage as a primary stat in quarterback evaluation, but we also know that it's distorted by a variety of variables—a receiver's ability to get open, drops, the average depth of throws. But by charting every pass,

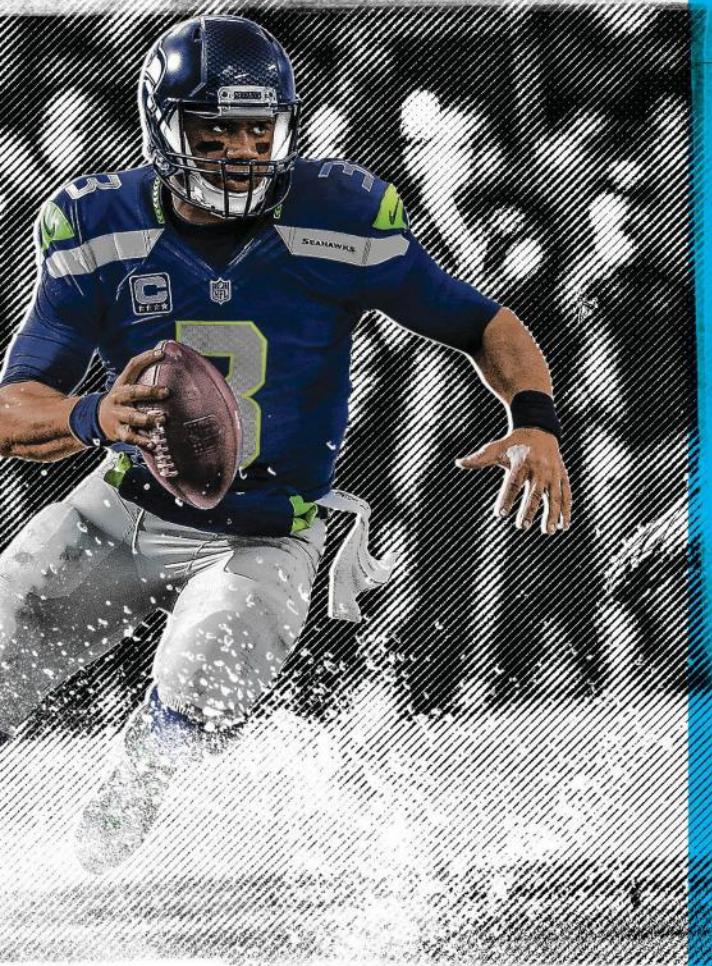
we can better evaluate a quarterback's ability to deliver an on-target throw. Enter off-target percentage, courtesy of our friends at ESPN Stats & Information, which tracks how often a quarterback misses his intended receiver due to

inaccuracy. Here are quarterbacks who were on (and off) target most often last season, including playoffs (minimum 100 pass attempts). Yet another tool to use as you search for the league's next breakout QB. —MIKE CLAY



RATIO OF ATTEMPTS TO OFF-TARGET PASSES AMONG QBs





OFF-TARGET RECEIVERS

Off-target percentage can also be applied to receivers, allowing us to see players affected most by QBs. Although there is somewhat of an inverse relationship between the average depth of a receiver's targets and how often those targets are off the mark, this is a good place to look when evaluating receivers who will have an adjusted role or who will be working with a new QB. Below are the WRs who benefited/suffered the most in 2015 (minimum 50 targets).

BENEFITED

1	Stevie Johnson	SD	63	9.5%
2	Doug Baldwin	SEA	97	10.3%
3	Marques Colston	NO	67	10.4%
4	Jordan Matthews	PHI	121	11.6%
5	Keenan Allen	SD	88	12.5%

SUFFERED

1	Malcom Floyd	SD	69	33.3%
2	Ted Ginn	CAR	94	31.7%
3	Brandon LaFell	NE	71	29.6%
4	James Jones	GB	95	29.5%
5	Albert Wilson	KC	55	29.1%

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... and who's being targeted

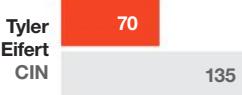
► There's a strong correlation between targets and fantasy points—even the best player on the planet can't score if the ball isn't thrown in his direction. It's far from rocket science,

but a deeper comparison of the two categories can help us locate overachievers and underachievers from the 2015 season and give us a good place to look this year.
—MIKE CLAY

TARGETS
FANTASY POINTS



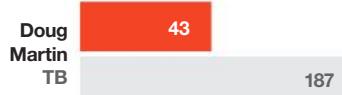
Baldwin had a position-high 46 percent of fantasy points from TDs. That's not sustainable. Expect his 14 TDs to be cut nearly in half.



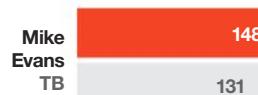
Eifert scored on 18.6 percent of his targets and caught all but one of his 11 end zone passes. But he needs a boost in target share.



Jacksonville scored 88 percent of its offensive TDs through the air last year, third in the NFL. Robinson is all but guaranteed to regress.



Reliant on volume and efficiency, Martin was limited to four top-10 fantasy weeks in 2015. He's unlikely to repeat as a top-five PPR back.



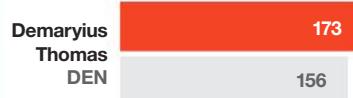
Evans' TDs accounted for a position-low 13.7 percent of his fantasy points, but he won't be short of scoring opportunities in Tampa.



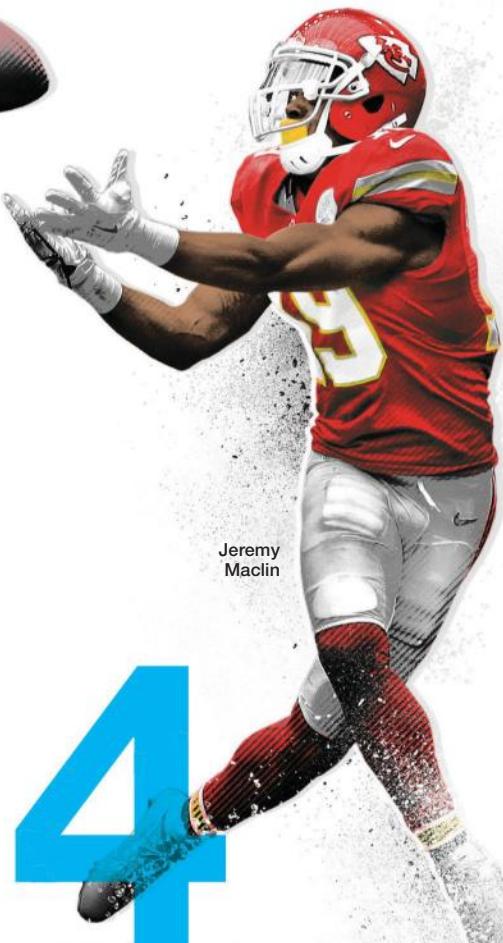
Ertz caught three more passes than Gronk last season but found the end zone only twice. He's a logical post-hype breakout player.



Adams' 2015 was poor efficiency meeting bad luck. He struggled with drops, but one-quarter of balls directed at him were off target.



Thomas leads the NFL with 17 drops over the past two seasons, and his TD production has dipped.



Jeremy Maclin

4 Check the floor

► Most people approach their fantasy draft hoping to come away with the perfect blend of high-floor and high-upside players; we're all looking for safety and potential. But what's the best formula? In search of the perfect mix, I modeled several unique seven-player fantasy teams that combined six offensive players (QB, 2 RBs, 2 WRs, TE) and a defense from pools that I considered to have more upside or more safety in different ratios. I used players who could be taken in Round 3 or later in 2015 fantasy drafts, assuming that players in the first two rounds would be considered both high floor and high upside. There was a very clear takeaway: Pay attention to the floor. Low-floor players like Amari Cooper, who had terrific weeks last year, seriously hurt the fantasy point

total of my model teams, while lower-upside (but higher-floor) receivers like Jeremy Maclin and Eric Decker were on all the best teams. Jordan Reed, who was great most weeks he played, also appeared on the teams with lower fantasy point totals, while Delanie Walker, thanks to his consistent volume, was a solid foundation of high-scoring lineups. I achieved the highest weekly average by mixing exciting high-ceiling players with boring high-floor players in my small experiment. It's human nature to focus on the upper limit of a projection, but if you fight that impulse and seriously consider the player's low projection, you can build a high-upside fantasy team that is robust enough to withstand the inevitable surprises 2016 will bring.

—RENEE MILLER, Ph.D.

5 Be consistent

► Nothing generates headlines quite like a 36-point fantasy game. That's what Seattle's then-rookie running back Thomas Rawls scored in Week 11 of last season. Those of us who owned him at the time were thrilled—a couple of weeks before the playoffs and sure to capture us a weekly W all on his own. But here's the unfortunate reality: Rawls scored 75 points in all other games

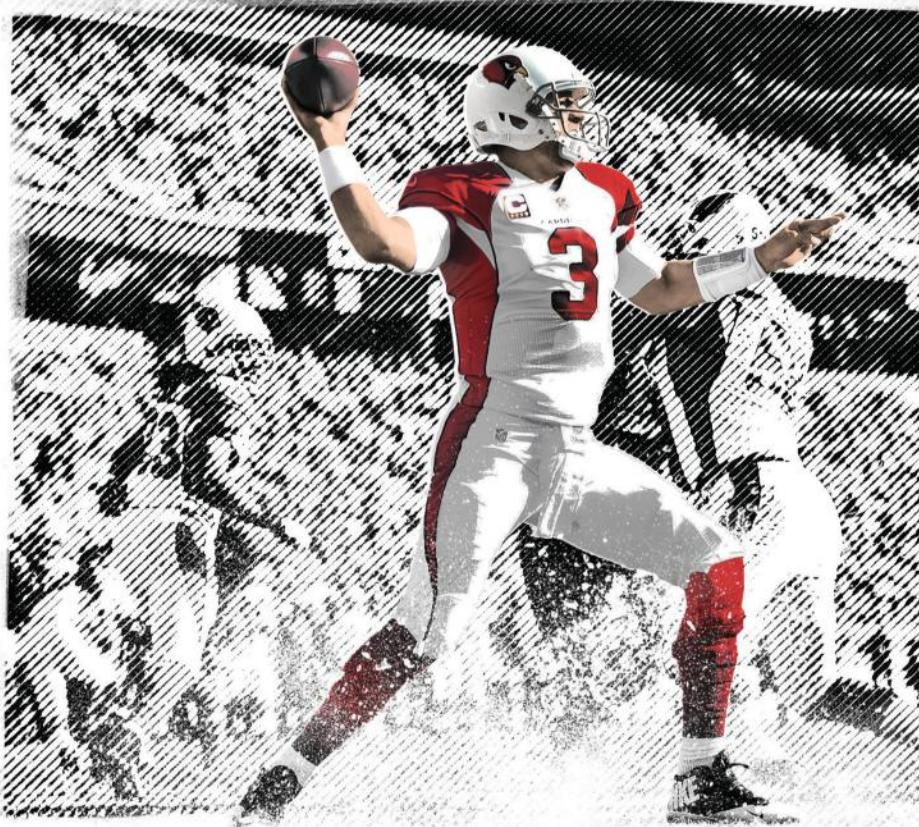
combined. Winning isn't about chasing the one-day explosion but rather playing the safe, consistent player. Remember, statistical floors matter.

In addition to tallying player fantasy point totals, we annually evaluate each player's reliability with a metric called consistency rating. The formula is simple: When a player registers a fantasy point total that warranted his placement in your lineup—

defined as a top-10 ESPN standard-league score for quarterbacks and tight ends and a top-25 total for running backs and wide receivers—we credit him with a "start." We then total each player's starts and divide by team games. A consistency rating of at least 50 percent is good; anything over 60 percent is outstanding. Bonus tip: Consistency is especially valuable in daily fantasy.

—TRISTAN H. COCKCROFT

Carson Palmer



CONSISTENCY RATINGS

2015 Kings

**Carson Palmer ARI**

He was the No. 5 scorer at QB, and he was darn consistent, with 14 of his weekly scores worth between 16 and 25 points. Palmer finished outside the top 13 QBs in weekly scoring just four times. Other kings: Tom Brady, Russell Wilson.

2015 Dings

**Kirk Cousins WAS**

Cousins had the same number of top-10 weeks as Palmer (eight) but had seven games of 12 fantasy points or fewer and seven worth 21 or more, and he was nearly a start-at-home, sit-on-the-road player. Other dings: Eli Manning, Marcus Mariota.

**Mark Ingram NO**

Only three RBs finished top 10 more than Ingram (11). And he missed four games. Thanks to his goal-line role and the Saints' offense, he had 10 games between nine and 18 fantasy points. Other kings: LeSean McCoy, Latavius Murray.

**Eddie Lacy GB**

Lacy had an awful season, scoring a total of 28 points in Weeks 2-9. Even during the fantasy playoffs, he dropped a zero (Week 13), a two (Week 15) and a three (Week 17). Other dings: C.J. Anderson, LeGarrette Blount.

**Eric Decker NYJ**

From ding to king! Decker never scored fewer than eight fantasy points or more than 15 in a game last season. That was in stark contrast to 2014, when he had 28- and one-pointers. Other kings: Brandon Marshall, Jarvis Landry.

**Travis Benjamin SD**

Sure, blame the Browns' QBs, but TE Gary Barnidge was more consistent. Benjamin had six games of two or fewer fantasy points. And in San Diego, he likely won't see a huge increase in targets. Other dings: Tavon Austin, Randall Cobb.

**Delanie Walker TEN**

Walker paced his position in targets, the category that breeds consistent performances. Despite a rookie QB, Walker managed six double-digit fantasy games and two more worth nine points. Other kings: Benjamin Barnidge, Greg Olsen.

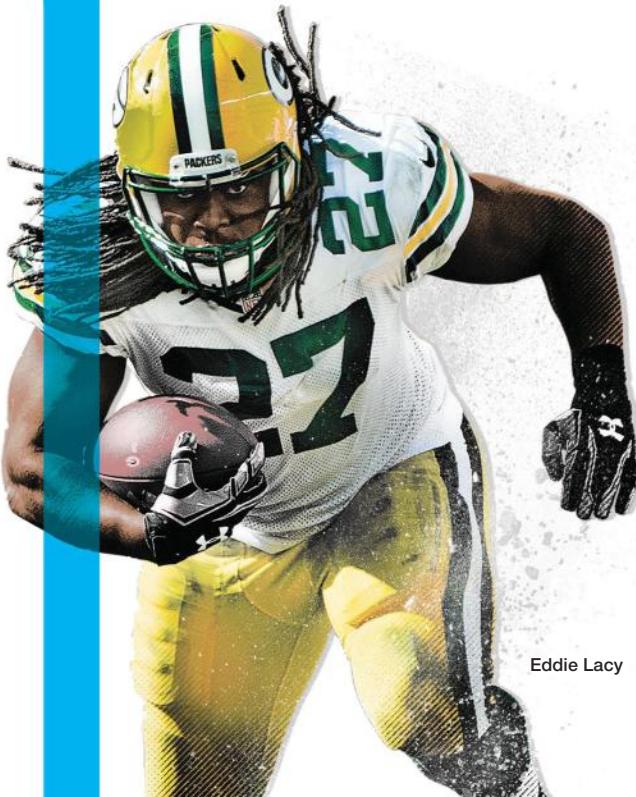
**Richard Rodgers GB**

Rodgers finished ninth among TEs in fantasy points, but he was inconsistent. Forty-seven percent of his output came in his three best games. The addition of Jared Cook also won't help. Other dings: Benjamin Watson, Kyle Rudolph.

6**Forget what they did last year**

Fantasy owners rarely forgive and forget. When they get burned, they hold on to the pain, especially when it's not at quarterback. (Andrew Luck, somehow, remains beloved.) But those who fall into the category of burners are the best places to look for bounce-backs. C.J. Anderson, Justin Forsett, Dez Bryant, T.Y. Hilton—there are plenty of options. First, look at last year's average draft position—not necessarily to see who failed but who failed and was also universally liked. If they're good, young and healthy and remain with a strong offense, invest. Take Packers running back Eddie Lacy, for example. Some owners say they won't draft him at all this year, and that's just silly. Overlook how disappointing he was (five games of 25 yards or fewer)

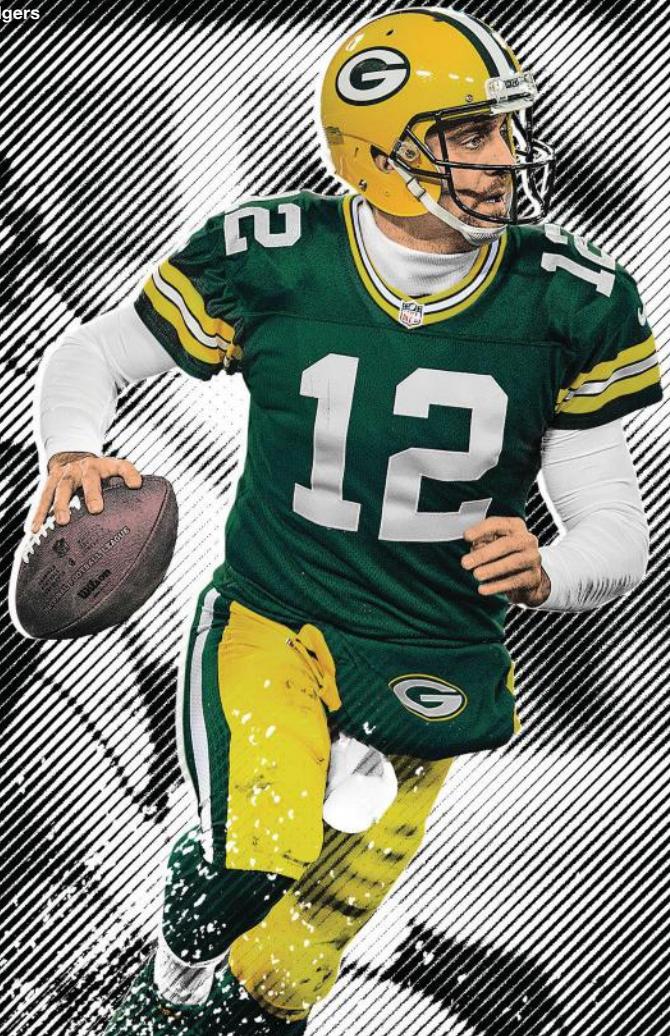
and understand that his cost is big-time depressed. You, your mailman and, most important, the Packers all know he got fat and slow, and yet he's still talented and, at 26, still young. He also managed to produce three 100-yard rushing outings in the final seven weeks, a positive harbinger. Lacy is slimming down and knows his career could go the way of Trent Richardson if he doesn't continue to stay fit. Plus, the Packers have Aaron Rodgers. They're getting Jordy Nelson back. And nobody thinks James Starks is better than Lacy. So forget about Year 3. Remember why we all loved him and invest in Year 4. While you're at it, don't forget about Nelson. He was a top-10 WR in rankings this time last year for good reason. —ERIC KARABELL



Eddie Lacy

Find elite QB production

Aaron Rodgers



► Quarterbacks are the name of the fantasy game, but never, ever pay a premium to get them—not at the draft, not via trade. Wait ... what? Hear me out: Quarterback scoring is at an all-time high. In 2015, the 17 highest-scoring players in fantasy, and 24 of the top 33, were quarterbacks. What's more, in ESPN standard leagues, 20 percent of teams' scoring came from quarterbacks—nearly twice the contribution of any other position (wide receivers had 11 percent)—despite the fact that the quarterback represents just 11 percent of a weekly starting lineup. But *all* quarterbacks are scoring more. For example, the No. 3 quarterback in fantasy points last season, Russell Wilson (322), had just 64 more points than the No. 16 quarterback, Tyrod Taylor (258). Also consider that Taylor's 258 points were more than any quarterback had 10 years earlier. Guys like him would've been studs a decade ago; nowadays they're a dime a dozen. Five QBs behind Taylor scaled the 200-point plateau too; in 2005, only 10 reached that mark.

Today there are scads of big fantasy-point totals being left on benches and free agent lists, hence the advice not to pay for quarterbacks. But you shouldn't take a passive, underpre-

pared approach either. It's at least as important that you properly rank and project your quarterbacks on draft day as you do any other position (arguably more so).

Last season in ESPN leagues, the average starting quarterback scored 16.2 fantasy points a week, while the top-scoring active quarterback averaged 30.1 fantasy points. Meanwhile, the weekly No. 10 scorer among all NFL quarterbacks—starting or not—averaged 19.2 fantasy points. Our aim in fantasy is to win, not be average, so the new weekly goal for a "good," likely-to-win quarterback is 20 points. Here's the key: Those 20 points can come from any player, acquired in any way.

Fantasy owners tend to be pretty good at identifying who these 20-point candidates are in a given week. What they're not good at is pricing them on draft day. Of the 152 quarterback scores of 20 fantasy points or more in 2015, just 75 of them (49 percent) came from players ranked in our consensus top 10. (Eighteen of the 27 instances of a 30-plus score came from those in the top 10.)

Now let's examine the identity of those players in our weekly top 10 (right). The names changed rapidly from week to week.

8 Customize your PPR rankings

LAST SEASON'S QBs AT THEIR BEST

	Number of top-10 rankings	2015 finish	Fantasy points
Cam Newton CAR	9	1st	373
Tom Brady NE	11	2nd	335
Russell Wilson SEA	8	3rd	322
Carson Palmer CAR	8	5th	300
Aaron Rodgers GB	8	7th	286
Ben Roethlisberger PIT	7	20th	222

This group excludes Blake Bortles (302 points, fourth) and Kirk Cousins (283, eighth), who both would've cost nothing on draft day (or early in the season). Granted, 2015 was unusual in terms of turnover—even perennial fantasy stud Peyton Manning was a bust—but in 2016, you're about as likely to get elite QB production in the eighth round as the second. You shouldn't take scraps. But if you've done your homework, you'll be prepared to pay what you feel each QB is worth and not a penny more.

—TRISTAN H. COCKCROFT

If you're like us, you're in multiple fantasy leagues. And odds are, at least one of those uses PPR scoring. Although our staff rankings lean on standard-scoring settings, the value of most players will be similar regardless of format. Of course, there are exceptions. Here are the players who gain—and lose—the most when PPR is added to the equation. —MIKE CLAY

Five players to upgrade

1 Theo Riddick DET

His career 2.9 ypc is horrific, but the 25-year-old's 80 receptions tied for most at the position last season. He's locked into a significant role in Detroit's pass-heavy offense.

2 Delanie Walker TEN

Walker missed a game but still finished ninth in receptions last season. He was tied for second among tight ends in PPR fantasy points despite scoring only six TDs.

3 Danny Woodhead SD

Fantasy's No. 3 scoring back in PPR last season, Woodhead paced the position in targets, receptions, yards and touchdowns. He's averaged 78 receptions during the two full seasons he's played in San Diego.

4 Jarvis Landry MIA

Landry's 7.15-yard average depth of target limited him to a 15th-place non-PPR finish, but his 100 receptions was fourth most in the league, helping him to a WR1 PPR campaign. Expect a similar role in Adam Gase's offense.

5 Keenan Allen SD

Prior to going down with a season-ending kidney injury, Allen was fourth at the position in PPR fantasy points and second in receptions. After an explosive rookie season, Allen has settled in as a heavily targeted possession receiver.

Five players to downgrade

1 Ted Ginn CAR

The return of Kelvin Benjamin along with TD regression is sure to squash Ginn's 2016 fantasy production. His role as a situational deep threat further reduces his late-round appeal.

2 Jonathan Stewart CAR

Stewart caught 16 passes, which ranked 65th among RBs. Prior to missing the final three weeks of the regular season, he managed only six PPR top-20 weeks, including four top-10s.

3 Torrey Smith SF

Smith was limited to 33 receptions, but he averaged 20.1 yards per reception, good for first in the NFL. The big-play receiver will see more volume in Chip Kelly's offense, but he remains a boom/bust fantasy producer.

4 Tyler Eifert CIN

Eifert's 13 TDs overshadowed his mere 52 receptions last season, 16th among TEs. Without at least a moderate uptick in targets, Eifert is a good bet to underwhelm in PPR leagues.

5 Adrian Peterson MIN

A league-high 327 carries made up for Peterson's 30 receptions (33rd among backs), leading to a second-place finish in PPR among RBs. But drafting the 31-year-old in the first round means banking on continued two-down domination.

Cam Newton



9 Track errors on D

► To err is human. But to benefit from someone else's errors? That's called being a quarterback. Last season blown coverages—defined as defensive mistakes that leave a receiver uncovered—accounted for 13.8 percent of fantasy points scored by qualifying quarterbacks (150 or more pass attempts). QBs benefit from mistakes more than

any other position. And naturally, some QBs profit more than others. Take Drew Brees, who was by far the biggest beneficiary from a volume perspective last season: He racked up a league-leading 71 fantasy points on plays with blown coverages. Only one other quarterback tallied more than 50 points in this category (Cam Newton, 54).

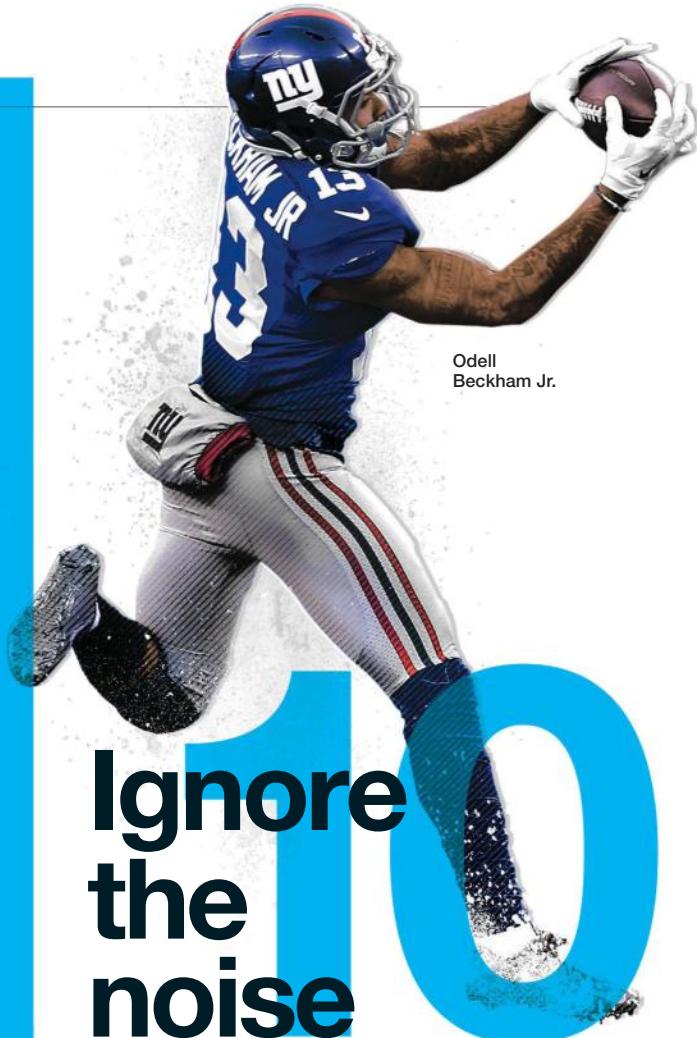
In terms of percentage of points scored, the most fortunate quarterbacks were Johnny Manziel (24.4 percent) and Andrew Luck (23.8 percent). Another notable at the upper percentage end? Sam Bradford with 21.7 percent, a fact that indicates Chip Kelly's quarterbacks in San Francisco might benefit from blown coverages in 2016. Some

of the best offensive game plans can cause defenses to make these types of errors. And some quarterbacks don't need the help—Ben Roethlisberger, Kirk Cousins and Aaron Rodgers were near the bottom of the list from a percentage perspective. Those three don't need defensive errors to succeed.

—KC JOYNER

TOP 10 QBs WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF BLOWN COVERAGE IN 2015

	Blown coverage yards	TDs	Fantasy points
Drew Brees NO	568	12	71
Cam Newton CAR	461	9	54
Russell Wilson SEA	331	9	49
Philip Rivers SD	483	7	47
Tom Brady NE	548	6	46
Jay Cutler CHI	318	8	45
Marcus Mariota TEN	410	7	44
Carson Palmer ARI	367	7	43
Eli Manning NYG	442	6	42



Odell
Beckham Jr.

**Ignore
the
noise**

► You're not a weather-man—well, some of you might be, but still, don't worry about what's happening in Denver the third week of December. Why? Because studies have shown that the differences in weather-based statistical performance are relatively minor. No, running backs generally don't tell reporters they prefer playing in precipitation, but they aren't scared of it either. Remember the LeSean McCoy game in a ton of snow against Detroit? He exploded for 217 yards. Not only was it his best game of 2013, it was his best ever. Quarterbacks don't seem to mind either. And kickers are just as accurate. Weather is just one of myriad topics fantasy owners love to overrate as factors without merit.

And a few other noisy things: Passing and rushing numbers don't change much late in the season. Aaron Rodgers' career completion percentage in December

matches November at 63 percent, and he actually boasts more passing yards per game the final month. What else? Don't project which players have favorable December schedules. For every Patriots/Packers, there's a surprise team coming on strong, like last year's Panthers and Vikings, or a perceived good team that becomes fun to play, like last year's injury-ravaged Ravens and average Bills. And for draft day: Kickers? Last round. Always. First round? Best non-QB. Just ask those who chose Rodgers and Luck last year. Rookies? C'mon, for every Odell Beckham Jr., we get DeVante Parker and Breshad Perriman. Contract-year explosions? Nope. Third-year-receiver breakouts? Yeah, sometimes, but please, it's not what you think. So seriously, ignore the noise, because there's a lot of it. But listen to ESPN's experts. Our noise makes sense. —ERIC KARABELL



WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE, ROOK'

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In April, quarterbacks were grabbed first and second overall for just the seventh time in the draft's modern era. But in no way should either Jared Goff or Carson Wentz top your list of rookies come fantasy draft day, unless you want your sleepers to give you nightmares. Instead, consider fourth pick Ezekiel Elliott first among the dozen rookies to snap up before the unproven QBs.

BY MEL KIPER JR.

Kiper's Top 10 Fantasy

**1****Ezekiel Elliott****Running back****Cowboys**

I see Elliott getting around 200 carries to go with 30-plus catches. That gives him 1,000-yard potential behind one of the league's best offensive lines. With their rushing depth, the Cowboys will hopefully keep the Ohio State product fresh and resist the urge to turn their new back into a workhorse.

2**Sterling Shepard****Wide receiver****Giants**

Eli Manning has attempted more than 600 passes for two straight seasons, and with Victor Cruz's health concerns and the defensive attention given to Odell Beckham Jr., I expect the NFL-ready Shepard to get his share of targets. Shepard caught 86 balls for 1,288 yards at Oklahoma last year.

3**Corey Coleman****Wide receiver****Browns**

He's already the top option in the passing offense, and Coleman's greatest skill—the ability to stretch the field vertically— dovetails with the fact that Robert Griffin III can hurl it. Cleveland figures to be playing from behind quite a bit, so the Baylor duo will have plenty of chances to attack through the air.

4**Derrick Henry****Running back****Titans**

If you think this is a little optimistic, consider that newly signed DeMarco Murray has played 16 games exactly once in his NFL career and that Henry should pile up goal-line carries. The Titans wouldn't have used a second-round pick on the Alabama rusher if they didn't have a plan for him.

5**Laquon Treadwell****Wide receiver****Vikings**

Treadwell reminds me a little of Jarvis Landry, who was productive immediately for the Dolphins two years ago. He's not a burner, but there's no clear weakness beyond that. Stefon Diggs is established in the Minnesota offense, but Treadwell is already Teddy Bridgewater's most talented receiver.

Kiper's Rookie Sleepers

1 | Kenneth Dixon**Ravens RB**

Dixon offers the upside of a very good NFL starter and could top this depth chart sometime in the next two years. He rushed for 4,480 career yards at LaTech.

2 | Tyler Boyd**Bengals WR**

A.J. Green and Tyler Eifert—and the running backs—will get a lot of targets, but Boyd, the No. 55 pick, has first-round talent and could emerge soon in this offense.

3 | Jared Goff**Rams QB**

I expect the No. 1 pick to start early on, if not in Week 1, but Goff's fantasy relevance could be a year or two away, even after a 4,719-yard season at Cal.

4 | Jordan Howard**Bears RB**

The former Indiana back could be even higher here—an injury to Jeremy Langford and it's possible Howard is piling up carries. Plus, he's a goal-line option for Chicago.

5 | Pharoh Cooper**Rams WR**

Cooper could emerge as Jared Goff's favorite target, and I see his future as a high-reception threat in the slot. He had 135 catches at South Carolina the past two years.

Impact Rookies



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Hunter Henry

Tight end**Chargers**

I know this seems bullish, but Henry could factor in quickly. Antonio Gates is 36 years old and his health is a concern, and Philip Rivers loves to work in the short throws. Plus, Henry has size that's lacking elsewhere in the passing game. His 6-5, 250-pound frame will be helpful in the red zone.

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Josh Doctson

Wide receiver**Redskins**

I had Doctson as my top receiver, and while his stock sinks because Washington has Pierre Garcon and DeSean Jackson, Doctson can be moved all over and is a superior player to Jamison Crowder. Coming off two 1,000-yard seasons at TCU, Doctson will find his way onto the field.

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Will Fuller

Wide receiver**Texans**

The No. 2 wide receiver in the Houston offense had fewer than half the total of targets that DeAndre Hopkins piled up in '15, but Fuller offers a deep threat and some run-after-catch speed (4.32 40) that the offense lacked. Big-armed Brock Osweiler will take shots downfield to Fuller.

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Paul Perkins

Running back**Giants**

A rookie running back would have never had fantasy relevance under Tom Coughlin, but Coughlin is gone and the depth chart is wide open. As 31-year-old Rashad Jennings is nobody's idea of a surefire No. 1, expect Perkins to compete for carries after rushing for 1,343 yards at UCLA last year.

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Michael Thomas

Wide receiver**Saints**

In terms of pure opportunity, Thomas should be higher. The New Orleans WR depth chart is open for someone to emerge behind Brandin Cooks, and Thomas has the size (6-3, 212) to soak up red zone targets. But the former Buckeye faces a learning curve as a route runner and could start slowly.

6 | Tyler Higbee

Rams TE

A second-round talent who fell to the fourth due to off-field concerns, Higbee could quickly become the Rams' top tight end. He had eight touchdowns for WKU in '15.

7 | C.J. Prosise

Seahawks RB

Seattle clearly had a plan when it drafted Prosise in the third round. A running back with wide receiver skills (and history), he belongs on your PPR watch list.

8 | Kenyan Drake

Dolphins RB

A poor man's Reggie Bush, Drake can turn a crease into a 75-yard run—and the Miami RB depth chart offers opportunity. But his injury history could limit volume.

9 | DeAndre Washington

Raiders RB

Another productive guy on a depth chart that lacks a true star, Washington could come into favor quickly. He gained almost 1,500 yards on the ground at Texas Tech in '15.

10 | Leonte Carroo

Dolphins WR

Beyond DeVante Parker and Jarvis Landry, Carroo (20.7 yards per catch at Rutgers last year) meets or exceeds the talent of any WR on the roster. He'll contend for time.

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LOVE
HATE

Yes, this is getting personal. In 2016, we're loving players who are primed to deliver on value and hating players who aren't. It's as simple as that. Who falls into which category this season? It's time to go shopping for the best buys.

BY MATTHEW BERRY

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I want to be clear about this from the get-go:

If you read just one article in this guide, make sure it's not this one. If you read only two articles, yeah, still avoid this one. If, after you've read every other article, ranking, profile and feature twice and you find yourself in a bathroom with nothing else to read and time to kill, then sure, flip through this bad boy.

Because the point of Love/Hate is not to talk about players who are good or bad; it's about

what it costs to acquire a player on draft day. Every player has value. But if he costs more than he should (he's being drafted too high or is too expensive in auctions), he's a "hate." If he's undervalued in drafts and auctions, he's a "love." Now, I can hear you already because I have a creepy ability to read your mind from hundreds of miles away: "Berry, how are you gonna talk about value when you are writing this

in May before drafts have really started?"

An excellent question (and certainly not one I asked a million times from the time I was assigned this piece until five minutes before I turned it in). You must understand that a player's value in May can be very different come August, in both directions. Like, in Love/Hate for the 2015 edition of this guide, I talked about how I "hated" Jeremy Maclin because of his new team and situation. As the summer progressed, the hate frankly went way too far, and I ended up making him a "love" in my big preseason Love/Hate column on ESPN.com. I talked him up in a big way because he had become a good draft-day value. What, you don't remember

that? And there's no online record of it?

In that case ... now that I think about it ... in that same article, I "loved" Tim Hightower, predicting he would come off his couch after four years out of the NFL to help the Saints and lead fantasy owners to the title. I "hated" Andrew Luck, explaining that Matt Hasselbeck would appear in more games than Luck. Totally predicted Eddie Lacy falling off a cliff and saw a huge year from Kirk Cousins. Sure, with last year's fantasy guide now long recycled into eco-friendly cereal boxes, you have to take my word for it, but trust me, I nailed all those things, 100 percent.

So actually, you should totally read this article. Just make sure to throw it out once the season starts.

Players I Love

Tom Brady

Quarterback

Patriots

► People will be scared off by his four-game suspension, and I don't think they should be. Fantasy football is a weekly game, not a season-long one, and four games of a replacement-level quarterback plus 12 games of Brady will wind up being a top-five fantasy QB, easy. Brady's completion percentage and TD total have risen in consecutive years, while his interception count has declined in each instance ... for the first time in his career. The core of his offense returns fully intact, with nice additions such as Martellus Bennett and Chris Hogan. Meanwhile, we all know how dangerous Cam Newton is within 10 yards of the end zone, right? Well, Newton scored on 56.8 percent of his opportunities (pass completions plus rush attempts) last year. Brady?

He scored on 74.1 percent of such opportunities. Quarterback is so deep this year that you can find solid fill-ins for the first four weeks, and then in Week 5 you'll have a top-three QB at a bargain price. The "Gronk You" tour will continue in 2016, and you want to be in the first row.

Tyrod Taylor

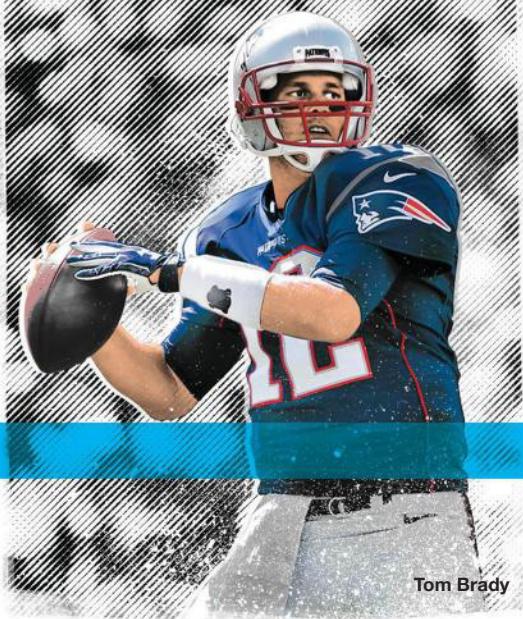
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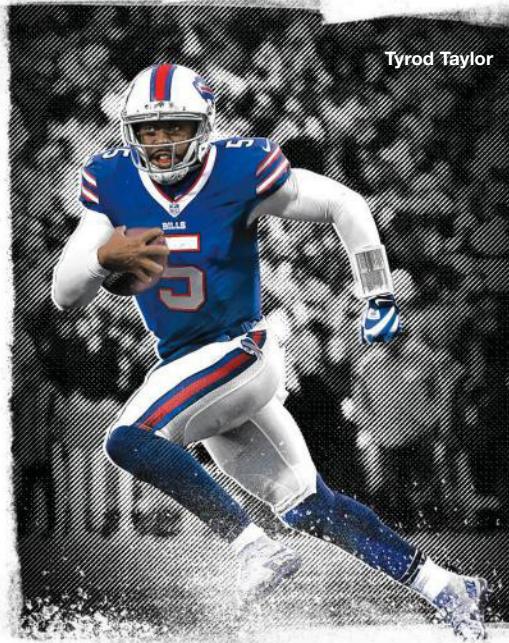
► Unless you owned him, you probably didn't realize just how good Taylor was last year. On a points-per-game basis (he missed two games with an injury), his 18-point average in ESPN standard scoring was the same as that of Carson Palmer and Ben Roethlisberger. And get this: Over the past five years, there have been just four instances of a quarterback running 100 times and throwing for at least three touchdowns for every interception: 2012

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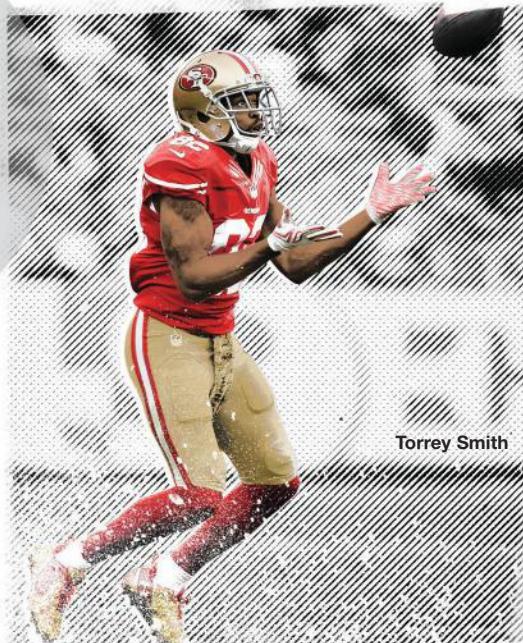
Tyrod Taylor was one of only three QBs to run for 500 yards last season (with Cam Newton and Russell Wilson).



Tom Brady



Tyrod Taylor



Torrey Smith

ROY Robert Griffin III, 2015 MVP Cam Newton, 2015 Pro Bowler Russell Wilson and ... underappreciated Tyrod Taylor. With a cannon for an arm, rushing ability and legit playmakers around him (Sammy Watkins, LeSean McCoy), Taylor will probably still go well outside the top 10 at the position. But he'll be a viable weekly starter in fantasy leagues of any size.

Lamar Miller

Running back

Texans

► Death, taxes and me talking up Lamar Miller. There are few things you can truly count on in this crazy world, and this is one of them. He's an obvious name now, but I'm putting him here because I believe he's a first-round player, not just a top-10 RB. And you can make a case for him in the top five overall. Incredibly productive despite inconsistent offenses, touches and coaches, Miller ranks fourth in the NFL in total rushing yards (1,971) and has the highest yards per carry (4.8) over the past two seasons. In his two years under Bill O'Brien, Arian Foster averaged 23 touches a game. That works out to 368 touches a year. Last season, on 241 touches, Miller was the sixth-best running back in fantasy. All-in on Lamar Miller. ALL. IN.

Antonio Brown

Wide receiver

Steelers

► In case you decided to skip the whole cover story I wrote about him (page 6), he's worth the No. 1 overall pick. Love.

Torrey Smith

Wide receiver

49ers

► Pretty much left for dead in San Francisco, Smith now will be the No. 1 receiver in a Chip Kelly offense. Jordan Matthews was a top-20 fantasy receiver under Kelly last year, even in a season in which everything that could go wrong with an offense did go wrong. And Smith hasn't forgotten how to play football. He's an obvious deep threat with crazy speed, ideally suited for a Kelly offense, which focuses on getting receivers in space to try to maximize yards after the catch. But he's also much better in the red zone than you think, converting over 70 percent of his red zone catches into touchdowns last season. After five straight seasons of playing all 16 games, he'll see the ball a lot, and whatever the 49ers' offense will be this year, it'll be an upgrade over last year's. Top-20 upside with a dirt-cheap price tag.

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Number of times Torrey Smith was targeted for throws of 25-plus yards downfield over the past five seasons, the most in the NFL

Player

Early QB picks

► Look, is Cam Newton awesome? Of course. Will Aaron Rodgers and Andrew Luck bounce back? I think they will, in a big way. But add to that guys like Drew Brees, Ben Roethlisberger, 12 weeks of Tom Brady, Russell Wilson, Carson Palmer ... the list goes on and on. Philip Rivers never gets respect; he just puts up numbers. Kirk Cousins and Blake Bortles won a lot of teams fantasy titles last year. Derek Carr and Tyrod Taylor look poised for big years. Tony Romo is back. The numbers for Matthew Stafford after Jim Bob Cooter took over jump off the page. Andy Dalton proved a lot of critics wrong last year. And many people (me included) are expecting big leaps for Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota. I've been playing fantasy football for close to three decades, and I've never seen as deep a group of quarterbacks as this year's class. Wait on a quarterback. Like, really, really wait. Just don't end up with ...

actually has more games with zero touchdown passes (three) over that time frame. The emergence of Devonta Freeman was great for the Falcons but terrible for Ryan's fantasy value, as they no longer had to throw in the red zone. Ryan had the fewest touchdown passes since his rookie year (21) while having the second-most INTs (16). Kyle Shanahan's offenses tend not to be great for huge QB fantasy seasons (unless you have RG3's wheels), and while Mohamad Sanu and Justin Hardy should be improvements over Roddy White and Leonard Hankerson, Ryan is still an average fantasy QB. Just 13th in the NFL among qualified QBs in terms of average red zone pass attempts, Ryan has thrown more than 30 TDs only once in an eight-year career. With all these great quarterbacks, there's no reason to take a middle-of-the-road guy like Ryan.

T.J. Yeldon

Running back

Jaguars

► How about I just put this red zone stat right here: T.J. Yeldon—25 touches and two scores. Chris Ivory—43 touches and seven scores. With an improved defense, the Jags will be a bit more balanced on offense, but it still will be more of a passing offense. So now you've got Yeldon as the non-red zone part of a committee on a pass-first offense. Ivory's

Matt Ryan

Quarterback

Falcons

► Twice. In his past 28 games, Matt Ryan has thrown for three or more touchdowns ... twice. He

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presence will knock down Yeldon's value, but it might not knock it far enough. I'm not even convinced Yeldon will be flexworthy in non-bye weeks this year.

Latavius Murray

Running back

Raiders

► Speaking with sources familiar with the Raiders, the word kept coming back the same: Oakland does not want Latavius Murray to be a workhorse back. The Raiders made a run at Doug Martin in free agency and ultimately drafted DeAndre Washington from Texas Tech to help ease the load. It's easy to see why. Murray's fantasy production was a result of volume (third in the NFL with 266 carries) and not efficiency (32nd in yards per carry). He seemed to wear down as the game went on, averaging just 2.2 yards per carry in the fourth quarter last season, and he scored five of his six rushing TDs on his first 10 carries of games. He wore down as the season went on too. Murray's yards per carry dropped from 4.8 in Games 1-8 to 3.3 in Games 9-16 (a 31.3 percent fall). Fewer touches might make him more explosive, but it also might just make him a lesser producer, because his value last year was volume. Either way, he's a flex play who should be drafted as an RB2.

Markus Wheaton

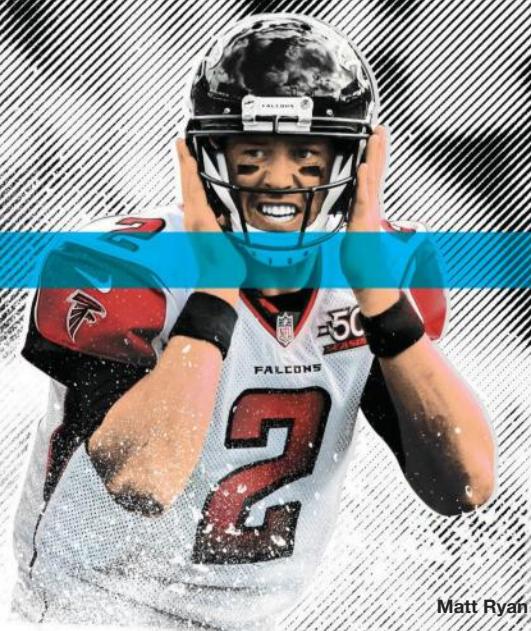
Wide receiver

Steelers

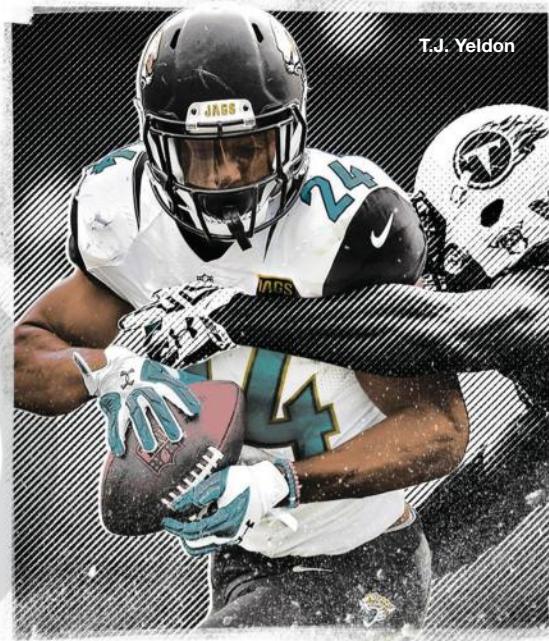
► Hey, high-flying offense, great QB, no Martavis Bryant—I get it. They can't all go to Antonio Brown, right? Well, the problem with the "Markus Wheaton as a sleeper" talk is that he's had this shot before: five games sans Bryant at the start of last year. In those five games, he had just nine catches for 228 yards and one touchdown. (Extended over 16 games, that's barely top-50 WR numbers.) Now, it's important to note that Ben Roethlisberger was active for only three of those games (Wheaton caught seven for 138 yards in them), and it's a small sample size. Some people felt he turned a corner last year in the second half, but that was with Bryant on the field. This offense will still run through Brown and Le'Veon Bell. Ladarius Green, Sammie Coates and Darius Heyward-Bey will get some love. (Could Coates pass Wheaton on the depth chart? Very possible.) Wheaton has yet to prove he can be a viable fantasy starter through three NFL seasons. He'll have the best opportunity of his career, but he also had last year to hold off Bryant and couldn't. So while I think Wheaton will show flashes, he's more of a WR 4/5 with upside rather than the WR 2/3 people are touting him as because of Bryant's suspension. ■

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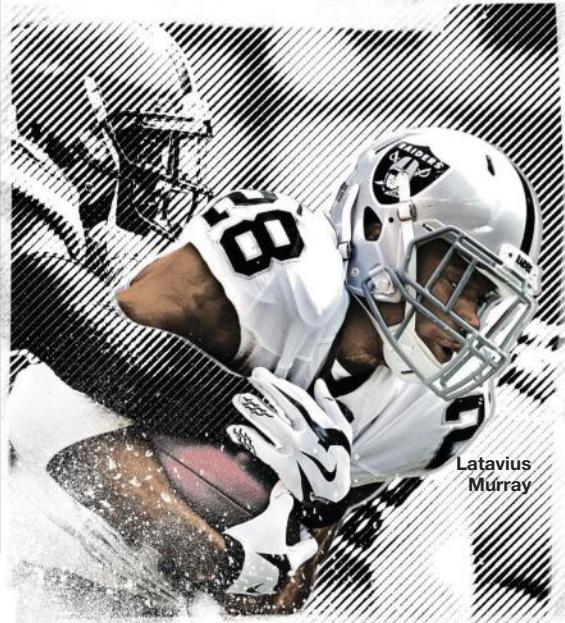
Matt Ryan threw four red zone interceptions last season. Only Eli Manning had more.



Matt Ryan



T.J. Yeldon



Latavius Murray

BEAUTY'S

If you're tunnel-visioned on your early draft picks, you're doing it wrong. Finding talent and value in the mid-to-late rounds—that's how you build a championship squad in fantasy. Here are five undervalued players to keep on your radar.

BY MATT BOWEN

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SLEEPERS



No. 1

DeMarco Murray

Running back

Tennessee Titans

► Once a hot fantasy pick, Murray will no doubt slide on draft boards after a 2015 season in Philly that can only be described as a bust. The lack of production (702 yards rushing, six TDs), odd playcalling under Chip Kelly and a lowly 3.6 yards per carry? That won't cut it. But after signing with the Titans this offseason, Murray is back in an offense that caters to his skill set.

In Tennessee, Murray is an RB1, and the offense will feature more downhill schemes. Think of those zone runs for Murray to find daylight or the power schemes that allow the running back to read a block-and-go.

And don't forget the consistent threat that QB Marcus Mariota brings to the field as a runner. If the Titans increase his workload and use more zone-read schemes, there will be seams for Murray to attack when the defense has to account for Mariota on the edge.

Even so, Murray won't suddenly rip off numbers like he did in 2014 with the Cowboys (1,845 yards, 13 TDs). That Dallas offensive line won't show up at the Titans' facility tomorrow, and the club drafted Alabama RB Derrick Henry. (There's your late-round handcuff.) But Tennessee will run under coach Mike Mularkey, playing a physical style that will keep its young QB out of adverse situations. That means Murray will be in an offense that will maximize his talent. A starter in the fifth or sixth round? That's a steal.

Other RB sleepers to watch

Karlos Williams, Bills
Missed the majority of the 2015 season with injuries, but his nine TDs still tied a Bills rookie record.

Duke Johnson, Browns
The second-leading receiver on the team in 2015 with 61 catches, fourth among RBs.

Dion Lewis, Patriots
Flashed his potential as a receiving back before tearing his ACL in Week 9.

Players to Watch

No. 2

Derek Carr

Quarterback

Oakland Raiders

► Mark our words: The third-year pro will be a fantasy star. In 2015, Carr threw for 3,987 yards and 32 touchdowns, quietly putting together a monster fantasy season with 262 total points,

good for 13th overall. And he's just getting started. Consider the talent base being built around the Fresno State product in Oakland: Amari Cooper is a stud, with the smooth route-running and explosive-play ability to put up big numbers. Veteran Michael

Crabtree is a consistent, reliable target outside the numbers. And tight end Clive Walford has the ability to develop into a solid middle-of-the-field option.

In offensive coordinator Bill Musgrave's system, which combines pro-style and spread concepts

behind an upgraded (and massive) offensive line, Carr will have the ability to throw to all three levels of the field. Think of the quick wide receiver screens, the intermediate route tree and the deep shots over the top. He's a gunslinger with a cannon arm, which can get him

into trouble. But the young QB has developed a nice passing touch.

Carr won't fly below the radar in upcoming drafts, but he's not coming off the board before the likes of Cam Newton or Aaron Rodgers. He's not in their class—yet. Because of that,



owners can address other positions and come back to scoop up Carr in the middle rounds. That's quality value for a high-upside QB1.

Other QB sleepers to watch

Marcus Mariota, Titans
2,818 pass yards, 19 TDs last season.

Jay Cutler, Bears
Career-high 92.3 passer rating in 2015.

Matthew Stafford, Lions
67.2 completion percentage, 32 TDs in '15.

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Carr had multiple TDs in 11 of 16 games last season. He tied for seventh overall in TD passes with 32.



No. 3

Chris Hogan

Wide receiver

New England Patriots

► Hogan caught 36 passes (on 59 targets) for 450 yards and a couple of scores last season. No one is throwing him the ball in Buffalo. In New England? Come on.

Working with Tom Brady in an offense that plays at a lightning-fast pace, Hogan should have at least 50 catches. Brady is a surgeon on short and intermediate

routes, a great fit for the veteran receiver given his route-running skills, toughness and production after the catch. Hogan also brings size (6-foot-1, 220 pounds) to New England, which is key in the red zone and the middle of the field, where Brady loves to squeeze the ball into tight windows. You need durable guys in this system, and Hogan has played in all 16 games in each of the past three seasons.

With the addition of tight end Martellus Bennett to

pair with Rob Gronkowski, the Patriots are following an old blueprint with two big boys at the position. Spreading the field frees up wide receivers to run inside breaking routes to slice up defenses. Hogan and Julian Edelman are perfect fits for the Patriots' new game plan and personnel.

Hogan isn't a WR1. But for owners who want a WR2/flex play with some real upside, he's your man.

Other WR sleepers to watch

Dorial Green-Beckham, Titans Five games in 2015 without a catch but two with more than 110 yards.

Nelson Agholor, Eagles 23 catches for 283 yards and a TD in 13 games.

J.J. Nelson, Cardinals 11 receptions, 27.2 yards per reception.

Players to Watch

No. 4

Sammie Coates

Wide receiver

Pittsburgh Steelers

► Buried on the Steelers' depth chart and underdeveloped as a route runner coming out of Auburn, the 6-1, 212-pound receiver essentially took a redshirt season in 2015: just three receptions as a rookie. But with the NFL handing down a one-year suspension to Martavis Bryant and the expected second-year developmental jump for Coates, the young wideout is in a position to see his snaps—and production—climb.

Coates has rare talent too.

Along with the frame to create leverage to the ball, he has true 4.4 speed, which is key in a Steelers system built for Ben Roethlisberger to throw. There will be chances to produce in an offense that's a nightmare for opposing teams to plan for.

Veteran teammate Markus Wheaton should be penciled in as the WR2 behind all-world wide receiver Antonio Brown, but don't sleep on Coates. Even if he's the No. 3 for Pittsburgh, this is an offense that loves to roll out three-receiver sets to light up opposing secondaries. Coates is a prime example

of a late-round sleeper who could provide fantasy owners some unexpected production as a flex-play option in 2016.

Other WR sleepers to watch

DeVante Parker, Dolphins
26 receptions, 494 receiving yards in 2015.

Jaelen Strong, Texans
Three TDs in '15, but watch for a possible suspension after a February arrest on a drug charge.

Kevin White, Bears Missed the 2015 season with a stress fracture in his left shin but led all WRs at the '14 combine with a 4.35 40.

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Coates caught just three passes last season but will likely replace Bryant, who had 64 catches and seven TDs.



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No. 5

Zach Miller

Tight end

Chicago Bears

► After the eight-week run Miller went on to close out 2015, the tight end isn't an unknown coming into this season. In fact, he's one of Jay Cutler's top targets, especially with Martellus Bennett gone, and he has the numbers to prove it. During the first half of last season, Miller posted just three fantasy points in ESPN standard-scoring leagues. But from Weeks 9 to 17, he caught 31 passes for 404 yards and five TDs, racking up 66 points. He can play. But Miller is still a second-tier option at the position, and that offers value for owners looking for a tight end later in the draft.

Miller has good straight-line speed and above-average route-running ability. He's not a mauler at the point of attack, but he understands how to use his frame to shield defenders from the ball. That shows up on the inside seam (where Cutler can rip it), the quick-out cuts and the option routes underneath. Miller also displayed formation versatility in Adam Gase's system when he aligned as

a receiver removed from the core of the formation. That's how you create trouble for defenses in the pro game: Get the tight end matched up against a smaller cornerback outside the numbers.

Gase has moved on to take the Dolphins' head job, but the Bears promoted from within, bumping up QB coach Dowell Loggains to offensive coordinator. Expect carryover from Gase's game plan, a positive for Cutler and Miller. And the wide receiver group, when healthy, will allow Miller to see plenty of one-on-ones. If Miller can replicate the production he showed during the second half of 2015, owners will be in luck. There are limited options at the position. Miss on Rob Gronkowski, Jordan Reed, Tyler Eifert and Greg Olsen and you have a fallback plan in Miller.

Other TE sleepers to watch

Jace Amaro, Jets Missed 2015 with a torn labrum; 38 receptions in 2014.

Clive Walford, Raiders 28 catches, 329 yards in '15.

Maxx Williams, Ravens The rookie caught six passes for 53 yards in the season-finale loss to the Bengals.



WORKING THE WIRE

BY FIELD YATES



Here's a dirty little secret about

fantasy football:

If you win your

league this year, it will probably be on the strength of astute waiver-wire transactions, not the draft. See, of the top 20 average draft position (ADP) players last season, only one—Falcons wideout Julio Jones—was also among the 10 most common players on ESPN Fantasy championship teams (in 10-team standard-scoring leagues). In fact, Jones, who racked up the second-most points among non-quarterbacks last season, was taken, on average, at slot 17.7. That's the middle to end of the second round, depending

on the size of the league.

This revelation isn't

to devalue your draft.

That's still important.

Adrian Peterson (first) and Antonio Brown (sixth) were among players taken in the top 10 of ADP who provided expected return on investment. But others, like Aaron Rodgers (10th) and DeMarco Murray (eighth), definitely did not. Struggling stars like these coupled with emerging talent and injuries make a waiver strategy crucial. No two leagues are the same, and fantasy football is still a projection game, but these five tips should help you maximize your waiver-wire output and stay in the game.



No. 1

Think volume, then touchdowns

► We all chase players who are frequent visitors to the end zone, but unfortunately, touchdowns are not especially predictable. Not a single player among non-kickers has finished in the top 10 in points scored (real points, not fantasy) in each of the past three years. Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown has done so in each of the past two seasons, but he's the only player who has done that. High touchdown

counts can be difficult to sustain.

In 2013, then-Chargers wide receiver Eddie Royal dashed out of the gates with five touchdowns in his first two games, becoming a jewel on the waiver wire. But it was hardly a surprise when he regressed to the mean, totaling three more touchdowns the rest of the season. There were plenty of telltale signs that a normalizing period was ahead: For instance,

those first five touchdowns came on just 10 catches. So rather than fixating on touchdowns, think volume. Pay attention to targets for pass catchers and snaps played; check to see how many total touches a running back sees. Over the course of a 16-game season, a running back who is getting 12 to 15 touches per game is going to carry some level of fantasy relevance. Track those signs early.

No. 2

Keep a reserve

► For leagues with a free agent acquisition budget (FAAB), here's a tip: Always have some dough on hand. **Tim Hightower** is a good example of why this is important. The Saints RB was a late-season pickup (he didn't make meaningful fantasy contributions until Week 14), similar to Cardinals running back David Johnson. Johnson had been an impact player as a returner and part-time back, but he took over as the starter in December and carried the team to the NFC championship game.

Another reality of late-season roster management (especially for those using two-week finals in Weeks 16 and 17) is acquiring players on the waiver wire who are seeing the field because their teams have locked in a particular playoff seed and are resting starters. That wide receiver who normally sees most of his time on special teams might find room in your fantasy lineup. So how much money do you need entering the championship of your league? Ten percent of your total budget is a reasonable barometer.

No. 3

Play defense to play offense



► No matter the size of your league, you are never managing your roster independent of every other team. Be mindful of your counterparts. In a 16-team league last year, I co-owned a team on which we had three rostered quarterbacks. As the trade deadline approached, we received offers from other members of the league, and despite the reality that two of our quarterbacks were going to be on the bench each week, the offers simply weren't sufficient. Why? Because trading away one of our quarterbacks for

50 cents on the dollar to a team that was in our neighborhood of the standings would have strengthened said team and brought us minimal return. Another example: If a player is available on waivers who doesn't have immediate value to you but could to other owners—including your next opponent—adding that player with the intent to trade him has value too. Manage your own roster first, but being familiar with the goings-on of your league mates will help you do that.

No. 4

Establish wiggle-room value for each player on your roster

► There's an opportunity cost involved with every waiver transaction: Adding a player means the removal of another (or perhaps sliding that player into an injury slot). Determining not just which players are expendable but when they are expendable is essential.

That can be tough, as evidenced by Packers running back **Eddie Lacy**. The first quarter of his 2014 season was uninspiring at best: 161 rushing yards and just one touchdown in four games. But Lacy bounced back in a major way over the final 12 games, scoring 12 total touchdowns and rushing for at least 97 yards on six occasions. In 2015, Lacy went through an early stretch with just 44 fantasy

points in seven games. He semi-salvaged his value with three 100-plus-yard games in a four-week stretch, but the bottom line was that people who might have moved on from Lacy weren't scorched. Patience can pay off or, conversely, leave you wondering what could have been. Look, this is the least scientific tip of the bunch: It comes down to gut and a game of projection with 22 variables—the players on the field—on each play. Trust the process leading up to your decision-making. The larger the investment in the player (be it a higher draft pick or high price tag), the more patience you are likely to exhibit. But deciding just how patient you are willing to be is critical.

No. 5

Identify handcuffs and invest early

► In a vacuum, there is no more valuable asset in fantasy than a workhorse RB1. And incumbent to owning any stud running back is also investing in his backup—known in the fantasy world as a handcuff. In the case of some handcuffs, the player might provide little to no value for your roster other than security. But the payoff of a handcuff can be monumental: [DeAngelo Williams](#) was signed to back up Le'Veon Bell in Pittsburgh last season, and many (present company included) assumed that Williams' most significant value would come in the first two weeks of the season while Bell sat out due to suspension. Some cut bait on Williams after Bell returned, and in the following five-game

stretch Williams carried the ball just 13 times for 35 yards. But those who hung tight were rewarded: Williams carried the load in the eight games Bell later missed due to a knee injury—137 rushes for 597 yards and eight TDs.

It's also smart to stay on top of running back depth charts. Tim Hightower was unemployed on Halloween of last year before hitching back on with the Saints. Following a late-season injury to Mark Ingram, Hightower had 84 carries for 327 yards and four touchdowns in four games. No player was more commonly owned on championship rosters among 10-team ESPN standard-scoring leagues than Hightower (33.6 percent).

10 notable RBs for 2016 and their handcuffs

Adrian Peterson

► [Jerick McKinnon](#)

Le'Veon Bell

► [DeAngelo Williams](#)

Todd Gurley

► [Tre Mason](#)

David Johnson

► [Chris Johnson](#)

Doug Martin

► [Charles Sims](#)

LeSean McCoy

► [Karlos Williams](#)

Devonta Freeman

► [Tevin Coleman](#)

Lamar Miller

► [Alfred Blue](#)

Jonathan Stewart

► [Cameron Artis-Payne](#)

Ezekiel Elliott

► [Darren McFadden](#)



CRACKING INJURY CO.

BY STEPHANIA BELL

→ You can do endless research, draft the world's best fantasy team and snag the league's best free agents, but the injury bug can strike at any time—and there's nothing you can do about it. Well, almost nothing. Every NFL team is required to submit injury reports to the league several times a week, and despite the lack of groundbreaking information contained within, there are hints sprinkled throughout. Hints you can decode. Here's what to look for as you prepare for Sunday afternoon.

Can you please expand on that?

► Coaches are well-versed in saying little, especially when talking about injuries. Leading up to Week 4 last season, Indy's Chuck Pagano refused to offer substantial updates about Andrew Luck's shoulder injury. He expressed "supreme confidence" on Wednesday that Luck would play, before following up and saying he was still "absolutely" confident on Friday—despite Matt Hasselbeck's taking all first-team reps in practice. Luck sat that week—and the next. No coach is more opaque than the Patriots' Bill Belichick. When asked about Rob Gronkowski's knee injury ahead of a Week 14 game against Houston, Belichick

responded, "We'll list on the injury report whatever his situation is." Not terribly helpful. Other coaches can be refreshingly candid, though. Denver's Gary Kubiak offered meaningful updates when Peyton Manning's plantar fascia tear sidelined him in November, going into detail regarding his workouts and even sharing that he would be in a cast for "at least a week." In October, Bills coach Rex Ryan told reporters that Tyrod Taylor was "beat up right now" and hadn't been 100 percent all season. Then there are the hybrids—Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin says little but is direct. **The lesson:** Know the coach before you read too far into what he's telling you.



THE DEF



Pay attention to practice

► We've all been there. Your fantasy matchup is shaping up just dandy until you get that late-week alert that your star popped up on the injury report. Cause for concern? You bet. A late addition usually signals a new injury, and while those cases don't typically keep a player from dressing, his production usually takes a big hit. In Week 14 last season, receiver Jordan Matthews was added to the Eagles' injury report on Saturday with a back injury. He played Sunday but was held to 19 yards. In November, Seattle's Marshawn Lynch showed up on Friday's injury report with an abdominal injury despite practicing in full on Thursday. He ultimately played but rushed just eight times and missed the rest of the regular season. Picking up on practice trends over the course of the week can also be helpful. In Week 8, Cardinals wideout John

Brown returned to limited practice Friday after sitting out Wednesday and Thursday with a sore hamstring, but even coach Bruce Arians said he didn't see much in that Friday practice. Brown was active that week, but he remained on the sideline. The clues were there for fantasy owners to look elsewhere.

The true area of concern lies in DNP designations on Thursday and Friday. Many veterans are granted Wednesdays off but still play that week. In fact, a

player sat Wednesday but returned in some capacity for Thursday and Friday 133 times last season. Only six of those resulted in the player missing Sunday's game. Instead, the drop in probability of playing comes when a player misses Thursday (27.4 percent)—and especially Friday (14.4 percent). Missing both? The chance of playing drops to 5 percent. **The lesson:** Pay no heed to Wednesday, but a missed Thursday or Friday practice probably means no Sunday game.

AVOIDING THE SIDELINE

Although a limited practice presents a 75 percent to 80 percent chance that a player will play on Sunday, a missed practice on Thursday and/or Friday is ominous.

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LIMITED IN PRACTICE	77.8%	79.9%	76.7%
DID NOT PRACTICE	50.9%	27.4%	14.4%

Data from players who accumulated at least 50 standard fantasy points last season; does not include players on the PUP list or IR.

Active doesn't mean healthy

► Repeat injuries are frequent in the NFL, especially the soft-tissue variety. Muscle strains in speedsters and rapid-change-of-direction guys might be the riskiest when it comes to setbacks, making the term "aggravation" equally applicable to players and their fantasy owners. And coming back early only increases the odds of injuries returning.

"Athletes who return to play prior to full recovery from an injury risk not only an extended period of rehabilitation but also the possibility of a more serious condition, even surgery," says Rams team doctor Matthew Matava. Consider the Bills' LeSean McCoy, who suffered a hamstring injury in the 2015 preseason (see below). The running back suited up

in Week 1 despite saying he wasn't 100 percent healthy, and sure enough, persistent issues eventually kept him out two games. Everything pointed to the injury popping back up, and the savvy owner would have scooped up second-stringer Karlos Williams (70 total yards and a TD in Week 4 against the Giants). **The lesson:** Handcuff players nursing injuries.

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

After a preseason hamstring injury, LeSean McCoy declared himself ready for Week 1—but it quickly became obvious that playing at less than 100 percent would soon cause him to miss time. After Week 3 against Miami, coach Rex Ryan said McCoy was playing on "one and a half legs." Here is how the running back's injury report and production progressed:

WEEK	WED	THURS	FRI	SCRIMMAGE YARDS	FANTASY POINTS	
1	FULL	FULL	FULL	87	8	PLAYS WEEK 1 BUT IS NOT AT 100 PERCENT
2	FULL	LIMITED	LIMITED	116	10	LEAVES THURSDAY PRACTICE
3	OUT	FULL	LIMITED	26	8	LEAVES SUNDAY'S GAME EARLY
4	OUT	OUT	OUT			OUT, SAYING HE WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL HE IS 100 PERCENT THIS TIME
5	OUT	OUT	OUT			OUT FOR A SECOND WEEK, WITH A GRADE 2 HAMSTRING PULL
6	LIMITED	LIMITED	FULL	94	15	RETURNS HEALTHY

READY TO MOCK!

BY MATTHEW BERRY



I know what you're thinking. You read the Antonio Brown piece (page 6), you read the Love/Hate piece (page 30) and you're just sitting there, waiting for the complaint. "What's wrong with this assignment, Berry?" I can practically hear you wondering.

The answer? Absolutely nothing. You want me to write up a mock draft? I get to sit in judgment of my fellow fantasy colleagues and mock them? For picks they made in early May? While I don't have to draft? *Dude!* Sign me up.

I was actually unavail-

able when the gang got together to do this mock draft, so I get to come at it fresh. Note that it's set up for ESPN standard-league rules: 10 teams, standard scoring, one QB, two RBs, two WRs, TE, flex (RB/WR/TE), K, D/ST and a seven-man bench.

Here's who is playing, in order of their randomly selected draft order:

Tristan H. Cockcroft, ESPN.com fantasy analyst and FSWA Hall of Famer

Anita Marks, ESPN New York radio personality and fantasy contributor

Eric Karabell, ESPN.com fantasy analyst and FSWA Hall of Famer

Mike Clay, new ESPN.com fantasy analyst and FSTA Award winner

Jim McCormick, ESPN.com fantasy analyst and IDP specialist

Michael Smith, new *Fantasy Football Now* host

Ken Daube, ESPN.com fantasy analyst and ESPN radio contributor

Tom Carpenter, ESPN.com fantasy editor

Field Yates, ESPN Insider and *Fantasy Focus* podcast co-host

KC Joyner, aka the Football Scientist, ESPN.com fantasy analyst
Here we go.

Round 1

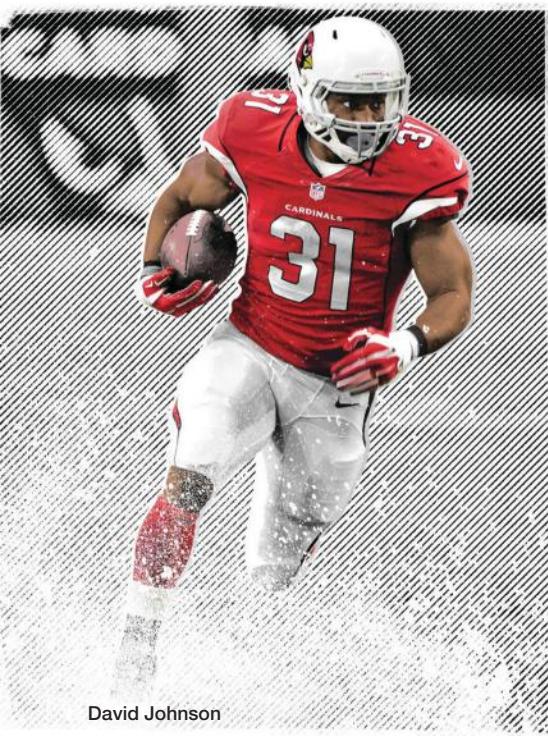
1	Cockcroft	WR Antonio Brown, PIT
2	Marks	WR Odell Beckham Jr., NYG
3	Karabell	WR Julio Jones, ATL
4	Clay	RB Le'Veon Bell, PIT
5	McCormick	WR DeAndre Hopkins, HOU
6	Smith	RB Ezekiel Elliott, DAL
7	Daube	RB Adrian Peterson, MIN
8	Carpenter	TE Rob Gronkowski, NE
9	Yates	RB Todd Gurley, LA
10	Joyner	RB Devonta Freeman, ATL

Pick I like

► Well, it's Round 1. They're all great. But Daube getting Adrian Peterson seventh overall is pretty sweet. The second-best RB in fantasy last season, Peterson has seven seasons in which he's played at least 12 games. He's averaged 100 total yards per game and scored double-digit TDs in six. There might be others with more upside, but he's the safest early-round running back.

Pick I don't

► I get it. Ezekiel Elliott is a stud, and he's running behind Dallas' line, with that control-the-clock system that makes your fantasy heart go pitter-patter. I have him as my RB4. But the second RB off the board? A little pricey given that we've never seen him play an NFL down. Since 2008, there have been 17 other first-round RBs in the NFL draft. Only two were top-10 fantasy RBs their rookie season.



David Johnson



Carlos Hyde

Round 2

1	Joyer	WR A.J. Green, CIN
2	Yates	RB David Johnson, ARI
3	Carpenter	RB Eddie Lacy, GB
4	Daube	WR Allen Robinson, JAC
5	Smith	TE Jordan Reed, WAS
6	McCormick	WR Dez Bryant, DAL
7	Clay	WR Sammy Watkins, BUF
8	Karabell	RB Doug Martin, TB
9	Marks	RB Mark Ingram, NO
10	Cockcroft	WR Jordy Nelson, GB

Pick I like

► Field getting David Johnson in the second round is highway robbery. The Arizona back scored or had at least 120 total yards in six of his last seven games.

Pick I don't

► Here's the thing. I actually buy the Eddie Lacy bounce-back stuff—the weight loss, the contract-year focus, all of it. And yet, taking Lacy early in the second drains potential upside. If he bounces back, he'll earn that draft spot, but that's it. Plus, looking good in April isn't looking good in September. With guys like Mark Ingram and Doug Martin still out there, this struck me as too early.

Round 3

1	Cockcroft	RB Lamar Miller, HOU
2	Marks	QB Cam Newton, CAR
3	Karabell	WR Brandon Marshall, NYJ
4	Clay	RB Jamaal Charles, KC
5	McCormick	RB LeSean McCoy, BUF
6	Smith	WR Mike Evans, TB
7	Daube	WR Demaryius Thomas, DEN
8	Carpenter	WR Alshon Jeffery, CHI
9	Yates	WR Keenan Allen, SD
10	Joyer	RB Thomas Rawls, SEA

Pick I like

► How about a pick I *loved*? Lamar Miller in the third makes me want to kiss Tristan. The past two years, no RB with at least 400 carries has had more yards per carry. And he's fourth in rushing yards while averaging about 200 carries a season. Now he goes to the team that had the second-most rush attempts the past two seasons. You can make a strong argument for him in the first.

Pick I don't

► Cam Newton is awesome, and I get it, but I do *not* want to be the first person to draft a QB this year. At least not in the third. I mean, Aaron Rodgers went in the sixth in this draft. (I cheated and peeked ahead.) Much too early, given who else is on the board.

Round 4

1	Joyer	WR Brandin Cooks, NO
2	Yates	RB Jonathan Stewart, CAR
3	Carpenter	RB C.J. Anderson, DEN
4	Daube	RB Matt Forte, NYJ
5	Smith	WR T.Y. Hilton, IND
6	McCormick	WR Amari Cooper, OAK
7	Clay	RB Carlos Hyde, SF
8	Karabell	RB Dion Lewis, NE
9	Marks	WR Kelvin Benjamin, CAR
10	Cockcroft	RB DeMarco Murray, TEN

Pick I like

► I like almost all these running backs. But I especially like Field and Mike getting Jonathan Stewart and Carlos Hyde, respectively, even though each already had two running backs. In both cases, I think the RB value there is greater than at the other positions—better to grab an area of strength for depth than chase a subpar position based on need. It's a marathon, not a sprint.

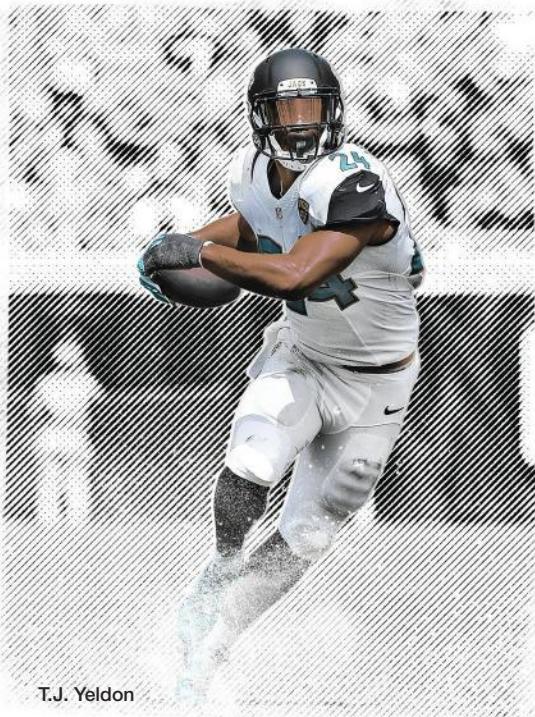
Pick I don't

► Tristan's DeMarco Murray pick smells like, "I need a running back, and he's all that's left." I don't hate it, but I think there's a lot of risk with Murray this year (Derrick Henry, new team, Murray being a malcontent, etc.). Also, there were other running backs available with more of the job to themselves.

Mock Draft



Julian Edelman



T.J. Yeldon

Round 5

1	Cockcroft	RB Latavius Murray, OAK
2	Marks	RB Jay Ajayi, MIA
3	Karabell	WR Doug Baldwin, SEA
4	Clay	TE Greg Olsen, CAR
5	McCormick	RB Ryan Mathews, SD
6	Smith	WR Jarvis Landry, MIA
7	Daube	WR Randall Cobb, GB
8	Carpenter	RB Melvin Gordon, SD
9	Yates	WR Eric Decker, NYJ
10	Joyner	WR Julian Edelman, NE

Pick I like

► Randall Cobb by Ken and Julian Edelman by KC are two wideouts who fell way too far. With Jordy Nelson back, Cobb should resume borderline-top-10 numbers, and through the first nine weeks of last season (before he got hurt), Edelman was the seventh-best wide receiver in fantasy.

Pick I don't

► Sorry, Tristan, but you clearly didn't read "Love/Hate" before taking Latavius Murray as a top-20 back. It's a risky pick with higher-upside RBs out there.

Round 6

1	Joyner	WR Michael Floyd, ARI
2	Yates	RB Frank Gore, IND
3	Carpenter	RB Jeremy Hill, CIN
4	Daube	QB Aaron Rodgers, GB
5	Smith	QB Russell Wilson, SEA
6	McCormick	WR Jeremy Maclin, KC
7	Clay	WR Donte Moncrief, IND
8	Karabell	RB Justin Forsett, BAL
9	Marks	WR Golden Tate, DET
10	Cockcroft	WR DeVante Parker, MIA

Pick I like

► Field and I have discussed on our podcast how Frank Gore is way undervalued, so I'm not surprised to see Field snag him. Gore is older, but the line has improved, and the offense will be better with Andrew Luck back. RB is sneakily deeper than in recent memory. But I really like Anita's Golden Tate pick. He's underrated as the new No. 1 option in a pass-first offense.

Pick I don't

► With A.J. Green, Brandin Cooks and Julian Edelman on his roster, KC is already strong at WR. So with only Devonta Freeman and Thomas Rawls on his team (RBs with relatively short résumés), Michael Floyd seems like a wasted pick. Floyd is solid but not significantly better than a receiver KC could have gotten in the next round or later.

Round 7

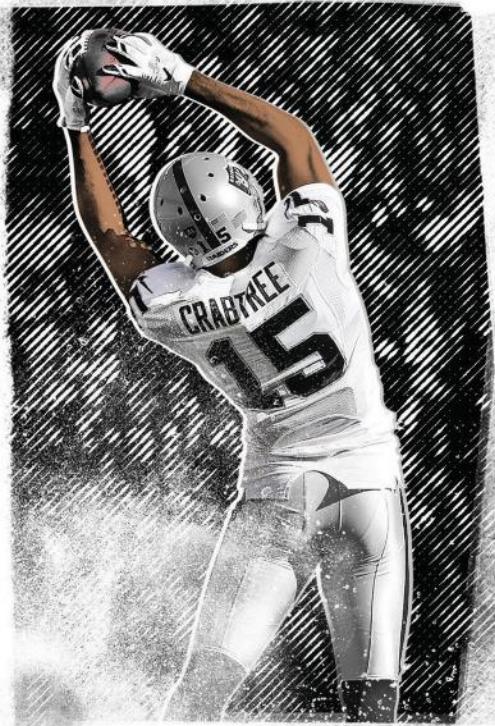
1	Cockcroft	RB T.J. Yeldon, JAC
2	Marks	TE Delanie Walker, TEN
3	Karabell	WR Emmanuel Sanders, DEN
4	Clay	WR DeSean Jackson, WAS
5	McCormick	RB Matt Jones, WAS
6	Smith	RB Derrick Henry, TEN
7	Daube	TE Tyler Eifert, CIN
8	Carpenter	WR Allen Hurns, JAC
9	Yates	WR Marvin Jones, DET
10	Joyner	RB Jeremy Langford, CHI

Pick I like

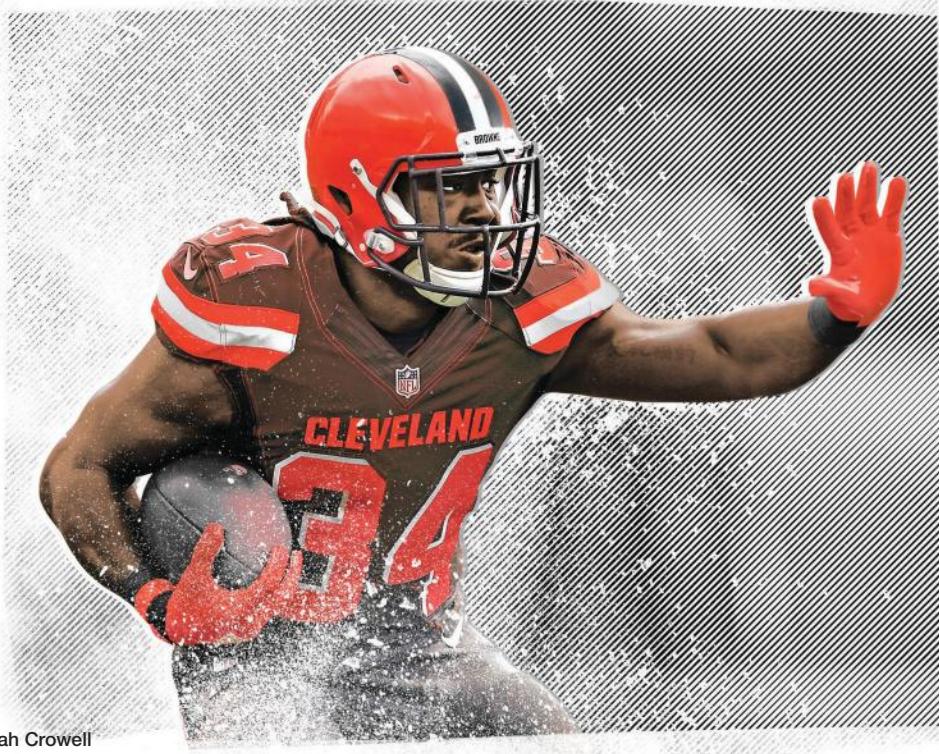
► Yes, I expect a downgrade for Emmanuel Sanders. But this far? I think people forget that Peyton Manning and Brock Osweiler weren't very good last season either and Sanders finished as the 18th-best WR. He's a nice pick at WR29 for Eric. Also, Matt Jones and Jeremy Langford are high-upside, low-risk guys—very nice values in the seventh.

Pick I don't

► Derrick Henry by Michael Smith: With Jeremy Langford still out there, this is an odd time to grab a backup with an unsure role. Henry is only Michael's second RB (along with Zeke) drafted so far. I've played fantasy against Michael for years, so I know he always blows off RB and scrounges during the season, but so far not loving his overall roster construction.



Michael Crabtree



Isaiah Crowell

Round 8

1 Joyner	RB Duke Johnson Jr., CLE
2 Yates	WR Sterling Shepard, NYG
3 Carpenter	RB Giovani Bernard, CIN
4 Daube	RB Jordan Howard, CHI
5 Smith	RB Chris Ivory, JAC
6 McCormick	WR John Brown, ARI
7 Clay	WR Larry Fitzgerald, ARI
8 Karabell	RB Arian Foster, FA
9 Marks	RB Danny Woodhead, SD
10 Cockcroft	WR Jordan Matthews, PHI

Pick I like

► Jim getting John Brown here is fantastic. Last season's 23rd-best fantasy WR figures to only get better. He's the main deep threat on a team that likes to throw deep—WR34 is too late for him. Well done, Jim. Jordan Matthews at the end of the eighth is also a nice grab, as is Danny Woodhead—you know, the guy Rivers actually trusts in the red zone?

Pick I don't

► I know people don't like Jeremy Langford, and Jordan Howard is a sleeper for many, but this is too early for a guy who, as of this writing, hasn't even beaten out Ka'Deem Carey for backup duty. I don't mind Howard—there's certainly upside there—but not in Round 8. Ken went too early for this kind of flier, especially given what's still out there.

Round 9

1 Cockcroft	WR Corey Coleman, CLE
2 Marks	WR Tyler Lockett, SEA
3 Karabell	WR Kevin White, CHI
4 Clay	WR Laquon Treadwell, MIN
5 McCormick	RB Karlos Williams, BUF
6 Smith	TE Coby Fleener, NO
7 Daube	WR Josh Gordon, CLE
8 Carpenter	WR Michael Crabtree, OAK
9 Yates	QB Drew Brees, NO
10 Joyner	TE Ladarius Green, PIT

Pick I like

► Michael Crabtree was lying in the weeds. Just 28, Crabtree, for the second time, caught at least 85 balls and scored nine touchdowns last season. Calvin Johnson had two such seasons in his entire career. Julio Jones and Andre Johnson have combined for one such season. I expect even more improvement from Derek Carr, so Crabtree at WR42? Awesome.

Pick I don't

► I don't mind fliers on receivers, and Laquon Treadwell has all sorts of crazy talent. But considering that the Vikings attempted the fewest passes in the NFL last season, that they threw just six TDs to WRs, that Stefon Diggs is still on the board and that Treadwell is a young 21, this is too early. It's also way too early for the unproven Ladarius Green, especially considering who else is left at TE.

Round 10

1 Joyner	RB Tevin Coleman, ATL
2 Yates	RB Isaiah Crowell, CLE
3 Carpenter	QB Tom Brady, NE
4 Daube	QB Andrew Luck, IND
5 Smith	RB Ameer Abdullah, DET
6 McCormick	QB Ben Roethlisberger, PIT
7 Clay	WR Michael Thomas, NO
8 Karabell	QB Carson Palmer, ARI
9 Marks	WR Dorial Green-Beckham, TEN
10 Cockcroft	TE Travis Kelce, KC

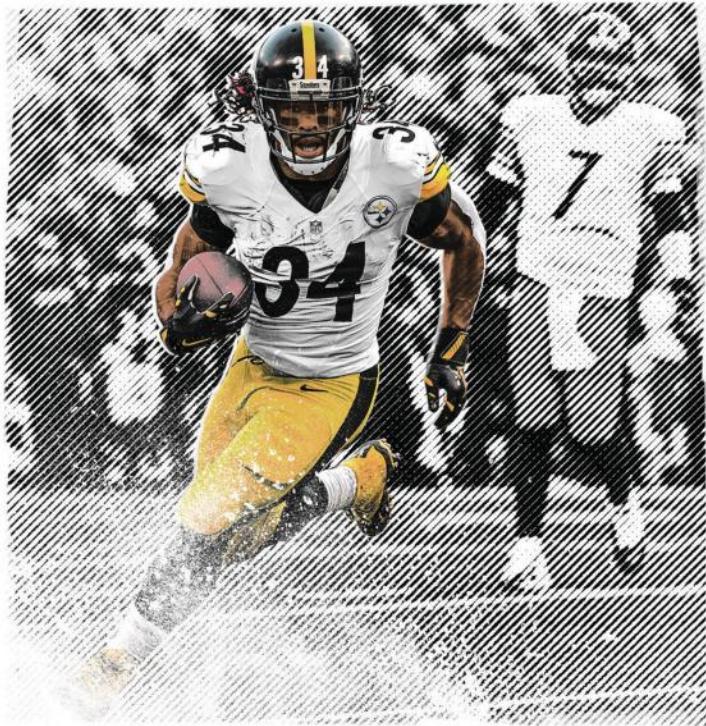
Pick I like

► The you-can-wait-on-a-position guys: Ben Roethlisberger to Jim, Carson Palmer to Eric, Travis Kelce to Tristan and—my favorite of the faves—Tom Brady to Tom. QB is so deep, Tom can pair Brady with a good QB for the first four weeks and get top-five production. I'm also pro-handcuff in the right situation, so I like KC's Tevin Coleman pick here to back up his Freeman pick.

Pick I don't

► Andrew Luck. I love the value, but Ken already has Rodgers on his team, so this seems like a waste. In a normal league, this would be fine. I like grabbing the best player available as opposed to reaching for a lesser talent at another position. But knowing everyone in this league, Ken will be hard-pressed to trade a QB, given the depth of the position and our experts' attitudes.

Mock Draft



DeAngelo Williams



Tyrod Taylor

Round 11

1 Cockcroft	RB Rashard Jennings, NYG
2 Marks	QB Eli Manning, NYG
3 Karabell	QB Philip Rivers, SD
4 Clay	RB Kenneth Dixon, BAL
5 McCormick	RB Devontae Booker, DEN
6 Smith	D/ST Arizona Cardinals
7 Daube	RB C.J. Prosise, SEA
8 Carpenter	QB Matthew Stafford, DET
9 Yates	TE Zach Ertz, PHI
10 Joyner	QB Blake Bortles, JAC

Pick I like

► Kenneth Dixon. This is a nice snag here for Mike, who gets a talented rookie and a perfect fit for Marc Trestman's offense. Dixon has only the 30-year-old Justin Forsett, who's coming off an injury, ahead of him. I also love the Matthew Stafford pick by Tom. At Colts, vs. Titans, at Packers, at Bears—that's a nice first four games for Stafford as he waits for Brady.

Pick I don't

► Philip Rivers. With Eric already having Carson Palmer, I would have preferred that he got Dixon to back up his Justin Forsett pick. Instead, Mike snags him one pick later. Also, a little early for a defense.

Round 12

1 Joyner	RB Charcandrick West, KC
2 Yates	WR Will Fuller, HOU
3 Carpenter	WR Stefon Diggs, MIN
4 Daube	D/ST Denver Broncos
5 Smith	RB DeAngelo Williams, PIT
6 McCormick	RB Wendell Smallwood, PHI
7 Clay	QB Tony Romo, DAL
8 Karabell	RB LeGarrette Blount, NE
9 Marks	WR Josh Doctson, WAS
10 Cockcroft	RB Charles Sims, TB

Pick I like

► Considering the concerns about Le'Veon Bell's health at the time of this draft and Michael's overall RB situation, DeAngelo Williams is an inspired pick with tremendous upside. I also like grabbing Wendell Smallwood here. Smallwood could easily have a lot of value this season given the injury history of Ryan Mathews. The fact that Jim already has Mathews? Even better.

Pick I don't

► Although there's really no such thing as a bad pick in Round 12 or later, I don't love Field's Will Fuller selection. He's a rookie with upside in a revamped Texans offense, but Field already has rookie Sterling Shepard (love him) and Marvin Jones, who's on a new team. Field has Keenan Allen as No. 1 (better as No. 2), so I'd have preferred a more known quantity with upside, like Stefon Diggs or Torrey Smith.

Round 13

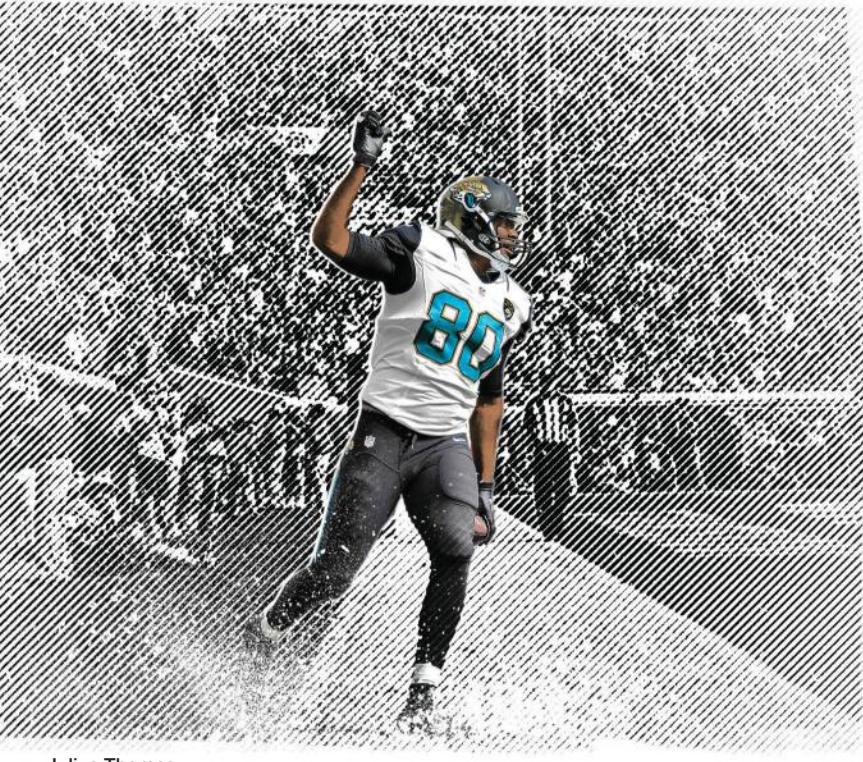
1 Cockcroft	D/ST Seattle Seahawks
2 Marks	D/ST Carolina Panthers
3 Karabell	WR Tavon Austin, LA
4 Clay	QB Tyrod Taylor, BUF
5 McCormick	QB Marcus Mariota, TEN
6 Smith	RB DeAndre Washington, OAK
7 Daube	K Stephen Gostkowski, NE
8 Carpenter	WR Torrey Smith, SF
9 Yates	WR Jeff Janis, GB
10 Joyner	QB Kirk Cousins, WAS

Pick I like

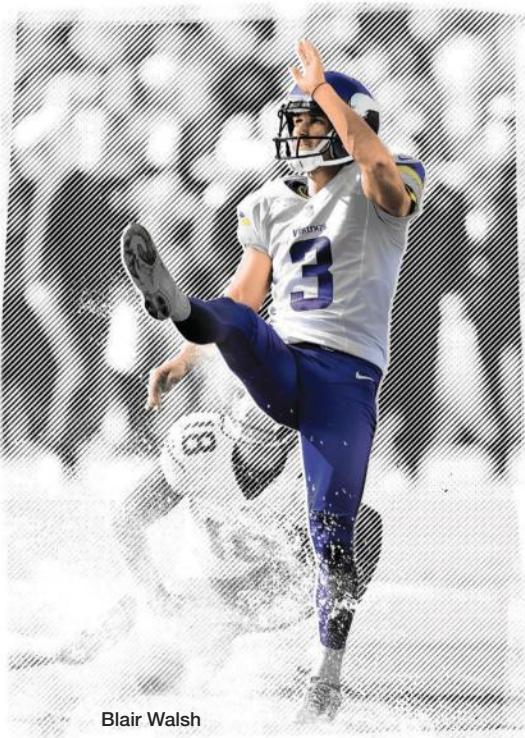
► Tyrod Taylor. Among QBs who played more than one game last season, Taylor was eighth in fantasy points per game. And, well, you read my Love/Hate. Or you should (page 30). Because Taylor is in it.

Pick I don't

► Marcus Mariota. He'll take a leap this season for sure, but all indications are that the Titans want to run, run, run. When someone like Kirk Cousins is still out there—same as Derek Carr and Jameis Winston, all of whom I have ranked ahead of Mariota—Jim's pick is a head-scratcher. And seriously, Ken? A kicker? Every year he does this. I think he's purposely trolling us.



Julius Thomas



Blair Walsh

Round 14

1	Joyer	D/ST Kansas City Chiefs
2	Yates	RB Stevan Ridley, DET
3	Carpenter	WR Breshad Perriman, BAL
4	Daube	WR Nelson Agholor, PHI
5	Smith	WR Travis Benjamin, SD
6	McCormick	TE Julius Thomas, JAC
7	Clay	RB Kenyan Drake, MIA
8	Karabell	TE Gary Barnidge, CLE
9	Marks	RB Bilal Powell, NYJ
10	Cockcroft	QB Derek Carr, OAK

Pick I like

► Gary Barnidge. Eric gets the third-best TE in fantasy last season in Round 14. Even if Barnidge regresses some, he's still an upper-tier option as the No. 1 target on what should be a better, or at least not worse, Browns team. Julius Thomas is also a nice value here. If I don't get Gronk, Reed or Olsen, I'm waiting on tight end this season.

Pick I don't

► Bilal Powell is fine, I suppose. But in Round 14, I want to swing for the fences. I'd much rather have someone like a Paul Perkins, who, if things break right, could be a stud. In a standard league, Powell is a solid bye-week filler, but there's not a ton of upside.

Round 15

1	Cockcroft	QB Jameis Winston, TB
2	Marks	TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins, TB
3	Karabell	D/ST Houston Texans
4	Clay	D/ST Cincinnati Bengals
5	McCormick	D/ST Los Angeles Rams
6	Smith	RB Darren McFadden, DAL
7	Daube	TE Jimmy Graham, SEA
8	Carpenter	D/ST Buffalo Bills
9	Yates	D/ST Minnesota Vikings
10	Joyer	RB Paul Perkins, NYG

Pick I like

► I already mentioned Paul Perkins. I love his potential on a fantasy-friendly offense behind injury-prone 31-year-old Rashad Jennings and passing-down specialist Shane Vereen. Love, love, love the pick. Also, getting the Vikings as the last defense picked was well done by Field.

Pick I don't

► Not a lot to choose from, so what am I gonna do? Complain about a defense pick? But considering Tristan owns Rashad Jennings and running back has some question marks for him, I'd have preferred he grabbed Perkins at the start of this round instead of a second quarterback, even though I like Winston this year.

Round 16

1	Joyer	K Graham Gano, CAR
2	Yates	K Blair Walsh, MIN
3	Carpenter	K Chandler Catanzaro, ARI
4	Daube	RB James Starks, GB
5	Smith	K Justin Tucker, BAL
6	McCormick	K Steven Hauschka, SEA
7	Clay	K Dan Bailey, DAL
8	Karabell	K Brandon McManus, DEN
9	Marks	K Josh Brown, NYG
10	Cockcroft	K Roberto Aguayo, TB

Pick I like

► All of them. They are kickers. But shoutout to Field for taking the official kicker of the 06010, Blair Walsh. Well done, Field. Blair moves back indoors this year too!

Pick I don't

► James Starks. Oh, it's fine. Certainly potential upside there if Eddie Lacy has another bad season. But I just want to point out, again, that Ken didn't take a kicker in the last round because he drafted one in Round 13.



HOW TO MASTER DAILY FANTASY



Last year you gave daily fantasy football a shot. Now you've fallen in love with the game. It's time to take your hobby to the next level and start bagging some big prizes. How do you do that? Well, following these five guidelines is a great place to start.

BY AL ZEIDENFELD

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Select the right games

If you're a casual player who just wants to take a shot or two at a million bucks each week, go for it—you're paying for entertainment. But if you're interested in treating DFS as an investment and gradually increasing your earnings, it's critical to enter the right contests. Use the 80-20-10 rule as a guide for how to manage your bankroll: Put 80 percent of your money into cash games and 20 percent into tournaments, and never risk more than 10 percent of your funds on a given day. This gives you the best opportunity to steadily grow your bankroll—while also giving you the chance for a big score in a tournament. And one bad day won't ruin you.

Any contest that pays out to at least one-third of the entrants is a cash game—head-to-heads, double-ups, triple-ups and 50/50s all fall into that category. In those contests, there's no need to finish with the highest score. All spots above the cash line pay the same amount. Tournaments, by contrast, usually pay out less than 33 percent of the field on a tiered basis, with the vast

majority of the winnings going to the top 10 finishers. There is also great variety among the types of tournaments offered, ranging from single-entry to limited-entry (typically, a maximum of three) to multi-entry contests that last year allowed a user to submit as many as 500 lineups.

If you prefer peace of mind in knowing that you aren't going up against an opponent with hundreds of lineups, then stick to single-entry fields. But if you want to win the big prizes, you're going to have to compete against those folks. Even though they have a mathematically superior chance of placing first (assuming you are entering only once), you actually have an advantage of your own. Think of it this way: Each additional entry has a lower expected value as a player moves away from his or her optimal lineup. So a player with a limited number of lineups has an increased expectation of finishing in the money and seeing a return on his or her entry fee. No player who entered 200 or more lineups won the Millionaire Maker last season.



2 Think like a contrarian

► There's a lot of value in shifting away from the masses. If that means passing on someone like Aaron Rodgers in what looks like a favorable matchup, so be it. In Week 4 last season, Rodgers went up against the 49ers on the heels of tossing five TDs the previous week. Typically, a player in that situation might appear in 25 percent of lineups. Well, Rodgers threw for just 224 yards and one TD that day, which dealt a big blow to a quarter of all entrants. If you opted for Philip Rivers, who was facing the Browns, you were at a big advantage, especially after he threw for 358 yards and three TDs. That doesn't mean you should blindly choose Alex Smith over Cam Newton, but there are easy ways to find lower-owned players who aren't total long shots.

Here are three simple ways to get some lower-owned players while still having players in excellent matchups on your roster:

1

Cross off the top three players at every position. The fourth-best QB/RB/WR is still a great player and likely has an above-average matchup. Build a lineup with those guys. It will pay off.

2

Pivot at the same price. If everyone is going to be on the Steelers' Antonio Brown one week, play Julio Jones, Dez Bryant or Odell Beckham Jr. They'll likely cost the same and be owned three to five times less often.

3

Pay up to be contrarian. If there's a cheap running back who just took over a job due to injury, he'll likely generate heavy ownership. So pass on him and spend big at the position—chances are you'll get an excellent player at a low ownership rate.

3 Diversify judiciously

Think again: Blake Bortles to Allen Robinson?

Not in Week 4, when cheaper option Allen Hurns went off for 11 catches, 116 yards and a TD.

► With football's risk of injury and overall variance from week to week, it's important to diversify. Even in cash games, consider using as many as three different lineups. To build those rosters, focus on a small core of players you believe has the best chance for success, then cycle these players through your lineups. If someone gets hurt, you'll still have other options to cash. Tournaments require even more unique entries, but there should be sound logic behind the way you construct them. First, pick three to five running backs, five or six wide receivers and a couple of tight ends and defenses. Then take those players and mix and match them in different lineups

while using a quarterback/receiver stack. You can make five or 10 Ben Roethlisberger-Antonio Brown lineups and surround them with different combinations of supporting players. Then move on to other stacks while still using the same group of filler players. The key isn't to try to cover all the bases with your multiple lineups—that would be mathematically impossible. Rather, you should get as many different exposures as possible to the players you believe are primed for big weeks. If your core players go bananas along with the right QB stack, you'll have a great chance to win a tournament. And if it doesn't work out? There's always next week.

4

Tailor your lineups based on game type

► Success in tournaments requires a different kind of lineup construction from what is optimal for cash games. Good cash-game players take on as little risk as possible because they need to beat roughly half the field. A great way to start is by finding a reasonably priced QB who is facing a weak defense. Last year Blake Bortles and Kirk Cousins were never priced like superstars, but they combined to produce 10 games with at least 300 yards and multiple touchdown passes.

At running back, usage is key. You can always pay up for a player like Le'Veon Bell, who racks up carries, targets and red zone work—the Holy Trinity for fantasy success. But injuries create consistent opportunities

to find workhorses on the cheap: David Johnson cost just \$3,400 when he took over the Cardinals' starting job in Week 13. He responded with 120 yards from scrimmage and a touchdown. The decision on whether to spend big at running back is purely situational, but remember that you don't have to take chances at all nine spots.

At receiver and tight end, look for as many expected targets as possible. That starts with guys like Julio Jones and Antonio Brown, who immediately give cash-game lineups a high floor, but it's critical to search for players assuming larger roles or facing weak defenses. In Weeks 9 and 10, for example, the Bucs were missing Vincent Jackson and had juicy matchups against

the Giants and Cowboys. You knew Mike Evans would see a ton of passes, and sure enough, he racked up a combined 16 catches for 276 yards.

In tournaments, you have to be willing to take a few more chances. It's like playing the stock market. If you want to invest conservatively in tech stocks, diversify your portfolio around Amazon, Google and Apple—three companies with good floors that should show growth over time. But a tournament approach says to swing for the fences with riskier stocks. If you connect, you're in a new tax bracket. If you can find a player who is owned in roughly 5 percent of entries, you'll have fewer teams to beat if he has a big game.



5

Stack, stack and stack some more

► Peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese ... Ben Roethlisberger and Antonio Brown? Yes, it really is that simple. A quarterback and his receivers have the highest fantasy correlation on the field. Stacking them together allows for maximum upside and is a solid strategy in cash games and in tournaments.

Brown was second in the league in targets, and Roethlisberger threw for more than 300 yards with multiple TDs six times last season. So on days when they go nuts, you're ahead of the game. That doesn't mean that every QB should include a stacked receiver, though. Cam Newton, for instance, prefers to spread the ball around to multiple targets and is also a threat to score on the ground. He's fine to play on his own.

The premium combos will always cost more, but finding a stack that's underpriced can free up money to spend elsewhere. Kirk Cousins to Jordan Reed, Blake Bortles to Allen Robinson, and Ryan Fitzpatrick to Brandon Marshall were great value stacks on multiple occasions last season. ■



Quarter

State of the position

BY ERIC KARABELL

Quarterbacks are all kinds of awesome, right? So why are so few, if any, among the players most commonly owned on ESPN championship rosters? Sure, stealing Cam Newton as your backup last year was gold and led to high-scoring weeks, but drafting a QB early is more ill-advised than ever. Last season Aaron Rodgers and Andrew Luck disappointed; Rodgers played but wasn't among the top five QB scorers. Luck missed half the season and was a turnover machine. This is a consistent annual pattern of misplaced value. So let someone else spend the second- or third-rounder on them while you stock up on running backs and wide receivers. The incredible depth at the position creates later-round value. Ignore Newton, Tom Brady, Rodgers and Luck and you really won't need to get lucky later.

Rates of change

Here's how our top 10 quarterbacks' projected points compare with their totals from 2015 and the average QB1 output last season.

FANTASY POINTS

■ 2016 PROJECTED POINTS ■ 2015 ACTUAL POINTS



305.8

QB1 AVG

Cam Newton finished 2015 as fantasy's top scorer, throwing for a career-high 35 touchdowns and rushing for 10 more.

quarterbacks



7.6

If the goal is to find a quarterback who can post 18 or more fantasy points per game, on average, look for passers with a 7.6 or higher mark in yards per attempt. Eight of the 12 quarterbacks who reached that bar posted 18 or more points per game, and one was barely below it (Kirk Cousins, 17.7).

—KC JOYNER

Do not draft

Matthew Stafford, DET

Give him credit for his third top-10 QB finish in five seasons, but top weapon Calvin Johnson has retired, and that's a very big deal. (Look how Aaron Rodgers struggled with Jordy Nelson missing.) Few throw as often as Stafford, but it's tough to imagine another top-10 finish with his current crew of receivers, none as close to as skilled or proficient as Megatron.

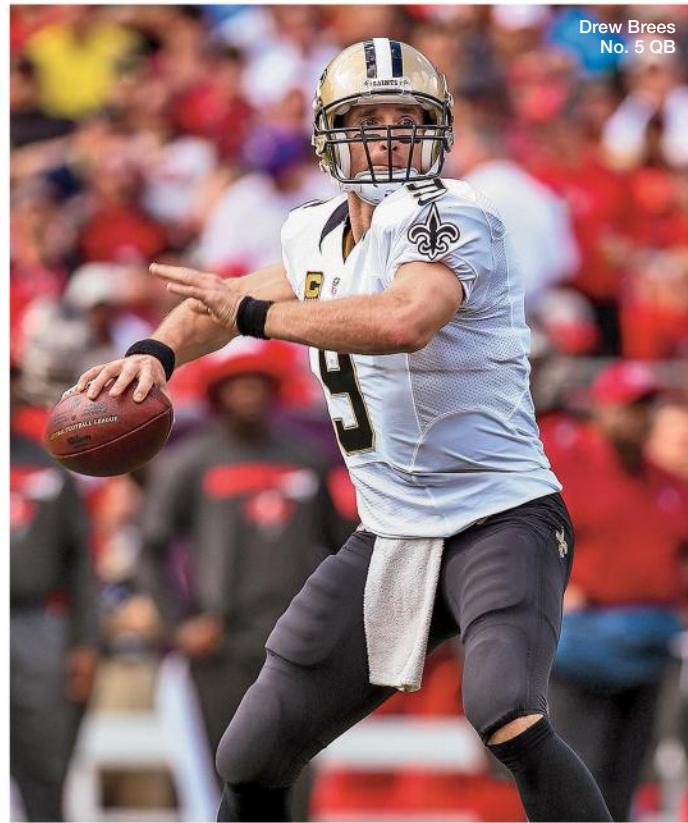
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PLAYER PROFILES BY MIKE CLAY

1 CAM NEWTON CAR \$29 AGE 27 BYE 7

Newton took his game to a new level in 2015. He finished as fantasy's top scorer, tossing a career-high 35 TD passes and running for 10 scores. He has always picked up points on the ground, ranking among the top three QBs in carries, rushing yards and rushing TDs in each of his five seasons. But last year he added big chunks of yardage through the air: Newton's 10.5-yard average depth of throw—how far down the field the target is—trailed only Carson Palmer's for the league lead. Newton's accuracy remains an issue: He was off target on 21.2 percent of his throws, one of the league's worst marks, and completed just 59.8 percent of his attempts (league average: 63 percent). Still, he posted seven top-three fantasy weeks, and with Kelvin Benjamin back, Newton is primed for another elite campaign.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CAR 14	CAR 16	CAR 16
PASSING			
CMP	262	296	309
ATT	448	495	526
CMP%	58.5	59.8	58.7
YDS	3,127	3,837	3,830
YPA	7.0	7.8	7.3
YPG	223.4	239.8	239.4
TD	18	35	28
INT	12	10	13
RUSHING			
YDS	539	636	671
TD	5	10	6

**2 AARON RODGERS GB \$21 AGE 32 BYE 4**

Rodgers took a surprising step backward last season. His 31-8 TD-INT ratio, while still excellent, was his worst mark in a full season since 2010. Known for his stunning accuracy, Rodgers completed 60.7 percent of his passes, his lowest rate since becoming a full-time starter in 2008, and was off target on a career-worst 20.5 percent of his throws. He averaged 6.7 yards per attempt and 11.0 yards per completion, which were—you guessed it—the lowest of his career. Despite those issues and the Packers' overall offensive struggles, Rodgers ranked seventh among QBs in fantasy points and posted a top-10 finish in half his starts (tied for sixth best). Of course, Rodgers had to operate without WR Jordy Nelson, who missed the season with a torn ACL. With Nelson back in the fold, Rodgers is a great bet to bounce back at age 32.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	GB 16	GB 16	GB 16
PASSING			
CMP	341	347	352
ATT	520	572	561
CMP%	65.6	60.7	62.7
YDS	4,381	3,821	4,295
YPA	8.4	6.7	7.7
YPG	273.8	238.8	268.4
TD	38	31	33
INT	5	8	8
RUSHING			
YDS	269	344	237
TD	2	1	2

3 RUSSELL WILSON SEA \$16 AGE 27 BYE 5

The 2015 season was an odd experience for both Wilson and the Seattle offense. Through Week 10, Wilson had 10 TDs and seven interceptions and ranked just 17th among QBs in fantasy points. His best weekly finish was ninth. But over his final seven games, Wilson rang up 25 total TDs, threw one interception and trailed only Cam Newton in fantasy points. His worst weekly finish was seventh. Wilson's accuracy couldn't have been more impressive; he missed his intended target only 12.6 percent of the time, which was the league's best mark. He also adds value on the ground, ranking among the top three QBs in rushing yards in each of his four seasons. After ranking third in fantasy points among QBs two years in a row, Wilson is as safe as it gets.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	SEA 16	SEA 16	SEA 16
PASSING			
CMP	285	329	309
ATT	452	483	479
CMP%	63.1	68.1	64.5
YDS	3,475	4,024	3,853
YPA	7.7	8.3	8.0
YPG	217.2	251.5	240.8
TD	20	34	31
INT	7	8	11
RUSHING			
YDS	849	553	491
TD	6	1	2

4 ANDREW LUCK IND \$13 AGE 26 BYE 10

Last season was a lost campaign for Luck. Injuries limited him to just seven games, and even when he played he struggled. Luck threw for 15 TDs and 12 interceptions while completing just 55.3 percent of his passes—last among qualifying players. Luck was off target on 22.5 percent of his throws; only rookie Jameis Winston was worse among players who attempted at least 250 passes. On the plus side, Luck managed three top-10 fantasy weeks in his final four games, momentum that he should carry into this season now that he's back to full health. The 26-year-old remains one of the league's top young talents and operates in a pass-heavy offense. In other words, he's a great bet to rebound in a major way and projects as a solid QB1 with a high ceiling.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	IND 16	IND 7	IND 16
PASSING			
CMP	380	162	351
ATT	616	293	602
CMP%	61.7	55.3	58.3
YDS	4,761	1,881	4,248
YPA	7.7	6.4	7.1
YPG	297.6	268.7	265.5
TD	40	15	34
INT	16	12	19
RUSHING			
YDS	273	196	272
TD	3	0	2

5 DREW BREES NO \$12 AGE 37 BYE 5

Brees proved that reports of his impending demise were grossly exaggerated. After a slow start last season, the veteran quarterback went on to lead the NFL with 4,870 passing yards while tossing 32 TDs. Brees is still as efficient as they come: His 68.3 percent completion rate ranked second behind only that of Kirk Cousins. That wasn't simply the result of dinking and dunking, as Brees ranked sixth in yards per attempt (7.8). Brees has now finished among the top eight QBs in fantasy points 10 years in a row, though his ceiling wasn't quite as high last year, when he posted a top-10 week in only 40 percent of his starts (tied for 16th among QBs). His supporting cast should be better with TE Coby Fleener and second-round rookie WR Michael Thomas, so Brees should produce another QB1 season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NO 16	NO 15	NO 16
PASSING			
CMP	456	428	438
ATT	659	627	656
CMP%	69.2	68.3	66.8
YDS	4,952	4,870	4,839
YPA	7.5	7.8	7.4
YPG	309.5	324.7	302.4
TD	33	32	32
INT	17	11	16
RUSHING			
YDS	68	14	34
TD	1	1	1

6 BEN ROETHLISBERGER PIT \$11 AGE 34 BYE 8

The obvious issue with Roethlisberger is durability. He has played in all 16 games just three times in 12 seasons and missed four games last year. But when he was active in 2015, he was a fantasy stud. He topped NFL QBs by posting a top-10 week in two-thirds of his outings. Although he did throw too many interceptions (16), Big Ben completed 68 percent of his passes to rank fourth in the NFL and was third in YPA (8.4). That was a significant step up from 2014, when a full season under center and two monster performances obscured the fact that he posted just five top-10 weeks. The loss of WR Martavis Bryant will hurt, but with Antonio Brown, Ladarius Green and a healthy Le'Veon Bell around, Roethlisberger has enough weapons to deliver high-end QB1 production.

	2014	2015	PIT
TEAM G	PIT 16	PIT 12	PIT 15
PASSING			
CMP	408	319	378
ATT	608	469	578
CMP%	67.1	68.0	65.4
YDS	4,952	3,938	4,680
YPA	8.1	8.4	8.1
YPG	309.5	328.2	312.0
TD	32	21	30
INT	9	16	13
RUSHING			
YDS	27	29	61
TD	0	0	1

7 CARSON PALMER ARI \$11 AGE 36 BYE 9

Palmer experienced his best fantasy finish (fifth) since 2006, making him one of last season's top comeback stories. Leaning heavily on Arizona's talented wide receiver unit, Palmer posted a league-high 10.9-yard average depth of target. Not surprisingly, Palmer also topped all QBs with 8.7 yards per attempt and 13.7 yards per completion. Palmer does enter 2016 with a pair of concerns, though. First, his ceiling isn't as high as that of other top QBs: He managed a top-10 fantasy week in only 44 percent of his appearances, tied for 10th at the position. Second, Palmer is now 36, which makes him a candidate for statistical regression. Even with a small drop-off, Palmer should maintain his QB1 status.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	ARI	ARI	ARI
G	6	16	15
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PASSED			
CMP	141	342	348
ATT	224	537	570
CMP%	62.9	63.7	61.1
YDS	1,626	4,671	4,459
YPA	7.3	8.7	7.8
YPG	271.0	291.9	297.3
TD	11	35	32
INT	3	11	17
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RUSHING			
YDS	25	24	48
TD	0	1	1

8 TOM BRADY NE \$10 AGE 39 BYE 9

Despite dealing with an underwhelming and injury-plagued supporting cast, Brady produced yet another strong fantasy season. He put up a top-10 score at his position in 10 weeks, which was tied for most among QBs, although eight of those performances came during his first nine outings. Despite playing in an offense that emphasizes short, conservative passes, he still threw for 36 TDs. As usual, Brady was unmatched in terms of ball security, tossing only seven interceptions in 624 attempts. With the addition of TE Martellus Bennett and improved depth at wide receiver, it's possible Brady's efficiency will be even better in 2016. The four-game suspension stings, but Brady will be so good upon his return that he is well worth stashing on your bench.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NE	NE	NE
G	16	16	12
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PASSED			
CMP	373	402	293
ATT	582	624	466
CMP%	64.1	64.4	62.9
YDS	4,109	4,770	3,330
YPA	7.1	7.6	7.1
YPG	256.8	298.1	277.5
TD	33	36	25
INT	9	7	7
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RUSHING			
YDS	57	53	21
TD	0	3	1

9 ELI MANNING NYG \$10 AGE 35 BYE 8

Viewed one way, Manning is a testament to steadiness: He hasn't missed a game since his rookie year. Viewed another way, Manning is maddeningly inconsistent: He posted seven top-10 fantasy weeks last season but finished worse than 22nd among QBs five times. That makes it tough to rely on him as a clear QB1, especially considering he has put up only four top-10 fantasy seasons during his 12-year career. But two of those finishes came after Ben McAdoo took over the offense two years ago. Now McAdoo is the head coach, and he and Manning have a clear rhythm: Manning has ranked among the top seven QBs in attempts, completions and yards during McAdoo's time with the Giants, and only Tom Brady eclipsed Manning's 35 TD passes last season. Taking everything into account, Manning is a borderline QB1.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NYG	NYG	NYG
G	16	16	16
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PASSED			
CMP	379	387	383
ATT	601	618	611
CMP%	63.1	62.6	62.7
YDS	4,410	4,432	4,699
YPA	7.3	7.2	7.7
YPG	275.6	277.0	293.7
TD	30	35	30
INT	14	14	15
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RUSHING			
YDS	31	61	37
TD	1	0	0

10 BLAKE BORTLES JAC \$9 AGE 24 BYE 5

Believe it or not, Bortles had the fourth-most QB fantasy points last season. But before you slot him in as an automatic QB1 for 2016, consider some key factors. Bortles was tied for second in the NFL with 35 TDs, but he also led the league with 18 interceptions. Jacksonville called pass plays 68 percent of the time (second in the NFL) and scored 88 percent of its offensive TDs through the air, so it's likely his TD passes will regress. His completion percentage declined ever so slightly from his rookie year, but that probably was just the result of throwing deep more often. Still, Bortles has a strong cadre of receiving options and also picks up points with his legs. Even if he remains inefficient in some areas, Bortles should flirt with QB1 numbers in his third season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	JAC	JAC	JAC
G	14	16	16
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PASSED			
CMP	280	355	332
ATT	475	606	585
CMP%	58.9	58.6	56.8
YDS	2,908	4,428	4,007
YPA	6.1	7.3	6.8
YPG	207.7	276.8	250.4
TD	11	35	30
INT	17	18	17
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RUSHING			
YDS	419	310	259
TD	0	2	1

11 PHILIP RIVERS SD \$9 AGE 34 BYE 11

Rivers is coming off his seventh top-12 fantasy season in the past eight years, a feat that's all the more impressive when you consider how injuries decimated the Chargers on both sides of the ball. In fact, during the season's first nine weeks, Rivers posted five top-seven fantasy performances, and only Tom Brady had more points among QBs. Eventually, injuries to the likes of Keenan Allen, Melvin Gordon and Ladarius Green took too much of a toll, but Rivers still led the NFL in attempts and completions and trailed only Drew Brees in passing yards (4,792). Rivers' accuracy remains as sharp as ever, and it shouldn't take much luck for his supporting cast to be healthier in 2016. Combined, those factors make him a terrific—and underrated—target in the later rounds.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	SD	SD	SD
G	16	16	16
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PASSED			
CMP	379	437	410
ATT	570	661	624
CMP%	66.5	66.1	65.7
YDS	4,286	4,792	4,573
YPA	7.5	7.2	7.3
YPG	267.9	299.5	285.8
TD	31	29	29
INT	18	13	16
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RUSHING			
YDS	102	28	59
TD	0	0	0



12 TYROD TAYLOR BUF \$2 AGE 27 BYE 10

If you're looking for an underrated option to produce QB1 numbers, Taylor might be your guy. Because he missed a pair of games last season, his overall numbers don't appear impressive at first glance, but he ranked ninth among QBs in fantasy points per game (18.4) and posted a top-10 week in half his starts (tied for sixth at his position). Taylor thrives with the deep ball—he averaged 8.0 ypa (fifth among QBs) and produced the league's third-highest average depth of throw (10.5 yards). But Taylor really separates himself on the ground; he trailed only Cam Newton in rushing yards among QBs. After spending four years as Joe Flacco's backup in Baltimore, the 27-year-old is locked in as Buffalo's starter. Considering the Bills tied for eighth in offensive TDs last season, that's a good place to be.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	BAL	BUF	BUF
G	1	14	16
PASSING			
CMP	0	242	276
ATT	0	380	450
CMP%	0	63.7	61.3
YDS	0	3,035	3,272
YPA	0	8.0	7.3
YPG	0	216.8	204.5
TD	0	20	22
INT	0	6	13
RUSHING			
YDS	-3	568	566
TD	0	4	4

13 TONY ROMO DAL \$2 AGE 36 BYE 7

Romo was limited to just four appearances and 216 snaps last season after breaking his collarbone in Week 2 and then reinjuring it in Week 12. Injuries are nothing new for the veteran QB: He has missed at least one game three years running and has been sidelined for at least 10 contests in two of the past six seasons. Romo's impact on the Cowboys is massive: They averaged 3.3 offensive touchdowns per game in 2014, compared with just 1.5 last year, which was second worst in the NFL. Even though Romo is 36 and has durability concerns, he has been a lock for mid- to lower-end QB1 production when active. If you prefer to wait on drafting a QB, Romo is a strong late-round target.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	DAL	DAL	DAL
G	15	4	14
PASSING			
CMP	304	83	326
ATT	435	121	487
CMP%	69.9	68.6	66.9
YDS	3,705	884	3,881
YPA	8.5	7.3	8.0
YPG	247.0	221.0	277.2
TD	34	5	28
INT	9	7	11
RUSHING			
YDS	61	13	56
TD	0	0	1

14 KIRK COUSINS WAS \$2 AGE 28 BYE 9

Jay Gruden's decision to roll with Cousins as his starter didn't exactly scream "brilliant" early last season. Through six weeks, Cousins tossed six TDs and eight interceptions. But starting with a three-TD, 317-yard performance against the Bucs in Week 7, Cousins became a different player. He threw 23 TDs and just three picks over his final 10 games, and only three QBs scored more fantasy points during that span. Cousins plays a conservative, efficient style: Only 15.7 percent of his throws were off target, and he led the league with a 69.8 percent completion rate. Despite his strong finish, Cousins is still somewhat unproven—last year was the only season in which he appeared in more than six games. Still, with a healthy Jordan Reed and DeSean Jackson, he shouldn't have trouble providing solid QB2 numbers.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	WAS	WAS	WAS
G	6	16	16
PASSING			
CMP	126	379	382
ATT	204	543	579
CMP%	61.8	69.8	66.0
YDS	1,710	4,166	4,562
YPA	8.4	7.7	7.9
YPG	285.0	260.4	285.1
TD	10	29	26
INT	9	11	14
RUSHING			
YDS	20	48	76
TD	0	5	1

15 DEREK CARR OAK \$2 AGE 25 BYE 10

Halfway through last season, Carr seemed to be enjoying a second-year breakout, posting six top-10 fantasy weeks in his first nine games. But he did not sustain that success and faded badly. Over the final seven weeks, he averaged an 18th-place weekly positional ranking and cracked the top 10 just once. His rate stats weren't much better than those in his rookie season—his average depth of throw remained at 7.9 yards, and he posted a higher interception percentage and missed his target more often. But he threw 11 more TDs than in 2014, due largely to an improved supporting cast. Carr's receivers generated 5.3 yards after the catch in 2015 after managing only 4.3 the year before. Amari Cooper, Michael Crabtree and Clive Walford are all back with an added year of experience, so Carr should have enough weapons to sustain QB2 production.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	OAK	OAK	OAK
G	16	16	16
PASSING			
CMP	348	350	354
ATT	599	573	591
CMP%	58.1	61.1	59.9
YDS	3,270	3,987	3,942
YPA	5.5	7.0	6.7
YPG	204.4	249.2	246.4
TD	21	32	30
INT	12	13	14
RUSHING			
YDS	92	138	83
TD	0	0	1

16 MARCUS MARIOTA TEN \$1 AGE 22 BYE 13

The second overall pick in last year's draft, Mariota showed flashes as a rookie but had his first year derailed by a handful of injuries that cost him nearly five full games. When he played, though, Mariota performed well. He finished as a top-10 fantasy QB in 45 percent of the games in which he played at least half the snaps, good for 10th at the position. He showed that he wasn't afraid to challenge defenses down the field, posting a 9.2-yard average depth of target. That approach helped him tie for ninth in the NFL with 7.6 ypa. With an improved supporting cast that includes DeMarco Murray, Derrick Henry, Delanie Walker, Dorial Green-Beckham, Kendall Wright and Rishard Matthews, Mariota is a solid candidate for a second-year leap—provided he can stay healthy.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	N/A	TEN	TEN
G	N/A	12	16
PASSING			
CMP	N/A	230	338
ATT	N/A	370	549
CMP%	N/A	62.2	61.6
YDS	N/A	2,818	3,921
YPA	N/A	7.6	7.1
YPG	N/A	234.8	245.1
TD	N/A	19	21
INT	N/A	10	16
RUSHING			
YDS	N/A	252	339
TD	N/A	2	2



17 MATTHEW STAFFORD DET \$1 AGE 28 BYE 10

Remember when Stafford was injury-prone? After sitting out 19 of his first 32 pro games, Stafford hasn't missed one in five years. During that span, he's been a steady fantasy contributor, finishing no better than fifth among QBs and no worse than 15th. He started slowly last year, but only four QBs scored more fantasy points after Week 5. Now he must show what he can do without the retired Calvin Johnson. Even with Megatron in the lineup last year, we might have seen a preview of the Lions' 2016 style. Stafford was more conservative, with an average depth of target of just 6.7 yards, but he completed a career-best 67.2 percent of his passes. Expect that trend to continue with Marvin Jones joining Golden Tate at WR and plenty of passes to TE Eric Ebron and RBs Theo Riddick and Ameer Abdullah. Stafford is a solid QB2 option.

TEAM	DET	DET	DET
G	16	16	16
PASSING			
CMP	363	398	364
ATT	602	592	565
CMP%	60.3	67.2	64.4
YDS	4,257	4,262	4,179
YPA	7.1	7.2	7.4
YPG	266.1	266.4	261.2
TD	22	32	25
INT	12	13	12
RUSHING			
YDS	93	159	128
TD	2	1	2

18 ANDY DALTON CIN \$0 AGE 28 BYE 9

Only a broken thumb in Week 14 kept Dalton from posting a top-five fantasy season among QBs. He produced a top-10 week in 58 percent of his complete games, which was the fourth-best mark among QBs and actually better than Cam Newton's. That level of play represented a serious step up from Dalton's first four seasons, when he hovered around the fringe of QB1 territory. Dalton increased both his accuracy (career-best 66.1 percent completion rate) and big-play ability (career-high 8.4 ypa) last year. Marvin Jones and Mohamed Sanu are gone, but A.J. Green is still wearing orange and black, and TE Tyler Eifert and RB Giovani Bernard remain major threats as well. If you prioritize other positions early in your draft, you could do worse than ending up with Dalton.

TEAM	CIN	CIN	CIN
G	16	13	16
PASSING			
CMP	309	255	313
ATT	481	386	495
CMP%	64.2	66.1	63.2
YDS	3,398	3,250	3,697
YPA	7.1	8.4	7.5
YPG	212.4	250.0	231.1
TD	19	25	25
INT	17	7	13
RUSHING			
YDS	169	142	234
TD	4	3	3

19 JAMEIS WINSTON TB \$0 AGE 22 BYE 6

Winston finished as fantasy's No. 13 QB last season, a strong showing for a rookie. But it's misleading: He posted a top-10 fantasy week in just 19 percent of his starts, which ranked 28th at the position. Still, he was consistently decent: Winston placed better than eighth among QBs only once but never fell below 23rd. That made him a fine option as a QB2. To climb into the next tier, Winston must become more accurate. He was off target on 23 percent of his throws, the league's worst mark among passers with at least 250 attempts. Plus, he completed only 58.3 percent of his passes. With a run-first offense and an underwhelming supporting cast, it's tough to foresee Winston busting out this season.

TEAM	N/A	TB	TB
G	N/A	16	16
PASSING			
CMP	N/A	312	315
ATT	N/A	535	545
CMP%	N/A	58.3	57.8
YDS	N/A	4,042	3,929
YPA	N/A	7.6	7.2
YPG	N/A	252.6	245.6
TD	N/A	22	22
INT	N/A	15	16
RUSHING			
YDS	N/A	213	240
TD	N/A	6	2

20 RYAN TANNEHILL MIA \$0 AGE 28 BYE 8

After showing steady signs of improvement in his first three seasons, Tannehill seemed to hit a wall in 2015. His completion percentage dropped from 66.4 to 61.9, which would seem to indicate he was less accurate. Look closer, though, and you'll realize his dip in precision was due to throwing downfield more often. That added emphasis on the deep ball helped Tannehill set a career high in passing yards (4,208), but he finished just 17th among QBs in fantasy points after ranking eighth in 2014. That change in style, plus the hiring of coach Adam Gase—who is known for his work with QBs—makes Tannehill tough to project going forward. But when you consider his improving receiver corps (Jarvis Landry, DeVante Parker, Leonte Carroo, Kenny Stills), Tannehill looks like a potential bounce-back candidate.

TEAM	MIA	MIA	MIA
G	16	16	16
PASSING			
CMP	392	363	353
ATT	590	586	569
CMP%	66.4	61.9	62.0
YDS	4,045	4,208	4,097
YPA	6.9	7.2	7.2
YPG	252.8	263.0	256.1
TD	27	24	24
INT	12	12	12
RUSHING			
YDS	311	141	167
TD	1	1	1



Andy Dalton
No. 18 QB

21 MATT RYAN ATL \$0 AGE 31 BYE 11

After finishing four of the previous five seasons as a top-eight fantasy QB, Ryan fell to 19th last season, tied for the worst rank of his career. He posted a top-10 fantasy week in just 19 percent of his starts, which was worse than 27 other QBs. Ryan really isn't to blame, though. His efficiency stats were nearly identical to those in 2014, but he dealt with nine more dropped passes and less post-catch production from his receivers. Ryan's accuracy remained superb. It helped that he averaged only 7.8 air yards per attempt, but Ryan also completed 66.3 percent of his throws and was off target only 12.9 percent of the time. He trailed only Russell Wilson in the latter category. The bottom line, though, is that until Atlanta upgrades the talent around him, a major turnaround won't happen.

TEAM	ATL	ATL	ATL
G	16	16	16
PASSING			
CMP	415	407	406
ATT	628	614	619
CMP%	66.1	66.3	65.6
YDS	4,694	4,591	4,531
YPA	7.5	7.5	7.3
YPG	293.4	286.9	283.2
TD	28	21	22
INT	14	16	17
RUSHING			
YDS	145	63	93
TD	0	0	1

**22 BROCK OSWEILER HOU \$0 AGE 25 BYE 9**

A 25-year-old pocket passer with a 6-foot-8, 240-pound frame, Osweiler carries intrigue with him to Houston but not much of a track record. Denver drafted Osweiler in the second round in 2012, and he threw just 30 passes as Peyton Manning's backup over his first three seasons. Last year he appeared in eight games—including six full ones—and threw for 1,967 yards and 10 TDs. He produced a pair of top-10 weeks and ranked 12th overall among QBs during his span as a starter, but he was benched for ineffectiveness in Week 17, and you know what Manning and the Broncos did after that. Now Osweiler is the clear starter in Houston after signing a massive free agent contract. Although unproven, he is set up for success with a strong supporting cast that includes DeAndre Hopkins, Lamar Miller and Will Fuller.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	DEN	DEN	HOU
G	4	8	16
PASSING			
CMP	4	170	332
ATT	10	275	530
CMP%	40.0	61.8	62.6
YDS	52	1,967	4,047
YPA	5.2	7.2	7.6
YPG	13.0	245.9	252.9
TD	1	10	25
INT	0	6	13
RUSHING			
YDS	0	61	115
TD	0	1	1

24 RYAN FITZPATRICK FA \$0 AGE 33 BYE N/A

Considering that he was the QB for 94 percent of the pass plays during Chan Gailey's three-year run as Buffalo's head coach, Fitzpatrick was a seamless fit for Gailey's offense with the Jets. Still, the Jets couldn't have expected anything close to what Fitzpatrick delivered last season: He posted career highs in passing yards (3,905) and TDs (31), which helped him to an 11th-place finish in fantasy points (also a career best). Fitzpatrick also rushed for 270 yards and two scores. Even in his best season, though, there were red flags. He completed only 59.6 percent of his passes, and he averaged just 6.9 ypa, 27th out of the 38 QBs who threw at least 150 passes. Fitzpatrick remains unsigned, but regardless of where he lands—the Jets still seem likely—he is almost a sure bet for statistical regression.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	HOU	NYJ	N/A
G	12	16	15
PASSING			
CMP	197	335	313
ATT	312	562	514
CMP%	63.1	59.6	60.9
YDS	2,483	3,905	3,656
YPA	8.0	6.9	7.1
YPG	206.9	244.1	243.7
TD	17	31	24
INT	8	15	15
RUSHING			
YDS	184	270	240
TD	2	2	2

23 JOE FLACCO BAL \$0 AGE 31 BYE 8

Flacco is a solid NFL QB, but his play has yet to translate into high-end statistical production. His best fantasy season came all the way back in 2010, and even then he ranked only 10th among QBs. Flacco has never placed higher than 11th in passing yards or 10th in passing TDs, and last season was more of the same before he suffered a season-ending torn ACL and MCL in Week 11. He was a top-10 fantasy QB in just 40 percent of his outings (tied for 16th in the NFL), and his 10.5 yards per completion was second worst in the league. If you're looking for reasons for optimism, Flacco's targets should be better—and healthier—with Benjamin Watson and Mike Wallace joining Steve Smith, Breshad Perriman and Maxx Williams. More likely, though, Flacco is headed for another low-ceiling QB2 campaign.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	BAL	BAL	BAL
G	16	10	15
PASSING			
CMP	344	266	364
ATT	554	413	607
CMP%	62.1	64.4	60.0
YDS	3,986	2,791	4,188
YPA	7.2	6.8	6.9
YPG	249.1	279.1	279.2
TD	27	14	24
INT	12	12	16
RUSHING			
YDS	70	23	44
TD	2	3	1

25 JAY CUTLER CHI \$0 AGE 33 BYE 9

Cutler was generally useless for fantasy owners last year, producing just one week ranked among the top 10 QBs. Dig deeper, though, and you'll discover that it wasn't all Cutler's fault. He completed 64.4 percent of his passes (14th), averaged 7.6 ypa (11th) and was off target on just 15.7 percent of his throws (tied for sixth). Instead, Cutler was undone by constant injuries to his supporting cast, and it's worth remembering that he was tied for seventh among QBs in top-10 weeks in 2014. The Bears' run-heavy approach limits Cutler's ceiling, but with the presence of wide receivers Alshon Jeffery and Kevin White—who missed his entire rookie season after Chicago took him in the first round—Cutler is worth monitoring as a bounce-back candidate.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM	CHI	CHI	CHI
G	15	15	15
PASSING			
CMP	370	311	319
ATT	561	483	500
CMP%	66.0	64.4	63.8
YDS	3,812	3,659	3,819
YPA	6.8	7.6	7.6
YPG	254.1	243.9	254.6
TD	28	21	22
INT	18	11	14
RUSHING			
YDS	191	201	134
TD	2	1	1

26 TEDDY BRIDgewater MIN \$0 AGE 23 BYE 6

During his first two seasons, Bridgewater showed impressive efficiency, but Minnesota's run-heavy, low-scoring offense didn't allow him to spread his wings. He completed 65.3 percent of his passes and averaged 7.2 ypa in 2015, and he has finished in the upper half of the NFL in both categories in each of his two seasons. Part of the reason he is so accurate is that he doesn't look downfield often: Bridgewater's 7.1-yard average depth of throw was fifth lowest among QBs with at least 90 attempts last year and helps explain why he posted just two top-10 fantasy weeks. Having shown flashes in small samples, Bridgewater remains an intriguing prospect, and the addition of first-round WR Laquon Treadwell helps, but it's hard to put much faith in the QB as a legit fantasy prospect until Minnesota opens up its offense.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	MIN	MIN	MIN
PASsING			
CMP	259	292	322
ATT	402	447	485
CMP%	64.4	65.3	66.4
YDS	2,919	3,231	3,633
YPA	7.3	7.2	7.5
YPG	224.5	201.9	227.1
TD	14	14	20
INT	12	9	11
RUSHING			
YDS	209	192	210
TD	1	3	2

Teddy Bridgewater
No. 26 QB**27 ALEX SMITH KC \$0 AGE 32 BYE 5**

Simply put, there's little reason to look Smith's way on draft day. He's as conservative a QB as you'll find in the NFL: His 6.6-yard average depth of throw was the lowest in the league last year. That actually represented a step up from 2014, when his average pass traveled just 5.8 yards past the line of scrimmage. Smith offsets his lack of arm strength with efficiency—he completed 65.3 percent of his passes last year. And he does pick up a few extra points with his scrambling ability, having placed among the top eight QBs in rushing yards three years in a row. Still, Smith has posted only five top-10 weeks over the past two seasons. With such limited upside, you're better off turning elsewhere for a QB2.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	KC	KC	KC
PASsING			
CMP	303	307	293
ATT	464	470	452
CMP%	65.3	65.3	64.8
YDS	3,265	3,486	3,342
YPA	7.0	7.4	7.4
YPG	217.7	217.9	208.9
TD	18	20	18
INT	6	7	7
RUSHING			
YDS	254	498	381
TD	1	2	2

28 JARED GOFF LA \$0 AGE 21 BYE 8

The first overall pick in April's draft, Goff is the heavy favorite to line up under center when the Rams open the season. At 6-4, 215 pounds, Goff is a pocket passer with good size and a great arm. He was also one of the youngest QBs in the draft—Goff won't turn 22 until October. His accuracy is solid but could be better, and he handles pressure very well. Goff shows good touch, and his cannon arm produces accurate deep balls. During his final two seasons at Cal, he tossed 78 touchdowns and 20 interceptions. He won't add anything with his legs, which is notable as we determine his fantasy value. Expect Goff to spend a hefty chunk of his rookie season handing the ball to Todd Gurley, which leaves him with little fantasy appeal.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	LA
PASsING			
CMP	N/A	N/A	290
ATT	N/A	N/A	489
CMP%	N/A	N/A	59.3
YDS	N/A	N/A	3,313
YPA	N/A	N/A	6.8
YPG	N/A	N/A	207.1
TD	N/A	N/A	16
INT	N/A	N/A	15
RUSHING			
YDS	N/A	N/A	112
TD	N/A	N/A	1

29 COLIN KAEPERNICK SF \$0 AGE 28 BYE 8

Kaepernick has seen his production drop off considerably since he finished 2013 as fantasy's No. 9 QB, to the point where he was benched last season. Accuracy has been a huge problem over the past two seasons. He was off target on 22.3 percent of his throws in 2014 (third worst in the league) and 26.4 percent last year (worst). But his ability to scramble remains enticing: Despite sitting out half the season, Kaepernick finished among the top eight QBs in rushing yards for the fourth straight year. Now the question is what effect Chip Kelly will have on him. He is the favorite to open as the 49ers' starter, and Kelly's high-volume offense should at least offer plenty of opportunities to score fantasy points. That makes Kaepernick worth a draft flier, but be aware that his inefficiency could lead to another demotion.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	SF	SF	SF
PASsING			
CMP	289	144	194
ATT	478	244	337
CMP%	60.5	59.0	57.6
YDS	3,369	1,615	2,281
YPA	7.0	6.6	6.8
YPG	210.6	179.4	228.1
TD	19	6	13
INT	10	5	8
RUSHING			
YDS	639	256	335
TD	1	1	1

30 SAM BRADFORD PHI \$0 AGE 28 BYE 4

Bradford did what was asked in his lone season in Chip Kelly's offense, taking exactly what the defense allowed and not much more. His 7.1-yard average depth of throw was fourth lowest in the NFL, but he was efficient on all those short passes, missing his target just 14.5 percent of the time (third best among QBs with at least 120 passes). That approach didn't generate much fantasy success: He produced just three top-10 weeks, two of which were ninth-place finishes in Weeks 16 and 17. Bradford also remains a perpetual injury risk—he has missed 33 games during his six seasons, including two last year. New coach Doug Pederson figures to rely on the pass, but Bradford's conservative play and durability issues—not to mention the inevitable promotion of Carson Wentz—leave him without much fantasy appeal.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	STL	PHI	PHI
PASsING			
CMP	0	346	274
ATT	0	532	440
CMP%	0	65.0	62.3
YDS	0	3,725	3,048
YPA	0	7.0	6.9
YPG	0	266.1	254.0
TD	0	19	17
INT	0	14	10
RUSHING			
YDS	0	39	63
TD	0	0	1

31 ROBERT GRIFFIN III CLE \$0 AGE 26 BYE 13

After a tumultuous four seasons in Washington, Griffin heads to Cleveland, where he will compete for the starting job. The second overall pick in 2012, Griffin was a fantasy superstar right out of the gate, posting a top-10 fantasy week in two-thirds of his 15 rookie starts. The wheels fell off from there, as he struggled in 2013, appeared in only nine games in 2014 and sat out the entire 2015 season. His 7.0-yard average depth of throw would have been third lowest in the league in 2014 if he had attempted enough passes to qualify, and he has rushed for only one TD since his rookie season. RG3 is only 26, and a resurgence in Hue Jackson's offense isn't out of the question. But that doesn't mean you should use anything other than a late-round pick to get him.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	WAS	WAS	CLE
PASsING			
CMP	147	0	270
ATT	214	0	423
CMP%	68.7	0	63.8
YDS	1,694	0	3,260
YPA	7.9	0	7.7
YPG	188.2	0	232.9
TD	4	0	15
INT	6	0	11
RUSHING			
YDS	176	0	415
TD	1	0	2

32 PAXTON LYNCH DEN \$0 AGE 22 BYE 11

The Broncos moved up to the 26th pick to draft Lynch, who enjoyed a highly productive tenure at Memphis. The rookie is massive at 6-foot-7, 244 pounds, and he is extremely mobile for his size, which has earned him comparisons to Joe Flacco. He has good arm strength and is fairly accurate with his throws. His 0.9 percent interception rate was the best among QB prospects in April's draft, but Lynch played a conservative game at Memphis: His average depth of throw was just 7.6 yards. Lynch may not open the season as Denver's starter, but with only Mark Sanchez ahead of him on the depth chart, it seems likely that he will end up making several starts for the defending champs.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	N/A	DEN
G	N/A	N/A	13
PASING			
CMP	N/A	N/A	234
ATT	N/A	N/A	407
CMP%	N/A	N/A	57.5
YDS	N/A	N/A	2,770
YPA	N/A	N/A	6.8
YPG	N/A	N/A	213.1
TD	N/A	N/A	14
INT	N/A	N/A	13
RUSHING			
YDS	N/A	N/A	157
TD	N/A	N/A	1

33 GENO SMITH NYJ \$0 AGE 25 BYE 11

A locker room altercation last summer left Smith, the early favorite to start for the Jets, with a broken jaw and opened the door for Ryan Fitzpatrick to run away with the job. Smith appeared in only one game, tossing two TDs and an interception in a loss to Oakland. That performance brought his career totals to 27 and 35, respectively, which explains why the Jets were so happy to stick with Fitzpatrick. Smith has struggled with accuracy throughout his career, but even with such glaring weaknesses, he could flirt with fantasy relevance if asked to start in Chan Gailey's spread offense. After all, he has WRs Brandon Marshall and Eric Decker on his side, and he can add points with his legs—Smith finished among the top seven QBs in carries in both 2013 and 2014.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
G	14	1	2
PASING			
CMP	219	27	26
ATT	367	42	45
CMP%	59.7	64.3	57.8
YDS	2,525	265	301
YPA	6.9	6.3	6.7
YPG	180.4	265.0	150.5
TD	13	2	2
INT	13	1	2
RUSHING			
YDS	238	34	29
TD	1	0	0

Geno Smith
No. 33 QB

34 JIMMY GAROPPOLO NE \$0 AGE 24 BYE 9

Remember everything we thought about the Patriots' QB situation at this time last year? Well, we're back there again. It appeared we'd finally get a look at Garoppolo last season, with Tom Brady facing a four-game suspension to begin the year. Instead, the Deflategate punishment was overturned and Garoppolo was limited to four passing attempts. But with Brady's suspension reinstated, Garoppolo will get his chance in 2016; he is the heavy favorite to start the first four games over rookie Jacoby Brissett. Garoppolo has completed 20 of 31 passes for 188 yards and a TD in his two-year career but should be able to provide QB2 numbers in place of Brady. Games against Arizona, Miami, Houston and Buffalo limit his upside, though, and even Brady's owners should look elsewhere for an early-season starter.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NE	NE	NE
G	6	5	4
PASING			
CMP	19	1	89
ATT	27	4	146
CMP%	70.4	25.0	61.0
YDS	182	6	1,001
YPA	6.7	1.5	6.9
YPG	30.3	1.2	250.3
TD	1	0	7
INT	0	0	4
RUSHING			
YDS	9	-5	62
TD	0	0	0

35 MARK SANCHEZ DEN \$0 AGE 29 BYE 11

After spending the first seven years of his career with the Jets and Eagles, Sanchez heads to Denver, where he will compete with Paxton Lynch to replace Peyton Manning. Even if he wins the starting job for the Super Bowl champs, there isn't much to like. Only once has Sanchez finished a season ranked better than 18th among QBs in fantasy points. Last year he attempted 91 passes in place of Sam Bradford, yet despite a conservative approach that led to a 5.8-yard average depth of throw (lowest among those with at least 40 attempts), Sanchez still managed to throw four interceptions. In other words, he's not an effective passer. Couple that with Gary Kubiak's emphasis on the run game and there's no reason to draft Sanchez.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	PHI	PHI	DEN
G	9	4	4
PASING			
CMP	198	59	83
ATT	309	91	142
CMP%	64.1	64.8	58.5
YDS	2,418	616	964
YPA	7.8	6.8	6.8
YPG	268.7	154.0	241.0
TD	14	4	5
INT	11	4	6
RUSHING			
YDS	87	22	38
TD	1	0	0

36 CARSON WENTZ PHI \$0 AGE 23 BYE 4

Wentz is the Eagles' new franchise quarterback after Philadelphia traded up to take him second in April's draft. His tenure as the starter won't begin right away, though, with Sam Bradford and Chase Daniel ahead of him. Wentz is big (6-5, 237 pounds) and athletic, with a solid arm that is accurate. He threw the ball well at the combine and came in above average in nearly every drill, especially the three-cone, short shuttle and broad jump. Wentz's mobility should eventually boost his fantasy stock considerably: Similar to Blake Bortles or Alex Smith, Wentz figures to add a few hundred rushing yards each year. He is certainly worth stashing in dynasty leagues given his potential, but just don't expect many starts in 2016.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	N/A	PHI
G	N/A	N/A	3
PASING			
CMP	N/A	N/A	60
ATT	N/A	N/A	103
CMP%	N/A	N/A	58.3
YDS	N/A	N/A	698
YPA	N/A	N/A	6.8
YPG	N/A	N/A	232.7
TD	N/A	N/A	5
INT	N/A	N/A	2
RUSHING			
YDS	N/A	N/A	55
TD	N/A	N/A	1



37 CASE KEENUM LA \$0 AGE 28 BYE 8

Keenum looked like he would be the starter until the Rams traded for the top pick in April's draft, which they used to select Jared Goff. Fantasy owners were fine with that scenario: Keenum might have been the league's worst starting QB. In five starts last season, his best weekly finish among QBs was 17th, and he has completed only 57 percent of his career passes while averaging 6.6 ypa. Even if Keenum manages to beat out Goff to start the season, he will simply play game manager for an offense that revolves around RB Todd Gurley. He hasn't shown that he is capable of doing much more than that. Additionally, the Rams are a strong bet to finish last in the league in pass attempts, and there is basically no chance of Keenum starting all 16 games.

TEAM	HOU/STL	STL	LA
G	2	6	1
PASSING			
CMP	45	76	18
ATT	77	125	30
CMP%	58.4	60.8	60.0
YDS	435	828	196
YPA	5.6	6.6	6.5
YPG	217.5	138.0	196.0
TD	2	4	1
INT	2	1	1
RUSHING			
YDS	35	5	3
TD	0	0	0

39 JOSH McCOWN CLE \$0 AGE 37 BYE 13

Most of McCown's success has come late in his career. The quarterback has attempted at least 200 passes in each of the past three years after eclipsing that mark just twice in his first 10 seasons. Oddly enough, his recent run of productivity has come with three different teams, though the only time McCown was relevant in fantasy came during a late-season surge with the 2013 Bears. Otherwise he has been mediocre at best, particularly when it comes to accuracy: He was off target on 20.1 percent of his throws in 2014 and 20.6 percent in 2015, both of which ranked in the NFL's bottom 10. McCown will compete with Robert Griffin III for the starting job in Cleveland, but even if he wins that battle, he'll be well off the fantasy radar.

TEAM	TB	CLE	CLE
G	11	8	3
PASSING			
CMP	184	186	50
ATT	327	292	83
CMP%	56.3	63.7	60.2
YDS	2,206	2,109	599
YPA	6.7	7.2	7.2
YPG	200.5	263.6	199.7
TD	11	12	3
INT	14	4	2
RUSHING			
YDS	127	98	30
TD	3	1	0

38 BLAINE GABBERT SF \$0 AGE 26 BYE 8

Gabbert hasn't come close to living up to expectations since the Jaguars selected him with the 10th overall pick in the 2011 draft. After struggling throughout the first four seasons of his career, Gabbert was better—albeit still below average—in relief of Colin Kaepernick last year, his second with the 49ers. Playing a conservative game, Gabbert posted a 7.0-yard average depth of target and was right near the league average in completion percentage (63 percent) and yards per attempt (7.2). Although it's possible Gabbert will take another step forward, it is more likely that he again will back up Kaepernick. Even if Gabbert wins the job, his supporting cast isn't very good and the 49ers face a tough schedule. Needless to say, avoid him on draft day.

TEAM	SF	SF	SF
G	1	8	7
PASSING			
CMP	3	178	129
ATT	7	282	214
CMP%	42.9	63.1	60.3
YDS	38	2,031	1,489
YPA	5.4	7.2	7.0
YPG	38.0	253.9	212.7
TD	1	10	8
INT	0	7	7
RUSHING			
YDS	5	185	87
TD	0	1	1

40 BRIAN HOYER CHI \$0 AGE 30 BYE 9

The 2015 season was an odd one for Hoyer. After rotating with Ryan Mallett early in the year, Hoyer settled in as the Texans' starter and engineered four consecutive top-11 fantasy performances from Weeks 4 through 7. Then reality struck in the form of injuries and ineffectiveness. He missed three games over the final nine weeks and averaged a 22nd-place finish when active. His tenure as the team's starter ended when Hoyer completed 15 of 34 passes for 136 yards, no TDs and four interceptions against Kansas City in the playoffs. In April, the Texans released him, and he signed with the Bears to back up Jay Cutler. His new surroundings won't change the fact that Hoyer was the league's second-least accurate passer (23.7 percent off-target rate) in 2014 and only slightly better last year (20.6).

TEAM	CLE	HOU	CHI
G	14	11	2
PASSING			
CMP	242	224	22
ATT	438	369	38
CMP%	55.3	60.7	57.9
YDS	3,326	2,606	294
YPA	7.6	7.1	7.7
YPG	237.6	236.9	147.0
TD	12	19	2
INT	13	7	1
RUSHING			
YDS	39	44	2
TD	0	0	0

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	NYJ
PASSING			
CMP	N/A	N/A	10
ATT	N/A	N/A	18
CMP%	N/A	N/A	55.6
YDS	N/A	N/A	106
YPA	N/A	N/A	5.9
YPG	N/A	N/A	106.0
TD	N/A	N/A	1
INT	N/A	N/A	1
RUSHING			
YDS	N/A	N/A	2
TD	N/A	N/A	0

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	KC	KC	PHI
PASSING			
CMP	16	2	22
ATT	28	2	36
CMP%	57.1	100.0	61.1
YDS	157	4	243
YPA	5.6	2.0	6.8
YPG	52.3	2.0	121.5
TD	0	0	2
INT	0	0	1
RUSHING			
YDS	15	-2	15
TD	0	0	0

TEAM	CIN	CIN	CIN
G	0	7	1
PASSING			
CMP	0	79	2
ATT	0	119	4
CMP%	0	66.4	50.0
YDS	0	854	27
YPA	0	7.2	6.8
YPG	0	122.0	27.0
TD	0	6	0
INT	0	2	0
RUSHING			
YDS	0	31	1
TD	0	0	0

TEAM	TB	TB	TB
G	6	0	1
PASSING			
CMP	117	0	2
ATT	203	0	4
CMP%	57.6	0	50.0
YDS	1,417	0	25
YPA	7.0	0	6.3
YPG	236.2	0	25.0
TD	10	0	0
INT	6	0	0
RUSHING			
YDS	49	0	1
TD	0	0	0

TEAM	N/A	N/A	CLE
G	N/A	N/A	1
PASSING			
CMP	N/A	N/A	7
ATT	N/A	N/A	11
CMP%	N/A	N/A	64.0
YDS	N/A	N/A	76
YPA	N/A	N/A	6.9
YPG	N/A	N/A	76.0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
INT	N/A	N/A	0
RUSHING			
YDS	N/A	N/A	2
TD	N/A	N/A	0

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	PIT	PIT	PIT
PASSING			
CMP	0	0	23
ATT	0	0	42
CMP%	0	0	54.8
YDS	0	0	273
YPA	0	0	6.5
YPG	0	0	136.5
TD	0	0	2
INT	0	0	1
RUSHING			
YDS	-2	0	15
TD	0	0	0

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	ARI	ARI	ARI
PASSING			
CMP	132	11	22
ATT	240	25	38
CMP%	55.0	44.0	57.9
YDS	1,711	104	258
YPA	7.1	4.2	6.8
YPG	190.1	14.9	129.0
TD	7	0	2
INT	5	2	1
RUSHING			
YDS	63	-13	8
TD	0	0	0

TEAM	DET	DAL	DAL
G	0	3	2
PASSING			
CMP	0	61	18
ATT	0	104	30
CMP%	0	58.7	60.0
YDS	0	779	220
YPA	0	7.5	7.3
YPG	0	259.7	110.0
TD	0	4	2
INT	0	6	1
RUSHING			
YDS	0	-1	12
TD	0	0	0

TEAM	N/A	N/A	SF
G	N/A	N/A	1
PASSING			
CMP	N/A	N/A	9
ATT	N/A	N/A	15
CMP%	N/A	N/A	60.0
YDS	N/A	N/A	99
YPA	N/A	N/A	6.6
YPG	N/A	N/A	99.0
TD	N/A	N/A	1
INT	N/A	N/A	0
RUSHING			
YDS	N/A	N/A	5
TD	N/A	N/A	0

TEAM	N/A	N/A	NE
G	N/A	N/A	1
PASSING			
CMP	N/A	N/A	2
ATT	N/A	N/A	3
CMP%	N/A	N/A	66.7
YDS	N/A	N/A	19
YPA	N/A	N/A	6.3
YPG	N/A	N/A	19.0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
INT	N/A	N/A	0
RUSH			

Running

State of the position

BY ERIC KARABELL

Fantasy owners have been growing tired of their early running back picks for years. But then came 2015 and anarchy hit: Le'Veon Bell got hurt after his suspension. Jamaal Charles shredded a knee. Marshawn Lynch got old. Eddie Lacy got fat. DeMarco Murray just got bad. It was ugly. So the new state of the position? Relative dysfunction. We can still fill a top 10 at the position, but long gone are the days when it would mirror the overall top 10. Receivers are the new fantasy stars. With so many teams in time-shares and injuries the new normal, investing early in RBs becomes more problematic. We do thank Devonta Freeman, Doug Martin and David Johnson for stepping up, but surprises are pending, and they'll likely shock us all. Pile on the midround running backs in your drafts and hope a few become reliable starters.

Rates of change

Here's how our top 10 running backs' projected points compare with their totals from 2015 and the average RB1 output last season.

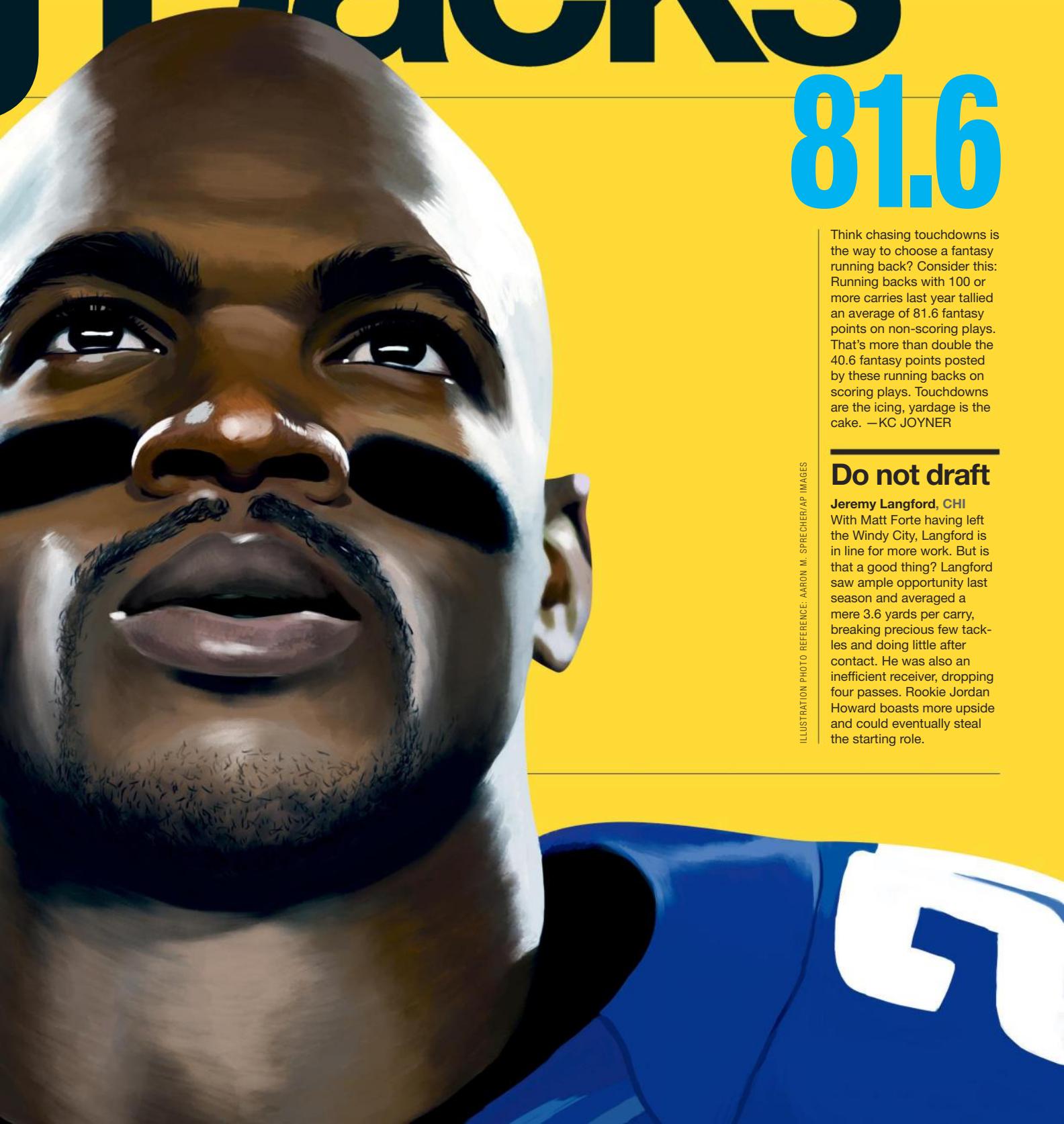
FANTASY POINTS
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Last season Adrian Peterson led the NFL with 327 carries and 1,485 yards, and he tied for first with 11 rushing TDs.

Backs

81.6



Think chasing touchdowns is the way to choose a fantasy running back? Consider this: Running backs with 100 or more carries last year tallied an average of 81.6 fantasy points on non-scoring plays. That's more than double the 40.6 fantasy points posted by these running backs on scoring plays. Touchdowns are the icing, yardage is the cake. —KC JOYNER

Do not draft

Jeremy Langford, CHI

With Matt Forte having left the Windy City, Langford is in line for more work. But is that a good thing? Langford saw ample opportunity last season and averaged a mere 3.6 yards per carry, breaking precious few tackles and doing little after contact. He was also an inefficient receiver, dropping four passes. Rookie Jordan Howard boasts more upside and could eventually steal the starting role.

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PLAYER PROFILES BY MIKE CLAY

1 ADRIAN PETERSON MIN \$54 AGE 31 BYE 6

Considering that he missed nearly all of 2014, Peterson was polarizing in fantasy drafts last year. Would he be fresh or rusty after the year off? It turned out to be the former: Last season Peterson led the NFL in carries and rushing yards and tied for first in rushing TDs. He posted a league-high 12 top-20 weeks at RB, which included seven top-10 finishes. The one thing that continues to hold Peterson back is his lack of usage as a pass catcher: He had just 30 receptions for 222 yards in 2015. At 31, Peterson's days as a fantasy superstar are dwindling, but he's still the workhorse in Minnesota's run-first scheme.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	MIN 1	MIN 16	MIN 15
RUSHING			
ATT	21	327	305
YDS	75	1,485	1,440
AVG	3.6	4.5	4.7
TD	0	11	11
RECEIVING			
REC	2	30	28
YDS	18	222	204
TD	0	0	1
TOTAL			
TD	0	11	12

2 LE'VEON BELL PIT \$52 AGE 24 BYE 8

Bell topped draft boards heading into last season but went on to appear in only six games due to a two-game suspension and a torn MCL and PCL in his right knee. The good news is that Bell is fully expected to be ready for Week 1, and when he was healthy last season, he was extremely productive. Bell posted a top-20 fantasy week in each of his five full games. That's after finishing as a top-22 back in all but one of his 2014 appearances. If not for injury concerns, Bell's heavy workload as a runner and receiver in Pittsburgh's high-powered offense would make him fantasy's best RB.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	PIT 16	PIT 6	PIT 14
RUSHING			
ATT	290	113	238
YDS	1,361	556	1,069
AVG	4.7	4.9	4.5
TD	8	3	7
RECEIVING			
REC	83	24	60
YDS	854	136	620
TD	3	0	4
TOTAL			
TD	11	3	11

3 TODD GURLEY LA \$51 AGE 22 BYE 8

Although the Rams took Gurley with the 10th pick in the 2015 draft, there were legitimate concerns that he wouldn't produce much as a rookie because of the torn ACL he suffered at Georgia. But Gurley was active by Week 3 and played a significant role in Week 4. From that point on, only Devonta Freeman scored more fantasy points among running backs. Gurley has already proved that he can be an early-down workhorse, and he has 10-plus-TD upside in the Rams' run-heavy attack. One concern: Rams QBs targeted Gurley only 27 times in 13 games; that lack of impact in the passing game limits his upside.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	STL 13	LA 15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	229	311
YDS	N/A	1,106	1,341
AVG	N/A	4.8	4.3
TD	N/A	10	10
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	21	38
YDS	N/A	188	329
TD	N/A	0	1
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	10	11

4 EZEKIEL ELLIOTT DAL \$49 AGE 21 BYE 7

The fourth pick in April's draft, Elliott should step in immediately as the Cowboys' lead back. He is a terrific rusher, a solid pass catcher and a close-to-elite pass blocker. At 6 feet, 225 pounds, Elliott has plenty of size and runs with enough power that he's assured heavy work near the goal line. There aren't many pro backs who push for 20 touches every week, but Elliott figures to join that list, and he'll do it behind the Cowboys' outstanding offensive line. At just 21, Elliott has major fantasy upside, making him well worth consideration in the middle of the first round.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	N/A	DAL 15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	276
YDS	N/A	N/A	1,224
AVG	N/A	N/A	4.4
TD	N/A	N/A	9
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	51
YDS	N/A	N/A	429
TD	N/A	N/A	2
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	11

5 DAVID JOHNSON ARI \$48 AGE 24 BYE 9

A 2015 third-round pick, Johnson began his career pushing Chris Johnson and Andre Ellington for snaps before taking a star turn in the fantasy playoffs. In Weeks 13 through 17, Johnson racked up 658 yards and five TDs on 107 touches, which easily made him fantasy's top-scoring RB during that stretch. He averaged a healthy 4.6 ypc, including 2.3 after contact (fifth best among RBs). He also has great value in PPR leagues—Johnson caught 15 passes in Arizona's two playoff games. Now the clear lead back in Arizona's high-scoring attack, he carries the high floor and high ceiling you want in a first-round pick.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	ARI 16	ARI 15
RUSHING			
ATT	125	251	
YDS	581	1,036	
AVG	4.6	4.1	
TD	8	8	
RECEIVING			
REC	36	50	
YDS	457	556	
TD	4	4	
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	12	12



Devonta Freeman
No. 6 RB

6 DEVONTA FREEMAN ATL \$45 AGE 24 BYE 11

Freeman might have been 2015's biggest surprise. He burst onto the scene during the first month and went on to lead all RBs in fantasy points. Although he did a significant chunk of his damage in Weeks 3 through 6, Freeman finished strong with three top-11 performances in Weeks 15 through 17. An every-down player, Freeman averaged a hefty 18.7 carries and 6.9 targets in 14 full games. His efficiency (4.0 ypc, 1.6 yac, 7.9 ypr, a position-high seven drops) wasn't quite as impressive, which figures to lead to an expanded role for Tevin Coleman. Still, Freeman will be busy enough as a rusher and receiver to remain in the RB1 mix.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	ATL 16	ATL 15	ATL 15
RUSHING			
ATT	65	265	239
YDS	248	1,056	955
AVG	3.8	4.0	4.0
TD	1	11	7
RECEIVING			
REC	30	73	74
YDS	225	578	682
TD	1	3	4
TOTAL			
TD	2	14	11

7 DOUG MARTIN TB \$41 AGE 27 BYE 6

After a resurgent 2015 campaign, Martin re-signed with Tampa Bay and will return as the team's lead back. He gained 1,673 yards from scrimmage and scored seven TDs last season to finish third among RBs in fantasy points, which was a major rebound from two down years. After picking up 1,926 yards and scoring 12 TDs as a rookie in 2012, Martin missed 15 games in 2013 and '14 and totaled just 1,080 yards and three TDs. So last year's turnaround was a welcome sight in Tampa. Martin is a solid producer, but durability remains a concern, so consider him a back-end RB1 option.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	TB 11	TB 16	TB 15
RUSHING			
ATT	134	288	314
YDS	494	1,402	1,392
AVG	3.7	4.9	4.4
TD	2	6	7
RECEIVING			
REC	13	33	34
YDS	64	271	312
TD	0	1	2
TOTAL			
TD	2	7	9

8 LAMAR MILLER HOU \$39 AGE 25 BYE 9

After being underused in four seasons with the Dolphins, Miller should get all the work he can handle in Houston. He averaged just 196 carries during his final three years in Miami and saw just 12.1 carries and 3.5 targets per game last year. Still, he ranked among the top nine fantasy RBs for the second straight season. The situation couldn't be more different with the Texans, who led the NFL in snaps last season and emphasize the running game. Miller has to prove he can handle a 20-plus-touch workload and can make a major contribution as a receiver, but added usage should make Miller a legit RB1.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	MIA 16	MIA 16	HOU 15
RUSHING			
ATT	216	194	284
YDS	1,099	872	1,315
Avg	5.1	4.5	4.6
TD	8	8	7
RECEIVING			
REC	38	47	42
YDS	275	397	386
TD	1	2	2
TOTAL			
TD I	9	10	9

9 MARK INGRAM NO \$37 AGE 26 BYE 5

During his first 50 NFL games, Ingram totaled 64 targets. In 12 games last season, he racked up 60. He was already heavily involved on early downs and near the goal line (he averaged 15.7 carries per game over the past two years), so the boost in passing-down work pushed Ingram into the fantasy elite. Incredibly, Ingram never finished a week worse than 29th among RBs in fantasy points. Durability remains a concern: He has missed at least three games in four of his five seasons. But at age 26, Ingram is in his prime and locked in as New Orleans' every-down workhorse, making him a high-floor RB1.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NO 13	NO 12	NO 14
RUSHING			
ATT	226	166	236
YDS	964	769	1,025
Avg	4.3	4.6	4.3
TD	9	6	9
RECEIVING			
REC	29	50	53
YDS	145	405	459
TD	0	0	3
TOTAL			
TD I	9	6	12

10 THOMAS RAWLS SEA \$36 AGE 23 BYE 5

Rawls was an undrafted rookie last year but took advantage of injuries to Marshawn Lynch to put up 830 rushing yards and four TDs on 147 carries. During the six weeks when he played at least half of Seattle's offensive snaps, only Devonta Freeman and Doug Martin scored more fantasy points among RBs. Not unlike Lynch, Rawls is a bruiser who figures to do his damage on early downs and at the goal line. Of his NFL-best 5.6 ypc, 2.7 yards came after contact (first in the league). Only a slow recovery from the broken ankle he suffered in December could stand between Rawls and superstardom.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	SEA 13	SEA 15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	147	297
YDS	N/A	830	1,391
Avg	N/A	5.6	4.7
TD	N/A	4	7
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	9	27
YDS	N/A	76	217
TD	N/A	1	1
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	5	8



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11 EDDIE LACY GB \$35 AGE 26 BYE 4

After going first overall in plenty of fantasy drafts, Lacy was a massive disappointment last season. He was out of shape and ended up playing only 40 percent of the team's offensive snaps, sharing time with James Starks. After averaging 17.1 carries and 3.1 targets per game during his previous 31 games, Lacy averaged just 12.5 and 1.9 in 2015. Now 26, Lacy has vowed to be in shape for 2016, which makes sense, as it's a contract year. His massive ceiling keeps him in the RB1 mix, but obviously he's a risky investment.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	GB 16	GB 15	GB 15
RUSHING			
ATT	246	187	252
YDS	1,139	758	1,103
Avg	4.6	4.1	4.4
TD	9	3	7
RECEIVING			
REC	42	20	29
YDS	427	188	291
TD	4	2	2
TOTAL			
TD I	13	5	9

12 JAMAAL CHARLES KC \$32 AGE 29 BYE 5

Charles was well on his way to another huge season when he tore his ACL in Week 5. Before the injury, he had accrued 541 yards and five TDs in less than five games; only Devonta Freeman scored more fantasy points among running backs during that span. Charles has finished as a top-11 fantasy back in five of the past seven seasons, with the only exceptions being injury-shortened campaigns in 2011 and 2015. Yes, Charles is 29 and coming off his second ACL injury, but he showed no signs of slowing down last season and should be ready for Week 1. He is a borderline RB1.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	KC 15	KC 5	KC 15
RUSHING			
ATT	206	71	205
YDS	1,033	364	1,082
Avg	5.0	5.1	5.3
TD	9	4	8
RECEIVING			
REC	40	21	41
YDS	291	177	339
TD	5	1	2
TOTAL			
TD I	14	5	10

13 LESEAN McCOY BUF \$30 AGE 28 BYE 10

Despite missing a quarter of the 2015 season, McCoy finished 17th among RBs in fantasy points during his first year in Buffalo. McCoy's consistency was impressive: He ranked no worse than 26th in a given week before hurting his knee in Week 15. It helped that the Bills' offense was better than expected, averaging 2.6 offensive TDs per game, eighth in the league. McCoy, who will be 28 as the season starts, will need to fend off impressive second-year back Karlos Williams, but the veteran is in a great position as the starter in Buffalo's run-heavy, high-scoring offense. He's a strong RB2 with upside.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	PHI 16	BUF 12	BUF 15
RUSHING			
ATT	312	203	264
YDS	1,319	895	1,156
Avg	4.2	4.4	4.4
TD	5	3	8
RECEIVING			
REC	28	32	44
YDS	155	292	322
TD	0	2	2
TOTAL			
TD I	5	5	10

14 JONATHAN STEWART CAR \$28 AGE 29 BYE 7

DeAngelo Williams' departure finally gave Stewart full ownership of the Carolina backfield last season, and he responded well. Despite missing three games, he ranked among the top 11 RBs in carries, rushing yards and rushing TDs. He powered his way to five top-10 weeks and finished no week ranked worse than 28th after Carolina's Week 5 bye. On the other hand, Stewart is 29 and has missed 23 games because of injury over the past four seasons. Owners need to weigh his lack of durability and passing-down involvement against his feature role in a dynamic offense, which leaves him as an RB2.

	2014	2015	CAR 14
TEAM G	CAR 13	CAR 13	CAR 14
RUSHING			
ATT	175	242	266
YDS	809	989	1,169
Avg	4.6	4.1	4.4
TD	3	6	6
RECEIVING			
REC	25	16	23
YDS	181	99	177
TD	1	1	1
TOTAL			
TD I	4	7	7

15 CARLOS HYDE SF \$25 AGE 24 BYE 8

Hyde is a prime example of a terrific player who can't seem to stay on the field. He has already missed 11 games in two years, including nine last season. When active, he has averaged 4.1 ypc, 2.5 of which came after contact (second in the NFL). He might get a boost from Chip Kelly's arrival too. Hyde faced a defense with fewer than five DBs on 88 percent of his carries last year, but Kelly's Eagles RBs ran against a base D just 41 percent of the time. Hyde's durability and limited work on passing downs are concerns, but his efficiency cannot be ignored. He's a solid RB2 with breakout upside.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	SF 14	SF 7	SF 14
RUSHING			
ATT	83	115	267
YDS	333	470	1,062
Avg	4.0	4.1	4.0
TD	4	3	7
RECEIVING			
REC	12	11	34
YDS	68	53	228
TD	0	0	1
TOTAL			
TD I	4	3	8

16 MATT FORTE NYJ \$23 AGE 30 BYE 11

Forte racked up an NFL-high 2,522 touches and 12,718 yards from scrimmage during his eight years with the Bears. He was on the field for 5,868 snaps, whereas no other RB exceeded 5,400. That's an impressive résumé, but it also raises questions about whether Forte will hold up as he enters his age-30 season. Forte isn't very effective at the goal line or as a blocker, and he will cede snaps to Bilal Powell and Khiry Robinson. Still, he should get 15-plus touches per game in a Jets offense that finished sixth in snaps and in TDs last season, making him a solid RB2.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CHI 16	CHI 13	NYJ 15
RUSHING			
ATT	266	218	227
YDS	1,038	898	947
AVG	3.9	4.1	4.2
TD	6	4	5
RECEIVING			
REC	102	44	52
YDS	808	389	427
TD	4	3	2
TOTAL			
TD	10	7	7

17 C.J. ANDERSON DEN \$22 AGE 25 BYE 11

A popular first-round pick in 2015 fantasy drafts, Anderson disappointed, but a slow start and personnel mismanagement were the primary culprits. During the first six weeks of the season, Anderson managed only 180 yards on 67 carries and failed to score a touchdown. Fifty-seven running backs had more fantasy points. During the final 11 weeks of the regular season, though, Anderson averaged 6.4 ypc, which included 2.8 after contact. Both were tops at the position. Denver matched Miami's expensive offer sheet to retain Anderson, which suggests he's in line for a big workload and a breakout season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	DEN 15	DEN 15	DEN 15
RUSHING			
ATT	179	152	232
YDS	849	720	1,093
AVG	4.7	4.7	4.7
TD	8	5	7
RECEIVING			
REC	34	25	27
YDS	324	183	260
TD	2	0	1
TOTAL			
TD	10	5	8

18 DION LEWIS NE \$20 AGE 25 BYE 9

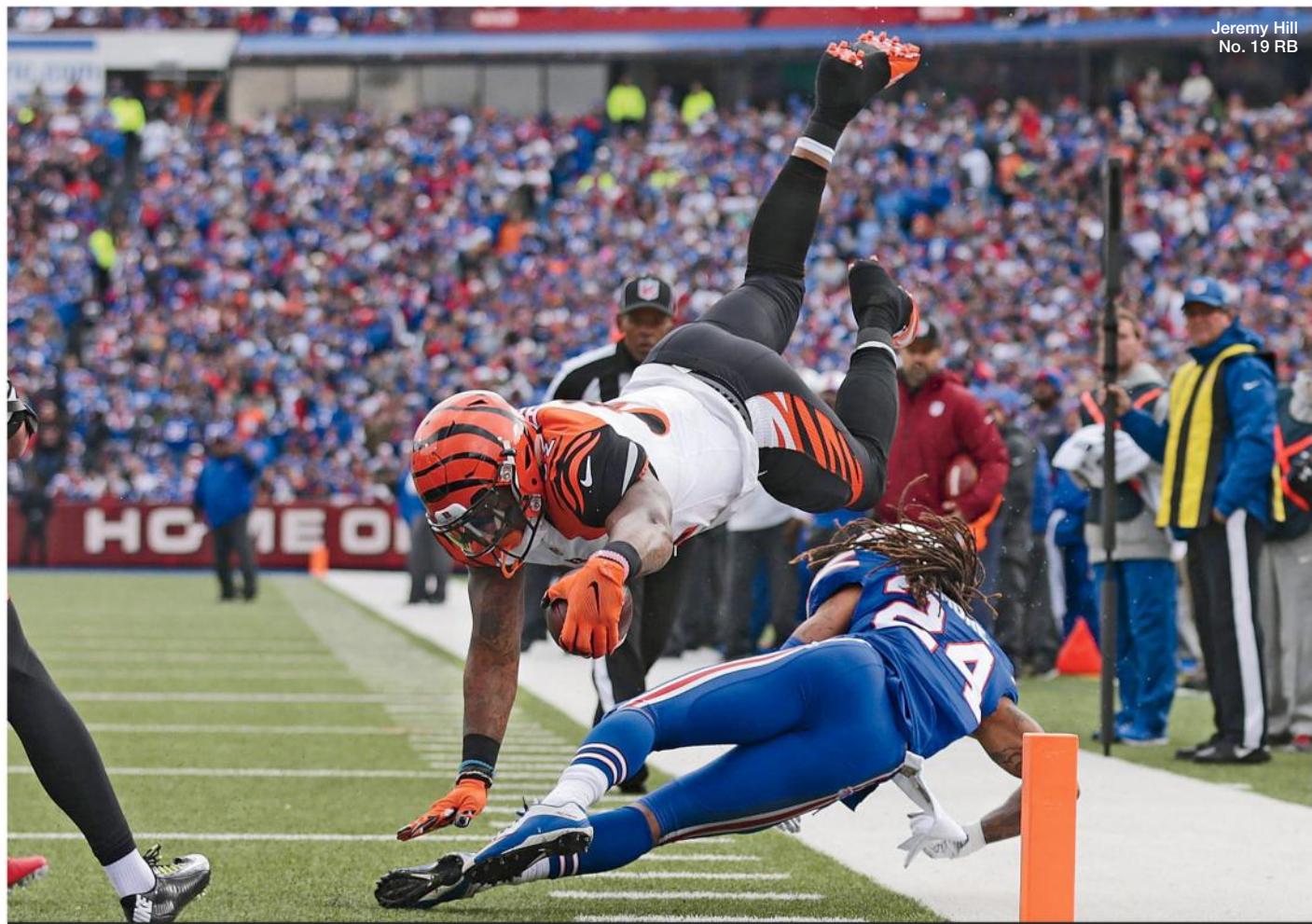
Lewis suffered through four injury-plagued seasons before finally emerging as a fantasy asset in New England last season. During the seven weeks he was active, Lewis accrued 234 rushing yards on 49 carries and 388 receiving yards on 50 targets, ranking fourth among RBs in fantasy points (second in PPR). With LeGarrette Blount likely to handle most of the work between the tackles, Lewis is in position for a significant role on passing downs. His durability remains a major concern, but Lewis will be operating in one of the league's top offenses. He belongs in the RB2 mix and has RB1 upside in PPR leagues.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	NE 7	NE 14
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	49	116
YDS	N/A	234	498
AVG	N/A	4.8	4.3
TD	N/A	2	3
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	36	64
YDS	N/A	388	707
TD	N/A	2	5
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	4	8

19 JEREMY HILL CIN \$17 AGE 23 BYE 9

Hill was a popular breakout candidate last year after a rookie campaign in which he ranked third among RBs in TDs and ninth in fantasy points. But he struggled badly with efficiency, averaging just 3.6 ypc last season. Only a position-high 11 rushing TDs—thanks to 13 carries within 3 yards of the goal line—bailed out Hill's owners. That goal-line load was the third highest in the NFL, so barring a major increase in effectiveness, Hill won't likely match his 12 overall TDs. He isn't much of a factor as a receiver either (20 targets last season), which leaves Hill as a risky RB2.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CIN 16	CIN 16	CIN 15
RUSHING			
ATT	222	223	235
YDS	1,124	794	966
AVG	5.1	3.6	4.1
TD	9	11	8
RECEIVING			
REC	27	15	20
YDS	215	79	183
TD	0	1	1
TOTAL			
TD	9	12	9



20 JAY AJAYI MIA \$14 AGE 23 BYE 8

Ajai was initially considered a top fantasy prospect entering his rookie year but plummeted down draft boards because of concerns about his knee. He then went on to miss half the 2015 season because of cracked ribs and finished with just 277 overall yards and one TD. Ajai is a talented runner and a competent receiver, but he stands 6 feet and 228 pounds, so pass-blocking is a concern. With only receiving specialist Kenyan Drake in the mix, though, Ajai has a chance to bust out as Miami's clear early-down back.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	MIA	MIA
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	49	251
YDS	N/A	187	957
AVG	N/A	3.8	3.8
TD	N/A	1	8
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	7	21
YDS	N/A	90	151
TD	N/A	0	1
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	1	9

21 LATAVIUS MURRAY OAK \$10 AGE 26 BYE 10

Murray's success in 2015 was a testament to the importance of durability and volume. In what was an injury-plagued season for Oakland at running back, Murray made it through 16 games as the team's workhorse. He finished the season third in carries, sixth in rushing yards and 11th in rushing TDs. His rate stats weren't quite as impressive; he averaged 4.0 ypc, including just 1.9 after contact. Murray posted only six top-20 weeks, making him a better flex option than RB2. He is still only 26 and is a size-speed freak, but he must fend off competition from rookie DeAndre Washington.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	OAK	OAK	OAK
RUSHING			
ATT	82	266	213
YDS	424	1,066	895
AVG	5.2	4.0	4.2
TD	2	6	5
RECEIVING			
REC	17	41	34
YDS	143	232	286
TD	0	0	2
TOTAL			
TD I	2	6	7

22 RYAN MATHEWS PHI \$8 AGE 28 BYE 4

Mathews didn't play a lot in his first season with the Eagles, but he was easily the team's most effective RB. He averaged 5.1 ypc (sixth in the league), including 2.2 after contact (13th), but he was on the field for only 21 percent of Philly's offensive plays. With DeMarco Murray joining the Titans, Mathews should get a much heavier workload in 2016. But he has to show he can handle it: He was injury-prone in his five seasons with San Diego and missed three more games with the Eagles last year. Those doubts mean Mathews should be viewed as a fringe RB2.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	SD	PHI	PHI
RUSHING			
ATT	74	106	213
YDS	330	539	971
AVG	4.5	5.1	4.6
TD	3	6	6
RECEIVING			
REC	9	20	29
YDS	69	146	219
TD	0	1	0
TOTAL			
TD I	3	7	6

23 JEREMY LANGFORD CHI \$6 AGE 24 BYE 9

Longtime starter Matt Forte is now a Jet, which puts Langford in position to lead the Bears' backfield. Although volume breeds fantasy points, there are red flags. A 2015 fourth-round pick, Langford showed a few flashes as a rookie but mostly underwhelmed. He averaged 3.6 ypc, including 2.9 against base defenses (third worst in the NFL). According to Pro Football Focus, he forced only seven missed tackles on 148 rushes. Langford doesn't catch the ball consistently either (his 54 percent catch rate was worst among RBs), so he seems to be a better bet to lose the starting gig than to emerge as a fantasy star.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	CHI	CHI
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	148	204
YDS	N/A	537	811
AVG	N/A	3.6	4.0
TD	N/A	6	5
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	22	38
YDS	N/A	279	321
TD	N/A	1	1
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	7	6

24 DEMARCO MURRAY TEN \$6 AGE 28 BYE 13

Things couldn't have gone much worse for Murray in his lone season with the Eagles. He rushed for a career-low 3.6 ypc, including just 1.6 after contact, and ended up carrying the ball just 38 times in Philly's final five games. That was a far cry from Murray's four strong (albeit injury-plagued) seasons in Dallas. But life should be better in Tennessee. The Titans run a more conventional offense than Chip Kelly's scheme, in which Murray carried the ball from the shotgun 85 percent of the time. Rookie Derrick Henry is surely a threat on early downs, but Murray should be back in line for roughly 15 touches in a run-centered offense.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	DAL	PHI	TEN
RUSHING			
ATT	392	193	197
YDS	1,845	702	866
AVG	4.7	3.6	4.4
TD	13	6	7
RECEIVING			
REC	57	44	35
YDS	416	322	248
TD	0	1	1
TOTAL			
TD I	13	7	8

25 MATT JONES WAS \$6 AGE 23 BYE 9

Jones is in position to be the featured back in Washington but carries a ton of questions. As a rookie last season, he generated a few highlight-reel plays, but much of his production came off a few receptions that went for big gains. Jones actually struggled as a rusher, averaging just 2.5 ypc against base defenses (worst in the NFL). At 6-1, 231 pounds, Jones is supposed to be a physical runner, but he averaged just 1.5 yards after contact. His role as the team's starter is enticing, but he also has serious bust potential.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	WAS	WAS
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	144	239
YDS	N/A	490	927
AVG	N/A	3.4	3.9
TD	N/A	3	6
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	19	29
YDS	N/A	304	241
TD	N/A	1	1
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	4	7

26 JUSTIN FORSETT BAL \$5 AGE 30 BYE 8

After a breakout campaign in 2014 during which he finished eighth among RBs in fantasy points, the question was whether Forsett could sustain his success in 2015. He didn't. Forsett's yards per carry dropped from 5.4 to 4.2, his TDs fell from eight to two and he broke his arm in November, knocking him out for the rest of the season. He still tops the Ravens' depth chart, but the journeyman will turn 31 in October and must fend off Kenneth Dixon, Javorius Allen and Lorenzo Taliaferro for snaps. Initially Forsett will flirt with RB2 numbers, but he's far from a lock to hold down lead-back duties all season.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	BAL	BAL	BAL
RUSHING			
ATT	235	151	214
YDS	1,266	641	1,027
AVG	5.4	4.2	4.8
TD	8	2	4
RECEIVING			
REC	44	31	30
YDS	263	153	180
TD	0	0	1
TOTAL			
TD I	8	2	5

27 T.J. YELDON JAC \$4 AGE 22 BYE 5

After rushing for 740 yards as a rookie, Yeldon looked like a breakout candidate for 2016. Then Jacksonville signed Chris Ivory as a free agent to put a damper on that outlook. Still, there are reasons to like Yeldon. He touched the ball 218 times in the 12 weeks he was healthy, and he ranked 11th among RBs in fantasy points during that span. He had only three TDs, but that total was depressed by the Jaguars' unusually high rate of scoring by the pass (88 percent). He should find the end zone more this season and projects as an excellent midround target with upside.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	JAC	JAC
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	182	183
YDS	N/A	740	759
AVG	N/A	4.1	4.1
TD	N/A	2	4
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	36	36
YDS	N/A	279	342
TD	N/A	1	2
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	3	6

28 MELVIN GORDON SD \$4 AGE 23 BYE 11

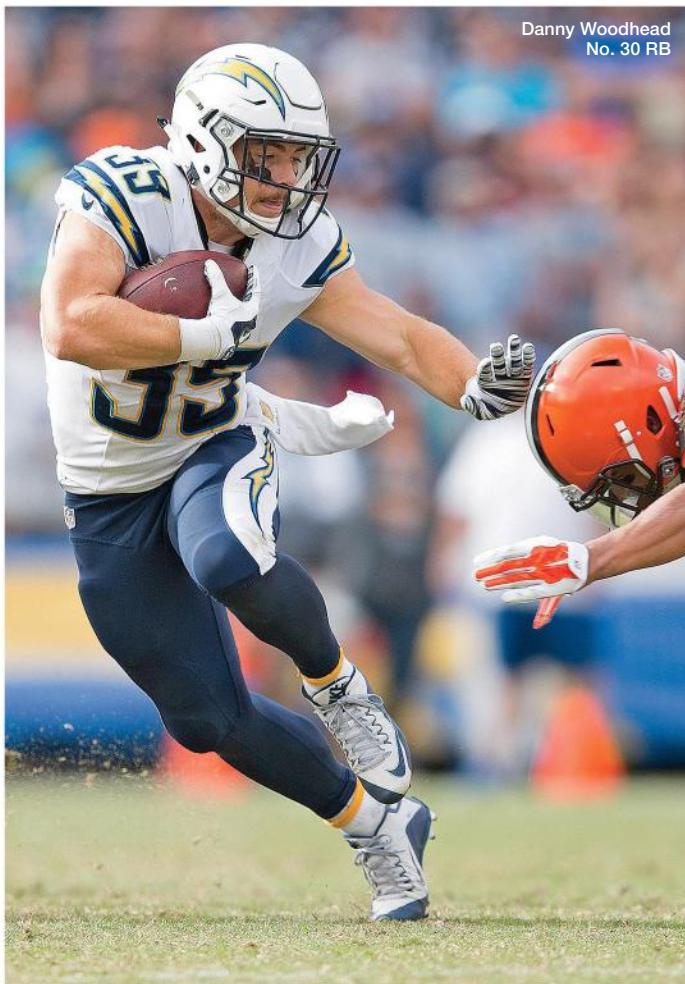
Forty-one RBs racked up at least 111 carries during the 2015 regular season. Gordon was the only one who failed to score a rushing TD. That wasn't the extent of his rookie-year struggles: He also averaged just 3.6 ypc, second worst among RBs with at least 100 carries. But the Chargers' O-line was largely to blame, as Gordon forced 34 missed tackles, per Pro Football Focus, ninth among RBs. Gordon also caught 33 of his 37 targets. Danny Woodhead will again take away touches, but Gordon—the 15th pick in the 2015 draft—does enter 2016 as the team's lead back and early-down workhorse.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	SD	SD
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	184	242
YDS	N/A	641	930
AVG	N/A	3.5	3.8
TD	N/A	0	4
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	33	29
YDS	N/A	192	235
TD	N/A	0	1
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	0	5

29 DUKE JOHNSON CLE \$4 AGE 22 BYE 13

Johnson had little chance to succeed as a rookie. He was stuck in a dysfunctional offense with a carousel of replacement-level QBs and had to share duties as part of an RB committee. Still, he managed to make a mark as a pass-catching specialist, hauling in 61 receptions, which ranked fourth among RBs. Johnson played only 522 snaps and carried just 104 times for 379 yards, so there's a hint of breakout potential if he gets more work. More likely, he seems destined for a career as a third-down back and should be a fringe RB2 in PPR formats.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	CLE	CLE
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	104	141
YDS	N/A	379	556
AVG	N/A	3.6	3.9
TD	N/A	0	3
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	61	56
YDS	N/A	534	560
TD	N/A	2	2
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	2	5

Danny Woodhead
No. 30 RB**30 DANNY WOODHEAD SD \$4 AGE 31 BYE 11**

Woodhead is arguably the league's best pass-catching RB and led the position in targets, receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs last season. That's how he ranked 11th among RBs in fantasy points despite carrying the ball just 98 times. There's a reason for the lack of rushes: Woodhead averaged just 3.4 ypc (third worst in the NFL) despite 61 percent of his carries coming against a nickel or dime defense. He averaged a league-worst 0.9 yards after contact. Woodhead is now 31, but his role as one of Philip Rivers' top targets is secure and makes him a fringe RB1 in PPR leagues.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	SD	SD	SD
RUSHING			
ATT	15	98	94
YDS	38	336	358
AVG	2.5	3.4	3.8
TD	0	3	2
RECEIVING			
REC	5	80	71
YDS	34	755	630
TD	0	6	5
TOTAL			
TD	0	9	7

31 FRANK GORE IND \$4 AGE 33 BYE 10

Every year it seems Frank Gore is on the verge of falling off, yet he has finished as a top-20 fantasy running back for 10 straight seasons. He hasn't missed a game since 2010, including a 2015 campaign in which he handled 71.8 percent of the Colts' designed rushing attempts. Solid at the goal line, Gore leads all active players with 24 carries from the opponent's 1-yard line over the past five seasons. He remains extremely consistent, but he is now 33 and lacks a high ceiling.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	SF	IND	IND
RUSHING			
ATT	255	260	220
YDS	1,106	967	886
AVG	4.3	3.7	4.0
TD	4	6	5
RECEIVING			
REC	11	34	29
YDS	111	267	246
TD	1	1	1
TOTAL			
TD	5	7	6

32 RASHAD JENNINGS NYG \$3 AGE 31 BYE 8

Jennings was labeled the Giants' starter but spent most of last season in a four-man committee before finally being unleashed down the stretch. During the first 13 weeks, he averaged 21.9 snaps and 9.7 carries per game and was 43rd among running backs in fantasy points. During the final four weeks, though, he averaged 35.5 snaps and 19.8 carries and ranked third. Jennings is now 31 and might not be able to handle a workhorse role for a full season. But he remains the most talented RB on a good offensive team, which should allow him to post flexeworthy stats.

33 GIOVANI BERNARD CIN \$3 AGE 24 BYE 9

If there's one thing you can say about Bernard, it's that he's consistent. During his three seasons in the league, he has ranked 29th, 25th and 28th in carries and 16th, 18th and 21st in fantasy points among RBs. Bernard also cracked the top-10 RB list in targets, receptions and receiving yards, and his 4.8 ypc ranked 12th. But his strong play was somewhat overshadowed by Jeremy Hill's struggles in Cincinnati. Bernard is entering a contract year but will still be asked to complement Hill, which limits his ceiling. Still, he's a worthwhile RB2 in PPR.

34 AMERI ABDULLAH DET \$3 AGE 23 BYE 10

Abdullah's performance as a rookie was underwhelming, but that was mostly the result of his being overhyped in the preseason. A second-round pick out of Nebraska, Abdullah picked up 597 yards on 143 carries for a healthy 4.2 ypc. Just 23 years old, Abdullah has the ability to make explosive plays and is the most talented RB on Detroit's roster. But Stevan Ridley could take away some of his early-down work, and Theo Riddick has the third-down role locked up. Abdullah, then, is far from a safe investment, but he has the upside you want in a midround flier.

35 CHRIS IVORY JAC \$3 AGE 28 BYE 5

Ivory is fresh off a career year in which he busted loose for 1,287 yards from scrimmage and eight TDs on 277 touches. But he's moving from a primary role with the Jets to a situation in Jacksonville where he will split carries with T.J. Yeldon. Ivory, 28, is more experienced and a better blocker than the 22-year-old Yeldon, and since he entered the league, Ivory's 4.6 ypc ranks ninth among the 49 RBs with 500-plus carries. But Yeldon is the same size, plays a similar game and is a superior receiver. Even if Ivory ends up as the leader of that tag-team backfield, his fantasy upside will be limited by Yeldon's presence.

36 DERRICK HENRY TEN \$3 AGE 22 BYE 13

The 2015 Heisman Trophy winner landed with the Titans with the 45th pick in April's draft. Henry is an absolute tank at 6-3, 242 pounds, but he also sports impressive speed (4.54 40-yard dash) and athleticism for his size. Still, he obviously projects as a power back, which means he'll be busy on early downs and at the goal line. That's good news in terms of TD upside, but it's unlikely he will do much on passing downs, which limits his upside, especially in PPR formats. As a rookie, Henry will work behind DeMarco Murray, likely limiting him to flex production.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	NYG	NYG	NYG
RUSHING			
ATT	167	195	187
YDS	639	863	789
AVG	3.8	4.4	4.2
TD	4	3	5
RECEIVING			
REC	30	29	28
YDS	226	296	279
TD	0	1	2
TOTAL			
TD	4	4	7

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	CIN	CIN	CIN
RUSHING			
ATT	168	154	128
YDS	680	730	545
AVG	4.0	4.7	4.3
TD	5	2	4
RECEIVING			
REC	43	49	51
YDS	349	472	443
TD	2	0	1
TOTAL			
TD	7	2	5

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	DET	DET
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	143	176
YDS	N/A	597	747
AVG	N/A	4.2	4.2
TD	N/A	2	5
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	25	30
YDS	N/A	183	283
TD	N/A	1	2
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	3	7

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	NYJ	NYJ	JAC
RUSHING			
ATT	198	247	146
YDS	821	1,070	642
AVG	4.1	4.3	4.4
TD	6	7	4
RECEIVING			
REC	18	30	18
YDS	123	217	168
TD	1	1	1
TOTAL			
TD	7	8	5

37 LeGarrette Blount NE \$3 AGE 29 BYE 9

Although he has never quite maintained a featured role, Blount has been one of the NFL's most efficient backs since entering the league in 2010. Including the playoffs, Blount has racked up 945 carries (18th most) over the past six years. His average of 2.35 yards after contact trails only Adrian Peterson's among 65 RBs with at least 350 carries during that span, and his 4.6 ypc ranks 10th. Blount isn't much of a receiver and is 29, but he's been underused throughout his career. Back with New England, he should see action on early downs and at the goal line and is a flex candidate in standard leagues.

TEAM	PIT/NE	NE	NE
G	16	12	15
RUSHING			
ATT	125	165	219
YDS	547	703	960
Avg	4.4	4.3	4.4
TD	5	6	6
RECEIVING			
REC	10	6	4
YDS	54	43	32
TD	0	1	0
TOTAL			
TD	5	7	6

38 Arian Foster FA \$3 AGE 30 BYE N/A

Another year, another injury. Foster has missed 23 regular-season games over the past three seasons, including 12 last year, which led the Texans to release him this past winter. When healthy, Foster has been one of the league's most effective backs, having finished as a top-five fantasy RB in four of the past six seasons. But last year was a struggle, with just 163 yards on 63 carries—that 2.6 ypc ranked last among RBs who rushed at least 50 times. Foster is now 30, and while he figures to latch on with a team this summer, his days of carrying the load are over.

TEAM	HOU	HOU	FA
G	13	4	13
RUSHING			
ATT	260	63	135
YDS	1,246	163	581
Avg	4.8	2.6	4.3
TD	8	1	4
RECEIVING			
REC	38	22	27
YDS	327	227	200
TD	5	2	1
TOTAL			
TD	13	3	5

39 Theo Riddick DET \$2 AGE 25 BYE 10

Running backs with only 43 carries are rarely relevant in fantasy, but Riddick was an exception last season because of his pass-catching prowess. He finished 19th among RBs in PPR scoring despite producing just three TDs because he tied for first among RBs in receptions, placed second in targets and receiving yards and tied for seventh in receiving TDs. The former sixth-round pick lacks a high ceiling in non-PPR leagues, posting just two top-20 weeks last year, but his solid floor puts him in the RB2 mix in PPR.

TEAM	DET	DET	DET
G	14	16	15
RUSHING			
ATT	20	43	54
YDS	51	133	198
Avg	2.6	3.1	3.7
TD	0	0	2
RECEIVING			
REC	34	80	68
YDS	316	697	706
TD	4	3	5
TOTAL			
TD	4	3	7

Karlos Williams
No. 40 RB

**40 Karlos Williams BUF \$2 AGE 23 BYE 10**

Williams scored nine TDs and averaged 5.6 ypc on 93 attempts as a rookie. Despite that impressive start to his career, he should take a step back in 2016. He remains the clear backup behind LeSean McCoy, and his TD rate is hardly sustainable. Should anything happen to McCoy, though, Williams will be poised to put up big numbers. The powerful back averaged 2.4 yards after contact last season, sixth in the league, and the Bills' productive offense relies heavily on the run. Williams' high ceiling makes him worth carrying on your bench, and he is a must-have handcuff for McCoy's owners.

TEAM	N/A	BUF	BUF
G	N/A	11	15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	93	115
YDS	N/A	517	530
Avg	N/A	5.6	4.6
TD	N/A	7	4
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	11	11
YDS	N/A	96	83
TD	N/A	2	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	9	4

41 Kenneth Dixon BAL \$2 AGE 22 BYE 8

Dixon is one of the most intriguing additions to the fantasy landscape. At Louisiana Tech last year, he ran for zero or negative yards on one-quarter of his carries, which hardly seems like the résumé of a future pro. But considering that Dixon averaged just 1.2 yards before contact and 3.6 yards after contact (tops among RBs who attended the draft combine), it's plausible that offensive line woes caused those negative runs. That's what the Ravens believed after drafting him in the fourth round; he will provide them with a receiving threat and a potential heir to Justin Forsett.

TEAM	N/A	N/A	BAL
G	N/A	N/A	15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	86
YDS	N/A	N/A	366
Avg	N/A	N/A	4.3
TD	N/A	N/A	2
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	34
YDS	N/A	N/A	293
TD	N/A	N/A	1
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

42 DeAngelo Williams PIT \$2 AGE 33 BYE 8

Eyeing some quality depth behind Le'Veon Bell last offseason, the Steelers signed Williams. The move certainly paid dividends. Dealing with a suspension and injury, Bell appeared in only six games. Williams was the workhorse in his place, averaging 17.8 carries and 4.1 targets during his 10 starts. Williams easily paced the position in fantasy points during those 10 weeks. On the season, he racked up 11 rushing touchdowns and 15 carries within 3 yards of the goal line, both of which were most in the league. Williams is 33 years old and won't see the field much as long as Bell is healthy. He is strictly a high-end handcuff.

TEAM	CAR	PIT	PIT
G	6	16	15
RUSHING			
ATT	62	200	103
YDS	219	907	470
Avg	3.5	4.5	4.6
TD	0	11	3
RECEIVING			
REC	5	40	9
YDS	44	367	67
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	11	3

43 Tevin Coleman ATL \$2 AGE 23 BYE 11

Coleman appeared ready for fantasy stardom at the start of last season. The Falcons' third-round pick won the starting job and rushed 20 times for 80 yards in the team's opener. Then he suffered a rib injury in Week 2, and Devonta Freeman not only ran away with the lead-back gig but also led all RBs in fantasy points. But Coleman could answer back this season. For one thing, his 4.7 ypc against base defenses ranked 11th in the league, while Freeman was just tied for 27th (4.0 ypc). Coleman has a good shot to pick up more carries this season, and at worst he projects as a high-end handcuff.

TEAM	N/A	ATL	ATL
G	N/A	12	15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	87	117
YDS	N/A	392	494
Avg	N/A	4.5	4.2
TD	N/A	1	4
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	2	14
YDS	N/A	14	101
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	1	4

44 Charles Sims TB \$2 AGE 25 BYE 6

Doug Martin gets the headlines, but a case could be made that Sims was the better RB in 2015. In fact, Sims was one of the best backs in the entire league. Operating as the passing-down complement to Martin, Sims posted 1,090 yards and four TDs (all receiving) on 158 touches. He finished among the top 11 RBs in targets, receptions, receiving yards, receiving TDs, yards per catch and yards after contact (2.3 per rush). Sims—at worst—should have a similar role this season, and Martin's durability is always a concern. So target Sims in the middle rounds and give him a big boost in PPR leagues.

TEAM	TB	TB	TB
G	8	16	15
RUSHING			
ATT	66	107	106
YDS	185	529	436
Avg	2.8	4.9	4.1
TD	1	0	3
RECEIVING			
REC	19	51	53
YDS	190	561	555
TD	0	4	2
TOTAL			
TD	1	4	5

**46 BILAL POWELL NYJ \$2 AGE 27 BYE 11**

Jeremy Langford will get the first crack at replacing Matt Forte in Chicago, but he wasn't very impressive as a rookie. Enter Howard, the Bears' fifth-round pick out of Indiana. At 6-1, 230 pounds, Howard is a between-the-tackles bulldozer who will do a lot of damage after contact, making him a good fit in John Fox's run-heavy scheme. Howard converted 32 percent of his carries into first downs and ran for zero or negative yards on only 10 percent of his rushes last season. Both are terrific rates. If Langford stumbles early, watch for Howard to snatch his job.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
G	15	11	14
RUSHING			
ATT	33	70	93
YDS	141	313	372
Avg	4.3	4.5	4.0
TD	1	1	2
RECEIVING			
REC	11	47	30
YDS	92	388	289
TD	0	2	2
TOTAL			
TD	1	3	4

47 CHARCANDRICK WEST KC \$2 AGE 25 BYE 5

If you need another example of how well lead backs do in Andy Reid's offense, look to the West. After Jamaal Charles tore his ACL in Week 5, West morphed from an unknown reserve to a fantasy star. After a quiet first NFL start in Week 6, West finished among the top seven RBs in each of his next three outings. West's efficiency (4.0 ypc, including 1.6 after contact) wasn't special, but he rushed for 634 yards and scored five total TDs. West will be worth adding if Charles goes down again, but in that scenario, he's likely to share carries with Spencer Ware.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	KC	KC	KC
G	6	15	15
RUSHING			
ATT	0	160	75
YDS	0	634	300
Avg	0	4.0	4.0
TD	0	4	3
RECEIVING			
REC	0	20	14
YDS	0	214	104
TD	0	1	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	5	3

48 ISAIAH CROWELL CLE \$1 AGE 23 BYE 13

Operating as the thunder to Duke Johnson's lightning in Cleveland last season, Crowell racked up 888 yards and five touchdowns on 204 touches. He averaged a substandard 3.8 yards per carry and failed to impress after contact. Crowell has posted a total of four top-10 weeks during his two seasons. At only 23 years old, he is the favorite to handle early-down and goal-line duties in Hue Jackson's run-first scheme, so he's worth a flier, as there's still a chance he takes a step forward. But the better bet is that he continues to play second fiddle to Johnson.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	CLE	CLE	CLE
G	16	16	15
RUSHING			
ATT	148	185	174
YDS	607	706	707
Avg	4.1	3.8	4.1
TD	8	4	4
RECEIVING			
REC	9	19	14
YDS	87	182	152
TD	0	1	1
TOTAL			
TD	8	5	5

49 DEVONTAE BOOKER DEN \$1 AGE 24 BYE 11

Booker will be an ideal backup to C.J. Anderson as a rookie and is a potential three-down back in the future. He is effective running downhill at 5-10, 208 pounds, is comfortable catching passes out of the backfield and is a quality pass blocker. Booker lacks top-end speed and explosion, as only 34 percent of his runs went for at least 5 yards during his final season at Utah. He might not play much early, but he's an Anderson injury away from a significant role in Denver's run-heavy offense. Stash him on your bench.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	DEN
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	103
YDS	N/A	N/A	427
Avg	N/A	N/A	4.1
TD	N/A	N/A	3
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	9
YDS	N/A	N/A	65
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

50 C.J. PROSIE SEA \$1 AGE 22 BYE 5

Prosie is considered raw, having played only one season at running back while at Notre Dame. Of course, his previous experience as a wide receiver speaks to his pass-catching ability, making him a strong complement to early-down back Thomas Rawls. The third-round pick is 6 feet, 220 pounds and blazed a 4.48 40-yard dash. He averaged 6.6 yards per carry last year, and an impressive 24 percent of his attempts went for 10 yards or more. Prosie needs to clean up his fumbles and pass blocking, but he's an intriguing handcuff who also has some stand-alone PPR value as a rookie.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	SEA
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	81
YDS	N/A	N/A	343
Avg	N/A	N/A	4.2
TD	N/A	N/A	2
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	30
YDS	N/A	N/A	239
TD	N/A	N/A	1
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

51 JAMES STARKS GB \$1 AGE 30 BYE 4

He was initially ticketed strictly for change-of-pace work, but Starks' 2015 role grew significantly once it became apparent that Eddie Lacy couldn't carry the load. Starks ran the ball 148 times and averaged a solid 4.1 ypc, and he also finished among the top 18 RBs in targets, receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs. Starks was an unreliable fantasy source, though, as he spread a trio of top-10 weeks over the entire season and managed only one additional top-20 week. Green Bay will put Lacy in position to reclaim feature-back duties, but it's no certainty that he will. This makes Starks a fine late-round flier.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	GB	GB	GB
RUSHING			
ATT	85	148	116
YDS	333	601	502
Avg	3.9	4.1	4.3
TD	2	2	2
RECEIVING			
REC	18	43	19
YDS	140	392	187
TD	0	3	1
TOTAL			
TD	2	5	3

52 KENYAN DRAKE MIA \$0 AGE 22 BYE 8

Drake was the third running back selected in April's draft, which was somewhat of a surprise. Although he figures to begin his career as a complement to Jay Ajayi as a receiving specialist, the Alabama product has the size (6 feet, 210 pounds), speed (4.45 40-yard dash) and elusiveness to potentially develop into an every-down back. At the very least, he should be a solid handcuff, and since he'll play a role similar to that of Charles Sims in Tampa Bay, he should also be considered a flex option in PPR leagues.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	MIA
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	68
YDS	N/A	N/A	258
Avg	N/A	N/A	3.8
TD	N/A	N/A	1
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	41
YDS	N/A	N/A	357
TD	N/A	N/A	2
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

53 DARREN SPROLES PHI \$0 AGE 33 BYE 4

One of the game's best-ever passing-down specialists, Sproles has been on the field for roughly a third of his team's offensive snaps during five of the past seven seasons. Last season he ranked fourth among RBs in targets and sixth in receptions but only 14th in receiving yards. He can expect similar usage this year, despite the Eagles' coaching change. Sproles doesn't carry the ball a lot, and for good reason—he averaged just 3.8 yards per rush last season despite often running against nickel and dime defenses. At 33, Sproles has a low ceiling, but he could catch 50 passes.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	PHI	PHI	PHI
RUSHING			
ATT	57	83	70
YDS	329	317	349
Avg	5.8	3.8	5.0
TD	6	3	2
RECEIVING			
REC	40	55	51
YDS	387	388	419
TD	0	1	1
TOTAL			
TD	6	4	3

54 JERICK MCKINNON MIN \$0 AGE 24 BYE 6

With many starters going down with injuries and others ineffective, 2015 was a good year for handcuff RBs. Adrian Peterson was one of only a few starters who held up for the entire season, however, which didn't allow the talented McKinnon to emerge until late in the season. Amid a small sample of work, the 2014 third-round pick impressed, averaging 5.2 ypc (fourth best) and scoring three TDs. McKinnon will start 2016 behind the 31-year-old Peterson, who just completed the sixth 300-plus-touch season of his career. McKinnon is one injury away from RB1 consideration and among the most interesting handcuffs in fantasy.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	MIN	MIN	MIN
RUSHING			
ATT	113	52	97
YDS	538	271	437
Avg	4.8	5.2	4.5
TD	0	2	3
RECEIVING			
REC	27	21	34
YDS	135	173	304
TD	0	1	2
TOTAL			
TD	0	3	5

55 PAUL PERKINS NYG \$0 AGE 21 BYE 8

The Giants nabbed the 5-11, 210-pound scat back in the fifth round of the draft. Although Perkins might not have the size or strength needed for an every-down role at the NFL level, he showed impressive elusiveness at UCLA. According to Pro Football Focus, he forced 73 missed tackles as a rusher last season, which trailed only Derrick Henry among FBS backs. Rashad Jennings is 31 and has trouble staying healthy, so Perkins could end up starting a few games as a rookie.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	NYG
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	105
YDS	N/A	N/A	449
Avg	N/A	N/A	4.3
TD	N/A	N/A	3
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	4
YDS	N/A	N/A	33
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

56 TYLER ERVIN HOU \$0 AGE 22 BYE 9

Houston was eyeing a versatile complement to Lamar Miller when it selected Ervin in the fourth round of April's draft. Although he is tough and aggressive, Ervin doesn't have the size to hold up as an every-down back; at 192 pounds, he's the lightest of all RBs who were drafted this year. On the plus side, he is one of the better, more experienced pass-catching backs among this year's rookies: His 45 receptions at San Jose State in 2015 led all drafted RBs. Ervin is also a good returner and flashed his athleticism with strong performances in the 40-yard dash, vertical jump and broad jump at the combine. He's a fine handcuff to Miller.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	HOU
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	89
YDS	N/A	N/A	365
Avg	N/A	N/A	4.1
TD	N/A	N/A	2
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	20
YDS	N/A	N/A	175
TD	N/A	N/A	1
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

57 KEITH MARSHALL WAS \$0 AGE 22 BYE 9

Marshall fell to the seventh round of April's draft, but Washington's poor depth at running back behind Matt Jones (who struggled as a rookie) makes him fantasy-relevant. A combine standout, Marshall ran the fastest 40-yard dash (4.31) and posted the most reps on the bench press (25) among RBs. He was a five-star prospect out of high school but carries a major injury red flag after a torn ACL derailed most of his final three seasons at Georgia. Given his physical tools, though, Marshall should be on your radar in the later rounds.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	WAS
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	96
YDS	N/A	N/A	419
Avg	N/A	N/A	4.4
TD	N/A	N/A	2
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	9
YDS	N/A	N/A	65
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	2

58 DeANDRE WASHINGTON OAK \$0 AGE 23 BYE 10

Washington will be one of the shortest players in the league. But don't let that 5-7 frame distract you from his impressive strength (24 bench-press reps, second among RBs at the combine) and quickness (4.20 short shuttle, the fastest). Washington was a quality rusher at Texas Tech and especially dangerous as a receiver: He racked up 1,877 yards and 16 touchdowns on 274 touches last season. Expect him to play a significant role for the Raiders as a rookie. At the very least, he will complement Latavius Murray.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	OAK
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	95
YDS	N/A	N/A	380
Avg	N/A	N/A	4.0
TD	N/A	N/A	2
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	18
YDS	N/A	N/A	150
TD	N/A	N/A	1
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

**59 SHANE VEREEN NYG \$0 AGE 27 BYE 8**

After four seasons as the passing-down specialist in New England, Vereen signed with the Giants and assumed the same role. He performed admirably even though there wasn't a significant amount of fantasy value for him to accrue. He didn't run the ball much but averaged a respectable 4.3 yards per carry. He was busy in passing situations, though, as New York called pass on 84 percent of his 400 snaps. Vereen finished among the top six backs in targets, receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. He will have a similar job in 2016 and is worth flex consideration in PPR leagues.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	NE	NYG	NYG
RUSHING			
ATT	96	61	54
YDS	391	260	233
AVG	4.1	4.3	4.3
TD	2	0	1
RECEIVING			
REC	52	59	45
YDS	447	494	383
TD	3	4	3
TOTAL			
TD	5	4	4

60 WENDELL SMALLWOOD PHI \$0 AGE 22 BYE 4

Stats aren't all that matter in football, but it's hard to argue with the numbers Smallwood produced at West Virginia. Last year he averaged 6.4 yards per carry (second best among drafted RBs), recorded a first down on 32 percent of his runs (second) and managed 5 or more yards on 51 percent of his carries (first). Smallwood is a bit lean at 5-11, 201 pounds, which hasn't allowed him to run with much power or pass-block with much success. But he is the next man up in the event of a Ryan Mathews injury in Philadelphia and is worth stashing on your bench.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	N/A	PHI
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	70
YDS	N/A	N/A	285
AVG	N/A	N/A	4.1
TD	N/A	N/A	3
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	9
YDS	N/A	N/A	64
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

61 SPENCER WARE KC \$0 AGE 24 BYE 5

Ware came into the league in 2013 as a fullback with Seattle, then sat out the 2014 season. But last year he re-emerged as a tailback with the Chiefs, and after injuries to Jamaal Charles and Charcandrick West, he burst onto the fantasy scene with 101 total yards and two TDs in a Week 11 win against San Diego. Ware averaged 5.6 yards per carry, including an NFL-best 3.3 yards after contact, and scored six TDs. He certainly made a case for a larger role, but Charles is back, and even if Charles' recovery from ACL surgery is slow, Ware must beat out West.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	KC	KC
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	72	62
YDS	N/A	403	282
AVG	N/A	5.6	4.5
TD	N/A	6	3
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	6	4
YDS	N/A	5	27
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	6	3

62 SHAUN DRAUGHN SF \$0 AGE 28 BYE 8

Playing on his fifth team in as many seasons, Draughn finally got a long look as a feature back in 2015. The results weren't promising. He averaged just 3.5 ypc filling in for Carlos Hyde and Reggie Bush, including only 1.5 after contact. He didn't post a single top-10 week and ranked among the top-20 fantasy RBs just once. Draughn did show some receiving skills, though, hauling in 27 of 35 targets for 176 yards. This season he will compete with Kelvin Taylor and Mike Davis for reps behind Hyde.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	CHI/SD/CLE	CLE/SF	SF
RUSHING			
ATT	10	78	84
YDS	19	273	313
AVG	1.9	3.5	3.7
TD	0	1	2
RECEIVING			
REC	0	27	31
YDS	0	176	266
TD	0	0	1
TOTAL			
TD	0	1	3

63 TIM HIGHTOWER NO \$0 AGE 30 BYE 5

Hightower had been out of the league for three years before engineering one of the season's best comeback stories. He spent most of 2015 as a healthy scratch, but Mark Ingram's shoulder injury vaulted him into a prime role, and he ran with it. Hightower gained 456 yards on 96 touches and scored four TDs over the season's final four weeks, which left him trailing only David Johnson in running back fantasy points over that span. That success persuaded the Saints to re-sign him; he'll back up Ingram.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	N/A	NO	NO
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	96	83
YDS	N/A	375	329
AVG	N/A	3.9	4.0
TD	N/A	4	3
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	12	10
YDS	N/A	129	71
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	4	3

64 ANDRE ELLINGTON ARI \$0 AGE 27 BYE 9

Ellington has had several opportunities to emerge as Arizona's top RB since being drafted in the sixth round in 2013, but injuries have derailed his progress. Now those opportunities are all but gone: David Johnson has emerged as the Cardinals' clear starter, and Chris Johnson will also limit Ellington's playing time. Ellington actually played well in a small sample of work last season, averaging 6.4 yards per carry and 9.9 yards per reception. But he should see only occasional change-of-pace snaps this season and is worth attention only in deep leagues.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	ARI	ARI	ARI
RUSHING			
ATT	201	45	51
YDS	660	289	211
AVG	3.3	6.4	4.1
TD	3	3	1
RECEIVING			
REC	46	15	15
YDS	395	148	152
TD	2	0	1
TOTAL			
TD	5	3	2

65 CHRIS JOHNSON ARI \$0 AGE 30 BYE 9

Johnson ranked 15th among RBs in fantasy points before breaking his leg in Week 12. That ended his season as well as his run as Arizona's starting running back; that job now belongs to David Johnson. Much of Chris Johnson's success last year was based on volume—he had the fourth-most carries in the league through the first 11 weeks. Still, he scored just three TDs and was targeted only 12 times in the passing game. If healthy, Johnson could be in the mix for some early-down carries, but that won't be enough to earn flex consideration.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	NYJ	ARI	ARI
RUSHING			
ATT	155	196	85
YDS	663	814	349
AVG	4.3	4.2	4.1
TD	1	3	2
RECEIVING			
REC	24	6	2
YDS	151	58	15
TD	1	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	3	2

66 ALFRED MORRIS DAL \$0 AGE 27 BYE 7

Since entering the NFL in 2012, Morris has led the league with 1,078 carries. He ranks second in rushing yards (4,713), fifth in rushing TDs (29) and eighth in fantasy points (668) at the position during that span. Although his efficiency has dipped (his yards per carry dropped to 3.7 in 2015), there's something to be said for Morris' durability. He didn't miss a game while with Washington. Morris now heads to Dallas, where he's set to compete for early-down and short-yardage work behind rookie Ezekiel Elliott. If he beats out Darren McFadden for the backup role, Morris will be a high-priority handcuff.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	WAS	DAL	DAL
RUSHING			
ATT	265	202	64
YDS	1,074	751	267
AVG	4.1	3.7	4.2
TD	8	1	2
RECEIVING			
REC	17	10	4
YDS	155	55	30
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	8	1	2

67 DARREN MCFADDEN DAL \$0 AGE 29 BYE 7

After an underwhelming seven-year tenure in Oakland, McFadden enjoyed a bit of a resurgence in Dallas last season. He averaged 4.6 yards per carry, which was third best among 24 backs with at least 180 carries. From Week 7 on, he handled 18.4 carries and 3.4 targets per game. Tony Romo's return will help Dallas' offensive efficiency, but with rookie Ezekiel Elliott and veteran Alfred Morris joining the team, McFadden simply won't see the field much. He is worth rostering only if he beats out Morris for No. 2 duties.

TEAM	OAK	DAL	DAL
G	16	16	15
RUSHING			
ATT	155	239	75
YDS	534	1,089	308
Avg	3.4	4.6	4.1
TD	2	3	2
RECEIVING			
REC	36	40	14
YDS	212	328	106
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	3	2

68 JAVORIUS ALLEN BAL \$0 AGE 25 BYE 8

A 2015 fourth-round pick, Buck played sparingly early last year but was the biggest benefactor when Justin Forsett went down for the season with an injury. During the final seven weeks, his 3.5 yards per carry was ugly, but a position-high 37 receptions was enough to rank sixth among RBs in fantasy points. Allen appears best served as a backup, but he'll have an opportunity to compete with the 30-year-old Forsett and rookie Kenneth Dixon in Baltimore's underrated offense. Since he is facing so much competition, Allen is nothing more than a late-round lottery ticket.

TEAM	N/A	BAL	BAL
G	N/A	16	15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	137	74
YDS	N/A	514	299
Avg	N/A	3.8	4.0
TD	N/A	1	2
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	45	9
YDS	N/A	353	63
TD	N/A	2	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	3	2

69 C.J. SPILLER NO \$0 AGE 29 BYE 5

Spiller has averaged 4.9 ypc since entering the league in 2010, the third-best mark among RBs with at least 400 attempts. Couple that with the fact that he was a top-10 draft pick and you'd expect him to be a star. Instead, Spiller has struggled with durability issues and hasn't come close to living up to expectations. It was more of the same during his first season as a Saint in 2015—he carried the ball only 36 times behind Mark Ingram. Spiller did catch 34 passes, but for all his ability, the 29-year-old doesn't figure to matter much in fantasy.

TEAM	BUF	NO	NO
G	9	13	14
RUSHING			
ATT	78	36	31
YDS	300	112	148
Avg	3.8	3.1	4.8
TD	0	0	0
RECEIVING			
REC	19	34	38
YDS	125	239	279
TD	1	2	1
TOTAL			
TD	1	2	1

70 CAMERON ARTIS-PAYNE CAR \$0 AGE 26 BYE 7

When the Panthers drafted Artis-Payne in the fifth round last year, they hoped he could help fill the void left by DeAngelo Williams. He showed some flashes, averaging 4.1 ypc on 45 attempts, but he couldn't move past journeyman Fozy Whittaker as the top reserve behind Jonathan Stewart. Artis-Payne has some handcuff appeal this year, with the highest fantasy ceiling among Stewart's backups in one of the league's top offenses. But even in the event of an injury to Stewart, Artis-Payne likely would share snaps with Whittaker and Mike Tolbert.

TEAM	N/A	CAR	CAR
G	N/A	7	15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	45	57
YDS	N/A	183	233
Avg	N/A	4.1	4.1
TD	N/A	1	1
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	5	7
YDS	N/A	58	55
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	1	1

71 ALEX COLLINS SEA \$0 AGE 22 BYE 5

If you're looking for a high-ceiling RB toward the end of your draft, Seattle is a good place to start. That brings us to Collins, the Seahawks' fifth-round pick in April out of Arkansas. At first glance, he appears to be buried on the depth chart, but Thomas Rawls is recovering from a broken foot, and fellow rookie C.J. Prosise is raw. Collins has little experience as a receiver (13 receptions in 2015) and needs work as a blocker, but he is one injury away from a significant role in one of the league's most run-focused and highest-scoring offenses.

TEAM	N/A	N/A	SEA
G	N/A	N/A	15
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	41
YDS	N/A	N/A	155
Avg	N/A	N/A	3.8
TD	N/A	N/A	1
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	3
YDS	N/A	N/A	20
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	1

72 RONNIE HILLMAN DEN \$0 AGE 24 BYE 11

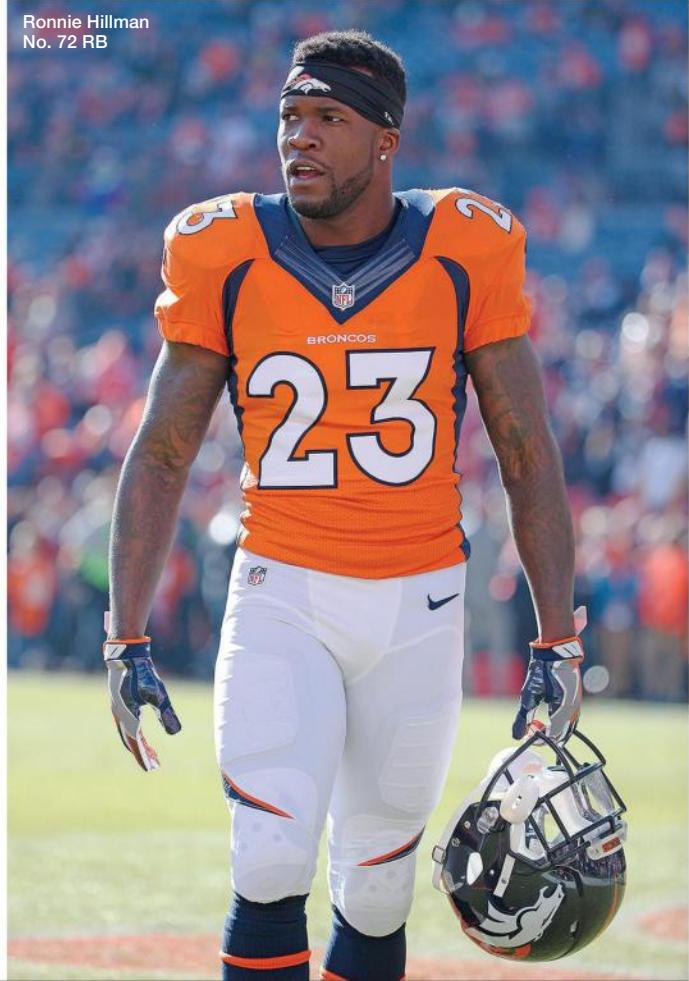
Hillman finished 2015 as a top-20 fantasy RB, but that was more a product of volume than efficiency. Working in a committee with C.J. Anderson, Hillman ranked 12th in the league in carries and eighth in rushing touchdowns. Since entering the league in 2012, Hillman has averaged 1.4 yards per attempt after contact, which is second worst among active backs with at least 400 carries. Hillman likely will see a reduced role as a change-of-pace option behind Anderson and rookie Devontae Booker.

TEAM	DEN	DEN	DEN
G	8	16	15
RUSHING			
ATT	106	207	60
YDS	434	863	236
Avg	4.1	4.2	3.9
TD	3	7	2
RECEIVING			
REC	21	24	13
YDS	139	111	116
TD	1	0	1
TOTAL			
TD	4	7	3

73 KHIRY ROBINSON NYJ \$0 AGE 26 BYE 11

Robinson never got a ton of work during his three years in New Orleans, but he was reasonably impressive in his small sample of action. He gained 766 yards on 186 carries and scored eight TDs. Per Pro Football Focus, Robinson forced 34 missed tackles on 132 attempts over the past two seasons; only Carlos Hyde had a better rate among active RBs. Now with the Jets, Robinson appears to be buried behind Matt Forte and Bilal Powell, but it wouldn't be a surprise if he chipped in occasionally on early downs and at the goal line. Keep an eye on him.

TEAM	NO	NO	NYJ
G	10	8	14
RUSHING			
ATT	76	56	57
YDS	362	180	234
Avg	4.8	3.2	4.1
TD	3	4	1
RECEIVING			
REC	8	17	4
YDS	63	115	30
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	3	4	1



74 TRE MASON LA \$0 AGE 23 BYE 8

Mason looked like a potential breakout player last offseason until the Rams drafted Todd Gurley in the first round. That relegated him to a shared backup role with Benny Cunningham, and Mason's impact was further limited by injuries. The results: just 75 rushes, 20 targets and a measly 2.8 yards per carry, second worst among RBs who carried at least 50 times. Mason is only 23 and just two years removed from getting picked in the third round, but as long as Gurley is healthy, Mason projects as nothing more than a late-round handcuff.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	STL	STL	LA
RUSHING			
ATT	179	75	42
YDS	765	207	165
Avg	4.3	2.8	3.9
TD	4	1	1
RECEIVING			
REC	16	18	7
YDS	148	88	52
TD	1	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	5	1	1

75 KA'DEEM CAREY CHI \$0 AGE 23 BYE 9

Carey has played little in two seasons with the Bears, but he might have a shot at a larger role in 2016. He has been limited to just 169 snaps since Chicago drafted him in the fourth round in 2014. Now that Matt Forte is with the Jets, Carey will compete for snaps with the unproven Jeremy Langford and rookie Jordan Howard. In limited work, Carey has a career average of 4.0 yards per carry and has scored three TDs on 87 touches. He's smaller than his competition and not particularly explosive, but he is young and certainly fresh after riding the bench for two seasons.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CHI	CHI	CHI
RUSHING			
ATT	36	43	31
YDS	158	159	126
Avg	4.4	3.7	4.1
TD	0	2	1
RECEIVING			
REC	5	3	12
YDS	57	19	88
TD	0	1	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	3	1

76 CHRIS THOMPSON WAS \$0 AGE 25 BYE 9

Thompson wasn't expected to make much of an impact last season behind Alfred Morris and Matt Jones, but he found his niche as the team's passing-down specialist. Washington called pass plays on 87 percent of his 282 snaps, which helped him rank among the top 20 RBs in targets, receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs. At 5'8, 193 pounds, Thompson doesn't have the size to be a three-down back, but he will flirt with PPR flex numbers if he hangs on to last season's role.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	WAS	WAS	WAS
RUSHING			
ATT	3	35	17
YDS	12	216	79
Avg	4.0	6.2	4.6
TD	0	0	0
RECEIVING			
REC	6	35	26
YDS	27	240	235
TD	1	2	1
TOTAL			
TD	1	2	1

77 BENNY CUNNINGHAM LA \$0 AGE 26 BYE 8

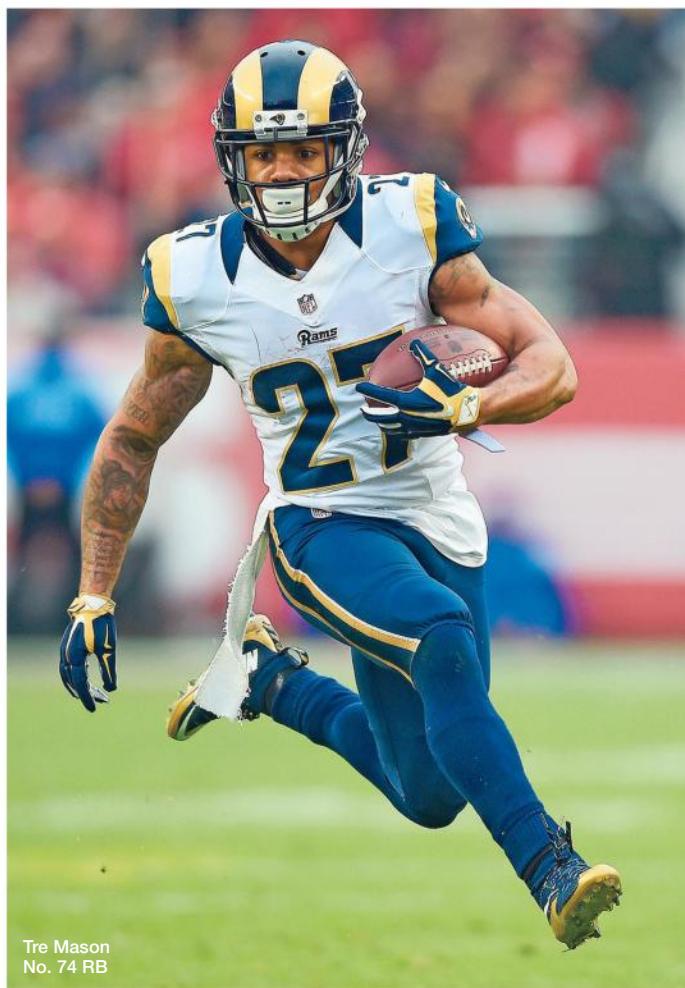
Cunningham looked to be the odd man out of the Rams' backfield last season with the addition of Todd Gurley and the return of Tre Mason. But he ended up holding on to the passing-down role and caught 26 passes on 33 targets. He rushed only 37 times, which gives him little fantasy upside, but he does own impressive career averages of 4.3 yards per carry and 8.6 yards per reception. Gurley will continue to block Cunningham from grabbing a larger role, but it's worth monitoring his production in deep PPR leagues.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	STL	STL	LA
RUSHING			
ATT	66	37	17
YDS	246	140	69
Avg	3.7	3.8	4.1
TD	3	0	1
RECEIVING			
REC	45	26	21
YDS	352	250	216
TD	1	0	1
TOTAL			
TD	4	0	2

78 STEVAN RIDLEY DET \$0 AGE 27 BYE 10

After a productive four-year stint with New England, Ridley was limited to 81 snaps with the Jets last season. Now he will look for a fresh start in Detroit, where he will compete with Ameer Abdullah and Zach Zenner for early-down and goal-line work. Ridley has a career average of 4.2 yards per carry, but he isn't much of a receiver, which limits his upside. If he manages to earn 10 to 12 carries per game, he could generate some flex value, but that scenario is unlikely. Ridley should be owned in only the deepest of leagues.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NE	NYJ	DET
RUSHING			
ATT	94	36	64
YDS	340	90	264
Avg	3.6	2.5	4.1
TD	2	0	2
RECEIVING			
REC	4	4	4
YDS	20	-2	34
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	0	2

**79 ZACH ZENNER DET \$0 AGE 24 BYE 10**

Zenner had just started to earn playing time as an undrafted rookie when he was lost for the season in October with cracked ribs and a partially collapsed lung. But he will get another chance this year after Detroit released Joique Bell. Zenner has an impressive combination of size and speed that should allow him to compete for early-down and goal-line carries. Still, he will have to beat out Ameer Abdullah and Stevan Ridley, and Theo Riddick already is entrenched as the team's top receiving back. Zenner is worth considering late in deep leagues, but Detroit's committee approach likely will limit his production.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	DET	DET
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	17	18
YDS	N/A	60	71
Avg	N/A	3.5	3.9
TD	N/A	0	1
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	2	2
YDS	N/A	11	17
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	0	1

80 ALFRED BLUE HOU \$0 AGE 25 BYE 9

Blue couldn't have landed in a better opportunity for playing time after the Texans took him in the sixth round of the 2014 draft. Arian Foster's frequent injuries have allowed Blue to rack up 1,448 yards and six TDs on 382 career touches. But he has been neither efficient—averaging 3.6 yards per carry, including 1.6 after contact—nor successful in fantasy (just six top-20 weeks in two seasons). Now Blue's opportunities will become less frequent: The durable Lamar Miller signed with Houston as a free agent, and he'll see the bulk of work at running back, leaving Blue to compete for scraps with rookie Tyler Ervin.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	HOU	HOU	HOU
RUSHING			
ATT	169	183	27
YDS	528	698	104
Avg	3.1	3.8	3.9
TD	2	2	1
RECEIVING			
REC	15	15	4
YDS	113	109	30
TD	1	1	0
TOTAL			
TD	3	3	1

	2014	2015	PROJ		2014	2015	PROJ		2014	2015	PROJ		2014	2015	PROJ		2014	2015	PROJ				
TEAM	N/A	N/A	IND	G	TEAM	TEN	TEN	G	TEAM	SD	SD	SD	G	NE	NE	NE	G	BAL	PIT	PIT	G		
81 JOSH FERGUSON IND \$0 AGE 23 BYE 10	N/A	N/A	15		ATT	40	55	20	ATT	160	31	42		ATT	9	22	8	ATT	N/A	N/A	18		
	N/A	N/A	240		YDS	131	247	85	YDS	582	108	165		YDS	38	56	31	YDS	N/A	N/A	70		
	N/A	N/A	3.9		Avg	3.3	4.5	4.3	Avg	3.6	3.5	3.9		Avg	4.2	2.5	3.9	Avg	N/A	N/A	3.9		
	N/A	N/A	1		Td	0	1	1	Td	3	0	1		Td	0	2	0	Td	N/A	N/A	1		
	N/A	N/A	15		RECEIVING	26	31	22	RECEIVING	36	13	5		RECEIVING	5	40	9	RECEIVING	N/A	N/A	3		
	N/A	N/A	112		Yds	197	260	186	Yds	271	112	33		Yds	23	410	64	Yds	N/A	N/A	24		
	N/A	N/A	1		Td	1	1	1	Td	1	0	0		Td	0	4	0	Td	N/A	N/A	0		
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82 DEXTER McCLOUDER TEN \$0 AGE 28 BYE 13	N/A	N/A	15		TD	1	2	2	TD	TD	TD	TD		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD			
	2014	2015	PROJ		TEAM	JAC	JAC	JAC	TEAM	DAL	DAL	DAL	G	TEAM	N/A	N/A	NO	TEAM	BAL	PIT	PIT	G	
86 CHRISTINE MICHAEL SEA \$0 AGE 25 BYE 5	SEA	DAL/SEA	SEA	G	ATT	13	13	15	ATT	16	4	9		ATT	N/A	N/A	12	ATT	4	5	15		
	10	8	15		Rushing				Rushing					Rushing				Rushing					
	34	54	5		ATT	135	67	9	ATT	29	5	3		ATT	N/A	N/A	12	ATT	6	18	12		
	175	243	19		Yds	582	266	35	Yds	99	67	13		Yds	N/A	N/A	45	Yds	12	42	46		
	5.1	4.5	3.8		Avg	4.3	4.0	3.9	Avg	3.4	13.4	4.3		Avg	N/A	N/A	3.8	Avg	2.0	2.3	3.8		
	0	0	0		Td	4	1	0	Td	0	0	0		Td	N/A	N/A	0	Td	0	0	0		
	N/A	N/A	0		RECEIVING	23	21	2	RECEIVING	18	21	3		RECEIVING	N/A	N/A	2	RECEIVING	3	0	5		
	12	16	0		Yds	124	164	16	Yds	217	215	22		Yds	N/A	N/A	18	Yds	27	0	34		
	0	0	0		Td	0	0	0	Td	0	0	0		Td	N/A	N/A	0	Td	0	0	0		
	N/A	N/A	0		Total	4	1	0	Total	0	0	0		Total	N/A	N/A	0	Total	0	0	0		
87 DENARD ROBINSON JAC \$0 AGE 25 BYE 5	N/A	N/A	0		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD			
	2014	2015	PROJ		TEAM	CAR	CAR	CAR	TEAM	BAL	BAL	BAL	G	TEAM	N/A	N/A	NO	TEAM	BAL	PIT	PIT	G	
91 KELVIN TAYLOR SF \$0 AGE 22 BYE 8	N/A	N/A	15		Rushing				Rushing					Rushing				Rushing					
	N/A	N/A	20		ATT	32	25	19	ATT	68	13	21		ATT	217	88	20	ATT	85	59	16		
	N/A	N/A	77		Yds	145	108	76	Yds	292	47	87		Yds	721	257	77	Yds	223	229	65		
	N/A	N/A	3.9		Avg	4.5	4.3	4.0	Avg	4.3	3.6	4.1		Avg	3.3	2.9	3.9	Avg	2.6	3.9	4.1		
	N/A	N/A	0		Td	1	1	0	Td	4	1	1		Td	7	1	1	Td	0	1	0		
	N/A	N/A	8		RECEIVING	5	12	7	RECEIVING	8	5	0		RECEIVING	18	1	2	RECEIVING	29	8	2		
	N/A	N/A	57		Yds	60	64	55	Yds	114	29	0		Yds	130	7	16	Yds	211	88	16		
	N/A	N/A	0		Td	1	0	0	Td	0	0	0		Td	0	0	0	Td	0	0	0		
	N/A	N/A	0		Total	2	1	0	Total	4	1	1		Total	7	1	1	Total	0	1	0		
92 FUZZY WHITTAKER CAR \$0 AGE 27 BYE 7	N/A	N/A	0		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD			
	2014	2015	PROJ		TEAM	CAR	CAR	CAR	TEAM	BAL	BAL	BAL	G	TEAM	NYG	NYG	NYG	TEAM	SD	SD	NE	G	
94 ANDRE WILLIAMS NYG \$0 AGE 24 BYE 8	N/A	N/A	15		Rushing				Rushing					Rushing				Rushing					
	N/A	N/A	20		ATT	32	25	19	ATT	68	13	21		ATT	217	88	20	ATT	85	59	16		
	N/A	N/A	77		Yds	145	108	76	Yds	292	47	87		Yds	721	257	77	Yds	223	229	65		
	N/A	N/A	3.9		Avg	4.5	4.3	4.0	Avg	4.3	3.6	4.1		Avg	3.3	2.9	3.9	Avg	2.6	3.9	4.1		
	N/A	N/A	0		Td	1	1	0	Td	4	1	1		Td	7	1	1	Td	0	1	0		
	N/A	N/A	8		RECEIVING	5	12	7	RECEIVING	8	5	0		RECEIVING	18	1	2	RECEIVING	29	8	2		
	N/A	N/A	57		Yds	60	64	55	Yds	114	29	0		Yds	130	7	16	Yds	211	88	16		
	N/A	N/A	0		Td	1	0	0	Td	0	0	0		Td	0	0	0	Td	0	0	0		
	N/A	N/A	0		Total	2	1	0	Total	4	1	1		Total	7	1	1	Total	0	1	0		
97 DAVID COBB TEN \$0 AGE 23 BYE 13	N/A	N/A	0		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD			
	2014	2015	PROJ		TEAM	N/A	TEN	TEN	TEAM	WAS	OAK	OAK	G	TEAM	STL	NYJ	NYJ	TEAM	CAR	CAR	CAR	G	
98 ROY HELU OAK \$0 AGE 27 BYE 10	N/A	N/A	15		Rushing				Rushing					Rushing				Rushing					
	N/A	N/A	9		ATT	N/A	52	2	ATT	40	17	10		ATT	76	31	9	ATT	37	62	46		
	N/A	N/A	36		Yds	N/A	146	8	Yds	216	39	43		Yds	293	89	33	Yds	78	256	168		
	N/A	N/A	4.0		Avg	N/A	2.8	4.0	Avg	5.4	2.3	4.3		Avg	3.9	2.9	3.7	Avg	2.1	4.1	3.7		
	N/A	N/A	0		Td	N/A	1	0	Td	1	0	0		Td	1	1	0	Td	0	1	2		
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	N/A	N/A	17		Yds	N/A	-2	0	Yds	477	75	24		Yds	152	65	15	Yds	93	154	102		
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99 ZAC STACY NYJ \$0 AGE 25 BYE 11	N/A	N/A	0		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD			
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100 MIKE TOLBERT CAR \$0 AGE 30 BYE 7	N/A	N/A	15		Rushing				Rushing					Rushing				Rushing					
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	N/A	N/A	3.9		Avg	4.5	4.3	4.0	Avg	4.3	3.6	4.1		Avg	3.3	2.9	3.9	Avg	2.6	3.9	4.1		
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96 DWAYNE WASHINGTON DET \$0 AGE 22 BYE 10	N/A	N/A	0		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD		TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD			

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State of the position

BY ERIC KARABELL

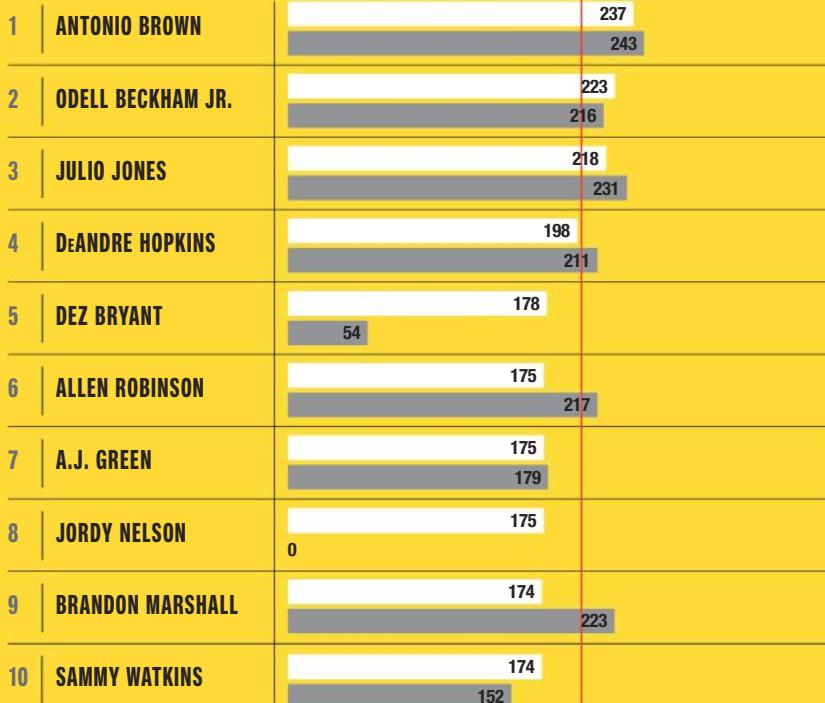
Many of the names have changed, but the common denominator remains the same—there's always elite production available at wide receiver, and it's far more reliable than at running back. Pittsburgh's Antonio Brown has led receivers in standard fantasy scoring in each of the past two years, but as for the rest of the 2014 top 10, Odell Beckham Jr. and Julio Jones were the only ones to repeat the feat in '15. There's incredible depth at receiver, but we're still likely to see half of the first round represented by the position. This is good. Brown is a reasonable first overall selection. But top receivers come from all teams and situations. There's a Texan, a Jaguar and a Bill represented. Another guy didn't even play last season. Load up, because while there's value in the middle and later rounds, there's little need to pass on the early-round choices.

Rates of change

Here's how our top 10 wide receivers' projected points compare with their totals from 2015 and the average WR1 output last season.

FANTASY POINTS

■ 2016 PROJECTED POINTS ■ 2015 ACTUAL POINTS



203.4

WR1 AVG

Antonio Brown has finished among the top 10 WRs in fantasy points in nearly half of his outings over the past two years.

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Only seven wide receivers last season posted 10 or more fantasy points in 10 or more games. Spot-starting a wide receiver with your WR2 or WR3 can work, but it's not a good idea to be one of the only fantasy owners in your league whose WR1 doesn't carry his weight with reliable double-digit games. Be sure to get one of the consistent workhorses. —KC JOYNER

Do not draft

Ted Ginn, CAR

We applaud the slippery-handed veteran for being one of 10 wide receivers to reach 10 or more touchdown catches last season. We also applaud his three consecutive multi-TD performances in December. But there's no way a repeat is coming. Ginn isn't that good, and he fell short of 50 catches and 100 targets in 2015. When eyeing receivers, go with the fellows who get the looks, not necessarily the scores.

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PLAYER PROFILES BY MIKE CLAY

1 ANTONIO BROWN PIT \$55 AGE 28 BYE 8

Brown was the top-scoring wide receiver in each of the past two years and has made a strong case that he is the most valuable asset in all of fantasy football. He trailed only Julio Jones in both targets (194) and receiving yards (1,834) last season and tied Jones for the league lead in receptions (136). Incredibly, Brown has finished a week among the top 10 WRs in fantasy points in nearly half of his outings over the past two seasons. As long as Ben Roethlisberger stays healthy, Pittsburgh's offense will be pass-heavy and among the best in the league. Brown is in his prime and has the highest floor at the position.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	PIT 16	PIT 16	PIT 16
RECEIVING			
REC	129	136	133
YDS	1,698	1,834	1,747
Avg	13.2	13.5	13.1
TD	13	10	10
RUSHING			
ATT	4	3	4
YDS	13	28	25
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	13	10	10

2 ODELL BECKHAM JR. NYG \$54 AGE 23 BYE 8

Beckham proved his rookie season was no fluke, ranking seventh in the league in targets (157), eighth in receptions (96), fifth in receiving yards (1,450) and tied for fourth in touchdowns (13) last season. That left him fifth in the league in fantasy points, and he might have placed second had it not been for the one-game suspension he earned after his contentious matchup with Josh Norman. Beckham is still only 23, but he is as heavily targeted and as dangerous after the catch as anyone in the league. He should be off the board early in the first round of your draft.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NYG 12	NYG 15	NYG 16
RECEIVING			
REC	91	96	107
YDS	1,305	1,450	1,625
Avg	14.3	15.1	15.2
TD	12	13	10
RUSHING			
ATT	7	1	0
YDS	35	3	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	12	13	10

3 JULIO JONES ATL \$53 AGE 27 BYE 11

The addition of offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan worked wonders for Jones last season. A third of the Falcons' passes went his way, enabling him to lead the NFL with 203 targets and 1,871 receiving yards and tie Antonio Brown with an NFL-high 136 receptions. All that's left is for Jones to find the end zone more often—he scored eight times last season. Durability remains somewhat of a concern for Jones, with 2015 marking only the second time in five seasons that he appeared in all 16 games. But that is a minor issue, as Jones remains a tremendous fantasy asset.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	ATL 15	ATL 16	ATL 16
RECEIVING			
REC	104	136	128
YDS	1,593	1,871	1,764
Avg	15.3	13.8	13.8
TD	6	8	7
RUSHING			
ATT	1	0	0
YDS	1	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	9*	7

4 DeANDRE HOPKINS HOU \$50 AGE 24 BYE 9

Hopkins became a full-fledged fantasy star in 2015, his third season in the league, ranking third in the NFL in targets (190), receptions (111) and receiving yards (1,521). He has excellent hands and is a threat on all levels of the field, but he simply doesn't offer much with the ball in his hands, averaging a position-low 1.8 yards after the catch. Brock Osweiler provides Houston with the quarterback upgrade it badly needed, so as long as Hopkins continues to flirt with a 30 percent target share, he will remain a strong WR1 option.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	HOU 16	HOU 16	HOU 16
RECEIVING			
REC	76	111	105
YDS	1,210	1,521	1,436
Avg	15.9	13.7	13.7
TD	6	11	9
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	11	9

5 DEZ BRYANT DAL \$47 AGE 27 BYE 7

You can pretty much write off Bryant's 2015 season. Injuries limited him to only nine games, and even when he was on the field, it was often as part of a Tony Romo-less offense. Bryant actually averaged 8.1 targets per game—almost as many as he had in 2014, when he caught a league-high 16 TDs and finished tied for third among WRs in fantasy points. In fact, Bryant entered the 2015 season having finished no worse than fourth at the position in TDs after his rookie season. With Romo back to full health, Bryant is a strong bet to regain elite status and is a borderline first-round pick.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	DAL 16	DAL 9	DAL 15
RECEIVING			
REC	88	31	82
YDS	1,320	401	1,180
Avg	15.0	12.9	14.4
TD	16	3	10
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	16	3	10

6 ALLEN ROBINSON JAC \$42 AGE 23 BYE 5

Robinson was a popular breakout candidate in 2015, and boy did he live up to the hype. In just his second season, he tied for the league lead with 14 touchdowns, and his 1,400 receiving yards ranked sixth in the NFL. Blake Bortles looked for him often near the goal line, as Robinson caught an NFL-high 11 end zone targets. But he also proved to be a major deep threat—he posted the seventh-highest average depth of target (15.3 yards) among WRs and the sixth-highest yards per reception (17.5). TD regression should be expected, but Robinson is only 23 and a rising star in Jacksonville's emerging offense.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	JAC 10	JAC 16	JAC 16
RECEIVING			
REC	48	80	80
YDS	548	1,400	1,265
Avg	11.4	17.5	15.8
TD	2	14	8
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	14	8

7 A.J. GREEN CIN \$40 AGE 28 BYE 9

Cincinnati's improvement on offense last season actually meant less work for Green. After averaging at least 30 percent of Cincinnati's targets in games he played over the previous three seasons, Green's share fell to 26.8 percent in 2015. The Bengals simply had more options in an offense that averaged three TDs per game. As a result, he ranked 12th among WRs in receptions, eighth in yards, tied for seventh in TDs and eighth in fantasy points. Green will face a heavier burden this season, as both Mohamed Sanu and Marvin Jones departed as free agents. Regardless, you're sitting pretty if Green is your No. 1 WR.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CIN 13	CIN 16	CIN 16
RECEIVING			
REC	69	86	83
YDS	1,041	1,297	1,213
Avg	15.1	15.1	14.6
TD	6	10	9
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	10	9

DeAndre Hopkins
No. 4 WR



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8 JORDY NELSON GB \$38 AGE 31 BYE 4

Nelson missed the entire 2015 season with a torn ACL, and it was no secret that he was sorely missed. After scoring 3.3 TDs per game in 2014, Green Bay's offense posted a pedestrian 2.5 mark last season. Nelson finished among the top six receivers in targets, receptions, yards and TDs in 2014, which led to a third-place finish in fantasy points. Two years later, he carries more risk—he is 31 years old and coming off a serious injury. Still, Nelson is a good bet to handle eight to 10 targets per game in an Aaron Rodgers-led offense, making him a fringe WR1.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	GB 16	GB 0	GB 16
RECEIVING			
REC	98	0	85
YDS	1,519	0	1,272
AVG	15.5	0	15.0
TD	13	0	8
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	13	0	8

9 BRANDON MARSHALL NYJ \$37 AGE 32 BYE 11

Marshall consistently has been one of the league's top targets near the goal line. He either led the NFL or tied for the lead in end zone targets in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015, and he was fourth in 2014. Last season all those looks paid off: His 14 touchdowns tied Allen Robinson and Doug Baldwin for most in the league. Marshall also proved to be extremely reliable in his first season as a Jet. He finished no worse than 24th among WRs in fantasy points in all but two of his 16 outings last season. Marshall is now 32, but he has shown no signs of slowing down.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CHI 13	NYJ 16	NYJ 16
RECEIVING			
REC	61	109	98
YDS	721	1,502	1,261
AVG	11.8	13.8	12.9
TD	8	14	8
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	8	14	8

10 SAMMY WATKINS BUF \$36 AGE 23 BYE 10

Watkins was a fantasy star in 2015, but it might not seem like it because he missed nearly a quarter of the season due to injuries. During the 12 full games he played, Watkins handled 27.8 percent of Buffalo's targets and ranked sixth among WRs in fantasy points. He also posted the highest average depth of target (16.8 yards) in the NFL among players targeted at least 70 times. He should be back by training camp from a broken foot that required surgery in April. And with the emerging Tyrod Taylor under center in an offense that quietly was tied for eighth in TDs last season, Watkins is a borderline WR1 with an extremely high ceiling.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	BUF 16	BUF 13	BUF 16
RECEIVING			
REC	65	60	78
YDS	982	1,047	1,250
AVG	15.1	17.5	16.0
TD	6	9	8
RUSHING			
ATT	2	1	2
YDS	8	1	14
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	6	9	8

11 ALSHON JEFFERY CHI \$34 AGE 26 BYE 9

Jeffery missed seven games due to injury last season, but he was one of the most dominant WRs when active. He handled just under a third of the team's targets in games he played en route to 54 receptions for 807 yards and four TDs. Jeffery's size (6-3) makes him effective in the red zone: Only Calvin Johnson and Brandon Marshall had more end zone targets over the past three seasons. Jeffery has missed a hefty chunk of time during two of his four professional seasons, but he posted top-12 finishes during the other two campaigns. Consider him a borderline WR1 with top-five upside.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CHI 16	CHI 9	CHI 16
RECEIVING			
REC	85	54	88
YDS	1,133	807	1,252
AVG	13.3	14.9	14.2
TD	10	4	8
RUSHING			
ATT	6	0	0
YDS	33	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	10	4	8

12 MIKE EVANS TB \$33 AGE 23 BYE 6

Evans' first two seasons serve as further evidence that scoring touchdowns is more related to opportunity and good fortune than skill. He caught only two of 15 end zone targets in his second year compared with 10 of 19 as a rookie—research shows that those rates are almost entirely luck-based. In all, he was limited to three TDs, while he led the league with 11 drops. Evans is only 23, he is heavily targeted (especially deep down the field) and his 6-foot-5, 231-pound frame guarantees a ton of work near the goal line. Add in Jameis Winston's expected improvement and Evans is a solid WR2 with a huge ceiling.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	TB 15	TB 15	TB 16
RECEIVING			
REC	68	74	83
YDS	1,051	1,206	1,192
AVG	15.5	16.3	14.4
TD	12	3	7
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	12	3	7

Sammy Watkins
No. 10 WR



Alshon Jeffery
No. 11 WR

Amari Cooper
No. 14 WR**13 BRANDIN COOKS NO \$31 AGE 22 BYE 5**

After entering last season with expectations for a breakthrough campaign, Cooks looked like a bust early on. Through Week 4, he had 20 catches for just 215 yards and no touchdowns, leaving him tied for 50th among WRs in fantasy points. From that point forward, though, the 2014 first-round pick was a revelation. Cooks scored a TD on nine of his next 64 receptions, and only 13 players ended up topping his total of 1,138 receiving yards. Cooks is only 22 years old, and his star is still on the rise. He's an explosive playmaker in Drew Brees' high-octane attack, making him a strong option as a WR2.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NO	NO	NO
G	10	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	53	84	87
YDS	550	1,138	1,040
AVG	10.4	13.6	12.0
TD	3	9	7
RUSHING			
ATT	7	8	8
YDS	73	18	49
TD	1	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	4	9	7

14 AMARI COOPER OAK \$28 AGE 22 BYE 10

Cooper had quite the volatile rookie campaign after being the first receiver taken in the 2015 draft. He started strong and faded late (partially because of a foot injury), but he ended up among the top 25 receivers in targets, receptions, yardage, touchdowns and fantasy points. On the negative side, Cooper dropped 10 passes, which trailed only Mike Evans for most in the league. Still, Cooper is only 22 and already a proven every-down contributor. With his high talent level and a role in a quality offense, Cooper is a strong candidate for a big step forward in 2016, making him a solid WR2 with massive upside.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	OAK	OAK
G	N/A	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	72	80
YDS	N/A	1,070	1,074
AVG	N/A	14.9	13.4
TD	N/A	6	7
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	3	0
YDS	N/A	-3	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	6	7

15 DEMARYIUS THOMAS DEN \$27 AGE 28 BYE 11

Thomas ranked among the top nine WRs in receptions and yardage in each of the past four seasons and joined Julio Jones and Antonio Brown as the only players to catch 100 passes in both 2014 and 2015. But last season, he dropped nine passes (third most in the NFL) and posted his worst fantasy finish (13th) since 2011. At age 28, Thomas remains in his prime, but Denver's shaky QB situation—combined with Gary Kubiak's run-first scheme—means his efficiency and volume could very well take another step back. He is now more of a middle-of-the-pack WR2 than the solid WR1 he was during the Peyton Manning era.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	DEN	DEN	DEN
G	16	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	111	105	88
YDS	1,619	1,304	1,127
AVG	14.6	12.4	12.8
TD	11	6	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	11	6	6

16 KEENAN ALLEN SD \$26 AGE 24 BYE 11

Allen missed 10 games because of injury over the past two seasons, delaying what seemed like a surefire rise to the upper echelon of the wide receiver rankings. When healthy, Allen has been a tremendous asset. As a rookie in 2013, he finished 17th among wide receivers in fantasy points. Through eight weeks last season, Allen ranked seventh in standard leagues and fourth in PPR and posted top-11 outings four times. But after lacerating his kidney in Week 8, Allen missed the rest of the season. With Philip Rivers still under center, a healthy Allen should bounce back in a big way this season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	SD	SD	SD
G	14	8	15
RECEIVING			
REC	77	67	104
YDS	783	725	1,163
AVG	10.2	10.8	11.2
TD	4	4	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	4	4	5

17 T.Y. HILTON IND \$24 AGE 26 BYE 10

Compare Hilton's 2014 and 2015 stats and you'll see how badly the Colts missed Andrew Luck. Hilton finished 15th among wide receivers in targets in both seasons. But last season, his receptions, yardage, TDs, catch rate, yards per reception and fantasy points all declined from 2014. Why? A whopping 28.5 percent of balls thrown in Hilton's direction were off target, more than double his 2014 rate of 13.3 percent. So with Luck back this year, you can bank on Hilton's resurgence. The 26-year-old deep threat should post WR2 numbers.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	IND 15	IND 16	IND 16
RECEIVING			
REC	82	69	72
YDS	1,345	1,124	1,161
AVG	16.4	16.3	16.1
TD	7	5	7
RUSHING			
ATT	2	0	2
YDS	20	0	12
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	7	5	7

18 KELVIN BENJAMIN CAR \$22 AGE 25 BYE 7

The Carolina offense enjoyed a breakout 2015 campaign, but imagine how much better it could have been with its No. 1 receiver. After an impressive rookie campaign in which Benjamin posted 1,008 receiving yards, he tore his ACL last August. During his big rookie season, the 6-foot-5, 245-pound Benjamin scored nine TDs thanks to an NFL-high 24 end zone targets. Expect him to slide comfortably back into his role as Cam Newton's go-to wide receiver and become one of the few players in the league with the potential for 12-plus TDs.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CAR 16	CAR 0	CAR 16
RECEIVING			
REC	73	0	76
YDS	1,008	0	991
AVG	13.8	0	13.0
TD	9	0	8
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	9	0	8

19 JULIAN EDELMAN NE \$20 AGE 30 BYE 9

Edelman would be in the WR1 conversation if not for his injury issues. He has emerged as Tom Brady's favorite receiver, averaging 9.4 targets per game over the past three seasons. (Rob Gronkowski sits at 8.5 during the same span.) But Edelman has played a full 16-game slate just once in his career and appeared in only nine games last season. He scored seven times in that limited run, though, and finished as a top-13 WR during four of those weeks. Edelman is a high-floor WR2 target, especially in PPR.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NE 14	NE 9	NE 15
RECEIVING			
REC	92	61	94
YDS	972	692	980
AVG	10.6	11.3	10.4
TD	4	7	7
RUSHING			
ATT	10	3	8
YDS	94	23	50
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	4	7	7

20 DOUG BALDWIN SEA \$18 AGE 27 BYE 5

After scoring a total of 15 TDs in his first four seasons, Baldwin exploded for 14 in 2015, which tied for the league lead. Incredibly, through Week 11 Baldwin had scored only three times and ranked tied for 34th among WRs in fantasy points. Over the next six weeks, 11 of his 34 catches went for TDs, and he was fantasy's top performer at the position. Baldwin's TD pace is unsustainable, but his breakout was inevitable. A terrific blocker and efficient receiver, he has been one of the NFL's top all-around WRs for years but had struggled to find targets in Seattle's run-heavy offense. Consider Baldwin a fringe WR2.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	SEA 16	SEA 16	SEA 16
RECEIVING			
REC	66	78	76
YDS	825	1,069	1,031
AVG	12.5	13.7	13.6
TD	3	14	7
RUSHING			
ATT	1	0	0
YDS	8	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	3	14	7

21 JARVIS LANDRY MIA \$17 AGE 23 BYE 8

Landry took a big step forward as Ryan Tannehill's top target in 2015. After catching 84 passes as a rookie, he bumped up that total to 110 last season, which ranked fourth in the league. The problem is that the bulk of those catches came close to the line of scrimmage: He posted a lowly 7.2-yard average depth of target and caught only four TD passes. New coach Adam Gase should help the Dolphins' talented offense become even more productive, though. And even if Landry continues to be used primarily on short routes, he is a safe pick as a WR3 and becomes a borderline WR1 in PPR formats.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	MIA 16	MIA 16	MIA 16
RECEIVING			
REC	84	110	96
YDS	758	1,157	1,038
AVG	9.0	10.5	10.8
TD	5	4	5
RUSHING			
ATT	2	18	20
YDS	-4	113	108
TD	0	1	0
TOTAL			
TD I	5	5	5

22 JEREMY MACLIN KC \$15 AGE 28 BYE 5

When Maclin signed with Kansas City last offseason, there were serious concerns that Alex Smith's conservative play would crush the veteran receiver's fantasy value. Instead, the underrated Smith force-fed the ball to Maclin, helping his new favorite target post nine top-30 weeks, including four top-10s. Maclin saw fewer deep shots than he did in the Philly offense, but he still managed to score eight TDs while eclipsing 1,000 receiving yards. At 28, Maclin remains in his prime, but durability is a slight concern. He has appeared in all 16 games only twice in his seven-year career. Maclin is a WR3, and his ceiling is low.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	KC 16	KC 15	KC 15
RECEIVING			
REC	85	87	83
YDS	1,318	1,088	1,092
AVG	15.5	12.5	13.2
TD	10	8	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	3	4
YDS	0	14	24
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	10	8	5

23 RANDALL COBB GB \$12 AGE 26 BYE 4

Cobb looked like a lock for WR1 production last season after Jordy Nelson tore his ACL. Instead, he struggled with consistency like the rest of the Green Bay offense and took a big step backward in terms of efficiency: Cobb's catch rate fell from 73 percent to 62 percent, and his yards per reception dropped from 14.1 to 10.5. Nelson's return figures to give the Packers' offense a boost, but Cobb will be hard to trust after laying an egg when he was presented with such a great opportunity. Cobb is only 26 and has Aaron Rodgers under center, but he should still be viewed as a WR3.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	GB 16	GB 16	GB 16
RECEIVING			
REC	91	79	75
YDS	1,287	829	878
AVG	14.1	10.5	11.7
TD	12	6	6
RUSHING			
ATT	11	13	16
YDS	37	50	107
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	12	6	6



24 ERIC DECKER NYJ \$10 AGE 29 BYE 11

Decker has ranked among the top 10 wide receivers during three of the past four seasons, making him one of the most underrated players in fantasy. The definition of consistent, he posted a top-30 WR week in all 15 of his games last season. Decker ended up with 80 receptions, 1,027 yards and 12 TDs. There was nothing fluky about that TD total: He was targeted within 3 yards of the goal line a league-high 27 times and racked up 20 end zone targets, third most in the NFL. On draft day, consider Decker a safe WR3 target.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NYJ 15	NYJ 15	NYJ 16
RECEIVING			
REC	74	80	78
YDS	962	1,027	1,016
AVG	13.0	12.8	13.0
TD	5	12	7
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	5	12	7

25 GOLDEN TATE DET \$9 AGE 28 BYE 10

Calvin Johnson's shocking decision to retire should benefit Tate. Back in 2014, the Lions played five games in which Johnson was sidelined or limited. During those weeks, Tate totaled 39 receptions for 599 yards and three TDs. Only four wide receivers scored more fantasy points. Even with Johnson in the mix last season, Tate racked up 128 targets (18th among WRs) and 90 catches (ninth). Tate is primarily a short-area target, but high volume in Detroit's pass-heavy offense will allow WR3 production. Just don't expect him to score a lot of touchdowns.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	DET 16	DET 16	DET 16
RECEIVING			
REC	99	90	93
YDS	1,331	813	1,081
AVG	13.4	9.0	11.6
TD	4	6	5
RUSHING			
ATT	5	6	7
YDS	30	41	46
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	4	6	5

**26 EMMANUEL SANDERS DEN \$8 AGE 29 BYE 11**

Sanders was the victim of poor QB play last season. He dropped from fourth in receptions among WRs in 2014 to 20th last season, fell from fifth to 14th in yardage and from tied for 12th to tied for 23rd in TDs, despite being targeted only six fewer times. The problem was that 26.7 percent of balls thrown his way were off target, compared with 19.1 percent in 2014. The Broncos' unsettled QB situation spells more trouble, and it's likely Gary Kubiak will revert to a run-first scheme without Peyton Manning. Target volume thus becomes a concern in addition to efficiency, leaving Sanders as a WR3.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	DEN 16	DEN 15	DEN 16
RECEIVING			
REC	101	76	79
YDS	1,404	1,135	1,067
AVG	13.9	14.9	13.5
TD	9	6	4
RUSHING			
ATT	8	3	4
YDS	44	29	27
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	9	6	4

27 MICHAEL FLOYD ARI \$7 AGE 26 BYE 9

Injuries before and during the season—hamstring, knee, fingers—quelled optimism for a fourth-year breakout and led to another pedestrian campaign for Floyd. He ended up 32nd among WRs in fantasy points, but he did manage six top-25 finishes during his 15 games. At 26, Floyd now enters a contract year. He carries some risk and will compete for Carson Palmer's attention with Larry Fitzgerald and John Brown, but it's not out of the question for him to emerge as the No. 1 receiver in Arizona's high-scoring offense. He has the high ceiling you want in your third receiver.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	ARI 16	ARI 15	ARI 16
RECEIVING			
REC	47	52	61
YDS	841	849	930
AVG	17.9	16.3	15.2
TD	6	6	7
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	6	7

28 DEVANTE PARKER MIA \$7 AGE 23 BYE 8

June foot surgery, coupled with Miami's deep wide receiver unit, almost led to a lost rookie season for Parker, but the 14th pick in the 2015 draft finished strong. During Weeks 12 to 17, Parker caught 22 of 40 targets for 445 yards and three scores, tying for 19th among WRs in fantasy points. On the season, he averaged 10.5 yards per target, which was sixth among WRs with at least 30 targets. Parker is extremely talented, stands 6-foot-3 and has 4.4 wheels. Durability concerns aside, Parker is a strong bet to break out as Miami's top perimeter threat this season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	MIA 14	MIA 16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	26	66
YDS	N/A	494	962
AVG	N/A	19.0	14.6
TD	N/A	3	6
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	3	6

29 LARRY FITZGERALD ARI \$7 AGE 33 BYE 9

After failing to reach 1,000 yards for three straight seasons, Fitzgerald bounced back to finish 10th among WRs in fantasy points last year. Look closer, though, and 2015 resembles two distinct seasons for Fitz. Through the first five weeks, he ranked first among WRs in fantasy points on the strength of 35 receptions, 490 yards and six TDs. After, he had 74 catches for 725 yards and three TDs, which left him 34th. Fitzgerald is 33, and while he should remain a fantasy starter, he likely won't repeat his WR1 performance, with David Johnson, Michael Floyd and John Brown taking on increased work.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	ARI 14	ARI 16	ARI 16
RECEIVING			
REC	63	109	83
YDS	784	1,215	921
AVG	12.4	11.2	11.1
TD	2	9	7
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	9	7

30 DONTE MONCRIEF IND \$7 AGE 23 BYE 10

The 2015 season was a tale of two halves for Moncrief. After seven weeks, he ranked 21st among WRs in fantasy points and had 34 catches for 381 yards and five TDs. But over his final nine games, Moncrief caught only 30 passes for 352 yards and one score, making him fantasy's No. 68 wide receiver. Of course, he was playing without Andrew Luck for most of that stretch. The former third-round pick will be just 23 years old to start the season and should be the Colts' No. 2 WR opposite T.Y. Hilton. Now that Luck is back, Moncrief should vault into WR3 consideration.

	2014	2015	IND 16
TEAM G	IND 16	IND 16	IND 16
RECEIVING			
REC	32	64	75
YDS	444	733	930
AVG	13.9	11.5	12.4
TD	3	6	8
RUSHING			
ATT	4	0	0
YDS	17	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	3	6	8

Jordan Matthews
No. 32 WR



31 JOHN BROWN ARI \$6 AGE 26 BYE 9

Brown has emerged as one of the league's most explosive deep threats, posting a top-10 average depth of target in each of his first two seasons. Despite being used in a boom-or-bust role, he was more consistent than you might expect. Brown managed only one top-10 week among WRs but placed inside the top 30 in two-thirds of his appearances (tied for ninth among WRs). For the season, he finished in the top 30 in targets, receptions, yardage and TDs. Still on the rise at age 26 and blessed with 4.3 speed, Brown should put together another WR3 campaign.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	ARI	ARI	ARI
G	16	15	16
RECEIVING			
REC	48	65	65
YDS	696	1,003	938
AVG	14.5	15.4	14.4
TD	5	7	6
RUSHING			
ATT	3	3	4
YDS	-6	22	26
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	5	7	6

32 JORDAN MATTHEWS PHI \$6 AGE 24 BYE 4

Matthews was a disappointment for most of his second season after posting solid numbers as a rookie, but he salvaged it somewhat with a strong finish. He ranked among the top 15 wide receivers just once in the first 14 weeks but placed among the top eight in each of the final three weeks. It will be hard for Matthews to continue his late-season momentum, though, as he transitions from Chip Kelly's fast-paced attack to Doug Pederson's more traditional scheme. Pederson's use of two-TE sets will force Matthews to play outside of the slot more often, which likely will chip away at his efficiency.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	PHI	PHI	PHI
G	16	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	67	85	77
YDS	872	997	954
AVG	13.0	11.7	12.4
TD	8	8	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	8	8	6

33 DESEAN JACKSON WAS \$5 AGE 29 BYE 9

Jackson arguably has been the league's premier deep threat of the past decade, but durability issues continue to limit his production. He has appeared in all 16 games only twice in eight seasons, and he missed seven contests last year. When he played, though, he was effective: From Week 9 to Week 16 he caught 30 balls for 528 yards and four TDs. Only 17 wide receivers scored more fantasy points during that span. Kirk Cousins has, at the very minimum, solidified the team's QB situation, and Jackson remains one of his go-to targets. He is a boom-or-bust WR3.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	WAS	WAS	WAS
G	15	9	15
RECEIVING			
REC	56	30	60
YDS	1,169	528	1,057
AVG	20.9	17.6	17.6
TD	6	4	4
RUSHING			
ATT	4	0	0
YDS	7	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	4	4

34 ALLEN HURNS JAC \$5 AGE 24 BYE 5

Hurns was one of the more improbable breakout players in 2015. He ranked among the top 10 WRs five times (tied for fifth in the league), which helped him finish 14th in fantasy points at his position. Hurns dropped only one pass all season, and he was one of 10 WRs who scored at least 10 TDs. Jacksonville should be healthier—and better—on offense and likely will rely on the running game more than it did a year ago, so that could cost Hurns both targets and TDs. But he is only 24 years old, stands 6-foot-3 and plays nearly every down for an emerging offense. That's a lot to like.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	JAC	JAC	JAC
G	16	15	16
RECEIVING			
REC	51	64	61
YDS	677	1,031	845
AVG	13.3	16.1	13.9
TD	6	10	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	10	6

35 MICHAEL CRABTREE OAK \$5 AGE 28 BYE 10

Just when his career seemed to be on its last legs, Crabtree was reborn in Oakland. In six seasons with the 49ers, he ranked among the top 30 WRs in fantasy points just once. But with the Raiders last season, he ended up 19th. Crabtree saw plenty of targets (10th among WRs), particularly in the end zone, where the Raiders went to him 15 times (tied for 10th in the league). His strong 2015 performance makes Crabtree a clear flex option this season, but he likely will play second fiddle to the emerging Amari Cooper.

TEAM	SF	OAK	OAK
G	16	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	68	85	80
YDS	698	922	882
AVG	10.3	10.9	11.0
TD	4	9	7
RUSHING			
ATT	1	0	4
YDS	4	0	23
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	4	9	7

36 TYLER LOCKETT SEA \$4 AGE 23 BYE 5

Lockett was supposed to be a return specialist as a rookie but ended up becoming a reliable playmaker opposite Doug Baldwin. His 51 catches for 664 yards and six TDs left him tied for 38th among WRs in fantasy points, but a deeper look at his stats shows some serious upside. His 74 percent catch rate was seventh best among WRs, despite a high average depth of target (13.1 yards). The return of Jimmy Graham and Paul Richardson—plus the re-signing of Jermaine Kearse—limits Lockett's volume a bit. But he is worth a mid-to-late-round flier because of his potential for a second-year surge.

TEAM	N/A	SEA	SEA
G	N/A	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	51	60
YDS	N/A	664	823
AVG	N/A	13.0	13.7
TD	N/A	6	6
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	5	5
YDS	N/A	20	28
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	6	6

37 MARVIN JONES DET \$4 AGE 26 BYE 10

Jones heads to Detroit after spending his first four years in Cincinnati. He missed all of 2014 because of foot and ankle injuries but sandwiched two productive seasons around that lost year. In 2013, he caught 51 passes for 712 yards and 10 TDs. Last season he had 65 receptions for 816 yards and four scores. Although Jones won't make anyone forget Calvin Johnson, he will find ample opportunity for success in Detroit as the primary downfield threat in a pass-heavy offense. Consider him a flex option.

TEAM	CIN	CIN	DET
G	0	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	0	65	73
YDS	0	816	958
AVG	0	12.6	13.1
TD	0	4	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	5	0
YDS	0	33	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	4	6

38 KEVIN WHITE CHI \$4 AGE 24 BYE 9

After the Bears traded Brandon Marshall to the Jets last offseason, they used the seventh pick in the draft to take White as his replacement. Things didn't quite go according to plan, as White missed the entire season with a shin injury. Finally back to full health, he has little competition for the team's No. 2 wide receiver gig opposite Alshon Jeffery. Armed with a 6-foot-3 frame, sub-4.4 speed and pro-ready skills as a run blocker (key in Chicago's ground-heavy scheme), White will quickly make a significant impact. The 24-year-old is an enticing sleeper with a massive fantasy ceiling.

TEAM	N/A	CHI	CHI
G	N/A	0	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	0	65
YDS	N/A	0	934
AVG	N/A	0	14.4
TD	N/A	0	5
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	0	5

39 STEFON DIGGS MIN \$4 AGE 22 BYE 6

Diggs couldn't have made much more of an impressive debut. He took the field for the first time in Week 4 and caught 25 passes for 419 yards and two TDs in his first four games. Only DeAndre Hopkins scored more fantasy points during those four weeks. But Diggs slumped after that, managing just 27 catches for 301 yards and two TDs (both in one game) the rest of the way. Considering the Vikings snagged him in the fifth round, they still got quite a return on their investment. But until they open up their offense, he is no more than flex material, especially with Laquon Treadwell now in the mix.

TEAM	N/A	MIN	MIN
G	N/A	13	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	52	68
YDS	N/A	720	875
AVG	N/A	13.9	12.9
TD	N/A	4	4
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	3	4
YDS	N/A	13	27
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	4	4

Tyler Lockett
No. 36 WR

**40 COREY COLEMAN CLE \$3 AGE 22 BYE 13**

One of the fastest WRs in the rookie class, Coleman provides the Browns with an explosive playmaker. He averaged 18.4 yards per reception and caught an FBS-high 20 TDs (the next closest had 17) at Baylor in 2015. He is on the small side (5-11, 194 pounds), which might cost him scoring chances, and he will need to cut down on drops and improve his route-running, but his big-play ability and contributions as a rusher and returner will guarantee him a hefty role right away. The Browns, after all, badly need weapons, and Coleman could catch 70 passes and reach WR3 status.

TEAM	N/A	N/A	CLE
G	N/A	N/A	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	76
YDS	N/A	N/A	991
AVG	N/A	N/A	13.0
TD	N/A	N/A	4
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	4
YDS	N/A	N/A	24
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	4

41 STERLING SHEPARD NYG \$3 AGE 22 BYE 8

Shepard lacks high-end speed and is only 5-10 with short arms, so he isn't the most physically intimidating receiver around. But the Oklahoma product more than makes up for it with great hands, quickness and excellent route-running, which is why the Giants drafted him in the second round. Shepard figures to work all over the formation for the G-Men this season. The Giants had a third receiver on the field on 91 percent of pass plays last season, so Shepard is all but locked into a massive role as a rookie. He will also contribute as a returner, which adds a bit of value to his fantasy résumé.

TEAM	N/A	N/A	NYG
G	N/A	N/A	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	72
YDS	N/A	N/A	891
AVG	N/A	N/A	12.4
TD	N/A	N/A	5
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	0
YDS	N/A	N/A	0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	5

42 TORREY SMITH SF \$2 AGE 27 BYE 8

Despite signing a five-year, \$40 million contract, Smith was rarely used during his first season with the 49ers. He saw only 59 targets, which led to 33 catches for 663 yards and four TDs. He did average 20.1 yards per reception to top the NFL. The biggest reason for optimism is the arrival of Chip Kelly and his fast-paced offense. Kelly helped coax big fantasy seasons out of DeSean Jackson in 2013 and Jeremy Maclin in 2014, but Nelson Agholor struggled as the Eagles' top perimeter WR last season. Still, Smith's big-play ability and his expected uptick in volume due to Kelly's scheme make him an interesting flex option.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	BAL 16	SF 16	SF 16
RECEIVING			
REC	49	33	51
YDS	767	663	847
AVG	15.7	20.1	16.6
TD	11	4	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	11	4	5

43 WILLIE SNEAD NO \$2 AGE 23 BYE 5

With Jimmy Graham traded to Seattle and Marques Colston fading, Snead was presented with a rare opportunity to start in one of the NFL's best offenses as a second-year undrafted free agent. He didn't disappoint, finishing tied for 25th among WRs in catches and 24th in yards. His 69 percent catch rate (18th highest) was certainly helped by the presence of Drew Brees, but Snead dropped only two of his 100 targets. Also a quality blocker, he is the front-runner to start opposite Brandin Cooks. Even with rookie Michael Thomas in the mix, Snead is well worth flex consideration in the Saints' high-volume attack.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NO 0	NO 15	NO 16
RECEIVING			
REC	0	69	69
YDS	0	984	913
AVG	0	14.3	13.2
TD	0	3	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	3	5

44 DORIAL GREEN-BECKHAM TEN \$2 AGE 23 BYE 13

Green-Beckham started slowly as a rookie, which is understandable because he didn't play football at all in 2014. Considering his rust and QB Marcus Mariota's injury issues, his overall body of work wasn't bad: 32 receptions, 549 yards and four TDs. The former second-round pick improved his play late in the season, putting up a pair of 100-yard outings in the final five weeks. Green-Beckham is huge (6-5, 237 pounds), which gives him tremendous upside as an end zone target. He'll need to fend off Kendall Wright and Rishard Matthews for snaps, but at age 23, he is a serious breakout candidate.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	TEN 16	TEN 16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	32	54
YDS	N/A	549	832
AVG	N/A	17.2	15.4
TD	N/A	4	5
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	4	5

45 LAQUON TREADWELL MIN \$2 AGE 21 BYE 6

The 23rd overall pick in April's draft, Treadwell heads to the Vikings, where he immediately steps in as the team's most talented wide receiver. Treadwell is big (6-2, 221 pounds) and strong, has long arms and is a quality blocker, which will help his chances of playing early. He is not a burner but will dominate in the intermediate areas with his body control, playmaking ability and post-catch production. The Ole Miss product might not have the same ceiling as Dez Bryant and DeAndre Hopkins, but his style is similar. Treadwell just turned 21, so he has plenty of room for growth.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	N/A	MIN 16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	67
YDS	N/A	895	
AVG	N/A	N/A	13.4
TD	N/A	N/A	5
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	0
YDS	N/A	N/A	0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	5

46 VINCENT JACKSON TB \$2 AGE 33 BYE 6

The aging Jackson has faded into a secondary role behind Mike Evans. In his first three seasons in Tampa Bay, he didn't miss a single game and ranked among the top 11 WRs in targets each season. But last season he was sidelined for six games and saw his targets drop to just 6.7 per game during the weeks in which he played a full game. At 33, Jackson is no longer a fantasy star, but he should still start opposite Evans and can challenge defenses with his 6-foot-5 frame. He should be considered a flex option when he has a favorable matchup.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	TB 16	TB 10	TB 15
RECEIVING			
REC	70	33	56
YDS	1,002	543	827
AVG	14.3	16.5	14.8
TD	2	3	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	3	5

47 TRAVIS BENJAMIN SD \$2 AGE 26 BYE 11

Benjamin's move to San Diego could be a blessing for his fantasy stock. The Chargers use plenty of three-WR sets, so he shouldn't have any trouble getting playing time alongside Keenan Allen and Stevie Johnson. That wasn't always a given in Cleveland. Benjamin was rarely used during his first three seasons there but found a niche in the offense last season and ranked 28th among WRs in fantasy points. The 5-foot-10, 175-pound speedster has the look of a boom-or-bust performer, but Allen and Johnson both have durability issues, making Benjamin worth a late-round pick.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CLE 16	CLE 16	SD 16
RECEIVING			
REC	18	68	52
YDS	314	966	779
AVG	17.4	14.2	15.0
TD	3	5	5
RUSHING			
ATT	3	4	0
YDS	11	12	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	3	5	5

48 MICHAEL THOMAS NO \$2 AGE 22 BYE 5

When it comes to fantasy-friendly landing spots, they don't get much better than New Orleans. After cutting Marques Colston, the Saints drafted Thomas in the second round. The former Buckeye has good ball skills, and at 6-3, 212 pounds, he should see plenty of targets near the goal line. Thomas is not quite speedy enough to take the top off defenses (4.5 in the 40), so a majority of his impact figures to come in the intermediate area. Thomas has a good shot to step right into Colston's old big-slot role, which allowed Colston to produce fringe WR2 stats for most of his tenure as a Saint.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	N/A	NO 16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	60
YDS	N/A	N/A	774
AVG	N/A	N/A	12.9
TD	N/A	N/A	5
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	0
YDS	N/A	N/A	0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	5

49 TAVON AUSTIN LA \$2 AGE 25 BYE 8

After two underwhelming seasons to start his career, Austin finally began to live up to his potential in 2015. Despite his small frame (5-8, 176 pounds), Austin managed to appear in all 16 games after missing a total of four during the previous two seasons. Though he was tied for only 40th in receptions and tied for 72nd in receiving yards, he added fantasy points in other areas. He returned a punt for a TD and led all WRs with 52 carries, 434 rushing yards and four rushing scores. Austin's versatility keeps him in the fantasy mix, but his unconventional role in a low-volume offense will limit his upside.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	STL 15	STL 16	LA 16
RECEIVING			
REC	31	52	61
YDS	242	473	662
AVG	7.8	9.1	10.9
TD	0	5	3
RUSHING			
ATT	36	52	30
YDS	224	434	171
TD	2	4	1
TOTAL			
TD	2	9	4



Willie Snead
No. 43 WR

50 MARKUS WHEATON PIT \$2 AGE 25 BYE 8

Wheaton has yet to emerge as a starting-caliber receiver, but he'll get one more shot to prove his worth with Martavis Bryant suspended for the entire 2016 season. Wheaton has shown some flashes (see his nine-catch, 201-yard performance against Seattle last year), but he also failed to emerge during stints as the No. 2 WR in 2014 and during Bryant's 2015 suspension. If Wheaton beats out Sammie Coates for an every-down role opposite Antonio Brown, the volume alone in Pittsburgh's pass-heavy, high-scoring offense will allow him to produce flexworthy stats.

TEAM	PIT	PIT	PIT
G	16	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	53	44	59
YDS	644	749	772
Avg	12.2	17.0	13.1
TD	2	5	5
RUSHING			
ATT	4	0	4
YDS	19	0	25
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	5	5

51 WILL FULLER HOU \$2 AGE 22 BYE 9

After selecting him 21st in April's draft, the Texans hope Fuller will become the NFL's next premier deep threat. Fuller's 4.3 40-yard dash was fastest among wide receivers who attended the combine, but his poor performance in other categories supported concerns that he is a one-trick pony. Fuller's hands need work (he led the FBS with 21 drops the past two seasons, per Pro Football Focus), and his lean frame makes him a liability as a blocker and against press coverage. Fuller must overcome these issues, but he is still likely to settle in as Houston's No. 2 receiver. Expect high-variance performances from the rookie.

TEAM	N/A	N/A	HOU
G	N/A	N/A	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	54
YDS	N/A	N/A	809
Avg	N/A	N/A	15.0
TD	N/A	N/A	5
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	4
YDS	N/A	N/A	28
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	5

52 STEVE SMITH SR. BAL \$2 AGE 37 BYE 8

Smith turned back the clock early last season, posting 41 catches for 588 yards and three TDs in his first six games, which placed him 10th among WRs in fantasy points per game. But in his seventh game, he tore his Achilles, costing him the rest of the season. It also caused him to rethink his decision to retire: Smith will now try to return from that brutal injury at age 37, making him a risky pick. If he returns to full health and assumes an every-down role, he is talented enough to flirt with WR2 stats. The more likely scenario, though, is that he finishes his career playing in sub packages for Baltimore's suddenly deep offense.

TEAM	BAL	BAL	BAL
G	16	7	14
RECEIVING			
REC	79	46	61
YDS	1,065	670	842
Avg	13.5	14.6	13.8
TD	6	3	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	3	4

53 BRESHAD PERRIMAN BAL \$2 AGE 22 BYE 8

Knee troubles cost Perriman his entire rookie season after the Ravens took him in the first round of the 2015 draft. Now he has a chance to make a major impact. Steve Smith Sr., Mike Wallace and Kamar Aiken will challenge him for snaps, but Smith is 37 and coming off a torn Achilles, and Wallace struggled in Minnesota last year. Perriman's combo of size (6-2, 218 pounds) and elite speed gives him massive upside. The Ravens have added several offensive weapons, but Perriman has the highest fantasy ceiling on the team. Take a stab in the middle rounds and hope he comes close to reaching his vast potential.

TEAM	N/A	BAL	BAL
G	N/A	0	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	0	54
YDS	N/A	0	764
Avg	N/A	0	14.1
TD	N/A	0	5
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	0	5



Steve Smith Sr.
No. 52 WR

54 MIKE WALLACE BAL \$1 AGE 30 BYE 8

Wallace was a major disappointment in his only season in Minnesota and now joins his third team in as many years. After finishing no worse than 28th among WRs in fantasy points during his first six seasons, Wallace finished tied for 74th in 2015 with career lows in receptions (39), yards (473) and TDs (two). Now in Baltimore, Wallace will benefit from strong-armed Joe Flacco, but playing time could limit his fantasy upside. Wallace will compete with Steve Smith Sr., Breshad Perriman and Kamar Aiken for reps in a tight-end-friendly offense. There's WR3 upside here, but Wallace will be a risky choice from week to week.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM G	MIA 16	MIN 16	BAL 16
RECEIVING			
REC	67	39	55
YDS	862	473	753
AVG	12.9	12.1	13.7
TD	10	2	5
RUSHING			
ATT	4	1	2
YDS	16	6	13
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	10	2	5

55 PHILLIP DORSETT IND \$1 AGE 23 BYE 10

Dorsett was the Colts' first-round pick last season but entered the year buried on the depth chart, then struggled along with the rest of the offense because of Andrew Luck's absence. If that wasn't bad enough, he also missed five games with an ankle injury. Things should get better in 2016. With the release of Andre Johnson, Dorsett is the heavy favorite to be the Colts' No. 3 WR behind T.Y. Hilton and Donte Moncrief. His 5-foot-10, 185-pound frame might limit his scoring chances, but Dorsett's 4.33 speed gives him the potential to make big plays. With Luck back under center, Dorsett is a fine late-round target.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM G	N/A	IND 11	IND 16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	18	50
YDS	N/A	225	624
AVG	N/A	12.5	12.5
TD	N/A	1	6
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	3	8
YDS	N/A	17	47
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	1	6

56 JOSH DOCTSON WAS \$1 AGE 23 BYE 9

The 22nd pick in April's draft, Doctson provides Washington with high-level athleticism and playmaking ability. His 120.6 receiving yards per game ranked second in the FBS in 2015, and while he doesn't have game-breaking speed, only a few WRs in this year's rookie class can match his ball skills and jump-ball ability. Doctson has excellent hands and will see plenty of deep balls on perimeter routes. Expect him to be busy near the goal line as well. The TCU product will start his career behind DeSean Jackson and Pierre Garcon, but even if you don't draft him, keep him in mind as a midseason buy-low target.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM G	N/A	N/A	WAS 16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	51
YDS	N/A	N/A	685
AVG	N/A	N/A	13.4
TD	N/A	N/A	4
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	0
YDS	N/A	N/A	0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	N/A	4

57 NELSON AGHOLOR PHI \$0 AGE 23 BYE 4

Agholor struggled as a rookie after the Eagles drafted him with the 20th pick. He missed three games because of a shin injury and wasn't a significant threat when healthy. Part of that was due to circumstance: With Jordan Matthews working out of the slot, Agholor played on the outside and ran more than three-quarters of his routes against a lineup of standout corners that included Patrick Peterson, Darrelle Revis and Malcolm Butler. Agholor isn't big, but he showed some burst after the catch. As a probable starter in Doug Pederson's new offense, he is a post-hype sleeper worth monitoring.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM G	N/A	PHI 13	PHI 16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	23	51
YDS	N/A	283	621
AVG	N/A	12.3	12.2
TD	N/A	1	4
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	1	4

58 MOHAMED SANU ATL \$0 AGE 27 BYE 11

The Falcons were desperate for offensive weapons last season, so they dished out \$32.5 million over five years to bring Sanu to town. The problem is that his résumé doesn't suggest that he can live up to the contract. In 2014, injuries to Cincinnati's receivers forced him onto the field for 93 percent of the team's snaps, but he underwhelmed with a 56-790-5 line and dropped seven passes. The Falcons' pass-first system and lack of receiver depth should ensure that Sanu sees lots of targets, but don't use anything other than a late-round pick on him.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM G	CIN 16	CIN 16	ATL 16
RECEIVING			
REC	56	33	56
YDS	790	394	653
AVG	14.1	11.9	11.7
TD	5	0	4
RUSHING			
ATT	7	10	6
YDS	51	71	36
TD	0	2	0
TOTAL			
TD I	5	2	4

**59 TYLER BOYD CIN \$0 AGE 21 BYE 9**

Boyd, the Bengals' second-round pick out of Pittsburgh, is a natural fit to replace Mohamed Sanu. He is not particularly big (6-1, 197 pounds) nor fast (4.58 40-yard dash), but he can line up all over the formation and contribute as a receiver, rusher, returner and even as a passer. Given that versatility, Boyd might be better off in an offensive-weapon role as a rookie, especially because he ranked near the bottom of draft prospects in both average depth of target (9.4) and yards per reception (10.2). But the Bengals lack depth at WR, so Boyd will see plenty of action right away, making him a fine late-round option.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM G	N/A	N/A	CIN 16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	50
YDS	N/A	N/A	607
AVG	N/A	N/A	12.1
TD	N/A	N/A	4
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	8
YDS	N/A	N/A	52
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	N/A	4

60 PIERRE GARCON WAS \$0 AGE 30 BYE 9

Garcon has—somewhat quietly—been a consistent fantasy contributor since entering the league in 2008. He has ranked 29th or better among WRs in receptions during five of the past six seasons. Garcon has never scored more than six TDs in a season—a mark he tied last year—but he did finish 2015 tied for 14th in the NFL with 13 end zone targets. He is a reliable possession receiver, but his upside is limited. With Josh Doctson challenging him for playing time in Washington, Garcon projects as little more than a bye-week fill-in.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM G	WAS 16	WAS 16	WAS 16
RECEIVING			
REC	68	72	62
YDS	752	777	713
AVG	11.1	10.8	11.5
TD	3	6	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	3	6	4

61 KENDALL WRIGHT TEN \$0 AGE 26 BYE 13

Wright has played a significant role in his four years with the Titans yet has never finished a season better than the No. 30 fantasy receiver. That is somewhat remarkable given that he finished 14th in the league in targets in 2013 (when he caught 94 passes for 1,079 yards but scored just twice). Wright has missed nine games due to injury in his career and has been used almost exclusively as a short-area target out of the slot. His low ceiling is a major concern, but as he enters a contract year in an improving offense, he shouldn't be ignored.

2014 2015 PROJ

TEAM G	TEN 14	TEN 10	TEN 15
RECEIVING			
REC	57	36	55
YDS	715	408	659
AVG	12.5	11.3	12.0
TD	6	3	2
RUSHING			
ATT	4	5	4
YDS	54	17	26
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	6	3	2

**62 ANQUAN BOLDIN FA \$0 AGE 35 BYE N/A**

Boldin was far from a fantasy star during three seasons in San Francisco, but he was a solid option thanks to a steady workload. He averaged 7.8 targets per game, which helped him rank among the top 25 wide receivers in receptions during each season with the 49ers. Much of his low ceiling can be attributed to scoring 16 touchdowns over those three seasons, including a total of just nine over the past two years. Boldin figures to sign with a team this summer, but wherever he lands, he likely won't be a go-to receiver and thus is worth your attention only in the later rounds.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	SF	SF	FA
RECEIVING			
REC	83	69	53
YDS	1,062	789	684
AVG	12.8	11.4	12.9
TD	5	4	3
RUSHING			
ATT	1	0	0
YDS	4	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	5	4	3

63 TERRANCE WILLIAMS DAL \$0 AGE 26 BYE 7

Williams has yet to emerge as an impact receiver, despite playing 73 percent of all offensive snaps during his three years in the league. He has finished no better than 40th among WRs in fantasy points during those three seasons. The Cowboys used him primarily as a deep threat during his first two seasons (15.0-yard average depth of target), then shifted him to a more well-rounded role with Dez Bryant injured last season. Williams enters his first contract season as the favorite to start opposite Bryant, and Tony Romo's return will be just enough to make him a fine late-round sleeper.

TEAM	2014	2015	PROJ
G	DAL	DAL	DAL
RECEIVING			
REC	37	52	40
YDS	621	840	682
AVG	16.8	16.2	17.1
TD	8	3	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	8	3	5

64 VICTOR CRUZ NYG \$0 AGE 29 BYE 8

For Cruz, 2011 seems like ages ago. Back then, in his first year on the active roster, he finished as the No. 4 wide receiver in fantasy football. But he hasn't played a game since October 2014, when he tore his patellar tendon against the Eagles. Last year his comeback was derailed by a calf injury, and he missed the whole season. If healthy, Cruz has a shot to work the slot in Ben McAdoo's three-WR scheme, but he is no longer the Giants' top receiver and shouldn't be expected to reach his pre-injury form. Cruz has a WR3 ceiling, but he is too risky an investment before the final rounds of your draft.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NYG	NYG	NYG
RECEIVING			
REC	23	0	42
YDS	337	0	577
AVG	14.7	0	13.7
TD	1	0	3
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	1	0	3

65 DEVIN FUNCHESS CAR \$0 AGE 22 BYE 7

Funchess failed to emerge as an every-down player as a rookie, but he impressed—for the most part—when called upon. He hauled in 31 of 64 targets for 473 yards and five TDs despite inconsistent playing time. Funchess is one of the league's biggest WRs (6-foot-4, 225 pounds), which would normally make him a lock for goal-line work. But he is actually playing alongside an even bigger target in the 6-5, 245-pound Kelvin Benjamin, who led the NFL in end zone targets as a rookie before tearing his ACL last year. Funchess will push Ted Ginn and Corey Brown for the starting spot opposite Benjamin.

TEAM	N/A	CAR	CAR
G	N/A	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	31	39
YDS	N/A	473	552
AVG	N/A	15.3	14.2
TD	N/A	5	4
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	5	4

66 SAMMIE COATES PIT \$0 AGE 23 BYE 8

Coates basically redshirted as a rookie, playing in just six games and catching only one pass. But his snap count is sure to rise this season with Martavis Bryant facing a season-long suspension. Coates stands 6-foot-1, weighs 212 pounds, sports 4.43 speed and displayed impressive playmaking ability at Auburn. Even if Coates doesn't pass the underwhelming Markus Wheaton, he should be heavily involved as Pittsburgh's No. 3 WR. Considering the Steelers' recent success in developing mid-to-late-round receivers, Coates stands out as a high-ceiling target during the late stages of your draft.

TEAM	N/A	PIT	PIT
G	N/A	6	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	1	41
YDS	N/A	11	517
AVG	N/A	11.0	12.6
TD	N/A	0	4
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	0	4

67 LEONTE CARROO MIA \$0 AGE 22 BYE 8

Carroo will start his career buried behind Jarvis Landry and DeVante Parker on Miami's depth chart after the Dolphins took him in the third round of April's draft. He doesn't stand out for his size (6 feet, 211 pounds) or speed (4.5 40-yard dash), but he is a well-rounded receiver with solid hands, good route-running ability and excellent ball skills. Carroo also went deep frequently at Rutgers—he averaged a massive 20.7 yards per reception in 2015. Carroo will have to fight for No. 3 duties with Kenny Stills this season, making him a better dynasty prospect than a short-term fantasy asset.

TEAM	N/A	N/A	MIA
G	N/A	N/A	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	39
YDS	N/A	N/A	535
AVG	N/A	N/A	13.7
TD	N/A	N/A	3
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	0
YDS	N/A	N/A	0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

68 JOSH GORDON CLE \$0 AGE 25 BYE 13

Gordon is still suspended indefinitely, but you should monitor his status in the event he is reinstated at some point. He clearly has elite upside—he was fantasy's top-scoring wide receiver in 2013—and the risk he carries is even more obvious. Additionally, Cleveland's quarterback situation remains shaky, and Gordon is no longer necessarily the team's top receiver, with rookie first-round pick Corey Coleman joining the squad. Gordon's considerable potential makes him worth snagging with a late pick, but be prepared to cut bait if there's no sign he'll be back this year.

TEAM	CLE	CLE	CLE
G	5	0	8
RECEIVING			
REC	24	0	35
YDS	303	0	578
AVG	12.6	0	16.5
TD	0	0	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	0	4

69 TED GINN CAR \$0 AGE 31 BYE 7

Ginn caught only 44 passes last year but scored 10 TDs, which tied for 10th in the NFL. His game revolves around the big play: His 16.5-yard average depth of target trailed only that of Sammy Watkins and Malcom Floyd for the NFL lead. But he posted an ugly 47 percent catch rate because of shaky hands (7.4 percent drop rate, tied for fourth worst in the league) and inaccurate throws (32 percent of balls thrown his way were off target, second highest). If Ginn can't beat out Devin Funchess and Corey Brown behind Kelvin Benjamin, he'll struggle to see anything more than the rare deep shot. Aim higher in the mid-to-late rounds.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	ARI 16	CAR 15	CAR 16
RECEIVING			
REC	14	44	32
YDS	190	739	470
AVG	13.6	16.8	14.7
TD	0	10	3
RUSHING			
ATT	3	4	5
YDS	6	60	30
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	0	10	3

70 CHRIS HOGAN NE \$0 AGE 27 BYE 9

The Patriots badly needed to upgrade their talent at wide receiver, so they snatched Hogan away from the Bills with a three-year, \$12 million contract. Although Reggie Bush nicknamed him 7-11 because he's always open, Hogan's hands don't always cooperate. He dropped 8.5 percent of his targets last season, which was the worst rate among the 85 wide receivers who saw at least 50 passes. Still, if Hogan earns an every-down role in the Patriots' offense, he'll be a lock for fantasy relevance. He is well worth the cost of a late-round pick.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	BUF 16	BUF 16	NE 16
RECEIVING			
REC	41	36	42
YDS	426	450	479
AVG	10.4	12.5	11.4
TD	4	2	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	1	2
YDS	0	4	13
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	4	2	4

71 RISHARD MATTHEWS TEN \$0 AGE 26 BYE 13

Matthews heads from Miami to Tennessee without much of a track record, having caught just 107 passes in four seasons. However, he might be capable of doing more: Last season he posted the 10th-best catch rate among WRs (72 percent) and was terrific after the catch (5.7 yac). The Titans needed serious help at wide receiver, so Matthews could challenge for a starting role. He has WR3 potential as a late-round pick, but with DeMarco Murray, Delanie Walker, Kendall Wright and Dorial Green-Beckham around, volume remains a question.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	MIA 14	MIA 11	TEN 16
RECEIVING			
REC	12	43	51
YDS	135	662	656
AVG	11.3	15.4	12.9
TD	2	4	3
RUSHING			
ATT	1	1	0
YDS	3	4	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	2	4	3

72 STEVIE JOHNSON SD \$0 AGE 30 BYE 11

Injuries limited Johnson to 10 games in his first season in San Diego, and he managed only two top-30 weeks as the team's slot receiver. Johnson will be 30 at the start of the season and has posted a grand total of three top-10 weeks over the past five seasons. Still, his role figures to increase with Malcom Floyd having retired. That development, coupled with the presence of Philip Rivers, gives Johnson some fantasy appeal, but he will have heavy competition for targets from Keenan Allen, Antonio Gates, Danny Woodhead and newcomer Travis Benjamin.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	SF 13	SD 10	SD 14
RECEIVING			
REC	35	45	49
YDS	435	497	594
AVG	12.4	11.0	12.1
TD	3	3	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	3	3	4

73 JERMAINE KEARSE SEA \$0 AGE 26 BYE 5

Kearse returns to Seattle as a candidate for the No. 2 role behind Doug Baldwin after signing a three-year extension this offseason. Considering the team's defense-first, run-heavy reputation, it may surprise you that Seattle ranked ninth in three-plus-WR sets and third in four-plus sets when passing last season. That will keep Kearse on the field, but the emergence of Tyler Lockett and the return of Jimmy Graham and Paul Richardson provide a significant blow to Kearse's fantasy ceiling. He is a better option for DFS tournaments—with his potential for an occasional big performance—than he is a strong season-long pick.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	SEA 15	SEA 16	SEA 16
RECEIVING			
REC	38	49	36
YDS	537	685	533
AVG	14.1	14.0	14.8
TD	1	5	5
RUSHING			
ATT	2	0	0
YDS	15	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	1	5	5

74 KENNY BRITT LA \$0 AGE 27 BYE 8

Britt has been on the field for 77.6 percent of the Rams' pass plays over the past two seasons, but he hasn't made much of a fantasy impact. He caught only 36 passes last season but did manage 681 yards and three touchdowns thanks to a massive 16.1-yard average depth of target. Britt showed occasional fantasy value with Tennessee, where he spent his first five seasons—he gained 775 yards and scored nine touchdowns in 2010. But given the Rams' focus on the running game, he offers very little upside this season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	STL 16	STL 16	LA 16
RECEIVING			
REC	48	36	39
YDS	748	681	620
AVG	15.6	18.9	15.9
TD	3	3	3
RUSHING			
ATT	2	0	0
YDS	14	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	3	3	3

75 ALBERT WILSON KC \$0 AGE 24 BYE 5

Wilson is far from the most exciting name in our rankings, but he can't be ignored after being on the field for 80.7 percent of the Chiefs' pass plays when active last season. He was limited to two top-30 fantasy weeks among wide receivers, but he averaged 6.3 yards after the catch (seventh highest in the league). He also didn't get much help from Alex Smith: 29 percent of balls thrown his way were off target (fifth highest). There's not a ton of upside here, but if the 24-year-old can fend off the likes of Chris Conley, Rod Streater and Demarcus Robinson, he should be a name to monitor in deep leagues.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	KC 12	KC 14	KC 16
RECEIVING			
REC	16	35	44
YDS	260	451	557
AVG	16.3	12.9	12.7
TD	0	2	3
RUSHING			
ATT	0	5	4
YDS	0	26	24
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	0	2	3



76 CHRIS CONLEY KC \$0 AGE 23 BYE 5

Conley's production was low as a rookie, but late in the season the Chiefs delivered a preview of how they might use him this year. They shifted Jeremy Maclin into the slot with greater frequency, which gave Conley more snaps on the perimeter. Expect that trend to continue as the Chiefs hope to take advantage of his 6-foot-2 frame and 4.35 40-yard speed. Those raw skills, plus the Chiefs' need for another playmaker, make him a sleeper to target toward the end of your draft.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	KC	KC
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	17	31
YDS	N/A	199	339
AVG	N/A	11.7	10.9
TD	N/A	1	3
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	1	3

77 JEFF JANIS GB \$0 AGE 25 BYE 4

Despite injuries to Jordy Nelson and Ty Montgomery and Davante Adams' struggles, the Packers steadfastly refused to promote Janis last season. That was the case until the playoffs, at least, when Janis lit up the Cardinals for seven receptions, 145 yards and two TDs. Now 25, Janis will compete again with Adams, Montgomery and Jared Abbrederis for targets in one of the league's most WR-friendly offenses. The output will be sporadic, but Janis will flirt with flex numbers if he nails down the No. 3 receiver job.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	GB	GB	GB
RECEIVING			
REC	2	2	21
YDS	16	79	313
AVG	8.0	39.5	14.9
TD	0	0	3
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	0	3

78 TY MONTGOMERY GB \$0 AGE 23 BYE 4

Jordy Nelson's torn ACL exposed Green Bay's lack of depth at the skill positions last season, which opens the door for Montgomery to emerge in 2016. The third-round pick played sparingly as a rookie but likely would've seen an expanded role down the stretch if not for an ankle injury that cost him 10 games. More of a receiver/back/returner hybrid, Montgomery might never develop into anything more than a gadget player. But Green Bay's depth issues and heavy use of three-WR sets (93.6 percent of the team's pass plays last season) make him worth a late-round pick.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	GB	GB
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	15	25
YDS	N/A	136	225
AVG	N/A	9.1	9.0
TD	N/A	2	2
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	3	8
YDS	N/A	14	51
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	2	2

Davante Adams
No. 79 WR

**79 DAVANTE ADAMS GB \$0 AGE 23 BYE 4**

Adams appeared to be a lock for a breakout campaign after Jordy Nelson tore his ACL in the preseason. Instead, the team's 2014 second-round pick was a major bust, missing three games due to injury, dropping six passes and averaging a miserable 5.4 yards per target. Only five WRs have more drops since he entered the league. Green Bay's reliance on three-WR sets benefits Adams, but his inefficiency makes him far from a lock to beat out Ty Montgomery, Jeff Janis and Jared Abbrederis for snaps. There is some appeal for any WR in an Aaron Rodgers offense, but Adams' floor is extremely low.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	GB	GB	GB
RECEIVING			
REC	38	50	26
YDS	446	483	306
AVG	11.7	9.7	11.8
TD	3	1	3
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	3	1	3

80 KAMAR AIKEN BAL \$0 AGE 27 BYE 8

Aiken hardly looked like a relevant fantasy player heading into last season, but he ended up tied for 21st in the league with 126 targets. That total included 84 after Week 9, which ranked fourth among WRs. Aiken finished the season with 75 receptions for 944 yards and five TDs and posted five top-30 fantasy weeks after Week 9, taking advantage of injuries to much of Baltimore's receiving corps. But he'll struggle to match that production now that the Ravens are flush with WR depth. Most likely, he will compete for snaps as Baltimore's No. 3 or No. 4 WR.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	BAL	BAL	BAL
RECEIVING			
REC	24	75	26
YDS	267	944	310
AVG	11.1	12.6	11.9
TD	3	5	2
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	3	5	2

81 ROBERT WOODS BUF \$0 AGE 24 BYE 10

It seemed likely that Buffalo would look to upgrade at wide receiver during the offseason, but the team's biggest move was to spend a sixth-round pick on Kolby Listenbee. That puts Woods in position to start opposite Sammy Watkins. Woods has managed at least 80 targets in each of his first three seasons, but he has yet to finish a season better than 46th in fantasy points among WRs. In fact, he has managed only one top-10 fantasy week in his career. Woods is a short-range target who adds very little after the catch and is worth drafting only in the deepest of leagues.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	BUF	BUF	BUF
RECEIVING			
REC	65	47	47
YDS	699	552	534
AVG	10.8	11.7	11.4
TD	5	3	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	1	2
YDS	0	0	14
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	5	3	4

82 JUSTIN HARDY ATL \$0 AGE 24 BYE 11

Hardy didn't see the field until Week 8 after the Falcons drafted him in the fourth round, but he went on to catch 21 passes for 194 yards. His 4.56 40-yard time is slow for a wide receiver—especially one who is 5-foot-10 and 192 pounds—but he worked primarily from the slot at East Carolina and played a similar role with the Falcons last season. Atlanta signed Mohamed Sanu to complement Julio Jones, but the former Bengal has been decidedly mediocre in his career. That puts Hardy in position to grab a significant role in the Falcons' offense.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	ATL	ATL
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	21	44
YDS	N/A	194	440
AVG	N/A	9.2	10.0
TD	N/A	0	3
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	0	3

83 JAELEN STRONG HOU \$0 AGE 22 BYE 9

Strong played sparingly as a rookie but provided some optimism that he can develop into a contributor at the NFL level. The third-round pick was targeted on 26 of his 294 snaps and caught 14 passes for 161 yards and three touchdowns. He is still a bit raw at age 22, but he stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 217 pounds, and Houston's upgrade to Brock Osweiler at QB will help his efficiency. Of course, the team's decision to draft both Will Fuller and Braxton Miller wasn't exactly a vote of confidence for Strong, and he will struggle to earn consistent snaps this season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	HOU	HOU
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	14	33
YDS	N/A	161	425
AVG	N/A	11.5	12.9
TD	N/A	3	3
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	3	3

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84 RUEBEN RANDLE PHI \$0 AGE 25 BYE 4

After four spotty years with the Giants, Randle heads to the division-rival Eagles hoping to offer more production. He has never finished better than 29th in fantasy points among WRs, although his rank did improve in each season with the Giants. On the plus side, Randle has never missed a game due to injury, and he was on the field for at least 92 percent of the Giants' pass plays in each of the past two years. Randle is still just 25, but a lack of progress in a full-time role with Eli Manning doesn't bode well for what he'll do with the Eagles and their muddled QB situation.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NYG	NYG	PHI
G	16	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	71	57	35
YDS	938	797	489
AVG	13.2	14.0	14.0
TD	3	8	3
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	3	8	3

85 DeANDRE SMENTER SF \$0 AGE 24 BYE 8

The 49ers took Smenter in the fourth round of the 2015 draft, but a torn ACL cost him his entire rookie season. The former Georgia Tech receiver is 6-foot-2, 227 pounds, and he is dynamic with the ball in his hands. The 49ers' receiver situation is wide open after Torrey Smith, which gives Smenter a chance to earn significant playing time as a de facto rookie. Monitor his progress throughout training camp, and if he pushes toward the top of the team's depth chart, consider grabbing him in the later rounds of your draft.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	SF	SF
G	N/A	0	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	0	43
YDS	N/A	0	555
AVG	N/A	0	12.9
TD	N/A	0	3
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	0	3

86 KENNY STILLS MIA \$0 AGE 24 BYE 8

Greg Jennings and Rishard Matthews are gone, but Stills' push for playing time won't be any easier with rookie Leonte Carroo joining the Dolphins. Stills is primarily a situational deep threat. His 16.5-yard average depth of target ranked fourth in the league last season, but his 44 percent catch rate was fourth worst. The Dolphins had a third wide receiver on the field on 82 percent of their pass plays last year, which ranked fifth in the league. New head coach Adam Gase has a history of using his personnel similarly, so Stills could see plenty of snaps if he can hold off Carroo.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NO	MIA	MIA
G	15	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	63	27	24
YDS	931	440	333
AVG	14.8	16.3	13.9
TD	3	3	2
RUSHING			
ATT	1	0	0
YDS	-2	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	3	3	2

87 JAMISON CROWDER WAS \$0 AGE 23 BYE 9

From Weeks 9 through 16, no Redskins wide receiver played more snaps than Crowder. He wasn't targeted as often as DeSean Jackson or Pierre Garcon, but the rookie from Duke settled into a comfortable role as Washington's primary slot receiver and finished the year with 59 receptions (37th among WRs). Jackson and Garcon return, and the Redskins selected Josh Doctson in the first round of April's draft. All that competition will limit Crowder to occasional targets out of the slot, and he won't see enough volume to allow for much fantasy production.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	WAS	WAS
G	N/A	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	59	31
YDS	N/A	604	330
AVG	N/A	10.2	10.6
TD	N/A	2	2
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	2	2
YDS	N/A	2	12
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	2	2

88 BRAXTON MILLER HOU \$0 AGE 23 BYE 9

Miller was one of the most fascinating prospects in April's draft. He moved to WR as a senior after playing QB for three years at Ohio State, so he projects as more of an offensive weapon than a prototypical WR at the NFL level, at least at first. But he has vast potential because he is an electric athlete: Miller is 6-foot-1 and dominated the agility drills at the combine, topping all WRs in both the short and long shuttle. He will compete with Cecil Shorts and Jaelen Strong for time at WR, but as a gadget player, he figures to contribute more to the Texans than he will to your fantasy team.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	N/A	HOU
G	N/A	N/A	15
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	32
YDS	N/A	N/A	343
AVG	N/A	N/A	10.7
TD	N/A	N/A	2
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	9
YDS	N/A	N/A	56
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	N/A	2



89 DEVIN SMITH NYJ \$0 AGE 24 BYE 11

The Jets had a very specific role for Smith as a rookie: Go deep. His 19.9-yard average depth of target was the highest among WRs who equaled or exceeded his 28 targets. He caught only nine of those passes for 115 yards and a TD, then tore his ACL in December, so he will likely start the season on the PUP list. If healthy, he could push for the No. 3 WR job, which is a key role with the Jets: They ranked third in the NFL in three-WR sets (89 percent of plays) and easily topped the NFL in four-WR looks (51 percent). Still, Smith must prove he can do more than run an occasional deep route to be fantasy-relevant.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	NYJ	NYJ
G	N/A	10	10
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	9	22
YDS	N/A	115	329
AVG	N/A	12.8	15.0
TD	N/A	1	2
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	1	2

90 MALCOLM MITCHELL NE \$0 AGE 23 BYE 9

Mitchell is interesting primarily because of where he landed in the draft. The high-scoring Patriots took him in the fourth round, and Mitchell's versatility (he can play on the perimeter and in the slot) makes him a good fit in their offense. Mitchell helped his stock greatly at the combine: He measured with the biggest hands, ran a 4.45 40-yard dash and posted one of the longest broad jumps. At 24, he is a bit older than most rookies, and at 6 feet and 198 pounds, he is on the small side. If he manages to leap ahead of Chris Hogan, Nate Washington and Danny Amendola for snaps, though, he'll become a must-own player.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	N/A	NE
G	N/A	N/A	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	18
YDS	N/A	N/A	222
AVG	N/A	N/A	12.3
TD	N/A	N/A	1
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	0
YDS	N/A	N/A	0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD I	N/A	N/A	1

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		2014			2015			PROJ					2014			2015			PROJ													
		TEAM	G	NE	NE	CIN		TEAM	G	N/A	N/A	CLE		TEAM	G	N/A	ARI	ARI		TEAM	G	SF	SF	SF								
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91	BRANDON LAFELL	CIN	\$0	AGE 29	BYE 9	REC	953	515	403		REC	N/A	N/A	16		REC	N/A	299	369	18.5		REC	37	52	48		REC	420	536	509		
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92	RASHARD HIGGINS	CLE	\$0	AGE 21	BYE 13	REC	12.9	13.9	13.0		REC	N/A	N/A	33		REC	N/A	11	20			REC	3	30	43		REC	420	536	509		
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96	PHARON COOPER	LA	\$0	AGE 21	BYE 8	REC	37	37	37		REC	N/A	N/A	16		REC	N/A	13	15			REC	62	37	34		REC	778	238	361		
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101	T.J. JONES	DET	\$0	AGE 24	BYE 10	REC	10	24	24		REC	N/A	TB	TB		REC	N/A	9	16			REC	39	46	28		REC	474	523	356		
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106	BRIAN QUICK	LA	\$0	AGE 27	BYE 8	REC	10	12	12		REC	N/A	NE	NE		REC	N/A	9	16			REC	N/A	N/A	BAL		REC	N/A	N/A	7		
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107	DANNY Amendola	NE	\$0	AGE 30	BYE 9	REC	27	65	10		REC	N/A	14	16		REC	N/A	2	6			REC	N/A	N/A	9		REC	N/A	N/A	7		
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108	CODY LATIMER	DEN	\$0	AGE 23	BYE 11	REC	2	6	16		REC	N/A	DEN	DEN		REC	N/A	2	6			REC	N/A	N/A	9		REC	N/A	N/A	7		
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109	MORITZ BOEHMINGER	MIN	\$0	AGE 22	BYE 6	REC	2	6	16		REC	N/A	N/A	16		REC	N/A	2	6			REC	N/A	N/A	9		REC	N/A	N/A	7		
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		TD	0	1	1	Avg	11.5	9.8	10.9		YDS	23	59	175		YDS	N/A	0	1			YDS	N/A	N/A	12.4		YDS	N/A	N/A	12.4		
						RUSHING					TD	N/A	1	1		TD	N/A	0	1			TD	N/A	N/A	1		TD	N/A	N/A	0		
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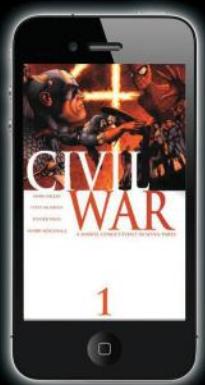
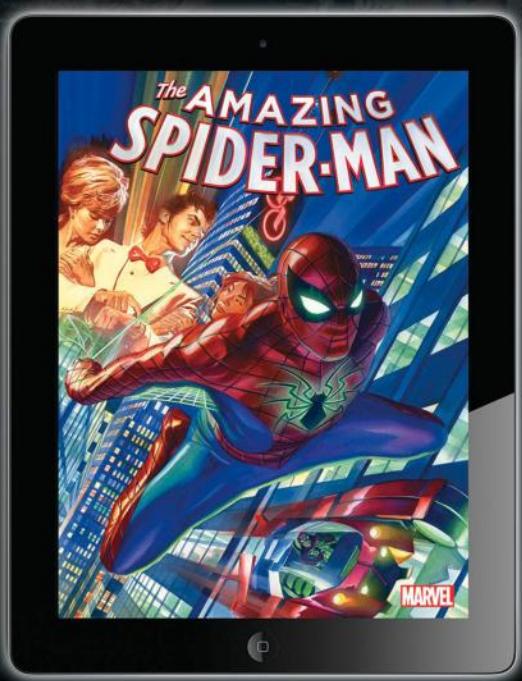
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Tight End

State of the position

BY ERIC KARABELL

It's Rob Gronkowski's world, and everyone else, especially at tight end, is still simply living in it. Quiet, modest Gronk continued to rewrite the record books in 2015: a third 1,000-yard season, a fifth with double-digit touchdowns. And there's no end in sight. Who finished second among tight ends in standard scoring? ... Bueller? It was Washington's Jordan Reed. No sign of Jimmy Graham, Travis Kelce, Jason Witten or Julius Thomas—all top-10 options a year ago. So our advice this year at tight end is simple: Wait. Gronk is awesome, but your first-rounder can be used on a higher-upside wide receiver too. There is no clear No. 2 at tight end, and whoever that is will come several rounds after Gronk anyway, so don't be afraid to take a risk late. Yes, tight ends can frustrate if you don't have a safe option, but overall production really hasn't adjusted much in recent years. You can wait until Round 10 or go week to week and be just fine.

Rates of change

Here's how our top 10 tight ends' projected points compare with their totals from 2015 and the average TE1 output last season.

FANTASY POINTS

■ 2016 PROJECTED POINTS ■ 2015 ACTUAL POINTS



Rob Gronkowski ranked among the top two TEs in average depth of target (10.27), yards per reception (16.3) and yards after the catch (7.67).



1,579

Tight ends have a reputation for being checkdown specialists, but they scored 1,579 fantasy points last season on vertical pass plays (thrown 11 or more yards downfield). That's just short of half (43.6 percent) of the fantasy points tallied by tight ends last season. Aim for players who have a solid target volume along with a strong mark in yards per reception and you've got the makings of a starting-caliber player at the position. —KC JOYNER

Do not draft

Martellus Bennett, NE

He led the position in receptions for the '14 Bears but battled injuries in his erratic 2015 season. Now he joins forces with Gronk, giving Tom Brady a much-needed second big target. Awesome. Problem is, the Patriots can't keep Bennett busy and productive enough for fantasy owners, not with Gronk around. The team might improve, scary as that might be, but Bennett can't be a top-10 option.

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PLAYER PROFILES BY MIKE CLAY

1 ROB GRONKOWSKI NE \$43 AGE 27 BYE 9

Few players have put together a run of dominance like Gronkowski. He has finished as the No. 1 or No. 2 fantasy TE in four of the past five seasons and has posted a top-10 week at least 70 percent of the time in each of those years. For perspective, no other TE has managed to crack 69 percent even once in the past four years. Gronk lined up at wideout on 78 percent of his routes last season and ranked among the top two TEs in average depth of target, yards per reception and yards after the catch. He's easily fantasy's top TE and worth first-round consideration.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NE 15	NE 15	NE 15
RECEIVING			
REC	82	72	76
YDS	1,124	1,176	1,112
AVG	13.7	16.3	14.6
TD	12	11	9
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	12	11	9

2 JORDAN REED WAS \$30 AGE 26 BYE 9

Reed missed nearly half of his first two NFL seasons due to injury, leading to concerns that he would never emerge as a reliable offensive force. So much for that narrative. He broke out in 2015, finishing second among TEs in catches and TDs, fifth in receiving yards and sixth in targets. He missed two games, so durability remains somewhat of a concern. That said, he has locked himself into seven-plus targets per game as Kirk Cousins' favorite weapon and with it, top-end fantasy status.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	WAS 11	WAS 14	WAS 15
RECEIVING			
REC	50	87	97
YDS	465	952	1,002
AVG	9.3	10.9	10.3
TD	0	11	8
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	11	8

3 GREG OLSEN CAR \$19 AGE 31 BYE 7

Olsen is as reliable a tight end as you'll find this side of Gronk. He has ranked among the top 10 at the position in targets, receptions, receiving yards and TDs in each of the past four seasons. Olsen is also more of a deep threat than most TEs—his average depth of target (10.5 yards) was the highest at the position last year. He scored seven TDs last season, but with WR Kelvin Benjamin back from a torn ACL, Olsen figures to lose some red zone opportunities. Still, the fact that he handles more than 20 percent of Cam Newton's targets will easily make him a strong TE1.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CAR 16	CAR 16	CAR 16
RECEIVING			
REC	84	77	75
YDS	1,008	1,104	955
AVG	12.0	14.3	12.7
TD	6	7	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	7	6

4 DELANIE WALKER TEN \$8 AGE 32 BYE 13

The Titans kept Walker busy last season. He finished 14th in the entire league in targets (133), easily the most of any tight end. He also led TEs in receptions (94) and finished third in receiving yards (1,088). The Titans should be better—and healthier—at WR this season, so that will mean fewer opportunities for Walker. But Marcus Mariota clearly loves his tight end, and if the second-year QB makes as much progress as expected, Walker will benefit.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	TEN 15	TEN 15	TEN 15
RECEIVING			
REC	63	94	70
YDS	890	1,088	839
AVG	14.1	11.6	12.0
TD	4	6	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	1	0
YDS	0	36	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	4	6	6

5 TYLER EIFERT CIN \$6 AGE 26 BYE 9

Last season was finally Eifert's time in Cincinnati. After playing a situational role as a rookie and then missing all but one game in 2014, Eifert led all tight ends with 13 TDs in 2015. In fact, that was one shy of the league lead for all receivers. Those stats will also cause him to be drafted too high this year. Of those 13 scores, 10 came on 11 end zone targets. That's a 91 percent conversion rate, which isn't sustainable: The position-wide average is 45 percent. Eifert is still a quality TE1 option, but someone else will likely draft him earlier than anyone should.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CIN 1	CIN 13	CIN 15
RECEIVING			
REC	3	52	65
YDS	37	615	786
AVG	12.3	11.8	12.1
TD	0	13	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	0	13	6



Travis Kelce
No. 6 TE

6 TRAVIS KELCE KC \$2 AGE 26 BYE 5

The Chiefs were popular targets of fantasy owners' frustration last season for supposedly not throwing to Kelce enough. In truth, he was plenty involved, with a 23 percent target share. He was on the field for 92 percent of the Chiefs' offensive plays and ranked among the top 11 TEs in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns for the second consecutive season. Kelce might not have the massive ceiling of some of the best players at his position, but he's a safe TE1 option in the middle rounds.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	KC 16	KC 16	KC 16
RECEIVING			
REC	67	72	77
YDS	862	875	898
AVG	12.9	12.2	11.7
TD	5	5	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	5	5	4

7 COBY FLEENER NO \$2 AGE 27 BYE 5

What can the Saints' offense do for a tight end? Well, last year Benjamin Watson caught 74 balls for 825 yards and six TDs—the best numbers of his 12-year career. Fleener is younger and bigger than Watson and will be featured right away, so the potential for a breakout season is clear. In Indianapolis, Fleener caught 183 passes for 2,154 yards and 17 TDs in four seasons, despite splitting time and targets with Dwayne Allen. Fleener will have Drew Brees' undivided attention in New Orleans, which makes the veteran a lock as a TE1 and gives him a high ceiling.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	IND 16	IND 16	IND 16
RECEIVING			
REC	51	54	70
YDS	774	491	782
AVG	15.2	9.1	11.2
TD	8	3	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	8	3	6

8 GARY BARNIDGE CLE \$2 AGE 30 BYE 13

There are late bloomers, and then there's Barnidge. The 30-year-old had caught just 44 passes in his career entering last season. In 2015, he hauled in 79 for 1,043 yards and nine TDs. Only 22 players saw more targets than the 123 balls that went his way, including 17 in the end zone—fifth most in the league and five more than any other TE. Barnidge found all that success despite a whopping 24 percent of balls thrown his way that qualified as off target. Barnidge's performance, then, was no fluke, and even with the Browns' QB issues, he'll see enough volume to produce like a TE1 again.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	CLE 13	CLE 16	CLE 16
RECEIVING			
REC	13	79	65
YDS	156	1,043	841
AVG	12.0	13.2	12.9
TD	0	9	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	0	9	5

9 LADARIUS GREEN PIT \$2 AGE 26 BYE 8

Green is finally free from Antonio Gates' shadow in San Diego, and he lands in an offense that can exploit his considerable skills. His size (6-6, 240 pounds) and speed should immediately appeal to Ben Roethlisberger, and it wouldn't be crazy if his 2016 numbers approached his career stats (77 receptions, 1,087 yards, seven TDs). Antonio Brown and Le'Veon Bell will remain higher offensive priorities, but with Martavis Bryant suspended for a year and Heath Miller having retired, Green could push for eight-plus TDs in one of the NFL's top offenses. Consider Green a fringe TE1 with major upside.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	SD 14	SD 13	PIT 15
RECEIVING			
REC	19	37	60
YDS	226	429	787
AVG	11.9	11.6	13.1
TD	0	4	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	0	4	5

10 ZACH ERTZ PHI \$2 AGE 25 BYE 4

Ertz simply needs to find the end zone a bit more to join the fantasy elite. Last year he was targeted seven times in the end zone (ninth among TEs) but caught only one of those balls. That speaks to luck more than anything else. Other than the fact that he has scored just nine TDs in three seasons, his production has been solid. Since entering the league in 2013, Ertz ranks 10th in targets, and now he'll get a boost from new coach Doug Pederson, who made good use of Travis Kelce in Kansas City. With the expected increase in his TD output, Ertz is likely to be undervalued in fantasy drafts.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	PHI 16	PHI 15	PHI 16
RECEIVING			
REC	58	75	68
YDS	702	853	779
AVG	12.1	11.4	11.5
TD	3	2	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	3	2	5

11 JULIUS THOMAS JAC \$2 AGE 28 BYE 5

Injuries have plagued Thomas throughout his career, but he's been a strong fantasy asset when active. After a four-year stint in Denver, Thomas signed with Jacksonville last year. His production was inconsistent, but after missing the first four weeks with a hand injury, Thomas ranked 12th among TEs in fantasy points the rest of the way. He handled roughly seven targets per game in an improving offense, making him a solid TE1 option with upside. If healthy, he's a good bet to improve on his 2015 TD total of five, especially with Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns (24 combined scores) inevitably headed for regression.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	DEN 13	JAC 12	JAC 15
RECEIVING			
REC	43	46	63
YDS	489	455	647
AVG	11.4	9.9	10.3
TD	12	5	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD I	12	5	6



Gary Barnidge
No. 8 TE

**12 ANTONIO GATES SD \$2 AGE 36 BYE 11**

For fantasy purposes, Gates is a tight end, but he actually lined up at wide receiver on 91 percent of his passing routes last season. He's not as effective in that role as he used to be—Gates will be 36 this season and has seen his production dip over the past few years. Still, he continues to see heavy targets (7.5 per game last year), especially near the goal line. It's fair to worry about his durability, but the presence of Philip Rivers in San Diego's pass-heavy offense keeps Gates in the TE1 discussion.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	SD	SD	SD
G	16	11	15
RECEIVING			
REC	69	56	60
YDS	821	630	684
AVG	11.9	11.3	11.4
TD	12	5	6
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	12	5	6

13 ZACH MILLER CHI \$2 AGE 31 BYE 9

Miller was once an intriguing prospect in Jacksonville, but after failing to step up in three seasons with the Jaguars, he went another three years without seeing a single offensive snap. He resurfaced in Chicago last season and actually found his way onto the fantasy radar, moving into a significant role in Week 10 and thrice finishing among the top 10 TEs over the next seven weeks. With Martellus Bennett now in New England, Miller is locked in as Chicago's top receiving TE. That puts him in position to put up numbers approaching TE1 status. But expectations should be tempered by the Bears' run-heavy approach.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	N/A	CHI	CHI
G	N/A	15	16
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	34	61
YDS	N/A	439	721
AVG	N/A	12.9	11.8
TD	N/A	5	4
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	5	4

14 MARTELLUS BENNETT NE \$2 AGE 29 BYE 9

Bennett has been fantasy's No. 7 scoring tight end over the past four years, but his stock took a significant hit when the Bears traded him to New England this offseason. While the Patriots score plenty of points, are short on WR talent and frequently use two-TE sets, Bennett simply won't enjoy the target volume he saw in Chicago and New York. After all, he'll play alongside a guy named Gronk. Bennett is fantasy's top TE handcuff and sure to be an asset near the goal line, but the position is deep enough that he should be viewed as a boom-or-bust TE2.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	CHI	CHI	NE
G	16	11	16
RECEIVING			
REC	90	53	60
YDS	916	439	572
AVG	10.2	8.3	9.5
TD	6	3	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	6	3	5

15 AUSTIN SEFERIAN-JENKINS TB \$2 AGE 23 BYE 6

If only Seferian-Jenkins could stay healthy. The massive tight end (6-5, 262 pounds) has been a force when active. But those occasions have been rare since Tampa Bay grabbed him in the second round of the 2014 draft. He played in only seven games last season but caught 21 of 39 targets for 338 yards and four TDs. He should enter 2016 as no worse than third in line for targets from Jameis Winston, and he might even move past 33-year-old Vincent Jackson in the pecking order. Still, he has played in just 16 games in two seasons; those durability concerns are all that separate him from consistent TE1 production.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	TB	TB	TB
G	9	7	15
RECEIVING			
REC	21	21	48
YDS	221	338	571
AVG	10.5	16.1	11.9
TD	2	4	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	4	4

16 JIMMY GRAHAM SEA \$1 AGE 29 BYE 5

Graham was dominant during his five-year tenure with the Saints, but he couldn't match that production in his first season in Seattle. He tore his patellar tendon in Week 12, but even before that, he wasn't a particularly good fantasy producer. He scored in two of his first three games but then went eight straight weeks without a TD. He did average 8.5 yards per target, seventh best among tight ends, and he remains a TE1 consideration in Seattle's high-scoring offense. But keep an eye on reports about Graham's knee, which could limit his effectiveness this season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	NO	SEA	SEA
G	16	11	15
RECEIVING			
REC	85	48	49
YDS	889	605	595
AVG	10.5	12.6	12.1
TD	10	2	7
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	10	2	7

17 ERIC EBRON DET \$0 AGE 23 BYE 10

Ebron has yet to justify his selection as the 10th overall pick in the 2014 draft. Detroit hoped he could emerge as a star pass catcher, but he has struggled with injuries and limited opportunities in two seasons. When Ebron was active last year, he showed flashes of production, especially near the goal line. He posted eight top-13 fantasy weeks (seventh among TEs) and should see more targets this year now that Calvin Johnson has retired. Given that expected workload and Detroit's emphasis on the passing game, Ebron is in position to take a third-year leap.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	DET	DET	DET
G	13	14	16
RECEIVING			
REC	25	47	56
YDS	248	537	648
AVG	9.9	11.4	11.6
TD	1	5	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	1	5	4



Jimmy Graham
No. 16 TE

18 JASON WITTEN DAL \$0 AGE 34 BYE 7

Witten's fantasy ceiling has declined over the past few seasons, but even at 34, he remains a safe, consistent option. Witten has ranked among the top 10 TEs in both receptions and receiving yards in each of the past 12 seasons. He also hasn't missed a single game during that span. Last season he ranked 12th among TEs in fantasy points, and that was despite the extended absence of Tony Romo, which destroyed the entire Dallas offense. Still, given his age and lack of upside, it's best to view Witten as a TE2, but he is a reliable one.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	DAL	DAL	DAL
G	16	16	16
RECEIVING			
REC	64	77	65
YDS	703	713	678
AVG	11.0	9.3	10.4
TD	5	3	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	5	3	5



Jordan Cameron
No. 19 TE

19 JORDAN CAMERON MIA \$0 AGE 28 BYE 8

The former Brown was limited by injuries during his first four seasons but finally made it through all 16 games last year. His stats didn't jump out in his first year in Miami, though, because the Dolphins (45 sacks allowed) had him run a route on only 62 percent of their pass plays. That decision limited him to just 68 targets (23rd among TEs), but new coach Adam Gase figures to rectify that. Gase's track record includes excellent work with Julius Thomas, Martellus Bennett and Zach Miller during his time as an offensive coordinator, and that makes Cameron a bounce-back candidate who is worth a late-round look.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	CLE	MIA	MIA
G	10	16	15
RECEIVING			
REC	24	35	49
YDS	424	386	575
AVG	17.7	11.0	11.7
TD	2	3	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	3	5

20 DWAYNE ALLEN IND \$0 AGE 26 BYE 10

Allen has missed 21 of 64 regular-season games since entering the league in 2012, but that didn't stop the Colts from signing him to a four-year, \$29.4 million extension during the offseason. The hope is that he can grow into an expanded role, with Coby Fleener having left for New Orleans. It won't take much to top last year's performance: The Colts rarely used him as a pass catcher—he managed just 16 receptions for 109 yards and a TD in 13 games. Allen is still just 26, though, and with the return of Andrew Luck, he could put up TE2 numbers.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM	IND	IND	IND
G	13	13	15
RECEIVING			
REC	29	16	48
YDS	395	109	560
AVG	13.6	6.8	11.7
TD	8	1	5
RUSHING			
ATT	0	1	0
YDS	0	1	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	8	1	5

21 CHARLES CLAY BUF \$0 AGE 27 BYE 10

Clay established himself as an important piece of the Bills' offense last season, even if that didn't lead to significant fantasy points. He handled 21 percent of the team's targets when healthy, but he produced only three top-10 weeks and three other top-20 finishes. He also has durability issues—he missed three games last season—and plays in a run-first scheme. Still, he will likely be Tyrod Taylor's No. 2 target in an offense that ranked eighth in the NFL in offensive TDs last season, making him worth monitoring.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	MIA	BUF	BUF
RECEIVING			
REC	58	51	58
YDS	605	528	606
AVG	10.4	10.4	10.4
TD	3	3	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	3	3	4

22 CLIVE WALFORD OAK \$0 AGE 24 BYE 10

Walford saw his role gradually increase as a rookie, to the point where he averaged five targets per game during Oakland's final five contests. He should carry that momentum into this season and fully supplant Mychal Rivera as the Raiders' top receiving TE. Oakland used him as a situational player for most of last season, but he still managed 28 catches for 329 yards and three TDs. He should become Derek Carr's third option this season—behind Amari Cooper and Michael Crabtree—which makes him a borderline TE2 target with TE1 upside.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	OAK	OAK
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	28	47
YDS	N/A	329	545
AVG	N/A	11.8	11.6
TD	N/A	3	5
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	3	5

23 BENJAMIN WATSON BAL \$0 AGE 35 BYE 8

Seemingly by default, Watson turned out to be New Orleans' replacement for Jimmy Graham last season. The veteran started slowly but ended up among the top eight TEs in targets, receptions, receiving yards, touchdowns and fantasy points. His situation is dramatically different in Baltimore, where he is part of a deep TE group and will no longer benefit from Drew Brees. But Maxx Williams is inexperienced, Crockett Gillmore and Dennis Pitta have battled injuries and Nick Boyle is suspended, so Watson might be able to claim the primary role early. Even so, that leaves him as little more than a low-ceiling TE2.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NO	NO	BAL
RECEIVING			
REC	20	74	36
YDS	136	825	377
AVG	6.8	11.1	10.5
TD	2	6	3
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	6	3

24 JARED COOK GB \$0 AGE 29 BYE 4

Cook is annually touted as a potential breakout fantasy star, largely because of his body: He stands 6-foot-5, 254 pounds and shows top-tier athletic ability. But he failed to deliver in both Tennessee and St. Louis, where he dropped far too many passes. Of course, neither team offered much at the QB position, and now he'll work with Aaron Rodgers. So if Cook is ever going to live up to his potential, now is the time. The Packers likely won't use him on every down, but Cook will have TE1 upside if he's on the field in passing situations. That certainly makes him worth a late-round pick.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	STL	STL	GB
RECEIVING			
REC	52	39	37
YDS	634	481	455
AVG	12.2	12.3	12.3
TD	3	0	4
RUSHING			
ATT	1	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	3	0	4

25 KYLE RUDOLPH MIN \$0 AGE 26 BYE 6

Rudolph didn't generate much attention last season, but he quietly finished 14th among TEs in fantasy points. His success was based mostly on playing time: Rudolph appeared in all 16 games and was on the field for 85 percent of the Vikings' pass plays. Minnesota looked for him around the goal line, evidenced by his nine end zone targets, seventh most among TEs, but he turned only three of them into TDs. He'll maintain his position in the lineup, and at age 26 he is in his prime. But unless the Vikings shift away from their slow, run-based approach, he won't enter the TE1 mix.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	MIN	MIN	MIN
RECEIVING			
REC	24	49	50
YDS	231	495	502
AVG	9.6	10.1	10.0
TD	2	5	4
RUSHING			
ATT	0	0	0
YDS	0	0	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	5	4

26 WILL TYE NYG \$0 AGE 24 BYE 8

His Baby Gates nickname might be a bit optimistic, but Tye was a pleasant surprise as a rookie. Undrafted in 2015, Tye filled in after Larry Donnell hurt his neck and caught 42 of 61 targets for 464 yards and three TDs. He flashed impressive athletic ability—hence the nickname—and showed potential as a pass-catching specialist, but Tye struggled with drops and was dreadful as a run blocker. Those issues could limit his playing time, especially with Donnell cleared to play. But if Tye can claim the starting job, he'll become an intriguing sleeper.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	NYG	NYG
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	42	36
YDS	N/A	464	421
AVG	N/A	11.0	11.7
TD	N/A	3	3
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	3	3

27 HUNTER HENRY SD \$0 AGE 21 BYE 11

Henry was the top TE in April's draft and landed with San Diego in the second round. His arms and hands measured poorly at the combine, he benched only 13 reps and he didn't participate in any additional drills. But the Chargers saw a quality receiver with outstanding hands (zero drops on 74 targets at Arkansas last season), excellent ball skills and enough speed to create separation from linebackers and safeties. His blocking is a work in progress, so he figures to run a lot of routes from the slot. Rookie TEs rarely make a fantasy impact anyway, and this one will spend 2016 behind Antonio Gates.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	N/A	SD
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	N/A	29
YDS	N/A	N/A	305
AVG	N/A	N/A	10.5
TD	N/A	N/A	3
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	0
YDS	N/A	N/A	0
TD	N/A	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	3

28 MAXX WILLIAMS BAL \$0 AGE 22 BYE 8

Williams looked like a breakout candidate this year until the Ravens added Benjamin Watson during the offseason. Granted, Watson is 35 and won't see nearly the targets that he got in New Orleans last year, but he will limit Williams' playing time. Williams was the first TE picked in the 2015 draft and played just over 40 percent of Baltimore's offensive snaps as a rookie. He caught 32 balls for 268 yards and a TD, and considering he is just 22, his future remains bright. Unfortunately, it doesn't appear he will play enough to recognize that potential in 2016.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	N/A	BAL	BAL
RECEIVING			
REC	N/A	32	40
YDS	N/A	268	387
AVG	N/A	8.4	9.7
TD	N/A	1	2
RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	N/A	1	2

29 RICHARD RODGERS GB \$0 AGE 24 BYE 4

Rodgers surprisingly scored the ninth-most fantasy points among TEs last season. But as he enters his third season, it will be tough for him to match that production. Why? Well, WR Jordy Nelson missed the entire season and TE Andrew Quarless played in only five games, so Rodgers benefited from being in the right situation at the right time. Nelson returns this year, and the Packers have added Jared Cook, so it's likely that Rodgers—who isn't particularly fast or athletic—will step back into a smaller role in 2016.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	GB	GB	GB
RECEIVING			
REC	20	58	25
YDS	225	510	263
AVG	11.3	8.8	10.5
TD	2	8	2
RUSHING			
ATT	0	1	0
YDS	0	11	0
TD	0	0	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	8	2

30 JACE AMARO NYJ \$0 AGE 24 BYE 11

Amaro is coming off a shoulder injury that cost him all of 2015. The timing was terrible, as he could have thrived as Ryan Fitzpatrick's third option behind Brandon Marshall and Eric Decker. Instead, Jets TEs caught just eight passes. As a rookie in 2014, Amaro had 38 receptions for 345 yards and two TDs, and his size (6-5, 265 pounds) should allow offensive coordinator Chan Gailey to use him frequently in the slot. If he can nail down a significant role in the Jets' passing attack, the former second-round pick could become a sneaky breakout candidate.

	2014	2015	PROJ
TEAM G	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
RECEIVING			
REC	38	N/A	35
YDS	345	N/A	360
AVG	9.1	N/A	10.3
TD	2	N/A	3
RUSHING			
ATT	0	N/A	0
YDS	0	N/A	0
TD	0	N/A	0
TOTAL			
TD	2	N/A	3



Richard Rodgers
No. 29 TE

31 JEFF HEUERMAN DEN \$0 AGE 23 BYE 11			32 LANCE KENDRICKS LA \$0 AGE 28 BYE 8			33 JACOB TANME ATL \$0 AGE 31 BYE 11			34 VANCE McDONALD SF \$0 AGE 26 BYE 8			35 BLAKE BELL SF \$0 AGE 25 BYE 8							
TEAM	2014 G	2015 N/A	PROJ	TEAM	2014 G	2015 STL	PROJ	TEAM	2014 G	2015 DEN	PROJ	TEAM	2014 G	2015 SF	PROJ	TEAM	2014 G	2015 N/A	PROJ
RECEIVING	N/A	0	16	RECEIVING	N/A	16		RECEIVING	N/A	15	16	RECEIVING	N/A	14	15	RECEIVING	N/A	14	16
REC	N/A	0	39	REC	27	25	48	REC	14	59	46	REC	2	30	34	REC	N/A	15	20
YDS	N/A	0	422	YDS	259	245	499	YDS	109	657	448	YDS	30	326	402	YDS	N/A	186	234
AVG	N/A	0	10.8	AVG	9.6	9.8	10.4	AVG	7.8	11.1	9.7	AVG	15.0	10.9	11.8	AVG	N/A	12.4	11.7
TD	N/A	0	3	TD	5	2	3	TD	2	1	2	TD	0	3	3	TD	N/A	0	1
RUSHING				RUSHING				RUSHING				RUSHING				RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	0	0	ATT	0	0	0	ATT	0	0	0	ATT	0	0	0	ATT	N/A	0	0
YDS	N/A	0	0	YDS	0	0	0	YDS	0	0	0	YDS	0	0	0	YDS	N/A	0	0
TD	N/A	0	0	TD	0	0	0	TD	0	0	0	TD	0	0	0	TD	N/A	0	0
TOTAL				TOTAL				TOTAL				TOTAL				TOTAL			
TD	N/A	0	3	TD	5	2	3	TD	2	1	2	TD	0	3	3	TD	N/A	0	1
36 AUSTIN HOOPER ATL \$0 AGE 21 BYE 11			37 TYLER HIGBEE LA \$0 AGE 23 BYE 8			38 RYAN GRIFFIN HOU \$0 AGE 26 BYE 9			39 LARRY DONNELL NYG \$0 AGE 27 BYE 8			40 MILES PAUL WAS \$0 AGE 27 BYE 9			41 JONATHAN DAVIS NOV \$0 AGE 27 BYE 11				
TEAM	2014 G	2015 N/A	PROJ	TEAM	2014 G	2015 N/A	LA	TEAM	2014 G	2015 HOU	PROJ	TEAM	2014 G	2015 NYG	PROJ	TEAM	2014 G	2015 WAS	PROJ
RECEIVING	N/A	N/A	16	RECEIVING	N/A	N/A	16	RECEIVING	N/A	16		RECEIVING	N/A	16		RECEIVING	N/A	16	
REC	N/A	N/A	25	REC	N/A	N/A	18	REC	10	20	39	REC	63	29	35	REC	39	N/A	20
YDS	N/A	N/A	266	YDS	N/A	N/A	205	YDS	91	251	463	YDS	623	223	368	YDS	507	N/A	267
AVG	N/A	N/A	10.6	AVG	N/A	N/A	11.4	AVG	9.1	12.5	11.9	AVG	9.9	7.7	10.5	AVG	13.0	N/A	13.4
TD	N/A	N/A	2	TD	N/A	N/A	1	TD	1	2	3	TD	6	2	3	TD	1	N/A	1
RUSHING				RUSHING				RUSHING				RUSHING				RUSHING			
ATT	N/A	N/A	0	ATT	N/A	N/A	0	ATT	0	0	0	ATT	0	0	0	ATT	0	N/A	0
YDS	N/A	N/A	0	YDS	N/A	N/A	0	YDS	0	0	0	YDS	0	0	0	YDS	0	N/A	0
TD	N/A	N/A	0	TD	N/A	N/A	0	TD	0	0	0	TD	0	0	0	TD	0	N/A	0
TOTAL				TOTAL				TOTAL				TOTAL				TOTAL			
TD	N/A	N/A	2	TD	N/A	N/A	1	TD	1	2	3	TD	6	2	3	TD	1	N/A	1

Kickers

State of the position

BY ERIC KARABELL

Hooray for kickers! They're real NFL players! Hey, they're even in the union! While kickers are vital to real games, they've bored fantasy owners for decades. I'm sure they're good sports and a solid hang, but I'm all for eradicating their existence from fantasy. Alas, if I'm forced to draft one, it will be in the last round. Kickers are too unpredictable, and their effect in fantasy leagues is negligible. Owners will try to find the next star based on a team's offense or its stadium or the weather, but it never works. Who saw Graham Gano and Josh Brown as top-five kickers? They went undrafted in most leagues. What of Stephen Gostkowski, you say? Great, right? Indeed, but the difference in his weekly scoring and that of afterthoughts is about three points. Just wait for the last round, and don't spend time debating it. The next guy on the list is fine.

Rates of change

Here's how our top 10 kickers' projected points compare with their totals from 2015 and the average PK1 output last season.

FANTASY POINTS

■ 2016 PROJECTED POINTS ■ 2015 ACTUAL POINTS



145.8

PK1 AVG

Stephen Gostkowski has hit at least 92 percent of his field goal attempts in each of the past three seasons.



66.3

Kickers scored 3,933 fantasy points last season. Short field goals (less than 40 yards) and PATs accounted for 66.3 percent of those points. No matter how tempting it might be to go after a kicker who can hit four- and five-point fantasy kicks, go for frequency over distance, and get a kicker on a strong offense that can give him ample short-distance scoring opportunities. —KC JOYNER

Do not draft

Sebastian Janikowski, OAK

Even with a revitalized offense that scored its most points since 2011 (Hue Jackson's lone year coaching in the Black Hole), Janikowski was outscored by 20 other kickers in fantasy. Sure, the left leg remains strong and he deserves a small bump for 50-yarders, but he's averaged 20 made field goals the past three years. That's not deserving of our attention.

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PLAYER PROFILES BY MIKE CLAY

1 STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI NE \$1 AGE 32 BYE 9

Kickers are rarely worth any investment in fantasy, but Gostkowski makes a strong case. The 32-year-old has been fantasy's top-scoring kicker in each of the past three seasons and no worse than third in the past five. Last season he posted 10 top-10 fantasy weeks, marking the fourth straight season he led the league in that category. Gostkowski has converted at least 92 percent of his field goal attempts the past three seasons, including 10 of 12 from 50-plus yards. In the Patriots' high-scoring offense, he is easily your top option and the only kicker worth drafting prior to the final round.

TEAM	NE	NE	NE
G	16	16	16
FG	35/37	33/36	33/36
FG%	94.6	91.7	91.7
39&U	22/23	17/17	20/20
40-49	12/13	12/14	9/11
50+	1/1	4/5	4/5
LNG	53	57	54
XP	51	52	42
PTS	156	151	155

6 JOSH BROWN NYG \$1 AGE 31 BYE 8

The Giants made a lot of big moves during the offseason, but one of the most important ones went largely unnoticed. They re-signed Brown, whose 93.1 percent field goal conversion rate trailed only that of Stephen Gostkowski and Adam Vinatieri over the past two seasons. During that span, Brown nailed all seven of his tries from at least 50 yards. He was the only kicker who was perfect from that distance (minimum five attempts), and his eight top-10 weeks in 2015 was tied for second. He is one of the league's best kickers and works in a quality offense, meaning you should look to steal him in the final round of your draft.

TEAM	NYG	NYG	NYG
G	16	16	16
FG	24/26	30/32	30/33
FG%	92.3	93.8	90.9
39&U	16/17	19/19	18/18
40-49	4/5	8/10	8/10
50+	4/4	3/3	4/5
LNG	53	53	52
XP	44	44	37
PTS	116	134	140

2 STEVEN HAUSCHKA SEA \$1 AGE 31 BYE 5

Hauschka posted eight top-10 weeks (tied for second most in the league) en route to finishing fifth among kickers in fantasy points last season. He has now ranked among the top 10 fantasy kickers in each of the past three years. Hauschka has converted 90 percent of his tries over the past four seasons (sixth in the league), including 73 of 74 kicks of less than 40 yards. He missed four of his 44 extra-point attempts last season, but his overall accuracy suggests that shouldn't be a concern in the future. He should be one of the first kickers off the board in the final round.

TEAM	SEA	SEA	SEA
G	16	16	16
FG	31/37	29/31	32/34
FG%	83.8	93.5	94.1
39&U	20/20	16/16	19/19
40-49	9/13	7/9	9/10
50+	2/4	6/6	4/5
LNG	58	54	53
XP	41	40	40
PTS	134	127	151

7 ADAM VINATIERI IND \$1 AGE 43 BYE 10

Vinatieri was one of the least consistent kickers last season: He ranked only 15th in fantasy points but managed seven top-10 weeks (tied for seventh in the league). That varying production was a result of the Colts' offensive woes, which limited him to 27 field goal attempts. Still, he made 92.6 percent of those tries (fourth best). With Andrew Luck under center in 2013 and 2014, Vinatieri ranked among the top five kickers, so a healthy Luck this season means the 43-year-old Vinatieri shouldn't have trouble racking up fantasy points in one of the league's highest-scoring offenses.

TEAM	IND	IND	IND
G	16	16	16
FG	30/31	25/27	28/31
FG%	96.8	92.6	90.3
39&U	20/20	13/14	17/17
40-49	7/8	8/8	8/9
50+	3/3	4/5	3/5
LNG	53	55	52
XP	50	32	40
PTS	140	107	135

3 DAN BAILEY DAL \$1 AGE 28 BYE 7

Bailey nailed 30 of 32 attempts and converted each of his 25 extra points last season, a testament to his outstanding accuracy. Since entering the NFL in 2011, Bailey has converted a league-leading 90.6 percent of his field goals. Despite Dallas' horrific offensive production last season, Bailey still finished 11th among kickers in fantasy points, his first season outside the top 10. With Tony Romo and Dez Bryant back to full health and Ezekiel Elliott running the ball, the Cowboys' offense is sure to rebound, and you should scoop up Bailey early in the final round.

TEAM	DAL	DAL	DAL
G	16	16	16
FG	25/29	30/32	31/33
FG%	86.2	93.8	93.9
39&U	12/13	19/19	18/18
40-49	8/9	6/7	9/10
50+	5/7	5/6	4/5
LNG	56	54	53
XP	56	25	40
PTS	131	115	148

8 GRAHAM GANO CAR \$1 AGE 29 BYE 7

Gano was fantasy's No. 2 kicker in 2015 thanks primarily to Carolina's offensive success. He posted seven top-10 fantasy weeks, which tied him for seventh among kickers. Gano led the league with 59 PAT attempts and 56 conversions and was tied for fifth in field goal attempts. His 84.7 percent field goal conversion rate since 2013, however, is slightly below league average. In fact, the journeyman finished no better than 14th among kickers in 2013 and 2014. The Panthers' offense is a good bet to regress this season, which will leave Gano as more of a fringe fantasy starter than a top-end option.

TEAM	CAR	CAR	CAR
G	16	16	16
FG	29/35	30/36	29/34
FG%	82.9	83.3	85.3
39&U	19/20	15/16	18/19
40-49	9/12	13/16	8/10
50+	1/3	2/4	3/5
LNG	53	52	53
XP	34	56	39
PTS	121	146	135

4 JUSTIN TUCKER BAL \$1 AGE 26 BYE 8

Tucker has been one of fantasy's most consistent producers since he entered the NFL, finishing each of his four seasons among the top 11 kickers in fantasy points. He ranked ninth in 2015, a season in which the Ravens' offense was annihilated by injuries. Still, Tucker managed eight top-10 fantasy weeks (tied for second). He attempted a league-high 10 field goals from 50-plus yards but converted only four. Despite trailing only Blair Walsh and Greg Zuerlein in 50-plus-yard attempts since entering the league, Tucker has converted 87.8 percent of all FGs, which ranks 13th. He is as reliable as they come at the position.

TEAM	BAL	BAL	BAL
G	16	16	16
FG	29/34	33/40	33/37
FG%	85.3	82.5	89.2
39&U	21/21	19/19	20/20
40-49	4/4	10/11	9/11
50+	4/9	4/10	4/6
LNG	55	52	57
XP	42	29	32
PTS	129	128	144

9 MATT PRATER DET \$1 AGE 32 BYE 10

Prater had an impressive 2015 campaign, though he attempted only 24 FGs. He nailed 91.7 percent of those tries—tied for fifth in the NFL—despite an average distance of 41.0 yards, second highest among kickers with at least 20 attempts. Prater ranked only 19th among kickers in fantasy points, but he posted four top-six finishes after Week 10 and has been more successful in the past, finishing second in fantasy points in 2013 and ninth in 2012. Over the past three seasons, Prater has made 77.8 percent of his kicks from 50-plus yards, fifth best in the league (minimum 12 attempts). He won't be short on opportunities in 2016.

TEAM	DET	DET	DET
G	11	16	16
FG	21/26	22/24	28/31
FG%	80.8	91.7	90.3
39&U	12/13	11/12	17/17
40-49	6/8	6/6	8/9
50+	3/5	5/6	3/5
LNG	52	59	53
XP	21	36	36
PTS	84	102	131

5 MASON CROSBY GB \$1 AGE 32 BYE 4

No one has attempted more field goals than Crosby over the past nine years, and after a couple of shaky seasons, Crosby has rebounded with three straight quality campaigns. He has nailed 85.7 percent of his FGs since 2013, including 52 of 53 from inside 40 yards. Crosby and Stephen Gostkowski were the only kickers to attempt at least 30 PATs and convert all of them last season. Green Bay's offensive struggles limited Crosby to 16th place among kickers in 2015, but he cracked the top eight in the prior two seasons when the offense was humming. He is a strong bounce-back candidate.

TEAM	GB	GB	GB
G	16	16	16
FG	27/33	24/28	31/35
FG%	81.8	85.7	88.6
39&U	18/19	12/12	19/19
40-49	5/7	8/11	9/11
50+	4/7	4/5	3/5
LNG	55	56	48
XP	53	36	40
PTS	134	108	144

10 MATT BRYANT ATL \$1 AGE 41 BYE 11

A quad injury cost Bryant six games and led to a disappointing 2015 season. He struggled even when healthy, converting just 14 of 18 field goals while managing only two top-10 fantasy weeks. Despite Bryant's rough year, don't write him off. Over the past six seasons, his 88.6 percent FG conversion rate ranks fifth. He was a top-12 fantasy kicker in four out of five seasons prior to 2015, including a trio of top-five campaigns. Bryant's age (41) and the Falcons' offensive dysfunction are mild concerns, but he is a quality kicker with the added benefit of kicking primarily in a dome. Consider him a fringe starter.

TEAM	ATL	ATL	ATL
G	16	10	16
FG	29/32	14/18	29/33
FG%	90.6	77.8	87.9
39&U	14/14	8/9	18/18
40-49	8/8	6/9	8/10
50+	7/10	0/0	3/5
LNG	54	47	54
XP	40	26	32
PTS	127	68	129

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Defense

State of the position

BY ERIC KARABELL

Every year we get a bit too excited about the perceived top defenses. Take the Seahawks, for example. Actually, no, don't take them. Certainly not in Round 6, which is where that unit went in ESPN average live drafts in 2015. That's silly. Seattle's D/ST finished fifth for fantasy, but even if you guessed right on the No. 1 Broncos, it wasn't worth that kind of draft-day investment. Yes, there are some very good defenses to check out, but it's wise to avoid checking them out until the double-digit rounds, if not the penultimate round (if only because kickers go last). The Broncos, Seahawks, Panthers and others should be good again, but if you can get a potential top-10 quarterback instead, just wait until later.

Rates of change

Here's how our top 10 defenses' projected points compare with their totals from 2015 and the average D/ST1 output last season.

FANTASY POINTS

■ 2016 PROJECTED POINTS ■ 2015 ACTUAL POINTS



142.6

D/ST1 AVG

27.9

Before drafting a D/ST earlier than the last couple of rounds, mull this over: The average D/ST scored 99 points last season, the lowest level since at least 2001. Fantasy D/ST scoring has dropped 27.9 percent over that time and has either remained flat or dropped in 10 of the past 14 seasons. This trend of diminishing returns suggests it's best to avoid early investment in a D/ST. —KC JOYNER

Do not draft

NFC East

Yes, we're lumping them all together because despite what you've seen with off-season transactions and the millions of dollars spent, the Redskins, Eagles, Cowboys and Giants do not possess good defenses. Matching up with the AFC North, with two of the better offenses in the league, doesn't help.

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1 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS \$1 BYE 5

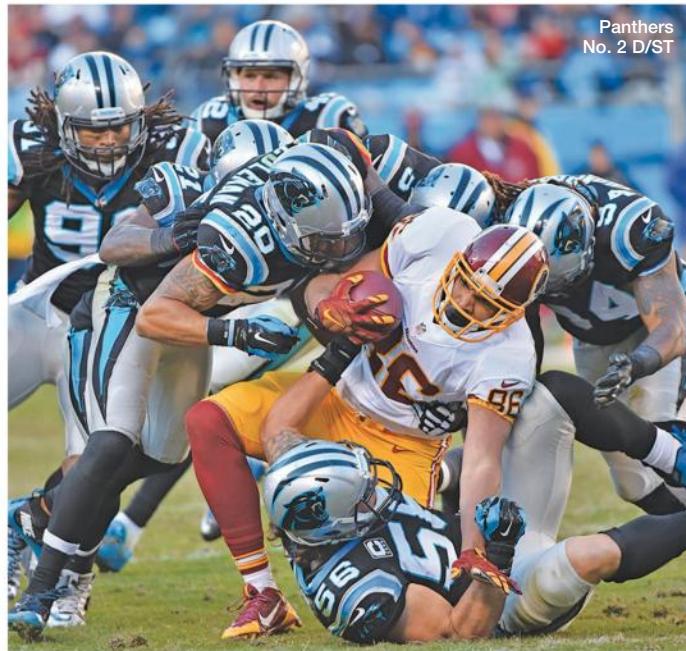
Seattle's recent run of defensive dominance has translated to the fantasy world as well: The Seahawks have finished among the top five teams in D/ST rankings in each of the past five seasons. They have allowed the fewest points in the league four years running and have finished no worse than second in yards allowed for three straight seasons. Don't expect a downfall this year, as the intimidating core that includes Richard Sherman, Earl Thomas, Kam Chancellor and Bobby Wagner remains intact. Plus, the Seahawks will benefit from an early-season slate that features the Dolphins, Rams and 49ers.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	13	14	16
FR	10	8	9
D-TD	2	3	3
SACKS	37	37	42
RYPG	81.5	81.5	92.0
PYPG	185.6	210.3	225.4
TYPG	267.1	291.8	317.4
PPG	15.9	17.3	19.6
RET-TD	0	2	1

2 CAROLINA PANTHERS \$1 BYE 7

The Panthers rode big plays to a fourth-place finish in fantasy points last season, their second top-five ranking in three years. They led the NFL with 24 interceptions, 22 forced fumbles and 15 fumble recoveries. Their secondary took a hit in the offseason with the losses of Josh Norman, Charles Tillman and Roman Harper, but defensive standouts Luke Kuechly, Thomas Davis, Shaq Thompson and Charles Johnson will keep this unit among the best in the NFL. The Panthers should also benefit from a season-opening slate that includes the low-scoring Broncos, 49ers, Vikings, Falcons and Bucs.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	14	24	21
FR	12	15	9
D-TD	3	4	3
SACKS	40	44	43
RYPG	112.0	88.4	105.9
PYPG	227.8	234.5	245.9
TYPG	339.8	322.9	351.8
PPG	23.4	19.3	21.3
RET-TD	1	0	1

Panthers
No. 2 D/ST**3 HOUSTON TEXANS \$1 BYE 9**

The Texans started slowly but finished strong last season, posting seven top-eight fantasy weeks in their final nine outings. They led the league with 90 passes defensed and finished seventh or better in sacks, tackles for loss, yards allowed and points allowed. The 2016 schedule presents a greater challenge, with matchups against the NFC North, AFC West, New England and Cincinnati. Of course, with J.J. Watt leading a unit that includes Vince Wilfork, Jadeveon Clowney, Whitney Mercilus, Johnathan Joseph and 2015 first-round pick Kevin Johnson, Houston's D/ST remains among the best in the game.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	20	14	15
FR	14	11	10
D-TD	5	3	2
SACKS	38	45	50
RYPG	105.1	99.8	111.3
PYPG	243.1	210.4	231.0
TYPG	348.2	310.2	342.3
PPG	19.2	19.6	22.2
RET-TD	0	0	1

4 DENVER BRONCOS \$1 BYE 11

Denver was easily 2015's top-scoring D/ST, but the season was more a tale of two halves than it was a consistent run of dominance. The Broncos finished each of their first eight games among the top seven fantasy defenses, but from that point on, they were limited to two top-10 weeks and ranked 12th overall. The early-season schedule is rough (they open with the Panthers, Colts and Bengals), and the losses of Malik Jackson and Danny Trevathan are massive, but with Von Miller leading the way, this remains a talented and deep group that should take only a small step back.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	18	14	13
FR	7	13	9
D-TD	3	5	2
SACKS	41	52	45
RYPG	79.8	83.6	98.2
PYPG	225.4	199.6	225.7
TYPG	305.2	283.1	323.9
PPG	22.1	18.5	21.3
RET-TD	0	1	1

5 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS \$1 BYE 5

After an underwhelming first month, the Chiefs were nothing short of dominant in the final three quarters of the 2015 season. They ranked outside of the top 12 D/STs only once in that span and finished the season with a league-high 11 top-10 fantasy weeks. The Chiefs scored six TDs, ranked second in INTs and were third in points allowed. To maintain their elite status, they must overcome the departures of Sean Smith, Mike DeVito and Tyvon Branch, as well as Justin Houston's ACL injury. But the likes of Eric Berry, Marcus Peters and Tamba Hali are well suited to do just that.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	6	22	19
FR	7	7	8
D-TD	2	6	3
SACKS	46	47	41
RYPG	127.3	98.2	109.6
PYPG	203.3	231.1	248.0
TYPG	330.6	329.3	357.6
PPG	17.6	17.9	21.6
RET-TD	2	0	1

6 ARIZONA CARDINALS \$1 BYE 9

The Cardinals have become a reliable D/ST, having finished no worse than 13th in fantasy points over the past six seasons. That includes last year's third-place ranking, when they led the league in non-offensive TDs (seven) and forced fumbles (22). With Calais Campbell, Patrick Peterson and Tyrann Mathieu leading the way, they also ranked among the top five teams in interceptions, fumble recoveries and yards allowed. Newcomers Chandler Jones and Tyvon Branch add firepower to a unit that should start strong against the (Tom Brady-less) Patriots, Buccaneers, Bills, Rams and 49ers.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	18	19	16
FR	7	14	9
D-TD	4	6	3
SACKS	35	36	51
RYPG	108.7	91.3	112.1
PYPG	259.5	230.4	258.6
TYPG	368.2	321.7	370.7
PPG	18.7	19.6	21.9
RET-TD	1	1	1

7 CINCINNATI BENGALS \$1 BYE 9

Cincinnati's ball-hawking secondary consistently has kept the Bengals near the top of the fantasy rankings in recent years, but change has come to that group. The Bengals have picked off at least 20 passes for three straight seasons and have ranked as a top-10 fantasy D/ST in four of the past five seasons. But S Reggie Nelson and CB Leon Hall are gone, putting the onus on recent draft picks Shawn Williams, William Jackson III and Darqueze Dennard to replace them. The front seven remains talented, and if the new defensive backs do their jobs, this unit should remain one of the league's best.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	20	21	18
FR	6	7	9
D-TD	1	1	3
SACKS	20	42	45
RYPG	116.3	92.3	112.1
PYPG	243.0	248.5	240.1
TYPG	359.3	340.8	352.2
PPG	21.5	17.4	20.9
RET-TD	0	0	1

8 NEW YORK JETS \$1 BYE 11

Players and coaches have come and gone, but one thing has remained constant for the Jets: They don't let opponents gain many yards. The Jets have ranked no worse than 11th in yards allowed over the past seven seasons, including fourth last year. The loss of run-stopping NT Damon Harrison hurts, but newcomer Steve McLendon adds to a dominant D-line that includes Muhammad Wilkerson, Sheldon Richardson and Leonard Williams. The LBs are unproven, though, and Darrelle Revis is the only sure thing at cornerback—those concerns are strong enough to limit the Jets to the fringe of top-10 status.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	6	18	16
FR	7	12	9
D-TD	0	0	3
SACKS	45	39	48
RYPG	93.1	83.4	107.4
PYPG	234.1	235.2	238.4
TYPG	327.2	318.6	345.8
PPG	25.1	19.6	22.1
RET-TD	0	0	1

9 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS \$1 BYE 9

While the Patriots are best known for the points they pile up on offense, their D/ST has ranked among the top 10 fantasy units in five of the past six seasons. Last season the Patriots tied for the league lead in forced fumbles (22) and finished second in sacks (49). Although they traded their top pass rusher, Chandler Jones (12½ sacks), to Arizona, additions Terrance Knighton, Chris Long and Shea McClellin should ensure there is not much of a dip in performance. The Pats face a relatively weak slate of opposing offenses in 2016, although there's a tough test in Week 1 against the Cardinals.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	16	12	16
FR	9	9	10
D-TD	2	2	2
SACKS	40	49	38
RYPG	104.3	98.8	107.3
PYPG	239.8	240.7	266.0
TYPG	344.1	339.4	373.3
PPG	19.6	19.7	21.4
RET-TD	0	1	1

10 GREEN BAY PACKERS \$1 BYE 4

Green Bay's D/ST has finished in the top half of the NFL in fantasy points for nine of the past 10 seasons, including last year's 13th-place ranking. Big plays fueled the success in 2015: The Packers placed ninth in interceptions (16) and seventh in sacks (43) and tackles for loss (100). The team lost CB Casey Hayward to free agency and DT B.J. Raji to a "hiatus" this offseason, but the Packers have plenty of depth at corner to replace Hayward and drafted Kenny Clark in the first round to take Raji's spot. The LB level is weak, but the Packers should be able to put together another top-half season in 2016.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	18	16	17
FR	9	6	9
D-TD	4	2	3
SACKS	41	43	43
RYPG	119.9	119.1	111.1
PYPG	226.4	227.6	257.5
TYPG	346.3	346.7	368.6
PPG	21.8	20.2	22.9
RET-TD	2	0	1

11 OAKLAND RAIDERS \$0 BYE 10

Looking for a sleeper D/ST? Check out the Raiders. They added LB Bruce Irvin, CB Sean Smith, S Reggie Nelson and rookie S Karl Joseph to a unit that posted eight top-10 fantasy weeks (tied for fifth) last season. Oakland finished just 22nd overall in points and yards allowed but tied for first in the NFL with five blocks and was in the upper half in most fantasy-relevant categories. The Raiders still must fill a few holes, but with the additions joining gap clogger Dan Williams, resurgent CB David Amerson and, of course, All-Pro pass rusher Khalil Mack, they are headed in the right direction.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	9	14	18
FR	5	11	9
D-TD	1	1	3
SACKS	22	38	40
RYPG	119.4	104.9	120.2
PYPG	238.1	258.8	243.2
TYPG	357.5	363.6	363.4
PPG	28.2	24.9	22.3
RET-TD	1	0	1

12 MINNESOTA VIKINGS \$0 BYE 6

The Vikings' defense took a big step forward last season, finishing seventh in the league in sacks (43) and allowing the fifth-fewest points (302). Minnesota's D/ST posted 10 top-10 fantasy weeks, which trailed only Kansas City. With little offseason roster turnover, the Vikings return a talented group that includes Everson Griffen, Linval Joseph, Anthony Barr, Harrison Smith and emerging Eric Kendricks. They're dealing with better offenses on the schedule this season, but the Vikings will be a solid spot-start option given the right matchup.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	13	13	12
FR	6	9	10
D-TD	4	3	2
SACKS	41	43	46
RYPG	121.4	109.3	115.2
PYPG	223.3	234.9	261.6
TYPG	344.7	344.2	376.8
PPG	21.4	18.9	22.3
RET-TD	0	3	1

13 BUFFALO BILLS \$0 BYE 10

After finishing 2014 as fantasy's top-scoring D/ST, the Bills fell all the way to 22nd last season. The main culprit? A dip from 54 sacks and 103 tackles for loss in 2014 (both tops in the league) to 21 sacks (second fewest) and 61 TFLs (fewest) in 2015. Mario Williams is gone, after never feeling comfortable in Rex Ryan's system, and Nigel Bradham departed as well, but Buffalo spent its top three draft picks on pass rusher Shaq Lawson, LB Reggie Ragland and DT Adolphus Washington. Lawson, though, underwent shoulder surgery in May and won't return until midseason. The Bills should be solid but unspectacular this season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	19	17	15
FR	11	8	8
D-TD	1	2	3
SACKS	54	21	37
RYPG	106.4	108.1	123.6
PYPG	205.8	248.3	236.6
TYPG	312.2	356.4	360.2
PPG	18.1	22.4	23.1
RET-TD	2	0	1

14 LOS ANGELES RAMS \$0 BYE 8

After the offseason losses of James Laurinaitis, Rodney McLeod, Nick Fairley, Janoris Jenkins and Chris Long, the Rams' D/ST looks poised to decline for the third straight season. It was the seventh-best fantasy unit in 2013, tied for eighth in 2014 and 12th last year. The Rams aren't completely devoid of talent, though: Aaron Donald leads a dominant D-line that also includes Robert Quinn, William Hayes and Michael Brockers. But there are questions beyond Alec Ogletree, Mark Barron and Trumaine Johnson on the second and third levels. The schedule is also tough, so look elsewhere for a starting D/ST.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	13	13	12
FR	12	13	9
D-TD	3	3	2
SACKS	40	41	45
RYPG	110.3	113.8	117.8
PYPG	241.3	254.1	244.3
TYPG	351.6	367.8	362.1
PPG	22.1	20.6	23.3
RET-TD	2	1	1

15 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS \$0 BYE 10

The Colts have provided decent D/ST production over the past three seasons, but they just can't seem to do enough to move into the league's upper echelon. Last season Indianapolis intercepted 17 passes (tied for sixth in the NFL) and scored five TDs (seventh) but finished in the lower third of the league in points and yardage allowed. CB Patrick Robinson was a much-needed addition opposite Vontae Davis, but the loss of standout ILB Jerrell Freeman will hurt. Davis, D'Qwell Jackson, Henry Anderson and Kendall Langford will lead what figures to be a middle-of-the-pack D/ST unit.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	12	17	16
FR	14	8	9
D-TD	2	5	3
SACKS	41	35	45
RYPG	113.4	122.0	114.9
PYPG	229.3	257.1	271.0
TYPG	342.7	379.1	385.9
PPG	23.1	25.5	24.2
RET-TD	0	0	1

16 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS \$0 BYE 5

The Jaguars received a massive influx of talent on D in the offseason by signing Prince Amukamara, Tashaun Gipson and Malik Jackson and drafting Jalen Ramsey and Myles Jack. Plus, the Jaguars will have the services of Dante Fowler, who missed his rookie year with a torn ACL after the Jaguars took him with the third pick in the 2015 draft. But the Jaguars are young and still have glaring holes, and Ramsey's knee must be healthy. Plus, they face a tough slate early, with games against the Chargers, Ravens and Colts. Given those concerns, they aren't worth drafting, even though they are headed in the right direction.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	6	9	15
FR	14	9	9
D-TD	3	3	3
SACKS	45	36	35
RYPG	127.1	106.8	118.0
PYPG	243.7	268.2	262.8
TYPG	370.8	375.0	380.8
PPG	25.8	28.0	23.0
RET-TD	0	1	1



17 BALTIMORE RAVENS \$0 BYE 8

Long an elite unit, the Baltimore D/ST ranked just 19th last season in fantasy points, its worst finish in the past 10 years. The Ravens managed only four top-10 fantasy weeks, which was more than just six other teams. The offseason signing of safety Eric Weddle helps, but Baltimore did little else to improve a defense that finished last in the league in interceptions (six) and 28th in forced fumbles (eight). There is some talent here, but it's hard to expect high-end production from a unit led by the aging Weddle (31), Terrell Suggs (33), Elvis Dumervil (32) and Lardarius Webb (30).

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	11	6	10
FR	11	8	9
D-TD	1	2	2
SACKS	49	37	45
RYPG	88.3	103.8	105.3
PYPG	248.7	233.6	261.3
TYPG	337.0	337.4	366.6
PPG	18.9	25.1	23.9
RET-TD	1	1	1

18 PITTSBURGH STEELERS \$0 BYE 8

Big plays made a big difference for the Steelers last season, as they finished tied for sixth in INTs (17), fourth in fumble recoveries (13) and third in sacks (48). That success helped them rank eighth in fantasy points, but it also obscured the fact that they finished 21st in yards allowed. LB is a concern heading into 2016: James Harrison is 38, and Ryan Shazier, Bud Dupree and Lawrence Timmons are coming off rough seasons. The secondary is solid, and DEs Cameron Heyward and Stephon Tuitt have the gaps covered, but it will be tough for this unit to sustain last year's turnover numbers, likely meaning a slight step back.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	11	17	15
FR	10	13	9
D-TD	5	2	3
SACKS	33	48	37
RYPG	100.3	91.2	107.7
PYPG	253.1	271.9	278.0
TYPG	353.4	363.1	385.7
PPG	23.0	19.9	23.0
RET-TD	1	1	1

19 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS \$0 BYE 6

Given that they finished 6–10 last season, it was easy to miss the fact that the Bucs were outstanding against the run. They allowed just 3.4 ypc, second best in the NFL behind the Broncos. Tampa Bay also ranked among the top 10 in forced fumbles, tackles for loss, yardage allowed and blocks. Of course, the defense still allowed 26.1 ppg and finished 17th in fantasy points, so there is work to be done. Robert Ayers, Daryl Smith and Brent Grimes were solid off-season additions, but each is over 30, while rookies Vernon Hargreaves III and Noah Spence are potential future stars but not ready to elevate this unit in 2016.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	14	11	18
FR	11	12	9
D-TD	3	3	3
SACKS	36	38	36
RYPG	113.7	100.4	116.3
PYPG	255.3	240.0	265.2
TYPG	369.0	340.4	381.5
PPG	25.6	26.1	24.8
RET-TD	0	0	1

Buccaneers
No. 19 D/ST

**20 CHICAGO BEARS \$0 BYE 9**

The Bears struggled again on defense last season, which led to a 27th-place finish in fantasy points, their third straight season near the bottom of the league. They ranked 30th in the NFL in interceptions (eight), forced fumbles (six), tackles for loss (64) and passes defensed (53). The good news is that Chicago made some impactful moves in the offseason, adding veterans Akiem Hicks, Jerrell Freeman and Danny Trevathan and drafting Leonard Floyd, Jonathan Bullard and Deon Bush. All should play significant roles for a unit that is on the rise but not yet ready to make a major leap forward.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	14	8	12
FR	10	9	9
D-TD	1	0	2
SACKS	39	35	44
RYPG	112.7	120.9	116.8
PYPG	264.4	224.6	269.6
TYPG	377.1	345.5	386.4
PPG	27.6	24.8	23.9
RET-TD	1	0	1

21 DETROIT LIONS \$0 BYE 10

After finishing as a top-five D/ST in 2014, the Lions plummeted all the way to 20th last season. Although their pass rush remained strong (43 sacks, tied for seventh in the NFL), they gave up 400 points and picked off just nine passes (26th in the league). The D/ST cracked the top-10 fantasy rankings only three times, which was worse than all but two teams. There isn't much reason to expect better production this season. There is some talent with Ezekiel Ansah, DeAndre Levy and Darius Slay, but this group is a long way from its 2014 level.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	20	9	13
FR	7	9	10
D-TD	2	2	2
SACKS	42	43	42
RYPG	69.3	113.0	118.4
PYPG	231.6	236.6	262.6
TYPG	300.9	349.6	381.0
PPG	17.6	25.0	24.2
RET-TD	0	0	1

22 WASHINGTON REDSKINS \$0 BYE 9

The Redskins' D/ST cracked the top 20 in fantasy points for the first time since 2007 last season, ranking 14th in the league. But that success was the result of a lot of luck—the unit forced 22 fumbles and recovered 15 of them, numbers that aren't sustainable. Meanwhile, the Skins surrendered 6,090 yards (fifth most in the league), which is a sign of serious issues. They did overhaul their secondary with the additions of Josh Norman, Su'a Cravens and Kendall Fuller and are solid up front, but linebacker is a problem and so is a tough schedule. In other words, there is no reason to draft them.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	7	11	14
FR	12	15	9
D-TD	0	2	2
SACKS	36	38	35
RYPG	107.6	122.6	123.2
PYPG	249.4	258.0	262.4
TYPG	357.0	380.6	385.6
PPG	27.4	23.7	23.1
RET-TD	0	2	1

23 NEW YORK GIANTS \$0 BYE 8

The Giants were abysmal on defense last season. They ranked last in yards allowed (6,725) and 30th in points allowed (442). No one was more aware of those problems than their own front office, so they spent the offseason overhauling the personnel. The Giants spent big in free agency on DE Olivier Vernon, CB Janoris Jenkins and DT Damon Harrison and used high draft picks on CB Eli Apple and FS Darian Thompson. With Jason Pierre-Paul closer to full health, this unit will be better in 2016, but voids remain at linebacker and safety. There is still work to be done before the Giants are fantasy-relevant.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	17	15	14
FR	8	12	9
D-TD	1	4	3
SACKS	47	23	33
RYPG	135.1	121.4	115.0
PYPG	240.6	298.9	271.2
TYPG	375.7	420.3	386.2
PPG	25.0	27.6	23.4
RET-TD	0	2	1

24 TENNESSEE TITANS \$0 BYE 13

The Titans' D/ST struggled again last season, finishing 23rd in fantasy points, the seventh straight season in which they ranked worse than 15th. The unit allowed 423 points (sixth most in the NFL), intercepted just 11 passes (21st) and forced only 11 fumbles (23rd). There is experienced talent at every level of the defense—Jurrell Casey up front, Wesley Woodyard and Brian Orakpo at linebacker, Jason McCourty and Da'Norris Searcy in the secondary—and rookie D-linemen Kevin Dodd and Austin Johnson will help. But enough voids remain to minimize the Titans' improvement this season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	12	11	13
FR	4	8	9
D-TD	2	3	2
SACKS	39	39	35
RYPG	137.2	112.3	123.9
PYPG	235.8	229.9	261.8
TYPG	373.0	342.2	385.7
PPG	27.4	26.4	24.5
RET-TD	0	0	1

25 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES \$0 BYE 4

Chip Kelly is best known for his offensive innovations, but his style also affected Philly's D during his tenure there. The Eagles' fast pace left the D on the field for tons of extra snaps, and it showed in the stats: The Eagles ranked among the bottom five teams in yards allowed in each of Kelly's three seasons. But they also led the league with 18 non-offensive TDs over the past two seasons, and with Kelly gone, they'll get more rest. That won't solve every problem, though. The team is switching to a 4-3 scheme, and holes remain at LB and CB. The Eagles do play Cleveland in Week 1, so they are a draft-and-drop candidate.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	12	15	13
FR	16	11	9
D-TD	4	4	2
SACKS	49	37	35
RYPG	110.7	134.6	113.4
PYPG	264.9	267.1	270.5
TYPG	375.6	401.6	383.9
PPG	25.0	26.9	24.0
RET-TD	4	2	1

26 ATLANTA FALCONS \$0 BYE 11

It's hard to find a team that does a worse job of penetrating the backfield than the Falcons. They ranked dead last in sacks last season (19) and second to last in tackles for loss (64). Atlanta has attempted to address those issues in the draft in recent years and hopes that those early picks—Vic Beasley, Ra'Shede Hageman and Deion Jones—will help make a difference. The secondary is strong with Desmond Trufant, Robert Alford and 2016 first-round pick Keanu Neal, but this isn't a unit you want to bank on going into the season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	16	15	14
FR	12	8	9
D-TD	2	3	3
SACKS	22	19	32
RYPG	118.4	105.0	123.5
PYPG	279.9	242.6	252.6
TYPG	398.3	347.6	376.1
PPG	26.1	21.6	24.1
RET-TD	1	0	1

27 MIAMI DOLPHINS \$0 BYE 8

In most formats, there is no sense in drafting a D/ST you don't want in your lineup in Week 1. Considering that the Dolphins open 2016 with trips to Seattle and New England, you can comfortably skip over them on draft day, then monitor for improvement as a potential midseason pickup. They brought in Mario Williams, Kiko Alonso, Byron Maxwell and Isa Abdul-Quddus, but those additions are more than offset by the losses of Olivier Vernon, Derrick Shelby and Brent Grimes. Ndamukong Suh and IDP stud Reshad Jones offer a glimmer of hope but not enough of one to make the Dolphins draftable.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	14	13	14
FR	11	3	9
D-TD	3	3	2
SACKS	39	31	33
RYPG	121.1	126.2	121.8
PYPG	222.3	250.0	269.6
TYPG	343.4	376.2	391.4
PPG	23.3	24.3	24.4
RET-TD	0	1	1

28 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS \$0 BYE 11

The Chargers ranked 15th in the league with nine fumble recoveries last season. And that completes the list of fantasy-relevant categories in which they finished in the top half of the league. Overall, they were the fourth-worst D/ST in fantasy, managing just one TD, 11 interceptions and 32 sacks. First-round pick Joey Bosa is a much-needed addition to the team's pass rush, but San Diego didn't improve much otherwise and lost safety Eric Weddle to Baltimore. If there's one saving grace, San Diego faces a fairly soft slate of opposing offenses, so this is a unit for streamers to monitor.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	7	11	12
FR	11	9	9
D-TD	3	1	2
SACKS	26	32	38
RYPG	124.1	125.3	131.3
PYPG	214.2	236.6	262.0
TYPG	338.3	361.9	393.3
PPG	21.8	24.9	23.4
RET-TD	0	0	1

29 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS \$0 BYE 8

Talk about a collapse: The 49ers went from a top-10 unit for four straight seasons to dead last in 2015. The Niners ranked 29th in yardage allowed, and that issue doesn't figure to get any better with Chip Kelly in town. (The Eagles ranked 28th or worse during each of Kelly's three seasons with the team.) NaVorro Bowman, Ian Williams, Aaron Lynch and recent first-round picks Arik Armstead and DeForest Buckner provide some reasons for optimism, but San Francisco will also be dealing with one of the league's toughest schedules, which includes trips to Carolina and Seattle during the first three weeks of the season.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	23	9	11
FR	6	3	9
D-TD	3	1	2
SACKS	36	28	36
RYPG	100.8	126.3	125.1
PYPG	220.7	261.2	275.5
TYPG	321.5	387.5	400.6
PPG	21.3	24.2	25.0
RET-TD	0	0	1

Eagles
No. 25 D/ST**30 DALLAS COWBOYS \$0 BYE 7**

Tony Romo's injury woes were devastating to Dallas' 2015 prospects, but the defense didn't do the team any favors. Fantasy's No. 25 scoring unit ranked 30th in INTs (eight), forced fumbles (six) and fumble recoveries (three). The Cowboys added Cedric Thornton to help replace Greg Hardy but did little else to improve their defense during the offseason. The return of Orlando Scandrick from a torn ACL and MCL will help, but four-week suspensions to Randy Gregory and DeMarcus Lawrence will be devastating for the team's pass rush and place an even greater burden on Sean Lee, Rolando McClain and Byron Jones.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	18	8	9
FR	13	3	10
D-TD	3	1	2
SACKS	28	31	32
RYPG	103.1	120.9	112.0
PYPG	251.9	227.0	283.0
TYPG	355.0	347.9	395.0
PPG	22.0	23.4	23.2
RET-TD	0	0	1

31 CLEVELAND BROWNS \$0 BYE 13

Cleveland's defense hasn't been good for quite some time, but its D/ST hit a 10-year low by finishing 30th last season. The Browns struggled to get to the quarterback, managing only 29 sacks (fifth fewest in the league), and also recorded only 74 tackles for loss (sixth fewest). Tashaun Gipson and Carlos Dansby are out, and Emmanuel Ogbah, Rahim Moore and Demario Davis are in. That doesn't exactly scream improvement. Cornerback Joe Haden is coming off a rough, injury-plagued season, and this defense has very little firepower otherwise. Needless to say, you should be staying far, far away.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	21	11	10
FR	8	10	8
D-TD	3	2	2
SACKS	31	29	32
RYPG	141.6	128.4	129.3
PYPG	224.5	250.8	278.4
TYPG	366.1	379.2	407.7
PPG	21.1	27.0	25.2
RET-TD	0	1	1

32 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS \$0 BYE 5

The Saints' D/ST has ranked 28th or worse during four of the past five seasons. That includes 31st-place finishes in both fantasy points and yardage allowed in each of the past two seasons. The Saints allowed a league-high 476 points last year, intercepted only nine passes (26th) and recorded 31 sacks (25th). The additions of Nick Fairley, James Laurinaitis and first-round pick Sheldon Rankins will help in the short term, but this is a unit with major problems behind young stars Cameron Jordan, Delvin Breaux and Kenny Vaccaro. Even if the personnel is somewhat better, the Saints' D/ST still projects as fantasy's worst.

	2014	2015	PROJ
INT	12	9	12
FR	5	13	9
D-TD	0	1	2
SACKS	34	31	30
RYPG	132.8	129.4	130.6
PYPG	251.2	284.0	285.8
TYPG	384.0	413.4	416.4
PPG	26.5	29.8	25.3
RET-TD	0	1	1

Individual Defensive Players

The guys with the ball in their hands aren't the only ones who matter.

Time to bone up on the ones who are paid to stop them.

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Defensive line

1 J.J. WATT, DE

	TOT	PROJ
HOU AGE 27 BYE 9	76	
TOT	76	
SOLO	50	
AST	26	
SACK	19	
FF	3	
INT	0	
PD	8	
TD	0	

2 KHALIL MACK, DE

	TOT	PROJ
OAK AGE 25 BYE 10	73	
TOT	73	
SOLO	48	
AST	25	
SACK	22	
FF	2	
INT	0	
PD	0	
TD	0	

3 MUHAMMAD WILKERSON, DE

	TOT	PROJ
NYJ AGE 26 BYE 11	64	
TOT	64	
SOLO	42	
AST	22	
SACK	10	
FF	2	
INT	0	
PD	6	
TD	0	

4 CARLOS DUNLAP, DE

	TOT	PROJ
CIN AGE 27 BYE 9	56	
TOT	56	
SOLO	37	
AST	19	
SACK	13	
FF	2	
INT	0	
PD	3	
TD	0	

5 ROBERT QUINN, DE

	TOT	PROJ
LA AGE 26 BYE 8	53	
TOT	53	
SOLO	35	
AST	18	
SACK	9	
FF	4	
INT	0	
PD	6	
TD	0	

6 AARON DONALD, DT

	TOT	PROJ
LA AGE 25 BYE 8	64	
TOT	64	
SOLO	40	
AST	24	
SACK	9	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	1	
TD	0	

7 EZEKIEL ANSAH, DE

	TOT	PROJ
DET AGE 27 BYE 10	50	
TOT	50	
SOLO	33	
AST	17	
SACK	12	
FF	3	
INT	0	
PD	1	
TD	0	

8 MICHAEL BENNETT, DE

	TOT	PROJ
SEA AGE 30 BYE 5	54	
TOT	54	
SOLO	36	
AST	18	
SACK	11	
FF	2	
INT	0	
PD	2	
TD	0	

9 OLIVIER VERNON, DE

	TOT	PROJ
NYG AGE 25 BYE 8	61	
TOT	61	
SOLO	40	
AST	21	
SACK	11	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	0	
TD	0	

10 CALAIS CAMPBELL, DE

	TOT	PROJ
ARI AGE 30 BYE 9	61	
TOT	61	
SOLO	40	
AST	21	
SACK	8	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	4	
TD	0	

11 LEONARD WILLIAMS, DE

	TOT	PROJ
NYJ AGE 22 BYE 11	68	
TOT	68	
SOLO	45	
AST	23	
SACK	9	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	0	
TD	0	

12 EVERSON GRIFFEN, DE

	TOT	PROJ
MIN AGE 28 BYE 6	47	
TOT	47	
SOLO	31	
AST	16	
SACK	11	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	3	
TD	0	

13 CLIFF AVRIL, DE

	TOT	PROJ
SEA AGE 30 BYE 5	46	
TOT	46	
SOLO	30	
AST	16	
SACK	10	
FF	2	
INT	0	
PD	5	
TD	0	

14 JASON PIERRE-PAUL, DE

	TOT	PROJ
NYG AGE 27 BYE 8	59	
TOT	59	
SOLO	39	
AST	20	
SACK	6	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	9	
TD	0	

15 CHANDLER JONES, DE

	TOT	PROJ
ARI AGE 26 BYE 9	48	
TOT	48	
SOLO	32	
AST	16	
SACK	8	
FF	4	
INT	1	
PD	2	
TD	0	

16 CAMERON JORDAN, DE

	TOT	PROJ
NO AGE 27 BYE 5	51	
TOT	51	
SOLO	34	
AST	17	
SACK	7	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	5	
TD	0	

17 KAWANN SHORT, DT

	TOT	PROJ
CAR AGE 27 BYE 7	52	
TOT	52	
SOLO	33	
AST	19	
SACK	7	
FF	2	
INT	0	
PD	3	
TD	0	

18 NDAMUKONG SUH, DT

	TOT	PROJ
MIA AGE 29 BYE 8	56	
TOT	56	
SOLO	35	
AST	21	
SACK	8	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	4	
TD	0	

19 J.J. WATT, No. 1 DL

	TOT	PROJ
J.J. Watt No. 1 DL	64	
TOT	64	
SOLO	35	
AST	26	
SACK	19	
FF	3	
INT	0	
PD	6	
TD	0	

20 LEONARD WILLIAMS, DE

	TOT	PROJ
NYJ AGE 22 BYE 11	68	
TOT	68	
SOLO	45	
AST	23	
SACK	9	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	0	
TD	0	

21 EVERSON GRIFFEN, DE

	TOT	PROJ
MIN AGE 28 BYE 6	47	
TOT	47	
SOLO	31	
AST	16	
SACK	11	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	3	
TD	0	

22 CALAIS CAMPBELL, DE

	TOT	PROJ
ARI AGE 30 BYE 9	61	
TOT	61	
SOLO	40	
AST	21	
SACK	8	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	4	
TD	0	

23 LEONARD WILLIAMS, DE

	TOT	PROJ

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Jabaal Sheard
No. 24 DL

19 FLETCHER COX, DT PROJ

PHI AGE 25 BYE 4
DTs don't typically put up big stats in Jim Schwartz's scheme, but Cox could be the exception after finishing third in fantasy points among DLs.

23 ROB NINKOVICH, DE PROJ

NE AGE 32 BYE 9
Not only does he sport a serious beard, he played the most snaps and collected the second-most tackles among DEs over the past three seasons.

20 ROBERT AYERS, DE PROJ

TB AGE 31 BYE 6
The versatile Ayers will see more snaps in Tampa, which should help him build off a career year (fourth in sacks per snap as a Giant in 2015).

24 JABAAL SHEARD, DE PROJ

NE AGE 27 BYE 9
Sheard finished a breakout 2015 with four sacks and three forced fumbles over the final four games. There's more to come in 2016.

21 SHELDON RICHARDSON, DE PROJ

NJ AGE 25 BYE 11
Richardson averaged 7½ tackles in the two seasons before last year's suspension-shortened effort. Expect a return to that level this year.

25 CAMERON HEYWARD, DE PROJ

PIT AGE 27 BYE 8
Ironhead's son delivers coveted high-floor ingredients; Heyward has averaged 55 tackles and 6½ sacks over the past three seasons.

22 DEREK WOLFE, DE PROJ

DEN AGE 26 BYE 11
Wolfe broke out in Wade Phillips' fantasy-friendly scheme last year and was one of the NFL's best against the run (No. 9 DL in tackles per game).

27 WILLIAM HAYES, DE PROJ

LA AGE 31 BYE 8
Playing with two All-Pros makes Hayes unheralded. But he ranked 13th in tackles per snap among DLs with at least 300 snaps last season.

28 STEPHON TUITT, DE PROJ

PIT AGE 23 BYE 8
Tuitt converted his blend of size, speed and strength into a breakout 2015 that saw him finish 14th among DLs in fantasy points per game.

29 BRANDON GRAHAM, DE PROJ

PHI AGE 28 BYE 4
Graham will move from a 3-4 OLB to a 4-3 DE in Jim Schwartz's system this year. His 2015 stats would have ranked 14th among DLs in fantasy points.

30 JURRELL CASEY, DE PROJ

TEN AGE 26 BYE 13
Safe and steady, Casey has produced at least 52 tackles in all five professional seasons and has missed just one game in his career.

31 MICHAEL JOHNSON, DE PROJ

CIN AGE 29 BYE 9
After a forgettable, if financially rewarding, stint with the Bucs in 2014, Johnson revived his respectable tackle production in a return to Cincinnati last year.

32 JOEY BOSA, DE PROJ

SF AGE 21 BYE 11
Bosa will attack offenses from the edge or with his hand on the ground, giving him a chance to pile up both tackles and sacks as a rookie.

33 HENRY ANDERSON, DE PROJ

IND AGE 25 BYE 10
A surprise standout as a rookie, Anderson is capable of creating some pocket pressure, but his real value lies in his impressive tackle rate.

34 GENO ATKINS, DT PROJ

CIN AGE 28 BYE 9
Atkins returned to double-digit sack production last season and had the second-most solo tackles of his career; he is a DL2 at a discount.

25 CHRIS BAKER, DE PROJ

WAS AGE 28 BYE 9
Baker's owners netted a valuable return last year: The run stuffer was 15th in fantasy points per snap and 25th in total fantasy points among DLs.

36 JAYE HOWARD, DE PROJ

KC AGE 27 BYE 5
A 68 percent leap in snaps from 2014 to 2015 saw Howard thrive as one of only eight DLs with as many as 57 tackles and 5½ sacks.

37 DANTE FOWLER JR., DE PROJ

JAC AGE 22 BYE 5
Fowler will finally make his pro debut after missing last season with a torn ACL. The No. 3 overall pick in the 2015 draft displays rare burst.

38 MIKE DANIELS, DE PROJ

GB AGE 27 BYE 4
Daniels earned a big payday after another strong season. He has racked up 90 total tackles and 9½ sacks over the past two seasons.

39 DEMARCUS LAWRENCE, DE PROJ

DAL AGE 24 BYE 7
Lawrence ranked eighth in points per snap among DLs with at least 600 snaps last season. But a four-game suspension kills his DL1 ascent.

40 GERALD MCCOY, DT PROJ

TB AGE 28 BYE 6
McCoy sustains strong sack production (average of 8.8 sacks over the past three seasons), despite his modest tackle totals.

41 MARCELL DAREUS, NT PROJ

BUF AGE 26 BYE 10
Last season's alarming dip in sacks (from 10 to two) will likely scare the crowd away, while contrarians will see the potential for a return to Pro Bowl form.

42 HAU'OLI KIKAHĀ, DE PROJ

NO AGE 24 BYE 5
Jackson's interior pass-rush skills are a perfect fit with the Jaguars, and he has produced at least 42 tackles in each of the past three seasons.

43 VINNY CURRY, DE PROJ

PHI AGE 28 BYE 4
Curry has yet to record more than 22 tackles in a year, but his big-play upside—he tied for second in the NFL in forced fumbles in 2014—is undeniable.

44 MARIO EDWARDS JR., DE PROJ

OAK AGE 22 BYE 10
The Raiders lined him up both inside and outside during a solid rookie season; he could take another step forward with a strong tackle rate.

45 KYLE WILLIAMS, DE PROJ

BUF AGE 33 BYE 10
Rex Ryan's system isn't stat-friendly for run-stuffing tackles, but Williams can still collapse the pocket, so he could earn value as a fantasy spot starter.

46 TIMMY JERNIGAN, DE PROJ

BAL AGE 23 BYE 8
He should see a leap in snaps and also will spend time as a dual-threat DT; that playmaking freedom could lead to a third-year breakout.

47 KENDALL LANGFORD, DE PROJ

IND AGE 30 BYE 10
A career-high seven sacks in 2015 fuels fantasy relevance for Langford as a streaming option. Just be aware of his low tackle rate.

48 KONY EALY, DE PROJ

CAR AGE 24 BYE 7
It'll be cheap to see if Ealy is an inconsistent edge rusher or an underused specialist after he tied the Super Bowl sack record with three in just 22 snaps.

49 BRANDON WILLIAMS, NT PROJ

BAL AGE 27 BYE 8
This NT has a nose for the ball, setting career bests in tackles and sacks in his third pro season despite regularly taking on multiple blockers.

50 COREY LIUGET, DE PROJ

SD AGE 26 BYE 11
Although he was limited by injury to just 11 games last season, Liuget is only two years removed from a tackle-fueled top-20 fantasy finish.

Linebackers

1 LUKE KUECHLY, MLB		PROJ
CAR	AGE 25	BYE 7
TOT	150	
SOLO	99	
AST	51	
SACK	2	
FF	2	
INT	3	
PD	11	
TD	0	

2 LAVONTE DAVID, OLB		PROJ
TB	AGE 26	BYE 6
TOT	136	
SOLO	94	
AST	42	
SACK	3	
FF	2	
INT	2	
PD	10	
TD	0	

3 ALEC OGLETREE, MLB		PROJ
LA	AGE 24	BYE 8
TOT	149	
SOLO	98	
AST	51	
SACK	4	
FF	1	
INT	1	
PD	4	
TD	0	

4 NAVORRO BOWMAN, ILB		PROJ
SF	AGE 28	BYE 8
TOT	150	
SOLO	100	
AST	50	
SACK	3	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	4	
TD	0	

5 D'QWELL JACKSON, ILB		PROJ
IND	AGE 32	BYE 10
TOT	137	
SOLO	91	
AST	46	
SACK	2	
FF	1	
INT	1	
PD	7	
TD	0	

6 SEAN LEE, OLB		PROJ
DAL	AGE 30	BYE 7
TOT	126	
SOLO	87	
AST	39	
SACK	3	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	6	
TD	0	

7 JAMIE COLLINS, OLB		PROJ
NE	AGE 26	BYE 9
TOT	112	
SOLO	77	
AST	35	
SACK	6	
FF	4	
INT	1	
PD	7	
TD	0	

8 BOBBY WAGNER, MLB		PROJ
SEA	AGE 26	BYE 5
TOT	141	
SOLO	93	
AST	48	
SACK	2	
FF	1	
INT	1	
PD	7	
TD	0	

9 RYAN SHAZIER, ILB		PROJ
PIT	AGE 24	BYE 8
TOT	120	
SOLO	80	
AST	40	
SACK	4	
FF	2	
INT	1	
PD	6	
TD	0	

10 TELVIN SMITH, OLB		PROJ
JAC	AGE 25	BYE 5
TOT	123	
SOLO	85	
AST	38	
SACK	2	
FF	2	
INT	1	
PD	6	
TD	0	

11 PAUL POSLUSZNY, MLB		PROJ
JAC	AGE 31	BYE 5
TOT	127	
SOLO	84	
AST	43	
SACK	3	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	6	
TD	0	

12 KWON ALEXANDER, MLB		PROJ
TB	AGE 22	BYE 6
TOT	114	
SOLO	75	
AST	39	
SACK	2	
FF	2	
INT	2	
PD	10	
TD	0	

13 C.J. MOSLEY, ILB		PROJ
BAL	AGE 24	BYE 8
TOT	119	
SOLO	79	
AST	40	
SACK	4	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	7	
TD	0	

14 MALCOLM SMITH, ILB		PROJ
OAK	AGE 27	BYE 10
TOT	116	
SOLO	77	
AST	39	
SACK	3	
FF	2	
INT	1	
PD	6	
TD	0	

15 MARK BARRON, OLB		PROJ
LA	AGE 26	BYE 8
TOT	113	
SOLO	78	
AST	35	
SACK	3	
FF	2	
INT	0	
PD	6	
TD	0	

16 ERIC KENDRICKS, MLB		PROJ
MIN	AGE 24	BYE 6
TOT	123	
SOLO	81	
AST	42	
SACK	4	
FF	1	
INT	0	
PD	4	
TD	0	

17 DERRICK JOHNSON, ILB		PROJ
KC	AGE 33	BYE 5
TOT	117	
SOLO	78	
AST	39	
SACK	3	
FF	2	
INT	2	
PD	7	
TD	0	

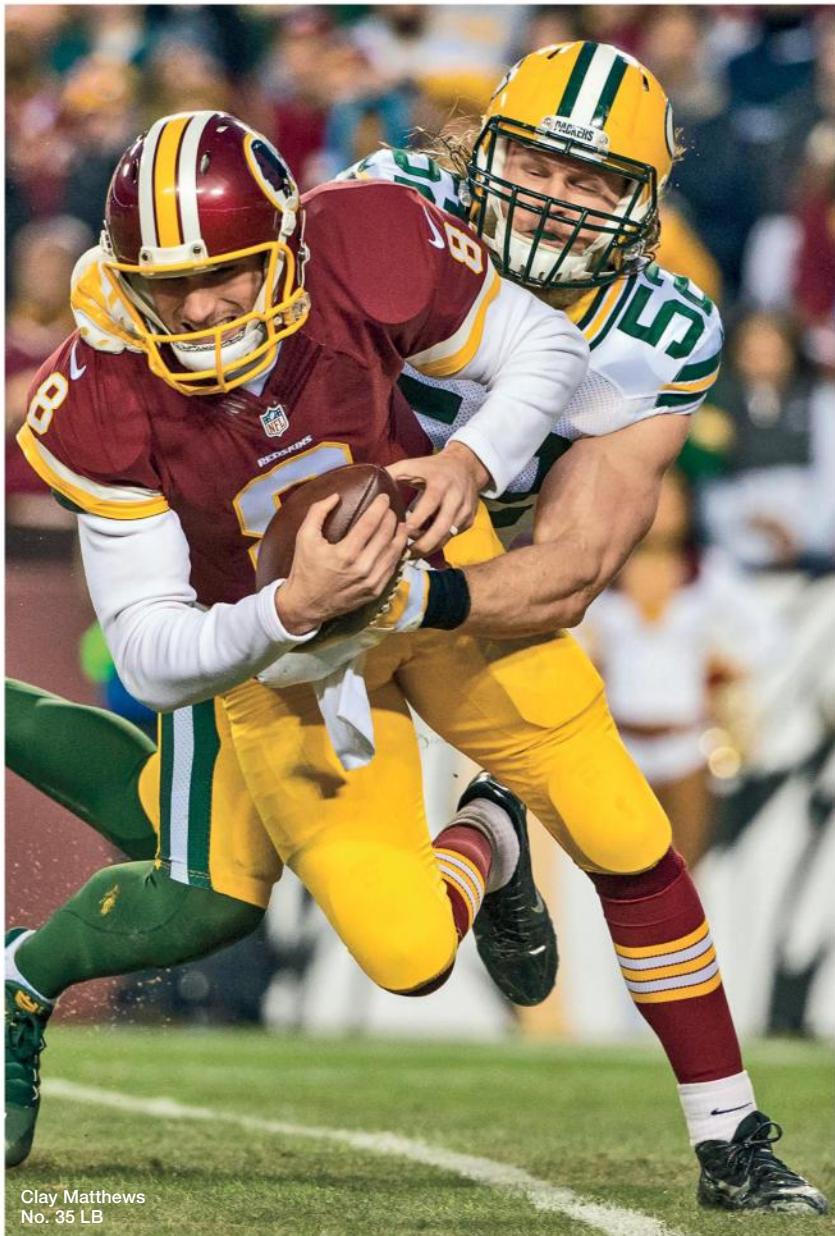
18 K.J. WRIGHT, OLB		PROJ
SEA	AGE 27	BYE 5
TOT	122	
SOLO	84	
AST	38	
SACK	2	
FF	3	
INT	0	
PD	4	
TD	0	

19 JERRELL FREEMAN, ILB		PROJ
CHI	AGE 30	BYE 9
TOT	128	
SOLO	85	
AST	43	
SACK	3	
FF	1	
INT	1	
PD	3	
TD	0	

20 DEONE BUCANNON, ILB		PROJ
ARI	AGE 24	BYE 9
TOT	114	
SOLO	76	
AST	38	
SACK	3	
FF	2	
INT	1	
PD	3	
TD	0	

21 DeAndre Levy, OLB		PROJ
DET	AGE 29	BYE 10
TOT	113	
SOLO	78	
AST	35	
SACK	2	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	6	
TD	0	

22 DANNY TREVATHAN, ILB		PROJ
CHI	AGE 26	BYE 9
TOT	126	
SOLO	84	
AST	42	
SACK	1	
FF	3	
INT	2	
PD	7	
TD	0	



Clay Matthews
No. 35 LB

29 LAWRENCE TIMMONS, ILB PROJ

PIT AGE 30 BYE 8 TOT 108
Timmons is an iron-man who has started 85 consecutive games and capably fills the gap-plugging Buck role for the Steelers.

TOT 72
SOLO 36
AST 3
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 5
TD 0

31 DENZEL PERRYMAN, ILB PROJ

SD AGE 23 BYE 11 TOT 111
Breakout warning: Among LBs with at least 300 snaps last season, only Vontaze Burfict had more fantasy points per snap and tackles per snap.

TOT 74
SOLO 37
AST 2
SACK 2
FF 1
INT 1
PD 3
TD 0

33 ANTHONY BARR, OLB PROJ

MIN AGE 24 BYE 6 TOT 87
Barr earned his first Pro Bowl berth after registering 3½ sacks and eight QB hits last fall; a big and rangy athlete, he claims a high fantasy ceiling.

TOT 60
SOLO 27
AST 5
SACK 3
FF 1
INT 1
PD 7
TD 0

35 CLAY MATTHEWS, OLB PROJ

GB AGE 30 BYE 4 TOT 71
After a few seasons playing a hybrid role, the Claymaker looks to return to double-digit sacks with a shift back to his natural spot on the edge.

TOT 49
SOLO 22
AST 10
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 4
TD 0

43 MYLES JACK, OLB PROJ

JAC AGE 21 BYE 5 TOT 83
Jack could land an every-down role in the Jags' emerging front seven, meaning major returns for those who invest in the rookie from UCLA.

TOT 57
SOLO 26
AST 5
SACK 2
FF 1
INT 1
PD 4
TD 0

36 AVERY WILLIAMSON, ILB PROJ

TEN AGE 24 BYE 13 TOT 108
Williamson, who already has 6½ sacks over his first two seasons, could thrive in Dick LeBeau's clever pass-rush packages.

TOT 72
SOLO 36
AST 3
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 2
TD 0

44 DARRON LEE, ILB PROJ

NYJ AGE 21 BYE 11 TOT 102
A rookie from Ohio State, Lee could thrive in the same system that saw Arizona's Daryl Washington turn in some prolific fantasy campaigns.

TOT 68
SOLO 34
AST 2
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 4
TD 0

37 VONTAZE BURFICT, OLB PROJ

CIN AGE 25 BYE 9 TOT 91
Burfict topped all LBs in fantasy points per play (minimum 150 snaps) and is a perfect stash for those willing to wait out his three-game suspension.

TOT 63
SOLO 28
AST 3
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 6
TD 0

45 REGGIE RAGLAND, ILB PROJ

BUF AGE 22 BYE 10 TOT 101
The Bills moved up in the second round to draft the SEC DPOY. Experience as an edge rusher on sub packages at Alabama only adds to the upside.

TOT 67
SOLO 34
AST 2
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 4
TD 0

38 MANTI TE'O, ILB PROJ

SD AGE 25 BYE 11 TOT 108
Te'o tallied at least six tackles in eight of 12 appearances last fall, although a career average of just 11.7 games per season lowers his stock.

TOT 72
SOLO 36
AST 1
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 3
TD 0

46 JAMES LAURINAITIS, MLB PROJ

NO AGE 29 BYE 5 TOT 103
A four-year decline in tackles combined with just two turnovers over the past two seasons has this former LB2 fixture on the fringe of the top 50.

TOT 68
SOLO 35
AST 3
SACK 3
FF 1
INT 1
PD 2
TD 0

39 DARYL SMITH, OLB PROJ

TB AGE 34 BYE 6 TOT 103
He and teammate Lavonte David are the only players with at least 350 tackles, 5 sacks, 5 INTs and 4 forced fumbles the past three seasons.

TOT 71
SOLO 32
AST 3
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 4
TD 0

47 VON MILLER, OLB PROJ

DEN AGE 27 BYE 11 TOT 49
Miller is seeking his fifth double-digit sack campaign in six years and is obviously most valuable in sack-friendly scoring systems.

TOT 34
SOLO 15
AST 11
SACK 4
FF 1
INT 1
PD 3
TD 0

40 BRIAN CUSHING, ILB PROJ

HOU AGE 29 BYE 9 TOT 108
Last season Cushing played all 16 games for the first time since 2011 and showed a familiar nose for the ball carrier. Consider him a steady LB4.

TOT 72
SOLO 36
AST 2
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 4
TD 0

48 MICHAEL WILHOITE, ILB PROJ

SF AGE 29 BYE 8 TOT 107
Wilhoite has some sleeper potential: He ranked 12th in tackles per game among linebackers through Week 12 of last season.

TOT 71
SOLO 36
AST 1
SACK 1
FF 1
INT 1
PD 2
TD 0

41 DEION JONES, MLB PROJ

ATL AGE 21 BYE 11 TOT 107
The Falcons needed speed at LB, and Jones flashed sub-4.4 jets at LSU's pro day. If he can handle every-down work, he could be the top IDP rookie.

TOT 71
SOLO 36
AST 2
SACK 2
FF 1
INT 1
PD 4
TD 0

49 DONT'A HIGHTOWER, OLB PROJ

NE AGE 26 BYE 9 TOT 87
Hightower had at least 3½ sacks in three of the past four seasons, and the Pats allowed nearly a yard more per carry when he was off the field last season.

TOT 60
SOLO 27
AST 5
SACK 4
FF 1
INT 0
PD 4
TD 0

50 WILL COMPTON, ILB PROJ

WAS AGE 26 BYE 9 TOT 104
The former Cornhusker could have legit sleeper appeal, especially after posting 68 tackles in his final nine games for Washington last season.

TOT 69
SOLO 35
AST 28
SACK 3
FF 1
INT 2
PD 5
TD 0

Defensive backs

1 RESHAD JONES, SS

	TOT	PROJ
MIA AGE 28 BYE 8	115	
Solo	84	
Ast	31	
Sack	1	
FF	0	
Int	4	
PD	9	
TD	0	

2 TYRANN MATHIEU, CB

	TOT	PROJ
ARI AGE 24 BYE 9	83	
Solo	70	
Ast	13	
Sack	1	
FF	1	
Int	5	
PD	17	
TD	1	

3 COREY GRAHAM, SS

	TOT	PROJ
BUF AGE 31 BYE 10	108	
Solo	79	
Ast	29	
Sack	2	
FF	0	
Int	3	
PD	7	
TD	0	

4 KENNY VACCARO, SS

	TOT	PROJ
NO AGE 25 BYE 5	104	
Solo	76	
Ast	28	
Sack	2	
FF	1	
Int	1	
PD	7	
TD	0	

5 MORGAN BURNETT, SS

	TOT	PROJ
GB AGE 27 BYE 4	104	
Solo	76	
Ast	28	
Sack	1	
FF	2	
Int	1	
PD	7	
TD	0	

6 HARRISON SMITH, SS

	TOT	PROJ
MIN AGE 27 BYE 6	90	
Solo	66	
Ast	24	
Sack	2	
FF	1	
Int	3	
PD	6	
TD	0	

7 LANDON COLLINS, SS

	TOT	PROJ
NYG AGE 22 BYE 8	100	
Solo	73	
Ast	27	
Sack	0	
FF	1	
Int	1	
PD	8	
TD	0	

8 KAM CHANCELLOR, SS

	TOT	PROJ
SEA AGE 28 BYE 5	100	
Solo	73	
Ast	27	
Sack	0	
FF	2	
Int	2	
PD	7	
TD	0	

9 KURT COLEMAN, FS

	TOT	PROJ
CAR AGE 28 BYE 7	88	
Coleman was tied for third in the league in interceptions and had the third-most tackles of anyone with at least 5 INTs last season.		
Solo	66	
Ast	22	
Sack	1	
FF	1	
Int	5	
PD	9	
TD	1	

10 BARRY CHURCH, SS

	TOT	PROJ
DAL AGE 28 BYE 7	109	
Church isn't a big-play threat, but fantasy owners can forgive him since he has 18 more tackles than any other DB over the past three seasons.		
Solo	80	
Ast	29	
Sack	1	
FF	1	
Int	1	
PD	3	
TD	0	

11 MALCOLM JENKINS, SS

	TOT	PROJ
PHL AGE 28 BYE 4	90	
Jenkins' stellar solo tackle rate of 83 percent should keep him in the DB1 mix even without the extra snaps he gained from Chip Kelly's fast pace.		
Solo	66	
Ast	24	
Sack	0	
FF	2	
Int	2	
PD	9	
TD	0	

12 ANTOINE BETHEA, SS

	TOT	PROJ
SF AGE 32 BYE 8	101	
Jenkins' loss is Bethea's gain. Chip Kelly's snap-happy offense helps IDPs too, and Bethea should top 100 tackles for the fifth time in seven seasons.		
Solo	74	
Ast	27	
Sack	2	
FF	0	
Int	1	
PD	6	
TD	0	

13 LOGAN RYAN, CB

	TOT	PROJ
NE AGE 25 BYE 9	77	
Ryan produced his first top-30 fantasy season in 2015; his 58 solo tackles matched the total from his first two seasons.		
Solo	65	
Ast	12	
Sack	0	
FF	1	
Int	4	
PD	14	
TD	1	

14 HA HA CLINTON-DIX, FS

	TOT	PROJ
GB AGE 23 BYE 4	92	
Clinton-Dix finished fourth among DBs in solo tackles and tied for third in sacks last season; expect another step forward in his third year.		
Solo	69	
Ast	23	
Sack	1	
FF	1	
Int	3	
PD	7	
TD	0	

17 BASHAUD BREELAND, CB

	TOT	PROJ
WAS AGE 24 BYE 9	77	
Breeland impressed in his second pro season. Now that he is opposite Josh Norman, an uptick in targets could lead to a leap in production.		
Solo	65	
Ast	12	
Sack	0	
FF	2	
Int	2	
PD	15	
TD	0	

18 TRUMAINE JOHNSON, CB

	TOT	PROJ
LA AGE 26 BYE 8	74	
He finished sixth in fantasy points among DBs thanks to career highs in interceptions (seven) and pass breakups (17).		
Solo	62	
Ast	12	
Sack	0	
FF	1	
Int	4	
PD	17	
TD	1	

19 CALVIN PRYOR, SS

	TOT	PROJ
NYJ AGE 24 BYE 11	90	
Even though he struggled in coverage, Pryor posted a quietly strong statistical sophomore year (season-long pace of 85 tackles and four turnovers).		
Solo	66	
Ast	24	
Sack	0	
FF	1	
Int	2	
PD	7	
TD	0	

20 RONALD DARBY, CB

	TOT	PROJ
BUF AGE 22 BYE 10	75	
As a rookie, Darby had the fourth-highest unassisted tackle rate among DBs with at least 60 tackles. Darby has top-10 upside if he adds more turnovers.		
Solo	63	
Ast	12	
Sack	0	
FF	1	
Int	2	
PD	19	
TD	0	



23 MIKE ADAMS, FS		PROJ
IND	AGE 35	BYE 10
TOT	79	
SOLO	59	
AST	20	
SACK	1	
FF	2	
INT	4	
PD	7	
TD	0	

31 JASON VERRETT, CB		PROJ
SD	AGE 25	BYE 11
TOT	66	
SOLO	55	
AST	11	
SACK	1	
FF	1	
INT	3	
PD	16	
TD	1	

24 TONY JEFFERSON, FS		PROJ
ARI	AGE 24	BYE 9
TOT	83	
SOLO	62	
AST	21	
SACK	2	
FF	2	
INT	2	
PD	6	
TD	0	

32 EARL THOMAS, FS		PROJ
SEA	AGE 27	BYE 5
TOT	78	
SOLO	58	
AST	20	
SACK	0	
FF	1	
INT	4	
PD	9	
TD	0	

25 T.J. McDONALD, SS		PROJ
LA	AGE 25	BYE 8
TOT	90	
SOLO	66	
AST	24	
SACK	1	
FF	1	
INT	1	
PD	3	
TD	0	

33 REGGIE NELSON, FS		PROJ
OAK	AGE 32	BYE 10
TOT	70	
SOLO	52	
AST	18	
SACK	1	
FF	1	
INT	4	
PD	10	
TD	0	

26 KEANU NEAL, SS		PROJ
ATL	AGE 21	BYE 11
TOT	87	
SOLO	64	
AST	23	
SACK	1	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	7	
TD	0	

34 DeANGELO HALL, FS		PROJ
WAS	AGE 32	BYE 9
TOT	88	
SOLO	66	
AST	22	
SACK	0	
FF	2	
INT	1	
PD	6	
TD	0	

27 PRINCE AMUKAMARA, CB		PROJ
JAC	AGE 27	BYE 5
TOT	79	
SOLO	66	
AST	13	
SACK	0	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	13	
TD	0	

35 CLAYTON GEATHERS, SS		PROJ
IND	AGE 24	BYE 10
TOT	87	
SOLO	64	
AST	23	
SACK	1	
FF	1	
INT	1	
PD	5	
TD	0	

28 KARL JOSEPH, SS		PROJ
OAK	AGE 23	BYE 10
TOT	86	
SOLO	63	
AST	23	
SACK	1	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	7	
TD	0	

36 PATRICK CHUNG, SS		PROJ
NE	AGE 29	BYE 9
TOT	89	
SOLO	65	
AST	24	
SACK	1	
FF	1	
INT	1	
PD	8	
TD	0	

29 JASON McCOURTY, CB		PROJ
TEN	AGE 29	BYE 13
TOT	78	
SOLO	65	
AST	13	
SACK	0	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	12	
TD	0	

37 BRADLEY McDougald, SS		PROJ
TB	AGE 25	BYE 6
TOT	89	
SOLO	65	
AST	24	
SACK	0	
FF	0	
INT	2	
PD	5	
TD	0	

30 T.J. WARD, SS		PROJ
DEN	AGE 29	BYE 11
TOT	79	
SOLO	58	
AST	21	
SACK	2	
FF	2	
INT	1	
PD	7	
TD	0	

38 DAVID AMERSON, CB		PROJ
OKA	AGE 24	BYE 10
TOT	64	
SOLO	54	
AST	10	
SACK	0	
FF	1	
INT	3	
PD	18	
TD	0	



39 MARCUS GILCHRIST, FS		PROJ
NYJ	AGE 27	BYE 11
TOT	83	
SOLO	62	
AST	21	
SACK	0	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	7	
TD	0	

40 RASHAD JOHNSON, FS		PROJ
TEN	AGE 30	BYE 13
TOT	72	
SOLO	54	
AST	18	
SACK	0	
FF	1	
INT	4	
PD	8	
TD	0	

41 MALCOLM BUTLER, CB		PROJ
NE	AGE 26	BYE 9
TOT	69	
SOLO	58	
AST	11	
SACK	0	
FF	1	
INT	2	
PD	16	
TD	0	

45 MIKE MITCHELL, FS		PROJ
PIT	AGE 29	BYE 8
TOT	75	
SOLO	59	
AST	19	
SACK	1	
FF	2	
INT	2	
PD	8	
TD	0	

49 DAMARIO RANDALL, CB		PROJ
GB	AGE 24	BYE 4
TOT	64	
SOLO	54	
AST	10	
SACK	0	
FF	1	
INT	4	
PD	15	
TD	1	

46 JOSH NORMAN, CB		PROJ
WAS	AGE 28	BYE 9
TOT	60	
SOLO	50	
AST	20	
SACK	0	
FF	2	
INT	3	
PD	17	
TD	0	

50 BUSTER SKRINE, CB		PROJ
NYJ	AGE 27	BYE 11
TOT	70	
SOLO	59	
AST	11	
SACK	1	
FF	1	
INT	1	
PD	11	
TD	0	

2016 Schedule

Carolina's Jonathan Stewart and Denver's Demaryius Thomas face off in a Super Bowl rematch on opening night.



Week 3

	TIME (ET)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 HOUSTON @ NEW ENGLAND	8:25 P.M.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 ARIZONA @ BUFFALO	1:00 P.M.
OAKLAND @ TENNESSEE	1:00 P.M.
CLEVELAND @ MIAMI	1:00 P.M.
BALTIMORE @ JACKSONVILLE	1:00 P.M.
DETROIT @ GREEN BAY	1:00 P.M.
DENVER @ CINCINNATI	1:00 P.M.
MINNESOTA @ CAROLINA	1:00 P.M.
WASHINGTON @ NY GIANTS	1:00 P.M.
LOS ANGELES @ TAMPA BAY	4:05 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO @ SEATTLE	4:05 P.M.
NY JETS @ KANSAS CITY	4:25 P.M.
SAN DIEGO @ INDIANAPOLIS	4:25 P.M.
PITTSBURGH @ PHILADELPHIA	4:25 P.M.
CHICAGO @ DALLAS	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 NY GIANTS @ MINNESOTA	TIME (ET)
ATLANTA @ NEW ORLEANS	8:30 P.M.

Week 4

	TIME (ET)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 MIAMI @ CINCINNATI	8:25 P.M.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 INDIANAPOLIS @ JACKSONVILLE*	9:30 A.M.
TENNESSEE @ HOUSTON	1:00 P.M.
CLEVELAND @ WASHINGTON	1:00 P.M.
SEATTLE @ NY JETS	1:00 P.M.
BUFFALO @ NEW ENGLAND	1:00 P.M.
CAROLINA @ ATLANTA	1:00 P.M.
OAKLAND @ BALTIMORE	1:00 P.M.
DETROIT @ CHICAGO	1:00 P.M.
DENVER @ TAMPA BAY	4:05 P.M.
LOS ANGELES @ ARIZONA	4:25 P.M.
NEW ORLEANS @ SAN DIEGO	4:25 P.M.
DALLAS @ SAN FRANCISCO	4:25 P.M.
KANSAS CITY @ PITTSBURGH	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 NY GIANTS @ MINNESOTA	TIME (ET)
BYES: GREEN BAY, PHILADELPHIA	8:30 P.M.

Week 5**

	TIME (ET)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 ARIZONA @ SAN FRANCISCO	8:25 P.M.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 NEW ENGLAND @ CLEVELAND	1:00 P.M.
PHILADELPHIA @ DETROIT	1:00 P.M.
CHICAGO @ INDIANAPOLIS	1:00 P.M.
TENNESSEE @ MIAMI	1:00 P.M.
WASHINGTON @ BALTIMORE	1:00 P.M.
HOUSTON @ MINNESOTA	1:00 P.M.
NY JETS @ PITTSBURGH	1:00 P.M.
ATLANTA @ DENVER	4:05 P.M.
DENVER @ DALLAS	4:25 P.M.
BUFFALO @ LOS ANGELES	4:25 P.M.
NEW YORK GIANTS @ OAKLAND	4:25 P.M.
NY GIANTS @ GREEN BAY	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 TAMPA BAY @ CAROLINA	TIME (ET)
BYES: KANSAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS, SEATTLE, JACKSONVILLE	8:30 P.M.

Week 1

	TIME (ET)
CAROLINA @ DENVER	8:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 GREEN BAY @ JACKSONVILLE	1:00 P.M.
BUFFALO @ BALTIMORE	1:00 P.M.
CHICAGO @ HOUSTON	1:00 P.M.
CLEVELAND @ PHILADELPHIA	1:00 P.M.
TAMPA BAY @ ATLANTA	1:00 P.M.
MINNESOTA @ TENNESSEE	1:00 P.M.
CINCINNATI @ NY JETS	1:00 P.M.
OAKLAND @ NEW ORLEANS	1:00 P.M.
SAN DIEGO @ KANSAS CITY	1:00 P.M.
MIAMI @ SEATTLE	4:05 P.M.
DETROIT @ INDIANAPOLIS	4:25 P.M.
NY GIANTS @ DALLAS	4:25 P.M.
NEW ENGLAND @ ARIZONA	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 PITTSBURGH @ WASHINGTON	TIME (ET)
LOS ANGELES @ SAN FRANCISCO	7:10 P.M.
BYES: GREEN BAY, PHILADELPHIA	10:20 P.M.

Week 2

	TIME (ET)
NY JETS @ BUFFALO	8:25 P.M.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 CINCINNATI @ PITTSBURGH	1:00 P.M.
TENNESSEE @ DETROIT	1:00 P.M.
BALTIMORE @ CLEVELAND	1:00 P.M.
DALLAS @ WASHINGTON	1:00 P.M.
NEW ORLEANS @ NY GIANTS	1:00 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO @ CAROLINA	1:00 P.M.
MIAMI @ NEW ENGLAND	1:00 P.M.
KANSAS CITY @ HOUSTON	1:00 P.M.
SEATTLE @ LOS ANGELES	4:05 P.M.
TAMPA BAY @ ARIZONA	4:05 P.M.
JACKSONVILLE @ SAN DIEGO	4:25 P.M.
ATLANTA @ OAKLAND	4:25 P.M.
INDIANAPOLIS @ DENVER	4:25 P.M.
GREEN BAY @ MINNESOTA	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 PHILADELPHIA @ CHICAGO	TIME (ET)
BYES: GREEN BAY, PHILADELPHIA	8:30 P.M.

Week 6

	TIME (ET)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 DENVER @ SAN DIEGO	8:25 P.M.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 SAN FRANCISCO @ BUFFALO	1:00 P.M.
PHILADELPHIA @ WASHINGTON	1:00 P.M.
CLEVELAND @ TENNESSEE	1:00 P.M.
BALTIMORE @ NY GIANTS	1:00 P.M.
CAROLINA @ NEW ORLEANS	1:00 P.M.
JACKSONVILLE @ CHICAGO	1:00 P.M.
LOS ANGELES @ DETROIT	1:00 P.M.
PITTSBURGH @ MIAMI	1:00 P.M.
CINCINNATI @ NEW ENGLAND	1:00 P.M.
KANSAS CITY @ OAKLAND	4:05 P.M.
ATLANTA @ SEATTLE	4:25 P.M.
DALLAS @ GREEN BAY	4:25 P.M.
INDIANAPOLIS @ HOUSTON	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 NY JETS @ ARIZONA	TIME (ET)
BYES: MINNESOTA, TAMPA BAY	8:30 P.M.

Week 7

	TIME (ET)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 CHICAGO @ GREEN BAY	8:25 P.M.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 NY GIANTS @ LOS ANGELES*	9:30 A.M.
NEW ORLEANS @ KANSAS CITY	1:00 P.M.
INDIANAPOLIS @ TENNESSEE	1:00 P.M.
MINNESOTA @ PHILADELPHIA	1:00 P.M.
CLEVELAND @ CINCINNATI	1:00 P.M.
WASHINGTON @ DETROIT	1:00 P.M.
OAKLAND @ JACKSONVILLE	1:00 P.M.
BUFFALO @ MIAMI	1:00 P.M.
BALTIMORE @ NY JETS	1:00 P.M.
TAMPA BAY @ SAN FRANCISCO	4:05 P.M.
SAN DIEGO @ ATLANTA	4:05 P.M.
NEW ENGLAND @ PITTSBURGH	4:25 P.M.
SEATTLE @ ARIZONA	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 HOUSTON @ DENVER	TIME (ET)
BYES: DALLAS, CAROLINA	8:30 P.M.

Week 11

	TIME (ET)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 NEW ORLEANS @ CAROLINA	8:25 P.M.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 PITTSBURGH @ CLEVELAND	1:00 P.M.
BALTIMORE @ DALLAS	1:00 P.M.
JACKSONVILLE @ DETROIT	1:00 P.M.
TENNESSEE @ INDIANAPOLIS	1:00 P.M.
BUFFALO @ CINCINNATI	1:00 P.M.
TAMPA BAY @ KANSAS CITY	1:00 P.M.
CHICAGO @ NY GIANTS	1:00 P.M.
ARIZONA @ MINNESOTA	1:00 P.M.
MIAAMI @ LOS ANGELES	4:05 P.M.
NEW ENGLAND @ SAN FRANCISCO	4:25 P.M.
PHILADELPHIA @ SEATTLE	4:25 P.M.
GREEN BAY @ WASHINGTON	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 HOUSTON @ OAKLAND***	TIME (ET)
BYES: ATLANTA, DENVER, NY JETS, SAN DIEGO	8:30 P.M.

Week 16

	TIME (ET)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 NY GIANTS @ PHILADELPHIA	8:25 P.M.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 MIAMI @ BUFFALO	TIME (ET)
Tampa Bay @ New Orleans	1:00 P.M.
NY JETS @ NEW ENGLAND	1:00 P.M.
TENNESSEE @ JACKSONVILLE	1:00 P.M.
MINNESOTA @ GREEN BAY	1:00 P.M.
SAN DIEGO @ CLEVELAND	1:00 P.M.
WASHINGTON @ CHICAGO	1:00 P.M.
ATLANTA @ CAROLINA	1:00 P.M.
INDIANAPOLIS @ OAKLAND	4:05 P.M.
ARIZONA @ SEATTLE	4:25 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO @ LOS ANGELES	4:25 P.M.
CINCINNATI @ HOUSTON	8:25 P.M.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 BALTIMORE @ PITTSBURGH	TIME (ET)
DENVER @ KANSAS CITY	8:30 P.M.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 DETROIT @ DALLAS	TIME (ET)
BYES: GREEN BAY @ PHILADELPHIA	8:30 P.M.

Week 17

	TIME (ET)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW ORLEANS @ ATLANTA	1:00 P.M.
BALTIMORE @ CINCINNATI	1:00 P.M.
NY GIANTS @ WASHINGTON	1:00 P.M.
HOUOTON @ TENNESSEE	1:00 P.M.
CAROLINA @ TAMPA BAY	1:00 P.M.
GREEN BAY @ DETROIT	1:00 P.M.
JACKSONVILLE @ INDIANAPOLIS	1:00 P.M.
NEW ENGLAND @ MIAMI	1:00 P.M.
CHICAGO @ MINNESOTA	1:00 P.M.
BUFFALO @ NY JETS	1:00 P.M.
DALLAS @ PHILADELPHIA	1:00 P.M.
CLEVELAND @ PITTSBURGH	1:00 P.M.
ARIZONA @ LOS ANGELES	4:25 P.M.
OAKLAND @ DENVER	4:25 P.M.
KANSAS CITY @ SAN DIEGO	4:25 P.M.
SEATTLE @ SAN FRANCISCO	4:25 P.M.
BYES: GREEN BAY @ PHILADELPHIA	8:30 P.M.

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Passing

BY YARDS

	COMP	ATT	COMP %	YDS	TD	INT	LNG	QBR
DREW BREES NO	428	627	68.3	4,870	32	11	80	75.5
PHILIP RIVERS SD	437	661	66.1	4,792	29	13	80	59.4
TOM BRADY NE	402	624	64.4	4,770	36	7	76	64.4
CARSON PALMER ARI	342	537	63.7	4,671	35	11	68	82.1
MATT RYAN ATL	407	614	66.3	4,591	21	16	70	61.8
ELI MANNING NYG	387	618	62.6	4,432	35	14	87	60.5
BLAKE BORTLES JAC	355	606	58.6	4,428	35	18	90	46.4
MATTHEW STAFFORD DET	398	592	67.2	4,262	32	13	57	62.6
RYAN TANNEHILL MIA	363	586	61.9	4,208	24	12	54	43.1
KIRK COUSINS WAS	379	543	69.8	4,166	29	11	78	70.1
JAMEIS WINSTON TB	312	535	58.3	4,042	22	15	68	58.6
RUSSELL WILSON SEA	329	483	68.1	4,024	34	8	80	74.9
DEREK CARR OAK	350	573	61.1	3,987	32	13	68	49.2
BEN ROETHLISBERGER PIT	319	469	68.0	3,938	21	16	69	76.9
RYAN FITZPATRICK NYJ	335	562	59.6	3,905	31	15	69	63.6
CAM NEWTON CAR	296	495	59.8	3,837	35	10	74	66.1
AARON RODGERS GB	347	572	60.7	3,821	31	8	65	64.9
SAM BRADFORD PHI	346	532	65.0	3,725	19	14	78	41.8
JAY CUTLER CHI	311	483	64.4	3,659	21	11	87	60.7
ALEX SMITH KC	307	470	65.3	3,486	20	7	80	66.5
ANDY DALTON CIN	255	386	66.1	3,250	25	7	80	73.1
TEDDY BRIDgewater MIN	292	447	65.3	3,231	14	9	52	62.7
TYROD TAYLOR BUF	242	380	63.7	3,035	20	6	63	67.8
MARCUS MARIOTA TEN	230	370	62.2	2,818	19	10	61	61.0
JOE FLACCO BAL	266	413	64.4	2,791	14	12	50	40.9
BRIAN HOYER HOU	224	369	60.7	2,606	19	7	49	59.6
PEYTON MANNING DEN	198	331	59.8	2,249	9	17	75	45.0
JOSH McCOWN CLE	186	292	63.7	2,109	12	4	56	53.9
NICK FOLES STL	190	337	56.4	2,052	7	10	68	30.0
BLAINE GABBERT SF	178	282	63.1	2,031	10	7	71	42.6
BROCK OSWEILER DEN	170	275	61.8	1,967	10	6	72	48.8
ANDREW LUCK IND	162	293	55.3	1,881	15	12	87	47.6
MATT HASSELBECK IND	156	256	60.9	1,690	9	5	57	55.1
COLIN KAEPERNICK SF	144	244	59.0	1,615	6	5	76	47.1
JOHNNY MANZIEL CLE	129	223	57.8	1,500	7	5	61	54.3
RYAN MALLETT HOU/BAL	136	244	55.7	1,336	5	6	48	55.1
MATT CASSEL DAL	119	204	58.3	1,276	5	7	51	33.7
BRANDON WEEDEN DAL/HOU	97	140	69.3	1,043	5	2	67	66.2
ZACH METTENBERGER TEN	101	166	60.8	935	4	7	57	13.6
TONY ROMO DAL	83	121	68.6	884	5	7	39	55.8
AJ McCARRON CIN	79	119	66.4	854	6	2	66	64.4
CASE KEENUM STL	76	125	60.8	828	4	1	60	47.7
KELLEN MOORE DAL	61	104	58.7	779	4	6	36	19.0
JIMMY CLAUSEN CHI/BAL	72	125	57.6	739	2	4	48	28.6
MARK SANCHEZ PHI	59	91	64.8	616	4	4	43	38.8

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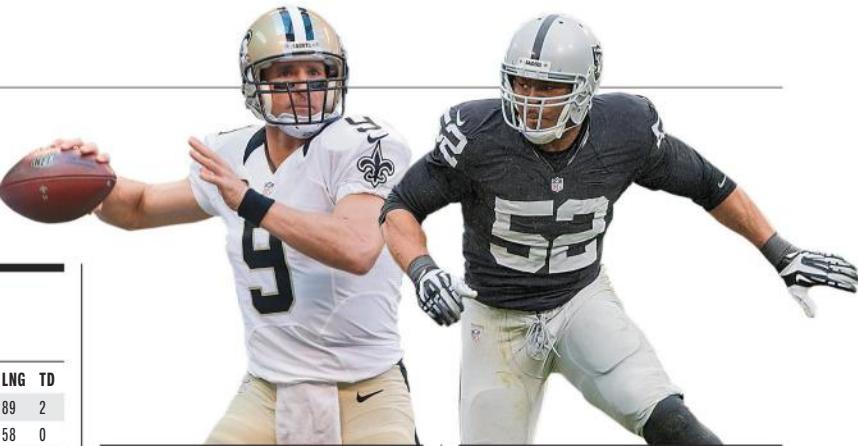
BY YARDS

	ATT	YDS	Avg	TD		ATT	YDS	Avg	TD	
ADRIAN PETERSON MIN	327	1,485	4.5	11		ALFRED MORRIS WAS	202	751	3.7	1
DOUG MARTIN TB	288	1,402	4.9	6		T.J. YELDON JAC	182	740	4.1	2
TODD GURLEY STL	229	1,106	4.8	10		GIOVANI BERNARD CIN	154	730	4.7	2
DARREN MFADDEN DAL	239	1,089	4.6	3		C.J. ANDERSON DEN	152	720	4.7	5
CHRIS IVORY NYJ	247	1,070	4.3	7		ISAIAH CROWELL CLE	185	706	3.8	4
LATAVIUS MURRAY OAK	266	1,066	4.0	6		LEGARRETTE BLOUNT NE	165	703	4.3	6
DEVONTA FREEMAN ATL	265	1,056	4.0	11		DEMARCO MURRAY PHI	193	702	3.6	6
JONATHAN STEWART CAR	242	989	4.1	6		ALFRED BLUE HOU	183	698	3.8	2
FRANK GORE IND	260	967	3.7	6		JUSTIN FORSETT BAL	151	641	4.2	2
DeANGELO WILLIAMS PIT	200	907	4.5	11		MELVIN GORDON SD	184	641	3.5	0
MATT FORTE CHI	218	898	4.1	4		CAM NEWTON CAR	132	636	4.8	10
LeSEAN MCCOY BUF	203	895	4.4	3		CHARCANDRICK WEST KC	160	634	4.0	4
LAMAR MILLER MIA	194	872	4.5	8		JAMES STARKS GB	148	601	4.1	2
RONNIE HILLMAN DEN	207	863	4.2	7		AMEER ABDULLAH DET	143	597	4.2	2
RASHAD JENNINGS NYG	195	863	4.4	3		DAVID JOHNSON ARI	125	581	4.6	8
THOMAS RAWLS SEA	147	830	5.6	4		TYROD TAYLOR BUF	104	568	5.5	4
CHRIS JOHNSON ARI	196	814	4.2	3		LeVEON BELL PIT	113	556	4.9	3
JEREMY HILL CIN	223	794	3.6	11		RUSSELL WILSON SEA	103	553	5.4	1
MARK INGRAM NO	166	769	4.6	6		RYAN MATHEWS PHI	106	539	5.1	6
EDDIE LACY GB	187	758	4.1	3		JEREMY LANGFORD CHI	148	537	3.6	6

Receiving

BY YARDS

	REC	YDS	Avg	TD		REC	YDS	Avg	TD	
JULIO JONES ATL	136	1,871	13.8	8		DOUG BALDWIN SEA	78	1,069	13.7	14
ANTONIO BROWN PIT	136	1,834	13.5	10		SAMMY WATKINS BUF	60	1,047	17.5	9
DeANDRE HOPKINS HOU	111	1,521	13.7	11		GARY BARNIDGE CLE	79	1,043	13.2	9
BRANDON MARSHALL NYJ	109	1,502	13.8	14		ALLEN HURNS JAC	64	1,031	16.1	10
ODELL BECKHAM NYG	96	1,450	15.1	13		ERIC DECKER NYJ	80	1,027	12.8	12
ALLEN ROBINSON JAC	80	1,400	17.5	14		JOHN BROWN ARI	65	1,003	15.4	7
DEMARYIUS THOMAS DEN	105	1,304	12.4	6		JORDAN MATTHEWS PHI	85	997	11.7	8
A.J. GREEN CIN	86	1,297	15.1	10		WILLIE SNEAD NO	69	984	14.3	3
LARRY FITZGERALD ARI	109	1,215	11.1	9		TRAVIS BENJAMIN CLE	68	966	14.2	5
CALVIN JOHNSON DET	88	1,214	13.8	9		JORDAN REED WAS	87	952	10.9	11
MIKE EVANS TB	74	1,206	16.3	3		KAMAR AIKEN BAL	75	944	12.6	5
ROB GRONKOWSKI NE	72	1,176	16.3	11		MICHAEL CRABTREE OAK	85	922	10.8	9
JARVIS LANDRY MIA	110	1,157	10.5	4		JAMES JONES GB	50	890	17.8	8
BRANDIN COOKS NO	84	1,138	13.5	9		TRAVIS KELCE KC	72	875	12.2	5
EMMANUEL SANDERS DEN	76	1,135	14.9	6		ZACH ERTZ PHI	75	853	11.4	2
T.Y. HILTON IND	69	1,124	16.3	5		MICHAEL FLOYD ARI	52	849	16.3	6
GREG OLSEN CAR	77	1,104	14.3	7		TERRENCE WILLIAMS DAL	52	840	16.2	3
JEREMY MACLIN KC	87	1,088	12.5	8		RANDALL COBB GB	79	829	10.5	6
DELANIE WALKER TEN	94	1,088	11.6	6		BENJAMIN WATSON NO	74	825	11.1	6
AMARI COOPER OAK	72	1,070	14.9	6		MARVIN JONES CIN	65	816	12.6	4



Kick returns

BY YARDS

	YDS	Avg	LNG	TD
AMEER ABDULLAH DET	1,077	29.1	104	0
CORDARRELLE PATTERSON MIN	1,019	31.8	101	2
TYLER LOCKETT SEA	852	25.8	105	1
TAIWAN JONES OAK	829	26.7	70	0
BENNY CUNNINGHAM STL	714	28.6	102	0
RASHAD ROSS WAS	684	24.4	101	1
BRUCE ELLINGTON SF	665	25.6	40	0
DWAYNE HARRIS NYG	631	28.7	100	1
KNILE DAVIS KC	603	25.1	54	0
DAVID JOHNSON ARI	598	27.2	108	1
QUAN BRAY IND	570	27.1	60	0
JOSH HUFF PHI	498	23.7	49	0
BOBBY RAINY TB	469	24.7	38	0
DAMIEN WILLIAMS MIA	457	21.8	37	0
LUCKY WHITEHEAD DAL	452	28.3	79	0
MARC MARIANI CHI	418	26.1	47	0
BRANDON TATE CIN	413	22.9	58	0
DEONTE THOMPSON CHI	409	29.2	74	0
JEFF JANIS GB	406	29.0	70	0
ERIC WEEMS ATL	403	26.9	50	0
ANTONIO CROMARTIE NYJ	377	25.1	54	0
DRI ARCHER PIT	354	25.3	38	0
NICK MARSHALL JAC	346	26.6	36	0
KAELIN CLAY BAL	343	24.5	39	0
OMAR BOLDEN DEN	342	22.8	41	0
JUSTIN GILBERT CLE	339	28.3	40	0
KEITH MUMPHERY HOU	338	24.1	41	0
MARCUS THIGPEN BUF	328	19.3	31	0
JARVIS LANDRY MIA	321	24.7	50	0
SHANE VEREEN NYG	321	22.9	46	0

Punt returns

BY YARDS

	YDS	Avg	LNG	TD
DARREN SPROLES PHI	446	11.7	89	2
JEREMY KERLEY NYJ	411	8.6	58	0
TYLER LOCKETT SEA	379	9.5	66	1
JARVIS LANDRY MIA	356	9.9	69	1
DWAYNE HARRIS NYG	341	10.0	80	1
TRAVIS BENJAMIN CLE	324	11.6	78	1
MARCUS SHERELS MIN	311	9.1	65	1
RASHAD GREENE JAC	301	16.7	73	1
BOBBY RAINY TB	288	9.9	58	0
KEITH MUMPHERY HOU	280	7.8	20	0
TED GINN CAR	277	10.3	37	0
DANNY AMENDOLA NE	276	12.0	82	0
TAVON AUSTIN STL	268	7.9	75	1
MARCUS MURPHY NO	261	9.3	74	1
PATRICK PETERSON ARI	260	8.1	38	0
KAELIN CLAY BAL	244	10.6	82	1
DE'ANTHONY THOMAS KC	227	7.8	37	0
ERIC WEEMS ATL	221	11.6	41	0
DEXTER McCLOUD TEN	217	9.0	37	0
JEREMY ROSS BAL/OAK	214	8.9	42	0
ANTONIO BROWN PIT	212	9.6	71	1
MARC MARIANI CHI	192	6.6	20	0
ADAM JONES CIN	179	11.2	35	0
BRANDON TATE CIN	171	6.3	18	0
QUAN BRAY IND	166	7.9	33	0
JAMISON CROWDER WAS	158	5.3	16	0
MICAH HYDE GB	157	5.8	16	0
GOLDEN TATE DET	149	7.5	23	0
BRUCE ELLINGTON SF	137	7.2	36	0
OMAR BOLDEN DEN	123	24.6	83	1

Interceptions

	INT	YDS	LNG	TD
REGGIE NELSON CIN	8	115	37	0
MARCUS PETERS KC	8	280	90	2
KURT COLEMAN CAR	7	89	36	1
TRUMAINE JOHNSON STL	7	136	58	1
MARCUS WILLIAMS NYJ	6	45	21	0
MIKE ADAMS IND	5	63	38	1
RASHAD JOHNSON ARI	5	14	11	0
RESHAD JONES MIA	5	104	42	2
TYRANN MATHIEU ARI	5	92	33	1
DARRELLE REVIS NYJ	5	48	24	0
EARL THOMAS SEA	5	67	32	0
CHARLES WOODSON OAK	5	22	11	0
DAVID AMERSON OAK	4	28	24	1
THOMAS DAVIS CAR	4	22	22	0
VONTAE DAVIS IND	4	6	6	0
BRENT GRIMES MIA	4	20	17	0
ANDRE HAL HOU	4	54	31	1
DAVON HOUSE JAC	4	21	15	0
LUKE KUECHLY CAR	4	48	32	1
DWIGHT LOWERY IND	4	96	69	1
JOSH NORMAN CAR	4	110	46	2
GLOVER QUIN DET	4	77	31	1
LOGAN RYAN NE	4	39	25	0

24 PLAYERS TIED WITH 3 INTERCEPTIONS

Sacks

	SACKS
J.J. WATT HOU	17½
KHALIL MACK OAK	15
EZEKIEL ANSAH DET	14½
CARLOS DUNLAP CIN	13½
CHANDLER JONES NE	12½
WHITNEY MERCIUS HOU	12
MUHAMMAD WILKERSON NYJ	12
GENO ATKINS CIN	11
AARON DONALD STL	11
VON MILLER DEN	11
KAWANN SHORT CAR	11
EVERSON GRIFFIN MIN	10½
MELVIN INGRAM SD	10½
JULIUS PEPPERS GB	10½
MICHAEL BENNETT SEA	10
CAMERON JORDAN NO	10
ROBERT AYERS NYG	9½
FLETCHER COX PHI	9½
RYAN KERRIGAN WAS	9½
CLIFF AVRIL SEA	9
GERALD MCCOY TB	8½
5 PLAYERS TIED WITH 8 SACKS	

Scoring

BY TOTAL POINTS, NONKICKERS

	TOT TD	RUSH TD	REC TD	RET TD	2XP	PTS
DOUG BALDWIN SEA	14	0	14	0	0	84
DEVONTA FREEMAN ATL	14	11	3	0	0	84
BRANDON MARSHALL NYJ	14	0	14	0	0	84
ALLEN ROBINSON JAC	14	0	14	0	0	84
ODELL BECKHAM JR. NYG	13	0	13	0	0	78
TYLER EIFERT CIN	13	0	13	0	0	78
DAVID JOHNSON ARI	13	8	4	1	0	78
JEREMY HILL CIN	12	11	1	0	1	74
ERIC DECKER NYJ	12	0	12	0	0	72
ANTONIO BROWN PIT	11	0	10	1	2	70
DeANDRE HOPKINS HOU	11	0	11	0	1	68

	TOT TD	RUSH TD	REC TD	RET TD	2XP	PTS
DEANGELO WILLIAMS PIT	11	11	0	0	1	68
ROB GRONKOWSKI NE	11	0	11	0	0	66
ADRIAN PETERSON MIN	11	11	0	0	0	66
JORDAN REED WAS	11	0	11	0	0	66
TAVON AUSTIN STL	10	4	5	1	0	60
TED GINN CAR	10	0	10	0	0	60
A.J. GREEN CIN	10	0	10	0	0	60
TODD GURLEY STL	10	10	0	0	0	60
ALLEN HURNES JAC	10	0	10	0	0	60
LAMAR MILLER MIA	10	8	2	0	0	60
CAM NEWTON CAR	10	10	0	0	0	60

	TOT TD	RUSH TD	REC TD	RET TD	2XP	PTS
GARY BARNIDGE CLE	9	0	9	0	0	54
BRANDIN COOKS NO	9	0	9	0	0	54
MICHAEL CRABTREE OAK	9	0	9	0	0	54
LARRY FITZGERALD ARI	9	0	9	0	0	54
CALVIN JOHNSON DET	9	0	9	0	0	54
JULIO JONES ATL	9	0	8	1	0	54
SAMMY WATKINS BUF	9	0	9	0	0	54
KARLOS WILLIAMS BUF	9	7	2	0	0	54
DANNY WOODHEAD SD	9	3	6	0	0	54

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