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Our analysts update their rankings throughout the preseason, valuing players as if drafting today.

2025 PPR Wide Receiver Rankings

Rank, Player	Bowen	Clay	Cockcroft	Dopp	Karabell	Loza	Moody	Yate
1. Ja'Marr Chase, Cin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2. Justin Jefferson, Min	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
3. CeeDee Lamb, Dal	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	3
4. Puka Nacua, LAR	4	5	5	4	3	4	7	4
5. Malik Nabers, NYG	5	4	6	5	6	5	4	5
6. Amon-Ra St. Brown, Det	6	6	4	6	5	6	5	6
7. Nico Collins, Hou	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	8
8. Brian Thomas Jr., Jax	9	8	7	8	8	8	8	7
9. A.J. Brown, Phi	8	9	10	9	9	10	11	9
10. Drake London, Atl	10	10	9	10	11	9	10	10
11. Ladd McConkey, LAC	11	13	11	11	13	13	12	11
12. Tee Higgins, Cin	12	11	13	12	12	11	13	12
13. Tyreek Hill, Mia	13	12	14	13	10	14	14	13
14. Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Sea	14	15	12	17	15	15	9	11

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18. Marvin Harrison Jr., Ari	17	18	16	16	19	19	21	21
19. Mike Evans, TB	19	22	19	22	17	18	17	20
20. DJ Moore, Chi	20	23	21	20	20	20	18	17
21. DK Metcalf, Pit	21	19	22	21	21	21	20	19
22. Xavier Worthy, KC	23	21	20	19	30	22	30	22
23. Courtland Sutton, Den	22	25	24	23	22	24	23	28
24. Zay Flowers, Bal	24	24	25	26	23	23	28	24
25. Calvin Ridley, Ten Q	29	26	27	28	24	26	25	29
26. DeVonta Smith, Phi Q	25	27	26	27	26	27	22	30
27. Jaylen Waddle, Mia	28	28	32	24	25	29	29	26
28. Tetairoa McMillan, Car Q	30	20	23	30	33	33	24	30
29. Jameson Williams, Det	26	30	28	29	27	28	26	32
30. Jerry Jeudy, Cle	27	29	33	32	29	30	33	23
31. Travis Hunter, Jax	31	34	29	34	28	35	31	23
32. George Pickens, Dal	32	32	30	31	37	31	34	30
33. Chris Olave, NO	34	38	34	38	32	34	27	32
34. Rome Odunze, Chi	33	33	31	36	36	32	35	40
35. Rashee Rice, KC SSPD	37	31	51	25	50	25	32	23
36. Jakobi Meyers, LV	35	35	35	37	31	36	39	31
37. Stefon Diggs, NE Q	36	41	38	43	39	37	36	31
38. Matthew Golden, GB	38	36	39	40	34	40	47	34
39. Ricky Pearsall, SF	39	39	36	33	42	45	37	41
40. Emeka Egbuka, TB	40	37	37	35	35	47	40	43
41. Jauan Jennings, SF Q	42	44	41	45	41	43	45	39
42. Khalil Shakir, Buf Q	41	46	40	39	40	39	50	41
43. Deebo Samuel, Wsh	43	45	42	41	44	41	44	42
44. Michael Pittman Jr., Ind	45	40	44	47	38	49	41	42
45. Jordan Addison, Min SSPD	46	43	43	42	47	44	38	42
46. Cooper Kupp, Sea	47	42	45	50	43	38	48	46
47. Chris Godwin Jr., TB Q	44	48	46	44	49	42	52	31
48. Keon Coleman, Buf	48	47	48	46	52	46	43	48
49. Jayden Reed, GB Q	49	50	50	48	53	48	42	51
50. Rashid Shaheed, NO	50	53	49	49	45	51	54	50
51. Josh Downs, Ind Q	51	49	47	52	51	53	46	61
52. Darnell Mooney, Atl Q	52	52	52	51	55	52	49	54
53. Keenan Allen, LAC	55	51	57	58	48	50	53	48
54. Jayden Higgins, Hou	53	57	55	55	54	56	55	NL
55. Hollywood Brown, KC Q	54	56	NR	NR	56	58	51	51
56. Adam Thielen, Min	56	NR	NR	56	46	59	57	51
57. Marvin Mims Jr., Den Q	59	59	53	53	60	54	NR	51
58. Cedric Tillman, Cle	60	55	56	60	57	57	NR	51
59. Xavier Legette, Car	57	54	NR	59	58	55	NR	NL
60. Christian Kirk, Hou	58	NR	54	54	NR	NR	56	NL

Adam Schefter's fantasy football cheat sheet: Value picks and sleepers to target

**Adam Schefter**

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Each year, we at ESPN Fantasy endeavor to help with your fantasy football draft prep, including sleepers lists and cheat sheets. In this column, you will get the best of both worlds, as ESPN NFL Insider Adam Schefter offers his personal list of early-, mid- and late-round targets in 2025 fantasy leagues.

Below are some players who could be fantasy standouts this season and outperform their current average draft position (ADP). If given a choice at certain junctures in the draft, or in tiebreaker situations, these are players who will receive strong consideration.

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For context, I am in a 12-team league, in which some of these players will not need to be drafted, and a 16-team league, in which some of them might be more valuable. As always, consider the size of your league and your scoring system in any player evaluation, but I believe the players below hold strong value relative to their ADPs and are poised to have productive seasons.

I hope this list is helpful. Good luck this season!

Quarterback

Just as the NFL has elite quarterbacks, so does fantasy. **Josh Allen, Lamar Jackson and Joe Burrow** have racked up huge numbers for their teams and fantasy managers, but there is plenty of depth this year, and quality quarterbacks can be found in later rounds, if you choose to wait at the position.

Early rounds

Lamar Jackson, Baltimore Ravens: Coach John Harbaugh believes Jackson is one of the best passers -- yes, *passers* -- in NFL history. But Jackson's running makes him one of the best fantasy quarterbacks in history.

Josh Allen, Buffalo Bills: In the past year, Allen has won an MVP, gotten married and restructured his contract as he looks to duplicate -- and even improve upon -- his incredible 2024 season.

Middle rounds

Baker Mayfield, Tampa Bay Buccaneers: From the time he turned up in Tampa, Mayfield has exceeded expectations while the Buccaneers have assembled potent offensive options.

Bo Nix, Denver Broncos: Nix is a better dual threat than people realize, and can rack up fantasy points with his legs as much as his arm.

Late rounds

Drake Maye, New England Patriots: A bigger version of Bo Nix, in the junior mold of Josh Allen, Maye can score points in the air or on the ground.

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been put in a position to achieve his potential.

Running back

A case can be made to draft either **Bijan Robinson** or **Jahmyr Gibbs** with the No. 1 pick this season. Coming off a deep running back draft in April, this crop of running backs has been elevated by a number of rookies who have a chance to make meaningful fantasy contributions this season.

Early rounds

Bijan Robinson, Falcons: He would be my No. 1 pick this year.

Jahmyr Gibbs, Detroit Lions: Gibbs might just be the most dynamic offensive player in the NFL, not to mention a touchdown machine.

Chase Brown, Cincinnati Bengals: On a team that could be involved in high-scoring affairs, Brown can catch as effectively as he runs.

Bucky Irving, Buccaneers: Irving emerged in his rookie year and seized control of the Buccaneers' No. 1 running back spot.

Middle rounds

Field Yates: Fantasy managers are likely overlooking Isiah Pacheco Field Yates explains why Chiefs RB Isiah Pacheco is likely being undervalued in drafts.

Omarion Hampton, Los Angeles Chargers: Few coaches love to run the football as much as Jim Harbaugh and Greg Roman, and Hampton is expected to be the lead back.

TreVeyon Henderson, Patriots: Demonstrated speed, elusiveness and big-play ability this preseason and will be used in conjunction with Rhamondre Stevenson.

RJ Harvey, Broncos: Rookie running backs sometimes are brought along slowly in Sean Payton's offense, but as the season progresses, so should Harvey.

Isiah Pacheco, Kansas City Chiefs: An injury derailed a strong start to his 2024 season. Pacheco is healthy this year.

Late rounds

Jacory Croskey-Merritt, Washington Commanders: There has been an inordinate amount of hype surrounding this seventh-round pick.

Quinshon Judkins and Dylan Sampson, Cleveland Browns: Cleveland needs, and is expected to have, one of its rookie running backs to be a factor.

Bhayshul Tuten, Jaguars: The rookie will likely contribute early and be consistent this season. He has too much speed not to.

Will Shipley, Philadelphia Eagles: Shipley is solid insurance for managers who roster running back Saquon Barkley.

Wide receiver

With the NFL's reliance on the passing game, so many receivers have been developed that this could be the deepest group of wideouts in fantasy history. Catching contributors are available at all levels of the draft, but especially up high.

Early rounds

Ja'Marr Chase, Bengals: There is no contract drama this year, and the connection he has with Burrow is next level.

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Amon-Ra St. Brown, Lions: Target machine who is as tough and dependable as they come.

Nico Collins, Houston Texans: When healthy, he has the ability to be one of the top fantasy receivers.

Malik Nabers, New York Giants: Has a lingering toe issue and, were it not for that, his talent is on par with any receiver in the league.

Middle rounds

Marvin Harrison Jr., Cardinals: He will not be drafted as high as last year, but he likely will produce more this year.

Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Seattle Seahawks: Showed how productive he could be during his rookie season and should continue to shine.

Rome Odunze, Chicago Bears: He has already built a rapport with QB Caleb Williams that will connect them for years.

Ricky Pearsall, San Francisco 49ers: There have been so many injuries to 49ers wideouts that someone has to produce for them. Pearsall can.

Later rounds

Why Jordan Addison still has fantasy appeal despite suspension Mike Clay explains why WR Jordan Addison still has plenty of appeal despite his 3-game suspension and being ranked as a WR40 option.

Jordan Addison, Minnesota Vikings: A three-game suspension dings his value, but once he returns, he is expected to be a force.

Matthew Golden, Green Bay Packers: Like Pearsall, injuries have impacted the Packers' wide receivers. Someone has to produce, and their first-round pick is as good a bet as any.

Emeka Egbuka, Buccaneers: The team has been pleased and impressed with how its first-round pick has looked in camp.

Keon Coleman, Bills: Coleman has looked good during training camp, like he's ready to make a second-year jump.

Marvin Mims Jr., Broncos: He began to emerge last season and it should continue this season.

DeMario Douglas, Patriots: New England needs its receivers to step up, and Douglas did at camp.

Dyami Brown, Jaguars: Follow the money. The Jaguars paid him about \$10 million per year as a free agent.

Jaylin Noel, Texans: With Tank Dell out indefinitely, Houston needs the type of big plays that Noel can provide.

Troy Franklin, Broncos: The Broncos have a lot of wide receivers, but Franklin -- who played with Nix in college -- is capable of making plays.

Tight end

This is a top-heavy position, with Brock Bowers, Trey McBride and George Kittle being the headliners. Once it gets past them, there is uncertainty and some risk.

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Trey McBride, Cardinals: There were times last season when he played like a baby Gronk.

Middle rounds

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Sam LaPorta, Lions: Flashed superstar potential as a rookie in 2023, when the Lions featured him.

Evan Engram, Broncos: Sean Payton has been waiting for an effective pass-catching tight end, and now he has one.

Jake Ferguson, Cowboys: Coming off an injury, Ferguson is poised to resume his production in Dallas' offense.

Later rounds

Isaiah Likely, Ravens: He could be the No. 1 tight end on many teams. Things are tougher in Baltimore with Mark Andrews around, but the Ravens know how talented Likely is.

Theo Johnson, Giants: Johnson was a factor as his rookie season progressed and should be even better this season.

Ja'Tavion Sanders, Carolina Panthers: He flashed during his rookie season as well, and has a chance to take a meaningful jump in Year 2.

AJ Barner, Seahawks: Seattle needs a tight end to step up, and Barner might be up to the task.

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