

The Official
SIMON JOYCE
Memorial League

**Draft
Recap**

Maybe we'll do it properly next year, or maybe one of the QB-first teams will win and we'll all be doing it that way. Who knows!

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Quote of the Week

"I assume picking a running back first pick wasn't a good idea"

- Jade

Next Steps

There's just one more thing to do before the season kicks off: download the NFL fantasy app.

Change your lineup on the go, hear about injuries to your players, and get help setting your weekly lineups.

Go download it. See you in Week 1!



HOW ON EARTH DID WE GET HERE?

While I stubbornly stuck to my playing-with-normal-functioning-people strategy of stocking up on RBs over the first few rounds, Jade had obviously spotted that this draft was going far from the usual way as she took the opportunity to grab top players at a few positions, safe in the knowledge there'd be plenty left on the board to choose from when she came back to round out her roster. She's now sitting on the best team in the league including Bell, Gronk, Gostkowski and the Vikings D...and is my opponent Week 1. FML.

At one point the stress became too much and my mind shut down, rendering me unable to choose a player before the timer ran out. Autopick then gifted me with Cam Newton and Delanie Walker as my QB & TE, which is probably better than I'd have done myself.

Holly somehow ended up with three TEs. Maybe she's heard about last year when they all seemed to be on death's door and a reliable TE was worth his weight in gold. Or maybe she just liked Eric Tomlinson's beard. Time will tell.

Tom managed to draft 1 QB and 1 TE, both of whom are backups. He'll need to replace those if he's going to have any chance at all of being competitive, and NO I DO NOT MEAN REPLACE THEM WITH MORE PLAYERS CALLED TOM! In fairness, with Demaryius Thomas, David and Duke Johnsons, and Allen Robinson, there are some decent players on Tom's team. He'll just need to work waivers a bit. Nothing like making life hard for yourself eh?

While the rest of us panicked and yelled at each other, Graeme was quietly getting on with building himself a solid team including backups for most positions. If he plays his cards right on waivers and Julio doesn't do to him what he did to me last year, this is a team in with a chance. p.s. sorry for not warning you about Julio.

Phil and Dave, as the other two "experienced" players, predictably did well, though Dave is currently in my bad books for stealing Bortles. He was obviously paying attention when lucky mascot Blake Bortles quarterbacked my team to victory in the OM league last year, but joke's on you. Bortles only rewards true believers, not those who draft him out of spite.

Phil was also unwise, taking our lord and saviour Josh Gordon only to immediately bench him. Not cool! Playing against Tom in Week 1, Phil was looking forward to his almost guaranteed win, but I predict his blasphemy will be punished with a shock defeat while Flash blows up on his bench.

Rolly was the only owner who couldn't make the live draft and relied on autopick. Other than using his first couple of rounds on a defense and a QB this actually worked out a lot better than some other teams (looking at you, Billinghamursts!), and he's predicted a reasonably easy win in week 1 against Holly. Let this be a lesson to the rest of you chumps.