DYNASTY STARTUP · SUPERFLEX, 1QB, AND IDP

THE DYNASTY OWL STARTUP CHEAT SHEET



Everything the site knows, on four pages: the plan, a 72-player startup board, positional ranks, what rookie picks are worth, the 2027 class, IDP and K/DST, and which Dynasty Owl tool to open when.

1 PICK A PLAN BEFORE PICK 1

Decide whether you're building to **win now** or **win later**, then draft toward it. Mixing both usually leaves you stuck in the middle: not good enough to win, not young enough to wait. Not sure? Take the team quiz at dynastyowl.com/quiz.

WIN NOW

Proven starters at every spot, two strong QBs, productive veterans others pass on. Trade future picks for points.

WIN LATER

Young QBs and WRs with long careers, extra rookie picks, and players a year or two from breaking out.

BALANCED

Young elite talent early, then value wherever it falls. Pick a lane after season one.

2 KNOW YOUR FORMAT

- **Superflex:** starting QBs are the scarcest asset. Leave the early rounds with two, and grab a third late; bye weeks and injuries come for everyone.
- **1QB:** QBs fall hard. Only the elite few go early; most starters are mid-round values (see the 1QB column on page 2).
- **TE premium:** the top two or three TEs play like elite WRs. Move them up a round.
- **IDP:** with one IDP slot, defenders are late-round fliers; in full IDP leagues the best LBs and edge rushers go around rounds 7–9 (page 4).
- **K / DST:** draft them last, then stream weekly. Production this season is all that matters.

3 AGE CURVES AT A GLANCE

RB	Shortest shelf life. Value starts sliding around **26–27**.
WR	Longer careers. Most produce into their **late 20s**; decline usually starts around 29–30.
TE	Slow to develop (year 2–3 breakouts), then steady into the **late 20s**.
QB	Longest careers. Good starters last into their **mid 30s**.
LB	IDP peaks end around 28 (LB, DB) and 29 (DL). Kickers last into their late 30s.

Ages on this sheet are exact to one decimal: 28.9 is closer to 29 than to 28, and the market knows it.

4 ROOKIE PICK TIMING

- Pick values usually **rise** as the NFL Draft approaches and **drop** once picks become players.
- **Buying** picks? Do it during the season, when contenders want help now.
- **Selling** picks? Do it in the spring, when rookie hype peaks.
- Know how your league orders its draft (record, max PF, toilet bowl). It changes what a future pick is worth: set it on the Rookie Draft page.

5 SIX STARTUP MISTAKES

1. **Drafting like redraft:** chasing last season's top scorers instead of the next three seasons.
2. **Ignoring settings:** superflex, TE premium, and IDP slots change values a lot.
3. **Overpaying aging RBs:** great this year, hard to trade next year.
4. **Leaving with one QB** in superflex: you'll pay a premium all season to fix it.
5. **Drafting a kicker or defense early:** streamers score nearly as much.
6. **Panic trading:** one bad week doesn't change a player's dynasty value.

THE 72-PLAYER STARTUP BOARD

The first six rounds of a 12-team superflex startup, in Owlgorithm order (overall team window, half PPR). The **1QB** column is the same player's rank in 1QB leagues: red falls 15+ spots, green climbs 8+.

SF	PLAYER		AGE	1QB
ROUND 1 · picks 1–12, 12 teams				
1	Jahmyr Gibbs DET	RB	24.7	1
2	Josh Allen BUF	QB	30.5	11
3	Jaxon Smith-Njigba SEA	WR	24.8	2
4	Puka Nacua LAR	WR	25.5	3
5	Bijan Robinson ATL	RB	24.8	4
6	Brock Bowers LV	TE	23.9	6
7	CeeDee Lamb DAL	WR	27.6	5
8	Ja'Marr Chase CIN	WR	26.7	7
9	Amon-Ra St. Brown DET	WR	27.1	8
10	Trey McBride ARI	TE	27.0	9
11	Joe Burrow CIN	QB	29.9	35
12	Caleb Williams CHI	QB	25.0	38
ROUND 2 · picks 13–24, 12 teams				
13	Brock Purdy SF	QB	26.9	39
14	Kenneth Walker III KC	RB	26.1	10
15	Trevor Lawrence JAX	QB	27.1	62
16	Malik Nabers NYG	WR	23.3	12
17	Drake Maye NE	QB	24.2	56
18	Patrick Mahomes KC	QB	31.2	71
19	Chris Olave NO	WR	26.4	13
20	Drake London ATL	WR	25.3	16
21	Matthew Golden GB	WR	23.3	14
22	Jordan Love GB	QB	28.0	67
23	George Pickens DAL	WR	25.7	17
24	Jayden Daniels WAS	QB	25.9	70
ROUND 3 · picks 25–36, 12 teams				
25	Bucky Irving TB	RB	24.2	19
26	Jonathan Taylor IND	RB	27.8	20
27	Tetairoa McMillan CAR	WR	23.6	18
28	Ashton Jeanty LV	RB	23.0	15
29	Justin Jefferson MIN	WR	27.4	21
30	Christian Watson GB	WR	27.5	22
31	Dak Prescott DAL	QB	33.3	93
32	Tee Higgins CIN	WR	27.8	23
33	Zay Flowers BAL	WR	26.2	25
34	James Cook BUF	RB	27.1	26
35	De'Von Achane MIA	RB	25.1	31
36	Garrett Wilson NYJ	WR	26.3	27
ROUND 4 · picks 37–48, 12 teams				
37	Javonte Williams DAL	RB	26.6	24
38	C.J. Stroud HOU	QB	25.1	86
39	Colston Loveland CHI	TE	22.6	29
40	Parker Washington JAX	WR	24.7	28
41	Kyren Williams LAR	RB	26.2	33
42	Nico Collins HOU	WR	27.7	30
43	Jared Goff DET	QB	32.1	108
44	Jeremiyah Love ARI	RB	21.5	36
45	Luther Burden CHI	WR	22.9	34
46	Tyler Warren IND	TE	24.5	32
47	Christian McCaffrey SF	RB	30.4	37
48	Lamar Jackson BAL	QB	29.9	120
ROUND 5 · picks 49–60, 12 teams				
49	Isaiah Likely NYG	TE	26.6	41
50	Tyler Shough NO	QB	27.1	142
51	Carnell Tate TEN	WR	21.8	43
52	Michael Wilson ARI	WR	26.7	40
53	Bryce Young CAR	QB	25.3	141
54	Emeka Egbuka TB	WR	24.1	42
55	Bhayshul Tuten JAX	RB	24.8	44
56	Fernando Mendoza LV	QB	23.1	182
57	Sam LaPorta DET	TE	25.8	47
58	D'Andre Swift CHI	RB	27.8	45
59	Jaxson Dart NYG	QB	23.5	159
60	Chase Brown CIN	RB	26.7	46
ROUND 6 · picks 61–72, 12 teams				
61	Bo Nix DEN	QB	26.7	133
62	Harold Fannin CLE	TE	22.3	49
63	Tucker Kraft GB	TE	26.0	48
64	Jordyn Tyson NO	WR	22.3	52
65	Denzel Boston CLE	WR	22.9	50
66	Breece Hall NYJ	RB	25.5	54
67	Jameson Williams DET	WR	25.6	51
68	Rome Odunze CHI	WR	24.5	53
69	Quinshon Judkins CLE	RB	23.1	55
70	Jalen Hurts PHI	QB	28.3	140
71	DeVonta Smith PHI	WR	28.0	58
72	Rashee Rice KC	WR	26.6	57

SUPERFLEX RULE OF THUMB

If you don't have two starting QBs by the end of round 4, take the best one left in round 5.

TIERS, NOT RANKS

A few spots apart is a coin flip. Take the player who fits your plan from page 1.

LIVE VERSION

Tiers updates twice a week with injuries and news: dynastyowl.com/tiers

POSITIONAL TOP 10

Each position's best dynasty assets, with age and overall superflex rank.

QB TOP 10

QB1	Josh Allen	30.5	#2
QB2	Joe Burrow	29.9	#11
QB3	Caleb Williams	25.0	#12
QB4	Brock Purdy	26.9	#13
QB5	Trevor Lawrence	27.1	#15
QB6	Drake Maye	24.2	#17
QB7	Patrick Mahomes	31.2	#18
QB8	Jordan Love	28.0	#22
QB9	Jayden Daniels	25.9	#24
QB10	Dak Prescott	33.3	#31

RB TOP 10

RB1	Jahmyr Gibbs	24.7	#1
RB2	Bijan Robinson	24.8	#5
RB3	Kenneth Walker III	26.1	#14
RB4	Bucky Irving	24.2	#25
RB5	Jonathan Taylor	27.8	#26
RB6	Ashton Jeanty	23.0	#28
RB7	James Cook	27.1	#34
RB8	De'Von Achane	25.1	#35
RB9	Javonte Williams	26.6	#37
RB10	Kyren Williams	26.2	#41

WR TOP 10

WR1	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	24.8	#3
WR2	Puka Nacua	25.5	#4
WR3	CeeDee Lamb	27.6	#7
WR4	Ja'Marr Chase	26.7	#8
WR5	Amon-Ra St. Brown	27.1	#9
WR6	Malik Nabers	23.3	#16
WR7	Chris Olave	26.4	#19
WR8	Drake London	25.3	#20
WR9	Matthew Golden	23.3	#21
WR10	George Pickens	25.7	#23

TE TOP 10

TE1	Brock Bowers	23.9	#6
TE2	Trey McBride	27.0	#10
TE3	Colston Loveland	22.6	#39
TE4	Tyler Warren	24.5	#46
TE5	Isaiah Likely	26.6	#49
TE6	Sam LaPorta	25.8	#57
TE7	Harold Fannin	22.3	#62
TE8	Tucker Kraft	26.0	#63
TE9	Dalton Kincaid	27.1	#80
TE10	George Kittle	33.1	#84

WHAT A ROOKIE PICK IS WORTH

Each pick's value matched to the superflex player rank it equals today, with that player as an example. Early = picks 1-4, Mid = 5-8, Late = 9-12. 2027 slots are worth the rookie-board prospect projected there.

	2027 EARLY	2027 MID	2027 LATE	2028 MID
1ST	≈ #14 K. Walker III	≈ #34 James Cook	≈ #66 Breece Hall	≈ #72 Rashee Rice
2ND	≈ #92 Kenyon Sadiq	≈ #118 B. Thomas Jr.	≈ #161 R. Stevenson	≈ #128 AJ Barner
3RD	≈ #195 Terry McLaurin	≈ #205 T. Thornton	≈ #213 S. Sanders	≈ #204 Cole Kmet
4TH	≈ #220 Chimere Dike	≈ #231 Davante Adams	≈ #240 Joe Milton	≈ #301 Josh Cuevas

FIT YOUR WINDOW

CONTENDERS CLIMB ON

RB	Christian McCaffrey	#47 → #5
RB	D'Andre Swift	#58 → #26
RB	Chase Brown	#60 → #41
RB	James Cook	#34 → #16
RB	Javonte Williams	#37 → #21

REBUILDERS CLIMB ON

QB	C.J. Stroud	#38 → #27
WR	Luther Burden	#45 → #34
WR	Emeka Egbuka	#54 → #44
TE	Colston Loveland	#39 → #31
RB	Jeremiyah Love	#44 → #36

BIGGEST 1QB FALLERS

QB	Fernando Mendoza	SF #56 · 1QB #182
QB	Jaxson Dart	SF #59 · 1QB #159
QB	Tyler Shough	SF #50 · 1QB #142
QB	Bryce Young	SF #53 · 1QB #141

2027 ROOKIE CLASS: THE TOP 10

Superflex order from the Rookie Draft big board: the top QBs hold their spot, deeper ones slide (all QBs slide in 1QB). Prospect grades blend NFL Draft Buzz scouting, the Owl's tier list and college production. The 2028 devy board is on the Rookies page.

1	WR	Jeremiah Smith	Ohio State
2	QB	Darian Mensah	Miami
3	WR	Cam Coleman	Texas
4	WR	Charlie Becker	Indiana
5	WR	Nick Marsh	Indiana
6	RB	Jadan Baugh	Florida
7	WR	KJ Duff	Rutgers
8	QB	Dante Moore	Oregon
9	RB	Ahmad Hardy	Missouri
10	WR	Ryan Coleman-Williams	Alabama

TOP IDP PROSPECTS

EDGE	Colin Simmons	Texas
EDGE	Dylan Stewart	South Carolina
EDGE	Matayo Uiagalelei	Oregon
DB	Ellis Robinson IV	Georgia

YOUNG CORNERSTONES

The best players aged 23.5 or younger: the core of a rebuild.

WR	Malik Nabers	23.3	#16
WR	Matthew Golden	23.3	#21
RB	Ashton Jeanty	23.0	#28
TE	Colston Loveland	22.6	#39
RB	Jeremiyah Love	21.5	#44
WR	Luther Burden	22.9	#45

BUY-LOW TARGETS

The Owlgorithm values these players above their trade price this week.

WR	Puka Nacua	#4
WR	CeeDee Lamb	#7
QB	Patrick Mahomes	#18
WR	George Pickens	#23
QB	Dak Prescott	#31
RB	Javonte Williams	#37

IDP: TOP 5 BY POSITION

Full IDP (2 DL, 2 LB, 2 DB + flex), with each player's overall rank among all players. With one IDP slot, wait: defenders are worth far less than offense.

	DL			LB			DB		
1	David Bailey	23.2	#81	Arvell Reese	21.2	#80	Evan Williams	25.3	#248
2	Will Anderson Jr.	25.2	#122	Nakobe Dean	25.9	#132	Kyler Gordon	26.9	#266
3	Jeffery Simmons	29.3	#140	Carson Schwesinger	23.7	#138	Quentin Lake	27.8	#274
4	Myles Garrett	30.9	#161	Josiah Trotter	21.6	#149	Jordan Battle	25.9	#295
5	Maxx Crosby	29.2	#192	Ernest Jones	27.0	#175	Kyle Hamilton	25.7	#299

K AND D/ST: STREAM THEM

Values are about 90% this season's production, so take one in the last round and stream from there (weekly rankings on Start/Sit, streamers on Waiver Wire). Top kickers: Ka'imi Fairbairn, Cam Little, Jason Sanders, Tyler Bass, Chase McLaughlin. Top defenses: Minnesota Vikings, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Buffalo Bills, Los Angeles Rams.

WHICH DYNASTY OWL TOOL, WHEN

DRAFTING A STARTUP	**Tiers** (superflex or 1QB, IDP and K/DST on) · **Compare** for close calls
ROOKIE DRAFT	**Rookie Draft**: every pick's value, a live board · **Rookies & Prospects** · **Dynasty ADP**
MAKING A TRADE	**Trade Analyzer**: verdict plus lowball / fair / aggressive · **Trade Finder**: deals with your league-mates · **Trade Targets**
CHECKING YOUR TEAM	**League Hub**: power rankings, your team report and grades, trade ideas, playoff odds, trades, Owl Wrapped
EVERY WEEK	**Start/Sit** (one-click Sleeper lineup) · **Waiver Wire** (who's actually free in your league) · **News**