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	WIN LATER	BALANCED
Proven starters at every spot, two strong QBs, productive veterans others pass on. Trade future picks for points.	Young QBs and WRs with long careers, extra rookie picks, players a year or two from breaking out.	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	Jaxon Smith-Njigba SEA	WR	24.7	1
2	Josh Allen BUF	QB	30.4	9
3	Jahmyr Gibbs DET	RB	24.6	2
4	Bijan Robinson ATL	RB	24.7	3
5	Puka Nacua LAR	WR	25.4	4
6	Ja'Marr Chase CIN	WR	26.6	6
7	Amon-Ra St. Brown DET	WR	27.0	5
8	Brock Bowers LV	TE	23.9	7
9	CeeDee Lamb DAL	WR	27.5	8
10	Kenneth Walker III KC	RB	26.0	10
11	Trey McBride ARI	TE	26.9	11
12	Brock Purdy SF	QB	26.8	35
ROUND 2 · picks 13–24, 12 teams				
13	Malik Nabers NYG	WR	23.2	12
14	Caleb Williams CHI	QB	24.9	42
15	Drake Maye NE	QB	24.1	39
16	Jonathan Taylor IND	RB	27.8	14
17	Ashton Jeanty LV	RB	22.9	15
18	Chris Olave NO	WR	26.3	13
19	Trevor Lawrence JAX	QB	27.0	59
20	Drake London ATL	WR	25.2	16
21	Patrick Mahomes KC	QB	31.1	60
22	Tetairoa McMillan CAR	WR	23.5	17
23	Nico Collins HOU	WR	27.6	20
24	Joe Burrow CIN	QB	29.9	63
ROUND 3 · picks 25–36, 12 teams				
25	James Cook BUF	RB	27.1	18
26	Kyren Williams LAR	RB	26.2	21
27	Lamar Jackson BAL	QB	29.8	67
28	Justin Jefferson MIN	WR	27.4	22
29	Zay Flowers BAL	WR	26.1	19
30	Jeremiyah Love ARI	RB	21.4	25
31	Christian Watson GB	WR	27.4	23
32	George Pickens DAL	WR	25.6	26
33	Jayden Daniels WAS	QB	25.8	77
34	Parker Washington JAX	WR	24.6	27
35	Garrett Wilson NYJ	WR	26.3	24
36	Javonte Williams DAL	RB	26.5	28
ROUND 4 · picks 37–48, 12 teams				
37	De'Von Achane MIA	RB	25.0	29
38	Bryce Young CAR	QB	25.2	88
39	Jared Goff DET	QB	32.0	93
40	Tyler Warren IND	TE	24.4	30
41	Bucky Irving TB	RB	24.2	34
42	Jordan Love GB	QB	28.0	102
43	Dak Prescott DAL	QB	33.2	103
44	Matthew Golden GB	WR	23.2	33
45	Emeka Egbuka TB	WR	24.0	31
46	Chase Brown CIN	RB	26.6	32
47	Tee Higgins CIN	WR	27.8	37
48	Carnell Tate TEN	WR	21.8	36
ROUND 5 · picks 49–60, 12 teams				
49	Christian McCaffrey SF	RB	30.4	38
50	Breece Hall NYJ	RB	25.4	41
51	Fernando Mendoza LV	QB	23.1	189
52	DeVonta Smith PHI	WR	27.9	43
53	C.J. Stroud HOU	QB	25.1	123
54	Tyler Shough NO	QB	27.1	131
55	Michael Wilson ARI	WR	26.7	40
56	Sam LaPorta DET	TE	25.8	44
57	Denzel Boston CLE	WR	22.9	45
58	D'Andre Swift CHI	RB	27.8	46
59	Jordyn Tyson NO	WR	22.2	49
60	Jaxson Dart NYG	QB	23.4	141
ROUND 6 · picks 61–72, 12 teams				
61	Isaiah Likely NYG	TE	26.5	47
62	Rashee Rice KC	WR	26.5	48
63	Quinshon Judkins CLE	RB	23.0	51
64	Colston Loveland CHI	TE	22.5	50
65	Jameson Williams DET	WR	25.6	55
66	Jalen Coker CAR	WR	25.0	52
67	Omarion Hampton LAC	RB	23.6	56
68	Tucker Kraft GB	TE	26.0	53
69	Rome Odunze CHI	WR	24.4	57
70	Jalen Hurts PHI	QB	28.2	154
71	Luther Burden CHI	WR	22.9	54
72	A.J. Brown NE	WR	29.3	58

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	30.4	#2
QB2	Brock Purdy	26.8	#12
QB3	Caleb Williams	24.9	#14
QB4	Drake Maye	24.1	#15
QB5	Trevor Lawrence	27.0	#19
QB6	Patrick Mahomes	31.1	#21
QB7	Joe Burrow	29.9	#24
QB8	Lamar Jackson	29.8	#27
QB9	Jayden Daniels	25.8	#33
QB10	Bryce Young	25.2	#38

RB TOP 10

RB1	Jahmyr Gibbs	24.6	#3
RB2	Bijan Robinson	24.7	#4
RB3	Kenneth Walker III	26.0	#10
RB4	Jonathan Taylor	27.8	#16
RB5	Ashton Jeanty	22.9	#17
RB6	James Cook	27.1	#25
RB7	Kyren Williams	26.2	#26
RB8	Jeremiyah Love	21.4	#30
RB9	Javonte Williams	26.5	#36
RB10	De'Von Achane	25.0	#37

WR TOP 10

WR1	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	24.7	#1
WR2	Puka Nacua	25.4	#5
WR3	Ja'Marr Chase	26.6	#6
WR4	Amon-Ra St. Brown	27.0	#7
WR5	CeeDee Lamb	27.5	#9
WR6	Malik Nabers	23.2	#13
WR7	Chris Olave	26.3	#18
WR8	Drake London	25.2	#20
WR9	Tetairoa McMillan	23.5	#22
WR10	Nico Collins	27.6	#23

TE TOP 10

TE1	Brock Bowers	23.9	#8
TE2	Trey McBride	26.9	#11
TE3	Tyler Warren	24.4	#40
TE4	Sam LaPorta	25.8	#56
TE5	Isaiah Likely	26.5	#61
TE6	Colston Loveland	22.5	#64
TE7	Tucker Kraft	26.0	#68
TE8	George Kittle	33.0	#77
TE9	Harold Fannin	22.3	#80
TE10	Kenyon Sadiq	21.6	#83

WHAT A ROOKIE PICK IS WORTH

Each pick's Owlgorithm 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 EARLY	2027 MID	2027 LATE	2028 MID
1ST	≈ #19 Trevor Lawrence	≈ #40 Tyler Warren	≈ #55 Michael Wilson	≈ #64 Colston Loveland
2ND	≈ #81 Jadarian Price	≈ #105 Brenton Strange	≈ #118 Romeo Doubs	≈ #122 Braelon Allen
3RD	≈ #166 Jonathon Brooks	≈ #170 Kimani Vidal	≈ #189 Colby Parkinson	≈ #218 Dylan Sampson
4TH	≈ #253 Chimere Dike	≈ #268 Darren Waller	≈ #285 Kaleb Johnson	≈ #302 Trey Benson

Future picks are valued as mid-round until the order is known. A 2027 early 1st buys roughly a top-20 player right now.

FIT YOUR WINDOW

CONTENDERS CLIMB ON

RB	Christian McCaffrey	#49 → #6
RB	D'Andre Swift	#58 → #32
RB	Javonte Williams	#36 → #23
RB	James Cook	#25 → #17
WR	A.J. Brown	#72 → #65

REBUILDERS CLIMB ON

WR	Luther Burden	#71 → #59
WR	Jordyn Tyson	#59 → #48
QB	C.J. Stroud	#53 → #46
QB	Tyler Shough	#54 → #47
QB	Jaxson Dart	#60 → #53

BIGGEST 1QB FALLERS

QB	Fernando Mendoza	SF #51 · 1QB #189
QB	Jalen Hurts	SF #70 · 1QB #154
QB	Jaxson Dart	SF #60 · 1QB #141
QB	Tyler Shough	SF #54 · 1QB #131

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 rankings via NFL Draft Buzz.

1	WR	Jeremiah Smith	Ohio State
2	QB	Darian Mensah	Miami
3	QB	Drew Mestemaker	Oklahoma State
4	WR	Cam Coleman	Texas
5	RB	Ahmad Hardy	Missouri
6	QB	Dante Moore	Oregon
7	RB	Jadan Baugh	Florida
8	RB	Kewan Lacy	Ole Miss
9	RB	Nate Frazier	Georgia
10	RB	Mark Fletcher Jr.	Miami

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	23.2	#13
RB	Ashton Jeanty	22.9	#17
WR	Tetairoa McMillan	23.5	#22
RB	Jeremiyah Love	21.4	#30
WR	Matthew Golden	23.2	#44
WR	Carnell Tate	21.8	#48

BUY-LOW TARGETS

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

WR	Puka Nacua	#5
RB	Kyren Williams	#26
RB	Javonte Williams	#36
QB	Jared Goff	#39
QB	Dak Prescott	#43
WR	Michael Wilson	#55

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	#83	Josiah Trotter	21.5	#85	Quentin Lake	27.7	#224
2	Will Anderson Jr.	25.1	#120	Arvell Reese	21.1	#103	Caleb Downs	21.9	#248
3	Jeffery Simmons	29.2	#134	Nakobe Dean	25.9	#127	Kyle Hamilton	25.6	#262
4	Myles Garrett	30.8	#177	Jacob Rodriguez	24.1	#133	Evan Williams	25.2	#267
5	Aidan Hutchinson	26.2	#186	Ernest Jones	26.9	#136	Dillon Thieneman	22.2	#303

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: Spencer Shrader, Will Reichard, Ka'imi Fairbairn, Jason Myers, Tyler Bass. Top defenses: Minnesota Vikings, Denver Broncos, Seattle Seahawks, Cleveland Browns, Green Bay Packers.

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**: pick values by slot, your league's draft capital and order rule, a live board that crosses players off
MAKING A TRADE	**Trade Analyzer** for a verdict · **Trade Finder** for deals with real teams in your Sleeper league · **Trade Targets** for buy-lows
CHECKING YOUR TEAM	**Team Report**: your team type, every position graded against your league, trade ideas
EVERY WEEK	**Start/Sit** (one-click Sleeper lineup) · **Waiver Wire** (who's actually free in your league) · **News**