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	Jaxon Smith-Njigba SEA	WR	24.7	1
2	Jahmyr Gibbs DET	RB	24.6	2
3	Josh Allen BUF	QB	30.5	11
4	Bijan Robinson ATL	RB	24.8	3
5	Puka Nacua LAR	WR	25.5	4
6	Ja'Marr Chase CIN	WR	26.7	6
7	Brock Bowers LV	TE	23.9	7
8	CeeDee Lamb DAL	WR	27.6	5
9	Amon-Ra St. Brown DET	WR	27.0	8
10	Kenneth Walker III KC	RB	26.1	9
11	Trey McBride ARI	TE	27.0	10
12	Caleb Williams CHI	QB	25.0	42
ROUND 2 · picks 13–24, 12 teams				
13	Brock Purdy SF	QB	26.9	37
14	Drake Maye NE	QB	24.2	44
15	Joe Burrow CIN	QB	29.9	48
16	Malik Nabers NYG	WR	23.3	12
17	Chris Olave NO	WR	26.4	13
18	Trevor Lawrence JAX	QB	27.1	61
19	Ashton Jeanty LV	RB	22.9	14
20	Jonathan Taylor IND	RB	27.8	15
21	James Cook BUF	RB	27.1	17
22	Patrick Mahomes KC	QB	31.1	70
23	Drake London ATL	WR	25.3	16
24	Tetairoa McMillan CAR	WR	23.6	18

SF	PLAYER		AGE	1QB
ROUND 3 · picks 25–36, 12 teams				
25	Jayden Daniels WAS	QB	25.9	73
26	Justin Jefferson MIN	WR	27.4	21
27	Zay Flowers BAL	WR	26.2	19
28	Christian Watson GB	WR	27.5	20
29	Javonte Williams DAL	RB	26.5	23
30	Kyren Williams LAR	RB	26.2	24
31	Matthew Golden GB	WR	23.3	22
32	Jordan Love GB	QB	28.0	81
33	Lamar Jackson BAL	QB	29.8	83
34	Parker Washington JAX	WR	24.6	27
35	Bucky Irving TB	RB	24.2	26
36	Jeremiyah Love ARI	RB	21.4	30
ROUND 4 · picks 37–48, 12 teams				
37	De'Von Achane MIA	RB	25.1	28
38	Dak Prescott DAL	QB	33.3	100
39	George Pickens DAL	WR	25.7	29
40	Nico Collins HOU	WR	27.6	25
41	C.J. Stroud HOU	QB	25.1	98
42	Garrett Wilson NYJ	WR	26.3	31
43	Bryce Young CAR	QB	25.3	114
44	Tee Higgins CIN	WR	27.8	32
45	Jared Goff DET	QB	32.1	112
46	Tyler Shough NO	QB	27.1	127
47	Luther Burden CHI	WR	22.9	34
48	Tyler Warren IND	TE	24.5	36

SF	PLAYER		AGE	1QB
ROUND 5 · picks 49–60, 12 teams				
49	Christian McCaffrey SF	RB	30.4	38
50	Carnell Tate TEN	WR	21.8	40
51	Colston Loveland CHI	TE	22.6	41
52	D'Andre Swift CHI	RB	27.8	33
53	Fernando Mendoza LV	QB	23.1	192
54	Breece Hall NYJ	RB	25.4	39
55	Emeka Egbuka TB	WR	24.1	43
56	Michael Wilson ARI	WR	26.7	35
57	Chase Brown CIN	RB	26.6	45
58	Jaxson Dart NYG	QB	23.5	167
59	Denzel Boston CLE	WR	22.9	46
60	DeVonta Smith PHI	WR	28.0	50
ROUND 6 · picks 61–72, 12 teams				
61	Isaiah Likely NYG	TE	26.6	47
62	Quinshon Judkins CLE	RB	23.0	49
63	Jordyn Tyson NO	WR	22.2	52
64	Sam LaPorta DET	TE	25.8	51
65	Jameson Williams DET	WR	25.6	53
66	Rashee Rice KC	WR	26.6	55
67	Jalen Hurts PHI	QB	28.3	176
68	Bo Nix DEN	QB	26.7	185
69	Bhayshul Tuten JAX	RB	24.7	54
70	Tucker Kraft GB	TE	26.0	56
71	Rome Odunze CHI	WR	24.4	57
72	Chuba Hubbard CAR	RB	27.4	59

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	#3
QB2	Caleb Williams	25.0	#12
QB3	Brock Purdy	26.9	#13
QB4	Drake Maye	24.2	#14
QB5	Joe Burrow	29.9	#15
QB6	Trevor Lawrence	27.1	#18
QB7	Patrick Mahomes	31.1	#22
QB8	Jayden Daniels	25.9	#25
QB9	Jordan Love	28.0	#32
QB10	Lamar Jackson	29.8	#33

RB TOP 10

RB1	Jahmyr Gibbs	24.6	#2
RB2	Bijan Robinson	24.8	#4
RB3	Kenneth Walker III	26.1	#10
RB4	Ashton Jeanty	22.9	#19
RB5	Jonathan Taylor	27.8	#20
RB6	James Cook	27.1	#21
RB7	Javonte Williams	26.5	#29
RB8	Kyren Williams	26.2	#30
RB9	Bucky Irving	24.2	#35
RB10	Jeremiyah Love	21.4	#36

WR TOP 10

WR1	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	24.7	#1
WR2	Puka Nacua	25.5	#5
WR3	Ja'Marr Chase	26.7	#6
WR4	CeeDee Lamb	27.6	#8
WR5	Amon-Ra St. Brown	27.0	#9
WR6	Malik Nabers	23.3	#16
WR7	Chris Olave	26.4	#17
WR8	Drake London	25.3	#23
WR9	Tetairoa McMillan	23.6	#24
WR10	Justin Jefferson	27.4	#26

TE TOP 10

TE1	Brock Bowers	23.9	#7
TE2	Trey McBride	27.0	#11
TE3	Tyler Warren	24.5	#48
TE4	Colston Loveland	22.6	#51
TE5	Isaiah Likely	26.6	#61
TE6	Sam LaPorta	25.8	#64
TE7	Tucker Kraft	26.0	#70
TE8	Harold Fannin	22.3	#76
TE9	George Kittle	33.1	#82
TE10	Dalton Kincaid	27.1	#83

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 Drake Maye	≈ #30 Kyren Williams	≈ #65 J. Williams	≈ #65 J. Williams
2ND	≈ #83 Dalton Kincaid	≈ #121 Blake Corum	≈ #144 Jakobi Meyers	≈ #123 Mike Evans
3RD	≈ #181 Travis Hunter	–	≈ #220 Davante Adams	≈ #213 Aaron Jones
4TH	≈ #226 Tank Bigsby	≈ #239 Chimere Dike	–	–

FIT YOUR WINDOW

CONTENDERS CLIMB ON

RB	Christian McCaffrey	#49 → #5
RB	D'Andre Swift	#52 → #26
RB	Chuba Hubbard	#72 → #58
RB	Chase Brown	#57 → #45
RB	Javonte Williams	#29 → #21

REBUILDERS CLIMB ON

QB	C.J. Stroud	#41 → #33
QB	Lamar Jackson	#33 → #26
RB	Jeremiyah Love	#36 → #29
WR	George Pickens	#39 → #32
WR	Garrett Wilson	#42 → #35

BIGGEST 1QB FALLERS

QB	Fernando Mendoza	SF #53 · 1QB #192
QB	Bo Nix	SF #68 · 1QB #185
QB	Jaxson Dart	SF #58 · 1QB #167
QB	Jalen Hurts	SF #67 · 1QB #176

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	Nick Marsh	Indiana
5	RB	Jadan Baugh	Florida
6	WR	Charlie Becker	Indiana
7	WR	KJ Duff	Rutgers
8	RB	Ahmad Hardy	Missouri
9	WR	Ryan Coleman-Williams	Alabama
10	QB	Drew Mestemaker	Oklahoma State

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
RB	Ashton Jeanty	22.9	#19
WR	Matthew Golden	23.3	#31
RB	Jeremiyah Love	21.4	#36
WR	Luther Burden	22.9	#47
WR	Carnell Tate	21.8	#50

BUY-LOW TARGETS

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

WR	Puka Nacua	#5
WR	CeeDee Lamb	#8
WR	Christian Watson	#28
RB	Javonte Williams	#29
RB	Kyren Williams	#30
RB	Bucky Irving	#35

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	#72	Arvell Reese	21.2	#76	Quentin Lake	27.8	#201
2	Will Anderson Jr.	25.2	#128	Nakobe Dean	25.9	#122	Evan Williams	25.3	#224
3	Jeffery Simmons	29.3	#138	Josiah Trotter	21.6	#136	Kyler Gordon	26.9	#256
4	Myles Garrett	30.9	#144	Carson Schwesinger	23.7	#140	Jeremy Chinn	28.7	#272
5	Greg Rousseau	26.6	#184	Ernest Jones	27.0	#157	Caleb Downs	21.9	#284

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, Tyler Bass, Chase McLaughlin, Spencer Shrader, Brandon Aubrey. Top defenses: Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Pittsburgh Steelers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Minnesota Vikings, Seattle Seahawks.

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**