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**Luka Dončić**

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# POINT GUARDS

## 1 Luka Doncic Dallas Mavericks

Age: 25 HT: 6-7 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DAL	65	35.4	28.4	9.9	21.6	46%	5.6	7.5	74%	3.1	9.1	8.7	1.2	0.6	4.5	53
2022	DAL	66	36.2	32.4	10.9	22	50%	7.8	10.5	74%	2.8	8.6	8	1.4	0.5	3.6	57
2023	DAL	70	37.5	33.9	11.5	23.6	49%	6.8	8.7	79%	4.1	9.2	9.8	1.4	0.5	4	61
PROJ	DAL	68	36.8	33.9	11.4	23.2	49	7.1	9	79%	4.2	9.6	10.2	1.5	0.6	4	61

**2023-24:** Coming off of another summer representing his native Slovenia at EuroBasket, Doncic had the best season of his NBA career to date. Appearing in 70 games for the first time since his rookie campaign, the Mavericks star averaged 33.9 points, 9.2 rebounds, 9.8 assists, 1.4 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 4.1 3-pointers in 37.5 minutes. Recording career-highs in points, assists, steals, and 3-pointers, Doncic had greater chemistry with Kyrie Irving and finished third in the MVP voting while leading the Mavs to the NBA Finals.

**What's Changed:** Nothing has changed regarding Doncic's role, but he did get a full summer to recuperate after Slovenia failed to qualify for the Paris Olympics.

**Outlook:** Doncic may not be involved in the conversation regarding who should be the first overall pick in category league drafts, but he is not going to be on draft boards very long. Last season, he had a Yahoo ADP of three, and the early numbers match that. Another year to work with Irving should only help matters, and Doncic has already developed good chemistry with 2023 first-round pick Dereck Lively II. As long as he remains healthy, fantasy managers should get another top-5 season out of Doncic.

## 2 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander Oklahoma City Thunder

Age: 26 HT: 6-6 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	OKC	56	34.7	24.5	8.5	18.8	45%	5.9	7.2	81%	1.6	5	5.9	1.3	0.8	2.8	43
2022	OKC	68	35.5	31.4	10.4	20.3	51%	9.8	10.9	91%	0.9	4.8	5.5	1.6	1	2.8	50
2023	OKC	75	34	30.1	10.6	19.8	54%	7.6	8.7	87%	1.3	5.5	6.2	2	0.9	2.2	53
PROJ	OKC	72	34.2	30.4	10.8	19.9	54	7.7	8.9	87%	1.3	5.7	6.4	2.1	0.9	2.2	53

**2023-24:** After bursting onto the fantasy scene with a third-round finish during the 2021-22 campaign, SGA finished third in per-game fantasy value in 2022-23. He established himself as one of the game's best two-way options by scoring in bunches and racking up defensive stats on the other end of the floor. The best was yet to come, as Gilgeous-Alexander finished second in per-game fantasy value last season behind monster averages of 30.1 points, 5.5 rebounds, 6.2 assists, 2.0 steals, 0.9 blocks and 1.3 triples. He shot lights-out from the floor, knocking down 53.5% of his shot attempts, and he converted 87.4% from the charity stripe. SGA set new career highs in assists, steals, and FG% while also leading the league in swipes. Most importantly for fantasy managers, the star guard appeared in 75 games - the most since his rookie season in 2018-19. Gilgeous-Alexander led Oklahoma City to a 57-25 record and the No. 1 seed in an ultra-competitive Western Conference.

**What's Changed:** Oklahoma City brought in Alex Caruso in the offseason, and while Caruso could theoretically cut into SGA's assist and steal numbers, the impact would be minimal at best.

**Outlook:** Gilgeous-Alexander has averaged at least 30 points, four rebounds, five assists, 1.5 steals, and 0.9 blocks in consecutive seasons, and he'll remain a locked-in, top-10 fantasy option even if he experiences a slight drop-off in counting stats. He's a quality shooter who doesn't turn the ball over at a high rate, giving him a sturdy floor. The sky's the limit for the 26-year-old, who's amid his prime and ready to lead Oklahoma City on another playoff run. He'll also lead any fantasy team that drafts him with a first-round pick.

## 3 Tyrese Haliburton Indiana Pacers

Age: 24 HT: 6-5 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAC	51	34.5	14.3	5.3	11.5	46%	1.7	2	84%	2	3.9	7.4	1.7	0.7	2.3	35
2022	IND	56	33.6	20.7	7.4	15	49%	3.1	3.6	87%	2.9	3.7	10.4	1.6	0.4	2.5	44
2023	IND	69	32.2	20.1	7.2	15.2	48%	2.8	3.3	86%	2.8	3.9	10.9	1.2	0.7	2.3	45
PROJ	IND	69	33.5	21.2	7.6	15.8	48	3	3.6	85%	3.1	4.3	11.8	1.3	0.8	2.4	45

**2023-24:** Haliburton earned a second consecutive All-Star Game appearance last season, averaging 20.1 points, 3.9 rebounds, 10.9 assists, 1.2 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 2.8 3-pointers in 32.2 minutes. Shooting 47.7% from the field and 85.5% from the foul line, the Pacers point guard provided 1st-round per-game value in 8- and 9-cat formats while being a top 20 option in totals. Haliburton's most significant issue was his hamstring injury in mid-January. He missed four games and may have rushed back due to a desire to remain eligible for postseason awards (that pesky 65-game minimum). It took Tyrese some time to hit his stride, but he was elite in leading the Pacers to the Eastern Conference Finals. Another hamstring injury suffered during Game 2 of the conference finals sidelined him for the remainder of the series.

**What's Changed:** Haliburton was with Team USA at the Paris Olympics but played sparingly as Steve Kerr's team won gold. Following the Olympics, it was admitted that Haliburton was not 100%, so the injury likely had more to do with his role than the matchups.

**Outlook:** Since being traded to the Pacers, Haliburton has been one of fantasy basketball's most productive point guards (and players in general). Having a whole training camp to work with Pascal Siakam should only strengthen their on-court chemistry, and the return of Bennedict Mathurin gives Tyrese another scorer to get the ball to. Despite their run to the conference finals, the Pacers aren't mentioned much when pundits discuss threats to the champion Celtics. That may motivate Haliburton more than anything that happened in Paris. Look for him to come through with another top-10 fantasy season, and he should be a 1st-round pick in all leagues.

## 4 Trae Young Atlanta Hawks

Age: 25 HT: 6-1 WT: 164

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	76	34.9	28.4	9.4	20.3	46%	6.6	7.3	90%	3.1	3.7	9.7	0.9	0.1	4	46
2022	ATL	73	34.8	26.2	8.2	19	43%	7.8	8.8	89%	2.1	3	10.2	1.1	0.1	4.1	45
2023	ATL	54	36	25.7	8	18.7	43%	6.4	7.5	86%	3.2	2.8	10.8	1.3	0.2	4.4	45
PROJ	ATL	68	35.9	27.2	8	18.6	43	7.5	8.7	86%	3.8	3.2	12.5	1.5	0.2	4.3	45

**2023-24:** Though he missed about a month and a half late in the season due to a hand injury, Young was still incredible on a per-game basis. He provided third-round value with averages of 25.7 points, 2.8 rebounds, 10.8 assists, 1.3 steals, and 3.2 threes per game. He posted career-highs in both assists and steals, while his 3-point contributions leaped back up during Quin Snyder's first full season at the helm. He only played 54 games, which was a career-low, and he had one of his worst years at the free throw line.

**What's Changed:** After giving it two years, the experiment with Trae and Dejounte Murray in the backcourt ended. Young will no longer have to share play-making duties, and the Hawks have started to surround him with shooters and defenders, which may be able to open things up for him.

**Outlook:** Despite the clunky fit next to Dejounte, Young was still among the elite in fantasy basketball. Managers should expect a poor field goal percentage, many turnovers, and no real contributions in rebounds or blocks. However, there aren't many NBA players who can put up points and assists like Trae, and he can chip in enough 3-pointers and steals to make an impact. With Murray gone, Trae should see a bump in usage after he had his lowest rate since his rookie season. The changes the Hawks made this summer are a recipe for Young to have a big season.

## 5 Damian Lillard Milwaukee Bucks

Age: 34 HT: 6-2 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	POR	29	36.4	24	7.7	19	40%	5.5	6.2	88%	3.2	4.1	7.3	0.6	0.4	2.9	40
2022	POR	58	36.3	32.2	9.6	20.7	46%	8.8	9.6	91%	4.2	4.8	7.3	0.9	0.3	3.3	49
2023	MIL	73	35.3	24.3	7.4	17.5	42%	6.5	7	92%	3	4.4	7	1	0.2	2.6	41
PROJ	MIL	70	36.1	25.4	7.5	17.9	42	7	7.6	92%	3.3	4.7	7.5	1.1	0.3	2.7	41

**2023-24:** Lillard's move to the Bucks was viewed mainly as the NBA's most impactful transaction last season. However, the former Trail Blazers point guard



sometimes struggled to adjust to his environment. He averaged 24.3 points per game and shot lower percentages from the field (42.4%) and three-point range (35.4%) compared to his final run with the team that drafted him. Dame's play-making and rebounding numbers remained unchanged after transitioning to the Eastern Conference. Still, he might not be the elite fantasy talent he once was because of his scoring upside.

**What's Changed:** Lillard might be asked to carry a heavier load in 2024-25, as Cam Payne and Patrick Beverly are gone. Delon Wright will serve as his primary backup. Lesser support and more time to mesh with Milwaukee's core and coaching staff could help Lillard have a resurgent season. He'll need to put the ball in the basket more and convert his shots at a higher clip to regain elite point status.

**Outlook:** Lillard is a quality player but is no longer a consensus first-round option. In most leagues, he's more likely to be drafted between the middle and end of the second round. Whether he can exceed expectations remains to be seen, as younger guards are hungry and ready to push him back a few spots.

## 6 Stephen Curry Golden State Warriors

Age: 36 HT: 6-2 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	64	34.5	25.5	8.4	19.1	44%	4.3	4.7	92%	4.5	5.2	6.3	1.3	0.4	3.2	43
2022	GSW	56	34.7	29.4	10	20.2	49%	4.6	5	92%	4.9	6.1	6.3	0.9	0.4	3.2	47
2023	GSW	74	32.7	26.4	8.8	19.5	45%	4	4.4	92%	4.8	4.5	5.1	0.7	0.4	2.8	40
PROJ	GSW	70	34	27.6	9.1	20.3	45	4.2	4.6	92%	5.1	4.7	5.4	0.8	0.4	3	40

**2023-24:** Last season was one of the worst full seasons of Curry's career, as he averaged 26.4 points, 4.5 rebounds, 5.1 assists, and 4.8 triples per game. His scoring and shooting were still unreal, but he averaged career-lows in both assists and steals, which resulted in a hit to his 9-cat value. He still finished in the top 25, but it was a bit disappointing for a player who has finished as a first-rounder in every other season that he played at least 30 games. However, it wasn't all bad, as he played in 74 games, which was his highest mark since the 2016-17 season.

**What's Changed:** Klay Thompson left for Dallas, which broke up the Splash Brothers. However, the Warriors were able to replace him with Buddy Hield and DeAnthony Melton in the backcourt. None of these moves will impact Curry's minutes, though Steve Kerr did drop him down to 32.7 minutes per game last year after three straight seasons playing at least 34.

**Outlook:** As long as Curry is still suiting up, he'll be among the elite in fantasy basketball. His availability over a five-season stretch was a bit concerning, especially since he'll turn 37 this season, but he quieted a bit of that noise last season. He shouldn't have any issues leading the league in 3-pointers once again, but it would be a nice boost if he was able to make more of an impact in assists and steals than he did last season. Regardless, managers should draft Curry with confidence.

## 7 LaMelo Ball Charlotte Hornets

Age: 23 HT: 6-7 WT: 180

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHA	75	32.3	20.1	7.2	16.7	43%	2.8	3.2	87%	2.9	6.7	7.6	1.6	0.4	3.3	42
2022	CHA	36	35.2	23.3	8.2	20	41%	2.8	3.4	84%	4	6.4	8.4	1.3	0.3	3.6	45
2023	CHA	22	32.3	23.9	8.3	19.2	43%	4.1	4.7	87%	3.2	5.1	8	1.8	0.2	3.8	44
PROJ	CHA	61	34.5	26.4	8.8	20.5	43	4.9	5.6	87%	3.8	6.1	9.5	2.2	0.2	4	44

**2023-24:** What a frustrating season for LaMelo and the managers that drafted him. Sure, he averaged 23.9 points, 5.1 rebounds, 8.0 assists, 1.8 steals, and 3.2 threes per game, which allowed him to provide top-25 value. Those numbers were great, but he only played 22 games right after he played 36 games the year before. LaMelo's on-court production has never been questioned, but his ability to stay on the court has been his most significant issue. His game is super fantasy-friendly, so hopefully, he'll leave the injury issues behind him.

**What's Changed:** Once again, LaMelo enters the season healthy. Hopefully, he'll be more available this year than in the last two years, but they have a few new backup options at point guard. They acquired Vasilije Micic and Tre Mann at the deadline last year and added K.J. Simpson in the draft's second round. However, if Ball is healthy, he'll see a ton of minutes.

**Outlook:** Ball has never finished outside the top 75 in 9-cat leagues, and he

hasn't finished outside the top three rounds of producers since his rookie season. He does that despite many turnovers and a poor field goal percentage, which shows how strong he is in points, assists, steals, and 3-pointers while also being solid with free throws and rebounds. If it were a guarantee that LaMelo would play 70+ games, he'd be drafted in the first round every time. He's simply that talented and will end up as a massive steal if he's healthy this season.

## 8 Jamal Murray Denver Nuggets

Age: 27 HT: 6-4 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	DEN	65	32.8	20	7.3	16	45%	2.8	3.3	83%	2.6	4	6.2	1	0.2	2.2	36
2023	DEN	59	31.5	21.2	8	16.7	48%	2.7	3.1	85%	2.5	4.1	6.5	1	0.7	2.1	39
PROJ	DEN	64	34.3	23.4	8.7	18.2	48	3.1	3.6	85%	2.9	4.8	7.6	1.1	0.8	2.3	39

**2023-24:** Murray enjoyed a strong statistical 2023-24 campaign, posting averages of 21.2 points, 4.1 rebounds, 6.5 assists, 1.0 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 2.5 triples while shooting 48.1% from the field, and 85.3% from the charity stripe. The points, dimes, blocks, and FG% were all career-best marks for Murray, and the rebounds were the second-most of his career. Murray was excellent on a per-game basis, but injuries limited him to just 59 appearances. Durability has been a major concern for Murray, who missed the entire 2021-22 campaign and averaged just 57.7 games across his last four available seasons. Despite missing more than 20 regular-season games, Playoff Murray was ready to go as he nailed two game-winners in the Nuggets' first-round series victory over Los Angeles.

**What's Changed:** Murray will operate once again as Denver's starting point guard in a rotation that should be even tighter than it was a season ago.

**Outlook:** Fantasy managers looking at Murray for the 2024-25 campaign should have heightened awareness of his durability issues. He appeared in 12 playoff games to end his NBA season and then competed in Paris as part of the Canadian men's Olympic team. He's always a dependable per-game option who can contribute in multiple categories, but there's an obvious risk of him missing games.

## 9 James Harden Los Angeles Clippers

Age: 35 HT: 6-5 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BKN	44	37	22.5	6.6	16	41%	6.9	8	87%	2.3	8	10.2	1.3	0.7	4.8	49
2022	PHI	58	36.8	21	6.4	14.5	44%	5.4	6.2	87%	2.8	6.1	10.7	1.2	0.5	3.4	46
2023	LAC	21	117.6	56.8	16.8	39.1	43%	14.4	16.4	88%	8.9	17.6	29.2	3.7	2.7	8.8	132
PROJ	LAC	69	34.7	16.9	5	11.6	43	4.3	4.9	88%	2.7	5.3	8.8	1.1	0.8	2.6	0

**2023-24:** He was on Philadelphia's roster to start last season, but Harden was traded to the Clippers early in the season and made his debut with LA early in November. He only missed a few games after that and averaged 16.6 points, 5.1 rebounds, 8.5 assists, 1.1 steals and 2.6 triples per game. It was the first time he averaged fewer than 20 points since he was with the Thunder, about 12 years prior. Harden finished just outside the top 25 in 9-cat scoring despite his points, rebounds, and assists dropping from the previous year.

**What's Changed:** Harden wasn't in any trade rumors this summer, which gives us a bit more clarity heading into this season than we had heading into the last one. With Russell Westbrook and Paul George gone, Harden moved up the pecking order with the Clippers, and he should be the second offensive option behind Kawhi Leonard. As a team, they lost a lot of talent this summer, which allows Harden to fill the void with a big season.

**Outlook:** At 35 years old, Harden is approaching the end of his career. However, as far as situations go, this is one of the best that he has been in from a fantasy perspective. He was a third-round producer last season as the third scoring option while trying to figure out how to make things work with Kawhi, PG, and Russ. It was a bumpy start due to not having an offseason of practice as a team, but that shouldn't be an issue this season. Harden has an opportunity to have a bounce-back season and return to being among the elite in fantasy basketball. He isn't the same player that he once was, but he's still good enough to make the most of this situation.

# POINT GUARDS

## 10 Jalen Brunson New York Knicks

Age: 28 HT: 6-2 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DAL	79	31.9	16.3	6.4	12.8	50%	2.3	2.7	84%	1.2	3.9	4.8	0.8	0	1.6	29
2022	NYK	68	35	24	8.6	17.6	49%	4.8	5.8	83%	2	3.5	6.2	0.9	0.2	2.1	39
2023	NYK	77	35.4	28.7	10.3	21.4	48%	5.5	6.5	85%	2.7	3.6	6.7	0.9	0.2	2.4	44
PROJ	NYK	74	35.8	29.4	10.4	21.6	48	5.8	6.8	85%	2.9	3.8	7.1	1	0.2	2.4	44

**2023-24:** Having played well during his first season with the Knicks, Brunson took things to another level in 2023-24. In 77 games, the Knicks point guard averaged 28.7 points, 3.6 rebounds, 6.7 assists, 0.9 steals, and 2.7 3-pointers in 35.4 minutes, shooting 47.9% from the field and 84.7% from the foul line. Posting career-best averages in points, assists, and 3-pointers, Brunson finished fifth in Most Valuable Player voting and was a second-team All-NBA selection. He also made his first All-Star Game appearance and would ultimately lead the Knicks to the second round of the playoffs. Brunson suffered a fractured left hand during New York's Game 7 loss to Indiana but is expected to be ready to go when training camp begins.

**What's Changed:** Brunson made a move this summer that raised some eyebrows, agreeing to an extension worth a little over \$156.5 million over four years. Had he waited, Brunson could have made upwards of \$113 million more, but keeping a contending core intact was the point guard's priority. Maybe the Knicks name Brunson captain without that gesture, but it's clear who's leading the way in the Big Apple.

**Outlook:** Brunson shouldered a heavy workload last season, one that got even heavier as the Knicks lost key players due to injury. As a result, he finished the regular season as a top 30 player in 8- and 9-cat per-game value and was a top 20 option in totals. However, with a healthy OG Anunoby, and the addition of KAT and Mikal Bridges, the Knicks should not rely on Brunson as much regarding his scoring output. However, the assists could increase, making up for a potential decrease in points. The latter stages of the second round in standard league drafts is when fantasy managers should begin to consider selecting Brunson.

## 11 Fred VanVleet Houston Rockets

Age: 30 HT: 6-0 WT: 197

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	TOR	65	37.9	20.3	6.8	16.9	40%	3	3.4	87%	3.7	4.4	6.7	1.7	0.5	2.6	40
2022	TOR	69	36.7	19.3	6.3	16.1	39%	3.7	4.1	90%	3	4.1	7.2	1.8	0.6	2	40
2023	HOU	73	36.8	17.4	5.8	13.9	42%	2.7	3.1	86%	3.1	3.8	8.1	1.4	0.8	1.7	39
PROJ	HOU	72	34.3	16	5.5	13	42	2.4	2.8	86%	2.8	3.4	7.2	1.2	0.7	1.6	39

**2023-24:** The Rockets signed VanVleet in free agency due to a need for leadership and an upgrade at the point guard position, and he certainly delivered. Surpassing the 70 games played mark for the second time in his NBA career (2017-18), "Mr. Bet on Yourself" made 73 appearances and finished with averages of 17.4 points, 3.8 rebounds, 8.1 assists, 1.4 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 3.1 3-pointers in 36.8 minutes. While VanVleet's scoring did decrease by nearly two points per game, he shot 41.6% from the field (highest mark since 2017-18) and averaged a career-high 8.1 assists. A top 20 player in 9-cat formats, VanVleet finished just outside the top 25 in 8-cat.

**What's Changed:** VanVleet's role remains the same as the Rockets, who improved their win total by 19 games last season, hope to make a run at a postseason berth.

**Outlook:** Houston did select Reed Sheppard with the third overall pick in June's draft, but his presence is highly unlikely to take away from VanVleet. The Rockets veteran point guard offered elite fantasy value last season, and more of the same should be in store for 2024-25. While he is not a player most managers will select with a second-round pick, the third is a relatively safe spot for VanVleet due to his high floor.

## 12 Cade Cunningham Detroit Pistons

Age: 22 HT: 6-6 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DET	64	32.6	17.4	6.7	16.1	42%	2.2	2.6	85%	1.8	5.5	5.6	1.2	0.7	3.7	34
2022	DET	12	33.3	19.9	7.8	18.7	42%	3	3.6	84%	1.4	6.2	6	0.8	0.6	3.3	37
2023	DET	62	33.5	22.7	8.5	18.8	45%	3.8	4.4	87%	1.9	4.3	7.5	0.9	0.4	3.4	40
PROJ	DET	65	35.2	24.6	8.9	19.8	45	4.6	5.3	87%	2.3	5.1	8.9	1.1	0.4	3.6	40

**2023-24:** After only playing 12 games the year before, Cunningham was far more available in his third season. He played in 62 games and averaged 22.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, 7.5 assists, 0.9 steals, and 1.9 triples per game. His shooting percentages were improved, but his field goal percentage was still a bit low at 44.9%. He was a top-100 player in 9-cat leagues despite being the focal point of opposing defenses every night and not having much-proven help.

**What's Changed:** The Pistons made plenty of changes this summer. J.B. Bickerstaff is the new head coach, and they added another top-five pick in Ron Holland. They also added veteran shooters like Tobias Harris, Tim Hardaway Jr., and Malik Beasley. The moves they made should give Cunningham more space to operate on offense.

**Outlook:** The path for Detroit to improve this season is transparent. They added a new coach. They added some vets. Now, they need Cade to become a star. He has a ton of upside and has already shown that he can be a franchise player, but he has to take a true leap. He was a top 50 player in 9-cat leagues over the last two months of last season, and there is a good chance that he will replicate that production level next year. Cunningham will eventually be one of the best players in fantasy basketball, and if he makes the leap this season, managers will undoubtedly reap the benefits.

## 13 De'Aaron Fox Sacramento Kings

Age: 26 HT: 6-3 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAC	59	35.3	23.2	8.7	18.5	47%	4.4	5.9	75%	1.3	3.9	5.6	1.2	0.4	2.8	38
2022	SAC	73	33.4	25	9.3	18.2	51%	4.7	6	78%	1.6	4.2	6.1	1.1	0.3	2.5	41
2023	SAC	74	35.9	26.6	9.7	20.9	47%	4.2	5.7	74%	2.9	4.6	5.6	2	0.4	2.6	45
PROJ	SAC	72	34.5	25.7	9.2	20.1	46	4.2	5.7	74%	2.9	4.5	5.6	2	0.4	2.5	45

**2023-24:** Fox improved again last year after taking a big step forward two seasons ago. He provided second-round value with averages of 26.6 points, 4.6 rebounds, 5.6 assists, 2.0 steals, and 2.9 threes. He took big leaps in steals and 3-pointers, the biggest reason for his improvement. His field goal percentage took a hit as it dropped from 51.2% to 46.5%, which is closer to his career average. Over the season's final two months, he shot 82.7% from the free throw line, which was a massive improvement over his season average of 73.8%.

**What's Changed:** Sacramento added DeMar DeRozan this offseason, which may force Fox to give up a few shot attempts per game. He set career-highs for minutes and shot attempts last season, and while they did add Jordan McLaughlin, that shouldn't impact Fox's role in the rotation.

**Outlook:** While it will be difficult for Fox to take another step in production, he has already showcased elite numbers. If his field goal and free throw percentages improve back to where they were during the 2022-23 season, and he can maintain his 3-point and steal production, he'll have a chance to finish in the first round. However, if his percentages remain where they were last year and his steals drop to his career average, his value will take a step back. His 9-cat impact will depend on a few volatile stats, but he should be incredibly impactful.

## 14 Ja Morant Memphis Grizzlies

Age: 25 HT: 6-2 WT: 174

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	57	33.1	27.4	10.2	20.6	49%	5.5	7.3	76%	1.5	5.7	6.7	1.2	0.4	3.4	46
2022	MEM	61	31.9	26.2	9.3	19.9	47%	6.1	8.1	75%	1.5	5.9	8.1	1.1	0.3	3.4	46
2023	MEM	9	35.3	25.1	8.9	18.9	47%	5.8	7.1	81%	1.6	5.6	8.1	0.8	0.6	3	45
PROJ	MEM	67	34.4	25.2	8.6	18.4	47	6.2	7.7	81%	1.7	6	8.8	0.8	0.6	2.9	45

**2023-24:** The 2023-24 season was one to forget for Morant, beginning with the 25-game suspension he had to serve due to off-court behavioral issues. Upon re-

turning, the Grizzlies guard had a thrilling nine-game run before a torn labrum in his right shoulder required season-ending surgery. Playing nine games, Morant averaged 25.1 points, 5.6 rebounds, 8.1 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 1.6 3-pointers in 35.3 minutes, shooting 47.1% from the field and 81.3% from the foul line. This was a lost season for fantasy managers hopeful for a transcendent Morant after he was cleared to return from suspension.

**What's Changed:** Morant underwent shoulder surgery on January 11, and he'll be a full go when training camp begins.

**Outlook:** To a certain extent, turnovers have capped Morant's value in 9-cat leagues, as he's only produced one top-50 fantasy season as a pro. In 8-cat formats, the 3.3 turnovers per game (career average) aren't as problematic. The more significant concern, especially with Morant's style of play, is availability. After playing in 67 and 63 games in his first two seasons, he's appeared in 57, 61, and nine in the three since. He probably should not come off the board in most standard leagues until early in the fourth round, and fantasy managers should consider having an "insurance" option on their rosters. If Morant's career trend continues, there's likely to be an extended absence at some point.

## 15 Tyrese Maxey Philadelphia 76ers

Age: 23 HT: 6-2 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHI	75	35.3	17.5	6.4	13.3	49%	2.8	3.3	87%	1.8	3.2	4.3	0.7	0.4	1.2	30
2022	PHI	60	33.6	20.3	7.3	15.2	48%	3	3.6	85%	2.7	2.9	3.5	0.8	0.1	1.3	30
2023	PHI	70	37.5	25.9	9.1	20.3	45%	4.7	5.4	87%	3	3.7	6.2	1	0.5	1.7	42
PROJ	PHI	73	35.5	25.3	8.6	19.2	45	4.9	5.6	87%	3.1	3.8	6.4	1	0.5	1.6	42

**2023-24:** After improving in his first three NBA seasons, Maxey took a gigantic leap forward in 2023-24. The 2020 first-round pick earned his first All-Star appearance and was named the NBA's Most Improved Player after producing the best season of his career. Maxey played 70 games, averaging 25.9 points, 3.7 rebounds, 6.2 assists, 1.0 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 3.0 3-pointers in 37.5 minutes, providing top 20 per-game value in 9-cat formats. Maxey finished with career-high averages in points, rebounds, assists, steals, blocks, and 3-pointers and was the player who benefitted the most from James Harden being traded to the Clippers.

**What's Changed:** While adding Paul George gives Philadelphia much-needed offensive firepower and two-way production on the wing, this should not significantly impact Maxey. After re-signing for nearly \$204 million over five years, it's clear that the 76ers view Tyrese as a franchise cornerstone alongside George and Joel Embiid.

**Outlook:** Can Maxey duplicate his numbers from last season, if not improve upon them? While Philadelphia improving on the wing could make it difficult for Maxey to push the scoring average even higher, he'll continue to provide quality value in that category as well as assists, steals, 3-pointers, and percentages. Also, Maxey is one of the NBA's best regarding turnovers, having averaged just 1.7 per game in 2023-24. Maxey may not be a first-round pick in most leagues, but he should come off most boards in the second or third.

## 16 Dejounte Murray New Orleans Pelicans

Age: 27 HT: 6-5 WT: 180

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAS	68	34.8	21.1	8.4	18.3	46%	2.9	3.6	79%	1.4	8.3	9.2	2	0.3	2.6	49
2022	ATL	74	36.4	20.5	8.3	17.8	46%	2.1	2.6	83%	1.8	5.3	6.1	1.5	0.3	2.2	39
2023	ATL	78	35.7	22.5	8.6	18.8	46%	2.7	3.4	79%	2.6	5.3	6.4	1.4	0.3	2.6	41
PROJ	NOP	74	35.8	22.7	8.7	18.8	46	2.7	3.5	79%	2.7	5.5	6.7	1.5	0.3	2.6	41

**2023-24:** Murray played his second season in Atlanta, appearing in 78 games and finishing with averages of 22.5 points, 5.3 rebounds, 6.4 assists, 1.4 steals, and 2.6 3-pointers in 35.7 minutes. Shooting 45.9% from the field and 79.4% from the foul line, he produced career-best averages in points and 3-pointers. Murray finished the season as a top 40 per-game player in 8- and 9-cat formats and a top 25 player in totals. He's ranked 25th or better in the latter each of the last three years, beginning with his final season in San Antonio (2021-22).

**What's Changed:** After two seasons, the Hawks admitted that the Murray/Trae Young partnership had run its course. Murray was traded to New Orleans in exchange for Dyson Daniels, Larry Nance Jr., Cody Zeller, E.J. Liddell, and two future first-round picks. Murray, who agreed to an extension last summer, has four seasons remaining (including a player option) on his current deal.

**Outlook:** Despite sharing the court with another ball-dominant guard in Young, Murray remained a valuable fantasy option while with the Hawks. However, his ceiling was capped in Atlanta. That should not be the case in New Orleans, even with players such as CJ McCollum, Zion Williamson, and Brandon Ingram all needing to have the ball in their hands. Murray is capable of cracking the top 25 in per-game value, something he last did during his final season in San Antonio. As for roto formats, he'll also be of high value due to his ability to remain healthy. Murray has played 66 games or more in six of his last seven seasons, with the exception being 2018-19 (torn ACL). He should not fall outside of the top 30 in most drafts.

## 17 D'Angelo Russell Los Angeles Lakers

Age: 28 HT: 6-3 WT: 193

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	65	32	18.1	6.2	15	41%	3	3.7	83%	2.7	3.3	7.1	1	0.3	2.5	34
2022	MIN	54	32.9	17.9	6.3	13.5	47%	2.6	3.1	86%	2.7	3.1	6.2	1.1	0.4	2.7	33
2023	LAL	76	32.7	18	6.5	14.2	46%	2.1	2.5	83%	3	3.1	6.3	0.9	0.5	2.1	33
PROJ	LAL	74	33.2	18.4	6.6	14.4	46	2.2	2.6	83%	3.1	3.2	6.6	0.9	0.5	2.1	33

**2023-24:** Despite constant trade rumors, Russell had one of the best fantasy finishes of his career. He finished inside the top 75 with averages of 18.0 points, 3.1 rebounds, 6.3 assists, and 3.0 triples per game. D'Lo had an elite stretch from January to March, but he couldn't keep that going in the playoffs. He had some decent postseason performances, but his scoreless Game 3 taints the rest of his series.

**What's Changed:** Russell exercised his option with the Lakers to return for another season. The Lakers didn't make any moves to replace him, but Gabe Vincent is now healthy and may steal some minutes if Russell struggles. Also, there is a chance that JJ Redick will reduce Russell's minutes after he played a career-high 32.7 minutes per game last season.

**Outlook:** There's no reason to definitively assume that Russell will take a significant step back this season, and he has been a top-100 player in five of the last six seasons. He should continue to provide plenty of points, assists, and 3-pointers, but managers shouldn't expect him to make any leaps in other categories. He has a relatively high floor, which makes him a safe option in the middle rounds.

## 18 Jrue Holiday Boston Celtics

Age: 34 HT: 6-4 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIL	67	32.9	18.3	7.1	14.2	50%	2	2.7	76%	2	4.5	6.8	1.6	0.4	2.7	37
2022	MIL	67	32.6	19.3	7.3	15.3	48%	2.3	2.6	86%	2.4	5.1	7.4	1.2	0.4	2.9	38
2023	BOS	69	32.8	12.5	4.8	10	48%	0.9	1	83%	2	5.4	4.8	0.9	0.8	1.8	30
PROJ	BOS	67	34.2	13	5	10.4	48	0.9	1.1	83%	2.1	5.7	5.1	0.9	0.8	1.9	30

**2023-24:** Once a key figure within the Bucks rotation, Holiday's time in Milwaukee came to a surprising end on September 27, 2023. The Bucks included him in a three-team trade that sent Damian Lillard to Milwaukee and Holiday to Portland. With the Blazers embarking on a rebuild, the decision was made to trade Holiday, with the Celtics acquiring him on October 1 for Malcolm Brogdon, Robert Williams, and multiple draft picks. And the move was one of the reasons why the Celtics ended their championship drought. Holiday played 69 games last season, averaging 12.5 points, 5.4 rebounds, 4.8 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 2.0 3-pointers in 32.8 minutes. Shooting 48.0% from the field and 83.3% from the foul line, Holiday's scoring average was the lowest since his rookie season. Jrue remained a top 75 player in 8- and 9-cat formats, but not by much.

**What's Changed:** Holiday added another Olympic gold medal to his resume this summer, with Jayson Tatum and Derrick White also on the squad. Boston made no significant changes to its roster, and the franchise couldn't afford to go beyond taking care of its current players via contract extensions. Holiday agreed to his



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extension in April and will be under contract until the end of the 2027-28 season (player option).

**Outlook:** After six consecutive seasons of providing top 40 (or better) per-game value, Holiday finished outside the top 70 for the first time since the 2012-13 campaign. Even though his value was bound to take a hit, the veteran guard's game is varied enough that he will remain a fantasy asset. Holiday could be in for a slight boost this season, as Kristaps Porzingis (leg) will not be available until November at the earliest. Holiday is a safe middle-round option in standard league drafts; while the ceiling may be limited, the floor is high for a player on the board in those rounds.

## 19 Darius Garland Cleveland Cavaliers

Age: 24 HT: 6-1 WT: 192

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CLE	68	35.7	21.7	8	17.3	46%	3.2	3.5	89%	2.6	3.3	8.6	1.3	0.1	3.6	39
2022	CLE	69	35.5	21.6	7.6	16.4	46%	4	4.7	86%	2.4	2.7	7.8	1.2	0.1	2.9	38
2023	CLE	57	33.4	18	6.6	14.8	45%	2.6	3.1	83%	2.3	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.1	3.1	32
PROJ	CLE	65	32.4	17.7	6.5	14.3	45	2.6	3.1	83%	2.3	2.7	6.6	1.3	0.1	3	32

**2023-24:** Garland has still yet to play 70 games in a season, and last year was the third in which he failed to reach 60. The Cavaliers point guard played 57 games in 2023-24, accounting for 18.0 points, 2.7 rebounds, 6.5 assists, 1.3 steals, and 2.3 3-pointers in 33.4 minutes. Garland, who shot 44.6% from the field and 83.4% from the foul line, missed six weeks after suffering a fractured jaw in mid-December. The time on the sideline kept him outside the top 100 in totals, but he provided 6th-round per-game value in 8-cat formats, with the 3.1 turnovers per game being removed.

**What's Changed:** While there was speculation regarding Garland's future in Cleveland, the point guard made it clear in mid-July that he does not want to be traded. With the Cavs signing Donovan Mitchell, Evan Mobley, and Jarrett Allen to extensions this offseason, it's clear that they believe in their "core four."

**Outlook:** After two consecutive top 50 seasons, Garland fell outside the top 100 in 2023-24. He played 68 and 69 games in those two stellar fantasy campaigns, indicating what Garland can do when healthy. Unfortunately, the track record suggests that fantasy managers must plan for an extended absence sometime in the season. Garland is worth selecting with a top-75 pick, but fantasy managers should not go much higher than that in most leagues.

## 20 Immanuel Quickley Toronto Raptors

Age: 25 HT: 6-2 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NYK	78	23.1	11.3	3.6	9.3	39%	2.3	2.6	88%	1.8	3.2	3.5	0.7	0	1.3	21
2022	NYK	81	28.9	14.9	5.2	11.6	45%	2.5	3.1	82%	2.1	4.2	3.4	1	0.2	1.2	27
2023	NYK	30	24	15	5.1	11.2	45%	2.7	3.1	87%	2.1	2.6	2.5	0.5	0.1	1	23
PROJ	TOR	67	32.2	18.8	6.2	14.5	43	3.5	4.2	85%	2.6	4.2	5.3	0.8	0.2	1.6	23

**2023-24:** Due to his not receiving a contract extension in the summer of 2024 and the Knicks fully committed to Jalen Brunson as their starting point guard and franchise cornerstone, it was clear Quickley would need a change of scenery. In late December, a little over two months after he and the Knicks could not agree on a new deal, Quickley was sent to Toronto as part of the deal headlined by OG Anunoby. The move paid dividends, with IQ becoming a consistent starter and averaging 18.6 points, 4.8 rebounds, 6.8 assists, 0.9 steals, and 2.8 3-pointers in 33.3 minutes. While Quickley's season-long fantasy value was just outside the top 100 in 9-cat, he provided 6th-round value from January 1 onward.

**What's Changed:** Quickley received his desired payday this summer, agreeing to a five-year extension with the Raptors worth \$175 million.

**Outlook:** The combination of his play after being traded to Toronto and the franchise's commitment to him has made Quickley a popular middle-round option in standard league drafts. Managers willing to roll the dice can even justify selecting him during the latter stages of the fourth round, as IQ has top-50 potential. The Raptors selected Jamal Sheard with the 45th overall pick in June's draft and acquired Davion Mitchell from Sacramento. Still, those moves aren't going to impact Quickley in the aftermath of his summertime payday.

## 21 Terry Rozier Miami Heat

Age: 30 HT: 6-1 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHA	73	33.7	19.3	7.1	16	44%	2.1	2.4	85%	3	4.3	4.5	1.3	0.3	1.3	35
2022	CHA	63	35.3	21.1	7.8	18.9	42%	2.8	3.5	81%	2.6	4.1	5.1	1.2	0.3	2.1	36
2023	CHA	30	35.5	23.2	8.4	18.3	46%	3.6	4.3	85%	2.8	3.9	6.6	1.1	0.4	2.2	40
PROJ	MIA	63	29.7	17.7	6.4	14.5	44	2.6	3	87%	2.3	3.7	5.2	1	0.3	1.5	40

**2023-24:** Rozier was dealt to Miami in January after opening the season with Charlotte. He ended up playing in 31 games for them, averaging 16.4 points, 4.2 rebounds, 4.6 assists, 1.0 steals, and 2.1 threes per game. He struggled during his first few games with the team and took a hit in assists, but he was still a top-100 fantasy player following the move.

**What's Changed:** Rozier got an entire offseason to get healthy and practice with his new team. His role with the Hornets differed from that with the Heat, but he should be Miami's starting point guard when the team is fully healthy. They don't have a true point guard on the roster, so Rozier should split playmaking duties with Tyler Herro and Jimmy Butler.

**Outlook:** Though he has a few top-50 seasons under his belt, managers shouldn't expect that production level from Rozier. He's still an effective player and should have plenty of value in fantasy hoops. However, he will be limited while playing alongside Butler, Herro, and Bam Adebayo. The top 100 shouldn't be an issue, and the top 75 should be a realistic outcome. His stat profile shouldn't change much, as he will be a reliable source of points, 3-pointers, and assists on inefficient shooting.

## 22 Tyus Jones Phoenix Suns

Age: 28 HT: 6-1 WT: 196

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	73	21.2	8.7	3.4	7.6	45%	0.7	0.9	82%	1.1	2.4	4.4	0.9	0	0.6	20
2022	MEM	80	24.3	10.3	3.9	8.9	44%	1	1.3	80%	1.5	2.5	5.2	1	0.1	0.9	24
2023	WAS	66	29.3	12	4.9	10.1	49%	0.5	0.6	80%	1.6	2.7	7.3	1.1	0.3	1	29
PROJ	PHX	68	31.2	12.9	5.3	10.8	49	0.5	0.7	80%	1.8	3.1	8.3	1.2	0.3	1.1	29

**2023-24:** During his lone season in Washington, Jones had the best season of his career. He finished inside the top-100 in 9-cat scoring for the first time with career-highs of 12.0 points, 2.7 rebounds, 7.3 assists, 1.6 threes, and a 48.9% field goal percentage while chipping in 1.1 steals per game. He was by far the best fantasy option on the Wizards, and he didn't miss a game until the middle of March, which ended up being the final game of his season as Washington tanked to help their lottery odds.

**What's Changed:** Jones will play for his third team in as many years after signing with Phoenix at the end of July. It was a team-friendly deal, though one of the caveats he mentioned was that he signed with the intent to be the team's starting point guard. That may not happen, but even if it does, his minutes and numbers should still take a hit now that he is playing on a far more talented team.

**Outlook:** He won't be a top-75 player like last season, but he shouldn't finish outside the top 125 like he did in every other season of his career. He should end up somewhere in the middle and provide the Suns with a true playmaker, which is something they missed last season. Jones is worth drafting in the later rounds, and while he should be a reliable option in 9-cat leagues, he may become even more critical to Phoenix.

## 23 Jalen Suggs Orlando Magic

Age: 23 HT: 6-5 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ORL	48	27.2	11.8	4.1	11.4	36%	2.6	3.4	77%	0.9	3.6	4.4	1.2	0.4	3	25
2022	ORL	53	23.5	9.9	3.5	8.4	42%	1.6	2.2	72%	1.2	3	2.9	1.3	0.5	1.8	22
2023	ORL	75	27	12.6	4.5	9.5	47%	1.6	2.1	76%	2	3.1	2.7	1.4	0.6	1.8	25
PROJ	ORL	74	27.3	12.8	4.5	9.6	47	1.6	2.2	76%	2.1	3.2	2.9	1.5	0.7	1.8	25

**2023-24:** The first two years of Suggs' career were disappointing, but he

seemed to figure things out in year three. He averaged 12.6 points, 3.1 rebounds, 2.7 assists, 1.4 steals and 2.0 threes in 27.0 minutes per game. He played in a career-high 75 games while posting career-highs in points, steals and 3-pointers. His assists have gone down each year as they have moved him into more of an off-ball role, but he has morphed into an elite 3-and-D player.

**What's Changed:** Orlando added Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and let Markelle Fultz walk in free agency. Suggs was already locked in as a starting guard, so neither move should have a massive impact on his role. However, he will form an elite defensive backcourt alongside KCP in the starting unit.

**Outlook:** Suggs is coming off a top-100 season, primarily due to his impact on the defensive end. His steals are his strongest category, but his improvement from beyond the arc opened up a lot for a team that lacked consistent shooting. He shot 39.7% on 3-pointers after shooting 32.7% the year before and 21.4% as a rookie. Assuming the 23-year-old can improve, he should finish inside the top 100 again.

## 24 Russell Westbrook Denver Nuggets

Age: 35 HT: 6-4 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAL	78	34.3	18.5	7	15.8	44%	3.4	5.1	67%	1	7.4	7.1	1	0.3	3.8	38
2022	LAL	52	28.7	15.9	5.8	14	42%	3	4.6	66%	1.2	6.2	7.5	1	0.4	3.5	35
2023	LAC	68	22.5	11.1	4.4	9.8	45%	1.6	2.4	69%	0.6	5	4.5	1.1	0.3	2.1	26
PROJ	DEN	61	26.7	13.3	5.2	11.6	45	2	2.9	69%	0.8	6.3	5.6	1.4	0.4	2.5	26

**2023-24:** The 2023-24 campaign was a disappointment for Westy, who finished with averages of 11.1 points, 5.0 rebounds, 4.5 assists, 1.1 steals, 0.3 blocks, and 0.6 triples. The veteran point guard appeared in 68 games and logged 22.5 minutes per game. The points, assists, and minutes were the lowest marks of his career, and the rebounds were his fewest since the 2011-12 season. Westbrook's FG% (45.4) was more efficient than usual, but he shot just 68.8% from the charity stripe. He finished outside the top 200 in per-game fantasy value, and his irrelevance in standard leagues was not a new trend.

**What's Changed:** Westbrook was dealt to the Jazz and waived before signing a two-year, \$6.8 million deal with the Nuggets.

**Outlook:** With Reggie Jackson now playing in Philly, the Nuggets have an opening for a backup point guard, and Westbrook fits the bill. His days of averaging a triple-double and earning MVP votes are in the rearview mirror, but Westbrook could find success with his new team and a thinner rotation. He can still compile assists at a high level, and managers in need of that category late in drafts could do worse than Westy. Given Jamal Murray's recent struggles to stay on the court, Westbrook could earn some spot starts in 2024-25.

## 25 Coby White Chicago Bulls

Age: 24 HT: 6-5 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHI	61	27.5	12.7	4.6	10.6	43%	1.3	1.5	86%	2.2	3	2.9	0.5	0.2	1.1	22
2022	CHI	74	23.4	9.7	3.6	8	44%	0.8	0.9	87%	1.7	2.9	2.8	0.7	0.1	1	19
2023	CHI	79	36.5	19.1	6.8	15.3	45%	2.8	3.3	84%	2.6	4.5	5.1	0.7	0.2	2.1	33
PROJ	CHI	75	32.5	17.3	6.1	13.6	45	2.6	3.1	84%	2.5	4.2	4.8	0.6	0.2	1.9	33

**2023-24:** White enjoyed his best season as a professional, cementing himself as a fixture in the Bulls' starting lineup. In 79 games, he accounted for 19.1 points, 4.5 rebounds, 5.1 assists, 0.7 steals, and 2.6 3-pointers in 36.5 minutes, shooting 44.7% from the field and 83.8% from the foul line. To say White exceeded expectations would be an understatement, as he was close to a top 50 player in 8-cat formats while sitting just outside the top 60 in 9-cat. And postseason awards voters noticed, with White finishing second in Most Improved Player voting behind Philadelphia's Tyrese Maxey.

**What's Changed:** There are multiple changes to consider regarding White's place within the Bulls rotation. Zach LaVine, limited to 25 games last season due to injury, is back in the fold. However, his return counters Chicago's execution of a

sign-and-trade with Sacramento that sent DeMar DeRozan to the Kings (San Antonio was also involved in the three-team transaction). Also, the Bulls acquired Josh Giddey from the Thunder in exchange for Alex Caruso.

**Outlook:** Chicago adding Giddey shifts White into an off-ball role. According to Cleaning the Glass, he played 100% of his minutes at the point last season; in 2022-23, that number was just 49%. White's numbers are unlikely to fall off a cliff, as he should remain in the starting lineup, but it's fair to be somewhat concerned. Should fantasy managers reach for him based on White's production in 2023-24? No, especially with the high-usage LaVine returning to the lineup. But using a 7th- or 8th-round pick to grab White would be fine.

## 26 Scoot Henderson Portland Trail Blazers

Age: 20 HT: 6-3 WT: 202

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	POR	62	28.5	14	5	12.9	39%	2.7	3.3	82%	1.4	3.1	5.4	0.8	0.2	3.4	25
PROJ	POR	66	31.3	16	5.5	14.1	39	3.4	4.1	82%	1.8	3.9	6.8	1	0.3	3.8	25

**2023-24:** As expected, Scoot dealt with some rookie growing pains in his inaugural season, struggling with efficiency and turnovers across 62 appearances. Henderson averaged 14.0 points, 3.1 boards, 5.4 dimes, 0.8 steals, and 1.4 triples while shooting 38.5% from the floor and 81.9% from the charity stripe. He committed 3.4 turnovers per game. Scoot's shooting showed improvement as the season waned, and he came into his own as a facilitator down the stretch. Over the final 14 games of the season, Henderson averaged 18.9 points, 7.9 assists, 3.6 boards, 1.4 steals, and 2.3 triples while shooting 40.8/80.9/39.5 splits. He coughed up the ball 5.1 times per game in that stretch, but the flashes of excellence were there.

**What's Changed:** Henderson started only 32 of his 62 appearances as a rookie, but he should open the season locked into a starting role.

**Outlook:** With a full season under his belt to adjust to the speed and competitiveness of NBA ball, Henderson is poised to take the next step forward in Year 2. He's already shown what he can do as a go-to scoring option and as the team's primary playmaker. He can be a relevant option in 12-team leagues if he cleans up his efficiency and ball security. Minutes won't be a concern for a team that is still very much in rebuild mode.

## 27 Mike Conley Minnesota Timberwolves

Age: 36 HT: 6-0 WT: 175

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	UTA	72	28.6	13.7	4.8	11	44%	1.8	2.3	80%	2.3	3	5.3	1.3	0.3	1.7	28
2022	UTA	43	29.7	10.7	3.6	8.7	41%	1.8	2.2	81%	1.8	2.5	7.7	1	0.2	1.7	27
2023	MIN	76	28.9	11.4	3.9	8.5	46%	1.3	1.5	91%	2.4	2.9	5.9	1.2	0.2	1.3	27
PROJ	MIN	72	27.2	10.6	3.7	8	46	1.2	1.3	91%	2.1	2.5	5.2	1	0.2	1.3	27

**2023-24:** Age is just a number, right? The veteran played his 17th season in 2023-24 and was surprisingly effective yet again. Conley averaged 11.4 points, 2.9 rebounds, 5.9 assists, 1.2 steals, and 2.4 triples while shooting career-high marks from the field (45.7%) and the charity stripe (91.1%). Conley averaged just under 29 minutes per game and appeared in 76 games, his most appearances since the 2012-13 campaign. Conley was a top-70 player in per-game value and a top-50 option in totals.

**What's Changed:** Minnesota spent the No. 8 pick in this year's draft on Kentucky PG Rob Dillingham, who figures to be the Wolves' floor general of the future.

**Outlook:** Conley will turn 37 during the 2024-25 campaign, meaning his prime is long behind him. Even at 37, Conley can still provide value as a player whose ADP currently sits outside the top 125. Finding five or more assists per game this late in fantasy drafts is rare, and Conley can be taken in the final rounds to shore up that category. His solid triples, low turnovers, and solid percentages make him more than a one-trick pony.



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## 28 De'Anthony Melton Golden State Warriors

Age: 26 HT: 6-3 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	73	22.7	10.8	3.8	9.5	40%	1.2	1.6	75%	1.9	4.5	2.7	1.4	0.5	1.5	25
2022	PHI	77	27.9	10.1	3.6	8.5	43%	0.9	1.1	79%	2	4.1	2.6	1.6	0.5	1.3	24
2023	PHI	38	26.9	11.1	3.7	9.5	39%	1.7	2.1	84%	2	3.7	3	1.6	0.4	1	25
PROJ	GSW	62	25	10.4	3.4	8.8	39	1.7	2	84%	1.9	3.6	2.9	1.5	0.4	1	25

**2023-24:** While his season was incredibly limited by injuries, Melton posted his second straight top-100 season for the 76ers. He only played in 38 games, but he averaged 11.1 points, 3.7 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 1.6 steals and 2.0 threes in 26.9 minutes per game. He only made seven regular-season appearances after the calendar flipped to 2024, and his minutes were limited in those games.

**What's Changed:** Melton left Philly after two seasons to join the Warriors, who lost Chris Paul and Klay Thompson in free agency. Melton and Buddy Hield will try to fill those minutes, giving them plenty of opportunity, even if they're stuck in reserve roles. Melton should also be healthy at the start of the season.

**Outlook:** Assuming he is healthy, Melton should return to making a significant impact in fantasy. His fantasy-friendly stat line has allowed him to make a substantial impact in limited minutes over the last few seasons. He'll compete with Hield and Brandin Podziemski for minutes in the backcourt, though he should play a significant role whether or not he starts. Melton is an excellent target in the later rounds and should be a valuable addition for Golden State on a team-friendly deal.

## 29 Keyonte George Utah Jazz

Age: 20 HT: 6-4 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	UTA	75	27	13	4.3	10.9	39%	2.5	3	85%	2	2.8	4.4	0.5	0.1	2.5	22
PROJ	UTA	75	29.2	15	4.8	11.8	41	3	3.5	85%	2.3	3.4	5.7	0.6	0.1	2.7	22

**2023-24:** The Baylor product averaged 13.0 points, 2.8 rebounds, 4.4 assists, 0.5 steals and 2.0 triples per contest. George appeared in 75 games and logged a healthy 27 minutes per tilt in his inaugural campaign. The point guard experienced typical rookie struggles, shooting just 39.1% from the floor and committing 2.5 turnovers per game, but he improved as the season progressed. The highlight of his season came on February 15 against Golden State when he tied the NBA rookie record with nine made three-pointers. George averaged 18.0 points and 3.0 triples across the season's final five games. George finished with double-digit assists three times and dished at least six assists on 24 occasions, showcasing his strong playmaking abilities.

**What's Changed:** Utah drafted Isaiah Collier with the 29th pick in the 2024 NBA Draft, and Collier is expected to serve as George's top backup at PG.

**Outlook:** Collier isn't a threat to steal big minutes from George for the upcoming campaign, and George should be locked into a starting role after logging just 44 starts as a rookie. The Baylor product notched three 30-point outings and demonstrated excellence as a scorer and facilitator. An uptick in efficiency will do wonders for his game in Year 2.

## 30 Cole Anthony Orlando Magic

Age: 24 HT: 6-2 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ORL	65	31.7	16.3	5.5	14	39%	3.3	3.9	85%	2	5.4	5.7	0.7	0.3	2.6	32
2022	ORL	60	25.9	13	4.6	10.2	45%	2.5	2.8	89%	1.3	4.8	3.9	0.6	0.5	1.5	26
2023	ORL	81	22.4	11.6	4.1	9.4	44%	2.2	2.7	83%	1.1	3.8	2.9	0.8	0.5	1.6	23
PROJ	ORL	76	25.5	13.2	4.7	10.7	44	2.6	3.1	83%	1.3	4.4	3.3	0.9	0.5	1.8	23

**2023-24:** Anthony took a step back last season after two straight top-150 seasons. That can primarily be attributed to a role decrease, as he played a career-low 22.4 minutes per game. He still was valuable to the team as their sixth man, but he only averaged 11.6 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.9 assists, and 1.1 triples per game, which had him barely inside the top 200.

**What's Changed:** Orlando's only change this summer was swapping Kentavious Caldwell-Pope in for Markelle Fultz, who they let walk in free agency. Anthony should still be the team's sixth man, but he should have the ball in his hands more than he did last season while playing next to Fultz.

**Outlook:** Not only did Anthony's production take a hit last season, but his shooting percentages did as well. He should see a slight bump in assists, but he'll need to improve his shooting numbers to be worth a roster spot in standard leagues. He's only 24 years old, so there is still a chance he will become an impactful player in fantasy hoops. However, there isn't much reason for optimism heading into this year.

## 31 Malcolm Brogdon Washington Wizards

Age: 31 HT: 6-4 WT: 229

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	IND	36	33.5	19.1	6.8	15.1	45%	4	4.6	86%	1.6	5.1	5.9	0.8	0.4	2.1	36
2022	BOS	67	26	14.9	5.3	10.9	48%	2.4	2.7	87%	2	4.2	3.7	0.7	0.3	1.5	27
2023	POR	39	28.7	15.7	5.6	12.7	44%	2.4	3	82%	2.1	3.8	5.5	0.7	0.2	1.5	30
PROJ	WAS	60	25.5	14.3	5	11.3	44	2.3	2.9	82%	2	3.6	5.3	0.7	0.2	1.4	30

**2023-24:** During his lone season in Portland, Brogdon only played 39 games, mainly as a starter. He averaged 15.7 points, 3.8 rebounds, 5.5 assists, and 2.1 triples across 28.7 minutes per game, though he was sidelined for the season's final two months. He won Sixth Man of the Year during the previous season with Boston, but he took a step back on a tanking team, which wasn't surprising.

**What's Changed:** Brogdon will be playing for his fourth team in as many years after being dealt to the Wizards. He'll join another young team that will likely return to the lottery, and he should open the year as the starting point guard. He'll be in a mentor role for Bub Carrington similar to what he brought for Scoot Henderson last year.

**Outlook:** Brogdon is still an effective, reliable option in fantasy basketball when he's on the floor. However, he has only played more than 70 games once in his career and more than 60 games three times. He's an aging point guard on a bad team. He should get off to a pretty good start to the season, but it would be surprising if he plays a significant amount of games. He'll likely be a shutdown candidate, though he's still worth taking in the later rounds because of the production that he will provide early in the season.

## 32 Dennis Schroder Brooklyn Nets

Age: 31 HT: 6-1 WT: 175

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	49	29.2	14.4	5.2	11.9	44%	2.5	3	85%	1.4	3.3	4.2	0.8	0.1	2.1	25
2022	LAL	66	30.1	12.6	4.1	9.8	42%	3.3	3.8	86%	1.1	2.5	4.5	0.8	0.2	1.7	24
2023	TOR	51	30.6	13.7	4.8	11	44%	2.5	2.9	85%	1.5	2.7	6.1	0.9	0.2	1.6	28
PROJ	BKN	75	27.5	12.7	4.4	10.3	43	2.1	2.5	84%	1.7	2.9	5.8	0.8	0.2	1.7	28

**2023-24:** Schroder began the season in Toronto, starting 33 of the 51 games he played for the Raptors. Traded to Brooklyn at the February deadline, he appeared in 80 games for the Raptors and Nets, averaging 14.0 points, 3.0 rebounds, 6.1 assists, 0.8 steals, and 1.7 3-pointers in 31.1 minutes. Shooting 43.5% from the field and 83.6% from the foul line, Schroder finished the season as an 11th-round player in 8-cat formats and a 13th-rounder in 9-cat. While the turnovers (1.9 per game) were low, the field-goal percentage and limited defensive stats did him no favors regarding fantasy value.

**What's Changed:** Schroder, who represented his native Germany at the Paris Olympics, returns to Brooklyn for the final season of his current contract. He should retain the starting point guard job after starting 25 of his 29 games with the Nets in 2023-24.

**Outlook:** The combination of remaining a starter and the Nets' decision to trade Mikal Bridges should give Schroder's fantasy value a modest boost. However, he remains a late-round option in fantasy leagues. Schroder only has one top-100 fantasy season to his credit, which was back in 2017-18. The only point guards Brooklyn added to its roster over the offseason were Shake Milton and Jordan Goodwin,

which could protect Schroder from a late-season shutdown. But that's only if his expiring deal isn't used to add future draft picks to the team's coffers.

## 33 T.J. McConnell Indiana Pacers

Age: 32 HT: 6-1 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	IND	27	24.1	8.5	3.7	7.7	48%	0.7	0.9	83%	0.4	3.3	4.9	1.1	0.4	1.1	23
2022	IND	75	20.3	8.7	3.8	6.9	54%	0.8	0.9	85%	0.3	3.1	5.3	1.1	0.1	1.9	22
2023	IND	71	18.2	10.2	4.6	8.4	56%	0.7	0.9	79%	0.3	2.7	5.5	1	0.1	1.5	24
PROJ	IND	71	19.1	10.7	4.9	8.8	56	0.7	0.9	79%	0.3	2.7	5.6	1	0.1	1.6	24

**2023-24:** Last season was an interesting one for McConnell. The backup point guard averaged a career-high 10.2 points while shooting 55.6% from the field and 40.9% from deep. He posted some monster stat lines in spot starts but only averaged 18.2 minutes per game on the year.

**What's Changed:** Indiana hasn't added any notable point guards, and McConnell inked a four-year extension over the offseason. He should continue operating as Haliburton's primary backup.

**Outlook:** McConnell plays behind an elite point guard. While he'll have some big-time performances here and there, it will take some good fortune to finish as a top 150 player.

## 34 Chris Paul San Antonio Spurs

Age: 39 HT: 6-0 WT: 175

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHX	65	32.9	14.7	5.6	11.3	49%	2.6	3.1	84%	1	4.4	10.8	1.9	0.3	2.4	40
2022	PHX	59	32	13.9	5	11.3	44%	2.3	2.7	83%	1.7	4.3	8.9	1.5	0.4	1.9	36
2023	GSW	58	26.4	9.2	3.6	8.1	44%	0.7	0.9	83%	1.3	3.9	6.8	1.2	0.1	1.3	27
PROJ	SAS	55	23.2	8.1	3.1	7.1	44	0.7	0.8	83%	1.2	3.4	6	1.1	0.1	1.2	27

**2023-24:** For the first time in his storied career, Paul was asked to come off the bench as a member of the Golden State Warriors. Coming off the bench for 40 of his 58 appearances, the veteran point guard did his job with no fuss, averaging 9.2 points, 3.9 rebounds, 6.8 assists, 1.2 steals, and 1.3 3-pointers in 26.4 minutes. Averaging career lows in points and minutes, Paul shot 44.1% from the field and 82.7% from the foul line. CP3 suffered a broken left hand in early January that sidelined him for six-plus weeks, returning to action on February 27. While he did not miss another game, Paul recorded averages of 9.5 points, 4.0 rebounds, 6.3 assists, 1.3 steals, and 1.3 3-pointers in 25.0 minutes in his final 26 games.

**What's Changed:** Paul's contract included a team option worth \$30 million, so it was unsurprising that he and the Warriors would seek a solution amenable to both sides. Waived on June 30, the veteran point guard agreed to a one-year deal with the Spurs on July 7.

**Outlook:** CP3 may have finished last season ranked just inside the top 100 in 9-cat, per-game value, but his ceiling was limited with the Warriors. Joining a team that desperately needed to improve its options at point guard gives Paul a shot at fantasy relevance, even if he does not reach the production of his prime. Playing alongside Victor Wembanyama and some of San Antonio's other young talents gives CP3 a shot at top-75 value, if not higher. However, he should not be selected that early in drafts. Waiting until the eighth or ninth round in standard league drafts would be a sensible approach.

## 35 Andrew Nembhard Indiana Pacers

Age: 24 HT: 6-4 WT: 191

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	IND	75	27.6	9.5	3.8	8.6	44%	0.7	0.8	79%	1.2	2.7	4.5	0.9	0.2	1.7	21
2023	IND	68	25	9.2	3.8	7.7	50%	0.7	0.8	80%	0.9	2.1	4.1	0.9	0.1	1.5	19
PROJ	IND	70	27.6	10.3	4.2	8.5	50	0.8	1	80%	1.1	2.5	4.9	1.1	0.1	1.6	19

**2023-24:** Nembhard's averages of 9.2 points, 2.1 rebounds, and 4.1 assists were similar to his rookie numbers. His numbers were roughly the same in the 47 starts he made, but he elevated his game in the playoffs with 14.9 points, 5.5 assists, and

3.3 rebounds.

**What's Changed:** Indiana's point guard rotation is unchanged for the 2024-25 season. However, Mathurin's return from injury could impact Nembhard's playing time.

**Outlook:** Nembhard is in a position to kick off the year as a starter, and he could have some big games should he take over the primary ball-handling responsibilities for spells. However, he's projected to finish just outside the top 150.

## 36 Spencer Dinwiddie Dallas Mavericks

Age: 31 HT: 6-5 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	WAS	44	30.2	12.6	4.2	11.2	38%	2.6	3.3	81%	1.6	4.7	5.8	0.6	0.2	1.7	28
2022	DAL	53	34.1	17.7	6	13.1	46%	3.2	3.9	82%	2.6	3.1	5.3	0.7	0.3	1.7	31
2023	BKN	48	30.7	12.6	4.1	10.4	39%	2.6	3.3	78%	1.9	3.3	6	0.8	0.2	1.3	27
PROJ	DAL	76	28.5	10.7	3.3	8.5	39	2.3	2.9	80%	1.7	2.8	4.9	0.7	0.3	1.2	27

**2023-24:** Dinwiddie began last season with the Nets, starting 48 games and averaging 12.6 points, 3.3 rebounds, 6.0 assists, 0.8 steals, and 1.9 3-pointers in 30.7 minutes. He would be traded to Toronto at the February deadline, with the Raptors subsequently waiving him. Dinwiddie returned to his hometown to finish the season, joining the Lakers and appearing in 28 games. Dinwiddie played 76 games in 2023-24, averaging 10.5 points, 2.7 rebounds, 4.7 assists, 0.7 steals, and 1.6 3-pointers. Shooting 39.2% from the field and 80.5% from the foul line, he finished the season just outside the top 200 in 9-cat, per-game value.

**What's Changed:** Dinwiddie changed addresses again, signing a one-year deal with the Mavericks. This will be his second stint with the franchise, having appeared during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons.

**Outlook:** Dinwiddie has never been a great fantasy player, with the 2017-18 and 2022-23 seasons being notable exceptions. And he is joining a team with Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving to serve as playmakers, limiting Dinwiddie's fantasy ceiling significantly. He isn't worth the risk on draft night, but there could be times during the season when he's worth streaming for injury reasons.

## 37 Payton Pritchard Boston Celtics

Age: 26 HT: 6-1 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	71	14.1	6.2	2.3	5.3	43%	0.3	0.3	100%	1.4	1.9	2	0.4	0.1	0.6	12
2022	BOS	48	13.4	5.6	2.1	5.1	41%	0.3	0.3	75%	1.2	1.8	1.3	0.3	0	0.8	10
2023	BOS	82	22.3	9.6	3.6	7.7	47%	0.6	0.7	82%	1.8	3.2	3.4	0.5	0.1	0.7	20
PROJ	BOS	78	23.3	10.1	3.8	8.1	47	0.6	0.7	82%	1.9	3.4	3.6	0.5	0.1	0.8	20

**2023-24:** After injuries limited him to 48 appearances in 2022-23, Pritchard played all 82 for the first time in his career last season. He was a solid contributor, averaging career-highs in points (9.6), rebounds (3.2), assists (3.4), and 3-pointers (1.8). Shooting 46.8% from the field and 82.1% from the foul line, Pritchard averaged 22.3 minutes per game and was ranked just inside the top 200 in 9-cat, per-game value.

**What's Changed:** Nothing's changed for Pritchard, who should again be a valued reserve for the Celtics.

**Outlook:** Pritchard is a player whose value to his team outweighs his fantasy value. Maybe, with Kristaps Porzingis (leg) unlikely to be ready for the start of the season, Pritchard gets a few more opportunities to hunt his offense within Joe Mazzulla's system. But even if he does, Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown, Jrue Holiday, and Derrick White will still shoulder most of the scoring load. There may be times when Pritchard is worth streaming, but he isn't someone fantasy managers need to target in drafts.

## 38 Robert Dillingham Minnesota Timberwolves

Age: 19 HT: 6-1 WT: 176

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	MIN	68	20.1	12.2	4.4	9.7	45	1.9	2.4	78%	1.6	2.3	3.1	0.7	0.1	1.7	0



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**2023-24:** Dillingham enjoyed a productive one-and-done season with Kentucky, averaging 15.2 points, 2.9 boards, 3.9 dimes, 1.0 steals, and 2.0 triples across 23.3 minutes per tilt. Dillingham was an electric scorer for the Wildcats, knocking down triples at an elite 44.4% clip. Minnesota traded a future first-round pick and a future pick swap with San Antonio to grab Dillingham with the eighth pick in the 2024 draft.

**What's Changed:** The top-10 pick will move to the pros after a strong freshman season at Kentucky.

**Outlook:** Dillingham will serve as Mike Conley's primary backup at point guard, with little competition for minutes off the bench. The 37-year-old Conley appeared ageless last season as he cruised to a top-70 per-game finish and a top-50 finish in totals, but the 76 games he played were his most in 12 seasons. Minnesota's bench is shallow, and the team will likely be committed to getting their top-10 pick some minutes right out of the gate. Dillingham has plenty of appeal if he can see substantial playing time.

## 39 Jose Alvarado New Orleans Pelicans

Age: 26 HT: 6-0 WT: 179

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NOP	54	15.4	6.1	2.4	5.4	45%	0.7	1	68%	0.6	1.9	2.8	1.3	0.1	0.7	16
2022	NOP	61	21.5	9	3.3	8	41%	1.1	1.3	81%	1.4	2.3	3	1.1	0.2	1.3	19
2023	NOP	56	18.4	7.1	2.5	6.2	41%	0.6	0.9	67%	1.4	2.3	2.1	1.1	0.3	0.7	17
PROJ	NOP	60	19.5	7.6	2.7	6.5	41	0.7	1	67%	1.5	2.5	2.2	1.1	0.3	0.8	17

**2023-24:** Due to injury, Alvarado did not make his first appearance of the season until November 20. The minutes decreased slightly compared to the 2022-23 campaign, dropping from 21.5 to 18.4 per game, but Alvarado's role as backup point guard remained unchanged. Finishing sixth in the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year award voting, he finished with averages of 7.1 points, 2.3 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.1 steals, and 1.4 3-pointers, shooting 41.2% from the field and 67.3% from the foul line. Alvarado proved more valuable to the Pelicans than fantasy managers, finishing the season ranked well outside the top 200 in 8- and 9-cat, per-game and total value.

**What's Changed:** The Pelicans made a move this summer that they hope will strengthen their point guard rotation, acquiring Dejounte Murray from the Hawks.

**Outlook:** Alvarado was not a player most fantasy managers would look to invest in and with good reason. While he was a fixture in the rotation, the offensive production and inefficiency made him a difficult player for managers to rely on. Things get even tougher for "Grand Theft Alvarado" this season, as Murray and CJ McCollum will be high-usage guards within the Pelicans offense. There was little reason to consider drafting Alvarado before the Murray trade, and there's even less in its aftermath.

## 40 Miles McBride New York Knicks

Age: 24 HT: 6-1 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NYK	40	9.3	2.2	0.8	2.7	30%	0.2	0.3	67%	0.4	1.1	1	0.4	0	0.1	6
2022	NYK	64	11.9	3.5	1.2	3.4	36%	0.4	0.7	67%	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.4	8
2023	NYK	68	19.5	8.3	3	6.7	45%	0.6	0.7	86%	1.6	1.5	1.7	0.7	0.1	0.4	15
PROJ	NYK	69	22.1	9.3	3.4	7.6	45	0.7	0.8	86%	1.8	1.7	1.9	0.8	0.1	0.5	15

**2023-24:** After two seasons of minimal impact, McBride earned Tom Thibodeau's trust and emerged as a solid member of the Knicks' second unit. In 68 games, Deuce averaged 8.3 points, 1.5 rebounds, 1.7 assists, 0.7 steals, and 1.6 3-pointers in 19.5 minutes. Shooting 45.2% from the field and 86.0% from the foul line, McBride finished the season ranked just inside the top 200 in total value while failing to crack that threshold in per-game value.

**What's Changed:** McBride agreed to his contract extension immediately after the trade that sent Immanuel Quickley and RJ Barrett to Toronto, so he's firmly in the Knicks' plans moving forward. New York did add Cameron Payne (free agency) and Tyler Kolek (second-round pick) over the summer, but they're unlikely to surpass McBride in the rotation. Another change was Donte DiVincenzo being included in the Karl-Anthony Towns trade, which makes McBride a player of added

importance to the bench rotation.

**Outlook:** While McBride lacked consistent fantasy value, he did have his moments last season. In 14 starts, the Knicks guard averaged 17.9 points, 3.2 rebounds, 4.1 assists, and over three 3-pointers per game, shooting 46.2% from the field, 40.7% from three, and 87.5% from the foul line. That wouldn't be enough to get him drafted in most leagues, but the Towns trade makes McBride a more palatable late-round option. With DiVincenzo moving on to Minnesota, the Knicks will need consistent production from Deuce as one of the second unit's top scoring options.

## 41 Delon Wright Milwaukee Bucks

Age: 32 HT: 6-5 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	77	18.9	4.4	1.6	3.5	45%	0.7	0.8	86%	0.6	2.9	2.4	1.2	0.2	0.6	15
2022	WAS	50	24.4	7.4	2.8	5.8	47%	1	1.2	87%	0.8	3.6	3.9	1.8	0.3	0.9	23
2023	WAS	33	13.8	4.1	1.5	3.7	39%	0.7	0.9	83%	0.4	1.8	2.5	1.1	0.2	0.3	14
PROJ	MIL	58	17.2	4.9	1.7	4.4	39	0.9	1.1	82%	0.6	2.1	2.8	1.3	0.3	0.3	14

**2023-24:** Wright split 47 games between the Washington Wizards and Miami Heat last season. The defensive-minded point guard averaged 4.5 points, 2.5 assists, 1.8 rebounds, and 1.1 steals per game. Whether he can make a more significant impact with a less crowded backcourt remains to be seen.

**What's Changed:** Jordan Poole, Tyus Jones, Tyler Herro, and others were ahead of Wright at his last stops. Lillard is better than all of those players, but there's no other primary ball handler in Milwaukee to compete with Wright.

**Outlook:** Lillard will handle most point guard duties, and Wright will fill in sparingly when given the opportunity. Middleton and Antetokounmpo are willing and capable facilitators, so Wright is projected to go outside the top 200.

## 42 Kyle Lowry Philadelphia 76ers

Age: 38 HT: 6-0 WT: 196

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIA	63	33.9	13.4	4.4	10	44%	2.3	2.8	85%	2.3	4.5	7.5	1.1	0.3	2.7	32
2022	MIA	55	31.2	11.2	3.6	8.8	40%	2.1	2.5	86%	1.9	4.1	5.1	1	0.4	1.9	26
2023	MIA	37	28	8.2	2.8	6.5	43%	0.9	1.1	83%	1.7	3.5	4	1.1	0.4	1.4	22
PROJ	PHI	56	22.6	6.3	2.2	5	43	0.8	0.9	84%	1.2	2.4	3.1	0.7	0.3	1.1	22

**2023-24:** Lowry began last season with the Heat, but it became pretty clear that he would be on the move before the trade deadline. Miami ultimately included him in a trade for Terry Rozier, with the Hornets waiving Lowry on February 11. Two days later, the Philadelphia native signed with his hometown team, starting 20 of the 23 regular-season games he appeared in. In 60 total appearances, Lowry averaged 8.1 points, 3.2 rebounds, 4.2 assists, 1.0 steals, and 1.6 3-pointers in 28.2 minutes, shooting 43.2% from the field and 84.0% from the foul line. He finished the season ranked just outside the top 150 in 8- and 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** Lowry agreed to a new deal with the 76ers, signing a one-year pact worth a little over \$3.3 million. With the 76ers also adding Paul George in free agency, it's likely that Lowry will serve as Tyrese Maxey's backup.

**Outlook:** Lowry's days of providing reliable fantasy value may be behind him, but he remains a valuable rotation player for the 76ers. With Maxey in line to play at least 35 minutes per night, there won't be many opportunities for Lowry to provide value. He isn't someone who fantasy managers need to target in most drafts, but there may be points when he's worth streaming.

## 43 Reggie Jackson Philadelphia 76ers

Age: 34 HT: 6-2 WT: 208

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAC	75	31.2	16.8	6.4	16.3	39%	1.8	2.2	85%	2.2	3.6	4.8	0.7	0.2	2.3	29
2022	LAC	52	25.7	10.9	4.1	9.8	42%	1.2	1.3	92%	1.5	2.2	3.5	0.7	0.1	1.8	19
2023	DEN	82	22.2	10.2	4	9.2	43%	1	1.2	81%	1.2	1.9	3.8	0.5	0.2	1.3	19
PROJ	PHI	74	24.3	11	4.3	10.1	43	1	1.3	81%	1.3	2	3.9	0.6	0.2	1.4	19

**2023-24:** Playing his first full season with the Nuggets, Jackson appeared in

all 82 games in 2023-24. Jamal Murray missing time due to injury led to Jackson making 23 starts, and he recorded decent averages. In 22.2 minutes per game, Jackson averaged 10.2 points, 1.9 rebounds, 3.8 assists, 0.5 steals, and 1.2 3-pointers, shooting 43.1% from the field and 80.6% from the foul line. He didn't offer much fantasy value as a starter or reserve, ranking well outside the top 250 in per-game value.

**What's Changed:** After one-plus seasons in Denver, Jackson was traded to Charlotte as part of a six-team deal headlined by Klay Thompson. The Hornets, who already had multiple point guards on their roster, waived Jackson on July 23, and he agreed to a one-year deal with Philadelphia six days later.

**Outlook:** Jackson wasn't a reliable fantasy option backing up Murray in Denver, and that's unlikely to change in Philadelphia. Tyrese Maxey will play most of the minutes at point guard, and the 76ers still have Kyle Lowry. Add in first-round pick Jared McCain, and there won't be much gained from rostering Jackson in any fantasy league.

## 44 Tre Jones San Antonio Spurs

Age: 24 HT: 6-1 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAS	69	16.6	6	2.4	4.9	49%	1	1.3	78%	0.1	2.2	3.4	0.6	0.1	0.7	15
2022	SAS	68	29.2	12.9	5	10.9	46%	2.2	2.5	86%	0.7	3.6	6.6	1.3	0.1	1.6	30
2023	SAS	77	27.8	10	3.9	7.8	51%	1.3	1.5	86%	0.8	3.8	6.2	1	0.1	1.5	26
PROJ	SAS	72	19.4	6.9	2.8	5.4	51	0.8	1	86%	0.5	2.4	4	0.6	0.1	1.1	26

**2023-24:** After starting 65 of 68 games the season prior, Jones began the 2023-24 campaign as a reserve. The Spurs wanted to try Jeremy Sochan at the point, resulting in Jones' demotion. That experiment didn't even make it to the season's halfway point, with Jones returning to the starting lineup in early January. A fixture in the starting five from that point onward, Jones averaged 11.3 points, 4.3 rebounds, 7.0 assists, 1.2 steals, and 1.0 3-pointers in 30.3 minutes as a starter. For the season, he ranked just outside the top 75 in totals and just outside the top 100 in 8- and 9-cat per-game value.

**What's Changed:** Jones remains on the Spurs roster, and he's likely headed to the bench. The Spurs signed Chris Paul to a one-year deal, and he (obviously) brings more to the table as a floor general than Sochan did last season.

**Outlook:** Even with the Sochan experiment to begin last season, that did not deter fantasy managers from grabbing Jones with a late-round pick. Most knew that he would be of value at some point. That may not be the case with Paul entering the fold for the 2024-25 season. CP3 hasn't surpassed the 70 games played mark since the 2015-16 season, so Jones will be worth considering late in deeper leagues. However, he is not someone fantasy managers should view as a must-draft player.

## 45 Kris Dunn Los Angeles Clippers

Age: 30 HT: 6-3 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	POR	14	24	7.6	3.1	7.3	43%	1.2	1.3	94%	0.1	3.5	5.6	1.6	0.2	2.3	23
2022	UTA	22	25.8	13.2	5.3	9.8	54%	1.9	2.4	77%	0.8	4.5	5.6	1.1	0.5	1.6	30
2023	UTA	66	18.9	5.4	2.2	4.7	47%	0.3	0.5	69%	0.6	2.9	3.8	1	0.4	1.2	18
PROJ	LAC	62	14.5	4.2	1.7	3.6	47	0.3	0.4	69%	0.5	2.3	3	0.8	0.3	0.9	18

**2023-24:** As one of the Jazz's point guards, Dunn provided solid value in limited minutes. He played 18.9 minutes per game and averaged 5.4 points, 2.9 rebounds, 3.8 assists, and 1.0 steals. Most of his value came from dimes and swipes, and in his 32 starts last season, he averaged 5.1 assists, 1.3 steals, and 0.7 blocks in 21.8 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** After two seasons with the Jazz, Dunn will have a fresh start with the Clippers, where he will compete for the backup point guard job. He will be one of their best defensive guards from day one, which should help him earn a spot in the rotation. Behind James Harden, Dunn, Bones Hyland, and Kevin Porter Jr. will be in contention for the bench minutes in the backcourt.

**Outlook:** In his 22 games with the Jazz during the 2022-23 season, Dunn was a top-75 player in 9-cat leagues. His role was minor throughout last season, but he was still effective in his limited action. Now, he'll have a chance to fill the void that Russell Westbrook left. Russ logged 22.5 minutes per game last season, and if Dunn can get to that number, he should be able to provide decent assist and steal numbers, especially in deeper leagues. If he ever moves into the starting unit, he may also have some streaming value.

## 46 Carlton Carrington Washington Wizards

Age: 19 HT: 6-4 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	WAS	68	22.3	9.9	3.4	8.6	40	1.6	2	78%	1.4	3.4	2.9	0.5	0.1	1.6	0

**2023-24:** Carrington was a star during his lone season at Pittsburgh. He averaged 13.8 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.1 assists, and 2.0 triples in 33.2 minutes per game. As a four-star prospect, Carrington recorded a triple-double in his first college game and ultimately earned ACC All-Freshman team honors.

**What's Changed:** His play as a freshman resulted in Washington drafting him with the No. 14 pick in the draft. The 19-year-old will have a chance to learn from Malcolm Brogdon early in the season as he tries to help the Wizards build a contending team.

**Outlook:** While Carrington has a lot of upside in the long term, his production will likely be limited as a rookie. He isn't going to step in as the starting point guard from day one, and rookie point guards often struggle a lot early on. He'll likely see an expanded role later in the season but don't expect him to put up big numbers from day one. Keep an eye on him as a potential silly season hero.

## 47 Cameron Payne New York Knicks

Age: 30 HT: 6-3 WT: 183

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHX	58	22	10.8	4.1	10.1	41%	1.3	1.5	84%	1.2	3	4.9	0.7	0.3	1.8	23
2022	PHX	48	20.2	10.3	3.9	9.4	42%	1	1.3	77%	1.4	2.2	4.5	0.7	0.2	1.7	21
2023	MIL	47	14.9	6.2	2.1	4.7	46%	0.8	0.9	84%	1.1	1.3	2.3	0.5	0.1	0.7	12
PROJ	NYK	65	10.4	4.5	1.6	3.8	43	0.4	0.5	87%	0.8	0.9	1.6	0.3	0.9	0.5	12

**2023-24:** After three-plus seasons with the Suns, Payne split his time between Milwaukee and Philadelphia in 2023-24. He played 78 regular season games in total, averaging 7.4 points, 1.5 rebounds, 2.6 assists, and 1.3 3-pointers in 16.7 minutes, shooting 43.2% from the field and 86.6% from the foul line. Payne wasn't a consistent factor in fantasy basketball, but he did reach double figures in five of his eight starts for the 76ers. One notable performance was Payne's 24-point effort in a March 31 win over Toronto, rewarding fantasy managers who decided to stream him that night.

**What's Changed:** Payne remains in the Atlantic Division but moved a short distance north, agreeing to a one-year deal with the Knicks worth the veteran minimum.

**Outlook:** While Payne grabbed the Knicks' attention during the postseason, scoring 11 points in Philadelphia's Game 3 victory, he's in a difficult spot regarding fantasy value. In addition to New York having Jalen Brunson run the show, Miles McBride will also factor into the rotation. Add in second-round pick Tyler Kolek, and Payne is unlikely to get the run needed to impact fantasy basketball. He won't be worth the trouble for most managers outside of being an occasional streamer.

## 48 Bones Hyland Los Angeles Clippers

Age: 24 HT: 6-2 WT: 169

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DEN	69	19	10.1	3.3	8.3	40%	1.6	1.8	86%	1.9	2.7	2.8	0.6	0.3	1.2	19
2022	DEN	42	19.5	12.1	4.1	10.3	40%	1.7	2	87%	2.2	2	3	0.7	0.3	1.6	20
2023	LAC	37	14.6	6.9	2.6	6.8	39%	0.5	0.6	78%	1.2	1.5	2.5	0.7	0.1	1.2	14
PROJ	LAC	45	13.5	6.5	2.4	6.3	39	0.5	0.6	78%	1.2	1.4	2.4	0.7	0.1	1.1	14



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**2023-24:** Hyland's role was incredibly limited in his first full season with the Clippers. He made 37 appearances and averaged 6.9 points, 1.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists, and 1.2 triples per game. He had a few big games when he was given more minutes in April after their playoff seeding was locked in, but once they traded for James Harden, he was pretty much out of the rotation.

**What's Changed:** Russell Westbrook is gone, but the Clippers added Kris Dunn and Kevin Porter Jr. Hyland will compete with Dunn and KPJ for the backup point guard minutes behind James Harden.

**Outlook:** Hyland is a talented scorer and passer, but the small guard hasn't been able to carve out a consistent role with the Clippers. He appeared to have a ton of upside when he was with the Nuggets, but after being sent to LA, his career has been derailed. However, he'll have a chance to improve his fortunes this season. It's unclear who Tyronn Lue will favor as the backup to Harden, but if Bones can earn that role, he may be able to make a fantasy impact. At this point, he isn't worth drafting, but managers should monitor his status as training camp approaches.

## 49 Anthony Black Orlando Magic

Age: 20 HT: 6-7 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	V!
2023	ORL	69	16.9	4.6	1.7	3.6	47%	0.7	1.2	61%	0.5	2	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	11
PROJ	ORL	67	19.6	5.4	2	4.2	47	0.8	1.4	61%	0.6	2.4	1.6	0.6	0.4	0.9	11

**2023-24:** Despite being selected with the No. 6 pick in the draft, Black didn't play a prominent role as a rookie. He averaged 4.6 points, 2.0 rebounds and 1.3 assists in 16.9 minutes per game during his rookie season.

**What's Changed:** Heading into year two, Black should show some growth.

They also didn't re-sign Markelle Fultz, which may be able to open up some minutes off the bench for Black.

**Outlook:** While he's still young and has a ton of upside, there isn't a clear path for him to take on more minutes. If he simply improves and earns them, then he should be able to make an impact in fantasy, mostly with his impact on the defensive end. However, there isn't really a reason to expect that leap to happen this season.

## 50 Vasilije Micic Charlotte Hornets

Age: 30 HT: 6-3 WT: 188

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	V!
2023	OKC	30	12	3.3	1.2	3	41%	0.5	0.6	74%	0.4	0.8	2.5	0.3	0.1	1	8
PROJ	CHA	62	14	5.1	1.9	4.4	43	0.8	1	81%	0.6	1.1	3.4	0.4	0.1	1.2	8

**2023-24:** Despite being drafted in 2014, Micic didn't make his NBA debut until this past season. He started the year with OKC before being traded to the Hornets at the deadline. He started 21 of his 30 games in Charlotte and averaged 10.8 points, 2.1 rebounds, 6.2 assists, and 1.1 triples in 27.2 minutes per game, significantly better than his small reserve role with the Thunder.

**What's Changed:** LaMelo Ball is healthy to start the year after playing just 22 games last season. Micic played a prominent role as the starting point guard with Charlotte last season, but he'll be pushed to the bench this year.

**Outlook:** Micic proved he could run an offense at the NBA level last season and will be a valuable reserve for the Hornets this year. However, as long as LaMelo is available, Micic's role will be too limited for him to impact the box score. When Ball misses time this year, Micic will be an elite source of assists as a streaming option, but his value will depend entirely on LaMelo's health.



**Damian Lillard**

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**Donovan Mitchell**

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## 1 Donovan Mitchell Cleveland Cavaliers

Age: 28 HT: 6-3 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	UTA	67	33.8	25.9	9.2	20.5	45%	4	4.7	85%	3.5	4.2	5.3	1.5	0.2	3	41
2022	CLE	68	35.8	28.3	10	20.6	48%	4.7	5.4	87%	3.6	4.3	4.4	1.5	0.4	2.6	43
2023	CLE	55	35.3	26.6	9.1	19.8	46%	5	5.8	87%	3.3	5.1	6.1	1.8	0.5	2.8	46
PROJ	CLE	67	35.5	27.1	9.2	19.9	46	5.2	6	86%	3.5	5.3	6.3	1.9	0.6	2.8	46

**2023-24:** After a stellar debut 2022-23 season in Cleveland, Mitchell earned a fifth straight All-Star Game appearance in 2023-24. In 35.3 minutes per game, he accounted for 26.6 points, 5.1 rebounds, 6.1 assists, 1.8 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 3.3 3-pointers. Shooting 46.2% from the field and 86.5% from the foul line, Mitchell provided top 10 per-game value in 8- and 9-cat formats. The lone issue was availability, as Spida struggled with a bone bruise in his left knee for much of the season. Mitchell received a PRP injection in early March, beginning a stretch in which he missed 13 of 15 games. He made 55 appearances for the Cavaliers for the season and led the franchise to its first postseason series win since LeBron James last wore the uniform.

**What's Changed:** The most significant change is that Mitchell's knee is no longer an issue, so he'll be good to go when training camp opens at the end of September. Also of note was the decision to sign a three-year extension worth over \$150.3 million that will go into effect in 2025-25. This should quiet the speculation regarding Mitchell's immediate future in Cleveland.

**Outlook:** When available, Mitchell was an elite fantasy option last season. There remain questions regarding his fit with Darius Garland, but Cleveland is sticking with their "core four" (including bigs Evan Mobley and Jarrett Allen) as they look to contend in the East. Mitchell isn't a player who has to be selected in the back end of the first round, but a case can certainly be made. At worst, he should come off most draft boards early in the second round.

## 2 Devin Booker Phoenix Suns

Age: 27 HT: 6-6 WT: 206

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHX	68	34.5	26.8	9.7	20.9	47%	4.6	5.3	87%	2.7	5	4.8	1.1	0.4	2.4	42
2022	PHX	53	34.6	27.8	9.9	20.1	49%	5.8	6.8	86%	2.1	4.5	5.5	1	0.3	2.7	43
2023	PHX	68	36	27.1	9.4	19.2	49%	6	6.7	89%	2.2	4.5	6.9	0.9	0.4	2.6	44
PROJ	PHX	68	35.5	27.3	9.3	18.9	49	6.3	7.1	89%	2.4	4.8	7.3	1	0.4	2.6	44

**2023-24:** The first season of Phoenix's new big three worked in favor of Booker. He had the best fantasy season of his career and averaged 27.1 points, 4.5 rebounds, 6.9 assists, and 2.2 triples per game, which allowed him to finish in the top 20 in 9-cat leagues. Without a true point guard, Book posted a career-high in assists without sacrificing his scoring. He had some excellent performances throughout the year, which helped prove that any additions the team makes aren't going to limit Booker.

**What's Changed:** Phoenix fired Frank Vogel, brought in Mike Budenholzer, and added more depth, but this squad is still built around the same three stars. The addition of Bradley Beal didn't impact Book's production, though they did bring in Tyus Jones, which may be a more impactful move if he ends up being the permanent starting point guard.

**Outlook:** While Booker will still be among the elite in fantasy basketball, the addition of Jones may alter his stat line. His assist numbers took a hit while playing alongside Chris Paul, and while Jones is no CP3, having a true point guard could limit Booker's playmaking responsibilities. Still, there's no reason to think he won't continue providing high-level numbers. The Suns have had plenty of time to build chemistry, and Book is coming off an excellent performance with Team USA. There's no reason to think he will be drafted outside of the first two rounds in leagues this year.

## 3 Kyrie Irving Dallas Mavericks

Age: 32 HT: 6-2 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BKN	29	37.6	27.4	10	21.2	47%	4.1	4.4	92%	3.4	4.4	5.8	1.4	0.6	2.5	45
2022	BKN	40	37	27.1	10	20.5	49%	4	4.5	88%	3.3	5.1	5.3	1	0.8	2.3	44
2023	DAL	58	35	25.6	9.7	19.5	50%	3.3	3.6	91%	3	5	5.2	1.3	0.5	1.8	43
PROJ	DAL	64	34.2	25.3	9.5	19.1	50	3.3	3.7	90%	3	5.1	5.2	1.3	0.5	1.8	43

**2023-24:** Irving's first full season in Dallas went as well as anyone could have hoped. While the scoring (25.6 per game) decreased compared to his production post-trade from Brooklyn, the eight-time All-Star still provided first-round per-game value in fantasy. In addition to the points, Irving averaged 5.0 rebounds, 5.2 assists, 1.3 steals, and 3.0 3-pointers in 35.0 minutes, shooting 49.7% from the field and 90.5% from the foul line. The chemistry between Kyrie and Luka Doncic was a critical reason why Dallas reached the NBA Finals for the first time since 2011.

**What's Changed:** Nothing's changed for Irving, who will again be an offensive focal point for the Mavericks in 2024-25.

**Outlook:** While Irving did manage to provide first-round fantasy value, can managers safely make that reach in drafts? Even with the production, he appeared in just 58 games in 2023-24 and has not surpassed 60 since the 2018-19 season (67 games with Boston). The last time Irving appeared in at least 70 regular season games was 2016-17, his final season with the Cavaliers. Kyrie should be a second-round pick in most fantasy leagues, with availability being the concern.

## 4 Anthony Edwards Minnesota Timberwolves

Age: 23 HT: 6-4 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	72	34.3	21.3	7.6	17.3	44%	3.1	3.9	79%	3	4.8	3.8	1.5	0.6	2.6	37
2022	MIN	79	36	24.6	8.9	19.5	46%	4	5.3	76%	2.7	5.8	4.4	1.6	0.7	3.3	42
2023	MIN	79	35.1	25.9	9.1	19.7	46%	5.4	6.4	84%	2.4	5.4	5.1	1.3	0.5	3.1	42
PROJ	MIN	75	35.5	27	9.2	20	46	6	7.1	84%	2.7	6.1	5.7	1.4	0.6	3.1	42

**2023-24:** After a stellar (albeit short) 2022-23 postseason run and a strong showing at the 2023 FIBA World Cup, Edwards was one of the most hyped players heading into 2023-24 fantasy hoops drafts. While he failed to return lofty first or second-round value, his monster production was good enough to finish 37th per game. Not too shabby. Edwards finished with career highs in points (25.9) and assists (5.1) to go with 5.4 boards, 1.3 steals, 0.5 blocks and 2.4 triples. His shooting improved for the third straight season, and Edwards knocked down shots at career-high marks from the field (46.1%) and the charity stripe (83.6%). Despite logging 35.1 minutes per game, Edwards' durability was on full display as he appeared in 79 games. He's logged at least 72 games in all four NBA seasons. Edwards' improved regular-season production led the Wolves to a 56-26 record and the No. 3 seed in the East. He averaged 27.6/7.0/6.5/1.5 in the playoffs, guiding Minnesota past the defending champion Nuggets in the Western Conference semifinals for Minnesota's first Western Conference Finals appearance in 20 seasons. Edwards further cemented himself as one of the league's premier young talents with a gold medal in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.

**What's Changed:** The Wolves didn't bring in anyone to compete with Edwards for minutes, so it should be business as usual for Ant-Man in 2024-25.

**Outlook:** What more can be said for Edwards? He's on the short list of players who could become the face of the league in the post-LeBron, post-Steph era. If he continues to ascend and remain durable, he can be a first or second-round option in fantasy leagues. Edwards just turned 23 in August, and his best basketball is still in front of him. His ADP (per Hashtag Basketball) has climbed into the top 10, so if you want Ant-Man on your team for the 2024-25 campaign, you'll need to pony up a first-round pick.

## 5 Desmond Bane Memphis Grizzlies

Age: 26 HT: 6-5 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	76	29.8	18.2	6.7	14.5	46%	1.8	2	90%	3	4.4	2.7	1.2	0.4	1.5	31
2022	MEM	58	31.7	21.5	7.8	16.2	48%	3.1	3.5	88%	2.9	5	4.4	1	0.4	2.2	36
2023	MEM	42	34.4	23.7	8.6	18.5	46%	3.3	3.8	87%	3.3	4.4	5.5	1	0.5	2.7	39
PROJ	MEM	68	33.5	23.6	8.3	18	46	3.5	4	87%	3.4	4.6	5.7	1.1	0.6	2.6	39

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**2023-24:** After a stellar 2022-23 campaign, Bane's scoring and assist numbers increased in 2023-24. The problem: injuries, as he only appeared in 42 games. Failing to crack the 60 games played mark for a second straight season, Bane averaged 23.7 points, 4.4 rebounds, 5.5 assists, 1.0 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 3.3 3-pointers in 34.4 minutes. Shooting 46.4% from the field and 87.0% from the foul line, Bane provided third-round, per-game value in 8- and 9-cat formats. Due to the lack of availability, he finished the season ranked outside the top 130 in totals.

**What's Changed:** Bane's biggest change is that he's healthy. A Grade 3 ankle sprain he suffered in mid-January sidelined him for two months, and the Grizzlies guard played five more games before being shut down on March 27 due to a lumbar disk bulge in his back.

**Outlook:** Bane is a fixture in the starting lineup, which will not change in 2024-25. The Grizzlies will also have a healthy Marcus Smart on the floor, which means Bane could be asked to shift down to the three for size reasons, but his role will not be significantly impacted. He's provided third-round, per-game fantasy value each of the last three seasons, and that streak should reach four if Bane and the other vital Grizzlies stay healthy. While the fantasy ceiling is limited, Bane's floor makes him a relatively safe third or fourth-round pick.

## 6 Derrick White Boston Celtics

Age: 30 HT: 6-4 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAS	49	30.3	14.4	5	11.6	43%	2.8	3.3	87%	1.7	3.5	5.6	1	0.9	1.8	31
2022	BOS	82	28.3	12.4	4.3	9.2	46%	2	2.3	88%	1.8	3.6	3.9	0.7	0.9	1.2	26
2023	BOS	73	32.6	15.2	5.3	11.5	46%	1.9	2.1	90%	2.7	4.2	5.2	1	1.2	1.5	33
PROJ	BOS	70	33.3	15.7	5.4	11.7	46	2	2.2	90%	2.9	4.5	5.5	1.1	1.3	1.6	33

**2023-24:** With Jrue Holiday being acquired just before the start of training camp, White was the player many fantasy managers expected to take the most significant hit. But that was not the case, as he produced improved averages in points, rebounds, assists, blocks, and 3-pointers compared to the 2022-23 campaign. Appearing in 73 games, White tallied 15.2 points, 4.2 rebounds, 5.2 assists, 1.0 steals, 1.2 blocks, and 2.7 3-pointers in 32.6 minutes. Shooting 46.1% from the field and 90.1% from the foul line, he finished the season just outside the top 25 in 8- and 9-cat per-game value.

**What's Changed:** White was a late addition to the United States Olympic team, replacing Kawhi Leonard. The Celtics guard helped lead Team USA to another gold medal in Paris, figuring more prominently in Steve Kerr's rotation than Jayson Tatum. Nothing has changed for White besides having a gold medal on his resume.

**Outlook:** White was one of the biggest surprises in fantasy basketball last season. While managers were undoubtedly aware of his capabilities, few expected him to threaten top-25 value before the season began. Should he be selected that early in drafts, especially with Kristaps Porzingis (leg) likely out until November at the earliest? Probably not. But fantasy managers can do far worse than selecting White with a top-50 pick in standard leagues.

## 7 CJ McCollum New Orleans Pelicans

Age: 32 HT: 6-3 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	POR	36	35.2	20.5	8.1	18.5	44%	1.3	1.9	71%	3.1	4.3	4.5	1	0.6	1.9	35
2022	NOP	75	35.3	20.9	7.8	17.9	44%	2.4	3.2	77%	2.8	4.4	5.7	0.9	0.5	2.4	37
2023	NOP	66	32.7	20	7.3	16	46%	1.7	2.1	83%	3.6	4.3	4.6	0.9	0.6	1.7	35
PROJ	NOP	65	31.7	19.1	7.1	15.5	46	1.6	1.9	83%	3.3	3.9	4.2	0.9	0.6	1.6	35

**2023-24:** After appearing in 75 games during his first full season with the Pelicans, McCollum made 66 appearances last season. Averaging 32.7 minutes, he accounted for 20.0 points, 4.3 rebounds, 4.6 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 3.6 3-pointers per game. McCollum had the best season of his NBA career from beyond the arc, making 42.9% of his 8.4 attempts per game. This was the first time CJ shot at least 40% from three since the 2020-21 campaign when he made 40.2% of his attempts as a Portland TrailBlazer. McCollum was one of the bigger surprises in

fantasy basketball, ranking 35th in 9-cat, per-game value according to Basketball Monster. He entered the season with a Yahoo ADP of 81, so it's safe to say most fantasy managers did not expect this kind of output from McCollum.

**What's Changed:** New Orleans acquired Dejounte Murray from the Hawks, adding a bonafide point guard to the starting lineup. Does this shift McCollum to the two, or will he be forced to come off the bench?

**Outlook:** Adding Murray stands to change the Pelicans' starting lineup. Will it be McCollum who heads to the bench or someone else? Regardless of what Pelicans coach Willie Green decides, the usage, which has decreased in each of CJ's seasons in New Orleans, stands to take a hit. While that wasn't an issue last season, as McCollum produced one of his most efficient seasons as a pro, fantasy managers should not bank on similar production, especially if he's moved into a reserve role. McCollum's placement in drafts will depend on the lineup; if he remains a starter, CJ should be a relatively safe middle-round option in standard leagues.

## 8 Bradley Beal Phoenix Suns

Age: 31 HT: 6-4 WT: 207

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	WAS	40	36	23.2	8.7	19.3	45%	4.2	5.1	83%	1.6	4.7	6.6	0.9	0.4	3.4	39
2022	WAS	50	33.5	23.2	8.9	17.6	51%	3.8	4.6	84%	1.6	3.9	5.4	0.9	0.7	2.9	38
2023	PHX	53	33.3	18.2	7.1	13.9	51%	2.1	2.5	81%	1.9	4.4	5	1	0.5	2.5	33
PROJ	PHX	55	33.1	17.8	7	13.8	51	1.9	2.4	81%	1.8	4.1	4.7	0.9	0.5	2.5	33

**2023-24:** After spending the first decade of his career in Washington, Beal put on a different jersey for the first time in his career. His production had already decreased during his final two years with the Wizards, but he had his lowest-scoring output since the 2015-16 season. However, he made up for that slightly with a career-best field goal percentage of 51.3%, and his production improved in the second half of the season. He averaged 18.2 points, 4.4 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 1.0 steals, and 1.9 threes per game.

**What's Changed:** Beal has a year of experience playing alongside Kevin Durant and Devin Booker, which should help him get off to a better start than last year. He didn't miss a game after March 1st and only missed five games after January 1st. He missed a lot of time early last season, but he should be healthy heading into his second year in Phoenix.

**Outlook:** There is a reason to be optimistic about Beal's production heading into next season. He should be healthy, and his production in the second half was far superior to what he did during the first half of the season. He has had a few top-15 seasons over the last five seasons, and while he won't get to that level of production while playing on this star-studded squad, the talent is still there. Beal should be a high-upside selection in the middle rounds that fits any team build.

## 9 Devin Vassell San Antonio Spurs

Age: 24 HT: 6-5 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAS	71	27.3	12.3	4.6	10.8	43%	1.2	1.4	84%	1.9	4.3	1.9	1.1	0.6	0.8	25
2022	SAS	38	31	18.5	6.9	15.7	44%	2.1	2.6	78%	2.7	3.9	3.6	1.1	0.4	1.5	32
2023	SAS	68	33.1	19.5	7.3	15.5	47%	2.4	3	80%	2.4	3.8	4.1	1.1	0.3	1.6	33
PROJ	SAS	68	30.6	18.2	6.8	14.4	47	2.3	2.8	80%	2.3	3.7	3.9	1	0.3	1.5	33

**2023-24:** After appearing in only 38 games the season prior due to injury, Vassell's availability improved in 2023-24. In 68 games, he averaged 19.5 points, 3.8 rebounds, 4.1 assists, 1.1 steals, and 2.4 3-pointers in 33.1 minutes, shooting 47.2% from the field and 80.1% from the foul line. Establishing new career highs in points, assists, 3-pointers, and field goal percentage, Vassell provided top-75 per-game value in 8- and 9-cat formats. That can also be said for his value in totals, with the versatile Spurs wing being San Antonio's second-best fantasy asset behind Victor Wembanyama.

**What's Changed:** While the Spurs did add Harrison Barnes in a three-team trade with Sacramento and Chicago, this should not impact Vassell's place within the rotation.



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**Outlook:** Other than Wembanyama, Vassell is San Antonio's most reliable fantasy option. His per-game ranking has improved every season of his NBA career, and the addition of Chris Paul means he'll get to play off of an elite point guard (even if CP3 is in the twilight of his career). Provided he remains healthy, Vassell's fantasy floor should be safe, making him a solid middle-round selection in standard leagues. The only question is whether or not the assist production holds steady in the aftermath of CP3's arrival.

## 10 Anfernee Simons Portland Trail Blazers

Age: 25 HT: 6-3 WT: 193

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	POR	57	29.5	17.3	6.2	14	44%	1.8	2	89%	3.1	2.6	3.9	0.5	0.1	2	26
2022	POR	62	35	21.1	7.5	16.9	45%	2.6	2.9	89%	3.4	2.6	4.1	0.7	0.2	2.1	31
2023	POR	46	34.4	22.6	7.8	18.2	43%	3.5	3.9	92%	3.4	3.6	5.5	0.5	0.1	2.7	34
PROJ	POR	64	32.8	21.8	7.5	17.4	43	3.6	3.9	92%	3.3	3.5	5.1	0.5	0.1	2.6	34

**2023-24:** Simons enjoyed another productive season regarding per-game value, setting new career highs in points, rebounds, assists, and FT% while tying his career high in made three-pointers. Simons finished the 2023-24 season with averages of 22.6 points, 3.6 rebounds, 5.5 assists, 0.5 steals, and 3.4 triples, and he knocked down at least three treys per game for the third consecutive campaign. Ankle and knee injuries limited Simons to 46 games, but missing time is nothing new, as he averaged 59.5 games across the two seasons prior. Simons finished just inside the eighth round in fantasy value in his sixth season.

**What's Changed:** Portland traded Malcolm Brogdon for Deni Avdija, but the Blazers' only notable offseason addition at guard is Devonte' Graham.

**Outlook:** Simons is locked into a starting role, filling out the backcourt alongside second-year man Scoot Henderson, who figures to open the season as Portland's starting point guard. Simons is an elite shooter from three-point range and the charity stripe, a quality scorer, and an adept facilitator who should command high usage for a team that projects to be one of the worst in the Association for a third straight season. Simons is worth a look in the eighth or ninth rounds of 2024-25 fantasy hoops drafts.

## 11 Zach LaVine Chicago Bulls

Age: 29 HT: 6-5 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHI	67	34.7	24.4	8.4	17.7	48%	4.8	5.6	85%	2.8	4.6	4.5	0.6	0.3	2.6	37
2022	CHI	77	35.9	24.8	8.7	18	49%	4.7	5.6	85%	2.6	4.5	4.2	0.9	0.2	2.5	37
2023	CHI	25	34.9	19.5	6.8	15	45%	3.5	4.1	85%	2.4	5.2	3.9	0.8	0.3	2.1	33
PROJ	CHI	59	30.3	16.7	5.9	13.1	45	2.9	3.4	85%	1.9	4.2	3.2	0.7	0.3	1.8	33

**2023-24:** LaVine's season was short-circuited due to a right foot injury. A case of inflammation that was initially expected to sideline him for one week put the veteran guard out of commission for over a month, and he only played seven games in January before the decision was made to shut him down for the rest of the season. LaVine played 25 games in total, averaging 19.5 points, 5.2 rebounds, 3.9 assists, 0.8 steals, and 2.4 3-pointers in 34.9 minutes, shooting 45.2% from the field and 85.4% from the foul line. While he ranked just outside the top 75 in per-game fantasy value, that didn't do managers much good.

**What's Changed:** LaVine has had time to recover from the foot injury. In January, it was announced that he faced a recovery timeline of 4-6 months. He should be ready to go when training camp begins at the end of September. Also of note is DeMar DeRozan's departure, which may boost LaVine's usage slightly. His place of employment didn't change, as the Bulls have been unable to move LaVine's onerous contract.

**Outlook:** With LaVine being owed well over \$130 million over the final three seasons of his deal, it's doubtful that he's going anywhere anytime soon. That figure is one of the reasons why Chicago hasn't pivoted to a full rebuild, instead chasing a Play-In tournament spot. LaVine will figure prominently in the rotation, likely shifting to the three, with Josh Giddey and Coby White making up the backcourt.

Zach can undoubtedly provide top-50 fantasy value if he can remain healthy, but there's no need to reach that early in drafts. Look for LaVine in the 6th or 7th-round in most leagues.

## 12 Tyler Herro Miami Heat

Age: 24 HT: 6-5 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIA	66	32.6	20.7	7.6	17	45%	2.9	3.3	87%	2.7	5	4	0.7	0.1	2.6	33
2022	MIA	67	34.9	20.1	7.3	16.6	44%	2.5	2.7	93%	3	5.4	4.2	0.8	0.2	2.4	34
2023	MIA	42	33.5	20.8	7.7	17.5	44%	2.3	2.6	86%	3.1	5.3	4.5	0.7	0.1	2.2	34
PROJ	MIA	65	33.1	20.7	7.6	17.3	44	2.3	2.7	86%	3.2	5.4	4.6	0.7	0.1	2.2	34

**2023-24:** Following a hand injury preventing Herro from being part of Miami's run to the NBA Finals, he had to deal with a full season plagued by ailments. He played in a career-low 42 games and averaged 20.8 points, 5.3 rebounds, 4.5 assists, and 3.1 threes per game, ranking him in the top 100. The defensive numbers and field goal percentage still weren't great, but the points, assists, and 3-pointers were all career-highs.

**What's Changed:** Herro will be healthy heading into next season, so he should be the starting shooting guard alongside Terry Rozier. Jaime Jaquez Jr., Josh Richardson, and Alec Burks will all be looking for minutes on the wing, but Herro should remain the priority.

**Outlook:** Over the last three seasons, Herro has been a top-100 player in 9-cat leagues with similar production each year. He's productive in points, 3-pointers, and free throw percentage, decent in rebounds and assists, and doesn't contribute much in the other categories. There's no reason to think that won't continue this season. However, he may see a slight hit in usage when the entire team is healthy since he'll be splitting touches with Rozier and Jimmy Butler after the trio only played in 10 games together last season.

## 13 Cam Thomas Brooklyn Nets

Age: 22 HT: 6-3 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BKN	67	17.6	8.5	3.3	7.5	43%	1.3	1.6	83%	0.7	2.4	1.2	0.5	0.1	0.8	14
2022	BKN	57	16.6	10.6	3.5	8	44%	2.6	3.1	87%	0.9	1.7	1.4	0.4	0.1	1.1	15
2023	BKN	66	31.4	22.5	8	18	44%	4.3	5.1	86%	2.2	3.2	2.9	0.7	0.2	1.9	32
PROJ	BKN	68	32.5	24.1	8.2	18.6	44	5.1	5.9	86%	2.6	3.8	3.4	0.8	0.3	1.9	32

**2023-24:** After averaging 17.6 and 16.6 minutes per game during his first two seasons, Thomas experienced a significant uptick in playing time as the Nets accepted the need to pivot to a rebuild. The 2021 first-round pick finished seventh in the Most Improved Player award voting after recording averages of 22.5 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.9 assists, 0.7 steals, and 2.2 3-pointers in 31.4 minutes. Thomas shot 44.2% from the field and 85.6% from the foul line, and the limited production outside of points and 3-pointers weighed down his fantasy value, ranking outside the top 100 in 8- and 9-cat, per-game value.

**What's Changed:** The most notable change for the Nets franchise was Mikal Bridges's trade to the Knicks. Thomas's contract status has remained unchanged. If that's the case when the regular season begins, he'll be a restricted free agent next summer.

**Outlook:** With Bridges gone, Thomas will play an even more prominent role within first-year head coach Jordi Fernandez's system. That should boost his fantasy value, but the ability to provide more than just scoring will be critical. Not only for Thomas' fantasy prospects in 2024-25 but also for how much he'll earn from the Nets or another team should he hit restricted free agency next summer. Selecting Thomas within the top 100 would be wise, as the current status of the Nets roster boosts his upside.

## 14 Josh Giddey Chicago Bulls

Age: 21 HT: 6-8 WT: 216

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Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	OKC	54	31.5	12.5	5.2	12.4	42%	1	1.5	71%	1	7.8	6.4	0.9	0.4	3.2	32
2022	OKC	76	31.1	16.6	7.1	14.7	48%	1.4	1.9	73%	1	7.9	6.2	0.8	0.4	2.8	36
2023	OKC	80	25.1	12.3	5	10.6	48%	1.3	1.6	81%	1	6.4	4.8	0.6	0.6	2.1	29
PROJ	CHI	74	28.8	12.9	5.1	10.8	47	1.5	1.8	81%	1.2	7.5	5.6	0.8	0.6	2.1	29

**2023-24:** Giddey's third season in the NBA may have been his most difficult despite being a fixture in the Thunder starting lineup. The Australian made 80 starts alongside Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, averaging 12.3 points, 6.4 rebounds, 4.8 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 1.0 3-pointers in 25.1 minutes. The scoring decreased by more than four points compared to the 2022-23 season, and Giddey played an average of six minutes less. During the postseason, he took on a diminished role, as Oklahoma City could no longer compensate for his limited perimeter shooting ability. The writing was on the wall regarding his future with the Thunder by the time their second-round series against Dallas concluded.

**What's Changed:** Giddey is now in Chicago, as he was traded to the Bulls in exchange for Alex Caruso. While he's no longer on a contender, the 6-foot-8 guard is now in a space where he should have the ball in his hands more.

**Outlook:** The Bulls still have Coby White and Ayo Dosunmu on the roster, but neither would be considered a "pass-first" guard. Giddey can fill that void, and his solid play for Australia at the Paris Olympics should serve as a confidence booster. He's a player who, in early drafts, some managers have been willing to roll the dice with a 6th or 7th-round pick. Also, Giddey will be playing for a contract, as he'll be a restricted free agent next summer if he and the Bulls don't agree to a deal before the start of the season. The one wild card in this would be Lonzo Ball's health, as he has not played in over two years but was cleared for 5-on-5 work in August. However, given Chicago's move to acquire Giddey, he should have every opportunity to cement his status as the team's starting point guard.

## 15 Alex Caruso Oklahoma City Thunder

Age: 30 HT: 6-5 WT: 186

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHI	41	28	7.4	2.5	6.2	40%	1.4	1.8	80%	1	3.6	4	1.7	0.4	1.4	23
2022	CHI	67	23.5	5.6	1.9	4.3	46%	0.9	1.1	81%	0.8	2.9	2.9	1.5	0.7	1.1	19
2023	CHI	71	28.7	10.1	3.6	7.6	47%	1	1.4	76%	1.9	3.8	3.5	1.7	1	1.4	27
PROJ	OKC	72	26.3	9.4	3.3	7	47	1	1.3	76%	1.9	3.7	3.4	1.6	1	1.3	27

**2023-24:** Caruso enjoyed the best campaign of his career, racking up 10.1 points, 3.8 boards, 3.5 dimes, 1.7 steals, 1.0 blocks, and 1.9 triples while shooting 46.8% from the floor, and 76.0% from the charity stripe. Caruso was one of only eight players to average at least one steal and one block per game, and he was the only player to average at least 1.5 steals and 1.0 blocks. Most impressively, he did this from the guard position, and his elite defensive contributions propelled him to a top-50 fantasy finish. Aside from the rebounds, Caruso's counting stats and FG% were all career highs. He also averaged his most minutes (28.7) and appeared in his most games (71).

**What's Changed:** After three seasons with Chicago, Caruso—in the final year of his current contract—was traded to the Thunder as part of the deal that sent Josh Giddey to Chicago.

**Outlook:** Caruso showed what he could do with an expanded role in Chicago last season, and the Thunder will likely give him ample playing time in his inaugural campaign with the team. Caruso should see at least 25 minutes per game, and it wouldn't be surprising if he pushed for 28 or more as a member of OKC's new-look starting five. His ability to generate defensive stats at an elite level gives Caruso a solid floor, and he's not a category killer in percentages or turnovers. You can likely get him outside the top 100, making Caruso an excellent value pick in 2024-25 fantasy drafts.

## 16 Jordan Poole Washington Wizards

Age: 25 HT: 6-4 WT: 194

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	76	30	18.5	6.2	13.9	45%	3.2	3.5	93%	2.8	3.4	4	0.8	0.3	2.5	29
2022	GSW	82	30	20.4	6.7	15.6	43%	4.4	5.1	87%	2.6	2.7	4.5	0.8	0.3	3.1	31
2023	WAS	78	30.1	17.4	6.3	15.2	41%	2.5	2.8	88%	2.4	2.7	4.4	1.1	0.3	2.4	29
PROJ	WAS	74	31.6	18.5	6.6	16	41	2.7	3.1	88%	2.6	3	4.8	1.2	0.4	2.5	29

**2023-24:** Considering all the hype heading into the season, it couldn't have gone much worse for Poole. Despite an early ADP, Poole took a step back last season and averaged 17.4 points, 2.7 rebounds, 4.4 assists, 1.1 steals, and 2.4 threes per game while shooting 41.3% from the floor. The expectations were high for him now that he would be one of the primary scoring options, but that didn't happen, as he saw a decrease in usage. However, he finished the year strong with Tyus Jones sidelined since he was able to take over as the starting point guard.

**What's Changed:** Jones is gone, but the Wizards did bring in Malcolm Brogdon and draft Bub Carrington. It's unclear what the starting lineup will look like, but it wouldn't be shocking if Poole shifted back to playing shooting guard despite his late success as the lead ball handler.

**Outlook:** Poole was one of the most disappointing players in fantasy basketball last season, which means that many managers will be scared off by him this year. He's being drafted just inside the top 100, but he fits great on a team that is punting field goal percentage. If he can replicate some of his production from late in the season, when he averaged 20.9 points, 5.8 assists, 1.1 steals, and 3.2 triples per game over the final two months, Poole will be an incredible value in the middle rounds of drafts. However, the assists will likely depend on how large of a play-making role he has next to Brogdon and Carrington.

## 17 Buddy Hield Golden State Warriors

Age: 31 HT: 6-4 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAC	55	28.6	14.4	4.8	12.6	38%	1.5	1.7	87%	3.3	4	1.9	0.9	0.3	1.6	24
2022	IND	80	31	16.8	5.9	13	46%	1.3	1.6	82%	3.6	5	2.8	1.2	0.3	1.7	30
2023	IND	52	25.7	12	4.4	9.9	44%	0.5	0.6	85%	2.6	3.2	2.7	0.8	0.6	1.2	23
PROJ	GSW	80	30.1	14.5	5.2	11.9	44	0.8	0.9	88%	3.3	4.1	3.6	1.1	0.6	1.4	23

**2023-24:** After beginning last season with the Pacers, Hield was dealt to the 76ers at the deadline. He had a few solid performances but wasn't as productive in Philly as in Indiana. He averaged 12.1 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.6 triples per game for the season. He also played in a career-high 84 games because of the trade, though he had arguably his worst statistical season since his rookie year.

**What's Changed:** Hield gets another fresh start with the Warriors, who are looking to fill the void left by Klay Thompson. He'll be competing for backcourt minutes with Brandin Podziemski and De'Anthony Melton, though even if he is in a reserve role, Steve Kerr should be able to find a way to utilize his shooting.

**Outlook:** Hield may not have a clear path to play 30 minutes per game, but this is a good situation for Hield. The Warriors have consistently been among the top 3-point shooting teams over the past decade, and Hield has no issues firing away. The logjam in the backcourt will cap his upside, but he should still be able to make an impact. For comparison, Golden State shot three more 3-pointers than the Pacers last season and five more than the 76ers. A few of those shots will fall to Hield as they try to make up for Klay's nine attempts per game.

## 18 Collin Sexton Utah Jazz

Age: 25 HT: 6-3 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CLE	11	28.7	16	6.2	13.7	45%	2.6	3.5	74%	1	3.3	2.1	0.9	0	2.8	23
2022	UTA	48	23.9	14.3	4.9	9.8	51%	3.4	4.1	82%	1	2.2	2.9	0.6	0.1	1.8	22
2023	UTA	78	26.6	18.7	6.5	13.3	49%	4.1	4.7	86%	1.6	2.6	4.9	0.8	0.2	2.1	30
PROJ	UTA	75	29.5	20.9	7.2	14.8	49	4.8	5.6	86%	1.7	3.1	4.1	0.9	0.3	2.4	30

**2023-24:** Sexton was the true definition of a "post-hype sleeper" during the 2023-24 season. After landing in Utah the previous season, expectations were high for the "Young Bull" on a rebuilding team. Sexton finished his first campaign in Salt



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Lake City off the fantasy radar in 12-team leagues as starts, minutes, and usage failed to materialize. Sexton seized the reins in 2023-24, finishing with 18.7 points, 2.6 rebounds, 4.9 assists, and 1.6 triples across 26.6 minutes per game. Sexton shot 48.7% from the floor and 85.9% from the charity stripe while committing 2.1 turnovers per game. Sexton ranked 107th in per-game fantasy value on the season but was a top-75 guy for the final two months.

**What's Changed:** Sexton figures to open the new season as Utah's starting two guard after starting just 66 of his first 126 appearances with the Jazz.

**Outlook:** Despite a strong finish to the season, Sexton's early ADP (per Hashtag Basketball) is surprisingly outside the top 120 on Yahoo. Even if he's unable to replicate his late-season success, Sexton is a phenomenal value in this range, and he should be a popular, late-round target for fantasy managers.

## 19 Austin Reaves Los Angeles Lakers

Age: 26 HT: 6-5 WT: 197

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAL	61	23.2	7.3	2.4	5.2	46%	1.6	1.9	84%	0.9	3.2	1.8	0.5	0.3	0.7	16
2022	LAL	64	28.8	13	4	7.7	53%	3.6	4.1	86%	1.3	3	3.4	0.5	0.3	1.5	23
2023	LAL	82	32.1	15.9	5.6	11.5	49%	2.8	3.3	85%	1.9	4.3	5.5	0.8	0.3	2.1	31
PROJ	LAL	78	31.1	15.5	5.4	11.1	49	2.8	3.3	85%	1.9	4.3	5.5	0.8	0.3	2.1	31

**2023-24:** Reaves broke out during the second half of the 2022-23 season, and he made more improvements last season. He had the first top-100 season of his career with averages of 15.9 points, 4.3 rebounds, 5.5 assists, and 1.9 triples while shooting 48.6% from the floor. He wasn't as efficient at scoring the ball as he was the year before, which isn't surprising in an increased role. He also played 82 games for the first time in his career.

**What's Changed:** Entering year four, Reaves should be locked in as a starter under JJ Redick. He played 32.1 minutes per game last season, which should continue next season. Not much has changed that will impact Reaves. He's the young guy on a team full of veterans, and they may defer to him often during the regular season.

**Outlook:** Reaves should again be a top-100 player in 9-cat leagues, making him a safe option to draft. He has made significant improvements in the last two seasons, and it wouldn't be surprising if he took another step next year. However, it's hard to imagine him drastically improving his numbers. He'll be a well-rounded option at the guard spot, though managers shouldn't expect him to improve on the defensive end enough to improve his rankings significantly.

## 20 Grayson Allen Phoenix Suns

Age: 28 HT: 6-4 WT: 198

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIL	66	27.3	11.1	3.9	8.6	45%	1	1.1	87%	2.4	3.4	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.7	20
2022	MIL	72	27.4	10.4	3.4	7.7	44%	1.6	1.8	91%	2	3.3	2.3	0.9	0.2	1	20
2023	PHX	75	33.5	13.5	4.5	9.1	50%	1.7	2	88%	2.7	3.9	3	0.9	0.6	1.3	26
PROJ	PHX	72	32.7	13.3	4.4	8.9	50	1.7	2	88%	2.7	3.6	2.6	0.9	0.6	1.2	26

**2023-24:** Allen had the best season of his career in his first season with the Suns. He averaged 13.5 points, 3.9 rebounds, 3.0 assists, and 2.7 threes while shooting 49.9% from the floor, all career-highs. He was among the best 3-point shooters in the league and knocked down at least eight 3-pointers in seven games. He provided fifth-round value, which was by far the best finish of his career.

**What's Changed:** While Allen should still play a significant role, adding Tyus Jones may push Allen to a reserve role. He played a career-high 33.5 minutes per game, much more than most bench players see. He also had the best field goal percentage of his career by 3.4% percent and the best 3-point percentage by 4.2%.

**Outlook:** Coming off an incredible season like Allen just had, many players would end up being overdrafted. However, be careful when it comes to Allen. It wouldn't be surprising if his shooting percentages evened out closer to his career averages, and any decrease in playing time would hurt his value. He's still worth drafting in the later rounds, and there is certainly a chance he will again earn the starting spot. However, managers should temper their expectations this season.

## 21 Brandin Podziemski Golden State Warriors

Age: 21 HT: 6-4 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	GSW	74	26.6	9.2	3.7	8.1	45%	0.7	1.1	63%	1.2	5.8	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.2	24
PROJ	GSW	75	29.6	11.2	4.1	9.2	45	0.9	1.5	63%	1.9	6.8	4.6	1.2	0.3	1.3	24

**2023-24:** The Warriors selected Podz with the No. 19 pick in 2023, and he had a solid rookie season. He averaged 9.2 points, 5.8 rebounds, 3.7 assists, and 1.2 threes in 26.6 minutes per game. Podz was in and out of the starting unit throughout the season and produced well-rounded value in 26.6 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** Klay Thompson and Chris Paul are gone, and De'Anthony Melton and Buddy Hield replaced them. Podz should get the first chance at starting alongside Stephen Curry in the backcourt, and the Warriors value him highly since they refused to include him in trades for stars this summer.

**Outlook:** Reports this summer suggest that the Warriors want Podz to take eight to ten 3-pointers per game this season, which would be a significant step up after he took 3.2 per game last year. Combining a more prominent role and the development most players take from year one to year two should lead to an excellent season from Podz. If they want him to be such a large part of their offense that he's taking 8-10 threes per game, he could have a breakout year.

## 22 Marcus Smart Memphis Grizzlies

Age: 30 HT: 6-3 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	71	32.3	12.1	4.2	10.1	42%	2	2.5	79%	1.7	3.8	5.9	1.7	0.3	2.2	29
2022	BOS	61	32.1	11.5	4.1	9.9	42%	1.4	1.9	75%	1.9	3.1	6.3	1.5	0.4	2.3	28
2023	MEM	20	30.3	14.5	5.1	11.9	43%	2.2	2.8	77%	2.1	2.7	4.3	2.1	0.3	3.1	28
PROJ	MEM	67	28.9	13.6	4.9	11.3	43	2	2.6	77%	1.9	2.4	3.9	1.9	0.2	3	28

**2023-24:** To his surprise, Smart was included in a three-team trade with the Celtics and Wizards that marked the end of an era in Boston. While the Celtics received Kristaps Porzingis and went on to win their 18th NBA title, Smart watched most of his first season in Memphis on the sideline due to injury. Limited to 20 games, he averaged 14.5 points, 2.7 rebounds, 4.3 assists, 2.1 steals, and 2.1 3-pointers, shooting 43.0% from the field and 76.8% from the foul line. Smart finished the season ranked just outside the top 100 in per-game fantasy value, with his impact significantly limited due to his injuries.

**What's Changed:** Smart suffered two significant injuries last season, the first being a Grade 1 tear of his calf muscle in mid-November. After missing more than a month with that injury, Smart returned for nine games before a severe right ring finger injury in early January ended his season. So, the most significant change for Smart is that he'll be healthy come October.

**Outlook:** While Smart's had his moments as a fantasy option, going on a run of four consecutive seasons as a top 100 player (2018-2022), he's long been a supplementary option for whichever team he's played for. That will remain the case in Memphis, but the veteran guard should have late-round value if he can stay healthy. Smart has averaged at least 1.5 steals per game in nine of his ten NBA seasons, and he tallied a career-high 14.5 points per game in limited action in 2023-24. He won't be an offensive focal point in 2024-25, but Smart does enough to merit being selected just outside the top 100 in most drafts.

## 23 Jalen Green Houston Rockets

Age: 22 HT: 6-4 WT: 186

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	HOU	67	31.9	17.3	6.1	14.2	43%	2.8	3.5	80%	2.3	3.4	2.6	0.7	0.3	2	26
2022	HOU	76	34.2	22.1	7.4	17.9	42%	4.8	6.1	79%	2.5	3.7	3.7	0.8	0.2	2.6	33
2023	HOU	82	31.7	19.6	6.9	16.2	42%	3.5	4.3	80%	2.5	5.2	3.5	0.8	0.3	2.3	32
PROJ	HOU	80	30.2	18.9	6.5	15.5	42	3.4	4.2	80%	2.4	5.1	3.5	0.8	0.3	2.2	32

**2023-24:** Availability has not been an issue for Green; it certainly wasn't last season. Starting all 82 games for the Rockets, he averaged 19.6 points, 5.2 re-



**Devin Booker**

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bounds, 3.5 assists, 0.8 steals, and 2.5 3-pointers in 31.7 minutes, shooting 42.3% from the field and 80.4% from the foul line. As expected, the scoring dipped some due to the additions of Fred VanVleet and Dillon Brooks. However, Green did have his moments last season, most notably a 15-game run beginning on February 29 in which he scored 30 points or more on eight occasions. During this period, he averaged 29.2 points, 6.2 rebounds, 3.7 assists, 1.3 steals, and 4.3 3-pointers, shooting 48.8% from the field and 78.2% from the foul line. A top 100 player in totals due to his availability, Green finished ranked outside that threshold in per-game value.

**What's Changed:** As of early September, nothing has changed for Green, which may not be the best news. He and the Rockets have until October 21 to agree on an extension, and if that does not happen, he'll be a restricted free agent next summer.

**Outlook:** While Green's efficiency did not improve immensely last season, the field goal percentage increased slightly, and the turnovers (2.3) dropped compared to the 2022-23 season. His ability to score points in bunches means Green retains some value within the Rockets rotation, as the reserve options don't offer much perimeter shooting. Given the contract situation, this will be a critical season for Green, especially with Amen Thompson and Cam Whitmore in the mix for playing time. A better option for roto leagues than categories due to the limited defensive production and percentages, Green projects to be a late-round option in the latter.

## 24 Malik Monk Sacramento Kings

Age: 26 HT: 6-3 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAL	76	28.1	13.8	5.1	10.9	47%	1.2	1.5	80%	2.3	3.4	2.9	0.8	0.4	1.6	24
2022	SAC	77	22.3	13.5	4.6	10.3	45%	2.4	2.7	89%	1.9	2.6	3.9	0.6	0.3	1.9	23
2023	SAC	72	26	15.4	5.5	12.4	44%	2.4	2.8	83%	2.1	2.9	5.1	0.6	0.5	2.1	28
PROJ	SAC	70	28.2	16.6	5.9	13.5	44	2.6	3.2	83%	2.1	3.1	3.5	0.7	0.2	2.3	28

**2023-24:** Monk was one of the best reserves in the NBA for the second straight season. He saw a bump in minutes that allowed him to finish in the top 150 in 9-cat leagues, and he averaged 15.4 points, 2.9 rebounds, 5.1 assists, and 2.1 triples in 26.0 minutes per game. Both the points and assists were new career highs for him.

**What's Changed:** Monk re-signed with Sacramento for four more seasons, and they added Devin Carter in the draft. There is more depth in the backcourt than last season, which is partially a result of the emergence of Keon Ellis. However, Monk seems to have found a permanent home with the Kings.

**Outlook:** Regardless of who the Kings start at shooting guard, Monk will see plenty of minutes. Sacramento added another shot-creator in DeMar DeRozan, but Monk's on-ball talent in a reserve role will still be vital to the Kings' success. Managers should expect plenty of points, assists, and 3-pointers this season, even if he is playing alongside more players who also like to have the ball in their hands. His impact as a reserve may be more significant in real life than in fantasy.

## 25 Donte DiVincenzo Minnesota Timberwolves

Age: 27 HT: 6-4 WT: 203

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIL	17	20.1	7.2	2.3	6.9	33%	1.4	1.6	85%	1.2	3.5	1.7	0.6	0.2	1.6	15
2022	GSW	72	26.3	9.4	3.3	7.5	44%	0.8	1	82%	2.1	4.5	3.5	1.3	0.1	1.6	23
2023	NYK	81	29.1	15.5	5.5	12.4	44%	1.1	1.4	75%	3.5	3.7	2.7	1.3	0.4	1.4	28
PROJ	NYK	74	27.5	14.6	5.1	11.7	44	1	1.3	75%	3.3	3.4	2.5	1.2	0.4	1.3	28

**2023-24:** Signed to a four-year deal worth \$50 million, DiVincenzo was expected to be part of the Knicks rotation last season. However, due to injuries and the departures of RJ Barrett and Immanuel Quickley, the "Big Ragu" figured more prominently in Tom Thibodeau's plans than initially expected. Playing 81 of a possible 82 regular season games, DiVincenzo averaged 15.5 points, 3.7 rebounds, 2.7 assists, 1.3 steals, and 3.5 3-pointers in 29.1 minutes. Shooting 44.3% from the field and 75.4% from the line, Donte recorded career-best averages in points and 3-pointers. Providing 3rd-round value in totals, DiVincenzo, who scored 30 points or more in seven games, offered top 75 per-game value in 8- and 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** After one successful season in New York, DiVincenzo is on the move. On September 27, it was reported that he and Julius Randle were included in a three-team deal that sent Karl-Anthony Towns to the Knicks. Likely headed for a bench role after New York acquired Mikal Bridges, DiVincenzo will be one of the Timberwolves' top reserves.

**Outlook:** It may not be fair for a player to return to the bench after excelling as a starter, but that is DiVincenzo's lot in life this season. However, it isn't all "doom and gloom," as he joins a team that desperately needs his perimeter shooting. Last season, the Timberwolves ranked 23rd in 3-point percentage and 16th in offensive rating, two areas they need to improve to build on their run to the conference finals. And that was with Towns in the rotation. DiVincenzo may come off the bench in Minnesota, but he shouldn't have much trouble getting 25-28 minutes per night. That could make him a valuable late-round option in category leagues, especially for managers seeking points, 3-pointers, and steals.

## 26 Ayo Dosunmu Chicago Bulls

Age: 24 HT: 6-5 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHI	77	27.4	8.8	3.6	6.9	52%	0.7	1	68%	0.9	2.8	3.3	0.8	0.4	1.4	19
2022	CHI	80	26.2	8.6	3.5	7.1	49%	0.8	1	81%	0.7	2.8	2.6	0.8	0.3	1.2	18
2023	CHI	76	29.1	12.2	4.7	9.5	50%	1.1	1.4	81%	1.6	2.8	3.2	0.9	0.5	1.4	23
PROJ	CHI	75	29.6	12.5	4.8	9.6	50	1.2	1.5	81%	1.7	3.2	3.5	1.1	0.5	2.1	23

**2023-24:** Dosunmu had his best season as a pro, serving primarily as a reserve. Starting 37 of his 76 appearances, the Bulls guard contributed 12.2 points, 2.8 rebounds, 3.2 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 1.6 3-pointers in 29.1 minutes. Shooting 50.1% from the field and 81.0% from the foul line, Dosunmu established new career-highs in points, steals, blocks, and 3-pointers while also making 40.3% of his attempts from beyond the arc. Ayo finished the season ranked just inside the top 100 in total value while providing 12th-round per-game production.

**What's Changed:** Dosunmu was one of the Bulls players who benefitted from Zach LaVine and Patrick Williams' limited availability. Both are healthy and will be ready to go when training camp begins. However, those returns are countered by the departures of DeMar DeRozan (Sacramento) and Alex Caruso (Oklahoma City), who were traded this summer.

**Outlook:** Dosunmu has made positive strides throughout his first three NBA seasons, and playing time should not be an issue in 2024-25. However, how much more can he play? LaVine's return, combined with the addition of Josh Giddey, may keep Ayo at 29 minutes per game, if not drop that number slightly. And Coby White, one of the NBA's most improved players last season, isn't going anywhere anytime soon. Dosunmu is worth taking a late-round flier on, but he's likely to be most valuable as a streamer at various points during the season.

## 27 Reed Sheppard Houston Rockets

Age: 20 HT: 6-3 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	HOU	68	25.5	11.4	4.3	8	54	1.2	1.4	83%	1.6	2.9	3.2	0.9	0.5	2	0

**2023-24:** For his lone season of college basketball, Sheppard followed his parents' footsteps and stayed home to play at Kentucky. Only starting five of the 33 games he appeared in, the 6-foot-3 guard averaged 12.5 points, 4.1 rebounds, 4.5 assists, 2.5 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 2.3 3-pointers in 28.9 minutes. Sheppard was highly efficient as an offensive option, shooting 53.6% from the field and 83.1% from the foul line while committing just two turnovers per game. Due to the combination of production, athleticism, and upside, Sheppard landed in the draft lottery despite rarely starting games.

**What's Changed:** While there was some buzz that Sheppard could go first overall in June's draft, many expected him to land with the Rockets. Sure enough, Houston made him the third overall pick.

**Outlook:** Due to the current state of the Rockets' rotation, Sheppard may be more valuable in dynasty leagues than redrafts this season. Fred VanVleet is still

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running the show, and he played nearly 37 minutes per game in 2023-24. There should be room for Sheppard to fit into the second unit, whether he's used on or off the basketball. At best, the rookie will be a late-round pick in standard leagues.

## 28 Christian Braun Denver Nuggets

Age: 23 HT: 6-6 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	DEN	76	15.5	4.7	1.9	3.8	50%	0.5	0.8	63%	0.4	2.4	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	10
2023	DEN	82	20.2	7.3	2.7	5.9	46%	1.1	1.6	69%	0.8	3.7	1.6	0.5	0.4	0.7	16
PROJ	DEN	77	29.6	11.8	4	8.6	46	2.3	3.3	69%	1.6	4.6	3.1	1	0.7	1	16

**2023-24:** Denver lost Bruce Brown and Jeff Green in free agency last summer, and some pegged Braun as a breakout candidate for the 2023-24 campaign. His minutes increased from his rookie season to Year 2, but he was far from a breakout, finishing just inside the top 300 in per-game fantasy value. The Kansas product's counting stats increased across the board (save steals, which remained the same). His FG% took a minor hit, but he was more efficient from the charity stripe. After logging 76 games in his inaugural campaign, Braun played in all 82 games last season.

**What's Changed:** Kentavious Caldwell-Pope departed for Orlando in free agency, and Braun is expected to enter the season as a member of Denver's starting five.

**Outlook:** Bullish fantasy managers jumped the gun on Braun a season early. After another offseason of losing critical players without making key additions, the sky is the limit for Braun, who is poised to see a massive bump in playing time. The third-year wing has the potential to produce across the board, and the biggest concern for fantasy managers should be Braun's poor FT%. He's a nice late-round dart throw in standard leagues.

## 29 Shaedon Sharpe Portland Trail Blazers

Age: 21 HT: 6-5 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	POR	80	22.2	9.9	3.8	8.1	47%	0.9	1.3	71%	1.3	3	1.2	0.5	0.3	1	17
2023	POR	32	33.1	15.9	5.5	13.6	41%	3.1	3.7	82%	1.9	5	2.9	0.9	0.4	2.3	28
PROJ	POR	67	31.6	15.5	5.3	13	41	3.1	3.8	82%	1.9	5.1	3	0.9	0.4	2.2	28

**2023-24:** Sharpe got off to a rocky start as a rookie during the 2022-23 campaign, but he finished his inaugural campaign on a high note, earning him high praise and plenty of fantasy hype heading into Year 2. Sharpe's minutes took a notable leap from 22.2 to 33.1, averaging 15.9 points, 5.0 rebounds, 2.9 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.4 blocks and 1.9 triples. His efficiency took a massive hit, as he shot just 40.6% from the floor in Year 2 compared to 47.2% as a rookie. Sharpe's 2023-24 season was cut short due to an abdomen injury, and he logged just 32 games.

**What's Changed:** The offseason trade for Deni Avdija means Sharpe will likely open the season coming off the bench after earning 25 starts last season.

**Outlook:** Sharpe may not see 33.1 minutes per game in Year 3, but as Portland's likely sixth man, he should see at least 30. His playing time and usage should be more than ample to keep him relevant in 12-team fantasy leagues, especially if he sees some positive regression in the efficiency department.

## 30 Caris LeVert Cleveland Cavaliers

Age: 30 HT: 6-6 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	IND	39	31.1	18.7	7.1	15.9	45%	2.8	3.7	76%	1.6	3.8	4.4	0.9	0.5	1.9	32
2022	CLE	74	30.2	12.1	4.3	10	43%	1.8	2.4	72%	1.7	3.8	3.9	1	0.3	1.6	25
2023	CLE	68	28.8	14	5.1	12.1	42%	2.3	3	77%	1.6	4.1	5.1	1.1	0.5	1.7	30
PROJ	CLE	67	27.4	13.2	4.8	11.5	42	2.1	2.7	77%	1.5	3.8	4.7	1	0.5	1.6	30

**2023-24:** After making 30 starts the season prior, LeVert only made 10 in 2023-24. But the production improved, as he averaged 14.0 points, 4.1 rebounds, 5.1 assists, 1.1 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 1.6 3-pointers in 28.8 minutes. The issue for LeVert

was efficiency, as he shot 42.1% from the field and 32.5% from beyond the arc. Making 68 appearances for the Cavaliers last season, Caris finished ranked just outside the top 100, in the same vicinity as starter Max Strus.

**What's Changed:** The Cavaliers have a new head coach, with Kenny Atkinson replacing J.B. Bickerstaff. That's noteworthy for LeVert, as his best basketball as an NBA player occurred when he played for Atkinson in Brooklyn.

**Outlook:** LeVert's role is unlikely to change; Strus fits in well with Cleveland's four stars, and the Cavaliers need Caris' scoring off the bench. Could Atkinson's arrival give him a boost? It's certainly possible, but fantasy managers should not expect a change that is too significant. LeVert remains a solid late-round option in standard league drafts, with a shot at top-100 value if Cleveland loses a perimeter starter for an extended period due to injury.

## 31 Kentavious Caldwell-Pope Orlando Magic

Age: 31 HT: 6-5 WT: 204

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	WAS	77	30.2	13.2	4.7	10.8	44%	1.8	2	89%	2.1	3.4	1.9	1.1	0.3	1.3	23
2022	DEN	76	31.3	10.8	3.8	8.3	46%	1.4	1.6	82%	1.8	2.7	2.4	1.5	0.5	1.1	23
2023	DEN	76	31.6	10.1	3.6	7.7	46%	1.3	1.5	89%	1.6	2.4	2.4	1.3	0.6	1	21
PROJ	ORL	74	30.4	9.8	3.4	7.4	46	1.3	1.5	89%	1.7	2.4	2.4	1.3	0.6	1	21

**2023-24:** After helping Denver win a championship in his first year with the team, KCP was once again a solid 3-and-D option for the Nuggets last season. He finished just outside the top 100 in 9-cat leagues with averages of 10.1 points, 2.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists, 1.3 steals, and 1.6 triples per game. His two seasons in Denver were two of his best seasons as a pro.

**What's Changed:** Caldwell-Pope moved East this summer to try and help the Magic take the next step in their development as a team. He'll likely fill in as the team's starting shooting guard, which will push Gary Harris to a reserve role. He'll go from being an important piece on a contending team to a veteran leader on a young, ascending squad.

**Outlook:** KCP has had a defined role with the Nuggets over the last two seasons, and while his role shouldn't change dramatically, he may be asked to do a bit more on the offensive end than in Denver. Orlando desperately needed 3-point shooting options last year, and they may need Caldwell-Pope to shoot more than 4.1 times from beyond the arc like he did last year. If he can do that while maintaining solid steal numbers, KCP should finish in the top 100.

## 32 Duncan Robinson Miami Heat

Age: 30 HT: 6-7 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIA	79	25.9	10.9	3.7	9.2	40%	0.6	0.8	84%	2.9	2.6	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	18
2022	MIA	42	16.5	6.4	2.1	5.6	37%	0.7	0.8	91%	1.5	1.6	1.1	0.3	0	0.7	10
2023	MIA	68	28	12.9	4.5	9.9	45%	1.2	1.3	89%	2.8	2.5	2.8	0.7	0.2	1.4	21
PROJ	MIA	66	26.6	12.3	4.2	9.4	45	1.1	1.3	89%	2.7	2.5	2.7	0.7	0.2	1.3	21

**2023-24:** Robinson took on a much more significant role last year after seeing his role shrink two seasons ago. In 28.0 minutes per game, he averaged 12.9 points, 2.5 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.9 triples. He isn't going to make a massive impact in assists, but he showed improvements as a playmaker, which helped him be more than just a 3-point threat and earn minutes in the rotation.

**What's Changed:** The Heat are healthier heading into next season, which may cut into Robinson's minutes. His 3-point shooting was valuable last year, with Tyler Herro sidelined for half the season, but he will likely lose out on some minutes this upcoming season.

**Outlook:** Robinson had some excellent stretches as a streaming option last season and showed genuine improvements as a basketball player. However, part of that was simply due to a role increase due to the injuries that the Heat dealt with. At times, he may still have some streaming value, and he'll continue to be a great source of 3-pointers in deeper leagues. Still, managers shouldn't expect him to replicate his success from last season.



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## 33 Dyson Daniels Atlanta Hawks

Age: 21 HT: 6-7 WT: 199

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	NOP	59	17.7	3.8	1.5	3.5	42%	0.4	0.7	65%	0.5	3.2	2.3	0.7	0.2	1	13
2023	NOP	61	22.3	5.8	2.3	5.1	45%	0.6	0.9	64%	0.7	3.9	2.7	1.4	0.4	1	19
PROJ	ATL	64	24.4	6.4	2.5	5.5	45	0.6	1	64%	0.8	4.1	2.9	1.4	0.5	1	19

**2023-24:** In his second season in the league, Daniels saw an expanded role, leading to career highs in multiple categories. He still finished outside the top 150 in 9-cat leagues, but he averaged 5.8 points, 3.9 rebounds, 2.7 assists, and 1.4 steals in 22.3 minutes per game. His defense impact was huge, though he still has work to do on the offensive side of the ball as both a shooter and playmaker. However, over the final two months of last season, he knocked down 40% of his 3-pointers on 2.8 attempts per game.

**What's Changed:** Daniels was sent to Atlanta as part of the deal that brought back Dejounte Murray. He'll have a fresh start with the Hawks, who have needed an elite perimeter defender for a while. He'll have a chance to compete for the starting shooting guard spot and help them out on the defensive end.

**Outlook:** Though the former lottery pick didn't do much through his first two seasons in the league, he has a golden opportunity to take a leap forward next year. Daniels is still unproven, but his talent should play well in fantasy in extended minutes. If his defense can get him in the starting lineup, his steals should be enough to make him worth the late-round pick. He has some playmaking upside, and if he can replicate some of his shooting success late last season, he should be able to provide some 3-point value by knocking down open 3-pointers off of Trae Young's passes.

## 34 Norman Powell Los Angeles Clippers

Age: 31 HT: 6-4 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	POR	40	33.3	18.7	6.2	13.6	46%	4	5	80%	2.3	3.3	2.1	1	0.4	1.6	28
2022	LAC	60	26.1	17	5.7	11.8	48%	3.8	4.6	81%	1.9	2.9	1.8	0.8	0.3	1.7	25
2023	LAC	76	26.2	13.9	4.9	10.1	49%	1.9	2.3	83%	2.2	2.6	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.9	21
PROJ	LAC	76	27.5	14.7	5.2	10.6	49	2	2.4	83%	2.3	2.7	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.9	21

**2023-24:** As one of the best bench scorers in the league, Powell only started three of his 76 appearances last season but still averaged 13.9 points, 2.6 rebounds, and 2.2 triples per game. After three straight top-100 seasons, Powell has been closer to the top-150 range over the last two years. He has seen fewer shot attempts and minutes, negatively impacting his fantasy production. He's still an excellent scoring option, but his opportunity has been capped over the last two seasons on some talented squads.

**What's Changed:** Paul George and Russell Westbrook are gone, which means more minutes and shot attempts for Powell. He may not slide into the starting unit, but he should get the first crack at making up for the points they lost this summer. Powell should be the third scoring option behind Kawhi Leonard and James Harden.

**Outlook:** Powell has been a serviceable scoring option in fantasy over the past few years, but he will have a chance to return to being a more impactful player next season. Powell was a starter during his first season with the Clippers, as the team was without Harden and Russ. Whether he starts or not, Powell should play starter minutes next year, which will positively impact his numbers. He may not be a well-rounded producer, but he can provide plenty of points and 3-pointers, and he has been a solid source of steals in the past.

## 35 Jaden Ivey Detroit Pistons

Age: 22 HT: 6-4 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	DET	74	31.1	16.3	5.5	13.3	42%	3.6	4.8	75%	1.6	3.9	5.2	0.8	0.2	3.2	29
2023	DET	77	28.8	15.4	5.4	12.6	43%	2.9	3.9	75%	1.6	3.4	3.8	0.7	0.5	2.5	26
PROJ	DET	74	24.5	13.2	4.6	10.8	43	2.6	3.5	75%	1.4	3	3.4	0.7	0.5	2.1	26

**2023-24:** Though most players improve between their first and second year in the league, that wasn't the case for Ivey. His points and assists dropped slightly, while the rest of his numbers were about the same as during his rookie season. He averaged 15.4 points, 3.4 rebounds, 3.8 assists, and 1.6 threes in 28.8 minutes per game. Cade Cunningham being healthy took the ball out of Ivey's hands, which was the main reason for his drop in assists.

**What's Changed:** Detroit added Tim Hardaway Jr. and Malik Beasley to play behind Ivey this summer. Both veteran shooters will be decent options to space the floor, which has been a weakness for Ivey so far during his career. Adding J.B. Bickerstaff as the team's head coach may also alter things in Detroit.

**Outlook:** Ivey has yet to finish in the top 250 through two years in the league, and while he still has tremendous upside, it won't be easy to trust in a breakout this season. He doesn't have a category that he is strong in that managers can rely on him for, and he has been a negative when it comes to efficiency. Perhaps there will come a day when Ivey is a coveted fantasy asset, but as of now, he can't be considered anything more than a dart throw that probably won't help much.

## 36 Bennedict Mathurin Indiana Pacers

Age: 22 HT: 6-5 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	IND	78	28.5	16.7	5.3	12.2	43%	4.8	5.8	83%	1.3	4.1	1.5	0.6	0.2	1.9	24
2023	IND	59	26.1	14.5	5	11.2	45%	3.1	3.8	82%	1.4	4	2	0.6	0.2	1.6	23
PROJ	IND	67	26.5	14.9	5.1	11.4	45	3.3	4	82%	1.4	4.2	2.1	0.6	0.3	1.7	23

**2023-24:** Mathurin averaged 14.5 points, 4.0 rebounds, and 2.0 assists in his sophomore season after averaging 16.9 points as a rookie and finishing second to only Malik Monk in bench points. The Pacers wing's scoring dropped, but his three-point percentage rose to 37.4%. He'll look to find his role after missing the back half of the season with a shoulder injury.

**What's Changed:** Mathurin will essentially compete with the same personnel. He missed some crucial games while Indiana's other wings played pivotal roles in a deep playoff run. After surgery, he'll have to find his rhythm and catch up to the players who gained valuable postseason experience.

**Outlook:** There's no telling how soon Mathurin will get back into the flow of things. Given the inconsistent production outside of points, his fantasy value stands to be limited this season.

## 37 Jordan Clarkson Utah Jazz

Age: 32 HT: 6-3 WT: 194

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	UTA	79	27.1	16	5.9	14.1	42%	1.8	2.2	83%	2.4	3.5	2.5	0.8	0.2	1.6	25
2022	UTA	61	32.6	20.8	7.5	16.9	44%	3.3	4	82%	2.5	4	4.4	0.5	0.2	3	31
2023	UTA	55	30.6	17.1	6.1	14.8	41%	3.2	3.7	88%	1.7	3.4	5	0.6	0.1	2.7	28
PROJ	UTA	55	26.7	14.7	5.3	13	41	2.7	3	88%	1.4	2.8	4.2	0.5	0.1	2.3	28

**2023-24:** Clarkson continued his high-volume shooting in Year 10, averaging 17.1 points on 41.3% shooting from the field. He added 3.4 rebounds, 1.7 triples, and a career-best 5.0 assists in 30.6 minutes across 55 appearances. The games played were the fewest of his career, and Clarkson started only 19 times. The veteran ranked 218th in per-game fantasy value and exemplified the term "chucker."

**What's Changed:** The Jazz brought in Isaiah Collier to hold things down as Keyonte George's backup at PG, and Collin Sexton will be the likely starter at SG.

**Outlook:** Clarkson was relegated to the bench for most of the 2023-24 campaign, and while he still logged better than 30 minutes per game, his role will likely shrink again for the 2024-25 season. He's off the radar in 12-team category leagues and should only be rostered in points leagues.

## 38 Nickeil Alexander-Walker Minnesota Timberwolves

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Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NOP	50	26.3	12.8	4.7	12.6	38%	1.4	1.9	72%	1.9	3.3	2.8	0.8	0.4	1.7	23
2022	UTA	36	14.7	6.3	2.3	4.7	49%	0.8	1.1	69%	1	1.6	2.1	0.7	0.4	1.3	13
2023	MIN	82	23.4	8	2.9	6.6	44%	0.6	0.8	80%	1.6	2	2.5	0.8	0.5	0.9	17
PROJ	MIN	76	24.4	8.3	3	6.8	44	0.7	0.8	80%	1.7	2.1	2.6	0.8	0.5	1	17

**2023-24:** After coming over from Utah during the 2022-23 season, Alexander-Walker spent his first full season with the Wolves and made an impact as a secondary scorer and perimeter defender off the bench. NAW finished as fantasy's 200th-ranked player on a per-game basis behind averages of 8.0 points, 2.0 rebounds, 2.5 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 1.6 triples. Alexander-Walker appeared in all 82 games and averaged a career-best 23.4 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** The Wolves brought in Joe Ingles and Rob Dillingham to compete for playing time on the wing, but NAW should still see 20+ minutes.

**Outlook:** Alexander-Walker is a much better real-life than fantasy option, thanks to his strong defense, like his teammate Jaden McDaniels. He doesn't shoot particularly well from the floor, and none of his counting stats are notable. He's worth a look in deep leagues if you're looking for a guy who can get you a steal and a couple of triples without coughing up the ball, but don't get too excited.

## 39 Kevin Huerter Sacramento Kings

Age: 26 HT: 6-7 WT: 198

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	74	29.6	12.1	4.7	10.3	45%	0.6	0.7	81%	2.2	3.4	2.7	0.7	0.4	1.2	22
2022	SAC	75	29.4	15.2	5.6	11.5	49%	1.3	1.7	73%	2.7	3.3	2.9	1.1	0.3	1.3	26
2023	SAC	64	24.4	10.2	3.9	8.8	44%	0.6	0.7	77%	1.9	3.5	2.6	0.7	0.4	0.8	21
PROJ	SAC	66	23.3	9.7	3.7	8.4	44	0.5	0.7	77%	1.7	3.2	2.4	0.6	0.3	0.8	21

**2023-24:** After having one of the best seasons of his career during his first year with the Kings, Huerter took a massive step back in year two and ended up having arguably the worst season. He finished outside the top 150 and averaged 10.2 points, 3.5 rebounds, 2.6 assists, and 1.9 triples per game.

**What's Changed:** A shoulder injury forced Huerter to miss the team's final 15 regular-season games and two Play-In tournament games, but he should be healthy entering this season. However, Keon Ellis played incredibly well down the stretch, and they added Devin Carter in the draft.

**Outlook:** The Kings moved to upgrade the small forward position this summer, and they're hoping they have their answer at shooting guard on the roster. It's unclear if that answer is Huerter, Ellis, or Carter (when he is healthy). Based on last year, there isn't much of a reason to be optimistic when it comes to Huerter, though if he is given the starting role, he should be a solid source of 3-pointers.

## 40 Luke Kennard Memphis Grizzlies

Age: 28 HT: 6-5 WT: 206

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAC	70	27.4	11.9	4.1	9.1	45%	1	1.1	90%	2.7	3.3	2.1	0.6	0.1	0.9	20
2022	LAC	35	20.7	7.8	2.8	6	46%	0.5	0.6	95%	1.7	2.4	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.9	13
2023	MEM	39	25.6	11	3.6	8.1	45%	1	1.2	89%	2.7	2.9	3.5	0.5	0.1	1.4	20
PROJ	MEM	58	23.2	10	3.3	7.3	45	0.9	1.1	89%	2.5	2.7	3.2	0.5	0.1	1.3	20

**2023-24:** Like many Grizzlies players, Kennard's 2023-24 season was short-circuited due to injuries. Limited to 39 games, he averaged 11.0 points, 2.9 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 0.5 steals, and 2.7 3-pointers in 25.6 minutes, shooting 44.8% from the field and 88.9% from the foul line. In his first full season with the team, Kennard made 22 starts, but extended time on the shelf for Ja Morant, Marcus Smart, and Desmond Bane had much to do with that. He finished the season ranked well outside the top 150 in 8- and 9-cat per-game value and outside the top 250 in totals.

**What's Changed:** After the Grizzlies declined Kennard's option worth nearly \$14.8 million, they re-signed him on a one-year deal worth \$9.25 million.

**Outlook:** Outside of his final season in Detroit (2019-20), Kennard has never been a great fantasy option. That should remain the case with the Grizzlies this

season, especially if Morant, Smart, and Bane stay relatively healthy. There could be times when Kennard has value as a streamer, but he should not be on the radar of fantasy managers at draft time.

## 41 Gary Trent Milwaukee Bucks

Age: 25 HT: 6-5 WT: 204

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	TOR	70	35	18.3	6.4	15.5	41%	2.5	2.9	85%	3	2.7	2	1.7	0.3	1	30
2022	TOR	66	32.1	17.4	6.1	14.2	43%	2.6	3.1	84%	2.5	2.6	1.6	1.6	0.2	0.8	28
2023	TOR	71	28.1	13.7	5.1	11.9	43%	1	1.4	77%	2.5	2.6	1.7	1.1	0.1	0.7	22
PROJ	MIL	72	24.5	12.1	4.5	10.4	43	0.9	1.2	77%	2.3	2.4	1.5	1	0.1	0.6	22

**2023-24:** Trent averaged 13.7 points and shot 39.3% from deep in 71 games with the Toronto Raptors last season. His scoring went down after averaging 15.0 or more points in four straight seasons. He did what he could for a rebuilding team and will now look to make his mark for one of the Eastern Conference's better teams.

**What's Changed:** Trent has gone from a losing environment with lots of young wings to a winning one with a need for a new face to step in and help a pair of superstars. He has less competition at his position in Milwaukee and can use that opportunity to improve upon last season's numbers.

**Outlook:** It's unclear whether Trent will start or come off the bench, but he has the highest fantasy potential among Milwaukee's newest additions. He could be a strong sleeper despite being projected to finish outside the top 100.

## 42 Stephon Castle San Antonio Spurs

Age: 19 HT: 6-6 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	SAS	70	22.2	10.7	4	8.5	47	2.2	3	75%	0.6	4.2	2.6	0.7	0.5	1.5	0

**2023-24:** Castle's lone season at the collegiate level was exceptional, as he contributed to UConn winning its second national title in as many years. The 6-foot-6 guard from Georgia started 30 of the 34 games he played, averaging 11.1 points, 4.7 rebounds, 2.9 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 0.6 3-pointers in 27.0 minutes. Castle did not offer much 3-point production, making just 26.7% of his attempts. However, the overall field goal (47.2) and free throw (75.5) percentages suggest that he can grow as a shooter.

**What's Changed:** As expected, Castle was one-and-done, with the Spurs selecting him fourth overall in June's draft.

**Outlook:** Castle essentially played out of position at UConn, as he was a point guard at the high school level. That makes his move to San Antonio intriguing, as Castle already possesses the size, athleticism, and defensive ability needed to make life difficult for opposing point guards. However, the playmaking and perimeter shot needs work. What will help is playing alongside Victor Wembanyama and learning from Chris Paul. The benefits to Castle's fantasy value may not be apparent immediately, but he will be a valuable option in dynasty leagues. And if the Spurs cannot work themselves into the mix for a postseason berth this season, look for Castle to play plenty after the trade deadline.

## 43 Cason Wallace Oklahoma City Thunder

Age: 20 HT: 6-3 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	OKC	82	20.6	6.8	2.6	5.4	49%	0.4	0.5	78%	1.2	2.3	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.5	16
PROJ	OKC	75	20.2	6.8	2.6	5.3	49	0.4	0.5	78%	1.2	2.3	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.5	16

**2023-24:** The rookie out of Kentucky earned critical rotational minutes for the Thunder right out of the gate, logging 20.6 per game across 82 appearances. Wallace finished with averages of 6.8 points, 2.3 boards, 1.5 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 1.2 triples while shooting respectably from the floor and keeping the ball secure. He started 13 games, and his numbers were similar in those appearances. Wallace went off for 22 points and four triples against the Grizzlies on March 10.



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**What's Changed:** Alex Caruso and Isaiah Hartenstein were acquired in the offseason, and both will join the starting five.

**Outlook:** OKC's new additions will push Lu Dort to the bench, and Wallace will compete for bench minutes with Dort, Isaiah Joe, and Aaron Wiggins. Wallace finished just inside the top 200 in per-game fantasy hoops value last season, and it's hard to envision a significant improvement in Year 2 with new competition for playing time.

<b>44</b>	<b>Josh Green</b>		<b>Charlotte Hornets</b>														
	Age: 23	HT: 6-5	WT: 200														
Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DAL	67	15.5	4.8	1.9	3.8	51%	0.5	0.7	69%	0.4	2.4	1.2	0.7	0.2	0.7	12
2022	DAL	60	25.7	9.1	3.4	6.4	54%	1.1	1.6	72%	1.1	3	1.7	0.7	0.1	1.2	17
2023	DAL	57	26.4	8.2	3.1	6.6	48%	0.7	1	68%	1.3	3.2	2.3	0.8	0.2	1.1	17
PROJ	CHA	65	25.7	8.2	3.1	6.4	48	0.7	1.1	68%	1.3	3.4	2.4	0.9	0.2	1	17

**2023-24:** In year four with Dallas, Green was in and out of the starting unit, but he still played a significant role on the wing, even when coming off the bench. He averaged 8.2 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.3 assists, and 1.3 threes in 26.4 minutes per game, which ranked outside the top 200 in 9-cat scoring.

**What's Changed:** Green was sent to Charlotte this summer, where he will get a fresh start on a young team. His offensive role was limited in Dallas, but he should see more touches on a Hornets team that doesn't have Luka Doncic or Kyrie Irving.

**Outlook:** He hasn't had much fantasy success in his career, but Green will play a lot for the Hornets. He was a critical rotation piece in Dallas, and now he'll look to help Charlotte shift the culture and return to the postseason. There is some upside here, but his impact will likely be felt more on the court than the box score. It would be surprising if he became a massive factor in fantasy, but he may end up as a standard league player by the end of the season.

<b>45</b>	<b>Eric Gordon</b>		<b>Philadelphia 76ers</b>														
	Age: 35	HT: 6-3	WT: 215														
Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	HOU	57	29.3	13.4	4.7	9.9	48%	1.8	2.4	78%	2.2	2	2.7	0.5	0.3	1.9	20
2022	HOU	47	30.2	13.1	4.5	10.2	44%	2.3	2.9	82%	1.8	2.1	2.9	0.6	0.4	1.8	21
2023	PHX	68	27.8	11	4	9.1	44%	0.8	0.9	80%	2.2	1.8	2	1	0.4	1.1	19
PROJ	PHI	64	25.4	9.9	3.6	8.3	44	0.6	0.8	80%	1.9	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.4	1	19

**2023-24:** Gordon spent last season with the Suns, appearing in 68 games and averaging 11.0 points, 1.8 rebounds, 2.0 assists, 1.0 steals, and 2.2 3-pointers in 27.8 minutes. Making 24 starts, he shot 44.3% from the field and 79.7% from the foul line, ranking just outside the top 150 in 8- and 9-cat per-game value.

**What's Changed:** Gordon moved to Philadelphia this offseason, agreeing to a two-year deal worth \$6.8 million. He has a player option for the 2025-26 season.

**Outlook:** Gordon was primarily a points and 3-pointers option in Phoenix, meriting streaming consideration when thrust into the starting lineup due to either Bradley Beal or Devin Booker being sidelined. The veteran guard should take on a similar role in Philadelphia, meaning there isn't much need to consider drafting him in most leagues.

<b>46</b>	<b>Keon Ellis</b>		<b>Sacramento Kings</b>														
	Age: 24	HT: 6-3	WT: 175														
Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	SAC	16	4.4	1.5	0.4	1	44%	0.3	0.4	57%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	4
2023	SAC	57	17.2	5.4	1.9	4.1	46%	0.5	0.6	74%	1.2	2.2	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.6	14
PROJ	SAC	59	18.2	5.6	2	4.3	46	0.4	0.6	74%	1.2	2.1	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.7	14

**2023-24:** At the beginning of the season, Ellis was no more than a streaming option, which started when DeAaron Fox was out of the lineup. By the end of the year, he was one of the most impactful defenders in the league. He took over as the

starting shooting guard on March 12th and averaged 9.4 points, 3.8 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 1.6 steals, 0.8 blocks and 2.1 triples in 27.6 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** Kevin Huerter should be healthy to start next season. He was the starting shooting guard before Ellis. They also added Devin Carter in the draft, giving them more backcourt depth.

**Outlook:** If Ellis is given the starting shooting guard job, he will have a chance to provide incredible value in 9-cat leagues because of his ability to collect defensive numbers. With DeMar DeRozan likely replacing Harrison Barnes in the starting unit, Mike Brown may turn to Ellis because of his defensive ability. In that scenario, he will be worth a late-round swing. He showcased improved offensive production during Summer League, so if he has improved on that end, he could thoroughly outplay his ADP.

<b>47</b>	<b>Javonte Green</b>		<b>New Orleans Pelicans</b>														
	Age: 31	HT: 6-5	WT: 205														
Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHI	65	23.4	7.2	2.7	5	54%	1.2	1.5	83%	0.6	4.2	0.9	1	0.5	0.5	18
2022	CHI	32	15	5.2	1.9	3.4	57%	0.9	1.4	67%	0.4	2.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	14
2023	CHI	9	25.6	12.2	5	8.3	60%	1.1	1.4	77%	1.1	7.4	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.8	27
PROJ	NOP	55	13.3	6.3	2.6	4.3	60	0.6	0.8	77%	0.5	3.9	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	27

**2023-24:** Green split time between the G League and NBA last season, appearing in 11 games for the Santa Cruz Warriors before rejoining the Bulls on a 10-day contract on March 23. Chicago would sign Green for the remainder of the season on April 4, and he appeared in nine games for the NBA franchise. In that brief run with the Bulls, Green averaged 12.2 points, 7.4 rebounds, 0.6 assists, 1.1 steals, 0.9 blocks, and 1.1 3-pointers in 25.6 minutes, shooting 60% from the field and 76.9% from the foul line.

**What's Changed:** Green played well enough during that stint with the Bulls to earn a one-year deal from the Pelicans worth over \$2.4 million.

**Outlook:** At first glance, Green is not a player fantasy managers must target in drafts. New Orleans did lose Dyson Daniels (as part of the Dejeunte Murray trade) and Naji Marshall (Dallas) this summer, but both were fringe players who did not significantly impact fantasy basketball. Green's athleticism and defensive versatility may get him looks, but not to the point where he'll be a credible fantasy asset.

<b>48</b>	<b>Isaiah Joe</b>		<b>Oklahoma City Thunder</b>														
	Age: 25	HT: 6-3	WT: 165														
Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHI	55	11.1	3.6	1.1	3.2	35%	0.5	0.6	94%	0.8	1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	7
2022	OKC	73	19.1	9.5	3.1	7	44%	1.1	1.4	82%	2.2	2.4	1.2	0.7	0.1	0.5	16
2023	OKC	78	18.5	8.2	2.8	6.2	46%	0.6	0.7	87%	1.9	2.3	1.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	15
PROJ	OKC	75	16.4	7.3	2.5	5.5	46	0.5	0.6	87%	1.7	2.1	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.5	15

**2023-24:** Izzy Joe has operated primarily as a three-point specialist through two seasons with the Thunder, averaging 8.8 points, 2.3 boards, 1.3 dimes, 0.6 steals, and 2.0 triples across 18.8 minutes. In that span, Joe has knocked down 41.2% of his attempts from beyond the arc. Joe started one regular-season game, and the Thunder's final two playoff games, but the production didn't change much.

**What's Changed:** His quality floor-spacing earned Joe a four-year, \$48 million offseason deal to remain with the Thunder.

**Outlook:** Joe finished outside the top 200 in per-game fantasy value last season, and he's unlikely to crack the top 200 during the 2024-25 campaign due to increased competition for minutes in Alex Caruso and Isaiah Hartenstein. He can provide three-pointers as a category specialist in deep leagues, but that's his most optimistic fantasy outlook.

<b>49</b>	<b>Corey Kispert</b>		<b>Washington Wizards</b>												
	Age: 25	HT: 6-6	WT: 224												

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Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	WAS	77	23.4	8.2	3	6.7	46%	0.7	0.8	87%	1.5	2.7	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	15
2022	WAS	74	28.3	11.1	3.9	7.9	50%	1	1.2	85%	2.2	2.8	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.7	17
2023	WAS	80	25.8	13.4	4.8	9.9	49%	1.4	2	73%	2.3	2.8	2	0.5	0.2	1.2	21
PROJ	WAS	75	19.1	10	3.6	7.3	49	1.1	1.5	73%	1.8	2.2	1.5	0.4	0.2	0.9	21

**2023-24:** Despite a strong finish to the 2022-23 season, Kispert saw his minutes go down last season, even with Bradley Beal in Phoenix. He ended up playing 25.8 minutes per game and averaging 13.4 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2.0 assists, and 2.3 triples per game, all of which were career-highs. He saw his minutes go up late in the season, and he was excellent as a starter over the final month of the season.

**What's Changed:** There were many moving parts in Washington, but none will directly impact Kispert. He'll likely still be the backup shooting guard behind Jordan Poole, and while he may see extended minutes down the stretch once again, he'll likely open the year seeing around 20 minutes per game.

**Outlook:** Kispert has yet to finish in the top 100 in 9-cat leagues through three seasons in the league. He's an excellent shooter but hasn't seen enough minutes to produce consistent value in 9-cat leagues. He has shown that ability in short stretches, mainly at the end of the last two seasons. However, Kispert isn't a player who will be prioritized during their rebuild, so there's no reason to think he'll see enough of a bump in minutes to dramatically improve his production. He's a solid source of 3-pointers, but that's about it.

## 50 Gary Harris Orlando Magic

Age: 30 HT: 6-4 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ORL	61	28.4	11.1	3.9	9.1	43%	1.4	1.6	87%	1.9	2	1.8	1	0.1	1	19
2022	ORL	48	24.7	8.3	2.9	6.4	45%	0.6	0.6	90%	2	2	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.6	16
2023	ORL	54	24	6.9	2.4	5.5	44%	0.6	0.8	76%	1.4	1.7	1.6	0.9	0.3	0.6	14
PROJ	ORL	59	22.2	6.3	2.2	5.1	44	0.6	0.7	76%	1.2	1.5	1.4	0.8	0.2	0.5	14

**2023-24:** Harris played a prominent role as the starting shooting guard for Orlando, but he didn't make much of a fantasy impact. He became the full-time starter after the All-Star break, averaging 6.9 points, 1.7 rebounds, 1.6 assists, and 1.4 threes per game throughout the season.

**What's Changed:** A different 3-and-D shooting guard left Denver for Orlando this summer as Kentavious Caldwell-Pope followed in the footsteps of Harris. KCP should be the starting shooting guard, pushing Harris to a reserve role.

**Outlook:** Harris didn't hold much value in fantasy hoops as a starter, which won't change with KCP in town. Harris will lose out on minutes after ranking outside the top 200 last year. There is no reason to consider drafting Harris, and he may not be worth streaming even if he moves into the starting unit at some point.

## 51 Josh Richardson Miami Heat

Age: 31 HT: 6-5 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	44	24.7	9.7	3.5	7.8	44%	1.4	1.6	86%	1.4	2.8	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.9	18
2022	SAS	42	23.7	11.5	4.2	9.7	44%	1.3	1.4	88%	1.8	2.8	3.3	1	0.3	1.5	22
2023	MIA	43	25.7	9.9	3.6	8.1	44%	1.2	1.3	94%	1.5	2.8	2.4	0.6	0.3	0.8	19
PROJ	MIA	57	18.5	7.1	2.6	5.8	44	0.8	0.9	94%	1.1	2	1.7	0.4	0.2	0.6	19

**2023-24:** Following a four-year tour around the league, Richardson returned to Miami after spending the first four seasons of his career there. He had the two best seasons of his career with the Heat, but he couldn't replicate that production last year. He missed the season's final two months but wasn't effective before that, as he averaged 9.9 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2.4 assists, and 1.5 threes in 25.6 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** Richardson is healthy heading into next season but finds himself buried on the depth chart. Terry Rozier and Tyler Herro should be the starters in the backcourt, with Alec Burks, Jaime Jaquez Jr., and Duncan Robinson competing for minutes on the wing. Richardson should have a role, but it may be limited by the other talented players playing the same position.

**Outlook:** There may have been some hype surrounding Richardson's return to

the Heat last summer, but that optimism doesn't exist this time. He's coming off a disappointing season, and there's no reason to think he'll bounce back in a big way. There are too many mouths to feed to believe in Richardson being way better than he was last season after he ranked just inside the top 200 in 25.6 minutes per game.

## 52 Jordan Hawkins New Orleans Pelicans

Age: 22 HT: 6-5 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	NOP	67	17.3	7.8	2.6	6.8	38%	1	1.2	84%	1.6	2.2	1	0.3	0.1	0.6	13
PROJ	NOP	68	18.5	8.5	2.8	7.3	38	1.1	1.3	84%	1.8	2.5	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	13

**2023-24:** The 14th overall pick in the 2023 draft, Hawkins was on the periphery of the Pelicans' rotation for most of his rookie campaign. Making 67 appearances (ten starts), he averaged 7.8 points, 2.2 rebounds, 1.0 assists, and 1.6 3-pointers in 17.3 minutes. Not only did Hawkins offer little value outside of points and 3-pointers, but he was also an inefficient shooter. The former UConn standout shot 38.2% from the field, a percentage slightly higher than his mark from beyond the arc (36.6%). Hawkins finished the season outside the top 350 in per-game value and just inside the top 300 in totals.

**What's Changed:** Hawkins does not play the same position as Dejounte Murray, who was acquired from the Hawks this summer, but the veteran guard's arrival will mean more time off the ball for CJ McCollum.

**Outlook:** Hawkins did not have a great fantasy outlook after the Murray trade, and his struggles during Summer League in Las Vegas didn't help matters, either. Add in that New Orleans still has Brandon Ingram on the roster, with his presence impacting Herb Jones and Trey Murphy, and Hawkins will be hard-pressed to get the opportunities needed to potentially impact fantasy basketball. While there could be some value in dynasty leagues, managers in redraft formats should leave him on the board.

## 53 Alec Burks Miami Heat

Age: 33 HT: 6-5 WT: 214

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NYK	81	28.6	11.7	3.5	9	39%	2.7	3.3	82%	1.9	4.9	3	1	0.3	1.1	25
2022	DET	51	22	12.8	3.9	9	44%	3	3.7	81%	1.9	3.1	2.2	0.7	0.2	1.1	21
2023	DET	43	21	12.6	3.7	9.4	39%	2.8	3.1	90%	2.3	2.6	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.7	20
PROJ	MIA	63	14.3	8.2	2.5	6.7	37	1.7	2	87%	1.5	1.8	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.6	20

**2023-24:** After starting last season with Detroit, Burks was traded back to New York at the deadline, where his minutes took a big hit. Between his time with both teams, he averaged 10.4 points, 2.3 rebounds, 1.3 assists, and 1.9 threes in 18.4 minutes per game while shooting 36.9% from the floor. He had an excellent series against Indiana in the playoffs, but it was mostly a disappointing season.

**What's Changed:** Burks agreed to a one-year deal to join the Heat this summer, where he will look to provide some offense off the bench. He'll compete with Josh Richardson, Duncan Robinson, and Jaime Jaquez Jr. for reserve minutes on the wing.

**Outlook:** Due to the number of talented players that need minutes in the backcourt in Miami, Burks' role may be more reminiscent of his time with the Knicks during the second half of last season than his time with Detroit to start the year. Burks can be a decent source of points and 3-pointers when he's given enough minutes, but the situation in Miami isn't set up for that to happen. There's no reason to have him on your draft board.

## 54 Ben Sheppard Indiana Pacers

Age: 23 HT: 6-6 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	IND	57	14.3	4.4	1.6	4	39%	0.4	0.5	89%	0.9	1.6	0.9	0.6	0	0.3	9
PROJ	IND	62	16.2	5.1	1.8	4.6	39	0.5	0.5	88%	1	1.8	1.1	0.7	0	0.3	9

**2023-24:** Sheppard averaged 4.4 points and 1.6 rebounds in 14.3 minutes per game last season. However, he was asked to step up and play some significant



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minutes down the stretch in the regular season and playoffs as the Pacers reached the Eastern Conference Finals.

**What's Changed:** Benedict Mathurin's return could diminish Sheppard's role in 2024-25.

**Outlook:** Sheppard is expected to fall back into his usual role, which does him no favors regarding fantasy value. Managers in most leagues can leave Sheppard on the board.

## 55 Dante Exum Dallas Mavericks

Age: 29 HT: 6-5 WT: 214

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	DAL	55	19.8	7.8	2.9	5.5	53%	1	1.2	78%	1	2.7	2.9	0.4	0.1	0.9	16
PROJ	DAL	57	13.3	5.1	2	3.7	53	0.6	0.7	78%	0.6	1.6	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.6	16

**2023-24:** After spending two seasons in Europe hoping to rejuvenate his professional career, Exum returned to the NBA last season. And he played relatively well. Appearing in 55 regular season games for the Mavericks, Exum averaged 7.8 points, 2.7 rebounds, 2.9 assists, 0.4 steals, and 1.0 3-pointers in 19.8 minutes. He proved more valuable to Dallas than fantasy managers when available, ranking outside the top 250 in 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** While Exum will return to Dallas for another season, the addition of Spencer Dinwiddie means he will have another guard to compete with for second-unit minutes.

**Outlook:** Dallas' backcourt bench rotation will be pretty crowded next season. Exum will compete with Dinwiddie for minutes, and Jaden Hardy will also be in the fold. Hardy may not be the defender that Exum is, but his ability to score points in bunches will give the young guard every opportunity to earn playing time. Exum is not a player who should be selected in fantasy drafts, but there may be the occasional game during the season's "dog days" when he's worth streaming.

## 56 Ochai Agbaji Toronto Raptors

Age: 24 HT: 6-5 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	UTA	59	20.5	7.9	2.8	6.5	43%	0.9	1.2	81%	1.4	2.1	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.7	13
2023	UTA	51	19.7	5.4	2.1	4.9	43%	0.3	0.4	75%	0.9	2.5	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.7	12
PROJ	TOR	74	16.7	4.6	1.8	4.4	41	0.4	0.6	66%	0.6	2.1	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.7	12

**2023-24:** Agbaji was another in-season addition for the Raptors, who acquired him from the Jazz along with Kelly Olynyk at the February trade deadline. The 2022 first-round pick experienced a modest boost to his numbers, averaging 6.7 points, 3.3 rebounds, 1.3 assists, 0.7 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 0.6 3-pointers in 27 games (18 starts) with the Raptors. For the season, Agbaji wasn't even a top 300 player in 8- or 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** Agbaji's contract for the 2024-25 season was guaranteed in October, with the Jazz picking up that option. The question now is whether or not Toronto will pick up his option for the 2025-26 season before the October deadline. If not, Agbaji will be a free agent next summer.

**Outlook:** Even with Agbaji being more productive post-trade, he did not do enough to justify being rostered in fantasy leagues. That will remain the case in 2024-25, especially if Toronto's veteran perimeter players stay healthy.

## 57 Malik Beasley Detroit Pistons

Age: 27 HT: 6-4 WT: 187

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	79	25	12.1	4.2	10.8	39%	0.6	0.8	82%	3	2.9	1.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	19
2022	UTA	55	26.8	13.4	4.8	12.2	40%	0.7	0.8	84%	3.1	3.6	1.7	0.8	0.1	1.1	22
2023	MIL	79	29.6	11.3	4.1	9.1	44%	0.3	0.4	71%	2.8	3.7	1.4	0.7	0.1	0.7	20
PROJ	DET	76	15.1	5.2	1.8	4	44	0.1	0.2	71%	1.5	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	20

**2023-24:** The 3-point marksman signed with the Bucks last summer and filled

in as the team's starting shooting guard for most of the season. He averaged 11.3 points, 3.7 rebounds, 1.4 assists, and 2.8 threes in 29.6 minutes per game, which allowed him to finish just outside the top 150 in 9-cat leagues.

**What's Changed:** Beasley agreed to a one-year deal with Detroit this summer, and he will try to help improve their spacing. He'll share the backcourt reserve minutes with Tim Hardaway Jr., as both players will play behind Jaden Ivey.

**Outlook:** Outside of 3-pointers, Beasley's impact in fantasy basketball has been virtually nonexistent. He has one top-150 season, and it came when he hit 3.5 triples in 32.8 minutes per game. He won't see nearly that many minutes or shot attempts, which means the only real fantasy impact he'll make will likely be if you're looking for a few extra 3-pointers on a Sunday to close out your matchup.



**Jordan Poole**  
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# SMALL FORWARD

**Kawhi Leonard**

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## 1 Kawhi Leonard Los Angeles Clippers

Age: 33 HT: 6-7 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	LAC	52	33.6	23.8	8.6	16.8	51%	4.7	5.4	87%	2	6.5	3.9	1.4	0.5	1.7	42
2023	LAC	68	34.3	23.7	9	17.1	53%	3.7	4.2	89%	2.1	6.1	3.6	1.6	0.9	1.8	42
PROJ	LAC	62	34.4	24	8.9	17.2	52	3.8	4.4	88%	2.1	6.3	3.7	1.7	0.9	1.8	42

**2023-24:** After years of ridicule for missing games, Kawhi suited up 68 times last year, his highest game count since the 2016-17 season. He ranked in the top ten in 9-cat value with averages of 23.7 points, 6.1 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 1.6 steals, 0.9 blocks, and 2.1 threes while shooting 52.5% from the floor and 88.5% from the free throw line. Unfortunately, he injured his knee again towards the end of the regular season and could only play twice in their first-round matchup with the Mavs. Clearly, he wasn't 100% for those games, and he ended up stepping away from Team USA to ensure he was healthy for training camp.

**What's Changed:** The narrative around Leonard isn't completely reversed, but it is undoubtedly better. The expectation is that he'll play enough games to be worth drafting in the second or third round, though the risk is still there. Paul George's departure opens up plenty of shots, and at least a few will go to Leonard. They'll need to lean on him heavily next season.

**Outlook:** Assuming Kawhi is healthy, he should be in for a monster season. He's 33 years old but should still be incredibly effective when on the floor. With PG in Philly, Leonard will be the team's star alongside James Harden. He hasn't ranked outside the top 25 in 9-cat leagues since his rookie season, and that won't start this season. The main concern will be Kawhi's health, but Tyronn Lue said he'll be ready for training camp. If he can stay healthy as he did for most of last season, Leonard will end up being one of the best values in fantasy since he is being drafted in the second or third rounds in many leagues. However, the injury risk has to be acknowledged.

## 2 Paul George Philadelphia 76ers

Age: 34 HT: 6-8 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAC	31	34.7	24.3	8.6	20.5	42%	4.1	4.8	86%	2.9	6.9	5.7	2.2	0.4	4.1	45
2022	LAC	56	34.6	23.8	8.2	17.9	46%	4.6	5.3	87%	2.8	6.1	5.1	1.5	0.4	3.1	41
2023	LAC	74	33.8	22.6	7.9	16.7	47%	3.6	3.9	91%	3.3	5.2	3.5	1.5	0.5	2.1	38
PROJ	PHI	65	33.3	22.3	7.7	16.5	47	3.6	3.9	91%	3.3	5.2	3.5	1.5	0.5	2	38

**2023-24:** After four seasons where his availability was a significant question mark, George put that to rest in 2023-24. Making 74 appearances for the Clippers, he accounted for 22.6 points, 5.2 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 1.5 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 3.3 3-pointers in 33.8 minutes, shooting 47.1% from the field and 90.7% from the foul line. That production was good for top 12 per-game value in 9-cat formats and top 20 in 8-cat, and George was a top 10 player in totals. A third-round pick in most leagues based upon ADP, PG proved to be a precious fantasy player last season.

**What's Changed:** Location. After seven seasons in the Western Conference, George is back in the East after agreeing to a max contract with the 76ers. Whether or not the Clippers disrespected him in negotiations is a conversation for another time. Still, PG will now look to win a championship by joining forces with Joel Embiid and Tyrese Maxey.

**Outlook:** After providing 1st-round value last season, George should have the fantasy world on notice. He joins another star with prior injury issues in Embiid, which could mean periods of increased usage for the veteran wing should that hold. However, even if the 76ers center stays healthy, George may be in a better spot fantasy-wise than with the Clippers. That lineup included two other ball-dominant perimeter players, James Harden and Kawhi Leonard; only Maxey would fit that mold in Philadelphia. George should not come off the board in the first round of most drafts, but he should be a popular second-round choice. Slipping into the third round would make him a potential steal.

## 3 Franz Wagner Orlando Magic

Age: 23 HT: 6-10 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ORL	79	30.7	15.2	5.8	12.3	47%	2.4	2.8	86%	1.2	4.5	2.9	0.9	0.4	1.5	27
2022	ORL	80	32.6	18.6	6.8	14	49%	3.4	4	84%	1.6	4.1	3.5	1	0.2	2.1	30
2023	ORL	72	32.5	19.7	7.3	15.2	48%	3.8	4.4	85%	1.3	5.3	3.7	1.1	0.4	1.9	34
PROJ	ORL	73	33.5	21	7.5	15.7	48	4.3	5	85%	1.6	6	4.2	1.2	0.4	2	34

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ORL	79	30.7	15.2	5.8	12.3	47%	2.4	2.8	86%	1.2	4.5	2.9	0.9	0.4	1.5	27
2022	ORL	80	32.6	18.6	6.8	14	49%	3.4	4	84%	1.6	4.1	3.5	1	0.2	2.1	30
2023	ORL	72	32.5	19.7	7.3	15.2	48%	3.8	4.4	85%	1.3	5.3	3.7	1.1	0.4	1.9	34
PROJ	ORL	73	33.5	21	7.5	15.7	48	4.3	5	85%	1.6	6	4.2	1.2	0.4	2	34

**2023-24:** Following a strong first two seasons in the league, Wagner took another step forward in year three. He was a top-75 player in 9-cat leagues, with averages of 19.7 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.7 assists, 1.1 steals and 1.3 triples per game. Aside from the 3-pointers, those were all career-highs, which helped Orlando return to the postseason. Wagner is an incredibly talented young player who continues to improve annually.

**What's Changed:** Orlando no longer has the label of a lottery team, and they will have more of a target on their back this upcoming season. The same applies to Wagner, who won't be drafted with the hopes that he will develop into a star but with the expectation that he will take another step forward this year. They didn't make many roster changes, and none will impact Wagner's place in the rotation.

**Outlook:** Despite an awful year shooting from beyond the arc, Wagner took steps forward in every other area of his game. He shot 28.1% on 3-pointers last year, which won't get the job done. If he can improve there and continue to develop in other ways, he'll likely be considered for a spot in the All-Star Game, especially if Orlando is winning games. His production is well-rounded, though he doesn't excel in any individual category. For that reason, he's an exciting player to take in the fourth round, though that may be where you have to take him. He's too talented for most managers to let him fall further than that.

## 4 Jimmy Butler Miami Heat

Age: 35 HT: 6-7 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIA	57	33.9	21.4	7	14.5	48%	6.9	8	87%	0.5	5.9	5.5	1.6	0.5	2.1	41
2022	MIA	64	33.4	22.9	7.5	13.9	54%	7.4	8.7	85%	0.6	5.9	5.3	1.8	0.3	1.6	43
2023	MIA	60	34	20.8	6.6	13.2	50%	6.6	7.7	86%	1	5.3	5	1.3	0.3	1.7	38
PROJ	MIA	58	32.3	19.4	6.3	12.5	50	5.9	6.9	86%	0.9	4.8	4.5	1.2	0.3	1.6	38

**2023-24:** Aside from a stretch from mid-December to mid-January, Butler was available for most of last season. He played in 60 games for the third time since he left Chicago. However, he had his first statistical season since he became a full-time starter for the Bulls during the 2013-14 season. He averaged 20.8 points, 5.3 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 1.3 steals, and 1.0 triples in 34.0 minutes per game, which ranked outside the top 25. Butler had been a top-20 per-game player for nearly a decade, and while he was still effective, he wasn't as dominant as he had been.

**What's Changed:** The Heat didn't feel the need to make many roster changes this summer. They just needed to get healthy. No moves would impact Butler anyway, but he's now 35. He regressed a bit last season, and while he may not fully plunge into fantasy irrelevance this year, it will be difficult for him to get back to being a top-15 player in fantasy basketball.

**Outlook:** Even if Butler isn't as productive as he had been in the past, he can still be incredibly valuable in fantasy hoops. Managers will have to continue to deal with availability issues. However, he'll still be at least a top-50 player in fantasy hoops, though it wouldn't be surprising if he were significantly better than that. The expectation that he'll only play 55-60 games will prevent many managers from taking him earlier than the fourth or fifth round, but getting a potential top-25 per-game player at that point of the draft should be a great value play.

## 5 Jaylen Brown Boston Celtics

Age: 27 HT: 6-6 WT: 223

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	66	33.6	23.6	8.7	18.4	47%	3.7	4.8	76%	2.5	6.1	3.5	1.1	0.3	2.7	38
2022	BOS	67	35.9	26.6	10.1	20.6	49%	3.9	5.1	77%	2.4	6.9	3.5	1.1	0.4	2.9	42
2023	BOS	70	33.5	23	9	17.9	50%	3	4.3	70%	2.1	5.5	3.6	1.2	0.5	2.4	38
PROJ	BOS	72	33.5	23.3	9	18	50	3	4.3	70%	2.4	5.5	3.5	1.2	0.5	2.4	38

**2023-24:** Like Jayson Tatum, Brown's scoring took a hit following a career 2022-

23 campaign. And this was expected, with the Celtics adding Jrue Holiday and Kristaps Porzingis to the rotation. Brown still had a good 2023-24, earning his third All-Star Game appearance in four seasons and posting averages of 23.0 points, 5.5 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 1.2 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 2.1 3-pointers in 33.5 minutes. Brown established new career-highs in assists and field-goal percentage by shooting 49.9% from the field and 70.3% from the foul line. Fantasy managers who had JB rostered ran into two issues last season: free-throw percentage and turnovers, with the former being the more significant reason he finished outside the top 75 in 9-cat, per-game value.

**What's Changed:** While Tatum may be motivated by not playing much in the Paris Olympics, Brown was fired up after not being selected to replace Kawhi Leonard. That and the desire to win another NBA title should light a fire under Brown.

**Outlook:** While Brown failing to finish within the top 50 in 8- or 9-cat formats last season was disappointing, it was not a surprising development in hindsight. He's produced just two top 50 seasons in his NBA career, 2022-23 and 2020-21. That said, selecting Brown in the fourth round of drafts this season would not be a severe reach. The Celtics will be without Porzingis (leg) to begin the season, which should mean more scoring opportunities for Brown and Tatum. The end of the fourth round in standard leagues is a good spot for most managers to consider taking Brown off the board.

## 6 DeMar DeRozan Sacramento Kings

Age: 35 HT: 6-6 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHI	76	36.1	27.9	10.2	20.2	50%	6.8	7.8	88%	0.7	5.2	4.9	0.9	0.3	2.4	43
2022	CHI	74	36.2	24.5	8.9	17.6	50%	6.2	7.1	87%	0.6	4.6	5.1	1.1	0.5	2.1	40
2023	CHI	79	37.8	24	8.2	17.2	48%	6.6	7.7	85%	0.9	4.3	5.3	1.1	0.6	1.7	41
PROJ	SAC	77	32.6	20.3	7.2	14.8	49	5	5.9	85%	0.7	3.6	4.3	0.9	0.4	1.5	41

**2023-24:** Despite another year of aging, nothing seems to slow DeRozan down. He played in 79 games at 37.8 minutes per game, which was the highest mark in the league. DeRozan also provided third-round value for the third straight season with averages of 24.0 points, 4.3 rebounds, 5.3 assists, and 1.1 steals per game. His three years in Chicago were also his three best seasons in fantasy.

**What's Changed:** Sacramento will be the fourth team that DeRozan has suited up for in his career, and he will likely replace Harrison Barnes in the starting unit. He isn't known as a deep threat, but DeMar will be playing on the team that shot the third most 3-pointers last season after playing on a team in the bottom five. It will be a change of pace for DeRozan, but he should still see plenty of playing time.

**Outlook:** Something's going to have to give in Sacramento this year. Whether it is DeRozan or one of the returners, someone will lose out on some shot attempts. He has been a top-50 player for nearly a decade, and DeRozan should be able to reach that mark again. He has also been healthy for most of his career. He'll likely go outside that range in most drafts, and he should be able to eclipse that mark when it comes to 9-cat value. The fit may seem clunky, but DeRozan should help the Kings be more competitive in the loaded Western Conference.

## 7 Brandon Miller Charlotte Hornets

Age: 21 HT: 6-7 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	CHA	74	32.2	17.3	6.4	14.6	44%	1.9	2.3	83%	2.5	4.3	2.4	0.9	0.6	1.8	29
PROJ	CHA	72	33.3	18.3	6.7	15.1	44	2.2	2.7	83%	2.8	4.8	2.7	1	0.7	1.8	29

**2023-24:** Charlotte selected Miller with the No. 2 pick in the draft last summer, and he did not disappoint. He finished just outside the top 100 in 9-cat leagues with averages of 17.3 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.4 assists, and 2.5 threes per game. He has already shown that he can be an elite scorer and shooter in the NBA, though he still has room for improvement. His field goal percentage wasn't great (44%), and his defensive numbers of 0.9 steals and 0.6 blocks were average. Still, he was one of the best rookies in the league last season.

**What's Changed:** Heading into year two, the expectations will be higher for Miller. A healthy LaMelo Ball may impact his usage, but he should get easier looks from the elite point guard. The addition of Josh Green may impact Miller's role slightly, but he will continue to be one of the top-scoring options for a long time.

**Outlook:** Miller is coming off of a really strong rookie season, and he should only continue to improve as a player. Over the final three weeks of last season, Miller provided fifth-round value, though it was a small sample size. His shooting percentages improved, which is an area in which he can easily succeed this year just from having more experience. He is a high-upside forward in the middle rounds that could be super impactful in fantasy hoops if he makes a few improvements that most players do heading into year two.

## 8 Brandon Ingram New Orleans Pelicans

Age: 27 HT: 6-8 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NOP	55	34	22.7	8.2	17.9	46%	4.8	5.9	83%	1.3	5.8	5.6	0.6	0.5	2.7	39
2022	NOP	45	34.2	24.7	9	18.6	48%	5.3	6	88%	1.4	5.5	5.8	0.7	0.4	3.3	40
2023	NOP	64	32.9	20.8	7.8	15.9	49%	3.8	4.8	80%	1.3	5.1	5.7	0.8	0.6	2.5	37
PROJ	NOP	66	32.1	20.5	7.6	15.5	49	3.8	4.8	80%	1.3	5.1	5.7	0.8	0.6	2.5	37

**2023-24:** As has been the case for much of his career, Ingram did endure an extended absence due to injury. A bone contusion in his left knee in mid-March sidelined the Pelicans wing for 12 games, with Ingram returning for the Pelicans' regular season finale against the Lakers. While he was able to play in each of New Orleans' six postseason games (two play-in, then four against Oklahoma City), he looked like a shell of himself. Making 64 regular season appearances, Ingram finished with averages of 20.8 points, 5.1 rebounds, 5.7 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 1.3 3-pointers in 32.9 minutes, with the scoring decreasing by nearly four points compared to 2022-23 (24.7). Ingram ranked within the top 100 in 8- and 9-cat per-game value, ranking 60th in the former, according to Basketball Monster.

**What's Changed:** Unfortunately, nothing has changed for Ingram. In the aftermath of the Pelicans being swept out of the playoffs by Oklahoma City, lead executive David Griffin said significant changes would be coming. While New Orleans did acquire Dejounte Murray from the Hawks, many also expected Ingram to be on his way out. He'll be in the final season of his contract, and it appears unlikely that Ingram will get the deal he desires from New Orleans.

**Outlook:** Ingram's injury history has always made him a difficult player to trust in fantasy. Since playing in 79 games as a rookie in 2016-17, he has failed to crack the 65-game threshold vital for players who would not be classified as superstars. Add in Murray's arrival and the current status of his contract, and this could be a difficult season for Ingram. He should enter the conversation in most league drafts in the sixth round, but one would not blame any fantasy managers who hope to land him in the seventh.

## 9 Michael Porter Denver Nuggets

Age: 26 HT: 6-10 WT: 218

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DEN	9	29.4	9.9	4.1	11.4	36%	0.6	1	56%	1.1	6.6	1.9	1.1	0.2	1.3	23
2022	DEN	62	29	17.4	6.4	13.2	49%	1.5	1.9	80%	3	5.5	1	0.6	0.5	1.1	28
2023	DEN	81	31.7	16.7	6.4	13.3	48%	1.1	1.4	84%	2.7	7	1.5	0.5	0.7	1.1	30
PROJ	DEN	75	34.2	18.2	6.9	14.4	48	1.3	1.5	84%	3	7.7	1.7	0.6	0.7	1.2	30

**2023-24:** It was business as usual for MPJ during the 2023-24 season, as the sharpshooter occupied his usual role as a long-range scorer and competent rebounder. Porter Jr. averaged 16.7 points, 7.0 boards, 1.5 assists, 0.5 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 2.7 triples, knocking down 48.4% of his shots from the field and 83.6% from the free-throw line. The counting stats and shooting percentages weren't surprising, but the story of Porter Jr.'s season was durability. After playing just 71 total games across the last two seasons, MPJ logged career highs in games played (81) and minutes per game (31.7). He finished 71st in per-game fantasy value and 39th in totals.

**What's Changed:** Denver's forward depth hasn't changed from the 2023-24 season, and MPJ should see heavy minutes again.



**Outlook:** Porter Jr.'s play can be hit-or-miss, as evidenced by his performance in the Western Conference semifinal loss to Minnesota. Over the series' final four games, MPJ averaged just 6.3 points, 6.3 rebounds, and 1.0 triples while shooting 28.6% from the floor and 19.0% from beyond the arc. Fantasy managers who can deal with highs and lows can comfortably grab Porter Jr. in the seventh round or later in fantasy drafts as a three-point specialist who can contribute meaningfully in several other categories. After playing nearly every game last season, durability is certainly a risk.

## 10 Mikal Bridges New York Knicks

Age: 28 HT: 6-6 WT: 209

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHX	82	34.8	14.2	5.6	10.5	53%	1.6	1.9	83%	1.4	4.2	2.3	1.2	0.4	0.8	27
2022	PHX	56	36.4	17.2	6.3	13.6	46%	2.8	3.1	90%	1.8	4.3	3.6	1.2	0.8	1.4	32
2023	BKN	82	34.8	19.6	6.9	15.8	44%	3.1	3.9	81%	2.7	4.5	3.6	1	0.4	2	33
PROJ	NYK	82	33.7	19	6.7	15.3	44	3.1	3.8	81%	2.6	4.4	3.6	1	0.4	1.9	33

**2023-24:** Given how well he played for the Nets after being traded at the February 2023 deadline, expectations were high for Bridges in fantasy basketball. Unfortunately, he could not duplicate that production as Brooklyn's top offensive option for an entire season. Once again not missing a game, Bridges averaged 19.6 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 1.0 steals, and 2.7 3-pointers in 34.8 minutes. The efficiency dipped, with Mikal's field goal percentage (43.6%) being the lowest it's been since his rookie season (43.0% in 2018-19). He was selected in the second round of numerous drafts and finished the season as an 8th-round player in 8- and 9-cat formats but was a top 50 player in totals.

**What's Changed:** Brooklyn pivoted into rebuild mode at the end of the season, with one of the franchise's goals being to restock their diminished draft coffers. Bridges was the star moved, with the Nets sending him to the Knicks in exchange for Bojan Bogdanovic, Shake Milton, Mamadi Diakite, and multiple future first-round draft picks.

**Outlook:** Bridges' move to Manhattan makes him one of four Villanova alums in the rotation, joining Jalen Brunson, Donte DiVincenzo, and Josh Hart. The role that awaits him with the Knicks may be better for Bridges regarding fantasy value. There will be opportunities when he can help lead the offense, but the Knicks will not need Mikal to shoulder as much of the workload as he did in Brooklyn. The roster may limit Bridges' fantasy ceiling, but he feels like a safe bet to provide top-50 value (or come close to doing so).

## 11 OG Anunoby New York Knicks

Age: 27 HT: 6-7 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	TOR	48	36	17.1	6.4	14.5	44%	1.9	2.5	75%	2.4	5.5	2.6	1.5	0.5	1.7	32
2022	TOR	67	35.6	16.8	6.3	13.2	48%	2.1	2.5	84%	2.1	5	2	1.9	0.7	2	32
2023	TOR	27	33.3	15.1	5.8	11.9	49%	1.2	1.7	72%	2.3	3.9	2.6	1	0.5	1.6	27
PROJ	NYK	63	31.4	13.8	5.2	10.7	49	1.3	1.7	76%	2	4.5	2.4	1.5	0.7	1.5	27

**2023-24:** As was the case during his first six NBA seasons, Anunoby began the 2023-24 campaign in Toronto. However, with the Raptors moving toward a rebuild and the veteran forward set for a big payday in free agency, it was unsurprising when OG was traded to the Knicks in late December. Unfortunately, injuries limited him to 50 games during the regular season, with Anunoby averaging 14.7 points, 4.2 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.4 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 2.0 3-pointers in 34.0 minutes. While that production was good for 7th-round per-game value in 8-cat formats, the limited availability was a sore spot for managers who had Anunoby rostered. He also dealt with injuries during the playoffs, as a strained hamstring suffered during Game 2 of the Pacers series sidelined Anunoby until an ill-fated return during Game 7.

**What's Changed:** Anunoby got paid in a big way this summer, with the Knicks signing him to an extension worth \$212.5 million over five years. Anunoby, who has a player option for the 2028-29 campaign, is expected to be fully healthy once training camp begins.

**Outlook:** Before last season, Anunoby either provided top-50 per-game fantasy value or finished just outside that threshold for three consecutive seasons. So, he's capable of delivering solid value. However, since playing 67 games or more each of his first three seasons, the Knicks wing has surpassed 60 just once in the last four. And with the Knicks adding the ultimate Iron Man in Mikal Bridges, they have the depth needed to exercise caution if injuries limit Anunoby at any point. While OG certainly has upside in fantasy basketball, managers would be well-served to wait until the middle rounds in standard leagues to draft him.

## 12 Khris Middleton Milwaukee Bucks

Age: 33 HT: 6-7 WT: 222

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIL	66	32.4	20.1	6.8	15.5	44%	3.9	4.4	89%	2.5	5.4	5.4	1.2	0.3	2.9	36
2022	MIL	33	24.3	15.1	5.4	12.3	44%	2.8	3.1	90%	1.5	4.2	4.9	0.7	0.2	2.2	28
2023	MIL	55	27	15.1	5.8	11.7	49%	1.8	2.2	83%	1.7	4.7	5.3	0.9	0.3	2.3	30
PROJ	MIL	57	28.2	15.6	6	12.2	49	1.8	2.2	83%	1.7	4.7	5.3	0.9	0.3	2.4	30

**2023-24:** Middleton averaged 15.1 points for a second straight season and chipped in 4.7 rebounds and 5.3 assists. Injuries sometimes hampered the Bucks wing after logging just 33 games in 2022-23, and he didn't hit his stride until the back half of the regular season and in the first round of the playoffs. While he might not reach All-Star status again, he's still a serviceable wing because of his versatile game and efficiency.

**What's Changed:** Taurean Prince and Gary Trent Jr. are in the fold after the departures of multiple wings. Both will be asked to take some of Middleton's minutes for spurts if he struggles throughout the year, but neither is a threat to his role when healthy.

**Outlook:** Middleton had operations on both his ankles and has played in 88 games over the previous two seasons. He might not be a player who can score 20 or more points on a nightly basis anymore, but he can be a top-100 player if he plays enough games.

## 13 Klay Thompson Dallas Mavericks

Age: 34 HT: 6-6 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	32	29.4	20.4	7.7	17.9	43%	1.4	1.6	90%	3.6	3.9	2.8	0.5	0.5	1.3	31
2022	GSW	69	33	21.9	7.9	18.1	44%	1.7	1.9	88%	4.4	4.1	2.4	0.7	0.4	1.8	32
2023	GSW	77	29.7	17.9	6.4	14.7	43%	1.6	1.8	93%	3.5	3.3	2.3	0.6	0.5	1.5	27
PROJ	DAL	75	32.3	19.6	6.9	16	43	1.9	2	93%	3.9	3.7	2.6	0.7	0.5	1.7	27

**2023-24:** Thompson appeared in 77 games for the Warriors, averaging 17.9 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 3.5 3-pointers in 29.7 minutes. And for the first time since his rookie season, Thompson was not a lock to start, with 14 of his 77 appearances being in a reserve role. Klay's scoring average was the lowest since his second season in the NBA, but he remained a top 75 player in 9-cat formats. Thompson's season ended on a brutal note, as he was 0-of-10 from the field in Golden State's play-in loss to the Kings.

**What's Changed:** After 13 seasons with the only franchise he's ever played for, Thompson moved to Texas this offseason. Sent to Dallas via sign-and-trade, he agreed to a contract worth \$50 million over three years before the deal was consummated.

**Outlook:** Thompson moving from Golden State to Dallas ensures he'll remain a starter, playing off of elite playmakers Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving. While there are questions about what he still has in the tank defensively, the perimeter shooting remains a constant. Thompson shot 38.5% from three on 9.0 attempts per game in 2023-24, and playing alongside Dallas' two stars could push that average above ten for the second time in three seasons. Using a top 75 pick on Thompson may be a bit much, but he should hover around the top 100, provided he stays healthy.

## 14 Herbert Jones New Orleans Pelicans

Age: 25 HT: 6-7 WT: 206

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NOP	78	29.9	9.5	3.5	7.4	48%	1.8	2.1	84%	0.7	3.8	2.1	1.7	0.8	1.3	23
2022	NOP	66	29.6	9.8	3.6	7.6	47%	1.9	2.4	76%	0.8	4.1	2.5	1.6	0.6	1.3	24
2023	NOP	76	30.5	11	3.9	7.7	50%	1.8	2.1	87%	1.5	3.6	2.6	1.4	0.8	1.2	25
PROJ	NOP	75	30.6	11.1	3.9	7.8	50	1.8	2.1	87%	1.5	3.7	2.7	1.4	0.8	1.2	25

**2023-24:** Jones was once again a fixture in the Pelicans' starting lineup, cementing himself as one of the top defenders in the NBA. Earning first-team All-Defense honors, he averaged 11.0 points, 3.6 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 1.4 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 1.5 3-pointers in 30.5 minutes. Jones established new career highs in points, assists, and 3-pointers, shooting 41.8% from beyond the arc on 3.6 attempts per game. Jones finished the season as a 6th-round player in 9-cat formats and 7th-round in 8-cat, outperforming his Yahoo ADP (132) in both.

**What's Changed:** The Pelicans acquired Dejeunte Murray from the Hawks, adding another quality defender to their perimeter rotation.

**Outlook:** Jones exceeded expectations in fantasy basketball last season due to the improved offensive production. Adding Murray to the mix improves New Orleans' point guard rotation, which should benefit supplementary options such as Jones. The question: if Murray starts, who moves to the bench? Or does he slide Jones, Brandon Ingram, and Zion Williamson "down" a position, going small to begin games? Jones will figure prominently in New Orleans' plans, given his defensive prowess. While he certainly has top-75 fantasy potential, as evidenced last season, fantasy managers should not consider selecting Jones that early in drafts. However, he will be a must-roster player.

## 15 Trey Murphy New Orleans Pelicans

Age: 24 HT: 6-8 WT: 206

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NOP	62	13.9	5.4	1.8	4.5	39%	0.7	0.8	88%	1.1	2.4	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.3	10
2022	NOP	79	31	14.5	4.9	10.1	48%	2.2	2.4	91%	2.6	3.6	1.4	1.1	0.5	0.8	25
2023	NOP	57	29.6	14.8	4.8	10.9	44%	2.2	2.6	82%	3	4.9	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.6	28
PROJ	NOP	62	28.3	14.3	4.6	10.4	44	2.1	2.6	81%	2.9	4.8	2.1	0.9	0.5	0.6	28

**2023-24:** The start to Murphy's third season with the Pelicans was delayed, as recovery from offseason knee surgery kept him on the shelf until December 1. He only missed six games the remainder of the season, finishing with averages of 14.8 points, 4.9 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 3.0 3-pointers in 29.6 minutes. Murphy, who started 23 of his 57 appearances, offered 6th-round per-game value in 9-cat formats while ranking just outside the top 100 in 8-cat. Despite the missed time to begin the season, he was also just outside the top 100 in totals.

**What's Changed:** The issue regarding Murphy's fantasy ceiling is what didn't change: the Pelicans did not move Brandon Ingram, who is entering the final season of his contract.

**Outlook:** Whether he starts or comes off the bench, Murphy stands to be a valuable player for fantasy managers. The 14.8 points per game averaged last season were a career-best, and he also notched career-high marks in rebounds, assists, and 3-pointers. The problem is that Murphy's fantasy value is capped with Ingram still in the fold. With the Pelicans' current roster, he should be available around pick 100 in standard leagues. If New Orleans were to move Ingram before the start of the season (this appears unlikely), Murphy's value would skyrocket.

## 16 Amen Thompson Houston Rockets

Age: 21 HT: 6-7 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	HOU	62	22.4	9.5	3.9	7.2	54%	1.7	2.5	68%	0.1	6.6	2.6	1.3	0.6	1.5	26
PROJ	HOU	64	23.4	10.1	4.1	7.5	54	1.9	2.8	68%	0.1	7.4	2.9	1.4	0.7	1.5	26

**2023-24:** The fourth overall pick in last summer's draft, Thompson appeared in 62 games during his rookie campaign. Making 23 starts, the 6-foot-7 wing contributed 9.5 points, 6.6 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 1.3 steals, and 0.6 blocks in 22.4 minutes. Shooting 53.6% from the field and 68.4% from the foul line, Thompson was a second-team All-Rookie selection, and he provided 12th-round per-game value in

8- and 9-cat formats. He was slightly worse in totals, a byproduct of his missing 20 games due to injury.

**What's Changed:** Not much has changed for Thompson. Tari Eason being healthy means there will be another wing at Ime Udoka's disposal, but there was room for both young talents in last season's rotation. That should remain the case in 2024-25.

**Outlook:** The only negative in Thompson's game is the lack of perimeter shooting production. He was 8-of-58 from beyond the arc as a rookie, and the free throw percentage (68.4%) suggests that fantasy managers should not expect much to change in that regard. However, what Thompson brings to the table as a playmaker and defender makes him well worth the risk just outside the top 100 picks in standard leagues.

## 17 Deni Avdija Portland Trail Blazers

Age: 23 HT: 6-9 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	WAS	82	24.2	8.4	3	7.1	43%	1.3	1.7	76%	1	5.2	2	0.7	0.5	1.1	20
2022	WAS	76	26.6	9.2	3.3	7.6	44%	1.6	2.2	74%	0.9	6.4	2.8	0.9	0.4	1.6	23
2023	WAS	75	30.1	14.7	5.4	10.7	51%	2.7	3.6	74%	1.2	7.2	3.8	0.8	0.5	2.1	31
PROJ	POR	74	31.4	15.7	5.7	11.2	51	3.1	4.2	74%	1.3	8.2	4.4	0.9	0.6	2.2	31

**2023-24:** Following Washington's offseason firesale, Avdija was asked to step into a more significant role and answered the bell superbly. Avdija enjoyed a breakout 2023-24 campaign, posting averages of 14.7 points, 7.2 boards, 3.8 dimes, 0.8 steals, 0.5 blocks and 1.2 triples. Aside from the defensive stats, Avdija set new career highs across the board, and he knocked down a career-best 50.6% of his field goal attempts across 30.1 minutes per tilt. Avdija appeared in 75 games, logging at least that many appearances for a third straight season.

**What's Changed:** Avdija was traded from Washington to Portland for Malcolm Brogdon, the No. 14 pick in the 2024 Draft and a 2029 pick.

**Outlook:** The breakout forward should slot into Portland's starting five right out of the gate, and he could see a similarly prominent role to the one he played for Washington a season ago. Though Avdija finished outside the top 125 in per-game fantasy hoops value on the season as a whole, he offered first-round value over the campaign's final two months, and he'll look to carry that momentum over to his new locale in the Pacific Northwest. Avdija's early ADP (per Hashtag Basketball) is just inside the top 125, and he'll be a savvy value pick if that ADP holds strong through the 2024-25 draft season.

## 18 RJ Barrett Toronto Raptors

Age: 24 HT: 6-6 WT: 214

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NYK	70	34.5	20	7	17.1	41%	4.1	5.8	71%	2	5.8	3	0.6	0.2	2.2	32
2022	NYK	73	33.9	19.6	7	16.1	43%	4	5.4	74%	1.7	5	2.8	0.4	0.2	2.2	29
2023	NYK	26	29.5	18.2	6.3	14.9	42%	4	4.8	83%	1.7	4.3	2.4	0.5	0.3	1.8	28
PROJ	TOR	63	33.1	21.2	7.9	15.9	50	3.8	5.4	71%	1.7	5.8	3.6	0.6	0.4	2.3	28

**2023-24:** After four-plus seasons with the Knicks, Barrett's time in the Big Apple concluded in late December due to the OG Anunoby trade. The return to his native country boosted Barrett's value, as he averaged 21.8 points, 6.4 rebounds, 4.1 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.4 blocks, and 1.5 3-pointers per game in 32 starts for the Raptors. From January 1 onward, Barrett provided 15th-round per-game value in 9-cat formats. That isn't much, but it's an improvement on what he was doing with the Knicks.

**What's Changed:** Barrett agreed to a contract extension in September 2022, and his significant change ahead of the 2024-25 season occurred in December. He's one of the players the Raptors hope will help the team rebuild around Scottie Barnes.

**Outlook:** Barrett's game has never been "fantasy friendly;" he offers limited defensive value, and even with the improvements made after his trade to Toronto, efficiency remains a concern. That said, the role he's taking on in Toronto makes



Barrett a more palatable late-round option in standard leagues. He isn't a player who managers in most leagues should use a top-100 pick on, but grabbing Barrett shortly after that would not be a foolish decision.

## 19 Max Strus Cleveland Cavaliers

Age: 28 HT: 6-5 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIA	68	23.3	10.6	3.7	8.3	44%	0.6	0.8	79%	2.7	3	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	17
2022	MIA	80	28.4	11.5	4.1	9.9	41%	1	1.1	88%	2.5	3.2	2.1	0.5	0.2	0.9	20
2023	CLE	70	32	12.2	4.3	10.4	42%	1.1	1.4	79%	2.4	4.8	4	0.9	0.4	1.6	26
PROJ	CLE	71	30.3	11.6	4.1	9.9	42	1.1	1.3	79%	2.3	4.7	3.9	0.9	0.4	1.5	26

**2023-24:** The Cavaliers signed Strus last offseason with the hope that he would provide them with much-needed perimeter shooting, and that's how things worked out. Making 70 starts, the Cavs' sharpshooter averaged 12.2 points, 4.8 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.4 blocks, and 2.4 3-pointers in 32.0 minutes. Shooting 41.8% from the field and 79.4% from the foul line, Strus hit at least five 3-pointers in 10 games, making seven on two occasions. The fantasy value wasn't great, with Strus ranking just outside the top 100 in per-game value, but he was an effective specialist for managers who needed 3-point production. The assists and rebounds were a welcome bonus.

**What's Changed:** Nothing has changed for Strus, who will remain the Cavaliers' fifth starter when the regular season begins.

**Outlook:** Based on "way too early" ADP numbers, Caris LeVert is still being drafted before Strus, and that should not be happening. Strus offers a safer floor, especially considering he doesn't need many plays run for him within the Cavaliers' offense. He could also benefit from Cleveland hiring Kenny Atkinson as the new head coach. The personnel isn't the same, but each of Atkinson's four teams in Brooklyn (2016-20) finished the regular season ranked in the top 5 in 3-point attempts per game. Strus is worth selecting with a late-round pick and should be a final specialist for those seeking 3-point production.

## 20 Kelly Oubre Philadelphia 76ers

Age: 28 HT: 6-7 WT: 203

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHA	76	26.3	15	5.4	12.3	44%	1.7	2.5	67%	2.5	4	1.1	1	0.4	0.9	25
2022	CHA	48	32.3	20.3	7.4	17.1	43%	3.3	4.3	76%	2.3	5.2	1.1	1.4	0.4	1.3	32
2023	PHI	68	30.2	15.4	5.7	12.9	44%	2.6	3.4	75%	1.5	5	1.5	1.1	0.7	1.3	28
PROJ	PHI	67	29.5	15.1	5.5	12.6	44	2.6	3.4	75%	1.5	5	1.5	1.1	0.7	1.3	28

**2023-24:** Not known for being a player capable of impacting winning, Oubre joined the 76ers on a one-year deal last summer. The move was good, with the veteran wing appearing in 68 games (52 starts) and averaging 15.4 points, 5.0 rebounds, 1.5 assists, 1.1 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 1.5 3-pointers in 30.2 minutes. While only providing late-round per-game fantasy value, Oubre was good enough to carve out a consistent role with the 76ers. During Philadelphia's first-round series against the Knicks, he averages 13.2 points, 4.0 rebounds, 1.7 assists, 1.8 steals, 1.2 blocks, and 1.5 3-pointers in 37.3 minutes.

**What's Changed:** The 76ers improved by signing Paul George to a max contract. They also re-signed Oubre, who agreed to a two-year deal worth a little over \$16 million, with a player option for the 2025-26 campaign.

**Outlook:** In addition to the moves mentioned above, the 76ers also re-signed Kyle Lowry and added Eric Gordon. However, the departures of DeAnthony Melton and Tobias Harris should preserve Oubre's place within the rotation. While the playing time may decrease somewhat, the Tsunami Papi will play enough to merit late-round consideration in standard and deep leagues, especially if he remains in the starting lineup.

## 21 Aaron Nesmith Indiana Pacers

Age: 24 HT: 6-6 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	52	11	3.8	1.4	3.5	40%	0.4	0.5	81%	0.6	1.7	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.6	7
2022	IND	73	24.9	10.1	3.5	8.1	43%	1.6	1.9	84%	1.6	3.8	1.3	0.8	0.5	1	20
2023	IND	72	27.7	12.2	4.4	8.8	50%	1.5	1.9	78%	1.9	3.8	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.9	23
PROJ	IND	72	26.4	11.7	4.2	8.4	50	1.5	1.9	78%	1.9	3.8	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.9	23

**2023-24:** Nesmith scored a career-high 12.2 points per game while recording 41.9% from three-point range last season. He started in 72 games and provided hard-nosed defense alongside his efficient scoring.

**What's Changed:** Indiana hasn't added new wings, but Benedict Mathurin is set to return from injury, and Ben Sheppard could earn a more prominent role in 2024-25. Nesmith should remain the starter at small forward regardless, though.

**Outlook:** Nesmith will likely be a consistent starter but isn't expected to finish the upcoming season as a top-100 fantasy player. He's projected to finish closer to 150, making him a late-round target at best in standard league drafts.

## 22 Josh Hart New York Knicks

Age: 29 HT: 6-4 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NOP	41	33.5	13.4	4.8	9.4	51%	2.8	3.8	75%	1	7.8	4.1	1.1	0.3	2	31
2022	POR	51	33.4	9.5	3.6	7.1	50%	1.7	2.3	73%	0.7	8.2	3.9	1.1	0.2	1.5	28
2023	NYK	81	33.4	9.4	3.6	8.4	43%	1.1	1.4	79%	1	8.3	4.1	0.9	0.3	1.5	28
PROJ	NYK	77	28.5	8	3.1	7.2	43	1	1.2	79%	0.9	7.2	3.5	0.8	0.2	1.2	28

**2023-24:** Immediately impactful upon joining the Knicks during the 2022-23 season, Hart remained a reliable force in 2023-24. Starting 42 of the 81 regular-season games he played, Hart averaged 9.4 points, 8.3 rebounds, 4.1 assists, 0.9 steals, and 1.0 3-pointers in 33.4 minutes. Despite shooting 43.4% from the field, he provided 11th-round per-game value in 8- and 9-cat formats and was a top 100 player in totals. Hart was one of many Knicks slowed down by injury during the postseason, with an abdominal strain making him a shell of himself during the Pacers series. However, he played through the pain and is expected to be fully healthy once training camp begins.

**What's Changed:** There's another Villanova product on the roster, as the Knicks acquired Mikal Bridges from the Nets this summer. However, this may not guarantee a return to the bench, as the Knicks traded Julius Randle and Donte DiVincenzo to Minnesota for Karl-Anthony Towns. With Mitchell Robinson (ankle) out until December at the earliest, Hart could be asked to move into the starting lineup to begin the season.

**Outlook:** If Hart were a player who relied heavily upon his ability to score, moving to the bench would eliminate most of his fantasy value. However, he's one of the best rebounders for his size in the NBA and is also a capable secondary playmaker and defender. Having established himself as a player Tom Thibodeau can rely on, Hart will continue to play quality minutes, and due to the Towns trade and Robinson injury, Hart could begin the season as a starter. He's worth grabbing with a late-round pick, especially in category leagues.

## 23 Auser Thompson Detroit Pistons

Age: 21 HT: 6-6 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	DET	63	25.1	8.8	3.7	7.6	48%	1.1	1.9	60%	0.3	6.4	1.9	1.1	0.9	1.3	24
PROJ	DET	65	25.5	9.1	3.7	7.7	48	1.2	2.1	60%	0.4	6.9	2.1	1.2	1	1.4	24

**2023-24:** The Pistons selected Thompson with the No. 5 pick in the draft last summer, and he got off to an excellent start to his career. He played close to 30 minutes per game in October and November but down to 20 minutes per game in December and January. His role expanded in February and March, but his first year in the league was cut short due to a blood clot. He averaged 8.8 points, 6.4 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 1.1 steals, and 0.9 blocks in 25.1 minutes per game for the season.

**What's Changed:** Thompson should be ready to go after a health scare last season and be the starting small forward for new head coach J.B. Bickerstaff. They

did add Ron Holland in the draft, who is also an athletic defender who struggles to space the floor. Still, not having Monty Williams around should help Thompson's role be more consistent.

**Outlook:** The shooting struggles are real, and it may be a few years before Thompson is even a league-average 3-point shooter. However, even without that, he has the makings of an elite player in category leagues. There aren't many perimeter players who can provide his combination of rebounds, steals, and blocks, and he should make improvements in other categories heading into year two. The free throw percentage and lack of 3-pointers will limit his overall value, but getting a player as impactful as Thompson is on the defensive end in the final rounds is incredibly helpful.

## 24 Keldon Johnson San Antonio Spurs

Age: 24 HT: 6-5 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAS	75	31.9	17	6.3	13.5	47%	2.4	3.1	76%	2.1	6.1	2.1	0.8	0.2	1.2	29
2022	SAS	63	32.7	22	8	17.7	45%	3.9	5.2	75%	2.1	5	2.9	0.7	0.2	2.1	33
2023	SAS	69	29.5	15.7	5.7	12.5	45%	2.5	3.2	79%	1.8	5.5	2.8	0.7	0.3	1.4	28
PROJ	SAS	68	27.6	14.6	5.3	11.7	45	2.3	2.9	79%	1.7	5	2.6	0.7	0.3	1.4	28

**2023-24:** Johnson began last season as a starter, but the decision was made just before Christmas to move him to the bench. Overall, the 2019 first-round pick appeared in 69 games (27 starts), finishing with averages of 15.7 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.8 assists, 0.7 steals, 0.3 blocks, and 1.8 3-pointers in 29.5 minutes. Shooting 45.4% from the field and 79.2% from the foul line, Johnson was a top 150 player regarding per-game fantasy value. While slightly better in totals, he hovered around the top 125 mark.

**What's Changed:** The Spurs added another wing with credibly experienced experience to their rotation, acquiring Harrison Barnes in a three-team trade with Sacramento and Chicago.

**Outlook:** Johnson has never been a great fantasy option, with the 2021-22 season being his best regarding per-game and total value. And after two seasons in which he played at least 32 minutes per game, the average decreased to 29.5 in 2023-24. That number should hold steady, even with the addition of Barnes, but Johnson is difficult to trust fully, especially if Gregg Popovich keeps him in a reserve role. At best, he's a late-round option in standard leagues.

## 25 Jaime Jaquez Miami Heat

Age: 23 HT: 6-6 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	MIA	75	28.2	11.9	4.5	9.3	49%	1.9	2.3	81%	0.9	3.8	2.6	1	0.3	1.5	23
PROJ	MIA	73	28.6	12.2	4.6	9.4	49	2	2.5	81%	0.9	4.1	2.8	1.1	0.3	1.5	23

**2023-24:** Miami selected Jaquez Jr. with the No. 18 pick in the draft last summer, and he came ready to contribute from day one. He averaged 11.9 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.6 assists, and 1.0 steals in 28.2 minutes per game as a rookie, placing him just outside the top 150. He saw an expanded role due to injuries in front of him, but he was an NBA-ready player immediately.

**What's Changed:** The Heat are healthy heading into this season, so Jaquez won't be part of the starting unit to open the year. He was an older rookie, which helped him succeed early, but it may mean he doesn't have the same upside that others have to contribute in fantasy basketball.

**Outlook:** Jaquez is a good basketball player who will be around the NBA for a long time. He should help the Heat win games this season. However, there shouldn't be a ton of optimism when it comes to fantasy basketball. He was outside the top 150 last year while playing 28.2 minutes per game, and there is a good chance that he sees a smaller role this year, barring a disastrous injury season for Miami. He doesn't excel in any individual category, so he will struggle to contribute much value in limited minutes. Keep an eye on him as a potential streamer, but he isn't a player to target in drafts.

## 26 Derrick Jones Los Angeles Clippers

Age: 27 HT: 6-6 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHI	51	17.6	5.6	2.1	3.8	54%	1.1	1.4	80%	0.4	3.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	13
2022	CHI	64	14	5	1.8	3.6	50%	1	1.3	74%	0.4	2.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	12
2023	DAL	76	23.5	8.6	3.1	6.5	48%	1.3	1.8	71%	1.1	3.3	1	0.7	0.7	0.9	17
PROJ	LAC	74	27.9	10.5	3.7	7.8	48	1.6	2.3	71%	1.4	4.2	1.3	0.9	0.9	1	17

**2023-24:** The journeyman has been known for his athleticism for a long time, but he was an incredibly impactful defender for a Mavs team that made a run to the NBA Finals last season. However, that didn't translate into fantasy production for him. He averaged 8.6 points, 3.3 rebounds, and 1.1 triples per game while ranking outside the top 200 in 9-cat leagues.

**What's Changed:** DJJ earned a payday this summer and inked a three-year deal to join the Clippers. With Paul George gone, Jones will have a chance to fill the void in the starting unit. He played a career-high 23.5 minutes per game last season, and while he likely won't reach PG's 33.8 minutes, he will take on a prominent role with his new team.

**Outlook:** This is an excellent opportunity for Jones to build off of a big season in Dallas, and while he will help make up for the loss of PG on the defensive end, he is nowhere near the same player on the offensive end. DJJ has one top-200 season in his career, which came during his final season with the Heat and can primarily be attributed to a boost in defensive numbers. That is the path for DJJ to be fantasy-relevant this upcoming season, though he hasn't ever been a great fantasy option, so he isn't a player to target in drafts.

## 27 Royce O'Neale Phoenix Suns

Age: 31 HT: 6-6 WT: 226

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	UTA	77	31.2	7.4	2.6	5.8	46%	0.6	0.7	80%	1.5	4.8	2.5	1.1	0.4	1	20
2022	BKN	76	31.7	8.8	3	7.8	39%	0.7	0.9	73%	2.1	5.1	3.7	0.9	0.6	1.5	24
2023	BKN	49	24.5	7.4	2.6	6.6	39%	0.3	0.4	68%	2	4.5	2.8	0.7	0.6	1	20
PROJ	PHX	76	25.6	8	2.8	7.1	40	0.3	0.5	69%	2.1	5	2.9	0.8	0.6	1	20

**2023-24:** After opening the season with the Nets, O'Neale was dealt to the Suns at the trade deadline, where he was able to provide some valuable minutes in a reserve role. In 30 appearances for the Suns, he averaged 8.1 points, 5.2 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.0 threes per game. He didn't make much of an impact during their playoff series against Minnesota, though he was in the starting lineup for their final two games.

**What's Changed:** Although O'Neale was a part-time starter last season, he will likely open in a reserve role next year. Barring injuries to the players in front of him, O'Neale will spend most of next season coming off the bench, limiting his minutes.

**Outlook:** O'Neale has had some vital stretches in fantasy throughout his career, but he has been far more impactful in real life than in the box score. When he was given the chance to take on extended minutes last season, he was able to pour in the 3-pointers. He may be able to provide some decent streaming value at times this season, but he isn't a player to have on your draft board.

## 28 De'Andre Hunter Atlanta Hawks

Age: 26 HT: 6-8 WT: 221

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	53	29.8	13.4	4.8	10.8	44%	2.4	3.1	77%	1.4	3.3	1.3	0.7	0.4	1.3	21
2022	ATL	67	31.7	15.4	5.7	12.3	46%	2.6	3.1	83%	1.5	4.2	1.4	0.5	0.3	1.2	24
2023	ATL	57	29.5	15.6	5.3	11.6	46%	2.9	3.4	85%	2.1	3.9	1.5	0.7	0.3	1.5	24
PROJ	ATL	60	27.2	14.5	4.9	10.7	46	2.7	3.2	85%	1.9	3.7	1.4	0.7	0.3	1.3	24

**2023-24:** The former top-five pick enjoyed one of the most productive seasons of his career last year. He only played in 57 games but averaged 15.6 points, 3.9 rebounds, 1.5 assists, and 2.1 triples per game. The injury issues weren't new, but his lack of defensive numbers for a team's best perimeter defender has always been



an issue. He finished outside the top 150 in 9-cat leagues despite career-highs in points and 3-pointers.

**What's Changed:** Atlanta lucked out and got the top pick in the draft, which they used to select Zaccharie Risacher. Instead of being the former top-five pick that the Hawks are still trying to develop, Hunter will have an uphill battle to steal minutes from the player that Atlanta felt was the best in the draft.

**Outlook:** Hunter hasn't been a great option in 9-cat leagues, outside of his 23 games played during the 2020-21 season, where he was a top-100 player. He's better in points leagues since that is really the only category where he contributes any value. Hunter is an excellent perimeter defender who doesn't contribute defensive stats, which makes him frustrating in fantasy. The Hawks have a new small forward of the future, which may force Hunter to come off the bench. Any upside that he had seems to be gone at this point.

## 29 Andrew Wiggins Golden State Warriors

Age: 29 HT: 6-7 WT: 197

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	73	31.9	17.2	6.5	14	47%	2	3.2	63%	2.2	4.5	2.2	1	0.7	1.5	30
2022	GSW	37	32.2	17.1	6.8	14.3	47%	1.2	1.9	61%	2.4	5	2.3	1.2	0.8	1.3	31
2023	GSW	71	27	13.2	5	11	45%	2	2.7	75%	1.3	4.5	1.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	24
PROJ	GSW	70	28.2	14	5.2	11.5	45	2.2	3	75%	1.4	5	1.9	0.7	0.6	1.3	24

**2023-24:** Things couldn't have gone much worse for Wiggins last season. Despite playing in 71 games, he posted career lows in points, assists, steals, and minutes and ranked outside the top 200. He averaged 13.2 points, 4.5 rebounds, 1.7 assists, and 1.3 triples per game, though his numbers did improve slightly after the All-Star break.

**What's Changed:** Golden State added Kyle Anderson to their frontcourt this summer, but they didn't make many other changes to the forward rotation. Wiggins was a starter for most of last season, and there is a chance that Steve Kerr will stick with him despite his poor season.

**Outlook:** There isn't really a reason to be optimistic about Wiggins heading into this season. He's coming off the worst season of his career, and while he was better in the second half, his production still wasn't good. Wiggins has had some stretches of excellent fantasy production since joining the Warriors, but managers shouldn't bank on a bounce-back season, especially with how many other options Kerr can turn to.

## 30 Bilal Coulibaly Washington Wizards

Age: 20 HT: 6-8 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	WAS	63	27.2	8.4	3	6.9	44%	1.5	2.1	70%	1	4.1	1.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	20
PROJ	WAS	65	27.2	8.7	3	6.9	44	1.6	2.3	70%	1.1	4.4	1.9	1	0.8	1.4	20

**2023-24:** Washington selected Coulibaly with the No. 7 pick last summer, and while he showed some flashes during his rookie season, he wasn't a great fantasy option. He finished outside the top 200 with averages of 8.4 points, 4.1 rebounds, 1.7 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 1.0 triples while shooting 43.5% from the floor and 70.2% from the free-throw line.

**What's Changed:** Deni Avdija is gone, but the Wizards drafted Alex Sarr, likely pushing Kyle Kuzma to small forward. That means that Coulibaly may open next season in a reserve role, though he is still a big part of their future, so he should play a significant role, even if he comes off the bench.

**Outlook:** Coulibaly just turned 20 years old, and he has a ton of upside that won't be fully realized this season. However, he should still make some improvements in year two. He averaged 1.2 steals and 0.7 blocks over the final two months of last season, but his offensive production didn't match the other side of the ball. If he can improve his efficiency on offense this season, he should play a large enough role for the defensive numbers to make a huge impact in fantasy basketball.

## 31 Sam Hauser Boston Celtics

Age: 26 HT: 6-7 WT: 217

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	26	6.1	2.5	0.9	1.9	46%	0	0	0%	0.7	1.1	0.4	0	0.1	0.1	5
2022	BOS	80	16.1	6.4	2.3	5	46%	0.2	0.2	71%	1.8	2.6	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.4	13
2023	BOS	79	22	9	3.2	7.1	45%	0.2	0.2	90%	2.5	3.5	1	0.5	0.3	0.4	17
PROJ	BOS	73	24.4	10	3.5	7.8	45	0.2	0.3	89%	2.8	4	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	17

**2023-24:** After averaging 16.1 minutes per game in 2022-23, Hauser's role within the Celtics rotation expanded last season. Starting 13 of the 79 games he played, the sharpshooter averaged 9.0 points, 3.5 rebounds, 1.0 assists, 0.5 steals, and 2.5 3-pointers in 22.0 minutes. Shooting 44.6% from the field, 465 of Hauser's 558 shots were taken from beyond the arc. Ranked just inside the top 200 in 9-cat, per-game value, he failed to crack that threshold in 8-cat.

**What's Changed:** Hauser is one of the players who could be impacted by Kristaps Porzingis undergoing left leg surgery shortly after the conclusion of the NBA Finals. However, with his primary strength being 3-point production, fantasy managers should not expect too much.

**Outlook:** Even with Porzingis due to miss the start of the season, the Celtics still have multiple offensive threats, whether they're starters or reserves. Hauser could experience a slight increase in scoring opportunities, but how he scores is highly unlikely to change. Outside of being an occasional 3-point streamer, Hauser is not someone who will only be rostered in spurts.

## 32 Zaccharie Risacher Atlanta Hawks

Age: 19 HT: 6-9 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	ATL	70	24.5	12.1	3.9	8.8	44	2.8	3.8	74%	1.5	4.9	1.3	1	0.4	1.5	0

**2023-24:** While suiting up for JL Bourg in France, Risacher averaged 11.1 points, 4.0 rebounds, 0.9 steals, and 1.4 threes in 23.3 minutes per game. The numbers don't look as good as the prospects drafted out of college, but Risacher was playing with and against professionals, limiting his opportunities and production.

**What's Changed:** Risacher flashed enough shooting and defensive upside between his games and workouts for Atlanta to select him with the No. 1 pick back in June. He'll compete with DeAndre Hunter for the starting small forward position.

**Outlook:** The appeal of Risacher is his ability to develop into an elite 3-and-D player, and while he did have some solid stretches as a shooter last season, the numbers weren't great anywhere else. He's still young; if he develops, he could end up as an impactful wing on both sides of the floor. However, he'll likely struggle early on as a skinny, young rookie, which may limit his impact in fantasy. He probably isn't worth anything more than a dart throw in the final rounds of your draft.

## 33 Luguentz Dort Oklahoma City Thunder

Age: 25 HT: 6-4 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	OKC	51	32.6	17.2	5.7	14.2	40%	3.2	3.7	84%	2.5	4.2	1.7	0.9	0.4	1.7	27
2022	OKC	74	30.7	13.7	4.6	11.8	39%	2.7	3.5	77%	1.8	4.6	2.1	1	0.3	1.2	25
2023	OKC	79	28.4	10.9	3.6	8.3	44%	1.6	2	83%	2	3.6	1.4	0.9	0.6	0.9	21
PROJ	OKC	75	26.2	9.9	3.4	7.7	44	1.5	1.8	83%	1.8	3.2	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.9	21

**2023-24:** Dort finished his fifth season (all with OKC) with averages of 10.9 points, 3.6 rebounds, 1.4 dimes, 0.9 steals, 0.6 blocks and 2.0 triples per contest. He logged 28.4 minutes per tilt and appeared in 79 games. The defensive specialist took a notable step back during the 2023-24 campaign, largely thanks to the arrival of Chet Holmgren, though he remained a starter. His 43.8% mark from the field was a career-high, and his 82.6% mark from the charity stripe was the second-best of his career. Dort finished just inside the top 150 in per-game fantasy hoops value.

**What's Changed:** Oklahoma City's offseason additions of Alex Caruso and Isaiah Hartenstein mean that Dort will likely open the season as one of the first guys off the bench.

**Outlook:** Dort has been locked into Oklahoma City's starting five for years, but his role is set to change during the 2024-25 campaign. Isaiah Hartenstein will take over at center, moving Chet Holmgren to the four, Jalen Williams to the three, and Caruso to the two alongside starting PG Shai Gilgeous-Alexander. Dort was off the radar in 12-team fantasy leagues last season while playing with the first unit, and that will certainly be the case while coming off the bench.

## 34 Rui Hachimura Los Angeles Lakers

Age: 26 HT: 6-8 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	WAS	42	22.5	11.3	4.5	9.1	49%	1.1	1.6	70%	1.3	3.8	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.8	19
2022	WAS	30	24.3	13	5.3	10.8	49%	1.5	1.9	76%	1	4.3	1.2	0.4	0.4	1.2	21
2023	LAL	68	26.9	13.6	5.3	9.9	54%	1.5	2	74%	1.4	4.3	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.7	23
PROJ	LAL	67	25.7	12.9	5.1	9.5	54	1.4	1.9	74%	1.4	4.1	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.7	23

**2023-24:** In his first full season with the Lakers, Hachimura had one of the best seasons of his career. He averaged 13.6 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 1.4 triples while shooting 53.7% from the floor and was a top-100 player in 9-cat leagues over the season's final two months. He doesn't provide many defensive numbers, but he had one of the most efficient shooting seasons of his career.

**What's Changed:** Jarred Vanderbilt was injured for most of last season, but he is healthy now, which may cut into Hachimura's minutes. There is also a chance that JJ Redick opts to bring Hachimura off the bench instead of starting him as Darwin Ham did, though the odds of him being completely cut out of the rotation are low.

**Outlook:** It's difficult to imagine Hachimura being a top-100 player for the entirety of the season, but the way he ended last season was definitely encouraging. He fits in well as a floor spacer alongside LeBron James and Anthony Davis in the frontcourt, which should result in him playing enough to provide standard league value. Don't expect a breakout season, but he should be a serviceable option.

## 35 Jaden McDaniels Minnesota Timberwolves

Age: 23 HT: 6-9 WT: 185

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	70	25.8	9.2	3.6	7.9	46%	0.8	1	80%	1.1	4.2	1.1	0.7	0.8	1.1	19
2022	MIN	79	30.6	12.1	4.7	9.1	52%	1.3	1.8	74%	1.4	3.9	1.9	0.9	1	1.4	24
2023	MIN	72	29.2	10.5	4.3	8.7	49%	0.8	1.1	72%	1.2	3.1	1.4	0.9	0.6	1.2	20
PROJ	MIN	70	29.5	10.6	4.3	8.8	49	0.8	1.1	72%	1.2	3.1	1.4	0.9	0.6	1.2	20

**2023-24:** McDaniels finished the 2023-24 campaign ranked just inside the top 200 in per-game fantasy value thanks to averages of 10.5 points, 3.1 boards, 1.4 dimes, 0.9 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 1.2 triples. The young forward appeared in 72 games and averaged 29.2 minutes per tilt while shooting 48.9% from the floor and 72.2% from the foul line. He remained a stalwart starter in Minnesota's stellar defensive lineup, which ranked first in defensive rating, and McDaniels ranked 17th in individual defensive rating as a player.

**What's Changed:** Kyle Anderson departed Minnesota for Golden State in the offseason, and the Wolves' forward rotation is relatively thin.

**Outlook:** If it ain't broke, don't fix it, right? Minnesota's projected starting five is the same as last season, which means McDaniels should push for 30 minutes per game. He's a strong defender who occasionally gets hot on offense, but his on-court play doesn't lend itself to fantasy relevance. McDaniels is a much better real-life option, and he is off the radar outside of deep leagues.

## 36 Bruce Brown Toronto Raptors

Age: 28 HT: 6-4 WT: 202

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BKN	72	24.6	9	3.6	7	51%	1.3	1.8	76%	0.5	4.8	2.1	1.1	0.7	0.8	23
2022	DEN	80	28.5	11.5	4.5	9.3	48%	1.5	1.9	76%	1.1	4.1	3.4	1.1	0.6	1.5	25
2023	IND	33	29.7	12.1	4.5	9.5	48%	2	2.5	82%	1	4.7	3	1.1	0.2	1.2	25
PROJ	TOR	65	26.5	10.2	4	8.3	48	1.6	2	82%	0.7	3.9	2.7	0.8	0.2	1.2	25

**2023-24:** After helping the Nuggets win their first NBA championship, Brown

did what many athletes would do and agreed to a lucrative contract. The Pacers signed him to a two-year deal worth \$48 million, but the fit was awkward initially. Eventually traded to the Pacers on January 17, Brown appeared in 67 games, averaging 10.8 points, 4.2 rebounds, 2.9 assists, 0.9 steals, and 0.8 3-pointers in 27.9 minutes. He only started 11 of his 34 games with the Raptors, sliding into a reserve role after starting all 33 appearances with the Pacers.

**What's Changed:** Toronto picked up Brown's option for the 2024-25 season, so he'll remain in Toronto for now. While the cap number is high, it's fair to wonder if the Raptors would look to use Brown to increase their draft capital before the February trade deadline.

**Outlook:** Brown did not offer much fantasy value last season, ranking outside the top 200 in 9-cat per-game value from January 1 onward. That may remain the case in 2024-25, especially with the Raptors using two of their draft picks on Ja'Kobe Walter and Jonathan Mogbo. During his time in Denver, Brown was best utilized as a streamer and may be on a similar path in Toronto.

## 37 Julian Strawther Denver Nuggets

Age: 22 HT: 6-6 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	DEN	50	10.9	4.5	1.6	4.4	37%	0.4	0.6	71%	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.5	8
PROJ	DEN	67	21.7	9.5	3.3	8.8	37	1	1.5	71%	1.9	2.9	2.2	0.8	0.3	0.9	8

**2023-24:** The Gonzaga product was selected 29th in the 2023 NBA Draft, and he was a fringe part of Denver's rotation as a rookie. Strawther averaged 4.5 points, 1.2 rebounds, 0.9 assists, and 0.8 triples while shooting 36.9% from the floor and 71.0% from the charity stripe. Strawther logged 10.9 minutes across 50 games and didn't draw a start.

**What's Changed:** Denver's rotation should be open for Strawther to see more minutes off the bench in Year 2.

**Outlook:** Strawther ranked 443rd in per-game fantasy value but showed some positive flashes with two 20-point scoring efforts. The highlight of his season came against Atlanta on December 11 when he knocked down six triples and scored 22 points in 28 minutes. An expanded role in his second season could lead to occasional deeper-league streams, but Strawther won't be on the radar in most fantasy drafts.

## 38 Harrison Barnes San Antonio Spurs

Age: 32 HT: 6-8 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAC	77	33.6	16.4	5.1	10.8	47%	4.4	5.4	83%	1.8	5.6	2.4	0.7	0.2	1.5	28
2022	SAC	82	32.5	15	4.6	9.6	47%	4.3	5	85%	1.6	4.5	1.6	0.7	0.1	1	24
2023	SAC	82	29	12.2	4.2	8.9	47%	1.9	2.4	80%	1.8	3	1.2	0.7	0.1	0.7	19
PROJ	SAS	76	27.2	11.6	3.9	8.4	47	1.9	2.4	80%	1.8	3	1.2	0.7	0.1	0.7	19

**2023-24:** Availability has not been a concern for Barnes recently, as he's played at least 77 games in three straight seasons. He played all 82 for the Kings in 2023-24, averaging 12.2 points, 3.0 rebounds, 1.2 assists, 0.7 steals, and 1.8 3-pointers in 29.0 minutes. Barnes shot 47.4% from the field and 80.1% from the foul line, but the overall production dipped in part because of the emergence of Keegan Murray. Failing to crack the top 200 in 8-cat, per-game value, the veteran wing was ranked just inside that threshold in 9-cat. As for totals, Barnes was a top 150 player due to his exemplary availability.

**What's Changed:** Barnes' five-plus season run in Sacramento ended on July 8, as he was dealt to San Antonio as part of a three-team deal headlined by DeMar DeRozan.

**Outlook:** While Barnes has only missed five games (all during the 2021-22 campaign) in the last three seasons, his fantasy value decreased in each. He and Chris Paul can provide the Spurs with needed veteran leadership as the franchise grows around Victor Wembanyama, but the former faces a more difficult fight for playing time. The Spurs already have Devin Vassell, Jeremy Sochan, and Keldon Johnson, with the first two being fixtures in the starting lineup last season. There could be



times when Barnes has value as a streamer, but he is not someone fantasy managers should plan on drafting in most leagues.

## 39 Terance Mann Los Angeles Clippers

Age: 27 HT: 6-5 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAC	81	28.6	10.8	4.1	8.5	48%	1.6	2	78%	0.9	5.2	2.6	0.7	0.3	1	23
2022	LAC	81	23.1	8.8	3.4	6.5	52%	1.1	1.5	78%	1	3.4	2.3	0.5	0.3	1	18
2023	LAC	75	25	8.8	3.4	6.6	52%	1.1	1.3	83%	0.9	3.4	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	17
PROJ	LAC	74	26.3	9.3	3.6	6.9	52	1.1	1.4	83%	1	3.7	1.7	0.6	0.2	0.7	17

**2023-24:** As the glue guy on the Clippers over the last few seasons, Mann always plays a significant role, but he hasn't ever been a consistent option in fantasy hoops. He logged 25.0 minutes per game last season and averaged 8.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, and 1.6 assists while shooting 51.5% from the floor across 75 appearances. He stepped up his scoring in the second half of the season, but he still couldn't make much of a fantasy impact.

**What's Changed:** With Paul George and Russell Westbrook gone, plenty of minutes will be open on the perimeter. Mann should help fill some of those, which could help him improve his numbers slightly across the board. Tyronn Lue may need him to take more shots as well. His career-high for shot attempts is 8.5 per game, which came during the only top-200 season of his career in 2021-22.

**Outlook:** Mann will continue to be a valuable player for the Clippers, but it's difficult to imagine him becoming a player worth drafting in standard leagues. He should improve because of the opportunity, but Mann's skillset hasn't ever translated into consistent fantasy production. He'll likely have a few stretches when he is worth streaming, but Mann isn't a player to have on your draft board. Keep an eye on him since he should continue to start, but that's all you'll need to do early on.

## 40 Ron Holland Detroit Pistons

Age: 19 HT: 6-8 WT: 206

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	DET	63	21.2	11.1	4.9	10.6	46	1	1.5	67%	0.4	4.1	1.8	1.1	0.7	2.1	0

**2023-24:** As one of the stars for G-League Ignite, Holland put up pretty good numbers, though he wasn't very efficient. He averaged 19.5 points, 6.7 rebounds, 2.9 assists, and 2.3 steals in 31.9 minutes per game, though he shot 46% from the floor, 24% on 3-pointers, and 72.8% from the free throw line while turning it over 3.2 times per game. That type of inefficient production is expected from an elite high school prospect who gets a target painted on his back and is sent to play against professionals trying to earn an NBA call-up.

**What's Changed:** Holland showed enough for the Pistons to select him with the No. 5 pick in the draft. He'll compete with another athletic defender who struggles to shoot from the perimeter in Ausar Thompson as they try to shift the culture in Detroit and help them return to playing competitive basketball.

**Outlook:** Long-term, Holland has a lot of tools that are attractive in fantasy basketball. His athleticism and defensive instincts can quickly translate to box score production, which may allow him to make an impact during his rookie season. However, there will be growing pains regarding his efficiency, which may impact his role early on. Like most rookies from this class, Holland shouldn't be considered more than a dart throw in the later rounds, though managers who are punting shooting percentages will likely get the most significant impact out of him.

## 41 Caleb Martin Philadelphia 76ers

Age: 28 HT: 6-5 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIA	60	22.9	9.2	3.5	6.8	51%	1.2	1.6	76%	1.1	3.8	1.1	1	0.5	0.9	19
2022	MIA	71	29.3	9.6	3.6	7.7	46%	1.3	1.6	81%	1.2	4.8	1.6	1	0.4	1.1	21
2023	MIA	64	27.4	10	3.8	8.7	43%	1.2	1.5	78%	1.3	4.4	2.2	0.7	0.5	1.2	21
PROJ	PHI	65	24.3	8.9	3.3	7.7	43	1.1	1.4	78%	1.2	4	2.1	0.7	0.4	1.1	21

**2023-24:** Martin had the most productive offensive season of his NBA career, averaging 10.0 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 0.7 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 1.3 3-pointers in 27.4 minutes per game. Starting 23 of his 64 appearances for the Heat, Martin finished the year ranked outside the top 200 in 8- and 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** Despite averaging double figures in scoring for the first time as a pro, Martin may not have been delighted with his role in Miami. So he moved north, agreeing with Philadelphia on a four-year deal worth \$35 million.

**Outlook:** With the move to Philadelphia and the 76ers bidding farewell to Tobias Harris, the door is ajar for Martin to claim a place in the starting lineup. He won't lack competition, especially with Ricky Council IV having some good moments to end last season and KJ Martin also in the mix. However, Martin's a solid defender whose offensive versatility could make him a solid secondary playmaker next to Philadelphia's stars. While he is not a must-draft player in standard leagues, Martin would be worth a look if he is named a starter.

## 42 Dillon Brooks Houston Rockets

Age: 28 HT: 6-6 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	32	27.7	18.4	7.1	16.4	43%	2.8	3.3	85%	1.4	3.2	2.8	1.1	0.3	1.6	29
2022	MEM	73	30.3	14.3	5.4	13.6	40%	1.6	2.1	78%	2	3.3	2.6	0.9	0.2	1.4	24
2023	HOU	72	30.9	12.7	4.6	10.7	43%	1.7	2	84%	1.8	3.4	1.7	0.9	0.1	1.2	21
PROJ	HOU	72	27.4	11.1	4.1	9.5	43	1.4	1.7	84%	1.6	2.9	1.4	0.8	0.1	1.1	21

**2023-24:** There were some scoffs when it was announced that the Rocket signed Brooks to a four-year, \$86 million deal last summer. But, the move worked for both parties in Year 1. Brooks gave the Rockets solid defensive play on the wing, even if that did not translate into fantasy production, and his offensive efficiency improved. In 72 games, Brooks averaged 12.7 points, 3.4 rebounds, 1.7 assists, 0.9 steals, and 1.8 3-pointers in 30.9 minutes, shooting 42.8% from the field and 84.4% from the foul line. Add in a 35.9% mark from three, and all three of Brooks' percentages improved compared to his 2022-23 numbers in Memphis. Fantasy-wise, he offered limited value, finishing the season ranked outside the top 175 in 8- and 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** Brooks should retain his spot in the starting lineup due to his defensive ability. However, the Rockets have multiple young wings who could figure more prominently in the rotation.

**Outlook:** Brooks has never been a great fantasy option, especially in category leagues. While he is considered one of the best defensive wings in the NBA, that has not translated into production. He's averaged 0.9 steals per game each of the last two seasons, and his career-high average in blocks is a paltry 0.4 (2019-20 and 2020-21). Even for managers seeking out a player worth taking a late-round flier on, options will be available that offer a higher upside than Brooks.

## 43 Cam Whitmore Houston Rockets

Age: 20 HT: 6-7 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	HOU	47	18.7	12.3	4.5	9.9	45%	1.6	2.4	68%	1.7	3.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	1	20
PROJ	HOU	63	17.6	11.8	4.2	9.3	45	1.6	2.4	68%	1.7	3.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.9	20

**2023-24:** After earning MVP honors at the NBA2K 24 Summer League in Las Vegas, Whitmore was not a consistent member of the Rockets rotation during his rookie season. In 47 games, he averaged 12.3 points, 3.8 rebounds, 0.7 assists, 0.6 steals, and 1.7 3-pointers in 18.7 points. Whitmore shot 45.4% from the field and 67.9% from the foul line, and he failed to crack the top 250 in either 8- or 9-cat, per-game fantasy value. The same can be said for his roto value due to the inconsistent role within Houston's rotation.

**What's Changed:** Not much has changed regarding Whitmore's role, especially with Tari Eason expected to be available after a leg injury limited him to 22 games.

**Outlook:** Whitmore's long-term outlook is better than the short-term, as Houston has multiple young wings who have shown promise. The path to more playing

time in 2024-25 may come through improved defensive play, even if that does not translate into more steals and blocked shots. There will be better options to take a late-round flier, but don't be surprised if Whitmore has a tangible streaming value at various points in the season.

## 44 Vince Williams Memphis Grizzlies

Age: 24 HT: 6-4 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	MEM	15	7	2	0.8	2.7	30%	0.1	0.1	100%	0.3	1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	5
2023	MEM	52	27.6	10	3.3	7.3	45%	2	2.5	80%	1.5	5.6	3.4	0.9	0.7	1.8	25
PROJ	MEM	55	17.5	2.8	0.7	1.6	45	0.4	0.5	80%	1	4	1.4	0.7	0.5	0.4	25

**2023-24:** After only appearing in 15 NBA games as a rookie, injuries pushed Williams into a more prominent role last season. Starting 33 of the 52 games he played, the 2022 second-round pick averaged 10.0 points, 5.6 rebounds, 3.4 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 1.5 3-pointers in 27.6 minutes. Williams shot 44.6% from the field and 80.0% from the foul line, providing top 150 per-game value in 8- and 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** Memphis will be healthy going into training camp, which means more competition for minutes behind starters Marcus Smart and Desmond Bane.

**Outlook:** While GG Jackson was the young Grizzlies player whose scoring outbursts captivated some fans, Williams' all-around game made him a better option for fantasy basketball. Add in Jackson suffering a broken fifth metatarsal in his foot in late August, and there will be one less player for Williams to compete with for playing time when camp opens. However, there are still Luke Kennard and Jake LaRavia to consider, with the former's 3-point shooting likely ensuring him consistent playing time. Williams will have value if Memphis is hit with another rash of injuries that is on par with last season. However, he's only an option in the late rounds of deep league drafts at this stage.

## 45 Dalton Knecht Los Angeles Lakers

Age: 23 HT: 6-5 WT: 212

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	LAL	69	18.8	10	3.8	8.2	46	1.3	1.7	77%	1.2	2.8	1.5	0.6	0.5	1.7	0

**2023-24:** As the primary scoring option at Tennessee, Knecht averaged 21.7 points, 4.9 rebounds, 1.8 assists, and 2.6 triples in his first year with the Volunteers. He spent the first two years of his collegiate career at Northern Colorado, leading Tennessee to the Elite 8 after transferring. He was the SEC Player of the Year and was a first-team All-American.

**What's Changed:** The 23-year-old was selected by the Lakers with the 17th pick despite many analysts projecting him to be drafted in the lottery. He'll fill in as a backup wing that should be able to provide a scoring punch from day one.

**Outlook:** Knecht may not be a great option in 9-cat leagues, but he is certainly a proven scorer. The Lakers are prioritizing winning now, with LeBron James turning 40 soon, which likely contributed to them adding one of the best scorers in college basketball despite him being one of the oldest players in the draft. Managers shouldn't expect much from Knecht this season, but he should be an excellent addition for Los Angeles.

## 46 Aaron Wiggins Oklahoma City Thunder

Age: 25 HT: 6-5 WT: 190

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	OKC	50	24.2	8.3	3.1	6.7	46%	1.2	1.7	73%	0.8	3.6	1.4	0.6	0.2	1.1	16
2022	OKC	70	18.5	6.8	2.7	5.2	51%	0.8	1	83%	0.7	3	1.1	0.6	0.2	0.8	14
2023	OKC	78	15.7	6.9	2.7	4.8	56%	0.7	0.9	79%	0.8	2.4	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.7	13
PROJ	OKC	62	12.1	5.4	2.1	3.7	56	0.6	0.7	79%	0.6	1.9	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.6	13

**2023-24:** Wiggins appeared in 78 games and logged 15.7 minutes per tilt in his third NBA season, averaging 6.9 points, 2.4 boards, 1.1 dimes, 0.7 steals and 0.8

triples while shooting 56.2% from the floor and 78.9% from the free-throw line. Wiggins' minutes have declined in each of the last two seasons, and he finished outside the top 250 in per-game fantasy hoops value for the 2023-24 campaign.

**What's Changed:** Wiggins' playing time may have declined in Year 3, but OKC still locked him up with a five-year, \$47 million extension at the start of free agency in July.

**Outlook:** Wiggins showed flashes of quality play last season in four starts with averages of 16.5 points, 2.8 rebounds, 3.3 assists, 2.8 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 1.5 three-pointers in 30.8 minutes. The arrivals of Alex Caruso and Isaiah Hartenstein mean Wiggins will have more competition for minutes, which will keep him off the fantasy radar in all but the deepest of leagues for the 2024-25 season.

## 47 Isaac Okoro Cleveland Cavaliers

Age: 23 HT: 6-5 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CLE	67	29.6	8.8	3.1	6.4	48%	1.8	2.3	77%	0.8	3	1.8	0.8	0.3	0.9	18
2022	CLE	76	21.7	6.4	2.3	4.7	49%	1	1.4	76%	0.8	2.5	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.6	14
2023	CLE	69	27.3	9.4	3.4	7	49%	1.3	2	68%	1.2	3	1.9	0.8	0.5	0.8	19
PROJ	CLE	65	24.3	8.3	3	6.2	49	1.2	1.7	68%	1.1	2.6	1.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	19

**2023-24:** Okoro played 69 games in his fourth NBA season, averaging 9.4 points, 3.0 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 1.2 3-pointers in 27.3 minutes. Shooting 39.1% from three, Okoro made welcome strides as a perimeter shooter, but he did shoot a career-low 67.9% from the foul line. Despite making 42 starts and experiencing moments of fantasy relevance as a streamer, Okoro finished the season ranked outside the top 200 in per-game value.

**What's Changed:** Okoro's free agency saga finally concluded on September 14, when he agreed to a three-year, \$38 million deal to remain in Cleveland. This solidifies his place within the Cavaliers' rotation.

**Outlook:** Okoro gained welcome financial security with his contract completed in mid-September. However, his role will unlikely change with Max Strus still in the fold. Okoro doesn't offer much fantasy value in Cleveland, so there isn't much need to consider drafting him in most leagues. However, there may be times when he's worth the streaming risk because higher-profile players are sidelined due to injury.

## 48 Naji Marshall Dallas Mavericks

Age: 26 HT: 6-6 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NOP	55	13.4	5.7	2	4.9	41%	1.3	1.7	80%	0.4	2.6	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.8	12
2022	NOP	77	23.3	9.1	3.2	7.4	43%	1.8	2.3	79%	0.9	3.6	2.5	0.7	0.2	1.3	19
2023	NOP	66	19	7.1	2.6	5.6	46%	1	1.3	79%	0.9	3.6	1.9	0.7	0.2	1	16
PROJ	DAL	65	16.6	6.3	2.2	4.9	46	1	1.2	79%	0.8	3.4	1.8	0.7	0.2	0.9	16

**2023-24:** Marshall played in 66 games for the Pelicans, averaging 7.1 points, 3.6 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 0.7 steals, and 0.9 3-pointers in 19.0 minutes. Making one start due to the improved health of Zion Williamson, Marshall shot 46.3% from the field and 79.1% from the foul line for the Pelicans. As one would expect, he was well off the radar in fantasy basketball, ranking outside the top 250 in 9-cat, per-game value.

**What's Changed:** His place of employment is what changed. After four seasons in New Orleans, Marshall agreed to a three-year deal with the Mavs that would pay him approximately \$27 million.

**Outlook:** While there were times when he was worth the risk as a streamer, Marshall was not a dependable fantasy option as a Pelican. He doesn't appear likely to start in Dallas, but there is not a Williamson-sized roadblock on this roster. PJ Washington was the starting power forward during Dallas' run to the NBA Finals, and Klay Thompson should slide into the void left by Derrick Jones Jr. Marshall may not be a player worth selecting in drafts, but there could be times when he offers streaming value. In other words, his role should not change much, even though the team plays for has.



## 49 Gary Payton Golden State Warriors

Age: 31 HT: 6-2 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	71	17.6	7.1	3	4.8	62%	0.5	0.8	60%	0.6	3.5	0.9	1.4	0.3	0.6	17
2022	POR	15	17	4.1	1.6	2.7	59%	0.3	0.3	100%	0.6	2.6	1.5	1.1	0.1	0.8	12
2023	GSW	44	15.5	5.5	2.3	4.2	56%	0.3	0.5	61%	0.5	2.6	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.6	14
PROJ	GSW	55	14	5	2.1	3.8	56	0.3	0.5	61%	0.4	2.4	1	0.8	0.4	0.6	14

**2023-24:** GP2 was again limited by injuries last season and only played in 44 games. He averaged 5.5 points, 2.6 rebounds, 1.1 assists and 0.9 steals in 15.4 minutes per game. He was a solid depth piece for them, but his fantasy impact was minimal.

**What's Changed:** The rotation in front of him may look different, but the fact that he's buried on the depth chart hasn't changed. If he's healthy, he may be able to help out more, but he is unlikely to see a significant boost in minutes.

**Outlook:** Payton II will continue to make an impact on the defensive end whenever he gets the opportunity to see the floor. He's a solid streamer if you need steals to close out a week, but he doesn't make an impact in any other categories. There's no reason to draft him outside of the deepest leagues, and his only fantasy relevance will be as a boost to steals.

**2023-24:** In his second season with the Suns, Okogie only played a minor role, which decreased throughout the season. He averaged 4.6 points, 2.6 rebounds, 1.1 assists, and 0.8 steals in 16.0 minutes per game across his 60 appearances. However, he was primarily out of the rotation entirely over the final month and a half of the regular season.

**What's Changed:** Not much has changed for Okogie, as he is still buried on the depth chart. Unless Mike Budenholzer finds him more valuable to the rotation than Frank Vogel did, Okogie will spend another season irrelevant in fantasy.

**Outlook:** Okogie is an incredibly impactful defender, and he has had some stretches where he was effective as a shooter. However, he has yet to finish in the top 200 in 9-cat scoring in his career, which likely won't start this year. Keep an eye on him for steals if that changes, but he can be disregarded in fantasy hoops early on.



**Jaylen Brown**

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## 50 Pat Connaughton Milwaukee Bucks

Age: 31 HT: 6-5 WT: 209

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIL	65	26	9.9	3.5	7.6	46%	0.7	0.8	83%	2.2	4.2	1.3	0.9	0.2	0.5	20
2022	MIL	61	23.7	7.6	2.7	6.9	39%	0.4	0.7	66%	1.8	4.6	1.3	0.6	0.2	0.5	17
2023	MIL	76	22.1	5.6	2	4.6	44%	0.6	0.8	76%	1.1	3.1	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	14
PROJ	MIL	73	21.6	5.6	2	4.5	44	0.6	0.8	76%	1.1	3.1	2.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	14

**2023-24:** Connaughton had a down year, averaging 5.6 points, 3.1 rebounds, and 2.1 assists in 76 games with the Bucks.

**What's Changed:** The Bucks lost a few wings, giving Connaughton a chance to become slightly more relevant. However, he must prove that he's more effective than multiple newcomers, notably Taurean Prince.

**Outlook:** Connaughton is a role player who could pop in some spot starts here and there. He's projected to finish 2024-25 outside the top 200.

## 51 Cody Williams Utah Jazz

Age: 19 HT: 6-7 WT: 178

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	UTA	65	18.1	9	3.3	6.4	52	1.7	2.4	71%	0.6	2.2	1.2	0.5	0.5	1.6	0

**2023-24:** The younger brother of Oklahoma City's Jalen Williams went 29th in the NBA Draft after one season at Colorado, where he averaged 11.9 points, 3.0 boards, 1.6 dimes, 0.6 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 0.7 triples while shooting an efficient 55.2% from the floor.

**What's Changed:** Williams will make his NBA debut playing for one of the worst teams in the Association.

**Outlook:** Williams could see some meaningful rotation minutes thanks to his length and athleticism, which will be needed for a team that sorely lacked perimeter defense last season. Even if he can crack the rotation, Williams profiles as a better real-life option than a fantasy standout. He's not worth a fantasy draft pick in leagues of nearly any size.

## 52 Josh Okogie Phoenix Suns

Age: 26 HT: 6-4 WT: 213

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	49	10.5	2.7	0.9	2.1	40%	0.7	1	69%	0.3	1.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	7
2022	PHX	72	18.8	7.3	2.3	5.8	39%	1.9	2.7	72%	0.9	3.5	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.9	17
2023	PHX	60	16	4.6	1.4	3.4	42%	1.3	1.7	75%	0.5	2.6	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.6	12
PROJ	PHX	64	17.2	4.9	1.5	3.7	42	1.3	1.7	75%	0.5	2.6	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.7	12

## 53 Dariq Whitehead Brooklyn Nets

Age: 20 HT: 6-6 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	BKN	2	12	1.5	0.5	2.5	20%	0.5	1	50%	0	2	1.5	0	0.5	0	8
PROJ	BKN	58	20.7	8.6	3.4	8	42	1.2	1.8	68%	0.7	4.1	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	8

**2023-24:** Selected with the 22nd overall pick in the 2023 draft, injuries limited Whitehead's availability. A few weeks before the draft, he underwent a second foot surgery in June, and a stress reaction in his left shin ended Whitehead's rookie campaign in late January. The former Duke wing played in just two games for the Nets and 13 for the franchise's G League affiliate.

**What's Changed:** In late July, when asked about the status of his left shin, Whitehead did not provide a timeline for return. Between that injury and the prior foot issues, it's unknown if Whitehead will be a full go once training camp begins.

**Outlook:** Whitehead is a capable perimeter scorer, but injuries have robbed NBA fans of the opportunity to see what he can do. There's no need for the Nets to rush him onto the court, which limits his fantasy value even more. Whitehead may not be worth selecting in drafts, but there may come a point later in the season when he's worth grabbing off the waiver wire.

## 54 Amir Coffey Los Angeles Clippers

Age: 27 HT: 6-7 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAC	69	22.7	9	3.1	6.8	45%	1.5	1.7	86%	1.4	2.9	1.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	17
2022	LAC	50	12.5	3.4	1.1	2.9	39%	1	1.3	78%	0.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	7
2023	LAC	70	20.9	6.6	2.4	5	47%	0.9	1	86%	1	2.1	1.1	0.6	0.2	0.5	13
PROJ	LAC	67	18.5	6	2.1	4.5	47	0.8	1	86%	0.9	2	1	0.6	0.2	0.4	13

**2023-24:** After a down year during the 2022-23 season, Coffey was better last year. However, that didn't make him a viable fantasy option. In 20.9 minutes per game, he averaged 6.6 points, 2.1 rebounds, 1.1 assists and 1.0 triple. He took on extra minutes after Kawhi Leonard went down and had some solid performances down the stretch, but he was largely irrelevant in fantasy basketball.

**What's Changed:** The depth chart may look slightly different this season, but the situation is similar for Coffey. He'll fill in as a backup on the wing, which may yield him 15-20 minutes per game.

**Outlook:** Coffey hasn't been relevant in fantasy basketball through five seasons in the league. He has had a few solid stretches at times but has yet to put together a top-200 season in 9-cat leagues. The odds of that starting this year are low since a lack of minutes hasn't been the issue. Coffey could be a streaming option if Kawhi Leonard gets hurt, but he isn't a player to target in drafts.

## 55 Cam Reddish Los Angeles Lakers

Age: 25 HT: 6-7 WT: 217

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	34	23.4	11.9	4.1	10.1	40%	2.1	2.4	90%	1.7	2.5	1.1	1	0.3	1.3	19
2022	NYK	20	21.9	8.4	3.1	6.8	45%	1.5	1.7	88%	0.9	1.6	1	0.8	0.4	0.8	15
2023	LAL	48	20.5	5.4	1.9	4.9	39%	0.9	1.1	76%	0.8	2.1	1	1	0.3	0.6	13
PROJ	LAL	54	19.4	5.2	1.8	4.6	39	0.8	1.1	76%	0.7	2	1	1	0.3	0.6	13

**2023-24:** He had a few stretches of solid production, but overall, Reddish's first season with the Lakers wasn't great. He saw quite a few starts over the season's first four months, but injuries derailed any momentum he built. He averaged 5.4 points, 2.1 rebounds, 1.0 assists, and 1.0 steals in 20.5 minutes per game, though he was barely part of the rotation after January.

**What's Changed:** It's a fresh start for everyone on the Lakers with JJ Redick coming in, which should give Reddish a chance to bounce back after a disappointing end to last season. If he earns it this summer, Reddish could end up seeing a role that is more similar to last season's start. However, he must compete with Dalton Knecht for minutes on the wing.

**Outlook:** Frankly, managers shouldn't have much optimism regarding Reddish. He's a talented player, and if he can take some steps as a player, he can be a decent source of steals and 3-pointers. However, it hasn't happened consistently yet, and his fair share of injuries have impacted his development. If he can commit to being a 3-and-D player, he could be a solid rotation piece for the Lakers. Still, he'll have to improve quite a bit to impact fantasy.

## 56 Matisse Thybulle Portland Trail Blazers

Age: 27 HT: 6-5 WT: 201

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHI	66	25.5	5.7	2.3	4.5	50%	0.5	0.7	79%	0.7	2.3	1.1	1.7	1.1	0.6	18
2022	PHI	49	12.1	2.7	1	2.4	43%	0.2	0.2	75%	0.4	1.3	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.2	8
2023	POR	65	22.9	5.4	1.9	4.9	40%	0.3	0.4	76%	1.2	2.1	1.4	1.7	0.8	0.6	17
PROJ	POR	51	13.2	3.1	1.1	2.8	40	0.2	0.3	76%	0.7	1.2	0.8	1	0.4	0.4	17

**2023-24:** Thybulle was dealt to Portland during the 2022-23 season, and he spent his first full campaign with the Blazers in 2023-24. Thybulle was immediately integrated into the rotation, posting averages of 5.4 points, 2.1 boards, 1.4 assists, 1.7 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 1.2 triples across 22.9 minutes per game. Thybulle didn't post any monster performances, but he was a serviceable option as a defensive specialist for fantasy managers in deeper leagues.

**What's Changed:** If Portland's players stay healthy, Thybulle could face renewed competition for playing time.

**Outlook:** Thybulle is a three-and-D specialist who is valuable in most offenses, but this team has a wide array of guard and wing options. He will compete for playing time with Shaedon Sharpe, Scoot Henderson, and Anfernee Simons, but he could still carve out a role with minutes in the high teens to low 20s. Thybulle has averaged 1.5 steals and 0.8 blocks throughout his five-year career, so he can be a dependable play for defense-needy managers in deep leagues.

## 57 Simone Fontecchio Detroit Pistons

Age: 28 HT: 6-7 WT: 209

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	UTA	52	14.7	6.3	2.2	6	37%	0.7	0.8	80%	1.2	1.7	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.8	10
2023	UTA	50	23.2	8.9	3.2	7.2	45%	0.6	0.8	80%	1.8	3.5	1.5	0.6	0.4	1	17
PROJ	DET	65	15	6.2	2.3	5	46	0.5	0.6	82%	1.2	2.1	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.6	17

**2023-24:** Fontecchio was sent to Detroit at the trade deadline after starting last season with the Jazz. He immediately took on a significant role with the Pistons. He averaged 15.4 points, 4.4 rebounds, 1.8 assists, and 2.7 triples during his 16 games with the team before his season ended early due to a toe injury.

**What's Changed:** Fontecchio played 30.3 minutes per game with the Pistons last season due to injuries in their rotation. However, Fontecchio should see a significantly smaller reserve role with the team healthy and Tobias Harris in the mix.

**Outlook:** Though he proved that he can be a commodity in fantasy when given the opportunity, Fontecchio won't have enough minutes to provide much value in fantasy basketball this season. He'll be a decent streaming option if Tobias Harris misses time, but that will likely be the extent of his value.

## 58 Joe Ingles Minnesota Timberwolves

Age: 36 HT: 6-9 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	UTA	45	24.9	7.2	2.6	6.3	40%	0.4	0.5	77%	1.7	2.9	3.5	0.5	0.1	1	17
2022	MIL	46	22.7	6.9	2.3	5.4	44%	0.4	0.5	86%	1.8	2.8	3.3	0.7	0.1	1.2	16
2023	ORL	68	17.2	4.4	1.5	3.3	44%	0.4	0.5	82%	1	2.1	3	0.6	0.1	1	13
PROJ	MIN	61	14.5	3.6	1.2	2.8	44	0.3	0.4	82%	0.8	1.7	2.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	13

**2023-24:** Ingles spent the first eight seasons of his career in Utah, but he'll don a different uniform for the third straight season after stops in Milwaukee and Orlando. In 68 games for the Magic last season, Ingles averaged 4.4 points, 2.1 boards, 3.0 dimes, 0.6 steals, and 1.0 triples across 17.2 minutes. He offered three-point shooting and a veteran locker-room presence to a young Orlando team, but he



ranked outside the top 300 in fantasy hoops.

**What's Changed:** Ingles will suit up for his fourth team as he heads into Year 11, joining last year's Western Conference runner-up.

**Outlook:** The soon-to-be 37-year-old Ingles should play a similar role to the one he played in Orlando last season, offering minutes in the 15-20 range off the bench as a fill-in playmaker and floor-spacer. He's unlikely to provide enough production to be viable in even the deepest fantasy leagues.

## 59 Julian Champagnie San Antonio Spurs

Age: 23 HT: 6-7 WT: 217

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	PHI	2	3.5	0	0	1	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	2
2023	SAS	74	19.8	6.8	2.2	5.4	41%	1	1.2	82%	1.4	2.8	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	15
PROJ	SAS	58	13.5	4.6	1.5	3.7	41	0.7	0.8	82%	0.9	1.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	15

**2023-24:** After appearing in a total of 17 games during his rookie season, Champagnie was able to earn consistent minutes with the Spurs. Starting 59 of the 74 games he appeared in, the former St. John's standout averaged 6.8 points, 2.8 rebounds, 1.4 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 1.4 3-pointers in 19.8 minutes. Champagnie had his moments, scoring 17 points on four occasions, including a March 9 win over Golden State. However, he was not productive enough to merit being rostered in most leagues last season.

**What's Changed:** San Antonio added an experienced wing in Harrison Barnes and lottery pick Stephon Castle, which should limit Champagnie's role within the rotation.

**Outlook:** If Champagnie could not offer reliable fantasy value last season as a starter, ranking outside the top 250, what chance does he have of doing so this season? He shouldn't fall entirely out of the rotation, especially with former first-round picks Malaki Branham and Blake Wesley yet to separate themselves. However, that will not be enough to make Champagnie fantasy-relevant.

## 60 Justin Champagnie Washington Wizards

Age: 23 HT: 6-6 WT: 206

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	TOR	36	7.8	2.3	0.9	1.9	46%	0.3	0.3	100%	0.3	2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	6
2022	TOR	3	3.7	2	1	1	100%	0	0	0%	0	1.3	0.3	0	0	0	4
2023	WAS	15	15.7	5.9	2.1	5.2	41%	0.8	1	80%	0.9	3.5	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.7	15
PROJ	WAS	52	10	3.9	1.4	3.3	41	0.5	0.7	80%	0.6	2.4	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.4	15

**2023-24:** In 15 appearances with Washington last season, Champagnie wasn't a great fantasy option. He averaged 5.9 points, 3.5 rebounds, and 1.3 assists in 15.7 minutes per game, ranking him outside the top 250.

**What's Changed:** Washington made a lot of moves this offseason, and Champagnie will only be further down the pecking order. He saw minutes down the stretch last season but likely won't be a consistent part of the team's rotation to open next year.

**Outlook:** Champagnie had a few solid performances during the silly season last year, but he isn't going to replicate that early on. He may be worth watching in deeper leagues as a streamer in March or April, but there's no reason to have him on your draft board.

## 61 Tim Hardaway Detroit Pistons

Age: 32 HT: 6-5 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DAL	42	29.6	14.2	5	12.6	39%	1.9	2.5	76%	2.4	3.7	2.2	0.9	0.1	0.8	24
2022	DAL	71	30.3	14.4	4.8	11.9	40%	1.8	2.3	77%	3	3.5	1.8	0.7	0.2	0.8	23
2023	DAL	79	26.8	14.4	5	12.4	40%	1.8	2.1	85%	2.7	3.2	1.8	0.5	0.1	0.9	22
PROJ	DET	73	16	8.5	2.9	7.4	40	1	1.2	85%	1.5	1.8	1	0.3	0	0.5	22

**2023-24:** THJ was one of the best reserve options in the league early in the year and was consistently lighting it up from deep. However, his role and production di-

minated in the second half of the season, and he was largely irrelevant in fantasy basketball down the stretch. He averaged 14.4 points, 3.2 rebounds, 1.8 assists, and 2.7 triples per game for the Mavericks last year.

**What's Changed:** THJ was sent to Detroit this summer as part of the deal that brought Quentin Grimes to Dallas. He spent the last six seasons with the Mavs, but now he'll be a reserve floor spacer in the same state where he played collegiately.

**Outlook:** He's a good source of 3-pointers when he gets the minutes, but it's unlikely that Hardaway Jr. sees the floor enough to make an impact. He played 26.8 minutes per game last year but will likely see less than 20 minutes behind Jaden Ivey. If THJ moves into the starting unit or starts seeing a lot of minutes off the bench, he can be added for a 3-point boost on a Sunday. However, that will be the extent of his value.

## 62 Cody Martin Charlotte Hornets

Age: 28 HT: 6-6 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHA	71	26.3	7.7	2.9	6	48%	1.1	1.5	70%	0.9	4	2.5	1.2	0.5	0.9	21
2022	CHA	7	19.1	5	2	5.1	39%	0.6	1	57%	0.4	3.4	1.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	13
2023	CHA	28	26.9	7.5	2.9	7.7	38%	0.7	1.2	61%	1	3.9	3.7	1.1	0.6	1.6	21
PROJ	CHA	57	15	4.2	1.6	4.3	38	0.4	0.7	61%	0.6	2.2	2.1	0.7	0.4	0.9	21

**2023-24:** After only playing seven games the year before, Martin suited up 28 times last season. In 26.9 minutes per game, he averaged 7.5 points, 3.9 rebounds, 3.7 assists, 1.1 steals and 1.0 triple on poor shooting splits. He ranked outside the top 200 in 9-cat formats and didn't play after March 1st.

**What's Changed:** Charlotte added two players that may impact Martin's spot in the rotation this upcoming season. Josh Green and rookie Tidjane Salaun will both have a role next year, which may affect how much Martin sees the floor. He'll likely come off the bench, though he'll have a chance to earn their fifth starting spot.

**Outlook:** While playing a significant role last season, Martin wasn't a great option in fantasy leagues. Part of that was his 38.1% shooting from the floor and 60.6% from the free throw line. However, those numbers are similar to what he did during his seven games the previous season. If he's fully healthy heading into next season and can shoot like he did during the 2021-22 season, Martin may be a borderline top-150 player again. He'll play a prominent role off the bench, but Martin's fantasy impact will depend on his ability to contribute on the defensive end.

## 63 Moses Moody Golden State Warriors

Age: 22 HT: 6-5 WT: 211

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	52	11.7	4.4	1.5	3.5	44%	0.5	0.7	78%	0.8	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	7
2022	GSW	63	13	4.8	1.7	3.6	48%	0.6	0.8	70%	0.8	1.7	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.5	9
2023	GSW	66	17.5	8.1	2.9	6.4	46%	1.1	1.4	79%	1.1	3	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.7	15
PROJ	GSW	65	10.5	4.9	1.8	3.8	46	0.7	0.9	79%	0.7	1.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	15

**2023-24:** While it was the best statistical season of Moody's young career, last year still wasn't great for him. The former lottery pick averaged 8.1 points, 3.0 rebounds, and 1.1 threes in 17.5 minutes per game. He had a few solid starts but was buried on the depth chart for most of the season.

**What's Changed:** The rotation in Golden State doesn't feel set in stone, but there are quite a few players that Moody will have to compete with for minutes. Buddy Hield replaced Klay Thompson, and Andrew Wiggins is still around. However, if Wiggins struggles like he did last season, there could be a path for Moody.

**Outlook:** Had there been significant changes to Golden State's rotation, Moody may have been a breakout candidate. However, there isn't a clear path for him to take on a more prominent role. He's still a talented wing player with untapped potential, and if he gets the chance, he may be able to provide some value. He isn't worth drafting, but if he earns minutes throughout the season, Moody could have some relevance in fantasy.



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**Giannis Antetokounmpo**

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## 1 Giannis Antetokounmpo Milwaukee Bucks

Age:29 HT: 6-11 WT: 243

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIL	67	32.9	29.9	10.3	18.6	55%	8.3	11.4	72%	1.1	11.6	5.8	1.1	1.4	3.3	57
2022	MIL	63	32.1	31.1	11.2	20.3	55%	7.9	12.3	65%	0.7	11.8	5.7	0.8	0.8	3.9	55
2023	MIL	73	35.2	30.4	11.5	18.8	61%	7	10.7	66%	0.5	11.5	6.5	1.2	1.1	3.4	58
PROJ	MIL	72	34.6	30.2	11.3	18.5	61	7.2	10.9	66%	0.5	11.7	6.6	1.2	1.1	3.4	58

**2023-24:** Antetokounmpo eclipsed 30 points per game for the second time in his career last season while notching all-time highs in field goal percentage (61.1%) and assists per game (6.5). He also got things done on the defensive end, totaling 79 blocks and 87 steals across 73 outings. He was a top-five fantasy player following the arrival of Damian Lillard and feasted around the rim thanks to the spacing shooters around him provided. He played as well as usual throughout the regular season before an injury forced him to miss the playoffs.

**What's Changed:** Milwaukee's core is strong, but a few role players have left for new teams. Malik Beasley and Jae Crowder were depended on for stout defense and spot shooting from the perimeter, and the Bucks will look to replace that with newcomer Gary Trent Jr. Antetokounmpo should expect a similar workload and can produce at the same level in 2024-25.

**Outlook:** Fantasy managers seem to collectively be lower on Antetokounmpo this year despite his latest campaign. He's continued to be a valuable contributor on both sides of the ball, but he has limited efficiency from the charity stripe and beyond the arc. Antetokounmpo should be a first-round pick in all formats, though.

## 2 Jayson Tatum Boston Celtics

Age:26 HT: 6-8 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	76	35.9	26.9	9.3	20.6	45%	5.3	6.2	85%	3	8	4.4	1	0.6	2.9	45
2022	BOS	74	36.9	30.1	9.8	21.1	47%	7.2	8.4	85%	3.2	8.8	4.6	1.1	0.7	2.9	50
2023	BOS	74	35.7	26.9	9.1	19.3	47%	5.6	6.7	83%	3.1	8.1	4.9	1	0.6	2.5	46
PROJ	BOS	70	35.3	27.7	8.9	19	47	6.3	7.6	83%	3.5	9.1	5.5	1.1	0.7	2.5	46

**2023-24:** To the surprise of no one, Boston's strengthened rotation led to Tatum not being asked to shoulder as much of the workload offensively. Playing in 74 games, the five-time All-Star averaged 26.9 points, 8.1 rebounds, 4.9 assists, 1.0 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 3.1 3-pointers in 35.7 minutes per game. Shooting 47.1% from the field and 83.3% from the foul line, Tatum established a new career-best average in assists and has averaged at least three 3-pointers per game in three consecutive seasons. His play was a key reason why the Celtics won their 18th NBA championship last season, with Tatum averaging 9.7 rebounds and 6.3 assists during Boston's 19-game run through the postseason.

**What's Changed:** Tatum won another Olympic gold medal with USA Basketball this summer, but he was often on the outside of the rotation. That included two DNP-CDs, and while the Celtics star put on a good face for the public, don't be surprised if the inactivity in Paris serves as motivation once the season begins.

**Outlook:** While Tatum finished last season ranked just outside first-round territory in standard leagues, no fantasy manager in their right mind will let him slip that far in drafts. Kristaps Porzingis will likely be out until December as he recovers from offseason leg surgery, which should boost Tatum. Not playing as much as he expected in the Olympics could motivate him. Tatum should once again be a top-10 pick in fantasy drafts, and even if he doesn't match that value, the Celtics forward's production will not be far off of that projection.

## 3 Scottie Barnes Toronto Raptors

Age:23 HT: 6-7 WT: 237

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	TOR	74	35.4	15.3	6.2	12.6	49%	2.1	2.9	74%	0.8	7.5	3.5	1.1	0.7	1.8	33
2022	TOR	77	34.8	15.3	6	13.2	46%	2.5	3.2	77%	0.8	6.6	4.8	1.1	0.8	2	34
2023	TOR	60	34.9	19.9	7.5	15.7	48%	3.3	4.2	78%	1.7	8.2	6.1	1.3	1.5	2.8	45
PROJ	TOR	68	35.5	20.8	7.5	16	47	3.7	4.8	78%	1.9	9.4	6.9	1.4	1.7	2.8	45

**2023-24:** Barnes cemented himself as a franchise cornerstone in Toronto last year after two solid seasons. Earning his first All-Star Game appearance, he averaged 19.9 points, 8.2 rebounds, 6.1 assists, 1.3 steals, 1.5 blocks, and 1.7 3-pointers in 34.9 minutes. Shooting 47.5% from the field and 78.1% from the foul line, Barnes made strides as a perimeter shooter and provided top 25 per-game value in 8- and 9-cat formats. The only negative was his health, with Barnes suffering a season-ending fractured left hand in early March.

**What's Changed:** Toronto traded Pascal Siakam and OG Anunoby during the 2023-24 season, and they locked in Barnes financially during the summer. The two sides agreed to a rookie-scale extension worth nearly \$224.9 million over five years, with the contract going into effect in 2025-26.

**Outlook:** Before the hand injury, Barnes was a fantasy stud, and Toronto's making it clear that building around him should only boost his value. Will he be a player who needs to be selected in the first round of standard league drafts? Maybe not this fall, but that day may be coming, especially if Barnes continues to make strides as a shooter. He should not be on the board past the end of the second round in most fantasy leagues.

## 4 Kevin Durant Phoenix Suns

Age:35 HT: 6-11 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BKN	55	37.2	29.9	10.5	20.3	52%	6.8	7.4	91%	2.1	7.4	6.4	0.9	0.9	3.5	50
2022	BKN	39	36	29.7	10.5	18.8	56%	6.8	7.3	93%	1.8	6.7	5.3	0.8	1.5	3.5	49
2023	PHX	75	37.2	27.1	10	19.1	52%	4.8	5.6	86%	2.2	6.6	5	0.9	1.2	3.3	46
PROJ	PHX	70	35.2	25.2	9.4	18.1	52	4.3	5	86%	2	5.8	4.4	0.8	1.1	3.1	46

**2023-24:** Until last season, KD hadn't been able to stay healthy since leaving Golden State. He had played 137 games across four seasons before playing 75 games last year. He once again provided first-round value, which he has done every year since he was a rookie. He averaged 27.1 points, 6.6 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 0.9 steals, 1.2 blocks, and 2.2 threes in 37.2 minutes per game, though his numbers did drop during the second half of the season.

**What's Changed:** Durant got a year older and will be 36 by the time the season starts. He played 75 games last year and played with Team USA this summer, so he didn't get as much rest as he would during a typical offseason. The Suns also brought in a new head coach in Mike Budenholzer who hasn't been shy about load management in the past.

**Outlook:** KD is still one of the best players in the league and will continue to be elite in fantasy basketball. He quieted some of the noise surrounding his health by playing most of last season, but there should still be some concern about whether or not he can do that again. Still, managers should feel confident drafting him since he will be an elite producer across the board as long as he is on the floor. As he showed last season, Durant won't take a step back in his production, even while playing alongside two elite scorers.

## 5 Lauri Markkanen Utah Jazz

Age:27 HT: 7-0 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CLE	61	30.8	14.8	5.1	11.5	45%	2.3	2.6	87%	2.2	5.7	1.3	0.7	0.5	0.9	26
2022	UTA	66	34.4	25.6	8.7	17.3	50%	5.3	6	88%	3	8.6	1.9	0.6	0.6	1.9	41
2023	UTA	55	33.1	23.2	7.8	16.2	48%	4.5	5	90%	3.2	8.2	2	0.9	0.5	1.4	39
PROJ	UTA	65	33.5	24	7.9	16.4	48	4.8	5.4	90%	3.4	8.7	2.1	1	0.5	1.4	39

**2023-24:** Markkanen cracked the top 20 in fantasy for the first time in his career in his inaugural season with the Jazz in 2022-23. He was even better in Year 2, finishing 13th in 2023-24 behind averages of 23.3 points, 8.2 rebounds, 2.0 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.5 blocks and 3.2 triples. Markkanen shot 48.0% from the field and 89.9% from the charity stripe, and he set new career highs in three-pointers made and FT%. Despite sporting a 23.9 Usage Rate, "The Finisher" committed just 1.4 turnovers per contest. Injuries limited Markkanen to just 55 appearances, but he was a fantasy stud when on the court.

**What's Changed:** Markkanen inked a monster, five-year, \$238 million extension.

sion with the Jazz in the offseason, and he'll be back for another

**Outlook:** Markkanen has averaged just 58.2 games across the last four seasons, and availability is a serious concern. Despite Utah beefing up its frontcourt rotation, Markkanen is in no danger of losing playing time, and he projects to operate as the Jazz's go-to option on offense. Fantasy managers can expect a top-25 finish with first-round upside, though health concerns are clearly baked into Markkanen's early ADP (per Hashtag Basketball), which is outside the top-30.

## 6 LeBron James Los Angeles Lakers

Age:39 HT: 6-9 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAL	56	37.2	30.3	11.4	21.8	52%	4.5	6	76%	2.9	8.2	6.2	1.3	1.1	3.5	53
2022	LAL	55	35.5	28.9	11.1	22.2	50%	4.6	5.9	77%	2.2	8.3	6.8	0.9	0.6	3.2	50
2023	LAL	71	35.3	25.7	9.6	17.9	54%	4.3	5.7	75%	2.1	7.3	8.3	1.3	0.5	3.5	49
PROJ	LAL	63	33.7	24.1	9.2	17.1	54	3.8	5.1	75%	1.9	6.5	7.4	1.1	0.5	3.3	49

**2023-24:** In his 21st season, LeBron played in 71 games, which was his highest total since joining the Lakers. On top of his improved availability, he was still an elite fantasy option, finishing in the top 20 in 9-cat scoring. He averaged 25.7 points, 7.3 rebounds, 8.3 assists, 1.3 steals, and 2.1 triples while shooting 54% from the floor and 75% on free throws. He also had the most efficient deep-range shooting season of his career, as he knocked down 41% on 5.1 3-point attempts per game.

**What's Changed:** LeBron is nearly 40 years old now, and while he may seem to be superhuman, the realities of his age need to be recognized. He was phenomenal for Team USA this summer, but will that impact his availability for this upcoming season? Also, the Lakers signed JJ Redick to be the team's new head coach this summer. Redick and LeBron co-hosted a podcast last season, and it wouldn't be surprising if Redick coached this team quite differently from Darvin Ham.

**Outlook:** It would be surprising if LeBron's production went down this year, but other factors could lead to a reduction in numbers. Redick may choose to manage LeBron's minutes, usage, and games played more than Ham did last season to keep him as fresh as possible for the postseason. Still, limited LeBron is far better than many other players in the league. He'll continue to be among the elite players in fantasy basketball as long as he continues putting on a jersey.

## 7 Evan Mobley Cleveland Cavaliers

Age:23 HT: 6-11 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CLE	69	33.8	15	6.1	12	51%	2.4	3.7	66%	0.3	8.3	2.5	0.8	1.7	1.9	34
2022	CLE	79	34.4	16.2	6.6	12	55%	2.6	3.8	67%	0.3	9	2.8	0.8	1.5	1.8	36
2023	CLE	50	30.6	15.7	6.4	11	58%	2.5	3.4	72%	0.4	9.4	3.2	0.9	1.4	1.8	37
PROJ	CLE	63	31.3	16.2	6.5	11.3	58	2.7	3.7	72%	0.5	10.1	3.5	1	1.6	1.8	37

**2023-24:** After playing 69 and 79 games in his first two seasons, Mobley's availability dipped in 2023-24. A loose body found in his left knee required arthroscopic surgery in mid-December, with the Cavaliers big man being sidelined until late January. Cleveland did not immediately give Mobley a full workload, playing him 28 minutes or less in each of his first eight games back. Just as it appeared he was getting back on track, Mobley injured his ankle in early March and missed nine more games. Injuries limited him to 50 appearances during the regular season, with Mobley averaging 15.7 points, 9.4 rebounds, 3.2 assists, 0.9 steals, 1.4 blocks, and 0.4 3-pointers in 30.6 minutes. While a top 50 player in per-game value, injuries limited Mobley's impact in roto formats.

**What's Changed:** Mobley is healthy, and he agreed to a contract extension worth \$224.23 million over five seasons (beginning in 2025-26). Cleveland remains committed to its frontcourt tandem of Mobley and Jarrett Allen.

**Outlook:** Mobley is one of the NBA's promising young bigs, and he's been a reliable option in fantasy basketball each of his first three seasons when on the court. However, it's fair to wonder if playing alongside Allen limits Mobley's ceiling, especially with the limited 3-point production. Evan shot 37.3% from deep last season, but that was on 1.2 attempts per game, so we must take the percentage with a grain of salt. If new head coach Kenny Atkinson can expand Mobley's offensive

repertoire without his efficiency taking a hit, he's capable of breaking through that perceived glass ceiling in fantasy basketball.

## 8 Karl-Anthony Towns New York Knicks

Age:28 HT: 7-0 WT: 248

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	74	33.5	24.6	8.7	16.4	53%	5.2	6.3	82%	2	9.8	3.6	1	1.1	3.1	45
2022	MIN	29	33	20.8	7.3	14.8	50%	4.1	4.7	87%	2.1	8.1	4.8	0.7	0.6	3	39
2023	MIN	62	32.7	21.8	7.7	15.3	50%	4.1	4.7	87%	2.2	8.3	3	0.7	0.7	2.9	38
PROJ	MIN	64	31.7	20.9	7.4	14.9	50	3.9	4.4	87%	2.1	7.8	2.9	0.7	0.6	2.8	38

**2023-24:** A calf injury limited Towns to 29 games in 2022-23, but the big man stayed relatively healthy last season, logging 62 games and averaging 32.7 minutes per tilt. In his ninth season, KAT finished with averages of 21.8 points, 8.3 boards, 3.0 dimes, 0.7 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 2.2 triples while shooting 50.4% from the floor and 87.3% from the free throw line. Towns opened his career as a double-double machine, but he's averaged fewer than ten rebounds per game for three straight seasons. His 3.0 assists were his lowest since the 2017-18 campaign, though his 41.6% mark from beyond the arc was the second-highest of his career. Towns' production was far from consistent. He enjoyed dizzying highs such as his franchise-record 62-point outburst in a loss to Charlotte on January 22, but that effort was mixed in with two single-digit scoring efforts and 25 games with six or fewer rebounds.

**What's Changed:** Building a contender has become more tenuous with the new collective bargaining agreement, with Towns being the latest example. On September 27, it was reported that he would be traded to the Knicks in exchange for Julius Randle, Donte DiVincenzo, and a future first-round pick via Detroit (Charlotte is also involved in the deal). The New Jersey native's return to the tri-state area certainly changes his fantasy outlook in 2024-25.

**Outlook:** Towns will have to get used to a new team, but the move to New York likely removes the glass ceiling from his fantasy value. With Mitchell Robinson (ankle) unlikely to play before December, KAT should slide right into the starting center role. Being able to run the two-man game with Jalen Brunson may not make Towns a first-round fantasy player, but he should be no worse than a top-25 option in category leagues. The concern in roto formats is availability, as Towns has played 70 games or more just once in the last five seasons.

## 9 Jalen Johnson Atlanta Hawks

Age:22 HT: 6-8 WT: 219

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	22	5.5	2.4	1	1.9	54%	0.2	0.3	71%	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	4
2022	ATL	70	14.9	5.6	2.3	4.6	49%	0.7	1.1	63%	0.4	4	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	15
2023	ATL	56	33.7	16	6.4	12.5	51%	1.9	2.6	73%	1.3	8.7	3.6	1.2	0.8	1.8	36
PROJ	ATL	65	33.7	16.2	6.4	12.5	51	2.1	2.8	73%	1.4	9.3	3.9	1.3	0.9	1.8	36

**2023-24:** After being incredibly limited through his first two NBA seasons, Johnson enjoyed a breakout year as a full-time starter in Atlanta. He dealt with multiple injuries that limited him to 56 games, but he finished in the top 50 in 9-cat leagues with averages of 16.0 points, 8.7 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 1.2 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 1.3 triples in 33.7 minutes per game, all of which were career-highs. Had he reached the 65-game mark to be eligible for postseason awards, he would've had a solid case for the Most Improved Player award.

**What's Changed:** Atlanta traded Dejounte Murray this summer, officially moving Johnson up the pecking order. He's, without a doubt, the second option on this team behind Trae Young, and they'll likely need him to do a little more playmaking next season with Dejounte out of the mix.

**Outlook:** The expectations heading into this season are incredibly high for Johnson, for good reason. He provided fourth-round value in his first season as a full-time starter, and he's still only 22 years old. He has plenty of room to improve and could take another big step forward in his fourth season. The moves they made this summer show that they believe in Johnson to be Young's co-star. JJ is an excellent fantasy option, and he should go pretty early in most drafts.



## 10 Jalen Williams Oklahoma City Thunder

Age:23 HT: 6-5 WT: 211

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	OKC	75	30.3	14.1	5.5	10.6	52%	2.1	2.5	81%	1	4.5	3.3	1.4	0.5	1.6	29
2023	OKC	71	31.3	19.1	7.5	14	54%	2.5	3.1	81%	1.5	4	4.5	1.1	0.6	1.7	34
PROJ	OKC	70	31.6	19.5	7.6	14.1	54	2.7	3.3	81%	1.5	4.2	4.8	1.2	0.7	1.8	34

**2023-24:** After a tremendous rookie campaign, the Santa Clara product followed it up with an even better Year 2. J-Dub posted averages of 19.1 points, 4.0 rebounds, 4.5 assists, 1.1 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 1.5 triples while shooting 54.0% from the floor and 87.4% from the charity stripe. The points, dimes, blocks, triples, and shooting percentages were all career-best numbers, and Williams finished 41st in per-game fantasy value. He logged at least 70 appearances and 30 minutes per game for the second straight season. The highlight of his season came on December 27 when he dropped a career-high 36 points and five triples against the Knicks.

**What's Changed:** The Thunder added Alex Caruso and Isaiah Hartenstein in the offseason, meaning there may be more competition for playing time across the rotation.

**Outlook:** Caruso's arrival means Williams will shift from PF to SF. Lu Dort will likely serve as J-Dub's backup at the three, while Holmgren should move to the four in favor of Hartenstein at center. Williams could see a slight decrease in playing time, but it will likely be unimportant as he's locked into the starting SF role. Williams played both forward positions last season, so managers shouldn't be concerned about the lineup changes. Still just 23 years old, the 2022 lottery pick hasn't shown us his best basketball yet. Another top-50 finish is certainly in the cards, thanks to his well-rounded skillset, efficient shooting, and notable ball security.

## 11 Jaren Jackson Memphis Grizzlies

Age:25 HT: 6-10 WT: 242

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	78	27.3	16.3	5.5	13.3	42%	3.6	4.4	82%	1.6	5.8	1.1	0.9	2.3	1.7	33
2022	MEM	63	28.4	18.6	6.6	13	51%	3.8	4.9	79%	1.6	6.8	1	1	3	1.7	39
2023	MEM	66	32.2	22.5	7.8	17.6	44%	5.1	6.3	81%	1.8	5.5	2.3	1.2	1.6	2.4	39
PROJ	MEM	64	30.2	21.3	7.3	16.5	44	4.9	6.1	81%	1.7	5.3	2.2	1.2	1.5	2.3	39

**2023-24:** Jackson was the one Grizzlies star who stayed reasonably healthy last season, appearing in 66 games. And he had the best offensive season of his career to date, scoring 22.5 points per game along with 5.5 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 1.2 steals, 1.6 blocks, and 1.8 3-pointers in 32.2 minutes. Shooting 44.4% from the field and 80.8% from the foul line, Jackson provided 4th-round, per-game value in 8-cat formats and 5th-round in 9-cat. JJJ's production dropped considerably after leading the NBA in blocks the two seasons prior, as he played most of his minutes without a bonafide center alongside him in the lineup.

**What's Changed:** First and foremost, the Grizzlies are healthy. Secondly, Memphis addressed its need for a true center, selecting Purdue star Zach Edey with the ninth overall pick in the NBA Draft.

**Outlook:** Consistently sharing the court with Ja Morant and Desmond Bane will help Jackson. However, if Edey pans out, that could be the more significant development. Pairing Jackson with a legitimate center makes him a considerable threat as a "free safety" within the Grizzlies' defense, as he can linger as a help defender and effectively protect the basket. While the scoring may decrease due to Morant and Bane being on the floor, Jackson can compensate for that with more blocked shots. That will be his path to a top-25 fantasy season, and he stands to be a relatively safe third-round pick in standard leagues.

## 12 Zion Williamson New Orleans Pelicans

Age:24 HT: 6-6 WT: 284

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	NOP	29	33	26	9.8	16.2	61%	6.1	8.6	71%	0.2	7	4.6	1.1	0.6	3.4	43
2023	NOP	70	31.5	22.9	8.9	15.6	57%	5	7.1	70%	0.1	5.8	5	1.1	0.7	2.8	40
PROJ	NOP	67	33.6	24.8	9.5	16.7	57	5.7	8.2	70%	0.1	6.7	4.9	1.3	0.8	2.9	40

**2023-24:** After four seasons of "if only Zion could stay on the floor," Williamson managed to play a career-best 70 games in 2023-24. While the scoring output decreased, dropping to 22.9 from 26.0 the season prior, the ability to stay relatively healthy was tremendous. Williamson also averaged 5.8 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 1.1 steals, and 0.7 blocks in 31.5 minutes, shooting 57.0% from the field and 70.2% from the foul line. The combination of a lack of 3-pointers, turnovers (2.8 per game), and lackluster rebounding production led to Zion not cracking the top 100 in 9-cat, per-game value, but he was a top 75 player in 8-cat. As for totals, he finished within the top 100 for the second time in his career, a byproduct of Zion's improved availability.

**What's Changed:** Williamson is healthy after a hamstring injury suffered during the Pelicans' play-in tournament loss to the Lakers sidelined him for New Orleans' final five games. Also of importance are the departures of Jonas Valanciunas (free agency) and Larry Nance Jr. (trade), with the latter being sent to Atlanta as part of the deal headlined by Dejounte Murray.

**Outlook:** While the addition of Murray was critical for New Orleans, which needed an upgrade at the point, the question is whether or not this will mean less "Point Zion." If so, Williamson's need to improve as a rebounder becomes more critical for "real" basketball and fantasy. Ultimately, the key for him is whether or not he can remain healthy. While there were some photos of a slimmer Zion this summer, he's only played 70 games or more once in his NBA career. Using a fourth or fifth-round pick on Williamson doesn't come without risk, but that would be a fair place to target him in drafts.

## 13 Kyle Kuzma Washington Wizards

Age:29 HT: 6-9 WT: 221

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	WAS	66	33.4	17.1	6.4	14.2	45%	2.4	3.3	71%	1.9	8.5	3.5	0.6	0.9	2.6	35
2022	WAS	64	35	21.2	8	17.8	45%	2.7	3.7	73%	2.5	7.2	3.7	0.6	0.5	3	36
2023	WAS	70	32.6	22.2	8.7	18.8	46%	2.7	3.4	78%	2.2	6.6	4.2	0.5	0.7	2.7	37
PROJ	WAS	71	34.5	23.7	9.1	19.9	46	2.9	3.8	78%	2.4	7.3	4.6	0.6	0.8	2.9	37

**2023-24:** With Washington entering a rebuild, Kuzma was able to take on an extended role on offense. He averaged 22.2 points, 6.6 rebounds, 4.2 assists, and 2.2 triples in 32.6 minutes per game. The points and assists were career-highs, and the rebounds and 3-pointers were both solid, but he couldn't contribute value in the other five categories. Kuzma was excellent in points leagues but ranked outside the top 100 in 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** Washington added three players in the first round, including No. 2 overall pick Alex Sarr, who made it clear before the draft that he wants to play power forward. That is where Kuzma played last season, and while Kuz should start as long as he is with the Wizards, he may see more time at small forward.

**Outlook:** There isn't a reason to think that Kuzma's production will take much of a hit heading into next season. There also isn't a reason to think he'll take a step forward. He's a great option in points leagues and specific builds in category leagues, but his overall value will always be capped. Don't expect a top-75 season out of him, but he can be a great source of points, rebounds, assists and steals in the middle rounds.

## 14 Paolo Banchero Orlando Magic

Age:21 HT: 6-10 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	ORL	72	33.8	20	6.7	15.6	43%	5.5	7.4	74%	1.2	6.9	3.7	0.8	0.5	2.8	35
2023	ORL	80	35	22.6	8	17.6	46%	5.1	7	73%	1.5	6.9	5.4	0.9	0.6	3.1	40
PROJ	ORL	77	36.1	23.8	8.2	18.2	45	5.6	7.8	72%	1.7	7.7	6	1	0.7	3.2	40

**2023-24:** In his second year in the league, Banchero still had his fair share of issues in 9-cat leagues, but he truly solidified himself as a star in this league. He played in 80 games and averaged 22.6 points, 6.9 rebounds, 5.4 assists, and 1.5 triples while making his first All-Star Game and helping the Magic return to the playoffs. He doesn't contribute many defensive numbers, but shooting percentages tanked his fantasy value. Banchero shot 45.5% from the floor and 72.5% from the free-throw line, both suboptimal marks.

**What's Changed:** Orlando didn't make many changes to their roster this summer, and they couldn't make a move that would impact Banchemo's spot in the rotation directly. He should make some improvements now that he has more experience and a playoff series under his belt, which will create higher expectations for him and the team.

**Outlook:** Now heading into year three, Paolo must take another step forward. A 6-foot-10 athletic forward shouldn't be shooting below 50% on 2-point attempts, and it should be expected that he'll eventually figure that out. He's already incredibly effective in points leagues. Since few players can provide his combination of points, rebounds, and assists, Banchemo is an excellent target for builds that can account for his weaknesses. The sky's the limit if he can improve in a few areas.

## 15 Pascal Siakam Indiana Pacers

Age:30 HT: 6-8 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	TOR	68	37.9	22.8	8.8	17.8	49%	4.2	5.6	75%	1.1	8.5	5.3	1.3	0.6	2.7	44
2022	TOR	71	37.4	24.2	8.9	18.5	48%	5.2	6.7	77%	1.3	7.8	5.8	0.9	0.5	2.4	44
2023	TOR	39	34.7	22.2	8.3	16	52%	4.3	5.7	76%	1.2	6.3	4.9	0.8	0.3	2.1	38
PROJ	IND	78	32.8	21.8	8.5	15.7	54	3.6	5	73%	1.4	7.1	4.4	0.9	0.4	1.7	38

**2023-24:** Siakam split last season between the Pacers and Raptors. He averaged 21.3 points, 7.8 rebounds, and 3.7 assists on a career-high 54.9% shooting in 41 games with Indiana. The 2019 NBA champs slashing paired well with Haliburton and the Pacers' fast-paced offense and helped them continue to post one of the NBA's top offensive ratings. He's one of the NBA's top fantasy options at power forward and has all the tools to excel in his first full season with the Pacers.

**What's Changed:** Siakam doesn't have much change to worry about in the frontcourt. Indiana is running it back with the same starters for the most part, and Jalen Smith has left to join the Chicago Bulls. Siakam should continue to dominate most of the minutes at power forward and be relieved by Obi Toppin and others sparingly.

**Outlook:** Siakam was comfortably a top-five power forward last season and a top-50 player overall. He is projected to finish 2024-25 inside the top 60 and will likely be drafted between the fourth and sixth rounds.

## 16 Tobias Harris Detroit Pistons

Age:32 HT: 6-8 WT: 226

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHI	73	34.8	17.2	6.8	14	48%	2.3	2.8	84%	1.4	6.8	3.5	0.6	0.6	1.6	33
2022	PHI	74	32.9	14.7	5.7	11.4	50%	1.5	1.7	88%	1.7	5.7	2.5	0.9	0.5	1.2	28
2023	PHI	70	33.8	17.2	6.6	13.6	49%	2.7	3	88%	1.3	6.5	3.1	1	0.7	1.3	34
PROJ	DET	68	32.6	16.7	6.4	13.1	49	2.7	3.1	88%	1.3	6.5	3.1	1	0.7	1.3	34

**2023-24:** With James Harden out of the picture, Harris returned to being the third-leading scorer in Philadelphia last season. He finished in the top 50 in 9-cat leagues with averages of 17.2 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 1.0 steals, and 1.3 threes per game on efficient shooting splits. He didn't excel in any individual category, but he wasn't weak anywhere either, which helped his 9-cat numbers look better than they may have been.

**What's Changed:** Harris was practically chased out of Philly after six years with the team. He was blamed by the fans for a lot of the 76ers' issues, though going scoreless in his final playoff game with the team certainly didn't help any defense in his favor. However, he still signed a two-year deal with the Pistons this summer, where he should fill in as the team's starting power forward.

**Outlook:** Harris has been a top-100 player in 9-cat leagues for the past decade. That is unlikely to change this year, but he may be able to be more impactful than he was during his last few years with the 76ers. Harris should be the team's second scoring option behind Cade Cunningham, and it is certainly possible that he will set a new career-high for scoring. That added offensive responsibility may result in a slight dip in his field goal percentage, but the added scoring will compensate. Harris will be pivotal in helping the Pistons be a more competitive team this season, which should help him in the fantasy realm.

## 17 Miles Bridges Charlotte Hornets

Age:26 HT: 6-7 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHA	80	35.5	20.2	7.5	15.2	49%	3.3	4.2	80%	1.9	7	3.8	0.9	0.8	1.9	38
2023	CHA	69	37.4	21	8.1	17.5	46%	2.5	3.1	83%	2.3	7.3	3.3	0.9	0.5	2	37
PROJ	CHA	70	34.2	19.4	7.4	16	46	2.4	2.9	82%	2.2	7	3.2	0.9	0.5	1.8	37

**2023-24:** After serving a 10-game suspension to start the season, Bridges only missed three more games for the remainder of the year. He set new career highs for points, rebounds, and 3-pointers, though with LaMelo Ball sidelined for most of the year, his field goal percentage took a hit, which resulted in him finishing outside the top 50 in 9-cat leagues. He averaged 21.0 points, 7.3 rebounds, 3.3 assists, and 2.3 threes per game. This came after being out of the league the year before due to a domestic violence case.

**What's Changed:** Bridges played on a one-year deal last season, but he signed a three-year, \$75 million contract to return to the Hornets this summer. However, they selected a power forward in Tidjane Salaun with the No. 6 pick in the draft, which may cut into Bridges' minutes after he played a career-high 37.4 minutes per game last season.

**Outlook:** While the addition of Salaun may impact Bridges' long-term place in Charlotte, there shouldn't be a massive change in Bridges' production this season. He may lose 2-3 minutes per game, but that shouldn't dramatically impact his numbers. What will likely have a more significant impact on Bridges is the other players around him. Brandon Miller's development, combined with LaMelo and Mark Williams being healthy, will cap what Bridges can do on the court. He should be a decent option in the middle rounds but don't expect him to thoroughly outplay his ADP.

## 18 Julius Randle Minnesota Timberwolves

Age:29 HT: 6-8 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NYK	72	35.3	20.1	7.1	17.3	41%	4.2	5.6	76%	1.7	9.9	5.1	0.7	0.5	3.4	40
2022	NYK	77	35.5	25.1	8.5	18.6	46%	5.2	6.9	76%	2.8	10	4.1	0.6	0.3	2.8	43
2023	NYK	46	35.4	24	8.6	18.2	47%	5.1	6.6	78%	1.7	9.2	5	0.5	0.3	3.5	41
PROJ	NYK	65	32.6	21.9	7.9	16.7	47	4.6	5.9	78%	1.5	8.9	4.5	0.6	0.2	3.2	41

**2023-24:** While Randle's last two seasons have ended prematurely due to injury, the 2023-24 campaign was the first in which availability was a significant issue. A dislocated shoulder suffered in late January ended his season, with the Knicks' All-Star forward being limited to 46 games. Randle, who earned a third All-Star Game selection, averaged 24.0 points, 9.2 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 0.5 steals, and 1.7 3-pointers in 35.4 minutes. Shooting 47.2% from the field and 78.1% from the foul line, turnovers (3.5 per game), and minimal defensive stats negatively impacted Randle's fantasy value in 9-cat formats. He was ranked outside the top 100 in 9-cat and was a top 75 player with turnovers removed from the equation.

**What's Changed:** Randle did not undergo shoulder surgery until early April, when it was finally decided that he would not be able to help the Knicks during the postseason. SNY's Ian Begley reported earlier in the summer that it was unknown whether Randle would be ready when training camp began. However, the most significant change occurred on September 27, as it was reported that the Knicks were including Randle and Donte DiVincenzo in a three-team trade that would net them Karl-Anthony Towns.

**Outlook:** Randle's reported move from New York to Minnesota means he won't have to worry about playing any minutes at center, as the Timberwolves have Rudy Gobert and Naz Reid to call upon. He should slide right into the starting power forward role left vacant by Towns, and Randle's fantasy value may improve. Between Mike Conley and Anthony Edwards, there are capable playmakers within the starting lineup, meaning less time on the ball for Randle. Given his turnover numbers in recent seasons, that may be a good thing for managers in 9-cat formats. Selecting Randle just outside the top 75 should result in a solid return, provided he does not miss too much time to begin the season due to offseason shoulder surgery.



## 19 Draymond Green Golden State Warriors

Age:34 HT: 6-6 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	46	28.9	7.5	2.9	5.6	53%	1.3	2	66%	0.3	7.3	7	1.3	1.1	3	31
2022	GSW	73	31.5	8.5	3.4	6.5	53%	1.1	1.5	71%	0.5	7.2	6.8	1	0.8	2.8	30
2023	GSW	55	27.1	8.6	3.4	6.8	50%	1	1.3	73%	0.9	7.2	6	1	0.9	2.5	29
PROJ	GSW	62	28.3	8.9	3.5	7.1	50	1	1.3	73%	0.9	7.2	6	1	0.9	2.6	29

**2023-24:** He's past his days of being among the elite in fantasy basketball, but Green has been a top-100 player in 9-cat leagues for the past decade. That didn't change last season. He missed a good chunk of time due to suspension, but he still averaged 8.6 points, 7.2 rebounds, 6.0 assists, 1.0 steals, 0.9 blocks, and 0.9 triples in 27.1 minutes per game. His well-rounded production was still valuable, though his impact isn't what it once was.

**What's Changed:** There's no reason to think that Green won't continue to start for Golden State, but the young players developing behind him could impact his minutes. Jonathan Kuminga took a step forward last season, and Trayce Jackson-Davis proved his value after they selected him in the second round.

**Outlook:** Green remains a perfect pickup for fantasy managers who aren't worried about his lack of scoring, and that shouldn't change. His 27.1 minutes per game last season were his fewest since his second season in the league, though a few early ejections slightly dragged down that number. There's no reason to think that his production will fall off in a major way this season, though he is moving towards the end of his career. Green should still be serviceable as long as he can stay away from technical fouls.

## 20 Keegan Murray Sacramento Kings

Age:24 HT: 6-8 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	SAC	80	29.8	12.2	4.4	9.8	45%	0.8	1	77%	2.6	4.6	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.8	23
2023	SAC	77	33.6	15.2	5.8	12.7	45%	1.3	1.6	83%	2.4	5.5	1.7	1	0.8	0.8	29
PROJ	SAC	75	32.9	15	5.6	12.4	45	1.4	1.6	83%	2.4	5.5	1.7	1	0.8	0.8	29

**2023-24:** In his second season in the league, Murray made improvements across the board. He played in 77 games and averaged 15.2 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.7 assists, 1.0 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 2.4 triples per game. He provided fifth-round value throughout the season by being decent in almost every category, though most of his production comes from deep-range shooting.

**What's Changed:** Adding a proven scorer like DeMar DeRozan pushes Keegan down the offensive pecking order, but his playstyle should make that an easier transition. Murray has already succeeded in a low-volume role, so adjusting to playing with DeMar shouldn't force him to sacrifice much.

**Outlook:** Regarding 9-cat value, Murray had an excellent season last year. He was a top-50 player over the final two months, though his main positive categories are 3-pointers and turnovers. Being solid across the board allows him to fit any team build, though it may inflate his actual 9-cat impact. Keegan should have another terrific year, but this isn't the situation for him to take a giant leap forward statistically. However, he can still improve and help Sacramento return to the playoffs after exiting during the Play-In Tournament last year.

## 21 Cameron Johnson Brooklyn Nets

Age:28 HT: 6-8 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHX	66	26.2	12.5	4.2	9.2	46%	1.5	1.7	86%	2.5	4.1	1.5	0.9	0.2	0.7	22
2022	PHX	17	25.2	13.9	4.8	10.2	47%	1.6	1.9	82%	2.6	3.8	1.5	0.9	0.4	0.6	24
2023	BKN	58	27.6	13.4	4.8	10.7	45%	1.5	1.9	79%	2.4	4.3	2.4	0.8	0.3	1	25
PROJ	BKN	64	30.3	15.1	5.3	11.7	45	1.8	2.3	79%	2.9	5.2	2.9	1	0.3	1.1	25

**2023-24:** Following his promising finish to the 2022-23 season after being traded to Brooklyn, Johnson was the subject of optimism among some fantasy managers despite availability concerns. A meniscus tear suffered in November 2022 limited him to 42 games, and Johnson had surpassed 65 games played once in his first four seasons. Unfortunately, a hamstring injury before training camp limited

him during the preseason, and Johnson would strain his calf during the regular season opener. That injury cost him seven games, and he ultimately played 58 games (47 starts) for the Nets in 2023-24. Johnson finished with averages of 13.4 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.4 assists, 0.8 steals, and 2.4 3-pointers in 27.6 minutes, shooting 44.6% from the field and a career-low 78.9% from the foul line.

**What's Changed:** While a toe injury limited Johnson down the stretch of last season, the Nets weren't exactly motivated to have him push through the issue. Being able to go through an offseason in relatively good health will be good for him, especially with the Nets having traded Mikal Bridges to the Knicks. Also, Johnson has been the subject of recent trade rumors, but the Nets are reportedly asking teams for a lot in return.

**Outlook:** A top 150 player in 8- and 9-cat formats, Johnson is capable of providing greater value if healthy. But that is a huge "if," based on his career to date. No Bridges in the fold means more touches for Johnson and Brooklyn's other perimeter scorers, but Johnson has been more of a catch-and-shoot player than someone who can go get his own looks. Using a top 100 pick to select him would be a fool's errand, with the 115-125 range being more realistic.

## 22 Tari Eason Houston Rockets

Age:23 HT: 6-8 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	HOU	82	21.5	9.3	3.6	8	45%	1.3	1.8	75%	0.7	6	1.1	1.2	0.6	1.2	22
2023	HOU	22	21.8	9.8	4	8.6	47%	1	1.5	64%	0.8	7	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.9	26
PROJ	HOU	60	22.1	10	4.1	8.7	47	1	1.6	64%	0.9	7.5	1.3	1.5	0.9	0.9	26

**2023-24:** After a stellar rookie campaign in which he played all 82 games, Eason was snakebitten by the injury bug last season. A leg injury (and its complications) limited the forward to 22 appearances, with Eason averaging 9.8 points, 7.0 rebounds, 1.2 assists, 1.4 steals, 0.9 blocks, and 0.8 3-pointers in 21.8 minutes. When available, he was not negatively impacted by the additions of Dillon Brooks and Amen Thompson. Eason experienced increases in points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocked shots while shooting 46.6% from the field and 63.6% from the foul line. He offered top 100 per-game value in 9-cat formats, but the availability neutralized Eason's fantasy impact.

**What's Changed:** He's healthy. Eason underwent season-ending surgery in early March and, as of late July, he said in an interview with The Athletic that the leg was feeling "really good." While the Rockets have not definitively stated that Eason will be ready for the start of training camp, he's on the right path.

**Outlook:** As noted above, the additions of Brooks and Thompson did not negatively impact Eason's playing time when healthy. Given what he brings to the table as a defender and rebounder, there will again be room for the third-year forward in Ime Udoka's rotation. Outside of injuries, the biggest concern is the free throw percentage, which decreased by nearly 12 points compared to his rookie season (75.2%). If Eason can clean up that aspect of his game, he stands to offer solid value, especially in the rebound and steals categories.

## 23 Patrick Williams Chicago Bulls

Age:23 HT: 6-7 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHI	17	24.8	9	3.2	6	53%	1.8	2.4	73%	0.9	4.1	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.9	17
2022	CHI	82	28.3	10.2	3.8	8.3	46%	1.1	1.3	86%	1.4	4	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.2	21
2023	CHI	43	27.3	10	3.7	8.3	44%	1.2	1.5	79%	1.4	3.9	1.5	0.9	0.8	1.3	21
PROJ	CHI	63	32.2	11.8	4.3	9.8	44	1.5	1.9	79%	1.7	4.7	1.9	1.1	0.9	1.6	21

**2023-24:** There was hope that Williams would be able to make positive strides last season, but that did not come to pass. While inconsistent production has been a hallmark of his first four years in the NBA, injuries were another issue in 2023-24. A left foot injury that required surgery led to Williams being shut down in late January, with the former lottery pick appearing in 43 games. He averaged 10.0 points, 3.9 rebounds, 1.5 assists, 0.9 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 1.4 3-pointers in 27.3 minutes, shooting 44.3% from the field and 78.8% from the foul line. Williams had

two stretches of five straight games scoring in double figures, but there were also 22 games in which he scored nine points or less.

**What's Changed:** Williams is expected to be healthy when training camp begins, and the Bulls made a sizable commitment to him this summer. Chicago re-signed him to a five-year, \$90 million contract that includes option in Year 5. As for Chicago's personnel, DeMar DeRozan moved on to Sacramento via sign-and-trade, and the Bulls selected wing Matas Buzelis with the 11th overall pick.

**Outlook:** Williams finished last year ranked outside the top 150 in per-game fantasy value and was a top 100 player just once in his first four seasons (2022-23). While the production hasn't made believers of most fantasy managers, it didn't keep the Bulls from committing substantial money to Williams. He'll figure prominently in the rotation, and Chicago's future at the forward positions may be a tandem of Williams and Buzelis. That said, Williams is a late-round pick at best in fantasy drafts ahead of the 2024-25 campaign.

## 24 Jabari Smith Houston Rockets

Age:21 HT: 6-11 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	HOU	79	31	12.8	4.6	11.3	41%	2.1	2.6	79%	1.5	7.2	1.3	0.5	0.9	1.3	26
2023	HOU	76	31.9	13.7	5	11	45%	2	2.4	81%	1.8	8.1	1.6	0.7	0.8	1.2	29
PROJ	HOU	74	29.9	13	4.6	10.3	45	1.9	2.4	81%	1.8	7.8	1.5	0.7	0.8	1.1	29

**2023-24:** Smith was once again a fixture in the Rockets starting lineup, making 76 appearances and averaging 13.7 points, 8.1 rebounds, 1.6 assists, 0.7 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 1.8 3-pointers in 31.9 minutes. His production increased in points, rebounds, assists, steals, and 3-pointers compared to his rookie season output, with Smith providing 8th-round, per-game value in 9-cat formats. In 8-cat, he finished the season just outside that threshold. Smith scored more after the All-Star break, averaging 14.8 points per game (27 appearances) compared to 13.2 before. Houston losing Alperen Sengun in mid-March had much to do with that, as the center's absence led to Smith shifting to the five.

**What's Changed:** Nothing has changed for Smith regarding his place within the Rockets lineup. However, a healthy Sengun and Steven Adams likely mean fewer minutes at the five this season.

**Outlook:** Smith's fantasy ceiling is a bit limited due to the current state of Houston's rotation. With Sengun firmly entrenched as the starting center and the team adding the rugged Adams, Smith could have limited opportunities to serve as a "smaller" five. According to Cleaning the Glass, 32% of his minutes were played at center, an increase of 20 percentage points from his rookie season. Smith's usage and assist percentages increased when he was played at the five instead of the four, while the turnover percentage decreased. The top 100 should be Smith's floor in fantasy this season, but his ceiling will depend on the availability of Sengun and Adams.

## 25 Aaron Gordon Denver Nuggets

Age:29 HT: 6-8 WT: 235

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DEN	75	31.7	15	5.8	11.1	52%	2.3	3.1	74%	1.2	5.9	2.5	0.6	0.6	1.8	28
2022	DEN	68	30.2	16.3	6.3	11.2	56%	2.8	4.6	61%	0.9	6.6	3	0.8	0.8	1.4	32
2023	DEN	73	31.5	13.9	5.5	9.8	56%	2.4	3.7	66%	0.5	6.5	3.5	0.8	0.6	1.4	30
PROJ	DEN	72	33.1	14.7	5.8	10.3	56	2.6	4	66%	0.6	7	3.9	0.8	0.7	1.5	30

**2023-24:** Gordon finished just inside the top 150 in per-game fantasy hoops value and the top 120 in totals. The athletic forward posted averages of 13.9 points, 6.5 boards, 3.5 dimes, 0.8 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 0.5 triples while shooting 55.6% from the floor. Gordon's poor FT% (65.8) was once again a drag on his overall value. He appeared in 73 games and logged 31.5 minutes per tilt.

**What's Changed:** Denver's offseason wasn't eventful in adding frontcourt depth, and newcomer Dario Saric won't steal minutes from the incumbent Gordon.

**Outlook:** Gordon's role on offense is a lob threat and athletic finisher around the rim. He ranked sixth in the Association in made dunks with 171 last season, and he

should occupy a similar role for the 2024-25 campaign. Fantasy managers should expect similar averages across the board, and he's worth a look in the later rounds of drafts in deeper leagues. There's not much to get excited about, but you know what you're getting.

## 26 Jonathan Kuminga Golden State Warriors

Age:21 HT: 6-7 WT: 225

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	70	16.9	9.3	3.4	6.6	51%	1.9	2.7	68%	0.7	3.3	0.9	0.4	0.3	1.1	16
2022	GSW	67	20.8	9.9	3.9	7.4	53%	1.3	2.1	65%	0.8	3.4	1.9	0.6	0.5	1.4	19
2023	GSW	74	26.3	16.1	6.2	11.6	53%	3	4	75%	0.7	4.8	2.2	0.7	0.5	1.6	27
PROJ	GSW	73	27.2	16.9	6.4	12	53	3.3	4.5	75%	0.8	5.3	2.4	0.8	0.5	1.7	27

**2023-24:** Reports early in the season suggested that Kuminga's time in Golden State was done and that he wanted to be traded. However, the team was able to smooth things over and give him a more prominent role, which led to the best season of his career. His overall 9-cat value was outside the top 150, but he did have a stretch where he scored at least 20 points in eight straight games in January and February. He averaged 16.1 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.2 assists in 26.3 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** Heading into his fourth season, Kuminga's role shouldn't be questioned. From day one, he should be a starter and immediately play a significant role. Adding Kyle Anderson will give them some depth, but Kuminga should play a lot regardless, as long as Steve Kerr doesn't throw a curveball.

**Outlook:** Though his game isn't the best for category leagues, Kuminga is still a fun talent with a ton of upside. If he can improve and contribute more 3-pointers and defensive stats, Kuminga's 9-cat value should take a significant step forward. However, there are plenty of reasons not to be optimistic. He should see plenty of minutes, but Kerr will have to figure out how to utilize Draymond Green, Andrew Wiggins, Trayce Jackson-Davis, and Slo-Mo in the frontcourt. That could prevent them from playing enough minutes to improve.

## 27 Jerami Grant Portland Trail Blazers

Age:30 HT: 6-7 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DET	47	31.9	19.2	6.3	14.9	43%	4.6	5.5	84%	1.9	4.1	2.4	0.9	1	1.8	32
2022	POR	63	35.7	20.5	6.9	14.5	48%	4.4	5.4	81%	2.3	4.5	2.4	0.8	0.8	1.8	33
2023	POR	54	33.9	21	7.1	15.7	45%	4.7	5.8	82%	2.1	3.5	2.8	0.8	0.6	2.1	32
PROJ	POR	59	29.9	18.3	6.3	13.9	45	4.1	4.9	82%	1.8	3	2.4	0.7	0.5	1.9	32

**2023-24:** Grant finished his second season in Portland with averages of 21.0 points, 3.5 rebounds, 2.8 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 2.1 triples across 33.9 minutes per tilt. The veteran appeared in just 54 games, and he's averaged just 54.5 games across the last four campaigns due to a combination of injuries and tanking with Detroit and Portland. Grant finished outside the top 100 in per-game fantasy value after compiling three straight top-85 finishes. A big reason for the dip in value was a drop in rebounds and blocks and an increase in turnovers.

**What's Changed:** Portland landed Deni Avdija in exchange for Malcolm Brogdon, the No. 14 pick in the 2024 NBA Draft and a 2029 pick. Avdija is projected to start for the Blazers, and he'll steal some minutes and production from Grant.

**Outlook:** Grant led Portland in points last season and shot better than 40% from beyond the arc for the second straight campaign. His most significant values to fantasy managers are his scoring and three-pointers, but he can add close to a block per game with solid FT% and typically low turnovers. Grant isn't going to rack up colossal rebound or assist totals, but he's been productive with his skillset for the last four seasons and should offer value close to the top 100 on a per-game basis. Durability concerns and the arrival of another quality-scoring forward in Avdija make Grant a risky proposition in 2024-25 fantasy basketball drafts, and his current 125.7 ADP (per Hashtag Basketball) reflects that sentiment.



## 28 P.J. Washington Dallas Mavericks

Age:26 HT: 6-7 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHA	65	27.2	10.3	3.8	8.2	47%	0.9	1.2	72%	1.7	5.2	2.3	0.9	0.9	1.3	24
2022	CHA	73	32.6	15.7	5.9	13.4	44%	1.7	2.4	73%	2	4.9	2.4	0.9	1.1	1.5	30
2023	CHA	44	29.2	13.6	5.2	11.6	45%	1.5	2.1	71%	1.8	5.3	2.2	0.9	0.7	1.5	27
PROJ	DAL	70	29.6	12.6	4.8	10.8	44	1.4	2	68%	1.8	5.7	2	1	0.8	1.3	27

**2023-24:** Washington split his fifth NBA season between Charlotte and Dallas, with the Mavericks acquiring him at the February trade deadline. Appearing in 73 games overall, the 2019 first-round pick averaged 12.9 points, 5.6 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 1.0 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 1.8 3-pointers in 30.4 minutes, shooting 43.6% from the field and 68.3% from the foul line. While Washington's scoring output did decrease after the trade, which was to be expected, he was a slightly better rebounder (6.2 rpg with Dallas). The issue was his inefficiency, as PJ shot 42.1% from the field and 62.7% from the foul line as a Maverick. The former percentage was especially concerning, given that he was able to play off of two elite playmakers in Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving.

**What's Changed:** Washington, who started 28 of the 29 regular season games he played for Dallas, should retain that role in 2024-25. However, adding Naji Marshall to the rotation could increase the competition for minutes, as Klay Thompson should slide into the spot in the starting lineup left vacant by Derrick Jones Jr.

**Outlook:** Despite the shooting percentage woes, Washington was close to a top 100 fantasy player after joining the Mavericks. With an eye toward 2024-25, that is promising, especially if he can continue to strengthen the on-court chemistry with Doncic and Irving. Washington will be worth selecting with a late-round pick in standard leagues, as he should once again hover just outside the top 100 in most leagues.

## 29 Taylor Hendricks Utah Jazz

Age:20 HT: 6-9 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	UTA	40	21.4	7.3	2.7	6	45%	0.6	0.7	79%	1.3	4.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	18
PROJ	UTA	64	24.2	8.5	3.1	6.8	45	0.7	0.9	79%	1.7	5.9	1	0.9	1	0.8	18

**2023-24:** The rookie out of UCF appeared in 40 games in his first NBA season and averaged 7.3 points and 4.6 boards across 21.4 minutes. He posted 0.7 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 1.3 triples along the way. Hendricks started Utah's final 17 games of the season, averaging 9.3 points, 5.5 boards, 0.8 steals, 1.0 blocks, and 1.8 triples across 26.8 minutes.

**What's Changed:** Utah's frontcourt remains its most crowded position group, and the team added Duke big man Kyle Filipowski with the 32nd pick in the draft.

**Outlook:** The additions of Filipowski and journeyman Drew Eubanks further crowd a frontcourt already sporting Brice Sensabaugh, Walker Kessler, and John Collins. With his outside shooting, Hendricks can separate himself from this group, but he'll have trouble seeing meaningful minutes in Year 2. Hendricks is off the fantasy radar in leagues of most sizes.

## 30 Matas Buzelis Chicago Bulls

Age: 19 HT: 6-9 WT: 209

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	CHI	67	22.5	10.6	4.3	9.1	47	0.8	1.1	76%	1.2	5.1	1.8	0.7	1.2	1.6	0

**2023-24:** Buzelis was part of the final G League Ignite squad, as the NBA decided to scrap the program after the team struggled mightily in 2023-24. The slender but athletic wing, who grew up in the Chicagoland area, averaged 14.3 points, 6.9 rebounds, 2.0 assists, 0.8 steals, 2.1 blocks, and 0.9 3-pointers in 32.0 minutes in 26 regular season appearances for G League Ignite.

**What's Changed:** Buzelis' hometown team called his name in June, and the Bulls selected him 11th overall.

**Outlook:** Buzelis didn't have the most efficient Summer League, but the aggression and competitiveness were fully displayed in Las Vegas. Given the state of the Bulls roster, he's unlikely to begin the season as a starter. However, the rookie is someone who stands to play significant minutes if the Bulls fall out of contention for a postseason spot. Buzelis will be more valuable in dynasty leagues than redrafts early on, but he has the potential to be a "silly season" fixture after the trade deadline.

## 31 Peyton Watson Denver Nuggets

Age:22 HT: 6-7 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	DEN	23	8.1	3.3	1.3	2.6	49%	0.5	0.9	55%	0.3	1.6	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.3	8
2023	DEN	80	18.6	6.7	2.6	5.6	47%	0.9	1.3	67%	0.6	3.2	1.1	0.5	1.1	0.7	16
PROJ	DEN	77	24.3	8.9	3.4	7.3	47	1.3	1.9	67%	0.8	4.7	1.6	0.8	1.6	1	16

**2023-24:** Watson took a notable step forward in Year 2, appearing in 80 games and logging 18.6 minutes per tilt. He posted career-high numbers across the board, with averages of 6.7 points, 3.2 boards, 1.1 dimes, 0.5 steals, 1.1 blocks, and 0.6 triples. Watson's defensive prowess was hard to ignore, and it was on display in four starts as he posted 1.0 steals and 1.5 blocks across 24.0 minutes per game. Watson finished 273rd in per-game fantasy value, but the tools for success are certainly there.

**What's Changed:** Denver's rotation thinned out for a second straight offseason as the team lost Reggie Jackson and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope.

**Outlook:** The Nuggets added Russell Westbrook and Dario Saric, but those two players won't make up the minutes vacated by Jackson and KCP. Watson has late-round appeal as a defensive specialist whose counting stats should get a boost with increased playing time for the 2024-25 campaign.

## 32 Alex Sarr Washington Wizards

Age:19 HT: 7-0 WT: 224

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	WAS	70	31.3	10.6	4.1	8.2	50	1.8	2.5	71%	0.7	6.9	1.1	0.6	1.2	1.4	0

**2023-24:** Sarr played a limited role while playing for the NBL's Perth Wildcats. In just 18.0 minutes per game, he averaged 9.6 points, 4.5 rebounds, 1.0 assists, and 1.5 blocks per game. He played well enough in Australia to be one of the top prospects in the draft, though a lot of it is based on his upside. His ability to move laterally at 7'1" is unique and is part of what made him a coveted prospect.

**What's Changed:** The Wizards selected Sarr with the No. 2 pick in the draft. Pre-draft reports suggested that Sarr wanted to play power forward, not center. If that holds, he'll likely start next alongside Kyle Kuzma and Jonas Valanciunas in the frontcourt.

**Outlook:** The long-term upside of Sarr is something to get excited about. His immediate impact isn't exactly at the same level. He's a fun, exciting talent that should block shots from day one. However, the offense will be more of a project, and he will likely have some issues early on. He may be worth taking as a late-round flier, but there will be some growing pains to start his NBA career, so he won't play well in fantasy hoops.

## 33 Jonathan Isaac Orlando Magic

Age:26 HT: 6-10 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	ORL	11	11.3	5	2	4.8	42%	0.5	0.8	56%	0.5	4	0.5	1.3	0.4	0.4	15
2023	ORL	58	15.8	6.8	2.5	4.9	51%	1	1.4	72%	0.7	4.5	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.5	18
PROJ	ORL	50	17.5	7.6	2.8	5.5	51	1.2	1.6	72%	0.8	5.1	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.5	18

**2023-24:** After barely playing throughout multiple seasons, Isaac was able to play in 58 games last season. He was limited to just 15.8 minutes per game, but he averaged 6.8 points, 4.5 rebounds, 0.7 steals and 1.2 blocks while shooting 51% from the field. He even saw some starts during their playoff series against Cleveland, though they didn't stick with that for long.



Jayson Tatum

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**What's Changed:** The narrative surrounding Isaac for about the last five years has been that he can't stay healthy. However, after playing in 58 games last season, he's entering next year healthy. That is a massive step for him, and he should fill in as the backup power forward behind Paolo Banchero.

**Outlook:** Isaac is one of the best defenders in the league, and it shows up in the box score. During his best season, he averaged 1.6 steals and 2.3 blocks, which allowed him to provide second-round value despite not contributing much value in other categories. His main question will always be his health, but if he can see around 20 minutes per game, he can make a massive impact, mainly on the defensive end.

## 34 Obi Toppin Indiana Pacers

Age:26 HT: 6-9 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NYK	72	17.1	9	3.5	6.6	53%	1.3	1.7	76%	0.7	3.7	1.1	0.3	0.5	0.8	17
2022	NYK	67	15.7	7.4	2.8	6.3	45%	0.6	0.7	81%	1.3	2.8	1	0.3	0.2	0.6	13
2023	IND	82	21.1	10.3	4	7.1	57%	0.9	1.2	77%	1.2	3.9	1.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	20
PROJ	IND	77	22.2	10.9	4.2	7.4	57	1	1.3	77%	1.3	4.2	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.9	20

**2023-24:** Toppin notched career highs in points (10.3), rebounds (3.9), and assists (1.6) per game in his first season with the Pacers while shooting 57.3% from the field and 40.3% from deep. The former New York Knicks' production was hardly affected by Siakam's arrival, and he has a clear path to primary backup power forward minutes.

**What's Changed:** Jalen Smith's departure creates less clutter for Toppin in the frontcourt rotation. He'll get a feel for backing up Siakam for an entire season.

**Outlook:** Toppin showcased tremendous efficiency with Indiana but likely won't have a large enough role to build upon last season's success. He's projected to finish outside the top 150 in 2024-25.

## 35 Ben Simmons Brooklyn Nets

Age:28 HT: 6-10 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	BKN	42	26.3	6.9	3.2	5.6	57%	0.6	1.4	44%	0	6.3	6.1	1.3	0.6	2.3	27
2023	BKN	15	23.9	6.1	2.9	4.9	58%	0.4	1	40%	0	7.9	5.7	0.8	0.6	1.8	27
PROJ	BKN	42	22	5.7	2.6	4.5	58	0.4	1	40%	0	7.6	5.5	0.8	0.6	1.7	27

**2023-24:** Persistent back issues were the story of Simmons' season, as he appeared in 15 games before being shut down for good on February 26. Starting 12 appearances, Simmons accounted for 6.1 points, 7.9 rebounds, 5.7 assists, 0.8 steals, and 0.6 blocks in 23.9 minutes, shooting 58.1% from the field and 40.0% from the foul line. Since the disastrous finish to Game 7 of the 76ers' loss to the Hawks in the 2021 NBA Playoffs, Simmons has appeared in 57 regular-season games (none in 2021-22).

**What's Changed:** Simmons underwent back surgery in mid-March, and Brian Lewis of the New York Post reported on September 7 that the Nets forward had been cleared for 5-on-5 work. That gives him a little time to fine-tune things before the start of training camp, but we've been here before with Simmons.

**Outlook:** Despite the lack of 3-point shooting and consistent struggles from the foul line, Simmons can provide tangible fantasy value when healthy. Unfortunately, staying healthy has been problematic for him. Since appearing in 79 games during the 2018-19 campaign, he's played 57, 58, 0, 42, and 15. At best, he's a player you take a late-round flier on in standard league drafts. However, no one would fault any manager for having Simmons on their "do not draft" list.

## 36 Jeremy Sochan San Antonio Spurs

Age:21 HT: 6-8 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	SAS	56	26	11	4.5	9.9	45%	1.4	2.1	70%	0.6	5.3	2.5	0.8	0.4	1.7	23
2023	SAS	74	29.6	11.6	4.6	10.5	44%	1.5	1.9	77%	0.9	6.4	3.4	0.8	0.5	1.9	26
PROJ	SAS	71	28.4	11.1	4.4	10.1	44	1.4	1.8	77%	0.9	6	3.2	0.8	0.5	1.8	26

**2023-24:** Sochan began last season in a role he had not played as a professional: starting point guard. The Spurs wanted to see if the second-year forward had what it took to initiate the offense, and it did not take long to figure out that he could not. Sochan's assist average (3.4 per game) increased compared to his rookie season, but San Antonio sputtered offensively. He was more effective once shifted back into a more familiar role, with Tre Jones rejoining the starting lineup on January 4. From that date onward, Sochan averaged 12.2 points, 7.2 rebounds, 2.9 assists, 1.0 steals, 0.7 blocks, and 1.0 3-pointers, shooting 43.9% from the field and 77.9% from the foul line. In the 33 games he played before the lineup change, Sochan accounted for 10.9 points, 5.5 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.3 blocks, and 0.9 3-pointers, shooting 43.7% from the field and 76.1% from the line. While the assists were higher when Sochan served as a primary playmaker, the points, rebounds, and defensive stats were lower.

**What's Changed:** The "Point Sochan" experience may have run its course because, besides Jones still being on the roster, the Spurs signed Chris Paul to a one-year deal. After playing 37% of his minutes at the point last season (according to Cleaning the Glass), look for that number to decrease significantly.

**Outlook:** Sochan was a late-round option in fantasy leagues last season, ranking in that 150-180 range in per-game value depending on whether or not turnovers were being punted. He was slightly more valuable in points leagues due to the availability (74 games), but solidifying his place within the Spurs rotation would go a long way. Sochan was more impactful as a defender when asked to play his usual position, so he'll be worth targeting in the latter rounds of drafts for managers seeking out steals and blocks.

## 37 Dorian Finney-Smith Brooklyn Nets

Age:31 HT: 6-7 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DAL	80	33.1	11	4.1	8.7	47%	0.7	1	68%	2.2	4.7	1.9	1.1	0.5	1	23
2022	DAL	40	32.2	9.1	3.2	7.8	42%	0.8	1	75%	1.9	4.7	1.5	1	0.5	0.9	21
2023	BKN	68	28.4	8.5	3.2	7.5	42%	0.5	0.7	72%	1.7	4.7	1.6	0.8	0.6	0.9	20
PROJ	BKN	66	27.5	8.1	3	7.3	42	0.4	0.6	72%	1.6	4.2	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	20

**2023-24:** Finney-Smith appeared in 68 games during his first full season with the Nets, starting 58. The veteran forward posted averages of 8.5 points, 4.7 rebounds, 1.6 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 1.7 3-pointers in 28.4 minutes, shooting 42.1% from the field and 71.7% from the foul line. That production played him well outside the top 150 in 8- and 9-cat per-game value.

**What's Changed:** While Mikal Bridges was traded during the offseason, Finney-Smith remains a Brooklyn Net.

**Outlook:** While Cameron Johnson has been the focus of offseason trade rumors, Finney-Smith is another player in which playoff contenders could be interested at some point before the February deadline. He's likely to be more valuable to the Nets than fantasy managers, especially if second-year forward Noah Clowney makes a significant leap in his output. There's no need to consider selecting Finney-Smith in most drafts.

## 38 Bol Bol Phoenix Suns

Age:24 HT: 7-3 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DEN	14	5.8	2.4	1.1	1.9	56%	0.1	0.4	40%	0.1	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	5
2022	ORL	70	21.5	9.1	3.7	6.8	55%	1.2	1.5	76%	0.4	5.8	1	0.4	1.2	1.6	21
2023	PHX	43	10.9	5.2	2.2	3.5	62%	0.3	0.4	79%	0.5	3.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	12
PROJ	PHX	49	14.5	6.9	2.9	4.7	62	0.5	0.6	79%	0.7	4.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.6	12

**2023-24:** Despite a solid season with the Magic during the 2022-23 campaign, they let Bol walk in free agency, where he signed with the Suns. He appeared in 42 games, averaging 5.3 points and 3.3 rebounds in 11.2 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** Bol is back with the Suns, though he'll still be buried on the depth chart. There's certainly a chance that Mike Budenholzer wants to utilize him more than Frank Vogel did, but that isn't a guarantee.

**Outlook:** Bol was seen as a fun, late-round swing with a high upside last season, but there shouldn't be much optimism heading into this one. He has shown in the past that he can be productive in fantasy hoops due to his shot-blocking ability. However, there isn't a clear path to minutes at this point. If that changes, keep him on your radar.

## 39 Torrey Craig Chicago Bulls

Age:33 HT: 6-5 WT: 221

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	IND	51	20.3	6.5	2.5	5.5	46%	0.5	0.7	77%	0.9	3.8	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.8	15
2022	PHX	79	24.7	7.4	2.9	6.3	46%	0.4	0.6	71%	1.3	5.4	1.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	19
2023	CHI	53	19.8	5.7	2	4.7	43%	0.5	0.7	75%	1.1	4.1	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	15
PROJ	CHI	55	33	9.6	3.4	7.9	43	0.9	1.2	75%	2	7	1.9	1	0.7	1	15

**2023-24:** Craig made 53 appearances in his first season with the Bulls, starting 14. The veteran wing didn't offer much value, averaging 5.7 points, 4.1 rebounds, 1.1 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.4 blocks, and 1.1 3-pointers in 19.8 minutes. Craig shot 43.0% from the field and 75.0% from the foul line, with 61% of his shot attempts coming from beyond the arc. His most notable moment was the failed self-lob in a loss to the Knicks, a perfect summary of Craig's impact on fantasy basketball.

**What's Changed:** Craig picked up his player option in late June, so he'll be back with the Bulls for another run. With Chicago selecting Matas Buzelis in the lottery, he could be most valuable as a trade piece to a contender needing help at the forward positions.

**Outlook:** Craig wasn't a fantasy asset last season, ranking just inside the top 300 in per-game value, and that's unlikely to change in 2024-25. Chicago did lose DeMar DeRozan, but those minutes are likely to be absorbed by a combination of Zach LaVine and Patrick Williams, who played a combined 68 games last season, and younger players such as Buzelis and 2023 second-round pick Julian Phillips. Craig may be in the rotation, but he's unlikely to impact fantasy basketball.

## 40 Brandon Clarke Memphis Grizzlies

Age:27 HT: 6-8 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	64	19.5	10.4	4.5	7	64%	1.3	2	65%	0.1	5.3	1.3	0.6	1.1	0.5	23
2022	MEM	56	19.5	10	4.1	6.2	66%	1.8	2.4	72%	0	5.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	1	22
2023	MEM	6	22.3	11.3	5.5	9.8	56%	0.2	1.2	14%	0.2	5.3	1.5	0.8	1	0.5	25
PROJ	MEM	55	21.6	10.9	5.3	9.5	56	0.1	1	14%	0.2	4.7	1.3	0.7	0.9	0.5	25

**2023-24:** Having suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon in March 2023, Clarke returned to the court on March 27. He appeared in six games for the Grizzlies last season, averaging 11.3 points, 5.3 rebounds, 1.5 assists, 0.8 steals, and 1.0 blocks in 22.3 minutes. Clarke wasn't of value to fantasy managers last season due to the Achilles recovery, and that's been the case since his second season in the league (2020-21).

**What's Changed:** Clarke was able to spend this offseason focusing on his game instead of rehabbing from an injury, which should make him better equipped to help the Grizzlies in 2024-25.

**Outlook:** Even if one removes the 2023-24 campaign due to its small sample size, Clarke's fantasy impact has decreased every season. Finishing safely within the top 100 as a rookie, he fell just outside that threshold in 2020-21 and has seen his value slip each season. Due to the defensive production, Clarke can provide late-round fantasy value this season. However, there will be better players on the board worth taking a flier on in the late rounds of most drafts.

## 41 Nicolas Batum Los Angeles Clippers

Age:35 HT: 6-8 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAC	59	24.8	8.3	3	6.6	46%	0.4	0.6	66%	1.8	4.3	1.7	1	0.7	0.7	20
2022	LAC	78	21.9	6.1	2.1	4.9	42%	0.4	0.6	71%	1.6	3.8	1.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	16
2023	LAC	3	18	2.7	1	2.7	38%	0	0	0%	0.7	2.3	1.7	1	1.3	0.3	15
PROJ	LAC	54	22.5	4.6	1.7	3.8	45	0.2	0.3	71%	1	3.5	1.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	15

**2023-24:** After three seasons with the Clippers, Batum was sent to the 76ers as part of the James Harden trade at the beginning of his fourth year in LA. He averaged 5.3 points, 4.1 rebounds, 2.1 assists, and 1.2 triples in 25.5 minutes per game across 60 appearances. He played well during the postseason and knocked down six 3-pointers in their Play-In win over Miami.

**What's Changed:** Batum returned to LA this summer, where he should slot in as a backup power forward behind Kawhi Leonard. He's entering year 17, and while he still has a fantasy-friendly game, his peak days are behind him.

**Outlook:** Batum is an excellent veteran to have around, especially as they try to remain competitive with Paul George gone. He will likely have some solid stretches of fantasy relevance, but his overall production will be limited with Kawhi Leonard in front of him. Batum may be a decent streaming option at some point this season, but his overall value will be limited.

## 42 Jalen Smith Chicago Bulls

Age:24 HT: 6-9 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHX	29	13.2	6	2.2	4.7	46%	1.4	1.8	77%	0.3	4.8	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.8	14
2022	IND	68	18.8	9.4	3.6	7.5	48%	1.5	2	76%	0.8	5.8	1	0.3	0.9	1.1	20
2023	IND	61	17.2	9.9	3.8	6.5	59%	1.2	1.7	69%	1	5.5	1	0.3	0.6	0.7	20
PROJ	CHI	63	13.4	7.9	3	5.1	59	1	1.4	69%	0.9	4.7	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.6	20

**2023-24:** Smith began the season as a reserve but replaced Obi Toppin in the Pacers' starting lineup after Christmas. That arrangement continued until Indiana acquired Pascal Siakam from Toronto, and Stix only made two more starts the rest of the regular season. Appearing in 61 games (14 starts), Smith averaged 9.9 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.0 assists, 0.6 blocks, and 1.0 3-pointers in 17.2 minutes, shooting 59.2% from the field and 69.2% from the foul line. He ranked just inside the top 200 in 9-cat per game and total value but failed to crack that threshold in 8-cat.

**What's Changed:** A free agent, Smith agreed to a three-year, \$27 million deal with the Bulls in July. With Andre Drummond (Philadelphia) leaving in free agency, Smith should be able to log consistent minutes behind Nikola Vucevic.

**Outlook:** Smith's fantasy outlook in Chicago is brighter than it would have been had he remained with the Pacers. The Bulls aren't as deep in the post, and their current standing within the East means this team can be more patient with him developmentally speaking. However, backing up Vooch means Smith is a late-round target at best in most leagues.

## 43 Kyle Anderson Golden State Warriors

Age:30 HT: 6-9 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	69	21.5	7.6	3	6.8	45%	1	1.5	64%	0.5	5.3	2.7	1.1	0.7	1	22
2022	MIN	69	28.4	9.4	3.7	7.2	51%	1.4	2	74%	0.6	5.3	4.9	1.1	0.9	1.5	28
2023	MIN	79	22.6	6.4	2.5	5.5	46%	1.2	1.7	71%	0.1	3.5	4.2	0.9	0.6	1.2	20
PROJ	GSW	75	18.6	5.3	2.1	4.5	46	1.1	1.5	71%	0.1	3	3.7	0.8	0.5	1	20

**2023-24:** Anderson's role in Minnesota diminished significantly in his second year with the team. While he was vital to their success, he only produced 6.4 points, 3.5 rebounds, and 4.2 assists in 22.6 minutes per game. He ranked outside the top 200 one year after a top-100 finish. He was solid as a spot starter but buried behind Rudy Gobert, Karl-Anthony Towns, Jaden McDaniels, and Naz Reid on the depth chart.

**What's Changed:** Slo-Mo left the Timberwolves to join Golden State this summer, where he should play a similar role. He'll be a reliable veteran, providing this squad with depth in the frontcourt. The difference is that the Warriors' rotation isn't as set in stone as Minnesota's since fewer All-Star and All-Defensive caliber players are in front of him.

**Outlook:** While Anderson will be a solid depth piece for the Warriors, it is unlikely that he will make a significant impact in fantasy. He has had a few top-100 seasons in his career when he played more than 25 minutes per game, but his role should be more limited than that due to the amount of talent they have in the



frontcourt. Slo Mo should be more helpful to the Warriors than he is to fantasy managers this season.

## 44 Jarred Vanderbilt Los Angeles Lakers

Age:25 HT: 6-8 WT: 214

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	74	25.4	6.9	2.9	4.9	59%	1.2	1.8	66%	0	8.4	1.3	1.3	0.6	1	24
2022	UTA	52	24.1	8.3	3.3	6	56%	1.3	2	66%	0.4	7.9	2.7	1	0.3	1.3	24
2023	LAL	29	20	5.2	2	3.9	52%	0.8	1.2	67%	0.3	4.8	1.2	1.2	0.2	1	16
PROJ	LAL	53	18.6	4.8	1.9	3.7	52	0.7	1.1	67%	0.2	4.2	1.1	1.1	0.2	0.9	16

**2023-24:** Vando's first full season with the Lakers was limited by injuries. He didn't make his season debut until December and didn't suit up again after February 1st. Across his 29 appearances, Vanderbilt averaged 5.2 points, 4.8 rebounds, 1.2 assists, and 1.2 steals in 20.0 minutes per game. He started six games, but his role was pretty limited.

**What's Changed:** He should be healthy heading into this season, which is already an improvement on last season. New head coach JJ Redick has talked about ways to use non-shooters, which could help Vando be less of a liability on offense, which was an issue for him last season.

**Outlook:** While his game isn't great for fantasy, Vanderbilt is an elite defender who can provide much value to the Lakers. He has averaged at least one steal per game for four straight seasons, and that should continue this year. However, the rest of his value has generally come from rebounding, which took a hit last season as his minutes decreased. Managers shouldn't expect a top-100 season, but he may be able to contribute some value if his minutes go back up under Redick.

## 45 Kevin Love Miami Heat

Age:36 HT: 6-8 WT: 251

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CLE	74	22.5	13.6	4.4	10.3	43%	2.2	2.7	84%	2.5	7.2	2.2	0.4	0.2	1.3	26
2022	CLE	41	20	8.5	2.7	7	39%	1.4	1.5	89%	1.7	6.8	1.9	0.2	0.2	1.1	20
2023	MIA	55	16.8	8.8	2.9	6.5	44%	1.5	2	79%	1.5	6.1	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.9	20
PROJ	MIA	56	14.6	7.5	2.5	5.7	44	1.3	1.6	79%	1.3	5	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.8	20

**2023-24:** The veteran big man saw the most minor role of his career last year. He averaged 8.8 points, 6.1 rebounds, 2.1 assists, and 1.5 threes in 16.8 minutes per game, ranking him outside the top 200 for the second straight season. Love had a significant impact during the Play-In Tournament in limited action but was primarily irrelevant in fantasy hoops.

**What's Changed:** Love is another year older, and he may find himself receiving even fewer minutes in the rotation. Nikola Jovic and Haywood Highsmith should handle most of the minutes at power forward, while Bam Adebayo and Kel'el Ware will fill the center minutes.

**Outlook:** Though he used to be among the elite players in fantasy basketball, it has been a few years since he was a standard league option. If there are injuries in the frontcourt, Love may be able to provide some rebounds and 3-pointers as a streaming option. However, aside from that, he won't make much of a fantasy impact this upcoming season.

## 46 Haywood Highsmith Miami Heat

Age:27 HT: 6-5 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIA	19	8.6	2.3	0.8	2.4	35%	0.1	0.3	40%	0.5	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	5
2022	MIA	54	17.9	4.4	1.7	4	43%	0.2	0.5	46%	0.7	3.5	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.8	12
2023	MIA	66	20.7	6.1	2.3	5	47%	0.3	0.5	64%	1.2	3.2	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.5	15
PROJ	MIA	66	17.8	5.3	2	4.3	47	0.3	0.5	64%	1	2.8	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.4	15

**2023-24:** Once again, a former undrafted player has succeeded in Miami. Highsmith didn't make much of a fantasy impact, but he did have the best season of his career while taking on an expanded role and posting averages of 6.1 points, 3.2 rebounds, 1.1 assists, and 1.2 triples in 20.7 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** Entering this season, Highsmith is more important to this team than ever. Though it didn't show in the box score, he took on a more prominent role late last season and played a lot during the playoffs. Miami didn't make any additions at the forward spots, so Highsmith's role should be secure.

**Outlook:** Highsmith will play a significant role for the Heat next season, though it will be more limited than the 25.2 minutes per game he saw during their playoff series against Boston last year. His defensive impact is vital to Miami, but he hasn't been able to translate that into much fantasy success. If they face injuries, keep him on your radar, but his season-long impact will be limited.

## 47 Taurean Prince Milwaukee Bucks

Age:30 HT: 6-6 WT: 218

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	69	17.1	7.3	2.6	5.7	45%	0.9	1.2	76%	1.2	2.5	1	0.7	0.3	0.8	14
2022	MIN	54	22.1	9.1	3.3	7	47%	1.2	1.4	84%	1.4	2.4	1.6	0.5	0.3	1.3	16
2023	LAL	78	27	8.9	3.2	7.3	44%	0.6	0.9	74%	1.8	2.9	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.9	17
PROJ	MIL	74	20	6.7	2.4	5.4	44	0.5	0.7	74%	1.4	2.3	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.7	17

**2023-24:** Prince was in and out of the Los Angeles Lakers' starting lineup last season. He averaged 8.9 points and shot 39.6% from beyond the arc.

**What's Changed:** Prince is still a 3-and-D option for a team with many strong offensive players. He'll be asked to play strong team defense and knock down open perimeter shots when the ball is kicked to him.

**Outlook:** Expected to come off the bench, Prince projects to be a player unlikely to crack the top 200 in fantasy basketball.

## 48 Grant Williams Charlotte Hornets

Age:25 HT: 6-6 WT: 236

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	77	24.4	7.8	2.7	5.6	48%	1.1	1.2	91%	1.4	3.6	1	0.5	0.7	0.8	16
2022	BOS	79	25.9	8.1	2.7	6	45%	1.2	1.5	77%	1.5	4.6	1.7	0.5	0.4	1	18
2023	DAL	47	26.4	8.1	2.8	6.7	41%	0.9	1.2	75%	1.7	3.6	1.7	0.5	0.6	1.1	17
PROJ	CHA	76	20	7.3	2.6	5.7	46	1	1.3	76%	1.1	2.8	1.6	0.4	0.4	1	17

**2023-24:** Williams was dealt to Charlotte at the trade deadline after leaving Boston for Dallas last summer after a poor start to his tenure with the Mavericks. Williams averaged 13.9 points, 5.1 rebounds, 3.2 assists, and 1.6 triples in 30.6 minutes per game with the Hornets. He spent time in the starting unit late in the season when Mark Williams and Nick Richards were out, but he was mainly in a reserve role.

**What's Changed:** After joining the Hornets midseason, Williams spent the entire offseason with the team, which should help with general team chemistry. However, his role will look different with the team healthy and adding Tidjane Salaun in the draft.

**Outlook:** It's unclear how Grant fits in with Miles Bridges and Salaun playing power forward and Mark Williams and Richards playing center. He can play both positions and is too good simply to be pushed out of the rotation. His ability to stretch the floor will be a nice change of pace from their other two centers, but he won't see 30 minutes per game like he did late last season. He will have streaming value if they deal with injuries, but he isn't worth drafting in standard leagues.

## 49 Trey Lyles Sacramento Kings

Age:28 HT: 6-9 WT: 234

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DET	51	19.4	10.4	3.4	7.5	46%	2.7	3.5	78%	0.9	4.8	1.1	0.4	0.5	1.1	19
2022	SAC	74	16.9	7.6	2.5	5.5	46%	1.4	1.7	82%	1.2	4.1	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.9	15
2023	SAC	58	20	7.2	2.5	5.5	45%	0.8	1.2	70%	1.4	4.4	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	15
PROJ	SAC	62	20.1	7.2	2.5	5.6	45	0.8	1.2	70%	1.4	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	15

**2023-24:** Lyles was again a solid depth piece in the frontcourt in his third season with Sacramento. He averaged 7.2 points, 4.4 rebounds, 1.2 assists and 1.4 tri-

ples per game. He didn't make much of a fantasy impact, but he plays a vital role for the Kings.

**What's Changed:** Sacramento didn't make many changes to their frontcourt rotation, so Lyles should still be one of their primary options as a reserve in the post. He should average between 16-20 minutes per game, as he has during his three seasons with the Kings.

**Outlook:** The only chance that Lyles has to impact fantasy will be as a potential streaming option if there is an injury to one of the starters. He'll continue to be a reliable stretch big off the bench, but he only has one top-200 finish in his career, which came during the 2017-18 season. It makes sense to look at other options in your draft.

## 50 Jarace Walker Indiana Pacers

Age:21 HT: 6-7 WT: 235

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	IND	33	10.3	3.6	1.4	3.3	41%	0.2	0.3	89%	0.7	1.9	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.5	10
PROJ	IND	62	12.3	4.4	1.6	4	41	0.3	0.3	89%	0.8	2.4	1.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	10

**2023-24:** Walker had an underwhelming rookie year after being drafted 8th overall in 2023. He averaged 3.6 and shot 40% from deep in the 33 games he spent with the Pacers. He'll look to play a more prominent role in year two and was heavily featured in the summer league ahead of the 2024-25 season.

**What's Changed:** Jalen Smith is gone, but Walker will still have to compete with Siakam and Obi Toppin for minutes. Both players recently signed significant long-term deals, so Walker must do something impressive to break into the regular rotation.

**Outlook:** Walker is a promising talent, but plenty of players are still in his way. The Pacers used him solely at the three during Summer League play, and that position could be where Walker's future lies. A breakout season seems unlikely, so there isn't much need for him to be targeted in redraft leagues.

## 51 Georges Niang Cleveland Cavaliers

Age:31 HT: 6-7 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHI	76	22.8	9.2	3.2	7.4	44%	0.7	0.8	88%	2.1	2.7	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.8	15
2022	PHI	78	19.4	8.2	2.8	6.4	44%	0.5	0.6	87%	2	2.4	1	0.4	0.2	0.7	14
2023	CLE	82	22.3	9.4	3.5	7.7	45%	0.6	0.7	85%	1.8	3.4	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.9	16
PROJ	CLE	74	17.5	7.3	2.7	6	45	0.5	0.6	85%	1.4	2.6	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.7	16

**2023-24:** Signing Niang was one of Cleveland's moves last season to improve its bench production and perimeter shooting. He did what was expected, averaging 9.4 points, 3.4 rebounds, 1.2 assists, and 1.8 3-pointers in 22.3 minutes, appearing in all 82 regular-season games. Niang shot 44.9% from the field and 85.0% from the foul line but finished ranked outside the top 250 in per-game fantasy value.

**What's Changed:** Given Niang's willingness to shoot 3-pointers, the coaching change from J.B. Bickerstaff to Kenny Atkinson could benefit him. Each of Atkinson's four teams in Brooklyn (2016-20) finished in the top 5 of the NBA in 3-point attempts per game.

**Outlook:** Niang had some moments of fantasy relevance as a streamer, with injuries to established players leading to him starting 10 games. However, he is not someone fantasy managers should target in drafts. At best, Niang is a player who can be streamed during one of Cleveland's busier weeks if there's a need for 3-point production.

## 52 Trendon Watford Brooklyn Nets

Age:23 HT: 6-8 WT: 237

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	POR	48	18.1	7.6	3	5.6	53%	1.5	2	76%	0.2	4.1	1.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	18
2022	POR	62	19.1	7.4	2.9	5.2	56%	1.2	1.6	72%	0.4	3.8	2.1	0.5	0.2	1.1	16
2023	BKN	63	13.6	6.9	2.6	4.9	53%	1.2	1.5	79%	0.4	3.1	1.3	0.4	0.3	1	14
PROJ	BKN	63	12	6.1	2.3	4.4	53	1.1	1.4	79%	0.4	2.8	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.9	14

**2023-24:** After spending his first two NBA seasons in Portland, Watford agreed to a one-year deal with the Nets worth the league minimum. He played 63 games, accounting for averages of 6.9 points, 3.1 rebounds, 1.3 assists, 0.4 steals, 0.3 blocks, and 0.4 3-pointers in 13.6 minutes. As one would expect, Watford was not a factor in fantasy basketball, finishing the season ranked outside the top 300 in all formats.

**What's Changed:** Watford agreed to another one-year deal with the Nets this summer, signing a pact worth a little over \$2.7 million.

**Outlook:** While the contract is guaranteed, the same can't be said for his place within the rotation. The Nets added Bojan Bogdanovic via the Mikal Bridges trade, and the late-season emergence of 2023 first-round pick Noah Clowney means he will also factor into the competition for minutes at the four. Add in veterans Cameron Johnson (who can play either forward position) and Dorian Finney-Smith, and there isn't much room for Watford to be more impactful. He isn't worth selecting in fantasy drafts.

## 53 Chris Boucher Toronto Raptors

Age:31 HT: 6-9 WT: 200

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	TOR	80	21.1	9.4	3.4	7.2	46%	1.9	2.4	78%	0.9	6.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.5	21
2022	TOR	76	20	9.4	3.4	7	49%	1.7	2.2	76%	0.8	5.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5	20
2023	TOR	50	14.1	6.4	2.2	4.3	51%	1.4	1.8	77%	0.6	4.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	14
PROJ	TOR	51	12.2	5.4	1.9	3.8	51	1.1	1.5	77%	0.5	3.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	14

**2023-24:** Before last season began, there was hope that the change from Nick Nurse to Darko Rajakovic would give Boucher a new lease on life. Unfortunately, that did not happen, with the "Slim Duck" making 50 appearances and averaging 6.4 points, 4.1 rebounds, 0.5 assists, 0.5 blocks, and 0.6 3-pointers in 14.1 minutes. Not only was Boucher an afterthought in fantasy, but there were also times when he wasn't in the Raptors rotation.

**What's Changed:** Boucher is entering the final season of his contract, making this very much a "prove it" year for him. With Toronto already having Jakob Poeltl and Kelly Olynyk and using a second-round pick on Ulrich Chomche, the clock is ticking for Boucher.

**Outlook:** Simply put, it's beyond time for some fantasy managers to stop talking themselves into the concept of Boucher. He's had his moments in seasons past, most notably the 2020-21 campaign, but there hasn't been consistent growth/production. There's no need to consider drafting him in fantasy leagues, and Boucher isn't even a lock to offer streaming value in his current role.

## 54 Jabari Walker Portland Trail Blazers

Age:22 HT: 6-7 WT: 227

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	POR	56	11.1	3.9	1.5	3.5	42%	0.6	0.8	76%	0.3	2.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	8
2023	POR	72	23.6	8.9	3.3	7.1	46%	1.8	2.4	75%	0.6	7.1	1	0.6	0.3	0.9	21
PROJ	POR	68	13.5	5	1.8	4	46	1	1.3	75%	0.3	3.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	21

**2023-24:** Walker played a minimal role in his first NBA season, but his playing time increased to 23.6 minutes in Year 2, and he appeared in 72 games. Walker averaged 8.9 points, 7.1 boards, 1.0 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.3 blocks and 0.6 three-pointers. Walker earned 23 starts, and though his defensive stats were lacking, he was effective as a rebounder, averaging 9.5 points and 9.5 boards. Over his final six games, Walker averaged 11.5 points and 14.0 rebounds, corralling a career-high 22 boards against the Hornets on April 3.

**What's Changed:** Portland traded for Deni Avdija and drafted Donovan Clingan with a lottery pick. Suddenly, Portland's frontcourt is much more crowded.

**Outlook:** Walker played a more prominent role in Year 2 thanks to an early season-ending injury to Robert Williams and multiple injuries across the roster. Even if Williams can stay relatively healthy, Walker faces much stiffer competition for playing time at PF and C. He's likely to see a dip in playing time, and after finishing



# POWER FORWARD

outside the top 200 in fantasy hoops last season, Walker is off the radar for the 2024-25 campaign.

**55 GG Jackson** Memphis Grizzlies  
 Age: 19 HT: 6-9 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	MEM	48	25.7	14.6	5	11.7	43%	2.4	3.2	75%	2.1	4.1	1.2	0.6	0.5	1.4	23
PROJ	MEM	50	11.5	6.7	2.3	5.3	43	1.1	1.5	75%	1	1.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.6	23

**2023-24:** Selected with the 45th overall pick in last summer's draft, Jackson appeared headed to an extended run with the Memphis Hustle. Then, people started getting hurt. The Grizzlies' many injuries pushed GG into the rotation, and he had some big individual moments. Jackson scored 30 or more on four occasions, including a 44-point explosion in Memphis' season-ending loss to the Nuggets. Two days prior, he scored 30 in a loss to the Lakers. Jackson finished his rook-

ie campaign with averages of 14.6 points, 4.1 rebounds, 1.2 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 2.1 3-pointers in 25.7 minutes, shooting 42.8% from the field and 75.2% from the foul line. That production was good enough to earn Jackson second-team All-Rookie honors.

**What's Changed:** While the Grizzlies have gotten healthier this offseason, that does not apply to Jackson. He suffered a broken fifth metatarsal in his right foot on August 27. Following the surgical procedure in early September, the Grizzlies announced that he would be re-evaluated in three months.

**Outlook:** Jackson and Vince Williams showed serious promise during an injury-riddled 2023-24 season and appeared to be headed toward competing for rotation minutes in training camp. Unfortunately, the former's foot injury likely ends that. Depending on the severity of the injury, Jackson will spend at least three months healing, and then there will be a ramp-up process. There could come a point where he's worth streaming later in the season, but he should only be considered for selection in dynasty leagues at this stage.



**LeBron James**

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# CENTERS

**Victor Wembanyama**

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## 1 Victor Wembanyama San Antonio Spurs

Age:20 HT: 7-4 WT: 210

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	SAS	71	29.7	21.4	7.8	16.7	47%	4.1	5.2	80%	1.8	10.6	3.9	1.2	3.6	3.7	51
PROJ	SAS	71	30.4	23.4	7.9	17.1	46	5.2	6.5	80%	2.3	13.4	4.9	1.6	4.5	3.8	51

**2023-24:** There was great excitement surrounding Wembanyama's arrival in the NBA, and with good reason. The 7-foot-4 phenom had already displayed his immense talent while playing professionally in France and for the French national team at the youth level. Wembanyama proved to be the real deal, winning Rookie of the Year honors and finishing second behind Rudy Gobert in the Defensive Player of the Year voting. In 71 games, Wemby averaged 21.4 points, 10.6 rebounds, 3.9 assists, 1.2 steals, 3.6 blocks and 1.8 3-pointers in 29.7 minutes. Initially used at power forward next to Zach Collins, Wembanyama took off once the Spurs realized he was physical enough to be the sole big on the court. Following his first NBA season, Wembanyama helped lead France to a silver medal in the Paris Olympics, falling to the United States in the final.

**What's Changed:** Nothing has changed regarding the Spurs' rotation at center; it's Wembanyama's world, and everyone else is living in it. However, adding Chris Paul should result in a needed upgrade at point guard, benefiting Wembanyama and the rest of the Spurs roster.

**Outlook:** Wemby's rookie campaign likely represents his floor in both "real" and fantasy basketball, which is a terrifying thought for the rest of the NBA to deal with. After finishing last season as a top 10 per-game player in 8- and 9-cat formats, he's on the short list of players who should be considered for 1.1 in category leagues. It's Wembanyama or Nikola Jokic in the eyes of many, and fantasy managers can't go wrong with either. As for points leagues, that list gets a little longer, but Wemby remains a top 5 target at worst. Provided he avoids a debilitating injury that can sideline him for an extended period, Wembanyama will be a crucial building block for many championship-winning fantasy teams this season.

## 2 Nikola Jokic Denver Nuggets

Age:29 HT: 6-11 WT: 284

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DEN	74	33.5	27.1	10.3	17.7	58%	5.1	6.3	81%	1.3	13.8	7.9	1.5	0.9	3.8	59
2022	DEN	69	33.7	24.5	9.4	14.8	63%	4.9	6	82%	0.8	11.8	9.8	1.3	0.7	3.6	56
2023	DEN	79	34.6	26.4	10.4	17.9	58%	4.5	5.5	82%	1.1	12.4	9	1.4	0.9	3	59
PROJ	DEN	74	36.1	27.7	10.8	18.6	58	4.9	6	82%	1.1	13.3	9.6	1.5	0.9	3.1	59

**2023-24:** After three straight seasons as fantasy's top overall player, Jokic fell precipitously to third overall for the 2023-24 campaign. The big man averaged 26.4 points, 12.4 boards, 9.0 assists, 1.4 steals, 0.9 blocks, and 1.1 triples while shooting 58.3% from the floor and 81.7% from the foul line. Joker captured his third MVP in four seasons and led his team to 57 wins in a competitive Western Conference. Jokic compiled at least 10 triple-doubles for the seventh straight season and moved into fourth place on the all-time triple-double list. He's averaged better than 20 triple-doubles over the last five seasons, showcasing his versatility as a scorer, rebounder, and facilitator. Minnesota had an early exit in the playoffs, but Jokic capped off his summer tremendously in Paris. Jokic finished Serbia's Olympic run with a bronze medal and averages of 18.8 points, 10.7 rebounds, and 8.7 assists, becoming the first player in Olympic history to lead all players in total points, rebounds, and assists.

**What's Changed:** The Nuggets brought in Russell Westbrook, but he'll fill Reggie Jackson's role as a secondary playmaker and scorer off the bench. He's no threat to steal playmaking duties from Jokic, and the team's frontcourt depth remains thin.

**Outlook:** We've run out of superlatives for Jokic at this point. There is serious debate about who should be the top draft pick in fantasy hoops - he or unicorn Victor Wembanyama - speaks volumes about Joker's elite skillset. As expected for a seven-footer, Jokic scores and rebounds at a high level, but he's also one of the league's best passers who racks up defensive stats at a respectable clip, shoots well from the charity stripe and knocks down triples with relative ease. Until he

gives us a reason to believe otherwise, Jokic is locked into a top-5 selection in fantasy basketball drafts.

## 3 Anthony Davis Los Angeles Lakers

Age:31 HT: 6-10 WT: 253

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAL	40	35.1	23.2	9.3	17.4	53%	4.4	6.1	71%	0.3	9.9	3.1	1.2	2.3	2.1	48
2022	LAL	56	34	25.9	9.7	17.2	56%	6.2	7.9	78%	0.3	12.5	2.6	1.1	2	2.2	52
2023	LAL	76	35.5	24.7	9.4	16.9	56%	5.5	6.8	82%	0.4	12.6	3.5	1.2	2.3	2.1	54
PROJ	LAL	68	36.2	25.4	9.6	17.2	56	5.9	7.2	82%	0.4	13.4	3.7	1.3	2.5	2.1	54

**2023-24:** After years of being incredibly limited by injuries, AD flipped the script last season and set a new career-high with 76 games played. He has consistently been among the top five producers in 9-cat leagues throughout his career, which was the case again last year. He averaged 24.7 points, 12.6 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 1.2 steals, and 2.3 blocks per game on efficient shooting splits. He made an All-NBA and All-Defensive team for the first time since the 2019-20 season.

**What's Changed:** The Lakers didn't really make any roster moves this summer, and even if they did, there isn't a move that would impact AD's spot in the rotation. However, JJ Redick has talked about using AD more and making him the offense's focal point. Assuming his body can handle that after playing 76 games last season and suiting up for Team USA, AD could see a jump in production.

**Outlook:** There is no question that AD will once again rank among the top players in fantasy basketball regardless of format. There should still be concerns about his health, which is why he is typically drafted in the second half of the first round. However, managers should feel more confident drafting him than they did in the past. If Redick can figure out new ways to utilize him, Davis could see enough slight improvements across the board to be in the conversation for the top finisher in 9-cat leagues.

## 4 Joel Embiid Philadelphia 76ers

Age:30 HT: 7-0 WT: 280

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHI	68	33.8	30.6	9.8	19.6	50%	9.6	11.8	81%	1.4	11.7	4.2	1.1	1.5	3.1	56
2022	PHI	66	34.6	33.1	11	20.1	55%	10	11.7	86%	1	10.2	4.2	1	1.7	3.4	56
2023	PHI	39	33.6	34.7	11.5	21.8	53%	10.2	11.6	88%	1.4	11	5.6	1.2	1.7	3.8	61
PROJ	PHI	53	33.1	34.3	11.4	21.5	53	10.3	11.7	88%	1.2	11.1	5.7	1.2	1.7	3.8	61

**2023-24:** On the heels of his first Most Valuable Player award, Embiid came out hot last season. In 25 games before Christmas, he averaged 35.0 points, 11.7 rebounds, 6.0 assists, 1.2 steals, 2.0 blocks, and 1.1 3-pointers, shooting 54.0% from the field and 89.3% from the foul line. Unfortunately, he would only play nine more games before a knee injury suffered during a January 30 loss to the Warriors sidelined Embiid for over two months. While he did play in five of Philadelphia's final seven games of the regular season, Embiid wasn't much help to fantasy managers looking to win league titles. In 39 games, The Process averaged 34.7 points, 11.0 rebounds, 5.6 assists, 1.2 steals, 1.7 blocks, and 1.4 3-pointers, shooting 52.9% from the field and 88.3% from the line. While ranked first in 8- and 9-cat per-game value, the total value suffered due to his knee injury.

**What's Changed:** While he looked like a shell of himself during Philadelphia's first-round series against the Knicks, Embiid did play for the United States at the Paris Olympics. His role changed based on the matchup, and there were questions regarding how healthy Embiid was. But he got through the experience with a gold medal to show for it and no significant health concerns.

**Outlook:** After playing 68 and 66 games the two seasons prior, Embiid's knee injury may have spooked some fantasy managers. He's certainly capable of producing at a level worthy of being a top 3 pick in drafts, but there's no justifying selecting him that high. Embiid being chosen on the back end of the top 5 in drafts would not be egregious, but look for him to come off the board in the 6-8 range in most leagues. That would make him a fantasy steal if Embiid can avoid an extended absence due to injury.

## 5 Chet Holmgren Oklahoma City Thunder

Age:22 HT: 7-1 WT: 195

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	OKC	82	29.4	16.5	6.2	11.6	53%	2.7	3.4	79%	1.6	7.9	2.4	0.6	2.3	1.6	37
PROJ	OKC	74	31.6	18.3	6.6	12.5	53	3.2	4	79%	1.9	9.5	2.9	0.8	2.8	1.7	37

**2023-24:** Holmgren's NBA career got off on the wrong foot, quite literally. The No. 2 pick in the 2022 draft suffered a Lisfranc injury to his right foot while playing in a CrowsOver Pro-Am game shortly after getting drafted. The injury cost him the entire 2022-23 season, but he returned healthy for the 2023-24 campaign and appeared in all 82 regular-season games. Holmgren finished second in Rookie of the Year voting behind averages of 16.5 points, 7.9 rebounds, 2.4 assists, 0.6 steals, 2.3 blocks and 1.6 triples. Holmgren shot 53.0% from the floor and a respectable 79.3% from the charity stripe while committing just 1.6 turnovers per tilt. He would have won ROY in most other seasons but had to contend with unicorn Victor Wembanyama. Holmgren was a first-rounder for much of the season and ultimately finished 20th in per-game fantasy hoops value. Wemby's stat lines have rightfully been recognized as ridiculous, but Holmgren had some crazy games of his own. Most notably, he racked up a 36/10/5/2/2/2 line at Golden State on November 18.

**What's Changed:** The Thunder signed former Knicks center Isaiah Hartenstein to a lucrative deal in the offseason, and Hartenstein will likely take over as the team's starting center.

**Outlook:** Hartenstein's arrival means Holmgren should shift to the four, but fantasy managers shouldn't be alarmed about the position switch. The two bigs will play plenty of minutes together, but Holmgren should slot back in at center when Hartenstein's on the bench. As a player who can handle the ball and shoot an outside shot, Holmgren should have no problem adjusting to his new role on the team. His early ADP (per Hashtag Basketball) has him going as a mid-second-rounder in fantasy drafts, and that feels appropriate given his elite production in Year 1.

## 6 Domantas Sabonis Sacramento Kings

Age:28 HT: 6-10 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	IND	47	34.7	18.9	7	12.1	58%	4.1	5.5	74%	0.7	12.1	5	1	0.5	3	42
2022	SAC	79	34.6	19.1	7.3	11.9	62%	4.1	5.5	74%	0.4	12.3	7.3	0.8	0.5	2.9	46
2023	SAC	82	35.7	19.4	7.7	13	59%	3.6	5.1	70%	0.4	13.7	8.2	0.9	0.6	3.3	49
PROJ	SAC	76	33.6	18.5	7.2	12.3	59	3.5	5	70%	0.4	13.5	8.1	0.9	0.6	3.1	49

**2023-24:** While playing in a career-high 82 games, Sabonis was dominant last season. He posted new career-highs with 13.7 rebounds and 8.2 assists while also averaging 19.4 points per game. His 9-cat value was limited by a poor free throw percentage and a lack of defensive production, but his combination of boards, dimes, and a high field goal percentage allowed him to provide third-round value. He also recorded a double-double in 61 straight games from December to April, the seventh-longest streak in the history of the NBA.

**What's Changed:** The Kings are running things back with mostly the same team, with the addition of DeMar DeRozan. He may take away a shot or two per game from Sabonis, though that won't impact him too much since he isn't a high-volume scorer. They still don't have a great backup center option, though that wouldn't impact Sabonis' minutes either way.

**Outlook:** Managers should know what to expect from Sabonis at this point. The defensive production won't be there, he won't hit many 3-pointers, and his free-throw percentage will be bad. However, there aren't many comparable rebounders in the league, and even fewer that can pass as well as Sabonis can. He fits multiple punt builds, and he'll have a chance to finish in the top-10 in both rebounds and assists once again. He's worthy of a selection in the second round this year.

## 7 Bam Adebayo Miami Heat

Age:27 HT: 6-9 WT: 255

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIA	56	32.6	19.1	7.3	13	56%	4.6	6.1	75%	0	10.1	3.4	1.4	0.8	2.6	40
2022	MIA	75	34.6	20.4	8	14.9	54%	4.3	5.4	81%	0	9.2	3.2	1.2	0.8	2.5	40
2023	MIA	71	34	19.3	7.5	14.3	52%	4.1	5.5	76%	0.2	10.4	3.9	1.1	0.9	2.3	41
PROJ	MIA	68	32.1	18.4	7	13.5	52	4	5.4	75%	0.2	10.2	3.9	1.1	0.9	2.2	41

**2023-24:** As one of the best defenders in the league, the expectation is that Adebayo will dominate in both steals and blocks. While he doesn't do that, he is still an excellent fantasy option. He finished just outside the top 50 in 9-cat leagues last season with averages of 19.3 points, 10.4 rebounds, 3.9 assists, 1.1 steals, and 0.9 blocks per game. His free throw percentage dropped from 80.6% to 75.5%, which resulted in his 9-cat value dropping. He was able to add to his game by expanding his range past the 3-point line over the final month of the season.

**What's Changed:** Miami used their first-round pick to bring in a backup for Bam in Kefel Ware. They've rotated through several different backup options in recent seasons, but none have been consistently effective. Adebayo also built on his late-season 3-point success this summer with Team USA as he proved to be a real threat from deep. He isn't going to start hitting two or three 3-pointers per game, but it just makes him more dangerous for the Heat.

**Outlook:** It will be interesting to see how Erik Spoelstra uses Adebayo this season now that they have Ware in the mix. Could he play both at the same time with Bam at the four? How much will they lean into Adebayo's newfound 3-point shot? Managers should expect top-50 production from him, though how much better he can be will depend on his defensive numbers and playmaking. His best fantasy season came when he averaged 5.4 assists per game, so if he can make a slight improvement, he could be in for a top-25 finish. Still, he has an incredibly high floor and should be solid across the board.

## 8 Myles Turner Indiana Pacers

Age:28 HT: 6-11 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	IND	42	29.4	12.9	4.8	9.4	51%	1.9	2.5	75%	1.5	7.1	1	0.7	2.8	1.3	32
2022	IND	62	29.4	18	6.5	11.8	55%	3.5	4.5	78%	1.5	7.5	1.4	0.6	2.3	1.7	36
2023	IND	77	27	17.1	6.2	11.8	52%	3.2	4.1	77%	1.5	6.9	1.3	0.5	1.9	1.4	33
PROJ	IND	77	28.2	18	6.4	12.4	52	3.4	4.4	77%	1.6	7.4	1.4	0.5	2	1.5	33

**2023-24:** Turner posted 17.1 points, 6.9 rebounds, and 1.9 blocks per game last season. The Pacers center's stats dropped slightly across the board, but he did play in 77 games and finish as a fringe top-10 option at his position. He's scored more than 170 points per game in two straight seasons after falling short of 15.0 points per game in his first seven campaigns. He'll look to continue being more of an offensive threat while maintaining his value as a prolific shot blocker in 2024-25.

**What's Changed:** Turner matched a career-high with 11.8 shot attempts per game last season and was the number two scoring option behind Haliburton before Siakam joined Indiana. The big man averaged 18.9 points in 37 games with Siakam last season and will need to find the right balance playing alongside him for all of next season.

**Outlook:** Turner is no superstar center but can produce at a level just below the All-Star caliber players. He's projected to be a top-50 player and get drafted around the fifth round in most drafts ahead of 2024-25.

## 9 Nic Claxton Brooklyn Nets

Age:25 HT: 6-11 WT: 215

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BKN	47	20.7	8.7	3.8	5.6	67%	1.1	2	58%	0	5.6	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.8	21
2022	BKN	76	29.9	12.6	5.4	7.7	71%	1.8	3.2	54%	0	9.2	1.9	0.9	2.5	1.3	35
2023	BKN	71	29.8	11.8	5.2	8.2	63%	1.5	2.8	55%	0	9.9	2.1	0.6	2.1	1.3	34
PROJ	BKN	70	30.4	12.8	5.5	8.7	63	1.8	3.3	55%	0	11.3	2.4	0.7	2.5	1.3	34

**2023-24:** Coming off of his best offensive season as a pro, Claxton's production took a slight dip last season. He averaged 11.8 points, slightly lower than his career-best mark of 12.6 per game the season prior while shooting 62.9% from the



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field. However, Claxton's rebounding (9.9) and assist (2.1) averages increased, and he still contributed 2.1 blocks per night. Ranked just outside the top 75 in 9-cat, per-game value, Clax was an excellent center for managers willing to punt free-throw percentage. Remove his 55.1% mark from the charity stripe, and Claxton was close to a top-25 player in fantasy.

**What's Changed:** Claxton agreed to a significant payday this summer, signing a four-year, \$97 million deal to remain with the Nets. Given the many departures in recent seasons, the athletic center is a crucial building block for this rebuilding franchise.

**Outlook:** The Nets have questions all over the court, which can be problematic for many players regarding fantasy value. However, Claxton does enough as a finisher, rebounder, and rim protector to avoid any significant hits to his value. He's a career 54.4% shooter from the line, so managers should not expect marked improvement in that category. He'll be most valuable in free throw punt models, especially for managers who use their first-round pick on Giannis Antetokounmpo. Claxton should not fall outside the first 50 picks in drafts.

## 10 Jalen Duren Detroit Pistons

Age:20 HT: 6-10 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	DET	67	24.9	9.1	3.9	5.9	65%	1.4	2.3	61%	0	8.9	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.4	25
2023	DET	61	29.1	13.8	5.7	9.2	62%	2.3	3	79%	0	11.6	2.4	0.5	0.8	2.1	33
PROJ	DET	65	30.1	14.4	5.9	9.6	62	2.6	3.2	79%	0	12.7	2.6	0.6	0.8	2.2	33

**2023-24:** In his second season in the league, Duren was one of the best rebounders in the league. He averaged 13.8 points, 11.6 rebounds, and 2.4 assists while shooting 61.9% from the floor and 79% from the free-throw line. He improved his free throw numbers by shooting 84.1% over the final two months, a category that isn't a strong point for centers. However, he doesn't impact the defensive end as much, which evens out his fantasy impact.

**What's Changed:** Detroit fired Monty Williams and brought in J.B. Bickerstaff, who had been the head coach for Cleveland over the last few years. Bickerstaff had been coaching Jarrett Allen and Evan Mobley, so we'll see if he can get more out of Duren on the defensive end. Their only center addition was Paul Reed, but Isaiah Stewart will remain Duren's backup.

**Outlook:** Duren has been a poor defender through his first two seasons in the league. That has led to a lack of production in those categories, which has limited his fantasy value. The issue is less that he isn't blocking shots and more that his lack of defensive impact may prevent him from developing further into a star big man. His rebounding and field goal percentage will continue to be his strongest categories, but he is a young, athletic big who can develop into an impactful defender. He boasted a strong block rate in college, but it just hasn't happened yet. Managers should expect most of his fantasy impact to come from his rebounding and shooting percentages, but a defensive improvement is within his realm of possibilities.

## 11 Jarrett Allen Cleveland Cavaliers

Age:26 HT: 6-9 WT: 243

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CLE	56	32.3	16.1	6.6	9.7	68%	2.9	4.2	71%	0	10.8	1.6	0.8	1.3	1.7	36
2022	CLE	68	32.6	14.3	5.9	9.2	64%	2.4	3.3	73%	0	9.8	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.4	33
2023	CLE	77	31.7	16.5	6.7	10.6	63%	3	4.1	74%	0	10.5	2.7	0.7	1.1	1.6	37
PROJ	CLE	75	30.5	15.8	6.4	10.2	63	2.8	3.8	74%	0	9.8	2.5	0.6	1	1.5	37

**2023-24:** While he wasn't an All-Star, Allen had the best individual season of his NBA career in 2023-24. Making 77 starts, he accounted for 16.5 points, 10.5 rebounds, 2.7 assists, 0.7 steals, and 1.1 blocks in 31.7 minutes, shooting 63.4% from the field and 74.2% from the foul line. That production made Allen a top 50 player in 8- and 9-cat per-game value, and he approached top 25 status in totals. Sidekick Evan Mobley being limited to 50 games due to knee and ankle injuries certainly opened things up for Allen, who finished tenth in Defensive Player of the Year voting.

**What's Changed:** Allen, who was already under contract with the Cavaliers for two more seasons, inked a three-year extension worth under \$91 million this summer. That deal will run through the 2028-29 season and is fully guaranteed. With Evan Mobley and Donovan Mitchell signing new deals, the Cavaliers are all-in with their current nucleus.

**Outlook:** Allen isn't the flashiest player but tends to provide reliable production at the center position. He isn't going to kill fantasy managers in the free-throw percentage category, and the points, rebounds, blocks, and field-goal percentage areas are solid. Allen isn't perceived to have the same fantasy ceiling as Mobley, but the floor is pretty safe. The end of the fourth round is usually a good place to begin seeking Allen, and he should not get out of the fifth round in most leagues.

## 12 Deandre Ayton Portland Trail Blazers

Age:26 HT: 7-0 WT: 247

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHX	58	29.5	17.2	7.6	12	63%	1.8	2.4	75%	0.1	10.2	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.6	34
2022	PHX	67	30.4	18	7.8	13.2	59%	2.3	3	76%	0.1	10	1.7	0.6	0.8	1.8	35
2023	POR	55	32.4	16.7	7.8	13.6	57%	1.2	1.4	82%	0	11.1	1.6	1	0.8	1.8	36
PROJ	POR	60	30.5	15.7	7.3	12.8	57	1.1	1.3	82%	0	10	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.7	36

**2023-24:** Ayton's first season in Portland was reminiscent of his Phoenix days, as the big man averaged 16.7 points, 11.1 boards, 1.0 steals, and 0.8 swats. He shot a respectable 57% from the floor and 82.3% from the charity stripe, and he coughed up the ball only 1.8 times per contest. Ayton logged 32.4 minutes (second-most of his career) across 55 appearances, missing 27 games due to various injuries. He was fantasy's 40th-ranked player on a per-game basis thanks to his strong shooting percentages, high rebounds, and low turnovers, and the only thing keeping him from cracking the top 25 is an increase in blocked shots.

**What's Changed:** The Trail Blazers drafted UConn center Donovan Clingan with the seventh pick in the 2024 draft, and the future is uncertain for Ayton and backup center Robert Williams to remain in Portland.

**Outlook:** Ayton may not wow with huge point totals or monster defensive performances, but he's been a consistent, top-50 producer on a per-game basis throughout his career. He averaged 25.8 points and 14.3 boards across his final six healthy games, showing flashes of the "DominAyton" persona he promised in his introductory press conference. It wouldn't be surprising if the Trail Blazers moved on from him in favor of the younger Clingan sooner than later, but for now, Ayton is the starting center for a team that should give him plenty of minutes. He's not in the elite tier of fantasy centers, but he's right below it, making him a respectable mid-round selection.

## 13 Isaiah Hartenstein Oklahoma City Thunder

Age:26 HT: 7-0 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAC	68	17.9	8.3	3.4	5.4	63%	1.3	1.9	69%	0.2	4.9	2.4	0.7	1.1	1.2	22
2022	NYK	82	19.8	5	2.1	4	54%	0.6	0.9	68%	0.1	6.5	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.8	18
2023	NYK	75	25.3	7.8	3.1	4.9	64%	1.5	2.1	71%	0	8.3	2.5	1.2	1.1	1.2	27
PROJ	OKC	72	27.3	8.5	3.4	5.3	64	1.7	2.4	71%	0	9.6	2.6	1.2	1.2	1.3	27

**2023-24:** Hartenstein hit the ground running in free agency, landing a massive, three-year, \$87 million deal from the Thunder after two productive seasons with the Knicks. Hartenstein finished the 2023-24 campaign with averages of 7.8 points, 8.3 rebounds, 2.5 assists, 1.2 steals, and 1.1 blocks across 25.3 minutes in 75 games. He knocked down 64.4% of his shots from the field and 70.7% from the free-throw line. All of his numbers and percentages were either career highs or the second-best marks of his career, and the big man parlayed that success into a big payday.

**What's Changed:** After spending the last two seasons in New York primarily backing up Mitchell Robinson, Hartenstein will join the Thunder and slot into the starting center role.

**Outlook:** Oklahoma City ranked fifth in most rebounds allowed last season, which was an improvement from the previous two seasons in which the Thunder

allowed the most rebounds per game both times. Hartenstein was brought in to fill a glaring need for a big man underneath, which means he should see plenty of playing time for his new team, playing alongside Chet Holmgren, who will shift to the four. Hartenstein finished 75th in per-game fantasy value a season ago, and his early ADP (per Hashtag Basketball) has him slated to go just inside the top 100. He's a fine, late-round center with double-double and defensive stat upside.

## 14 Brook Lopez Milwaukee Bucks

Age:36 HT: 7-1 WT: 282

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIL	13	22.9	12.4	4.7	10.1	47%	1.5	1.8	87%	1.5	4.1	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.9	23
2022	MIL	78	30.4	15.9	6.1	11.5	53%	1.9	2.4	78%	1.7	6.7	1.3	0.5	2.5	1.4	34
2023	MIL	79	30.5	12.5	4.6	9.6	49%	1.4	1.7	82%	1.9	5.2	1.6	0.5	2.4	1	29
PROJ	MIL	75	28.7	11.7	4.3	9	48	1.3	1.6	82%	1.7	4.8	1.5	0.5	2.2	0.9	29

**2023-24:** Lopez averaged 12.5 points, 5.2 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks through 79 games last season. The Bucks' big man's scoring dropped with the arrival of Lil-lard, but his rebounding and rim protection were unaffected. He finished outside the top 10 among centers but was plenty consistent and productive for a second consecutive season. He remains one of the league's top shot blockers, providing solid three-point shooting production.

**What's Changed:** Milwaukee's primary center rotation is mainly unchanged. Bobby Portis and Antetokounmpo will step in when Lopez isn't on the floor. The Bucks have young bigs, but it is unlikely that they will play significant roles.

**Outlook:** Lopez will likely be one of the league's better shot blockers again but should be considered a top-100 player. Up-and-coming centers with more versatile games and more on-ball involvement should keep Lopez outside of the top 10 at his position.

## 15 Rudy Gobert Minnesota Timberwolves

Age:32 HT: 7-1 WT: 258

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	UTA	66	32.1	15.6	5.5	7.7	71%	4.6	6.7	69%	0	14.7	1.1	0.7	2.1	1.8	42
2022	MIN	70	30.7	13.4	5.1	7.8	66%	3.1	4.9	64%	0	11.6	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.7	34
2023	MIN	76	34.1	14	5.3	8.1	66%	3.3	5.1	64%	0	12.9	1.3	0.7	2.1	1.6	38
PROJ	MIN	72	32.8	13.2	5.1	7.8	66	2.9	4.6	64%	0	11.6	1.2	0.6	1.9	1.5	38

**2023-24:** Gobert's first season in Minnesota was viewed by many as a disaster after the team failed to get out of the first round, and his production took a notable step back. Gobert's numbers from Year 1 to Year 2 with the Wolves showed a marginal change in points, assists, steals, turnovers, and shooting percentages. Still, he improved significantly as a rebounder and shot-blocker. Gobert averaged 12.9 boards compared to 11.6 and 2.1 blocks compared to 1.4. He finished just outside the top 50 in per-game fantasy production, and fantasy managers had to be thankful that Gobert's play only counted during the regular season. The big man's production fell off a cliff in 15 playoff appearances, and his minutes were limited for France in the Olympics.

**What's Changed:** Gobert had a poor showing over the summer for France at the Paris Olympics, but there should not be too much concern. The significant change was Minnesota trading Karl-Anthony Towns to the Knicks, receiving Julius Randle and Donte DiVincenzo in return.

**Outlook:** Despite lackluster play after the 2023-24 regular season, there's no reason to believe Gobert's regular-season numbers will take a hit for the 2024-25 campaign. Gobert's fantasy value could increase since he'll be the lone big in the Timberwolves' starting lineup. Randle is also a good rebounder, but he does not offer Gobert's defensive production. After failing to crack the top 50 in either of his first two seasons in Minnesota, look for Gobert to change that in 2024-25, making him a solid center target for managers willing to punt free-throw percentage.

## 16 Daniel Gafford Dallas Mavericks

Age:25 HT: 6-10 WT: 234

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	WAS	72	20.1	9.4	4	5.7	69%	1.5	2.1	70%	0	5.7	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.9	22
2022	WAS	78	20.6	9	3.7	5.1	73%	1.6	2.4	68%	0	5.6	1.1	0.4	1.3	1.1	21
2023	WAS	45	26.5	10.9	4.5	6.5	69%	1.9	2.6	71%	0	8	1.5	1	2.2	1	31
PROJ	DAL	70	25.1	11.3	4.8	6.6	73	1.7	2.5	67%	0	8	1.6	0.9	2.2	1	31

**2023-24:** Splitting time between the Wizards and Mavericks, Gafford appeared in 74 games last season. In 24.5 minutes per game, he averaged 11.0 points, 7.6 rebounds, 1.6 assists, 0.9 steals, and 2.1 blocks, shooting 72.5% from the field (leading the NBA) and 67.4% from the foul line. After being traded to the Mavericks, Gafford was in a timeshare at the center position with Dereck Lively II, but the numbers held steady outside of a dip in his rebounding average (6.9 with DAL). Also, Gafford shot a staggering 78% from the field post-trade, benefitting from the ability to work with Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving in the two-man game.

**What's Changed:** Gafford will embark on his first full season with the Mavericks in 2024-25, sharing the center responsibilities with Lively.

**Outlook:** Gafford was ranked within the top 40 in 9-cat formats, providing 3rd-round value for the season. While a 4th-round player after the trade deadline, he remained a top 40 player in fantasy while playing 21.5 minutes per game. However, it's worth noting that Lively missed 12 games after Gafford was acquired due to injury. Using a top 50 pick on Gafford would be extreme; fantasy managers should be able to grab him outside of the top 100 due to the uncertainty regarding how Jason Kidd will divide the minutes at center.

## 17 Dereck Lively Dallas Mavericks

Age:20 HT: 7-1 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	DAL	55	23.5	8.8	4	5.4	75%	0.7	1.5	51%	0	6.9	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.9	24
PROJ	DAL	61	24.1	9	4.1	5.5	75	0.8	1.6	51%	0	7.4	1.2	0.7	1.5	0.9	24

**2023-24:** Acquired from the Thunder via draft day trade, Lively had a solid debut season in Dallas. The 12th overall pick was limited to 55 games due to injury, finishing with averages of 8.8 points, 6.9 rebounds, 1.1 assists, 0.7 steals, and 1.4 blocks in 23.5 minutes. Lively started 42 of the 55 regular season games he appeared in, most of those starts coming before Dallas acquired Daniel Gafford at the February trade deadline. In 19 games after the deadline, Lively ranked 200th in 9-cat, per-game value, averaging 8.0 points, 4.9 rebounds, 0.7 assists, 0.7 steals, and 1.4 blocks while shooting 76.3% from the field.

**What's Changed:** Other than being fully healthy, nothing has changed for Lively this offseason.

**Outlook:** The question that hovers over the center position in Dallas is how Jason Kidd will handle the rotation. During the team's run to the NBA Finals, Lively averaged 22.0 minutes per game while Gafford played 20.2. A timeshare won't have a significantly negative impact on either player's fantasy value, provided they remain healthy. Lively offers the higher ceiling due to his youth, but there isn't much to separate him from Gafford regarding draft position. The second-year center may not be worth the risk of a top-100 pick, but he should not last on most boards too long past that point.

## 18 Jakob Poeltl Toronto Raptors

Age:28 HT: 7-0 WT: 260

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAS	68	29	13.5	6	9.8	62%	1.4	2.8	50%	0	9.3	2.8	0.7	1.7	1.6	35
2022	SAS	46	26.1	12.1	5.2	8.4	62%	1.7	2.8	61%	0	9	3.1	0.8	1.1	2.1	31
2023	TOR	50	26.4	11.1	5	7.6	66%	1.2	2.1	55%	0	8.6	2.5	0.7	1.5	1.5	30
PROJ	TOR	61	25.7	10.8	4.9	7.4	66	1.1	2	55%	0	7.9	2.4	0.7	1.4	1.5	30

**2023-24:** Last season was difficult for Poeltl, as his scoring and rebounding numbers decreased, and he spent two extended periods on the bench due to injury. In January, a sprained left ankle sidelined him for 11 games. Unfortunately, one month after his return from that injury, Poeltl suffered a torn ligament in his left hand that ended his season in early March. Appearing in 50 games, the Raptors



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center averaged 11.1 points, 8.6 rebounds, 2.5 assists, 0.7 steals, and 1.5 blocks in 26.4 minutes. For the season, Poeltl provided 8th-round per-game value in 9-cat formats.

**What's Changed:** There haven't been any concrete reports regarding the status of Poeltl's finger, and the start of training camp is only a few weeks away. That's the lone change or lack thereof, that impacts Poeltl regarding fantasy basketball.

**Outlook:** While the sample size was just 18 games, Poeltl was a top 75 player in 9-cat formats after the Raptors acquired Immanuel Quickley and RJ Barrett from the Knicks. That's promising regarding the 7-footer's fantasy potential this season, but the ceiling remains limited. Even with the free throw woes, Poeltl is a relatively safe pick, just inside the top 100 of most league drafts.

## 19 Mark Williams Charlotte Hornets

Age:22 HT: 7-0 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	CHA	43	19.3	9	3.7	5.8	64%	1.6	2.3	69%	0	7.1	0.4	0.7	1	0.9	22
2023	CHA	19	26.7	12.7	5.2	7.9	65%	2.4	3.4	72%	0	9.7	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.9	31
PROJ	CHA	62	26.5	12.7	5.1	7.9	65	2.5	3.5	72%	0	10	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.9	31

**2023-24:** The mystery surrounding Williams' health was one of the most frustrating storylines last season. He played in 19 of their first 20 games and then didn't suit up again due to a back issue despite the team's lack of clarity on a timeline. Still, he was effective in those games, averaging 12.7 points, 9.7 rebounds, 0.8 steals, and 1.1 blocks in 26.8 minutes per game while shooting 64.9% from the floor.

**What's Changed:** The team still hasn't provided much clarity, but it can be assumed that Williams will be healthy heading into this season. He should return to his role as the team's starting center, with Nick Richards filling the backup minutes.

**Outlook:** The biggest question mark surrounding Williams will continue to be his health until he proves it doesn't need to be. He has played in just 62 games through his first two seasons, which is a number that he will have to improve on significantly to ever hold real value in fantasy basketball. He's still only 22 years old and has already shown that he can be productive in the box score when it comes to traditional center stats. Drafting him in the middle rounds simply comes down to whether or not you believe he can play enough games to be worth it.

## 20 John Collins Utah Jazz

Age:26 HT: 6-9 WT: 226

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	54	30.8	16.2	6.3	11.9	53%	2.5	3.1	79%	1.2	7.8	1.8	0.6	1	1.1	32
2022	ATL	71	30	13.1	5.1	10	51%	2	2.5	80%	1	6.5	1.2	0.6	1	1.1	26
2023	UTA	68	28	15.1	5.8	11	53%	2.2	2.7	80%	1.3	8.5	1.1	0.6	0.9	1.4	30
PROJ	UTA	67	28.2	15.3	5.9	11.1	53	2.2	2.8	79%	1.3	8.8	1.2	0.6	0.9	1.5	30

**2023-24:** The writing was on the wall for Collins to leave Atlanta, and the big man had one of the worst statistical campaigns of his career in 2022-23. A change of scenery and the fresh mountain air of Utah revitalized Collins, who bounced back in 2023-24. Collins finished the season with averages of 15.1 points, 8.5 rebounds, 1.1 assists, 0.6 steals, 0.9 blocks and 1.3 triples across 28.0 minutes. Collins shot 53.2% from the floor and 79.5% from the charity stripe and committed just 1.4 turnovers per contest in 68 appearances. The big man finished 80th in per-game fantasy value and rewarded fantasy managers who took a shot on him after his down year.

**What's Changed:** Utah's frontcourt rotation added two new players in the offseason: veteran Drew Eubanks and second-round pick Kyle Filipowski.

**Outlook:** Utah's frontcourt rotation now features Brice Sensabaugh, Taylor Hendricks, Filipowski, Eubanks, and Walker Kessler. It's quite the crowded rotation, but Collins is the most experienced and talented of the bunch. He's in no danger of losing playing time or production heading into the new season. Collins' early ADP (per Hashtag Basketball) is outside the top 110, which makes him a mind-boggling value.

## 21 Ivica Zubac Los Angeles Clippers

Age:27 HT: 7-0 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	LAC	76	24.4	10.3	4.1	6.5	63%	2.2	3	73%	0	8.5	1.6	0.5	1	1.5	26
2022	LAC	76	28.6	10.8	4.3	6.8	63%	2.2	3.1	70%	0	9.9	1	0.4	1.3	1.5	28
2023	LAC	68	26.4	11.7	5	7.6	65%	1.8	2.4	72%	0	9.2	1.4	0.3	1.2	1.2	28
PROJ	LAC	67	28.8	12.8	5.4	8.3	65	2	2.8	72%	0	10.5	1.6	0.4	1.4	1.3	28

**2023-24:** Despite splitting minutes with Daniel Theis and Mason Plumlee, Zubac was still the primary center option for the Clippers last season. He finished just outside the top 100 with averages of 11.7 points, 9.2 rebounds, and 1.2 blocks per game while shooting 64.9% from the floor. His minutes dropped from 28.5 to 26.4 last year, though that was still enough time for him to be a valuable player in 9-cat leagues.

**What's Changed:** Plumlee and Theis are gone and replaced with Mo Bamba and Kai Jones. That's a very different backup group, and how Tyrone Lue will utilize this group remains to be seen. In the past, even when there wasn't a great option behind Zubac, he generally capped out at 30 minutes per game. However, the second line of centers isn't a proven pair of bigs.

**Outlook:** This may be the year Zubac turns in top-100 value in 9-cat leagues. He came close last season and was inside the top 100 over the final two months of the season due to an improvement as a free throw shooter. If he's able to get to 30 minutes per game (or more), he should be able to improve enough across the board to have the best season of his career. His contributions will mostly come from traditional center stats, but he should end up being a solid target in the later rounds.

## 22 Onyeka Okongwu Atlanta Hawks

Age:23 HT: 6-10 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	48	20.7	8.2	3.3	4.7	69%	1.7	2.3	73%	0	5.9	1.1	0.6	1.3	0.9	22
2022	ATL	80	23.1	9.9	4	6.2	64%	1.9	2.5	78%	0.1	7.2	1	0.7	1.3	1	25
2023	ATL	55	25.5	10.2	4.1	6.6	61%	1.7	2.1	79%	0.4	6.8	1.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	24
PROJ	ATL	63	26.1	10.5	4.1	6.8	61	1.8	2.2	79%	0.4	7.2	1.4	0.5	1.2	0.8	24

**2023-24:** While many managers were hoping it would finally be the year Okongwu took over as the starting center, it just didn't happen. He only played in 55 games due to some injuries late in the season, and he averaged 10.2 points, 6.8 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1.1 blocks per game. He's not a stretch five by any means, but he did showcase the ability to knock down perimeter shots by hitting 23 threes throughout the season after making just four over his first three years in the league.

**What's Changed:** Will this be the year? Will Okongwu finally replace Clint Capela as the starting center for the Hawks? Atlanta was expected to move Capela, but that didn't happen. Plus, they brought Larry Nance in as another option down low as part of the Dejounte Murray trade. It seemed like the situation would improve heading into this season, but it got more crowded.

**Outlook:** Okongwu's value this season will depend entirely on what Quin Snyder opts to do with the starting unit. If he starts Okongwu, his upside will be tremendous. If he continues to start Capela, OO will likely have another season of mediocrity. He has all the talent to be incredibly effective in fantasy hoops, especially with Trae Young orchestrating the offense. OO finished just outside the top 100 last year after finishing right outside the top 75 the year before. His floor should be pretty safe, and his ceiling should be that of an elite center.

## 23 Walker Kessler Utah Jazz

Age:23 HT: 7-0 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	UTA	74	23	9.2	4	5.6	72%	1.1	2.1	52%	0	8.4	0.9	0.4	2.3	0.8	28
2023	UTA	64	23.3	8.1	3.6	5.5	65%	0.9	1.5	60%	0.1	7.5	0.9	0.5	2.4	1	26
PROJ	UTA	65	24.4	8.5	3.7	5.7	65	0.9	1.6	60%	0.1	8.2	1	0.5	2.6	1.1	26

**2023-24:** Expectations were sky high for "The Ranger" following a strong finish to his rookie campaign, but Kessler disappointed in Year 2. His playing time was nearly identical to his rookie season, though his points, rebounds, and FG% declined. Injuries limited Kessler to 64 games, and he averaged 8.1 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 2.4 blocks while shooting 65.4% from the floor. Kessler was in the starting lineup for only 22 games and failed to live up to the early-round draft capital that it cost to acquire him in drafts.

**What's Changed:** The Jazz brought in Drew Eubanks in free agency and spent an early second-round pick on Kyle Filipowski to make this frontcourt rotation even more crowded.

**Outlook:** Kessler has some appeal as a post-hype sleeper for the 2024-25 season, as his early ADP (per Hashtag Basketball) has him outside the top 100. He might not capture the magic of his rookie campaign, but Kessler offers substantial value at his current draft position, and fantasy managers should take notice.

## 24 Bobby Portis Milwaukee Bucks

Age:29 HT: 6-10 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIL	72	28.2	14.6	5.8	12.1	48%	1.2	1.6	75%	1.8	9.1	1.2	0.7	0.7	1.3	30
2022	MIL	70	26	14.1	5.7	11.5	50%	1.4	1.8	77%	1.4	9.6	1.5	0.4	0.2	1.2	29
2023	MIL	82	24.5	13.8	5.7	11.2	51%	1.2	1.5	79%	1.2	7.4	1.3	0.8	0.4	1.1	27
PROJ	MIL	77	26.5	14.9	6.2	12.1	51	1.3	1.7	79%	1.3	8.1	1.4	0.9	0.5	1.2	27

**2023-24:** Portis has been one of the NBA's most productive bench players over the last few seasons. He played in all 82 games last season, averaging 13.8 points and 7.4 rebounds while shooting 50.8% from the field and 40.7% from deep. He outperformed Lopez en route to a third-place finish in the Sixth Man of the Year voting.

**What's Changed:** Portis hasn't gained any new direct competition. He'll play some center and power forward off the pine. He could even find a few extra shots, given his proficiency from the field and long range, as he's thrived in Milwaukee's system for years now and will have a leg up on new players.

**Outlook:** Portis should continue serving the same role as Milwaukee's primary reserve scorer and could be a fringe top-10 power forward at his best.

## 25 Naz Reid Minnesota Timberwolves

Age:25 HT: 6-9 WT: 264

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MIN	77	15.8	8.3	3	6.2	49%	1.5	1.9	77%	0.7	3.9	0.9	0.5	0.9	1.1	17
2022	MIN	68	18.4	11.5	4.6	8.5	54%	1.3	1.9	68%	1.1	4.9	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.4	22
2023	MIN	81	24.2	13.5	5	10.5	48%	1.3	1.8	74%	2.1	5.2	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.4	25
PROJ	MIN	76	25.1	14	5.2	10.9	48	1.4	1.9	74%	2.2	5.5	1.4	0.8	1	1.4	25

**2023-24:** Reid enjoyed a breakout campaign, winning a tightly-contested Sixth Man of the Year award in his fifth NBA season. Aside from his blocks, Reid's counting stats were the highest of his career across the board, as he averaged 13.5 points, 5.2 boards, 1.3 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.9 blocks, and 2.1 triples. The big man logged 24.2 minutes across 81 games, also career highs. He shot respectably from the field (47.7%) and the charity stripe (73.6%) while committing just 1.4 turnovers per game. He finished the regular season as a top-120 fantasy option. Reid's versatility as a three-point shooting big was on full display in Game 2 of the Western Conference Finals as he nearly carried Minnesota to a win behind 23 points and seven three-pointers.

**What's Changed:** Minnesota lost Kyle Anderson in the offseason, and the Wolves didn't bring in any other bigs to shore up the frontcourt rotation.

**Outlook:** Reid was a valuable fantasy option off the bench last season, but he was even better as a starter. In 14 starts, the reigning 6MOY averaged a healthy 17.6 points, 7.0 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.2 steals, 1.4 blocks, and 2.9 three-pointers. Those huge numbers make Reid an even more appealing late-round fantasy selection as a player who can hold his own in his current role. With the

Timberwolves trading Karl-Anthony Towns to the Knicks, Reid will experience a slight increase in opportunities, even if Julius Randle is expected to slide into the starting power forward role.

## 26 Kelly Olynyk Toronto Raptors

Age:33 HT: 6-11 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DET	40	19.1	9.1	3.2	7.2	45%	1.7	2.2	78%	1	4.4	2.8	0.8	0.5	1.5	21
2022	UTA	68	28.6	12.5	4.1	8.2	50%	2.9	3.4	85%	1.4	6.2	3.7	0.9	0.5	2.5	27
2023	UTA	50	20.4	8.1	2.9	5.2	56%	1.6	1.9	84%	0.7	5.1	4.4	0.7	0.2	1.6	22
PROJ	TOR	74	24.1	10.4	3.8	6.8	56	2.1	2.5	83%	0.8	5.6	4.8	1	0.4	2.1	22

**2023-24:** Olynyk began last season in Utah, making 50 appearances for the Jazz before being traded to Toronto at the February deadline. And his production increased with the Raptors, with Olynyk averaging 12.7 points, 5.6 rebounds, 4.6 assists, 1.3 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 0.9 3-pointers in 26.4 minutes per game. It's worth noting that starting center Jakob Poeltl only played 10 games after Olynyk was acquired, with his absence resulting in more opportunities for the Kamloops, BC native.

**What's Changed:** The most significant change for Olynyk is that Poeltl is healthy. His presence naturally means fewer minutes and a return to the bench for Kelly.

**Outlook:** Poeltl was worth rostering as last season drew to a close, as the Raptors were without Poeltl, and the young bigs signed at the time offered little value. However, he is a late-round option (at best) in most leagues. For his career, Olynyk's most productive fantasy seasons have occurred when he approaches 24 minutes per game. As long as Poeltl stays healthy, he's unlikely to hit that number in 2024-25.

## 27 Zach Edey Memphis Grizzlies

Age:22 HT: 7-4 WT: 299

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	MEM	64	24.5	11.5	4.6	7.1	64	2.3	3.3	71%	0	7.7	1.6	0.4	1.8	1.8	0

**2023-24:** Edey completed a dominant two-year run at Purdue with his best season as a collegian, averaging 25.2 points, 12.2 rebounds, 2.0 assists, and 2.2 blocks in 32.0 minutes per game. Shooting 62.3% from the field and 71.1% from the foul line, the 7-foot-4 center swept the major national Player of the Year awards for a second straight season and helped lead the Boilermakers to their first national title game appearance. While some questioned Edey's fit in the NBA, the critics were ultimately silenced by his consistent dominance.

**What's Changed:** Initially projected to go in the back end of the lottery (or just outside of it), Memphis selected Edey with the ninth overall pick.

**Outlook:** While the incoming rookie class isn't viewed as impressive on paper, Edey is one of the first-year players well-positioned to make an impact. One of Memphis' most important players, Jaren Jackson Jr., has been most effective when paired with a true big man, most notably Steven Adams in the past. Edey may not (as a rookie) be the defender Adams was during his time in Memphis, but he cuts an imposing figure that opposing teams must account for on both ends of the floor. The chemistry he builds with JJJ and Ja Morant will be critical, and Edey should be one of the first rookies off the board in most league drafts.

## 28 Andre Drummond Philadelphia 76ers

Age:31 HT: 6-11 WT: 279

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	PHI	49	18.4	6.1	2.6	4.9	54%	0.9	1.7	51%	0	8.8	2	1.1	0.9	1.6	24
2022	CHI	67	12.7	6	2.5	4.1	61%	1	1.9	54%	0	6.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	1.1	17
2023	CHI	79	17.1	8.4	3.4	6.1	56%	1.6	2.8	59%	0	9	0.5	0.9	0.6	1	24
PROJ	PHI	71	23.4	11.7	4.7	8.3	56	2.4	4.2	59%	0	10.2	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.4	24

**2023-24:** Drummond spent last season as Nikola Vucevic's backup in Chicago, appearing in 79 games. In 17.1 minutes, the veteran center averaged 8.4 points,



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9.0 rebounds, 0.9 steals, and 0.6 blocks per game, shooting 55.6% from the field and 59.2% from the foul line. While there were times when Drummond was worth streaming, as he made 10 starts, the production wasn't plentiful enough to merit him being rostered consistently.

**What's Changed:** Having appeared in 49 games with the 76ers during the 2021-22 season, Drummond returned to the City of Brotherly Love this summer. He agreed to a two-year, \$10 million deal with a player option for the 2025-26 campaign.

**Outlook:** As was the case in Chicago, Drummond's fantasy value hinges upon the health of the person ahead of him on the depth chart. Joel Embiid was limited to 39 games last season and represented the United States in the Paris Olympics, but he played 68 and 66 games the two seasons prior. While Drummond can offer a solid field-goal percentage and rebounding average, the limited defensive production and free-throw percentage make him a tough sell in most leagues. However, based on Embiid's injury history, there will be times when it makes sense to stream Drummond.

## 29 Donovan Clingan Portland Trail Blazers

Age:20 HT: 7-2 WT: 280

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	POR	65	22.2	12.5	5.2	8.1	64	2	3.5	58%	0.1	6.4	1.3	0.5	2.2	0.8	0

**2023-24:** Clingan was a crucial part of UConn's back-to-back championship team that successfully defended its title in 2024 with a win over Zach Edey and Purdue. The big man's playing time increased from 13.1 minutes as a rookie to 22.5 in Year 2, and he posted healthy averages of 13.0 points, 7.4 boards, 1.5 assists, 0.5 steals, and 2.5 swats while shooting 63.9% from the floor. The only glaring blemish on Clingan's fantasy skillset is his poor FT% as he converted just 58.3% of his attempts from the charity stripe for the Huskies last season.

**What's Changed:** Clingan was selected seventh by Portland in the 2024 NBA Draft, and he'll spend his first season in the Association with one of the worst teams in the Western Conference.

**Outlook:** Portland is prioritizing the future rather than winning games immediately, as evidenced by a young core of Scoot Henderson, Anfernee Simons, Shaedon Sharpe, and Deni Avdija. Deandre Ayton's fit with the team's rebuilding timeline is unclear, but Robert Williams will surely be on the move as the Blazers look to get Clingan immediately involved as Ayton's top backup at center. Clingan should push for 20+ minutes as a rookie, which may be enough to give him end-of-bench value in 12-team leagues.

## 30 Clint Capela Atlanta Hawks

Age:30 HT: 6-10 WT: 256

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ATL	74	27.6	11.1	5	8.2	61%	1.1	2.3	47%	0	11.9	1.2	0.7	1.3	0.6	33
2022	ATL	65	26.6	12	5.4	8.2	65%	1.2	2	60%	0	11	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.8	32
2023	ATL	73	25.8	11.5	4.8	8.5	57%	1.8	2.8	63%	0	10.6	1.2	0.6	1.5	1	31
PROJ	ATL	71	24.5	10.8	4.6	8	57	1.7	2.6	63%	0	9.9	1.2	0.6	1.4	1	31

**2023-24:** Capela's numbers dropped a bit last year following a long stretch of productive seasons. He had his worst season since he became a full-time starter in Houston, and while he still finished inside the top 100, he was significantly lower in the ranks than he had been in a long time. In 25.8 minutes per game, he averaged 11.5 points, 10.6 rebounds, and 1.5 blocks while shooting 57.1% from the floor. He was still productive in the traditional big man categories, but his numbers weren't as good as his previous seasons in Atlanta.

**What's Changed:** Despite rumors that the Hawks would move Capela this summer, no trade happened. He's still with Atlanta and will be splitting minutes with Onyeka Okongwu and Larry Nance Jr. He's on the wrong side of 30 now, and he isn't quite as impactful as he once was, which may impact his spot in the rotation.

**Outlook:** While there is certainly a chance that Capela remains the starting

center, the odds of Okongwu replacing him in the starting unit seem higher than ever. If Capela starts, he'll likely be in a true minutes split, where he gets 24-26 minutes per game and provides standard league value. However, if he is the backup center, he should still be productive in 18-20 minutes per game. There isn't much upside here, but Capela can still be serviceable as a big in the later rounds.

## 31 Al Horford Boston Celtics

Age:38 HT: 6-9 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	69	29.1	10.2	3.9	8.2	47%	1.2	1.4	84%	1.3	7.7	3.4	0.7	1.3	0.9	30
2022	BOS	63	30.5	9.8	3.6	7.6	48%	0.2	0.3	71%	2.3	6.2	3	0.5	1	0.6	26
2023	BOS	65	26.8	8.6	3.3	6.4	51%	0.4	0.5	87%	1.7	6.4	2.6	0.6	1	0.7	24
PROJ	BOS	58	24.6	7.8	3	5.9	51	0.3	0.4	87%	1.4	5.5	2.2	0.5	0.8	0.7	24

**2023-24:** In the aftermath of Jrue Holiday and Kristaps Porzingis' arrivals, Horford was the one who said he would move to the bench. The selfless veteran still held a crucial spot in the rotation, even starting 33 of the 65 games he appeared in. Horford finished the season with 8.6 points, 6.4 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 0.6 steals, 1.0 blocks, and 1.7 3-pointers in 26.8 minutes, shooting 51.1% from the field and 86.7% from the foul line. Horford's scoring average decreased for the second consecutive season, but the rebounds, assists, and defensive stats held steady. Ranked just outside the top 100 in 8-cat, per-game value, Al finished within that threshold in 9-cat.

**What's Changed:** Porzingis underwent left leg surgery in late June, and the expectation was that he would miss 5-6 months. That means Horford could enter the season as Boston's starting center, giving his fantasy value a slight boost early on.

**Outlook:** Horford did not play in both games of any back-to-backs last season, and it's fair to assume that will remain the case in 2024-25. While the veteran big man did display top-100 potential, he should not be selected that early in drafts. Outside of the back-to-backs, Horford's availability was reliable in 2023-24. However, he turned 38 during the NBA Finals and has played 69 games or less each of the last six seasons. The best-case scenario is that Horford hits 65 games again and offers additional value while Porzingis is sidelined.

## 32 Trayce Jackson-Davis Golden State Warriors

Age:24 HT: 6-9 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	GSW	68	16.6	7.9	3.4	4.9	70%	1.1	1.9	56%	0	5	1.2	0.4	1.1	0.7	20
PROJ	GSW	68	23.5	8.4	3.6	5.2	70	1.1	1.9	58%	0	6.7	1.4	0.6	1.4	0.7	20

**2023-24:** After somehow falling to the Warriors at pick No. 57, Jackson-Davis proved that he should've been taken significantly earlier. In 67 appearances, he averaged 8.1 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 1.1 blocks while shooting 70.2% from the floor in 16.9 minutes per game. He saw a minutes bump in the second half of the season, which improved his numbers.

**What's Changed:** Entering his second season, Jackson-Davis is the primary center option in Golden State. Unfortunately, it's unclear if that makes him the starter since Steve Kerr could start Draymond Green at center with Jonathan Kuminga at power forward.

**Outlook:** If Jackson-Davis is on the floor, he should significantly impact fantasy, specifically in traditional center stats. The only question is how many minutes he can get to. If he can play 25 or more minutes per game, he should supply excellent value in rebounds and blocks while maintaining a high field goal percentage. He's worth a late-round pick in standard leagues, and he could end up as a steal if given enough minutes.

## 33 Wendell Carter Orlando Magic

Age:25 HT: 6-10 WT: 270

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ORL	62	29.9	15	5.8	11	53%	2.3	3.3	69%	1.1	10.5	2.8	0.6	0.7	1.9	34
2022	ORL	57	29.6	15.2	5.6	10.8	53%	2.5	3.4	74%	1.4	8.7	2.3	0.5	0.6	1.9	31
2023	ORL	55	25.6	11	4.1	7.7	53%	1.7	2.4	69%	1.2	6.9	1.7	0.6	0.5	1.2	24
PROJ	ORL	59	26.2	11.3	4.1	7.9	52	1.7	2.5	69%	1.2	7.2	1.8	0.7	0.5	1.3	24

**2023-24:** This was his worst season as a pro, and it showed up in the box score. Carter Jr. finished outside the top 150 in 9-cat leagues with averages of 11.0 points, 6.9 rebounds, 1.7 assists, and 1.2 threes per game. He posted career lows in rebounds and blocks, and his only real fantasy contribution was as a stretch five that didn't tank field goal percentage.

**What's Changed:** Orlando re-signed their backup centers shortly after free agency started. That shouldn't impact Carter Jr.'s spot in the starting lineup, but he only played 25.6 minutes per game last season with this rotation.

**Outlook:** There isn't much to be excited about regarding WCJ. He hasn't been a good shot blocker since his rookie season. He has gotten worse on the glass in two straight seasons. He can stretch the floor but doesn't make much of a fantasy impact. Carter Jr. is a serviceable option but doesn't have much upside.

## 34 Mitchell Robinson New York Knicks

Age:26 HT: 7-0 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NYK	72	25.7	8.5	3.6	4.8	76%	1.2	2.5	49%	0	8.6	0.5	0.8	1.8	0.8	27
2022	NYK	59	27	7.4	3.2	4.7	67%	1	2.1	48%	0	9.4	0.9	0.9	1.8	0.7	27
2023	NYK	31	24.8	5.6	2.4	4.1	58%	0.9	2.1	41%	0	8.5	0.6	1.2	1.1	0.8	23
PROJ	NYK	56	27.3	7.8	3.3	4.9	67	1.2	2.3	51%	0	9.2	0.8	1.3	1.6	0.8	23

**2023-24:** Limited to 59 games the season prior, Robinson endured more injury woes in 2023-24. An ankle injury suffered in early December that required surgery was initially considered season-ending. However, Robinson returned in late March, giving the Knicks needed depth at the center position. Unfortunately, he would reinjure the ankle during the playoffs, with it being determined after Game 1 of the Pacers series that MitchRob needed another surgery. Robinson only played 31 games during the regular season, averaging 5.6 points, 8.5 rebounds, 1.2 steals, and 1.1 blocks in 24.8 minutes, shooting 57.5% from the field and 40.9% from the foul line.

**What's Changed:** The Knicks' center rotation took a significant hit when Isaiah Hartenstein cashed in with Oklahoma City. While Precious Achiuwa was re-signed and Jericho Sims' contract for 2024-25 was guaranteed, iHart's exit and New York's failure to sign a credible replacement place more responsibility upon Robinson's shoulders. Making matters worse was a report on September 23 that the Knicks are targeting a December or January return date for Robinson, as neither party wants to rush the recovery process. This significantly impacts Robinson's draft value, especially in leagues with limited IL+ spots.

**Outlook:** If availability were not a concern, Robinson would be a solid center option for managers willing to punt free-throw percentage. However, he's played 65 games or more just twice in his first six NBA seasons, equaling the number of times Robinson has failed to reach 40. And the recent news that he won't be available until December or January doesn't help. The circumstances make Robinson worthy of being, at best, a late-round pick in most leagues. And that's dependent upon how many IL+ slots are available to use.

## 35 Robert Williams Portland Trail Blazers

Age:26 HT: 6-9 WT: 249

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BOS	61	29.6	10	4.4	6	74%	1.1	1.5	72%	0	9.6	2	0.9	2.2	1	33
2022	BOS	35	23.5	8	3.6	4.9	75%	0.7	1.2	61%	0	8.3	1.4	0.6	1.4	1	25
2023	POR	6	19.8	6.8	2.8	4.3	65%	1.2	1.5	78%	0	6.3	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	22
PROJ	POR	54	17.5	6	2.5	3.8	65	1	1.3	78%	0	5.4	0.7	1	1	1	22

**2023-24:** After spending the first five seasons of his career in Boston, Time Lord was dealt to Portland as part of the deal that sent Jrue Holiday to the Celtics.

Concerns about Williams' durability immediately reared their ugly head, and he missed all but six games of the 2023-24 season due to a torn ligament in his right knee. Williams has eclipsed 50 games played in a season only twice in his career, and he's averaged just 35.8 games across six NBA seasons.

**What's Changed:** Portland drafted Donovan Clingan with the No. 7 pick in the 2024 NBA Draft, and Portland is reportedly fielding calls on Williams.

**Outlook:** Williams will likely finish the 2024-25 campaign in a different uniform, as Clingan's arrival likely spells the end of the former's time as a Blazer. Even if he remains in Portland, Williams' limited availability makes him a high-risk pick in fantasy drafts. Clingan will likely occupy the top backup center spot behind Deandre Ayton, which means Time Lord's time as a relevant fantasy option has come and gone.

## 36 Kel'el Ware Miami Heat

Age:20 HT: 7-0 WT: 230

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	MIA	67	17.5	8.4	3.2	6.1	53	1.3	2	64%	0.6	5.8	1	0.6	1.1	1.3	0

**2023-24:** Ware took a big step forward in his lone season at Indiana after a quiet freshman year at Oregon. He started all 30 games that he played in and averaged 15.9 points, 9.9 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.9 blocks per game. He struggled in matchups against other top centers like Zach Edey and Donovan Clingan but still received All-Big-Ten honors at season's end.

**What's Changed:** Ware was selected by the Heat with the No. 15 pick in the draft, where he will fill in as the backup center behind Bam Adebayo. He'll go from being the focal point of a team in the Big Ten to playing a reserve role for Erik Spoelstra.

**Outlook:** Miami has been able to get a lot out of top-20 picks in recent years, with Jaime Jaquez Jr. being the most recent success story. It's unclear what type of role Ware will have as a rookie, but he should see at least 15 minutes per game off the bench. However, if Spo uses Bam and Ware in big lineups, the rookie could see north of 20 minutes. In that scenario, Ware may be able to collect enough blocks and rebounds to be one of the more effective rookies in fantasy basketball.

## 37 Isaiah Stewart Detroit Pistons

Age:23 HT: 6-8 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	DET	71	25.6	8.3	3.5	6.9	51%	1	1.5	72%	0.2	8.7	1.2	0.3	1.1	1.2	24
2022	DET	50	28.3	11.3	3.9	8.8	44%	2.2	3	74%	1.3	8.1	1.4	0.4	0.7	1.4	25
2023	DET	46	30.9	10.9	4	8.3	49%	1.4	1.8	75%	1.5	6.6	1.6	0.4	0.8	1.4	23
PROJ	DET	62	27.8	9.9	3.7	7.5	49	1.3	1.7	75%	1.3	6.1	1.5	0.3	0.8	1.3	23

**2023-24:** Monty Williams was a big fan of starting Stewart alongside Jalen Duren last season, which altered Stewart's numbers. He averaged a career-low in rebounds and a career-high in 3-pointers while playing more of a perimeter role. He put up 10.9 points, 6.6 rebounds, 1.6 assists, and 1.5 triples in 30.9 minutes per game, though he was only available to play in 46 games and finished outside the top 150 in 9-cat leagues.

**What's Changed:** With the addition of Tobias Harris, the Beef Stew as a stretch-four experiment should officially be over. He should take a hit in minutes, though shifting back to center should be better for his numbers and Detroit's rotation.

**Outlook:** Since his top-150 finish as a rookie, Stewart has gotten progressively worse in 9-cat leagues despite his minutes increasing each season. That can primarily be attributed to a drop in both blocks and field goal percentage as he shifted towards more of a perimeter role. He'll likely see most of his minutes at center this season, but he'll still take plenty of 3-pointers. The path to fantasy success for Stewart this year will come as a streaming option if Duren is out of the lineup, but his reserve role likely won't come with enough minutes to make him worth drafting.



## 38 Yves Missi New Orleans Pelicans

Age:20 HT: 6-11 WT: 229

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	NOP	68	22.3	9.1	3.8	6.6	57	1.6	2.5	63%	0	6.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	0.9	0

**2023-24:** Missi spent one season at Baylor, starting 32 of the 34 games he appeared in and averaging 10.7 points, 5.6 rebounds, and 1.5 blocks in 22.9 minutes. Shooting 61.4% from the field and 61.6% from the foul line, the 6-foot-10 power forward earned Big 12 All-Freshman and All-Defensive team honors. An athletic rim protector who did most of his offensive damage in the restricted area, Missi is considered one of the top defenders in this draft class.

**What's Changed:** The Pelicans selected Missi with the 21st overall pick in June's NBA Draft.

**Outlook:** This isn't a year in which a rookie has to be selected with a top-100 pick in fantasy drafts. However, Missi is one to keep an eye on due to the current state of New Orleans' center rotation. With Jonas Valanciunas leaving via free agency, the only moves to fill the void were drafting Missi and signing fellow rookie Karlo Matkovic and veteran Daniel Theis. Missi should have ample opportunity to earn the starting job in training camp and will be worth adding with a late-round pick in standard leagues.

## 39 Kyle Filipowski Utah Jazz

Age:20 HT: 7-0 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
PROJ	UTA	66	21.3	13.2	5.3	10.2	52	1.9	2.8	67%	0.8	4.6	1.7	0.7	0.9	2.1	0

**2023-24:** In two seasons at Duke, the big man averaged 15.8 points, 8.6 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 1.2 steals, 1.1 blocks and 1.1 triples across 29.8 minutes. Filipowski shot a respectable 47.3% from the floor and a below-average 71.8% from the charity stripe.

**What's Changed:** The Jazz selected Filipowski with the No. 32 pick in the 2024 NBA Draft, and he inked a four-year, \$12 million deal shortly thereafter.

**Outlook:** At 6'11, 230 pounds, Filipowski offers excellent size, but he finds himself in a crowded frontcourt alongside Taylor Hendricks, Brice Sensabaugh, Walker Kessler, Drew Eubanks, and John Collins. Filipowski has deep-league appeal if he can carve out a spot in Utah's rotation, but that will be easier said than done.

## 40 Nick Richards Charlotte Hornets

Age:26 HT: 7-0 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHA	50	7.3	3	1.2	1.8	67%	0.6	0.9	70%	0	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	7
2022	CHA	65	18.7	8.2	3	4.8	63%	2.1	2.8	75%	0	6.4	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.9	20
2023	CHA	67	26.3	9.7	3.9	5.6	69%	2	2.7	74%	0	8	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.1	24
PROJ	CHA	65	19.2	7.2	2.8	4.1	69	1.5	2	74%	0	6.1	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.8	24

**2023-24:** With Mark Williams sidelined for most of the season, Richards took on a much more significant role last year. He finished inside the top 150 in 9-cat leagues with averages of 9.7 points, 8.0 rebounds, and 1.1 blocks per game while shooting 69.1% from the floor. He was their starter at center for most of the season following Williams' injury.

**What's Changed:** Williams is again healthy, so Richards will return to being a center option off the bench. They also acquired Grant Williams at the trade deadline, and he ended up starting at center late in the year. With Tidjane Salaun in the mix down low, Richards may not be guaranteed 20 minutes per game off the bench.

**Outlook:** Despite having a solid season, this isn't a great situation for Richards to repeat that production level. However, managers should keep him on their radar. With Williams' injury history, it would be a surprise if he played 82 games. Richards may be the player they turn to when Williams misses games, and he will have some streaming value in those instances. Aside from that, there isn't a ton of fantasy upside here.

## 41 Larry Nance Atlanta Hawks

Age:31 HT: 6-8 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	POR	37	23.2	6.9	2.8	5.4	52%	0.9	1.3	65%	0.5	5.6	2	1	0.4	0.7	20
2022	NOP	65	21.2	6.8	2.9	4.7	61%	0.8	1.2	70%	0.2	5.4	1.8	0.9	0.6	0.6	20
2023	NOP	61	19.9	5.7	2.3	4	57%	0.8	1	77%	0.4	5	1.9	1	0.3	0.8	18
PROJ	ATL	62	17.8	5.2	2	3.5	57	0.7	0.9	77%	0.4	4.6	1.7	0.9	0.3	0.7	18

**2023-24:** As the backup center in New Orleans, Nance's role was limited. He averaged 5.7 points, 5.0 rebounds, 1.9 assists, and 1.0 steals in 19.9 minutes per game. He was a solid depth piece for the Pelicans, but his fantasy impact was limited.

**What's Changed:** Nance was dealt to the Hawks as part of the Dejeune Murray trade, which added fuel to the fire that Clint Capela was leaving. However, they haven't made that trade, so Nance will likely be third in the pecking order behind Onyeka Okongwu and Capela.

**Outlook:** Nance can still be productive in fantasy basketball, but his role over the last three seasons was too limited for him to contribute consistently. The situation in Atlanta isn't much better for him. Capela could still be traded, or an injury could open up minutes for Nance. Aside from that, there isn't a path for him to provide much fantasy value this season.

## 42 Moritz Wagner Orlando Magic

Age:27 HT: 6-11 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ORL	63	15.2	9	3.1	6.3	50%	1.7	2	81%	1	3.7	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.9	16
2022	ORL	57	19.5	10.5	3.5	6.9	50%	2.7	3.2	84%	0.9	4.5	1.5	0.6	0.2	1.2	19
2023	ORL	80	17.7	10.9	4.2	6.9	60%	2.1	2.6	81%	0.5	4.3	1.2	0.5	0.3	1.2	19
PROJ	ORL	74	16.5	10.1	3.9	6.4	60	1.9	2.3	81%	0.4	4	1.1	0.5	0.2	1.1	19

**2023-24:** As one of the backup centers behind Wendell Carter Jr., Wagner was limited to 17.7 minutes per game. He didn't make much of a fantasy impact but provided some buckets in limited action. He averaged 10.9 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 1.2 assists while shooting 60.1% from the floor across 80 games.

**What's Changed:** Wagner earned a new two-year deal with the Magic this summer, so he should again fill in as the backup center behind WCJ alongside Goga Bitadze. Not much changed down low for Orlando.

**Outlook:** While he may have some solid stretches as a streaming option in deeper leagues, Wagner isn't a player to consider drafting in most fantasy formats. He's a solid source of buckets off the bench for the Magic, but that's about the extent of his impact, barring an injury to Carter or Bitadze.

## 43 Isaiah Jackson Indiana Pacers

Age:22 HT: 6-9 WT: 205

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	IND	36	15	8.3	3.2	5.7	56%	1.7	2.4	68%	0.1	4.1	0.3	0.7	1.4	1.1	19
2022	IND	63	16.5	7.2	2.8	5	56%	1.5	2.3	65%	0	4.5	0.8	0.5	1.5	0.8	19
2023	IND	60	12.9	6.4	2.6	3.9	67%	1.2	1.7	72%	0	4	0.8	0.6	1	0.7	17
PROJ	IND	59	12.2	6.1	2.5	3.7	67	1.2	1.7	72%	0	3.9	0.8	0.6	1	0.6	17

**2023-24:** Jackson logged career lows in minutes (13.3) and points (6.6) last season but shot an efficient 66.5% from the field. The Pacers' backup center didn't get as many opportunities as he did in his first two pro seasons. He'll look to get back on track in year four.

**What's Changed:** Jalen Smith is a Chicago Bull now, but James Wiseman has also entered the fray in hopes of competing for minutes. Jackson's high motor and movement make him the favorite to be the main backup center, though.

**Outlook:** Jackson can put up big numbers when he gets ample playing time, but he'll primarily play sparingly as a backup this season unless there's a significant injury. Jackson is not someone fantasy managers need to target in drafts, but there may be times when he's worth streaming.

## 44 Zach Collins San Antonio Spurs

Age:26 HT: 6-11 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAS	28	17.9	7.8	2.7	5.5	49%	1.9	2.3	80%	0.5	5.5	2.2	0.5	0.8	1.6	20
2022	SAS	63	22.9	11.6	4.5	8.7	52%	1.7	2.3	76%	0.9	6.4	2.9	0.6	0.8	2	26
2023	SAS	69	22.1	11.2	4.3	8.9	48%	1.8	2.3	75%	0.8	5.4	2.8	0.5	0.8	1.9	24
PROJ	SAS	65	18.5	9.3	3.6	7.5	48	1.4	1.9	75%	0.7	4.3	2.3	0.4	0.6	1.6	24

**2023-24:** Collins began last season as a starter, with the Spurs preferring to pair him with Victor Wembanyama for physicality reasons. Eventually, it was decided that Wemby could be the lone big in the starting lineup, so Collins moved into a reserve role. That didn't keep him from having another solid season, as he averaged 11.2 points, 5.4 rebounds, 2.8 assists, 0.5 steals, 0.8 blocks, and 0.8 3-pointers in 22.1 minutes. Making 29 starts, Collins finished the season ranked just outside the top 175 in 8-cat per-game value and outside the top 200 in 9-cat. He was a move valuable option in totals, but dropping out of the starting lineup lowered his fantasy ceiling.

**What's Changed:** Nothing has changed for Collins, which does him no favors regarding fantasy basketball. He'll continue to serve as Wembanyama's backup, although there could be stretches when the two are on the court together.

**Outlook:** At times, Collins has possessed streaming value, and some managers were willing to roll the dice on him with a late-round pick ahead of last season. However, backing up a supernatural talent like Wembanyama, who should only take on a heavier workload in his second season, limits Collins' value significantly. Last season, he averaged more than six points per game fewer as a reserve (8.7) than as a starter (14.8) while playing ten fewer minutes. Collins isn't guaranteed to reach 20 minutes per game this season, making him surplus to requirements in most fantasy leagues.

## 45 Marvin Bagley Washington Wizards

Age:25 HT: 6-10 WT: 235

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAC	30	21.9	9.3	3.8	8.2	46%	1.2	1.6	75%	0.5	7.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.7	20
2022	DET	42	23.6	12	4.8	9.1	53%	1.9	2.6	75%	0.5	6.4	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.1	24
2023	DET	26	18.4	10.2	4.1	7	59%	1.9	2.3	82%	0	4.5	1	0.2	0.5	1.1	18
PROJ	WAS	52	18.2	10	4.2	7.1	59	1.6	2.1	76%	0.2	5.1	0.9	0.3	0.5	1	18

**2023-24:** Bagley was dealt to Washington at the trade deadline last season after spending time in Detroit. They traded Daniel Gafford at the deadline so Bagley could immediately step into the starting lineup. He ended up playing 24 games with the Wizards, averaging 13.3 points, 8.1 rebounds, and 1.2 assists in 24.0 minutes per game.

**What's Changed:** Washington will be much healthier to start next season than they were to close last season. Also, they signed Jonas Valanciunas to a three-year deal this summer, which means that Bagley won't be able to step into the starting center role again next season.

**Outlook:** Despite some late-season success from Bagley, there isn't a reason to be optimistic about him heading into next season. He will likely be behind Valanciunas and Richaun Holmes when it comes to center minutes, and he will need a significant role to have any standard league value. Pencil him in for some silly season success, but he shouldn't be a player who is drafted.

## 46 Luke Kornet Boston Celtics

Age:29 HT: 7-1 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CLE	2	7.5	2	0.5	2.5	20%	1	1.5	67%	0	1.5	0.5	0	0.5	0	6
2022	BOS	69	11.7	3.8	1.6	2.5	67%	0.5	0.6	82%	0	2.9	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.4	11
2023	BOS	63	15.6	5.3	2.3	3.2	70%	0.8	0.9	91%	0	4.1	1.1	0.4	1	0.3	16
PROJ	BOS	64	16.2	6.7	2.9	4.2	70	0.8	0.9	91%	0	4.6	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.4	16

**2023-24:** Kornet's fourth season in Boston was his best. Appearing in 63 games,

the 7-foot-2 center averaged 5.3 points, 4.1 rebounds, 1.1 assists, and 1.0 blocks in 15.6 minutes. Kornet even made seven starts for the Celtics, filling the void when the team was without Kristaps Porzingis and Al Horford.

**What's Changed:** Kornet agreed to a one-year deal worth a little under \$2.1 million this summer, so he'll have the opportunity to help fill out the frontcourt rotation.

**Outlook:** Boston will be without Porzingis when the season begins, freeing up minutes behind Horford. With Horford not playing both ends of back-to-backs, there may be times when Kornet offers tangible streaming value. However, in that scenario, he'll compete with Xavier Tillman and even Neemias Queta for playing time. Kornet is not someone who needs to be selected in most drafts.

## 47 Goga Bitadze Orlando Magic

Age:25 HT: 6-10 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	IND	50	14.6	7	2.6	5	52%	1.3	1.9	68%	0.5	3.5	1.1	0.4	0.8	0.9	16
2022	IND	21	9.6	3.3	1.3	2.5	52%	0.5	1.1	46%	0.2	2.3	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.6	10
2023	ORL	62	15.4	5	2	3.4	60%	0.9	1.4	66%	0	4.6	1.3	0.5	1.2	0.7	17
PROJ	ORL	60	12.5	4	1.6	2.7	60	0.7	1.1	66%	0	3.5	1	0.4	0.9	0.6	17

**2023-24:** Bitadze saw a slight bump in minutes in his second season with the Magic. He averaged 5.0 points, 4.6 rebounds, 1.3 assists, and 1.2 blocks across 15.4 minutes per game. He saw plenty of starts when Wendell Carter Jr. was out but wasn't part of the rotation when WCJ and Moritz Wagner were healthy.

**What's Changed:** Both Bitadze and Wagner signed new deals with the Magic this summer, which means that Goga will once again be Orlando's third center option. They didn't really make any other changes down low, and Carter Jr. will enter the season healthy.

**Outlook:** Bitadze averaged 7.5 points, 7.3 rebounds, 1.8 assists, and 1.7 blocks in 23.9 minutes per game across 33 starts last season. He may hold some value as a streamer if WCJ ends up missing time, assuming he fills in as the starter again this year. However, outside of that, he won't make much of a fantasy impact.

## 48 Day'Ron Sharpe Brooklyn Nets

Age:22 HT: 6-9 WT: 265

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	BKN	32	12.2	6.2	2.7	4.7	58%	0.8	1.3	59%	0.1	5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.9	15
2022	BKN	48	11.5	4.7	1.9	3.6	54%	0.7	1.1	64%	0.1	4.2	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.9	13
2023	BKN	61	15.1	6.8	2.8	4.8	57%	1.2	2	61%	0.1	6.4	1.4	0.4	0.7	1.1	19
PROJ	BKN	62	12	5.5	2.2	3.8	57	1.1	1.7	61%	0.1	5.5	1.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	19

**2023-24:** As Nic Claxton's primary backup, Sharpe appeared in a career-high 61 games last season. He averaged 6.8 points, 6.4 rebounds, 1.4 assists, and 0.7 blocks in 15.1 minutes, shooting 57.1% from the field and 61.0% from the foul line. Sharpe's scoring, rebounding, and assist averages represented career-highs for the 2021 first-round pick.

**What's Changed:** The most significant change may have occurred late last season, as 2023 first-round pick Noah Clowney played well in an enhanced role. Clowney's ability to play the four or five may preserve Sharpe's role, but he will face added competition for those minutes.

**Outlook:** Backing up a young, talented center like Claxton is not an excellent spot to be in regarding fantasy value. Even if Sharpe remains second on the depth chart, he's unlikely to get the minutes needed to add value in any fantasy league. And then there's the Clowney factor, as his ability to play away from the basket gives Brooklyn an offensive counter that Sharpe lacks. Fantasy managers should not feel the need to draft Sharpe.

## 49 Mo Bamba Los Angeles Clippers

Age:26 HT: 7-0 WT: 231



# CENTERS

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	ORL	71	25.7	10.6	4.2	8.7	48%	0.8	1	78%	1.5	8.1	1.2	0.5	1.7	1.1	28
2022	ORL	40	17	7.3	2.7	5.4	50%	0.9	1.3	69%	1.1	4.6	1.1	0.3	1	0.6	18
2023	PHI	57	13	4.4	1.7	3.5	49%	0.6	0.9	68%	0.4	4.2	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.7	14
PROJ	LAC	56	11	3.8	1.4	2.9	49	0.5	0.8	68%	0.4	3.7	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.6	14

**2023-24:** Two years removed from an elite fantasy season in Orlando, Bamba's last two seasons have been suboptimal. He logged 57 games last season with the 76ers, averaging 4.4 points, 4.2 rebounds, and 1.1 blocks in 13.0 minutes per game. He was a starter for about a month when Joel Embiid was sidelined, but that stint was disappointing.

**What's Changed:** Bamba will suit up for his fourth team in three years, and he should slot in as the backup behind Ivica Zubac. That is a far more promising role than playing behind Joel Embiid since Tyronn Lue hasn't allowed Zubac to play more than 28 minutes per game throughout any season.

**Outlook:** After two straight seasons outside the top 200, Bamba may be able to improve his fortunes with the Clippers. He has only averaged more than 20 minutes per game once in his career, which was his most successful season. If he can play around 20 minutes per game, Bamba should be able to swat enough shots to provide some value. He is a player to watch as a potential streamer, not a draft target.

## 50 Kevon Looney Golden State Warriors

Age:28 HT: 6-9 WT: 222

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	GSW	82	21.1	6	2.5	4.4	57%	0.9	1.5	60%	0	7.3	2	0.6	0.6	0.8	21
2022	GSW	82	23.9	7	3	4.7	63%	1.1	1.9	61%	0	9.3	2.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	25
2023	GSW	74	16.1	4.5	1.9	3.1	60%	0.8	1.1	68%	0	5.7	1.8	0.4	0.4	0.7	16
PROJ	GSW	69	14	3.9	1.6	2.7	60	0.7	1	67%	0	5	1.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	16

**2023-24:** After multiple seasons as the starting center for the Warriors, Looney was overtaken by Trayce Jackson-Davis in January. He played in 74 games and averaged 4.5 points, 5.7 rebounds, and 1.8 assists in 16.1 minutes per game. He was a solid veteran but didn't make much of a fantasy impact.

**What's Changed:** Looney enters the year as the clear backup center, and his spot in the rotation isn't guaranteed. He only played 11.3 minutes per game over the final two months of last season, which may be a better indicator of his spot in the rotation.

**Outlook:** He has never been a great fantasy option, though Looney was a top-150 player during the 2022-23 season. However, he was barely inside the top 300 last year. There is no reason to think that he will make a significant improvement this year, and it will likely be another season outside the top 250, barring injuries to the players in front of him on the depth chart.

## 51 Precious Achiuwa New York Knicks

Age:24 HT: 6-8 WT: 243

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	TOR	73	23.6	9.1	3.6	8.3	44%	1.1	1.8	60%	0.8	6.5	1.1	0.5	0.6	1.2	21
2022	TOR	55	20.7	9.2	3.6	7.3	49%	1.6	2.3	70%	0.5	6	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.1	20
2023	TOR	25	17.5	7.7	3.1	6.8	46%	1	1.7	57%	0.5	5.4	1.8	0.6	0.5	1.2	19
PROJ	NYK	69	14.5	5	2.1	4.2	50	0.6	0.9	62%	0.2	4	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.7	19

**2023-24:** Achiuwa began last season with the Raptors before being sent to New York in late December as part of the OG Anunoby trade. Due to injuries to Mitchell Robinson and Julius Randle, he had the opportunity to start 18 of his 49 regular season appearances for the Knicks. Overall, Achiuwa averaged 7.6 points, 6.6 rebounds, 1.3 assists, 0.6 steals, and 0.9 blocks in 21.9 minutes per game, with his opportunities increasing post-trade. As a starter, Precious accounted for 12.5 points, 9.5 rebounds, 1.4 assists, 1.1 steals, and 1.8 blocks in 36.5 minutes, shooting 52.6% from the field and 66.0% from the foul line.

**What's Changed:** Achiuwa didn't exactly cash in this summer, ultimately resulting in his return to the Knicks on a one-year deal. However, there should be additional opportunities for him to prove his worth. Mitchell Robinson (ankle) still has not been cleared for a full return to on-court activities, and Isaiah Hartenstein

left for Oklahoma City in free agency.

**Outlook:** Even with the loss of Hartenstein, Achiuwa is not in a position where he should be drafted in most fantasy leagues. However, managers should keep an eye out for injury updates on Robinson throughout the preseason. If he isn't cleared, that would be a good time to take a flier on Achiuwa, either as a late-round pick or a streamer.

## 52 James Wiseman Indiana Pacers

Age:23 HT: 6-11 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	GSW	21	12.5	6.9	2.8	4.5	63%	1.2	1.8	68%	0	3.5	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.7	13
2023	DET	63	17.3	7.1	3	4.8	61%	1.1	1.6	71%	0	5.3	0.9	0.2	0.6	1	16
PROJ	IND	57	12	5	2	3.4	61	0.8	1.2	71%	0	3.9	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.7	16

**2023-24:** Wiseman played 63 games in his first full (and only, to this point) season as a Piston, making six starts. The former lottery pick accounted for 7.1 points, 5.3 rebounds, and 0.6 blocks in 17.3 minutes, shooting 61.3% from the field and 70.6% from the foul line.

**What's Changed:** Same division, new team. In July, Wiseman agreed to a two-year, \$4.8 million deal with the Pacers, with Indiana holding a team option for the second.

**Outlook:** Wiseman is the ultimate "dart throw" for the Pacers, who have ample depth at the power forward and center positions. If he shows them enough to merit the 2025-26 option being picked up, great. If not, they can cut their losses next summer. With that being the case, there's no need for fantasy managers to use a draft pick on him, whether in dynasty or redraft leagues.

## 53 Jaxson Hayes Los Angeles Lakers

Age:24 HT: 7-0 WT: 220

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NOP	70	20	9.3	3.5	5.7	62%	2.1	2.7	77%	0.3	4.5	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	19
2022	NOP	47	13	5	1.8	3.3	55%	1.2	1.8	70%	0.1	2.8	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.7	11
2023	LAL	70	12.5	4.3	1.8	2.5	72%	0.7	1.2	62%	0	3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	11
PROJ	LAL	67	12.2	4.2	1.7	2.4	72	0.7	1.2	62%	0	3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	11

**2023-24:** Hayes had a few productive games last season, most of which came during his five starts. However, he was mostly irrelevant in fantasy. He played 12.5 minutes per game across his 70 appearances and averaged 4.3 points and 3.0 rebounds, placing him outside the top 300 in 9-cat scoring.

**What's Changed:** Christian Wood is back and healthy, which means that Hayes may not be the backup center behind Anthony Davis. Wood and Hayes will likely compete for minutes in the teens, which isn't enough time to make much of a fantasy impact.

**Outlook:** Hayes was an exciting athlete when he was drafted five years ago, but he hasn't been able to develop into a starting center in the NBA. When he gets the chance to play big minutes, he can provide some blocks while maintaining a high field goal percentage, but those opportunities weren't common last season. Anthony Davis played a career-high 76 games last season, but if he misses more time this year, Hayes may see some more starts. However, there isn't a different path for him to provide standard league value.

## 54 Mason Plumlee Phoenix Suns

Age:34 HT: 6-10 WT: 254

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	CHA	73	24.6	6.5	2.8	4.4	64%	0.9	2.3	39%	0	7.7	3.1	0.8	0.7	1.4	24
2022	CHA	56	28.5	12.2	4.7	7.1	67%	2.8	4.6	61%	0	9.7	3.7	0.6	0.6	1.6	31
2023	LAC	46	14.7	5.3	1.9	3.3	57%	1.5	2.2	71%	0	5.1	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	15
PROJ	PHX	52	15	5.2	1.9	3.4	57	1.3	1.9	71%	0	4.4	1	0.3	0.3	0.8	15

**2023-24:** As one of the three centers on the Clippers last season, Plumlee's role was minimal, which resulted in his numbers plummeting. He had one of the worst statistical seasons of his career, averaging just 5.3 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 1.2

assists in 14.7 minutes per game across 46 appearances.

**What's Changed:** After being stuck in a logjam at center last year, Plumlee will replace Drew Eubanks as the primary backup behind Jusuf Nurkic. That should result in him taking more minutes than last year, which will be a better situation for him.

**Outlook:** Plumlee didn't hold much relevance in fantasy basketball last season, but he may be able to be productive in deeper leagues this year. Before last season, he had finished in the top 150 during two of the three previous years while logging around 26 minutes per game. Nurkic only played 27.3 minutes per game last season, which should leave 20-21 minutes for Plumlee this year. He should be a decent source of rebounds, but he isn't a player to target in 12-team leagues.

## 55 Jaylin Williams Oklahoma City Thunder

Age:22 HT: 6-9 WT: 240

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2022	OKC	49	18.7	5.9	2.1	4.8	44%	0.8	1.1	70%	0.9	4.9	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.8	16
2023	OKC	69	13	4	1.4	3.3	42%	0.5	0.6	81%	0.8	3.4	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	12
PROJ	OKC	69	10.1	3.1	1.1	2.6	42	0.4	0.5	80%	0.6	2.7	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	12

**2023-24:** Williams logged 18.7 minutes per game as a rookie, but his role was noticeably reduced in Year 2 as he logged just 13.0 minutes per tilt across 69 appearances. Williams averaged 4.0 points, 3.4 boards, 1.6 dimes, and 0.8 triples while shooting 41.7% from the field. He was far off the radar in fantasy leagues of nearly every size.

**What's Changed:** Oklahoma City brought in big man Isaiah Hartenstein in the offseason to take over as the team's starting center, and the Thunder added Alex Caruso as a three-and-D specialist who will play a sizable role in the rotation.

**Outlook:** Williams' role was scaled back last season with the debut of Chet Holmgren, and the arrival of Hartenstein as the team's new starting center should cut Williams' minutes even further. At 6-foot-9, Williams is an undersized five with plenty of competition for playing time. He's unlikely to crack OKC's rotation this season, and drafting him shouldn't be in fantasy managers' plans.

## 56 Christian Wood Los Angeles Lakers

Age:28 HT: 6-8 WT: 214

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	HOU	68	30.8	17.9	6.5	12.9	50%	3	4.9	62%	1.9	10.1	2.3	0.8	1	1.9	37
2022	DAL	67	25.9	16.6	5.9	11.5	52%	3.2	4.2	77%	1.6	7.3	1.8	0.4	1.1	1.8	31
2023	LAL	50	17.4	6.9	2.5	5.3	47%	1.3	1.9	70%	0.7	5.1	1	0.3	0.7	1	17
PROJ	LAL	52	18.1	7.2	2.6	5.5	47	1.4	2	70%	0.7	5.3	1	0.3	0.7	1	17

**2023-24:** After three straight top-100 seasons, Wood struggled for the Lakers last season. He played just 17.4 minutes per game across his 50 appearances and averaged 6.9 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 1.0 assists per game. It was a disappointing first season in LA, and he was injured for the final two months of the regular season, so even though he was healthy for the final two games of their series against Denver, he didn't see the floor.

**What's Changed:** Wood was healthy but suffered a setback in early September. On September 9, the Lakers announced that he'd undergone left knee surgery and would be re-evaluated in eight weeks. With his place within JJ Redick's rotation unknown, the knee injury puts Wood in a problematic spot regarding the competition for playing time.

**Outlook:** Wood can contribute excellent value in fantasy, though that usually happens on tanking teams. He'll be a solid backup for Anthony Davis, but Wood will likely be limited when Davis is healthy. AD played 76 games last season, but he generally misses more time than that. When healthy, Wood should occasionally be a solid streaming option. But it would be surprising if he provided standard league value throughout the season.

## 57 Drew Eubanks Utah Jazz

Age:27 HT: 6-10 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	SAS	49	12.1	4.7	1.7	3.2	53%	1.2	1.6	75%	0	4	1	0.3	0.6	0.9	13
2022	POR	78	20.3	6.6	2.7	4.3	64%	1.1	1.6	66%	0.1	5.4	1.3	0.5	1.3	0.9	20
2023	PHX	75	15.6	5.1	2	3.4	60%	1	1.2	77%	0	4.3	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8	14
PROJ	UTA	71	10.1	3.3	1.3	2.2	60	0.6	0.8	77%	0	2.7	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.5	14

**2023-24:** Eubanks spent last season as Jusuf Nurkic's backup in Phoenix, posting modest numbers in just under 16 minutes per tilt. Eubanks' numbers have been consistent across the previous three seasons, and the big man averaged 6.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, and 0.9 blocks across 17.8 minutes per game. His production was virtually unchanged in six starts last season, and he couldn't help fantasy managers out as a streamer.

**What's Changed:** Eubanks signed a two-year, \$10 million deal with Utah this offseason, and he'll appear for his fourth team in four seasons when he takes the court for the Jazz.

**Outlook:** Eubanks will face a ton of competition for minutes in one of the NBA's most crowded frontcourts. It's hard to envision him seeing much playing time alongside John Collins, Walker Kessler, and 2024 second-round pick Kyle Filipowski. Eubanks is not expected to play a significant role with the Jazz during the 2024-25 season.

## 58 Duop Reath Portland Trail Blazers

Age:28 HT: 6-9 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2023	POR	68	17.9	9.1	3.4	7.3	46%	1	1.4	74%	1.3	3.7	1	0.5	0.6	0.8	18
PROJ	POR	65	11.5	5.8	2.2	4.7	46	0.6	0.8	74%	0.8	2.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	18

**2023-24:** The rookie out of LSU enjoyed an important role in Portland's rotation last season, logging 17.9 minutes per game with averages of 9.1 points, 3.7 boards, 1.0 assists, 0.5 steals, 0.6 blocks, and 1.3 triples while shooting 46.1% from the floor and 74.2% from the charity stripe. Due to multiple frontcourt injuries, Reath started 20 games and posted 13.9 points, 5.8 rebounds, 1.6 assists, 0.8 steals, 0.9 blocks and 1.9 triples.

**What's Changed:** Robert Williams is expected to be ready for the 2024-25 season after logging only six games in 2023-24. Lottery pick Donovan Clingan will compete for frontcourt minutes right away behind starting center Deandre Ayton.

**Outlook:** Assuming the Blazers' big-man rotation isn't hit with multiple injuries, Reath's playing time is set to see a significant dip for the 2024-25 campaign. Reath must contend with Ayton, Williams and Clingan, limiting his on-court time and appeal to fantasy managers.

## 59 Xavier Tillman Boston Celtics

Age:25 HT: 6-7 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	MEM	53	13.2	4.8	1.8	4.1	45%	0.9	1.3	65%	0.2	3	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.6	13
2022	MEM	61	19.3	7	3.1	5	61%	0.8	1.5	55%	0.1	5	1.6	1	0.5	0.7	19
2023	MEM	34	20.6	6	2.6	6.3	41%	0.5	1.3	42%	0.4	4.6	1.7	1.2	1	0.9	20
PROJ	BOS	55	14.8	3.5	1.5	2.9	50	0.5	0.8	64%	0.1	2.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	20

**2023-24:** Tillman began last season in Memphis, appearing in 34 games (13 starts) for the injury-riddled Grizzlies before being traded to Boston at the February deadline. Tillman played 20 games for the Celtics, averaging 4.0 points, 2.7 rebounds, 1.0 assists, 0.5 steals, 0.5 blocks, and 0.4 3-pointers in 13.7 minutes.

**What's Changed:** Boston will be without Kristaps Porzingis to begin the season, as he was given a 5-6 month recovery timeline after undergoing left leg surgery in late June. Tillman also agreed to a two-year contract worth nearly \$4.8 million this summer.

**Outlook:** While Porzingis' injury does open up additional minutes in the frontcourt, Boston still has Al Horford, Luke Kornet, and even Neemias Queta to call on. At best, Tillman stands to be a deep-league streamer, especially on nights when the Celtics are without Porzingis and Horford.



# CENTERS

## 60 Jericho Sims New York Knicks

Age:25 HT: 6-10 WT: 250

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	NYK	41	13.5	2.2	1	1.3	72%	0.3	0.7	41%	0	4.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	10
2022	NYK	52	15.6	3.4	1.6	2.1	78%	0.2	0.3	75%	0	4.7	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	12
2023	NYK	45	13	2	0.8	1.2	69%	0.4	0.5	67%	0	3.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	8
PROJ	NYK	58	13.4	2.2	0.9	1.3	69	0.4	0.6	67%	0	3.6	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4	8

**2023-24:** Sims' third NBA season wasn't much different from the first two, as he played sparingly and offered little value to fantasy managers. Even with Mitchell Robinson missing a significant portion of the regular season due to an ankle injury, Sims only appeared in 45 games for the Knicks. In those appearances, he averaged 2.0 points and 3.3 rebounds in 13.0 minutes, shooting 69.1% from the field and 66.7% from the foul line.

**What's Changed:** The chances of Sims earning consistent minutes increased slightly this summer. The Knicks lost Isaiah Hartenstein in free agency, leaving a sizable hole in the center rotation. Also, Robinson isn't a lock to be medically cleared for the start of training camp after undergoing a second ankle surgery in May.

**Outlook:** Despite Hartenstein's departure and Robinson's unclear status, Sims' fantasy outlook isn't promising. The Knicks re-signed Precious Achiuwa, and he'll be ahead of Sims in the pecking order. Robinson is not cleared for the start of the regular season, so there's no need for fantasy managers to consider drafting Sims.

## 61 Daniel Theis New Orleans Pelicans

Age:32 HT: 6-8 WT: 245

Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	FTM	FTA	FT%	3PM	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	Y!
2021	HOU	26	22.5	8.4	3.2	6.9	47%	1	1.5	68%	0.9	5	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.2	18
2022	IND	7	15.6	7	3	6.3	48%	0.7	1.7	42%	0.3	3.1	1.3	0.3	0.9	0.4	16
2023	IND	1	8	2	1	4	25%	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
PROJ	NOP	57	7.5	2.8	1.2	2.2	53	0.3	0.4	76%	0.2	1.8	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	2

**2023-24:** Theis began the season with the Pacers but was out of the rotation, appearing in one game before being waived on November 17. Two days later, he was signed by the Clippers, who needed to fill a void left by then-injured backup Mason Plumlee. Theis appeared in 59 games for the Clippers, averaging 6.3 points, 4.1 rebounds, 1.0 assists, 0.9 blocks, and 0.4 3-pointers in 17.1 minutes. Having made three starts for the Clippers, Theis was of little value to fantasy managers, especially whenever starter Ivica Zubac was available.

**What's Changed:** Theis signed a one-year deal with the Pelicans this summer for the veteran minimum.

**Outlook:** With New Orleans losing Jonas Valanciunas in free agency, Theis' path to consistent playing time is more straightforward. However, for those minutes, he'll have to compete with first-round pick Yves Missi and another rookie in Karlo Matkovic. And that's if the Pelicans don't decide to use Zion Williamson as a small-ball five for longer stretches. Fantasy managers looking to take a late-round flier on any Pelicans bigs would be better off rolling the dice on Matkovic or Missi.



**Chet Holmgren**

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# CHEAT SHEETS

**Nikola Jokic**  
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# CHEAT SHEETS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
1.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL
2.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN
3.	Victor Wembanyama	PF	SAS
4.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI
5.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL
6.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL
7.	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	SG	OKC
8.	LaMelo Ball	PG	CHA
9.	Trae Young	PG	ATL
10.	Jayson Tatum	SF	BOS
11.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR
12.	Domantas Sabonis	C	SAC
13.	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	IND
14.	Donovan Mitchell	SG	CLE
15.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU
16.	Ja Morant	PG	MEM
17.	Anthony Edwards	SG	MIN
18.	Jalen Brunson	PG	NYK
19.	Devin Booker	SG	PHX
20.	Cade Cunningham	PG	DET
21.	LeBron James	SF	LAL
22.	De'Aaron Fox	PG	SAC
23.	Jamal Murray	PG	DEN
24.	Paolo Banchero	SF	ORL
25.	Damian Lillard	PG	MIL
26.	Zion Williamson	PF	NOP
27.	Kawhi Leonard	SF	LAC
28.	Chet Holmgren	PF	OKC
29.	Kyrie Irving	PG	DAL
30.	Tyrese Maxey	PG	PHI
31.	Dejounte Murray	PG	NOP
32.	Stephen Curry	PG	GSW
33.	Kevin Durant	SF	PHX

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
34.	Lauri Markkanen	PF	UTA
35.	Kyle Kuzma	PF	WAS
36.	Bam Adebayo	C	MIA
37.	Desmond Bane	SG	MEM
38.	James Harden	SG	LAC
39.	Nikola Vučević	C	CHI
40.	Evan Mobley	C	CLE
41.	Pascal Siakam	PF	IND
42.	Julius Randle	PF	MIN
43.	Nic Claxton	C	BKN
44.	Jalen Johnson	SF	ATL
45.	Paul George	SF	PHI
46.	Jaylen Brown	SF	BOS
47.	Franz Wagner	SF	ORL
48.	Jaren Jackson	C	MEM
49.	Brandon Ingram	SF	NOP
50.	Karl-Anthony Towns	C	NYK
51.	Jalen Williams	SG	OKC
52.	Jalen Duren	C	DET
53.	Fred VanVleet	PG	HOU
54.	Myles Turner	C	IND
55.	Cam Thomas	SG	BKN
56.	Rudy Gobert	C	MIN
57.	Derrick White	SG	BOS
58.	Jarrett Allen	C	CLE
59.	Miles Bridges	SF	CHA
60.	Jimmy Butler	SF	MIA
61.	D'Angelo Russell	PG	LAL
62.	RJ Barrett	SG	TOR
63.	Deni Avdija	SF	POR
64.	Tyler Herro	SG	MIA
65.	Jusuf Nurkić	C	PHX
66.	DeMar DeRozan	SG	SAC

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
67.	Deandre Ayton	C	POR
68.	Immanuel Quickley	PG	TOR
69.	Kristaps Porziņģis	PF	BOS
70.	Tobias Harris	PF	DET
71.	Anfernee Simons	SG	POR
72.	CJ McCollum	SG	NOP
73.	Michael Porter	SF	DEN
74.	Tyus Jones	PG	PHX
75.	Josh Giddey	SG	CHI
76.	Terry Rozier	PG	MIA
77.	Russell Westbrook	PG	DEN
78.	Darius Garland	PG	CLE
79.	Collin Sexton	SG	UTA
80.	Aaron Gordon	PF	DEN
81.	Mikal Bridges	SF	NYK
82.	Ivica Zubac	C	LAC
83.	Daniel Gafford	PF	DAL
84.	Bradley Beal	SG	PHX
85.	Mark Williams	C	CHA
86.	Jordan Poole	SG	WAS
87.	Brandon Miller	SF	CHA
88.	Jalen Green	SG	HOU
89.	Devin Vassell	SG	SAS
90.	Jrue Holiday	PG	BOS
91.	Scout Henderson	PG	POR
92.	John Collins	PF	UTA
93.	Jonas Valančiūnas	C	WAS
94.	Bogdan Bogdanović	SG	ATL
95.	Andre Drummond	C	PHI
96.	Khris Middleton	SF	MIL
97.	Coby White	PG	CHI
98.	Austin Reaves	SG	LAL
99.	Klay Thompson	SG	DAL

# Points Leagues

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
100.	Isaiah Hartenstein	C	OKC
101.	Bobby Portis	PF	MIL
102.	Brandin Podziemski	SG	GSW
103.	Draymond Green	PF	GSW
104.	Donovan Clingan	C	POR
105.	Jonathan Kuminga	PF	GSW
106.	Clint Capela	C	ATL
107.	Keegan Murray	SF	SAC
108.	Buddy Hield	SG	GSW
109.	Jakob Poeltl	C	TOR
110.	Cameron Johnson	PF	BKN
111.	Walker Kessler	C	UTA
112.	Amen Thompson	SF	HOU
113.	Zach Edey	C	MEM
114.	Jabari Smith	PF	HOU
115.	OG Anunoby	SF	NYK
116.	Mitchell Robinson	C	NYK
117.	Malcolm Brogdon	PG	WAS
118.	Shaedon Sharpe	SG	POR
119.	Caris LeVert	SG	CLE
120.	Zach LaVine	SG	CHI
121.	Kelly Oubre	SF	PHI
122.	Jerami Grant	PF	POR
123.	Tari Eason	SF	HOU
124.	Keyonte George	SG	UTA
125.	Trey Murphy	SF	NOP
126.	Brook Lopez	C	MIL
127.	P.J. Washington	PF	DAL
128.	Kelly Olynyk	C	TOR
129.	Naz Reid	C	MIN
130.	Christian Braun	SG	DEN
131.	Dennis Schröder	PG	BKN
132.	Donte DiVincenzo	SG	MIN

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
133.	Malik Monk	SG	SAC
134.	Cole Anthony	PG	ORL
135.	Keldon Johnson	SF	SAS
136.	Marcus Smart	PG	MEM
137.	Ausar Thompson	SF	DET
138.	Jalen Suggs	SG	ORL
139.	Ben Simmons	PG	BKN
140.	Andrew Wiggins	SF	GSW
141.	Max Strus	SF	CLE
142.	Dereck Lively	C	DAL
143.	Onyeka Okongwu	C	ATL
144.	Alex Caruso	PG	OKC
145.	Jeremy Sochan	PF	SAS
146.	Herbert Jones	SF	NOP
147.	Patrick Williams	PF	CHI
148.	Torrey Craig	SF	CHI
149.	Grayson Allen	SG	PHX
150.	Wendell Carter	C	ORL
151.	Alex Sarr	PF	WAS
152.	Ayo Dosunmu	SG	CHI
153.	T.J. McConnell	PG	IND
154.	Kyle Filipowski	C	UTA
155.	Benedict Mathurin	SG	IND
156.	Jordan Clarkson	SG	UTA
157.	Mike Conley	PG	MIN
158.	Trayce Jackson-Davis	PF	GSW
159.	Jaime Jaquez	SF	MIA
160.	Josh Hart	SG	NYK
161.	De'Anthony Melton	PG	GSW
162.	Matas Buzelis	SF	CHI
163.	Chris Paul	PG	SAS
164.	Spencer Dinwiddie	PG	DAL
165.	Jaden Ivey	SG	DET

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
166.	Brandon Clarke	PF	MEM
167.	Peyton Watson	SG	DEN
168.	Andrew Nembhard	SG	IND
169.	Yves Missi	C	NOP
170.	De'Andre Hunter	SF	ATL
171.	Zaccharie Risacher	SF	ATL
172.	Aaron Nesmith	SF	IND
173.	Ron Holland	SF	DET
174.	Reed Sheppard	SG	HOU
175.	Taylor Hendricks	PF	UTA
176.	Stephon Castle	PG	SAS
177.	Derrick Jones	SF	LAC
178.	Royce O'Neale	SF	PHX
179.	Rui Hachimura	PF	LAL
180.	Norman Powell	SG	LAC
181.	Isaiah Stewart	C	DET
182.	Al Horford	C	BOS
183.	Obi Toppin	PF	IND
184.	Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	SG	ORL
185.	Bilal Coulibaly	SF	WAS
186.	Bruce Brown	PG	TOR
187.	Duncan Robinson	SF	MIA
188.	Kel'el Ware	C	MIA
189.	Jonathan Isaac	PF	ORL
190.	Payton Pritchard	SG	BOS
191.	Robert Dillingham	PG	MIN
192.	Dyson Daniels	PG	ATL
193.	Reggie Jackson	PG	PHI
194.	Gary Trent	SG	MIL
195.	Jaden McDaniels	PF	MIN
196.	Cam Whitmore	SF	HOU
197.	Talen Horton-Tucker	SG	UTA
198.	Zach Collins	PF	SAS
199.	Kevin Huerter	SG	SAC
200.	Caleb Martin	SF	PHI



# CHEAT SHEETS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
1.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN
2.	Victor Wembanyama	PF	SAS
3.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI
4.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL
5.	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	SG	OKC
6.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL
7.	LaMelo Ball	PG	CHA
8.	Trae Young	PG	ATL
9.	Donovan Mitchell	SG	CLE
10.	Jayson Tatum	SF	BOS
11.	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	IND
12.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR
13.	Kawhi Leonard	SF	LAC
14.	Chet Holmgren	PF	OKC
15.	Devin Booker	SG	PHX
16.	Damian Lillard	PG	MIL
17.	Stephen Curry	PG	GSW
18.	Kyrie Irving	PG	DAL
19.	Anthony Edwards	SG	MIN
20.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL
21.	Jamal Murray	PG	DEN
22.	Lauri Markkanen	PF	UTA
23.	Kevin Durant	SF	PHX
24.	James Harden	SG	LAC
25.	Paul George	SF	PHI
26.	Domantas Sabonis	C	SAC
27.	Jalen Brunson	PG	NYK
28.	Cade Cunningham	PG	DET
29.	LeBron James	SF	LAL
30.	Desmond Bane	SG	MEM
31.	De'Aaron Fox	PG	SAC
32.	Ja Morant	PG	MEM
33.	Tyrese Maxey	PG	PHI

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
34.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU
35.	Derrick White	SG	BOS
36.	Dejounte Murray	PG	NOP
37.	Evan Mobley	C	CLE
38.	Kristaps Porziņģis	PF	BOS
39.	Karl-Anthony Towns	C	NYK
40.	Jalen Johnson	SF	ATL
41.	Jalen Williams	SG	OKC
42.	Fred VanVleet	PG	HOU
43.	Franz Wagner	SF	ORL
44.	Jaren Jackson	C	MEM
45.	Myles Turner	C	IND
46.	Nic Claxton	C	BKN
47.	Bam Adebayo	C	MIA
48.	Jimmy Butler	SF	MIA
49.	Zion Williamson	PF	NOP
50.	Daniel Gafford	PF	DAL
51.	Nikola Vučević	C	CHI
52.	D'Angelo Russell	PG	LAL
53.	Kyle Kuzma	PF	WAS
54.	Jalen Duren	C	DET
55.	Paolo Banchero	SF	ORL
56.	Bogdan Bogdanović	SG	ATL
57.	Jaylen Brown	SF	BOS
58.	Pascal Siakam	PF	IND
59.	Jrue Holiday	PG	BOS
60.	Brandon Ingram	SF	NOP
61.	Tobias Harris	PF	DET
62.	CJ McCollum	SG	NOP
63.	Jarrett Allen	C	CLE
64.	Tyus Jones	PG	PHX
65.	Michael Porter	SF	DEN
66.	Darius Garland	PG	CLE

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
67.	DeMar DeRozan	SG	SAC
68.	Miles Bridges	SF	CHA
69.	Deandre Ayton	C	POR
70.	Buddy Hield	SG	GSW
71.	Isaiah Hartenstein	C	OKC
72.	Bradley Beal	SG	PHX
73.	OG Anunoby	SF	NYK
74.	Anfernee Simons	SG	POR
75.	Collin Sexton	SG	UTA
76.	Deni Avdija	SF	POR
77.	Alex Caruso	PG	OKC
78.	Tyler Herro	SG	MIA
79.	Klay Thompson	SG	DAL
80.	Cam Thomas	SG	BKN
81.	Julius Randle	PF	MIN
82.	Brandon Miller	SF	CHA
83.	Rudy Gobert	C	MIN
84.	Jordan Poole	SG	WAS
85.	Walker Kessler	C	UTA
86.	Brook Lopez	C	MIL
87.	Draymond Green	PF	GSW
88.	Herbert Jones	SF	NOP
89.	Terry Rozier	PG	MIA
90.	Immanuel Quickley	PG	TOR
91.	Austin Reaves	SG	LAL
92.	Josh Giddey	SG	CHI
93.	Mark Williams	C	CHA
94.	John Collins	PF	UTA
95.	Khris Middleton	SF	MIL
96.	Grayson Allen	SG	PHX
97.	Ivica Zubac	C	LAC
98.	Keegan Murray	SF	SAC
99.	Devin Vassell	SG	SAS

# 8 Category Leagues

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
100.	Jusuf Nurkić	C	PHX
101.	Mikal Bridges	SF	NYK
102.	Jalen Suggs	SG	ORL
103.	Kelly Olynyk	C	TOR
104.	Brandin Podziemski	SG	GSW
105.	Marcus Smart	PG	MEM
106.	Cameron Johnson	PF	BKN
107.	Donte DiVincenzo	SG	MIN
108.	Jonas Valančiūnas	C	WAS
109.	Russell Westbrook	PG	DEN
110.	Bobby Portis	PF	MIL
111.	Trey Murphy	SF	NOP
112.	Coby White	PG	CHI
113.	Mitchell Robinson	C	NYK
114.	Tari Eason	SF	HOU
115.	Naz Reid	C	MIN
116.	Amen Thompson	SF	HOU
117.	Zach Edey	C	MEM
118.	Ayo Dosunmu	SG	CHI
119.	Scoot Henderson	PG	POR
120.	Jalen Green	SG	HOU
121.	Jabari Smith	PF	HOU
122.	Patrick Williams	PF	CHI
123.	Mike Conley	PG	MIN
124.	Torrey Craig	SF	CHI
125.	Jakob Poeltl	C	TOR
126.	Andre Drummond	C	PHI
127.	Zach LaVine	SG	CHI
128.	Aaron Gordon	PF	DEN
129.	Onyeka Okongwu	C	ATL
130.	Reed Sheppard	SG	HOU
131.	RJ Barrett	SG	TOR
132.	Dereck Lively	C	DAL

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
133.	De'Anthony Melton	PG	GSW
134.	Christian Braun	SG	DEN
135.	Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	SG	ORL
136.	Jonathan Kuminga	PF	GSW
137.	Donovan Clingan	C	POR
138.	Max Strus	SF	CLE
139.	Keyonte George	SG	UTA
140.	Jerami Grant	PF	POR
141.	Shaedon Sharpe	SG	POR
142.	Cole Anthony	PG	ORL
143.	Clint Capela	C	ATL
144.	P.J. Washington	PF	DAL
145.	Malcolm Brogdon	PG	WAS
146.	Taylor Hendricks	PF	UTA
147.	Kelly Oubre	SF	PHI
148.	Matas Buzelis	SF	CHI
149.	Aaron Nesmith	SF	IND
150.	Caris LeVert	SG	CLE
151.	Dennis Schröder	PG	BKN
152.	Malik Monk	SG	SAC
153.	Ausar Thompson	SF	DET
154.	Jaime Jaquez	SF	MIA
155.	Peyton Watson	SG	DEN
156.	T.J. McConnell	PG	IND
157.	Alex Sarr	PF	WAS
158.	Chris Paul	PG	SAS
159.	Al Horford	C	BOS
160.	Andrew Nembhard	SG	IND
161.	Jonathan Isaac	PF	ORL
162.	Trayce Jackson-Davis	PF	GSW
163.	Wendell Carter	C	ORL
164.	Robert Williams	C	POR
165.	Keldon Johnson	SF	SAS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
166.	Royce O'Neale	SF	PHX
167.	Duncan Robinson	SF	MIA
168.	Ben Simmons	PG	BKN
169.	Obi Toppin	PF	IND
170.	Derrick Jones	SF	LAC
171.	De'Andre Hunter	SF	ATL
172.	Jeremy Sochan	PF	SAS
173.	Dyson Daniels	PG	ATL
174.	Norman Powell	SG	LAC
175.	Andrew Wiggins	SF	GSW
176.	Josh Hart	SG	NYK
177.	Benedict Mathurin	SG	IND
178.	Spencer Dinwiddie	PG	DAL
179.	Bilal Coulibaly	SF	WAS
180.	Kel'el Ware	C	MIA
181.	Sam Hauser	PF	BOS
182.	Zaccharie Risacher	SF	ATL
183.	Yves Missi	C	NOP
184.	Isaiah Stewart	C	DET
185.	Luguentz Dort	SG	OKC
186.	Jordan Clarkson	SG	UTA
187.	Rui Hachimura	PF	LAL
188.	Jaden McDaniels	PF	MIN
189.	Kyle Filipowski	C	UTA
190.	Nickeil Alexander-Walker	SG	MIN
191.	Bruce Brown	PG	TOR
192.	Luke Kennard	SG	MEM
193.	Payton Pritchard	SG	BOS
194.	Gary Trent	SG	MIL
195.	Jaden Ivey	SG	DET
196.	Julian Strawther	SG	DEN
197.	Stephon Castle	PG	SAS
198.	Nick Richards	C	CHA
199.	Robert Dillingham	PG	MIN
200.	Nikola Jović	PF	MIA



# CHEAT SHEETS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
1.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN
2.	Victor Wembanyama	PF	SAS
3.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI
4.	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	SG	OKC
5.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL
6.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL
7.	Donovan Mitchell	SG	CLE
8.	Kawhi Leonard	SF	LAC
9.	Chet Holmgren	PF	OKC
10.	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	IND
11.	Jayson Tatum	SF	BOS
12.	LaMelo Ball	PG	CHA
13.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR
14.	Kyrie Irving	PG	DAL
15.	Lauri Markkanen	PF	UTA
16.	Trae Young	PG	ATL
17.	Devin Booker	SG	PHX
18.	Damian Lillard	PG	MIL
19.	Paul George	SF	PHI
20.	Jamal Murray	PG	DEN
21.	Stephen Curry	PG	GSW
22.	Tyrese Maxey	PG	PHI
23.	Anthony Edwards	SG	MIN
24.	James Harden	SG	LAC
25.	Derrick White	SG	BOS
26.	Jalen Brunson	PG	NYK
27.	Kevin Durant	SF	PHX
28.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL
29.	De'Aaron Fox	PG	SAC
30.	Desmond Bane	SG	MEM
31.	Kristaps Porziņģis	PF	BOS
32.	Evan Mobley	C	CLE
33.	Domantas Sabonis	C	SAC

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
34.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU
35.	Daniel Gafford	PF	DAL
36.	Ja Morant	PG	MEM
37.	Nic Claxton	C	BKN
38.	Dejounte Murray	PG	NOP
39.	Fred VanVleet	PG	HOU
40.	LeBron James	SF	LAL
41.	Jalen Johnson	SF	ATL
42.	Myles Turner	C	IND
43.	Jalen Williams	SG	OKC
44.	Cade Cunningham	PG	DET
45.	Jimmy Butler	SF	MIA
46.	Franz Wagner	SF	ORL
47.	Nikola Vučević	C	CHI
48.	Tyus Jones	PG	PHX
49.	Bam Adebayo	C	MIA
50.	Jaren Jackson	C	MEM
51.	Bogdan Bogdanović	SG	ATL
52.	Tobias Harris	PF	DET
53.	Karl-Anthony Towns	C	NYK
54.	Michael Porter	SF	DEN
55.	D'Angelo Russell	PG	LAL
56.	Brook Lopez	C	MIL
57.	Pascal Siakam	PF	IND
58.	Jarrett Allen	C	CLE
59.	Mark Williams	C	CHA
60.	CJ McCollum	SG	NOP
61.	Walker Kessler	C	UTA
62.	Isaiah Hartenstein	C	OKC
63.	DeMar DeRozan	SG	SAC
64.	Buddy Hield	SG	GSW
65.	Jalen Duren	C	DET
66.	Alex Caruso	PG	OKC

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
67.	Jrue Holiday	PG	BOS
68.	Keegan Murray	SF	SAC
69.	Herbert Jones	SF	NOP
70.	OG Anunoby	SF	NYK
71.	Deandre Ayton	C	POR
72.	Rudy Gobert	C	MIN
73.	Miles Bridges	SF	CHA
74.	Grayson Allen	SG	PHX
75.	Jaylen Brown	SF	BOS
76.	Zion Williamson	PF	NOP
77.	Klay Thompson	SG	DAL
78.	Trey Murphy	SF	NOP
79.	Terry Rozier	PG	MIA
80.	John Collins	PF	UTA
81.	Ivica Zubac	C	LAC
82.	Immanuel Quickley	PG	TOR
83.	Brandon Miller	SF	CHA
84.	Kyle Kuzma	PF	WAS
85.	Brandon Ingram	SF	NOP
86.	Cameron Johnson	PF	BKN
87.	Cam Thomas	SG	BKN
88.	Devin Vassell	SG	SAS
89.	Mitchell Robinson	C	NYK
90.	Tari Eason	SF	HOU
91.	Brandin Podziemski	SG	GSW
92.	Deni Avdija	SF	POR
93.	Donte DiVincenzo	SG	MIN
94.	Tyler Herro	SG	MIA
95.	Bobby Portis	PF	MIL
96.	Collin Sexton	SG	UTA
97.	Austin Reaves	SG	LAL
98.	Bradley Beal	SG	PHX
99.	Jonas Valančiūnas	C	WAS

# 9 Category Leagues

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
100.	Josh Giddey	SG	CHI
101.	Jalen Suggs	SG	ORL
102.	Paolo Banchero	SF	ORL
103.	Onyeka Okongwu	C	ATL
104.	Mikal Bridges	SF	NYK
105.	Torrey Craig	SF	CHI
106.	Jabari Smith	PF	HOU
107.	Anfernee Simons	SG	POR
108.	Jordan Poole	SG	WAS
109.	Dereck Lively	C	DAL
110.	Naz Reid	C	MIN
111.	Darius Garland	PG	CLE
112.	Draymond Green	PF	GSW
113.	De'Anthony Melton	PG	GSW
114.	Donovan Clingan	C	POR
115.	Khris Middleton	SF	MIL
116.	Mike Conley	PG	MIN
117.	Amen Thompson	SF	HOU
118.	Jusuf Nurkić	C	PHX
119.	Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	SG	ORL
120.	Christian Braun	SG	DEN
121.	Kelly Olynyk	C	TOR
122.	Taylor Hendricks	PF	UTA
123.	Andre Drummond	C	PHI
124.	Patrick Williams	PF	CHI
125.	Coby White	PG	CHI
126.	Jakob Poeltl	C	TOR
127.	Clint Capela	C	ATL
128.	Aaron Nesmith	SF	IND
129.	Zach Edey	C	MEM
130.	Aaron Gordon	PF	DEN
131.	Julius Randle	PF	MIN
132.	Jonathan Isaac	PF	ORL

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
133.	P.J. Washington	PF	DAL
134.	Al Horford	C	BOS
135.	Ayo Dosunmu	SG	CHI
136.	Trayce Jackson-Davis	PF	GSW
137.	Zach LaVine	SG	CHI
138.	Kelly Oubre	SF	PHI
139.	Russell Westbrook	PG	DEN
140.	Malcolm Brogdon	PG	WAS
141.	Max Strus	SF	CLE
142.	Peyton Watson	SG	DEN
143.	Jalen Green	SG	HOU
144.	Jonathan Kuminga	PF	GSW
145.	Reed Sheppard	SG	HOU
146.	Obi Toppin	PF	IND
147.	Ausar Thompson	SF	DET
148.	Marcus Smart	PG	MEM
149.	Royce O'Neale	SF	PHX
150.	Robert Williams	C	POR
151.	Matas Buzelis	SF	CHI
152.	Chris Paul	PG	SAS
153.	Cole Anthony	PG	ORL
154.	Sam Hauser	PF	BOS
155.	Caris LeVert	SG	CLE
156.	Jerami Grant	PF	POR
157.	Derrick Jones	SF	LAC
158.	RJ Barrett	SG	TOR
159.	Norman Powell	SG	LAC
160.	Jaime Jaquez	SF	MIA
161.	Dyson Daniels	PG	ATL
162.	Dennis Schröder	PG	BKN
163.	Wendell Carter	C	ORL
164.	Alex Sarr	PF	WAS
165.	T.J. McConnell	PG	IND

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
166.	Keldon Johnson	SF	SAS
167.	Duncan Robinson	SF	MIA
168.	Shaedon Sharpe	SG	POR
169.	De'Andre Hunter	SF	ATL
170.	Andrew Nembhard	SG	IND
171.	Rui Hachimura	PF	LAL
172.	Andrew Wiggins	SF	GSW
173.	Yves Missi	C	NOP
174.	Luguentz Dort	SG	OKC
175.	Josh Hart	SG	NYK
176.	Ben Simmons	PG	BKN
177.	Spencer Dinwiddie	PG	DAL
178.	Gary Trent	SG	MIL
179.	Payton Pritchard	SG	BOS
180.	Malik Monk	SG	SAC
181.	Kel'el Ware	C	MIA
182.	Keyonte George	SG	UTA
183.	Nickeil Alexander-Walker	SG	MIN
184.	Bilal Coulibaly	SF	WAS
185.	Jeremy Sochan	PF	SAS
186.	Delon Wright	PG	MIL
187.	Isaiah Stewart	C	DET
188.	Cason Wallace	SG	OKC
189.	Jaden McDaniels	PF	MIN
190.	Zaccharie Risacher	SF	ATL
191.	Harrison Barnes	SF	SAS
192.	Bruce Brown	PG	TOR
193.	Nick Richards	C	CHA
194.	Benedict Mathurin	SG	IND
195.	Miles McBride	PG	NYK
196.	Kevin Huerter	SG	SAC
197.	Luke Kennard	SG	MEM
198.	Julian Strawther	SG	DEN
199.	Jose Alvarado	PG	NOP
200.	Terance Mann	SG	LAC

# CHEAT SHEETS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
1.	Victor Wembanyama	PF	SAS
2.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL
3.	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	SG	OKC
4.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN
5.	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	IND
6.	Chet Holmgren	PF	OKC
7.	LaMelo Ball	PG	CHA
8.	Jayson Tatum	SF	BOS
9.	Cade Cunningham	PG	DET
10.	Trae Young	PG	ATL
11.	Anthony Edwards	SG	MIN
12.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL
13.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR
14.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU
15.	Evan Mobley	C	CLE
16.	Donovan Mitchell	SG	CLE
17.	Devin Booker	SG	PHX
18.	Tyrese Maxey	PG	PHI
19.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL
20.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI
21.	Lauri Markkanen	PF	UTA
22.	Paolo Banchero	SF	ORL
23.	Domantas Sabonis	C	SAC
24.	De'Aaron Fox	PG	SAC
25.	Scout Henderson	PG	POR
26.	Jalen Johnson	SF	ATL
27.	Jalen Williams	SG	OKC
28.	Darius Garland	PG	CLE
29.	Jaren Jackson	C	MEM
30.	Franz Wagner	SF	ORL
31.	Desmond Bane	SG	MEM
32.	Stephen Curry	PG	GSW
33.	Ja Morant	PG	MEM

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
34.	Kyrie Irving	PG	DAL
35.	Kevin Durant	SF	PHX
36.	Zion Williamson	PF	NOP
37.	Karl-Anthony Towns	C	NYK
38.	Damian Lillard	PG	MIL
39.	Bam Adebayo	C	MIA
40.	Amen Thompson	SF	HOU
41.	Dejounte Murray	PG	NOP
42.	Jalen Brunson	PG	NYK
43.	Jaylen Brown	SF	BOS
44.	Brandon Miller	SF	CHA
45.	Ausar Thompson	SF	DET
46.	Kawhi Leonard	SF	LAC
47.	Kristaps Porziņģis	PF	BOS
48.	James Harden	SG	LAC
49.	Immanuel Quickley	PG	TOR
50.	Jamal Murray	PG	DEN
51.	Myles Turner	C	IND
52.	Brandon Ingram	SF	NOP
53.	Jarrett Allen	C	CLE
54.	Paul George	SF	PHI
55.	Nic Claxton	C	BKN
56.	Devin Vassell	SG	SAS
57.	Derrick White	SG	BOS
58.	Onyeka Okongwu	C	ATL
59.	Trey Murphy	SF	NOP
60.	Fred VanVleet	PG	HOU
61.	Jimmy Butler	SF	MIA
62.	Mark Williams	C	CHA
63.	Reed Sheppard	SG	HOU
64.	Coby White	PG	CHI
65.	Anfernee Simons	SG	POR
66.	Pascal Siakam	PF	IND

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
67.	Jalen Duren	C	DET
68.	Alex Sarr	PF	WAS
69.	Zach LaVine	SG	CHI
70.	Bradley Beal	SG	PHX
71.	Rudy Gobert	C	MIN
72.	Jabari Smith	PF	HOU
73.	Jordan Poole	SG	WAS
74.	Keegan Murray	SF	SAC
75.	Jonathan Kuminga	PF	GSW
76.	Tyler Herro	SG	MIA
77.	Dereck Lively	C	DAL
78.	Brandin Podziemski	SG	GSW
79.	Tari Eason	SF	HOU
80.	Shaedon Sharpe	SG	POR
81.	Julius Randle	PF	MIN
82.	Jrue Holiday	PG	BOS
83.	Kyle Kuzma	PF	WAS
84.	Austin Reaves	SG	LAL
85.	Jaden Ivey	SG	DET
86.	Mikal Bridges	SF	NYK
87.	Jalen Green	SG	HOU
88.	Josh Giddey	SG	CHI
89.	Herbert Jones	SF	NOP
90.	Cam Whitmore	SF	HOU
91.	Miles Bridges	SF	CHA
92.	Michael Porter	SF	DEN
93.	OG Anunoby	SF	NYK
94.	Taylor Hendricks	PF	UTA
95.	Jarace Walker	PF	IND
96.	Keyonte George	SG	UTA
97.	Donovan Clingan	C	POR
98.	Walker Kessler	C	UTA
99.	Naz Reid	C	MIN



# Dynasty Leagues

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
100.	Jalen Suggs	SG	ORL
101.	Cason Wallace	SG	OKC
102.	Vince Williams	SG	MEM
103.	Jeremy Sochan	PF	SAS
104.	LeBron James	SF	LAL
105.	Collin Sexton	SG	UTA
106.	CJ McCollum	SG	NOP
107.	D'Angelo Russell	PG	LAL
108.	Deandre Ayton	C	POR
109.	Ron Holland	SF	DET
110.	Khris Middleton	SF	MIL
111.	Terry Rozier	PG	MIA
112.	DeMar DeRozan	SG	SAC
113.	Cam Thomas	SG	BKN
114.	Bilal Coulibaly	SF	WAS
115.	Malik Monk	SG	SAC
116.	Noah Clowney	PF	BKN
117.	Robert Dillingham	PG	MIN
118.	Nikola Topić	PG	OKC
119.	Jerami Grant	PF	POR
120.	Matas Buzelis	SF	CHI
121.	John Collins	PF	UTA
122.	Deni Avdija	SF	POR
123.	Kel'el Ware	C	MIA
124.	Carlton Carrington	PG	WAS
125.	Cody Williams	SG	UTA
126.	Zaccharie Risacher	SF	ATL
127.	GG Jackson	PF	MEM
128.	RJ Barrett	SG	TOR
129.	Jaden McDaniels	PF	MIN
130.	Mitchell Robinson	C	NYK
131.	Robert Williams	C	POR
132.	Nikola Vučević	C	CHI

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
133.	Dyson Daniels	PG	ATL
134.	Trayce Jackson-Davis	PF	GSW
135.	Benedict Mathurin	SG	IND
136.	Cameron Johnson	PF	BKN
137.	Jusuf Nurkić	C	PHX
138.	Anthony Black	PG	ORL
139.	Kobe Bufkin	SG	ATL
140.	Nikola Jović	PF	MIA
141.	Stephon Castle	PG	SAS
142.	Zach Edey	C	MEM
143.	Donte DiVincenzo	SG	MIN
144.	Andrew Nembhard	SG	IND
145.	Ayo Dosunmu	SG	CHI
146.	Leonard Miller	SF	MIN
147.	Jakob Poeltl	C	TOR
148.	Marcus Smart	PG	MEM
149.	Draymond Green	PF	GSW
150.	Devin Carter	PG	SAC
151.	Lonzo Ball	PG	CHI
152.	Ousmane Dieng	SF	OKC
153.	Yves Missi	C	NOP
154.	Ryan Dunn	SF	PHX
155.	Brice Sensabaugh	SF	UTA
156.	Tidjane Salaün	PF	CHA
157.	Isaiah Jackson	PF	IND
158.	Jonathan Isaac	PF	ORL
159.	Isaiah Collier	PG	UTA
160.	Aaron Gordon	PF	DEN
161.	P.J. Washington	PF	DAL
162.	Peyton Watson	SG	DEN
163.	Gradey Dick	SG	TOR
164.	Jared McCain	PG	PHI
165.	Josh Hart	SG	NYK

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM
166.	Keon Ellis	SG	SAC
167.	Jaylon Tyson	SG	CLE
168.	Payton Pritchard	SG	BOS
169.	Keldon Johnson	SF	SAS
170.	Jaime Jaquez	SF	MIA
171.	Kyle Filipowski	C	UTA
172.	Rui Hachimura	PF	LAL
173.	Tobias Harris	PF	DET
174.	Alex Caruso	PG	OKC
175.	Patrick Williams	PF	CHI
176.	Isaiah Hartenstein	C	OKC
177.	Bobby Portis	PF	MIL
178.	Ivica Zubac	C	LAC
179.	Daniel Gafford	PF	DAL
180.	Tyus Jones	PG	PHX
181.	Wendell Carter	C	ORL
182.	Max Christie	SG	LAL
183.	Christian Braun	SG	DEN
184.	Jordan Hawkins	SG	NOP
185.	Gary Trent	SG	MIL
186.	Moses Moody	SG	GSW
187.	Kevin Huerter	SG	SAC
188.	Luguentz Dort	SG	OKC
189.	Tre Mann	PG	CHA
190.	Dillon Jones	SF	OKC
191.	Caris LeVert	SG	CLE
192.	Aaron Nesmith	SF	IND
193.	Santi Aldama	PF	MEM
194.	Dennis Schröder	PG	BKN
195.	Cole Anthony	PG	ORL
196.	Olivier-Maxence Prosper	PF	DAL
197.	Kelly Oubre	SF	PHI
198.	Toumani Camara	PF	POR
199.	Jake LaRavia	PF	MEM
200.	Karlo Matkovic	PF	NOP

# CHEAT SHEETS

## POINTS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	PTS
1.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI	34.3
2.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL	33.9
3.	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	SG	OKC	30.4
4.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL	30.2
5.	Jalen Brunson	PG	NYK	29.4
6.	Jayson Tatum	SF	BOS	27.7
7.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN	27.7
8.	Stephen Curry	PG	GSW	27.6
9.	Devin Booker	SG	PHX	27.3
10.	Trae Young	PG	ATL	27.2
11.	Donovan Mitchell	SG	CLE	27.1
12.	Anthony Edwards	SG	MIN	27.0
13.	LaMelo Ball	PG	CHA	26.4
14.	De'Aaron Fox	PG	SAC	25.7
15.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL	25.4
16.	Damian Lillard	PG	MIL	25.4
17.	Kyrie Irving	PG	DAL	25.3
18.	Tyrese Maxey	PG	PHI	25.3
19.	Ja Morant	PG	MEM	25.2
20.	Kevin Durant	SF	PHX	25.2
21.	Zion Williamson	PF	NOP	24.8
22.	Cade Cunningham	PG	DET	24.6
23.	LeBron James	SF	LAL	24.1
24.	Cam Thomas	SG	BKN	24.1
25.	Kawhi Leonard	SF	LAC	24.0
26.	Lauri Markkanen	PF	UTA	24.0
27.	Paolo Banchero	SF	ORL	23.8
28.	Kyle Kuzma	PF	WAS	23.7
29.	Desmond Bane	SG	MEM	23.6
30.	Jamal Murray	PG	DEN	23.4
31.	Victor Wembanyama	PF	SAS	23.4
32.	Jaylen Brown	SF	BOS	23.3
33.	Dejounte Murray	PG	NOP	22.7
34.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU	22.4
35.	Paul George	SF	PHI	22.3
36.	Julius Randle	PF	MIN	21.9
37.	Pascal Siakam	PF	IND	21.8
38.	Anfernee Simons	SG	POR	21.8
39.	Jaren Jackson	C	MEM	21.3

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	PTS
40.	RJ Barrett	SG	TOR	21.2
41.	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	IND	21.2
42.	Franz Wagner	SF	ORL	21.0
43.	Karl-Anthony Towns	C	NYK	20.9
44.	Collin Sexton	SG	UTA	20.9
45.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR	20.8
46.	Tyler Herro	SG	MIA	20.7
47.	Brandon Ingram	SF	NOP	20.5
48.	DeMar DeRozan	SG	SAC	20.3
49.	Klay Thompson	SG	DAL	19.6
50.	Jalen Williams	SG	OKC	19.5

## MINUTES

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	MINS
1.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL	36.8
2.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL	36.2
3.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN	36.1
4.	Damian Lillard	PG	MIL	36.1
5.	Paolo Banchero	SF	ORL	36.1
6.	Trae Young	PG	ATL	35.9
7.	Dejounte Murray	PG	NOP	35.8
8.	Jalen Brunson	PG	NYK	35.8
9.	Devin Booker	SG	PHX	35.5
10.	Anthony Edwards	SG	MIN	35.5
11.	Donovan Mitchell	SG	CLE	35.5
12.	Tyrese Maxey	PG	PHI	35.5
13.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR	35.5
14.	Jayson Tatum	SF	BOS	35.3
15.	Kevin Durant	SF	PHX	35.2
16.	Cade Cunningham	PG	DET	35.2
17.	James Harden	SG	LAC	34.7
18.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL	34.6
19.	Nikola Vučević	C	CHI	34.5
20.	LaMelo Ball	PG	CHA	34.5
21.	De'Aaron Fox	PG	SAC	34.5
22.	Kyle Kuzma	PF	WAS	34.5
23.	Kawhi Leonard	SF	LAC	34.4
24.	Ja Morant	PG	MEM	34.4
25.	Fred VanVleet	PG	HOU	34.3

# Projected Leaders

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	MINS
26.	Jamal Murray	PG	DEN	34.3
27.	Miles Bridges	SF	CHA	34.2
28.	Kyrie Irving	PG	DAL	34.2
29.	Michael Porter	SF	DEN	34.2
30.	Jrue Holiday	PG	BOS	34.2
31.	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	SG	OKC	34.2
32.	Stephen Curry	PG	GSW	34.0
33.	Mikal Bridges	SF	NYK	33.7
34.	Jalen Johnson	SF	ATL	33.7
35.	LeBron James	SF	LAL	33.7
36.	Domantas Sabonis	C	SAC	33.6
37.	Zion Williamson	PF	NOP	33.6
38.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU	33.5
39.	Desmond Bane	SG	MEM	33.5
40.	Franz Wagner	SF	ORL	33.5
41.	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	IND	33.5
42.	Lauri Markkanen	PF	UTA	33.5
43.	Jaylen Brown	SF	BOS	33.5
44.	Derrick White	SG	BOS	33.3
45.	Paul George	SF	PHI	33.3
46.	Brandon Miller	SF	CHA	33.3
47.	D'Angelo Russell	PG	LAL	33.2
48.	Tyler Herro	SG	MIA	33.1
49.	RJ Barrett	SG	TOR	33.1
50.	Aaron Gordon	PF	DEN	33.1

## REBOUNDS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	RBS
1.	Domantas Sabonis	C	SAC	13.5
2.	Victor Wembanyama	PF	SAS	13.4
3.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL	13.4
4.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN	13.3
5.	Jalen Duren	C	DET	12.7
6.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL	11.7
7.	Rudy Gobert	C	MIN	11.6
8.	Nic Claxton	C	BKN	11.3
9.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI	11.1
10.	Nikola Vučević	C	CHI	11.0
11.	Jusuf Nurkić	C	PHX	10.9

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	RBS
12.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU	10.6
13.	Ivica Zubac	C	LAC	10.5
14.	Bam Adebayo	C	MIA	10.2
15.	Andre Drummond	C	PHI	10.2
16.	Evan Mobley	C	CLE	10.1
17.	Deandre Ayton	C	POR	10.0
18.	Mark Williams	C	CHA	10.0
19.	Clint Capela	C	ATL	9.9
20.	Jarrett Allen	C	CLE	9.8
21.	Jonas Valančiūnas	C	WAS	9.6
22.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL	9.6
23.	Isaiah Hartenstein	C	OKC	9.6
24.	Chet Holmgren	PF	OKC	9.5
25.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR	9.4
26.	Jalen Johnson	SF	ATL	9.3
27.	Mitchell Robinson	C	NYK	9.2
28.	Jayson Tatum	SF	BOS	9.1
29.	Julius Randle	PF	MIN	8.9
30.	John Collins	PF	UTA	8.8
31.	Lauri Markkanen	PF	UTA	8.7
32.	Deni Avdija	SF	POR	8.2
33.	Walker Kessler	C	UTA	8.2
34.	Bobby Portis	PF	MIL	8.1
35.	Daniel Gafford	PF	DAL	8.0
36.	Jakob Poeltl	C	TOR	7.9
37.	Jabari Smith	PF	HOU	7.8
38.	Karl-Anthony Towns	C	NYK	7.8
39.	Paolo Banchero	SF	ORL	7.7
40.	Zach Edey	C	MEM	7.7
41.	Michael Porter	SF	DEN	7.7
42.	Ben Simmons	PG	BKN	7.6
43.	Josh Giddey	SG	CHI	7.5
44.	Tari Eason	SF	HOU	7.5
45.	Myles Turner	C	IND	7.4
46.	Dereck Lively	C	DAL	7.4
47.	Amen Thompson	SF	HOU	7.4
48.	Kyle Kuzma	PF	WAS	7.3
49.	Onyeka Okongwu	C	ATL	7.2
50.	Josh Hart	SG	NYK	7.2



# CHEAT SHEETS

## ASSISTS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	ASSTS
1.	Trae Young	PG	ATL	12.5
2.	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	IND	11.8
3.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL	10.2
4.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN	9.6
5.	LaMelo Ball	PG	CHA	9.5
6.	Cade Cunningham	PG	DET	8.9
7.	James Harden	SG	LAC	8.8
8.	Ja Morant	PG	MEM	8.8
9.	Tyus Jones	PG	PHX	8.3
10.	Domantas Sabonis	C	SAC	8.1
11.	Jamal Murray	PG	DEN	7.6
12.	Damian Lillard	PG	MIL	7.5
13.	LeBron James	SF	LAL	7.4
14.	Devin Booker	SG	PHX	7.3
15.	Fred VanVleet	PG	HOU	7.2
16.	Jalen Brunson	PG	NYK	7.1
17.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR	6.9
18.	Scout Henderson	PG	POR	6.8
19.	Dejounte Murray	PG	NOP	6.7
20.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL	6.6
21.	D'Angelo Russell	PG	LAL	6.6
22.	Darius Garland	PG	CLE	6.6
23.	Tyrese Maxey	PG	PHI	6.4
24.	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	SG	OKC	6.4
25.	Donovan Mitchell	SG	CLE	6.3
26.	Chris Paul	PG	SAS	6.0
27.	Draymond Green	PF	GSW	6.0
28.	Paolo Banchero	SF	ORL	6.0
29.	Dennis Schröder	PG	BKN	5.8
30.	Desmond Bane	SG	MEM	5.7
31.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI	5.7
32.	Keyonte George	SG	UTA	5.7
33.	Anthony Edwards	SG	MIN	5.7
34.	Brandon Ingram	SF	NOP	5.7
35.	Russell Westbrook	PG	DEN	5.6
36.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU	5.6
37.	Josh Giddey	SG	CHI	5.6
38.	De'Aaron Fox	PG	SAC	5.6
39.	T.J. McConnell	PG	IND	5.6

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	ASSTS
40.	Derrick White	SG	BOS	5.5
41.	Jayson Tatum	SF	BOS	5.5
42.	Austin Reaves	SG	LAL	5.5
43.	Ben Simmons	PG	BKN	5.5
44.	Stephen Curry	PG	GSW	5.4
45.	Khris Middleton	SF	MIL	5.3
46.	Malcolm Brogdon	PG	WAS	5.3
47.	Immanuel Quickley	PG	TOR	5.3
48.	Terry Rozier	PG	MIA	5.2
49.	Kyrie Irving	PG	DAL	5.2
50.	Mike Conley	PG	MIN	5.2

## STEALS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	STLS
1.	LaMelo Ball	PG	CHA	2.2
2.	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	SG	OKC	2.1
3.	De'Aaron Fox	PG	SAC	2.0
4.	Donovan Mitchell	SG	CLE	1.9
5.	Marcus Smart	PG	MEM	1.9
6.	Kawhi Leonard	SF	LAC	1.7
7.	Alex Caruso	PG	OKC	1.6
8.	Victor Wembanyama	PF	SAS	1.6
9.	Trae Young	PG	ATL	1.5
10.	Paul George	SF	PHI	1.5
11.	De'Anthony Melton	PG	GSW	1.5
12.	Tari Eason	SF	HOU	1.5
13.	OG Anunoby	SF	NYK	1.5
14.	Jalen Suggs	SG	ORL	1.5
15.	Dejounte Murray	PG	NOP	1.5
16.	Luka Dončić	PG	DAL	1.5
17.	Nikola Jokić	C	DEN	1.5
18.	Anthony Edwards	SG	MIN	1.4
19.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR	1.4
20.	Amen Thompson	SF	HOU	1.4
21.	Herbert Jones	SF	NOP	1.4
22.	Dyson Daniels	PG	ATL	1.4
23.	Andre Drummond	C	PHI	1.4
24.	Alperen Şengün	C	HOU	1.4
25.	Russell Westbrook	PG	DEN	1.4

# Projected Leaders

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	STLS
26.	Bogdan Bogdanović	SG	ATL	1.3
27.	Tyrese Haliburton	PG	IND	1.3
28.	Kyrie Irving	PG	DAL	1.3
29.	Darius Garland	PG	CLE	1.3
30.	Delon Wright	PG	MIL	1.3
31.	Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	SG	ORL	1.3
32.	Jalen Johnson	SF	ATL	1.3
33.	Zion Williamson	PF	NOP	1.3
34.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL	1.3
35.	Mitchell Robinson	C	NYK	1.3
36.	Fred VanVleet	PG	HOU	1.2
37.	Donte DiVincenzo	SG	MIN	1.2
38.	Tyus Jones	PG	PHX	1.2
39.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL	1.2
40.	Isaiah Hartenstein	C	OKC	1.2
41.	Franz Wagner	SF	ORL	1.2
42.	Brandin Podziemski	SG	GSW	1.2
43.	Jalen Williams	SG	OKC	1.2
44.	Jordan Poole	SG	WAS	1.2
45.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI	1.2
46.	Jimmy Butler	SF	MIA	1.2
47.	Jaylen Brown	SF	BOS	1.2
48.	Ausar Thompson	SF	DET	1.2
49.	Jaren Jackson	C	MEM	1.2
50.	Tidjane Salaün	PF	CHA	1.2

## BLOCKS

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	BLKS
1.	Victor Wembanyama	PF	SAS	4.5
2.	Chet Holmgren	PF	OKC	2.8
3.	Walker Kessler	C	UTA	2.6
4.	Nic Claxton	C	BKN	2.5
5.	Anthony Davis	PF	LAL	2.5
6.	Donovan Clingan	C	POR	2.2
7.	Brook Lopez	C	MIL	2.2
8.	Daniel Gafford	PF	DAL	2.2
9.	Myles Turner	C	IND	2.0
10.	Rudy Gobert	C	MIN	1.9
11.	Zach Edey	C	MEM	1.8

RK	NAME	POS	TEAM	BLKS
12.	Kristaps Porziņģis	PF	BOS	1.7
13.	Joel Embiid	C	PHI	1.7
14.	Scottie Barnes	SF	TOR	1.7
15.	Evan Mobley	C	CLE	1.6
16.	Mitchell Robinson	C	NYK	1.6
17.	Peyton Watson	SG	DEN	1.6
18.	Jaren Jackson	C	MEM	1.5
19.	Dereck Lively	C	DAL	1.5
20.	Yves Missi	C	NOP	1.4
21.	Jakob Poeltl	C	TOR	1.4
22.	Jonathan Isaac	PF	ORL	1.4
23.	Trayce Jackson-Davis	PF	GSW	1.4
24.	Clint Capela	C	ATL	1.4
25.	Ivica Zubac	C	LAC	1.4
26.	Derrick White	SG	BOS	1.3
27.	Isaiah Hartenstein	C	OKC	1.2
28.	Matas Buzelis	NA	CHI	1.2
29.	Onyeka Okongwu	C	ATL	1.2
30.	Alex Sarr	PF	WAS	1.2
31.	Giannis Antetokounmpo	PF	MIL	1.1
32.	Kevin Durant	SF	PHX	1.1
33.	Mark Williams	C	CHA	1.1
34.	Kel'el Ware	C	MIA	1.1
35.	Naz Reid	C	MIN	1.0
36.	Ausar Thompson	SF	DET	1.0
37.	Jusuf Nurkić	C	PHX	1.0
38.	Alex Caruso	PG	OKC	1.0
39.	Taylor Hendricks	PF	UTA	1.0
40.	Isaiah Jackson	PF	IND	1.0
41.	Robert Williams	C	POR	1.0
42.	Jarrett Allen	C	CLE	1.0
43.	Andre Drummond	C	PHI	0.9
44.	Kawhi Leonard	SF	LAC	0.9
45.	Derrick Jones	SF	LAC	0.9
46.	Jalen Johnson	SF	ATL	0.9
47.	John Collins	PF	UTA	0.9
48.	Bam Adebayo	C	MIA	0.9
49.	Tari Eason	SF	HOU	0.9
50.	Jonas Valančiūnas	C	WAS	0.9