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Nfl fantasy mock draft 2025

Print Does Jahmyr Gibbs belong in the first round of fantasy football drafts? This mock draft explores. By Matt Schauf | Updated on Mon, Feb 3 2025 2:58 AM UTC Remember that time you drafted Christian McCaffrey first overall and he ruined your season? Of course you do. It was last year. And not too long ago, you'd get a few months to recover before deciding if you could draft him again. It's different now. Best ball drafts are already live for 2025 on some platforms. We're also working on our 2025 projections that will guide our fantasy football rankings. So why not go ahead and run our first fantasy football mock draft of the year? Jared, Kevin, Shane, and I got together, controlled three teams a piece, and ran through 10 rounds of a 12-team PPR fantasy football mock draft. Among the 120 selections, you'll find: nine incoming rookies (bolded)seven impending free agents (italicized)several WRs coming back from serious injuriesand likely more than a few picks that will surprise you In this mock draft, Jared had some key questions about his first-round pick Saquon Barkley. He led all RBs in PPR points per game last season despite receiving the 26th most targets among RBs. However, he ranked third at the position in expected points per game due to rushing volume (345 carries) and TD opportunity (fifth most expected TDs among RBs). Jared expects similar usage and production from Barkley in 2025.Kevin thinks Jahmyr Gibbs is a talent that belongs in the first round. He's just 23 years old and performed as an elite back down the stretch last season, even though he didn't have many targets. Kevin believes new OC Johnny Morton will feed Gibbs another 300ish touches in 2025, similar to Jamaal Charles-like efficiency.Matt is skeptical about Gibbs' prospects. He finished 2024 ranked just 24th in carries per game and RB17 in PPR points per game, despite having a high rush rate of 13.1 rushes per contest.Starting the year on lighter workloads for Breece Hall is a notable trend. He ended 2024 with the third-highest target count among running backs. His production in 2023 took place in an offense that was even weaker than this season's Jets (scoring 29th, yards 31st) compared to last year's dismal performance (24th in both). We'll see what the new coaching staff has planned for Hall's role in 2025. Despite being drafted as a top-3 RB ahead of 2024, he looks like a potential value if he falls to Round 2 this year.Fantasy Football Mock Draft: Round 21. Brian Thomas Jr., WR, Jacksonville Jaguars2. DeVon Achane, RB, Miami Dolphins3. Ashton Jeanty, RB, Rookie4. Drake London, WR, Atlanta Falcons5. A.J. Brown, WR, Philadelphia Eagles6. Jonathan Taylor, RB, Indianapolis Colts7. Ladd McConkey, WR, Los Angeles Chargers8. Tyreek Hill, WR, Miami Dolphins9. Brock Bowers, TE, Las Vegas Raiders10. Derrick Henry, RB, Baltimore Ravens11. Trey McBride, TE, Arizona Cardinals12. Marvin Harrison Jr., WR, Arizona CardinalsAnalysis:Shane: If Jeanty goes in the RB4-7 range after being selected in Round 1, he will likely be implemented in a full-time role with significant pass-catching duties.Fantasy Football Mock Draft: Round 313. Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR, Seattle Seahawks14. Josh Jacobs, RB, Green Bay Packers15. Garrett Wilson, WR, New York Jets16. Alvin Kamara, RB, New OrleansHere's an analysis of some notable players and their potential for the upcoming season. Higgins, a free agent, was left off the list. However, several other quarterbacks were included. Daniels, who finished sixth among QBs in fantasy points per game last year, is seen as having significant upside. His ability to both pass and rush gives him an attractive combination of production and potential.In a recent mock draft, Mike Evans, D.J. Moore, Rashee Rice, and Chris Olave were all selected within the first five rounds. The consensus is that these players have significant fantasy value. Despite concerns about his health and potential suspension, Rice was taken in round four. His performance last year shows he has WR1 upside.In round five of another mock draft, several rookie running backs were picked alongside established players like Brandon Aiyuk and George Kittle. While some experts are skeptical about Aiyuk's ability to rebound from a disappointing 2024 season, there is hope that he will be healthy for the start of this year. If he can stay on the field, WR2 numbers could be within reach.Jake and Matt discuss the top WR prospects in fantasy football, including Jameson Williams, Jordan Addison, and Jakobi Meyers. They also analyze QBs like Patrick Mahomes and Deebo Samuel's potential. Kevin thinks Mahomes is a good value at the end of Round 6, while Matt expects him to be one of the top performers.The San Francisco 49ers' WR situation is about to get interesting with Deebo Samuel being a prime trade or cut candidate due to cap space issues. Meanwhile, Brandon Aiyuk will be returning from injury. At the same time, Browns Ricky Pearsall's production in 2024 was impressive, with 2.26 yards per route ranking him 14th among WRs and a PFF receiving grade that placed him 15th. His 14.1 PPR points per game as a full-timer from Week 10 on ranked 29th among WRs, making him a nice value at his WR42 price tag in this draft. The Packers' pass rate increase could also boost Reed's performance, who is locked into the starting slot role and entering his third season.In other news, Jaylen Warren had an injury-muddled 2024 but remains intriguing due to his upside after two full games missed and various injuries throughout the year. Despite declining in carries per game and yards per rush, Warren was more efficient than Najee Harris as a runner and receiver each of the previous two seasons. It'll help his outlook if the Steelers let the incumbent starter walk, potentially making way for a new RB to be drafted.There's also a heavy investment expected from NFL teams in this draft, with 27 incoming RBs having a draftable grade. This could lead to playing time and jobs being lost by fringe RBs, even from late-round picks. Dynasty rookie rankings are already available for review, and the top of ADP may be shaken up if top RB1s get drafted highly.The Pittsburgh Steelers' WR situation is also in flux with Brandon Aiyuk returning from injury, while Ricky Pearsall's production in 2024 was impressive. His 2.26 yards per route ranking 14th among WRs and a PFF receiving grade that placed him 15th makes him a nice value at his WR42 price tag.There are also concerns about the RB situation in the NFL, with a heavy investment expected from teams in this draft. This could lead to playing time and jobs being lost by fringe RBs, even from late-round picks.Taylor, Saquon Barkley, or Derrick Henry will likely see their teams draft RBs between Rounds 2-4. Expect heated debate about RB ADP after the NFL Draft. Mock Draft: Round 9Jalen McMillan, WR, Tampa Bay BuccaneersAaron Jones, RB, Free AgentNajee Harris, RB, Free AgentDak Prescott, QB, Dallas CowboysMarquise "Hollywood" Brown, WR, Free AgentDalton Kincaid, TE, Buffalo BillsRashid Shaheed, WR, New Orleans SaintsXavier Legette, WR, Carolina PanthersBrock Purdy, QB, San Francisco 49ersWan'Dale Robinson, WR, New York GiantsBrian Robinson Jr., RB, Washington CommandersJake Ferguson, TE, Dallas CowboysAnalysis Matt: While I won't debate Prescott's ranking, he still belongs in this range. His 2023 performance was solid, finishing third at the position in total fantasy points and fourth in points per game. Injury concerns are valid, but drafting injury insurance is easy and relatively common at QB.The Cowboys need to bolster their WR corps, which should make Prescott a more attractive option.Analysis Kevin: Prices were right on Xavier Legette and Jalen McMillan.Legette's expected to start in Year 2 after a decent rookie season.McMillan finished strong, scoring a league-high seven TDs, which could continue if Chris Godwin departs.Analysis Jared: Ben Johnson's improved play calling could unlock Caleb Williams' potential. The Bears offense has the necessary pieces for success, despite an underwhelming rookie season from Williams.Given article text here Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting tomorrow and discussing our strategies for a looong time around here. The team has developed some pretty clear guidelines for drafting teams. Now that we are a couple of weeks post-NFL draft, the dynasty drafts are flowing, predictions are being made, and hopes for our favorite rookies are at an all-time high. For this exercise, myself and other members of the NBC Sports/Rotoworld family have come together for an early redraft mock. This one is simple, with 12-person, PPR scoring where we start the following: QB, RB, RB, WR, WR, WR, TE, FLEX, and four bench spots. The draft order is as follows:Lawrence Jackson Jr.Denny CarterPatrick DaughteryNic BodiforDRivers McCownDamian DabrowskiZach KruegerChristopher CrawfordMark GarciaAdam WiseAditya FuldeoreKyle DvorchakLet the games begin! Round 1:Lawrence Jackson Jahmyr Gibbs, RB1Denny Carter JaMarr Chase, WR1Patrick Daugherty Justin Jefferson, WR2Nic Bodiford Bijan Robinson, RB2Rivers McCown Saquon Barkley, RB3Damian Dabrowski CeeDee Lamb, WR3Zach Krueger Puka Nacua, WR4Christopher Crawford Amon-Ra St. Brown, WR5Mark Garcia Brian Thomas Jr., WR6Adam Wise Nico Collins, WR7Aditya Fuldeore Malik Nabers, WR8Kyle Dvorchak Brock Bowers, TE1Notes: The first overall pick in a PPR fantasy draft is not the most likely to be Jahmyr Gibbs. However, he is the best running back in football and will be in fantasy this season as well. Denny Carter and Patrick Daugherty follow up with Chase and Justin Jefferson respectively.The second round of the draft saw several receivers go off the board from picks 1.06-1.11. Kyle Dvorchak pulled the trigger on all-world tight end Brock Bowers at 1.12, giving him the "Travis Kelce" type treatment.Looking forward to the meeting tomorrow, where well see everyone and discuss our strategies in detail.Another player who could be of good value is Tyreek Hill who went one pick after CMC. Like round one of this draft theres a receiver run in the middle of the round (A.J Brown, Drake London, Ladd McConkey and Jaxon Smith-Njigba). Of these guys, I like London to make the biggest leap and potentially be a top-five fantasy receiver as he quietly was fourth in receiving yards last season. The round ends with Bucky Irving, Terry McLaurin and Jonathan Taylor?? Am I missing something?Round 3 starts looking for late values because guys are too scared to identify them (did this trigger you?). I start off with Garrett Wilson as this mock draft starts three players at receiver, then we get Chase Brown and Trey McBride off the board. The middle of the round sees Lamar Jackson, Josh Allen then Jayden Daniels come off the board as those will be the top three consensus quarterbacks in fantasy. The round ends with DJ Moore, Davante Adams and Marvin Harrison Jr. being picked.Round 4 is where guys start to look for late values because people are too scared to identify them (did this trigger you?). I start off with Kyle Dvorchak as this mock draft starts with wide receivers then we get Rashee Rice and Zay Flowers off the board. The middle of the round sees Lamar Jackson, Jalen Hurts then Breece Hall come off the board as those will be the top five consensus quarterbacks in fantasy. The round ends with Xavier Worthy, Joe Burrow and Jameson Williams being picked.Round 5 starts looking for late values because guys are too scared to identify them (did this trigger you?). I start off with Lawrence Jackson as this mock draft starts three players at wide receiver then we get Kenneth Walker, Tetairoa McMillan and George Kittle off the board. The middle of the round sees James Cook, Joe Mixon and Chuba Hubbard come off the board as those will be the top five consensus running backs in fantasy. The round ends with Jordan Addison, T.J. Hockenson and Omarion Hampton being picked.Round 6 starts looking for late values because guys are too scared to identify them (did this trigger you?). I start off with Kyle Dvorchak as this mock draft starts three players at tight end then we get Baker Mayfield, R.J. Harvey and Jerry Jeudy off the board.Round four of the draft begins with uncertainty surrounding Chiefs' wide receiver Rashee Rice's injury and legal status. This pick could result in a steal or a disappointment. The Chiefs drafted Utah State receiver Jaylen Royals to mitigate the impact of Rice's situation. Back-to-back picks by Breece Hall and Kyren Williams at 4.04 and 4.05, respectively, raised my interest. On one hand, I think you're getting great value with Williams, who was a top-10 back in fantasy last season, with no apparent threat to reduce his touches except for Blake Corum and rookie Jarquez Hunter. Hall faces competition from Braelon Allen and Isaiah Davis, while new Jets head coach Aaron Glenn loves all of his running backs. The round concludes with two more quarterbacks (Jalen Hurts and Joe Burrow), followed by a receiver-heavy second half that includes Tetairoa McMillan, the first rookie receiver picked in this year's NFL draft.Round five begins with Chris Olave, hoping Spencer Rattler wins the starting quarterback job. Some notable values in this round include James Cook, Alvin Kamara, and Jaylen Waddle. Omarion Hampton went one pick ahead of Kamara, who will have Najee Harris to contend with at least for the first half of the season under Chargers head coach Jim Harbaugh's backfield deployment. The standout of this round is Travis Hunter, picked at 5.06, who has already been labeled an offensive player by the Jaguars' coaching staff. If Hunter receives 6-8 targets per game (or more), he will easily justify this investment.Baker Mayfield comes off the board in round six as the QB5 for his passing volume over the past couple of seasons. After a "come-back-down-to-earth" season from Sam LaPorta, he seems like a solid value in this round. This is a big round for rookie running backs, with both R.J. Harvey and TreVeyon Henderson going within three picks of each other. Harvey appears to have the clearer path to more touches at present, but Henderson should very well pay back the price of this pick with his versatility. The biggest question mark in this round is how good George Pickens can be now that he's a Cowboy? With a new offense and a significant quarterback upgrade, he's worth a shot at 6.06. The round concludes with another receiver run featuring quality receivers (Rome Odunze, Calvin Ridley, Josh Downs, Brandon Aiyuk, and Khalil Shakir), all of whom have top-16 upside.Given article text here RB29Round 8Kyle Dvorchak Deebo Samuel, WR43Aditya Fuldeore Jonnu Smith, TE8Adam Wise Jayden Reed, WR44Mark Garcia Cooper Kupp, WR45Christopher Crawford Brian Robinson, RB30Zach Krueger Najee Harris, RB31Damian Dabrowski Patrick Mahomes, QB7Rivers McCown Aaron Jones, RB32Nic Bodiford Darnell Mooney, WR46Patrick Daugherty Tre Harris, WR47Denny Carter David Njoku, TE9Lawrence Jackson Evan Engram, TE10Round 9Lawrence Jackson Justin Fields, QB8Denny Carter Michael Pittman Jr., WR48Patrick Daugherty Rashid Shaheed, WR49Nic Bodiford Hollywood Brown, WR50Rivers McCown Matthew Golden, WR51Damian Dabrowski Colston Loveland, TE11Zach Krueger Cam Skattebo, RB33Christopher Crawford Keon Coleman, WR52Mark Garcia Stefon Diggs, WR53Adam Wise Kyler Murray, QB9Aditya Fuldeore Bhayshul Tuten, RB34Kyle Dvorchak Ricky Pearsall, WR54Notes: Its the opposite for the start of the seventh round as we get a little running back run that I start off with DAndre Swift. I know fantasy football nerds hate Swift, but whos he losing massive touches to as of today? David Montgomery goes right after which is a great pick followed by Browns rookie Quinshon Judkins, I decided between those three. The one that came after that was one you may have to worry about in Isiah Pacheco. He could either bounce back or turn into a committee back, which is why he fell this far. Chris Godwin goes in this round as well and probably would go three rounds higher if not for an injury hes trying to come back from. Theres another couple of guys whod go four or five rounds higher if it were three years ago in Mark Andrews and Travis Kelce. Neither can be trusted as the elite options they once were. The round ends with zone runner Kaleb Johnson who has a chance to take over Harris role from last season in Pittsburgh.In the next couple of rounds most of us are trying to gather WR3s, WR4s and running backs we hope to use in our FLEX spots. Players like Deebo Samuel, Jayden Reed and Cooper Kupp are looking to regain the form that once made them fantasy must-starts. Running backs Najee Harris and Brian Robinson go in the middle of the eighth round and both have double-digit touchdowns within their range of outcomes. I took Justin Fields as my starting quarterback at the top of the ninth knowing hell get the full season as a starter. I took him over Kyler Murray who could end up being the better pick. Two guys picked in the fourth round of the 2025 NFL Draft are fliers who could pan out on their respective teams.Round 10Kyle Dvorchak Emeka Egbuka, WR55Aditya Fuldeore Tyjae Spears, RB35Adam Wise Jaylen Warren, RB36Mark Garcia Travis Etienne, RB37Christopher Crawford Javonte Williams, RB38Zach Krueger Rhamondre Stevenson, RB39Damian Dabrowski Jordan Mason, RB40Rivers McCown Christian Kirk, WR56Nic Bodiford Jayden Higgins, WR57Patrick Daugherty Luther Burden, WR58Denny Carter Rachaad White. RB41Lawrence Jackson Tyler Warren, TE12Round 11Lawrence Jackson Anthony Richardson, QB10Denny Carter Tyler Allgeier, RB42Patrick Daugherty Dak Prescott, QB11Nic Bodiford Ray Davis, RB43Rivers McCown Dallas Goedert, TE13Damian Dabrowski Cam Skattebo1.RB44Zach Krueger Isaac Guerendo, RB45Christopher Crawford Justin Herbert, QB12Mark Garcia Diontae Johnson, WR59Adam Wise Jack Bech, WR60Aditya Fuldeore Quentin Johnston, WR61Kyle Dvorchak Tank Bigsby, RB46Round 12Kyle Dvorchak Jaydon Blue, RB47Aditya Fuldeore Rashod Bateman, WR62Adam Wise C.J. Stroud, QB13Mark Garcia DeAndre Hopkins, WR63Christopher Crawford Adam Thielen, WR64Zach Krueger Bo Nix, QB14Damian Dabrowski Kyle Williams, WR65Rivers McCown Dalton Kincaid, TE14Nic Bodiford Jacory Croskey-Merritt, RB48Patrick Daugherty Marvin Mims, WR66Denny Carter Jared Goff, QB15Lawrence Jackson Elic Ayomanor, WR67Given text here is about the 2025 NFL Mock Draft version 5.0, where the author has locked in their big board and betting markets are still evolving. The mock reflects what they're hearing, how betting markets have moved, and what they think will unfold in Round 1 of the draft.The author notes that this is the final version of what they think teams are likely to do, with a focus on providing more in-depth breakdowns of these rookies from a fantasy football angle. They reference their 2025 Rookie Fantasy Scouting Guide, which features advanced scouting reports, college production, athletic testing, comps, and detailed fantasy outlooks.The author then begins to discuss specific picks, starting with the Titans taking Cam Ward, a quarterback with strong arm talent and mobility who gives them a chance to reset under center. They also highlight Travis Hunter, a game-breaking wide receiver who fits well opposite Denzel Ward in Cleveland, and offers offensive versatility if the coaching staff wants to get creative.Other notable picks include:* Carter, a defensive end for the Giants, who provides future flexibility on the edge and could make Thibodeaux expendable.* Campbell, a plug-and-play left tackle for the Patriots, who gives Drake Maye the protection he needs.* Jeanty, a three-down back with vision, burst, and soft hands out of the backfield, who would make Travis Etienne Jr. expendable and relegate Tank Bigsby to a backup role.The author also mentions that some teams are retooling their rosters around true workhorses, such as Jacksonville's move to stabilize its backfield with Jeanty.Given textGraham gives Carolina a high-motor interior disruptor to build around His ability to collapse the pocket from the inside fills a big hole on this defensive front Walker is a hybrid linebacker who can also line up on the edge which makes him a great fit for New Orleans new 3-4 scheme He gives them a rangy athlete who can rush the passer drop in coverage and eventually take over as the centerpiece of the front sevenThe Seahawks' receiver room gets a boost from polish, as Jaxon Smith-Njigba takes over as WR2 alongside Sam Darnold. Campbell adds range and explosiveness to the Buccaneers' defense next to Lavonte David. The Broncos need a running back, which Hampton fulfills with his physicality, productivity, and ability to carry the load immediately. Green gives Pittsburgh another rotational pass rusher, while Harmon fortifies the Chargers' interior with early-down reliability. Barron fills a need in the Packers' young secondary, Emmanwori sets the tone for Minnesota's box defense, Simmons boosts the Texans up front, Egbuka diversifies the Rams' receiver room, Starks adds ball-hawking skills to the Ravens, and Dart becomes the Giants' quarterback of the future. Booker brings physicality to Washington's guard position, Johnson gives Buffalo a long-term answer at corner, Conerly fits Kansas City's need at left tackle.Ezeiruaku embodies the qualities Philadelphia seeks in an edge player, bringing leverage and a sense of urgency to his game, which makes him a suitable fit, while also providing additional rotational depth to a defensive front known for frequently rotating players.

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