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RosterWatch Fantasy Football Draft Guide - Letter from the Editor

Congratulations.

You have taken your first step towards a fantasy championship in 2013.

Many of you are long-time readers and users of RosterWatch tools. As is becoming increasingly the case, many of you are likely to be new members, also.

To all we say "Welcome." This draft guide does three things:

- 1) Guarantees a viable starting lineup with roster depth built upon optimal values
- 2) Provides intuitive visual tools using proprietary RW metrics for decision-making
- 3) Takes you through the draft with expert, proven guidance, the same way RosterWatch takes you through the fantasy week in-season

If you've downloaded this guide, you will have access in-season to all RosterWatch tools and featured columns. These include the Matchup Tool (Tuesdays), Waiver Wire (Tuesdays), Team by Team Snap Counts, Touches and Targets Tool (Wednesdays), TD Dependency Tool (Thursdays) and the Garbage Grab. (Honestly, we don't ever know when the Trashman will turn the Garbage Grab in. He lives in a trash can and looks like Oprah Winfrey.)

All this in addition to RW Ticker content, Google hangouts, 2014 NFL draft scouting features, and of course the epic radio show. It will be a fun season.

If you have questions, *ask*.

Ask in the comments sections or the forums on RosterWatch.com. Starting in 2013, we will only give advice on the radio and to our members here on the site. This gives us more focus and attention to our reader and listener bases. Use us as a resource.

All the pro days and the Senior Bowls, RosterWatch's annual presence at the NFL combine, the months of study that goes into what comprises our offseason... it all reaps its rewards right here.

Let's go win some championships. *-ad*

Draft Guide Live Links Part 1: Redraft and Yearly Leagues

I. RosterWatch 2013 Fantasy Football Draft Cheat Sheet

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(NOTE: See Instructions on Page 6 of this Guide)

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Draft Guide Live Links Part 2: Dynasty and Rookies

QB	RB	WR	TE
E.J. Manuel BUF	Le'Veon Bell PIT	Tavon Austin STL	Tyler Eifert CIN
Geno Smith NYJ	Giovani Bernard CIN	DeAndre Hopkins HOU	Zach Ertz PHI
Tyler Wilson OAK	Montee Ball GB	Cordarelle Patterson MIN	Travis Kelce KC
	Johnathan Franklin GB	Keenan Allen SDC	Gavin Escobar DAL
	Christine Michael SEA	Justin Hunter TEN	Dion Sims MIA
	Zac Stacy STL	Robert Woods BUF	Nick Kasa OAK
	Joseph Randle DAL	Aaron Dobson NE	Mychal Rivera
	Mike Gillislee MIA	Markus Wheaton PIT	
	Andre Ellington ARI	Terrance Williams DAL	
	Denard Robinson JAC	Stedman Bailey STL	
	Stepfan Taylor ARI	Quinton Patton SF	
	Latavius Murray OAK	Da'Rick Rogers BUF	
	Kenjon Barner CAR	Ace Sanders JAC	
	Kerwynn Williams IND	Cobi Hamilton CIN	
	Theo Riddick DET	Marquise Goowin BUF	
	Eddie Lacy GB		

INSTRUCTIONS - 2013 Fantasy Football Draft Cheat Sheet

Easy to Use. Expert Draft Results Guaranteed. -Byron Lambert, Rosterwatch.com

Welcome to the 2013 RosterWatch Fantasy Football Draft Cheat Sheet. While there may be multiple ways to skin a cat in 2013 (sorry PETA)- our job here is to guarantee you an expert-quality fantasy draft. This tool is tailored to 12-team standard scoring in traditional snake draft leagues. However, it may (and should) be used as a guide in many formats. (See Below)

There are only two steps.

- 1) Follow the simple rules outlined below.
- 2) Use the Cheat Sheet (a cross-positional value chart going from high to low) to determine value along the way. In other words, take whoever is "highest up" on the sheet and still left on the board. We have also provided a deep Average ADP Value Sheet if you need another reference, but you don't. Happy drafting and DON'T BREAK THE RULES!

The Rules:

Draft a Running Back in Round 1

Draft AT LEAST 2 Running Backs by the end of Round 4

Draft 3 Running Backs by the end of Round 5-6

Draft the BEST PLAYER AVAILABLE everywhere else

Make Ben Roethlisberger your cutoff at Quarterback

Draft Defense / Kicker in the last 2 rounds, in that order

**Note- Players are grouped in tiers. Tiers are indicators of value by group and the rankings within them are flexible. It's your team. By all means, if you like Russell Wilson over Tony Romo- make the switch*

***Note- This draft is easy to nail, but if you are willing to be a little bit active it will be helpful. Mainly, keeping an eye on the available players by position as the draft progresses. This will be key in deciding when to take a running back in rounds 2-5, as well as nabbing value on a WR1 and a quality QB. If you don't do this your draft will still be great following the basic rules. In that case, we recommend you definitely have 3 RBs by the end of RD5. If you are able to do this, you have the chance of turning a great draft into an amazing draft.*

***Note- Look for value on Elite Players*

***Note- It is an acceptable strategy to draft 4 running backs through rounds 6-7, if the value presents itself*

***Note- If you are in the 11th spot- keep an eye on the 12 team's roster. This will enable you to be more strategic about making your picks in the cutoff, ensuring you get the two guys you want. As an example, let's say you are picking in at the end of the 4th round and beginning of the 5th after drawing 11th in draft order. If an elite QB like Peyton Manning has fallen to you, LOOK AT TEAM 12's ROSTER. If the owner has already selected a QB, you know the owner will not be stealing Manning from under your nose with his two picks before you, but is very likely to steal the RB or WR you have your eyes on, so take the RB/WR first and Manning when the pick comes back around to you.*

***Note- QB, WR, and TE have deep positional value this year. The tie goes to the running backs early in the draft, and the tie goes to the Top 10-20 WR over QBs after that. If you miss out on WR early, don't panic and stay the course as you can patchwork a nice WR corps in RD6+. Tight End is your lowest priority, unless of course great value presents itself.*

***Note- Monitor your roster as you move through the draft. If you go RB heavy early, obviously you will need to focus on WR later to meet roster requirements- while trying not going too far off the value chart. You must always be mindful of balancing draft value and potential trade assets with constructing the best starting lineup possible from Day 1.*

***Note- Look at all available players at all positions and find them on the value chart before making your selection.*

***Note- In leagues where you are required to start 3 WR, don't reach- but try to draft one WR by the end of RD4. Outcomes through 4 rounds would be: 2xRB, 1xWR, 1xTE or 2xRB, 1xWR, 1xQB*

Alternate Strategies and Formats

-We advise **auctioneers** to use our 10 TM Auction, 12 TM Auction, and ADP Value Charts as a guide to success. **Our biggest tip is to purchase two of our Top 12 running backs-** whichever two you can get the cheapest.

-**16 Team formats** drive the value of QBs way up. Especially QB heavy scoring 16 team leagues. We would nab a QB in the first few rounds here. Aaron Rodgers is actually a good bet at #1 overall.

-For **PPR Leagues** use our the cheat sheet, and feel free to give extra value to players like Darren Sproles at RB and volume WRs such as Danny Amendola. No extra work is necessary, though. Every PPR draft finished using the cheat sheet (and following the exact rules above) will yield an expert-quality roster.

-**10 Team Leagues** provide more flexibility to draft the best player available at any point. In this case, **we give guys like Aaron Rodgers and Calvin Johnson a big push up the board.** We still recommend a running back in the first round unless you draft late in the round and see that a stud RB will fall to you. In 10 team leagues you will want at least 2 RBs by the end of RD5.