

The Dynasty Daily

24 TEAMS

48 PICKS. DIFFERENT CLOCKS.

STARTUP DRAFT EDITION

THE LONG GAME STARTS NOW

Seattle pairs Wembanyama with Booker. Across the league, the first two rounds reveal very different bets on tomorrow.



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THE LEAD

Two eras, one opening pair

Seattle has chosen a sensible way to spend the first pick: give its cornerstone someone who can help immediately. Wembanyama brings the premium defensive production; Booker supplies an established second source of points.

The price of that balance is visible in Booker's falling three-year rate. Seattle's opening works best if its next picks add dependable volume, allowing Booker to contribute without carrying the entire supporting cast.

INSIDE THE ISSUE

Production meets projection

Kessler meets Luka. Morant changes the equation in Portland. Our eight-page preview tests the opening draft against three years of production and the NBA moves reshaping next season.

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SEATTLE / OPENING PAIR

1.01
VICTOR WEMBANYAMA
55.41 FP/G

2.24
DEVIN BOOKER
39.25 FP/G

2025-26 fantasy points per game.
Coverage through Round 2.

ONE BOARD. DIFFERENT CLOCKS.

The first pick establishes an anchor. The second begins to expose the plan.

ROUND 1 RECAP

Experience and upside share the top

Nikola Jokic went second to Atlanta and Luka Doncic third to Houston. Their 2025-26 rates of 66.37 and 59.14 FP/G explain the pull of established production. Memphis then took Cooper Flagg at 1.04, choosing a different point on the development curve.

At 1.15, Brooklyn selected Cameron Boozer; Dallas followed with Giannis Antetokounmpo, then Charlotte chose Dylan Harper. That stretch captured the draft's defining contrast without settling which timetable will win.

Chicago's Chet Holmgren and Detroit's Evan Mobley closed the final four slots. Four-point blocks make interior defense a meaningful part of this league's investment case.

ROUND 2 RECAP

The roster ideas come into focus

Detroit opened with AJ Dybantsa and Milwaukee followed with Caleb Wilson. Oklahoma City answered with Kevin Durant beside Karl-Anthony Towns: a veteran-led opening with a much more immediate clock.

Miami added Deni Avdija at 2.11, Sacramento took Josh Giddey at 2.12, and Memphis landed Trey Murphy III at 2.21. Each posted more than 40 FP/G in the latest season record, giving the second round a substantial production story.

Seattle finished the round with Booker. All 48 opening selections are confirmed; the next chapter begins with the third-round reversal.

WIN-NOW WATCH

Oklahoma City's immediate case

Durant delivered 43.83 FP/G and 3,419 total points in 2025-26. Towns added a 39.29 rate. The Thunder have bought a recognizable production base.

Both rates fell from 2024-25, so Oklahoma City has little reason to wait on several speculative picks. Reliable minutes should be the priority if this veteran investment is to pay off early.

TEAM TO WATCH

Minnesota builds inside

Jalen Johnson rose from 37.34 to 43.58 to 48.56 FP/G. Donovan Clingan moved from 23.09 to 35.10 across his two recorded seasons.

Johnson's creation makes this more versatile than a conventional big-man start. Clingan adds a second improving rate. A dependable perimeter contributor would make this one of the more coherent openings.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

Several routes to tomorrow

Boston pairs Cade Cunningham with VJ Edgecombe; Detroit pairs Mobley with Dybantsa. Brooklyn and Milwaukee also invest heavily in a future window.

Boston has already banked two recorded production rates. Detroit has paired an established young anchor with a rookie investment. Those are different levels of early uncertainty, even under the same youth-first label.

ROUND 3 / THE NEXT TEST

The reversal repeats Round 2's direction. Houston can widen its scoring base with interior production; Golden State can complement its bigs with a creator. For youth-heavy teams, another prospect would deepen the commitment, while an established contributor would bring the competitive window closer.

THE BOX SCORE HAS A SECOND LIFE.

Fantasy points depend on the whole line: creation, defense, efficiency and mistakes.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FP} = & \text{PTS} + \text{REB} + 2 \text{ AST} + 4 \text{ STL} + 4 \text{ BLK} + 3 \text{PTM} \\ & + 2 \text{ FGM} - \text{FGA} + \text{FTM} - \text{FTA} - 2 \text{ TO} \end{aligned}$$

HOW POINTS ARE BUILT

A block is worth four. A made three is worth five.

A made two-pointer contributes three fantasy points: two actual points, plus two for the make, minus one for the attempt. A made three contributes five after the extra three-pointer bonus. A missed field goal costs one.

A made free throw contributes one point overall; a miss costs one. An assist adds two, a rebound one, and a steal or block four. A turnover removes two. These event values explain why raw scoring alone cannot rank this player pool.

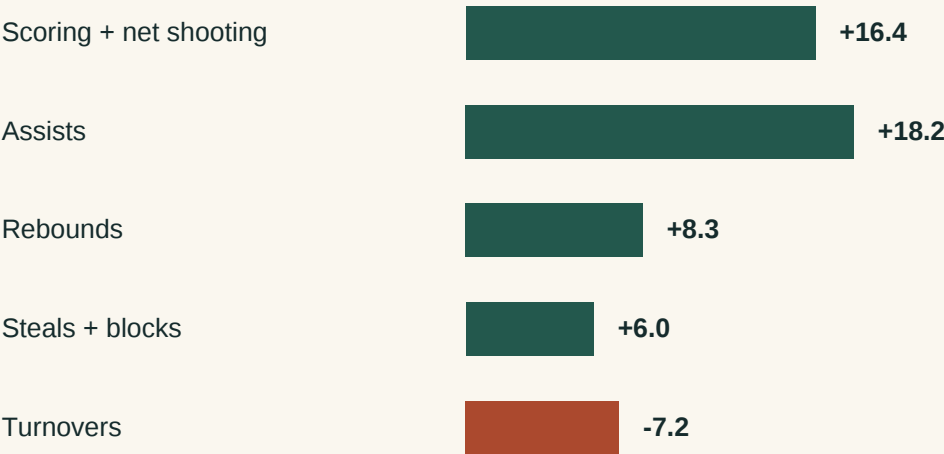
THE PLAYMAKING CASE

Giddey earns beyond the scoring column

Giddey's 2025-26 line includes 9.1 assists and 8.3 rebounds per game. At these weights, those two categories contribute about 26.5 fantasy points before shooting, defense and turnovers enter the calculation.

His 3.6 turnovers remove about 7.2 points. The attraction is still substantial, but honest valuation counts the deductions alongside the rewards.

GIDDEY / 2025-26 SCORING BRIDGE



Approx. 41.7 FP/G from rounded inputs; recorded FP/G: 41.94. Small differences reflect input rounding.

DEFENSE / THE OTHER ROUTE

Wembanyama's block premium

At 3.1 blocks per game, the latest record assigns about 12.4 points per game to blocks alone. His 11.5 rebounds add another 11.5. That is meaningful production before scoring enters the line.

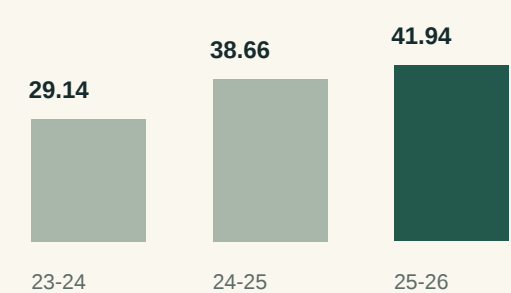
Daniels shows the volatility on the steals side: 3.0 steals became 2.0, reducing that component from about 12 to 8 points per game. The scoring weight is fixed; the production is not.

SCORING NOTE: FP/G and season totals use recorded values. Component examples use rounded per-game box scores, so their sums are approximate. Assists and defense create value; missed shots and turnovers take it back.

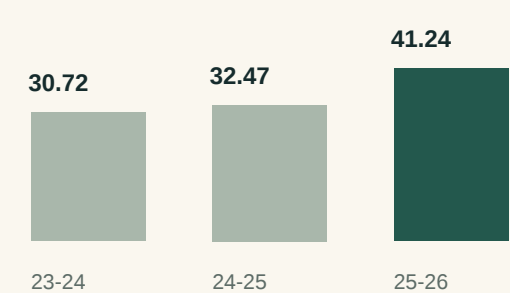
LET THE THREE-YEAR RECORD SPEAK.

Historical production is a valuation input. Dynasty price also buys a future window.

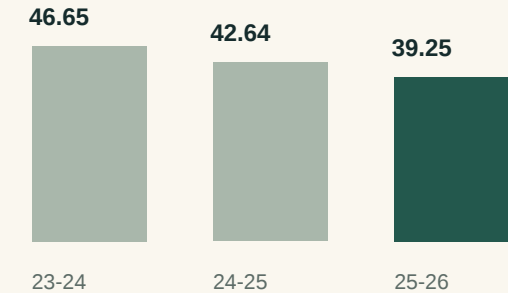
Josh Giddey



Deni Avdija



Devin Booker



Fantasy points per game, 2023-24 to 2025-26. All three panels share a 0-70 scale.

VALUE WATCH

Second-round production to track

Giddey / Sacramento / 2.12. A 12.80 FP/G improvement over two years strengthens the fit beside Amen Thompson. Sacramento has committed to creation and rebounding, an attractive direction under these rules.

Avdija / Miami / 2.11. The 41.24 rate rewards a breakout already on the books. Miami should price in some redistribution of touches after Morant's arrival, rather than paying for another uninterrupted jump.

Murphy / Memphis / 2.21. A 40.50 rate and 2,673 total points give Flagg a substantial supporting piece. This is a credible bridge between future upside and usable production today.

THE COUNTERWEIGHT

A high average can hide a short record

Kessler's latest 40.60 FP/G sits beside only 203 total points. Tatum's 42.62 comes with 682; Trae Young's 34.40 with 516. Those totals make a simple rate comparison incomplete.

Jalen Williams fell from 42.29 to 34.27 FP/G, with 1,131 total points in the latest season. The Clippers bought a rebound case: his earlier output supports the upside, while availability remains the pivotal risk.

The forward view adds context: Kessler now has a new NBA home, while Williams has an injury-disrupted season to move beyond. Turn the page for the role changes behind the numbers.

SECOND-ROUND PRODUCTION SCREEN / ALL SIX QUALIFIERS

PLAYER	FP/G	TOTAL FP
Kevin Durant	43.83	3,419
Jalen Brunson	42.18	3,121
Deni Avdija	41.24	2,722
Josh Giddey	41.94	2,265
Austin Reaves	40.06	2,043
Trey Murphy III	40.50	2,673

ONE FILTER, EVERY PICK

We screened all 48 selections for historical production. These second-round picks cleared both 40 FP/G and 2,000 total points in 2025-26.

This production screen identifies candidates for closer review. Dynasty value also depends on development, role and the price paid.

NEW TEAMS. NEW FANTASY QUESTIONS.

Verified NBA moves meet league-specific analysis. Fantasy franchises are identified in each story.

TORONTO / WALKER KESSLER

Luka changes the opportunity

The Lakers acquired Kessler from Utah. His 2025-26 season ended after five games because of a shoulder labral tear. He joins a core with Luka Doncic and Austin Reaves. [1]

Doncic can create the close-range chances a rolling center wants. Made twos, rebounds and four-point blocks give Kessler several ways to matter without needing a large self-created scoring role. That is the practical appeal for Toronto.

Toronto should weigh the 36.83 FP/G from 2024-25 more heavily than the five-game 40.60 spike. The new setting strengthens the upside case; health and minutes determine how much of it becomes usable output.

MIAMI / DENI AVDIJA

A rising curve meets Morant

Portland acquired Ja Morant this summer. [2] Avdija arrives at the new season after lifting his assist average from 3.9 to 6.7 and his fantasy rate from 32.47 to 41.24.

Another lead creator could reduce Avdija's on-ball responsibility while creating easier scoring chances. In a format paying two points per assist, that exchange deserves more attention than the new teammate's reputation alone.

His development is real in the historical record. A straight-line extrapolation is less convincing. Miami bought an improving player whose next role may redistribute the categories driving that improvement.

CLIPPERS / JALEN WILLIAMS

The rebound case has context

Williams dealt with wrist-surgery recovery and a right hamstring strain during 2025-26. [3] His rate fell to 34.27 FP/G after 42.29 the previous year.

The earlier 42-point level makes a rebound worth buying at the right price. The Clippers can lean on Mitchell while waiting for Williams to re-establish that level, but repeated absences would strain the supporting roster.

An expert dynasty points ranking placed him around No. 21; this league selected him 30th. The discount supports the gamble. Whether it becomes a bargain depends on restoring both production and availability.

THE ROLE TEST

Who creates the shot? Who finishes it? Who gives up touches?

A new teammate can improve shot quality while reducing individual usage. The fantasy outcome depends on which categories move, and by how much.

MORE MOVES THAT MATTER

Cleveland / LaMelo Ball. Ball joined Minnesota alongside Anthony Edwards. [4] Our read: shared creation could improve shot quality while changing assist and usage distribution. Cleveland's fantasy pairing remains Ball and Julius Randle.

Dallas / Giannis Antetokounmpo. Giannis moved to Miami. [5] Our read: his scoring and rebounding base still matters, but a new team creates a fresh fit question. Dallas's fantasy roster still pairs him with Jalen Duren.

THE ROOKIE LANDINGS. The NBA's top four picks were Dybantsa to Washington, Peterson to Utah, Boozer to Memphis and Wilson to Chicago. [6] Their dynasty cases combine draft capital and opportunity with the uncertainty of an untested NBA production record. They belong to Detroit, the Lakers, Brooklyn and Milwaukee in this fantasy league.

NBA REPORTING: Linked NBA and team reports [1-6], checked September 13, 2026.

ALL 24 TEAMS / FIRST HALF

In first-round draft order. The same space and the same questions for every franchise.

01 Seattle Sonics

1.01 Victor Wembanyama	55.41 FP/G
2.24 Devin Booker	39.25 FP/G

Read: Wembanyama supplies the premium defensive base; Booker makes an early push plausible without defining the whole timeline.

Next: Add reliable volume so Booker's declining rate does not become the supporting cast's ceiling.

03 Houston Rockets

1.03 Luka Doncic	59.14 FP/G
2.22 Trae Young	34.40 FP/G

Read: Doncic anchors an assist-heavy start, but Young's latest 516 total points leave a significant volume question.

Next: Add a reliable contributor who broadens the scoring base beyond the two creators.

05 New York Knicks

1.05 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	55.49 FP/G
2.20 Jaren Jackson Jr.	34.88 FP/G

Read: Gilgeous-Alexander supplies 55.49 FP/G, allowing Jackson's block production to complement an established lead scorer.

Next: Find a third contributor with regular output so defensive spikes remain an advantage rather than a necessity.

07 Orlando Magic

1.07 Anthony Edwards	45.57 FP/G
2.18 Matas Buzelis	31.60 FP/G

Read: Edwards' three-year rise pairs with Buzelis' jump from 17.71 to 31.60, giving Orlando two growth stories.

Next: Avoid budgeting another Buzelis-sized leap into the roster; add a dependable third piece.

09 San Antonio Spurs

1.09 Tyrese Maxey	52.17 FP/G
2.16 Pascal Siakam	39.03 FP/G

Read: Maxey's 52.17 rate carries the ceiling; Siakam's three-year rates stayed close to 39.

Next: Prioritize usable depth to turn this immediate-production opening into a competitive lineup.

11 Minnesota Timberwolves

1.11 Jalen Johnson	48.56 FP/G
2.14 Donovan Clingan	35.10 FP/G

Read: Johnson's rising creation and Clingan's improving output give this frontcourt more than a rebounding identity.

Next: A dependable perimeter contributor would complement the opening better than another overlapping specialist.

02 Atlanta Hawks

1.02 Nikola Jokic	66.37 FP/G
2.23 Dyson Daniels	36.46 FP/G

Read: Jokic's 66.37 rate gives Atlanta room to absorb more variance from Daniels' defensive production.

Next: Seek another dependable scorer; a return to three steals per game should be a bonus.

04 Memphis Grizzlies

1.04 Cooper Flagg	39.69 FP/G
2.21 Trey Murphy III	40.50 FP/G

Read: Flagg's 39.69 and Murphy's 40.50 give Memphis production on both sides of its youth-and-experience pairing.

Next: Keep building around that overlap instead of forcing an exclusively developmental or veteran direction.

06 Boston Celtics

1.06 Cade Cunningham	50.41 FP/G
2.19 VJ Edgecombe	34.00 FP/G

Read: Cunningham's rate rose in all three seasons; Edgecombe adds a 34.00 debut-season base.

Next: Bank some role stability next: the young opening already carries meaningful production.

08 Indiana Pacers

1.08 Tyrese Haliburton	No production record
2.17 Austin Reaves	40.06 FP/G

Read: Reaves brings 40.06 FP/G; Haliburton's latest positive season record is 47.53 from 2024-25.

Next: Secure current production while the older Haliburton baseline remains a separate projection question.

10 Toronto Raptors

1.10 Scottie Barnes	44.05 FP/G
2.15 Walker Kessler	40.60 FP/G

Read: Barnes gives Toronto broad production; Kessler's move beside Luka adds a plausible finishing boost.

Next: Value healthy minutes above Kessler's five-game rate when choosing how much additional risk to take.

12 Golden State Warriors

1.12 Alperen Sengun	43.86 FP/G
2.13 Alex Sarr	36.48 FP/G

Read: Sengun's 6.2 assists add creation to a big-man start; Sarr's 36.48 rate brings developing support.

Next: Use the next layer to add backcourt production without abandoning the shared timeline.

Rates: 2025-26 fantasy points per game. "No production record" means no positive-production entry for that season. Older records are identified in the text.

ALL 24 TEAMS / SECOND HALF

In first-round draft order. The same space and the same questions for every franchise.

13 Sacramento Kings

1.13 Amen Thompson	40.43 FP/G
2.12 Josh Giddey	41.94 FP/G

Read: Thompson and Giddey both exceeded 40 FP/G, making the passing-and-rebounding direction productive already.

Next: Add another route to points; keep the turnover cost visible when valuing more creators.

15 Brooklyn Nets

1.15 Cameron Boozer	No production record
2.10 Kon Knueppel	32.69 FP/G

Read: Knueppel's 32.69 rate supplies evidence beside Boozer's rookie projection. The opening needs patience.

Next: A productive young third pick would reduce reliance on development arriving on schedule.

17 Charlotte Hornets

1.17 Dylan Harper	25.09 FP/G
2.08 Stephon Castle	35.07 FP/G

Read: Castle's rise to 35.07 helps anchor Harper's 25.09 debut-season record; the upside comes with guard concentration.

Next: Diversify the next investment rather than asking two developing guards to supply every type of production.

19 Los Angeles Clippers

1.19 Donovan Mitchell	46.90 FP/G
2.06 Jalen Williams	34.27 FP/G

Read: Mitchell's 46.90 rate gives Williams a useful recovery cushion. The second pick is a priced-in rebound bet.

Next: Protect against another low-volume Williams season with dependable minutes in the next layer.

21 Chicago Bulls

1.21 Chet Holmgren	38.06 FP/G
2.04 Jalen Brunson	42.18 FP/G

Read: Holmgren's 38.06 and Brunson's 42.18 connect interior defense with established guard output.

Next: Continue the balance; this pair gives Chicago flexibility instead of an urgent stylistic repair.

23 Milwaukee Bucks

1.23 Brandon Miller	34.18 FP/G
2.02 Caleb Wilson	No production record

Read: Miller's 34.18 provides a base while Wilson adds rookie uncertainty. Milwaukee has bought a longer runway.

Next: Add evidence as well as upside so one development setback does not stall the entire core.

14 Miami Heat

1.14 Jayson Tatum	42.62 FP/G
2.11 Deni Avdija	41.24 FP/G

Read: Avdija's breakout gives Tatum a substantial partner, but their latest totals tell different volume stories.

Next: Account for Morant's effect on Avdija's touches before projecting another year of assist growth.

16 Dallas Mavericks

1.16 Giannis Antetokounmpo	49.36 FP/G
2.09 Jalen Duren	38.77 FP/G

Read: Duren's rise to 38.77 provides support beneath Giannis's 49.36, linking immediate output with a younger asset.

Next: Balance the frontcourt start with perimeter production while Giannis settles into his new NBA team.

18 Los Angeles Lakers

1.18 Paolo Banchero	37.86 FP/G
2.07 Darryn Peterson	No production record

Read: Banchero's 37.86 rate supports a second-round rookie bet on Peterson. This opening still needs more proven output.

Next: Add a complementary contributor so Peterson's development does not determine the entire early-season outlook.

20 Cleveland Cavaliers

1.20 LaMelo Ball	39.64 FP/G
2.05 Julius Randle	37.23 FP/G

Read: Ball and Randle delivered 39.64 and 37.23, giving Cleveland two established sources of production.

Next: Reassess Ball's creation share alongside Edwards rather than transplanting his previous NBA role unchanged.

22 Oklahoma City Thunder

1.22 Karl-Anthony Towns	39.29 FP/G
2.03 Kevin Durant	43.83 FP/G

Read: Durant and Towns make an immediate bet, with both latest rates below their 2024-25 levels.

Next: Choose dependable rotation production next; too many long projects would pull against the opening investment.

24 Detroit Pistons

1.24 Evan Mobley	40.89 FP/G
2.01 AJ Dybantsa	No production record

Read: Mobley's 40.89 rate gives Dybantsa room to grow. Detroit can pursue youth without starting entirely from projection.

Next: Find creation that complements the young big while keeping the rookie's workload expectations realistic.

Rates: 2025-26 fantasy points per game. "No production record" means no positive-production entry for that season. Older records are identified in the text.

THE OPENING 48 SLOTS

Two rounds complete. Every franchise has its opening pair.

ROUND 1

PICK	TEAM	PLAYER
1.01	Seattle Sonics	Victor Wembanyama
1.02	Atlanta Hawks	Nikola Jokic
1.03	Houston Rockets	Luka Doncic
1.04	Memphis Grizzlies	Cooper Flagg
1.05	New York Knicks	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander
1.06	Boston Celtics	Cade Cunningham
1.07	Orlando Magic	Anthony Edwards
1.08	Indiana Pacers	Tyrese Haliburton
1.09	San Antonio Spurs	Tyrese Maxey
1.10	Toronto Raptors	Scottie Barnes
1.11	Minnesota Timberwolves	Jalen Johnson
1.12	Golden State Warriors	Alperen Sengun
1.13	Sacramento Kings	Amen Thompson
1.14	Miami Heat	Jayson Tatum
1.15	Brooklyn Nets	Cameron Boozer
1.16	Dallas Mavericks	Giannis Antetokounmpo
1.17	Charlotte Hornets	Dylan Harper
1.18	Los Angeles Lakers	Paolo Banchero
1.19	Los Angeles Clippers	Donovan Mitchell
1.20	Cleveland Cavaliers	LaMelo Ball
1.21	Chicago Bulls	Chet Holmgren
1.22	Oklahoma City Thunder	Karl-Anthony Towns
1.23	Milwaukee Bucks	Brandon Miller
1.24	Detroit Pistons	Evan Mobley

ROUND 2

PICK	TEAM	PLAYER
2.01	Detroit Pistons	AJ Dybantsa
2.02	Milwaukee Bucks	Caleb Wilson
2.03	Oklahoma City Thunder	Kevin Durant
2.04	Chicago Bulls	Jalen Brunson
2.05	Cleveland Cavaliers	Julius Randle
2.06	Los Angeles Clippers	Jalen Williams
2.07	Los Angeles Lakers	Darryn Peterson
2.08	Charlotte Hornets	Stephon Castle
2.09	Dallas Mavericks	Jalen Duren
2.10	Brooklyn Nets	Kon Knueppel
2.11	Miami Heat	Deni Avdija
2.12	Sacramento Kings	Josh Giddey
2.13	Golden State Warriors	Alex Sarr
2.14	Minnesota Timberwolves	Donovan Clingan
2.15	Toronto Raptors	Walker Kessler
2.16	San Antonio Spurs	Pascal Siakam
2.17	Indiana Pacers	Austin Reaves
2.18	Orlando Magic	Matas Buzelis
2.19	Boston Celtics	VJ Edgcombe
2.20	New York Knicks	Jaren Jackson Jr.
2.21	Memphis Grizzlies	Trey Murphy III
2.22	Houston Rockets	Trae Young
2.23	Atlanta Hawks	Dyson Daniels
2.24	Seattle Sonics	Devin Booker

READING THE LEDGER

Each round contains 24 slots. Miami selected Deni Avdija at 2.11, 35th overall; Seattle selected Devin Booker at 2.24, 48th. Coverage closes after Round 2.

THE EDITORIAL STANDARD

We distinguish confirmed results and NBA reporting from our analysis. Historical output, role, development and availability inform the same assessment for every team. Expert rankings provide one perspective; they do not establish consensus.

EDITORIAL PREVIEW / Coverage through Round 2. First publication planned after Round 3.