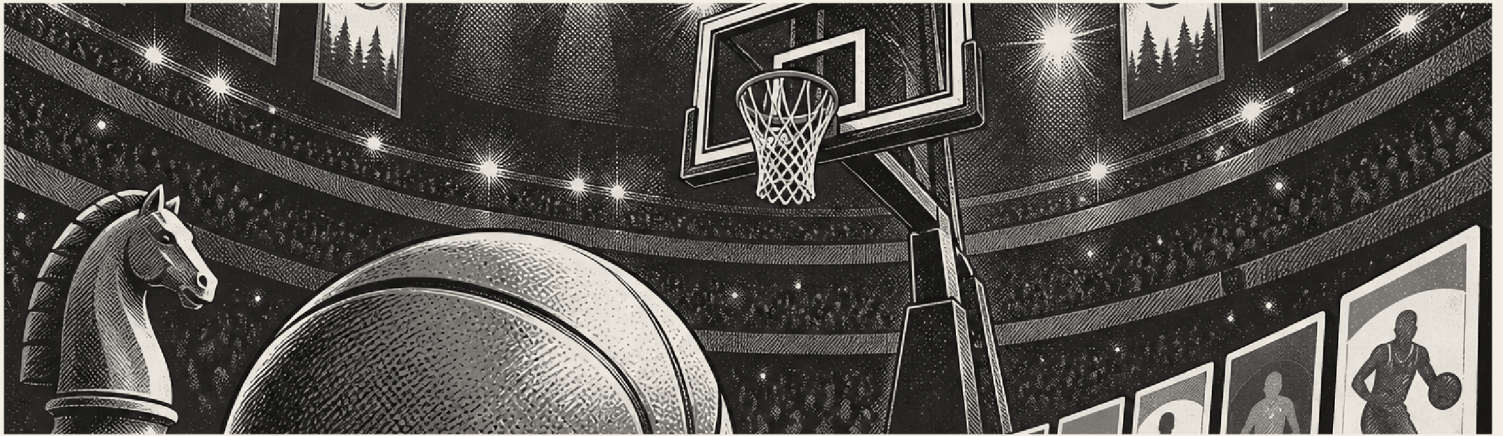


72 PICKS · 24 FRANCHISES · THREE ROUNDS

THE FIRST BLUEPRINTS

The opening board has produced contenders, patient rebuilds and everything between. Three rounds in, the league already contains sharply different ideas about age, availability, scarcity and the value of proven production.



The opening 72 picks turn an empty league into 24 competing plans. AI-generated editorial illustration.

Atlanta declares win now

Nikola Jokic, Dyson Daniels and LeBron James form an immediate-production trio. Its age curve makes later durability and usable depth especially important.

Golden State builds tall

Alperen Sengun, Alex Sarr and Ausar Thompson offer size, defense and youth. It is the clearest unconventional build and our first Team to Watch.

Third-round reversal bites

The reversed Round 3 order let Detroit add Franz Wagner immediately after AJ Dybantsa. Seattle waited to 3.24, then finished with Jabari Smith Jr.

Three rounds cannot win a league. They can reveal what every manager believes wins one.

THREE ROUNDS, THREE DIFFERENT MARKETS

Round 1 bought franchise identity. Round 2 exposed risk appetite. Round 3 rewarded teams that understood reversal and roster shape.

ROUND 1 · ANCHORS

Elite production went first; youth changed the middle

Wembanyama, Jokic, Doncic and Flagg opened the board, followed by Gilgeous-Alexander and Cunningham. The first twelve picks largely secured primary engines. From Amen Thompson at 1.13 onward, the market widened: Tatum’s recovery, three 2026 rookies and veterans with different age curves forced managers to declare a window.

League scoring explains the preference for complete box scores. A steal or block is worth four; an assist is worth two; a turnover removes two. One-dimensional points are useful, but they do not dominate the format.

ROUND 2 · CONVICTION

Rookies, role bets and a run on bigs

Dybantsa and Wilson began the round before Durant, Brunson and Randle restored veteran production. Kessler, Sarr, Clingan and Jackson were expensive because rim protection travels in this format. Miami’s Avdija at 2.11 and Sacramento’s Giddey at 2.12 landed after 40 FP/G seasons.

Houston’s Young, Atlanta’s Daniels and Seattle’s Booker closed the round with three very different guard bets: assists, defensive events and reliable scoring.

ROUND 3 · CONSTRUCTION

Reversal created an immediate counterpunch

Detroit paired Dybantsa with Wagner at 3.01. Chicago and Cleveland added established guards, while Golden State and Sacramento finished coherent trios with Ausar Thompson and Brown. At the turn, Atlanta selected LeBron and Seattle chose Smith.

The strongest Round 3 choices answered a roster question. The riskiest simply added more of what a team already owned.

VALUE WATCH

Jalen Williams at 2.06, Jalen Duren at 2.09, Deni Avdija at 2.11 and Darius Acuff Jr. at 3.07 all landed later than at least one external expert view. That is evidence of value, not proof of it.

THE BOARD CHOSE FOUR DIRECTIONS

The first 72 selections do not produce a standings table. They reveal how managers are pricing time, certainty and the categories that matter most in this format.

A Production now

Atlanta and Oklahoma City invested heavily in veteran output. Their opening choices make present-day games and depth more useful than distant development bets.

B Youth with evidence

Boston, Orlando, Golden State and Detroit mixed young players with at least one established NBA producer. The idea is to preserve upside without relying entirely on projection.

C Prospect concentration

Brooklyn, Charlotte, the Lakers and Milwaukee accepted more uncertainty. Their next selections can either reinforce that patience or add a stable weekly floor.

D Peak over predictability

Houston, Memphis and Toronto selected players whose healthy ceiling can swing matchups. Availability is part of the valuation, even when the per-game case remains attractive.

E Bigs as scarcity

Golden State, Minnesota and Oklahoma City opened through size. Four-point blocks make that logical, but later rounds must still supply enough guard creation.

F Balanced beginnings

Seattle, Sacramento, Chicago and Dallas used different age mixes to cover several statistical paths. Balance after three picks creates options rather than guarantees.

The board is already readable without turning it into a league table.

WHY 1.01 STARTED WITH WEMBY

Victor Wembanyama was the first player selected because his scoring profile combines star-level offense with the most valuable defensive event in the IDL formula.



Victor Wembanyama was selected 1.01 by Seattle. Photo: Thomas S / Wikimedia Commons / CC BY-SA 2.0.

THE SCORING FIT

Blocks create separation

Wembanyama recorded 55.41 FP/G in 2025–26. Because every block is worth four points, his defense can create fantasy production that most high-scoring guards cannot replicate.

The appeal is broader than one category: rebounds, shooting range and growing creation give Seattle several routes to value on the same night.

THE ROSTER AROUND HIM

Booker and Smith change the burden

Devin Booker adds established perimeter scoring at 2.24, while Jabari Smith Jr. gives the trio another younger frontcourt player at 3.24.

Seattle's next question is practical rather than philosophical: find assists and dependable minutes without duplicating the same frontcourt strengths.

DEFENSE CHANGES THE EXCHANGE RATE

This league does not reward a box score evenly. The format turns defensive events and efficient playmaking into draft-day currency.

FP = PTS + REB + 2 AST + 4 STL + 4 BLK + 3PTM + 2 FGM – FGA + FTM – FTA – 2 TO

FOUR-POINT EVENTS

A block can erase a quiet scoring night

Wembanyama, Holmgren, Jackson, Kessler, Sarr and Clingan gain structural value because a block is worth four points. A center averaging two blocks starts with eight fantasy points before scoring or rebounding.

CREATION WITH A COST

Assists pay two; turnovers remove two

Jokic and Haliburton are premium because they create efficiently. Doncic, Young, Cunningham, Giddey and Sabonis can build enormous assist totals, but ball security changes the gap between raw box-score fame and IDL value.

SHOOTING ARITHMETIC

A made three is a five-point event

A made three contributes three real points, two for the field goal and one for the three, offset by the attempt. Misses hurt. That supports high-volume scorers who preserve efficiency and penalizes empty usage.

66.37 Nikola Jokic · 2025–26 FP/G	55.41 Victor Wembanyama · 2025–26 FP/G	52.17 Tyrese Maxey · 2025–26 FP/G	48.56 Jalen Johnson · 2025–26 FP/G
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Recorded rates come from the supplied Zone Defense historical exports recalculated under the identical scoring formula. Those files are statistical evidence only; their rosters and strategy are not IDL evidence.

NEW CITIES, NEW VARIABLES

Major real-life transactions alter touches, teammates and durability assumptions behind several IDL selections.

PHILADELPHIA

Brown and LeBron enter star traffic

Jaylen Brown joined a group already built around Joel Embiid, Tyrese Maxey and VJ Edgecombe; LeBron later signed there as well. Brown remains proven, but Sacramento should model a wider usage range than last season's Boston role. The same crowd affects Boston's Edgecombe.

[Official 76ers transaction reporting ↗](#)

WASHINGTON

Young and Davis share a reset

Trae Young and Anthony Davis now enter the same Wizards ecosystem. Houston still owns Young's elite assist ceiling; Memphis still owns Davis' two-way peak. Their fantasy teams must account for new teammates and, in Davis' case, a 20-game 2025–26 sample.

LOS ANGELES

Kessler's blocks move to the Lakers

Kessler produced 40.60 FP/G in only five games before shoulder surgery. The Lakers paid heavily to acquire him and project him beside Doncic and Reaves. Toronto gets a format-perfect center with a clear role and a health question, not a five-game wonder declared solved.

COMEBACK DESK

Haliburton changes Indiana's range

Haliburton missed 2025–26 after an Achilles tear and is scheduled to return. With Reaves and Sabonis, Indiana could become one of the league's most productive passing teams if his comeback becomes reliable weekly production.

OPENING TRIOS SEATTLE–INDIANA

Every franchise receives the same evidence test: confirmed picks, IDL scoring fit, current role, health and competitive window. Teams appear in their original Round 1 draft order.

BALANCED

Seattle Sonics

1.01	Victor Wembanyama	55.41 FP/G
2.24	Devin Booker	39.25 FP/G
3.24	Jabari Smith Jr.	30.65 FP/G

Wembanyama supplies the rarest long-term anchor in the player pool. Booker stabilizes present scoring and Smith adds a younger frontcourt bet; the next need is assists without excessive turnovers.

HIGH VARIANCE

Houston Rockets

1.03	Luka Doncic	59.14 FP/G
2.22	Trae Young	34.40 FP/G
3.22	Zion Williamson	35.60 FP/G

Doncic and Young can overwhelm the assist column, but both pay the league’s two-point turnover tax. Williamson makes the upside enormous and the availability range unusually wide.

TWO-WAY CONTENDER

New York Knicks

1.05	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	55.49 FP/G
2.20	Jaren Jackson Jr.	34.88 FP/G
3.20	Desmond Bane	35.62 FP/G

Gilgeous-Alexander is the premium scoring base. Jackson and Bane add blocks and shooting, producing one of the cleanest three-player profiles without forcing a single category.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

Orlando Magic

1.07	Anthony Edwards	45.57 FP/G
2.18	Matas Buzelis	31.60 FP/G
3.18	Jeremiah Fears	25.56 FP/G

Edwards provides proven star output while Buzelis and Fears preserve a long runway. The build needs rebounding and efficient assists more than another speculative scorer.

WIN NOW

Atlanta Hawks

1.02	Nikola Jokic	66.37 FP/G
2.23	Dyson Daniels	36.46 FP/G
3.23	LeBron James	42.92 FP/G

Jokic, Daniels and LeBron form the strongest immediate three-man production case. The ceiling is obvious; the schedule, age curve and Daniels’ volatile steals output define the risk.

BRIDGE BUILD

Memphis Grizzlies

1.04	Cooper Flagg	39.69 FP/G
2.21	Trey Murphy III	40.50 FP/G
3.21	Anthony Davis	43.50 FP/G

Flagg and Murphy connect the present to the future. Davis can lift the trio into the weekly elite when active, though his 20-game 2025–26 sample makes depth a priority.

YOUNG BALANCE

Boston Celtics

1.06	Cade Cunningham	50.41 FP/G
2.19	VJ Edgecombe	34.00 FP/G
3.19	Jaden McDaniels	30.75 FP/G

Cunningham’s creation, Edgecombe’s upside and McDaniels’ defensive floor fit together. Philadelphia’s crowded star rotation could slow Edgecombe’s near-term volume.

RECOVERY WATCH

Indiana Pacers

1.08	Tyrese Haliburton	Rookie / no NBA record
2.17	Austin Reaves	40.06 FP/G
3.17	Domantas Sabonis	34.84 FP/G

Haliburton, Reaves and Sabonis would be an elite passing foundation at full strength. Haliburton’s return from a missed season makes early depth and insurance especially valuable.

OPENING TRIOS

SAN ANTONIO—DALLAS

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CONTENDER SHAPE

San Antonio Spurs

1.09	Tyrese Maxey	52.17 FP/G
2.16	Pascal Siakam	39.03 FP/G
3.16	Nickeil Alexander-Walker	36.38 FP/G

Maxey and Siakam offer bankable offense; Alexander-Walker supplies lower-usage stability. A high-block center would amplify this scoring format.

FRONTCOURT BET

Minnesota Timberwolves

1.11	Jalen Johnson	48.56 FP/G
2.14	Donovan Clingan	35.10 FP/G
3.14	Lauri Markkanen	42.05 FP/G

Johnson, Clingan and Markkanen combine playmaking size, rim protection and shooting. The construction is coherent, though guard creation remains the next obvious requirement.

BALANCED CREATOR CORE

Sacramento Kings

1.13	Amen Thompson	40.43 FP/G
2.12	Josh Giddey	41.94 FP/G
3.12	Jaylen Brown	43.59 FP/G

Amen Thompson and Giddey attack rebounds and assists; Brown provides proven scoring. Brown's move into Philadelphia's star-heavy rotation makes usage the live variable.

LONG HORIZON

Brooklyn Nets

1.15	Cameron Boozer	Rookie / no NBA record
2.10	Kon Knueppel	32.69 FP/G
3.10	Zach Edey	34.18 FP/G

Boozer and Knueppel are development assets while Edey supplies a current interior reference point. With two players lacking full NBA evidence, Brooklyn belongs in the projection-heavy tier for now.

HEALTH HINGE

Toronto Raptors

1.10	Scottie Barnes	44.05 FP/G
2.15	Walker Kessler	40.60 FP/G
3.15	Cedric Coward	26.39 FP/G

Barnes fills every column and Kessler's blocks are worth four, but Kessler logged only five games before shoulder surgery. Coward adds upside while increasing early uncertainty.

TEAM TO WATCH

Golden State Warriors

1.12	Alperen Sengun	43.86 FP/G
2.13	Alex Sarr	36.48 FP/G
3.13	Ausar Thompson	29.97 FP/G

Sengun, Sarr and Ausar Thompson are all young, productive and structurally complementary. Shooting and turnovers can decide whether the unusual size becomes a weekly advantage.

PATIENT CONTENDER

Miami Heat

1.14	Jayson Tatum	42.62 FP/G
2.11	Deni Avdija	41.24 FP/G
3.11	Onyeka Okongwu	35.11 FP/G

Tatum returned from an Achilles tear and produced in a 16-game regular-season sample. Avdija's ascent and Okongwu's interior efficiency give Miami a credible bridge through any workload caution.

STAR PLUS YOUTH

Dallas Mavericks

1.16	Giannis Antetokounmpo	49.36 FP/G
2.09	Jalen Duren	38.77 FP/G
3.09	Ryan Rollins	36.53 FP/G

Giannis creates a weekly ceiling on his own. Duren and Rollins add younger production, while Giannis' move to Miami makes his fit and health the important real-life variables.

OPENING TRIOS

CHARLOTTE–DETROIT

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PURE YOUTH

Charlotte Hornets

1.17	Dylan Harper	25.09 FP/G
2.08	Stephon Castle	35.07 FP/G
3.08	Derik Queen	28.33 FP/G

Harper, Castle and Queen share a long timeline and real playmaking potential. The price is present volatility; reliable shooting and veteran games played should be next.

BALANCED ATTACK

Los Angeles Clippers

1.19	Donovan Mitchell	46.90 FP/G
2.06	Jalen Williams	34.27 FP/G
3.06	Kel'el Ware	28.71 FP/G

Mitchell and Jalen Williams bring efficient creation, with Ware adding a young interior finisher. Williams' selection at 2.06 aligns with one external expert view that placed him near the early second round.

COMPLETE FOUNDATION

Chicago Bulls

1.21	Chet Holmgren	38.06 FP/G
2.04	Jalen Brunson	42.18 FP/G
3.04	Darius Garland	34.42 FP/G

Holmgren's blocks, Brunson's creation and Garland's passing cover valuable categories. Health is the clearest path between a strong paper trio and actual weekly dominance.

DEVELOPMENTAL

Milwaukee Bucks

1.23	Brandon Miller	34.18 FP/G
2.02	Caleb Wilson	Rookie / no NBA record
3.02	Keyonte George	39.07 FP/G

Miller gives the trio an NBA scoring base, while Wilson and George push the bet toward growth. Wilson's real-life fit beside Giddey and Buzelis should create finishing chances, but rookie volume is not guaranteed.

PROSPECT SWING

Los Angeles Lakers

1.18	Paolo Banchero	37.86 FP/G
2.07	Darryn Peterson	Rookie / no NBA record
3.07	Darius Acuff Jr.	Rookie / no NBA record

Banchero is the proven engine. Peterson and Acuff give this trio major long-term creation upside but no 2025–26 NBA production baseline.

WIN-NOW GUARDS

Cleveland Cavaliers

1.20	LaMelo Ball	39.64 FP/G
2.05	Julius Randle	37.23 FP/G
3.05	Jamal Murray	46.64 FP/G

Ball, Randle and Murray can generate points immediately; Murray's 46.64 FP/G was the trio's best 2025–26 rate. Availability and overlapping ball needs deserve monitoring.

WIN-NOW WATCH

Oklahoma City Thunder

1.22	Karl-Anthony Towns	39.29 FP/G
2.03	Kevin Durant	43.83 FP/G
3.03	Bam Adebayo	39.23 FP/G

Towns, Durant and Adebayo form a powerful veteran frontcourt. The opening is productive and expensive in age; guard creation and durable depth now matter.

DYNASTY RISER

Detroit Pistons

1.24	Evan Mobley	40.89 FP/G
2.01	AJ Dybantsa	Rookie / no NBA record
3.01	Franz Wagner	33.88 FP/G

Mobley's two-way floor gives Dybantsa time to develop, and Wagner adds proven wing creation. It is one of the strongest blends of rookie ceiling and established prime-age value.

WHAT ROUND 4 SHOULD REVEAL

These are editorial projections, not reports of manager intent. The next phase should expose how aggressively each team repairs the tradeoffs in its opening trio.

01

Availability becomes a category

Houston, Memphis, Miami, Toronto and Indiana project to value stable games played more than the average team. If they keep buying peak outcomes, their weekly ceiling rises while the floor remains fragile.

02

Guards should find a market

Minnesota, Golden State and Oklahoma City opened with size. Their likeliest need is dependable guard creation; waiting too long risks paying for assists later.

03

Rookie builds need evidence

Brooklyn, Charlotte, the Lakers and Milwaukee own long runways. A veteran with a secure rotation role would protect those plans from becoming entirely development-dependent.

04

Atlanta must keep the clock honest

The clearest contender should continue prioritizing current minutes and playoff-caliber production. A deep prospect detour would consume one of only 15 roster places without supporting the opening window.

05

Scarcity may outrun consensus

Four-point blocks and steals can push defenders ahead of generic rankings. The next reach may be correct if the manager can explain the role, the minutes and the category scarcity.

06

Trading will test identity

Once 72 premium assets are distributed, managers can compare surplus against need. The first completed IDL trade will show whether the league prices youth, current FP/G or roster balance most aggressively.

The best next pick is rarely the best remaining name in a vacuum. It is the player who widens a roster's paths without repeating its largest risk.

THE OPENING 72

The complete confirmed record through Round 3. Round 3 uses the league’s reversal order.

Round 1

Pick	Franchise	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	Franchise	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 Edgecombe
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

Round 3

Pick	Franchise	Player
3.01	Detroit Pistons	Franz Wagner
3.02	Milwaukee Bucks	Keyonte George
3.03	Oklahoma City Thunder	Bam Adebayo
3.04	Chicago Bulls	Darius Garland
3.05	Cleveland Cavaliers	Jamal Murray
3.06	Los Angeles Clippers	Kel'el Ware
3.07	Los Angeles Lakers	Darius Acuff Jr.
3.08	Charlotte Hornets	Derik Queen
3.09	Dallas Mavericks	Ryan Rollins
3.10	Brooklyn Nets	Zach Edey
3.11	Miami Heat	Onyeka Okongwu
3.12	Sacramento Kings	Jaylen Brown
3.13	Golden State Warriors	Ausar Thompson
3.14	Minnesota Timberwolves	Lauri Markkanen
3.15	Toronto Raptors	Cedric Coward
3.16	San Antonio Spurs	Nickeil Alexander-Walker
3.17	Indiana Pacers	Domantas Sabonis
3.18	Orlando Magic	Jeremiah Fears
3.19	Boston Celtics	Jaden McDaniels
3.20	New York Knicks	Desmond Bane
3.21	Memphis Grizzlies	Anthony Davis
3.22	Houston Rockets	Zion Williamson
3.23	Atlanta Hawks	LeBron James
3.24	Seattle Sonics	Jabari Smith Jr.

HOW THIS ISSUE WAS REPORTED

INDEPENDENCE

One standard for all 24

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The team capsules are descriptive snapshots after three rounds. They explain construction, scoring fit and risk without turning an unfinished draft into a standings table.

PRIVATE EVALUATION

Expert views remain evidence, not authority

Private dynasty rankings informed selected value discussions. Their brands are intentionally not published. A single ranking is described as one external expert view; it is never promoted into a consensus.

DATA NOTE

What the numbers mean

2025–26 FP/G and total production were derived from the commissioner-supplied historical export using the IDL formula. Five 2026 rookies had no NBA record in that dataset and were not assigned invented fantasy production.

Current NBA team and role context was checked against official league and team reporting available at publication.

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