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JESUIT 24 FANTASY SEASON PREVIEW

Real Draft Grades, Real Storylines, Real Predictions
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"Dead last two years running, currently ranked 1st. Let that sit."

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I. State of the League

Real draft, real grades, real questions heading into kickoff

Season 7's draft is in the books, and the real story isn't the order the picks came in — it's what they add up to once you actually grade the rosters, starters and bench combined. The headline: Javier Marichal, dead last two seasons running, walked out of this draft with the single best roster in the league. Real turnaround, real receiving corps in Puka Nacua and A.J. Brown, real bench depth behind them.

On the other end, Matteo Costanzo has arguably the league's best true top-of-roster talent — Ja'Marr Chase at 1.03, Lamar Jackson's real rushing upside at quarterback — sitting on top of the thinnest roster in the league beneath it. Jack Moran, last year's real champion, built the same elite starting core that won it all, but enters this season with the shallowest bench of anyone here. Different kind of risk, same real question: can it survive a real injury.

Health is the theme running under almost every real roster this year. Allen Leshner's Malik Nabers has no confirmed Week 1 timeline coming off a real ACL tear; his own quarterback insurance, Patrick Mahomes, is stashed behind Jaxson Dart while recovering from the same injury, reportedly ahead of schedule. Alec Piotrowski added George Kittle off waivers, who's still working back from a real January Achilles tear — real swing factor for a team that already grades as the league's deepest bench. None of these are hypotheticals — they're the real variables that will actually decide how these rosters play out.

II. Way-Too-Early Power Rankings

The real Post-Draft rankings, before a single game has been played

1. Javier Marichal

A

The real draft says the reputation and the roster stopped matching. Puka Nacua and A.J. Brown anchor the starting lineup, and the bench (DJ Moore, Parker Washington) is deep enough that this grades out as the strongest team in the league, starters and bench combined.

2. Alden Cooper

A

Bijan Robinson at 1.01 and Trey McBride at the TE turn is about as clean a foundation as anyone built, and Tony Pollard gives him real bench insurance at RB. Drake Maye finished as the actual QB2 in fantasy last season and was runner-up for NFL MVP.

3. Alec Piotrowski

B+

Ashton Jeanty behind Amon-Ra in round 1 is textbook from the league's most talented manager — and once the bench is counted, this is actually the deepest roster in the league.

4. Jack Moran

B+

Gibbs-Bowers to open, same formula that won him the title. The starting lineup is elite. The catch: this is the thinnest bench in the entire league by a real margin.

5. Adam Proctor

B

Jonathan Taylor at 1.10 remains one of the safest picks in the league even at the tail of the round, and the bench has real upside if either Jameson Williams or Jordyn Tyson breaks out.

6. Allen Leshner

B

Christian McCaffrey and Malik Nabers are true difference-makers when healthy — but Nabers has no confirmed Week 1 timeline. The bench is where this team quietly gets good: a real Mahomes stash behind Jaxon Dart.

7. Sullivan Ernst

C+

Justin Jefferson and Josh Allen give him a real top-end edge most of the league can't match. He's already been one of the league's more active managers on waivers early — the bench doesn't have quite the depth to fully insure the rest of the roster yet.

8. Will Phillips

C+

CeeDee Lamb and Kyren Williams give him a real 1-2 punch, and Joe Burrow is a legitimate weapon at QB. The bench is the softer part of this roster.

9. Blake Johnson

C

Saquon Barkley and Jaxon Smith-Njigba give him two real stars, and Jeremiyah Love adds rookie upside at RB2. A real roster, just not a top-tier one on paper.

10. Matteo Costanzo

C

Ja'Marr Chase at 1.03 is as good a floor as exists in this league, and Lamar Jackson gives him real rushing upside. The concern is depth everywhere else: the lightest roster in the league, starters and bench alike.

III. Team Previews

Every manager, real grade, real best pick, real question mark

Javier Marichal

A

"triciaphatpu55y" · Post-Draft Rank #1

Dead last two seasons running, and this is the best roster in the league on paper. Puka Nacua and A.J. Brown give him a real, complete receiving corps, and the bench has real depth behind it. If this turns into wins instead of just a good grade, it's the story of the season.

Best Value Pick: Parker Washington (8.07) · **Biggest Reach:** DJ Moore (5.04)

Alden Cooper

A

"The Truth" · Post-Draft Rank #2

A genuinely clean, top-to-bottom build. Bijan Robinson and Trey McBride anchor a real foundation, and Drake Maye — real QB2 finish last season, real MVP runner-up — isn't the shaky proposition the reputation might suggest.

Best Value Pick: Drake Maye (6.10) · **Biggest Reach:** Makai Lemon (9.01)

Alec Piotrowski

B+

"Deck the Halls" · Post-Draft Rank #3

The league's most consistently talented builder did it again — Ashton Jeanty behind Amon-Ra is a real head start, and this grades as the deepest bench in the league once everything's counted. A real ankle injury for Jeanty is the one thing to watch — no firm timeline yet, but the upside of that pick is genuinely tied to his health.

Best Value Pick: Christian Watson (8.04) · **Biggest Reach:** Ashton Jeanty (2.04)

Jack Moran

B+

"B2B Neva Looked So Easy" · Post-Draft Rank #4

The reigning champion rebuilt the same elite top end that won it all — Gibbs and Bowers to open. The real risk isn't the starters, it's what happens behind them: the thinnest bench in the league, by a real margin.

Best Value Pick: Rhamondre Stevenson (10.09) · **Biggest Reach:** Brandon Aubrey (9.02)

Adam Proctor

B

"Caleb brings gina flowers" · Post-Draft Rank #5

Jonathan Taylor at 1.10 is as safe a real anchor as exists this late in round one. The swing factor is Caleb Williams at QB1 — the rest of the roster is genuinely solid underneath him.

Best Value Pick: Caleb Williams (9.10) · **Biggest Reach:** Jordyn Tyson (7.10)

Allen Leshar

B

"Kuppa Nabers" · Post-Draft Rank #6

Real stars in McCaffrey and Nabers, real question mark in Nabers' recovery timeline. The quiet strength here is the bench — a real Mahomes stash, reportedly ahead of schedule in his own recovery.

Best Value Pick: Terry McLaurin (5.06) · **Biggest Reach:** Zach Charbonnet (10.05)

Sullivan Ernst

C+

"Just In: Jefferson wins OPOY" · Post-Draft Rank #7

Justin Jefferson and Josh Allen are a real, top-shelf 1-2 punch. The best-team-never-won-it story doesn't go away because of one good draft — he'll need his early, active pace on waivers to keep paying off if the rest of the roster is going to catch up to the top of it.

Best Value Pick: Jaylen Warren (9.09) · **Biggest Reach:** Michael Wilson (8.02)

Will Phillips

C+

"CEEDEEZ NUTZ" · Post-Draft Rank #8

CeeDee Lamb and Kyren Williams give him a legitimate real 1-2 punch, with Joe Burrow adding a real weapon at quarterback. Where this roster gets tested is depth — solid starters, less to fall back on.

Best Value Pick: Tucker Kraft (7.08) · **Biggest Reach:** TreVeyon Henderson (6.03)

Blake Johnson

C

"Gina Love my Pitts" · Post-Draft Rank #9

Saquon Barkley and Jaxon Smith-Njigba are real difference-makers, and Jeremiyah Love adds real rookie upside behind Barkley. Kyle Pitts remains the definition of boom-or-bust at tight end.

Best Value Pick: Javonte Williams (5.05) · **Biggest Reach:** Dak Prescott (6.06)

Matteo Costanzo

C

"Chase My Nuts" · Post-Draft Rank #10

Ja'Marr Chase at 1.03 is as good a real floor as exists in this league, and Lamar Jackson's rushing upside is a genuine weapon at QB. Everywhere else on this roster, though, graded out as the league's lightest — the waiver wire will matter more here than anywhere else.

Best Value Pick: Brian Thomas Jr. (8.08) · **Biggest Reach:** Quinshon Judkins (5.03)

IV. Bold Predictions

Real reasoning, genuinely speculative conclusions — you've been warned

The #1 grade doesn't survive the season.

Javier's roster is real and it's good — but two straight last-place finishes don't happen by accident either. The real test isn't the draft grade, it's whether the same tendencies that produced back-to-back last-place seasons show up again in-season.

Jack Moran's bench gets exposed before Week 8.

The league's thinnest bench, on the league's best starting lineup. If even one of Gibbs or Bowers misses real time, this is the roster with the least real margin for error.

Alden Cooper is the real threat to a repeat title.

The cleanest, most complete build in the league on paper. If Drake Maye's real 2025 breakout was the beginning of something and not a ceiling, this roster has the fewest real weaknesses of anyone's.

Matteo Costanzo's season lives or dies on the waiver wire.

Elite floor at the top of the roster, genuinely nothing behind it. No team in the league needs a hot streak of real waiver-wire finds more than this one.

Health, not draft grade, decides the real top 3.

Nabers and Mahomes are both real question marks sitting on otherwise-strong rosters. However those two real recoveries actually go will move more than any single draft pick did.

Allen Leshner's team doesn't peak until November.

Both of his real difference-makers, Nabers and Mahomes, are coming off the same injury with no guaranteed Week 1 role. This roster's real ceiling doesn't show up until both of them actually get there.

Sullivan Ernst's story finally turns — one way or the other.

Most wins in league history, still no title, already the most active manager in the league on waivers this early. Real pattern says this resolves in a big way this year, not another quiet middle finish.

Kyle Pitts decides Blake Johnson's season more than Barkley does.

Barkley and Jaxon Smith-Njigba are the real floor. Pitts is the genuine boom-or-bust swing piece — on a roster this far outside the top tier, his good weeks matter more than most teams' RB1 does.