

The 2025 All-Sport Draft Report Card

Introduction: A Draft for the Ages

In the annals of fantasy sports, few events can claim the sheer ambition and complexity of the 2025 All-Sport Draft. This was not merely a test of knowledge within a single league but a comprehensive examination of strategic acumen across the entire sporting landscape. Fourteen managers entered the virtual war room, tasked with building a 30-selection portfolio from a universe spanning professional golf, tennis, auto racing, and the major North American team sports, alongside the high-stakes world of collegiate athletics. The resulting draft board is a fascinating document, a tapestry of divergent philosophies and bold gambles.

This report serves as the definitive audit of that process. It will dissect every pick, evaluate every strategy, and ultimately, render a verdict on each of the 14 draftees. The central tension of the draft quickly became apparent: is it wiser to secure dominant, self-reliant individual athletes, or to invest in the collective strength of powerhouse teams? How does one balance the steady, season-long grind of a professional league asset against the explosive, concentrated potential of a collegiate program destined for a championship run? Who understood the nuances of a deep draft board, and who was left making speculative picks in the final rounds? This analysis will answer those questions, providing a complete report card for every participant and crowning the draft-day champion best positioned for the season ahead.

Final Power Rankings & Overall Grades

Before delving into the granular details of each draftee's performance, this table provides a comprehensive overview of the final draft standings. Each participant has been graded based on the quality of their selections relative to draft position, the coherence of their overall strategy, and their roster's potential for both a high point-scoring floor and a championship-winning ceiling.

Rank	Draftee	Final Grade	The Bottom Line
1	Drew	A+	A masterclass in securing elite, high-floor assets at the top, complemented by savvy value picks, makes this the roster to beat.
2	Miller	A	An aggressive, high-upside draft that cornered the market on top-tier NASCAR talent while finding exceptional value in other sports.
3	Matt	A	The model of a balanced draft, combining early-round star power with some of the best late-round value selections on the board.
4	Kyle	A-	A strong core of early-round stars is now complemented by two elite LPGA talents found in the draft's final rounds. A true contender.
5	The Carl Edwards Curse	A-	A high-risk, high-reward portfolio that landed a potential

			league-winner in Ludvig Aberg and could dominate if its gambles pay off.
6	Greg	B+	A solid, if unspectacular, draft that secured top-tier talent but may lack the depth and high-end value of the elite rosters.
7	Jordan	B	A well-rounded draft that spread its assets across many sports but may have missed opportunities for truly dominant, slate-breaking talent.
8	Mike	B-	Landed several cornerstone professional teams but may have overpaid for them, leaving the rest of the roster thin on consistent point-scorers.
9	Dan	C+	A bold early bet on college football and some solid NHL assets are undermined by a lack of depth in individual sports.

10	Bart	C+	Found the single best value pick of the draft in Charley Hull but surrounded it with a series of reaches and questionable assets.
11	Frank	C	A defense-first approach in the NFL and some solid college basketball picks are offset by a lack of firepower in individual sports.
12	Kari	C-	An aggressive early investment in NFL teams that face tough schedules, followed by a series of high-variance picks, creates a volatile roster.
13	Scott	D+	Despite landing the Super Bowl favorite Chiefs, the rest of the draft is a collection of speculative and low-ceiling assets.
14	Rob Sucks	D	A portfolio defined by reaches, questionable team loyalties, and a failure to secure elite talent in any

			single category.
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Comprehensive Draftee Audits

Draftee: Drew

Pick	Selection	Sport
1	Scottie Scheffler	PGA
28	Jannik Sinner	TENNIS
29	UCLA	NCAAWB
56	Carolina	NHL
57	Purdue	NCAABB
84	Auburn	NCAABB
85	Oklahoma	NCAAWB
112	Columbus	MLS
113	Chris Buescher	NASCAR
140	Tampa Bay	MLB
141	Mao Saigo	LPGA

168	Miami (FL)	NCAAFB
169	Illinois	NCAAFB
196	Minnesota	NHL
197	Miami	NBA
224	Illinois	NCAABB
225	Jacksonville	NFL
252	Toronto	NBA
253	Baylor	NCAAFB
280	Las Vegas	NFL
281	Ben Shelton	TENNIS
308	Atlanta	MLS
309	Michigan St.	NCAAWB
336	Patrick Cantlay	PGA
337	LA Angels	MLB
364	Hannah Green	LPGA
365	Austin Dillon	NASCAR
392	Texas A&M	NCAABB
393	South Florida	NCAAWB
420	Anaheim	NHL

Strategic Analysis: The "Blue-Chip" Blueprint

Drew's draft was a textbook execution of a "blue-chip" strategy, prioritizing the acquisition of undisputed, consensus No. 1 assets to build a foundation with an extraordinarily high floor. The selection of **Scottie Scheffler** with the first overall pick was the safest and most logical move available. Scheffler is the undisputed World No. 1 in men's golf, a position supported by every major ranking system and betting market.¹ He enters nearly every tournament as the prohibitive favorite, providing a weekly source of elite scoring potential that is unmatched by any other asset in this draft.⁴

This approach was brilliantly complemented by the selection of **Jannik Sinner** at pick #28. Securing the ATP World No. 1 tennis player at the end of the second round represents a staggering value proposition.⁶ Sinner's 2024 campaign was one of historic dominance, and he enters the 2025 season as the most reliable player on the men's tour, having established himself as the premier talent on the sport's biggest stages.⁸ By locking up the top athletes in both men's golf and tennis, Drew has cornered the market on individual male athletic dominance, creating a weekly scoring advantage that will be difficult for any opponent to overcome.

The strategy extended effectively into collegiate sports. The selection of **Purdue Men's Basketball** at #57 is a savvy investment in a team projected to be a top seed in the NCAA Tournament and a national title favorite.¹¹ Similarly, picking the

UCLA (#29) and **Oklahoma** (#85) women's basketball teams provides exposure to two programs consistently ranked in the preseason top 10, both with legitimate Final Four aspirations.¹³ These picks represent calculated, high-upside gambles on teams with a clear path to scoring heavily during championship season.

The portfolio is not without its risks. The selection of the **Jacksonville Jaguars** at #225 is a speculative play on a team coming off a dismal 4-13 season, now under a new head coach and with lingering questions about quarterback Trevor Lawrence's health and consistency.¹⁵ However, in the 15th round, this is a risk worth taking. The foundation of this roster is so strong that it can afford a few such gambles in the later rounds.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Patrick Cantlay (PGA) at #336.** While his 2025 season has been inconsistent, Cantlay is an eight-time PGA Tour winner and a perennial top-25 player in the world.¹⁸ He possesses immense talent and is a former winner of the BMW Championship, showcasing his ability to compete in elite fields.⁴ To acquire a player of this caliber in the 22nd round is a coup that significantly bolsters Drew's already formidable PGA roster.
- **Head-Scratcher: LA Angels (MLB) at #337.** This pick stands out as a questionable use

of a late-round selection. The Angels have consistently underperformed and lack a clear path to contention in a competitive American League. While the risk is minimal this late in the draft, there were likely higher-upside assets available on the board.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: A+**
- Drew's draft is a masterclass in building a fantasy dynasty. By securing the best individual athletes in two major global sports, he has constructed a roster with an unparalleled weekly scoring floor. This foundation of elite, self-reliant talent provides a massive competitive advantage. The supporting cast of high-potential college programs, solid professional teams like the Carolina Hurricanes ¹⁹, and incredible late-round value in players like Cantlay and Hannah Green ²¹ gives this portfolio both stability and a championship ceiling. Drew exits the draft as the clear and undisputed favorite.

Draftee: Greg

Pick	Selection	Sport
2	Rory McIlroy	PGA
27	New York	NBA
30	Texas	NCAAFB
55	Chase Briscoe	NASCAR
58	Colorado	NHL
83	Angel Yin	LPGA
86	Chi Cubs	MLB
111	Michigan	NCAABB
114	Tampa Bay	NHL

139	Minnesota	MLS
142	Taylor Fritz	TENNIS
167	Denver	NFL
170	Atlanta	NBA
195	USC	NCAAFB
198	Chicago	NFL
223	TCU	NCAAWB
226	Erik Jones	NASCAR
251	Jin Young Ko	LPGA
254	Ole Miss	NCAAWB
279	Wyndham Clark	PGA
282	Indiana	NCAABB
307	Miami	MLB
310	Hubert Hurkacz	TENNIS
335	N.C. State	NCAABB
338	Oklahoma St.	NCAAWB
363	Toronto FC	MLS
366	Georgia Tech	NCAAFB
391	Texas Tech	NCAAWB

394	Ohio State	NCAABB
419	Florida State	NCAAFB

Strategic Analysis: Stars and Supporting Cast

Greg's strategy centered on acquiring a bona fide superstar with his first pick and then building a deep, if not always spectacular, roster around him. The selection of **Rory McIlroy** at #2 overall provides an elite anchor in the PGA Tour. As the world's No. 2 ranked golfer, McIlroy is a consistent threat to win any tournament he enters and boasts a formidable record in major championships and playoff events.¹ While not as dominant as Scheffler in 2025, he represents a secure, high-ceiling asset to build around.²³

The subsequent picks aimed for a mix of solid professional teams and high-potential college programs. The **New York Knicks** (#27) are a strong NBA asset, coming off a 51-win season and an Eastern Conference Finals appearance, with a solid core built around Jalen Brunson.²⁴ In college football,

Texas (#30) is a premier pick, entering the season as the favorite to win the SEC and the national championship, led by highly touted quarterback Arch Manning.²⁶ This combination of a top-tier NBA team and a college football powerhouse gives Greg's roster a strong foundation in two key sports.

However, the middle rounds reveal a more inconsistent approach. While **Chase Briscoe** (#55) has been peaking at the right time in the NASCAR season and is driving for the elite Joe Gibbs Racing team²⁹, the selection of the

Colorado Avalanche (#58) is more questionable. While still a contender, the Avalanche are no longer the dominant force they once were, sitting just outside the top tier of NHL power rankings.³¹ Similarly, the

Chicago Cubs (#86) are a solid MLB team but are ranked behind several other teams taken later in the draft.³³ This pattern suggests a strategy that secured good, but not always great, assets, potentially leaving value on the table.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Jin Young Ko (LPGA) at #251.** A former world No. 1 and a perennial top-20 player, Ko is an elite talent in women's golf.³⁴ She has a history of strong finishes in big events and recently finished second at the Founders Cup.³⁶ To acquire a player of her caliber in the 17th round is an absolute theft and provides a massive boost to Greg's individual athlete portfolio.

- **Head-Scratcher: Denver Broncos (NFL) at #167.** The Broncos are a team in transition, with an unproven quarterback situation and stuck in a division with the powerhouse Kansas City Chiefs.³⁸ While Sean Payton is a respected coach, the team is not projected to be a playoff contender, making this a significant reach in the 12th round when more stable assets were available.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: B+**
- Greg executed a solid draft, anchored by an elite golfer in Rory McIlroy and a potential national champion in Texas Longhorns football. The roster has a good mix of assets across multiple sports and features some excellent value picks, particularly Jin Young Ko and Wyndham Clark (#279).³⁹ However, the draft lacks a second truly dominant force to pair with McIlroy, and some of the mid-round team selections feel like settling for good instead of great. The roster has a high floor and should be competitive, but it may lack the top-end firepower needed to challenge the league's elite teams for a championship.

Draftee: Scott

Pick	Selection	Sport
3	Kansas City	NFL
26	NY Mets	MLB
31	Nashville	MLS
54	Seattle	MLS
59	Kansas City	MLB
82	Grand Canyon	NCAAWB
87	Minnesota	NFL
110	Kansas St.	NCAAWB

115	Hye-Jin Choi	LPGA
138	Boise State	NCAAFB
143	Ben Griffin	PGA
166	Drake	NCAABB
171	Carlota Ciganda	LPGA
194	Missouri	NCAAFB
199	Washington	NCAAFB
222	Wisconsin	NCAABB
227	Grand Canyon	NCAABB
250	Calgary	NHL
255	Creighton	NCAAWB
278	Phoenix	NBA
283	Joe Highsmith	PGA
306	NY Islanders	NHL
311	Sacramento	NBA
334	Elise Mertens	TENNIS
339	Belinda Bencic	TENNIS
362	John H. Nemechek	NASCAR
367	Ricky Stenhouse	NASCAR

390	Minnesota	NCAAFB
395	Buffalo	NHL
418	Boise State	NCAABB

Strategic Analysis: The Hometown Hero Play

Scott's draft appears heavily influenced by a "hometown hero" strategy, prioritizing the **Kansas City Chiefs** at #3 overall. While the Chiefs are a perennial Super Bowl contender and one of the NFL's elite teams, taking a team sport asset this high is a significant gamble.³⁸ The value of an NFL team, whose success is distributed across dozens of players and limited to 17 regular season games, is arguably lower than that of a dominant individual athlete who competes more frequently. This was compounded by doubling down with the

Kansas City Royals (#59), a team with a much lower ceiling in MLB.

The rest of the draft is a collection of high-variance and speculative picks. The dual MLS selections of **Nashville SC** (#31) and **Seattle Sounders** (#54) provide a solid, if not spectacular, floor in that league, as both are consistent playoff contenders.⁴⁴ However, the reliance on mid-major college basketball programs like

Grand Canyon (#82, #227) and **Drake** (#166) is a risky proposition that depends entirely on a "Cinderella" run in March to pay off.

The individual athlete selections are similarly inconsistent. While **Hye-Jin Choi** (#115) is a solid LPGA player with numerous top-10 finishes⁴⁷, and

Ben Griffin (#143) has shown flashes of brilliance with two PGA Tour wins in 2025⁴⁹, they are not the elite, dominant forces secured by other managers in earlier rounds. The late-round tennis picks of

Elise Mertens (#334) and **Belinda Bencic** (#339) represent decent value, as both are established top-30 players⁷, but they are unlikely to challenge for major titles. Overall, the roster feels thin on top-tier talent beyond the Chiefs.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Ben Griffin (PGA) at #143.** Griffin has had a breakout 2025 season, winning twice and finishing runner-up at the prestigious Memorial Tournament.⁴⁹ He ranks 11th on the PGA Tour in total strokes gained, indicating he is performing at an elite level.⁴⁹ To get a player on this trajectory in the 10th round is excellent value.
- **Head-Scratcher: Kansas City Chiefs (NFL) at #3.** This is less a knock on the Chiefs

and more on the opportunity cost. With the world's top individual athletes available, selecting a team—even an elite one—at this position is a strategic misstep in a format that appears to reward individual dominance. The value simply isn't comparable to what was left on the board.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: D+**
- Scott's draft is a case study in putting sentiment ahead of value. While securing the reigning Super Bowl champions is a nice talking point, the #3 overall pick was too high a price to pay. The rest of the roster is a patchwork of mid-tier assets and long-shot college teams. There are some bright spots, like the selection of Ben Griffin, but the overall lack of elite, high-frequency scoring talent will put this roster at a significant disadvantage. The Chiefs will need to have a historically dominant season for this draft to be considered even moderately successful.

Draftee: Mike

Pick	Selection	Sport
4	Kyle Larson	NASCAR
25	Philadelphia	NFL
32	NY Yankees	MLB
53	Michigan	NCAAFB
60	NY Rangers	NHL
81	Minnesota	NBA
88	Michigan State	NCAABB
109	Toronto	MLB
116	North Carolina	NCAAWB

137	Tennessee	NCAAFB
144	Keegan Bradley	PGA
165	Orlando	MLS
172	Mirra Andreeva	TENNIS
193	Jin Hee Im	LPGA
200	Atlanta	NFL
221	Montreal	NHL
228	Ty Gibbs	NASCAR
249	Green Bay	NCAAWB
256	Jack Draper	TENNIS
277	Si Woo Kim	PGA
284	Akron	NCAABB
305	D.C. United	MLS
312	Ruoning Yin	LPGA
333	Texas	NCAABB
340	Montana State	NCAAWB
361	Nebraska	NCAAFB
368	Brooklyn	NBA
389	Ball State	NCAAWB

396	Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune	TENNIS
417	Norfolk State	NCAABB

Strategic Analysis: The Pro Sports Conglomerate

Mike's draft strategy was heavily focused on acquiring cornerstone professional sports franchises. The selection of **Kyle Larson** at #4 was a strong start, securing one of NASCAR's most dominant drivers, who leads the playoff standings and is a perennial championship threat.⁵⁴ He then invested heavily in blue-chip teams: the

Philadelphia Eagles (#25), the **New York Yankees** (#32), and the **New York Rangers** (#60). The Eagles are the defending Super Bowl champions and are favored to repeat, boasting arguably the best roster in the NFL.⁴¹ The Yankees and Rangers are likewise perennial contenders in their respective leagues.⁶⁰

This "big market, big brand" approach provides a stable, if somewhat predictable, foundation. The success of these teams will provide a consistent stream of points throughout their long seasons. This was complemented by a solid pick in **Michigan Football** (#53), a team that, while not a top-tier title favorite, is a consistent winner and a threat to make the College Football Playoff.²⁶

The weakness in this strategy is the potential lack of explosive, week-winning upside from individual athletes. While **Keegan Bradley** (#144) is a solid PGA Tour player and Ryder Cup captain⁶³, he is not in the same tier as the golfers taken in the early rounds. The tennis portfolio is intriguing but volatile, featuring rising star

Jack Draper (#256) and the talented but inconsistent **Holger Rune** (#396).⁷ The success of this roster will depend heavily on whether the sum of its team parts can outperform the individual star power assembled by other managers.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Ruoning Yin (LPGA) at #312.** Yin is the World No. 5 ranked player, a major champion (2023 Women's PGA), and has five LPGA Tour wins to her name.³⁴ Finding a player of this caliber—a top-5 talent in her sport—in the 21st round is an astounding oversight by the rest of the league and a massive value for Mike.
- **Head-Scratcher: Minnesota Timberwolves (NBA) at #81.** While the Timberwolves have been a strong team, making consecutive Western Conference Finals appearances⁶⁹, this pick feels like a reach in the sixth round. They are not considered a top-tier title contender like the Thunder or Cavaliers⁷⁰, and there were likely individual athletes with higher ceilings still available.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: B-**
- Mike has assembled a formidable collection of professional sports franchises that should provide a steady, reliable source of points all year long. The Eagles and Yankees, in particular, are championship-caliber teams that anchor the roster. The draft is further bolstered by one of the best value picks of the entire event in Ruoning Yin. However, the cost of acquiring these big-name teams early was a lack of elite individual talent in golf and tennis. This roster has a very safe floor but may lack the explosive, week-winning potential necessary to compete for a title against the more star-laden lineups.

Draftee: Rob Sucks

Pick	Selection	Sport
5	Carlos Alcaraz	TENNIS
24	South Carolina	NCAAWB
33	Atthaya Thitikul	LPGA
52	Joey Logano	NASCAR
61	Detroit	MLB
80	USC	NCAAWB
89	Haeran Ryu	LPGA
108	LSU	NCAAFB
117	Vancouver	MLS
136	Collin Morikawa	PGA
145	South Carolina	NCAAFB

164	Dallas	NFL
173	Golden State	NBA
192	San Antonio	NBA
201	Arkansas	NCAABB
220	Bubba Wallace	NASCAR
229	Iowa State	NCAABB
248	St. Louis	MLB
257	Utah	NHL
276	Arizona	NFL
285	Chicago	MLS
304	Kentucky	NCAAWB
313	Tommy Fleetwood	PGA
332	Madison Keys	TENNIS
341	Columbus	NHL
360	Navy	NCAAFB
369	Baylor	NCAABB
388	Amanda Anisimova	TENNIS
397	Utah Valley U	NCAABB
416	George Mason	NCAAWB

Strategic Analysis: A Series of Reaches and Questionable Bets

The draft strategy for "Rob Sucks" is difficult to discern, appearing to be a collection of high-risk bets, sentimental favorites, and significant reaches. The draft started strong with the selection of **Carlos Alcaraz** at #5. As the World No. 2, Alcaraz is one of the premier talents in men's tennis and a threat to win any tournament, giving the roster a legitimate superstar anchor.⁶

From there, however, the draft took a questionable turn. The selection of **South Carolina Women's Basketball** at #24 is a solid pick, as they are a perennial powerhouse and national title contender.¹³ But this was immediately followed by a portfolio of high-risk assets.

Atthaya Thitikul (#33) is the World No. 1 in the LPGA, making this an excellent value pick.⁶⁷ However, the pick of

Joey Logano (#52) is a reach for a driver ranked 13th in the standings⁵⁴, and the

Detroit Tigers (#61) are a mid-tier MLB team at best.³³

The strategy of targeting specific schools, regardless of value, is also apparent. After taking the powerhouse South Carolina women's team, the **South Carolina Gamecocks football team** was selected at #145. This is a significant reach, as the football program is ranked outside the top 10 and is not considered a national title contender.²⁶ This suggests a loyalty-based pick rather than a value-based one. The NFL selections of the

Dallas Cowboys (#164) and **Arizona Cardinals** (#276) are also questionable, as both teams are projected to be middle-of-the-pack or worse.³⁸

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Tommy Fleetwood (PGA) at #313.** Fleetwood is a world-class player who, despite being winless on the PGA Tour, consistently finds himself in contention at major championships and elevated events.³ To get a player of his caliber, who has multiple top-5 finishes on the season, this late in the draft is a tremendous value.
- **Head-Scratcher: Dallas Cowboys (NFL) at #164.** Coming off a 7-10 season and with major questions surrounding their quarterback's health and long-term contract status, the Cowboys are a team in turmoil.⁸¹ Selecting them in the 11th round, ahead of numerous playoff-caliber teams and high-upside individual athletes, is a baffling decision that seems disconnected from their 2025 outlook.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: D**
- This draft is anchored by two elite individual talents in Carlos Alcaraz and Atthaya Thitikul,

which saves it from complete failure. However, the rest of the portfolio is a minefield of reaches, sentimental picks, and low-ceiling assets. The over-investment in underperforming professional teams and the questionable value of the collegiate picks create a roster with a very low floor. While Alcaraz and Thitikul will win some weeks on their own, the lack of a competent supporting cast will likely leave this team at the bottom of the standings.

Draftee: Miller

Pick	Selection	Sport
6	Iga Swiatek	TENNIS
23	Ryan Blaney	NASCAR
34	Alexander Zverev	TENNIS
51	Boston	NBA
62	Tyler Reddick	NASCAR
79	Inter Miami	MLS
90	LA Rams	NFL
107	Arizona	MLB
118	Texas	MLB
135	Maryland	NCAAWB
146	Los Angeles	NHL
163	Corey Connors	PGA

174	Memphis	NBA
191	Portland	MLS
202	Kansas	NCAABB
219	Miami	NFL
230	Sam Burns	PGA
247	St. Louis	NHL
258	Andrea Lee	LPGA
275	Gonzaga	NCAAWB
286	Ayaka Furue	LPGA
303	George Mason	NCAABB
314	Florida	NCAAFB
331	Liberty	NCAABB
342	Portland	NCAAWB
359	Memphis	NCAAFB
370	TCU	NCAAFB
387	Wake Forest	NCAABB
398	Belmont	NCAAWB
415	Jordan Spieth	PGA

Strategic Analysis: The High-Octane Offense

Miller's draft is a masterclass in building a high-upside, offense-oriented roster. The strategy began with securing two of the most dominant forces in tennis. **Iga Swiatek** (#6) is a perennial top-3 player in the WTA, a six-time major champion, and a threat to win any tournament she enters.⁷ Pairing her with

Alexander Zverev (#34), the ATP World No. 3 and a consistent contender in major events, gives Miller a formidable one-two punch in tennis that few can match.⁶

The core of this draft, however, lies in its aggressive pursuit of NASCAR talent. **Ryan Blaney** (#23) and **Tyler Reddick** (#62) are both elite drivers ranked in the top 7 of the Cup Series standings, providing a consistent, high-scoring foundation in a sport with a long and demanding season.⁵⁴ This specialization in a high-volume sport is a savvy strategic move that should pay dividends throughout the year.

The team selections are equally aggressive and offense-focused. The **Boston Celtics** (#51), despite the injury to Jayson Tatum, are still projected to be a top-four team in the East with a high-powered offense.⁹²

Inter Miami (#79), led by Lionel Messi, boasts one of the most potent attacks in MLS and is a favorite to win multiple trophies.⁹⁴ The

LA Rams (#90), under offensive guru Sean McVay, consistently field a top-10 offense.⁹⁷ This collection of high-scoring teams across multiple leagues gives Miller's roster an explosive character.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Jordan Spieth (PGA) at #415.** This is an astronomical value. Spieth is a three-time major champion and one of the most talented players of his generation. While his form has been inconsistent, his underlying statistics remain strong, and he ranks 15th on tour in total strokes gained.⁹⁹ To acquire a player with his pedigree and upside with the second-to-last pick of the draft is a potential league-winning move.
- **Head-Scratcher: Memphis Grizzlies (NBA) at #174.** While Ja Morant is a superstar, the Grizzlies are not considered a top-tier contender in a loaded Western Conference.⁷² Taking them in the 12th round, especially when other needs could have been addressed, feels like a slight overpay for a team with a limited ceiling.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: A**
- Miller has assembled a powerhouse roster built on offensive firepower and strategic specialization. The elite tennis duo, the top-tier NASCAR drivers, and the collection of high-scoring professional teams create a portfolio with immense week-to-week scoring potential. The draft is capped off by arguably the best value pick of the entire event in Jordan Spieth. This roster has a legitimate claim to being the best in the league and is

built not just to compete, but to dominate.

Draftee: Jordan

Pick	Selection	Sport
7	Connecticut	NCAAWB
22	Florida	NHL
35	Florida	NCAABB
50	Notre Dame	NCAAFB
63	Nelly Korda	LPGA
78	Cincinnati	MLS
91	BYU	NCAABB
106	Minjee Lee	LPGA
119	Milwaukee	MLB
134	Louisville	NCAABB
147	LA Clippers	NBA
162	Shane Van Gisbergen	NASCAR
175	Elena Rybakina	TENNIS
190	Philadelphia	NBA
203	Florida Gulf Coast	NCAAWB

218	Liberty	NCAAFB
231	Cincinnati	MLB
246	Harris English	PGA
259	Ekaterina Alexandrova	TENNIS
274	New England	NFL
287	Austin	MLS
302	J.J Spaun	PGA
315	Tulane	NCAAFB
330	UNLV	NCAAWB
343	Brad Keselowski	NASCAR
358	Carolina	NFL
371	Nashville	NHL
386	Toledo	NCAAFB
399	UC San Diego	NCAABB
414	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	TENNIS

Strategic Analysis: The Balanced Portfolio

Jordan's draft strategy was one of balance and diversification, spreading assets across a wide array of sports and leagues without overly concentrating on any single one. The draft began with a bold but justifiable pick, taking the **UConn Huskies Women's Basketball** team at #7 overall. As the reigning national champions and a preseason No. 1, UConn is the safest and

highest-upside bet in all of collegiate sports, making this a strong foundational pick.¹³

The individual athlete selections are particularly strong. **Nelly Korda** (#63) and **Minjee Lee** (#106) form an elite LPGA duo. Both are major champions and ranked in the top 5 in the world, giving Jordan a powerful presence in women's golf.³⁴

Elena Rybakina (#175) is a top-10 WTA talent and a former Wimbledon champion, providing a high-ceiling asset in women's tennis.⁷

The professional team selections are solid, if not spectacular. The **Florida Panthers** (#22) are two-time defending Stanley Cup champions and enter the season as a top-tier contender.³¹ The

LA Clippers (#147) and **Philadelphia 76ers** (#190) are both playoff-caliber teams in the NBA, though neither is considered a true championship favorite.⁷² The MLS picks of

FC Cincinnati (#78) and **Austin FC** (#287) are strong, with Cincinnati being a Supporters' Shield contender.⁹⁴ This well-rounded approach ensures that Jordan will be competitive across the board, but it may lack the concentrated firepower of more specialized rosters.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: J.J. Spaun (PGA) at #302.** Spaun is having a career year, winning the U.S. Open and consistently finishing near the top of leaderboards at elite events.¹¹³ He ranks seventh on the PGA Tour in total strokes gained.¹¹⁴ To get a reigning major champion and one of the hottest players in the world in the 21st round is an incredible value.
- **Head-Scratcher: Florida Gators (NCAABB) at #35.** While the Gators are the defending national champions, taking them in the third round is a significant reach.¹¹⁵ College basketball is notoriously volatile, and repeating as champion is exceedingly rare. With elite individual athletes still on the board, this pick represents a major gamble on a high-variance asset.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: B**
- Jordan has constructed a very solid, well-balanced roster with strengths across multiple sports. The foundation of UConn Women's Basketball and an elite LPGA duo is excellent. The professional teams are consistently competitive, and the late-round value found in players like J.J. Spaun and Harris English (#246)¹¹⁷ adds significant depth. The primary weakness is the lack of a true superstar in the big-three men's individual sports (PGA, Tennis, NASCAR). The roster is deep and will be a tough opponent every week, but it may struggle to match the peak scoring potential of the league's top-tier teams.

Draftee: Matt

Pick	Selection	Sport
8	Denny Hamlin	NASCAR
21	Duke	NCAABB
36	Hyo Joo Kim	LPGA
49	Cori Gauff	TENNIS
64	Justin Thomas	PGA
77	Washington	NHL
92	Green Bay	NFL
105	Indiana	NBA
120	Alex Bowman	NASCAR
133	Tennessee	NCAAWB
148	Sepp Straka	PGA
161	NY Red Bulls	MLS
176	Boston	MLB
189	Minnesota	MLB
204	Vancouver	NHL

217	Syracuse	NCAAFB
232	Maryland	NCAABB
245	Houston	MLS
260	Louisville	NCAAWB
273	West Virginia	NCAAFB
288	Xavier	NCAABB
301	Elina Svitolina	TENNIS
316	Lauren Coughlin	LPGA
329	Portland	NBA
344	Indiana	NCAAWB
357	Iowa	NCAAFB
372	New Orleans	NFL
385	West Virginia	NCAAWB
400	Sei Young Kim	LPGA
413	Tommy Paul	TENNIS

Strategic Analysis: The Value Hunter

Matt's draft is a testament to finding value at every turn, building an incredibly deep and well-rounded roster by consistently selecting high-quality assets below their expected draft position. The draft started with a strong, safe pick in **Denny Hamlin** (#8), a top-3 driver in the NASCAR Cup Series and a perennial championship contender.⁵⁴ This was followed by an excellent college basketball pick in

Duke (#21), a team that is a preseason top-3 team and a favorite to win the national championship.¹¹

The true strength of this draft lies in the incredible value found in the individual athlete selections. **Hyo Joo Kim** (#36) is the World No. 8 in the LPGA, making her a steal in the third round.³⁴

Cori "Coco" Gauff (#49) is the World No. 2 in the WTA and a reigning major champion, representing absurd value in the fourth round.⁷ The value continued with

Justin Thomas (#64), a multiple major champion and the World No. 4 golfer, who inexplicably fell to the fifth round.¹ This trio of elite individual athletes, all secured well after their peers, forms a championship-caliber core.

The depth of this roster is remarkable. Even in the later rounds, Matt continued to find talent. **Sepp Straka** (#148) is the World No. 10 golfer¹,

Elina Svitolina (#301) is a top-15 tennis player⁷, and

Tommy Paul (#413), a top-20 player in the world, rounds out an exceptionally deep tennis portfolio.¹²⁴ This consistent accumulation of high-quality players throughout the draft has created a roster with no discernible weaknesses and outstanding depth.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Justin Thomas (PGA) at #64.** This is arguably the most baffling fall of any player in the draft. Thomas is the World No. 4, a recent winner on tour, and a consistent contender in the biggest events.¹ For him to be the fifth golfer off the board and fall to the 64th overall pick is a monumental error by the rest of the league and a gift to Matt.
- **Head-Scratcher: Indiana Pacers (NBA) at #105.** This is a minor quibble in an otherwise stellar draft. The Pacers, while a solid playoff team, are not considered championship contenders, especially with Tyrese Haliburton recovering from a significant injury.⁷⁰ In the seventh round, there may have been higher-upside assets available, but this does not significantly detract from the overall quality of the draft.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: A**
- Matt executed a nearly flawless draft, demonstrating a keen eye for value and a deep understanding of the player pool across all sports. By consistently drafting elite talent below market value, he has assembled a roster that is both star-studded and incredibly deep. The core of Hamlin, Gauff, and Thomas is formidable, and the supporting cast is filled with high-quality contributors. This roster has the perfect blend of a high floor and

an explosive ceiling, making Matt a serious contender for the league championship.

Draftee: Dan

Pick	Selection	Sport
9	Penn State	NCAAFB
20	LA Dodgers	MLB
37	Edmonton	NHL
48	Viktor Hovland	PGA
65	Washington	NFL
76	Notre Dame	NCAAWB
93	Arizona	NCAABB
104	San Diego	MLB
121	Texas Tech	NCAABB
132	Kyle Busch	NASCAR
149	Texas Tech	NCAAFB
160	Alex De Minaur	TENNIS
177	Dallas	NBA
188	Seattle	NFL
205	Charlotte	MLS

216	Chicago	NBA
233	Pittsburgh	NHL
244	Oklahoma	NCAAFB
261	Real Salt Lake	MLS
272	Clemson	NCAABB
289	Ariya Jutanugarn	LPGA
300	Tallon Griekspoor	TENNIS
317	Max Homa	PGA
328	Norfolk State	NCAAWB
345	Martin Truex	NASCAR
356	Stanford	NCAAWB
373	Linn Grant	LPGA
384	NY Giants	NFL
401	Duke	NCAAFB
412	Princeton	NCAABB

Strategic Analysis: The Big Bet on College Football

Dan's draft is defined by a massive, early bet on college football. The selection of **Penn State Football** at #9 overall is the boldest pick of the first round. Penn State enters the season as a consensus top-3 team and a legitimate national championship contender, making this a high-upside play.²⁶ If the Nittany Lions make a run to the title, this pick could pay off handsomely. However, if they fall short of the College Football Playoff, it will be a significant

underperformance for a top-10 pick.

The rest of the draft focused on building a solid, if not spectacular, collection of professional team assets. The **LA Dodgers** (#20) are an MLB powerhouse and a World Series favorite.³³ The

Edmonton Oilers (#37) are the betting favorites to win the Stanley Cup, led by the best player in the world.³¹ These two picks provide a strong, stable foundation in their respective sports.

The individual athlete portfolio is where this roster shows some weakness. **Viktor Hovland** (#48) is a top-15 golfer, but he is a tier below the elite players taken earlier.²

Alex De Minaur (#160) is a top-10 tennis player, representing good value in the 11th round, but he is not a consistent threat at major championships.⁷ The late-round pick of

Max Homa (#317) is a solid value, but the overall firepower in the individual sports categories feels lacking compared to the top teams in the league. The success of this draft will hinge almost entirely on the performance of Penn State football.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Max Homa (PGA) at #317.** Homa is a multiple-time PGA Tour winner and a consistent top-25 player in the world. He has a well-rounded game and has proven he can win against elite fields. Finding a player of his quality this late in the draft provides excellent depth to the PGA roster.
- **Head-Scratcher: Washington Commanders (NFL) at #65.** While the Commanders are an improved team, they are still not considered a top-tier contender and are in the same division as the powerhouse Eagles.³⁸ Selecting them in the fifth round, ahead of several playoff teams and elite individual athletes, is a significant reach.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: C+**
- Dan's draft is a high-stakes gamble on the success of one college football team. If Penn State wins the national championship, this draft will look brilliant. If they don't, the #9 pick will have been a substantial misallocation of resources. The professional team assets are strong, particularly the Dodgers and Oilers, which provides a solid floor. However, the lack of elite, game-breaking individual talent will make it difficult to keep pace with the top rosters on a weekly basis. This is a boom-or-bust draft that could finish near the top or the bottom of the standings, with very little middle ground.

Draftee: Kyle

Pick	Selection	Sport
10	William Byron	NASCAR
19	Aryna Sabalenka	TENNIS
38	Georgia	NCAAFB
47	Clemson	NCAAFB
66	Connecticut	NCAABB
75	Ross Chastain	NASCAR
94	Tampa Bay	NFL
103	San Francisco	NFL
122	Winnipeg	NHL
131	San Francisco	MLB
150	LA Lakers	NBA
159	Milwaukee	NBA
178	Los Angeles	MLS
187	Ottawa	NHL
206	UCLA	NCAABB
215	Russell Henley	PGA
234	Cleveland	MLB

243	Kansas State	NCAAFB
262	Colorado	MLS
271	Vanderbilt	NCAAWB
290	Qinwen Zheng	TENNIS
299	Washington	NCAAWB
318	Hideki Matsuyama	PGA
327	Miyū Yamashita	LPGA
346	Rio Takeda	LPGA
355	McNeese State	NCAABB
374	So Dakota St.	NCAAWB
383	UNLV	NCAAFB
402	Fairleigh Dickinson	NCAAWB
411	High Point	NCAABB

Strategic Analysis: The Deep-League Dominator

Kyle's draft strategy was defined by an aggressive, top-heavy approach, concentrating his early picks on high-upside assets in NASCAR, tennis, and college football. The selection of **William Byron** (#10) gives him the NASCAR Cup Series points leader, a driver who has been consistently at the front of the field all season.⁵⁴ This was immediately followed by

Aryna Sabalenka (#19), the WTA World No. 1 and a dominant force in women's tennis.⁷ This duo provides an elite foundation in two key individual sports.

The college football strategy was equally aggressive, securing two top-5 powerhouses in **Georgia** (#38) and **Clemson** (#47).²⁶ This gives Kyle two legitimate national championship contenders, maximizing his potential for a massive point haul at the end of the season. The

selection of

UConn Men's Basketball (#66), a perennial title threat, further strengthens his collegiate portfolio.¹¹

What elevates this draft from good to great, however, is the masterclass in deep-league value hunting in the later rounds. The NFL selections of **Tampa Bay** (#94) and **San Francisco** (#103) are solid, but the true genius lies in the LPGA picks. By selecting **Miyū Yamashita** (#327) and **Rio Takeda** (#346), Kyle landed two of the best players in women's golf in rounds where many managers were taking speculative flyers. This incredible display of international golf knowledge provides a massive boost to the roster's depth and ceiling.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Miyū Yamashita (LPGA) at #327 & Rio Takeda (LPGA) at #346.**
This is a draft-winning combination. Yamashita is the World No. 6 ranked player and the reigning Women's Open champion. Takeda is the World No. 11, a winner on the LPGA tour, and was the runner-up at the U.S. Women's Open. To acquire two players of this elite caliber in the 22nd and 24th rounds is an act of grand larceny that completely transforms the outlook of this roster.
- **Value Pick: Qinwen Zheng (TENNIS) at #290.** While overshadowed by the LPGA heist, this was another excellent pick. Zheng is the WTA World No. 7 ranked player, a rising star who has already made a major final.⁷ To get a top-10 talent this late in the draft is an exceptional value that provides a strong second option in women's tennis.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: A-**
- Kyle's draft is a brilliant execution of a "stars and sleepers" strategy. The top of the roster is elite, with championship-caliber assets in NASCAR, tennis, and college football. This foundation is now supported by two of the best LPGA players in the world, acquired for a pittance of draft capital. This team has a high ceiling and the potential to compete with anyone. The incredible late-round value completely offsets any perceived lack of depth in the middle rounds, making this a legitimate championship contender.

Draftee: The Carl Edwards Curse

Pick	Selection	Sport
11	Oklahoma City	NBA

18	Cleveland	NBA
39	Baltimore	NFL
46	Vegas	NHL
67	Tennessee	NCAABB
74	Houston	NFL
95	Baylor	NCAAWB
102	Gonzaga	NCAABB
123	Novak Djokovic	TENNIS
130	Emma Navarro	TENNIS
151	SMU	NCAAFB
158	Ludvig Aberg	PGA
179	Nick Dunlap	PGA
186	Kentucky	NCAABB
207	Lydia Ko	LPGA
214	Richmond	NCAAWB
235	Maja Stark	LPGA
242	Michael McDowell	NASCAR
263	Louisville	NCAAFB
270	Zane Smith	NASCAR

291	Arkansas	NCAAFB
298	FC Dallas	MLS
319	Washington	MLB
326	Athletics	MLB
347	Princeton	NCAAWB
354	St. Louis	MLS
375	Seattle	NHL
382	CF Montréal	MLS
403	Victoria Mboko	TENNIS
410	Dayton	NCAABB

Strategic Analysis: The High-Variance Virtuoso

This draftee, aptly named "The Carl Edwards Curse," has assembled a portfolio defined by high-variance, high-upside plays. The strategy is immediately apparent with the first two picks, doubling down on NBA championship contenders with the **Oklahoma City Thunder** (#11) and the **Cleveland Cavaliers** (#18). Both teams are among the top betting favorites to win the 2025-26 NBA title, giving this roster a powerful one-two punch in professional basketball.⁷⁰ This was followed by strong selections of the

Baltimore Ravens (#39), an elite NFL team³⁸, and the

Vegas Golden Knights (#46), a consistent Stanley Cup contender.

The genius of this draft, however, lies in its mid-round individual athlete selections. **Novak Djokovic** (#123), while aging, is still a top-7 player in the world and a threat to win any major he enters.⁷ To get him in the ninth round is remarkable. The selection of

Ludvig Aberg (#158) is a potential league-winner. Aberg is the World No. 11 ranked golfer and is considered by many to be a future superstar.² Landing him in the 11th round is arguably the

steal of the draft. This was complemented by another excellent value pick in

Lydia Ko (#207), a former World No. 1 and a top-3 player in the LPGA.⁶⁷

The roster is not without its quirks. The late-round selections of the **Washington Nationals** (#319) and the **Oakland Athletics** (#326) in MLB are puzzling, as both are among the worst teams in the league.¹²² However, these are late-round flyers in a draft that has already secured an immense amount of high-end talent. This is a roster built to win championships, embracing risk to maximize its ceiling.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Ludvig Aberg (PGA) at #158.** This is a masterstroke. Aberg has rocketed up the world rankings and is already considered one of the best ball-strikers in the game.⁴ He is a future top-5 player who was drafted as a mid-tier asset. This single pick could provide first-round value from an 11th-round investment.
- **Head-Scratcher: Oakland Athletics (MLB) at #326.** While a late-round pick, this selection is still baffling. The Athletics are in a state of perpetual rebuild and are widely considered the worst-run organization in professional sports.¹²² This pick offers virtually no upside and feels like a wasted selection, even in the 22nd round.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: A-**
- "The Carl Edwards Curse" has crafted a fascinating and incredibly high-upside roster. The foundation of two NBA title favorites is strong, but the true brilliance lies in the mid-round snipes of Aberg, Djokovic, and Ko. This collection of individual talent gives the roster a ceiling that few can match. If the key assets stay healthy and the high-variance plays hit, this team will not just compete for a title; it could run away with it. The questionable late-round MLB picks are the only blemish on an otherwise outstanding and creatively constructed draft.

Draftee: Bart

Pick	Selection	Sport
12	Chase Elliott	NASCAR
17	Texas	NCAAWB

40	Denver	NBA
45	Dallas	NHL
68	Houston	MLB
73	St John's	NCAABB
96	Detroit	NBA
101	LA Chargers	NFL
124	Xander Schauffele	PGA
129	Duke	NCAAWB
152	Ole Miss	NCAAFB
157	Andrey Rublev	TENNIS
180	Pittsburgh	NFL
185	Arizona State	NCAAFB
208	New York City FC	MLS
213	Saint Mary's	NCAABB
236	Baltimore	MLB
241	Michigan	NCAAWB
264	Lilia Vu	LPGA
269	Detroit	NHL
292	NE Revolution	MLS

297	Carson Hocevar	NASCAR
320	Oregon	NCAABB
325	Indiana	NCAAFB
348	Paula Badosa	TENNIS
353	Charley Hull	LPGA
376	Akshay Bhatia	PGA
381	LA Galaxy	MLS
404	Ole Miss	NCAABB
409	Florida State	NCAAWB

Strategic Analysis: The Value Seeker

Bart's draft is a mixed bag, highlighted by one of the single greatest value picks of the event but also populated by a series of questionable reaches. The draft began with a solid pick in **Chase Elliott** (#12), the second-ranked driver in the NASCAR Cup Series and a former champion, providing a strong anchor in that sport.⁵⁴ This was followed by a strong selection in

Texas Women's Basketball (#17), a preseason top-4 team with national championship aspirations.¹³

The middle rounds, however, are where the strategy becomes less clear. The **Denver Nuggets** (#40) are a solid NBA team, but not in the same tier as the Thunder or Cavaliers who were taken earlier.⁷⁰ The

LA Chargers (#101) are a potential playoff team but are far from a Super Bowl favorite.³⁸ The selection of

Xander Schauffele (#124) is a bright spot, securing the World No. 3 golfer and a consistent major championship contender.¹

The defining characteristic of this draft is its incredible find in the 24th round. However, this brilliant pick is surrounded by mediocrity. The roster lacks a second elite individual athlete to

pair with Schauffele, and the collection of professional teams is largely middle-of-the-pack. The success of this team will depend on whether its one massive steal can compensate for a lack of overall firepower.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Charley Hull (LPGA) at #353.** This is, without exaggeration, one of the best value picks in fantasy sports history. Hull is the World No. 10 ranked player in the LPGA.³⁴ For a player of this caliber to fall to the 24th round is an unforgivable oversight by 13 other managers. This single pick provides Bart with an elite, first-round talent for the cost of a late-round flyer.
- **Head-Scratcher: St. John's (NCAABB) at #73.** While St. John's had a strong 2024-25 season, they are not projected to be a top-25 team or a serious contender for a deep NCAA Tournament run in 2025-26.¹¹ Taking them in the fifth round, ahead of numerous ranked teams and elite individual athletes, is a significant reach that seems based on past performance rather than future potential.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: C+**
- Bart's draft is a paradox. On one hand, he made the single best pick of the draft in Charley Hull, a feat that deserves immense credit. On the other hand, the rest of the roster is largely uninspiring. The team lacks the elite assets and depth that characterize the top contenders. While Schauffele and Elliott provide a solid foundation, the portfolio is filled with mid-tier teams and questionable college bets. Hull's performance alone will make this team competitive, but it's unlikely to be enough to overcome the roster's other deficiencies and challenge for a championship.

Draftee: Frank

Pick	Selection	Sport
13	Christopher Bell	NASCAR
16	Ohio State	NCAAFB
41	Houston	NCAABB
44	Houston	NBA

69	LSU	NCAAWB
72	Cincinnati	NFL
97	Atlanta	MLB
100	Alabama	NCAAFB
125	Orlando	NBA
128	San Diego	MLS
153	Celine Boutier	LPGA
156	New Jersey	NHL
181	Casper Ruud	TENNIS
184	Seattle	MLB
209	Sungjae Im	PGA
212	North Carolina	NCAABB
237	Iowa	NCAAWB
240	Indianapolis	NFL
265	Josh Berry	NASCAR
268	Iowa St.	NCAAWB
293	Philadelphia	NHL
296	Sporting KC	MLS
321	Utah	NCAAFB

324	San Diego St	NCAABB
349	Robert MacIntyre	PGA
352	Naomi Osaka	TENNIS
377	A Lim Kim	LPGA
380	Andrew Novak	PGA
405	Charleston	NCAABB
408	Iowa State	NCAAFB

Strategic Analysis: The Contrarian Build

Frank's draft took a contrarian approach, largely eschewing the top-tier individual athletes favored by others to focus on strong team assets and second-tier individual talents. The draft began with a solid NASCAR pick in **Christopher Bell** (#13), a top-4 driver who is a consistent threat to win.⁵⁴ This was followed by a major investment in

Ohio State Football (#16), a team ranked in the preseason top 3 and a prime contender for the national championship.²⁶

The strategy of targeting strong, if not elite, teams continued throughout the draft. **Houston Men's Basketball** (#41) is a preseason No. 1 and a national title favorite.¹¹ The

Houston Rockets (#44) are a rising power in the NBA with a young, talented core.⁷² The

Cincinnati Bengals (#72) and **Atlanta Braves** (#97) are both playoff-caliber teams in their respective leagues. This collection of strong teams provides a high floor, but the lack of a true superstar individual may limit the roster's ceiling.

The individual athlete portfolio is solid but lacks a game-breaker. **Casper Ruud** (#181) is a top-15 tennis player, but he is not in the same class as Sinner or Alcaraz.⁷

Sungjae Im (#209) is a very good PGA Tour player, but not an elite one. The selection of **Naomi Osaka** (#352) is an interesting high-upside gamble, as she is a multiple major champion working her way back to the top of the sport.¹⁰⁷

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Houston (NCAABB) at #41.** Houston enters the season as a consensus No. 1 or No. 2 team in the country and is a favorite to win the national championship.¹¹ To get a team of this caliber in the third round, after several other college teams had been selected, is exceptional value.
- **Head-Scratcher: Cincinnati Bengals (NFL) at #72.** While the Bengals are a good team, they are not considered a top-tier Super Bowl contender and are in a brutally tough division.³⁸ Selecting them in the fifth round, especially when individual athletes with higher ceilings were still available, feels like a reach.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: C**
- Frank has built a solid, competitive roster with a high floor, thanks to a collection of strong professional and collegiate teams. The Ohio State and Houston basketball picks, in particular, provide a massive upside. However, the decision to fade the elite individual athletes in the early rounds is a risky one. This roster will be consistently good, but it may lack the explosive, week-winning performances that a player like Scottie Scheffler or Jannik Sinner can provide. It's a well-constructed team that is likely a playoff contender, but it feels a superstar short of being a true championship threat.

Draftee: Kari

Pick	Selection	Sport
14	Buffalo	NFL
15	Detroit	NFL
42	Oregon	NCAAFB
43	Philadelphia	MLB
70	Alabama	NCAABB
71	Jessica Pegula	TENNIS
98	Philadelphia	MLS

99	Toronto	NHL
126	Daniil Medvedev	TENNIS
127	N.C. State	NCAAWB
154	James Madison	NCAAFB
155	Ohio St.	NCAAWB
182	Creighton	NCAABB
183	Austin Cindric	NASCAR
210	Brian Harman	PGA
211	San Jose	MLS
238	Cameron Young	PGA
239	Boston	NHL
266	North Carolina	NCAAFB
267	Pittsburgh	MLB
294	New Mexico	NCAABB
295	James Madison	NCAAWB
322	Ryan Preece	NASCAR
323	New Orleans	NBA
350	Utah	NBA
351	Megan Khang	LPGA

378	Marquette	NCAABB
379	Jennifer Kupcho	LPGA
406	Tom Kim	PGA
407	Texas A&M	NCAAFB

Strategic Analysis: The Aggressive NFL Play

Kari's draft is defined by an aggressive and risky early-round strategy, investing back-to-back first and second-round picks on NFL teams. The **Buffalo Bills** (#14) and **Detroit Lions** (#15) are both considered top-5 teams and Super Bowl contenders, giving this roster a powerful foundation in the NFL.³⁸ However, this strategy comes with significant risk. It ties a massive amount of draft capital to the fortunes of just two teams in a league known for its parity and volatility.

The rest of the draft is a mixed bag of solid assets and high-variance plays. The **Philadelphia Phillies** (#43) are a World Series contender in MLB³³, and the

Boston Bruins (#239) are a perennial playoff team in the NHL.³¹ The tennis portfolio is strong, featuring

Jessica Pegula (#71), the WTA World No. 4, and **Daniil Medvedev** (#126), a top-15 ATP player and former major champion.⁷

The weaknesses lie in the other individual sports and the collegiate portfolio. The PGA roster is solid but lacks a true superstar, with **Brian Harman** (#210) and **Cameron Young** (#238) as its top players. The college selections are largely mid-tier programs like **Oregon Football** (#42) and **Alabama Basketball** (#70), which are good but not elite contenders.¹¹ The success of this draft will depend almost entirely on the Bills and Lions both making deep playoff runs.

Key Selections

- **Steal of the Draft: Jessica Pegula (TENNIS) at #71.** Pegula is the WTA World No. 4 and one of the most consistent players on tour.⁷ To get a player of her caliber in the fifth round is excellent value and provides a strong anchor for the tennis roster.
- **Head-Scratcher: Buffalo Bills (NFL) at #14 & Detroit Lions (NFL) at #15.** While both are excellent teams, investing two premium picks in one sport is a high-risk strategy. This approach forgoes the opportunity to secure elite individual athletes in other sports, creating a lopsided roster that is heavily dependent on the NFL season. If either team underperforms, this draft could quickly fall apart.

Final Grade and Season Outlook

- **Grade: C-**
- Kari's draft is a bold, all-in gamble on the NFL. If the Bills and Lions both meet in the Super Bowl, this strategy will look brilliant. Anything short of that, however, will likely be a disappointment. The roster has some solid pieces in other sports, particularly in tennis, but it lacks the overall depth and balance of the top teams. The high concentration of risk in the early rounds makes this one of the most volatile rosters in the league. It has a puncher's chance at a title if everything breaks right, but a much higher probability of finishing in the bottom half of the standings.

Post-Draft Debrief: Superlatives and Strategic Breakdown

The All-Value Team: Kings of the Late Rounds

A draft of this magnitude is won not only in the first round but in the trenches of the later rounds. Identifying undervalued assets and overlooked superstars is the hallmark of a true draft guru. This year, several managers distinguished themselves with their ability to find diamonds in the rough.

- **Ludvig Aberg (PGA), Pick #158, The Carl Edwards Curse:** This may go down as the single best pick of the draft. Aberg is already the World No. 11 golfer and is widely considered a generational talent with the potential to dominate the sport for years to come.⁴ To acquire a player of this caliber in the 11th round is a monumental steal that provides first-round value for a mid-round price.
- **Charley Hull (LPGA), Pick #353, Bart:** An absolutely baffling oversight by the rest of the league. Hull is the World No. 10 ranked player in the LPGA, a consistent contender with a fiery competitive spirit.³⁴ For a top-10 talent in any sport to fall to the 24th round is inexcusable and represents a massive gift to Bart's roster.
- **Miyū Yamashita & Rio Takeda (LPGA), Picks #327 & #346, Kyle:** A masterstroke of deep-league knowledge. Instead of taking flyers, Kyle landed the World No. 6 and No. 11 ranked players in women's golf with what are essentially throwaway picks in most drafts. This pair of selections single-handedly transformed his roster's outlook.
- **Jordan Spieth (PGA), Pick #415, Miller:** The final pick of the draft for Miller was one of the best. Spieth, a three-time major champion, possesses a level of talent and name

recognition that far exceeds his draft position. Despite recent inconsistencies, his underlying metrics remain strong, and he ranks 16th on tour in total strokes gained.⁹⁹ This is a no-risk, high-reward pick that could pay massive dividends.

The Reaches and Gambles: High-Risk, High-Reward

For every steal, there is a reach—a pick where a manager's ambition or sentimentality outpaced market value. These selections are not necessarily bad, but they represent significant gambles that will either look brilliant or foolish in hindsight.

- **Penn State Football (NCAAFB), Pick #9, Dan:** This was the boldest pick of the first round. Dan bypassed a host of elite individual athletes to bet on a college football team. The gamble is justifiable, as Penn State enters the season as a consensus top-3 team and a national title favorite.²⁶ The risk is immense; anything short of a College Football Playoff championship will feel like an under-return for a top-10 pick.
- **Kansas City Chiefs (NFL), Pick #3, Scott:** While the Chiefs are the NFL's premier dynasty, this pick represents a fundamental miscalculation of asset value. In a multi-sport format, the concentrated, high-frequency scoring of an individual athlete like Scottie Scheffler or Kyle Larson far outweighs the distributed, 17-game value of an NFL team. This pick put Scott's roster in a deep hole from the start.
- **Dallas Cowboys (NFL), Pick #164, Rob Sucks:** This pick exemplifies a strategy based on brand name over 2025 potential. Coming off a 7-10 season and with major questions surrounding their quarterback's health, selecting the Cowboys in the 11th round ahead of numerous playoff-caliber teams is a significant misstep.⁸¹
- **Oakland Athletics (MLB), Pick #326, The Carl Edwards Curse:** This pick transcends strategy and enters the realm of performance art. The Athletics are universally regarded as one of the worst teams in professional sports.¹²² This selection offers no competitive upside and serves only as a testament to the draftee's unique sense of humor or deep-seated pessimism.

Kings of the Hill: The All-Sport Roster Showdown

To better visualize how the top assets were distributed, this section assembles a hypothetical "best-of" roster for the NFL, allowing for a direct comparison of which draftees dominated this critical category.

The All-NFL Roster

Position	Draftee	Team Picked	Draft #	Analysis
QB1	Scott	Kansas City Chiefs	3	The best team in the league, but taken far too early. A massive overpay for a premium asset. ⁴¹
QB2	Mike	Philadelphia Eagles	25	The defending champions and a top-tier contender. Excellent value at the end of the second round. ⁴¹
QB3	Kari	Buffalo Bills	14	A top-4 team and Super Bowl threat. A solid pick, though part of a risky double-down strategy. ³⁸
QB4	The Carl Edwards Curse	Baltimore Ravens	39	A perennial AFC powerhouse. Great value in the third round for a consistent top-5 team. ³⁸
QB5	Kari	Detroit Lions	15	An NFC

				favorite and a strong asset, but again, part of a high-risk concentration of draft capital. ³⁸
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This breakdown reveals that while Scott secured the single best NFL asset, Mike and The Carl Edwards Curse acquired teams of nearly equal caliber at a much lower cost, allowing them to build more balanced rosters. Kari's aggressive strategy secured two top teams but left her vulnerable in other sports.

Final Verdict

Strategic Lessons from the War Room

The 2025 All-Sport Draft provided a fascinating laboratory for competing fantasy sports philosophies. The most successful drafts demonstrated a clear understanding of several key principles:

- Individual Dominance Trumps Team Strength:** The data overwhelmingly suggests that in a format this diverse, the value of an elite, self-reliant individual athlete is paramount. Draftees like Drew (Scheffler, Sinner) and Matt (Gauff, Thomas) who secured top-tier talent in high-volume individual sports have built rosters with a weekly scoring advantage that is difficult to overcome.
- Value is King:** The draft is a marathon, not a sprint. Managers who demonstrated deep knowledge of the player pool across all sports—especially in less-mainstream leagues like the LPGA and MLS—were able to construct rosters with superior depth and value. The late-round acquisitions of players like Charley Hull, Jordan Spieth, and Ludvig Aberg will have a season-long impact equivalent to that of many early-round picks.
- Calculated Risks, Not Blind Gambles:** The most effective use of collegiate assets involved targeting consensus championship contenders (UConn WBB, Penn State Football, Duke MBB). These are calculated risks with a clear path to a massive point payoff. Conversely, strategies that relied on mid-tier programs or sentimental favorites represent blind gambles that are unlikely to provide a positive return on investment.

The Analyst's Championship Pick

After a comprehensive review of all 14 drafts, weighing the strength of top-tier assets, roster depth, strategic coherence, and overall value, one draftee stands above the rest.

While the rosters of Miller and Matt are exceptionally strong and present formidable challenges, the championship prediction goes to **Drew**.

The combination of Scottie Scheffler and Jannik Sinner provides a foundation of such overwhelming, week-to-week dominance that it creates a margin for error no other roster possesses. This elite core is supported by a portfolio of high-upside collegiate teams and a collection of savvy, high-value picks in the later rounds. The roster is impeccably constructed, balancing an incredibly high floor with a championship-winning ceiling. It is the product of a clear, intelligent, and flawlessly executed strategy. Drew not only won the draft; he set the standard for all future competitors.

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