Mari’s 2024 WNBA draft thoughts

Preamble

The 2024 WNBA draft is at 4:30 PM Pacific on Apr 15, 2024.
See also: Mari's 2023 WNBA draft thoughts

Who are you?

I’m just some lady on the internet. I have no basketball bona fides and no fashion credentials. My Twitter bio is literally “idkb.”

Draft invitees

All players are in alphabetical order by first name. There are 15 invitees. Source.

- Aaliyah Edwards (Connecticut)
- Alissa Pili (Utah)
- Angel Reese (LSU)
- Cameron Brink (Stanford)
- Caitlin Clark (Iowa)
- Celeste Taylor (Ohio State)
- Charisma Osborne (UCLA)
- Dyaisha Fair (Syracuse)
- Elizabeth Kitley (Virginia Tech)
- Jacy Sheldon (Ohio State)
- Kamilla Cardoso (South Carolina)
- Marquesha Davis (Mississippi)
- Nika Mühl (Connecticut)
- Nyadiew Puoch (Australia)
- Rickea Jackson (Tennessee)

Draft order

Note that the lottery consists of picks 1–4 only. Draft order source.

Pre-draft fit reactions

- I don’t know about short suits, sorry Caitlin!! Glad she’s got the Prada sponsorship though!

- Well, we all knew that Cameron Brink was gonna look amazing and she does look amazing
- Angel's outfit is one of the best draft outfits I've seen in a long time
- Lots of Bright Red this year!
    - I see Jake from State Farm is also wearing a red suit…
- I love Andraya, but "robustier" is a word we never need to say again.
- I love the concept of Alissa Pili's dress, but I don't love the execution of it.
- Very short group video

Outfit power rankings

Thread / Bonus Sydney Colson tweet

S tier - Wow!

- Rickea Jackson (silver suit)
- Angel Reese

A tier - Great!

- Nyadiew Puoch
- Kamilla Cardoso
- Cameron Brink
- Marquesha Davis

B-tier - Okay, nice

- Celeste Taylor
- Rickea Jackson (red suit)

C-tier - Mmmm…

- Dyaisha Fair
- Aaliyah Edwards
- Nika Mühl
- Jacy Sheldon
- Caitlin Clark
- Charisma Osborne

D-tier -

- Alissa Pili (I'm sorry Alissa!!!)
- Elizabeth Kitley

Actual draft reactions

Draft order source

First round (1–12)

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- 1 - IND - Caitlin Clark (Iowa)
    - Yeah, I don't like the outfit, but I'm glad she got it comped probably.
    - I don't like shortsuits, and short skirt suits are the same thing to me. I don't like formal crop tops. I don't like sparkly formal crop tops. I think the tailoring on the jacket could be tighter.
    - The diamond accents are nice though!
    - "I've loved playing basketball since I was a young girl and that's not going to change."
    - And now, the real drama begins
    - This video of the Pacers players congratulating Caitlin Clark is very cute
- 2 - LAS - Cameron Brink (Stanford)
    - Cameron Brink in 3" heels is like 6'7"; poor Holly is working so hard to look Cam in the eye
    - I like her dress and I think she looks great, however I think she also could have done something more dramatic if she had wanted to
- 3 - CHI - Kamilla Cardoso (South Carolina)
    - Love the TSpoon reel, I completely agree with Andraya's statement that she would run through a wall for her because so would I
    - Is she wearing heels? Oh my god (she's wearing like, 1.5" pumps)
    - Holly's neck is gonna have to work even harder to look Kamilla in the eye
    - I love the red v-neck suit, big year for v-neck suits
- 4 - LAS - Rickea Jackson (Tennessee)
    - WOW what a suit
        - I'm not feeling the bralette, but again, big year for v-neck suits
    - Her hair also looks so good
    - (I'm glad she changed outfits, I wasn't as big into the original outfit, which you can see in this video)
- 5 - DAL - Jacy Sheldon (Ohio State)
    - Someone was slow on the music button…
    - This is a very normal dress.
- 6 - WAS - Aaliyah Edwards (Connecticut)
    - Her necklace is so pretty! Her hair looks so good!
    - As for the dress, there was a vision, and I don't know about the tassels, but it certainly has *movement*
    - I don't know about the spacing with this Mystics team, but she's very talented!
- 7 - CHI - Angel Reese (LSU)
    - Oh BACKLESS whew

    - This is an outfit unlike any we've ever seen, and I am here for it. I'm getting western mysticism! I'm getting chain mail! I'm in love!
    - It's good to remember that players who fight with each other on the court don't necessarily dislike each other off the court
- 8 - MIN - Alissa Pili (Utah)
    - Oh wow!!! This is a surprise!
    - Her hair is incredible
    - I love Alissa so much, I'm so excited for her
- 9 - DAL - Carla Leite (France)
    - She is not at the draft, so I cannot comment on what she's wearing
    - I also do not do a lot of scouting so I cannot comment on her fit with the Wings
- 10 - CON - Leïla Lacan (France)
    - She is also not at the draft, so I also cannot comment on what she's wearing (it's also 2:31 AM in France right now)
- 11 - NYL - Marquesha Davis (Mississippi)
    - Now that's a pretty dress. Sequined! Long! Cute sleeves!
    - PHENOMENAL earrings!
- 12 - ATL - Nyadiew Puoch (Australia)
    - That was not a picture of Tina Charles??? (Tweet)
    - Now this is a pretty dress (it would have been even more perfect if she had been drafted by the Liberty), it's a great color on her though, and I like the gradient

Second round (13–24)

13–24 or 2.1–2.12

- 13 - CHI - Brynna Maxwell (Gonzaga)
- 14 - SEA - Nika Mühl (Connecticut)
    - Oooooh!
    - Okay, again, v-neck blazer thing! What is going on with the skirt? I thought it was pants at first.
    - I see she took the mini grills off?
    - It is 2:56 AM in Nika's hometown of Zagreb, Croatia
- 15 - IND - Celeste Taylor (Ohio State)
    - Another collared v-neck…
    - She looks great! I love her earrings! The fit is very clean!
- 16 - LVA - Dyaisha Fair (Syracuse)
    - I think it's a good suit, the red bowtie and the red pocket square aren't doing it for me though
- 17 - NYL - Esmery Martinez (Arizona)
- 18 - LVA - Kate Martin (Iowa)
    - While not in the "green room" she is physically present, along with what seems like half of Iowa's roster. They're walking her to the stage from the crowd.
    - This is the outfit of someone who wasn't sure she was going to get drafted today.
- 19 - CON - Taiyanna Jackson (Kansas)

- 20 - ATL - Isobel Borlase (Australia)
- 21 - WAS - Kaylynne Truong (Gonzaga)
    - BIG DAY FOR ASIAN AMERICANS
    - https://x.com/holycowitsthao/status/1780042674361254306
- 22 - CON - Helena Pueyo (Arizona)
- 23 - NYL - Jessika Carter (Mississippi State)
- 24 - LVA - Elizabeth Kitley (Virgina Tech)
    - Poor girl has to crutch up on to the stage because she tore her ACL like 3 weeks ago 😭
    - I can scarcely tell what her outfit is like, but it looks very tasteful

Third round (25-36)

25–36 or 1–12

- 25 - PHX - Charisma Osborne
    - White suit! Lots of blazers this year!
    - Her shoes are very sparkly, I'm a fan of the shoes
    - I am not a fan of the cut of the outfit, or the faux-horn buttons and buckles
- 26 - SEA - Mackenzie Holmes (Indiana)
- 27 - IND - Leilani Correa (Florida)
- 28 - LAS - McKenzie Forbes (USC)
    - https://x.com/USCWBB/status/1780052461941850594
    - Wearing the Togethxr "Everyone watches women's sports" shirt!!
- 29 - PHX - Jaz Shelley (Nebraska)
- 30 - WAS - Nastja Claessens (Belgium)
- 31 - MIN - Kiki Jefferson (Louisville)
- 32 - ATL - Matilde Villa (Italy)
- 33 - DAL - Ashley Owusu (Penn State)
- 34 - CON - Abbey Hsu (Columbia)
    - BIG! DAY! FOR! ASIAN! AMERICANS!
    - https://x.com/CULionsWBB/status/1780048279536898397
- 35 - NYL - Kaitlyn Davis (USC)
- 36 - LVA - Angel Jackson (Jackson State)

Bonus fit reactions

- LaChina looks so good! Great color!
- Much like Chiney, I am wearing a black sparkly dress, so I really feel connected to her
- Shoutout to the Asian lady in the blazer toasting with her friend right behind the broadcast table
- Carolyn Peck's necklace is fabulous
- I don't know about Nneka's outfit, but she certainly is wearing Stanford colors
- This is a classic Ryan Ruocco outfit. Nothing to say.
- The floral arrangements in front of the table are nice.

- Rebecca Lobo is wearing a classic Rebecca Lobo dress. Or it's a dress that she already has but in a different color?
- Andraya's blazer! Shoulder pads!!
    - Her outfit in conjunction with Rebecca Lobo's is very Bright Christmas though
- Holly's eyebrows are extra sharp today, I think.
- On one hand, Cathy's dress this year doesn't look like it's from Minecraft, which is good. On the other hand, the darts on the bust look like nips, which is bad.
- Aliyah Boston's hair is so cuuuute
- I like Paige's outfit! Her hair is so cute! She looks like she's having so much fun!

Lasting thoughts from 2023 draft night

- The revival of 2012 prom fashion surprised me.