

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!

- [Rickeya Jackson](#) (silver suit)
- [Angel Reese](#)

A tier - Great!

- [Nyadiew Puoch](#)
- [Kamilla Cardoso](#)
- [Cameron Brink](#)
- [Marquesha Davis](#)

B-tier - Okay, nice

- [Celeste Taylor](#)
- [Rickeya 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)

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

- 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)
 - Ooooooh!
 - 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 (Virginia 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.