



**LEGENDS *of* DYNASTY**

**2016 Season Preview and Evaluations**

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Hey everyone,

Not sure how often I can do this, but wanted to send out a season preview for the Legends 2016 season. You're only 1 once.

Want to thank all of you again for joining the league and being so active. The GroupMe discussions have been fun and are very fertile ground for trades. Most of you are on there regularly and hope the rest will continue to pop in from time-to-time to shoot the breeze and test the trade waters. Even if your team is good, it can always get better (just ask Rusty).

I've done a few evaluations of teams a few different ways. The first is this table built from the 2QB (PPR) player scores at <http://dynastyfftools.com/> dated 8/25/2016. These are about a month behind current ADP, but are a good starting point for evaluating your team's overall strength (it is for your top 22 players for TM 16 score and of the players at a position for the positional columns. The tool even scores draft picks and the "Draft" column is the sum of the values of all of your 2017 and 2018 picks.

Post Cuts		QB		RB		WR		TE		2QB TM Data							
9/6/2016	Avg Age	#	Age	#	Age	#	Age	#	Age	# Skill	QB	TM 16	QB	RB	WR	TE	Draft
Eye	25.7	5	26	7	26.3	9	24.4	2	27.9	23	TM=2QB	50645	5780	7289	29823	437	7317
Rotag	27.7	4	27.8	10	27.1	6	27.5	3	29.8	23	TM ADP	35161	3422	12797	17280	108	1562
God	24.7	4	26.6	4	23.6	9	23.9	6	25.4	23	22	41040	9478	1178	21912	707	7765
Otto	26.8	4	28.5	7	24.9	8	28	4	25.9	23	6	33194	9746	8719	9276	3331	2122
ASP	26.8	4	26.8	5	25.5	11	27.1	3	27.4	23	9/8/2016	32514	8075	2677	8106	10116	3540
HP	27.6	5	29.5	7	27.2	7	26.4	4	27.8	23		32894	11055	5129	11088	2082	3540
Mover	27.5	2	36	7	26.6	10	26.4	4	27.7	23		31011	2175	17633	9379	441	1383
Arrows	26.8	4	27.8	9	26.6	7	26.1	3	28.2	23		35919	8979	3048	22125	205	1562
Solo	25.1	4	27.5	6	23.8	10	25.1	3	24.3	23		37976	4094	2742	27312	471	3361
Romulan	28.1	4	30.3	7	27.3	8	27.2	4	28.9	23		38346	9776	3286	20497	1069	3719
ND	25.1	4	27.2	7	25.6	8	23.8	4	24.8	23		41605	3178	13900	22990	157	1383
ESB	25.2	4	29.1	9	24.2	7	23.8	3	26.1	23		42256	3908	6386	24289	2348	5332

A few things I noticed:

- Cyril is clearly the "chasing youth" team and Kramer (as you will see) has used some veterans to build a strong team.
- Close on the age heels are Marcus, Lance, Z, and Rusty, but each has very different positional distributions.
- Z and Rusty are both really young, but have very different team horizons. Z has RB and Rusty WR, but Rusty is a bit more well-rounded.
- Zach killed the RB spot and gets good "win now" scores from dynastytools.com.
- Joe, Rich, and Zach are next oldest but each has some good young talent. Nobody seems to be "all in" with just veteran studs.

- Pat, Aaron, and Raney are the “middle agers” with a good mix of young and old talent.
- At QB is the oldest by over 5 years boasting Rivers and (newly minted starter) McCown as his only QBs
- Marcus has the youngest QB cadre by a bit with Carr, Stafford, Wentz, and (the not long for this roster) Keenam
- Cyril and Lance have gone the “young guns” approach at RB (< 24), while Kramer, Rich, and Joe are the oldest (~27)
- Four teams (Marcus, Cyril, Z, and Rusty) are young at WR (24), while Pat and Joe have the veterans (>27.5)
- Joe again has the oldest TE (29.8) by about a year over Kramer, and there is an even spread down to Lance (24.3). Good thing the TE position is showing that it is least affected by age.

This table is a rollup of the evaluations found at the top of the team pages. It is based on the dynasty and redraft rankings at [www.fantasypros.com](http://www.fantasypros.com), a site that aggregates expert picks. The rankings are from the end of Preseason Week 4, but before the season started. The rankings in parentheses found after each player’s name, are the fantasypros.com dynasty rankings for that position for PPR.

Rank	Team	Win Now Grade	Dynasty Grade	+/-
1	Romulan Empire (Kramer)	B+	B+	=
2	Empire Strikes Back (Rusty)	B	B+	=
3	Hinkie’s Process (Rich)	B	B-	=
4	Austin Sefarian Powers (Aaron)	C+	B-	=
4	Unblinking Eye (Marcus)	C+	B-	=
6	Otto-Mania (Pat)	B	C	=
7	Scourge of God (Cyril)	C	B-	=
8	Arrows of Darkness (Raney)	B-	C	=
9	Reign of Rotag (Joe)	C	C-	=
9	Han Solo Dynasty (Lance)	C	C-	=
11	Napoleon’s Dynamite (Z)	C	D	=
12	Mover of Chains (Zach)	C+	D+	=

On the next few pages you’ll find a team-by-team evaluation (by fantasypros.com rank and my personal opinion) and a few words of what I think of each team and position group. Love to hear what you think via email or (better yet), GroupMe. Color codes for position evaluations are on the last page of the report.



Marcus Shaw

Win-Now Grade	<b>C+</b>
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Dynasty Grade	<b>B-</b>
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	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	D Carr (9)	Wentz (23)	Brisett (39)	Quality of QBs depends on both Wentz and Carr to develop.	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Stafford (16)	Keenum		Keenum is good depth for 2016; Brisett several years away if ever.		
<b>RB</b>	Freeman (6)	T.West (81)	Drake (45)	Freeman's year will determine his career. If Shady has 2-3 years left, they will be good. Ware has some upside. Depth at Flex.	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>RB</b>	McCoy (17)	Ware (47)				
<b>WR</b>	Robinson (6)		Treadwell (19)	Great span of young WR plus DT. Team's future is pegged to Treadwell, Carroo, and Perriman who have not popped.	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>WR</b>	Evans (9)		Carroo (54)			
<b>TE</b>	Barnidge (17)	Walford (20)		Bottom feeding talent with chance of upside on Walford.	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>FLX</b>	D.Thomas (14)		Perriman (46)	Woodhead has been on the trading block, but there's not much behind him for points. Young WR or RB need to develop to take over for DT and Matthews.	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>FLX</b>	R.Matthews (75)	Turbin	Butler			
<b>FLX</b>	Woodhead (39)		D. Smith (78)			
<b>Draft Capital</b>	(3) 2017 1sts; (0) 2017 2nds			If they can get a TE and some Flex (RB), they could be OK.		<b>A</b>

Bold= Trade; Italics=Waivers/Free Agent; Normal=Drafted

**Player Trade Tracker (Comments and Verdict Updated 9/13/2016)**

Trade	With	Comment	Verdict

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Do I have to love this team because it's mine? Well I do. Obviously The Unblinking Eye has some work to do at Tight end and Flex, but they seem set at QB, RB, and WR going into the season. They have some promising young talent and a pile of draft picks to fill their gaps, but we all know you can't draft top flight TE, so a trade may be necessary. As with most young-ish teams, it all comes down to talent evaluation for The Eye. I'm guessing that they will just miss the playoffs in 2016, contend in 2017 with a dynasty run starting in 2018.



Pat Flynn

Win-Now Grade	<b>B</b>
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Dynasty Grade	<b>C-</b>
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	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Wilson (4)	Cutler (32)		Wilson will be great for a long time. If Cousins can repeat, in good shape for a while. No clear prospects.	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Cousins (18)	Siemian				
<b>RB</b>	Ingram (7)	Artis-Payne (80)	<b>Dixon (26)</b>	Great duo in Ingram and Lacy if Slim-Lacy shows up. Abdullah needs to pop to make the bench work.	<b>B+</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>RB</b>	Lacy (8)	Riddick (40)				
<b>WR</b>	B.Marshall (21)	T.Pryor	Fuller (50)	Lots of old talent with few top-shelf prospects. Fuller has surprised and will need to continue improve dynasty lot.	<b>C-</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>WR</b>	J.Maclin (28)	V.Jackson (69)	T.Hill			
<b>TE</b>	J.Reed (3)	J.Graham (14)	Anderson (38) Heurman (35)	Great TE with injury concerns. Developmental players are shots in the dark. Great talent for Win-Now.	<b>B+</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Abdullah (24)	Gillislee		Will need old-timers Jackson and Smith to pony up some points, but can't be counted on long-term. Vincent Jackson off bench may be on his last year in the league. Need depth.	<b>C-</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>FLX</b>	D.Jackson (53)					
<b>FLX</b>	T.Smith (58)					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	(0) 2017 1sts; (4) 2017 2nds		Need (4) 2017 2nds picks at WR and to mature quickly			<b>C-</b>

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Kroft, 2016 1.11, 3.04, 5.09, 2017 1 <sup>st</sup> for K Dixon, 2016 2.06, 6.09, 2017 2nd	ESB	Two1sts for Dixon and two 2nds is hard to unravel. Depends on Dixon.	?

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Pat has a good start with a solid middle age team and some young talent (Fuller, Dixon, Wilson). Otto is clearly a contender this year but faces an age gap at WR and Flex if some younger players don't develop. The layout seems feast or famine at most positions, hurting depth and making the team especially vulnerable to injuries given the requirement for 3 Flex. If veterans Jackson, Ingram, Smith, and Lacy can couple with the rising youngsters, Otto's dynasty window is now. The outlook for 3 years from now is murkier but one thing is certain: It will be centered on Russell Wilson.



**SCOURGE OF GOD**

**Cyril Handal**

<b>Win-Now Grade</b>	<b>C</b>
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<b>Dynasty Grade</b>	<b>B-</b>
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	<b>Starter</b>	<b>Bench</b>	<b>Prospect</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>WN</b>	<b>Dy</b>
<b>QB</b>	Brees (12)		Goff (23)	Best young QB talent in the league. Will need Goff or Lynch to hit before Brees retires or is traded to a win-now.	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Bortles (6)		Lynch (25)			
<b>RB</b>	Hill (20)		Howard (39)	Hill and not much else unless Kelley or Howard breaks through. J. White is a role player and plays in NE.	<b>D</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>RB</b>	Kelley					
<b>WR</b>	Cooper (6)	Adams (57)	DGB (37)   Moore (87)	Great young WR with little pedigree depth behind for win now or future. Starters carry the grades here.	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>WR</b>	Allen (12)	Rogers	Hardy (88)			
<b>TE</b>	Ebron (7)	James (33)   Paul (43)	Henry (16)   Devalve	Ebron will be very good and Henry has easy path to starting. Witten will go a few more.	<b>C+</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>FLX</b>	White (65)	Crowder (82)		Brown is a great prospect in a make-or-break year. Will he be #1, #2, or #3 in Arizona (I'm betting 1). Flex/depth needs improvement now and later.	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Brown (32)					
<b>FLX</b>	Witten (26)					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	(3) 2017 1sts; (2) 2017 2nds			If they can replenish RB and WR, will be very good.		<b>A</b>

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<b>Traded</b>	<b>With</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Verdict</b>
T Coleman, D Williams, V Green, Z Miller for H Henry, J. Witten, 2017 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reign of Rotag	Comes down to Henry vs Coleman. Too early to tell.	?

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**AUSTIN SEFARIAN POWERS**

**Aaron Walburg**

<b>Win-Now Grade</b>	<b>C+</b>
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<b>Dynasty Grade</b>	<b>B-</b>
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	<b>Starter</b>	<b>Bench</b>	<b>Prospect</b>		<b>Commentary</b>	<b>WN</b>	<b>Dy</b>
<b>QB</b>	Winston (7)		Glennon (49)		Lack of depth for bye weeks hurts Win-Now. No telling if Glennon or Hundley will hit.	<b>B+</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Big Ben (8)		Hundley (47)				
<b>RB</b>	Mathews (36)	Buck Allen (43)	Mike Davis (82)		Starters are good for win-now, but little depth behind. Matt Jones needs to step up for future.	<b>C+</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>RB</b>	L.Murray (25)						
<b>WR</b>	Coleman (27)	Wallace (99)	Benjamin (64)	Conley (78)	Lots of young talent at the end of the WR list after older starters Sanders, Crabtree, and Fitz. Coleman improves dynasty rating a lot.	<b>D-</b>	<b>C-</b>
<b>WR</b>	Sanders (35)	Montgomery (97)	Greene	Lee (107)			
<b>TE</b>	Gronk (1)	Fleener (9) Kelce (5)			Star of the team and the league, they have 2 excellent tight ends and one who could be. Great.	<b>A+</b>	<b>A+</b>
<b>FLX</b>	M Jones (35)	Ginn			Playing TE at flex improves this grade	<b>C+</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Crabtree (48)						
<b>FLX</b>	Fitz (47)						
<b>Draft Capital</b>	Standard picks						<b>B</b>

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**Player Trade Tracker (Comments and Verdict Updated 9/13/2016)**

<b>Traded</b>	<b>With</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Verdict</b>

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** ASP is built around QBs, a youngster and a veteran. I happen to have these same two in my other dynasty league, so I'm partial to this pairing. Bye weeks will require starting a non-QB at Superflex unless something changes. RB is held together with guys that thought they would lose their starting jobs but now appear entrenched for 2016. Both Murray and Mathews (also mine in the other league) are at risk of losing their jobs to a strong 2017 draft class. Depth and future at RB will need some work. WR is thin for win-now and Coleman and/or Conley must succeed to shore this position. The TE are the envy of the league, but the Flex lacks top end skill and depth. ASP is a near-playoff team in 2016 if the RB stay healthy, and a future contender if some RB can be drafted and WR developed.



Win-Now Grade	<b>C</b>
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Dynasty Grade	<b>C-</b>
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	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Brady (13)	Garappolo (37)	Hackenberg (39)	If Osweiler plays well, only depth is a real concern. Hackenberg is a "project" and Garappolo unknown	<b>C-</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Osweiler (30)					
<b>RB</b>	Bell (3)	D Murray (23)	Washington (46)	Finest unit in the league a little on the older side. Washington, Ajayi, and Coleman good youth.	<b>A+</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>RB</b>	Peterson (14)	Lewis (21)	<b>Coleman (31)</b>			
<b>WR</b>	Hopkins (2)	Smith (65)	Robinson	Great starters and Tate at the flex but not much behind unless Hogan is a hero. No stable.	<b>B-</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>WR</b>	Benjamin (24)					
<b>TE</b>	<b>Miller (24)</b>	Cook (30)	<b>Green (34)</b>	Weak unit needs someone to have a Barnidge like year. All three are capable of it. No youth.	<b>D</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Foster (50)	Ajayi (29)				
<b>FLX</b>	Tate (40)	Ellington (69)		Ajayi needs to play to score; others are back of the bench players on most teams.	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Hogan (70)	<b>Williams (49)</b>				
<b>Draft Capital</b>	Missing 2017 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>					<b>C</b>

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Traded	With	Comment	Verdict
H Henry, J. Witten, 2017 3 <sup>rd</sup> for T Coleman, D Williams, V Green, Z Miller	Scourge of God	Comes down to Henry vs Coleman. Too early to tell.	?

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Joe has an enviable list of "who's who" (who was who?) in his starters. Brady, Bell, Peterson, Hopkins, Benjamin, Foster, Tate, Miller, Lewis, Murray have all been top shelf stars in the past. Osweiler and a couple of young guns could be great, but we'll need to see more for a higher dynasty grade. QB grade could improve the most in the next 1-2 years. TE and Flex are lacking, but RB and WR are studly. If Rotag can get some production at TE and Flex he'll be in the championship hunt this year. If his younger talent develops, that hunt will last for years and years.





Rich Luss

Win-Now Grade	<b>B</b>
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Dynasty Grade	<b>B-</b>
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	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Newton (2)	Smith (33)	McCarron (45)	One of the top QB with a couple of aging vets behind, this unit needs McCarron to step up.	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Palmer (18)					
<b>RB</b>	Charles (18)	Johnson (83)	Smallwood (42)	Rawls or Michael should be SEA future. Charles is the vet, Langford the hopeful. Good mix.	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>RB</b>	Rawls (12)	Michael (51)				
<b>WR</b>	D Bryant (7)	Amendola (85)	M Bryant (48)	Bryant and Edelman are a good pair for now. Sharpe is promising. Gordon/Martavis high risk/reward	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>WR</b>	J Edelman (33)	Gordon (31)	Sharpe (53)			
<b>TE</b>	Olsen (4)	Gilmore (37) Green (11)	Burton Kendricks	Great starter and good bench if Green gets well. Backups don't look like much so far.	<b>B+</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Langford (26)			Flex is OK if Gordon and or Bryant come through. Snead is good, but Gore is on his last legs. Need some depth.	<b>C-</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Snead (56)					
<b>FLX</b>	Gore (55)					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	Standard picks					<b>B</b>

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**Player Trade Tracker (Comments and Verdict Updated 9/13/2016)**

Traded	With	Comment	Verdict

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Rich has built an enviable team from the ground up ... no trades. He has 4 legit "blue chip" dynasty assets right now. The Process backs that up with several win-now assets (Charles, Palmer), some promising future assets (Smallwood, Langford, Green, Sharpe), and the wild-child pairing of Gordon and Bryant. If those two guys come back healthy and ready to play, watch out. Hinkie should compete for the title in 2016, and will compete for years if any of a number of promising players comes to the fore. Well played Mr. Hinkie, well played.



Zach Graham

Win-Now Grade	C+
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Dynasty Grade	D+
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	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Rivers (10)	McCown		Rivers is 35 and has 3-5 years ahead, but no second starter for Superflex/byes and no prospects.	<b>D+</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Clay (27)					
<b>RB</b>	Gurley (1)	Ivory (44)   Starks (78)	McKinnon (34)	Best RB in the league starting, with McKinnon as the prospect. Need Powell to seize job in NY.	<b>A+</b>	<b>A+</b>
<b>RB</b>	Martin (9)	Powell (60)				
<b>WR</b>	Nelson (21)	Aiken (63)	Strong (68)	Nelson is 31 and coming off injury, with little behind (Hurns and Jones). No depth or prospects.	<b>C-</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>WR</b>	Hurns (37)	Kearse	Roberts (99)			
<b>TE</b>	Walker (12)	Rogers (26)	Wilson (48)	Walker is excellent at 32. Rogers and Wilson don't have clear path to being a top asset.	<b>C-</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Miller (5)	Wheaton (73)		RB depth helps, but lack of WR depth will hurt on bye weeks. Miller at Flex is excellent.	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Jones (45)	Wilson				
<b>FLX</b>	Austin (57)					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	No 2017 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup>					<b>D</b>

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Traded	With	Comment	Verdict

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Zach took the road less travelled to build his roster and we'll soon see if it paid off. Age and lack of depth of QB are apparent for a Superflex (only team with 2 QBs), and when Rivers retires, this team could be in real trouble. What he lacks at QB, the Mover makes up for at RB with a murders row of Gurley, Martin, Ivory, and Miller. WR and TE are also weak but Flex has a bit of depth if Wheaton and Austin can play. I like Marvin Jones for 2016 and beyond. He has also given up most of his 2017 draft capital to "win now". The Mover's window is tight, either he wins in the next 2 years or it may be a long road to a comeback.



**ARROWS OF DARKNESS**

Chris Raney

Win-Now Grade	<b>B-</b>
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Dynasty Grade	<b>C</b>
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	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Rodgers (3)	Hill	Nassib	Top talent in Rodgers with two higher upside players in Tannehill and Bridgewater. Nassib not a top devy.	<b>B-</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Tannehill (14)	Bridgewater (21)				
<b>RB</b>	Bernard (19)	Dunbar (88)	Collins (79)	Middling at RB with Bernard leading the pack. Washington shows promise, but little else.	<b>C-</b>	<b>D+</b>
<b>RB</b>	Forsett (53)		Washington (45)			
<b>WR</b>	<b>Jones (4)</b>	Woods (91)	Boyd (46)	Best WR in the league with Jones and Brown. Good mix of youth and vets behind.	<b>A+</b>	<b>A-</b>
<b>WR</b>	Brown (3)	Williams (83)	Miller (71)			
<b>TE</b>	Bennett (13)	Cameron (21)		Might be three TE2 with no young bucks behind. Need the unicorn to channel his Hernandez.	<b>C-</b>	<b>D+</b>
		Rudolph (18)				
<b>FLX</b>	Forte (27)	Thompson (56)		A few encouraging young players need to step up for depth.	<b>C+</b>	<b>C-</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Decker (34)					
<b>FLX</b>	Jennings (54)					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	No 2017 1 <sup>st</sup>					<b>C</b>

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Traded	With	Comment	Verdict
K White, Startup 4.07 (Cobb), Startup 7.06 (E Manning) for Julio Jones	ESB	As much as I like Jones, ESB winning with a solid vet QB, Cobb, and White's potential	☹️

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Raney got things started with a MAJOR trade during the draft that netted him the dynamic duo of Antonio Brown and Julio Jones, but he paid heavily for it. The Arrows have a blue chip QB to go with those blue chip WR, but RB is thin and older (minus Washington). This is a team to win-now with some nice pieces for the future. I see playoffs in store for 2016 but unless a RB and TE or two step forward, the outer years could be more challenging.



Lance Cartelli

**Win-Now Grade** **C**

**Dynasty Grade** **C-**

	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Mariota (5)	Romo (27)	Jones (38)	Good youth in Mariota and Cardale Jones, but Romo can't stay healthy and Gabbert is bottom third.	<b>D</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Gabbert (31)					
<b>RB</b>	Crowell (43)	Spiller (81)	Prosise (35)	RB is a weakness with Prosise the lone hope for a blue chip prospect. Needs help here.	<b>D-</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>RB</b>	Johnson (19)	Vereen (62)	Williams (58) Foster			
<b>WR</b>	OBJ (1)	Stills (90)	Dorsett (53)	Strength of the team with 2 blue chippers, 2 greens, and Dorsett up and coming. Sanu might surprise.	<b>A</b>	<b>A+</b>
<b>WR</b>	Watkins (8)	Patton	Nelson			
<b>TE</b>	Allen (15)	ASJ (11)	Williams (18)	ASJ needs to ascend for this group to contend. Allen will be bottom TE1 at best. Maxx not ready.	<b>C-</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Matthews (23)			Very good starters but lack of depth is concerning in a 3 FLEX setup.	<b>B-</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Parker (18)					
<b>FLX</b>	Sanu (73)					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	Standard picks					<b>B</b>

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**Player Trade Tracker (Comments and Verdict Updated 9/13/2016)**

Traded	With	Comment	Verdict

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Three blue chippers including two WR and a QB is a great way to start a team. Depth is non-existent at QB while Romo is out, and Flex depth (WR or RB) is also lacking. TE holds promise but needs ASJ to get his head on and become a blue chipper. Prosise and Dorsett are nice young pieces for the future. This team should hang around the middle of the pack for years unless multiple prospects hit or any of the blue chippers goes down. Well positioned for now and the future, but not there yet.



Mike Kramer

Win-Now Grade	<b>B+</b>
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Dynasty Grade	<b>B+</b>
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	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Luck (1)	Ryan (13)		Solid group of starters and depth, among the best in the league. No prospects, but Luck is SO young.	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Fitzpatrick (26)	Bradford (34)				
<b>RB</b>	Stewart (32)	Yeldon (18)	Barner	Stars and backups but no prospects and some older guys. Need to develop some youth.	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>RB</b>	Gordon (8)	<b>Sims (39)</b>				
<b>WR</b>	Jeffrey (11)	Lafell (87)	P Cooper (70)	Very good lineup of WR especially if Boldin performs. Young and lean, among the best when healthy.	<b>B+</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>WR</b>	Hilton (15)	Boldin (68)				
<b>TE</b>	Ertz (6)	Gates (21) Tamme	Hooper (29)	Experience, blue chip rising star, and a prospect. Who could ask for more?	<b>A</b>	<b>A-</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Diggs (39)	Sproles		RB provide flex depth. Deepest roster in the league for the flex.	<b>C+</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Baldwin (41)	Draughn				
<b>FLX</b>	<b>Cobb (17)</b>					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	Extra 2017 2nd					<b>B+</b>

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CJ Anderson, Devontae Booker for C Sims, R. Cobb	ESB	Much as I like CJ, Cobb>Anderson and Sims > Booker. For now, a Romulan win.	😊

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** A great team for now and the future, Kramer has built this team right including a trade that netted him a star WR for a maybe star RB. Four blue and three green chippers are league-highs, and only the slightest lack of depth at the flex is of concern. This team has star power, up and comers, solid vets, and an extra 2017 to boot. If Kramer doesn't win a 'ship in the next few years, it won't be for lack of an excellent roster and some savvy moves.



Anthony Zenobi

Win-Now Grade	<b>C</b>
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Dynasty Grade	<b>D</b>
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	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Taylor (15)	Flacco (28)	Kessler (45)	Author favorite Tyrod is the star and RGIII the reclamation project. Flacco solid, Kessler meh.	<b>D</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>SFX</b>	RGIII (33)					
<b>RB</b>	Elliott (2)	Cunningham	Ervin (75)	Top talent at RB starters. Need veteran depth to compete, rookies to rebuild. Hard to grade.	<b>A-</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>RB</b>	Johnson (3)	McFadden (59)				
<b>WR</b>	Landry (16)	Funchess (46)	Agholor (51) Shepard (36)	Landry and Cooks are good and Funchess might be. Lots of young talent speaks well of the future.	<b>C+</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>WR</b>	Cooks (13)	Coates (75)	Doctson (32)			
<b>TE</b>	Tye (32)	Donnell (38)	Higbee (22) McDonald (25)	If Higbee or McDonald (CA long shots) don't pan out, he owns the New York TE scene. Not great.	<b>D+</b>	<b>D+</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Blount (57)			Flex is weak right now, but could be a strength if all the WR pan out.	<b>D</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>FLX</b>	West (56)					
<b>FLX</b>	Floyd (28)					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	No 2017 1, 2 or 4. Rams or Eagles anyone?					<b>D</b>

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**Player Trade Tracker (Comments and Verdict Updated 9/13/2016)**

Traded	With	Comment	Verdict

**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Similar to the Scourge of God, Z went with a youth movement but went in a different way. He sold out for 2016 first round choices, a draft whose depth needs to be assessed. In exchange for most of his 2017 draft and many startup picks, Z ended up with 2 blue chip RB including the pride of the class, Zeke Elliott. Landry and Cooks are nice WR pieces with solid resumes, and Funchess, Coates, Agholor, Shepard, Doctson, and Higbee are an amazing array of rookies. QB position is ridiculously weak and will need to be addressed via rent-a-vet, and TE and flex will be a problem until the youngsters arrive. While the star power might put him playoff close this year, it is unclear if the stars will align and all of the rookies will mature at the same time to win it all. Overall, I like his moxie and his unorthodox approach.



Rusty Holland

Win-Now Grade	<b>B</b>
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Dynasty Grade	<b>B+</b>
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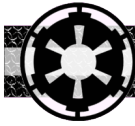
	Starter	Bench	Prospect	Commentary	WN	Dy
<b>QB</b>	Manning (21)	Kaepernick (35)	Prescott (18)	Two middle aged QB2s are a good core, but need Dak to take over for Romo sooner not later.	<b>C</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>SFX</b>	Dalton (16)					
<b>RB</b>	<b>CJA (16)</b>	Henry (25)	<b>Booker (29)</b> Perkins (41)	Love CJA and Hyde looked good. Seems to own the entire stable of 2016 misfit RBs. Some will work out.	<b>B</b>	<b>A-</b>
<b>RB</b>	Hyde (10)	Morris (64)	Darkwa Ferguson (50)			
<b>WR</b>	Green (10)		<b>White (25)</b>	Thin in number, but each is very good or a prospect. White, Mitchell, Lockett, and Thomas all favorites.	<b>B+</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>WR</b>	Moncrief (20)		Mitchell (69)			
<b>TE</b>	Eifert (2)	Brate		Best TE in the league? At worst #2 if Eifert is healthy.	<b>A</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Lockett (31)		J Williams (65)	If a few young players emerge, very, very strong.	<b>B-</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>FLX</b>	Thomas (42)	Zenner (76)				
<b>FLX</b>	Thomas (8)					
<b>Draft Capital</b>	Two 2017 1sts, no 2 <sup>nd</sup>					<b>B+</b>

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Julio Jones for K White, Startup 4.07 (Cobb), Startup 7.06 (E Manning)	Arrows	As much as I like Jones, ESB winning with a solid vet QB, Cobb, and White's potential	😊
K Dixon, 2016 2.06, 6.09, 2017 2nd for Kroft, 2016 1.11, 3.04, 5.09, 2017 1 <sup>st</sup>	Otto-mania	Two1sts for Dixon and two 2nds is hard to unravel. Depends on Dixon.	?
C Sims, R. Cobb for CJ Anderson, Devontae Booker	Romulan Empire	Much as I like CJ, Cobb>Anderson and Sims > Booker. For now, a Romulan win.	☹️

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**THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK**

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**Season and Dynasty Preview:** Rusty is the wild trader of the group. This evaluation doesn't include a trade made at press time that may put the Empire over the top: Brees and Witten for a 1<sup>st</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Without that trade, Rusty was weak at QB and lacked depth at TE, but was incredibly solid everywhere else. With that move, he moves to the head of the class both for now and even more for the future. He even retained a 2017 1<sup>st</sup> for good measure. 20 minutes ago it was a tie of my favorite to win the Empire pot between Romulan and Empire. Now my money is clearly on Empire as long as Brees is slinging it in New Orleans.

**Evaluation Color Codes. Ranks from fantasypros.com meta-rankings pre-Week 1 of 2016.**

QB/TE	RB/WR
Blue = Top 6	Blue = Top 12
Green = Top 7-12	Green = 13-24
Yellow = 13-24	Yellow= 25-48
Orange=25+ Ranked	Orange=49+ Ranked
Red=Unranked	Red=Unranked