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This is fracturing football where producers Jack Edwards and Noah Lichtenberg break down the latest in fantasy football news.

Welcome to the very first episode of fracturing football, Im Noah Lichtenberg and Im Jack Edwards. In this episode we will be breaking down your fantasy football draft before the season starts. the first thing we will touch on is who to pick top three and the highlights of our top 15 players and then next up we will mention some draft picks we will be avoiding, some sleepers as well as overall draft strategy and finally we will finish up the episode specifically talking about the Indianapolis Colts.

Alright for our first subject, we are talking about who we would drop top three. Jack what do you think?

I think it's got to be David Johnson, Le'Veon Bell and Antonio Brown, that order, in almost every single draft, I think that it just fits. I mean, David Johnson after a huge last year, he's predicted to get the most points in fantasy I'm pretty sure, Brown a solid option every year and Le'Veon Bell even though he has a few question marks over the potential holdout he's been having I think he's too good of a talent to leave out of the top three, I think it's got to be that order.

I agree completely, I would pick David Johnson easily over Bell, because he is more consistent, whereas Le'Veon has missed 14 of his last 32 games due to injuries or suspension, Johnson has played all 32.

I think maybe, you look at a few outside guys, Julio Jones, Mike Evans, Odell Beckham are the main guys you talk about, Jordy Nelson, LeSean McCoy, those guys are more their own teir, there is the top three and then there is a solid ten guys that are right below them which is interesting for first round fantasy owners.

Next up, both me and Jack created a list of the top 15 players we would draft and we are just going to point out some of our highlights, the first thing that jumped out to me was that I put Mike Evans a lot further up, I put him at fourth ahead of both Julio Jones and Odell Beckham. My reasoning behind this is because he should have less coverage due to the addition of Desean Jackson and the Buccaneers are on a rise, he has a great connection with one of the best younger QBs in the game, in Jameis Winston and in the red zone his big six five frame provides a huge target.

Yeah, I don't doubt, Evans has a had great couple of years leading up to this point and he is a great first round prospect but it's just kind of hard for me to bet against Julio Jones, honestly. I think that Falcons offense last year, it was lethal, it was one of the best offenses in history. And I think with Odell, let me move to him, his foot injury might hurt him the first week but he's just too good player, Odell. I think you've got to consider him and Julio potentially with Mike Evans and then it's after those three wide receivers including Antonio Brown, you have a lot of running backs. You've got Melvin Gordon, you've got LeSean McCoy, you've got Jordan Howard a lot further down.

Alright you put him 12th, I don't even know if I would even have him in the top 20, I would choose Brandin Cooks and Michael Thomas over him, just because at least they have good quarterbacks in Drew Brees and Tom Brady

I think Howard, he's actually pretty good in the red zone, and I think he's got a great offensive line and the offensive line is the biggest part for me because I feel like he's just such a powerful force. I think he's in his third year, second year or third year, I think he's going to be a lot like an Ezekiel Elliot, like a David Johnson. Yeah, he was running behind Matt Forte and he has grown a lot, and I think he has great upside and i think there isn't a ton of risk with him, and he's a bit more consistent than some other options and that's kind of why I have him this high, especially. What do you think about Melvin Gordon and LeSean McCoy?

I think Gordon had a very very good year last year before he had that hip injury. I think he's a good solid option, I think he's going to have a good year. I would much rather take Gordon over McCoy because McCoy is 29 and I think he's entering his 9th, or 8th or 9th NFL season, and I

have a few question marks about that. He's a running back, you look where is that peak, where do you start peaking as a running back, I think it's a bit risky for me.

I agree with that, I would take him like late first round, because first round you want to get a running back. And if Melvin Gordon is out there sixth or seventh pick I would definitely pick him up.

Next up in this episode we will be talking about questionable picks, sleepers and overall draft strategies. My first question to Jack is where would you draft Ezekiel Elliot?

He's really a tough one to draft because last year he was phenomenal and when he's on the field he's probably close to David Johnson and Le'Veon Bell's level. He's probably the number three running back, in my opinion at least. But the issue is he's got a six game suspension this year. That's what has pushed him down to the second and third round, even the fourth round in the beginning of the suspension but slowly his value has been increasing. And I think if you can get a guy of his caliber that late in the draft phenomenal. If you can pick him up in the third round, that's where I would wait for him, I would not bank on getting him because some people are a lot more risky than me, I'm a lot more conservative. But I would want to pick him in the third but I think he's going to go in the second round.

See, I would be the one to take him in the second round. It may be at the beginning of the season, the first couple of games, he may not be on your team but you can always draft another running back for the first couple of weeks but then once you get to playoff season he's going to be back to his old self and getting a lot of touchdowns and stuff. I would definitely pick him in the second round if he's available.

You've just got to get to five hundred for the first six games, if you go three and three and then you've got Ezekiel Elliot then you're just set.

Alright I've got a question for you Jack, what players would you keep an eye on?

I would look at some guys who had poor years last year, I would look at Cam Newton and Russell Westbrook as two big guys, who last year didn't have great seasons and this year they're looking to bounce back. Because their fantasy values dropped a little bit because of last year and I think that picking them up, guys like Russel Wilson and cam newton, they're big examples. But I think that they are going to have very very good years but I think that taking guys like Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady, at the quarterback position at least is a little bit risky. because you could wait until the eighth or ninth round and get a Ben Roethlisberger or a Jameis Winston. Who, the point difference between Tom Brady and Jameis Winston is not several rounds different, if that makes sense. But overall, I think you don't want to look at too many big name guys, like the Tom Brady and the Aaron Rodgers, because they are not going to get you as many points as some other sleeper guys like Michael Thomas and Doug Baldwin aren't talked about enough for how many points they're going to bring you to your team.

Since we are from Indiana, our final topic is going to be about the Indianapolis Colts. Now earlier in the podcast you were talking about quarterbacks, what do you think about Andrew Luck?

I mean, he's missing week one so that's an immediate red flag, and he's a great quarterback, a franchise quarterback, and losing him affects the entire fantasy strategy for all of the Indianapolis Colts.

So where would you draft Luck?

Me personally, there are plenty of quarterbacks I would take over luck, even if he was healthy, so if i was desperate, maybe for a backup or for a really desperate starter, maybe tenth or eleventh round. But I would not reach for him because there are guys like Mariota or Winston. There are so many better alternatives in my view at least.

I disagree with that, I think that I would draft Andrew Luck, maybe even as my starter in one of the late rounds because he will be available in one of the late rounds. Because in the past three years he's been better than Aaron Rodgers in the most top 12 performances and he's always had problems with his offensive line and being out for one week isn't going to change his

fantasy output as much. But I would definitely take him in the ninth or tenth round and then draft another QB for the first week.

Alright so TY Hilton, I think you said earlier that people would draft him late second round. I would take him in the second round. I think he's pretty young and he's producing really well. I think he's had a good partnership, him and Luck. And I think he's going to be a good asset but week one, that's a bit of the worrying. There are uncertainties about Luck and again, a wide receiver is only as good as his quarterback. And so if Luck is missing time, you have Scott Tolzien throwing to TY Hilton, he's not going to be as good as if you had Andrew Luck, obviously. So there is a few question marks. I think he still is a very very good pick up especially if you can get him that late in the draft, in the late second round.

I think it's going to be interesting, I think it's an exciting and it's just getting under way. Thanks for listening to our very first episode of Fracturing Football. Stay tuned for our next episode in the near future. For WHJE this has been Noah Lichtenberg
And Jack Edwards. Catch you next time on Fracturing Football.