

The draft — LP3 2021

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The draft. Zee draft.

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The draft/champion/owner pics are at the fun page.

thanks...yow, bill

PS - Pic below...a better draft.



1. Draft day/time/etc

Call the ball...our live draft will be:

Sat Mar 20 @ 3:00 pm (central time)

Draft order:

1. Boston, Ed
2. Killer Rabbit, Bob
3. Killer Maltese, Brad
4. Plano, Ange
5. Bay City, Janny
6. Southern, Kyle
7. CRYO, Jay
8. Beard, Rob
9. Vatican City, Eric
10. RBI, Ryan
11. Bexar, TY
12. Play-ah, Troy
13. KGG, Chris Commish
14. Naperville, Bill

If we add new teams, they will be added to the middle of the draft, after pick #7.

For the first time, we'll use **Yahoo's live draft** software. This should be interesting.
(cough)

- I'll set Yahoo so that we'll have 1 minute per pick, but it will go much faster than that. The football draft averaged less than 15 seconds per pick. (yeesh)
- I'll try and pause the draft for a minute or two at the end of each round, so we can breath and catch-up. I think I can do this on Yahoo...we'll see.
- I'll try another 5 minute pause after round 10 for a quick potty break.
- Yes, we'll power through 20 rounds. (yeesh again)
- If you can't attend the draft, Yahoo will pick for you and you can influence what Yahoo does. There's a blurb on doing that on the next page.

Btw, if you miss all or part of the draft, Yahoo has some web pages to help you "pre-rank" players for their **auto-pick** feature.

Pre-rank players to prepare for Autopick Drafts

help.yahoo.com/kb/autopick-draft-sln6163.html

Pre-rank players before the start of the draft

Live Standard Draft and Autopick Draft:

- 1 From [Yahoo Fantasy](#), mouse over **Fantasy** | select a sport.
- 2 Mouse over **Draft** | select **Pre-Draft Ranking**.
- 3 Click **Edit My Pre-Draft Player Rankings**.
- 4 Build your list of preferred players.
- 5 Players added to the "Do Not Draft" list will never be drafted.
- 6 You can sort and filter by position at the top.
- 7 Click **Save Changes**.

2. Prep

Get ready. Set. Go!

2.1. Draft sheet

Old school. Here's my printable draft sheet for 2021, williamt.com/fantasy/baseball/season2021/draft_sheet2021.pdf

2.2. Websites

These are websites that I like and use:

- Great consensus rankings and some good articles, www.fantasypros.com/mlb
- Tons 'o stats and projections, www.fangraphs.com
- The best Sabre stats website, imho, baseballsavant.mlb.com
- The Razz is the funniest fantasy dood on the planet, razzball.com
- A new site for me and I'm still getting used to it, www.pitcherlist.com
- EZ PZ...goto our Yahoo league and hit Players, baseball.fantasysports.yahoo.com/league/letsplay3
- Last season's stats are at the aux website, williamt.com/fantasy/baseball/season2020/index.htm#card4-regular

OK, last one. Google "fantasy baseball bold predictions". There are lots of fun, interesting ideas out there.

2.3. About Yahoo rankings

I am **not** sure about much of this. I think this is how things work. Your mileage may vary (YMMV).

OK. - How does Yahoo rank players?

Goto our Yahoo league. Select Players.

baseball.fantasysports.yahoo.com/league/letsplay3

Yahoo has **two rankings**:

- "Preseason" (or "Season Rank" on the iPhone app) - I think these projections are set when the league opens (preseason) and then never change.
- "Current" (or "Proj Rank" on the app) - Set your "Stats" spinner to "Remaining games" and hit "Filter". These are Yahoo's current player projections for the 2021 season.

Now, the two rankings can be quite different for some players. Example: Cody B's preseason ranking is #19. But his current ranking is #56. (gasp)

Now, why does any of this matter?

- The easy answer: it doesn't. Do your draft. Drink your draft!
- During our (first) online draft, Yahoo Live will show you the next player(s) you should select using their rankings. It's fair to expect this to have a significant influence on drafters. I assume Yahoo Live will use the "Current" rankings because it makes sense. But I don't know that for sure, and lots of stuff doesn't make sense. We'll see.
- The current Yahoo rankings at our site are *quite different* from the cheat sheets and Average Draft Position (ADP) numbers on many fantasy baseball sites. The reason: Our rules are a little different (total bases instead of batting average), and Yahoo uses our settings in determining their rankings. This *does* make sense.
- Finally, if you're planning your draft strategy (cough), it may help you to see where a player lies in the Yahoo ranking to determine when you should target drafting him/her.

That's it. I hope this makes sense.

3. Results

Draft results are online:

- ❖ Rounds 1-3, [results1.png](#)
- ❖ Rounds 4-9, [results2.png](#)
- ❖ Round 10-15, [results3.png](#)
- ❖ Rounds 16-20, [results4.png](#)

Some draft stats:

- The whole thing took 90 minutes.
- That's about 15 seconds per player (90×60 seconds / 14×20 players)
- And that includes about 23 minutes of pausing (18 + 5 potty break)

So yeah. Intense!

later gator...yow, bill

PS - Say hello to Mr Irrelevant. With the 280th and final pick of the draft, Naperville selects Tejay Antone, pitcher for the Cincy Reds. (ha)



www.baseball-reference.com/players/a/antonte01.shtml