



## #7) QB Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City

*\*FFM Rank in PPR: #5-8 range among QBs in July 2018...ADP range: #10-15\**

I don't think people fully grasp how amazing Patrick Mahomes might be for fantasy football.

People like him, in general, because he's a young, hyped quarterback...but a lot of QBs fall into that description these days. Mahomes playing for a non-sexy team like KC, plus not having done anything of note/to sink one's fantasy teeth into...keeps him tempered on fantasy analyst enthusiasm a bit. Mahomes has a positive vibe for 2018, but not an obvious QB1 vibe.

There are young QBs who I could see fighting for top fantasy scorer status in 2018...Goff, Garoppolo, Trubisky, Dak, but I don't ever really feel like they will finish #1 overall...like, blow away everyone and Aaron Rodgers type of #1 overall. Someday, maybe...but 2018 seems 'too soon' for these guys. But I feel differently about Mahomes...I could see him being the #1 fantasy QB in 6pts per pass TD leagues in 2018 out of semi-nowhere. However, there is a downside...

For all that excitement, I understand the downside...Andy Reid suppresses him with his stoic offense and/or Mahomes is too much of a gunslinger and his turnovers get everyone all out of sorts. My thought is -- the gunslinger side of him is what will lead the way, and 'yes' there will be turnovers. I could see Mahomes throwing for 300+ yards almost every game...and maybe 2-3 TDs and 1-2 INTs. If he finished with 35 TD passes and 21 INTs and 5,000+ passing yards passing for the season, I would not be shocked. Because that last sentence has possibility -- Mahomes is a QB1 projection for us already in 2018.

I don't draft him top 10 among QBs, because that's not his proper redraft ADP...I draft Mahomes to be my QB2 who has QB1 written all over him. I'm either taking Mahomes as my second QB before others take their first...or I wait and grab Trubisky after Mahomes is taken/gone.

Trubisky is the better NFL QB, but Mahomes might be the better fantasy one and I don't think there will be a learning curve...he's going to come out slinging even if Reid tries to reign him in.



## #2) WR Tyreek Hill, Kansas City

*\*FFM Rank in PPR: #1-2 among WRs in June 2018...ADP range: #12-20\**

The single most dangerous WR in all the NFL. Not the best WR in the NFL, but the best built for fantasy football goodness. An instant long TD waiting to happen whether off a bomb, a bubble screen, or jet sweep. He's the maybe the most dangerous WR to ever step on an NFL field in history.

He now gets to work with a non-stiff QB. He gets to work with a true gunslinger. The perfect QB for his style of play. Tyreek's floor is what happened last season. His ceiling is #1 fantasy WR in 2018.

Why a guy like Tyreek who has been a jaw dropper, an amazing producer for two years is suddenly in question when multiple season disappointment, three-teams-in-two-years Sammy Watkins shows up is a mystery to me? Why would we reverse multiple year reality here? Watkins actually helps Hill take some coverage pressure on occasion...because defenses are as stupid as many 'sheep' fans, the ones who think Sammy Watkins is a better receiver than Hill...STILL to this day. I ride with the elite...I ride with Hill.



## #3) RB Christian McCaffrey, Carolina

*\*FFM Rank in PPR: #4-7 range among RBs in June 2018...ADP range: #10-15\**

I've spent most of the preseason thinking McCaffrey was fairly valued. #10-15 RB for most people, usually around #11-13 in PPR. Everyone respects his talent overall, and they love him as a receiver but question him a bit as a workhorse RB.

Then, the head coach came out wanting to push McCaffrey to 25+ touches in a game...and I was shocked. Coaches saying they want to get the ball to XYZ 'as much as possible' is what you say as a compliment and/or hoped intent...but nothing specific. However, when you come out and specifically say you want a guy most people don't think is built for it to get 25+ touches a game – I take that seriously.

McCaffrey could be the Alvin Kamara of 2018 more than Alvin Kamara will be. All the good touches and probably an easy 5+ catches a game, and potentially leads all RBs in catches this season...possibly 100+ catches this year.

I have to wonder if Marvin Lewis really is going to give Joe Mixon a lot of touches. I don't have any questions about that today with Ron Rivera and McCaffrey.



## #9) RB Marlon Mack, Indianapolis

*\*FFM Rank in PPR: #19-25 range among RBs in June 2018...ADP range: #30-35\**

I keep having to check the Indy depth chart...why is the Colts' clear #1 RB on the roster trading so poorly (ADP-wise) in June 2018? Is Frank Gore still here... He's not, right? I'm pretty sure he's with Miami. The Colts didn't draft anyone of note...and if you think Nyheim Hines is 'of note' you're sadly mistaken.

Christine Michael? Josh Ferguson? Robert Turbin? Nyheim Hines? Basically, the Colts have Marlon Mack and a group of RBs who couldn't make 90%+ of the 53-man rosters in league. The Colts didn't sign any RBs in free agency, nor they did they make a big push to draft one. You want touches/volume in your RB? It's coming with Marlon Mack. As it stands right now.

Perhaps, the Colts will grab a discarded RB off the waiver wires later into the preseason but really...who's out there of note that's clearly better than Mack? And why would they come to Indy if they were any good?

Marlon Mack is served better in an Alvin Kamara role, but if they are going to shove him into a LeSean McCoy role, then that's FF-fine with me.



## #18) RB James Conner, Pittsburgh

*\*FFM Rank in PPR: #35-45 range among RBs in August 2018...ADP range: #50-60\**

We're 13 days away from the season starting (as of this writing) and Le'Veon Bell is nowhere to be found. I get that we all 'know' he'll show up last second and everything will be fine...but what if he doesn't? Le'Veon has a lot of smart reasons why he should layout for several weeks into the season or fight this all season. He's got a bigger payday coming in 2019 and can essentially take a vacation year in 2018.

What if James Conner is the Week 1 starter? What if he's the Weeks 1-2-3 starter?

If he does start for a week or two or the season -- he's definitely worth more than his current #50-60 RB ADP, #150-170 ADP overall. Maybe worth enough to take late and use in trade to Bell owner who has something else you want of his? Suddenly, 'value' is creeping into the Conner redraft situation because this Le'Veon thing is nearing the 'concern' levels.



## #10) RB Tarik Cohen, Chicago

*\*FFM Rank in PPR: #15-20 range among RBs in June 2018...ADP range: #30-35\**

Tarik Cohen was fantastic running the ball in the 2017 preseason, better than I scouted him in college...and he was terrific in college. Once he hit the regular season, Cohen cranked it up to another level of player tearing it up as a receiver...8 catches in Week 1 and 8 more catches in Week 2. Every rushing attempt seemed like a 'hold your breath' moment...he seemed like he was going to take the most basic of carries or screen passes to the house. He was electric.

...for a few weeks, and then the Bears just put him in the garage and decided to lose as many games as they could, I guess. I mention all this because Cohen could have been Rookie of the Year working with Sean McVay or anyone that just kept feeding him as a runner-receiver. He flashed his high-end skills right off the bat in the NFL.

Well, now there's a new coaching staff, one that's offensive minded and one that's already professing love for Tarik Cohen. They see the WR-like receiving skills and I think they're set to unleash him as the weapon of mass destruction he should be...a guy who lines up at tail back one play then flanker the next and all over...and plays a lot more snaps than 2018. Not just in a relief role for Jordan Howard, but a weapon that the team gets onto the field and gets his hands on the ball 10-15+ times a game.

Cohen is special and a super fantasy bargain in the summer of 2018.