

CHILL DISC DAYS - 2023 FANTASY DISC GOLF DRAFT GUIDE

Hello fantasy disc golf fans and welcome to the first edition of the Chill Disc Days Fantasy Disc Golf Draft Guide! Presented by SportsEthos, this guide is constructed with the sole purpose of arming you, the fantasy disc golf fanatic, with the best foundation possible to ace your fantasy disc golf league. No draft guide would be complete without some light reading before the rankings, so let's get warmed up.

2022 FANTASY FINISHES

SCORING

These rankings are constructed with the tournament finish as the scoring metric as this is the only method of scoring in Skip Ace. 1st place gets 1 point, 5th place gets 5 points, 100th place gets 100 points. A DNF (Did Not Finish) receives points equivalent to the last place player, basically the number of players who participated in that tournament's division. The goal is like disc golf, to get the lowest points.

2022 SCHEDULE

The 2022 player Average Finishes and Total Fantasy Values are based on the 17 SkipAce events that took place in 2022. This includes the Las Vegas Challenge, Waco Annual Charity Open, Texas States Disc Golf Championship, PDGA Champions Cup Major, Play it Again Jonesboro Open, Dynamic Discs Open, OTB Open, Portland Open, The Preserve Championship, LWS Open at Idlewild, The European Open, The Discraft's Great Lakes Open, Discraft LedgeStone Open, The TruBank Des Moines Challenge, PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships, Discraft's Green Mountain Championship, and USDGC/USWDGC.

TOTAL FANTASY FINISH & WAIVER REPLACEMENT VALUES

The 2022 Fantasy Finishes were constructed to quantify a player's total fantasy value. The Average Finish provides a better idea of per tournament value. The total fantasy finish is the sum of the finishes of the SkipAce events the player participated in and an average waiver replacement value to replace a player's missed events. The player receives points for the events they played, a sum of the total place finishes during the 17 Elite Series and Majors in 2022. They then received points for events missed using a waiver replacement value of 50.0 for MPO and 30.0 for FPO. This was a loosely calculated average finish for a player picked up off waivers to replace your starter during a missed event. This metric should take into consideration the depth of your fantasy league, as a shallower league will have better waiver options available, while a deeper league may have a waiver replacement average in the 70's for MPO. Also keep that in mind when you see a highly ranked player who played in 1-3 events. Their fantasy value will be basically be a sum of the waiver replacement values for 14-16 events mixed with their 1-3 finishes. We'll look to identify the most common draft league sizes in 2023 in order to construct different fantasy rankings based on league and roster size for next year.

FPO WEIGHTING

In order to create an integrated MPO/FPO fantasy rankings list, the 2022 FPO Fantasy points includes a weight of 1.75. The total fantasy points for a FPO player were multiplied by 1.75 in order to align the FPO & MPO fantasy values. The reasoning behind this is purely due to the difference in depth of the fields between the two divisions. With a majority of FPO Open tournaments coming in around 50 competitors compared to typically over 100 for MPO, the unweighted fantasy points for FPO creates an

uneven priority towards your FPO field. 18 of your top 23 competitors would be FPO. You can get an idea of the imbalance looking at the average waiver replacement values of 30.0 vs 50.0. The unweighted method simply does not place enough emphasis on MPO players that can save your team from waiver replacements finishing in the 70's. The best method I had to integrate FPO points was to weight them using the field sizes and average waiver replacement values as a starting point. Initially I was going to just double the FPO points, as the MPO field is roughly double FPO, but that seemed lazy and the numbers were a little too harsh on the FPO side. Ultimately, I used the MPO replacement value of 50 divided by the FPO waiver replacement I had calculated at the time out to 28.5, and reached 1.75. I believe this weight is a good starting point to integrate the FPO and MPO divisions into one fantasy performance metric. We'll look to reevaluate this weight as we look at total fantasy value throughout the season.

2022 TOTAL FANTASY FINISH RANKINGS DEPTH

The original construction of the fantasy rankings began with the top players in DGPT Tour rankings, with the goal to come up with a list of the top 150 fantasy players. As a result, the 2022 rankings do not compare against every player that played an Elite Series or Major in 2022. These players are ranked against the loosely accepted top 200 players. The goal for next season is to track the performance of every player that plays in any Elite Series or Major in 2023, and then use that list to narrow down the top 150. This larger sample size will aid in providing more accurate waiver replacement values for next season, and in turn a more accurate total fantasy rankings list.

2022 TOTAL FANTASY FINISH RANKINGS LIST

The end of the draft guide has the list of the 2022 End of Season Fantasy Rankings list.

2023 FANTASY RANKINGS

2023 SCHEDULE

These rankings are based on 2023 Elite Series and Majors that will be in SkipAce. In the future, I would like to include rankings for the Silver Series, European Pro Tour, Prodigy Disc Pro Tour, the Australian Disc Golf Tour, and even more top-level local events with appropriate weights for number of events and field depth. However, for this year, our rankings will be purely based on the 2023 Elite Series and Majors.

- SkipAce included USDGC in 2022, as MPO was the only option for season long leagues, but Jonny mentioned USDGC/USWDGC will not be included in 2023 due to the events taking place at different times.
- SkipAce included the Green Mountain Championships playoff event in 2022, but the small field of the MVP Open and Pro Tour Championship excluded it from the SkipAce season long schedule in 2022. With World's taking place at Smuggler's Notch in 2023, the Green Mountain Championship playoff event will be replaced by the Discraft Great Lakes Open which should expectedly be included in SkipAce in 2023, but the MVP Open and Pro Tour Championship should be excluded again from the SkipAce season long schedule.
- The Elite Series schedule will shift in 2023 with the elevation of Silver Series events the Open at Austin and the PCS Sula Open to Elite Series, and the demotion of the Texas State Championships to a Silver Series event.

MPO/FPO RATIO

The MPO/FPO ratio for these projections is essentially 1:1. So in a roster of 10 players, it assumes you have 5 slots dedicated to MPO and 5 to FPO. You'll want to adjust accordingly to prioritize some of the deeper MPO players should your roster ratio be closer to 7:3 MPO/FPO on a team of 10.

ROSTER SIZE & ALTERNATES

These rankings are based on calculations for total fantasy performance, and should be adjusted for the size of your fantasy league and number of players on your roster. Eventually I'd like to have an adjustable rankings list depending on your league size, allowing you to know when to target schedule consistency or high upside streamers. If you have a smaller league with plenty of roster spots, your later picks should be focused on players with a higher average finish who you can afford to sit on. If you only have a couple bench slots, you'll want players who make as many events as possible, as the Alternate process allows a player on your bench to take the place of a starting player who ends up with a DNF. This is a league manager setting, so ensure your league has this setting enabled before worrying about saving a roster slot for an Alternate. Avoiding a DNF is essential to fantasy success. It's as essential as setting your lineup in any fantasy sport. If you have the Alternate process enabled, at least one bench slot every tournament needs to be dedicated for an Alternate so you can mitigate the risk of a DNF. If you can afford 2 bench slots for Alternates, do it. Utilizing your entire roster will be key to fantasy success. You should be looking to maximize your roster with a mix of schedule stability for Alternates with high-upside streamers that can potentially win you a week. These are areas you as a fantasy manager can gain a huge competitive advantage on your opponents by taking simple, disciplined steps throughout the year. Stash streamers and always have an alternate.

PROJECTIONS

This guide does not rank 2023 players based on calculated projections. Ideally, the rankings would be based on projections of events played, average finish, and waiver replacement values using a model that runs thousands of scenarios to construct estimates for each hole, each round, each event for every player, in order to have the best statistical foundation for projections. That is the long-term goal. However, athletes, scouts, general managers, coaches, fantasy managers, and anyone in sports will tell you that numbers don't tell the whole story. Insight, knowledge, and feel for the situation, game, and character of the player factors into rankings as well. With that being said, these projections for next year are primarily constructed using 2022 fantasy value quantification adjusted for 2023 performance change intuition. Almost a "better or worse" approach, using the 2022 fantasy rankings construction as the starting point for fantasy value, and shifting players into different tiers as I see fit for the upcoming season. There will be big movers that catches everyone off guard. It happens in fantasy every year; see Geno Smith in Seattle, Bol Bol in Orlando, or Isaac Robinson's impressive rise in fantasy disc golf last season. But having these numbers and tiers will give you a strong sense of where to target the players you want. You'll have a better idea of where you need to reach, who you can wait on, and who you need to accept you'll probably miss out on because they are overvalued in a fantasy sense. We'll be ready to help you on waiver wire, adds/drops, and buy-lows/sell-highs throughout the year to help you maximize your roster.

USING THE DRAFT GUIDE

PLAYER STATS & REFERENCES

- The PDGA Official Rating comes from the PDGA website and is updated as of 01/01/2023.
- The fairway hits, parked %, circle 1 and 2 in regulation, Birdie %, Scramble %, C1x putting %, C2 putting %, OB rate, Driving OB, PPI, and Bounceback % for each player comes from the UDisc Live website for the 2022 season.
- The SkipAce average finish and events played comes from a spreadsheet containing the player finishes taken from both the DGPT and PDGA websites. The 2022 SkipAce total fantasy finish and total fantasy points is calculated using the method described in the 2022 Fantasy Finishes section.
- The Elite Series & Majors average finishes, top 10's, top 20's, and podium finishes came from StatMando, along with 2021 season data, 5 Year Career Data, 10 Year Career Data, H2H Data, and so much more fun info available on their site. Love it.
- PDGA, UDisc Live, and Statmando were all utilized for event specific information.
- Ultiworld, Green Splatter, and other online news sources were referenced for info on players.
- Twitter & Instagram were big on keeping up with the players schedules. Follow me on twitter @mrchilliams and Instagram @chilldisdays
- Thank you to the amazing coverage provided by DGN, Jomez Pro, Gatekeeper Media, Central Coast Disc Golf, GK Pro, Ace Run Pro, The Disc Golf Guy, MDG Media, KJ Disc, and all other disc golf coverage providers out there.
- Smashboxx TV, Chain Clankers, Ace Run Pro, Foundation Podcasts, ParTee Podcast, The Disc Golf Guy, Jonny Disc Golf, DGN and other player interviews were crucial to gaining insight into the players overall mindset.
- There are tons of great disc golf content out there by a wide array of characters, so I apologize to those I'm leaving out whose work I've stumbled across and filed into my brain. Keep up the good work.

OPTIMIZING TIERS

I have bucketed these players into tiers, as I believe this list should be followed as a general guide of where to value players in your fantasy draft. The tiers are primarily constructed as an entertaining way to group players of similar fantasy value, and not necessarily a pure rankings list. There are certain tiers that contain more obvious risk factors compared to others, so these players can be easily maneuvered in your rankings depending on your risk tolerance. Later tiers aim to group players of similar events played and skill level. I provide further breakdowns for each player within tiers so that you can have an opinion on the players you would like to target in certain tiers, taking into consideration your league size, settings, and competition.

STREAMING

We dive a lot into per tournament vs. total fantasy value with players who aren't making it consistently to every event. Especially later in the draft guide, I've attempted to tier players who make it to similar quantity of events and have comparable skill. You'll want to evaluate your roster as you go to see if you need to target players who are consistently at every event (see your Consumate Professionals), or if you have the top end consistency to target upside streamers (see your European Streamers list). With the addition of an IR spot to SkipAce this year, it may be wise to draft and stash high upside European streamers that can provide top 10 finishes at the European Open and PCS Sula

Open, providing a huge advantage against your competition who will likely be fighting on waivers for top options at these events. It may be wise to take a quarterly approach, rotating a few players who will perform well over certain stretches. Other players are OK to be left on waivers, lurking on the wire until they are ready to receive heavy priority once they make it to a targeted tournament. Evaluate your league and pre-draft rankings ahead of time to get a general sense of what your streaming strategy is going into the draft, allowing you to prioritize the players that best fit your streaming style.

COMBO PICKS

If the top of your draft includes any number of Eagle, Kristin, Chris, or Eveliina, you'll want to be cognizant of how to maximize those missed events, and we have specific suggestions on how to do just that in the player breakdowns. Some players get a major fantasy bump if you pair them with another player who consistently competes at the events they miss. This is what I'll call the "Combos" this year, as the overall roster slot is dedicated to 2 players who put up elite per-tournament value, and don't have much overlap in tournaments played together. I wanted to call it the "2 Hot Geese" strategy, shout out Madison, Erika, and Co., but we'll avoid copyright issues and go with the name Combo Picks for now. Check out all the Combo picks I have targeted for 2023 at the end of the draft.

TIMING

This draft guide is being released roughly 6 weeks before the start of the season. Now that the foundation for the draft guide is in place, next year we will look to release this closer to the start of the season so that we can appropriately account for players schedules and all the offseason action in our projections. A pleasant result of releasing the draft guide early is it allows me more time to shift focus to draft season. Tune in to Chill Disc Days over the next month to stay up to date with all the draft guide rankings adjustments we make as more news inevitably breaks this offseason.

With that out of the way, let's get to the rankings!

CHILL DISC DAYS - 2023 SKIPACE RANKINGS

The Lead Card

Your tried-and-true top fantasy picks.

1) Paige Pierce	PDGA Rating: 973	Team: Discraft	
Fairway: 71% (9th)	Parked: 12% (2nd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 36% (5th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 60% (3rd)
Birdie: 34% (2nd)	Scramble: 43% (5th)	C1x Putts: 74% (10th)	C2 Putts: 17% (7th)
OB Rate: 14.5% (62nd)	Driving OB: 9.06%	PPI: 21.31 (3rd)	Bounce Back: 36.4% (10th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 17	2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 5.6		
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 166.3	2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 1		

Over the last 10 years, 139 Elite Series and Majors later, Paige has an average finish of 2.6 with 67 wins and 111 podium finishes. So, I guess you can consider Paige's 2022 average finish of 5.6 with 2 Majors and 3 Elite Series wins a minor disappointment compared to her historical performance. But that "sub-par season" yielded Paige the top overall fantasy performance in 2022, so let's all take a second to appreciate the consistency and standard of excellence that Paige has brought to disc golf over the last decade and a half. Paige's complete game, refined form, pressure putting, championship level experience, competitive drive, and weekly consistency makes her the clear top overall pick for the 2023 season. 5x World Champions with 32 DGPT wins do not grow on trees. Paige finished top 10 in every major category outside of OB rate while making every single SkipAce event. Despite Kristin's dominance, never finishing off the podium, she played in just 10 SkipAce events compared to Paige's 17. It's simply in numbers. The difference in average finish between Kristin and Paige was 3.9. Over Kristin's 10 events that's a 39 point score separation. So for the 7 weeks Kristin missed, you need your waiver replacement to outperform Paige's expected 39.2 score with a 39 point cushion, which is 78.2 total points or an average finish of 11.2. Are you confident that you can replace Kristin's 7 missed events with players earning an average finish of top 11? That's asking a lot. I'd much rather take the set-and-forget option of Paige. Paige's weekly plug and play dominance, with 5 wins, 13 top 5 performances, and just one outside top 10, makes her the safest pick to finish as the top overall fantasy performer again in 2023. Pretty short and sweet for Paige, I feel like I shouldn't have to push too hard to convince you that she should be your easy number one pick this year.

2) Gannon Buhr	PDGA Rating: 1043	Team: Prodigy	
Fairway: 75% (9th)	Parked: 10% (52nd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 38% (47th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 64% (27th)
Birdie: 44% (5th)	Scramble: 63% (3rd)	C1x Putts: 89% (8th)	C2 Putts: 37% (3rd)
OB Rate: 7.4% (15th)	Driving OB: 4.46%	PPI: 34.06 (18th)	Bounce Back: 48.3% (2nd)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16	2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 7.8		
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 175.0	2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 2		

Gannon finished 2022 as the #2 overall fantasy player after an absolutely incredible season for the 17-year-old prodigy. Gannon had 7 top 5 finishes, capped off by his first major at USDGC. He placed top 15 in 15 out of 16 SkipAce events played, with his worst finish being 25th. Gannon at 17 has already displayed the elite putting, shot shaping, distance, disc golf IQ, and competitive drive to make him potentially one of the greatest players this game has ever seen. With no true weaknesses to his game, he can compete at any given course, any given week. You can tell from his approach to the game, his work

ethic, and the respect he garners from other players that he is ready to put himself into GOAT conversation, and put together the requisite resume to match. That will take time, and I believe that time is now for Mr. Ice Cold Gannon Buhr. At the end of the 2022 season, you could tell in interviews Gannon felt disappointed in his season only coming away with one win, but at the same time relieved he got the monkey off his back with a major win. It was a great win to snag, following in the footsteps of fellow prodigy Will Schusterick's USDGC success. You could tell how much Gannon cared about winning early in the season, emotions showing after an exhilarating playoff loss to Drew Gibson at the Las Vegas Challenge. At such a young age, to have 13, including MVP Open, top 10 finishes last year, it really shows you the desire to be great this guy has. All those tastes of victory look to have Gannon motivated to work harder than ever this offseason, especially now being out of high school and fully focused on tour.

It's not unrealistic to see Gannon securing 2-3 Elite Series and Majors next season with the amount of experience he gained last year in crunch time moments. However, I will play a bit of devil's advocate. I think he will still care a ton. Maybe too much. I think he is a young guy that wants to be great, and I don't think the "monkey" is really going to be off his back, not until he is starting to put up the wins that are expected with his talent level. You saw him put his head in his hands a ton last year after bad shots. He still as work to do in the maturity department to get himself to the point where he is dominating the field, because Gannon has the talent to do just that. Dominate. I want to see Gannon become the ice-cold killer that doesn't let his opponents see him sweat. As some would put it, I want to see "that dawg in him". If Gannon can start striking fear into his opponents and not letting the gravity of the moment show in his emotions, then look for Gannon to start making that step towards the elite performer on tour. Perhaps that is not in the cards for Gannon quite yet. We've seen his goofy side shine through on Alden Harris' videos, and it's easy to forget this guy is still a kid. He is certainly deserving of being taken #1 overall considering he came in with the second overall fantasy value last year, and has a ceiling unmatched by anyone in the game right now, but I just can't put him past Paige's historical consistency. With pick #2, feel good starting your team with a nice cold Buhr.

3) **Catrina Allen**

PDGA Rating: 968

Team: DGA

Fairway: 70% (14th)	Parked: 9% (9th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 33% (9th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 56% (8th)
Birdie: 29% (6th)	Scramble: 47% (4th)	C1x Putts: 71% (28th)	C2 Putts: 20% (4th)
OB Rate: 10.0% (21st)	Driving OB: 6.25%	PPI: 13.33 (14th)	Bounce Back: 30.0% (4th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 17		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 6.0	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 178.5		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 3	

Representing DGA for the first time after a 9-year tenure with Prodigy, Catrina Allen made every SkipAce event last year for an average finish of 6.0, giving her a total fantasy value of 2nd among FPO players and 3rd in total fantasy finish. In my opinion, her schedule and championship level experience gives her the edge above Kristin for the 2nd FPO fantasy ranking going into 2023. In a year with a new sponsor and new bag, Cat secured wins in Las Vegas, Idlewild, and the Open at Belton last year, with runner ups at Texas States and DDO. She had an average finish of 4.0 over her first 13 events, and an average of 14.75 over her last 4. Perhaps a case of mental/physical fatigue, we'll look to see if Catrina is able to finish out the year stronger than last year, but there should be no concerns with her historical competitiveness keeping her consistently in the hunt for the podium. Over the last 10 years in Elite Series and Majors, over 144 Starts, Catrina Allen has 139 Top 10's, with 35 wins and 94 Podium finishes. That's a 96.5 % Top 10 %. This includes 2 World Titles, 3 European Open/Masters Titles, a USDGC

title, and 11 DGPT wins. That is incredible consistency, and a wonderful foundation to any roster. I don't see anything in her game to suggest a drop off in 2023. Catrina still possesses the full arsenal of backhand, forehand, and rollers that a majority of FPO players just don't have. She seems dialed in with her offseason training plan, while also enjoying some historical football on the side. Another plug and play, I'm more comfortable having Catrina Allen dominate in my lineup every week than risk a bad pick on the event's that Kristin Tattar is off. As the 3rd overall fantasy player last year, I see no reason to move Cat from that spot for 2023.

4) Calvin Heimburg PDGA Rating: 1041 Team: Innova

Fairway: 75% (18 th)	Parked: 12% (8 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 43% (8 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 66% (17 th)
Birdie: 45% (4 th)	Scramble: 52% (44 th)	C1x Putts: 85% (27 th)	C2 Putts: 29% (17 th)
OB Rate: 11.3% (113 th)	Driving OB: 7.30%	PPI: 44.21 (1 st)	Bounce Back: 41.0% (18 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 8.6	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 187.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 4	

A fan favorite from his low ceiling lasers, to his dry sense of humor, to his messy yet perfect hair, Calvin is always ready to put on a show. This was no more evident than on GK Pro Skins, capped off with an amazing \$50,000 winning performance at Eagles Crossing. After inking an extension with Innova this offseason while seemingly everyone else left, he is poised for another truly huge season to build on his resume as well as his brand. From the Toro to the Draco to his Halo Destroyer, Calvin has his game and bag dialed in. At 25 years old, I believe Calvin provides the highest combination of floor and ceiling than any other MPO player in the draft.

Calvin came in with an average SkipAce event finish of 8.56, the epitome of consistency with a top 16 finish in 15 of the 16 events for 2022. This included 2 Elite Series wins, 2 Elite Series runner ups, and 2 3rd place major finishes with 3rd at Las Vegas Challenge as well. There is no reason to believe that Calvin can't find 2-3 Elite Series or Major wins this season, and another top 10 average finish along the way. According to StatMando, over the last 5 years, Calvin has an Average place of 10.38 in Elite Series and Majors, with 46 Top 10's and 61 Top 20s, trailing only Paul, Ricky, and Eagle. We will get into those players injury histories in a bit, but entering his prime at 25, Calvin has already shown the top-level consistency from age 20-25 that you would want from a player at his peak. With a top pick you want a player that simply can't be replicated, and while Calvin doesn't have the championship level experience yet, he has the frame and arm to make line-drive throws other players simply can't. This ability helped Calvin lead all players last year in Power Precise Index, and with 27% C1x Putting he was able to capitalize on these birdie opportunities at a 45% Birdie Rate, which was 4th overall. With his game only refining, a home state of all-season disc golf in Florida, and no concerning injury history, Calvin presents the highest floor for MPO in the draft with the ability to win any given week.

The Chase Card

The top contenders chasing to be the #1 overall fantasy performer.

5) Ricky Wysocki **PDGA Rating:** 1047 **Team:** Dynamic Discs

Fairway: 75% (19 th)	Parked: 13% (2 nd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 44% (4 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 65% (23 rd)
Birdie: 46% (3 rd)	Scramble: 64% (1 st)	C1x Putts: 87% (18 th)	C2 Putts: 28% (27 th)
OB Rate: 10.3% (77 th)	Driving OB: 7.19%	PPI: 42.88 (3 rd)	Bounce Back: 46.6% (4 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 9.3	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 198.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 6	

2023 SkipAce Schedue: LVC, Waco, Open at Austin, Music City Open, Champions Cup, Jonesboro, OTB Open, Portland Open, DDO, DMC, The Preserve, PCS Sula Open, European Open, Ledgestone, Idlewild, DGLO, and Worlds.

Missing – NONE

Ricky became the back-to-back DGPT points leader in 2022 after a dominant season, including 4 Elite Series wins, runner ups at Champions Cup Major and the Preserve, along with 3rd at Great Lakes Open. I loved the competitive energy from Ricky this year as it's clear that the competition between his and Paul McBeth's career continues to drive him. The conversation after Paul won his 6th World Championship about being the "best in the world" vs. "World Champion" was clear of his desire to prove that despite Paul's consistent success at the PDGA Pro World Championships, and the claim to fame that comes with it, he is looking to prove that he is the "best player in the world". That means consistency and the # of wins more so than the quality of wins. It's an interesting way to judge who is the better player, as Paul obviously places so much mental emphasis on Worlds and if he is consistently winning then who is to say he is not the GOAT when at the most important event he is putting his best foot forward. In terms of fantasy though, we have to like Ricky's mindset of trying to win as many events as possible so he can point to himself as the best player in the world by saying, I won 4 tournaments in 2022 compared to Paul winning only 2, Waco and Worlds. For fantasy, Paul and Ricky were neck and neck in 2022 for SkipAce events with Ricky at an average finish of 9.3 and Paul with 9.2. Luke Samson mentioned in an interview with Terry Miller that Ricky invited Luke out to train with him in Arizona over the offseason, and knowing Luke's energy and work ethic, I can't imagine that Ricky won't be as motivated as ever to stack up some more wins this season, and become the DGPT points leader for the 3rd year in a row.

Now to touch on why I have Ricky in the Chase Card; Lyme disease. Unfortunately, Lyme disease to my knowledge can't be eradicated but managed, and the unpredictability of the disease has to be taken into consideration on his fantasy value, as it cost him the Portland Open in 2022 and the end of the 2019 season when he first contracted the disease. Listen, Ricky's schedule is prime with him scheduled to make every Elite Series and Major next year. Ricky is probably the best in disc golf at managing his body and diet like a professional athlete should, but purely from the standpoint of fantasy value, Ricky has a larger likelihood than the lead card to miss a few events in 2023. Those events missed, even if just 1 or 2, could play a huge factor in end of season total value. That is why I believe Ricky should be placed slightly back in terms of total value, however, I believe that there is a strategy you can take to mitigate this risk. I'm always hesitant to recommend the strategy of drafting a player with the expectation to

trade them later, because it assumes that the league is receptive to fair trades, or trades at all for that matter, so take this advice with consideration for your league members in mind. The first event of the year is the Las Vegas Challenge, which Ricky has placed top 8 the last 5 years. Ricky has historically been dominant in Texas, and the 2 events following Vegas will be in Texas – The Waco Annual Charity Open and The Open at Austin. He has placed top 13 in Waco 5 of the last 6 years, finished 2nd in the Open at Belton in 2022 after winning in 2021. Although a Silver Series this year, Ricky has won Texas State Championships every year he has played since 2013, good for 6 straight first place wins! After Texas States you are 3 events into the 2023 SkipAce season, and this is what you would call a perfect sell high opportunity after almost the first quarter of the season. Try to snag a lead card pick or 2 for 1 that you feel good about, and save yourself from the risk of a Lyme flare up costing him any events later in the year. That would be the strategy. It's hard to recommend drafting Ricky in mind with the intention of trading him, but it wouldn't hurt throwing out some offers after The Open at Austin or Texas State Championships to see if you can secure some really consistent performers to solidify your team's depth after Ricky led your team to a strong start to your fantasy season in Vegas and Texas. In the event of a fully healthy campaign for Ricky in 2023, then you are certainly looking at a player who has a strong case for being the #1 overall fantasy player.

6) Kristin Tattar PDGA Rating: 988 Team: Latitude 64

Fairway: 74% (2 nd)	Parked: 12% (1 st)	Circle 1 in Reg: 39% (2 nd)	Circle 2 in Reg: 61% (2 nd)
Birdie: 35% (1 st)	Scramble: 42% (6 th)	C1x Putts: 75% (8 th)	C2 Putts: 16% (11 th)
OB Rate: 9.4% (13 th)	Driving OB: 5.99%	PPI: 17.45 (6 th)	Bounce Back: 36.8% (1 st)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 10		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 1.7	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 397.3		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 17	

Kristin Tattar's 2022 was historically dominant and profitable. She didn't place outside the top 3 all season on her way to an average finish of 1.6. With only 10 SkipAce events played last year, her total fantasy value was 6th in FPO, and 15th overall. I believe Kristin is a much safer top 10 projection this year than Eagle, showing health and dominance in her field last season that Eagle wasn't able to display. Kristin possesses a lethal combination of power, forehand, backhand, standstill putting prowess, and poise. She was top 11 in every major UDisc statistical category, and her pure dominance last season should instill the confidence that she can put up another strong performance next year. Statistically, Kristin should be ranked lower than 7th this as she finished 15th in total fantasy value last year with an average finish of 1.6. On a per tournament basis, Kristin was your clear #1, and expectedly should be dominant again in 2023. However, the 6 less events than Paige and Catrina has her clearly behind them in total fantasy value. Even if Kristin finished 1st in every event last year she would have moved up only one spot in the total fantasy rankings to 14th. However, the total fantasy formula can be finicky, and filling in Kristin's missed events with top 20 performers skyrockets Kristin's overall fantasy value. But pick some players that drop a dud and get outside the top 40, and suddenly Kristin is looking like a terrible pick inside the top 10.

It's hard to tell yourself to pass on Kristin when she was on the podium every event she played in last year. I get it. But I think you have to be patient and wait outside the top 5 to take Kristin. If someone takes Kristin with the first overall pick, then you have to tip your cap to them and know that the real-life dominance doesn't align with the fantasy value. I don't think she will make it outside the top 10 despite that being what her true fantasy value suggests, so I have her ranked at 6th with the warning that you must be prepared to stream her missed events well. I like pairing her with Juliana Korver. Of the 7 SkipAce events that Kristin missed last year, Juliana played 6 of them, coming in with an average finish of

10.2 over those events. If you plug in Juliana's 10.2 finish for 6 of the 7 events Kristin missed instead of the average value of 28.43, then Kristin jumps from your 16th to your 4th ranked fantasy player last year at 184.8 weighted fantasy points! Juliana only played 10 SkipAce events as well last year, so you are basically drafting them as a combo for one roster slot, but it will be a top 10 fantasy roster slot. Pick the electrifying Estonian with the accomplished Korver later, and solidify the top of your FPO team.

7) Missy Gannon PDGA Rating: 971 Team: Discraft

Fairway: 73% (5 th)	Parked: 7% (25 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 30% (15 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 54% (11 th)
Birdie: 26% (11 th)	Scramble: 47% (3 rd)	C1x Putts: 76% (7 th)	C2 Putts: 17% (8 th)
OB Rate: 8.1% (3 rd)	Driving OB: 4.46%	PPI: 10.16 (20 th)	Bounce Back: 22.16% (17 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 6.8	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 241.5		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 7	

Missy has a nice blend of youth and experience that bodes well for a productive fantasy season in 2023. With an average finish of 6.8 last year over 16 SkipAce events, and a career average finish of 9.39 over 64 Elite Series and Majors during the last 5 years, Missy should be considered one of the safer FPO players on tour next year. Missy snagged an Elite Series win last year at the coveted LedgeStone Open, as well as 3 runner up finishes at The Preserve, Idlewild, and Jonesboro. Her worst finish was 16th at DDO with only 4 outside top 10 finishes last year. Missing just the European Open last season, Missy mentioned on Smashboxx TV that she plans on hitting Europe next season with the addition of PCS Sula Open to Elite Series in 2023. Raising her ceiling with the addition of these 2 events in 2023, Missy looks primed to make her mark in consistency and performance. Fresh off an offseason working with the Paul McBeth foundation putting courses up in Uganda, Missy has become a face of disc golf on and off the DGPT. Your 2021 DGPT player of the year, Missy will keep on doing her thing for Discraft in 2023 on her way to finishing as a safe top 5 FPO player.

8) Kyle Klein PDGA Rating: 1039 Team: Discmania

Fairway: 75% (15 th)	Parked: 13% (3 rd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 43% (13 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 65% (25 th)
Birdie: 43% (6 th)	Scramble: 52% (48 th)	C1x Putts: 85% (41 st)	C2 Putts: 28% (29 th)
OB Rate: 10.5% (85 th)	Driving OB: 7.11%	PPI: 38.70 (7 th)	Bounce Back: 48.03% (3 rd)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 15.3	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 295.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 8	

Although unable to secure a win in 2022, the rising Discmania star put on an incredibly consistent season with an average finish of 15.3. With 6 top 10 finishes and no finish worse than 27th, Kyle silently went about his business in 2022 putting together an average finish that surpassed his Crush Boy compatriots, Simon Lizotte and Eagle McMahon. After a slow start to the year with an average finish of 20 over the first 8 events, Kyle put together a solid run at the Preserve and Idlewild, finishing 3rd at both. He followed that up with 6th at Discraft Great Lakes Open, and 7th at LedgeStone and Des Moines Challenge. He ended the year with 23rd at Worlds, 21st at GMC, 9th at USDGC, and 6th at MVP Open. Kyle finished outside the top 25 in both putting statistics, but managed 3rd in Parked at 13% and 6th in Birdie % at 43%.

10) Paul McBeth**PDGA Rating: 1050****Team: Discraft**

Fairway: 76% (6 th)	Parked: 12% (11 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 41% (23 rd)	Circle 2 in Reg: 67% (16 th)
Birdie: 46% (2 nd)	Scramble: 56% (20 th)	C1x Putts: 90% (3 rd)	C2 Putts: 32% (8 th)
OB Rate: 9.6% (63 rd)	Driving OB: 5.68%	PPI: 35.44 (15 th)	Bounce Back: 33.9% (75 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 9.2	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 197.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 5	

2023 SkipAce Schedue: LVC, Waco, Open at Austin, Champions Cup, Jonesboro, OTB Open, PCS Sula Open, European Open, Ledgestone, Idlewild, DGLO, and Worlds.

Missing – Music City Open, Portland Open, DDO, DMC, The Preserve

Paul McBeth started off 2022 with a win in Waco, came away with his 6th world title, and thrilled us all in an epic showdown with Eagle for a runner up finish at the European Open. For many, it was considered a slow year for Paul's standards, yet he ended up second in DGPT points and had an average finish of 9.2. His tour schedule for 2023 does put him behind the likes of the top cards. It's just in the numbers. Paul is expected to miss 5 events for a partial European tour next season. That's 12/17 SkipAce events, missing over a quarter of the season. He doesn't have the podium dominance like Kristin to justify using a top 5 pick on him. The events played aligns him more similarly with Chris Dickerson's fantasy performance last year where he had a better average finish than Paul but played fewer events to come in 10th. I do think the European swing will give Paul a much-needed mental focus to go McBeast mode to stack up tour points. On Foundation podcasts Paul mentioned how he placed a ton of focus on Worlds and European Open in 2022. This mental emphasis on the majors sparked a bit of the whole "World Champion" vs. "Best Player in the World" side competition with Ricky. In terms of fantasy, the lack of focus on other events hurt the consistency of his Elite Series performance as we've heard him mention how he never really got into a zone all year. He also mentioned on his interview with Trevor how this offseason he wants to focus on pre Covid and being consistent at all events. In an era where it's hard to stack up wins, I think we can expect Paul to come out swinging in 2023. I'm talking 4 plus Elite Series and major wins. That's how dominant I'm thinking Paul is looking to be in 2023. I don't think he likes some of the disrespect being put on his name, and I believe Paul is going to come out with a vengeance in 2023. In a year where Paul's total SkipAce events drops, I think we see him push his average finish into an absurd 6-7 range. Just a hunch he won't have many mental slip ups on tour this year. Finding a nice combo pick will certainly justify taking Paul closer to a top 5 pick. Look to pair him with Alex Russell, Cale Leviska, Ty Love, or Garrett Everson.

Here is my ONLY concern with Paul this year...durability. Paul talked on Foundation Podcasts with Trevor about adjusting to a calf cramp/strain, as well as a right shoulder issue, at World's. Paul mentioned this always happens in Kansas, so with him missing the Midwest stretch perhaps that won't factor in this year. It is the slightest of critiques, but as a fantasy manager, I'm always a little weary when it comes to muscle injuries. Paul is only 32, but I do have some concern that these lingering muscle issues could wind up knocking him out of an extra event or two, or at least hinder his performance in some capacity. With that being said, Paul McBeth realizes that he has a limited time to really add to his resume. With the rise of Gannon Buhr, Isaac Robinson, and the overall depth of competition, it's not a reach to say that Paul really has about 5 solid years of adding numerous titles a year to his GOAT resume. I'm going to go a little Kevin O Connor here, and say draft Paul McBeth, and let's take some time to appreciate the man! Paul makes the game look so easy, and you know he will be savoring every

moment as an elite professional disc golfer. If you want to start safe, go Chase Card. If you want to go beast mode, go Paul.

11) Chris Dickerson PDGA Rating: 1044 Team: Discraft

Fairway: 77% (3 rd)	Parked: 12% (15 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 43% (11 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 67% (15 th)
Birdie: 43% (8 th)	Scramble: 60% (6 th)	C1x Putts: 85% (38 th)	C2 Putts: 24% (68 th)
OB Rate: 8.3% (29 th)	Driving OB: 5.03%	PPI: 30.77 (34 th)	Bounce Back: 37.0% (40 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 13		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 8.8	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 314.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 10	

2023 SkipAce Schedule: Waco, Open at Austin, Music City Open, Champions Cup, Jonesboro, DDO, DMC, The Preserve, European Open, Ledgestone, Idlewild, DGLO, and Worlds.

Missing – LVC, OTB Open, Portland Open, PCS Sula Open

The man known as Robot Chicken, The Limestone Laser, Chris Dickerson started off the 2022 season hot with his second major at WR Jackson Memorial during the 2022 PDGA Champions Cup Major. With runner up finishes at Idlewild and Green Mountain Championships, Chris Dickerson didn't place outside the top 20 all year in 12 SkipAce events on pace to 10th place fantasy finish. Representing Discraft for the first year after a long career with Prodigy, Chris' C2 putting left a lot to be desired, with 24% from C2 for 68th. The C1x at 85% isn't a concern for me, but the C2 putting hovering around 25% the last 2 years after being between 32-36 % C2 during the 2018-2020 seasons, good enough for 2nd from 2018-2019 and 6th in 2020, is something to keep an eye on this season. This has started to become a theme so far in this draft guide, as some of the players we're accustomed to seeing atop the C2 rankings are losing ground. Whether it be sample size, match play, or a variety of other factors that could be playing into the C2 #'s, I don't want to overreact to the C2 #'s because it hasn't seemingly affected fantasy performance. If we start to see a correlation, then we'll be on top of how to respond.

Per tournament value, Chris obviously displayed he is worthy of a top MPO pick, but missing 3 more events compared to the upper tiers takes him out of that conversation. You can still make up for those missed events by streaming well, and to me it looks like Chris has a couple candidates to compliment him. Cole Redalen looks like the most clear combo pick to target. He made all 3 of those Elite Series last year with an average finish of 29.0. Oyvind Jarnes mentioned making more of an American swing this year, and he played LVC and PCS Sula Open last year. You could also take it event by event and target Steve Rico and Ty Love. With Chris playing the same number of events last year with some quality combo candidates, I like him as a premier option to start your MPO squad. Look for Chris to gain more comfortability in his second season with Discraft, and pace himself towards another top 10 fantasy finish.

12) Isaac Robinson PDGA Rating: 1033 Team: Prodigy

Fairway: 76% (8 th)	Parked: 11% (27 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 38% (44 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 62% (53 rd)
Birdie: 43% (7 th)	Scramble: 51% (63 rd)	C1x Putts: 88% (9 th)	C2 Putts: 32% (10 th)
OB Rate: 9.6% (60 th)	Driving OB: 6.06%	PPI: 33.02 (21 st)	Bounce Back: 39.0% (26 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 11		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 16.4	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 480.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 22	

Isaac Robinson showed out in his Rookie of the year winning season in 2022, securing his first Elite Series win at Idlewild, a runner up finish at Green Mountain Championships, a podium 3rd place finish at Portland Open, and a tough loss to Ricky at the Pro Tour Championship. Isaac followed up on the potential shown last year where he placed 8th at USDGC in a big way this season, earning the nickname FedEx from Big Jerm for his no nonsense, step up and deliver throw. He wowed us not only with his decisive throwing, but also his ability to effortlessly knock it down from C2, most notably his hole 17, 38 ft dagger at Idlewild. A truly remarkable performance, and evident of an extremely well-rounded game despite the lack of forehand. Similar to Chris, the # of 2022 SkipAce events played at 11 events left a lot to be desired in terms of total fantasy value despite the amazing on course display Isaac showed last year. The per tournament upside to win any given week puts him at the top of fantasy boards for me, but the uncertainty regarding the number of events played in 2023 does have me a little concerned that this could be a bit of a reach if the Robinson brothers aren't surpassing 12 SkipAce events next year. It sounds like Isaac graduated college, so I'd like to think his schedule creeps up to the maximum number of Elite Series and Majors. As an insurance policy, I like pairing Isaac with Knut Valen Haland. Of the 6 SkipAce events that Isaac missed in 2022, Knut played 5 of them with an average finish of 33.2. With 12 events on the year for Knut at an average finish of 54.5, I believe both Knut's and Isaac's value is maximized as a combo selection. Rest assured, if you draft Isaac with a top 20 pick, he'll deliver.

The Calling Card

You can always call on these players to be there for your fantasy squad.

13) Valerie Mandujano PDGA Rating: 969 Team: Discraft

Fairway: 70% (12 th)	Parked: 8% (18 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 29% (19 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 51% (17 th)
Birdie: 27% (7 th)	Scramble: 47% (2 nd)	C1x Putts: 79% (2 nd)	C2 Putts: 19% (5 th)
OB Rate: 10.9% (30 th)	Driving OB: 5.38%	PPI: 34.06 (18 th)	Bounce Back: 24.7% (12 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 15		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 7.7	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 306.3		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 9	

Valerie started off 2022 hot with a win at Waco, holding off the surging Kristin Tattar, and kept it going throughout the year with another win at Portland Open, a runner up at USWDGC, and 7 other top 10 finishes. During the last 5 years, over 32 Elite Series and Majors, Valerie has an average finish of 8.66 with 2 wins, 3 podium finishes, and 21 top 10 finishes. With an average finish of 8.3 last year, Valerie finished outside of the top 10 in 6 of the 14 SkipAce events she participated in last year, but never outside the top 20. Valerie is still on the upswing, but if Valerie can simply attain a similar year as last year, make 15-16 SkipAce events with an average finish around 10.0, then she should end up reaching solid fantasy value here. She is also a player who has the security of a sibling and partner on the road. I've talked a bit about how I believe players who have a strong connection with other players, a significant other, or a sibling traveling with them on tour provides a little extra social stability for the road life. Having Mason Ford and Alexis Mandujano provides a nice foundation for Valerie to maintain a strong mental game through adversity. Mason and Valerie should be tying the knot in early February, so you should see another disc golf couple turned husband and wife in the offseason. No longer representing Dynamic Discs next season, Valerie is a player who will change teams this offseason, but not the Mandujano name. Despite the increasing competition in the FPO field from the Finnish duo, Holyn, Ella, Kat,

14) Kevin Jones**PDGA Rating: 1033****Team: Prodigy**

Fairway: 72% (46th)	Parked: 11% (28th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 37% (57th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 61% (71st)
Birdie: 39% (27th)	Scramble: 48% (97th)	C1x Putts: 86% (25th)	C2 Putts: 27% (38th)
OB Rate: 12.1% (143rd)	Driving OB: 7.74%	PPI: 29.11 (41st)	Bounce Back: 40.11% (23rd)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 16.9	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 321.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 11	

DJ KJ USA put together a solid season in 2022, ending with an average finish of 16.9. With 3rd place finishes at European Open, Des Moines Challenge, and Jonesboro, Kevin had an average finish of 20.2 at the other 13 SkipAce events he competed in. He really seemed to have a quiet year, not really in the hunt at the European Open and Des Moines Challenge despite the 3rd place finish, yet still managed a near top 10 fantasy year. His top shot at the win in 2022 came at Jonesboro Open, and it was a tough victory to see Kevin let slip away in his home state, as Paul and Calvin each carded eagles on hole 16 with Kevin earning the par after he had earned so much momentum on hole 12 with an eagle of his own. Kevin would go on to par the next the last 2 holes, Calvin and Paul would go into a playoff, with Calvin securing the win after a hole 1 playoff park job. A disappointing finish to a solid event for KJ, and I'm sure he has that tournament already in his mind for next season. Kevin really only had one blemish on the year with a 44th place finish at the OTB Open, but placed top 28 in the other 15 SkipAce events he played in.

KJ is a player you can count on with your top 15 pick to consistently perform on tour, and a player I'd love to have on my team simply because of how much fun he is to watch. From his humor and ace runs on GK Pro Skins, to his massive grenades and long-distance jump putts, to his crowd rocking DJ sets, Kevin Jones at 25 years old is another player like Calvin who is just starting to enter his prime. KJ is another player whose C2 stats I'm watching because unlike Kyle, it's been trending downward. The jump putt specialist went from 5th in C2 putting in 2019 at 31%, to 2nd in C2 putting in 2020 at 36%, to 21st in 2019 at 29%, and 38th last year at 27%. If we can look for jump putt Jones to elevate those C2 #'s back to the 2019-2020 season of plus 30%, then I think you can see KJ take an even bigger leap this year on top of refining his throwing. In 2018 KJ was top 5 in both Birdie and Parked %. 2019-2021 he was top 10 in both Birdie and Parked %. In 2022, he finished 27th in Birdie and 28th in Parked. Despite a drop off in C2, Birdie, and Parked, KJ was still able to remain incredibly consistent. If these stats can elevate closer to the 2019-2021 KJ seasons, then we can see more of KJ chasing trophies in 2023. The competition on tour is only growing stronger every year, and while I think KJ is certainly capable of securing a win next year and an average finish of 15th or better, the safer prediction still comes in at a top 20 average finish for the year. Rest easy drafting KJ top 15, and enjoy the Jump Putt Jones experience in 2023.

15) James Conrad**PDGA Rating: 1033****Team: MVP**

Fairway: 74% (21st)	Parked: 11% (26th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 40% (34th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 64% (39th)
Birdie: 40% (20th)	Scramble: 48% (92nd)	C1x Putts: 85% (37th)	C2 Putts: 26% (47th)
OB Rate: 12.5 (159th)	Driving OB: 7.46%	PPI: 33.10 (20th)	Bounce Back: 41.72% (14th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 17.7	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 333.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 12	

It must be strange being a competitor after hitting one of the greatest shots that disc golf, excuse me, sports has ever seen during the 2021 PDGA Pro Worlds Championships. How do you compete knowing that you will never have a more meaningful moment in your career? That you will never have more significant shots than the Holy Shot, and subsequent World Championship sealing island dart throw? One direction James could have gone is complacency. Certainly, he could have ridden on the coattail of the Holy Shot, the profits of the Envy and Bendy James, relishing in the title of World Champion for the next few years, staying relevant in the hearts of disc golfers simply placing cash throughout the year. However, James went another route in 2022. The route of presence. The route of staying in the moment and continuing to play one shot at a time with respect for the game and his fellow competitors. The route of having love for the flight of the disc, and continuing to bless fans with his Envy turnovers, Photon lasers, and Fireball finishers. The route of a top fantasy finish.

The numbers certainly support a top 15 fantasy finish again for James Conrad in 2023. He had an average finish of 17.7, with 9 top 16 finishes, including a couple top 5. James is a staple on tour playing 16 SkipAce events last year, and was able to avoid any disastrous finishes with only 2 outside top 20 finishes near the end of the year with 38th at Worlds and 34th at Green Mountain Championships. What stood out to me from James is the drop off in putting ranks. According to DGPT, he went from 14th C1x at 85% and 12th C2 at 31% in 2021, to 37th C1x at 85% and 47th C2 at 26% in 2022. While his % on C1x didn't change, his rank dropped more than 20 spots, perhaps showing the elevated competition in putting. James was 5th in C2 putting in 2020 at 33%, 15th in 2019 at 29%, and 7th in 2018 at 31%. The 26% in 2022 was his lowest since 25% C2 in 2017 where he came in 23rd. The takeaway here is that although his putting ranks dropped quite a bit, he was still able to come out with a top 15 fantasy finish, but from a player that finished 5th in C2 in 2020, it is a little bit concerning to see that rank drop so much from Conrad Country. James throw doesn't look like it will age extremely well, and if the putting starts to fade behind the competition, it's certainly possible we start seeing James slip out of consistent top 10 finishes. I think it is still too early to have that conversation right now, but we'll keep an eye out on that trend throughout the year. James has been consistent the last few years in Birdie % around 20th, 20-40th in Fairway hits, and performing in the top 10 in terms of average finish. He is still throwing the disc extremely well, and I have to give James the edge for a top 10 fantasy year in 2023. He is a fan favorite, and you'll love watching him perform on your team despite the mini heart attacks of concern that he sprained an ankle as he grunts off the tee.

16) Kat Mertsch

PDGA Rating: 961

Team: Innova

Fairway: 67% (27 th)	Parked: 9% (10 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 31% (12 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 52% (16 th)
Birdie: 26% (12 th)	Scramble: 33% (28 th)	C1x Putts: 72% (23 rd)	C2 Putts: 11% (36 th)
OB Rate: 13.2% (48 th)	Driving OB: 7.92%	PPI: 14.95 (9 th)	Bounce Back: 23.9% (14 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 10.9	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 351.5		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 15	

Kat's play started to catch up with her confidence in 2022, as she bumped up from an average finish of 19.63 over 19 Elite Series and Majors in 2021 to an average finish of 11.29 over 17 Elite Series and Majors in 2022. With another year of experience under her belt, Kat looks primed to continue her progression towards becoming one of the top FPO players in the game. With a lot of power, Kat seems to favor a heavy hyzer approach in her game mixed in with a nice forehand approach as well. I'll be curious to see her shot shaping and woods skills next year, as her worst finishes on the year of 20th came at the technical Idlewild and LedgeStone tournaments. With some tough finishes at the more open courses of DDO and OTB Open, I'm looking for Kat to put together a season with only 1 or 2 outside

top 15 finishes, and potentially her first Elite Series or Major win next year. There is some concern about the mental toll of road life after Nikko and her relationship ended. It's just always important in fantasy to gauge the vibes around players heading into the season, and Kat's is a little uneasy. I mean, you never know what's really going on in a relationship, so it very well may end up being the best thing for her in the long run, but as I talk about players who have more social stability on the road, it seems Kat is going to be flying solo with her cat for the 2023 season. She will have stability with her bag after renewing her contract with Innova this offseason, so I think it's wise not to overreact to the relationship situation. I'll keep her around the same fantasy value as last year, as an outstanding plug-and-play start to your FPO roster with room to grow.

The New Discraft Distance Duo

With a full tour scheduled in 2023, these elite players are poised to break their ceilings

17) Anthony Barela	PDGA Rating: 1037	Team: Discraft
Fairway: 71% (70th)	Parked: 12% (9th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 40% (27th)
Birdie: 42% (9th)	Scramble: 48% (94th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 64% (30th)
OB Rate: 13.9% (200th)	Driving OB: 9.16%	C1x Putts: 83% (63rd)
		C2 Putts: 28% (32nd)
		PPI: 38.75 (6th)
		Bounce Back: 34.7% (65th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 12		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 25.8
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 560.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 37

2023 SkipAce Schedue: LVC, Waco, Open at Austin, Music City Open, Champions Cup, Jonesboro, OTB Open, Portland Open, Dynamic Discs Open, Des Moines Challenge, The Preserve, PCS Sula Open, European Open, Ledgestone, Idlewild, Great Lakes Open, and Worlds.

Missing – NONE

Big arm Barela would certainly be a higher pick if not for education keeping Anthony out of some events early in the year. Anthony was top 10 in PPI, Parked %, and Birdie % last year, emphasizing the notion that if there is a hole out there that Anthony can't birdie, it probably shouldn't be a hole. He had respectable putting at 83% C1x and 28% C2, and was top 30 in C1 and C2 in regulation. Staying in the lines was the major issue for Barela as his OB rate ranked 200th at 13.9% OB. What Barela is looking for is consistency, and in perhaps a different manner than others, as he is looking to put himself more consistently on the podium than just in the top 20. This consistency comes from round-to-round play, as he seemingly fluctuates between mediocre and scorching hot rounds. Take Jonesboro, finishing even after Rd 1, and then finishing at 15 down over the next 2 rounds. Or OTB Open going 10 down in Rd 2, but 5 down in Rds 1 and 3 combined. Or USDGC, going 17 down combined rounds 2 and 3, but +1 rounds 1 and 4. These round to round fluctuations have made Barela one of the biggest daily movers throughout the tournament, and a bit higher of a floor on those off days can make a drastic improvement on his average finish.

Despite playing only 12 SkipAce events last year, Anthony finished as the 37th overall best player, with an average finish of 25.8. With that events played number unlikely to bump up in 2023, there really isn't much room for Anthony to maneuver into perhaps a top 15 fantasy finish by totals, but if you feel confident navigating his missed events, there is plenty of upside to improve on that average finish with more consistent play. Given his missed events are coming early in the season, taking a swing on Anthony

in this range can definitely give your team a leg up down the stretch of the season, especially if we get a head-to-head format with playoffs at the tail end. Look for Anthony to add to his floor on the off days, and in a few years we'll be looking at perhaps a top 5 fantasy player.

18) Holyn Handley PDGA Rating: 964 Team: Discraft

Fairway: 73% (3 rd)	Parked: 11% (5 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 35% (6 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 57% (7 th)
Birdie: 30% (3 rd)	Scramble: 33% (29 th)	C1x Putts: 72% (22 nd)	C2 Putts: 16% (10 th)
OB Rate: 13.2% (48 th)	Driving OB: 7.88%	PPI: 14.42 (12 th)	Bounce Back: 27.8% (6 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 11		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 10.6	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 519.8		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 27	

2023 SkipAce Schedue: LVC, Waco, Open at Austin, Champions Cup, Jonesboro, Music City Open, Portland Open, Dynamic Discs Open, Des Moines Challenge, The Preserve, OTB Open, Ledgestone, Idlewild, Great Lakes Open, and Worlds.

Missing – PCS Sula Open, European Open

The former collegiate volleyball player and engineering student, Holyn made huge strides in her first real season on tour. After 4 Elite Series and Majors in 2021 with an average finish of 21.75 and no top 10 finishes, Holyn stepped up with 8 top 10 finishes over 12 Elite Series and Majors in 2022. She also gained a great taste of experience securing a win at the River City Open during a hard-fought battle vs. Maria Oliva that was decided on the final hole. Listening to her on commentary on that one, you have to love her brain for the game, competitive drive, and elite athleticism. A thrilling new FPO player to watch, Holyn really riled up disc golf fans with her 333ft throw-in Albatross on hole 6 at Sunset Hills DCG during the 2nd round of the 2022 Ledgestone Open. Dubbed the Halbatross, she put herself up there with the names of Philo and Nikko for epic tourney albatrosses. She recently mentioned getting more distance out of her new Discraft bag, which is a scary thought for her competition. At a 2022 fantasy finish of 27th, Holyn should make a huge leap as she is projected to make 15 SkipAce events, and a draft-and-stash European combo pick later will provide excellent upside to potentially finish as a top 10 pick in 2023. A big jump from last year, if you let her fall past here then you are just asking for your fantasy team to get handled by Ms. Handley.

The MPO Wild Cards

You can't really put a number on these guys, but we try

19) Eagle McMahon PDGA Rating: 1043 Team: Discmania

Fairway: 71% (72 nd)	Parked: 13% (4 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 46% (2 nd)	Circle 2 in Reg: 68% (9 th)
Birdie: 50% (1 st)	Scramble: 58% (7 th)	C1x Putts: 90% (4 th)	C2 Putts: 35% (5 th)
OB Rate: 13.3% (180 th)	Driving OB: 9.55%	PPI: N/A	Bounce Back: 41.67% (15 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 4		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 18.5	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 724.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 70	

The ultimate X Factor this year, narrowing down Eagle's value will be a real swing this year. Coming in at an average finish of 18.5 over just 4 events last year, ultimately the big question for Eagle this year will

be availability. I'm not so concerned with his arm health regarding the ability to throw forehand, as Eagle was able to display a more than competent left-handed game last year. It will be interesting to see how his health adjusts after going off the Vegan diet this offseason, but really the primary concern with Eagle will be the events played. Given we know Eagle is certainly capable of surpassing an average finish of 18.5, Eagle is truly poised to have a top 20 campaign this year given good health, but the question is just how high do you take him. I do not have a good answer for that, and for that reason I am more comfortable taking him in this range than over the safety of the cards in front of the Wild Card. However, should we gain more clarity on a double-digit campaign for Eagle next season, be prepared to jump on him earlier.

20) Nikko Locastro PDGA Rating: 1031 Team: Lone Star

Fairway: 76% (7 th)	Parked: 11% (19 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 41% (18 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 67% (14 th)
Birdie: 39% (23 rd)	Scramble: 55% (25 th)	C1x Putts: 79% (144 th)	C2 Putts: 22% (106 th)
OB Rate: 7.6% (17 th)	Driving OB: 5.17%	PPI: 28.04 (46 th)	Bounce Back: 34.38% (73 rd)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 8		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 18.5	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 598.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 49	

Love him or hate him, we are all going to be witnesses to Nikko's revenge tour in 2023, and the only question you have to ask yourself is if you want to be along for the ride. With a new sponsor in Lone Star, and a new motivation to silence the haters after his suspension last year, Nikko is coming into next season with a taste for redemption that can't be overlooked. Nikko placed top 16 at the first 5 Elite Series Events of 2022, finishing 22nd at the Preserve and 30th at Idlewild before his season ended at the European Open. With his suspension reduced, Nikko will be good to go at the start of next year, and the extra rest should only help him put together a stellar 2023. For his career over 93 Elite Series and Majors, Nikko has an average finish of 16.01, with a 2021 DGPT Waco Annual Charity Open win, 2020 Preserve Championship win, 2019,2016, & 2010 USDGC runner up, 2009 USDGC champion, 2010 Japan Open Champion, 2014 Japan Open runner up, and 2010 Scandinavian Open runner up. The man simply has the complete game, experience, and motivation to put together a big season. There is a little bit of concern for heartbreak after the split between him and Kat, and that provides just another reason to put Nikko as a wild card for next year. We'll see if Nikko adjusts his pace of play at all after his suspension last season, as Nikko certainly has a bit of risk for another blowup and subsequent suspension should a player decide to call him on a time violation. However, if Nikko decides to let his play do all the talking this year, I certainly want to have him on my fantasy squad this year.

Spin Class

These players can give viewers a master class on spin and swag.

21) Ohn Scoggins PDGA Rating: 977 Team: Innova

Fairway: 66% (37 th)	Parked: 7% (24 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 26% (25 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 45% (29 th)
Birdie: 27% (8 th)	Scramble: 49% (1 st)	C1x Putts: 84% (1 st)	C2 Putts: 31% (1 st)
OB Rate: 9.1% (8 th)	Driving OB: 4.62%	PPI: 4.85 (36 th)	Bounce Back: 28.1% (5 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 13		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 5.8	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 341.3		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 13	

The always electrifying, eccentric, and exhilarating, Ohn Scoggins showed all of us last season that it's attitude over age. Ohn really made her mark on the putting green, dominating both C1X, C2, and Scramble % numbers last year in the FPO division. Although not the distance of some of her counterparts, Ohn's lesson in spin can teach all of us that angle and accuracy go a long way towards the scorecard at the end of the day. Her karate chop forehands provide all the punch Ohn needs to navigate most courses, wooded and open. Her top 30 C1 and C2 in regulation numbers along with her top scramble % went a long way to overcoming any suggested lack of major distance, and Ohn kept things safe off the tee with a 4.62% OB Rate from drives. Although unable to snag a victory last year, Ohn's consistent play earned her an average SkipAce finish of 5.8, highlighted by runner up finishes at Portland Open, Ledgestone Open, and Idlewild. Ohn doesn't necessarily have the upside to crack the top 10 fantasy players, as less events and heavy competition limit her fantasy ceiling, but her putting, attitude, and disc golf IQ will keep Ohn's floor as one of the highest in the FPO field. As someone with the Doktor A mindset of drafting fun players who are easy to root for, you know I'll be looking to snag Ohn with a top 20 pick and watch her flexing on my opponents all year long.

22) Joel Freeman

PDGA Rating: 1037

Team: Innova

Fairway: 75% (12 th)	Parked: 11% (29 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 40% (33 rd)	Circle 2 in Reg: 64% (35 th)
Birdie: 39% (24 th)	Scramble: 55% (24 th)	C1x Putts: 83% (57 th)	C2 Putts: 26% (51 st)
OB Rate: 9.7% (66 th)	Driving OB: 6.45%	PPI: 29.92 (37 th)	Bounce Back: 37.6% (36 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 14		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 14.2	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 349.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 14	

Colorful not only in his outfits, but his personality as well, Joel Freeman put up an impressive campaign in 2022, finishing top 7 in both average finish and DGPT standings. Joel placed top 10 in 8 out of the 14 SkipAce events he participated in 2022, with 3rd place finishes at Waco and Des Moines Challenge, and his worst finish being 38th at the Great Lakes Open. Joel did most of his damage off the tee, coming in 12th with 75% fairway hits. After working on transitioning to a nose up putt last season, his putting didn't jump off the pages, coming in top 40 in both C1x and C2, but the opportunities Joel was giving himself off the tee was leading to a decent enough conversion rate to reach a 39% birdie rate, good for top 25. Joel gets a slight knock for the events played at 14. This put him right in line with Chris Dickerson's value as outlined in the breakdown for Chris, albeit with 2 more events played than Chris.

Entering his later 20's, Joel has a great mixture of experience and prime youth athleticism to remain consistent on tour, and put himself in the conversation for top 5 in MPO DGPT tour points and average finish. Joel's Hole-Hearted "YouTube" channel shows Joel certainly has a great disc golf IQ, and an obvious love for teaching others. With 70 Elite Series/Majors under his belt, Joel is still looking for his first big win, so look for Joel to be extra motivated next season to snag that elusive first Elite Series/Major. With another season of switching up his putting style under his belt, if his putting stats can creep up to the top 25 numbers that he is putting up off the tee, there is major room for Joel to make a leap next year. With an average finish of 14.2 last season, his fantasy range seems safely between 10-20 depending on events played next year. Feel good taking Joel with an early pick, and root him on by hitting up your local thrift shop and snagging your best fruit shirt.

23) Chris Clemons PDGA Rating: 1033 Team: Dynamic Discs

Fairway: 74% (32 nd)	Parked: 8% (108 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 35% (97 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 58% (93 rd)
Birdie: 37% (42 nd)	Scramble: 52% (49 th)	C1x Putts: 88% (14 th)	C2 Putts: 26% (43 rd)
OB Rate: 8.0% (22 nd)	Driving OB: 5.65%	PPI: 24.42 (68 th)	Bounce Back: 36.1% (47 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 20.6	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 380.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 16	

Clemonade was refreshing to watch last season, giving us an exciting blend of forehand and backhand rips from objectively the best leftie in the game right now. Like Joel, after 83 Elite Series/Majors, Chris is still looking for that elusive first win, although displaying major consistency with an average finish of 24.67 during that run according to Statmando. After a slow start with a 66th place finish at LVC, Chris had an outstanding year with an average finish of 20.63 over 16 SkipAce events, and an average finish of 17.6 during that final 15 events. He placed 3rd at Worlds and Waco, 4th at Idlewild, and finished no worse than 31st during that final stretch. Chris made a nice improvement from C1x, going from 84% in 2021 to 88% in 2022, good for 14th overall. His OB rate of 8%, good for 22nd, helped him stay away from losing strokes on penalties, and his top 50 Scramble and Bounce Back showed the fight to keep rough patches to a minimum. An experienced player on tour, Chris' tour experience and talent will keep him in the top 20 mix week in and week out. A Midwest native with plenty of spin to cut through the wind, look for Chris to perform consistently even in windier conditions, as his 3rd place finish at Waco and 17th at Dynamic Discs Open suggests.

24) Simon Lizotte PDGA Rating: 1037 Team: MVP

Fairway: 73% (36 th)	Parked: 12% (13 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 41% (24 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 64% (42 nd)
Birdie: 42% (14 th)	Scramble: 53% (36 th)	C1x Putts: 84% (53 rd)	C2 Putts: 25% (63 rd)
OB Rate: 11.9% (136 th)	Driving OB: 7.11%	PPI: 40.03 (5 th)	Bounce Back: 43.8% (12 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 15		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 21.1	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 416.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 19	

Simon's 2022 was nothing short of spectacular, becoming a father, getting married, and walking away from the DGPT season with 4 Elite Series wins. It was a magical season for the Crush Brother, and I don't think it's farfetched to say we saw the best season of Simon's career last year, as it seemed countless times the breaks just worked in his favor throughout the year. Take Garrett's tough OB upshot on hole 18 of the Portland Open which gave Simon the win, or his chase card victory at the MVP Open, or the stump that ruined Robert Burrige's playoff run at DMC. Magic was in the air for Simon last year. But that's ok. As the 20th best fantasy player last year, Simon placed top 10 in 7 of the 15 SkipAce events he played last year, with an average finish of 3.4. The other 8 events, however, Simon came in with an average finish of 36.5, placing outside the top 50 at Waco, Green Mountain Championships, and USDGC. Even without the wins, cleaning up some of the poorer performances can keep Simon around the same fantasy level as last year.

The big news this offseason came when he announced he was leaving team Discmania for an offer he couldn't refuse. Joining MVP on a 10-year deal, Simon seems to have found some of the joy for the game he lost for a while. Learning a new bag and unlikely to repeat the number of wins as last year, it's not unreasonable to expect Simon to put up a fantasy performance similar to last year. He seems to be content playing smart golf now, knowing that his body can't handle the crowd-pleasing showmanship

that's made him a favorite in the hearts of fans worldwide. His ability to find unique Simon-lines, effortlessly spin in putts from distance, and turn it on at any moment makes Simon an easy player to target for your team purely from a fun perspective. The epitome of the tier "Spin Class", I'm excited to watch the next chapter in Simon's career in 2023.

FPO Get Carded

These young FPO players are making a name for themselves fast.

25) Ella Hansen **PDGA Rating: 957** **Team: Discmania**

Fairway: 68% (24 th)	Parked: 10% (7 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 34% (8 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 55% (9 th)
Birdie: 27% (9 th)	Scramble: 39% (13 th)	C1x Putts: 69% (40 th)	C2 Putts: 12% (30 th)
OB Rate: 12.2% (39 th)	Driving OB: 8.23%	PPI: 14.87 (10 th)	Bounce Back: 25.2% (9 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 15		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 11.9	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 416.5		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 20	

Ella had an outstanding 2022, highlighted by a runner up finish at The Preserve, and back-to-back 3rd place finishes at Jonesboro and Dynamic Discs Open. "One Throw Ella" began her frisbee career as an Ultimate player at Oregon before recently transitioning to disc golf. In only her 2nd real season on tour last year, Ella had an average finish of 12.64 over 25 Elite Series and Majors, with 5 Podium finishes, 12 Top 10's, and 19 Top 20's. She looks to have a bit of Corey Ellis in her, sometimes putting too much spin and power on the disc in touch situations. Top 10 in PPI last year, Ella has the skills for a great thrower if she can hone in her speed control a bit. Although her putting numbers could use improvement, Ella certainly has shown the makings of a good putter. Her 69% C1x and 12% C2 putting in 2022 is a fantastic improvement on the 61% C1x and 6% C2 numbers she put up in her first year on tour in 2021. She's made some impressive spin putts from distance from the knee, and she has a solid enough stroke to work with. Ella partakes in UPlayDG, a disc golf education outreach program targeted towards elementary schools to get kids learning the sport early. Always easy to bet on a player that loves the game and is willing to give back to the disc golf community. If she can continue making small improvements on her putt, dial in her speed control, and keep gaining more experience on tour, the Discmania rep will be a force to be reckoned with sooner than later.

26) Macie Velediaz **PDGA Rating: 959** **Team: Dynamic Discs**

Fairway: 71% (10 th)	Parked: 8% (14 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 31% (11 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 53% (13 th)
Birdie: 23% (16 th)	Scramble: 40% (11 th)	C1x Putts: 70% (36 th)	C2 Putts: 9% (47 th)
OB Rate: 10.4% (24 th)	Driving OB: 6.67%	PPI: 6.61 (27 th)	Bounce Back: 24.7% (10 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 11		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 14.5	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 595.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 47	

2023 SkipAce Schedue: LVC, Waco, Open at Austin, Music City Open, Champions Cup, Jonesboro, , Dynamic Discs Open, Des Moines Challenge, The Preserve, European Open, Ledgestone, Idlewild, Great Lakes Open, and Worlds.

Missing – OTB Open, Portland Open, PCS Sula Open

After making a name for herself starting off 2021 with top 4 finishes at Jonesboro and Dynamic Discs Open, Macie had a solid first real year on tour making 11 SkipAce events for an average finish of 14.5. Resigning with Dynamic Discs for another 2 years and being elevated to the Supreme team, Macie is looking to build on her game and her ratings. After coming in at 62% C1X putting and 9% C2 putting in her limited 2021 showing, it looks like Macie is steadily gaining confidence and connections on the chains inside the circle. If that pace of improvement continues to the mid-70's in 2023, with slight improvements on throwing to top 10 for fairway, Parked, C1 and C2 in Regulations, then you are looking at a top FPO competitor. With her announcing her tour schedule for 2023 at 14 SkipAce events, Macie has room to make a ridiculous fantasy leap next season. Bumping up to 14 SkipAce events last year would have bumper her up to your 21st ranked player. Think you have to like the upside here for her to end up as a top 20 fantasy player when it's all said and done.

27) Maria Oliva PDGA Rating: 947 Team: Thought Space Athletics

Fairway: 69% (18 th)	Parked: 8% (13 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 30% (13 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 52% (14 th)
Birdie: 26% (14 th)	Scramble: 34% (24 th)	C1x Putts: 68% (44 th)	C2 Putts: 15% (13 th)
OB Rate: 14.4% (60 th)	Driving OB: 8.19%	PPI: 12.43 (17 th)	Bounce Back: 26.5% (7 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 17.6	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 546.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 33	

Maria showed all the tools towards being one of the top FPO competitors in the game. The Texas native had 5 top 10 Elite Series/Majors finishes in 2022, highlighted by a 4th place finish at USWDGC. She also had an epic runner up finish against Holyn Handley at the A-tier event, River City Open. On an interview with Anthony on Happy with Par, Maria mentioned how important mental focus will be to becoming the best disc golfer she can be. Perhaps struggling with the balance of being a competitor and a friend on tour, Maria seems to have realized that cutting down on chatter on the course helps her zone in on her game. Maturing in her approach to the game, it sounds like Maria has found a bit of the balance she'd been looking for, which should hopefully yield more concentration on every shot and a better performance as a result. Dating Luke Samson now, signs seem to be pointing up for Maria. I do like the idea of betting on disc golf couples because it provides a natural social foundation around the game. See Paul & Hannah, Mason & Valerie, Kyle & Cynthia, Colten & Kona, Chris & Hanna, Aj & Deann, the list goes on...a couple that discs together stays together. Like the cohesiveness of the young Prodigy core, the added support on tour can only help a player's mental longevity. The only hesitation I had to putting her as a true breakout candidate is the change in bag. She seemed to rely heavily on her Destroyer, and I do not have a lot of familiarity with Thought Space's disc lineup, but playing for team Infinite as well as TSA will allow her to fill some spots in her bag, so I'm guessing the Destroyer will certainly be one she sticks with. I like her to finish around the same spot as the other ladies in this tier. Think this group is really close in fantasy value. We'll see if Maria can find some Gannon Buhr in her next year...spunky and goofy off the course while ice cold on the course.

28) Alexis Mandujano PDGA Rating: 947 Team: Discraft

Fairway: 66% (33 rd)	Parked: 4% (43 rd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 22% (38 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 43% (38 th)
Birdie: 19% (32 nd)	Scramble: 36% (19 th)	C1x Putts: 77% (3 rd)	C2 Putts: 13% (23 rd)
OB Rate: 10.5% (26 th)	Driving OB: 5.97%	PPI: 5.79 (31 st)	Bounce Back: 20.8% (22 nd)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 15		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 16.5	

2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 537.3

2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 29

Similar to her sister, Alexis really made her mark on the putting green, knocking down an impressive 77% of C1x putts, trailing only Ohn and Valerie. After only her 2nd full season on tour, Alexis made 15 SkipAce events with an average finish of 16.5, which fell slightly behind her 2021 pace of an average finish of 11.67 over 12 Elite Series and Majors. She had 4th place finishes at Idlewild and OTB Open, 6th at Ledgestone, and 7th at Champions Cup Major, making it back-to-back years of placing top 10 at Ledgestone and Jonesboro, and placing top 10 at Idlewild the last 3 years. Definitely like her as a priority start at Ledgestone, Idlewild, and Jonesboro, although you will probably be starting her every week.

Being surrounded by Valerie and Mason, along with gaining more experience and reps on tour, should allow Alexis to at least meet, and more likely surpass the fantasy value she put up last year. She'll have her sister on her team this year as Valerie made the switch from Dynamic to Discraft this offseason. As an 81% C1x putter in 2021, the putting will keep Alexis in the hunt more often than not, and her throwing has been solid enough to stay competitive. A safe top 30 pick, I'm expecting to see Alexis competing for more top 5 finishes in 2023 and push that average finish to under 15.0.

The Finnish Phenoms

Finnish duo can be top 5 average finishers, but events played limits total fantasy value.

29) Eveliina Salonen

PDGA Rating: 970

Team: Innova

Fairway: 75% (1 st)	Parked: 11% (4 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 41% (1 st)	Circle 2 in Reg: 65% (1 st)
Birdie: 26% (13 th)	Scramble: 41% (9 th)	C1x Putts: 52% (79 th)	C2 Putts: 8% (57 th)
OB Rate: 8.1% (4 th)	Driving OB: 4.78%	PPI: 18.28 (5 th)	Bounce Back: 22.3% (16 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 10		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 8.3	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 512.8		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 25	

2023 Schedule: LVC, Waco, Open at Austin, Music City Open, Champions Cup, Jonesboro, Dynamic Discs Open, Des Moines Challenge, Preserve, PCS Sula Open, European Open, and Worlds.

Missing – OTB Open, Portland Open, Ledgestone, Idlewild, and Great Lakes Open.

Despite only playing in 9 SkipAce events in 2022, Eveliina was able to secure a 26th place fantasy finish thanks to an average finish of 8.3. Take away a tough 2 event stretch of 27th at Texas States and 16th at the Champions Cup Major, and Eveliina had an average finish of 5.0 over her other 8 Elite Series & Majors. The forceful Fin, Eveliina made every disc golfer feel a little bit better about their putting after watching some of her tough stretches on the putting green. Putting can be hard, and Evelinna truly showed how essential it is to the game after dropping some tough battles due to the putt alone. Evelinna managed runner up finishes at European Open and Des Moines Challenge in 2022, along with three 5th place finishes, and two 6th place finishes. Eveliina certainly has the skill to be a top FPO player, beating Kristin Tattar at the European Disc Golf Championships in 2016 and 2018, and holding a 13-13 record Head-to-Head record against Kristin according to StatMando. What stands out to me about her game is not only all her domination in the throwing categories, but also low OB rate numbers. Typically a player who bombs for birdies finds themselves in OB a decent amount, a necessary risk to compete for the top. However, Eveliina had the 4th best OB rate to go along with her power, and an under 5 % OB on drives. Extremely impressive, and I believe we all know how much Eveliina's fantasy performance stands

to improve if she is able to improve her putting into the 60's. Eveliina showed flashes of being a decent putter last year, but it looks to be purely confidence and muscle memory at this point, as DGPT has her in the 60's in C1x putting every year from 2016-2021. We'll see if Eveliina can gain some confidence in the putter this offseason, as that can have a major impact on her average finish.

I do think you have to give some of the European players a bump in expected average finish for next year with a year of experience under their belt playing the DGPT courses, but even with a big jump in average finish, Eveliina's fantasy ceiling is limited by the number of events played. If your league integrates the European Pro Tour or Prodigy Tour, then we can look at Eveliina in a much different light, but until then, Eveliina has a wide array of outcomes for fantasy performance next year. The best way to ensure premium fantasy value for 2023 is a nice combo pick. I like trying to pair Eveliina or Henna with Alex Benson. Of the 7 events that Eveliina missed in 2022, Alex Benson made every single one of them with an average finish of 20.9 over that stretch. With 12 SkipAce events played last year for an average finish of 23.3, Alex Benson makes the perfect complement to the Finnish phenoms. Look to take Eveliina with confidence, and for her to take a major fantasy leap in 2023 should the putt come around.

30) Henna Blomroos	PDGA Rating: 969	Team: Innova	
Fairway: 72% (8th)	Parked: 11% (3rd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 38% (4th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 60% (4th)
Birdie: 27% (10th)	Scramble: 36% (18th)	C1x Putts: 58% (74th)	C2 Putts: 6% (70th)
OB Rate: 9.6% (16th)	Driving OB: 7.12%	PPI: 20.33 (4th)	Bounce Back: 21.8% (20th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 9		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 8.0	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 546.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 32	

Henna showed some serious Eveliina vibes last season, dominating off the tee but struggling to put the disc in the basket inside 33 feet. She was also extremely impressive with her OB rate while placing top 10 in the major throwing categories. Henna played extremely well at the majors, with a runner up finish at Worlds, a 3rd place finish at the European Open, 7th at USWDGC, and 11th at the Champions Cup Major. With a career 26-30 H2H record against Eveliina, I believe Henna can be put into the same fantasy realm as her, with similar category stats and finishing nearly identical in events played and average finish in 2022. As a backup to pairing Henna with Alex Benson, I also like trying to pair Henna with Vanessa Van Dyken or Jennifer Allen. Of the 8 SkipAce events that Henna missed in 2022, Vanessa made 7 of them with an average finish of 22.9 over that stretch. With 14 SkipAce events in 2022 with an average finish of 22.4, Vanessa seems to be a nice target to compliment Henna and mitigate those missed events. The more enticing add would be Jennifer Allen, who made 6 of the 8 events that Henna missed with an average finish of 11.7. With only 10 SkipAce events played in 2022, Jennifer Allen looks like a really nice combo pick for the Finnish duo. With Henna's upside as a top 5 player, pairing her with a player like Jennifer Allen can be a nice way to get elite fantasy value with a couple of mid round picks. Look for the Finnish firecracker to play about half the events and push for consistent top 10 performances along the way.

The Safe Card

I believe these smooth golfers are all safe picks to crack top 30 value.

31) Alden Harris

PDGA Rating: 1030

Team: Prodigy

Fairway: 73% (44 th)	Parked: 12% (14 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 34% (102 nd)	Circle 2 in Reg: 58% (103 rd)
Birdie: 36% (47 th)	Scramble: 51% (57 th)	C1x Putts: 86% (24 th)	C2 Putts: 26% (48 th)
OB Rate: 8.9% (44 th)	Driving OB: 5.11%	PPI: 23.45 (72 nd)	Bounce Back: 38.6% (28 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 26.2	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 469.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 21	

Surprised to see Alden's name so high? Alden was the 21st ranked fantasy player last year, coming in with an average finish of 26.2, and making it to 16 Skip Ace events last year. Not as flashy as his competitors, Alden approaches every event with a clear gameplan, and usually ends up executing to perfection. Alden stayed away from danger with 5.11% OB off drives, parked 11.59% of the holes which was good for 14th, executed a clean spin putt for 86% C1x Putting for 24th, and placed top 50 in Fairway Hits, Birdie Rate, C2 Putting, Bounce Back Rate, and overall OB rate. Alden really picked it up down the stretch last season, with an average finish of 17.9 over the last 7 SkipAce events.

As part of a young, connected Prodigy team led by his best bud, Gannon, Alden is surrounded by generational talent that can only help elevate his game as well. Alden joined the Smashboxx TV podcast in late November to discuss his offseason focus of building strength to elevate his distance off the tee. With his sister being a personal trainer and nutritionist, a barn turned gym at his disposal, and a sensational support system surrounding him, Alden is positioned both physically and mentally to elevate his performance from last year. I like him around this spot because I believe you can move him above the FPO – Get Carded Tier and get good fantasy value, or you can see if he falls to you after snagging a couple players from either of the tiers around him if you feel he will be slept on in your draft.

32) Mason Ford

PDGA Rating: 1027

Team: Mint

Fairway: 74% (33 rd)	Parked: 9% (67 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 34% (108 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 57% (107 th)
Birdie: 34% (77 th)	Scramble: 46% (112 th)	C1x Putts: 84% (47 th)	C2 Putts: 21% (113 th)
OB Rate: 9.6% (64 th)	Driving OB: 6.67%	PPI: 29.66 (38 th)	Bounce Back: 36.0% (48 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 15		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 26.5	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 497.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 23	

Mr. Smooth Mason Ford finished 2022 with an average finish of 26.5 in 15 SkipAce events in 2022, with his best finish coming at the Des Moines Challenge where he finished 7th. Extremely consistent, Mason started off the year strong with an average finish of 15.67 in his first 6 SkipAce events, another potential early season sell high candidate as the Texas native has historically performed well in his home state. He was safe off the tee as he had a 6.67% OB rate off the Tee, but none of his other UDisc stats really popped off the charts although respectable in many. Mason was able to come in with the 23rd overall fantasy finish for 2022. Still gaining experience and exposure, Mason Ford made the switch to hometown team Mint this offseason, and his reflexes looked ready in his introductory video. Look for Mason to ride the Ford Mustang to a smooth fantasy finish next year. If he can start off 2023 hot in

Vegas and Texas, look for him to ride that momentum to finish out the year stronger than he did in 2022, giving himself an opportunity to sneak into another top 25 fantasy finish.

33) **Bradley Williams** PDGA Rating: 1029 Team: Innova

Fairway: 72% (59 th)	Parked: 10% (57 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 37% (59 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 58% (100 th)
Birdie: 35% (56 th)	Scramble: 53% (33 rd)	C1x Putts: 82% (74 th)	C2 Putts: 25% (57 th)
OB Rate: 10.7% (96 th)	Driving OB: 6.27%	PPI: 23.12 (75 th)	Bounce Back: 24.1% (198 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 15		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 28.9	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 534.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 28	

6 years after his win at the Vibram Open, Bradley was able to secure another win in 2022 at the Preserve Championship. However, Bradley didn't place top 10 all year outside that event on his way to an average finish of around 29. One of the smoothest players in the game, the Texas native has the type of consistency and experience that you want to draft to solidify your MPO roster. Take away an 85th place finish at Texas States early in the year, and Bradley had an average finish around 25.0 for the 2022 season. Bradley's floor remains high as a skilled player in both open and wooded courses, able to adapt his game to whatever is required. His Instagram post announcing an Innova sponsorships renewal mentioned a European stint with full American tour. This alone provides a nice schedule floor that he has the potential to make every SkipAce event next year. Feel good taking Bradley with a top 30 pick for a safe mid round fantasy contributor.

34) **Sarah Hokom** PDGA Rating: 962 Team: MVP

Fairway: 67% (31 st)	Parked: 8% (16 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 27% (21 st)	Circle 2 in Reg: 48% (23 rd)
Birdie: 23% (17 th)	Scramble: 41% (8 th)	C1x Putts: 72% (24 th)	C2 Putts: 13% (27 th)
OB Rate: 9.1% (7 th)	Driving OB: 4.93%	PPI: 5.92 (29 th)	Bounce Back: 24.7% (11 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 12		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 12.1	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 516.3		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 26	

The forehand specialist, Sarah Hokom, gives me major GG vibes as her forehand shot shaping ability just seems to get more impressive over time. During the last 10 years, over 124 Elite Series and Majors, Sarah Hokom has 13 wins, 54 Podium finishes, 114 Top 10 finishes, 121 Top 20's (97.6%), and an average finish of 4.96. That is incredible consistency from Sarah, and your 2012 World Champion continues to be a top FPO performer despite hitting that dreaded age of 40. At seemingly the twilight of her career, Sarah won't have the upside to catapult into a top 10 fantasy performer this year, but at a fantasy finish of 26th last year, there is nothing in Sarah's game to suggest a major drop off in performance. Forehands do tend to be more strenuous on the body, leaving legitimate questions on the possible longevity of Sarah's career as a top female professional, as she went from 15 Elite Series and Majors in 2021 to 13 Elite Series and Majors in 2022. I believe you should certainly factor in a few more missed events for Sarah and Ohn than your younger, rising female competitors, which certainly caps their upside a bit. Still performing at an average finish of 12, I believe Sarah is a safe pick sneak into top 30 value next year, but I would have no problem letting her slip a bit in my draft to target some players with more potential upside.

The Score Card

Target these players to score you some major fantasy upside.

35) Ezra Aderhold

PDGA Rating: 1029

Team: Discraft

Fairway: 72% (52 nd)	Parked: 12% (12 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 43% (10 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 64% (41 st)
Birdie: 42% (13 th)	Scramble: 43% (149 th)	C1x Putts: 78% (158 th)	C2 Putts: 32% (12 th)
OB Rate: 14.0% (201 st)	Driving OB: 8.83%	PPI: 36.99 (12 th)	Bounce Back: 38.2% (32 nd)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 17		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 29.8	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 507.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 24	

The man with the biggest biceps on tour, Ezra leads the bombs away field after a solid 2022 season with plenty of highlight moments. Ezra snagged 2 aces this season, one at the Water Tower Hole 12 at Round 1, Eureka Lake, of the Ledgestone Insurance Open. The other was an ace at hole 12 of Worlds during the final round at Emporia Country Club, the 2nd hardest hole on the course,. Ezra eagled a jaw dropping 17 holes in 2022. For comparison to some of the other big arms out there, Ricky eagled 13 holes, Paul McBeth eagled 12, Calvin eagled 10, GG Eagled 7, Gannon Buhr Eagled 6, Corey Ellis Eagled 6, Barela Eagled 5, and Drew Gibson Eagled 4 holes. He had top 15 Birdie, Parked, and C1 in Regulation numbers to go with top 15 C2 putting. Ezra's durability was outstanding in 2022, making all 17 SkipAce events with an average finish of 29.8, giving him a total fantasy finish of 24th for 2022. Where Ezra really left strokes on the course was inside the circle. Ezra finished at 78% C1X during the 2022 season, good for 158th. This was really brought up around the Preserve, where it was mentioned he was considering switching putters amid some putting woes. With such a great arm, if Ezra can capitalize on more of the opportunities he is presenting himself inside the circle then he has a real opportunity to push into the top 10 more often, with only 2 finishes inside of the top 10 in 17 SkipAce events. With his durability on tour and capability to carve up the open bomber holes, Ezra provides the weekly set it and forget it floor with upside to push into a top 10 fantasy performer if he can figure out his putt inside 30 feet.

36) Emily Beach

PDGA Rating: 948

Team: Innova

Fairway: 66% (34 th)	Parked: 7% (22 nd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 27% (23 rd)	Circle 2 in Reg: 45% (30 th)
Birdie: 22% (19 th)	Scramble: 40% (10 th)	C1x Putts: 74% (12 th)	C2 Putts: 16% (9 th)
OB Rate: 13.6% (51 st)	Driving OB: 7.51%	PPI: 15.53 (7 th)	Bounce Back: 19.4% (26 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 15		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 16.5	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 537.3		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 30	

The leftie, Emily Beach shined during her first full season on tour, logging 15 SkipAce events with an average finish of 16.5. Highlighted by a runner up finish at Discrafts Great Lakes Open and a 3rd place finish at Dynamic Discs Open, Emily had a solid 2022. Over 25 Elite Series & Majors, Emily has an average finish of 15.04 with 2 Podiums, 7 Top 10s, and 21 Top 20s. Emily has the right blend of skill/diversity, power/touch, and youth/experience to be a great pick in the middle of the draft to score some major fantasy value on your opponents. I like taking her anywhere in the 30's to secure maximum fantasy value.

37) Drew Gibson**PDGA Rating: 1034****Team: Infinite**

Fairway: 71% (77th)	Parked: 12% (16th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 36% (71st)	Circle 2 in Reg: 60% (78th)
Birdie: 40% (22nd)	Scramble: 51% (59th)	C1x Putts: 85% (39th)	C2 Putts: 31% (15th)
OB Rate: 14.4% (214th)	Driving OB: 9.13%	PPI: 35.45 (14th)	Bounce Back: 38.5% (29th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 13		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 26.6	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 546.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 31	

With more swag than types of discs in his bag, Drew Gibson came out hot in 2022, with an epic, 4-hole playoff victory over Gannon Buhr to start the year at the Las Vegas Challenge. He would end up with an average finish of 22.9 over his next 8 events, and end the year at a sluggish pace, with an average finish of 40.5 over his last 4 Skip Ace events of the year. Making steady putting improvements over his career, Drew finished 2022 with 85% C1x putting for 39th, and 31% C2 putting for 15th. Just 3 years ago in 2019, Drew was at 78% C1X and 23% C2.

It's tough to say what contributed to the tough stretch at the end. Drew didn't seem to make any excuses, and we'll see how he bounces back next year. Perhaps more of a concern than the finish to the year is the number of events played, as he missed Waco, Texas States, the Preserve, and the European Open last year. Hovering around the 13-14 DGPT/majors event range in 2019, 2020, and 2021, fantasy managers will be hoping Drew returns to the 2016 and 2017 seasons of 16-17 events. Ultimately, the rough stretch at the end really hurt Drew's average finish, and if he is able to put forth a more consistent season next year with a few more events, Drew could end up being slept on a bit. A bit of a wild card, look for Drew to be a nice pick to score fantasy value in the 30's.

38) Adam Hammes**PDGA Rating: 1030****Team: Discraft**

Fairway: 70% (82nd)	Parked: 10% (33rd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 37% (58th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 59% (90th)
Birdie: 39% (25th)	Scramble: 49% (86th)	C1x Putts: 87% (19th)	C2 Putts: 27% (34th)
OB Rate: 10.1% (74th)	Driving OB: 6.43%	PPI: 28.93 (42nd)	Bounce Back: 37.2% (38th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 33.1	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 579.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 40	

Adam is coming off a disappointing year after a 2021 season where he had an average finish of 16.5 in 19 Elite Series and Majors, with wins at MVP Open and Santa Cruz Masters Cup. Adam had an average finish of 33.1 in 16 SkipAce events in 2022, and like Corey and Tristan, he was all over the place throughout the year. Adam placed top 10 in 6 events last year, with an average finish of 6.5, and an average finish of 49 over the other 10 Skip Ace events. Adam had an impressive C1X Putting in 2022 at 87%, but his C1 and C2 in Regulation #'s dropped from 42% and 63%, to 37% and 59% respectively. I think we all know Adam has the talent to be a top player in this game, but I believe there is still some evolution in the mental game that is preventing him from taking the next step. Whether it's attitude or focus, Adam doesn't seem to have the mental edge that the top guys have to perform consistently week in and week out. Who knows if having best friend Anthony Barela join him on team Discraft will help his focus or not. They certainly seem to enjoy the things outside of disc golf that young gentleman in their prime like to partake in, and how that translates to fantasy success will remain to be seen. If Adam is able to reach or surpass 2021 levels, then he definitely is a value pick here, but I'm hesitant to realign Adam's fantasy ranking with his talent level this year until we've seen a season of mental growth. A real potential X-factor next year, look to grab him around the 20's for a nice upside pick if you believe he get

for himself with a consistent dose of heavy hyzer throws of overstable Nukes, Buzz OS, and Zones. Gaining consistency on his real nose down push putt, Aaron had a respectable 79% C1x #, although we did see nerves leave his putts short on some testers at Worlds. With 2022 being only his second full year on tour, Gossage made a drastic improvement from his 46.8 average finish in Elite Series and Majors in 2021, bumping up to 34.29 in 2022. As the 45th overall fantasy player last year, look for Aaron's taste of victory last year to continue to propel his game forward, and look for him to compete for even more podium finishes next year.

41) Albert Tamm PDGA Rating: 1021 Team: Latitude 64

Fairway: 74% (30 th)	Parked: 11% (24 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 41% (25 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 64% (40 th)
Birdie: 35% (61 st)	Scramble: 45% (126 th)	C1x Putts: 72% (218 th)	C2 Putts: 16% (196 th)
OB Rate: 12.1% (144 th)	Driving OB: 7.25%	PPI: 44.03 (2 nd)	Bounce Back: 31.6% (103 rd)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 17		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 34.7	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 590.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 44	

Albert cracks the Bombs Away list as a fantastic thrower whose fantasy finish is primed for a big jump with just the slightest improvement in putting. Tamm was 2nd in PPI in 2022 behind Calvin, finishing 24th in Parked %, 25th in C1 in Regulation, and 30th in Fairway Hits. Albert has been historically dominant in throwing categories, finishing top 23 in Fairway Hits, Parked, and C1 and C2 in regulation in 2021 and 2019. What's hurt Albert is his 72% C1x putting and 16% C2 putting. On a recent episode with the Chain Clankers, Albert acknowledged his putting woes, and seemed intent on fixing this through filming his putting stroke, practice, and correction. Albert was a 80% C1x putter in 2019, so there is hope that Albert can get this corrected, although a jump to the 80% mark would be quite the leap. If you see Albert elevate his C1X putting to 77%+ and C2 putting to 20%+ in 2023, you can see Albert be a real fantasy darling this year. He made all 17 SkipAce events last year with an average finish of 34.7, giving him a total fantasy finish of 44th. With an extremely athletic build, a few years of tour experience under his belt, and an offseason of putting practice, I'm really excited to see what Albert's game looks like next year, and am looking for him to be a huge draft day value pick when he slips to the 40's.

42) Garrett Gurthie PDGA Rating: 1031 Team: Innova

Fairway: 74% (27 th)	Parked: 11% (21 st)	Circle 1 in Reg: 40% (35 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 62% (59 th)
Birdie: 36% (51 st)	Scramble: 50% (76 th)	C1x Putts: 79% (134 th)	C2 Putts: 18% (171 st)
OB Rate: 11.7% (130 th)	Driving OB: 7.3%	PPI: 37.68 (11 th)	Bounce Back: 28.5% (150 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 15		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 32.6	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 589.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 43	

Like a fine wine, double G's throw just keeps getting better and better with time. We saw some absolute bonker rips from Garrett last year, from his throw at Portland Open to his rips at LVC. He was 11th in PPI at 37.68, 21st in Parked % at 11.2, 27th in Fairway Hits at 74%, and 35th C1 in Regulation at 40%. Garrett's limitations comes on the putting green, as he hasn't finished over 80% from C1X or 20% from C2 over the last 5 years of DGPT/Majors. Garrett was able to secure a total fantasy finish of 43rd last year, with an average finish of 32.6 over 15 SkipAce events. It's hard to see Garrett making drastic improvements in his fantasy performance this year, as his game seems riper for subtle refinement than drastic improvement. He mentioned on Smashboxx TV that he was looking to hit the weights more to prepare his forehand for the abuse it will take throughout the year, but I have a hard

time seeing this translate to major improvement considering it sounded more like an offseason maintenance plan than a continuous in-season focus. He certainly has room for improvement if he is able to eliminate some of the poorer performances like 88th at Texas States, 57th at the Des Moines Challenge, 46th at DDO, and 40th at GMC. I'm looking for Garrett to finish with a similar fantasy performance as last year, a safe pick around 40, and a treat on your team to watch throw.

The Vet Card

These players have the skill and experience to be safe top 50 fantasy players

43) Jennifer Allen PDGA Rating: 953 Team: Innova

Fairway: 68% (23 rd)	Parked: 10% (8 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 33% (10 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 54% (12 th)
Birdie: 22% (18 th)	Scramble: 37% (17 th)	C1x Putts: 58% (71 st)	C2 Putts: 6% (68 th)
OB Rate: 14.1% (57 th)	Driving OB: 9.17%	PPI: 14.50 (11 th)	Bounce Back: 22.0% (19 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 10		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 10.9	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 558.3		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 36	

Jennifer Allen's PDGA events page goes back to 1999, and this lady just came in with a total fantasy finish of 31st last year. Truly impressive from the long-time vet, and her exaggerated reach back throw has been a joy to watch off the tee. With no reason to expect a drastic drop off in average performance, the only question is how to best utilize your 2022 Australian Open champion after making just 10 SkipAce events last year. I believe the best combination for Jennifer is with Henna or Evelinna, as she made 6 of the 8 events that Henna made, and 5 of the 7 that Evelinna made. A dominant combo pair with the Fins, Jennifer looks poised for another solid year in 2023 with an average top 15 finish.

44) Nate Sexton PDGA Rating: 1035 Team: Innova

Fairway: 74% (23 rd)	Parked: 9% (92 nd)	Circle 1 in Reg: 35% (88 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 56% (127 th)
Birdie: 33% (82 nd)	Scramble: 55% (23 rd)	C1x Putts: 82% (78 th)	C2 Putts: 22% (103 rd)
OB Rate: 9.3% (54 th)	Driving OB: 6.19%	PPI: 25.04 (66 th)	Bounce Back: 28.6% (148 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 10		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 21.7	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 567.0		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 39	

Despite only playing 10 SkipAce events last year, Nate Sexton finished with an impressive average finish of 21.7, giving him the 39th spot for fantasy finish last year. With Nate's competitive career winding down, and the competition only growing stronger, this seems like an appropriate spot for Nate despite the fantasy success last year. One of those guy's whose value spikes if you successfully stream his missed events, it's hard to envision Nate surpassing 10 Elite Series & Majors next year after 9 in 2021. However, during the last 5 years over 44 Elite Series and Majors, Mr. Safe Sexton has an average finish of 15.57! Incredible consistency, and I would expect Nate Safeton to maintain a top 25 average finish for 2023, making him a nice pick somewhere in the 40's.

45) Lisa Fajkus PDGA Rating: 950 Team: Lone Star

Fairway: 66% (32 nd)	Parked: 5% (37 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 21% (43 rd)	Circle 2 in Reg: 44% (34 th)
Birdie: 19% (29 th)	Scramble: 40% (12 th)	C1x Putts: 75% (9 th)	C2 Putts: 13% (20 th)
OB Rate: 9.3% (10 th)	Driving OB: 4.78%	PPI: 3.27 (47 th)	Bounce Back: 14.6% (45 th)

2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 14
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 586.3

2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 17.5
2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 42

The Innova repping, Skygod throwing, Lisa Fajkus has been a fan favorite for years. The strong Texan will be joining her home town team, Lone Star, in 2023 as she made the sponsor switch along with a handful of other big names this offseason. Over the last 10 years, during 91 Elite Series and Majors, Lisa has an average finish of 9.86 with 14 Podiums, 57 Top 10s, and 85 Top 20's, but much like Matty O, does not have that elusive first win. Lisa's best showing in 2022 was a 3rd place finish at Ledgestone, and she finished no worse than 31st all year. With another solid year under her belt, Lisa has the perfect blend of experience and athleticism to be prioritized as a staple of any FPO roster.

46) Juliana Korver

PDGA Rating: 947

Team: Innova

Fairway: 72% (6 th)	Parked: 8% (15 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 30% (14 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 54% (10 th)
Birdie: 19% (30 th)	Scramble: 27% (51 st)	C1x Putts: 50% (80 th)	C2 Putts: 6% (71 st)
OB Rate: 6.8% (1 st)	Driving OB: 3.87%	PPI: 8.72 (23 rd)	Bounce Back: 17.9% (32 nd)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 9		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 15.3	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 596.8		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 51	

Presenting your 5x PDGA World Champion, 4x WFDF World Flying Disc Overall World Champion, 3x Double Disc Court World Champion, 2x Freestyle Players Association World Champion, 1x PDGA AM World Champion, Juliana Korver!!! What do you do with such a polarizing player? A woman with a distinguished disc golf career with countless accolades to a masters qualifying, 2021 DGPT Rookie of the Year? I mentioned in Kristin's breakdown, I think you draft her strategically. She has the muscle memory and years of championship level experience that gives her podium level, per tournament upside untouched by age. Over 23 Elite Series and Majors during Juliana's recent run, she has an average finish of 14.65 with 2 Podiums, 9 Top 10s, and 16 Top 20s. That production after an elite level competing hiatus of 15 years is insanely impressive, and a testament to the sport of disc golf itself as a life long sport. With the introduction of the Masters Tour, I believe we'll only see the level of competition among the 40 plus range grow, so they won't feel the need to compete with the young guns as much anymore. For 2023, I like Juliana best paired with Kristin Tattar as their schedules align perfectly to dominate one roster spot. If you don't get Kristin, I like pairing Juliana with Aria Castruita. Juliana missed the first 6 events of the year, and 6 of the 8 events that Aria played came at this beginning stretch where Juliana missed. One of the GOATs, Juliana can still provide tremendous upside on the weeks she is out there, just be cognizant of needing to stream on the weeks she is off.

The FPO Wild Card

These FPO players have a variety of fantasy variables impacting value

47) Hailey King

PDGA Rating: 964

Team: Innova

Fairway: 73% (4 th)	Parked: 9% (12 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 34% (7 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 59% (5 th)
Birdie: 30% (4 th)	Scramble: 36% (20 th)	C1x Putts: 74% (13 th)	C2 Putts: 14% (19 th)
OB Rate: 14.0% (55 th)	Driving OB: 7.8%	PPI: 21.68 (2 nd)	Bounce Back: 24.0% (13 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 11		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 13.7	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 579.3		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 41	

Focusing on quality over quantity, Hailey highlights the importance of mental health and longevity in the sport of disc golf. Some players can grind week in and week out, make every event, and stay hungry to chase trophies with seemingly no loss of energy. Other players feel the strain more of travel, competition, and pressure. I personally like the approach Hailey takes. I think it should be on the competitors to manage their schedule to fit their mental capacity, with the acceptance from fans and sponsors that athletes require breaks too. I think it's totally OK to not compete at every event if you have the financial and competitive capacity to miss a few events and come back and compete at the highest level. Hailey is proving that she can do just that, and I applaud her for it.

Perhaps not as impressive as her 4-win 2021 season, Hailey had an outstanding 2022 highlighted by her first major at the USWDGC. She had a tough 5 event stretch from OTB Open to the Des Moines Challenge where she had an average finish of 22.0, but averaged 6.8 in the 6 events outside of that. A bit of a wildcard in the sense that if she returns to 2021 form of 16 Elite Series and Majors with an average finish of 4.31, you could be looking at Hailey King as a totally different fantasy player. However, with a conservative estimate of 12 SkipAce events played next year, Hailey makes as a really nice upside pick as early as the 30's.

48) Paige Shue **PDGA Rating: 925** **Team: Discraft**

Fairway: 71%	Parked: 9%	Circle 1 in Reg: 28%	Circle 2 in Reg: 42%
Birdie: 21%	Scramble: 17%	C1x Putts: 61%	C2 Putts: 9%
OB Rate: 26.7%	Driving OB: 14.93%	PPI: N/A	Bounce Back: 23.53%
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 2		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 30.0	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 892.5		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 134	

Paige has made some noise this offseason announcing that her time with Dynamic Discs will be ending. After dedicating some time away from disc golf to life and motherhood, Paige will be looking for a fresh start with Discraft in 2023. The 2018 World Champion will be looking to return to 2018-2019 form, where she last secured a win at the 2019 Las Vegas Challenge. Over her career, spanning 57 Elite Series and Majors, Paige Shue has an average finish of 8.98 with 11 Podiums, 41 Top 10 finishes, and 54 Top 20's. There may be a little bit of rust to shake off the season, but there is no doubt Paige has the talent to be an impact player in fantasy next season. The real question on Paige's fantasy value will really be how much she competes. I believe her fantasy value should be placed close to Hailey King's. Around 10-11 events would be a nice season for Paige, and a top 20 average finish after a couple years off from being a full-time touring player seems to be a reasonable projection given Paige's historical consistency and the added depth of the FPO field since 2018. A real wild card, I'm excited to see Paige throwing some new plastic and competing again frequently at the highest level. Look to reach for her a bit, but temper expectations that she will be placing top 10 week in and week out with a bit of rust and elevated competition.

49) Kona Star Panis **PDGA Rating: 939** **Team: Dynamic Discs**

Fairway: 33% (66 th)	Parked: 4% (7 th)	Circle 1 in Reg: 22% (38 th)	Circle 2 in Reg: 43% (38 th)
Birdie: 19% (32 nd)	Scramble: 36% (19 th)	C1x Putts: 77% (3 rd)	C2 Putts: 13% (23 rd)
OB Rate: 11.0% (32 nd)	Driving OB: 5.58%	PPI: 11.43 (18 th)	Bounce Back: 18.5% (30 th)
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 16		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 23.3	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 705.3		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 64	

Kona had big expectations coming into 2022 after switching sponsors from Innova to Dynamic Discs in the offseason to the tune of a cool 4-year, half million-dollar contract. The performance didn't quite live up to the pay, as Kona's average finish dropped from 10.32 over 19 Elite Series and Majors in 2021 to 23.41 over 18 Elite Series and Majors in 2022. Perhaps a product of the pressure, Kona's offseason in 2023 seems to be going well, becoming Kona Montgomery after tying the knot with fellow professional disc golfer, Colten Montgomery. For her career, Kona has an average finish of 15.85 over 86 Elite Series and Majors, with a win at Waco Annual Charity Open in 2021, 3 Podiums, 36 Top 10's, and 62 Top 20's. Kona certainly has plenty of upside from a fantasy perspective, as the only SkipAce event missed in 2022 came at the hands of a DNF at her sponsor's main event, the DDO. If Kona made every event at her historical average finish of 15th, Kona has 446.3 fantasy points, good for 21st. At an average finish of 20th for every event she has 595.0 points for a fantasy finish of 47th, tied with Macie Velediaz. I believe the upside is here to consider her a clear top 50 player despite a 64th ranked fantasy performance last year. I think really the only thing that makes Kona a wild card is just how high she should go. We'll see if Mrs. Montgomery can handle the pressures better in 2023 that comes with a large contract, and bounce back as a big draft day sleeper.

50) Sai Ananda	PDGA Rating: 947	Team: Westside	
Fairway: 70%	Parked: 8%	Circle 1 in Reg: 31%	Circle 2 in Reg: 59%
Birdie: 30%	Scramble: 32%	C1x Putts: 83%	C2 Putts: 15%
OB Rate: 11.1%	Driving OB: 6.94%	PPI: N/A	Bounce Back: 27.3%
2022 Skip Ace Events Played: 2		2022 Skip Ace Average Finish: 19.5	
2022 Weighted Fantasy Points: 855.8		2022 Weighted Fantasy Finish: 115	

Placed 7th at USWDGC in 2022. Placed top 10 in Worlds and USWDGC in 2021. Been historically strong at the LVC since 2018. The Spokane, WA native is going to be a full-time touring member of Westside Discs Warlords team in 2023. I'm not entirely sure what to expect her schedule to be like, but she has shown the upside to be a huge fantasy contributor. Really will take a self-assessment of your team at this point to see if you want to target upside or consistency. Truly a wild card for 2023, I like Sai rounding out your top 50 as the last pick of your FPO Wild Card.