

## 2009 Fantasy Basketball 10/22 YHC Expert League Draft Analysis

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12. CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)

Player position eligibility is provided by the Yahoo League Commissioner. It's a basic h2h 9-cat league (FG%, FT%, 3s, Rb, Ast, St, Bk, TO, Pts) where teams get a win each week per category won. We used the default Yahoo line-up/roster configuration (2C-F-PF-SF-G-SG-PG-2FLEX) and 3 reserves. Our 6-team playoffs run during Weeks 21-23. We selected NBA cities to represent, most near where we love, otherwise favorite NBA teams. Here's how the draft went down round-by-round, with brief analysis following each round.

### ROUND 1

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| 1.  | Chris Paul        | CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab) |
| 2.  | LeBron James      | PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)         |
| 3.  | Dwyane Wade       | DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)         |
| 4.  | Kevin Durant      | DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)             |
| 5.  | Deron Williams    | MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)       |
| 6.  | Kobe Bryant       | SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)           |
| 7.  | Danny Granger     | MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)          |
| 8.  | Dirk Nowitzki     | BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)      |
| 9.  | Amar'e Stoudemire | MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)   |
| 10. | Dwight Howard     | ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)          |
| 11. | Chris Bosh        | NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)         |
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That early Deron pick... If you believe getting that big point guard is a priority, I'd say take him #7 ahead of Dirk. I personally couldn't stomach passing on Kobe or Granger for Williams. Dirk is about as safe as you get after the Big 6 are off the board. In Yahoo, with their generous center eligibility, I knew I could get centers later. Dwight goes in the first round since his FT% doesn't hurt as much in h2h as in straight roto. Also, if you play Yahoo, PLEASE set your Yahoo rankings before the draft. You don't want to waste any time during the draft looking for a player. It should take you about 20 minutes to use their app to set our Top 150 in their system.

### ROUND 2

1.	Al Jefferson	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)
2.	Pau Gasol	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
3.	Chauncey Billups	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
4.	Jose Calderon	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
5.	Steve Nash	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
6.	Andre Iguodala	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
7.	Caron Butler	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
8.	Joe Johnson	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
9.	Devin Harris	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
10.	Jason Kidd	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
11.	Tim Duncan	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
12.	Gerald Wallace	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)

I like to nab a PG in Round 2 if I don't get Paul or Deron, and Nash offered the most assists, so I went with him. There was nothing really exciting going on in this round. It was your typical 09-10 Round 2.

### ROUND 3

1.	David West	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)
2.	Kevin Martin	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
3.	Brook Lopez	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
4.	Josh Smith	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
5.	Kevin Garnett	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
6.	Antawn Jamison	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)

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7.	Carmelo Anthony	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
8.	Gilbert Arenas	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
9.	Vince Carter	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
10.	Paul Pierce	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
11.	Troy Murphy	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
12.	Jason Richardson	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)

There are good reports about Jamison, but still, I would have waited until the next round. I'm buying into Arenas this year, who has a shot at returning second round value. The guy was a fantasy beast two years back before the injuries set in. Richardson is good, but not that good. If I were Xavier, I would have gone for a PG like Rondo, Monta, or Rose there.

### ROUND 4

1.	Carlos Boozer	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)
2.	Rajon Rondo	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
3.	David Lee	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
4.	Andrea Bargnani	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
5.	Monta Ellis	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
6.	Rashard Lewis	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
7.	Shawn Marion	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
8.	Elton Brand	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
9.	Derrick Rose	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
10.	LaMarcus Aldridge	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
11.	Andrew Bynum	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
12.	Baron Davis	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)

I'm not a Boozer fan after last season. I wanted Rondo here but settled for Monta. I like Brand here, but Marion doesn't need to go this early anymore, especially on the stacked Dallas team. Rose offers nice value in Round 4.

### ROUND 5

1.	Andris Biedrins	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)
2.	Mo Williams	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
3.	Al Harrington	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
4.	Russell Westbrook	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)

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5.	Marcus Camby	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
6.	Jameer Nelson	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
7.	Greg Oden	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
8.	Al Horford	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
9.	Charlie Villanueva	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
10.	Mehmet Okur	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
11.	Eric Gordon	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
12.	Emeka Okafor	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)

I love Russ Westbrook here. I'd take Oden over Camby. I settled for Horford, who should be solid. It feels Early for Charlie V, and Okafor's injury worries me a bit.

### ROUND 6

1.	Tony Parker	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)
2.	Anthony Randolph	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
3.	Ray Allen	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
4.	Luis Scola	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
5.	Nene Hilario	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
6.	Rudy Gay	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
7.	John Salmons	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
8.	Rodney Stuckey	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
9.	Spencer Hawes	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
10.	Jason Terry	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
11.	Michael Redd	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
12.	Boris Diaw	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)

As I've written before, Randolph could really explode. I needed a second FGP-PTS-REB-BLK center, and Nene should deliver. Hawes would have been my other choice. Stuckey feels early here.

### ROUND 7

1.	Wilson Chandler	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)
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2.	Tyrus Thomas	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
3.	Jeff Green	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
4.	Paul Millsap	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
5.	Manu Ginobili	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
6.	Ben Gordon	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
7.	O.J. Mayo	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
8.	Stephen Jackson	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
9.	Leandro Barbosa	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
10.	Andre Miller	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
11.	Blake Griffin	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
12.	Josh Howard	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)

The round started with four nice upside picks. Jackson's FGP & TOs hurt, but I think my other players can make up for that. He's a value in Round 7.

### ROUND 8

1.	Michael Beasley	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)
2.	Ron Artest	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
3.	Zach Randolph	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
4.	Trevor Ariza	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
5.	Hedo Turkoglu	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
6.	Mike Bibby	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
7.	Rasheed Wallace	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
8.	J.R. Smith	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
9.	Andrew Bogut	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
10.	Mario Chalmers	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
11.	Raymond Felton	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
12.	T.J. Ford	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)

Randolph offers value this late. Hedo is one of those across-the-board roster fillers that works for me here. Personally, I think Bibby should go later and will decline with Crawford taking minutes from him. Wallace is too early here, too, but I do like the Smith and PG picks.

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### ROUND 9

1.	Shaquille O'Neal	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)
2.	Roy Hibbert	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
3.	Richard Jefferson	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
4.	Jason Thompson	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
5.	Thaddeus Young	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
6.	Joakim Noah	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
7.	Nate Robinson	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
8.	Mike Conley	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
9.	Courtney Lee	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
10.	Chris Duhon	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
11.	Ronnie Brewer	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
12.	Kevin Love	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)

This is where you need to draft Hibbert now if you want him... and you want him this season. I'm actually a fan of all the picks in this round except for Duhon (who I'd peg a couple of rounds later).

### ROUND 10

1.	Luol Deng	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)
2.	Aaron Brooks	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
3.	Marc Gasol	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
4.	Tyreke Evans	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
5.	Tyson Chandler	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
6.	Samuel Dalembert	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
7.	Shane Battier	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
8.	Jermaine O'Neal	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
9.	Chris Kaman	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
10.	D.J. Augustin	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
11.	Louis Williams	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
12.	Andrei Kirilenko	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)

Tyreke could really have a great rookie year. I just took Chandler to use when I feel I need extra rebounds and blocks in my line-up (and when he's actually healthy). D.J. could be great with

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Bell hurt. Williams is a nice value here.

### ROUND 11

1.	Chris Andersen	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)
2.	Marvin Williams	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
3.	Brandon Jennings	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
4.	Stephen Curry	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
5.	Hakim Warrick	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
6.	Lamar Odom	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
7.	Brandon Rush	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
8.	Jonny Flynn	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
9.	Antonio McDyess	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
10.	Mike Miller	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
11.	Channing Frye	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
12.	Allen Iverson	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)

I was looking at Warrick here, but decided that Flynn was the best option once Warrick was picked before me. Frye is a nice one there.

### ROUND 12

1.	Anderson Varejao	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)
2.	Anthony Morrow	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
3.	Ryan Gomes	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
4.	Drew Gooden	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
5.	Richard Hamilton	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
6.	James Harden	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
7.	Jamal Crawford	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
8.	Ramon Sessions	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
9.	Jarrett Jack	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
10.	Brad Miller	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
11.	Marreese Speights	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
12.	Grant Hill	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)

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Gomes will do well while love is out. I needed some scoring, so that's why I took Rip here, as he should still average at least 17.0. I worry about the minutes for Crawford, Sessions, and Jack coming off the bench, but they're okay here if you need guard help.

### ROUND 13

1.	Brendan Haywood	CHI SportsGrumblings.com (Damian Schaab)
2.	Kirk Hinrich	PHI HoopsKLYCE.com (David Klyce)
3.	Danilo Gallinari	DAL GiveMeTheRock.com (Erik Ong)
4.	Yi Jianlian	DET ESPN.com (Tom Carpenter)
5.	Corey Maggette	MIA FantasyPros911 (Tony Cincotta)
6.	Kelenna Azubuike	SEA Rotoworld.com (Ryan Knaus)
7.	Chris Douglas-Roberts	MIL Rotowire.com (Kyle McKeown)
8.	Udonis Haslem	BOS RotoCommunity.com (Dave Gawron)
9.	Anthony Parker	MEM MockDraftCentral.com (Geoff Stein)
10.	Tayshaun Prince	ORL RotoRob.com (Buck Davidson)
11.	Randy Foye	NY RotoExperts.com (Tom Lorenzo)
12.	Delonte West	CLE OpenSPORTS.com (Xavier Villarmarzo)

Gallinari and Yi are nice lottery tickets here. I felt I needed Haslem on my bench for weeks when I want more rebounds.

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