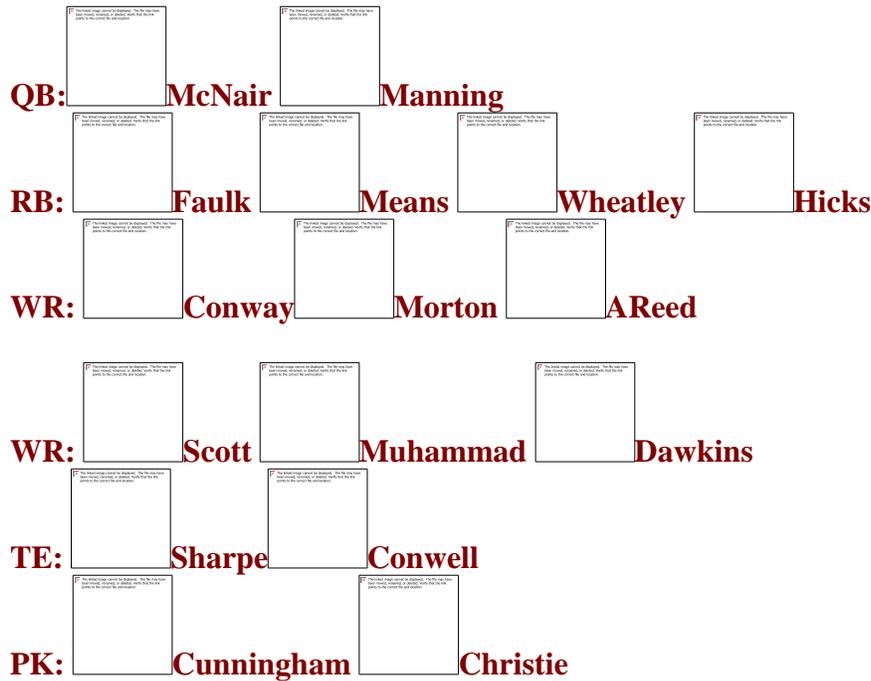


The Mind Behind the Decisions

Shannon O'Leary is the mind behind The Wrath!
 This is his 1998 Analysis Draft team and the reasoning for the selections made.



Pick	Player	NFL	Analysis
1.08	RB Marshall Faulk		<p>I had 3 players in mind for this selection, and since Herman Moore and Jerome Bettis were both taken right before me, I chose the remaining of the 3. I believe Marshall Faulk will bounce back this year now that the Colts Offensive line has matured some.</p> <p>Faulk was really starting to get it going in the last few weeks of the season. I also feel that Jim Mora will better utilize Marshall than did Infante..</p>
2.05	RB Natrone Means		<p>Last year I didn't stick to my stub RB theory and the members of FanEx made me pay. This year I have decided to return to what I know.. Therefore with this pick I go for one of the only running backs left that will be "The MAN"</p> <p>Natrone Means, barring injury should have a better year than last even on</p>

			<p>a Weak Charger team. With the struggling QB, Natone will have to mean business. He will be the Chargers main weapon.</p> <p>I thought about grabbing Rice or Pickens here, as I think both will bounce back and have good years. However, the Running backs are dwindling and I want mine, now.....</p>
3.08	QB Steve McNair		<p>According to my data, McNair was the number 7 player in this system last year. His numbers should remain close to the same or even increase with the addition of Dyson and Thigpen.</p> <p>(I had thought of waiting until the next round and taking Elway since I believe he will play.)</p>
4.05	TE Shannon Sharpe		<p>Each year I sit and watch as someone snaps Sharpe out from under me 2-3 picks ahead of when I was going to take him. This year I finally get my shot. I now feel that with Sharpe on this team The WRATH may get their 1st points from the TE position (that I can remember).</p> <p>Everyone else seems to be shying away from Sharpe due to Elways' lack of announcement. I do not believe Elway will retire... Even if he does then I would expect Sharpe to become a bigger part of the short passing game that will be needed to relieve some of the pressure off of Terrell Davis.</p> <p>The WRATH camp is extremely excited about having Sharpe in camp and we only hope that Rod Smith is available when our pick comes again.</p>
TRADE	.		<p>Wrath! OL'eary 5.08 (current) + 8.05 for Dolf Fins Dolfi 5.11 + 7.11</p> <p>See below..</p>
TRADE	.		<p>Petros TC 6.04 +7.03 for Wrath! OL'eary 5.11 (current) + 7.11</p> <p>Well once again the hard driving salesman from Oklahoma drives a hard bargain. I hope this one isn't a lemon.</p> <p>I traded into this spot because I figured that the Dolf Fins were trading up for a much needed QB, and the other 2 picks before the 5.11 were in need of QB's as well. This turned out to be a miss-calculation. Chris took a good WR instead. Hmmm..</p> <p>Now I am moving down 6 spots and picking up moving up 8 spots in the 7th. I figure that the talent level at WR is pretty equal now and I am not going to get a studly guy with this pick now. I can however move up on some of the 3rd - 4th tier guys and hope that they can be serviceable.</p> <p>Only time shall tell if I bought a lemon.</p>
6.04	WR Curtis Conway		<p>I guess I may be somewhat in the minority on Conway. I think he can and will bounce back. I think he could be a top 15 WR, but probably not much higher than that. If Kramer is throwing to him, he should be fine. It sounds like Chicago is going to release Mirer and they seem pretty high on Moses for the future. I cannot see them thrusting Moses into the mix until late in their losing season. Conway is not that old in receiver years and should be</p>

			<p>mended by now.</p> <p>I am not exactly happy with Conway being my first WR but he does bring some potential to the WRATH sidelines. I am hopeful that he will do it between the hash-marks.</p> <p>PS. I was looking at Conway with my 5.11 and he is still here now.</p>
6.05	WR Johnnie Morton		<p>Morton produces close to a number one receiver even with Herman Moore around. He has some great days and some average days. At this point in the draft he seems to be about the top WR on the board. I like Mathis and his chances of squeaking out a decent year, however I think Dan Reeves more than Chandler can make sure that doesn't happen.</p> <p>I even considered Alexander but he too is a number 2 receiver on a new team and no proven running game.</p> <p>Others I thought of were Owens and Andre Reed, but I feel Morton will be more consistent as Owens may have to rotate with the high priced Stokes, and Reed has a lot of receiver years. It is still unclear who Rob Johnson will pick as his favorite target.</p>
7.03	WR Andre Reed		<p>I am taking a gamble here that Rob Johnson will favor the services of Andre Reed this year. I think Reed is still one of the faster guys in the league even at his age, barring injury. I think in the long run Moulds may get his chance to shine with the young Johnson.</p> <p>I was looking at Mathis but the Chargers just traded Martin to the Falcons and I think he is now the number one guy, due to his speed and talent. Mathis is definitely on the decline and on a weak team. I also thought about Alexander and Owens, but the thought of having Reed as the number one receiver, with the up and coming Johnson, made this pick worth the Gamble.</p>
7.08	RB Tyrone Wheatley		<p>It's the time in the Draft when the words upside potential begin to be spoken.(at least in my mind) Upside potential is the reason I have selected Wheatley. He has a lot of competition and is injury prone, but he is probably the most talented running back with the Giants. There is also slim pickens in the pool for RB's at this stage of the draft. Hopefully Wheatley will serve as a decent back up to Faulk and Means.</p>
9.08	WR Darney Scott		<p>There are a few #1 WR's left on the board, but I feel that Darnay brings more to the table as a number 2 then the others. The others play for terrible teams or just have too many question marks around them. I feel that Darnay will fit right in with my bunch of ho hum receivers.</p> <p>If Testaverde ends up running the offense then Scott may benefit. Pickens should rebound nicely, but if those hammies start hurting then Darnay will be the man, so to speak. Even with Pickens in the game defenses will be doubling up on Pickens and leave Scott for the long ball.</p>
10.05	WR Muhsin Muhammad		<p>This late in the draft one can only hope to find a back-up player or hopefully a gem in the rough. Muhammad has show some flashes at times and may be ready to break out.</p> <p>He is on a predominantly running team, but Collins has a good arm if he</p>

			<p>can get his head back in the game.</p> <p>Muhammad is at the age in receiver years when one must start to shine. The WRATH is taking a gentle roll of the dice and hoping for 7.</p>
11.08	PK Richie Cunningham		<p>Richie has been real consistant the last couple of years and he gets plenty of oppertunities. That should not change this year. So, I decided to get one of the premier kickers in the league.</p>
12.05	WR Sean Dawkins		<p>Look in the dictionary for "<i>underachiever</i>" and you see a flashy picture of Sean Dawkins. He has the size, He has the speed, He has the skills, He just doesn't get it done.</p> <p>Now he has went to one of the worst teams in the league.</p> <p>However, with all the disappointment Dawkins did sign for a low figure and said he just wanted to be the man. With that said, the Saints need someone to be the man, so the WRATH will give Sean a shot. I feel that he has the ability to be a decent receiver.</p> <p>This will complete my receivers. Next: the best available talent.</p>
13.08	TE Ernie Conwell		<p>At this time I am still in need of a back-up QB and another Runningback. Everyone except Sam and I have their backup QB's and noone stands out so I may let Sam make up our minds for me. Also no running backs stand out, so I will wait and hope someone gets hurt soon, so I can claim their back-up.</p> <p>With all that said, I figured I would grab a back-up to Sharpe as he does tend to get alittle banged up from time to time. I looked hard a Tony McGee, but decided to grab the somewhat up-and-coming Ernie Conwell.</p> <p>This guy is like a bowling ball. The Rams need him. He is improving, so I drafted him.</p>
14.05	RB Skip Hicks		<p>Well it's slim pickens here for a running back, but I think Hicks will get some turns. In the event that one of Terry Allens knees blows out, then I have a bonifide starter. I think Hicks is probably the back of the future for the Redskins and may get his shot this year.</p> <p>When Allen gets banged up then Hicks will get his rotations. It is up to him to make the most of it. I hear he looks good in camp. I just hope that if Westbrook start beating him up that He fights back, unlike Stephen Davis.</p>
15.08	PK Steve Christie		<p>I needed a second kicker and a Backup QB. Everyone else had taken their QB already so I opted for my second kicker 1st.</p> <p>Christie has the ability to put on some big days from time to time, and since I think Cunningham will consistantly put up decent numbers each week, I will hope for a few big days from Christie.</p> <p>I think the Bills offense will be better than alot of people think, and will provide Christie with at least some good shots at the uprights.</p>

16.05	QB Payton Manning		Manning is ready for the pros. The knock on most rookie QB's is their interceptions, and since we don't get points deducted for INT's. I figured I'd give the young Manning a shot. I fully expect McNair to be my starter with the exception of the Bye week.
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