

2019 Fantasy NWLA Tournament Draft

Ever wondered what the tournament would look like if we treated it like a redraft league? This article explores what might happen on draft night at the Morenci Pub the day before the tournament. After the draft, I will use the same pools for 2019 and predict pool play, the death games, and the DE tournament.

Will you agree with the winner?

Rules

- Every league is involved in this NWLA fantasy draft tournament.
- Rosters will include only four people.
- I have chosen a captain (must be a playing member) to represent each of the teams.
- The captain must play on the roster of four.
- Captain cannot choose anyone from their own team.
- Captains cannot choose more than one player from another team.
- Draft is in snake order starting with the new teams, then in reverse order of 2018 finish.

If all goes well, maybe this article will be a staple that all wiffers will look forward to year after year!

Enjoy!

Draft

Round 1:

HWBL Zac Adams selects Mike Hogan
MLW Kyle Schultz selects Jordan Robles
MAW Connor Young selects Ryan Bush
MNWA Trent Steffes selects Caleb Jonkman
BWBL Mark Belles selects Tommy Loftus
BWACS Ronnie Szudarski selects Zach Artim
RPWL Dylan Harshaw selects Kyle Von Schleusingen
BCW Chris Neumann selects Chris Roeder
CCWB Brendan Dudas selects Scott Kujawa
WSEM David Castle selects Spencer Bogad
WWW Brice Clark selects Ryan McElrath
SWBL Chris Meador selects David Ayres
HRL Zach Eustis selects Gus Skibbe
OCWA Dyklan Frankel selects Anthony LaValley
KWL Justin Gregory selects Brett Detmar
AWAA Jimmy Cole selects Tim McElrath
GBL Jeremy Ratajczyk selects Jordan Castelli
WILL Jacob Davey selects Sean Bingnear

Round 2

WILL Jacob Davey selects Sam Skibbe
GBL Jeremy Ratajczyk selects Travis Strojny
AWAA Jimmy Cole selects Rob Licht
KWL Justin Gregory selects Luke Thompson
OCWA Dyklan Frankel selects Austin Berger
HRL Zach Eustis selects Nick Neumann
SWBL Chris Meador selects Nate Cruz
WWW Brice Clark selects Tom Gannon
WSEM David Castle selects Mike Vannostrand
CCWB Brendan Dudas selects Jackson Buzea
BCW Chris Neumann selects Jackson Crosley
RPWL Dylan Harshaw selects Adam Milstad
BWACS Ronnie Szudarski selects Chris Matthews
BWBL Mark Belles selects Tim Coykendall
MNWA Trent Steffes selects Evan Sibbet
MAW Connor Young selects Colin Pollag
MLW Kyle Schultz selects John Cronin
HWBL Zac Adams selects Kyle Tomlinson

Round 3

HWBL Zac Adams selects Mike Speek Jr
MLW Kyle Schultz selects Jared Jonkman
MAW Connor Young selects Chandler Phillips
MNWA Trent Steffes selects Justin Tomkins
BWBL Mark Belles selects Dan Potter
BWACS Ronnie Szudarski selects Devin Nelson
RPWL Dylan Harshaw selects Doug Novitski
BCW Chris Neumann selects Travis Heyda
CCWB Brendan Dudas selects Erik Detmar
WSEM David Castle selects Matt Newell
WWW Brice Clark selects Auston Steffes
SWBL Chris Meador selects Sam Hatt
HRL Zach Eustis selects Andrew Johnson
OCWA Dyklan Frankel selects Chris Sarnowski
KWL Justin Gregory selects Stephen Werner
AWAA Jimmy Cole selects Tom Hannon
GBL Jeremy Ratajczyk selects James Freeman
WILL Jacob Davey selects Daniel Schultz

Team Rosters

HWBL

Zac Adams
Mike Hogan
Kyle Tomlinson
Mike Speek Jr

MLW

Kyle Schultz
Jordan Robles
John Cronin
Jared Jonkman

MAW

Connor Young
Ryan Bush
Colin Pollag
Chandler Phillips

MNWA

Trent Steffes
Caleb Jonkman
Evan Sibbet
Justin Tomkins

BWBL

Mark Belles
Tommy Loftus
Tim Coykendall
Dan Potter

BWACS

Ronnie Szudarski
Zach Artim
Chris Matthews
Devin Nelson

RPWL

Dylan Harshaw
Kyle Von Schleusingen
Adam Milstad
Doug Novitski

BCW

Chris Neumann
Chris Roeder
Jackson Crosley
Travis Heyda

CCWB

Brendan Dudas
Scott Kujawa
Jackson Buzea
Erik Detmar

WSEM

David Castle
Spencer Bogad
Mike Vannostrand
Matt Newell

WWW

Brice Clark
Ryan McElrath
Tom Gannon
Auston Steffes

SWBL

Chris Meador
David Ayres
Nate Cruz
Sam Hatt

HRL

Zach Eustis
Gus Skibbe
Nick Neumann
Andrew Johnson

OCWA

Dylan Frankel
Anthony Lavalley
Austin Berger
Chris Sarnowski

KWL

Justin Gregory
Brett Detmar
Luke Thompson
Stephen Werner

AWAA

Jimmy Cole
Tim McElrath
Rob Licht
Tom Hannon

GBL

Jeremy Ratajczyk
Jordan Castelli
Travis Strojny
James Freeman

WILL

Jacob Davey
Sean Bingnear
Sam Skibbe
Daniel Schultz

Pool Play Schedule

8:00 BWACS v CCWB – Winner: BWACS, WP – Artim, LP – Buzea
8:00 BCW v WWW – Winner: WWW, WP – Gannon, LP – Heyda
9:15 BWBL v MAW – Winner: MAW, WP – Young, LP – Potter
9:15 MNWA v RPWL – Winner: MNWA, WP – Sibbet, LP – Milstad
9:15 MLW v WSEM – Winner: MLW, WP – Cronin, LP – Newell
9:15 HWBL v SWBL – Winner: HWBL, WP – Speek, LP – Hatt
10:30 WILL v BCW – Winner: WILL, WP – Bingnear, LP – Crosley
10:30 GBL v BWACS – Winner: GBL, WP – Strojny, LP – Nelson
10:30 AWAA v MNWA – Winner: MNWA, WP – Jonkman, LP – Cole
10:30 KWL v BWBL – Winner: KWL, WP – Thompson, LP – Coykendall
11:45 OCWA v HWBL – Winner: HWBL, WP – Hogan, LP – LaValley
11:45 CCWB v GBL – Winner: GBL, WP – Freeman, LP – Detmar
11:45 WWW v WILL – Winner: WWW, WP – Clark, LP – Schultz
11:45 HRL v MLW – Winner: HRL, WP – Neumann, LP – Schultz
1:00 MAW v KWL – Winner: KWL, WP – Detmar, LP – Phillips
1:00 RPWL v AWAA – Winner: RPWL, WP – KVon, LP – McElrath
1:00 WSEM v HRL – Winner: WSEM, WP – Bogad, LP – Eustis
1:00 SWBL v OCWA – Winner: SWBL, WP – Ayres, LP – Berger

Standings After Pool Play:

1. GBL 2-0
2. MNWA 2-0
3. WWW 2-0
4. KWL 2-0
5. HWBL 2-0
6. MAW 1-1
7. BWACS 1-1
8. SWBL 1-1
9. WILL 1-1
10. HRL 1-1
11. MLW 1-1
12. RPWL 1-1
13. WSEM 1-1
14. AWAA 0-2, *Advance to round of 16 due to RD.
15. OCWA 0-2
16. BWBL 0-2
17. CCWB 0-2
18. BCW 0-2

Death Games:

BCW v OCWA – Winner: BCW, WP – Roeder, LP – LaValley
CCWB v BWBL – Winner: BWBL, WP – Loftus, LP – Kujawa

CCWB and OCWA eliminated before DE Tournament.

Double Elimination:

First Round (Higher Seed Listed First)

1. GBL v BCW – Winner: BCW, WP – Roeder, LP – Castelli
2. SWBL v WILL – Winner: SWBL, WP – Ayres, LP – Bingnear
3. HWBL v RPWL – Winner: HWBL, WP – Hogan, LP - KVon
4. KWL v WSEM – Winner: KWL, WP – Detmar, LP – Bogad
5. WWW v AWAA – Winner: WWW, WP – McElrath, LP – McElrath
6. MAW v MLW – Winner: MAW, WP – Bush, LP – Robles
7. BWACS v HRL – Winner: HRL, WP – Neumann, LP – Artim
8. MNWA v BWBL – Winner: MNWA, WP – Jonkman, LP – Coykendall

First Round of Loser's Bracket

9. GBL v WILL – Winner: GBL, WP – Strojny, LP – Skibbe
10. RPWL v WSEM – Winner: RPWL, WP – Milstad, LP – Newell
11. AWAA v MLW – Winner: MLW, WP – Schultz, LP – Cole
12. BWACS v BWBL – Winner: BWBL, WP – Loftus, LP – Szudarski

Second Round Winner's Bracket

13. BCW v SWBL – Winner: BCW, WP – Crosley, LP - Hatt
14. HWBL v KWL – Winner: KWL, WP – Thompson, LP – Speek
15. WWW v MAW – Winner: WWW, WP – Clark, LP – Young
16. HRL v MNWA – Winner: HRL, WP – Skibbe, LP – Sibbet

DF Semi: WILL v WSEM – Winner: WILL, WP – Bingnear, LP – Bogad

DF Semi: AWAA v BWACS – Winner: BWACS, WP – Artim, LP – McElrath

DF Final: WILL v BWACS – Winner: WILL, WP – Schultz, LP – Nelson **WILL back as Dangerfield Champs!**

Loser's Bracket

17. MNWA v GBL – Winner: MNWA, WP – Jonkman, LP – Castelli
18. MAW v RPWL – Winner: MAW, WP – Bush, LP – Kvon
19. HWBL v MLW – Winner: HWBL, WP – Hogan, LP – Cronin
20. SWBL v BWBL – Winner: SWBL, WP – Ayres, LP – Potter

Winners' Bracket

21. BCW v KWL – Winner: BCW, WP – Roeder, LP – Detmar
22. WWW v HRL – Winner: HRL, WP – Neumann, LP – McElrath

Loser's Bracket

23. MNWA v MAW – Winner: MAW, WP – Young, LP – Sibbet
24. HWBL v SWBL – Winner: HWBL, WP – Speek, LP – Hatt
25. WWW v MAW – Winner: MAW, WP – Bush, LP – Gannon
26. HWBL v KWL – Winner: HWBL, WP – Hogan, LP – Thompson

Rest of DE

27. BCW v HRL – Winner: BCW, WP – Crosley, LP – Eustis
28. MAW v HWBL – Winner: MAW, WP – Young, LP – Speek
29. HRL v MAW – Winner: MAW, WP – Bush, LP – Neumann
30. BCW v MAW – Winner: BCW, WP – Roeder, LP – Young

BCW is crowned 2019 NWLA Tournament Champs!

Final 2019 Standings/Recap:

1. BCW, 6-2, This team epitomized good fortune this year as Roeder outpitched every ace, while Crosley and Two-Bat formed a great tandem to help Neumann to his first winning season and a Championship.
2. MAW, 7-3, Bush wins tournament MVP, winning every game he pitched in. Young assembled a great roster but he ran out of gas twice in DE, having to work their way through the Loser's Bracket on a long Sunday. With Chandler and Colin, this team proved to be one of the best hitting teams as well in 2019.
3. HRL, 4-3, The wiffers next door rode Nick Neumann's arm off, while Gus Skibbe and Dr. Suess combined for number two pitcher success. Rookie Andrew Johnson helped this team prove they also had one of the best offensive teams in the tournament.
4. HWBL, 6-2, Adams drafted from his former leagues and had Hogan lead them to the promised land of fourth place. Speek did well on the mound in his tournament debut and Tomlinson added some big offensive moments when they needed it.
5. WWW, 4-2, Brice Clark's team put together quite a swell run with McElrath, Gannon, and Steffes. Everybody did their part and with some big games from Brice and Ryan, they found their way to the top 5 for this first time in this team's history.
6. KWL, 4-2, Mippey5 won some games with his bat, but ultimately were eliminated when he was on the mound. Detmar had some big wins as Gregory and Werner his well throughout 2019.
7. MNWA, 4-2, Not only did Trent put together a squad of buddies (he wanted Bush or Mippey5, but still ended up with some favorites, but his team made a run behind wiffle darlings Jonkman and Sibbet. Tomkins and Trent added some offense as MNWA is back in the top 8.
8. SWBL, 3-3, Meador drafted possibly the least amount of pitching depth, but by far one of the most athletic teams, high on contact and fielding. Meador, Hatt, and Cruz made some spectacular plays breaking the tournament record in double plays, while all of their wins coming only when Ayres pitched.
9. GBL, 3-2, Castelli and Strojny held their own, while Freeman also got some time on the mound. After the number one ranking in pool play, they lose to Roeder and BCW, then Jonkman and MNWA.
10. MLW, 2-3, Even though they had 3 rookies on their squad, this team was a surprising out of the top 8 finish. They had some great depth on all sides of the ball, but fell to some more experienced arms.
11. RPWL, 2-3, KVon was the stud for this team, but when they lose his games pitching, you know things were not going their way. Milstad had a decent rookie outing and Doug/Dylan had some offensive moments, but it was not enough to break the top 10.
12. BWBL, 2-4, Mark Belles returned but this team had some historic moments repeated. They sit Tommy Loftus in the first round and start Coyk, which in the end caused them to lose first round, then after just one DE win (Loftus), they fall and are left wondering if they made the same mistake again...
13. WILL, 3-3, Dangerfield Champs again! Bingnear, Skibbe, and Schultz tried their hand at being aces, but in the end it was this team's hitting that got them just this far. Davey will look for a better position at getting an ace in the 2020 fantasy draft.
14. BWACS, 2-4, Ronnie assembled the all-drinking team as him, Artim, Hardball, and Nelson drank their way to 14th place, but had a great time and won two games with Artim on the mound. They almost won their first round DE matchup in a nail biter against HRL, that only gave up one run total!
15. WSEM, 1-4, One win in DE from Bogad, but then neither him nor Newell could find the zone. This team had some offensive success with Mike V, Castle, and Bogad, but they never could get that breakout game they needed.
16. AWAA, 0-5, A great offensive team assembled, but McElrath never could get used to the clean balls and nobody stepped up on the mound, leading to lots of high scoring affairs that never went their way.
17. OCWA, 0-3, A shock to everyone as Lavelley and Berger threw well, but home runs plagued them in their losses to Hogan, Ayres, and Roeder. Sarno couldn't get used to the yellow as OCWA goes out early.
18. CCWB, 0-3, Dudas seemed to have assembled a squad worthy of some wins but their offensive never showed as Buzea, Lil Detmar, and Kujawa got out done by Artim, Freeman, and Loftus.