



2021 AFL DRAFTEE FANTASY ANALYSIS

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We've studied the data and crunched the numbers and have come up with the most comprehensive Fantasy analysis of this year's draftees!

Looking at every one of the 65 draftees from the 2021 crop, we analyse their Fantasy scores from this year and assess their chances of getting a game or gaining a long term spot at their new Clubs.

With many of the draftees unable to play much footy this season, we'll definitely be tracking all of their pre-seasons and practice matches but hopefully this guide gives you a bit of an idea about who to keep an eye on between now and March!

DOCUMENT KEY:

FC = Fantasy Classic

This player will be a legitimate starting/early season option in Fantasy Classic with good Fantasy output

SD = Single Season Draft

This player will be worth drafting in a single season draft league

KL = Keeper League

This player will be worth drafting in a Keeper League. Based on League drafting around 400 players in total.



PICK: 1

JASON HORNE-FRANCIS



FC SD KL

TEAM: SOUTH ADELAIDE - SANFL LEAGUE

2021 MATCHES: 20

AFL FANTASY AVERAGE: 74.5

AFL CLUB: NORTH MELBOURNE

2022 DEBUT LIKELIHOOD: GUARANTEED

After playing 29 SANFL League games across the past two seasons I have no doubt that Horne-Francis will be right to go from round one. He'll walk right into that North Melbourne side and complement their young brigade extremely well. You need to look no further than his 24 touch, 3 goal, 112 point Preliminary Final display to show you that this kid is going to be something very special. Heck, there is even a sneaky chance that he could have centre/forward dual position status next year. While that won't last in the long run, I have confidence in 2-3 years we will be seeing a 100+ average player. He simply has it all.

Games	Kicks	Handballs	Marks	Tackles	Frees For	Frees Against	Hitouts	Goals	Behinds	Fantasy
20	11.4	5.2	4	4.2	1.8	1.8	0	0.8	0.4	74.2

PICK: 2

SAM DARCY



FC SD KL

TEAM: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS - NAB LEAGUE

2021 MATCHES: 3

AFL FANTASY AVERAGE: 72.7

AFL CLUB: WESTERN BULLDOGS

2022 DEBUT LIKELIHOOD: POSSIBLE

The Dogs are likely to be very patient with the father-son recruit. Weighing in at only 75kg for a 204cm kid, Darcy is going to need to put on a lot of size to be ready to match it at AFL level. You only need to look back to how the Dogs handled Jamarra Ugle-Hagan this season to see they are happy to bide their time with their tall young talent. Add to that Darcy has had a foot injury over the past two months which just means the Dogs will be extra cautious. Would only be drafting if you can stash him away for a few years and I wouldn't expect much Fantasy output for another 3-4 seasons.

Games	Kicks	Handballs	Marks	Tackles	Frees For	Frees Against	Hitouts	Goals	Behinds	Fantasy
3	12.3	3.7	6.3	1	0.3	1	6	0.3	0	72.7

PICK: 3

FINN CALLAGHAN



FC SD KL

TEAM: SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS - NAB LEAGUE

2021 MATCHES: 6

AFL FANTASY AVERAGE: 89.5

AFL CLUB: GWS

2022 DEBUT LIKELIHOOD: GUARANTEED

Callaghan is your classic tall, athletic midfielder that we see a lot of in modern football. He went at 13 kicks, 11.3 handballs, 4.5 marks, and 3.2 tackles per game, for an AFL Fantasy average of 89.5. However, Callaghan started the year playing on both half-back and half-forward flanks and was only moved into the midfield in the second half of the season through injury to other players. So the reason Callaghan's average is on the lower side is through lack of midfield opportunity early. If we only take the games he played solely as a midfielder, he averaged 105 points per game. I personally see Callaghan beginning his AFL career on a flank or a wing while he builds up the bulk to play as an inside midfielder.

Games	Kicks	Handballs	Marks	Tackles	Frees For	Frees Against	Hitouts	Goals	Behinds	Fantasy
6	13	11.3	4.5	3.2	1.2	0.3	0	0.2	0.5	89.5

PICK: 4

NICK DAICOS



FC SD KL

TEAM: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS - NAB LEAGUE

2021 MATCHES: 5

AFL FANTASY AVERAGE: 136

AFL CLUB: COLLINGWOOD

2022 DEBUT LIKELIHOOD: GUARANTEED

In season 2021, Daicos averaged 136 AFL Fantasy points per game which is a phenomenal number. In terms of averages, he went at 35.8 disposals per game, which is 4.1 disposals ahead of Matt Rowell and 3.8 ahead of Walsh in their respective draft years confirming that this kid is an accumulator. His highest score of the season was 149 AFL Fantasy points against the Murray Bushrangers where he had 24 kicks, 20 handballs, 6 marks, 3 tackles, and a goal in a dominant performance. We do have some slight concerns for him though. As he is so dangerous in front of goals (kicking 3 goals on multiple occasions this season) he may have to spend some time up forward early in his career.

Games	Kicks	Handballs	Marks	Tackles	Frees For	Frees Against	Hitouts	Goals	Behinds	Fantasy
5	22.2	13.6	5.8	3.4	2	1.4	0	2	1.4	136

PICK: 5

MAC ANDREWS



TEAM: DANDENONG STINGRAYS - NAB LEAGUE

2021 MATCHES: 6

AFL FANTASY AVERAGE: 58.8

AFL CLUB: GOLD COAST

2022 DEBUT LIKELIHOOD: HIGHLY LIKELY

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The Suns have their ruckman of the future in Mac Andrew. Soaring above his opponents at centre bounces in the NAB League, the 201cm Big Mac will need time to adapt to AFL bodies with his slight frame. Perfect for dynasty and deep keeper leagues, Andrew's upside is enormous, and his stats – which include an injury-affected game – don't do him justice. Expect the Suns to toy around with a Jackson/Gawn type succession plan for the 29-year-old Witts, likely throwing Andrews forward and back, with occasional stints in the ruck to give him a taste. He should play early but won't be a field-able Fantasy option in 2022. A purely a long-term stash.

Games	Kicks	Handballs	Marks	Tackles	Frees For	Frees Against	Hitouts	Goals	Behinds	Fantasy
6	6.5	6.2	2.7	1.7	1.2	1.2	12.7	0.3	0	58.8

PICK: 6

JOSH RACHELE



TEAM: MURRAY BUSHRANGERS - NAB LEAGUE

2021 MATCHES: 4

AFL FANTASY AVERAGE: 99.5

AFL CLUB: ADELAIDE

2022 DEBUT LIKELIHOOD: GUARANTEED

FC SD KL

Rachele seems to possess a complete Fantasy game in terms of the fact that he rates highly across all areas. He can find the footy and the big sticks but his biggest value is accumulating marks and laying tackles. I think he'll get early opportunities at the Crows next year as they are crying out for a genuinely dangerous small forward. Saying that I'm not expecting huge things from Rachele next season but for a kid who looks like he'll likely be a C,F for quite sometime, he would be on my radar late in a draft. He's a quality player who should be a very reliable forward option for many years.

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