2023 Pro Football Showcase for SECOND SEASON Pro Football Game

Last year, in a blog post on PLAAYclassic.com, we outlined what football fans want in an alternative, spring-time pro football league. We called it the "Pro Football Showcase," and it proved to be our most-downloaded freebie of the year! We're bringing it back for year two...

The Pro Football Showcase is a fan-friendly, month-long extension of the football season. History has shown that fans DO show up to an alternate league's first couple of weekends of play, with generally strong, sometimes impressive attendance figures. Call it novelty, call it habit, call it whatever, fact is, people have demonstrated a willingness to continue to watch pro football games after the Super Bowl is in the books. For awhile anyway. Once the baseball season begins and hockey and basketball playoffs, there's increased competition for the sports dollar/viewing and attendance at spring football games naturally fades. It fades even faster when the football product is minor-league caliber. But history has shown that for a month or so after the Super Bowl, there IS an appetite for more pro football.

So, the PFS gives pro football fans exactly what they want: a month-long extension of the football season featuring recognizable, talented players, splashy uniforms, exciting games with innovative rules. Plus it provides bonus wagering and fantasy elements, and, in the spirit of "leave 'em wanting more," almost as quickly as it appears, it's over. Not only is this the perfect scenario for fans, it's also perfect for TV networks, which have routinely seen solid ratings for spring football, but only for a few weeks. The networks get the benefit of the novelty and curiosity factor, without committing to televising extended weeks of football games with ever-shrinking audiences.

It also provides a valuable launching pad (or, in many cases, the opportunity to re-launch) for players wanting a shot at playing pro ball. That includes solid veteran players squeezed out of the league by salary cap restraints, young players who've tasted pro training camp and want another shot, and even college players who want to elevate their status in the upcoming pro draft and believe enough in their abilities to take a chance on themselves (we've expanded this category for 2023, more on this shortly).

Our original blog post cast the full vision for the showcase concept, you can refer back to it if you missed it the first time around. From here, let's outline the evolution of the concept as we launch the showcase's second season. As part of this package you'll find the eight 2023 Pro Football Showcase teams. All of these are real players, you'll undoubtedly recognize many of them. For 2023, we'e expanded the concept to include likely first-round draft choices--last year, we presumed that most of them would be unwilling to risk their draft status by playing in a showcase arrangement. We'll circumvent that by saying that top-tier players get a million dollar paycheck instead of \$100,000 and a lucrative insurance policy covering both diminished draft status due to poor performance or injury.

We've also expanded the number of college stars for this set--the 2022 showcase featured about five dozen college stars, this year's showcase has three times that many. These are players who are eligible to be chosen in the upcoming NFL draft. Indeed, whereas last year players with NFL experience out-numbered college prospects, this year it's the other way around. It's kind of like an expanded Senior Bowl, with eight teams instead of two, each team peppered with "mentor" players with actual pro experience! Players with pro experience are marked with a star symbol after their name.

Once again, you'll notice is that there are no player run/pass ratings. That is by design, and will, I think, make for a strongly compelling tabletop football project, one in which everyone's experience is different. The player ratings will be generated by the SECOND SEASON game engine, as you play. It will be completely open-ended--just as if you were watching the showcase unfold before your eyes on TV.

We use the decider die to accomplish this. That is to say, when you roll a result in the Second Season game book and it asks if the player is rated "2," or "0," you'll roll the decider die. If it's "yes," you'll pencil in that rating for the player for whatever play was called, run or pass. If "no," you'll pencil in a rating of "1" for that player for whatever play was called, run or pass. After the initial call, when a player gets called on again, he'll use whatever rating the decider die generated.

In some situations, the game book will bring into play two players--for example, it might ask if players A or C are rated 2/pass. In these cases, you'll roll the decider die. If both players are un-rated, on a "yes" decider result ONE of the players will get the 2/pass rating. You can decide arbitrarily, or roll the decider again. The other player will remain un-rated. On a "no" decider roll, BOTH players are given a 1/pass rating.

As you continue to play, the ratings will create themselves, team identities will emerge and players will establish themselves as stars, scrubs, or somewhere in between. Reserve player ratings can also be established, by replacing starters. If a stater generates a poor rating though game play, you can start the reserve the next game and, using the same NO/YES process, see if he becomes a better performer.

New for the 2023 showcase, we're assigning scrimmage grades randomly as well, using the profile assignor included with this package. You'll roll two dice for each player, black and white, and the resulting dice roll will determine that player's scrimmage grades. We suggest that the grades remain in effect for the entire showcase.

We're also including the "coach 'em up" idea we created for last year's showcase. After each game, the each team is given two (or, three) "coach 'em up" dice rolls, which can improve or in some cases reduce a player's rating in a specific aspect of the game. If you like, you can also conduct a "coach 'em up" scrimmage grade re-roll for your one or two players per team.

Here are the teams and sponsors for the 2023 Pro Football Showcase (team sponsors in parentheses), we've kept the same teams and schedule as last year...

Eastern Showcase

Atlanta Drillers (Pro Grip Power Tools) New York Dough Rollers (Pizza Kingdom) Tampa Bay Bottom Line (Suncoast Capital) Washington Sell-Outs (Bargainmart)

Western Showcase

Chicago Keggers (Ice Brew) Dallas Dollar Bills (Lone Star Financial) Houston HammerHeads (Houseman Home Improvement) Southern California Flash (Amveco)

Here's the (suggested) 2023 Pro Football Showcase Schedule...

Week ONE

Dallas vs. Houston, Los Angeles vs. Chicago (at Chicago, IL) Washington vs. New York, Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta (at Atlanta, GA)

Week TWO

Dallas vs. Chicago, Houston vs. Los Angeles (at Houston, TX) Washington vs. Tampa Bay, New York vs. Atlanta (at Tampa, FL)

Week THREE

Dallas vs. Los Angeles, Houston vs. Chicago (at Dallas, TX) Washington vs. Atlanta, New York vs. Tampa Bay (at Washington, DC)

Week FOUR (playoffs)

Eastern Showcase Playoffs (doubleheader) One Seed vs. Four Seed, Two Seed vs. Three Seed (at New York, NY)

Western Showcase Playoffs (doubleheader) One Seed vs. Four Seed, Two Seed vs. Three Seed (at Los Angeles, CA)

Week FIVE Showcase Titles

Eastern and Western Showcase Finalists (doubleheader), at Minneapolis, MN)

Week SIX Championship Showcase, at Las Vegas, NV

"Coach 'Em Up..."

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51-56 DEFENSE player

6[©] choice defender

RUN rating... **⑤** ① A or B **⑤** ② C or D **⑤** ③ E or F **⑤** ④ G or H **⑤** ⑤ I. J or K

11-16 OFFENSE player	41-46 DEFENSE player
PASS rating	PASS rating
1 ① QB	(1) A or B
O ② SB or FB	🖸 🕐 C or D
1 ③ EA or EB	🕘 ③ E or F
• EC or CE	🕒 ④ G or H
1 (5) TA or TB	🕒 🕤 I, J or K
O © GA or GB	4 6 choice DB

21-26 OFFENSE player
RUN rating
2 🛈 QB or SB
2 ②EA or EB
2 3 TA or TB
2 (GA or GB
2 ⑤ FB or EC
2 (6) choice OL

31-36 OFFENSE player (choice) RUN or PASS rating	61-66 DEFENSE player (choice) RUN or PASS rating
O DQB or SB	6 ① A or B
3 ② EA or EB	6 ② C or D
3 3 TA or TB	6 ③ E or F
3 ④ GA or GB	6 ④ G or H
3 S FB or EC	6 ⑤ I, J or K
3 [©] choice OL	6 (6) choice DB

Scrimmage and Special Teams Grades Finder

PASSING grades (for players in QB box)

black die	white die		
O CMP=AAAA	①X=6 Y=1	Q=12	RUN=A
2 CMP=AAA	②X=5 Y=2	Q=12	RUN=AA
€CMP=AA	③X=5 Y=2	Q=11	RUN=AA
CMP=A	④ X=4 Y=3	Q=11	RUN=AA
GCMP=A	⑤X=3 Y=3	Q=10	RUN=AAA
G CMP=B	©x=3 Y=4	Q=10	RUN=AAAA

RUSHING grades (for players in FB box)

Black die	white die
❶IN=AA OU=AA	① R=9 *
❷IN=AA OU=A	② R=8 *
SIN=A OU=A	3 R=8
❹IN=A OU=B	④ R=7
❺IN=B OU=B	⑤R=7
❻ IN=B OU=C	[©] R=(6)

RECEIVING grades (for players in EA, EB and EC boxes) Black die white die

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D R=21	①**
2 R=18	2*
3 R=15	3*
4 R=12	igletheta no asterisk
5 R=9	⑤no asterisk
G R=6	⁽⁶⁾ (parentheses)

PLACE KICKING grades (for players in PK box)

Black die	white die
❶XP=AA FG=AAAA	①LFG= [+50 AAAA] KO=AAA
❷XP=AA FG=AAA	②LFG= [+50 AAA] KO=AA
SXP=A FG=AA	③LFG= [+50 AA] KO=A
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SXP=B FG=AA	⑤LFG= [+50 B] KO=A
₲ XP=B FG=A	⑥LFG= [+50 C] KO=B

PUNTING grades (for players in PU box)

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Black die	white die						
AVG=49	<pre>①RET=B</pre>	COF=A	BLK=A				
2 AVG=47	<pre>②RET=C</pre>	COF=A	BLK=A				
• AVG=46	③RET=C	COF=B	BLK=A				
AVG=45	<pre>④RET=D</pre>	COF=B	BLK=B				
SAVG=44	⑤RET=D	COF=C	BLK=B				
G AVG=43	©ret=e	COF=D	BLK=C				

RETURN grades (for players in RET box)

B-	and the pray
Black die	white die
O KR=30	①PR=15
2 KR=27	②PR=12
8 KR=24	③PR=10
4 KR=21	④ PR=9
G KR=19	⑤PR=8
G KR=17	6 PR=7





2023 PFS ATLANTA DEFENSE

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TA[OT] Daryl Williams ★ Jaelyn Duncan	GA [G] Jaxson Ki Daishawn		CE [C] Brett Neilon Jacob Gall		GB [O Henry H Blake Fr	Bainvalu	TB [OT] Alex Palczewski Kadeem Telfort
EA[WR] Bobby Massie ★ Jalen Moreno-Cropper		QB [QB] A. J. McCarro Jake Haener	CMP on ★	Х Ү	Q		[TE] R ay Sprinkle ★ Schoonmaker
SP WR-FB] Zay Flowers Hunter Luepke	IN OU	R	FB [RB] Mike Davis ★ Eric Gray Sean Tucker Kalen Ballage ★	IN	OU	R [Jalin] Xavier	-
PK XP Jake Moody	FG LFG	КО				PU Bryce Baringe	AVG RET COF BLK er







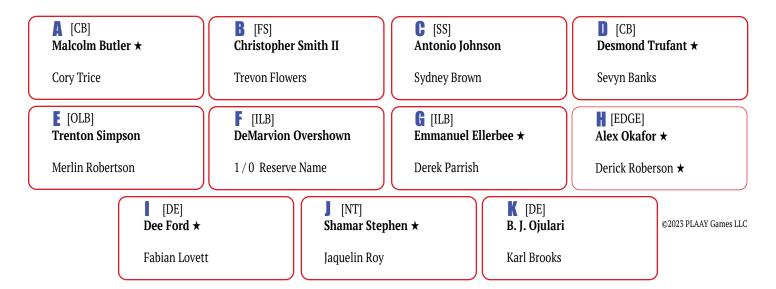
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EA [WR] Keytaon Thompson Trey Palmer	R	K	B [QB] (yle Sloter teven Monte	CMP z	Х Ү	Q (U	EC [TE] Leonard ' Jamal Pett	Taylor
SB [TE-WR] Tucker Kraft Demario Douglas	IN	OU	R	[RB] Xazavian Valladay Deuce Vaughn Darrell Henderson ★ Kenny McIntosh	IN	OU	R	EB [WR] Bryan Ed Ronnie Be	wards ★ 11
PK XP Cayden Camper	FG	LFG	КО				PU Anthor	ıy Beck II	©2023 PLAAY Games LLC AVG RET COF BLK







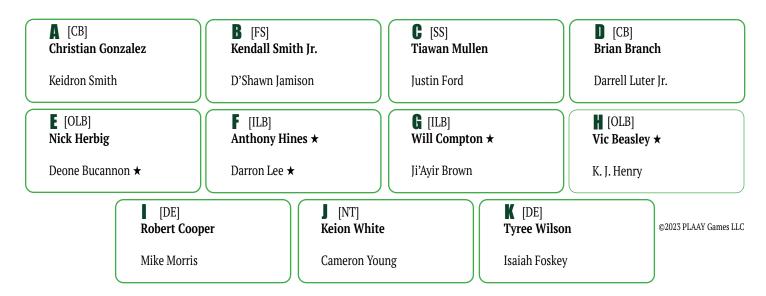
2023 PFS DALLAS DEFENSE

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▲ [WR]Lil'Jordan Humphrey ★Marvin Mims	R	P	B [QB] axton Lyncl aren Hall	CMP 1★	X Y	Q	D	C [TE] R ominique Dafney ★ am LaPorta
SB [TE-WR] Luke Musgrave Parker Washington	IN	OU	R	[RB] DeWayne McBride Jordan Howard ★ Israel Abanikanda Javon Williams Jr.	IN	OU	Ŵ	[WR] R ill Fuller ★ nathan Mingo ©2023 PLAAY Games LLC
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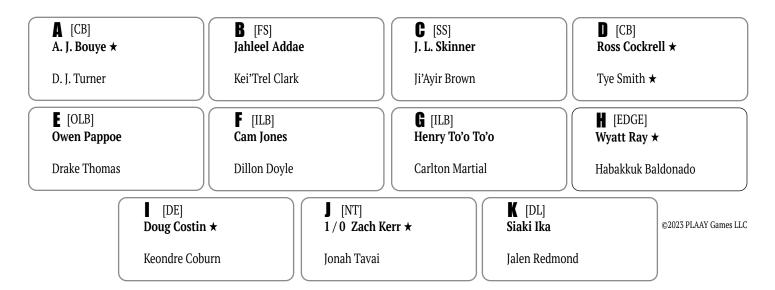
2023 PFS HOUSTON DEFENSE

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EA [WR] Josh Gordon ★ Tre Tucker		R	0	B [QB] Case Cookus	CMP X	Y	Q	OU	EC [TE] R Marshon Ford Zack Kuntz
SB [WR-TE] Jayden Reed Deon Yelder ★		IN	OU	R	FB [RB] Zach Charbonnet Evan Hull Chris Rodriguez Jr. Damien Samuels ★	IN	OU	R	EB [WR] R Cedric Tillman James Washington ★
PK Blake Grupe	XP	FG	LFG	KO				PU Matt	©2023 PLAAY Games LLC AVG RET COF BLK Hayball







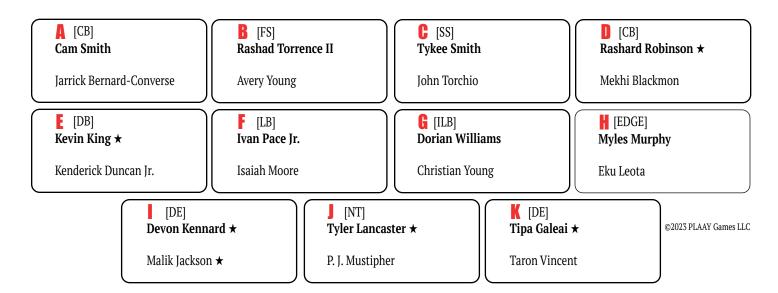
2023 PFS **NEW YORK** DEFENSE

2022 PFS **NEW YORK** OFFENSE

TA [OT] Bryan Bulaga ★			GA [G] Quinton S	5pain 🗙		CE [C] Ricky Strombo	erg		GB Jarret	[G] t Patterson		TB [OT] Paris Johnson Jr.
Ryan Hayes		Т	yler Steei	n		Steve Avila			Emil E	Ekiyor Jr.		Ryan Hayes
EA [WR] Odell Beckham, Jr.★ Elijah Higgins	r	R		QB [QB] Bryce You Stetson Be	ng	СМР	X	Y	Q	OU	EC [TE] Davis All Will Mallo	en
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SB [WR-TE] Jaxon Smith-Njigba		IN	OU	R	Bij Pe	B [RB] j an Robinson yton Barber ★		IN	OU	R	EB [WR] Isaiah Fo	
Josh Whyle						nmyr Gibbs len Ballage ★					Charlie Jo	nes ©2023 PLAAY Games LLC
PK X Ethan Mooney	ΚP	FG	LFG	КО						PU Micha	ael Turk	AVG RET COF BLK







2023 PFS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DEFENSE

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TA [OT] Sam Tevi★ Tommy Champior	1	C	G [G] Cody Conw			CE [C] Luke Juriga Paul Grattan				[G] Chandler lagwood		TB [OT] Jamil Dem William Sw	-
EA [WR] Kayshon Boutte Jake Bobo		R		B [QB] C. J. Stroud Hendon Ho		СМР	X	Y	Q	OU		E] G raham ★ Washington	R
SB [TE-WR] Michael Mayer Dontayvion Wicks		IN	OU	R	Al Ke Ta	B [RB] ex Collins ★ ndre Miller vion Thomas rdan Wilkins ★		IN	OU	R	EB [W Tajae S Tyler Sc	harpe ★ ott	R 2023 PLAAY Games LLC
PK Jack Podlesny	XP	FG	LFG	КО						PU Lou I	Hedley		RET COF BLK







2023 PFS TAMPA BAY DEFENSE

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TA [OT] Nate Solder ★ Dalton Wagner		C	A [G] arter Wa	arren		CE [C] Alex Forsyth Alex Ward [LS]			GB [G] John Miller ★ Kendall Randolph			TB [OT] Broderick Jone Dalton Wagner	s
EA [WR] Jordan Addison Rashee Rice		R		QB [QB] Cam Newt Clayton Tu		СМР	X	Y	Q	OU	EC [TH Eric Ebr Cameron	ron \star	R
SB [WR-TE] Cyril Grayson ★ Dalton Kincaid		IN	OU	R	De Ch	B [RB] evontae Booker ★ evon Achane hase Brown hillip Lindsay ★		IN	OU	R	EB [WI John Ro Puka Na	ss ★ cua	R .AAY Games LLC
PK Zack Long	ХР	FG	LFG	КО						PU Adam	Korsak	AVG RET	COF BLK



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2022 PFS WASHINGTON DEFENSE

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TA [OT] Tyrell Crosby ★ T. J. Bass		GA [G] Ereck Flowers ★ Anton Harrison				CE [C] Trey Hopkins Braeden Danie		[G] us Torrence en Daniels	2	TB [OT] Peter Skoron Wanya Morris			
[WR] Antonio Brown ★ Rakim Jarrett		R		QB [Q Will Le Tanner	vis	СМР	X	Y	Q	OU	EC [TH Jared Co Payne D	ook ★	R
SB [WR-TE] Tavon Austin ★ Travis Vokolek		IN	0	JR	L R T	[RB] e'Veon Bell ★ toschon Johnson 'ank Bigsby alen Richard ★		IN	OU	R	EB [WI Quentin Nathanio	i Johnston el Dell	R PLAAY Games LLC
PK Noah Ruggles	ХР	FG	LFG	KO						PU Ty Ze	ntner	AVG RI	ET COF BLK

