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SHARKNADO IS A COPYCAT: FINAL UPDATED TOP 51 PLAYERS FOR THE 2013 FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT

You know, "Sharknado" wasn't the first C-rate creature flick.



Actually, there have been many others. And I think it's unfair that everyone has been praising the "originality" of "Sharknado" while forgetting the lesser known pioneers in the field of terrible creature films starring has-been actors that have virtually no plot. One doesn't have to look further back than 2011 to the now "classic" (and by "classic" I mean equivalent to a floating turd in a motel swimming pool) "Mega Python vs. Gatoroid". In fact, "Mega Python vs. Gatoroid" did what no other film had ever done before – pit teen icons of the 80's against each other alongside crazy monsters: Deborah "Don't call me Debbie" Gibson and Tiffany (who apparently has no last name – which must be a real pain when she has to fill out taxes, custom forms, apply for credit cards or make restaurant reservations - I mean, there must be at least 100,000 Tiffany's in the U.S., so I imagine she must have her reservation stolen a lot. But I digress.). Oh, and in case there's any confusion, Deborah Gibson and Tiffany are the 80's icons, not the monsters. I know that's debatable, but let's just go with that for now. In fact, if you haven't seen this, you owe it to yourself to watch the epic fight scene between the two of them (which would have been awesome if it was from circa 1988, but today, not so much -- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biTmSpxUAA8>). This movie was so "awesome" (and by "awesome" I mean cheap) that they recycled footage from another classic movie, "Mega Shark versus Crocosaurus". When you have to steal from "Mega Shark versus Crocosaurus" I think you really have to sit down and think about what bad life decisions you made that lead you to this point.

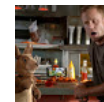
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The point is although things change from year to year, there's always something we can learn from the past. And that's true for fantasy football too. For instance, taking running backs early was a big deal in 2007 because the best workhorse backs (those who get at least 80% of the carries) were so much more productive than the rest. The same is true today, but for a different reason. There just aren't many workhorse backs left. Nowadays, we target big play upside potential more than absolute volume, but if you can get one of those absolute volume guys early, it can make a huge difference. So it's time for the FINAL update to my rankings for the 2013 fantasy football draft. You'll see that players moving up are in **green**, players moving down are in **red** and players new to the list are in **green italics**.



Dropping off the list are Jordy Nelson and Le'Veon Bell. Last time I called Bell "The Bell Cow." Unfortunately, a foot injury has him sidelined for 6-8 weeks, which means he's now just "The Cow", which is a terrible nickname. Hard to score points for your fantasy team while on the bench. And that leaves the Steelers with an unsightly combination of Jonathan Dwyer, Isaac Redman and LaRod Stephens-Howling, none of which you want to touch. Jordy Nelson underwent a minor arthroscopic procedure two weeks ago, and may be on track for week 1, but it's hard to say for sure. Plus, he did have a similar injury last year, so that's enough to downgrade him a round or two. Which of course means that James Jones scoots up into my top 51 for the first time as he may see a few more targets in the early part of the season (if not longer). And of course Arian Foster's sore calf and back and injury history made me queasy earlier, but being activated off the PUP list, practicing in full and boldly proclaiming that he's ready for week 1 makes me feel a little better, so he stays at number 3. LeSean McCoy has been impressive integrating into the Chip Kelly's run-heavy system in Philly during the preseason, and Vick being named the starter may be helpful if they can all get the west coast offense to work, so he moves up a few spots in the rankings. Newcomer Reggie Bush finds his way on to the top 51 due in part to the shortage of good running backs, but also because he appears to be integrating nicely into the backfield in Detroit, an offense that has potential to put up serious points. In fact, even though he only had one yard on six carries in the third preseason game, he had a whopping 103 yards on five receptions in just over one quarter of play. That puts him at 168 total yards in under a full game worth of play time over the first three preseason games. So is it really that difficult to imagine Bush averaging 100-120 total yards per game and totaling 5-7 touchdowns this season? I think the early to mid-round draft pick is worth the gamble.

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| 1 | Adrian Peterson, MIN |
| 2 | Doug Martin, TB |
| 3 | Arian Foster, HOU |
| 4 | LeSean McCoy, PHI |
| 5 | Marshawn Lynch, SEA |
| 6 | Ray Rice, BAL |
| 7 | C.J. Spiller, BUF |
| 8 | Trent Richardson, CLE |
| 9 | Alfred Morris, WAS |
| 10 | Jamaal Charles, KC |
| 11 | A.J. Green, CIN |
| 12 | Aaron Rodgers, GB |
| 13 | Drew Brees, NO |
| 14 | Calvin Johnson, DET |
| 15 | Stevan Ridley, NE |
| 16 | Matt Forte, CHI |
| 17 | Steven Jackson, ATL |
| 18 | Brandon Marshall, CHI |
| 19 | Peyton Manning, DEN |
| 20 | Jimmy Graham, NO |
| 21 | Maurice Jones-Drew, JAC |
| 22 | Julio Jones, ATL |
| 23 | Dez Bryant, DAL |
| 24 | Frank Gore, SF |
| 25 | Chris Johnson, TEN |
| 26 | Roddy White, ATL |
| 27 | Demaryius Thomas, DEN |
| 28 | Tom Brady, NE |
| 29 | David Wilson, NYG |
| 30 | Cam Newton, CAR |
| 31 | Wes Welker, DEN |
| 32 | Andre Johnson, HOU |
| 33 | Larry Fitzgerald, ARI |
| 34 | Darren McFadden, OAK |
| 35 | Montee Ball, DEN |
| 36 | Randall Cobb, GB |
| 37 | Darren Sproles, NO |
| 38 | Vincent Jackson, TB |
| 39 | Reggie Wayne, IND |
| 40 | Eddie Lacy, GB |
| 41 | DeMarco Murray, DAL |
| 42 | Victor Cruz, NYG |
| 43 | Danny Amendola, NE |
| 44 | Matt Ryan, ATL |
| 45 | Marques Colston, NO |
| 46 | Mike Wallace, MIA |
| 47 | Tony Gonzalez, ATL |
| 48 | Robert Griffin III, WAS |
| 49 | Reggie Bush, DET |
| 50 | James Jones, GB |

FALLING OFF THE LIST: [Jordy Nelson, GB](#), [Le'Veon Bell, PIT](#)

As usual, if you disagree with my updated rankings or my reasoning, which I know you do, sound off below! And here's a picture of a Gatoroid, in case you don't know what that is. Yeah, I don't get it either. Just watch Debbie Gibson fighting Tiffany again. I promise it'll make you feel better.



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