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Eddie Betts	FWD	63.6	#19	33yo	174cm	74kg	316 games
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BETTS NOT SO ELECTRICAL

crumbing forward finisher

Carlton fans are rejoicing that crafty goalsneak and three-time All-Australian Eddie Betts is back in blue. Fantasy coaches, on the other hand, couldn't care less. Since 2016, his statistics have dipped every year, nowadays focusing on quality over quantity.

Betts fills a hole in the Blues' speed-lacking forward line so will play when he's fit and in form. Expect him to be an x-factor player rather than an accumulator so don't be lured in by the name, let him slide into the free agent pool.

Projection: 59.3 from 14 (-7). Value: -177.5. Draft rank: 575. FWD rank: 185.

Levi Casboul	BAC/FWD	70.4	#41	30yo	201cm	101kg	124 games
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LEVI PULLS RIGHT LEVER

key forward buckets

Errant kicking aside, Levi Casboul was a powerhouse for Carlton in his career-best season. Used in attack and defence at different stages, he finished second at the club for contested marks and marks inside 50. For fantasy, his best patch of form was as a forward, averaging 86 from rounds 15 through 19.

With **Charlie Curnow** and **Harry McKay** under injury clouds, Casboul is almost a certainty to line up in attack at season's outset. Based on scoring patterns of years gone by, solely as a forward, he's borderline. As a swingman, he's best avoided unless picking him up as a free agent ahead of clashes with weak opposition.

Projection: 65.9 (+4) from 15 (-5). Value: -92.0. Draft rank: 432. BAC rank: 150.

Matthew Cottrell	BAC	#46	20yo	181cm	72kg	'19 PS rookie
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COTTRELL TAKING BABY STEPS

outside midfielder

All eyes were on Matthew Cottrell after winning his first club 2K time trial. Unfortunately, a knee injury sidelined him at season's outset and upon returning to the VFL, it hampered his consistency. Once the Dandenong Stingrays recruit got going he became a valuable addition for the reserves, amassing possessions on the wing and across half back.

Cottrell spent a lot of time on the wing and improved substantially over the course of the year. The elite runner will be pushing his case for a senior debut, especially if he continues to produce vote-worthy performances in the twos. If he plays, his stat line won't have the volume near enough to warrant a pick. For now, it's a no from us.

Projection: 50.1 from 2 (+2). Value: -43.8. Draft rank: 322. BAC rank: 110.

Patrick Cripps	CTR	116.2	#9	25yo	195cm	92kg	101 games
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CRIPPS BOSSES TURF WAR

inside midfielder magnet extractor beast in-and-under

Clearance king Patrick Cripps dominated in every facet, celebrating as club champion, All-Australian and equal-third Brownlow poller. Only twice did he collect less than 20 touches, both under heavy tags, and he looked listless when given harsh physical treatment in other games. When allowed to run free, Cripps went about his havoc-wreaking business, collecting 28 touches and six tackles per game on his way to ten fantasy tons.

Cripps should bounce back from a scoring dip as the midfield around him becomes stronger. The next step is not necessarily in his own game but his teammates helping him out to beat tags, much in the way Brisbane rallied around **Lachie Neale** last year. As an inside bull who wins his own footy and can compete in the air when resting forward, quiet games should be few and far between. Take the Carlton co-captain in the first or second round without hesitation.

Projection: 106.5 (+4) from 20. Value: +450.1. Draft rank: 22. CTR rank: 14.

David Cuningham	FWD	60.7	#28	23yo	185cm	85kg	25 games
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THIS DC IS STILL CLARK KENT

outside midfielder

Injuries have hampered David Cuningham's career thus far, meaning we've only seen glimpses of his class, speed and tenacity. He found more of the footy than ever before in 2019, averaging 16 touches throughout the season, seven of which were contested.

Cuningham is eyeing his most complete preseason to date and if his body remains intact, he could prove a handy asset across the half-forward line. There's nowhere near enough evidence to pick him at this stage though, so look elsewhere.

Projection: 65.8 (+6) from 10 (+1). Value: -62.0. Draft rank: 376. FWD rank: 111.

Charlie Curnow	FWD	69.6	#30	23yo	192cm	96kg	58 games
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WHAT NOW, CURNOW?

key forward dead-eye coming off LTI knee problem

It's been a horrific off season for Charlie Curnow. First, his season was cut short after suffering medial ligament damage against the Dockers in round 15. He dislocated his knee cap while shooting hoops which required surgery, then fractured his patella after slipping on tiles in November. Before all of this chaos, Charlie was actually hitting his straps; a four-game rolling average of 91 showed the true quality he can produce, highlighted by a seven-goal, seven-mark fantasy score of 122 against the Dogs.

Curnow can be one of the best in the competition if he reaches his true potential. At full force and with a functional forward line around him, he's easily worth an mid-round pick. With a severely depleted preseason and a cloud looming over his fitness, it would be unwise to take him as anything other than a late-round gamble. However, as soon as we see signs that he's back to his A-game, if unselected, he could be one of the superior free agent pool pickups.

Projection: 67.2 from 11. Value: -52.5. Draft rank: 350. FWD rank: 102.

Ed Curnow	CTR	90.8	#35	30yo	180cm	85kg	165 games
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PIG IN A TONGUE POKE

inside midfielder tagger

When Ed Curnow was awarded forward status in 2019 after a spending time across the half forward line, he became a hot commodity. Sure, he dropped over 10 points from the previous campaign, but in doing so thrust himself into the top forward echelon. A clear move into an inside-mid role came after the bye and he smashed it out of the park, averaging 105 during that time.

Don't let the fact that Curnow has surpassed the 30 milestone in the off season put you off; the tough nut should hold his scoring up to that standard again. He starts fantasy season 2020 without FWD classification, which means his draft position will drift into middle rounds. Perhaps a slight reach might be in order if you think he'll earn dual position status mid-season, for those leagues that enable it.

Projection: 94.4 (+5) from 22. Value: +227.9. Draft rank: 86. CTR rank: 44.

Tom De Koning	RUC	39.5 (2)	#12	20yo	203cm	97kg	2 games
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TDK NOT PLUGGED IN

second ruck/forward

As the future of Carlton's ruck division, all eyes were on the progress of Tom De Koning's knee following a two-month sideline stint due to a lateral ligament injury. Once fit, he produced a strong patch of form in the VFL, using his huge leap to his advantage in the ruck and in the forward 50 across his 11 games.

De Koning will hope that an uninterrupted preseason paves the way for him to add to his senior appearance tally. Even if he manages to elbow his way ahead of **Marc Pittonet** to get a call-up to support or replace **Matthew Kreuzer**, it will be temporary and he won't light up any fantasy coaches' eyes. Pass on the big Blue.

Projection: 46.5 from 6 (+6). Value: -213.0. Draft rank: 607. RUC rank: 44.

Sam Docherty	BAC	114.8	#15	26yo	187cm	87kg	92 games
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FUTURE IN THE DOCH?

half back flanker

coming off LTI

knee problem

Not since August 26th, 2017 has Sam Docherty taken the field, with two consecutive ACL tears sidelining the fantasy jet for what felt like an eternity. The former rebounding king was once a lock in any fantasy back line, with a two-year average of 108 leading up to injury. Coming into preseason, Docherty has shed the kilos to rid unneeded stress from his knee, while taking a cautious approach to make sure he's ripe to go in round 1.

Docherty was a first-round pick without hesitation in his heyday but after such a long hiatus, it's unrealistic to expect the former Lion to produce anything near his illustrious 115+ ceiling of 2017. The Blues co-captain is a lock in salary cap formats with a discount, although he carries a little more risk in draft leagues where another LTI would be a disaster. A middle-round pick who could push toward the top end if he lights up in the preseason.

Projection: 89.9 from 18 (+18). Value: +323.1. Draft rank: 64. BAC rank: 13.

Paddy Dow	FWD/CTR	56.5	#2	20yo	187cm	83kg	39 games
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PADDY STUCK IN MARSH

balanced midfielder

It was much of the same for Paddy Dow in his second season. Despite being a high-profile pick from the year prior, the domination of Sam Walsh took the pressure and spotlight off of Dow. Aside from a ghost-like four-touch showing in round 19 which saw the axe swung, it was a relatively acceptable year.

Dow is primed for a third-year breakout. As long as his job security isn't ripped out from underneath him by the injection of fellow midfielders **Jack Newnes** and **Sam Philp**, Dow will make positive inroads. He's a long-term pillar of Carlton's engine room but we're still yet to see enough. Pass for now.

Projection: 70.2 (+17) from 18 (-1). Value: -31.9. Draft rank: 279. FWD rank: 80.

Zac Fisher	FWD/CTR	65.0	#25	21yo	177cm	75kg	55 games
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FISHER CASTS WIDE

inside midfielder

rests forward

Ironically for the speedy Zac Fisher, it was a case of second-year breakout and third year blues, dropping by six points in what many thought would be another upward campaign. He showed immense promise with a five-game purple patch averaging 86 but his scoring dropped thereafter, due to spending more time forward in the final two months of the year.

Fisher's value is largely dependent on his role, which could be impacted by **Jack Martin**. Should the former Sun be a forward line mainstay, it could spell more midfield minutes for Fisher. A strong watchlist candidate, particularly due to FWD status. Keep a keen eye on him for a potential late-round selection.

Projection: 59.4 (-2) from 16 (-5). Value: -201.8. Draft rank: 597. FWD rank: 194.

Michael Gibbons	FWD	59.2 (21)	#40	24yo	175cm	75kg	21 games
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GIBBONS BEATS HIS CHEST

inside midfielder

rests forward

Years of hard work as one of the VFL's best players paid off for Michael Gibbons, who grasped his senior opportunity with both hands. Rotating through the Blues' forward line, Gibbons collected just under a goal per game with a 9:5 disposal ratio, a significant drop from a rate of 29 with Williamstown.

Gibbons' potential to be a useful addition depends on his role. The chance of being given more midfield time and replicating his VFL days are slim. We'd love to see more of the three-figure scores against the Crows but there aren't any indications of role changes on the horizon. One for the pool.

Projection: 64.3 (+2) from 15 (-6). Value: -116.2. Draft rank: 491. FWD rank: 146.

Hugh Goddard	BAC	49.1 (8)	#45	23yo	198cm	94kg	12 games
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GODDARD WON'T LEAVE YOU BREATHLESS

key defender coming off LTI toe problem

After being named in the Northern Blues best players 10 out of 14 times, Hugh Goddard was offered the chance to shine on the big stage. Each of his two appearances were lacklustre, nowhere near his VFL form line of 18 touches and a lot of rebounding work.

The former pick 21 provides strong defensive depth for David Teague's squad. He won't be a walk-up starter week in, week out, and therefore shouldn't be considered as a starter in our squads either.

Projection: 40.6 (+5) from 5 (+3). Value: -156.9. Draft rank: 557. BAC rank: 181.

Josh Honey	CTR/FWD		#36	18yo	184cm	79kg	'19 Rk #3
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LEAVE HONEY IN HIVE

inside midfielder defensive forward rookie

Powerful and pacey, Josh Honey is equally comfortable through the midfield and in attack. Despite moving predominantly into the guts in his final junior year, Honey still found a way to boot 12 goals from 14 games.

Honey has a lot of upside but is still very raw, needing to build consistency in kicking and match-to-match form. The Western Jets recruit will bide his time in the reserves, so don't pay too much attention just yet.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Liam Jones	BAC	68.8	#14	29yo	199cm	97kg	125 games
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WILL LIAM GET IT STARTED?

key defender buckets concussion risk

Revitalised defender Liam Jones ranked fifth across the league for one percenters per game. Unfortunately, that doesn't translate into fantasy points. His coaches would have been happy with his team-first defensive mindset, particularly when he kept **Lance Franklin** to two goals.

Jones will have fully overcome the fractured larynx that saw him miss the tail end of 2019 so should slide into the key defensive role alongside **Jacob Weiring**. That doesn't mean that you should draft him, though. He's never been fantasy-relevant and never will be.

Projection: 47.6 (-1) from 17 (+4). Value: -414.5. Draft rank: 680. BAC rank: 231.

Brodie Kemp	CTR		#17	18yo	192cm	82kg	'19 ND #17
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KEMP COVERS THE GRASS

utility current LTI knee problem

Initially touted as a top-10 selection before going down with an ACL injury, Brodie Kemp was a steal at pick 17. The powerful forward is athletic for his size and a strong overhead mark, versatile enough to transition to a big-bodied midfielder in the long term. A 20-touch NAB League average for Kemp is impressive, given how deep forward he usually sat.

Carlton's first draft pick lacks fitness due to the injury so won't be making any senior headway this year. If all goes well, he'll lace up for the twos late in the season and look to make an impact in 2021.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Matthew Kennedy	FWD	61.1	#7	23yo	190cm	88kg	41 games
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PLUGGER A BIT SLUGGISH

inside midfielder rests forward dead-eye

Ex-Giant Matthew Kennedy's second season in blue barely hit the pass mark. After being brought in for midfield toughness, his lack of speed proved a hindrance. He found his feet in the forward 50, kicking 11 goals from his final eight games, albeit four of those coming against Gold Coast. Fantasy-wise, Kennedy hurt many of us who wrongly thought he could take it to the next level.

Kennedy doesn't seem to fit in within the Carlton midfield and barely finds a place in attack, despite giving himself the nickname of Plugger. He'll be in and out of the squad as needed so don't expect much from him other than a free tease. There's a reason the Giants got rid of him... choose someone else instead.

Projection: 59.4 (+2) from 12 (+2). Value: -150.9. Draft rank: 546. FWD rank: 171.

Matthew Kreuzer	RUC	91.2	#8	30yo	200cm	101kg	188 games
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CRASH COURSE FOR KREUZER

first ruck extractor tapper

Entering his 13th season in blue, Matthew Kreuzer has missed six or more games in half of them, including last year. Minor knee surgery delayed his start (did you expect otherwise?) before finding a rather consistent rhythm after the byes. With the crux of his scoring in the 70s and 80, while miles away from his 2017 All-Australian form, Kreuzer's output fluctuated wildly around the ruck baseline.

Kreuzer holds his own as Carlton's number one ruck until youngster **Tom De Koning** is ripe for picking, with **Marc Pittonet** a more solid if unspectacular option as a mature-aged recruit. If you pick Kreuzer you probably should get at least one of those two as a handcuff, because he's highly likely to go missing for long stretches. A simpler solution would be to avoid him altogether, if you can.

Projection: 79.1 from 14 (-1). Value: -40.1. Draft rank: 314. RUC rank: 20.

Darcy Lang	FWD	53.4	#16	24yo	183cm	83kg	63 games
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LANG HANGS IN FOR LONG GAME

half forward flanker coming off LTI ankle problem

Ankle injuries soured the beginning of each of Darcy Lang's two years at Carlton. He made a name for himself as a pressure forward in the VFL, averaging 18 disposals. The hard work paid off, given a reprise into the seniors under David Teague where he contributed with 16 pressure acts per game.

Carlton's historic lack of quality small forwards wasn't solved by trading in Lang. His chances of maintaining a senior berth took a massive whack when **Jack Martin** joined the ranks. The ex-Cat hasn't reached the heights expected after his transfer and doesn't warrant any fantasy interest this season.

Projection: 56.9 (+2) from 4 (-4). Value: -60.3. Draft rank: 371. FWD rank: 109.

Harrison Macreadie	BAC	35.9 (9)	#26	22yo	198cm	92kg	9 games
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MACREADIE HAS NO CRED

key defender back problem

Intercept defender Harrison Macreadie dealt with back complaints and hamstring niggles that delayed his VFL start last season. 12 matches later, he was picked for a solitary senior berth where he played the role of a witches hat flawlessly.

Macreadie has never come close to the baseline for relevant fantasy defenders, with a career-high of 51, and only picked up 10 touches per week in the twos. He's as irrelevant as they come.

Not projected to play (-1). Value: nil.

Caleb Marchbank	BAC	63.3	#22	23yo	193cm	93kg	48 games
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BRACE FOR A MARCH BACK

key defender back problem

Former GWS Giant Caleb Marchbank was progressing without fault in his second year in blue, highlighted by a personal best 23-touch showing against Collingwood. That was before a peculiar non-displaced fracture was found in his neck after round 16, ending his season. To that point, Marchbank was chalking up 210 metres gained, 13 touches and five marks per game.

Marchbank ditched the neck brace and was back running as of November, with the coaching staff optimistic that he'll be right to lace up for the preseason games. Alas, the injury cloud still looms, and he's never averaged over 70, so look elsewhere.

Projection: 63.0 (+8) from 12 (-1). Value: -107.5. Draft rank: 476. BAC rank: 162.

Jack Martin	BAC/FWD	77.7	#21	25yo	186cm	83kg	97 games
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MARTIN, THE FRESH PRINCES

utility in-and-under

As a walk-up fantasy starter since 2016, Jack Martin has excelled as a forward pushing up to the middle, then a half back sweeper, then a central midfielder in his years at Gold Coast. Both of his last two campaigns have ended early with calf injuries, though perhaps he had one foot out the door already at the back end of 2019.

Martin can have an immediate impact at Princes Park, able to play anywhere and scoring at about the same rate whichever role he is asked to play. With the trade controversy behind him, Martin seems set for a half forward role to make use of his silky delivery skills. Take him in the middle rounds.

Projection: 84.8 (+2) from 14 (-2). Value: +179.8. Draft rank: 104. BAC rank: 23.

Mitch McGovern	FWD	54.3	#11	25yo	191cm	93kg	64 games
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MITCH IS A SLEEPING BEAUTY

key forward back problem

Ex-Crow Mitch McGovern's first year in navy was one to forget, producing career lows in disposals, marks and tackles. Double ankle surgery restricted his preseason and put him a step behind the pace, battling form and continuity issues thereafter. Besides a pair of 70s, McGovern didn't come anywhere close to the heights we expected.

McGovern lines up for preseason from day one, raring to go, and is all but certain to bounce back. With a low average next to his name, most will overlook him in the draft. Don't be that guy. He'll churn out a 70+ season as a mainstay in the forward 50 so slap him on the bench with a late-round flier.

Projection: 70.4 (+15) from 14 (-2). Value: -22.9. Draft rank: 250. FWD rank: 71.

Harry McKay	FWD	62.5	#10	22yo	204cm	99kg	35 games
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HURRAYS FOR HARRY

second ruck/forward buckets groin problem

Following a slow start to his career, Harry McKay hit his strides in 2019. His elite marking was on display for all to see, finishing second in the league for contested marks and leading the Blues for grabs inside 50 with 45. While his consistency was deplorable, a whopping 128 supported by three other 90+ outings gave us something to look forward to.

McKay has been dealing with an ongoing groin injury since season's end so has been placed on a modified training routine. Watch how he tracks moving toward round 1. With **Charlie Curnow** sidelined, McKay could shape up as Carlton's main forward target. Inconsistency isn't going anywhere but expect the big man to improve his average. Worthy of a last-gasp roll of the dice if fit.

Projection: 71.7 (+10) from 15 (-5). Value: -5.1. Draft rank: 221. FWD rank: 62.

Marc Murphy	CTR	87.8	#3	32yo	180cm	80kg	268 games
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PLENTY OF CS FROM MM

inside midfielder

A stunted 2018 due to plantar fasciitis was all but forgotten as Marc Murphy clicked straight back into year. Thrust into the guts where he belongs, the veteran pumped out nine 100+ matches. Remove the injury outlier from that nasty **Shane Mumford** hit to the ribs in round 9, and his average only increases.

With vital experience needed to lead a young midfield, Murphy is little chance to forfeit his central role in the manner that **Joel Selwood** did in 2019. Even though Murphy's best days are behind him, the ancient number one pick will be more than serviceable as a midfielder starting in your draft team.

Projection: 92.8 (-1) from 19. Value: +167.0. Draft rank: 110. CTR rank: 56.

Nic Newman	BAC	95.2	#24	27yo	187cm	83kg	51 games
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NEWMAN IS A BLUE MAN

half back flanker seagull aerialist rebounder

The stars aligned for Nic Newman to be Carlton's most rewarding recruit of 2019, leading the club for metres gained with 466 per match and finishing fifth across the league for rebound 50s. The ex-Swan produced his most respectable fantasy season to date, pumping out a career-high 135 against the Eagles, with seven more 100+ scores proving it was no fluke.

With a fit **Sam Docherty** walking back into the squad and **Kade Simpson** sticking around, Newman's role becomes salted with a touch of uncertainty. Watch the trio over the preseason to see how they gel, and if Newman isn't thrown a curveball with a move up the ground then pick him in middle rounds.

Projection: 90.0 (-2) from 19 (-1). Value: +342.5. Draft rank: 56. BAC rank: 11.

Jack Newnes	CTR	70.7	#32	27yo	186cm	82kg	155 games
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YOUNG BLUES CARRY THE NEWNES

outside midfielder half forward flanker

Former Saint Jack Newnes adds some experience to a developing midfield. During his prime at St Kilda, the outside runner strung four 80+ seasons together before dwindling thereafter due to a simple disposal decrease.

Newnes won't be budging **Sam Walsh** from his wing so will need to compete with **Sam Petrevski-Seton** and **Paddy Dow** to secure an on-field spot. Keep him on the watchlist in preseason to assess role and job security: if both light up green, he's worth a late-round.

Projection: 80.3 (+12) from 15 (-5). Value: -56.2. Draft rank: 360. CTR rank: 111.

Lochie O'Brien	CTR	45.7	#4	20yo	185cm	78kg	35 games
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VOLLEY TO PASS LOB

half back flanker outside midfielder

The smooth-moving Lochie O'Brien saw marginal improvement when moved up to the wing in the second half of 2019. He collected 18 touches thrice but otherwise made no significant statistical progression.

O'Brien looks to be one of the victims of recently-added talent, so will almost certainly find himself in the reserves to start the season. While he has a bright future, he isn't worth a pick this year. Let him glide into the free agent pool.

Projection: 58.2 (+5) from 14 (-3). Value: -361.7. Draft rank: 672. CTR rank: 176.

Finbar O'Dwyer	FWD		#38	19yo	192cm	76kg	'18 ND #66
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PUT A BAR ON FINBAR

half forward flanker

Yet to make his senior debut, Finbar O'Dwyer played 12 matches for the resses in his inaugural year, kicking five goals alongside an unappetising disposal average of 6.5. He missed most of his final season at the Murray Bushrangers due to injury, so needed time to shake off the cobwebs.

O'Dwyer is a developing forward with a neat left foot kick who'll spend the majority of the upcoming season continuing to improve his size and his fitness. Move on.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Matthew Owies	FWD		#44	23yo	179cm	84kg	'18 B rookie
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OWIES NEEDS ALLEY OOP

defensive forward rookie

Former US College basketballer Matthew Owies impressed at the Northern Blues as a small forward, slotting 18 majors from 17 appearances, highlighted by a five-goal showing against Footscray.

Owies pleasantly surprised coaching staff with his progression to the point where he was named a senior emergency. In 2020, don't expect him to leap that hurdle and progress any further, as he sits way down the pecking order with the influx of new talent. Avoid.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Sam Petrevski-Seton	BAC/CTR	81.6	#5	22yo	182cm	78kg	64 games
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SPS SHOWS ADULT MOVES

half back flanker

It was nothing but positivity for Sam Petrevski-Seton in 2019, finding his feet in a classic third-year breakout. A 35-touch, two-Brownlow-vote game against the Dogs as an inside midfielder is all the indication we need of this kid's potential. Despite some role uncertainty with spells outside and in the guts, he eventually settled in defence as a playmaker.

Petrevski-Seton has started preseason in the back half of the ground and could flourish under the tutelage of **Sam Docherty**. He's on the fence as a pure midfielder but is unquestionably worthy of a free agent pool pickup should his positioning change. Massive watchlist candidate.

Projection: 80.1 (+2) from 17 (-5). Value: +137.0. Draft rank: 125. BAC rank: 34.

Fraser Phillips	FWD		#39	18yo	186cm	71kg	'19 Rk #18
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DON'T HOLD ON FOR PHILLIPS

half forward flanker rookie

Predominantly an inside-50 medium forward, Fraser Phillips looms as another candidate who could develop into a midfielder. With a penetrating kick and elite goal sense, Phillips has plenty of x-factor. He showed upside during his last year with Gippsland Power, averaging a goal or two from 12 touches.

Phillips lacks endurance and strength, so will benefit from his first preseason and some time in the gym. Don't expect to see him on the park anytime soon and use your late-round selections on others with more chance of nabbing a game or two.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Sam Philp	CTR	#34	18yo	185cm	80kg	'19 ND #20
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BLUES MIGHT NEED A FILLUP

inside midfielder

Taken from the Northern Knights, Sam Philp is tough, aggressive, and knows how to find the footy. 23 touches, six tackles and six clearances per NAB League game suggests that there is a lot to like about this bullish midfielder.

Out of all the draft newcomers, Philp looms as the one most likely to push for senior selection. He'll be competing with the likes of **Lochie O'Brien**, **Paddy Dow** and **Liam Stocker** for the fringe midfield and half back flank roles. If spots open up, a run of attention-grabbing form could result in a call-up.

Projection: 52.4 from 3 (+3). Value: -94.8. Draft rank: 443. CTR rank: 130.

Marc Pittonet	RUC	53.0 (7)	#27	23yo	202cm	105kg	7 games
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PITTONET IS A SAFETY NET

first ruck

After failing to break into the Hawks' senior lineup regularly, the Blues swooped on Marc Pittonet as the standout ruckman in the VFL. Hit outs were his strong suit with 11 of 15 games going past 30, while his tackle numbers were also substantial for a big man.

Pittonet joins Carlton as ruck support for **Matthew Kreuzer**, who is ageing and brittle. When the opportunity arises, **Tom De Koning** will be circling as well so the risk of burning a handcuff pick on him if you draft Kreuzer isn't worth the reward in Pittonet's case.

Projection: 58.4 (+11) from 7 (+5). Value: -165.0. Draft rank: 565. RUC rank: 40.

Lachlan Plowman	BAC	70.3	#20	25yo	193cm	90kg	94 games
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DO YOU WANNA DRAFT A PLOWMAN?

key defender

As Carlton's Mr Fix-it, Lachie Plowman subdued the impact of both tall and smalls on his way to finishing third in the best and fairest. Thanks to an increase in kicks he produced a career-best fantasy average with a few patches of 80s to tease us, juxtaposed with irrelevant 30s and 40s.

Plowman will easily hold his spot in David's Teague's youthful back line in 2020 but don't let job security fool you; the ex-Giant doesn't play the accumulator role so isn't worth a spot in our defensive stocks.

Projection: 59.8 from 18 (-3). Value: -219.3. Draft rank: 610. BAC rank: 198.

Cameron Polson	FWD	33.9 (16)	#29	22yo	177cm	81kg	16 games
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POLSON STUCK IN VFL PRISON

crumbing forward

On most occasions that we've seen Cameron Polson in the ones, he's looked out of his depth with a career disposal average of eight. Polson might be quick but the coaching staff didn't see much else on offer, relegating him to the VFL after round 5 where he collected 11 disposals a game, booting nine goals from 13 matches.

Carlton fully earned a reputation for failing to recruit a decent small forward post the trading away of **Eddie Betts** by drafting disappointments like Polson. He won't be troubling David Teague's selection panel too much in 2020 unless something magical happens. Even if he does, those numerous scores in the 20s and 30s make fantasy coaches want to hurl.

Projection: 31.9 from 1 (-2). Value: -40.1. Draft rank: 312. FWD rank: 91.

Sam Ramsay	CTR	#33	19yo	180cm	68kg	'19 ND #47
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RAMSAY ON NEW STREET

balanced midfielder

As a late bloomer, Sam Ramsay only excited the scouts once he transitioned from a wingman into a pure midfielder at the tail end of the Calder Cannons' campaign. The hard runner excelled in the centre, averaging 31 touches in a seven-game, late-season purple patch before tying for the Cannons' best and fairest.

Ramsay has talent, no doubt, but has plenty of more-talented players ahead of him on the list. He'll need continuous strong showings if he wants to compete with the likes of **Paddy Dow** for a fringe midfield position, so look elsewhere.

Projection: 46.4 from 1 (+1). Value: -37.6. Draft rank: 296. CTR rank: 93.

Will Setterfield	CTR	59.1 (20)	#43	22yo	192cm	87kg	20 games
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SETTERFIELD IS DEEP COVER

inside midfielder

It took a while for Will Setterfield to work his way into form, waiting until round 12 to produce an eight-week average of 78, sandwiched in between slow starts and finishes to the season. Considering that his first two seasons at league level were ruined by injury, it was a solid return for the ex-Giant as he rotated through the midfield.

Setterfield will participate in first full preseason unaffected by injury and is one of the Blues ready to take his game to the next level. Expect an increase in most major facets from this prototype midfielder. Nevertheless, lack of dual eligibility and a historical ceiling not that much higher than the midfielder baseline restricts his draft league position to late rounds.

Projection: 75.4 (+10) from 15 (-3). Value: -129.8. Draft rank: 516. CTR rank: 153.

Ben Silvagni	BAC		#37	19yo	196cm	87kg	'18 ND #70
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SILVAGNI TAKES SILVER

key defender swingman

Playing all bar one match, Ben Silvagni spent his first year developing his craft in the reserves. The father-son selection has the ability to play at either end of the ground, although was directed by coaching staff to spend most of his time as a lockdown defender, averaging 11 touches per game.

The younger Silvagni will be hoping to break his AFL duck but there's a long line ahead of him looking at senior selection. If you're going to pick a Silvagni just for the sake of it, pick Jack.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Jack Silvagni	FWD	57.8	#1	22yo	194cm	89kg	60 games
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GLINT OF GOLD IN SILVAGNI

utility

Son-of-a-gun Jack Silvagni finally proved his potential after an underwhelming start to his career with the turning point being a three-goal, 18-touch, 10-mark outing in round 16. Up to that point, uncertainty regarding his positioning was the problem, coming off a tagging role on **Nat Fyfe**. He finally found his home in the forward 50 under David Teague, stringing together two months of startable scores before a quiet one in round 23.

Silvagni did enough in 2019 to hold his position in the starting squad and is expected to take his game to another level, now entering his fifth year in the system. It is always a bit of a lottery trying to gauge whether a late-season purple patch is sustainable for a new season, especially as the buzz of a new coach wears off. His scoring will be directly correlated with Carlton's success rate, making him a keen watchlist candidate for a free agency pickup if he doesn't get snapped up late in your draft.

Projection: 70.5 (+9) from 17. Value: -25.1. Draft rank: 257. FWD rank: 74.

Kade Simpson	BAC	84.5	#6	35yo	183cm	75kg	325 games
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DO NOT KADE INTO THAT GOOD NIGHT

half back flanker loose in defence rebounder

Wait, this guy's not retired yet? Kade Simpson made it 11 consecutive 20+ disposal-average seasons, although he barely snuck in to claim that feat, delivering his lowest output in over a decade. The no-longer Mr Reliable missed a cluster of games due to hamstring tightness, and started to produce more topsy-turvy scores.

He is the heart and soul of the club and won't be losing his spot barring injury or a scheduled rest. His best days are long gone but even a one-legged Simpson is still better than most. Take him in the middle-to-late rounds and make sure you have good bench cover.

Projection: 77.0 (-4) from 16 (-2). Value: +80.6. Draft rank: 151. BAC rank: 46.

Liam Stocker	BAC	49.6 (5)	#13	20yo	184cm	83kg	5 games
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FLAT GRAPH FROM STOCKER

inside midfielder

A strong run of VFL form landed the dual-footed Liam Stocker a mid-season streak in the seniors before a foot injury derailed his progress. Once back fighting for the Northern Blues, his finesse delivering by foot from half back was praised.

Stocker now sits in the pack of a developing midfield group that will fight for positions to support the veterans. While he hasn't looked out of sorts on the main stage, we're yet to affirm any job security or desirable scoring potential in the big leagues.

Projection: 56.2 (+11) from 11 (+6). Value: -173.8. Draft rank: 573. BAC rank: 185.

Sam Walsh	CTR	86.9	#18	19yo	184cm	80kg	22 games
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WALSH IS A WALK-UP START

balanced midfielder

Endurance freak Sam Walsh delivered one of the best first-year showings in AFL history. He ranked first amongst the rising stars in almost every category, including fantasy score, and proved to be one of Carlton's most consistent players. 32 touches against Brisbane is a sign of things to come for Walsh, the highlight of 13 matches of 25+ disposals. The only qualm on his game was a top 20 ranking for turnovers - although do fantasy coaches in basic scoring leagues really care about that?

He is already a superstar and will be the kingpin of fantasy engine rooms for years to come. You don't tag the elite-running Walsh when **Marc Murphy** and **Patrick Cripps** are more susceptible to physical pressure, so this young gun should defy any talk of second-year blues. He should go in the first round in keeper leagues, and will probably go in the first two to four rounds in redraft leagues as he's so much fun to own.

Projection: 101.2 (+9) from 20 (-2). Value: +344.5. Draft rank: 54. CTR rank: 30.

Jacob Weitering	BAC	70.8	#23	22yo	196cm	98kg	76 games
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WEITERING IS A LOAD

key defender

Former #1 draft pick Jacob Weitering locked down the full back role in 2019, finishing third at the club for contested marks and 17th in the league for intercepts. For fantasy coaches, his output remained irrelevant. Weitering's only two scores above 85 were against Gold Coast.

Weitering has talent to burn but lacks a role that makes us want to pick him. He'll join **Liam Jones** in the key defensive posts and, like Jones, he'll refuse to chalk up the fantasy-friendly stats. Pass.

Projection: 56.8 (+1) from 17 (-3). Value: -257.8. Draft rank: 634. BAC rank: 210.

Tom Williamson	BAC	48.9 (17)	#31	21yo	190cm	85kg	17 games
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WILLO NEEDS SOME SPINE

half back flanker

coming off LTI

back problem

As the supposed next **Kade Simpson**, Tom Williamson will have plenty to offer when he can overcome debilitating back injury. A long-awaited return was short-lived, re-aggravating his back following the round 8 clash with Collingwood. We have to rewind to his debut season of 2017 to find a clear patch of ongoing form.

Williamson is on an extensive rehabilitation program, with the Blues taking a cautious approach to ensure the best long-term outcome. We don't know when, or even if Williamson will be able to put his injury saga behind him, and until facts prove otherwise, he's a perfect candidate for the free agent pool.

Not projected to play (-2). Value: nil.