

Fantasy Football League 1998 Awards

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Moss Award (Rookie of the year)	Randy Moss Silver Spoons	Future fantasy hall of famer Moss outplayed almost all of the 1st round draft choices in leading the Silver Spoons to 3rd place in the tough Chomper division.
Steckel Award (Coach of the Year)	Greg Andert Wipers Whiners	Andert shuffled his line-up as if he was dealing from the bottom of the deck, inserting role players such as Duce Staley, Chris Calloway, and Eric Moulds just as they were about to score. His coaching moves carried the Whiners to one of the most amazing finishes in history, going from 1-5 to a playoff appearance.
Gene Mauch Award (Team Collapse)	Broudes Street Bullies	While the Whiners were soaring to a playoff appearance, the Bullies did just the opposite by unbelievably failing to make the playoffs after starting 6-1. Much of the credit for the 2nd half collapse goes to Lamar Smith, who grabbed the steering wheel for the team immediately upon being acquired from the OiLees in midseason.
Jesse James Award	Lee Prohosky OiLees	The fate of at least 2 teams were determined when the OiLees stole Terrell Owens from the Bullies in mid-season. At the time of the trade, rival executive Pat Volbert said a weapon and mask were involved, but failed to produce video proof.
Marge Schott Award (Most hated owner)	Jim Jagow Jagowars	Calls for changing the rules for expansion teams began immediately after the envelope revealing that the brand new Jagowars would have the 1st pick in the draft. Pat Volbert may need to do no more lobbying in order to pass his auction bill. The Jagowar players did not help Jim's case by repeatedly doing the "Jagow salute" after each score. While owner Jagow claimed it was a simple thumbs up, many opponents took it another way. Additionally, Jagow's cocky attitude late in the season may have turned a few opponents against him. He taunted late season opponents by effectively saying "I can beat you with Shannon Sharpe tied behind my back."
Andy McPhail Award (Executive of the year)	Blair Haslerud	While many owners starting squawking "there's nobody left" after the 2nd round, Haslerud kept his mind on the draft lists and found team MVP Randall Cunningham in the 17th round. Please pay no attention to his picks in rounds 11 - 16.

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Kreskin Award (Prediction of the year)	Greg Andert Pat Volbert (Tie)	Both of the golf gurus made pre-season predictions that came to pass: Andert predicted before the draft that the expansion Jagowars would draw the # 1 pick. An investigation into whether the lottery is fixed will be undertaken once independent counsel Kenneth Starr completes his current assignment. Volbert predicted a high number of 1st round disappointments and also lots of late round gems. As if they were in on his plan, Barry Sanders, Kordell Stewart, Jerome Bettis, Karim Abdul-Jabbar, Dorsey Levens, and Corey Dillon all fell on their faces this year. Underperforming to a lesser extent were Brett Favre, Curtis Martin, Eddie George, and Ricky Watters. Excelling instead were later picks such as Randall Cunningham, Leroy Hoard, Ed McCaffrey, and Fred Taylor.
Tom Kelly Award (Unusual strategy)	PATriots	The PATriots win this for running a fantasy short yardage offense. The PATriots stocked up on tight ends on draft day and continued to make roster claims on tight ends throughout the season. The draft picks were all excellent blockers - Ken Dilger, Troy Drayton, and Dave Moore - but didn't contribute much receiving. The PATriots also picked up Tyrone Davis during the season and also spent \$2.00 in dropping and reclaiming Dave Moore.
Lady Byng Trophy	Traiders	In order to ensure that they didn't hurt anybody, Jeff Rathmanner left the team's top weapon, Joey Galloway, on the bench for much of the season, guaranteeing many happy opponents.
Notes for next year		Remember that there is a proposal on the table to have an auction for 1999; please fill out the enclosed ballot and return to Lee or Mike so we can let people know before plotting their draft strategy. Keep the weekend before the season opener next fall available. This may be labor day weekend, so the draft may have to be Monday evening to allow people to do other things for the long weekend.