

# The National Pickleball League® Draft Finalizes the 12 Team Rosters for the 2024 Season

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[www.nplpickleball.com](https://www.nplpickleball.com) unveils the highly anticipated results of its 2024 NPL Draft, revealing the newest additions to each of its 12 team's rosters for the upcoming season. The NPL Draft event took place on Sunday, April 14 in Naples, Florida, where team owners, League staff, prospective players, and pickleball fans gathered to witness the results, marking a new chapter in the league's commitment to nurturing talent and reinforcing its status as the top professional 50+ league in the sport.



Kansas City Stingers

Each of the rosters has up to eight women and eight men, and together is comprised of virtually all of the top Champions Pros in the sport, including the likes of Hall of Famers Jennifer Dawson and Scott Moore, former top tennis professionals Jaime Oncins and Piet Aldrich, former Heisman Trophy winner and NFL quarterback Danny Wuerffel, and top-ranked league co-founders Beth Bellamy and Rick Witsken.

Here are the official player rosters for the 2024 NPL Pickleball season.

Austin Ignite

Women's Roster:

Leslie Bernard

Connie Burnett

Taunya Davis

Jennifer Gallwas

Chris Karges

Tina Lum  
Yvonne Ting  
Carolyn Weed

Men's Roster:  
Lance Cowart  
Daniel Gold  
John Hostetler  
Michael Pazourek  
John Sperling  
Scott Trevethan  
Dave Weinbach  
Chris Wilton

Boca Raton Picklers

Women's Roster:  
Yvonne D'Aquino  
Tracey Flynn  
Suzanne LeBlang  
Pam Lippy  
Ginny Purdy  
Audra Spielberger  
Taylor Taylor  
Kara Williams

Men's Roster:  
Brian Levine  
Alan Mendelson  
Robert Mittleman  
Mircea Morariu  
Peter Prodanov  
Mark Redding  
Brian Shapiro  
Tao Thongvanh

Coachella Valley Scorpions

Women's Roster:  
Kim Jagd  
Julene James  
Lily Kordic  
Maggie Murch



Danny Wuerffel, Denver Iconics



Houston Hammers

Chrishawn Spackman  
Brenda Tilford  
Stacy Zelenski

Men's Roster:

Piet Aldrich  
Joe Frasca  
Dayne Gingrich  
Keith Jain  
John Riedy  
David Smith  
Johan Svensson

Columbus Hotshots

Women's Roster:

Eva Aguirre  
Kris Anderson  
Nathalie Bagby  
Renee Chang  
Beth Olivier  
Tammie Steele  
Lara Thornton

Men's Roster:

Jim Bronson  
Shay Coker  
John Hedberg  
Kristopher Heddings  
Rich Lively  
Jeff McKnight  
Adam Painter

Denver Iconics

Women's Roster:

Shelley Blanchard  
Molly Carter  
Cheryl Cartmel  
Natalie Hill  
Janey McKenna  
Maureen O'Malia  
Kelly Ojeda

Men's Roster:

Reine Akebrand  
Scott Fliegelman  
Scott Johnston  
Chris Montgomery  
Bill Muno  
Chad Shane  
Danny Wuerffel

Houston Hammers

Women's Roster:

Amy Blumrosen  
Laura Boske  
Sheri Courter  
Missy Grant  
Mary Henne  
Mary Beth Henthorne  
Stacy Potter  
Helen Wilhelm

Men's Roster:

Craig Bobo  
Tony Hoang  
Eric Kuo  
Rich Lopez  
Chris MacDougall  
Scott Moore  
Joe Paraiso  
Dino Patane

Indy Drivers

Women's Roster:

Liz Chaplinsky  
Gina Cilento  
Shaun Considine  
Kristi Dorman  
Heather Iffert  
Jenny Marcos  
Moiria Roush  
Linda Thompson

Men's Roster:

Chad Flynn  
Glenn Jordan  
Ken Julian  
Bernard LeBlanc  
Christopher Miller  
Craig Riley  
Matt Troyer  
Rick Witsken

Kansas City Stingers

Women's Roster:

Leslie Bashinsky  
Yannet Brister  
Jennifer Dawson  
Amy Honea  
Kim Kesner  
Cristen Kessler  
Stacey McKay  
Natasha Nuerge

Men's Roster:

Michael Chen  
David George  
Saed Ibsais  
Hugh Laroque  
Reed Newhall  
Stan Perry  
Paul Salmela  
Daryl Wyatt

Naples JBB United

Women's Roster:

Electra Ariail  
Mary Helen Atkins  
Kristy Kind  
Lora Charles  
Carol Emanuel  
Melissa LeBlanc  
Sally Smithley

Aye Unnoppet

Men's Roster:

Gerald Alvarado

Steve Dawson

Thomas DeCaprio

Joe Mlaka

Jaime Oncins

Scott Tingley

Tom Tueller

David Welles

OKC Punishers

Women's Roster:

Leslie Ballard

Beth Bellamy

Mary Kelly Dakin

Patty Gallegos

Seyhan Hunter

Stroble Kelly

Natalie Todorovic-Shaw

Julie Weston

Men's Roster:

Greg Boyce

Lowell Gunderson

Tommy Ho

Dave Johnson

Mark Milner

Brian Noble

Paul Olin

Glen (Randy) Parker

Princeton Bruisers

Women's Roster:

Magge Camuti

Christie Domoracki

Roseann Heim

Aila Main

Jenny Merrill

Karin Ptaszek-Kochis

Alka Strippoli  
Dana Wiatroski

Men's Roster:

Vinay Bahuguna  
Patrick Cote  
Jose Derisi  
Stephen Emmons  
David Komie  
Cord Robbins  
Vivek Talyan  
Tony Vassos

Seattle United Pickleball

Women's Roster:

Paty Bennett  
Raegan Ferguson  
Cara Beth Lee  
Natasha Linton  
Lila Le Rawlings  
Anna Shirley  
Teresa Tarn  
Adriana Tomazelli

Men's Roster:

Stefan Andren  
Greg Bennett  
Martin Clark  
Dave Furman  
Eric Le  
Troy Osborn  
Jih-Shian Yeo  
Eric Wold

ROUND ONE DRAFT RESULTS:

Jaime Oncins  
Dayne Gingrich  
Dave Weinbach  
Rick Witsken  
Stefan Andren  
Beth Bellamy

Sheri Courter  
Mircea Morariu  
Jennifer Dawson  
Kristopher Heddings  
Jose Derisi  
Christie Domoracki

"We are so excited to welcome these talented athletes who will represent the National Pickleball League teams and their respective markets during the 2024 season," said Paul Bamundo, Chief Executive Officer of the National Pickleball League. "NPL remains dedicated to advancing the sport and offering a platform for both seasoned players and emerging talents to flourish on a national scale."

Last year, the NPL concluded its inaugural season with the Indy Drivers clinching the championship. Now, the 2024 NPL season is set to begin on May 17th in Chicago, featuring scheduled events once per month from May to September at state-of-the-art indoor facilities nationwide. The season opener will be livestreamed on the National Pickleball League YouTube Channel @nationalpickleballleague and details for each event can be found on the National Pickleball League website [www.NPLpickleball.com](http://www.NPLpickleball.com).

The regular season will culminate in October with the Championships, where teams will compete for the prestigious title and a chance to claim a share of the \$150,000 prize money. The location for the Championships will be announced soon.

#### 2024 NPL Season Schedule:

Season Opener / Chicago, IL: May 17-19

Columbus, OH: June 21-23

Cincinnati, OH: July 19-21

Kansas City, MO: August 9-11

Houston, TX: September 13-15

Championship Weekend / Location TBA: October 17-20

#### About National Pickleball League®

The National Pickleball League® was founded in 2022 by Champions Pro players Rick Witsken, Beth Bellamy, and Michael "Hammer Mike" Chen. NPL Pickleball™ is a nationwide team competition for Champions Division (age 50+) professional pickleball players and made up of twelve teams in metropolitan locations in Indianapolis, Austin, Boca Raton, Naples, Denver, Oklahoma City, Houston, Seattle, Kansas City, Columbus, Coachella Valley and Princeton.

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