



Fantasy Sports and Where to Play Them?

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What are Fantasy Sports?

- Participants assemble imaginary or virtual teams of real players of a professional sport.
- These teams compete based on the statistical performance of those players' in actual games
- Historically, the commissioner was responsible for organizing the league and doing the scoring. Now it's automated.



Real Sports ft. Fantasy



FANTASY

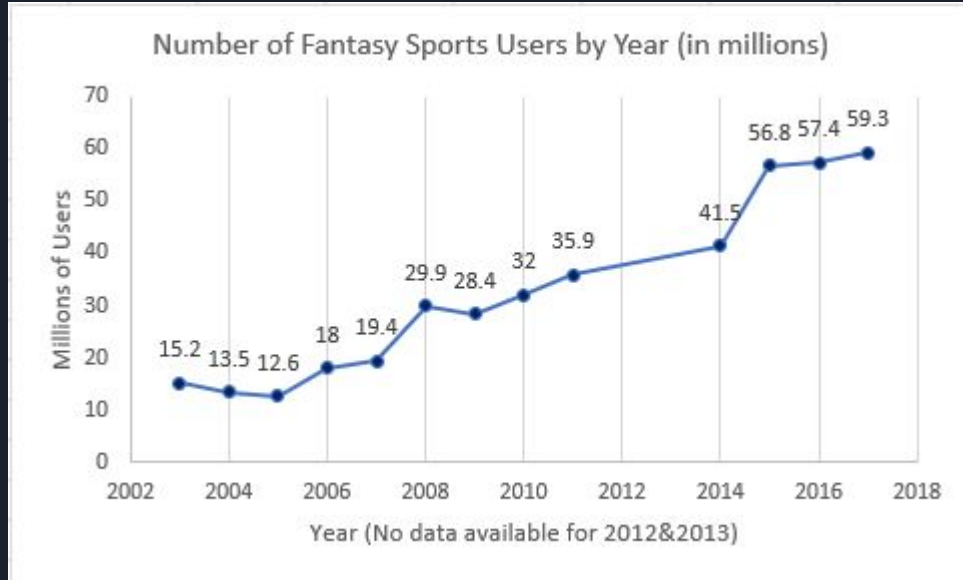


Where to play Fantasy Sports?

- Internet, Duh.
- Most Soccer leagues have their own Fantasy League Websites
 - Fantasy Bundesliga (German League)
 - Fantasy Premier League (English League)
 - Fantasy MLS (MLS)
 - Fantasy Champions League (UCL)
- 2 main websites for American Leagues
 - Yahoo Sports
 - ESPN



Fantasy Sports Popularity



2,608,634 in 12/13

3,218,998 in 13/14

3,502,998 in 14/15

3,734,001 in 15/16

4,503,345 in 16/17

5,190,135 in 17/18

6,324,237 in 18/19

6,862,948 in 19/20

Fantasy Sports Structure - Budget Style

- Typically, participants select a squad within a price budget
 - Better players have higher prices
- Restrictions on representation from a single team
 - You can only select x number of players from any given team
- Scoring based on player performances
 - Good things (like scoring a goal, scoring a TD) results in players getting points
 - Bad things (Red Card, Fumble) results in players losing points
 - Scoring rules vary from sport to sport, league to league
- Participants compete in leagues
 - Public Leagues - Compete against the world.
 - Private Leagues - Compete against your “friends”

























Fantasy Sports Structure - Draft Style

- Typically you play against a limited number of people (8-12)
- Each player can only be part of 1 team
- Snake-Style Draft
 - Draft Order goes from 1 -> N, N -> 1, and so on for some pre-fixed number of rounds
- Auction-Style Draft
 - Start with a budget with each player at a fixed price
 - Can take a couple of days.... Organizing it across TZs is not fun
- Mimics the real drafts
- Player trades allow exchange of players
- Some extra amount of budget is provided to acquire unsold players later on

Types of Fantasy Leagues

- Points League
 - Total Points at the end of a fixed time period decide winner
 - Restricted to 1 free change per week; additional changes cost points
- H2H League
 - Win-Loss Record decides winner
 - May have playoffs at the end of regular season
 - Wins still decided based on points

Position	Club	Pl	GD	Pts
1 ▲	 Man City	26	+48	62
2 ▼	 Liverpool	25	+41	62
3 ●	 Spurs	25	+27	57
4 ●	 Chelsea	25	+22	50
5 ●	 Man Utd	25	+14	48
6 ●	 Arsenal	25	+15	47
7 ●	 Wolves	25	+1	38
8 ●	 Watford	25	-1	34
9 ●	 Everton	26	-2	33
10 ●	 AFC Bournemouth	25	-7	33
11 ●	 Leicester	25	-1	32
12 ●	 West Ham	25	-7	32
13 ●	 Brighton	25	-9	27
14 ●	 Crystal Palace	25	-7	26
15 ●	 Newcastle	25	-12	24
16 ●	 Southampton	25	-15	24
17 ●	 Burnley	25	-20	24
18 ●	 Cardiff	25	-24	22
19 ●	 Fulham	25	-30	17
20 ●	 Huddersfield	25	-33	11

Multi-level Fantasy Sports


- Design a new game on an existing game
 - Multiple examples
 - Case Study: QFPL (<http://qfpl.xyz>)
- Multiple money-making websites based on these


HALL OF FAME


Q F P L

TITLE HOLDERS


Winners List

 HULL CITY
1904
'16-'17
Since Relegated

 WEST BROMWICH ALBION
'17-'18
Now Wolves

 CARDIFF CITY FC
'18-'19
Now Sheffield

 SWANSEA CITY AFC
'16-'17
Now Norwich

 LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB
EST. 1892
'17-'18
Since Relegated

 THE FOXES
'18-'19

Q F A C U P

WINNERS

Winners List

Data-driven Fantasy Sports

- Where there is Data, there is ML
- New ML blog post every week
- From Deep Learning to Bayesian Multi-Level jargon
- Providing data can get you Twitter followers and stars on github

vaastav / Fantasy-Premier-League

Unwatch ▾

42

★ Unstar

251

Fork

192

↔ Code

! Issues 1

🔗 Pull requests 0

📁 Projects 0

📖 Wiki

🛡 Security

📊 Insights

⚙ Settings

Creates a .csv file of all players in the English Player League with their respective team and total fantasy points

Edit

python

fantasy-premier-league

fpl-analysis

fpl

Manage topics

🕒 112 commits

🔗 2 branches

📦 0 releases

👤 2 contributors

📄 View license

Branch: master ▾

New pull request

Create new file

Upload files

Find File

Clone or download ▾



vaastav Add GW7 data

Latest commit 81567a7 4 days ago

Fantasy Sports in Media

- Fantasy Premier League has its own Show
 - They discuss choices of players, captain picks, differential picks
- Has given rise to a lot of memes
 - I mean a lot.
- Every website
- Some people have used their pets to gain popularity by having their pets choose captains.
 - Eg: Catto for FPL
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2YufXZPbT0>



Fantasy Sports in Social Media

- Numerous Blog Posts about Fantasy Choices
- “Must Follow” Twitter Accounts
- Insane number of podcasts





Fantasy Sports Prizes

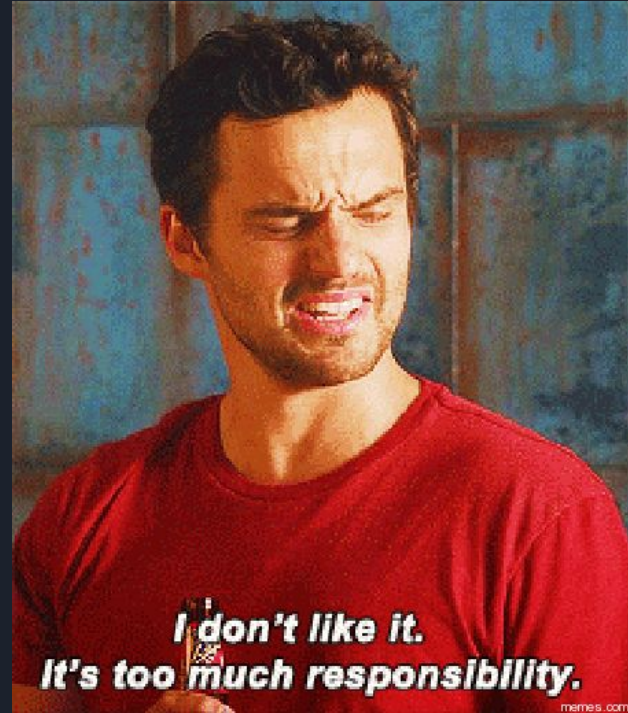
- Official League Prizes
 - Weekly Prizes - Merchandise
 - Monthly Prizes - Video games, merchandise
 - Season Prizes - Playstation, trips to matches
 - <https://fantasy.premierleague.com/prizes>
- Unofficial Prizes
 - Money from money leagues
 - Respect between “friends”
 - Rivalry record
 - I am currently 4-2 down against my main rival

2019 r/FantasyPL : The BigLuke debacle



Moderating Fantasy Sports Subreddit

- People on reddit can be racist.
 - Dire NO al razzismo
- People on reddit are whiny
 - Them vs Mods attitude
- Prevent fake news from spreading
- All you had to do was follow the rules CJ



2019 FantasyPL Meme War

FIGHTING IN MEME WARS?



**I'M GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS
SHIT**

ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY



STOP A MEME WAR

quickmeme.com



OK GUYS...

WHO'S READY TO PARTY!