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Here's a little something about me: For five months out of the year, if I'm not training for a marathon, spending time with my friends and family, or taking in live music, I am probably watching football or making changes to my fantasy football roster. I love how each week I am kept on my toes depending on how my teams are doing (Denver Broncos, all the way!) and I love the excitement, camaraderie, and competition each game inspires. The same could be said about bluegrass: the music and the people who play it and love hearing it inspire excitement, camaraderie, and well, maybe some friendly competition.

Between planning for World of Bluegrass last week, I was thinking about my fantasy football team and who I wanted my first round draft pick to be. Then, I thought about a fantasy bluegrass lineup and wondered who everyone else would have on theirs. So, I turned to IBMA's Facebook page and asked the question: "Who is in your dream bluegrass lineup?"

Here were some of the responses:

*"I'll take Sam Bush, Bela Fleck, Pat Flynn and John Cowan." ? ? Rich Geidt*

*"Rhonda Vincent, Matt Munsey, Chad Graves, Todd Phillips, Steve Martin, Alison Krauss, Carl Jackson." ? ? Loretta Lightningbolt*

*"Tony Rice guitar and vocals, Sammy Shelor banjo, Ron Stewart fiddle, Jesse Brock mandolin, Edgar Loudermilk bass and vocals." ? ? Charlie Butler*

*"Earl Scruggs, Doc Watson, Lester Flatt, Alison Krauss, Junior Huskey, Jerry Douglas, Adam Steffey." ? ? Wes Mason*

*"The Gibson Bros., Audie Blaylock & Redline, The Spinney Bros., and of course, Jimmy Martin and Bill Monroe." ? ? Sandy Blankenship*

*"The Punch Brothers, Steve Martin, The Waybacks, Assembly of Dust, The Kruger Brothers, Donna the Buffalo, Del McCoury, and of course, Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn." ? ? Lucy Spain*

If you had to pick your ultimate bluegrass lineup, who would it be?

At World of Bluegrass this September, we have a wealth of muses for your own fantasy lineups. From the Wide Open Bluegrass Festival, to the Bluegrass Ramble Showcases, to the Awards Show ? there are so many performances by some of the very best in bluegrass, your depth chart will be knee-deep!

On the topic of football, be sure to beef up your playbook by attending as many of the dynamic business development seminars we have planned that you can. With panelists and topics from all aspects of the music industry, there is something engaging and unique to help everyone succeed even further in their business and personal goals ? or, just to enjoy yourself and learn something new! We are proud of our panelists and moderators, which include some of the industry?s best in their fields and can?t wait to take a knee and listen!

We hope to see you in Raleigh September 24-28 as you experience ? first hand ? your fantasy bluegrass experience. Chances to see old friends (and make new ones), all-night jam sessions rendering you sleep deprived, business seminars giving you the information and ideas you need to be successful in your ventures, over 200 opportunities to take in amazing live music, and waving the flag for bluegrass music ? it will all be waiting for you at World of Bluegrass. This is no fantasy league ? it?s the real deal!

See you in Raleigh!

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