PREDICTING WAN'DALE ROBINSON'S MARKET

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After eclipsing 1,000 yards for the first time in his career in 2025, impending free agent reciever Wan'Dale Robinson is set for a significant raise when free agency opens next month.

The most logical destination for Robinson may simply be a return to New York. Robinson was a second-round pick in General Manager Joe Schoen's first draft class and saw the field on 84.61% of offensive snaps in 2025.

While the Kentucky product would return to being the number two option at best upon Malik Nabers' return at some point in 2026, Robinson may be better suited for a reduced role regardless. He would still provide second-year quarterback Jaxson Dart with a familiar option as the offense learns to reincorporate Malik Nabers into a new scheme.

The Giants also don't have a ready-made replacement in waiting and were already lacking in receiver talent in 2025. Even if they were to draft a receiver such as Ohio State's Carnell Tate or a slot-exclusive player like University of Southern California receiver Makai Lemon in the first round, they would still have an additional hole at receiver to address in free agency.

Robinson showed more vertical prowess in 2025, meaning that the Giants wouldn't be forced to pick a certain archetype of receiver in the draft should he return.

For his part, Robinson expressed interest in returning to the Giants next season in an article by ESPN Giants writer Jordan Ranaan, but understands that a reprise in New York may not be in the cards.

"I love New York and this is the place that drafted me," Robinson said. "I feel like I have good chemistry with Jaxson [Dart] and all of my teammates that I've been here with and I've spent the last four years of my life here. So it's a lot easier said than done just to get up and move and go somewhere else. So I would like to stay here, but at the end of the day, if it's not the right place then we'll see what happens."

Outside of a return to New York, the Titans stand as a distinct possibility following former Giants head coach Brian Daboll's hiring as offensive coordinator in Tennessee.

Tight end Chig Okonkwo led the Titans with 560 receiving yards, demonstrating just how mediocre the Tennessee receivers' room was in 2025. That mark left him outside of the top 15 amongst the position in the NFL. Fourth-round rookie Elic Ayomanor topped the receivers with 515 yards, good for only 81st in the league. Robinson reached nearly double that output last season.

While Robinson wouldn't provide a true number one option, he would provide former first-round pick Cam Ward with a reliable safety blanket with familiarity in Daboll's system.

Elsewhere in the AFC, the New England Patriots could choose to upgrade in the slot over DeMario Douglas if they strike out on more impactful trade targets, such as A.J. Brown.

The Commanders could try to steal Robinson from a division rival, and HC Dan Quinn and co. should have plenty of familiarity with Robinson after seeing him accumulate 137 yards and two touchdowns over his last four contests against Washington. Robinson could be an alternative if they allow Deebo Samuel to walk in free agency.

The Raiders and new HC Klint Kubiak could also make a run at Robinson. Kubiak demonstrated with Jaxon Smith-Njigba that he can maximize former slot receivers and convert them into more well-rounded options. While Robinson isn't in the same echelon as JSN, he would still provide likely first-overall pick Fernando Mendoza with an experienced option who has improved in each season of his NFL career and may still be on the rise.

Robinson's new contract is likely to be in line with four-year/up to $60.2 million extension ($32 million guaranteed) Khalil Shakir received from the Buffalo Bills last offseason. That contract made Shakir one of the highest paid slot receivers in football.

While Shakir produced more consistently than Robinson leading up to the signing of that deal, Shakir hasn't reached the same peak as Robinson.

Spotrac places Robinson's market value in the same ballpark but values him a bit more, predicting a four year/$70,568,000 contract.

Final prediction: Wan'Dale Robinson re-signs with the New York Giants for four years and $65 million ($35 million guaranteed).



Wan'Dale Robinson of the New York Giants runs with the ball. As a new free agent, Robinson has many options for contract deals with various teams. PHOTO COURTESY OF @NYPOST ON PINTEREST.

ELLIOT'S WEEKLY TIP-OFF:

ONLY ONE UNDEFEATED TEAM REMAINS



Dylan Darling of the St. John's men's basketball team goes for a layup against the UConn Huskies. The No. 25-ranked Johnnies successfully upset the formerly No. 3-ranked Huskies in a tight Big East matchup. PHOTO COURTESY OF @STJOHNSBBALL ON INSTAGRAM.

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And then there was one.

A single Division I NCAA basketball team remains unbeaten as we approach March.

Some may think it is the number one team in the country standing alone at the top. However, it is a team most people may have never even heard of, Miami (OH).

The Mid-American team stands alone ranked No. 23 in the country, but holds a title most teams can never accomplish, the perfect season.

Miami (OH) has been on a 24-game winning streak this season, and they only have seven games left to play making this perfect season in reach.

After No. 9 Kansas defeated No. 1 Arizona on Feb. 9. The top ranked Wildcats finally fell for the first time. They were 6-0 against ranked opponents this season, including monstrous wins over BYU, UConn, Alabama and UCLA. All of these were also on the road.

Another top five shakeup happened in the Big East when No. 3 UConn fell to rival No. 22 St. John's on the road. This game brought every bit of intensity with eight lead changes and six ties. The Johnnies pulled away in the final minutes, but UConn will prepare for their next matchup against them at Peoples Bank Arena on Feb. 25.

The first game of the "Battle of The Blues" took place in Chapel Hill, N.C. in an instant classic. Duke held the lead for the whole game, until the final .4 seconds. UNC climbed back from a 13-point deficit to stun the top ranked Blue Devils. In a last second shot, UNC guard Seth Trimble drilled a corner three-pointer to secure the win. Leaving .4 seconds on the clock, Duke forced a desperation throw that never hit the basket.

While the calendar says Valentine's Day, the bright lights remain on the hardwood with multiple top 25 matchups this Saturday.

The ACC has No. 4 Duke taking on No. 20 Clemson. Clemson has won 14 consecutive road games dating back to last season, which ties the second longest streak in ACC history. That history will be tested on the road as they face a Blue Devils team hungry for a win after the buzzer beater loss in Chapel Hill.

After Kansas's big win against No. 1 Arizona, they will look to continue the streak on the road against No. 5 Iowa State. The Jayhawks handed the Cyclones their first loss of the season in January 84-63.

Kansas first-year guard Darryn Peterson did not play against Arizona on Feb. 9 and could make things harder for Kansas. Despite this, they are coming off a huge win and showed they can take on any opponent.

Arizona will host Texas Tech in a Big 12 matchup. This is the only meeting of the season between these two successful programs and should be a high-scoring game with these offenses.

After coming off their first loss of the season, the way Arizona responds will be crucial as we approach the biggest month in the college basketball season. Arizona also has two more ranked opponents following this matchup, and a slip-up here could hurt their March ranking.

The final top 25 matchup takes place in the home of the defending "chomps."

The Florida Gators will host Kentucky after the Wildcats season sweep against Tennessee. Florida has not been that national championship team they were last year, but they have shown they know how to fight, and it puts them in the top spot in the SEC. Kentucky is right behind them and can switch places with a win on the road.

As conference standings tighten, this week brings top seeded teams to the hardwood. Every possession is important as the clock winds down to March.

Love is in the air, but the tension on the court could not be higher.