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INTRODUCTION



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T he NFL Draft is really unlike anything else in the major sports world. While the 4 major sports all have some form of the draft to bring in young talent, the NFL probably has the greatest balance. The NFL draft is 7 rounds, in comparison to the MLB (40), and NBA (2), which allows for a nice influx of talent without being too cumbersome, or too bare. While the NHL draft is 7 rounds as well, their draft is far closer to the MLB draft in the sense that the vast majority of their prospects will go through the minor league process, and not make an impact for 3-5 years.

The NFL on the other hand expects the majority of their draft picks to not only make the team, but be able to contribute in at least some way early on. In addition, whereas most of the top performers come from the early rounds in other leagues (or round 1 in the NBA), the NFL draft unearths plenty of later round talent that develops into top level starting talent.

Well that of course is what makes the NFL Draft unique, but the real question you are asking is what makes this Guide unique, and what do I bring to the table? Allow me to answer the 2nd part of that question first. I've been a "draftnik" since 1992, watching/reading/studying anything I could get my hands on related to the NFL Draft. Since that time I've grown from an obsessed fan, to forming my own concepts and strategies in evaluating talent for drafting players. Through watching between 5-8 college football games a week, watching every minute of Combine coverage, and covering the Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine Game events live from Mobile, Alabama and St. Petersburg, Florida respectively, I feel that I have the knowledge and basis to share my thoughts with my fellow "draftniks".

As for what separates this guide and evaluation from others, it will be really a matter of your opinion. It is one though that I hope to win over, by sharing my thoughts and strategies about the draft and players, through articles, histories, scouting reports and much more. This is Fanspeak's 3rd year producing this comprehensive NFL Draft Guide and we hope you enjoy it and find it useful!

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STEVE'S DRAFT THEORY



When it comes to the NFL draft, there are basically two schools of thought on how a team should conduct a draft. One is drafting based on need and the other is drafting the best player available (BPA). The fact of the matter is, neither strategy is perfect or even the right way to conduct a draft, and should be replaced by a hybrid version of letting the draft come to you.

Why drafting on need doesn't work:

When teams draft need-based first, two major issues come into play. One, teams assign a hierarchy of their needs but don't always evaluate positions properly. This is either in terms of their need, or their ability to fill it at a certain draft position.

The second problem with drafting based on need is that you could force yourself into drafting a particular player even though his true value might not be for another 5, 10 or even 15 selections. Over drafting players is one of the surest ways to have a bust of a draft, yet teams do it every year.

One example of a team failing in both areas was the Kansas City Chiefs in 2009, when they selected Tyson Jackson with the 3rd overall pick. Jackson was a first round prospect no doubt, but much more deserving in the 10-15 range. He had a lot of potential as a hybrid end in the 3-4 that can get up the field. Kansas City decided that their need for a 3-4 end was great enough to grab Jackson. First off the Chiefs valued a 3-4 end over a rush linebacker and nose tackle. Now I do think quality ends are key to elite 3-4 teams, but Kansas City would have been much better served by grabbing an OLB to get pressure on the quarterback, or NT to control the middle. Had they drafted Brian Orakpo or Clay Matthews Jr. at outside linebacker, or B.J. Raji at NT, they would have been in a much better position. There are also other directions they could have gone in, but they overlooked better players and more important needs.



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Why BPA doesn't work:

Like drafting for need, there are two fatal flaws with best player available strategy. The first of which is the fact that you are forsaking your needs to grab a player who might not see the field in

year one. Unlike baseball and hockey, NFL drafts should produce immediate results, especially the 1st-3rd round picks. If teams aren't getting significant contributions from those players collectively, then it is hard for the team to be successful on the field. Now I say collectively, because it is okay to draft a young player with potential if depth is an issue at

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a crucial position, particularly if you've drafted significant contributors with your other early picks.

The second main issue with drafting based on a BPA strategy is you really have to hope your board is accurate. Now I'm not saying teams should ignore their draft board completely, but come on, once September rolls around how often can we say that the draft has worked out as it was envisioned just 6 months earlier? Draft boards can be wrong, especially when players get placed in a particular place based on workout numbers or one great season. By drafting solely on their board, a team can oversaturate a position and

ignore others completely. Also whether it is admitted or not, the board is usually biased towards team needs.

The perfect example of this backfiring and a team having a bias/over-drafting a position is the Washington Redskins 2008 draft. The Skins needed to bolster their receivers and were in the market for big pass catchers since their top targets were Santana Moss, Antwaan Randle El, and the undersized tight end Chris Cooley.

Washington decided to trade back and with three 2nd round picks drafted two 6'2" or taller receivers and a tight end, apparently because they seemed too good to pass up. While they had a need at receiver, that is way too many premium picks on a position that wasn't horrible the year before. Randle El, Moss and Cooley combined for over 170 receptions and over 2,300 yards, which is hardly bad. One additional weapon would have been ideal, but adding three was overkill.





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Also by targeting solely big receivers, the Redskins ignored DeSean Jackson and Eddie Royal with their first pick in the 2nd round. Of course they justified this by saying they followed their board and all three players they took had 1st round grades. If that is true it's obvious that tall pass-catchers were graded on a curve that year, and instead the Redskins ignored multiple additional needs that still remain.

If drafting on need or by best player available doesn't work, what does? In my opinion, the best strategy of running a draft is allowing the draft come to you.

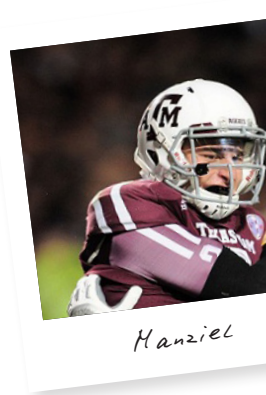
Now what does that mean, "allowing the draft come to you"? Simply put it means not trying to force certain players or positions at your draft selections. The most dangerous thing year in year out, is falling in love with a player (BPA) or a need, and overvaluing them. The second most dangerous thing is valuing the skill positions (QB, RB, and WR) higher than other positions. Instead, teams need to realize that the draft process isn't a singular year process, and remember that Rome wasn't built in a day.

Too often we see teams try to get the next superstar players and go from worst to first. But the reality is while the NFL Draft can help turn a franchise around, there is more to it than just wanting it to turn your franchise around. The other thing to remember is that you are given 7 draft picks each year. That is a gift and a way to add young (and with the new rookie pay scale, cheap) talent. There is both an immediate and long term value to those picks. Yet every year, teams give these picks up for pennies on the dollar (trust me I know, I'm a Redskins fan).

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It is not surprising that the best drafting teams are also the ones who have had sustained success in the NFL. Teams like the Patriots, Steelers, Colts, Packers, and Giants not only know how to find a star with their top pick, but also frequently find gems in the later rounds. These are the teams that understand about letting the draft come to them, and they are the model for NFL Draft success.

Now going back to my causes for concern in “falling in love with a player” or “overvaluing skill positions”, you have to look no further than the 2009 draft to see a perfect example of why you don’t do either. The Denver Broncos ended up doing both that year and they paid a price for doing so.



After a couple of trades the Broncos ended up with two 1st round picks, and three 2nd rounders, giving them 5 picks in the top 64. With that many premium picks they should have been in complete control of that draft and end up with a first rate draft class. Instead the Broncos quite possibly had the worst draft of any team over the last 5 years, and it ended up costing them dearly.



While no one realized it at the time, the Broncos were a playoff caliber team and their subsequent season ended up falling just short. The reason for their success had almost nothing to do with their top 5 picks, and in fact their lack of production left Denver devoid of talent. The Broncos fell in love with Knowshon Moreno that year, who was considered the top running back in the class, and drafted him with the 12th selection even though they had a major need at rush linebacker (with Orakpo and Matthews still on the board). They drafted Moreno, despite there still being plenty of depth at running back, and the position showing less and less value in recent years. Not to mention the team had also signed a couple of veteran running backs during the off-season putting the running back need lower than rush linebacker.

As it turned out, the Eagles benefited, since they took LeSean McCoy, who has shown more value than Moreno so far. Denver then had to fill the need at rush linebacker with their 2nd pick and reached for Robert Ayers (why they didn’t grab the still-available Clay Mathews is beyond me). Ayers was a stretch as an OLB and only gained value when the team went back to a 4-3 defense. Also they spent their first two 2nd round picks on a corner (that they traded up for by using their 2010 1st rounder) and a safety. It was a fairly weak defensive backfield draft that year, and they ended up trading a 1st round pick in a stronger draft to fill a “need”. The problem is the Broncos still don’t have their long term corner, and shipped CB Alfonso Smith out after one





season for a blocking TE and moving up one round in the draft. Instead they could have had the 14th overall pick the next year, and filled one of their many needs there. The other 2nd round pick, Safety Darcel McBath didn't fare much better, as he was quickly off the team and is barely hanging on in this league.

Their final 2nd round pick that year, TE Richard Quinn, didn't do much better. He too was looking for work soon and has bounced around the league since leaving Denver. This has forced the Broncos to spend a high number of resources on these three positions the last few years, simply because they didn't properly evaluate their draft board in 2009.

The Broncos that season might be the extreme example of what not to do, but it shows the value of seeing the whole board and not falling in love with particular needs or positions. If they had taken Orakpo with their top pick, and grabbed one of the dynamic receivers available with their 2nd first rounder (Jeremy Maclin, Percy Harvin, Hakeem Nicks, Kenny Britt), as well as taken McCoy with one of their 2nd rounders, Denver would have been a playoff team that season, and would have been poised for a possible Super Bowl run the next year (especially if they kept that 14th overall pick for the next season).

While we all love to hear our team drafting a franchise quarterback or a top running back/receiver, we need to realize that it is not always the smartest move. Drafting a young quarterback is nice, but if you don't have the pieces around him and/or rush him too early, you are setting him up to fail.

Having a top running back is great, but you can find starting running backs in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th rounds consistently. High draft pick running backs haven't been too successful of late with the exception of Adrian Peterson. While there are exceptions to the rule, you need to ask yourself is this back that much better than what I could get in the next round or two.

As for receivers, they are the ultimate crap shoot, sometimes you get a Calvin Johnson, but as Lions fans know, you can also get a Charles Rogers or Mike Williams (USC version). And the fact of the matter is talented running backs and receivers won't matter if they don't have the offensive line and quarterback to support them.

Teams need to realize that they can't have it all in one season (i.e. draft). And if you need proof of

that, all you have to do is look at how the best teams in the league do it each year. These teams are in the Super Bowls and Playoffs each year, because they draft smart and never panic. Teams need to give up on this idea of overvaluing certain players and positions and realize that the only way to build a sustained winner is to draft smart and let the draft dictate who you should take, not the other way around.

Now I realize that seems very backwards to basically cede control to your 31 other opponents, but that is exactly what the Patriots, Packers, Steelers and the rest of the elite teams do, and that is why they make the best draft day trades and picks every year, and have tons of quality players.



FEATURED ARTICLES



BUILDING A FOUNDATION: WHY THE OFFENSIVE LINE MATTERS

Despite being right smack in the information age, with 24 hour sports coverage in every medium imaginable, it amazes me at times how much people get stuck into traditional ways of thinking and fail to look deeper into a question. That is why when you ask a typical NFL fan about the most important positions, you will usually get a response involving the “big three” -- Quarter-back-Running back-Wide Receiver.

While those positions no doubt are important, this isn't the Arena League where those are the only players that matter. The NFL is a team game, and victories and Super Bowl successes aren't dictated by a single player. While we focus on the skill guys, it is worth noting that many of the elite quarterbacks, running backs, and receivers to play this game, don't have a single Super Bowl Ring to their name.

Now are there exceptions to this rule, of course. The Cowboys and 49ers each won multiple Super Bowls, while having numerous Hall of Fame talents at their skill positions. What is forgotten of course, is the fact that in addition to the Aikmans, Rices and Smiths on those teams, they had exceptional talent at other positions as well. Now I'm not trying to discount what Aikman, Montana, Rice, Irvin, Smith meant to these teams, just to say that they alone would have not been enough for Dallas and San Francisco to win as many Super Bowls as they did.



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Some people will point to exceptions to the rule in recent years, where the Steelers or Giants might have succeeded despite not having a good offensive line. Those examples are few and far between, and they only occurred because those teams were stacked at every other position. You can maybe get by for a year or two with a subpar offensive line if you have a great team (note: not a young unproven QB), but sooner or later it will catch-up to you.

Of all the positional groups that get overlooked, the offensive line is probably the one that most often falls into that category. Now I realize that left tackles (AKA the blind side protectors) have gained respect in recent years and are now one of the NFL's highest paid positions on average. While the recent acknowledgement of the importance of the LT is good, it's only a partial measure. Now too often, teams and fans only focus on the left tackle position and relegate the rest of the line to a 2nd tier status. Having the league's best LT, but below average talent at the other 4 positions, will only end in disaster for an offense. In today's NFL most teams bring pressure from every spot along an offensive line, so you have to be at least adequately prepared to handle it.

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Now that is not to say you need 5 All-Pros manning the line to be effective. If you look at the league's most successful offensive lines (and you can pretty much read that as offenses), they usually have 2 elite talents, 2 good players, and 1 average to above average player. That is how a line should be built, yet teams seem to just blatantly ignore the line.

What's probably the most frustrating is that teams tend to overlook the line, even though it is very easy to "beat the system" and build a quality offensive line without breaking the bank. While left tackles are usually drafted in the top 50 picks (and usually the best ones are gone in the top 25), many right tackles and interior linemen can be found in the 2nd-5th rounds. Guys who can either start right away, or within a year, and become quality NFL players.

Yet despite the availability of good offensive linemen, teams ignore them constantly to instead add a 4th receiver, a backup tight end, or a third-down back in the mid rounds. And yet people are still shocked when a highly drafted quarterback or running back fails to produce because they don't have the blocking, or a highly touted receiver can't get any balls thrown his way because a quarterback is on the run for his life. What's really funny is that on the flip side teams have no qualms about drafting defensive tackles or pass rushers on the left side (RT for the offense) early, but there is an apparent aversion to draft the guys to neutralize them in the same draft range.

Without a quality offensive line it is nearly impossible for the skill players to succeed, yet the NFL's ignorance doesn't seem to be waning.

So next time, you want your last place team to draft a new quarterback, running back and receiver with their top 3 picks, remember that while that looks good on paper, on the field it's not going to make a difference until the foundation is built.



draft•nik [draft-nik] **noun**
1. Person who knows the name of every draft pick from pick #1 to #256. 2. Someone who thinks the Senior Bowl is more important than the National Championship Bowl Game. 3. Believes that Kiper, McShay and Mayock are the most important household names. 4. Strongly feels that next year's "Draft Season" begins 5 minutes after the current year's "Draft Season" begins. 5. Desires to grow hair long enough to slick back like Mel Kiper, Jr. 6. Has their own "War Room" at Draft Weekend. 7. Believes "Draft Weekend" should be recognized as a National Holiday.
Syn. Draft Geek, Draft Nerd, or preferably Draft Expert

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COULD THE RECENT SUCCESS OF 2ND AND 3RD ROUND QUARTERBACKS CHANGE HOW TEAMS VIEW THE POSITION?

While quarterbacks have always been highly valued in the draft, over the last 16 years (or since the Peyton Manning draft), the position has taken top precedence in the draft. It has led to an influx of first round quarterbacks over the years and we've not seen a single season since Manning was drafted where a quarterback wasn't taken in the top frame (in the 14 years prior to Manning's draft it happened 4 times). In fact last year was just the third time since Manning was drafted that fewer than 2 quarterbacks were taken in the first round. First round quarterbacks have been considered the standard for NFL teams

to find their franchise quarterbacks and if you didn't find one there, your chances weren't good with landing one. Recent draft history though could change that outlook.

Over the past three drafts there have been a total of nine first round quarterbacks, over that same time period there have been a combined eight 2nd and 3rd round quarterbacks drafted. Despite being drafted a round or two later and one less member of the club, it's clear that over this time frame the 2nd and 3rd round quarterbacks have been better.

Here is a list of the quarterbacks by round and year that we are talking about:

1st round:

2011: Cam Newton, Jake Locker, Blaine Gabbert, Christian Ponder

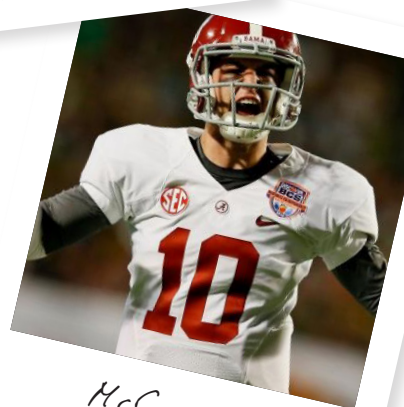
2012: Andrew Luck, Robert Griffin III, Ryan Tannehill, Brandon Weeden

2013: E.J. Manuel

2nd Round:



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2011: Andy Dalton, Colin Kaepernick

2012: Brock Osweiler

2013: Geno Smith

3rd Round:

2011: Ryan Mallett

2012: Russell Wilson, Nick Foles

2013: Mike Glennon



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Of the 1st round quarterbacks only Andrew Luck and Cam Newton look to be surefire franchise quarterbacks. Robert Griffin III and Ryan Tannehill have shown promise, but they aren't there yet. E.J. Manuel has just part of one season to evaluate so far, making it too early to tell which way he might lean towards. As for the remaining four quarterbacks, they all look to be busts at this point in time. Already Gabbert and Weeden are on new teams and if Jake Locker and Christian Ponder don't have a miraculous turnaround this season, they will be looking for new teams as well. All four of the teams these quarterbacks were drafted by are considered quarterback needy and could be in the mix for an early round signal caller this year.

The 2nd and 3rd round quarterbacks thus far have a lot fewer questions and appear to be safer bets going forward. Andy Dalton has led the Bengals to the playoffs each of the last three seasons. While he may never project to be a top 5 or even top 10 QB (the latter shouldn't be ruled out), he helps his team win football games, and has improved each season. Colin Kaepernick sat on the 49ers bench for the first year and a half of his career, but since then he has made up for lost time going 17-6 in the regular season and 4-2 in the post season. He led the 49ers to the Super Bowl his first year starting and got them back to the NFC Championship game this past season. Russell Wilson has been even better, going 24-8 in the regular season and 4-1 in the post season, including just helping the Seahawks beat the Broncos in the Super Bowl this past season. Nick Foles didn't look like he'd be too successful as a rookie when he went 1-5 for a banged up Eagles team. Last year though was a different story, as he took over the starting job from Michael Vick early in the season and proceeded to go 8-2 (he came on in the 2nd half of another game that the Eagles won), to help Philadelphia win the NFC East. Foles led the NFL in TD%, yards per attempt and QB rating

last year, and finished the year with 27 TD's to just 2 INT's. Foles looks poised to be a good quarterback going forward.

Now the other four quarterbacks drafted in the 2nd and 3rd round, haven't had the same level of success, but they shouldn't be written off just yet. Ryan Mallett and Brock Osweiler haven't played significant snaps due to playing behind two of the best quarterbacks in the league, so it is tough to know where they are. They can't be considered failed picks, since they haven't been given a chance yet and could still make something of their careers. Geno Smith and Mike Glennon both saw significant time this past year as rookies. Smith clearly struggled and had nearly twice as many interceptions as touchdowns. He may end up in the bust category, but with just one season on a team that completely lacked offensive talent, it is too soon to categorize him in that group. Glennon actually played pretty well overall and was very good for a rookie. He led rookie passers in just about every category, and showed some nice promise. The Buccaneers new coaching staff will likely go in a different direction, but Glennon is definitely a quarterback who could be viewed as a starting option. It may not be in Tampa, but Glennon has a chance to develop into a good quarterback, making it far too soon to write him off fully.

Now there is no doubt that the sample size here is incredibly small as at best we have 3 years of data and for some guys we don't even have a single start. It's possible that 5 years from now Robert Griffin III, Ryan Tannehill and E.J. Manuel will all be considered great first round picks, along the lines of Andrew Luck and Cam Newton, making this discussion a moot point. Right now though, it looks very much like the 2nd and 3rd round quarterbacks are the better bet and better value.

One thing that gets lost when talking about the value between the two groups of quarterbacks is the impact of using the later draft position, compared to grabbing a quarterback in the first round. 2011 is the perfect example of this. Sitting at 4th and 7th in the first round the Bengals and 49ers had their choice of quarterbacks after Cam Newton went with the first overall pick. Both teams had a serious need at quarterback and could have taken Jake Locker or Blaine Gabbert, two guys widely considered quite worthy of those draft slots. Instead of reaching for that need at quarterback, the Bengals selected WR A.J. Green and the 49ers took OLB Aldon Smith. These are two players who are among the game's best at their respective positions and have been since day 1. For a quarterback to be worth taking over either one of those players he would have to be an elite guy.

The Bengals and 49ers instead opted with the safer and better players in the first round and took their quarterbacks a round later.

Conversely the Titans, Jaguars and Vikings ignored this strategy and instead of taking the best player they took the quarterback because they thought that is what they needed. These teams passed on players like J.J. Watt, Robert Quinn, Tyron Smith, and Nate Solder (among others), to take the “franchise” QB. Even if these teams ended up with the same three quarterbacks in the 2nd round, these franchises would be better off because they would have landed a Watt, Quinn and Solder type to be a linchpin on their team.

What does that mean for 2014 Draft?

Though there is no Andrew Luck type of sure thing in this draft class and the top quarterback varies depending on who you ask, it is thought that there will be multiple first round quarterbacks this year. How many exactly though is very much up for debate. Some believe there could be as low as two first round quarterbacks, while others believe it could be as many as 5 first rounders. Currently there appear to be four quarterbacks worthy of first round grades: Blake Bortles, Teddy Bridgewater, Johnny Manziel and Derek Carr, but should all four go in the first round?

From a need standpoint it makes sense why some feel that as many as five quarterbacks could go in the first round. In the top 11 picks, teams like the Texans, Jaguars, Browns, Raiders, Vikings and Titans all have a serious need at the quarterback position. Four of those six teams also have new coaching staffs, which often leads to a first round quarterback. In addition to those six teams, a strong case could be made for the Rams, Cardinals or even a team like the Patriots who are looking to the future.

With that many teams looking for a new young quarterback, there certainly could be a run on them in the first round, but will there actually be a run on the quarterbacks is the question?

Of all the teams listed the Texans and Browns appear to be the most likely teams to draft a quarterback in the first round (though it's possible the Browns wait until their 2nd first round pick). While it is definitely possible that those teams go in a different way, their need of a franchise signal caller will probably push them to take one. As for the rest of the likely teams, there is a case to be made for why they won't take a 1st round quarterback:



Jaguars:

While the Jaguars have the 2nd best draft position of the QB needy teams, they also could look to wait for the 2nd round. Head coach Gus Bradley is a defensive minded guy and he comes from the Seattle Seahawks organization. He knows the value of having a top notch defense and the chance to add either DE Jadeveon Clowney or OLB Khalil Mack could be enough to get them to pass on a quarterback in the first round.



Raiders:

Though the Raiders need a face of the franchise and someone to excite their fan base, they also have numerous other needs and they can't afford to miss on their first round pick. With Matt Schaub, the Raiders have the biggest investment and best option for a stop gap quarterback. If they don't trade back they could easily take a top player at another position of need and grab a quarterback in the 2nd or 3rd round.



Vikings:

The Vikings could grab a new signal caller for their new head coach Mike Zimmer, but that might not be Zimmer's first choice. Zimmer is a defensive guy, who is going to want to build a top defense to contend. He also comes from the Bengals, who passed on a quarterback in the first round and it paid off quite nicely. Christian Ponder may be in the "bust" category of first round quarterbacks, but he can be an average stop gap for a year, while the Vikings develop a 2nd rounder.



Titans:

Jake Locker is on shaky ground with a new coaching staff in place and a history of injury and ineffectiveness, but he may be given one more shot. Tennessee is probably the least likely of these six teams to take a quarterback in the first round. That could change if one of the top three quarterbacks slide, but they may just wait till the 2nd or 3rd round

WHY RUNNING BACKS CAN BE A VALUE PICK IN THE 2ND AND 3RD ROUNDS



The general thought around the league is that since teams are passing more, the value of running backs is plummeting. While it might be true that running backs are valued and thought of differently than in the past, it doesn't mean that the running back position still isn't key to a team's success.

Over the last couple of years we've seen a number of teams make the postseason due in large part to the strength of their rushing attack. In 2012 the Redskins, Vikings, Texans, Seahawks and the two Super Bowl opponents, the Ravens and 49ers, all relied heavily on their rushing attack. This past season it was the Chiefs, Eagles, Panthers, 49ers and the Super Bowl Champion Seahawks who ran their way into the post season.

In fact, for as much as the NFL is talked about as a passing league, unless you have one of Peyton Manning, Tom Brady, Drew Brees or Aaron Rodgers (Andrew Luck is entering the discussion as well), your team needs to have a strong rushing attack if you hope to contend. Even those four teams with the best quarterbacks in the league have recognized the need for a strong rushing attack. The Broncos have the most dominating passing attack in the league, but have still spent a 2nd and 3rd round pick on the RB position over the last two years. The Patriots spent a 2nd and 3rd rounder on the position in the same draft, back

in 2011. The Saints used a first rounder in 2011 to try to solidify the position, and the Packers have used a 2nd, 3rd and 4th rounder over the last 3 drafts. This past year the Patriots relied heavily on their rushing attack as their receivers and tight ends were dealing with a host of injuries. The Packers would have never won the NFC North if not for rookie Eddie Lacy carrying the team while Aaron Rodgers was injured.

The issue with running backs isn't that they don't still have value, but rather that they are a risk to play out a long term 2nd contract. Worrying about a 2nd contract though shouldn't preclude a team from taking a chance on a runner in the 2nd or 3rd round. While you obviously want to keep your 2nd and 3rd rounders long term, the reality is that most 2nd or 3rd round picks change teams once their rookie deals are up. Given how much of an impact a running back can have in those first four years before free agency, it is well worth the pick investment for a team to solidify that position.

In recent years teams have found Jammal Charles, Ray Rice, Matt Forte, DeMarco Murray, Steven Ridley, and Eddie Lacy in the 2nd and 3rd rounds. This is an area where teams can find a lot of value at a fairly cheap price. For teams looking to boost their rushing attack this is a great way to do so.



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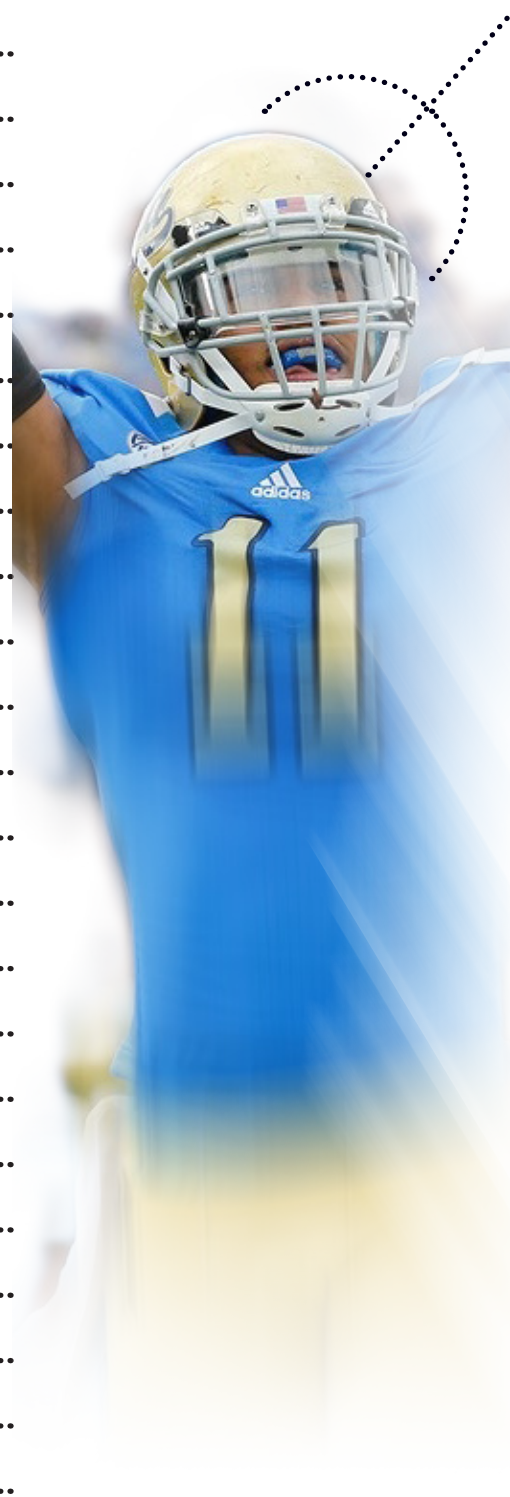


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3.	OT	Jake Matthews	Texas A&M
4.	QB	Blake Bortles	Central Florida
5.	OT	Greg Robinson	Auburn
6.	OLB	Khalil Mack	Buffalo
7.	OLB	Anthony Barr	UCLA
8.	DT	Aaron Donald	Pittsburgh
9.	WR	Mike Evans	Texas A&M
10.	QB	Teddy Bridgewater	Louisville
11.	QB	Johnny Manziel	Texas A&M
12.	OT	Taylor Lewan	Michigan
13.	TE	Eric Ebron	UNC
14.	S	Ha'Sean Clinton-Dix	Alabama
15.	CB	Justin Gilbert	Oklahoma State
16.	DT	Louis Nix III	Notre Dame
17.	OLB	Dee Ford	Auburn
18.	S	Calvin Pryor	Louisville
19.	ILB	C.J. Mosley	Alabama
20.	WR	Brandin Cooks	Oregon State
21.	DT	Timmy Jernigan	Florida State
22.	DE	Kony Ealy	Missouri
23.	OT	Zack Martin	Notre Dame
24.	CB	Darqueze Dennard	Michigan State
25.	QB	Derek Carr	Fresno State



26.	DT	Ra'Shede Hageman	Minnesota
27.	CB	Jason Verrett	TCU
28.	WR	Odell Beckham Jr.	LSU
29.	OLB	Ryan Shazier	Ohio State
30.	CB	Kyle Fuller	Virginia Tech
31.	TE	Jace Amaro	Texas Tech
32.	OLB	Kyle Van Noy	BYU
33.	WR	Marqise Lee	USC
34.	G	Xavier Su'a-Filo	UCLA
35.	DE	Scott Crichton	Oregon State
36.	TE	Austin Seferian-Jenkins	Washington
37.	OLB	Jeremiah Attaochu	Georgia Tech
38.	CB	Bradley Roby	Ohio State
39.	S	Jimmie Ward	Northern Illinois
40.	WR	Jordan Matthews	Vanderbilt
41.	WR	Kelvin Benjamin	Florida State
42.	RB	Tre Mason	Auburn
43.	DT	Dominique Easley	Florida
44.	WR	Davante Adams	Fresno State
45.	OT	Morgan Moses	Virginia
46.	G	David Yankey	Stanford
47.	RB	Ka'Deem Carey	Arizona
48.	OT	Joel Bitonio	Nevada
49.	G	Gabe Jackson	Mississippi State
50.	DE	Stephon Tuitt	Notre Dame

51.	S	Lamarcus Joyner	Florida State
52.	OT	Cameron Fleming	Stanford
53.	DE	Trevor Reilly	Utah
54.	WR	Allen Robinson	Penn State
55.	ILB	Christian Jones	Florida State
56.	DE	Jackson Jeffcoat	Texas
57.	WR	Donte Moncrief	Mississippi
58.	OT	Ja'Wuan James	Tennessee
59.	S	Deone Bucannon	Washington State
60.	ILB	Chris Borland	Wisconsin
61.	OT	Cyrus Kouandjio	Alabama
62.	C	Travis Swanson	Arkansas
63.	DE	Trent Murphy	Stanford
64.	DT	Kelcy Quarles	South Carolina
65.	RB	Carlos Hyde	Ohio State
66.	C	Weston Richburg	Colorado State
67.	ILB	Shayne Skov	Stanford
68.	G	Cyril Richardson	Baylor
69.	DE	Marcus Smith	Louisville
70.	WR	Jared Abbrederis	Wisconsin
71.	S	Terrence Brooks	Florida State
72.	DE	Demarcus Lawrence	Boise State
73.	TE	Troy Niklas	Notre Dame
74.	CB	Bashaud Breeland	Clemson
75.	RB	Terrance West	Towson



76.	CB	Stanley Jean- Baptiste	Nebraska
77.	OLB	Carl Bradford	Arizona State
78.	DT	Ego Ferguson	LSU
79.	QB	Jimmy Garoppolo	Eastern Illinois
80.	CB	Jaylen Watkins	Florida
81.	WR	Jarvis Landry	LSU
82.	OT	Antonio Richardson	Tennessee
83.	WR	Martavis Bryant	Clemson
84.	G	Anthony Steen	Alabama
85.	DT	Daquan Jones	Penn State
86.	CB	E.J. Gaines	Missouri
87.	OLB	Telvin Smith	Florida State
88.	QB	Zach Mettenberger	LSU
89.	RB	Lache Seastrunk	Baylor
90.	DT	Will Sutton	Arizona State
91.	RB	Jeremy Hill	LSU
92.	CB	Phillip Gaines	Rice
93.	DE	Chris Smith	Arkansas
94.	OT	Jack Mewhort	Ohio State
95.	RB	Charles Sims	WVU
96.	CB	Keith McGill	Utah
97.	C	Marcus Martin	USC
98.	OLB	Morgan Breslin	USC
99.	RB	Bishop Sankey	Washington
100.	DT	Anthony Johnson	LSU

101.	QB	A.J. McCarron	Alabama
102.	WR	Cody Latimer	Indiana
103.	G	Dakota Dozier	Furman
104.	WR	Paul Richardson	Colorado
105.	OT	Billy Turner	North Dakota State
106.	DE	Kareem Martin	North Carolina
107.	OLB	Christian Kirksey	Iowa
108.	WR	Robert Herron	Wyoming
109.	RB	Andre Williams	Boston College
110.	TE	C.J. Fiedorowicz	Iowa
111.	OLB	Jordan Tripp	Montana
112.	DT	Justin Ellis	Louisiana Tech
113.	CB	Pierre Desir	Lindenwood
114.	S	Ahmad Dixon	Baylor
115.	RB	Marion Grice	Arizona State
116.	C	Bryan Stork	Florida State
117.	ILB	Max Bullough	Michigan State
118.	DE	George Uko	USC
119.	WR	Devin Street	Pittsburgh
120.	QB	Brett Smith	Wyoming
121.	G	Trai Turner	LSU
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123.	S	Craig Loston	LSU
124.	ILB	Yawin Smallwood	Uconn
125.	RB	James White	Wisconsin



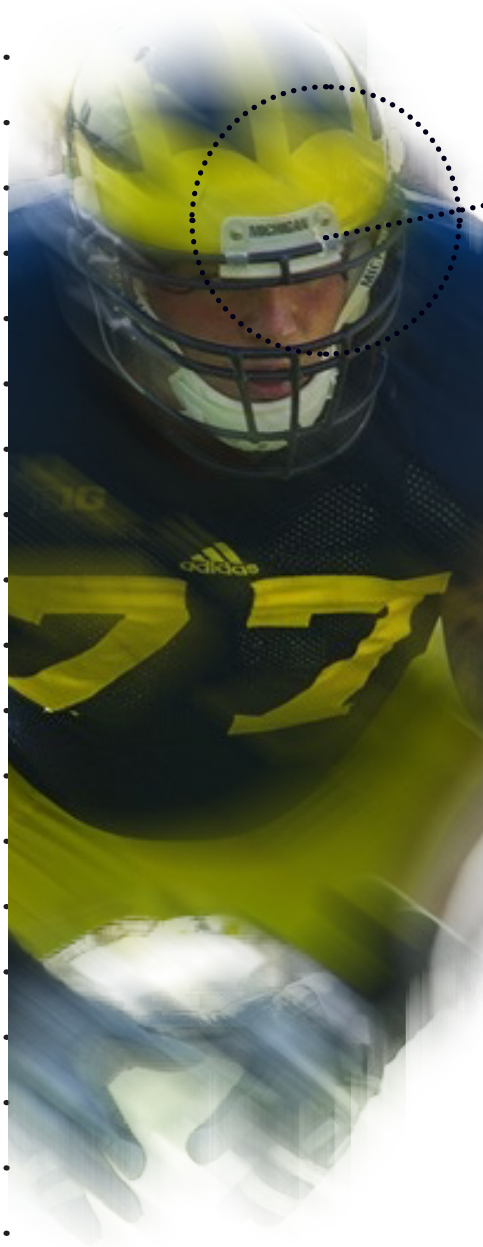
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131.	S	Ed Reynolds	Stanford
132.	WR	Brandon Coleman	Rutgers
133.	CB	Rashaad Reynolds	Oregon State
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135.	CB	Victor Hampton	South Carolina
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140.	DT	Daniel McCullers	Tennessee
141.	OT	James Hurst	UNC
142.	S	C.J.Barnett	Ohio State
143.	TE	Jacob Pedersen	Wisconsin
144.	RB	De'Anthony Thomas	Oregon
145.	DE	Will Clarke	WVU
146.	QB	Aaron Murray	Georgia
147.	G	Chris Watt	Notre Dame
148.	ILB	Jordan Zumwalt	UCLA
149.	WR	Jeff Janis	Saginaw Valley State
150.	QB	David Fales	San Jose State

151.	OT	Austin Wentworth	Fresno State
152.	S	Tre Boston	North Carolina
153.	CB	Walt Aikens	Liberty
154.	CB	Deion Belue	Alabama
155.	C	Tyler Larsen	Utah State
156.	CB	Terrance Mitchell	Oregon
157.	G	Brandon Thomas	Clemson
158.	RB	Devonta Freeman	Florida State
159.	WR	Bruce Ellington	South Carolina
160.	DT	Deandre Coleman	California
161.	OLB	Adrian Hubbard	Alabama
162.	DE	Ed Stinson	Alabama
163.	WR	Michael Campanaro	Wake Forest
164.	DE	Brent Urban	Virginia
165.	RB	James Wilder Jr.	Florida State
166.	S	Hakeem Smith	Louisville
167.	QB	Logan Thomas	Virginia Tech
168.	RB	Storm Johnson	UCF
169.	G	Michael Schofield	Michigan
170.	CB	Bennett Jackson	Notre Dame
171.	DE	Michael Sam	Missouri
172.	WR	Ryan Grant	Tulane
173.	CB	Chris Davis	Auburn
174.	S	Kenny Ladler	Vanderbilt
175.	WR	T.J. Jones	Notre Dame



176.	S	Vinnie Sunseri	Alabama
177.	QB	Tajh Boyd	Clemson
178.	ILB	DeDe Lattimore	South Florida
179.	OLB	Prince Shembo	Notre Dame
180.	RB	Dri Archer	Kent State
181.	DE	Josh Mauro	Stanford
182.	DT	Ryan Carrethers	Arkansas State
183.	WR	Mike Davis	Texas
184.	S	Ty Zimmerman	Kansas State
185.	OLB	Kasim Edebali	Boston College
186.	WR	Tevin Reese	Baylor
187.	CB	Andre Hal	Vanderbilt
188.	TE	Crockett Gilmore	Colorado State
189.	TE	Xavier Grimble	USC
190.	CB	Aaron Colvin	Oklahoma
191.	C	Russell Bodine	North Carolina
192.	OLB	Howard Jones	Shepard
193.	DE	Jeffrey Pagan	Alabama
194.	OT	Cornelius Lucas	Kansas State
195.	RB	Antonio Andrews	Western Kentucky
196.	G	Jon Halapio	Florida
197.	TE	Joe Don Duncan	Dixie State
198.	WR	L'Damian Washington	Missouri
199.	OLB	Ron Powell	Florida
200.	WR	Matt Hazel	Coastal Carolina

201.	DT	Jay Bromley	Syracuse
202.	G	Kadeem Edwards	Tennessee State
203.	RB	Kapri Bibbs	Colorado State
204.	TE	Jake Murphy	Utah
205.	G	Wesley Johnson	Vanderbilt
206.	CB	Dontae Johnson	North Carolina State
207.	ILB	Jeremiah George	Iowa State
208.	RB	Rajion Neal	Tennessee
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217.	G	Brandon Linder	Miami
218.	CB	Ricardo Allen	Purdue
219.	S	Isaiah Lewis	Michigan State
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221.	CB	Bene Benwikere	San Jose State
222.	WR	Cody Hoffman	BYU
223.	RB	Darrin Reeves	UAB
224.	OLB	Devon Kennard	USC
225.	DT	Shamar Stephen	Uconn



226.	QB	Connor Shaw	South Carolina
227.	WR	Shaq Evans	UCLA
228.	C	James Stone	Tennessee
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230.	S	Nickoe Whitley	Mississippi State
231.	DE	Ethan Westbrooks	West Texas A&M
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238.	WR	Austin Franklin	New Mexico State
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241.	RB	Jerick McKinnon	Georgia Southern
242.	DT	Villiami Moala	California
243.	FB	J.C. Copeland	LSU
244.	OT	Matt Patchan	Boston College
245.	RB	LaDarius Perkins	Mississippi State
246.	RB	David Fluellen	Toledo
247.	DE	IK Enemkpali	Louisiana Tech
248.	TE	Marcel Jensen	Fresno State
249.	CB	Carrington Byndom	Texas
250.	DT	Zack Kerr	Delaware

251.	ILB	Andrew Jackson	Western Kentucky
252.	FB	Trey Millard	Oklahoma
253.	WR	Eric Ward	Texas Tech
254.	OT	Seantrel Henderson	Miami
255.	FB	Jay Prosch	Auburn
256.	G	Ryan Groy	Wisconsin
257.	TE	Asa Watson	North Carolina State
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259.	S	Marqueston Huff	Wyoming
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263.	TE	Colt Lyster	Oregon
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265.	S	Jamea Thomas	Georgia Tech
266.	G	Zach Fulton	Tennessee
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268.	TE	Chris Coyle	Arizona State
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271.	WR	Kevin Norwood	Alabama
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273.	WR	Bernard Reedy	Toledo
274.	TE	Alex Bayer	Bowling Green
275.	WR	Kain Colter	Northwestern



276.	OLB	Kevin Pierre-Louis	Boston College
277.	OT	Donald Hawkins	Texas
278.	WR	Willie Snead	Ball State
279.	RB	Alfred Blue	LSU
280.	CB	Keith Reaser	Florida Atlantic
281.	FB	Ryan Hewitt	Stanford
282.	DT	Calvin Barnett	Oklahoma State
283.	QB	Jeff Mathews	Cornell
284.	TE	Michael Flacco	New Haven
285.	RB	Tim Flanders	Sam Houston State
286.	TE	Rob Blanchflower	Umass
287.	S	Pierre Warren	Jacksonville State
288.	RB	Damien Williams	Oklahoma
289.	RB	Jerome Smith	Syracuse
290.	OT	Kevin Graf	USC
291.	OLB	Jonathan Brown	Illinois
292.	S	Jonathan Dowling	Western Kentucky
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294.	RB	Ben Malena	Texas A&M
295.	WR	Jeremy Gallon	Michigan
296.	QB	Dustin Vaughan	West Texas A&M
297.	RB	George Atkinson III	Notre Dame
298.	S	Daniel Sorensen	BYU
299.	OT	Jeremiah Sirles	Nebraska
300.	ILB	James Morris	Iowa

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304.	DE	Chaz Sutton	South Carolina
305.	WR	Kenny Shaw	Florida State
306.	DT	Eathyn Manumaleuna	BYU
307.	WR	Josh Stewart	Oklahoma State
308.	S	Christian Bryant	Ohio State
309.	RB	Silas Redd	USC
310.	K	Cairo Santos	Tulane
311.	G	Spencer Long	Nebraska
312.	QB	Stephen Morris	Miami
313.	TE	Ted Bolser	Indiana
314.	WR	Tracy Moore	Oklahoma State
315.	C	Corey Linsley	Ohio State
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317.	FB	Gator Hoskins	Marshall
318.	WR	Solomon Patton	Florida
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326.	RB	Roderick McDowell	Clemson
327.	P	Kirby Van Der Kamp	Iowa State
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329.	RB	Adam Muema	San Diego State
330.	OT	Charles Leno	Boise State
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332.	WR	Jaz Reynolds	Oklahoma
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335.	G	Andrew Norwell	Ohio State
336.	TE	A.C. Leonard	Tennessee State
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340.	WR	D.J. Coles	Virginia Tech
341.	OT	Matt Hall	Bellhaven
342.	S	Avery Patterson	Oregon
343.	OT	Bryce Quigley	San Diego State
344.	TE	Blake Jackson	Oklahoma State
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346.	RB	Lorenzo Taliaferro	Coastal Carolina
347.	C	Jonotthan Harrison	Florida
348.	TE	Kaneakua Friel	BYU
349.	DT	Ken Bishop	Northern Illinois
350.	P	Tom Hornsey	Memphis

351.	S	Alden Darby	Arizona State
352.	DT	Khyri Thornton	Southern Mississippi
353.	P	Pat O'Donnell	Miami
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355.	WR	Kenny Bell	Alabama
356.	DT	Johnnie Farms	Memphis
357.	ILB	Greg Blair	Cincinnati
358.	S	Jeremy Deering	Rutgers
359.	CB	Dexter McDougle	Maryland
360.	RB	Venric Mark	Northwestern
361.	DT	Demonte McAllister	Florida State
362.	WR	Isaiah Burse	Fresno State
363.	WR	Quincy Enunwa	Nebraska
364.	RB	Brendan Bigelow	California
365.	C	Matt Armstrong	Grand Valley State
366.	WR	Noel Grisby	San Jose State
367.	S	Brian Jackson	Oregon
368.	P	Steven Clark	Auburn
369.	DT	Garrison Smith	Georgia
370.	OLB	Marquis Flowers	Arizona
371.	RB	Glasco Martin	Baylor
372.	TE	Nic Jacobs	McNeese State
373.	ILB	Glenn Carson	Penn State
374.	TE	Asante Cleveland	Miami
375.	WR	Gregory Hardin	North Dakota



376.	C	Gus Handler	Colorado
377.	WR	Ryan Lankford	Illinois
378.	S	Brock Vereen	Minnesota
379.	K	Chris Boswell	Rice
380.	DE	Colton Underwood	Illinois State
381.	S	Isaiah Newsome	Louisiana Monroe
382.	CB	Keon Lyn	Syracuse
383.	WR	Kevin Ozier	Arizona State
384.	OLB	Brad Daly	Montana State
385.	P	Tyler Campbell	Mississippi
386.	C	Khalil Wilkes	Stanford
387.	S	Nat Berhe	San Diego State
388.	OLB	Corey Nelson	Oklahoma
389.	RB	Jeff Scott	Ole Miss
390.	DT	Tim Jackson	North Carolina
391.	TE	Jerod Monk	Baylor
392.	DE	J.R. Collins	Virginia Tech
393.	K	Chandler Catanzaro	Clemson
394.	P	Brian Schmiedebusch	Bowling Green
395.	OT	Rob Crisp	North Carolina State
396.	C	Zac Kerin	Toledo
397.	FB	C.J. Zimmerer	Nebraska
398.	TE	Jake Long	Nebraska
399.	OG	John Urschel	Penn State
400.	K	Cade Foster	Alabama

401.	RB	James Sims	Kansas
402.	QB	Keith Price	Washington
403.	DT	Byran Jones	Arkansas
404.	OG	Antwan Lowery	Rutgers
405.	OLB	Marcus Whitfield	Maryland
406.	WR	Tony Washington	Appalachian State
407.	CB	Jabari Price	North Carolina
408.	RB	Marcus Coker	Stony Brook
409.	P	Matt Yoklic	Pittsburgh
410.	WR	Allen Hurns	Miami
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412.	OG	Austen Bujnoch	Cincinnati
413.	TE	Nehemiah Hicks	Texas A&M
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425.	WR	Corey Brown	Ohio State



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427.	CB	Marcus Williams	North Dakota State
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439.	WR	Mike Williams	California (Pa)
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442.	OG	John Martinez	USC
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444.	OLB	Mike Olson	Wake Forest
445.	RB	Trey Watts	Tulsa
446.	ILB	Dan Fox	Notre Dame
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448.	DT	Jeffery Whitaker	Auburn
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453.	S	Tre' Porter	Texas Tech
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457.	DT	Luther Robinson	Miami
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459.	S	Mark Joyce	South Florida
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461.	DE	Jason Ankrah	Nebraska
462.	S	Isaiah Johnson	Georgia Tech
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465.	ILB	Steele Divitto	Boston College
466.	S	Elisha Olabode	TCU
467.	CB	Jordan Love	Georgia
468.	P	Harrison Waid	San Jose State
469.	OLB	Terrence Lewis	Texas Tech
470.	OT	Parker Graham	Oklahoma State
471.	WR	Ben Edwards	Richmond
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475.	RB	A.J. Blue	UNC



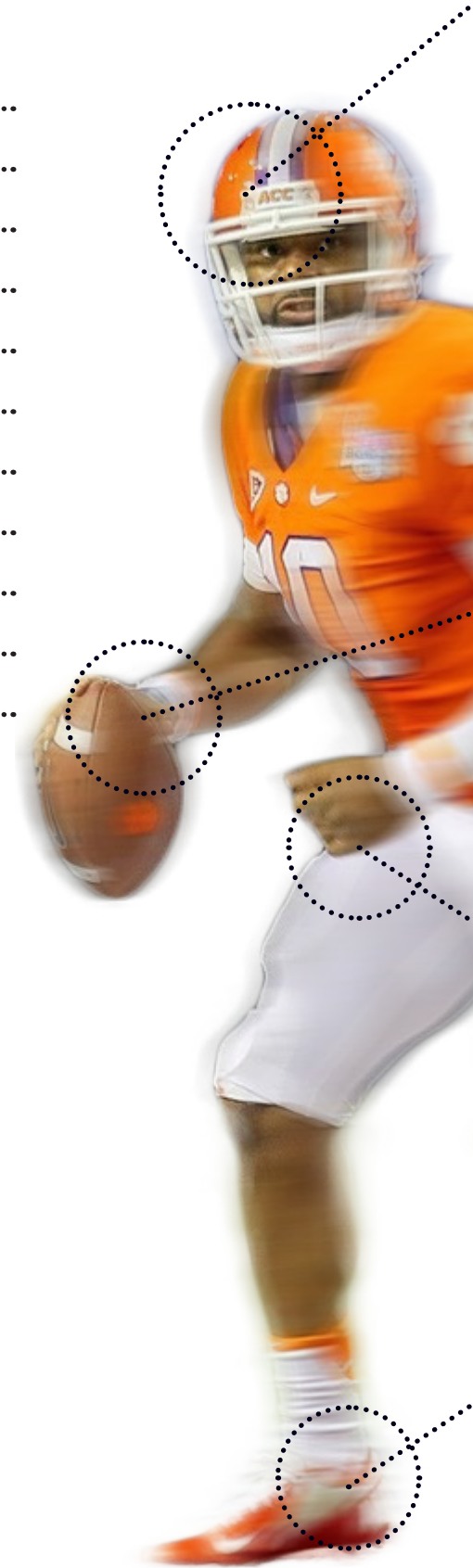
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480.	TE	Zane Fakes	Ball State
481.	DE	Corey Miller	Tennessee
482.	CB	Travis Carrie	Ohio
483.	QB	Jordan Lynch	Northern Illinois
484.	DT	E.J. Dunston	UCF
485.	P	Baker Swedenburg	Mississippi State
486.	OG	Brian Clarke	Bloomsburg
487.	C	Matt Paradis	Boise State
488.	S	Nick Perry	Alabama
489.	CB	L.J. Jones	Fresno State
490.	OT	Brent Qvale	Nebraska
491.	OLB	Tahj Jones	LSU
492.	K	Vincenzo D'Amato	California
493.	DT	Damien Jacobs	Florida
494.	CB	John Fulton	Alabama
495.	OLB	Jonathan Newsome	Ball State
496.	OG	Will Jackson	Georgia Tech
497.	OT	Fou Fonoti	Michigan State
498.	DT	Lawrence Virgil	Valdosta State
499.	CB	Kendall James	Maine
500.	DE	Tyler Scott	Northwestern

501.	TE	Matt Lengel	Eastern Kentucky
502.	CB	Jeremy Brown	Florida
503.	FB	Maurice Hagens	Miami
504.	OLB	Darrin Kitchens	Florida
505.	ILB	Keith Smith	San Jose State
506.	RB	Senorise Perry	Louisville
507.	CB	Louis Young	Georgia Tech
508.	S	Tanner Miller	Iowa
509.	DT	Maurice Couch	Tennessee
510.	QB	Brendon Kay	Cincinnati
511.	OLB	Eddie Lackey	Baylor
512.	CB	Kenneth Acker	SMU
513.	DT	Quinton Washington	Michigan
514.	WR	Javontee Herndon	Arkansas
515.	OLB	Spencer Shuey	Clemson
516.	OG	Tyler Shatley	Clemson
517.	DE	Darryl Cato-Bishop	North Carolina State
518.	OT	Kyle Lichtenberg	Iowa State
519.	ILB	Chris Young	Arizona State
520.	DE	Tevin Mims	South Florida
521.	CB	B.J. Lowery	Iowa
522.	S	Adrian Phillips	Texas
523.	DT	Robert Thomas	Arkansas
524.	S	Jordan Love	Towson
525.	OG	Will Simmons	East Carolina



526.	OT	Davonte Wallace	New Mexico State
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528.	S	Abdul Smith	Temple
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546.	TE	Gabe Linehan	Boise State
547.	OG	Nicholas Kaspar	San Jose State
548.	CB	Tyler Patmon	Oklahoma State
549.	S	A.J. Highsmith	Miami
550.	ILB	D.T. Shackelford	Mississippi

551.	TE	Beckett Wales	Syracuse
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554.	DT	Jacobbi McDaniel	Florida State
555.	QB	Nathan Scheelhaase	Illinois
556.	DE	Jacques Smith	Tennessee
557.	P	Anthony Fera	Texas
558.	OT	Jimmy Bennett	Uconn
559.	CB	Najja Johnson	Buffalo
560.	K	Zach Hocker	Arkansas
561.	DE	Denico Autry	Mississippi State



PLAYER RANKINGS



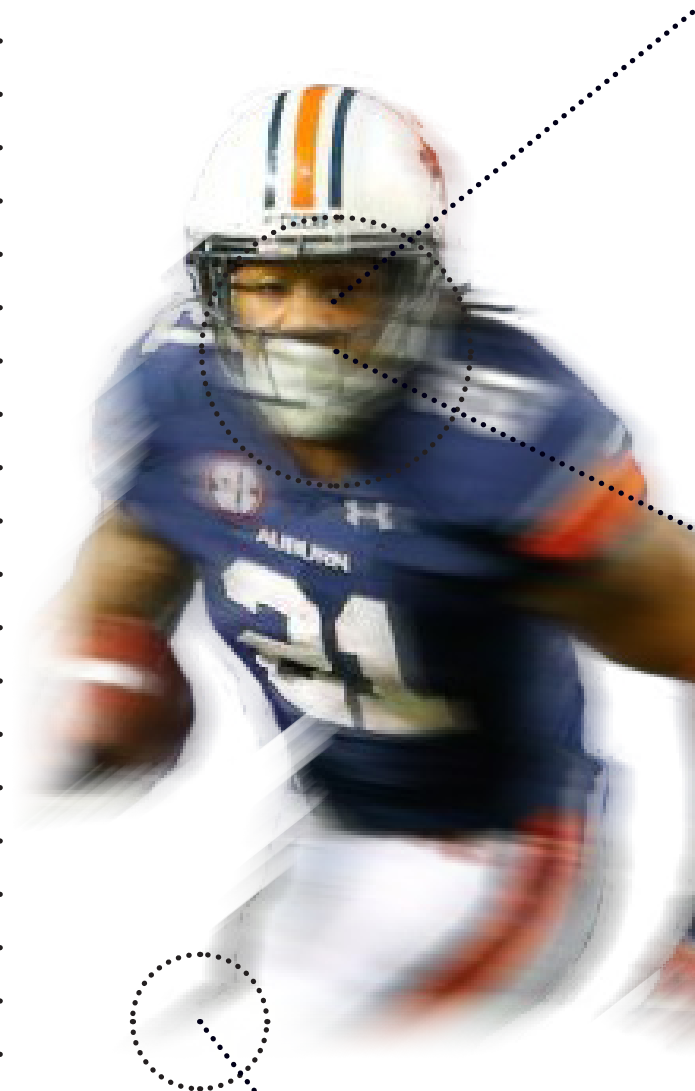
Quarterback

1. QB Blake Bortles Central Florida
2. QB Teddy Bridgewater Louisville
3. QB Johnny Manziel Texas A&M
4. QB Derek Carr Fresno State
5. QB Jimmy Garoppolo Eastern Illinois
6. QB Zach Mettenberger LSU
7. QB A.J. McCarron Alabama
8. QB Brett Smith Wyoming
9. QB Aaron Murray Georgia
10. QB David Fales San Jose State
11. QB Logan Thomas Virginia Tech
12. QB Tajh Boyd Clemson
13. QB Tom Savage Pittsburgh
14. QB Connor Shaw South Carolina
15. QB Keith Wenning Ball State
16. QB Jeff Mathews Cornell
17. QB Dustin Vaughan West Texas A&M
18. QB Stephen Morris Miami
19. QB Kenny Guiton Ohio State
20. QB Bryn Renner North Carolina
21. QB Keith Price Washington
22. QB Tyler Russell Mississippi State
23. QB Jordan Lynch Northern Illinois
24. QB Brendon Kay Cincinnati
25. QB James Franklin Missouri
26. QB Garrett Gilbert SMU
27. QB Nathan Scheelhaase Illinois



Running Back

1. RB Tre Mason Auburn
2. RB Ka'Deem Carey Arizona
3. RB Carlos Hyde Ohio State
4. RB Terrance West Towson
5. RB Lache Seastrunk Baylor
6. RB Jeremy Hill LSU
7. RB Charles Sims WVU
8. RB Bishop Sankey Washington
9. RB Andre Williams Boston College
10. RB Marion Grice Arizona State
11. RB James White Wisconsin
12. RB De'Anthony Thomas Oregon
13. RB Devonta Freeman Florida State
14. RB James Wilder Jr. Florida State
15. RB Storm Johnson UCF
16. RB Dri Archer Kent State
17. RB Antonio Andrews Western Kentucky
18. RB Kapri Bibbs Colorado State
19. RB Rajion Neal Tennessee
20. RB Tyler Gaffney Stanford
21. RB Darrin Reeves UAB
22. RB Jerick McKinnon Georgia Southern
23. RB LaDarius Perkins Mississippi State
24. RB David Fluellen Toledo
25. RB Henry Josey Missouri
26. RB Alfred Blue LSU
27. RB Tim Flanders Sam Houston State
28. RB Damien Williams Oklahoma
29. RB Jerome Smith Syracuse



30. RB Ben Malena Texas A&M
31. RB George Atkinson III Notre Dame
32. RB Isaiah Crowell Alabama State
33. RB Silas Redd USC
34. RB Michael Dyer Louisville
35. RB Roderick McDowell Clemson
36. RB Adam Muema San Diego State
37. RB Stephen Houston Indiana
38. RB Lorenzo Taliaferro Coastal Carolina
39. RB Jeremy Smith Oklahoma State
40. RB Venric Mark Northwestern
41. RB Brendan Bigelow California
42. RB Glasco Martin Baylor
43. RB Jeff Scott Ole Miss
44. RB James Sims Kansas
45. RB Marcus Coker Stony Brook
46. RB Wesley Tate Vanderbilt
47. RB Branden Oliver Buffalo
48. RB Jordan Hall Ohio State
49. RB Trey Watts Tulsa
50. RB Brennan Clay Oklahoma
51. RB A.J. Blue UNC
52. RB Senorise Perry Louisville

Wide Receiver

1. WR Sammy Watkins Clemson
2. WR Mike Evans Texas A&M
3. WR Brandin Cooks Oregon State
4. WR Odell Beckham Jr. LSU
5. WR Marqise Lee USC
6. WR Jordan Matthews Vanderbilt
7. WR Kelvin Benjamin Florida State
8. WR Davante Adams Fresno State
9. WR Allen Robinson Penn State
10. WR Donte Moncrief Mississippi
11. WR Jared Abbrederis Wisconsin
12. WR Jarvis Landry LSU
13. WR Martavis Bryant Clemson
14. WR Cody Latimer Indiana
15. WR Paul Richardson Colorado
16. WR Robert Herron Wyoming
17. WR Devin Street Pittsburgh
18. WR Brandon Coleman Rutgers
19. WR Josh Huff Oregon
20. WR Jeff Janis Saginaw Valley State
21. WR Bruce Ellington South Carolina
22. WR Michael Campanaro Wake Forest
23. WR Ryan Grant Tulane
24. WR T.J. Jones Notre Dame
25. WR Mike Davis Texas
26. WR Tevin Reese Baylor
27. WR L'Damian Washington Missouri
28. WR Matt Hazel Coastal Carolina
29. WR Jalen Saunders Oklahoma
30. WR Cody Hoffman BYU



31. WR Shaq Evans UCLA
32. WR Austin Franklin New Mexico State
33. WR Eric Ward Texas Tech
34. WR Damian Copeland Louisville
35. WR Kevin Norwood Alabama
36. WR Bernard Reedy Toledo
37. WR Kain Colter Northwestern
38. WR Willie Snead Ball State
39. WR Jeremy Gallon Michigan
40. WR Kenny Shaw Florida State
41. WR Josh Stewart Oklahoma State
42. WR Tracy Moore Oklahoma State
43. WR Solomon Patton Florida
44. WR Jaz Reynolds Oklahoma
45. WR D.J. Coles Virginia Tech
46. WR Kenny Bell Alabama
47. WR Isaiah Burse Fresno State
48. WR Quincy Enunwa Nebraska
49. WR Noel Grisby San Jose State
50. WR Gregory Hardin North Dakota
51. WR Ryan Lankford Illinois
52. WR Kevin Ozier Arizona State
53. WR Tony Washington Appalachian State
54. WR Allen Hurns Miami
55. WR Alex Amidon Boston College
56. WR Chris Boyd Vanderbilt
57. WR Corey Brown Ohio State
58. WR Devon Smith Marshall
59. WR Mike Williams California (Pa)
60. WR Ben Edwards Richmond
61. WR Javontee Herndon Arkansas

Tight End

1. TE Eric Ebron UNC
2. TE Jace Amaro Texas Tech
3. TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins Washington
4. TE Troy Niklas Notre Dame
5. TE C.J. Fiedorowicz Iowa
6. TE Arthur Lynch Georgia
7. TE Jacob Pedersen Wisconsin
8. TE Crockett Gilmore Colorado State
9. TE Xavier Grimble USC
10. TE Joe Don Duncan Dixie State
11. TE Jake Murphy Utah
12. TE Jordan Najvar Baylor
13. TE Marcel Jensen Fresno State
14. TE Asa Watson North Carolina State
15. TE Richard Rodgers California
16. TE Colt Lyerla Oregon
17. TE Chris Coyle Arizona State
18. TE Alex Bayer Bowling Green
19. TE Michael Flacco New Haven
20. TE Rob Blanchflower Umass
21. TE Ted Bolser Indiana
22. TE Trey Burton Florida
23. TE A.C. Leonard Tennessee State
24. TE Gabe Holmes Purdue
25. TE Blake Jackson Oklahoma State
26. TE Kaneakua Friel BYU
27. TE Nic Jacobs McNeese State
28. TE Asante Cleveland Miami
29. TE Jerod Monk Baylor



- 30. TE Jake Long Nebraska.....
- 31. TE Nehemiah Hicks Texas A&M.....
- 32. TE Eric Waters Missouri.....
- 33. TE Zane Fakes Ball State.....
- 34. TE Matt Lengel Eastern Kentucky.....
- 35. TE Gabe Linehan Boise State.....
- 36. TE Beckett Wales Syracuse.....

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7. OT Cameron Fleming Stanford
8. OT Ja'Wuan James Tennessee
9. OT Cyrus Kouandjio Alabama
10. OT Antonio Richardson Tennessee
11. OT Jack Mewhort Ohio State
12. OT Billy Turner North Dakota State
13. OT James Hurst UNC
14. OT Austin Wentworth Fresno State
15. OT Cornelius Lucas Kansas State
16. OT Justin Britt Missouri
17. OT Matt Patchan Boston College
18. OT Seantrel Henderson Miami
19. OT Donald Hawkins Texas
20. OT Kevin Graf USC
21. OT Jeremiah Sirles Nebraska
22. OT Kenarious Gates Georgia
23. OT Charles Leno Boise State
24. OT Matt Hall Bellhaven
25. OT Bryce Quigley San Diego State
26. OT Rob Crisp North Carolina State
27. OT Kelvin Palmer Baylor
28. OT Josh Wells JMU
29. OT Michael Philipp Oregon State




- 30. OT David Hurd Arkansas.....
- 31. OT Parker Graham Oklahoma State.....
- 32. OT Brent Qvale Nebraska.....
- 33. OT Fou Fonoti Michigan State.....
- 34. OT Kyle Lichtenberg Iowa State.....
- 35. OT Davonte Wallace New Mexico State.....
- 36. OT Jimmy Bennett Uconn.....



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Center

1. C Travis Swanson Arkansas
2. C Weston Richburg Colorado State
3. C Marcus Martin USC
4. C Bryan Stork Florida State
5. C Tyler Larsen Utah State
6. C Russell Bodine North Carolina
7. C Gabe Ikard Oklahoma
8. C James Stone Tennessee
9. C Corey Linsley Ohio State
10. C Jonotthan Harrison Florida
11. C Matt Armstrong Grand Valley State
12. C Gus Handler Colorado
13. C Khalil Wilkes Stanford
14. C Zac Kerin Toledo
15. C Matt Paradis Boise State



Guard

1. G Xavier Su'a-Filo UCLA
2. G David Yankey Stanford
3. G Gabe Jackson Mississippi State
4. G Cyril Richardson Baylor
5. G Anthony Steen Alabama
6. G Dakota Dozier Furman
7. G Trai Turner LSU
8. G Chris Watt Notre Dame
9. G Brandon Thomas Clemson
10. G Michael Schofield Michigan
11. G Jon Halapio Florida
12. G Kadeem Edwards Tennessee State
13. G Wesley Johnson Vanderbilt
14. G Brandon Linder Miami
15. G Ryan Groy Wisconsin
16. G Chris Burnette Georgia
17. G Zach Fulton Tennessee
18. G Spencer Long Nebraska
19. G Andrew Norwell Ohio State
20. OG John Urschel Penn State
21. OG Antwan Lowery Rutgers
21. OG Austen Bujnoch Cincinnati
22. OG Trey Hopkins Texas
23. OG Dallas Lee Georgia
24. OG John Martinez USC
25. OG Marcus Hall Ohio State
26. OG Mason Walters Texas
27. OG Andrew Rodriguez Nebraska
28. OG Brian Clarke Bloomsburg



29. OG Will Jackson Georgia Tech
30. OG Tyler Shatley Clemson
31. OG Will Simmons East Carolina
32. OG Ronald Patrick South Carolina
33. OG Nicholas Kaspar San Jose State
34. OG Grant Enger Oregon State



draft•nik [draft-nik] **noun**
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Syn. Draft Geek, Draft Nerd, or preferably Draft Expert

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Defensive End

1. DE Jadeveon Clowney South Carolina
2. DE Kony Ealy Missouri
3. DE Scott Crichton Oregon State
4. DE Stephon Tuitt Notre Dame
5. DE Trevor Reilly Utah
6. DE Jackson Jeffcoat Texas
7. DE Trent Murphy Stanford
8. DE Marcus Smith Louisville
9. DE Demarcus Lawrence Boise State
10. DE Chris Smith Arkansas
11. DE Kareem Martin North Carolina
12. DE George Uko USC
13. DE James Gayle Virginia Tech
14. DE Taylor Hart Oregon
15. DE Will Clarke WVU
16. DE Ed Stinson Alabama
17. DE Brent Urban Virginia
18. DE Michael Sam Missouri
19. DE Josh Mauro Stanford
20. DE Jeffrey Pagan Alabama
21. DE Cassius Marsh UCLA
22. DE Ethan Westbrooks West Texas A&M
23. DE Aaron Lynch USF
24. DE IK Enemkpali Louisiana Tech
25. DE Larry Webster Bloomsburg
26. DE Chaz Sutton South Carolina
27. DE Chidera Uzo-Diribe Colorado
28. DE Ben Gardner Stanford
29. DE Colton Underwood Illinois State



30. DE J.R. Collins Virginia Tech
31. DE Ryne Giddins South Florida
32. DE Colby Way Buffalo
33. DE Jason Ankrah Nebraska
34. DE Corey Miller Tennessee
35. DE Jamil Merrell Rutgers
36. DE Tyler Scott Northwestern
37. DE Darryl Cato-Bishop North Carolina State
38. DE Tevin Mims South Florida
39. DE David Gilbert Miami
40. DE Jake Metz Shippensburg
41. DE Walker May Vanderbilt
42. DE Jacques Smith Tennessee
43. DE Denico Autry Mississippi State

Defensive Tackle

1. DT Aaron Donald Pittsburgh
2. DT Louis Nix III Notre Dame
3. DT Timmy Jernigan Florida State
4. DT Ra'Shede Hageman Minnesota
5. DT Dominique Easley Florida
6. DT Kelcy Quarles South Carolina
7. DT Ego Ferguson LSU
8. DT Daquan Jones Penn State
9. DT Will Sutton Arizona State
10. DT Anthony Johnson LSU
11. DT Justin Ellis Louisiana Tech
12. DT Caraun Reid Princeton
13. DT Daniel McCullers Tennessee
14. DT Deandre Coleman California
15. DT Ryan Carrethers Arkansas State
16. DT Jay Bromley Syracuse
17. DT Shamar Stephen Uconn
18. DT Kerry Hyder Texas Tech
19. DT Villiami Moala California
20. DT Zack Kerr Delaware
21. DT Calvin Barnett Oklahoma State
22. DT Bruce Gaston Purdue
23. DT Eathyn Manumaleuna BYU
24. DT Beau Allen Wisconsin
25. DT Ken Bishop Northern Illinois
26. DT Khyri Thornton Southern Mississippi
27. DT Johnnie Farms Memphis
28. DT Demonte McAllister Florida State
29. DT Garrison Smith Georgia



30. DT Tim Jackson North Carolina
31. DT Byran Jones Arkansas
32. DT Kaleb Ramsey Boston College
33. DT Donte Rumph Kentucky
34. DT Jeffery Whitaker Auburn
35. DT Derrick Hopkins Virginia Tech
36. DT Luther Robinson Miami
37. DT Wade Keliikipi Oregon
38. DT Chris Davenport Tulane
39. DT Kamal Johnson Temple
40. DT E.J. Dunston UCF
41. DT Damien Jacobs Florida
42. DT Lawrence Virgil Valdosta State
43. DT Maurice Couch Tennessee
44. DT Quinton Washington Michigan
45. DT Robert Thomas Arkansas
46. DT Shaq Rowell WVU
47. DT Jacobbi McDaniel Florida State

Outside Linebacker

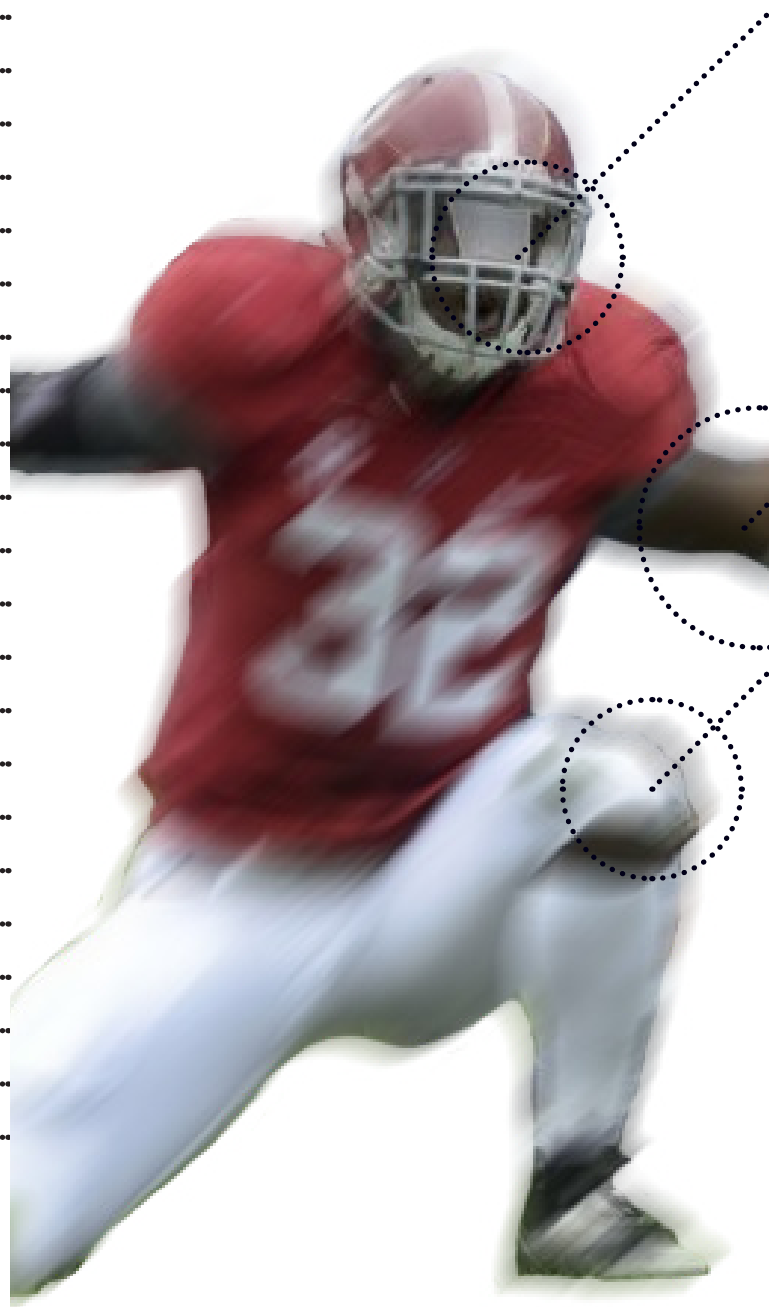
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2. OLB Anthony Barr UCLA
3. OLB Dee Ford Auburn
4. OLB Ryan Shazier Ohio State
5. OLB Kyle Van Noy BYU
6. OLB Jeremiah Attaochu Georgia Tech
7. OLB Carl Bradford Arizona State
8. OLB Telvin Smith Florida State
9. OLB Morgan Breslin USC
10. OLB Christian Kirksey Iowa
11. OLB Jordan Tripp Montana
12. OLB Adrian Hubbard Alabama
13. OLB Prince Shembo Notre Dame
14. OLB Kasim Edebali Boston College
15. OLB Howard Jones Shepherd
16. OLB Ron Powell Florida
17. OLB Devon Kennard USC
18. OLB Denicos Allen Michigan State
19. OLB Tyler Starr South Dakota
20. OLB Carlos Fields Jr. Winston Salem
21. OLB Boseko Lokombo Oregon
22. OLB Kevin Pierre-Louis Boston College
23. CB Keith Reaser Florida Atlantic
24. OLB Jonathan Brown Illinois
25. OLB Shaquil Barrett Colorado State
26. OLB Xavius Boyd Western Kentucky
27. OLB Marquis Flowers Arizona
28. OLB Brad Daly Montana State
29. OLB Corey Nelson Oklahoma



30. OLB Marcus Whitfield Maryland
31. OLB Jamal Merrell Rutgers
32. OLB Mike Olson Wake Forrest
33. OLB Shaun Lewis Oklahoma State
34. OLB Terrence Lewis Texas Tech
35. OLB Carl Fleming Indiana (Pa)
36. OLB Tahj Jones LSU
37. OLB Jonathan Newsome Ball State
38. OLB Darrin Kitchens Florida
39. OLB Eddie Lackey Baylor
40. OLB Spencer Shuey Clemson
41. OLB Brandon Watts Georgia Tech
42. OLB Steven Jenkins Texas A&M
43. OLB David Mackall Delaware
44. OLB T.J. Stripling Georgia
45. OLB Kevin Greene USC

Inside Linebacker

1. ILB C.J. Mosley Alabama
2. ILB Christian Jones Florida State
3. ILB Chris Borland Wisconsin
4. ILB Shayne Skov Stanford
5. ILB Max Bullough Michigan State
6. ILB Yawin Smallwood Uconn
7. ILB Lamin Barrow LSU
8. ILB Jordan Zumwalt UCLA
9. ILB DeDe Lattimore South Florida
10. ILB Jeremiah George Iowa State
11. ILB Khairi Fortt California
12. ILB Andrew Jackson Western Kentucky
13. ILB Preston Brown Louisville
14. ILB Avery Williamson Kentucky
15. ILB James Morris Iowa
16. ILB Stephon Robertson James Madison
17. ILB Greg Blair Cincinnati
18. ILB Glenn Carson Penn State
19. ILB Dan Fox Notre Dame
20. ILB Steele Divitto Boston College
21. ILB Keith Smith San Jose State
22. ILB Chris Young Arizona State
23. ILB Caleb Lavey Oklahoma State
24. ILB Marquis Spruill Syracuse
25. ILB Jack Tyler Virginia Tech
26. ILB D.T. Shackelford Mississippi



Cornerback

1. CB Justin Gilbert Oklahoma State
2. CB Darqueze Dennard Michigan State
3. CB Jason Verrett TCU
4. CB Kyle Fuller Virginia Tech
5. CB Bradley Roby Ohio State
6. CB Bashaud Breeland Clemson
7. CB Stanley Jean- Baptiste Nebraska
8. CB Jaylen Watkins Florida
9. CB E.J. Gaines Missouri
10. CB Phillip Gaines Rice
11. CB Keith McGill Utah
12. CB Pierre Desir Lindenwood
13. CB Loucheiz Purifoy Florida
14. CB Marcus Roberson Florida
15. CB Ross Cockrell Duke
16. CB Rashaad Reynolds Oregon State
17. CB Victor Hampton South Carolina
18. CB Antone Exum Virginia Tech
19. CB Walt Aikens Liberty
20. CB Deion Belue Alabama
21. CB Terrance Mitchell Oregon
22. CB Bennett Jackson Notre Dame
23. CB Chris Davis Auburn
24. CB Andre Hal Vanderbilt
25. CB Aaron Colvin Oklahoma
26. CB Dontae Johnson North Carolina State
27. CB Nevin Lawson Utah State
28. CB Lavelle Westbrook Georgia Southern
29. CB Ricardo Allen Purdue



30. CB Bene Benwikere San Jose State
31. CB Shaquille Richardson Arizona
32. CB Carrington Byndom Texas
33. CB Keith Reaser Florida Atlantic
34. CB Kameron Jackson California
35. CB Charles Sawyer Mississippi
36. CB Dexter McDougale Maryland
37. CB Keon Lyn Syracuse
38. CB Jabari Price North Carolina
39. CB Jimmy Legree South Carolina
40. CB Marcus Williams North Dakota State
41. CB Damante Horton Washington State
42. CB Todd Washington Southeastern Louisiana
43. CB Jordan Love Georgia
44. CB Ciante Evans Nebraska
45. CB Travis Carrie Ohio
46. CB L.J. Jones Fresno State
47. CB John Fulton Alabama
48. CB Kendall James Maine
49. CB Jeremy Brown Florida
50. CB Louis Young Georgia Tech
51. CB Kenneth Acker SMU
52. CB B.J. Lowery Iowa
53. CB Barry Browning Stanford
54. CB Tyler Patmon Oklahoma State
55. CB Najja Johnson Buffalo

Safety

1. S Ha'Sean Clinton-Dix Alabama
2. S Calvin Pryor Louisville
3. S Jimmie Ward Northern Illinois
4. S Lamarcus Joyner Florida State
5. S Deone Bucannon Washington State
6. S Terrence Brooks Florida State
7. S Ahmad Dixon Baylor
8. S Craig Loston LSU
9. S Ed Reynolds Stanford
10. S Dion Bailey USC
11. S C.J.Barnett Ohio State
12. S Tre Boston North Carolina
13. S Hakeem Smith Louisville
14. S Kenny Ladler Vanderbilt
15. S Vinnie Sunseri Alabama
16. S Ty Zimmerman Kansas State
17. S Sean Parker Washington
18. S Isaiah Lewis Michigan State
19. S Dezmen Southward Wisconsin
20. S Nickoe Whitley Mississippi State
21. S Marqueston Huff Wyoming
22. S Jamea Thomas Georgia Tech
23. S Darwin Cook WVU
24. S Pierre Warren Jacksonville State
25. S Jonathan Dowling Western Kentucky
26. S Daniel Sorensen BYU
27. S Christian Bryant Ohio State
28. S Avery Patterson Oregon
29. S Alden Darby Arizona State



30. S Jeremy Deering Rutgers
31. S Brian Jackson Oregon
32. S Brock Vereen Minnesota
33. S Isaiah Newsome Louisiana Monroe
34. S Nat Berhe San Diego State
35. S Jerry Gates Bowling Green
36. S Daytawion Lowe Oklahoma State
37. S Malcolm Willis Penn State
38. S Demetrius Wright USC
39. S Shamiel Gary Oklahoma State
40. S Tre' Porter Texas Tech
41. S Mark Joyce South Florida
42. S Isaiah Johnson Georgia Tech
43. S Elisha Olabode TCU
44. S A.J. Marshall Wake Forest
45. S Jason Hendricks Pittsburgh
46. S Jacques Washington Iowa State
47. S Nick Perry Alabama
48. S Tanner Miller Iowa
49. S Adrian Phillips Texas
50. S Jordan Love Towson
51. S Abdul Smith Temple
52. S Sam Holl Baylor
53. S A.J. Highsmith Miami

FULL 7-ROUND MOCK DRAFT



Round 1:

1. Houston Texans: DE Jadeveon Clowney, South Carolina

This pick could go one of three ways: A top defensive player, a quarterback, or a trade back. With no trades in this scenario, it's down to a quarterback versus a top defensive player. If the Texans believe that one of the top quarterbacks will become an elite talent, that is the direction they should go. But if they don't feel confident in that regard, they have to take the best player on the board. Clowney is that best player on the board, and he has the athleticism to play a rush linebacker in the Texans scheme and make an instant impact in their system.

2. St. Louis Rams (From Washington Redskins): OT Jake Matthews, Texas A&M

This is a prime trading spot, but for the purposes of this pick the Rams will have to choose between an offensive tackle, a wide receiver or possibly one of the top defensive players. I think Matthews is the safest selection probably in this entire draft and Jeff Fisher is quite familiar with the Matthews family. With Jake Long's status up in the air and Roger Saffold capable of playing inside, this pick makes a lot of sense.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars: QB Blake Bortles, Central Florida

The Jaguars would probably take Jadeveon Clowney if he was on the board, but landing the top quarterback in this draft class isn't a bad fall back option. Bortles is a local kid, and would be a great option as the new face of the franchise. A couple of the top defensive players or Greg Robinson could be in consideration, but Jacksonville needs a quarterback and I don't see them passing on Bortles.

4. Cleveland Browns: QB Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M

The Browns will need to make the decision between WR Sammy Watkins and a quarterback with this pick. While they could grab Watkins here and hope for a quarterback with their 2nd first round pick, I think the possibilities with Manziel are too great to pass up. The Browns need to shake things up, and Manziel would do just that.

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5. Oakland Raiders: OT Greg Robinson, Auburn

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The Raiders can go in just about any direction with this pick and they will likely consider Watkins, Mack, Barr and Donald quite a bit. Oakland also figures to be interested in a quarterback, so Teddy Bridgewater could be in play here. In the end Greg Robinson is an elite talent at an extremely important position. The Raiders signed Donald Penn to a cheap deal, and while they have other tackle options, Robinson is just too good to pass up.

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6. Atlanta Falcons: OLB Khalil Mack, Buffalo

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The Falcons need to boost their defense with this selection and will likely look at the top defensive guys left on the board. Mack could play a role similar to Von Miller in Denver, where he's a stand-up linebacker on early downs and then puts his hand on the ground in passing situations.

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7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers: WR Sammy Watkins

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The Buccaneers wide receiver depth chart is pretty bare beyond Vincent Jackson, so the idea of adding the top receiver in the draft would be quite appealing to them. Watkins and Jackson would give Tampa a great 1-2 combo, and should help jump start the offense.

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8. Minnesota Vikings: DT Aaron Donald, Pittsburgh

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The Vikings want a quarterback, but they probably won't reach for one at this spot. Instead Minnesota lands Aaron Donald, one of the premier players in this draft class. He'll get overlooked by some teams due to his lack of size, but his talent and production is undeniable. New Vikings coach Mike Zimmer had Geno Atkins in Cincy, and Donald could play a similar role here. The one issue is that Minnesota just drafted Sharrif Floyd last year and he plays basically the same position as Donald. I think Zimmer is a smart enough defensive mind to figure out how to make it work and won't let a talent like Donald slip away.

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9. Buffalo Bills: S Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, Alabama

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The Bills lost one of the top safeties in the league in Jarius Byrd to free agency, so finding a top replacement makes a lot of sense with this pick.

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10. Detroit Lions: WR Mike Evans, Texas A&M

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The Lions could go a couple different directions with this selection, and there is a good chance they look for a defensive player with this pick. One guy that could give them pause is WR Mike Evans. The chance to add Mike Evans to Calvin Johnson and Golden Tate could be too tempting to pass up. If teams try to double team Johnson, having two very good additional options would give quarterback Matt Stafford the weapons to pick apart opposing defenses.

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11. Tennessee Titans: OLB Anthony Barr, UCLA

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The Titans are moving to a 3-4 defense and need to find a rush linebacker, if they want to be successful. Anthony Barr has the potential to become that impact pass rusher, and would be a great fit for the Titans at this pick. Barr is a little raw still overall, but he should still generate a good bit of pressure as a rookie.

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12. New York Giants: TE Eric Ebron, UNC

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The Giants could go a couple different directions, but it could be tough for them to pass up a pass catching TE like Ebron. New York has gotten a good bit of production on the cheap from the Tight End position of late, but right now they are extremely thin at the position. Ebron could be an impact guy for the Giants and give Eli Manning a key weapon to threaten defenses with.

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13. St. Louis Rams: S Calvin Pryor, Louisville

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This may be a little high for Pryor, but the Rams have a real need here and could look to add the hard hitting Pryor with this selection. He should be an immediate starter in St. Louis and would give them a key piece in the secondary.

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14. Chicago Bears: CB Justin Gilbert, Oklahoma State

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With the top two safeties off the board this pick will come down to either a defensive tackle or a corner. It could really go either way, but with Donald off the board and Gilbert still available, I believe the Bears would favor adding a potential shutdown corner.

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15. Pittsburgh Steelers: OT Taylor Lewan, Michigan
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The Steelers could look to use this pick to get younger on defense, but with a potential franchise LT available in Taylor Lewan, that should be the Steelers pick. Pittsburgh has had too many issues at that spot in recent years and if they can lock that position down, they have to do so.

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16. Dallas Cowboys: DE Dee Ford, Auburn
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The Cowboys need defensive help and in particular they need guys along the defensive line. Ford has the potential to be an impact pass rusher and could help fill the shoes of DeMarcus Ware.

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17. Baltimore Ravens: OT/OG Zack Martin, Notre Dame
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The Ravens have a gaping hole at right tackle and could find an easy fix in Notre Dame's Zack Martin, who also has the versatility to play inside if necessary.

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18. New York Jets: WR Odell Beckham, LSU
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The Jets have to add more playmakers and Odell Beckham fits the bill here. He would be a nice complement to Eric Decker who is more of a possession receiver.

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19. Miami Dolphins: OG Xavier Su'a-Filo, UCLA
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The Dolphins have started the process of rebuilding their offensive line, but they are far from complete. Xavier Su'a-Filo could get a look at right tackle, but he will probably end up being a day 1 starting guard for them.

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20. Arizona Cardinals: QB Derek Carr, Fresno State
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The Cardinals don't have a pressing need here, which allows them to take their quarterback of the future here in Derek Carr. Though Bridgewater is an option, Carr seems like a better fit for the Cardinals.

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21. Green Bay Packers: DT Louis Nix, Notre Dame

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The Packers defense has struggled these past few years as they haven't had the true nose tackle eating up blockers that their defense demands. Nix can be that guy and his presence could make everyone else better.

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22. Philadelphia Eagles: CB Kyle Fuller, Virginia Tech

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The Eagles could go receiver here, but with it being such a deep position they could decide to wait until the 2nd round. Instead they land a good corner, capable of developing into a number 1 guy to match up versus some of the top receivers in the NFC East.

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23. Kansas City Chiefs: WR Brandin Cooks, Oregon State

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The Chiefs are desperate for a playmaker, and Cooks would give them just that. Hopefully the deep threat of Cooks would help open up things for Dwayne Bowe, who has struggled these past two seasons.

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24. Cincinnati Bengals: CB Darqueze Dennard, Michigan State

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Dennard is a physical press corner and he could be a nice addition to the Bengals secondary. Cincinnati doesn't have many needs, so they can nab the falling Dennard here and should hopefully get some considerable impact from this pick.

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25. San Diego Chargers: DT Ra'Shede Hageman, Minnesota

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The Chargers could consider some various defensive players for this pick, but they could use additional help along their defensive line. Hageman is a good fit for the 3-4 scheme and he's a guy who is just scratching the surface of his potential.

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26. Cleveland Browns (from Colts): CB Bradley Roby, Ohio State

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The Browns could go receiver here to give Johnny Manziel another weapon, but with Roby on the board, corner makes more sense with this pick.

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27. New Orleans Saints: OLB Jeremiah Attaochu, Georgia Tech
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This may be a slight reach, but pass rushers typically go higher than expected in the draft. The Saints defense needs to get better production from their rush linebackers and Attaochu is a guy who should step in right away and upgrade their pass rush.

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28. Carolina Panthers: OT Cyrus Kouandjio, Alabama
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Though the Panthers are in need of receiver help, their offensive line is in shambles right now. The Panthers run game is the focal point of their offense, so adding offensive linemen is a must if they want to be able to move the football. Kouandjio has some serious health concerns, but if he checks out medically the Panthers will be happy to land him here with this pick.

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29. New England Patriots: DT Timmy Jernigan, Florida State
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The Patriots rebuilt their defensive secondary, but they haven't done much to fix their defensive tackle need this offseason. Even if Vince Wilfork was 5 years younger and not coming off a serious injury, the Patriots would need to add some help to this group. With Wilfork's status for this season and going forward a bit murky, this has become a serious need.

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30. San Francisco 49ers: OLB Kyle Van Noy, BYU
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This probably wasn't the direction the 49ers were planning on going a week or two ago, but with Aldon Smith's latest off the field incident, San Francisco has to prepare for their future. Not only is Smith likely to be suspended for part of next season, but the team might not look to retain him beyond next year.

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31. Denver Broncos: LB C.J. Mosley, Alabama
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The Broncos could use some help at linebacker and C.J. Mosley is one of the best in this class. He can play inside at the middle spot, and also shift outside if they want to keep a 7 man front with Von Miller rushing the quarterback.

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32. Seattle Seahawks: DE Kony Ealy, Missouri

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The Seahawks lost multiple defensive line pieces this offseason and they need to replace those losses if they don't want to see their defense take a step back. Ealy has the size to be a versatile piece similar to Michael Bennett.

Round 2:

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1 (33). Houston Texans: QB Teddy Bridgewater, Louisville

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This is the dream scenario for the Texans as a month ago it was thought they would need to spend the first overall pick for Bridgewater and now he lands at their feet in the 2nd round. Bridgewater can be a really good quarterback at the next level and his slide could be Houston's gain.

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2 (34). Washington Redskins: OT Morgan Moses, UVA

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The Redskins will likely look to trade back to stockpile some picks, but if they stay here Moses makes a fair amount of sense. He should be ready to start at right tackle for them, which should help improve the run blocking for Alfred Morris and give RGIII some more protection in the pocket.

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3 (35). Cleveland Browns: WR Marquise Lee, USC

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The Browns land their complementary receiver to Josh Gordon with this pick, and they should be pretty happy with Lee falling in their lap.

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4 (36). Oakland Raiders: QB Jimmy Garoppolo, Eastern Illinois

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The Raiders get their young quarterback here in Garoppolo. He gets to sit for a year behind Matt Schaub, which could allow him to develop into a quality starting option down the road.

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5 (37). Atlanta Falcons: TE Jace Amaro, Texas Tech

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The Falcons need a lot of help on defense, but it will be tough to pass up a young tight end like Amaro to replace Tony Gonzalez.

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6 (38). Tampa Bay Buccaneers: DE Scott Crichton, Oregon State
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The Buccaneers upgraded their pass rush in free agency, but they shouldn't be done yet. Crichton gives them another guy who can get after the quarterback, and one that should offer pretty immediate impact.

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7 (39). Jacksonville Jaguars: LB Ryan Shazier, Ohio State
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The Jaguars need to upgrade their defense and Shazier could be an interesting fit for Gus Bradley. He could play outside and be asked to blitz quite a bit in their system.

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8 (40). Minnesota Vikings: QB Zach Mettenberger, LSU
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The Vikings land their quarterback here in Mettenberger and he figures to be a good fit for offensive coordinator Norv Turner.

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9 (41). Buffalo Bills: OT Joel Bitonio, Nevada
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The Bills need help at right tackle and Bitonio looks capable of handling the position and starting early on. Bitonio also has the versatility to kick inside if necessary.

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10 (42). Tennessee Titans: RB Tre Mason, Auburn
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The Titans parted ways with Chris Johnson and could look to find his replacement early in the draft. Mason had a great end to his college career and looks to be a workhorse back.

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11 (43). New York Giants: S Jimmie Ward, Northern Illinois
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The Giants could go either offensive line or defense with this pick. Given how thin the safety position is at the top, grabbing Ward here makes sense for New York to help boost a secondary that struggled last year.

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12 (44). St. Louis Rams: WR Kelvin Benjamin, FSU
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The Rams are still looking for that star receiver and they may take a shot at Benjamin to fill that role. Benjamin is a raw talent, but if he can put it all together he could be a star.

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13 (45). Detroit Lions: CB Jason Verrett, TCU
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The Lions need corner help and adding Verrett is a no brainer at this selection. He can play in the slot, but also has the talent to play outside as well.

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14 (46). Pittsburgh Steelers: WR Allen Robinson, Penn State
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The Steelers could use some size and help at wide receiver and local product Allen Robinson fits both of those criteria. Robinson could be a nice complement to Antonio Brown, and would give the Steelers a nice receiver corps.

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15 (47). Dallas Cowboys: DT Dominique Easley, Florida
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The Cowboys went defensive end in the first so look for them to add a defensive tackle in either the 2nd or the 3rd. With Easley on the board that should be the direction that they go as he's a perfect fit for their Tampa Two defense.

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16 (48). Baltimore Ravens: WR Davante Adams, Fresno State
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This isn't a major need for 2014, but the Ravens could look to add a long term receiving complement to Torrey Smith. Adams has a nice combination of size and speed and if given a year or two to develop he could end up being a really nice starter down the road.

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17 (49). New York Jets: TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins, Washington
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The Jets need to add more weapons than just one receiver to boost their offense, and it would make a lot of sense for them to come back in the 2nd round with Seferian-Jenkins if he's available.

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18 (50). Miami Dolphins: OT JaWuan James, Tennessee
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The Dolphins need to fix their line so look for a major investment into the unit. Using their top two picks on the position group makes a lot of sense.

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19 (51). Chicago Bears: DT Will Sutton, Arizona State
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The Bears need to add a defensive tackle at this spot and Sutton is a guy who could be a nice fit. Sutton could thrive in the Bears system as a quality pass rushing defensive tackle.

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20 (52). Arizona Cardinals: OLB DeMarcus Lawrence, Boise State
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For as good as the Cardinals defense has been in recent years, they really haven't had strong pass rushing outside linebackers. Adding Lawrence could help fix that, and that could turn a strong defense into a great one.

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21 (53). Green Bay Packers: CB/S LaMarcus Joyner, FSU
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The Packers need secondary help and could look at the hybrid corner/safety LaMarcus Joyner to fill their need. Green Bay will probably see him as more of a safety, but he could get consideration at corner as well.

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22 (54). Philadelphia Eagles: WR Jordan Matthews, Vanderbilt
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The Eagles seem to want to add another big receiver, and would be lucky to land Jordan Matthews here. Matthews is one of the most NFL ready receivers in this draft and could help the Eagles fill the gap left by DeSean Jackson.

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23 (55). Cincinnati Bengals: RB Carlos Hyde, Ohio State
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The Bengals don't have many pressing needs, so look for them to take a value pick here. They might have spent a 2nd on RB the year before, but Bernard isn't an every-down back. He needs a power complement and that is where Hyde comes in. He can be the chain-mover, short yardage back, while Bernard comes in for the big play.

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24 (56). San Francisco 49ers (from Kansas City Chiefs): DE Stephon Tuitt, Notre Dame
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The 49ers could go any number of directions, but the idea of adding Tuitt to their defensive line rotation is too good to pass up.

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25 (57). San Diego Chargers: OG Gabe Jackson, Mississippi State
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The Chargers could use more help along their offensive line and grabbing Gabe Jackson should give them a guy who can start right away.

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26 (58). New Orleans Saints: CB Phillip Gaines, Rice
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Phillip Gaines is climbing up draft boards and he could make a lot of sense to the Saints with this pick. He's a talent corner who was overlooked at a smaller school.

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27 (59). Indianapolis Colts: CB Marcus Roberson, Florida
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The Colts could possibly consider an offensive or defensive lineman with this pick, but I think this selection is about adding a piece to their secondary for a possible Patriots or Broncos match-up in the post season.

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28 (60). Carolina Panthers: WR Donte Moncrief, Mississippi
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The Panthers land their receiver with this pick and give Newton an interesting prospect with a nice combination of size and speed.

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29 (61). San Francisco 49ers: LB Christian Jones, FSU
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The 49ers are bound to be intrigued by the versatile Jones, who can line up in a variety of spots. He could help replace Bowman if he's not back from injury and he has the pass rush ability to help replace Aldon Smith during his inevitable suspension.

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30 (62). New England Patriots: TE Troy Niklas, Notre Dame
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The Patriots need to upgrade their tight end position and grabbing an inline tight end option like Niklas makes a lot of sense. If Gronkowski is healthy he could be split out wide more in two tight end sets, or the Patriots could use both on the line giving them a favorable formation to run from.

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31 (63). Denver Broncos: DE Kareem Martin, UNC
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The Broncos did sign DeMarcus Ware, but they can't be content that their defensive line is set at this point. Adding another talented piece in Martin would help ensure the Broncos have the depth and talent to make another Super Bowl run.

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32 (64). Seattle Seahawks: G David Yankey, Stanford
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The Seahawks need help at guard and could look to David Yankey to fill their need there.

Round 3:

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1 (65). Houston Texans: OT Cameron Fleming, Stanford
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The Texans could use help at right tackle and Fleming is a guy who could start right away.

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2 (66). Washington Redskins: S Deone Bucannon, Washington State
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Both of the Redskins starting safeties are signed to 1 year deals, so help is very much needed at this position. Bucannon could push for a starting job this year and has the potential to develop into a very good starter.

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3 (67). Oakland Raiders: DE Trent Murphy, Stanford
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The Raiders added some nice free agent help to their defensive line this offseason, but all those players are on short term deals. Murphy would give the Raiders a quality defensive end for the future.

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4 (68). Atlanta Falcons: OLB Carl Bradford, Arizona State
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The Falcons continue to bolster their defense here and land another nice player in OLB Carl Bradford.

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5 (69). Tampa Bay Buccaneers: WR Martavis Bryant, Clemson
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The Buccaneers could double up on Clemson receivers in this draft. Watkins is obviously the star, but Bryant has a lot of upside as well. He's a bit more raw, but he could be a nice developmental 3rd receiver for the Bucs.

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6 (70). Jacksonville Jaguars: OLB Trevor Reilly, Utah
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The Jaguars would likely use Reilly in their Leo position where they like to generate a lot of their pass rush.

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7 (71). Cleveland Browns: RB Ka'Deem Carey, Arizona
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Ben Tate was a nice free agent pick-up, but the Browns need to have a 2nd piece here. Carey is a nice option and has some potential of becoming a feature back himself.

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8 (72). Minnesota Vikings: CB Stanley Jean-Baptiste, Nebraska
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The Vikings could use some additional corner help and they could look to the high upside Jean-Baptiste as an option.

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9 (73). Buffalo Bills: CB Bashaud Breeland, Clemson
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The Bills need further help in the secondary and could look at Breeland given his size and potential.

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10 (74). New York Giants: DE Marcus Smith, Louisville
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The Giants pass rush situation isn't as strong as it once was and they could look to add a guy in the early part of the draft.

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11 (75). St. Louis Rams: DT Ego Ferguson, LSU
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The Rams have great defensive ends, but they could use some additional help at defensive tackle. Ferguson would probably be just a rotational guy to start, but he could team up with former LSU Tiger Michael Brockers down the road.

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12 (76). Detroit Lions: C Weston Richburg, Colorado State
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The Lions need to find a center for the future and Richburg is considered one of the top centers in this draft.

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13 (77). San Francisco 49ers (from Tennessee Titans): C Marcus Martin, USC
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The 49ers need to find some help at center if Daniel Kilgore isn't up to the task for the starting role.

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14 (78). Dallas Cowboys: S Terrence Brooks, FSU
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The Cowboys continue to upgrade their defense through this draft.

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15 (79). Baltimore Ravens: RB Terrance West, Towson
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The Ravens need to start thinking about their future at running back. West is a local product who has a lot of potential.

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16 (80). New York Jets: G Dakota Dozier, Furman
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The Jets need some help at guard and Dozier is a high upside option who may be able to push for a starting job.

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17 (81). Miami Dolphins: RB Jeremy Hill, LSU
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The Dolphins need help at running back and they can't rely on their current guys to be the answer this year. Hill has the potential to develop into a feature back down the road.

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18 (82). Chicago Bears: DT DaQuan Jones, Penn State
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While Sutton was more of the 3 tech, pass rushing DT, Jones can be the run stuffer who occupies blockers.

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19 (83). Cleveland Browns (from Pittsburgh Steelers): OT Billy Turner, North Dakota State
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The Browns could see Turner as a guy who could challenge for the right tackle spot now, and possible replace Joe Thomas in the future if necessary.

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20 (84). Arizona Cardinals: ILB Chris Borland, Wisconsin
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The Cardinals could use help at inside linebacker, and Chris Borland is a guy who could push for a starting role as a rookie.

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21 (85). Green Bay Packers: WR Paul Richardson, Colorado
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Receiver isn't a pressing need for the Packers, but they are a team that typically looks to the future in this regard, and Cobb is entering his final year under his rookie contract.

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22 (86). Philadelphia Eagles: OLB Jackson Jeffcoat, Texas
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The Eagles could use more pass rushing help and should look to add an option in this range.

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23 (87). Kansas City Chiefs: CB Jaylen Watkins, Florida
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The Chiefs need help in the defensive backfield and considering they need to play Peyton Manning twice and Philip Rivers twice, this is not a position they can go cheap on.

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24 (88). Cincinnati Bengals: WR Jared Abbrederis, Wisconsin
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The Bengals have likely found their number two receiver in Marvin Jones, but they could use a reliable third option.

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25 (89). San Diego Chargers: RB Andre Williams, Boston College
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Ryan Mathews had a good year last year, but teams need two running backs, and Woodhead is only a utility player. Williams could be a good back-up running back to Mathews.

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26 (90). Indianapolis Colts: CB/S Keith McGill, Utah
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McGill could fit in either as a corner or a safety with the Colts looking to add talent to their secondary.

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27 (91). New Orleans Saints: FS Dion Bailey, USC
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The Saints added Jarius Byrd, but they could use some safety depth. Bailey obviously won't start, but he could get some work in certain sets and help on special teams.

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28 (92). Carolina Panthers: OT Jack Mewhort, Ohio State
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The Panthers need to keep adding to their offensive line. Mewhort could be an option for RT or even inside at guard.

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29 (93). New England Patriots: QB Tom Savage, Pittsburgh
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One of the biggest draft risers is Pitt QB Tom Savage. He's got great size and could be a fit in New England since he could have a couple of years to develop.

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30 (94). San Francisco 49ers: RB Bishop Sankey, Washington
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Frank Gore is getting up there in age so some help is needed here. Sankey could be the back-up for a year or two and then take over the starting role.

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31 (95). Denver Broncos: CB Pierre Desir, Lindenwood
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The Broncos keep adding help on defense here and add a really intriguing piece in the small school Desir. He's got great size and potential, and could develop nicely in this secondary.

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32 (96). Minnesota Vikings (from Seattle Seahawks): WR Cody Latimer, Indiana
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The Vikings could use some further receiver help and Latimer is a guy who is starting to climb draft boards.

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33 (97). Pittsburgh Steelers (compensatory selection): DT Justin Ellis, LA Tech
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The Steelers could use a true nose tackle and Ellis is one of the best in the class.

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34 (98). Green Bay Packers (compensatory selection): QB A.J. McCarron, Alabama
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The Packers re-signed Matt Flynn, but they can't feel confident about the long term future behind Aaron Rodgers. McCarron could be a nice back-up option for the next couple of years.

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35 (99). Baltimore Ravens (compensatory selection): LB/S Telvin Smith, FSU
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Smith is a tweener who could help at either linebacker or safety. In the end he will probably play a hybrid role and help on special teams.

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36 (100). San Francisco 49ers (compensatory selection): WR Jarvis Landry, LSU
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The 49ers need some help at receiver and Landry is a nice pick-up here. He could go higher, but he didn't have the best workout and it's such a deep receiver class.

Round 4:

- 1 (101). Houston Texans: CB E.J. Gaines, Missouri
- 2 (102). Washington Redskins: C Travis Swanson, Arkansas
- 3 (103). Atlanta Falcons: OT Antonio Richardson, Tennessee
- 4 (104). New York Jets (from Tampa Bay Buccaneers): CB Rashaad Reynolds, Oregon State
- 5 (105). Jacksonville Jaguars: RB Lache Seastruck, Baylor
- 6 (106). Cleveland Browns: OG Cyril Richardson, Baylor
- 7 (107). Oakland Raiders: DT Kelcy Quarles, South Carolina
- 8 (108). Minnesota Vikings: LB Jordan Tripp, Montana
- 9 (109). Buffalo Bills: TE C.J. Fiedorowicz, Iowa
- 10 (110). St. Louis Rams: CB Victor Hampton, South Carolina
- 11 (111). Detroit Lions: DE Will Clarke, WVU
- 12 (112). Tennessee Titans: S Ed Reynolds, Stanford
- 13 (113). New York Giants: DE James Gayle, Virginia Tech
- 14 (114). Jacksonville Jaguars (from Baltimore Ravens): OT James Hurst, UNC
- 15 (115). New York Jets: OLB Chris Smith, Arkansas
- 16 (116). Miami Dolphins: DT Caraun Reid, Princeton
- 17 (117). Chicago Bears: WR Robert Herron, Wyoming
- 18 (118). Pittsburgh Steelers: LB Shane Skov, Stanford
- 19 (119). Dallas Cowboys: WR Bruce Ellington, South Carolina
- 20 (120). Arizona Cardinals: DE George Uko, USC
- 21 (121). Green Bay Packers: ILB Jordan Zumwalt, UCLA
- 22 (122). Philadelphia Eagles: WR Josh Huff, Oregon
- 23 (123). Cincinnati Bengals: LB Christian Kirksey, Iowa
- 24 (124). Kansas City Chiefs: WR Devin Street, Pittsburgh
- 25 (125). San Diego Chargers: WR Mike Davis, Texas
- 26 (126). New Orleans Saints: RB Devonta Freeman, FSU
- 27 (127). Cleveland Browns (from Indianapolis Colts): DT Anthony Johnson, LSU
- 28 (128). Carolina Panthers: CB Louchiez Purifoy, Florida
- 29 (129). San Francisco 49ers: RB Charles Sims, WVU

- 30 (130). New England Patriots: G Trai Turner, LSU
- 31 (131). Denver Broncos: S Craig Loston, LSU
- 32 (132). Seattle Seahawks: CB Walt Aikens, Liberty
- 33 (133). Detroit Lions (compensatory selection): CB Ross Cockrell, Duke
- 34 (134). Baltimore Ravens (compensatory selection): DE Josh Mauro, Stanford
- 35 (135). Houston Texans (compensatory selection): TE Arthur Lynch, Georgia
- 36 (136). Detroit Lions (compensatory selection): LB Adrian Hubbard, Alabama
- 37 (137). New York Jets (compensatory selection): WR T.J. Jones, Notre Dame
- 38 (138). Baltimore Ravens (compensatory selection): C Bryan Stork, FSU
- 39 (139). Atlanta Falcons (compensatory selection): RB Dri Archer, Kent State
- 40 (140). New England Patriots (compensatory selection): DT Daniel McCullers, Tennessee

Round 5:

- 1 (141). Houston Texans: RB James White, Wisconsin
- 2 (142). Washington Redskins: DE Brent Urban, UVA
- 3 (143). Tampa Bay Buccaneers: QB Aaron Murray, Georgia
- 4 (144). Jacksonville Jaguars: OLB Devon Kennard, USC
- 5 (145). Cleveland Browns: ILB Max Bullough, Michigan State
- 6 (146). Seattle Seahawks (from Oakland Raiders): TE Xavier Grimble, USC
- 7 (147). Atlanta Falcons: S Kenny Ladler, Vanderbilt
- 8 (148). Minnesota Vikings: RB Storm Johnson, UCF
- 9 (149). Buffalo Bills: S Ahmad Dixon, Baylor
- 10 (150). Jacksonville Jaguars (from Detroit Lions): WR Michael Campanaro, Wake Forrest
- 11 (151). Tennessee Titans: DE Taylor Hart, Oregon
- 12 (152). New York Giants: LB Khairi Fortt, California
- 13 (153). St. Louis Rams: G Anthony Steen, Alabama
- 14 (154). New York Jets: ILB Yawin Smallwood, UConn
- 15 (155). Miami Dolphins: ILB Lamin Barrow, LSU
- 16 (156). Chicago Bears: S Brock Vereen, Minnesota
- 17 (157). Pittsburgh Steelers: CB Shaquille Richardson, Arizona

- 18 (158). Dallas Cowboys: DE Cassius Marsh, UCLA
- 19 (159). Jacksonville Jaguars (from Baltimore Ravens): OLB Howard Jones, Shepard
- 20 (160). Arizona Cardinals: S Dezmen Southward, Wisconsin
- 21 (161). Green Bay Packers: TE Jake Murphy, Utah
- 22 (162). Philadelphia Eagles: DE DeAndre Coleman, California
- 23 (163). Kansas City Chiefs: DE Ed Stinson, Alabama
- 24 (164). Cincinnati Bengals: WR Brandon Coleman, Rutgers
- 25 (165). San Diego Chargers: CB Chris Davis, Auburn
- 26 (166). Indianapolis Colts: G Jon Halapio, Florida
- 27 (167). New Orleans Saints: WR Ryan Grant, Tulane
- 28 (168). Carolina Panthers: CB Antone Exum, Virginia Tech
- 29 (169). New Orleans Saints (from New England Patriots through Philadelphia Eagles):
DT Shamar Stephen, UConn
- 30 (170). San Francisco 49ers: CB Deion Belue, Alabama
- 31 (171). Denver Broncos: C Gabe Ikard, Oklahoma
- 32 (172). Seattle Seahawks: WR Kevin Norwood, Alabama
- 33 (173). Pittsburgh Steelers (compensatory selection): TE Crockett Gilmore, Colorado State
- 34 (174). New York Giants (compensatory selection): G Chris Watt, Notre Dame
- 35 (175). Baltimore Ravens (compensatory selection): TE Joe Don Duncan, Dixie State
- 36 (176). Green Bay Packers (compensatory selection): OLB Kevin Pierre-Louis, Boston College

Round 6:

- 1 (177). Houston Texans: OLB Ronald Powell, Florida
- 2 (178). Washington Redskins: WR Jeff Janis, Saginaw Valley State
- 3 (179). Jacksonville Jaguars: CB Ricardo Allen, Purdue
- 4 (180). Cleveland Browns: FB Jay Prosch, Auburn
- 5 (181). Houston Texans (from Oakland Raiders): CB Aaron Colvin, Oklahoma
- 6 (182). Atlanta Falcons: CB Nevin Lawson, Utah State
- 7 (183). Chicago Bears (from Tampa Bay Buccaneers): RB Isaiah Crowell, Alabama State
- 8 (184). Minnesota Vikings: DE Ethan Westbrooks, West Texas A&M

- 9 (185). Buffalo Bills: QB Brett Smith, Wyoming
- 10 (186). Tennessee Titans: RB Tyler Gaffney, Stanford
- 11 (187). New York Giants: G/T Brandon Thomas, Clemson
- 12 (188). St. Louis Rams: DE Morgan Breslin, USC
- 13 (189). Detroit Lions: S Tre Boston, UNC
- 14 (190). Miami Dolphins: OT Justin Britt, Missouri
- 15 (191). Chicago Bears: QB Logan Thomas, Virginia Tech
- 16 (192). Pittsburgh Steelers: S Vinnie Sunseri, Alabama
- 17 (193). Kansas City Chiefs (from Dallas Cowboys): OT Charles Leno, Boise State
- 18 (194). Baltimore Ravens: RB De'Anthony Thomas, Oregon
- 19 (195). New York Jets: P Kirby Van Der Kamp, Iowa State
- 20 (196). Arizona Cardinals: RB Rajion Neal, Tennessee
- 21 (197). Green Bay Packers: CB Terrance Mitchell, Oregon
- 22 (198). New England Patriots (from Philadelphia Eagles): OLB Prince Shembo, Notre Dame
- 23 (199). Cincinnati Bengals: OT Seantrel Henderson, Miami
- 24 (200). Kansas City Chiefs: S Marqueston Huff, Wyoming
- 25 (201). San Diego Chargers: CB Dontae Johnson, North Carolina State
- 26 (202). New Orleans Saints: QB David Fales, San Jose State
- 27 (203). Indianapolis Colts: ILB Preston Brown, Louisville
- 28 (204). Carolina Panthers: WR Jalen Saunders, Oklahoma
- 29 (205). Jacksonville Jaguars (from San Francisco 49ers): DE Aaron Lynch, USF
- 30 (206). New England Patriots: TE Jacob Pedersen, Wisconsin
- 31 (207). Denver Broncos: DT Jay Bromley, Syracuse
- 32 (208). Seattle Seahawks: FB J.C. Copeland, LSU
- 33 (209). New York Jets (compensatory selection): OT Michael Schofield, Michigan
- 34 (210). New York Jets (compensatory selection): CB/S Jemea Thomas, Georgia Tech
- 35 (211). Houston Texans (compensatory selection): OG/C Russell Bodine, UNC
- 36 (212). Cincinnati Bengals (compensatory selection): DT Khyri Thornton, Southern Mississippi
- 37 (213). New York Jets (compensatory selection): TE Colt Lyster, Oregon
- 38 (214). St. Louis Rams (compensatory selection): OLB Denicos Allen, Michigan State
- 39 (215). Pittsburgh Steelers (compensatory selection): OLB Larry Webster, Bloomsburg

Round 7:

- 1 (216). Houston Texans: K Chris Boswell, Rice
- 2 (217). Washington Redskins: RB Marion Grice, Arizona State
- 3 (218). Cleveland Browns: P Tom Hornsey, Memphis
- 4 (219). Oakland Raiders: WR John Brown, Pittsburg State
- 5 (220). Atlanta Falcons: RB Jerick McKinnon, Georgia Southern
- 6 (221). Tampa Bay Buccaneers: G Brandon Linder, Miami
- 7 (222). Jacksonville Jaguars: C Tyler Larsen, Utah State
- 8 (223). Minnesota Vikings: WR Cody Hoffman, BYU
- 9 (224). Buffalo Bills: OT Charles Siddoway, Mississippi State
- 10 (225). Carolina Panthers (from New York Giants): DE Michael Sam, Missouri
- 11 (226). St. Louis Rams: DT Zack Kerr, Delaware
- 12 (227). Detroit Lions: WR Trey Burton, Florida
- 13 (228). Tennessee Titans: OT Matt Pachan, Boston College
- 14 (229). Dallas Cowboys (from Chicago Bears)
- 15 (230). Pittsburgh Steelers: G Wesley Johnson, Vanderbilt
- 16 (231). Dallas Cowboys: G Kadeem Edwards, Tennessee State
- 17 (232). Indianapolis Colts (from Baltimore Ravens): WR Tevin Reese, Baylor
- 18 (233). New York Jets: OT Kevin Graf, USC
- 19 (234). Miami Dolphins: WR Matt Hazel, Coastal Carolina
- 20 (235). Oakland Raiders (from Arizona Cardinals): RB Antonio Andrews, Western Kentucky
- 21 (236). Green Bay Packers: CB Bennett Jackson, Notre Dame
- 22 (237). Philadelphia Eagles: QB Connor Shaw, South Carolina
- 23 (238). Dallas Cowboys (from Kansas City Chiefs): CB Andre Hal, Vanderbilt
- 24 (239). Cincinnati Bengals: K Anthony Fera, Texas
- 25 (240). San Diego Chargers: TE Richard Rodgers, California
- 26 (241). St. Louis Rams (from Indianapolis Colts): ILB DeDe Lattimore, South Florida
- 27 (242). San Francisco 49ers (from New Orleans Saints): WR L'Damien Washington, Missouri
- 28 (243). San Francisco 49ers (from Carolina Panthers): FB Ryan Hewitt, Stanford
- 29 (244). New England Patriots: OT Austin Wentworth, Fresno State

- 30 (245). San Francisco 49ers: DT Ryan Carrethers, Arkansas State
- 31 (246). Denver Broncos: G Ryan Groy, Wisconsin
- 32 (247). Seattle Seahawks: OLB Tyler Starr, South Dakota
- 33 (248). Dallas Cowboys (compensatory selection): DE Kerry Wynn, Richmond
- 34 (249). St. Louis Rams (compensatory selection): OT Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, McGill
- 35 (250). St. Louis Rams (compensatory selection): QB Keith Wenning, Ball State
- 36 (251). Dallas Cowboys (compensatory selection): WR Austin Franklin, New Mexico State
- 37 (252). Cincinnati Bengals (compensatory selection): WR Bennie Fowler, Michigan State
- 38 (253). Atlanta Falcons (compensatory selection): OT Cornelius Lucas, Kansas State
- 39 (254). Dallas Cowboys (compensatory selection): QB Tajh Boyd, Clemson
- 40 (255). Atlanta Falcons (compensatory selection): DE Kasim Edebali, Boston College
- 41 (256). Houston Texans (compensatory selection): DE Jeoffrey Pagan, Alabama



SCOUTING REPORTS



QB Teddy Bridgewater- Jr, Louisville

Measurables: 6'2" 214 lbs

Strengths:

- Three year starter with plenty of game experience
- Shows strong leadership on the field
- Accurate passer, willing to throw against tight coverage
- Strong arm, maybe not great strength but good enough to be a complete passer
- Can read defenses well and find the holes in the zone
- Rhythm passer will make you pay if he starts getting hot
- Good footwork and weight transfer on his throws for the most part
- Mobile quarterback who can buy time in the pocket or pick up short yardage on the ground
- Has come up big against some of Louisville's toughest opponents including a bowl win over the Florida Gators



Weaknesses:

- Build is more on the lower end for quarterbacks, doesn't have a particularly large frame to add much weight and may come in shorter than 6'3"
- Durability is a concern, particularly due to the slighter build. He's taken a lot of hits early in his career
- Has played more in a spread attack, will need time to develop in a more traditional offense
- While he's got good functioning mobility, he isn't a real dual threat guy
- Has been inconsistent and struggled against some of his weaker competition

Analysis:

Bridgewater was considered the front runner to be the top quarterback selected in this draft, but has faced stiff competition recently from Manziel and Bortles. Bridgewater is a three year starter who's put up very impressive numbers and has shown to have all the arm talent necessary to be a franchise quarterback in the NFL. Despite that, there are some small things that people do ques-

tion. His size and frame are on the lower end of top quarterbacks and he's not really a dual threat guy like some smaller quarterbacks in the league. Durability is also an issue especially given the smaller frame. Can he hold up to the pounding of a 16 game season? Another slight concern with Bridgewater is his level of competition in college.

Playing in the down Big East and now the AAC conference the level of competition Bridgewater has faced is definitely down and his supporting cast has been fairly strong. The fact that he's had some down games despite the inferior competition does give some pause. Bridgewater had a bad Pro Day which raised a few eyebrows among evaluators. Most of the issues seem to be pretty nit-picky and really shouldn't impact Bridgewater's draft stock. Bridgewater's stock is very fluid right now. He could go top 5, or he could even slide into the 2nd round.

QB Johnny Manziel, rSo, Texas A&M

Measurables: 6'0" 207 lbs

Strengths:

- Incredible two year production, won the Heisman as a redshirt Freshman and had a great second year
- Has succeeded in the toughest conference in college football and played well even in losses
- Great dual threat ability, extremely dangerous when running with the football
- Has a knack for making clutch and amazing plays
- Incredible escapability, extremely tough to sack
- Has spent considerable time working with noted QB coach George Whitfield
- Has a good arm that is more than capable of making any throw asked of him
- Has done a better job reading defenses this season and progressing through his reads
- Can show nice accuracy and touch even when on the run



Weaknesses:

- Smaller quarterback, just over 6'0"
- Too often he forces throws and believes he's invincible, will struggle some if he doesn't correct that against NFL caliber defenses
- Takes a lot of hits, Manziel needs to do a better job of protecting himself, both in the pocket and when on the run
- Mechanics are sloppy, and he will throw off balance and across his body at times
- Maturity is a big issue, has had plenty of issues at Texas A&M
- Struggled with the Heisman spotlight, could struggle going to an NFL team with the pressure and media attention.
- Been in a spread option attack, not a strong fit for a traditional offense

Analysis:

Manziel is a lightning rod of a prospect. Those who love him point to his incredible numbers and athletic ability, while those who question him point to his size, attitude and risky decision making. Manziel's NFL prospects are somewhere in between, but they probably tend to fall closer to the people who love him category. Despite his lack of size, Manziel has big hands which allow him to still have a lot of ball control. Russell Wilson is similarly short, but with big hands. The attitude issue is serious because he has to be ready to be a leader in a much more high pressure situation. Many an NFL career has failed due to a player not being able to cut it under those circumstances. Though it's a concern, Manziel has proven time and again that those issues won't impact him.

Despite all the pressure off the field this offseason, Manziel looked great this season. He's a bit riskier than your typical top quarterback prospect, but he kept coming up clutch for the Aggies making it tough to discount him. He likely won't be the first quarterback selected, but he's a first round pick and should be among the top 15 selections.

QB Blake Bortles, Jr, Central Florida

Measurables: 6'5" 232 lbs

Strengths:

- Prototypical size for an NFL quarterback
- Has started the past two seasons compiling a 22-5 record in that time
- Had two very productive years and has played some of his best football against some of his toughest opponents
- Has nice athleticism, allows him to move around in the pocket and scramble for some first downs
- Good arm strength, capable of making all the throws
- Has really good pocket presence and does a nice job stepping up in the pocket when pressure is coming. Usually does a really good job of throwing the ball away instead of forcing it in coverage
- In the short and intermediate area, he shows good ball placement overall, giving his receivers a chance to pick-up yardage after the catch
- Has multiple impressive road victories and comeback wins
- Played in a Pro Style system, which should give him an edge
- Looks to be a leader and gets high marks for his character and work ethic



Blake Bortles

Weaknesses:

- Still not 100% refined as a prospect, might have been best served by staying in school for one more year. He will likely struggle as a rookie some because of it
- Doesn't have elite arm strength and his touch can be off on some deeper throws
- Needs to do a better job of looking off defenders
- At times would be inconsistent and force some throws when he didn't have to

Analysis:

Bortles is probably the best combination of talent, potential and certainty in this draft class, making him the top quarterback on many boards. Bortles has a chance to be the first player selected in the draft, and the future for the Houston Texans. In addition to his talent and size, Bortles has all

the makings of a natural leader and the strong work ethic you want to see from your quarterback.

Bortles is the number one quarterback prospect, but there are still a couple of concerns about him that could keep him from being the top quarterback selected. Bortles needs to do a better job of not allowing defenders to read where he's going, by looking off his top target. If he doesn't, NFL defensive backs will take advantage and make him pay.

Even if Bortles doesn't go number one or is the first quarterback selected, he's a pretty safe bet as a top 10 selection. Bortles will probably need a year or two to adjust before he can really carry a team, but if whoever drafts him is patient, they should end up with a franchise quarterback.

QB Derek Carr, rSr, Fresno State

Measurables: 6'2" 214 lbs

Strengths:

- Three year starter who has put up huge numbers in Fresno State's shotgun spread offense.
- Has NFL bloodlines, brother of former 1st overall pick David Carr.
- Strong leadership abilities, was a three year captain at Fresno State and a player who takes control of a team
- Mature, intelligent starter who can handle the pressure of being the face of a franchise. Good arm strength capable of making all the throws
- Good athletic ability, capable of buying time in the pocket and picking up yards with his feet
- Good quality arm, with nice zip and the strength to make all the throws
- Impressive short and intermediate accuracy, very effective on timing routes
- Strong Senior Bowl performance proved that he could handle being under center and playing against a higher level of competition



Weaknesses:

- Played in a shotgun/spread offense that helped inflate his passing numbers. Has limited experience under center
- Passing system wasn't too complex, will need to learn to read defenses more at the next level
- Lacks great size, and has small hands which led to fumbling issues early in his career
- Needs to have better pocket awareness, will force throws at times when he feels pressure.
- Didn't always come up big against some of his best opponents

Analysis:

Carr is off the charts from the mental/leadership perspective and is the type of player that teams could fall in love with. He may never be a top 5 quarterback in the league, but Carr has the make-up and skill set of a guy who could be successful for a long period of time in the league.

Carr does have to work on some issues before he can become successful at the next level, but the two biggest ones: reading defenses and feeling pressure better, can be fixed with coaching and film study.

Derek Carr won't go as high as his brother did in the draft, but it's possible he still ends up in the top 10 of this draft with so many teams needing a quarterback. Though Carr isn't ranked as high as the big three underclassmen, he could jump one or two of them given his greater maturity and pro readiness.

RB Tre Mason, Jr, Auburn

Measurables: 5'9" 207 lbs

Strengths:

- Two year starter at Auburn with at least 1,000 yards in each of those seasons
- Broke Bo Jackson's single season rushing record at Auburn with 1,816 yards in 2013
- Carried the Tigers down the stretch to the National Championship game. Had at least 115 yards in each of the final six games, including over 650 combined yards against Alabama, Missouri and FSU.
- Had at least 100 yards against every top opponent the Tigers faced, and came up the biggest when he was needed the most
- Small compact runner, with a strong lower body capable of fighting for tough yards and running in between tackles
- Really good vision and smooth cutting ability, capable of being very effective in a zone scheme
- Good speed and quickness, capable of getting to the edge and picking up big gains
- Very tough back for defenses to square up on, and too strong to be brought down by arm tackles



Weaknesses:

- Played in a spread option attack that allowed him to see more favorable fronts and which kept defenses from keying in on him
- Not utilized much as a receiver, very raw in that area
- Though he has good speed, it's not elite speed and he may not be able to run away from defenders as much in the NFL
- Needs to protect the ball better, has had some fumbling issues in his career
- At times would look for the big play in college by running laterally, instead of taking a few extra yards by churning forward. Many times it paid off in college, but could be more of an issue versus NFL defenses

Analysis:

Mason was a guy to watch entering the season, but was considered more of an option for 2015. That was until he helped carry the Tigers into striking distance of an SEC Championship and possible National Championship. For that to occur Mason would have to face three tough defenses down the stretch and how he performed versus them would define both Auburn's season and his draft status. Mason tore through Alabama's defense for 164 yards, but that paled in comparison to what he did versus Missouri in his next game, rushing for 300+ yards and 4 TD's. Mason capped off his season with 195 yards and another score versus Florida State. Amassing that many yards and TD's versus three highly respected defenses really put Mason on the map and rose his draft stock.

Some questions will surround Mason as some teams will be worried that Auburn's scheme was the greatest factor in his success. Also his lack of work in the passing game will give NFL teams pause. In addition, his fumbling issues simply won't be tolerated at the next level. Despite that, Mason figures to be one of the top running backs selected in draft and should be a top 2 round pick.

RB Carlos Hyde, Jr, Ohio State

Measurables: 6'0", 230 lbs

Strengths:

- Amassed 1,521 yards and 15 TD's on just 208 carries this past year, despite missing the first three games and playing limited snaps in the 4th game in a blowout
- Carried the Buckeyes down the stretch, rushed for at least 100 yards in the final 9 games of the season
- Came up big against some of Ohio State's toughest opponents.
- Big strong physical back, who is extremely tough to bring down once he gets a full head of steam
- Is going to be a short yardage/goal line nightmare for opposing defenses to stop. Has 37 career TD's including 32 inside the red zone.
- Though not highly utilized in the passing game, shows nice hands when catching the ball.



Carlos Hyde

Weaknesses:

- Suspended the first three games of the season due to an incident at a bar.
- Hasn't always been considered a guy with a strong work ethic and has seen his weight fluctuate throughout his career
- Does not have breakaway speed and won't outrun defenders. Won't fit as well in every offensive system
- Benefited from a spread/option attack that kept some of the focus off of him and gave him some favorable fronts

Analysis:

Hyde was considered more of a mid-to-late round option entering the season, especially given some of the off the field red flags he had going for him. After coming back with a big season, including some great games versus some quality defenses, Hyde moved himself up NFL draft boards.

Hyde has the ability to be a workhorse back. He should interest teams looking for a power back capable of 20-25 carries a game, with a lot of his work done between the tackles in a power scheme. In other systems, Hyde likely won't be as valuable. Hyde is probably the best short yardage back in the draft, giving him an advantage over a lot of his draft class. His ability to pick up key first downs and put the ball in the end zone, is highly valuable given the impact those types of plays have on an offense.

Hyde should be selected somewhere in the 2nd round and could end up being the top running back in the draft. Teams will be interested in his character and work ethic, but as long as those questions get answered, he isn't likely to see a draft day slide.

WR Sammy Watkins, Jr, Clemson

Measurables: 6'1" 211 lbs

Strengths:

- Very smooth in and out of his breaks, doesn't lose a lot of speed as he cuts
- Good frame, plays with a lot of balance and power for his size
- Has great top end speed and quickly accelerates to reach it
- Is incredibly dangerous with the ball in his hands and picks up a lot of his yardage after the catch
- Good route runner who can create separation
- Great hands, if he has a shot at a ball he typically brings it in
- Really wide catch radius, and can elevate to go get a football
- Can help in the return game or with a variety of runs

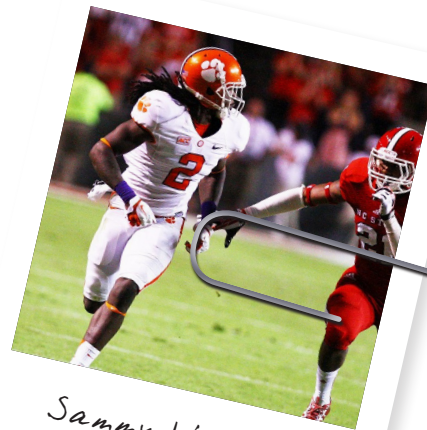
Weaknesses:

- Can get sloppy with his route running at times
- Had a down sophomore year after an impressive freshman season
- Can struggle to get off the jam at times
- Has had some off the field issues and was suspended for two games in 2012

Analysis:

Watkins has big time playmaking ability, not just as a receiver but anytime the ball is in his hands. The Tigers used Watkins in a variety of ways to do just that. Watkins has incredible open field potential and can be a deadly weapon in the screen game. From a speed, fluidity, elusiveness factor, Watkins is at the top of what you are looking for in a wide receiver. He's also got good hands and great vision after the catch.

Despite his promise Watkins does come with some concerns. He had some off the field issues in 2012 which cost him two games. Although he is generally a good route runner, Watkins can round



Sammy Watkins

off routes at times allowing defenders to catch up to him from the separation he created. He needs to do a better job getting off press coverage quickly as it will be one thing that gets more intense at the next level. Overall Watkins looks like a lock to be the first receiver taken in the draft, likely within the first 10 picks.

WR Mike Evans, rSo, Texas A&M

Measurables: 6'5" 231 lbs

Strengths:

- Impressive size, he looks every bit the 6'5" 231 he measured in at and plays to that size
- Incredible catch radius, has made a number of circus catches while working with Manziel
- Plays the jump ball perfectly, high points the ball and uses his long arms to snatch the ball from the air
- Great red zone threat, near impossible for defenses to cover him
- Improved his route running dramatically as a sophomore
- Good speed ability to get some separation down the field
- Fights off jams with ease and is rarely rerouted by defenders
- Good strong hands that allow him to reel in so many contested throws
- Had good success in the SEC and was very tough to cover one on one. He completely dominated the Alabama secondary which is no easy feat
- Works back to his quarterback when he's in trouble, and has developed strong field awareness because of it.
- Shows a good ability to work the sideline/corner of the end zone with getting his feet down.

Weaknesses

- Still a bit raw overall
- Route running still needs some work, a lot of his production comes from broken plays
- Doesn't have great top end speed



- Not the most fluid athlete and takes time for his speed to build up
- Gets sloppy at times and will body catch the ball too much

Analysis:

Mike Evans has been Robin to Johnny Manziel's Batman these past two seasons, but on just about any other team Evans would be the titular character. Evans has exploded in year two from being labeled just a possession receiver to a complete package. He's running away from defenders answering any questions about his speed. The fact that he's doing his damage in the SEC should answer most NFL talent evaluator's questions. While people will still try to question his speed, let's not forget that many wanted to knock Alshon Jeffery two years ago in the draft for the very same reason and he wasn't even as big or physical as Evans. Evans is a bit more raw than you'd like for a first round receiver, particularly coming from an offense where many of his catches were of the school yard variety when the pocket broke down around Manziel. The tools are there though for him to become an impact receiver similar to a Brandon Marshall.

WR Jordan Matthews, Sr, Vanderbilt

Measurables: 6'3" 212 lbs

Strengths:

- Consistent receiver, gets open easily
- Good technician at WR, knows how to set up routes
- Very good after the catch
- Reliable hands, won't drop many passes

Weaknesses:

- Average speed, may struggle against faster CB's in NFL
- Needs to clean up some wasted movements
- Has benefited some from offense, many targets were screens
- Will let passes into body, can be issue moving forward



Analysis:

Jordan Matthews has been the epitome of a consistent receiver in college football. While not possessing elite speed, Matthews uses his very good route running and frame to make plays. While Matthews has good route running ability, he also could stand to clean up the wasted movements in some of his routes ran.

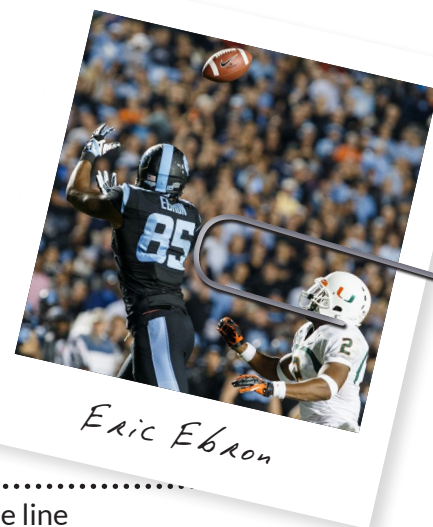
What sets Matthews apart is his hands and the ability to make plays after the catch, even with not having elite speed. With his ability to get open consistently, Matthews will be an attractive commodity in the NFL. Look for Matthews to come off the board early in round 2.

Tight End Eric Ebron, Jr, UNC

Measurables: 6'4" 250 lbs

Strengths:

- Good hands, developed into a reliable target for the Tarheels
- Good size and frame, capable of adding more weight if needed
- Good speed, and agility can get separation and pick up yards after the catch
- Is a matchup nightmare for opposing linebackers and safeties
- Good route runner, can run routes spread out wide, in the slot or off the line
- Smart receiver who knows how to find holes in the opposing zone
- Better blocker in 2013 than 2012, he gives a lot of effort in this area and doesn't ever just get blown up or miss his block
- Shows good awareness in working back to his quarterback.



Weaknesses:

- Still leaner than you'd like him to be, have to question if the added weight will reduce his speed
- While his blocking is probably above average, he struggles against more physical linemen and linebackers. He'll see far more of that at the NFL level
- Has disappeared in some key games for the Tar Heels
- Would like to see him more physical when smaller defenders try to tackle him
- Needs to do a better job winning contested balls and being more physical off the line

Analysis:

Ebron is one of the top tight ends in college football possessing a lot of great catching traits while showing promise as a blocker. He's still not a complete tight end, but he has the potential to develop into one if he can add some bulk and strength without sacrificing too much speed.

Many of his weaknesses seem to be very fixable and improvement will come as he matures both physically and as a player. One thing that really separates himself from a lot of pass catching tight ends is his effort as a blocker. He might not be great right now and still gives up too much ground, but he'll never let a defender have an easy path to the quarterback or ball carrier. He fights the entire time and does his best to slow down a defender. That is tough to teach guys, and it shows real promise for Ebron's future.

Given his skill set and effort Ebron should be able to make a quick transition to the NFL game and should be the first tight end off the board.

TE Jace Amaro, Jr, Texas Tech

Measurables: 6'5" 265 lbs

Strengths:

- Highly productive TE, who can be a game breaker with ability
- While big, very athletic TE who plays more in the flex role
- Pretty refined route runner
- Uses body well to wall off defenders and make catch
- While flex TE, plays very aggressive and "angry"

Weaknesses:

- Not a natural fit for all NFL teams, not a real big blocker
- Rumored off the field concerns will be issue for teams
- Does have troubles with going across middle and making tough catches
- Concentration lapses occur more than wanted to see

Analysis:

Jace Amaro has been one of the more exciting and efficient TE's to play in college football the past year. While he's not someone who will wow you as a high end blocker, he will make catches and turn them into possible game changing plays.

Amaro needs to improve on his concentration, as he will have too many drops than one would like to see. Amaro needs to improve on his blocking as well and at least become an adequate one in the NFL. If Amaro checks out well off the field as well, look for him to be one of the top offensive skill players taken in the 2014 NFL Draft. Amaro is a likely top 25 pick in May.



Jace Amaro

OT Jake Matthews, Sr, Texas A&M

Measurables: 6'5" 308 lbs

Strengths:

- Son of Bruce Matthews, and looks to be as gifted as his father
- Three and a half year starter, at both right and left tackle
- A better prospect than former teammate Luke Joeckel who went 2nd overall last year
- Good footwork and quickness to get to the edge
- Has played in both pro style and spread attacks at the collegiate level
- Is very strong in the run game as he is physical enough to bury defenders
- Plays with good leverage and a strong anchor
- Excellent pass protector who has a good feel for the game
- Great punch to keep defenders off balance
- Has excelled versus SEC defenses, including a number of NFL caliber pass rushers these past two seasons



Weaknesses:

- Doesn't have as quick of feet as most elite left tackle prospects
- Needs to be quicker to the 2nd level at times
- Consistency has been an issue at times

Analysis:

Matthews not only brings excellent bloodlines to the table but will have started for over 3 ½ years, the last two of which have been in the ultra-tough SEC. He's faced off versus numerous NFL caliber ends and linebackers and has passed with flying colors. Matthews is a physical specimen, who grades out well in every area you look for in a lineman. If he gets his hands on a defender the play is basically over, as he can manhandle most opponents.

The one slight concern some have with him is he doesn't have the quickest feet on par with other

top tackles. While you may get him with a speed rush every now and then, it's not a big enough concern for teams to drop Matthews down their boards at all. He's probably a better run blocker than pass blocker, but that more speaks to how elite he is in run blocking than a negative towards his pass blocking. Matthews has a firm anchor and uses a strong hand punch to knock defenders off their path to the quarterback.

Matthews is one of the most pro ready prospects in this draft. Not only does he have an extremely high ceiling, but his floor is high as well. He's one of the safest picks a team can make this upcoming May and he should hear his name called in the top 5-10 picks.

OT Cyrus Kouandjio, Jr, Alabama

Measurables: 6'7" 322 lbs

Strengths:

- Has a great frame and can even add a little weight if needed
- Strong at the point of attack and can be a devastating run blocker
- Shows really good balance in pass protection, plays with a good anchor and slides his feet well
- Has nice quickness for a guy his size, can get to the second level and help in the screen game
- Very quick off the ball, gets into the defender and drives him back. Also allows him to get set before the defender can get to him when in pass protection
- Uses his long arms and strong hands well to control defenders and keep them out of the play
- Has excelled at left tackle for the Tide these past two seasons against strong SEC talent

Weaknesses:

- Has been inconsistent at times in his time at Alabama. Has disappeared for stretches and given up more big plays than you'd like to see
- Needs to not reach for defenders at times
- Did have a knee injury back in 2011, and there were rumors that some teams had medical red flags on him at the Combine.



Cyrus Kouandjio

Analysis:

Kouandjio has elite left tackle potential and should easily be a day one starter at that position. He's in the mix to be either the 2nd or third offensive tackle taken. He's got prototypical size and strength for a left tackle and has all the key traits you look for in a blind side protector. The fact that he distinguished himself along the very talented Alabama offensive line has to be really impressive to NFL scouts. His success in the SEC also helps as he's been challenged by many of the top pass rushers at the collegiate level these past two years and won most of his battles. Kouandjio is a very good pass and run blocker and could end up being elite in both areas.

The main concern with Kouandjio is his health. Teams may fear that his career will be limited to a shorter period of time or that he is a higher injury risk than others. It's tough to know how much of those concerns are valid and what is the general draft disinformation that is leaked. The one other concern with him is consistency in that you'll see a missed assignment here or poor technique there. It's not a major issue, but enough that it could keep him out of the top 25 picks even if he does check out medically.

OG Cyril Richardson, Sr, Baylor

Measurables: 6'5", 330 lbs

Strengths:

- Has some versatility, in addition to either guard position could play RT as well
- Big powerful guard a true mauler in the ground game
- Extremely strong and drives defenders right off the ball
- Has a really strong base and anchor, makes it very hard for defenders to push him back
- Has improved each season making fewer mistakes, and making bigger blocks
- Has played in the high octane Baylor offense despite being a bigger lineman
- Has good quickness for his size and can be used to pull or for screens
- Shows good awareness for picking up blitzers



Weaknesses:

- Despite playing for Baylor's spread attack, he is probably better suited for a traditional power blocking game.....
- Needs to be better about getting to the 2nd level quicker.....
- Lunges at defenders at times.....
- Doesn't have much experience in a 3-point stance.....
- Has been inconsistent in the past (not as much this year though).....

Analysis:

Richardson has the size to play on the outside, but after spending 2011 at left tackle he moved back inside these past two years. Though he could probably handle at least right tackle duties at the NFL level, guard is where Richardson thrives. Richardson has excellent size and strength and good initial quickness for his size. He's a great run blocker and can handle most defensive tackles with ease. Richardson also possesses a strong anchor that ensures he's a positive as a pass blocker as well. While his overall ability at getting down field can be a problem at times, he does seem to do well as a screen blocker.

While a talent like Richardson can play in any scheme, he's far more ideally suited to be in a power attack and non-spread offense at the next level. He wouldn't be bad per se in another system, but it wouldn't be utilizing him to his fullest potential. Richardson could sneak into the 2nd round, and should be no worse than a 3rd round selection.

OG, Xavier Su'a-Filo, Jr, UCLA

Measurables: 6'4" 307 lbs

Strengths:

- High end athlete at the OL position
- Displays position versatility, playing both OT and OG in college
- Good use of hands and footwork to be effective in run game
- Uses body to gain leverage early on vs opponent

Weaknesses:

- Age will be seen as a possible weakness to NFL Teams, already 23
- Can stand to improve his nastiness in the run game
- While effective in pass protection, needs to watch hand placement as it can get sloppy
- At times will rely on athleticism too much, leading to technique flaws

Analysis:

Xavier Su'a-Filo has easily been one of the more impressive OL prospects over the 2013 season. Su'a-Filo has taken his athleticism and blended it with power to be a successful player who can be scheme diverse moving into the NFL. Su'a-Filo has very good athleticism, and will use it to win against opponents.

Su'a-Filo sometimes will rely on his athleticism and will lead to error with his technique. Look for OL coaches to refine that technique early on and allow for Su'a-Filo to blossom in the NFL. Look for Xavier Su'a-Filo to come off the board in the end of round 1 at worst he comes off the board early round 2.



Xavier Su'a-Filo

DE Jadeveon Clowney, Jr, South Carolina

Measurables: 6'6" 266 lbs

Strengths:

- Great frame and size, has the ability to add more weight if need be or drop a little if asked
- Explosive first step and great timing off the snap, can get into the opposing lineman before he has a chance to anchor
- Very productive first two seasons at South Carolina, lived in opponent's backfield as a sophomore
- Commands double teams and extra attention, will cause an offense to game plan around him, limiting what they can do
- Can win with both power and speed, making him very tough to block
- Will shed blockers and win the leverage game as well
- Has elite potential to be an elite pass rusher at the next level
- Strong run defender and can hold up at the point of attack



Jadeveon Clowney

Weaknesses:

- Desire has been questioned this past year
- Has given up on too many plays, even when he could still make somewhat of an impact
- Has taken himself out of games and sat out a game despite being cleared by the medical staff
- Wasn't as productive this past season when he was on the field
- Can get a little streaky at times, needs to play with more consistency

Analysis:

Clowney has been a favorite for the number one overall pick in this draft since he was a senior in High School. Clowney was the undisputed # 1 prospect coming out of high school and it was thought that after three years he would be a top pick in the draft. After his first two seasons Clowney looked to be on track for the top overall pick in the draft. He exploded in his sophomore season, and looked to be every bit the elite defensive end everyone thought he could be. This year

he's taken a step back as his commitment has been questioned. While it is frustrating to see him take off plays and not give 100% effort, these questions shouldn't keep Clowney out of the top 10 and still in consideration for the top spot.

Over the years, plenty of top pass rushers have had questions raised similar to those now swirling around Clowney and many still went on to have elite careers. Clowney still needs to mature overall, and get more consistent on the football field, but he has the potential to be the best pass rusher in the league, and is an incredible blend of size and speed.

DT RaShede Hageman, rSr, Minnesota

Measurables: 6'6" 310 lbs

Strengths:

- Displays natural power against any opponent
- When playing at high level, can dominate and push opponents around like rag dolls.
- Shows very good explosion off the ball in pass rushing situations
- Has shown ability to play both 4-3 DT and ability to project to 3-4 DE
- Has shown development each year while in college, takes well to coaching



RaShede Hageman

Weaknesses:

- Technique is rather poor overall
- Hageman doesn't play with proper pad level and will get wiped out of plays
- Doesn't use hands as a DT should, relies on power too much to make plays
- Motor seems to run hot and cold, doesn't always give max effort
- Needs to improve awareness

Analysis:

RaShede Hageman is one of the toughest projections to make when looking at 2014 NFL Draft prospects. Hageman displays a natural ability that isn't rivaled in the draft, but also doesn't play with the technique or balance that will be needed for the NFL.

Hageman will need significant refinement when reaching the NFL, but if teams are patient he can become a very good overall player. Hageman needs to improve his technique, and if he does can be a very good natural fit for the 3-4 defense as a defensive end. Look for Hageman to come off the board in the early 2nd round due to his natural physical tools.

OLB Khalil Mack, Sr, Buffalo

Measurables: 6'3", 251 lbs

Strengths:

- Mack has really good size and speed for an outside linebacker
- Very strong in coverage, diagnoses where the ball is going in zone and can run with most tight ends and backs
- Strong pass rush skills, disguises blitzes well and shed's blocks pretty well. Also has a strong bull rush to overpower backs who don't anchor properly
- Sideline to sideline speed, capable of running down backs from behind
- Great at filling the hole, knows where the running back is going and beats him there
- Versatile player, capable of playing in both 3-4 and 4-3 fronts and could play both inside or outside in either system
- Highly productive player, had a really strong game versus Ohio State to start the year
- Has the potential to be an impact player at the next level
- NFL ready, should need little time before making an impact at the next level



Khalil Mack

Weaknesses:

- Has mainly dominated versus far inferior competition which has padded his stats
- Has had some off the field issues, including a suspension for a game in 2012

Analysis:

Mack has been a man amongst boys for basically his entire college career at Buffalo, but has all the skills necessary to translate to the NFL game. Mack is an interesting case because he can play both inside and outside and play in any NFL system. He combines excellent size, with great athleticism and instincts. Mack does everything well, whether it's coverage, run defense or pass rush. Despite his lack of competition, he looks to be one of the safer and more NFL ready prospects in this draft.

There are some attitude concerns that need to be answered, but if teams feel comfortable with them, there is little reason to think that Mack won't be a top 15 pick in May's draft and he could end up in the top 3 selections.

OLB/ILB C.J. Mosley, Sr, Alabama

Measurables: 6'2" 235 lbs

Strengths:

- Great instincts, reads the play as well as you could want. Whether it is his pursuit angle or plugging a hole versus the run or his coverage, Mosley is always around the football
- Sure tackler, shows good form and has some power behind it as well
- Strong in coverage, sniffs out screens as well as any linebacker in college football and can run with most backs and tight ends
- Good blitzing ability, he times his spots well and can create some havoc in the backfield
- Has gotten better each season and has developed into a very complete player
- Has had tremendous success versus the SEC
- Is a leader on the field and never gives up on a play
- Versatile defender can play either inside or outside in a 4-3 and inside in a 3-4



C.J. Mosley

Weaknesses:

- Needs to do a better job fighting off running back blocks when he blitzes
- Can at times be caught over-pursuing

Analysis:

Mosley is not only one of the more complete players in this draft at any position, but he's one of the most complete players from any of the last 5 drafts. He's a tremendous mix of instincts, athleticism and hard work. He's not a player at a pass rushing position which hurts his overall value, but he should have a tremendous impact on a defense. Mosley has really grown as a defender over the years for Alabama and you saw him improve each season. He made very few mistakes and plenty of big plays for that Tide defense.

Mosley is an A+ defender both in coverage and against the run which is a very rare combo for a linebacker. He has All-Pro potential and will be a day one starter.

ILB Chris Borland, rSr, Wisconsin

Measurables: 6'0" 248 lbs

Strengths:

- Highly productive LB for Wisconsin, has made calls for defense
- Aggressive player who plays at one speed each game
- Fills holes well and will make plays in run game
- Able to play in coverage, shows speed to play with others
- Plays very disciplined, won't see Borland out of position



Weaknesses:

- Height will become a problem for Borland in NFL, will struggle in coverage against bigger players
- Shows adequate speed, but not a burner limiting him to a 3-4 scheme in many aspects
- Needs to improve his sideline-to-sideline ability in coverage or run defense
- Small arm length leads to issues stacking and shedding from blockers

Analysis:

One of the better ILB prospects in the 2014 NFL Draft, Chris Borland has shown the ability to be a high impact player in college football. While not the biggest player on the field, Chris Borland is someone who can be a successful player despite his size issues. Borland is a leader in all facets of the game, and will prove himself from day one with his high motor and ability to recognize and react well to plays

Borland's height and length will lead to many issues in pass coverage and in the run game, but his instincts seem to be able to mask it up well. Teams will have to take Borland out in pass coverage, or become creative as teams will look to target him against bigger TE's and faster RB's out of the backfield. Due to those question marks about his game, look for Borland to slide into the 3rd round range and have an ability to start early on as a two down player, with the possibility of being a full three down player.

LB Ryan Shazier, Jr, Ohio State

Measurables: 6'1" 237 lbs

Strengths:

- Highly athletic OLB who can play sideline to sideline
- Able to effectively cover skill position players well
- Highly productive player while at OSU
- Underrated blitzer, who can get after the QB well
- Understands zones and coverage schemes well
- Motor never stops for Shazier during plays



Ryan Shazier

Weaknesses:

- Needs to improve ability to stack and shed blocks
- Technique needs overall refinement, including tackling form
- Frame is a bit small, could stand to add weight to overall frame
- Needs to show better eye discipline while on the field.
- Can become overaggressive and miss plays on field

Analysis:

Ryan Shazier has been one of the most highly productive OLB players in college football. With his lean frame, Shazier shows the natural ability to play well in space, but also leads him to being caught up easily by blockers. Shazier plays with a high motor, but his overaggressive nature leaves a lot to be desired.

Shazier has the ability to be a scheme diverse player, but it can only happen if he adds weight to his overall frame. Adding that weight to his frame, and working on stacking and shedding blocks will allow for Shazier to have a chance to be a full time 3-4 starter, but his most natural fit is a WLB role in a 4-3 scheme. Look for Shazier to come off the board somewhere in the mid to late 1st round area with his high end ability.

LB Christian Jones, Sr, Florida State

Measurables: 6'3" 240 lbs

Strengths:

- Highly fluid athlete who can play multiple positions on defense
- Shows natural pass rushing ability, but able to drop and play in space
- Reads plays well and will make the big play on defense
- Willing to take on blockers and be physical in all forms of the game
- Uses arms well in coverage, can redirect offensive players off routes well



Weaknesses:

- Average senior year hurt Jones stock, was forced to play more DE and play out of position
- Needs to become a better overall player, sometimes will focus on one certain aspect of game
- Can get washed out of the run game by over pursuing of offensive players
- Will need help with transition back to OLB, move to DE affected parts of game this year

Analysis:

Christian Jones in 2012 was one of the better OLB players in the nation, but after Florida State lost players such as Bjoern Werner and Tank Carradine, Jones was forced to play more DE than one expected. After a solid, but somewhat average season, Jones was seen as a player who had seen his stock fall a bit. Jones has since rebounded and has seen his stock settle after his 2013 season.

Jones needs to improve his overall ability, and will need help with his transition back to the LB position. With Christian Jones, you have someone who can make impact plays for a long time, but will need transition help and technique refinement. Look for Jones to come off the board in the 3rd round range and have the ability to play early on in coverage packages, until his technique is refined.

S Ha'Sean Clinton-Dix, Jr, Alabama

Measurables: 6'1", 208 lbs

Strengths:

- Good size and length, matches up well versus bigger receivers and tight ends
- Advanced coverage skills, can be effective both in man and zone coverage
- Reads the quarterback's eyes well and reacts quickly when the ball is in the air
- Really good ball skills and always a threat for a big play
- Really good athleticism, has great range and jumping ability
- Takes good angles running down ball carriers or receivers
- Has excelled at Alabama, facing a number of tough quarterbacks and receivers
- Strong tackler, not a full enforcer, but a reliable one

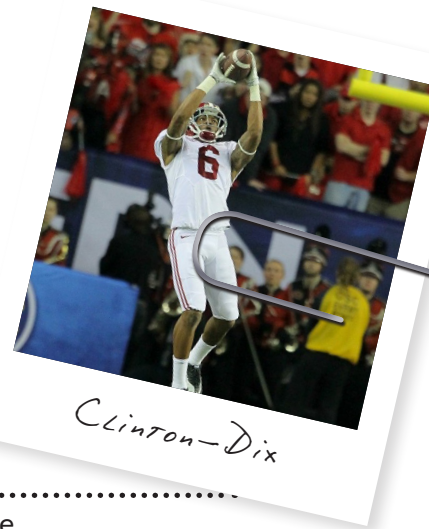
Weaknesses:

- Needs to be more consistent in run support and in the box
- Can over pursue at times when coming up from a single high safety look and lose containment
- Can at times have too much contact in coverage, will get called for more penalties at the next level.
- Hasn't shown much as a blitzer

Analysis:

Ha'Sean Clinton-Dix is the top safety in this draft class and should be a sure-fire first round pick. He has a great track record succeeding in the SEC and being coached by one of the better defensive coaching staffs in the college game (arguably the best). Clinton-Dix is far more advanced in coverage than any other aspect of his game and he looks like a really good option as a free safety in single high safety looks. He displays really good range and reaction times which typically puts him in a strong position. Clinton-Dix also has strong ball skills when he's fighting contested passes and either keeps it himself or knocks it away from the receiver.

In run defense Clinton-Dix is lagging behind, but he's a strong tackler with really good athleticism



so the potential is there. The main issue is he can get caught committing to the wrong direction allowing the back to cut back against him. He's never been used as a heavy blitzing and could need to adjust some in this area as he transitions to the NFL game.

S Calvin Pryor, Jr, Louisville

Measurables: 5'11", 207 lbs

Strengths:

- Very productive starter for the Cardinals, starting fully his sophomore and junior years and starting half the year as a freshman.
- Physical, big hitting safety, who does a great job stopping ball carriers in their tracks and separating the ball from receivers.
- Has 7 career interceptions and eight forced fumbles.
- Versatile safety capable of playing both in the box and centerfield.
- Smart safety, who recognizes the play very well and breaks on it to shut it down.



Weaknesses:

- Can be caught over-pursuing at times, needs to take better angles to contain the cutback chances.
- Doesn't have much man coverage experience.
- At times he gets there too early, and he needs to do a better job of avoiding contact before the ball arrives.

Pryor has the potential to be an impact safety at the next level with his versatile play and great range. He's known as more of a big hitter, but he really excels in all areas as a safety. His instincts always seem to keep him around the ball, which is something that is tough to develop if you don't have it.

Pryor hasn't been asked to work in man coverage a lot and might struggle some initially in that area, but he has the skills to do it. He should appeal to teams in need of both SS and FS help, and he should go in the first round. He should be able to immediately start as a rookie and could end up the first safety taken in the draft.

CB Darqueze Dennard, Sr, Michigan State

Measurables: 5'11", 199 lbs

Strengths:

- Really good three year starter for Michigan State, who improved every season.
- First team All-American and Jim Thorpe Award winner
- Physical corner who excels in press man coverage.
- Really smart corner who uses good positioning to take his receiver out of the play.
- Doesn't bite for many fakes or double moves.
- Good tackler, comes up very well in run support and willing to take on blockers.
- Has better speed and athletic ability than most give him credit for and more than capable of being a starting corner in the NFL.



Weaknesses:

- Won't fit in every system as he should be more of a press corner.
- Very aggressive corner, could get flagged more than you'd like to see.
- Will struggle with speed if he can't get a good press, may be susceptible to giving up a few big plays.
- Has limited zone experience

Analysis:

Dennard really burst onto the scene this past year and upped his draft stock into the first round range. He's a really smart corner with good physical skills that could be great in a system that allows him to play press. Though he's not as athletically gifted as some of the other top corners, he's got enough athleticism that it shouldn't be a major concern.

While he could play in other systems, he's likely not going to be a first round value if he isn't allowed to press the majority of his snaps, limiting some potential teams for him. The real concern with Dennard is how physical he will be able to play at the next level. College refs allow defensive

backs to get away with far more contact down the field than in the NFL. It can be one of the hardest things for young corners to transition to, and a guy like Dennard is at a greater risk given how much of his game relies on that physicality.

Dennard won't be a fit for every team given how he needs to be in certain scheme, but he should still be a 1st round corner and go in the top 20 picks.



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Bryan Stork – Center (Florida State)

On what he wanted to showcase to NFL scouts during Senior Bowl Week

To show that I can handle all the stuff they throw at me. It ain't easy now! Show that I'm worthy of stepping up and being in a position to play at this level.

On what traits he will bring to an NFL team

Mental toughness and hard work.

On what was the most trying time for him as a player at Florida State

I'd say just battling injuries. The league we play in – it ain't easy, you know. We play some good people. So it would be just that – battling injuries. But if that's all you got, then you ain't got bad problems!

On who was the toughest player he ever faced on his own team and the toughest he ever went up against on another team

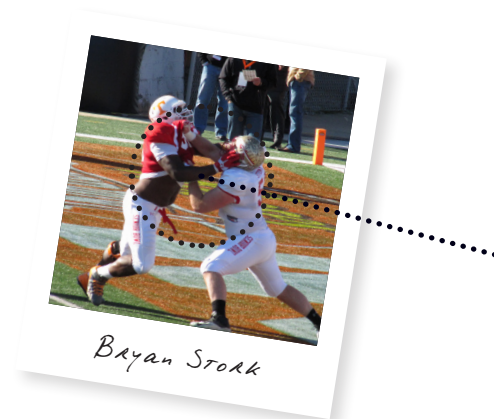
Timmy Jernigan on our team. And honestly, I didn't really struggle much with any other team. But Jernigan is the guy.

On how good Timmy Jernigan is compared to other guys he's faced

Timmy is amazing. He's super talented, he's strong. When he gets to 530 lbs. on the bench, they stop him and tell him that he doesn't need to be benching any more. He can squat a house! He's just an amazing athlete. He has so much power in his hips. He plays so low to the ground. Me being a simple white guy, it ain't easy to get down there! That's the toughest guy I've ever played against.

On which is the toughest – the Senior Bowl roster he is on or his Florida State roster this year

Honestly, it wouldn't be fair for me to say, because I know our guys in and out, but I don't know these guys in and out. There is a lot of great talent here, but there is a lot of great talent on Florida State's roster.



On what kind of versatility he can be to an NFL team if he just can't be that starter early on

I can be the putty. That's how I started out playing at Florida State. Just being the putty – I can play every position. I know I'm 6'4", 305 lbs., but I can kick out to left tackle believe it or not. Just bringing versatility to the offense.

On what was the best piece of advice he received from the coaches at Florida State on entering the draft process

I wouldn't say that it was right before entering this process; it was the whole five years. It was Coach Trickett. He was teaching more about life than just football. Your work ethic, how you present yourself, carry yourself, your body language. Things like that. That had a lot to do with my success.

Will Sutton – DT – (Arizona State)

On what position he would prefer to play at the next level

I really love the 3-tech. I really love the 4-3 defense and shooting that B gap and getting the one-on-one situation in that small space – you know, the "phone booth" is where I'm pretty good at. But if teams want me to play end in a 3-4, then I'll do whatever they want me to. If they want me to gain weight, lose weight, get to an ideal weight to play there, then I'll play there.

On what we are going to see on Sundays from him

You're going to see a guy with great character, I'll tell you that. A real good knowledge of the game. Someone who is explosive. May not be making the play every time, but is going to make an impact somehow.



On who is the one Arizona State teammate he would take with him to the NFL if he had the choice to do that

Man, that's tough! I can't even say that. There's so many great players – like Carl Bradford who decided to declare for the NFL. Me and him last year were the top sack leaders in the nation. Chris Young, who's at linebacker – he makes me right. I make a move and he feeds off me. I'll even take an offensive player. Marion Grice is just a versatile player. I'm sad he couldn't be here this week. I could take a bunch of guys. Alden Darby – he played in the Shrine Game and had two picks in the Shrine Game. Osahon Irabor at corner. Robert Nelson at corner – he had 8 picks this year I want to say. We just had a bunch of talent this year.

On what he's going to miss most about his time as a Sun Devil

My teammates. That's the big thing. We have a bond, a special bond. Our coaches installed that it's about relationships. That's how teams get good. I see the Florida State guys and I see how they're all close. That's what it takes to win Championships. That's what I'll miss the most.

On his thoughts about what makes him such a great pass rusher

My thing is to just invade and get in the O-lineman's space. Make him uncomfortable. I've got good hand-eye coordination so my thing is to just get his hands off me as fast as I could and try to make a play.

On how his interview process has gone at the Senior Bowl and specifically if he had talked to the Bears

Yes, I have talked to them (Bears). It was just a regular, informal interview to get to know me. A couple of teams have come up to me. Dallas and the Bears are a couple of teams that I have been watching throughout the season and I know they need D-linemen. I'm just trying to make an impression. They ask just simple questions – you know, like “How's my life at home” – things of that nature.

On both the Bears and Cowboys being 4-3 teams and if that is the type of defense where he will fit in the best

Yes, I think so. The 3-tech, you know, B-gap and go.

On the fact that NFL teams seem to be going away from the 4-3 more and more and whether being a good 3-tech is becoming a lost art

You know, I don't know. Usually, a 3-tech is one of the most athletic guys on the line, so there are a bunch of 3-tech guys who could play the end, or could go play the nose. So, it's just a matter if teams want to use a guy as a 3-tech or use them somewhere else.

On whether he is happy that he decided to go back to school last year for his senior year and what the debate was like with his family and friends about doing that

It's tough. It's like deciding what college to go to, what agent to pick. There's some decisions in life that are tough and I think I made the right decision. I don't look back and regret it at all.

On whether he felt that he was able to grow and find things to work on last season considering the fact that he had a dominant season the year before

Yeah, it was hard. I had to get used to playing at a heavier weight. And I knew that it was going to be a challenge all season because offenses were going to start scheming for me. I've been under the limelight in past years, playing with guys like Vontaze Burfict and guys in that area.

I finally got the appreciation that I kinda deserved. It was a matter of me taking it upon myself to where I just need to get better, even if it's just my strength, I needed to make it better.

On the fact that his weight went up from 280 lbs. in his junior to 320 lbs. now and how he did that while still keeping his agility

You gotta workout. You just can't eat and sit around. You have to get your body used to it. You gotta go out there and run, lift, go hit the sled and just work on your football in a different way.

On what two things he believes he will bring to an NFL team

Somebody who is mentally tough, smart, you know, take an extra hour or two to get in the film room and study the opponent and show a great knowledge of the game.

On what he wants to show to NFL scouts during Senior Bowl week that they may not yet know about him

You know, they pretty much know a lot right now. What they are pretty much looking for is if I still have my quickness and my first step and that's what I need to showcase.

On what was the toughest competition he faced from another team that may have helped make him a better player

It was just every game, every team. So I had to come in with the mindset that I know they are going to come after me. So I had to do everything in my power to have the right technique, to have the right leverage to go out there and do everything that I'm coached to do to be successful.

On what was the best piece of advice he got from the Arizona State coaching staff as he was about to enter this draft process

Just to work hard. Be somebody who is not looked at as somebody who slacks off. Be somebody who works hard, has good character, has a good attitude and has a good head on their shoulders.

Christian Jones – ILB – (Florida State)



On what it meant to be part of the Senior Bowl experience

It means a lot. I'm out here being with some of the top players in college football. For me it feels special because my dad played in it and it feels good to follow him here and be able to be a part of it.

On being a part of the Florida State team this past year and what it was like to go through a National Championship-winning season

It was an awesome season! We were able to do something that most Florida State teams couldn't do – we

went undefeated and we won a National Championship. There have been a lot of great teams at Florida State and we were just happy to be the one team to go undefeated and bring that title back to Tally.

On what was the best moment of the season OUTSIDE of winning the National Championship game

I think the best moment prior (to the championship) was when we overcame in the game against Boston College. A lot of people doubted us. Throughout the years, we always had those games where we slipped up. That could have been one, but we stayed together and persevered. That was a turning point of our season.

On the fact that he played a lot of positions at Florida State and what position area he thinks is his biggest strength

I don't know- I feel like I can do a lot of different things. I feel most comfortable at outside SAM or WILL, either one. But I feel confident enough that if they put me at any spot, I can do just as well.

On what are the two biggest traits that he believes he will bring to an NFL organization

I think my versatility. And I think they'll like my character too!

On what was the best piece of advice he got from the Florida State coaching staff as he was about to enter this Senior Bowl/draft process

Just not to stress out about it. I take everything day by day. Some people get overwhelmed by this whole process, but I'm taking everything slow. Even at practice. We're under a microscope – we've got all those GM's and all those scouts out there. But then again, you've got to look at it – football is a game and you just got to go out there and have fun. That's what I've been doing. Just enjoying the whole process.

On who was the best competition he faced on his team and who was the toughest competition he went up against on another team

Ooh! We had some good players at our school so every time we lined up against our offense, I had some good competition. We were prepared for anybody we played. I feel like the guys who played us the toughest this year were probably from Boston College and Auburn. They played us tough.



Jeff Janis – WR – (Saginaw Valley State)

On what it meant for him to be part of the Senior Bowl process having come from a Division II program

Aaah man! It's just an honor to just even be invited. I wasn't sure if was going to happen. I'm really thankful that Phil Savage gave me a chance. It doesn't happen very often for guys coming from where I'm from. I think I'm only the 4th player from my conference to even be invited to this. So it's just an honor and I'm trying to soak everything in as much as possible.

On what he would like to showcase to NFL scouts this week

Just that I can compete at the Division I level. That's the one thing they're looking for – coming from Division II, they want to see it. That's one thing that I'm really trying to showcase.

On what particular traits he believes he can bring to an NFL team

You know, I think my physical size and speed is something that they really like. Being able to make big plays at big times.

On what receivers he tries to watch and perhaps mold his game after

Jordy Nelson is one that I really like his style of play. I like to think that someday I'll be able to play like him.

On what it is about Nelson's game that really stands out to him

One thing that really stands out to me is how aggressive he is on the ball. When the ball is in the air, it's do-or-die, he's got to go up and get it and come down with it, and he usually does. That's something that I need to work on and that's something he does really well.

On whether he may actually have an advantage in some ways coming from a small school in that scouts are viewing him with a fresher set of eyes and when he wins battles against Divi-

sion I guys, it's considered a bigger plus

Yeah, I think I was told that I was voted as having the most to gain while I was here! So yeah, I think anytime I win in a drill, they're really going to look at that and be, all right, he can play. The level of talent out here is really high. So you're going to win some, you're going to lose some. But I think that once they see that I'm competing and I can beat these guys, that's going to really mean a lot to them.

On what aspect of his game he has been working on to try and improve as he gets into this draft process and goes through the various evaluation events

Obviously the 40-time is huge. I'm hoping to run in the 4.3's again. I did it before so in my mind, I should be able to do it again. So that's something that is really going to help me out if I can be able to do that.

On what the best piece of advice he has received about the draft process, whether from a coach or another player

Just to have fun with it. It's a once in a lifetime thing and if you take it too seriously, it's going to blow by and you're not going to have any fun, and that's what it's all about. That's what I'm doing while I'm here – I'm just soaking everything in and just trying to learn as much as possible and just have fun with it.

David Fales – QB – (San Jose State)



On whether any kind of bond is formed with the other quarterbacks at the Senior Bowl despite the fact that they are intensely competing with each other for draft status

Definitely. We're all going through the same experience. It's all new to each of us. We are competing, but at the same time, these are relationships and friendships we want to carry on into the future. So, it's huge to be able to meet these guys and build a relationship during the week and build a relationship with all the coaches as well. It's definitely a great experience and opportunity.

On what qualities he believes he can bring to an NFL team

I feel like I'm a great leader by example – always there on time – first guy in, last guy out – working hard. I'm a leader by example and that gives me credibility to speak when necessary. Skill-wise, I'm a pretty consistent guy. I'll be the same person every day, both on the field and off the field. Great anticipation and awareness and accuracy. But I'm always trying to improve everything.

On something that he is trying to improve and showcase to the NFL scouts

A knock that I always hear about is my arm strength. The guys I'm throwing with this week have really good, strong arms, Derek Carr and Jimmy (Garoppolo). I definitely want to compete with the best, and those guys are the best. So, I'm looking forward to that.

On what was the toughest defense he had to face this past season at San Jose State

I would say Stanford – they were really good. I was talking to Trent Murphy (DE-Stanford) – that guy is a beast. They were not weak at any position and it was tough to exploit them in any area.

On the best piece of advice he got from the San Jose State coaching staff before heading to the Senior Bowl

Heard from multiple guys that it is just a grind. That it's going to be frustrating at times – the daily grind that you have to go through. But it pays off and you just gotta keep working at getting better and stay focused.

On the fact that most rookie quarterbacks don't become starters right away and how he would approach serving in a backup role if that is how it works out for him

I would understand my role. I'm always going to try and make the guy in front of me better – make the team better. That is the ultimate goal. You've got to contribute to the team, and if that's as being a backup and making the guy in front of me better, then that's what I'll do. And either way, whether that's helping the receivers on little stuff or just being another pair of eyes for the quarterback and seeing something that he might not see. Would just want to make the team better in any way possible.

DaQuan Jones – DT – (Penn State)

On coming from a school so rich in tradition and what it means to him to represent Penn State one last time

It means a lot, just because of my position coach, Larry Johnson. To be the last guy he sends out and to be able to go to the Senior Bowl and possibly be a high pick in the draft. That really means a lot to me to carry on his legacy as a D-line coach.



On the best piece of advice that Larry Johnson gave him throughout his career at Penn State and then as he was about to enter the draft process

Really just to believe in my ability to play football. To go out there confident and be able to go. And don't re-think about what I'm doing. Today (Monday) I didn't really do that – I went out there and started thinking about stuff.

After practice I called him and he said I just need to slow down a little bit and just go play football. I gained a lot of knowledge from him over the years and I'm truly humble.

On who was the toughest competition he went up against from his own team at Penn State and who was the toughest from another team

On my own team, John Urschel. He's a very sound player, very technical. He's a great person as well. But he's probably one of the toughest guys I faced at Penn State. And as for another team, I played against Ohio State – that whole line was good. Jack (Mewhort) was good. It was tough going against those guys. That whole group deserves credit – they were a good group.

On what couple of traits he really wants to showcase to NFL teams this week

That I can be a physical run stopper and that I can pass rush. So tomorrow with the full pads on, I'm going to try and be as physical as possible, stop the run, create havoc and get to the quarterback when need be.

On what position along the line he believes he is best suited to play

I'm kind of comfortable with nose and 3-technique, so any of those two, I'll be fine with.

On what he considers to be the one part of his game that should make him stand out above the rest of the players at his position

I think I do go out there and I'm a physical player. Once I get my groove back, it's really going to be hard to stop me from going forward. Tomorrow I'm going to go out there and demonstrate that and let my play do the talking.



Gabe Jackson

Gabe Jackson – G – (Mississippi State)

On how playing in the SEC may give him an advantage over others in going on to the next level

Just playing against bigger guys, quicker guys all in one – the combination of all that. And having to face that every week.

On who was the best competition he went up against from his own team and who was the best from another team

I'd say Fletcher Cox who plays for the Eagles now. And other team, I'd say Nick Fairley.

On what he thinks are the top two traits he will bring to an NFL team

Physical and hard work

On what he really wants to showcase to NFL scouts during Senior Bowl week

One, that I'm coachable. And then my ability to block in space. That's one thing that I've really been trying to work on.

On what was the best advice he got from the Mississippi State coaching staff before coming to the Senior Bowl

Just loosen up and relax. Just listen and take the coaching in. Don't be down on myself – have confidence. And do what I've been doing the best for the longest time – and that would be playing hard.

Terrence Brooks – S – (Florida State)

On what his experience playing on such a great defense at Florida State might allow him to bring to an NFL team right away



Terrence Brooks

Just pretty much being an impact right off the bat. I feel like I can play pretty much anywhere I'm needed. I'm going to have that mindset to do that. Special teams – I mean, I'd love to play that. That's something that I would cherish. That's a game that people really don't harp on but that's very important to the game.

On what qualities he thinks are his greatest strengths

I would say just being versatile. And just having quickness and just having an instinct for the game, a great feel for the game. I feel like that right there helps me out a lot.

On what part of his game he thinks he needs to show to scouts during Senior Bowl week because they might not fully know it

Probably they want to see me cover a little bit more. That's something that I want to show them – get on some fast guys. Show how I can come down in the box, play the runs, or go out there on the slot and cover them. Just being able to play all positions where I won't have to be taken out of the game.

On his thoughts after the first day of Senior Bowl practices as to which team is more talented – his Senior Bowl South Team or his National Championship Florida State team

Ooh! ... Florida State. I gotta take my boys all day. I mean, I wouldn't trade those boys for the world and I'm glad I've got some of them on this side (South Team) with me. But my squad here is great.

On what it is like to compete against all the great talent at the Senior Bowl while at the same time working off each other and learning from each other

It's definitely kind of weird. You go through all-star games in the past, but never as big as this one. It's pretty crazy. Those guys are competing to try and get enough shine too but you all need to work together to make sure you all shine appropriately and that everything in the scheme goes great. We just got to work together, but people will get their shine. They're going to make plays, I'm going to make plays. We just got to stay together.

On who was the toughest competition he ever went up against at Florida State and then the toughest competition he faced from another team

At Florida State, I would say our whole wide receiver corps. All of them, I can't pick one, all of them were great. As for an offensive guy I faced from another team, I'd say Tre Mason. He's a dynamic runner. You could barely see him back there behind those big guys, but when you do see him, it's him exploding through a whole to get yards. There's a reason he was up there for the Heisman. I mean, the kid is good!

On what his greatest moment was at Florida State OUTSIDE of the National Championship game

As a team, just getting together every day and working hard. Just being around those guys, they're great. I created so many great bonds with this team this year. I hate to leave them. For the most part, just going every day with those guys and grinding, it's a blessing.

On what has been the best advice he's received from either Florida State coaches or previous Florida State players who have gone on to the NFL

Nothing is guaranteed. You need to make the most of every day. You can't go out there and take it for granted or think you are going to have another opportunity. Go out there and seize the opportunity.

Chris Borland – ILB – (Wisconsin)

On what he thinks are his top qualities that he will bring to an NFL team

I think one would be intangibles. I've been a leader at Wisconsin and I think I can lead at the next level. And two would be great linebacker play. I think I play the game the right way. I'm physical and intense and fundamentally sound.

On what he really wants to showcase to scouts during Senior Bowl week

I want to prove how good of an athlete I am. I think that there is a perception that I may have tight hips or not have a lot of speed or quickness. But that's not right – I do and I'm excited to show it this week.

On what it means to be part of that great Wisconsin tradition that has produced a lot of NFL players

It means a lot. I'm especially proud of Wisconsin because we've done it the right way. We've got a lot of guys traditionally who have a great amount of class, do all the things right off the field, and do well in the classroom. To be a part of that, along with all the success we had on the field, it means a lot to me.

On the advice he has received from any former Wisconsin players who have gone on to the NFL

I talked to Brady Ewing a lot about this process. He played at the Senior Bowl. He just told me to stay true to myself and tell the NFL your story and work hard. It's a chance to show not only what you have, but to grow. I want to use this process as having a leg up on guys who weren't here.

On who was the toughest running back that he ever had to tackle

I think Le'Veon Bell. He was a great player for Michigan State – hard to bring down, elusive and big. As far as our team goes ... a bunch of them! James White's year with us, Melvin Gordon, Montee Ball, John Clay – all pretty tough to bring down. For different reasons, but all very good players.



On who was the toughest quarterback to read

This is a throwback, but Mike Kafka from Northwestern. He kinda carved us up in 2009. He played with the Eagles for a little bit. A really smart kid. He was able to look you off which not a lot of guys can do effectively at the college level. He was pretty impressive. I was only a freshman, so I probably thought he was better than he really was, but I came away impressed by him.

On what he felt was the highlight of his Wisconsin career

I think winning the first Big Ten Championship Game. It was a chance to avenge a loss on a Hail Mary to Michigan State. It was the first game of its kind. It was a culmination of a great year and that moment sticks out.

On the possibility that he may have to serve as a back-up in his rookie season and how he would approach transitioning from a top college player to a back-up role if that is how it turns out

Well, I think I will excel on special teams, one. And then two, I'll prepare like a starter and carry myself like a starter, because you're one eyelash from playing any given moment. I think probably my preparation.

[Borland Postgame]

On the fact that he led the North Team with 8 tackles in the game and whether it seemed to come easy for him

Yeah, the offenses in this game are so simplified you can understand what they were trying to get accomplished. It was really easy to read and react to such a simple offense.

On his comment earlier in the week that he wanted to show teams that he was athletic enough to play at the next level and whether he felt like he accomplished that throughout the week and in the game

I did. This week I had a couple of picks and that was important for me to show well in pass coverage. Today, I had a good first half and then was a little tight so called it a day at halftime.

On the fact that NFL game seems to be changing with the bigger, quicker tight ends and whether he feels that he can match up with them and still be the solid run defender

It's absolutely a challenge, but I think that I am as versatile as any player here. I think I can do it all. There's no glaring deficiency. I want to improve in all areas still, but I think I can do it all.

On who was the toughest tight end he ever had to cover

We had a lot of guys at Wisconsin. Lance Kendricks with the Rams, Garret Graham who is in Houston and Jacob Pedersen who is here today. All three of those guys are similar – very difficult to cover.

On whether there was one thing that he felt like he wasn't able to fully showcase to NFL teams at the Senior Bowl

In such a short week with new guys, there's no adversity. I'm a leader. I was voted a captain by the guys for this game, but you don't get a chance to really show that. Bringing a team back from trials is something that I've done in the past. I feel like I'm a good leader. Even though it was recognized, I didn't have a chance to show it this week.

On whether there was anything in particular he wanted to prove through his play in the Senior Bowl game itself

Just to show that I'm a competitor. That's what it boils down to. All these measurables, and 40's, and running. It's all – are you competitive or not? You know, when the game is going to get tough and it's going to be nitty and gritty, you want guys who are competitive.

On the topic of running the 40 and whether he feels that he needs to hit a certain target time or will his game tape speak for itself

I'll have to run a good time, which I think I will. I've got two weeks to prepare, so yeah, I think it will help my case if I did.



Aaron Colvin

Aaron Colvin – CB – (Oklahoma)

[Note: This interview was conducted just prior to Colvin tearing his ACL during a Senior Bowl practice session]

On what it meant to him to be part of the Senior Bowl process

I feel like it means you are part of the elite. There's a lot of great players here and to be able to compete against them is a great feeling.

On what advantages he may have going on to the next level after coming from a big-time program playing in one of the strongest conferences in the country

You see a lot of passing offenses so when the offense likes to pass here at the Senior Bowl, it kinda comes natural to me. Teams in the Big 12 also run the ball, but being from a pass-happy offensive conference, it makes things a lot simpler.

On who was the best quarterback and the best receiver he ever faced from another team and also on his own team during practices at Oklahoma

The best quarterback definitely was Robert Griffin. I wouldn't say there was a tandem because he kind of got the ball around his corps. As far as a receiver, probably give it to Justin Blackmon. (From his own team) - Jalen Saunders, for sure.

On what he really wants to showcase to NFL teams during Senior Bowl week

That I can do it all. I can play press, I can play off, I can play man, I can play zone. I just want to show them that I'm a complete corner.

On the fact that a lot of times rookie corners have to start out playing special teams and how he believes he can contribute to a special teams unit

I can bring energy, I bring passion and I have athleticism as well. So when I'm out there, I take special teams seriously. If I'm on the unit, then I'm going to go all out.

On what was the highlight of his college career

Beating Alabama the last game of the season. Just to finish out the way we did, with so many people counting us out. And just going through and persevering for that game, there was no other feeling like that.

On what it will mean for him to put on that Oklahoma helmet one last time in the game on Saturday

It means a lot. They've done so much for me. It's only right that I can go out there and represent them in a good way. It's a great experience and I'm just happy that I can represent my school.

On what advice Bob Stoops and the Oklahoma staff gave to him as he entered this draft process

They said a lot, man. They just told me to stay at it. It's going to get tough at some times just like it was coming in to college. But you just stay consistent, you work hard, and if you constantly put in the work to be great, then everything will take care of itself.

On what advice he may have received from any former Oklahoma players who have gone on to play in the NFL

All the guys who played before me always contact me, making sure that my head is on straight and just giving me advice. When I talk to DB's, they just give me pointers as a cornerback or a defensive back. It's all love. You know, going to Oklahoma, everybody's close so we always stay in contact.

TEAM NEEDS



Buffalo Bills

1. S
2. ILB
3. G
4. OT
5. TE
6. DE
7. OLB
8. DT
9. CB
10. C

The Bills top need is clearly adding a safety to replace free agent Jarius Byrd, who signed with the Saints in the offseason. They may look to grab a safety in the first round, but if they feel the 9th pick is too high for a safety they could look at one of their other pressing needs such as an offensive tackle, tight end or another pass rusher. With the exception of some offensive line help and a tight end, the Bills figure to focus on the defensive side of the ball for the majority of their needs.

Miami Dolphins

1. G
2. CB
3. OT
4. G
5. OLB
6. ILB
7. TE
8. DT
9. RB
10. S
11. WR

The Dolphins have done a nice job so far in rebuilding their offensive line this offseason, but they are far from done with building this unit. The Dolphins should likely grab the top guard or tackle available in the first round and may even take the other position in round two. Another big need for the Dolphins is a young cornerback. Miami is relying on a couple veteran corners this year, and though that could work for a season, the future is a bit more murky. Grabbing a 2nd or 3rd round corner could solidify the position for years to come. Other than that the Dolphins are primarily looking for depth, particularly at linebacker, defensive tackle and tight end.

New York Jets

1. TE
2. WR
3. OLB
4. S
5. G
6. CB
7. RB
8. CB
9. WR
10. QB
11. G
12. OLB

The Jets have a lot of big needs still and could use starting caliber players at their top 5 needs. Though they made a splash with Eric Decker, the Jets still need to add weapons for young quarterback Geno Smith. They should be expected to target both a tight end and wide receiver in the first couple rounds of the draft. The Jets could also be targeting a guard early in the draft as they look to solidify the interior of their offensive line. Defensively New York could look to add an edge rusher or a young safety in the first couple of rounds. After their more pressing needs the Jets could target a couple of positions for depth, including cornerback, running back and adding another wide receiver.

New England Patriots

1. DT
2. TE
3. S
4. G
5. WR
6. C
7. DT
8. DE
9. QB
10. OLB
11. TE

The Patriots are a bit of a wild card in this draft as there are a number of areas where they could look to address, but they don't have many drastic needs. New England's biggest need is probably at defensive tackle where there is little talent beyond Vince Wilfork, who is nearing the end of his career. The Patriots could look to target an early starter here and add some depth later. Another relatively big need is at tight end, where Rob Gronkowski can't stay healthy and there is a still a void from the loss of Aaron Hernandez. This is another position where the Patriots could look to double up in this draft. Outside of those two larger needs the Patriots will likely look for depth primarily along the offensive line and at the safety position. Also, don't be surprised if the Patriots look to grab a quarterback early in the draft to groom behind Tom Brady.

Baltimore Ravens

1. OT
2. WR
3. DT
4. CB
5. ILB
6. RB
7. DE
8. S
9. DT
10. TE
11. OT
12. G

The Ravens don't have many pressing needs, but there are a number of positions where they could look for potential starters or key contributors. Perhaps their biggest need is at right tackle where Michael Oher left a hole when he bolted in free agency. The Ravens could look to address this need in the first round or two of May's draft.

Another position the Ravens could target early is wide receiver even though they don't have a pressing need in 2014 for help there after re-signing Jacoby Jones and signing Steve Smith. A defensive tackle/end for their 3-4 defense, a corner and a young inside linebacker are probably the next three areas the Ravens will look at. One position that wasn't considered a major need, but is likely to get addressed is running back due to the lack of production last season and Ray Rice's legal troubles.

Cleveland Browns

1. QB
2. WR
3. G
4. CB
5. ILB
6. S
7. OT
8. RB
9. FB
10. WR
11. C
12. QB
13. DT

The Browns have a lot of needs, but they also have a lot of premium picks so they are in prime position to fill out this roster. They need to grab a franchise quarterback and could look to do so with their top pick in the draft. Wide receiver, guard and corner are all considered major needs as well and could be early targets for the Browns. Also, look for the Browns to look at inside linebackers, tackles and safeties in the middle rounds of the draft. Cleveland signed Ben Tate to be their feature back, but expect them to give him some competition in the middle to late rounds this year.

Cincinnati Bengals

1. S
2. OLB
3. WR
4. DE
5. C
6. CB
7. ILB
8. QB
9. RB
10. DE
11. OT

The Bengals really don't have too many pressing needs, but can make some upgrades at safety, outside line-backer, wide receiver and defensive end. They will likely look at any of those four positions with their first round pick. Cincinnati could also look to use a middle round pick on a starting caliber center and a nickel corner. Late in the draft if their other needs are met they could look for some depth at quarterback, running back and offensive tackle.

Pittsburgh Steelers

1. OT
2. DT
3. DE
4. WR
5. CB
6. G
7. ILB
8. OLB
9. RB
10. WR
11. S

The Steelers need to get younger in this draft and rebuild their trenches. While Pittsburgh has spent a number of high draft picks on the offensive line of late, they still haven't found a left tackle and if the right guy is there in the first round they could take him. Cameron Heyward is locked into one spot along the defensive line, but they don't have much else next to him and could look to spend an early pick or two fixing this unit. A young wide receiver and corner could also be looked at in the early-to-mid rounds.

Houston Texans

1. QB
2. G
3. OLB
4. OT
5. S
6. DE
7. OLB
8. WR
9. RB
10. DT
11. CB
12. S

The Texans are in the driver's seat of this draft with the first overall pick and will need to decide whether they take one of the quarterbacks here, a top defensive player or possibly trade back. Likely it will be a quarterback with their top pick, which would put pass rusher or offensive line help their target in the 2nd and 3rd rounds. The Texans could add some depth at WR and RB, but other than that their mid-late rounds will be likely focused more to the defensive side of the ball as they try to build around J.J. Watt.

Indianapolis Colts

1. G
2. ILB
3. S
4. RB
5. DT
6. CB
7. WR
8. C
9. CB

The Colts don't have a first round pick due to the Trent Richardson trade, but luckily don't have too many pressing needs. The Colts could use some help at guard, inside linebacker and safety early on. Despite the presence of Trent Richardson, running back is still a need and Indianapolis could look to grab one in the mid rounds. After those needs, the Colts just need to keep adding depth along their offensive and defensive lines and in the secondary.

Jacksonville Jaguars

1. QB
2. OT
3. OLB
4. S
5. DE
6. C
7. WR
8. S
9. DT
10. G
11. RB
12. CB
13. ILB

The Jaguars have had a productive offseason and have added a fair amount of talent, but they still have a long way to go. Jacksonville's number one need is clearly landing a franchise quarterback, but it's not their only pressing need. In addition the Jaguars could target a premiere pass rusher, offensive tackle and a safety early in the draft. In the mid-rounds center and wide receiver could be options as Jacksonville could use help at both positions. Later on the team could use depth at just about any position.

Tennessee Titans

1. S
2. QB
3. OT
4. RB
5. CB
6. OLB
7. DT
8. C
9. CB
10. ILB
11. DE
12. WR

The Titans could go in a number of different directions early in the draft. Adding a safety makes a lot of sense early on, but with a new coaching staff in place a franchise quarterback could be in the mix for round 1 or 2. With Chris Johnson gone, the Titans have a fairly big need at running back and figure to address it in either the 2nd or 3rd rounds. Outside linebacker, offensive tackle and corner all are important needs as well for Tennessee.

Denver Broncos

1. G
2. CB
3. DE
4. OLB
5. OT
6. RB
7. C
8. G
9. S
10. WR
11. DE

The Broncos addressed most of their pressing needs in free agency, but could look to make some upgrades in the early rounds. Guard and corner figure to be their two biggest targets to look at in the first round. Even with the addition of DeMarcus Ware adding another defensive end could be a priority for this Broncos team. That is an important area to have quality depth and Ware could end up being more of a situational player. Depth is also needed at linebacker, along the offensive line and at running back.

Kansas City Chiefs

1. WR
2. TE
3. OT
4. G
5. DE
6. S
7. CB
8. WR
9. G
10. DT

The Chiefs need to have a serious offensive focus in this draft class with pressing needs at wide receiver, tight end, and along the offensive line. Kansas City doesn't have a 2nd rounder so they may look to trade back to stockpile picks. If they stay in the first round, they will probably take the best receiver on their board as they hope to find a big play weapon for Alex Smith. Defensively the Chiefs could be looking for safety or defensive end help, but that figures to be a secondary need for the team overall.

Oakland Raiders

1. OLB
2. QB
3. DE
4. G
5. DT
6. OT
7. S
8. DT
9. G
10. CB
11. RB
12. WR
13. OT
14. OLB
15. ILB

The Raiders have added a lot of above average talent in their free agent acquisitions this offseason, but they are all really short term fixes. What that means is that none of the Raiders needs have been truly filled long term. Oakland definitely needs a franchise quarterback, but they could pass on one in the first round with Matt Schaub there. In addition to a quarterback the Raiders need to add some more pass rushing help and some young defensive players to build this team around. Offensive line, secondary, and wide receiver help is also needed.

San Diego Chargers

1. DT
2. CB
3. OT
4. OLB
5. S
6. DT
7. G
8. WR
9. S
10. ILB

The Chargers defensive line has been a weak point of their 3-4 defense and figures to be addressed early in the draft. Cornerback is another serious position of need and will likely be a consideration in the first two rounds. After those two needs are met, the Chargers will likely focus their picks on adding depth along the offensive line and throughout their defense.

Dallas Cowboys

1. DE
2. G
3. DT
4. OT
5. DE
6. RB
7. DT
8. OLB
9. WR
10. CB
11. S
12. DE

The Cowboys have serious needs along their defensive line which was completely overhauled this offseason. They figure to use at least two early-to-mid round picks on the position group. In addition to their defensive line issues the Cowboys can use help along the offensive line and in the secondary. Later in the draft Dallas could look to add depth at running back and wide receiver.

New York Giants

1. DE
2. OT
3. TE
4. WR
5. S
6. OLB
7. G
8. ILB
9. C
10. S
11. CB

The Giants figure to go one of four ways in the first round adding either another top pass rusher, or help on offense at offensive tackle, tight end or wide receiver. A lot will depend on who is left on the board when the Giants select, but adding offensive help for Eli Manning may take precedence over a pass rusher. Safety and linebacker are also big needs, though they probably won't get much attention in the top two or three rounds.

Philadelphia Eagles

1. OLB
2. WR
3. ILB
4. DE
5. S
6. DT
7. G
8. CB
9. WR
10. OT
11. TE

The Eagles added a fairly big need when they released DeSean Jackson a couple of weeks ago and they could look to fill that need in the first round. Philadelphia isn't desperate though for a receiver so there is a chance they wait a round or two, and instead get some additional help to their linebacker corps. The rest of the Eagles needs lie primarily on defense, and that figures to be the focus of the draft with possibly a depth offensive lineman or two.

Washington Redskins

1. OT
2. S
3. CB
4. C
5. ILB
6. DT
7. G
8. TE
9. CB
10. ILB
11. WR
12. QB
13. RB
14. OLB

The Redskins have been very active in free agency, but for the most part they have only brought in short term options, leaving most positions targets for their early draft picks. Two of the Redskins biggest immediate needs are right tackle and free safety, and that will likely be the target of the team's first selection (in the 2nd round). Cornerback, center, inside linebacker are also potential early picks. On paper the Redskins look pretty set along the defensive line, but the team could release a couple veterans and their long term outlook is a bit more murky. Guard and tight end are two other positions that look pretty set on paper, but the team could really use an upgrade.

Chicago Bears

1. DT
2. OLB
3. CB
4. S
5. G
6. DT
7. RB
8. WR
9. CB
10. ILB

The Bears are fairly set offensively, meaning this draft will be used to fix the defensive side of the ball. While outside linebacker, cornerback and safety are all big needs, they don't come close to the Bears need at defensive tackle. Chicago fixed their defensive end position, but they still need serious help at tackle. The Bears should be able to land a pretty good tackle in the first round, and may even consider trading up to get their guy. After fixing their defensive needs, Chicago could consider some depth at running back, wide receiver and along the offensive line.

Detroit Lions

1. CB
2. OLB
3. WR
4. S
5. G
6. CB
7. OLB
8. TE
9. WR
10. OT
11. ILB
12. S

The Lions have major needs at corner and outside linebacker, but they could go in another direction in the first round. Wide receiver isn't as much of a need after signing Golden Tate, but with as much as this team throws the football they could look to grab a top receiver if they fall to their selection. Safety is another bigger need, but probably won't factor into the first round or even second round discussion. Later the team needs additional corner, linebacker and tight end help.

Green Bay Packers

1. S
2. OT
3. TE
4. C
5. WR
6. G
7. DT
8. QB
9. CB
10. G
11. RB

The Packers need safety help early in this draft and that could end up their first round target if the right guy is available. In addition to safety, the Packers need to add help at offensive tackle and center, while finding a tight end that can play early on. Depth at wide receiver, guard and defensive line are all on the Packers wish list as well. Also, after last year's debacle when Aaron Rodgers went down, the Packers could use a mid-round pick on a young quarterback.

Minnesota Vikings

1. QB
2. WR
3. OLB
4. CB
5. ILB
6. DE
7. S
8. DT
9. RB
10. S
11. C
12. G

The Vikings need to add a young franchise quarterback and will likely target one in the first or second round. Wide receiver is also an option as Patterson is more of a weapon than a polished receiver. After those two positions the Vikings need to focus on fixing their defense particularly at outside linebacker, cornerback, inside linebacker and defensive end. The Vikings could also look to add depth at running back as well.

Atlanta Falcons

1. DE
2. OLB
3. OT
4. TE
5. S
6. RB
7. DT
8. OLB
9. DE
10. G
11. CB
12. ILB
13. OT

The Falcons have been rebuilding their defensive and offensive line this offseason, but they aren't done yet. The Falcons need to improve their protection and at the same time do a better job at getting after the quarterback. That has to be their focus in the early rounds of the draft. Other positions of need include finding a new starting tight end and a young safety. A running back to platoon with Steven Jackson and additional defensive depth are also important areas to Atlanta.

Carolina Panthers

1. OT
2. WR
3. S
4. CB
5. G
6. WR
7. TE
8. S
9. G
10. CB
11. DE

The Dolphins have done a nice job so far in rebuilding their offensive line this offseason, but they are far from done with building this unit. The Dolphins should likely grab the top guard or tackle available in the first round and may even take the other position in round two. Another big need for the Dolphins is a young cornerback. Miami is relying on a couple veteran corners this year, and though that could work for a season, the future is a bit more murky. Grabbing a 2nd or 3rd round corner could solidify the position for years to come. Other than that the Dolphins are primarily looking for depth, particularly at linebacker, defensive tackle and tight end.

New Orleans Saints

1. OLB
2. ILB
3. CB
4. WR
5. C
6. OT
7. OLB
8. QB
9. TE
10. CB
11. DE

The Saints did a great job building their defense up last season, but they aren't set yet. New Orleans could use another edge rusher, an inside linebacker and another corner. Those three positions figure to be the focus of the Saints early rounds. Offensively the Saints need help at wide receiver and center in particular. Offensive tackle and quarterback could be later round targets for depth purposes.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

1. WR
2. OLB
3. G
4. QB
5. DT
6. OT
7. DE
8. WR
9. G
10. CB
11. OT
12. CB

The Buccaneers needed some wide receiver help before trading Mike Williams to the Bills, but now that clearly is their biggest need. Adding an outside linebacker and another edge rusher are also important needs to Tampa this year. The Buccaneers did sign Josh McCown and they have Mike Glennon, but neither quarterback may keep them from looking to add a signal caller in the early rounds of the draft. They are unlikely to take one in the first round, but they may consider grabbing one in round 2 or 3 for the future. Guard, defensive tackle and offensive tackle could be additional early round considerations as well.

Arizona Cardinals

1. QB
2. OLB
3. ILB
4. G
5. OLB
6. RB
7. OT
8. CB
9. WR
10. S
11. C
12. CB

The Cardinals don't have really any pressing needs, which could see them look to grab a quarterback in the first round if one of the top four options is still on the board. Carson Palmer was fine last year, but he's no longer a top quarterback and he's nearing the end of his career. If the Cardinals can find a young signal caller that they like they should take him. After quarterback the Cardinals could use some help at linebacker, particularly a pass rushing outside backer for their 3-4 defense. Andre Ellington was a nice find at running back a year ago, but he's not really an every down guy. Arizona should look to add a complementary back in this draft. The offensive line is still a weak point and could be a focus in the late rounds to build depth.

Seattle Seahawks

1. OT
2. G
3. WR
4. CB
5. DT
6. DE
7. DT
8. QB
9. S
10. CB
11. DE

The Super Bowl Champs don't have many pressing needs, but they could look to use this draft to upgrade their offensive line. Right tackle is a weak point as is the guard position. The Seahawks could use some depth at receiver and corner and could look to add some pieces in the mid-rounds. Their defensive line depth took a hit this year in free agency, so look for them to add a couple bodies in this draft.

San Francisco 49ers

1. CB
2. WR
3. DT
4. RB
5. C
6. G
7. ILB
8. DE
9. CB
10. QB
11. WR

The 49ers don't have any dire needs, but could use some help or quality depth at a number of positions. They have a number of draft picks including plenty in the early rounds so they are in a prime position in this draft. Cornerback, wide receiver and defensive line help figure to be the target areas for the 49ers in the first two rounds. Also, don't be surprised if a running back is selected early as Frank Gore is getting up there in age. Interior line depth is key as well and finding some inside linebacker help makes sense with Navarro Bowman returning from injury.

St. Louis Rams

1. OT
2. OLB
3. WR
4. S
5. CB
6. DT
7. QB
8. RB
9. G
10. CB
11. ILB

The Rams have two picks in the top 13 and are really in the driver's seat of this draft. With the 2nd overall pick the Rams could grab a top offensive tackle, a wide receiver or perhaps more likely trade the pick back for additional assets. In addition to offensive tackle and wide receiver, the Rams could look for upgrades at outside linebacker, safety, cornerback and defensive tackle. Later in the draft the Rams could target a young quarterback and some depth at running back.



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