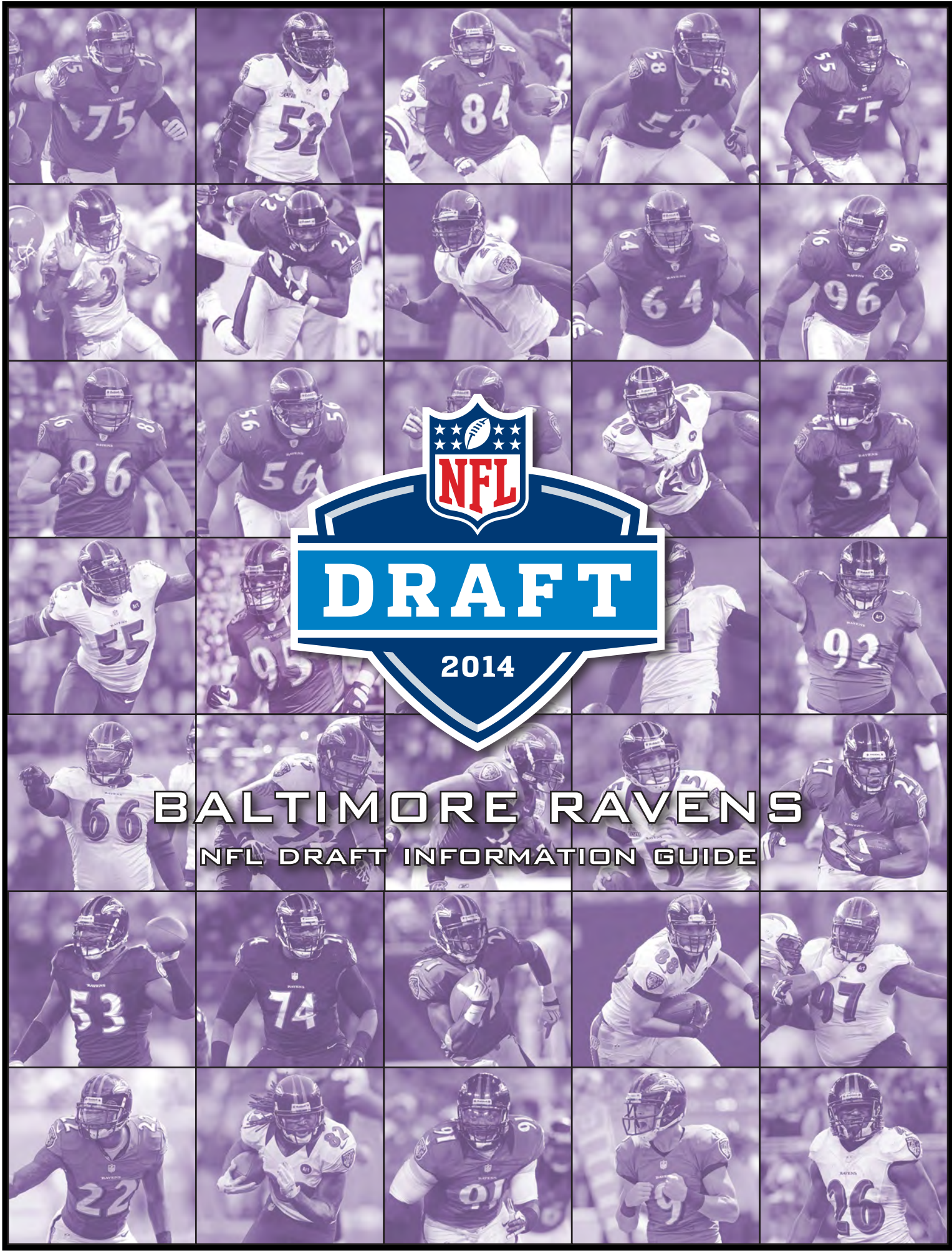




BALTIMORE RAVENS
NFL DRAFT INFORMATION GUIDE



BALTIMORE RAVENS DRAFT MAGIC

THE WIZARD'S DRAFT MAGIC



Since moving to Baltimore in 1996, the Ravens, led by **Ozzie Newsome**, have participated in 18 drafts and selected 18 players in the first round. These picks have earned an amazing 55 combined Pro Bowls, several All-Rookie honors, multiple Defensive Player of the Year Awards and two Super Bowl MVP honors.

BALTIMORE RAVENS FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS

Year	Name	Pick	Pro Bowls
1996	T Jonathan Ogden*	4	11
1996	LB Ray Lewis* ++ ~	26	13
1997	LB Peter Boulware*	4	4
1998	CB Duane Starks*	10	
1999	CB Chris McAlister*	10	3
2000	RB Jamal Lewis*=	5	1
2000	WR Travis Taylor	10	
2001	TE Todd Heap*	31	2
2002	S Ed Reed* +	24	9
2003	OLB Terrell Suggs* +	10	6
2003	QB Kyle Boller	19	
2005	WR Mark Clayton*	22	
2006	DT Haloti Ngata*	12	5
2007	G Ben Grubbs*	29	1
2008	QB Joe Flacco^ ~	18	
2009	T Michael Oher*	23	
2011	CB Jimmy Smith	27	
2013	S Matt Elam	32	

* All-Rookie Team ^ Rookie of the Year (NFL.com Fan Vote) ~ Super Bowl MVP
+ Defensive Player of the Year Awards = Offensive Player of the Year Award

MID-TO-LATE FIRST-ROUND FINDS

The Ravens have consistently found gems in the middle and later portions of the first round, including standouts LB Ray Lewis (26th), S Ed Reed (24th), **DT Haloti Ngata** (12th), **QB Joe Flacco** (18th) and **CB Jimmy Smith** (27th). Additionally, Pro Bowlers like TE Todd Heap (2001) and G Ben Grubbs (2007) were tabbed late in the first round.



Ngata - 12th Pick
5 Pro Bowls



Flacco - 18th Pick
Super Bowl XLVII MVP



Reed - 24th Pick
9 Pro Bowls
'04 Def. POY



Lewis - 26th Pick
13 Pro Bowls
'00 & '03 Def. POY



Smith - 27th Pick
5 Career INTs
and 30 PD



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General Manager &
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Ozzie Newsome General Manager & Executive VP	Ian Cunningham Southeast Area Scout
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The Ravens have had 31 players earn Pro Bowl honors since the team's inception in 1996. Of those, 17 are homegrown players – 15 drafted and two signed as a rookie free agent:

RAVENS HOMEGROWN PRO BOWLERS

Year Drafted (Rd).	Name	Pro Bowls
1996 (1st)	LB Ray Lewis	13
1996 (1st)	T Jonathan Ogden	11
2002 (1st)	S Ed Reed	9
2003 (1st)	OLB Terrell Suggs	6
2006 (1st)	DT Haloti Ngata	5
1997 (1st)	OLB Peter Boulware	4
1999 (1st)	CB Chris McAlister	3
2008 (2nd)	RB Ray Rice	3
2007 (3rd)	G Marshal Yanda	3
2001 (1st)	TE Todd Heap	2
1996 (5th)	WR/RS Jermaine Lewis	2
2007 (4th)	FB Le'Ron McClain	2
2000 (6th)	OLB Adalius Thomas	2
2007 (1st)	G Ben Grubbs	1
2000 (1st)	RB Jamal Lewis	1
2002 (RFA)	LB Bart Scott #	1
2012 (RFA)	K Justin Tucker #	1

Undrafted rookie free agent **Bold** indicates 2013 Pro Bowler

"I think Baltimore, historically, has been one of the best and most consistent drafting teams out there, and it starts with Ozzie Newsome and his philosophy, and it extends to Eric [DeCosta] and his staff. I think they are one of the best staffs that I've seen in this league, and part of the reason is they have been together for so long. That's the first piece. I think there's a lot of talent on the personnel side led by Ozzie."

- **Mike Mayock, NFL Network**

DRAFT SUCCESS:



IT'S A PROCESS

Ozzie Newsome, the Ravens' general manager and executive vice president, is directing his 19th draft. If history repeats itself, Ozzie and his staff will select players that will have immediate and long-lasting impact on the Ravens' continued success as a playoff contender. Newsome deflects praise regarding Baltimore's outstanding draft history: "It's about our process. We have one that involves a lot of hard-working, smart people who try to take the extra steps to make sure we select Ravens-type players," Newsome explains.

The "process" includes 19 full-time members of the personnel department, but also has input from Ravens coaches. Most of Ozzie's staff has been with the team since the franchise started in 1996 or has graduated from the "20/20" club. The "20/20" group includes members who started with the Ravens as young assistants and grew into evaluators with more input. (The term "20/20" refers to hiring "20-year-olds for \$20,000." "Actually, the guys started when they were a little older than 20 and for more than \$20,000, but that's what we call them," Newsome adds.)

"There's a saying within the Ravens that goes, 'In Ozzie we trust.' The reason for that is his track record is tremendous. He has a philosophy, he stays true to it, and they're not going to deviate from that. If the No. 3 player is the No. 3 player, and he's on the board, that's the guy they're taking."

– Chris Mortensen, ESPN

The Ravens do not belong to the National Football Scouting group, which provides member teams a list of and reports on players eligible for the draft. "We make our own list, and that means we look at all players on a college roster," Eric DeCosta, the Ravens' assistant general manager and a graduate of the "20/20" club, says. Baltimore's personnel department includes six area scouts, two pro personnel evaluators, who focus on college talent at this time of year, and additional support staff to handle the load. "We do a lot of cross-checking," DeCosta offers. "A number of us look at everyone, and then we have the area scouts look at certain players from other regions so we get multiple grades and opinions on all the players."

Once a player is defined as a "draftable" talent by the Ravens, John Harbaugh and his staff are assigned to add more study, which could include visits and workouts with some of the players. "Another advantage we have is that many of us

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RAVENS "20/20 CLUB" GRADUATES (Current Personnel Staff)

Name	Joined Ravens	Current Title
George Kokinis (Cle.)	1991	Senior Personnel Assistant
Eric DeCosta	1996	Assistant General Manager
Joe Hortiz	1998	Director of College Scouting
Chad Alexander	1999	Asst. Dir. of Pro Personnel
Joe Douglas	2000	National Scout
Mark Azevedo	2005	Northeast Area Scout
David Blackburn	2007	West Area Scout
Ian Cunningham	2008	Southeast Area Scout

have worked together or known each other for awhile, so we scout the scouts and coaches," Newsome says. "We may have a scout or coach who has proven he really knows how to spot talent at a certain position. That opinion carries more weight when we're finalizing the board."

Adds DeCosta: "Ozzie has assembled such a good, hard-working personnel staff, but what has made it even better is the enthusiasm and thorough work done by coach Harbaugh and his staff. Their input has had impact on our board and will again with this draft."

Newsome encourages all scouts and coaches to have strong opinions. "We have very open dialogue. We want everyone's opinion, especially from the scouts who have looked at the players the longest. I think another strength of our room is that we respect and listen to each other," Newsome says.

Newsome always talks about taking the "highest-rated player on our board" when it comes time to select a player. The Ravens' history proves that. When they had a Pro Bowl left tackle with Tony Jones, Baltimore selected Jonathan Ogden, a future Hall of Famer and 11-time Pro Bowler who was the first pick (fourth overall in '96) in team history. When they had Pro Bowl players like Priest Holmes and Shannon Sharpe, the Ravens selected Jamal Lewis and Todd Heap in the first round. "When we have grades that are even, we sometimes select the player in the area we have the greatest need," Newsome notes. "But, our confidence in our staff and the process we use make draft days easy, exciting and fun. The hay is in the barn, so to speak. The hardest work is done year round prior to the draft."



Torrey Smith (2nd round, 2011)

SUCCESS ACROSS THE DRAFT BOARD

Rd. Players (Years Drafted)

- 1 Hall of Famer Jonathan Ogden ('96), Future HOFer Ray Lewis ('96), Todd Heap ('01), Ed Reed ('02), **Terrell Suggs ('03)**, **Haloti Ngata ('06)**, **Joe Flacco ('08)** & **Jimmy Smith ('11)**
 - 2 Jamie Sharper ('97), **Ray Rice ('08)**, **Torrey Smith ('11)**, **Courtney Upshaw ('12)** & **Kelechi Osemele ('12)**
 - 3 Casey Rabach ('01), **Marshal Yanda ('07)**, **Lardarius Webb ('09)** & **Bernard Pierce ('12)**
 - 4 Edwin Mulitalo ('99), Jarret Johnson ('03), Le'Ron McClain ('07) & **Dennis Pitta ('10)**
 - 5 Jermaine Lewis ('96), Dawan Landry ('06), Arthur Jones ('10) & **Pernell McPhee ('11)**
 - 6 Adalius Thomas ('00), Chester Taylor ('02), **Sam Koch ('06)** & Haruki Nakamura ('08)
 - 7 **DeAngelo Tyson ('12)**
- RFA Mike Flynn ('97), Priest Holmes ('97), Will Demps ('02), Bart Scott ('02), Ma'ake Kemoeatu ('02), Jameel McClain ('08), Dannell Ellerbe ('09), **Justin Tucker ('12)** & **Marlon Brown ('13)**



2014 NFL DRAFT INFORMATION

NFL DRAFT DETAILS

- The Baltimore Ravens invite members of the media to their training facility at 1 Winning Drive when they host their 19th annual NFL Draft from May 8-10 (Thursday through Saturday).
- Directing the Ravens' draft is general manager & executive vice president Ozzie Newsome, assistant general manager Eric DeCosta and director of college scouting Joe Hortiz. Baltimore begins the draft with eight selections.
- Each of the 32 NFL clubs have representatives in New York, and via continuous telephone communication with their GMs, owners, scouts and coaches, deliver the selected names to the NFL officials. Player personnel assistants Kenny Sanders and Matt Jansen will represent the Ravens in New York.

DRAFT LOCATION

- The 79th NFL Draft kicks off in primetime for the fifth-consecutive year, with the opening round starting Thursday, May 8, at 8 p.m. ET.
- The second and third rounds will be on Friday, May 9, starting at 7 p.m. ET, while rounds four through seven will be held Saturday, May 10 at Noon ET.
- The Draft will be held at New York City's Radio City Music Hall. Though it has taken place in NYC since 1965, this marks the ninth-consecutive year it will be at the world-renowned Radio City Music Hall. The Draft will be televised nationally by ESPN and the NFL Network and can also be heard on SiriusXM NFL Radio.

What: 79th Annual NFL Draft

Where: Radio City Music Hall
1260 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

When: Thursday, May 8: 8 p.m. ET (Round 1)
Friday, May 9: 7 p.m. ET (Rounds 2-3)
Saturday, May 10: Noon ET (Rounds 4-7)

MEDIA FACILITIES

- If you would like to request a specific work space at the Ravens' facility, please notify Chad Steele at 410-701-4152 or e-mail him at: chad.steele@ravens.nfl.net.
- Workspaces will be set up in the media workroom (please remember this is a working press room). The press conference room, equipped with wireless access and televisions tuned to ESPN and NFL Network, is also available to media and for those who would like to follow the Draft's progress.

SELECTION TIMES

- Teams have 10 minutes to select a player in the first round, seven minutes in the second round and five minutes in each of the remaining Draft rounds.

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RAVENS 2014 DRAFT CHOICES (8)

Round	Overall Pick	Pick Information
1	17	original pick
2	48	original pick
3	79	original pick
3	99	compensatory pick
4	134	compensatory pick
4	138	compensatory pick
5	175	compensatory pick
6	194	original pick

ALL-TIME DRAFT PICK BREAKDOWN

School with Most Selections...Oklahoma (7)
Offensive Players Selected...78
Defensive Players Selected...64
Specialists Selected...3

Draft Selections By Position

QB.....10	DT.....9
RB.....11	DE.....6
FB.....5	CB.....12
WR.....20	LB.....12
TE.....8	OLB/DE.....12
T.....12	S.....13
G.....6	P.....2
C.....6	K.....0
	LS.....1

RAVENS DRAFTING BY THE NUMBERS

9 & 9

Number of offensive players and defensive players, respectively, tabbed by Baltimore in the first round in the franchise's 18-year history.

16

"Homegrown" Ravens (14 drafted and 2 undrafted rookie free agents) of the 22 players who were regular starters in 2013.

22

Number of players out of the Ravens' 26 draft choices since 2011 who are currently on the team's 2014 roster.

49

Draft choices by the Ravens since 2008 (John Harbaugh Era), 27 of which are offensive players and 22 defensive players.

Most Pro Bowlers Drafted: 1996-2013

Rk.	Team	Players
1.	Green Bay Packers	21
2.	San Francisco 49ers	20
3.	Kansas City Chiefs	19
	New England Patriots	19
5.	Baltimore Ravens	17
	Chicago, Dallas, Denver	17
	Pittsburgh, Philadelphia	17



Totals include players who have earned Pro Bowl honors with any team (not just their original draft club) during a respective career.



QUOTH THE RAVENS: DRAFT EDITION

"Talk to anyone who has watched [Ozzie] Newsome and his staff work up close, and they'll repeat a variation of the same theme: He made the rare transition from great player to great team executive and personnel evaluator by prioritizing listening, learning before talking, and being able to assimilate vast amounts of information and condense it down to its most salient points. Somehow, Newsome is able to block out the noise and avoid drowning in the details, which paves the way to more decisive and reasoned decision-making in the inherently inexact science that is football scouting and evaluation."

— Don Banks, *SI.com*, 2013

"Really, Ozzie is an ambassador for the NFL, period. I think about three 'C's' when I think about Ozzie: classy, consistency and championships. That's what I think about. We're all chasing Ozzie Newsome, man. He doesn't talk about it, but go in his office, he's got skins on the wall. He doesn't have to talk about it. His resume says it all for him."

— Jerry Reese, *NY Giants GM*, 2013

"If you're smart and humble, you realize that you have to work harder than you did the year before. I think it takes a great deal of humility throughout the organization, and that's why they have a chance. The leadership group in terms of Steve [Bisciotti], Ozzie [Newsome] and John [Harbaugh] — they are all strong men with tremendous humility. They don't think they have it all figured out."

— Scott Pioli, *Falcons Assistant GM*, 2013

"Ozzie Newsome has headed up personnel for 18 years, the last 12 as GM, and he retains final say over all personnel matters, including the 53-man roster. But this behemoth is built on the strength of more than just one guy. Pat Moriarty, Eric DeCosta, Vince Newsome and George Kokinis were all part of the original Ravens staff with Ozzie in 1996, and Joe Hortiz came aboard in 1998. In few other places does that kind of continuity exist, and the benefit is a tried-and-true system that is inclusive across the board."

— Albert Breer, *NFL Network*, 2013

"The reason they've been successful is they work at it, and they have a history and a tradition. Really from the moment we got to Baltimore, we put a lot of emphasis on college free agents. I think the Ravens have always approached it like it's the eighth round of the draft, and their scouts take great pride in unearthing a player or two. If you can get one of those players on your team, the impact of it on the salary cap is really significant."

— Phil Savage, *Senior Bowl Exec. Director*, 2013

"If the NFL was a fantasy football league, the Baltimore Ravens are that guy who always makes the rest of the room say, 'Nice pick.' The Ravens take value. Year after year, they see a blue-chip talent fall for some bogus reason or another. And then they snap them up, coach them up and make them into Pro Bowlers."

— Gregg Rosenthal, *NFL.com*, 2012

"The draft is improvement [for the team], but it's also for the fans. It's also the brand, it's selling, it's everything. It's the lifeblood of this organization, and we take it very seriously. We try to make it a science, we really do. But in the end, it's probably more of an art than a science. There's a lot of nuance involved. It's a big-picture thing. It's a lot of bits and pieces of information. It's gut instinct. It's experience, which I think is really, really important. It's past things that have happened. It's memories. And it's also a little bit of science involved. It all works together like a mosaic, and you just end up doing the best you can."

— Eric DeCosta, *Ravens Assistant GM*, 2012

"The Ravens' general manager [Ozzie Newsome] has built a perennial playoff participant through the draft, and he's done so by spotlighting the kinds of players the organization is now known for — those who play like they'd do it for free. Gritty, tough and with a love of the game. Hard-nosed, nasty and with a certain violence. If you were choosing sides for a street fight, think about how many Ravens you'd want on your team."

— Ian Rapoport, *NFL.com*, 2012

"No team consistently delivers as much value. [CB Lardarius] Webb (No. 88 overall, 2009) and DE Pernell McPhee (No. 165, 2011) are recent steals. And that's after getting your franchise quarterback [Joe Flacco] at No. 18 and your franchise running back [Ray Rice] at No. 55 in the same 2008 draft. Ozzie Newsome is a Hall of Famer... in the front office, too. The Ravens face some big personnel losses on defense coming soon, but few are better equipped to move on."

— Mel Kiper Jr., *ESPN*, 2012

"The genius of his ability to absorb all the information is second to none. I always equate it to watching him look at the draft board is like watching Russell Crowe [play Nobel Laureate in economics John Nash] in the movie 'A Beautiful Mind,' in that scene where the math just kind of comes off the board for him. That's Ozzie with all those names and statistics. Of course, he has a great eye for talent, too, but his ability to orchestrate that process, to gain that information, is unmatched."

— Brian Billick, *NFL Network*, 2013

"If I had to pick one guy to draft me a team, I'd take Ozzie Newsome, the GM of the Ravens. He's the best I've seen since Ron Wolf. No matter where the Ravens draft, a good player seems to fall to them."

— Rick Gosselin, *The Dallas Morning News*, 2008

"Three guarantees in life: Death, taxes and the Ravens ruling the draft. General manager Ozzie Newsome, [assistant general manager] Eric DeCosta and a great scouting department comprise a front office that always seems to be three steps ahead."

— Adam Schein, *SiriusXM/NFL.com*, 2010

"As a player, he was known as the Wizard of Oz, a Hall of Fame tight end who was hard to stop. As a drafter, he's a master of finding the right players. [Ozzie] Newsome built one of the greatest defenses in NFL history, starting with middle linebacker Ray Lewis."

— John Clayton, *ESPN*, 2009

"I think Ozzie is true to his board, and the Ravens are as good as any team in the league at staying true and not panicking on draft day."

— Mike Mayock, *NFL Network*, 2010

"From his very first draft, in 1996 when he selected Jonathan Ogden and [Ray] Lewis in the first round, [Ozzie] Newsome has displayed a knack for doing the right thing when the Ravens are on the clock. Although it's difficult to predict who he will pick ... there's a very good chance that player will end up being a contributor."

— Dave Ginsburg, *The Associated Press*, 2009

"He's a great judge of talent. ... He recognizes how talent fits into the scheme that they use on both sides of the ball. He's able to use a great scouting staff to uncover terrific gems down in the lower part of the draft, and he understands — more than anything else — how to put together a team, not just a group of 53 guys, but a team that works and functions together. He understands, because he was such a great player himself, the characteristics that a player has to have in order to contribute positively to a team. There's a difference between judging talent and putting together a team, and Ozzie is as good as there is at that."

— Bill Polian, *ESPN*, 2012

"But in Baltimore, [Eric] DeCosta, the Ravens' [assistant GM], is a rock star. He's the missing Jonas Brother. That was DeCosta who explained the Ravens' evaluation process to *The New York Times* like this: 'We even grade our lunches. If I say it's a 6.2 lunch — all the guys know what that means: pretty good, but not great. A 7.5 is like the Pro Bowl; if I say the soup is a 7.5 today, everybody runs to get the soup.' Around Baltimore, in the days and weeks leading up to the NFL Draft, there's no duo with more juice in town than Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome and DeCosta."

— Rick Maese, *The Baltimore Sun*, 2009



2014 NFL DRAFT INFORMATION

2014 NFL FIRST-ROUND DRAFT ORDER (as of April 29)

Pick	Team	2013 Record	Win %	Strength
1.	Houston Texans	2-14	.125	.559
2.	St. Louis Rams (from Was.)	7-9	.438	.551
3.	Jacksonville Jaguars	4-12	.250	.504
4.	Cleveland Browns	4-12	.250	.516
5.	Oakland Raiders	4-12	.250	.523
6.	Atlanta Falcons	4-12	.250	.553
7.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4-12	.250	.574
8.	Minnesota Vikings	5-10-1	.344	.512
9.	Buffalo Bills	6-10	.375	.520
10.	Detroit Lions	7-9	.438	.457
11.	Tennessee Titans	7-9	.438	.504
12.	New York Giants	7-9	.438	.520
13.	St. Louis Rams	7-9	.438	.551
14.	Chicago Bears	8-8	.500	.465
15.	Pittsburgh Steelers	8-8	.500	.469
16.	Dallas Cowboys	8-8	.500	.484
17.	Baltimore Ravens	8-8	.500	.484
18.	New York Jets	8-8	.500	.488
19.	Miami Dolphins	8-8	.500	.523
20.	Arizona Cardinals	10-6	.625	.531
21.	Green Bay Packers	8-7-1	.531	.453
22.	Philadelphia Eagles	10-6	.625	.453
23.	Kansas City Chiefs	11-5	.688	.445
24.	Cincinnati Bengals	11-5	.688	.480
25.	San Diego Chargers	9-7	.563	.496
26.	Cleveland Browns (from Ind.)	4-12	.250	.516
27.	New Orleans Saints	11-5	.688	.516
28.	Carolina Panthers	12-4	.750	.494
29.	New England Patriots	12-4	.750	.473
30.	San Francisco 49ers	12-4	.750	.494
31.	Denver Broncos	13-3	.813	.469
32.	Seattle Seahawks	13-3	.813	.490

RAVENS DRAFT PICKS ON CURRENT ROSTER (30 as of April 29)

1st Round (5)			
No.	Name	Pos.	Drafted
55	Terrell Suggs (<i>starter</i>)	OLB	D1a (10th) - 2003
92	Haloti Ngata (<i>starter</i>)	DT	D1 (12th) - 2006
5	Joe Flacco (<i>starter</i>)	QB	D1 (18th) - 2008
22	Jimmy Smith (<i>starter</i>)	CB	D1 (27th) - 2011
26	Matt Elam (<i>starter</i>)	S	D1 (32nd) - 2013
2nd Round (6)			
27	Ray Rice (<i>starter</i>)	RB	D2 (55th) - 2008
62	Terrence Cody	DT	D2b (57th) - 2010
82	Torrey Smith (<i>starter</i>)	WR	D2 (58th) - 2011
91	Courtney Upshaw (<i>starter</i>)	OLB	D2a (35th) - 2012
72	Kelechi Osemele (<i>starter</i>)	G/T	D2b (60th) - 2012
59	Arthur Brown	LB	D2 (56th) - 2013
3rd Round (5)			
73	Marshal Yanda (<i>starter</i>)	G/T	D3b (86th) - 2007
21	Lardarius Webb (<i>starter</i>)	CB/RS	D3 (88th) - 2009
76	Jah Reid	T	D3 (85th) - 2011
30	Bernard Pierce	RB	D3 (84th) - 2012
98	Brandon Williams	DT	D3 (94th) - 2013
4th Round (4)			
88	Dennis Pitta (<i>starter</i>)	TE	D4 (114th) - 2010
66	Gino Gradkowski (<i>starter</i>)	C	D4a (98th) - 2012
94	John Simon	OLB	D4a (129th) - 2013
40	Kyle Juszczyk	FB	D4b (130th) - 2013
5th Round (4)			
23	Chykie Brown	CB	D5a (164th) - 2011
90	Pernell McPhee	DE	D5b (165th) - 2011
25	Asa Jackson	CB/RS	D5 (169th) - 2012
71	Rick Wagner	G/T	D5 (168th) - 2013
6th Round (4)			
4	Sam Koch	P	D6a (203rd) - 2006
2	Tyrod Taylor	QB	D6 (180th) - 2011
95	Kapron Lewis-Moore	DE	D6a (200th) - 2013
77	Ryan Jensen	G/C	D6b (203rd) - 2013
7th Round (2)			
93	DeAngelo Tyson	DE	D7 (236th) - 2012
13	Aaron Mellette	WR	D7 (238th) - 2013

TIMING OF THE DRAFT ROUNDS

- Duration of first round of 2013 Draft: 3 hours, 33 minutes
- Last year's first-round selections kicked off at 8:06 p.m. ET and were completed at 11:39 p.m. ET
- Longest first round since 1967: 2007 (6 hours, 8 minutes)
- Shortest first round since 1967: 1972 (2 hours)
- As it was first implemented in 2008, teams are allowed 10 minutes to draft in the first round, seven minutes in the second round and five minutes in the remaining five rounds (third-seventh).

First Round 10 minutes

Second Round 7 minutes

Third-Seventh Rounds 5 minutes



2014 NFL DRAFT INFORMATION

2014 RAVENS DRAFT WORKSHEET

<u>Round</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>College</u>
1	17			
2	48			
3	79			
3	99 *			
4	134 *			
4	138 *			
5	175 *			
6	194			

* Compensatory; cannot be traded

NFL COMPENSATORY PICKS

A total of 32 compensatory choices in the 2014 NFL Draft have been awarded to 13 teams. Under the rules for compensatory draft selections, a team losing more or better compensatory free agents than it acquires in the previous year is eligible to receive compensatory draft picks.

The number of picks a team receives equals the net loss of compensatory free agents up to a maximum of four. The 32 compensatory choices announced will supplement the 224 choices in the seven rounds of the 2014 NFL Draft. This year, the compensatory picks will be positioned within the third through seventh rounds based on the value of the compensatory free agents lost.

Compensatory free agents are determined by a formula based on salary, playing time and postseason honors. The formula was developed by the NFL Management Council. Not every free agent lost or signed by a club is covered by this formula.

Since 1994 (the first year compensatory draft picks were established), the Ravens have been awarded an NFL-high 41 compensatory selections (see below right chart). Dallas and Green Bay are second with 33.

---- 2014 NFL COMPENSATORY DRAFT PICKS ----

<u>Round</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>Team</u>
3	33-97	Pittsburgh	6	33-209	New York Jets
3	34-98	Green Bay	6	34-210	New York Jets
3	35-99	Baltimore	6	35-211	Houston
3	36-100	San Francisco	6	36-212	Cincinnati
4	33-133	Detroit	6	37-213	New York Jets
4	34-134	Baltimore	6	38-214	St. Louis
4	35-135	Houston	6	39-215	Pittsburgh
4	36-136	Detroit	7	33-248	Dallas
4	37-137	New York Jets	7	34-249	St. Louis
4	38-138	Baltimore	7	35-250	St. Louis
4	39-139	Atlanta	7	36-251	Dallas
4	40-140	New England	7	37-252	Cincinnati
5	33-173	Pittsburgh	7	38-253	Atlanta
5	34-174	New York Giants	7	39-254	Dallas
5	35-175	Baltimore	7	40-255	Atlanta
5	36-176	Green Bay	7	41-256	Houston

Most Compensatory Picks (2014 Draft)

1. Baltimore 4
- New York Jets 4
3. Five Teams 3

Most Compensatory Picks (Since 1994)

1. Baltimore 41
2. Dallas 33
- Green Bay 33
4. Philadelphia 30
- Tennessee 30
- St. Louis 30



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1996

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	4	G/T	Jonathan Ogden	UCLA
1b	26	LB	Ray Lewis	Miami
2b	55	CB	DeRon Jenkins	Tennessee
5b	153	WR	Jermaine Lewis	Maryland
6a	172	LB	Dexter Daniels	Florida
6b	186	WR	James Roe	Norfolk State
7b	238	QB	Jon Stark	Trinity Intl.

Obtained second 1st-round choice (26) from SF along with 49ers 1995 1st-, 3rd- and 4th- (from KC) round picks for Cle. 1995 1st-round pick (obtained from Atl. for RB Eric Metcalf and Cle. original 1995 1st-round pick). First 2nd-round choice (35) was traded to TB for TE Harold Bishop. Obtained second 2nd-round choice (55) from Den. for 1996 3rd-, 4th- and 7th-round picks. First 5th-round choice (136) was traded to NO for DB Reginald Jones. Obtained second 5th-round pick (153) from Atl. for G Gene Williams. Third 5th-round choice (157) obtained from Phi. to Dal. for 1997 4th-round pick. Obtained second 6th-round choice (186) from Jax. (supplemental) along with Jaguars 1995 5th-round pick for Cle. 1995 4th-round pick. Obtained second 7th-round choice (238) from Phi. for DL Ronnie Dixon.

1997

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	4	LB	Peter Boulware	Florida State
2a	34	LB	Jamie Sharper	Virginia
2b	58	S	Kim Herring	Penn State
3	64	RB	Jay Graham	Tennessee
4b	118	LB	Tyrus McCloud	Louisville
5	134	C	Jeff Mitchell	Florida
6a	167	FB	Steve Lee	Indiana
6b	194	LB	Cornell Brown	Virginia Tech
7a	205	DE	Chris Ward	Kentucky
7b	234	QB	Wally Richardson	Penn State
7c	236	S	Ralph Staten	Alabama
7d	238	DT	Leland Taylor	Louisville

Obtained second 2nd-round choice (58) from Den. for T Tony Jones. First 4th-round choice (100) was traded to Atl. through Sea. for G Jeff Blackshear. Obtained second 4th-round pick from Dal. for 1996 5th-round pick (obtained from Phi.). Second 6th-round choice (194) and 2nd (234), 3rd (236) and 4th (238) 7th-round choices were compensatory.

1998

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	10	CB	Duane Starks	Miami
2	42	WR	Patrick Johnson	Oregon
5a	124	DT	Martin Chase	Oklahoma
5b	133	S	Ryan Sutter	Colorado
6a	154	LB	Ron Rogers	Georgia Tech
6b	164	T	Sammy Williams	Oklahoma
7b	241	TE	Cam Quayle	Weber State

Traded 3rd-round choice (71) along with 1998 4th-round pick (93) to Ind. for QB Jim Harbaugh and Colts 1998 4th-round pick. Traded first 4th-round choice (from Ind.) to Ind. for 1998 4th-, 5th- and 6th-round picks. Traded second 4th-round pick (104) to TB for 1999 3rd-round pick. Traded first 7th-round choice (199) to Atl. through Pit. for OL Bernard Dafney. Second 7th-round pick (241) was compensatory.

1999

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	10	CB	Chris McAlister	Arizona
4a	105	WR	Brandon Stokley	SW Louisiana
4b	129	G	Edwin Mulitalo	Arizona
7	216	S	Anthony Poindexter	Virginia

Traded 2nd-round choice (42) to Atl. for Atl. 2000 1st-round pick. Traded 3rd-round pick (72) to Det. along with conditional 2000 5th-round pick for QB Scott Mitchell. Traded 5th-round choice (145) to STL along with 2000 7th-round pick for QB Tony Banks. Traded first 6th-round choice (180) to NE for TE Lovett Purnell. Traded second 6th-round choice (185, from Ind.) to Min. for OL Everett Lindsay.

2000

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	5	RB	Jamal Lewis	Tennessee
1b	10	WR	Travis Taylor	Florida
3	75	QB	Chris Redman	Louisville
5	148	OL	Richard Mercier	Miami
6a	186	DE	Adalius Thomas	So. Mississippi
6b	191	DT	Cedric Woodard	Texas

Acquired first 1st-round pick (5) from Atl. for a 1999 2nd-round choice.

2001

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	31	TE	Todd Heap	Arizona State
2	62	DB	Gary Baxter	Baylor
3	92	C/G	Casey Rabach	Wisconsin
4	126	LB	Edgerton Hartwell	W. Illinois
5	161	RB	Chris Barnes	New Mexico St.
6	194	LS	Joe Maese	New Mexico
7	231	DE	Dwayne Missouri	Northwestern

2002

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	24	S	Ed Reed	Miami
2	52	DE	Anthony Weaver	Notre Dame
4a	112	P	Dave Zastudil	Ohio
4b	123	WR	Ron Johnson	Minnesota
5	155	TE	Terry Jones	Alabama
6a	195	DB	Lamont Brightful	E. Washington
6b	206	WR	Javin Hunter	Notre Dame
6c	207	RB	Chester Taylor	Toledo
6d	209	S	Chad Williams	So. Mississippi
7	236	QB	Wes Pate	Stephen F. Austin



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Traded 3rd-round choice (96) to Den. for 4th- (112) and 5th-round (155) picks (Ravens had traded their 5th [159] to Washington to draft Weaver).

2003

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	10	LB	Terrell Suggs	Arizona State
1b	19	QB	Kyle Boller	California
3	77	RB	Musa Smith	Georgia
4a	109	LB	Jarret Johnson	Alabama
4b	134	FB	Ovie Mughelli	Wake Forest
5a	146	DT	Aubrayo Franklin	Tennessee
5b	173	T	Tony Pashos	Illinois
6	182	S	Gerome Sapp	Notre Dame
7a	223	TE	Trent Smith	Oklahoma
7b	250	C	Mike Mabry	Central Florida
7c	258	S	Antwoine Sanders	Utah

Traded 2nd-round choice (41) to NE with 2004 1st-round pick for NE's 1st-round pick (19/Boller). Second 4th-round pick (134), second 5th-round pick (173), second and third 7th-round picks (250 and 258) were compensatory.

2004

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2	51	DT	Dwan Edwards	Oregon State
3	82	WR	Devard Darling	Washington St.
5	153	OLB	Roderick Green	Cen. Missouri St.
6a	187	QB	Josh Harris	Bowling Green
6b	199	WR	Clarence Moore	N. Arizona
7a	244	WR	Derek Abney	Kentucky
7b	246	G	Brian Rimpf	East Carolina

Traded 1st-round pick to NE for Pats' 2003 1st-round selection (19) to draft QB Kyle Boller. Traded 4th-round pick (120) to Jax. for WR Kevin Johnson. Both 7th-round picks (244 and 246) were compensatory.

2005

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	22	WR	Mark Clayton	Oklahoma
2a	53	OLB	Dan Cody	Oklahoma
2b	64	T	Adam Terry	Syracuse
4	124	G/C	Jason Brown	North Carolina
5	158	FB	Justin Green	Montana
6	213	QB	Derek Anderson	Oregon State
7	234	LB	Mike Smith	Texas Tech

Obtained second 2nd-round choice (64) from NE in exchange for Ravens 3rd- (84) and 6th-round (195) picks in 2005 and a 3rd-round selection in 2006. Sixth-round pick (213) was compensatory.

2006

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	12	DT	Haloti Ngata	Oregon
2	56	C/G	Chris Chester	Oklahoma
3	87	CB	David Pittman	NW State
4a	111	WR	Demetrius Williams	Oregon
4b	132	RB	P.J. Daniels	Georgia Tech
5a	146	S	Dawan Landry	Georgia Tech
5b	166	TE	Quinn Sypniewski	Colorado
6a	203	P	Sam Koch	Nebraska
6b	208	CB	Derrick Martin	Wyoming
7	219	LB/DE	Ryan LaCasse	Syracuse

Obtained 1st-round choice (12) from Cle. for Baltimore's 1st-round (13) and 6th-round (181) picks. Obtained 2nd-round (56) and 3rd-round (87) choices from the N.Y. Giants for the Ravens' 2nd-round pick (44). Second 4th-round (132), second 5th-round (166) and second 6th-round (208) selections were compensatory.

2007

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	29	G	Ben Grubbs	Auburn
3a	74	WR	Yamon Figurs	Kansas State
3b	86	G/T	Marshal Yanda	Iowa
4a	134	OLB	Antwan Barnes	Florida Intl.
4b	137	FB	Le'Ron McClain	Alabama
5	174	QB	Troy Smith	Ohio State
6	207	ILB	Prescott Burgess	Michigan

Obtained first 3rd-round pick (74) and a 4th-round choice (101) from Det. for the Ravens' 2nd-round (61) pick. Acquired second 3rd-round choice (86) from Jax. for 4th-round (101), 5th-round (166) and 6th-round (203) picks. First and second 4th-round (134 and 137), 5th-round (174) and 6th-round (207) choices were compensatory.

2008

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	18	QB	Joe Flacco	Delaware
2	55	RB	Ray Rice	Rutgers
3a	71	ILB	Tavares Gooden	Miami
3b	86	S	Tom Zbikowski	Notre Dame
3c	99	T	Oniel Cousins	UTEP
4a	106	WR	Marcus Smith	New Mexico
4b	133	G/T	David Hale	Weber State
6	206	S	Haruki Nakamura	Cincinnati
7a	215	WR	Justin Harper	Virginia Tech
7b	240	RB	Allen Patrick	Oklahoma

Obtained 1st-round (18) choice from Houston for the Ravens' 1st-round (26) and 3rd-round (89) picks that Baltimore received from Jacksonville, plus the Ravens' 6th-round (173) choice. Baltimore began the day with the 8th-overall pick and traded it to Jacksonville for the Jaguars' 1st-round (26), both 3rd-round (71 and 89) and 4th-round (125) selections. Obtained 2nd-round (55)





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choice from Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round (38) pick. Acquired second 3rd-round (86) choice, along with 2nd-round pick (Rice, 55) from Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round (38) pick. Traded 4th-round (125) choice to Oakland for CB Fabian Washington. Third 3rd-round (99), second 4th-round (133), 6th-round (206) and second 7th-round (240) picks were compensatory.

Note: In 2007, the Ravens used a 5th-round pick in the July Supplemental Draft to tab T Jared Gaither.

2009

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	23	T	Michael Oher	Mississippi
2	57	LB/DE	Paul Kruger	Utah
3	88	DB	Lardarius Webb	Nicholls State
5a	137	LB	Jason Phillips	TCU
5b	149	TE	Davon Drew	East Carolina
6	185	RB	Cedric Peerman	Virginia

Obtained 1st-round choice (23) from NE for the Ravens' 1st-round (26) and 5th-round (162) picks. Acquired two 5th-round choices (137 and 141) from NE for the Ravens' 4th-round (123) pick. Obtained 5th-round (149) and 6th-round (185) choices from Denver for the 5th-round (141) pick.

2010

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2a	43	LB	Sergio Kindle	Texas
2b	57	DT	Terrence Cody	Alabama
3	70	TE	Ed Dickson	Oregon
4	114	TE	Dennis Pitta	BYU
5a	156	WR	David Reed	Utah
5b	157	DT	Arthur Jones	Syracuse
6	194	T	Ramon Harewood	Morehouse

Acquired first 2nd-round (43), 3rd-round (70) and 4th-round (114) choices from Den. for the Ravens' 1st-round (25) pick. Traded original 3rd-round (88) and 4th-round (123) choices to Ari. for WR Anquan Boldin and a 5th-round pick (157).

2011

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	27	CB	Jimmy Smith	Colorado
2	58	WR	Torrey Smith	Maryland
3	85	T	Jah Reid	Central Florida
4	123	WR	Tandon Doss	Indiana
5a	164	CB	Chykie Brown	Texas
5b	165	DE	Pernell McPhee	Mississippi St.
6	180	QB	Tyrod Taylor	Virginia Tech
7	225	RB	Anthony Allen	Georgia Tech

Traded 3rd-round pick (90) and a 6th-round pick (191) to Phi. in exchange for Eagles' 85th selection to acquire Reid. Both 5th-round picks (164 and 165) were compensatory.

2012

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2a	35	OLB	Courtney Upshaw	Alabama
2b	60	G/T	Kelechi Osemele	Iowa State
3	84	RB	Bernard Pierce	Temple
4a	98	G/C	Gino Gradkowski	Delaware
4b	130	S	Christian Thompson	South Carolina St.
5	169	CB/RS	Asa Jackson	Cal Poly
6	198	WR	Tommy Streeter	Miami
7	236	DE	DeAngelo Tyson	Georgia

Obtained 2nd-round pick (35) and 4th-round choice (98) in a trade with Min. in exchange for the Ravens' 1st-round (29) selection. Obtained the 84th-overall pick in a trade with Atl. for the Ravens' 3rd-round (91) and 5th-round (164) selections. The 130th and 169th picks were compensatory.

2013

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	32	S	Matt Elam	Florida
2	56	LB	Arthur Brown	Kansas State
3	94	DT	Brandon Williams	Missouri Southern St.
4a	129	OLB	John Simon	Ohio State
4b	130	FB	Kyle Juszczyk	Harvard
5	168	G/T	Rick Wagner	Wisconsin
6a	200	DE	Kapron Lewis-Moore	Notre Dame
6b	203	C	Ryan Jensen	Colorado St.-Pueblo
7a	238	WR	Aaron Mellette	Elon
7b	247	CB	Marc Anthony	California

Obtained 56th pick in a trade with Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round pick (62nd), 5th-round choice (165th) and 6th-round selection (199th). The 130th, 168th, 203rd and 247th picks were compensatory

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Alabama 6, Arizona 2, Arizona State 2, Auburn 1, Baylor 1, Bowling Green 1, BYU 1, California 2, Cal Poly 1, Central Florida 2, Central Missouri State 1, Cincinnati 1, Colorado 3, Colorado State - Pueblo 1, Delaware 2, East Carolina 2, Eastern Washington 1, Elon 1, Florida 4, Florida International 1, Florida State 1, Georgia 2, Georgia Tech 4, Harvard 1, Illinois 1, Indiana 2, Iowa 1, Iowa State 1, Kansas State 2, Kentucky 2, Louisville 3, Maryland 2, Miami (FL) 6, Michigan 1, Minnesota 1, Mississippi 1, Mississippi State 1, Missouri Southern St. 1, Montana 1, Morehouse 1, Nebraska 1, New Mexico 2, New Mexico State 1, Nicholls State 1, Norfolk State 1, North Carolina 1, Northern Arizona 1, Northwestern 1, Northwestern State 1, Notre Dame 4, Ohio State 2, Ohio University 1, Oklahoma 7, Oregon 4, Oregon State 2, Penn State 2, Rutgers 1, South Carolina State 1, Southern Mississippi 2, SW Louisiana 1, Stephen F. Austin 1, Syracuse 3, TCU 1, Temple 1, Tennessee 3, Texas 3, Texas Tech 1, Toledo 1, Trinity International 1, UCLA 1, Utah 3, UTEP 1, Virginia 3, Virginia Tech 3, Wake Forest 1, Washington State 1, Weber State 2, Western Illinois 1, Wisconsin 2, Wyoming 1.



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	Hometown
11	Aiken, Kamar	WR	6-2	215	5/30/89	2	Central Florida	Hollywood, FL
59	Brown, Arthur	ILB	6-0	235	6/17/90	2	Kansas State	Wichita, KS
23	Brown, Chykie	CB	5-11	190	12/26/86	4	Texas	Houston, TX
14	Brown, Marlon	WR	6-5	205	4/22/91	2	Georgia	Memphis, TN
49	Bryant, D.J.	OLB	6-3	248	3/3/89	2	James Madison	Baltimore, MD
56	Bynes, Josh	ILB	6-1	240	8/24/89	3	Auburn	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
99	Canty, Chris	DE	6-7	317	11/10/82	10	Virginia	Charlotte, NC
62	Cody, Terrence	NT	6-4	340	6/28/88	5	Alabama	Fort Myers, FL
46	Cox, Morgan	LS	6-4	241	4/26/86	5	Tennessee	Collierville, TN
81	Daniels, Owen	TE	6-3	249	11/9/82	9	Wisconsin	Naperville, IL
58	Dumervil, Elvis	OLB	5-11	260	1/19/84	9	Louisville	Miami, FL
26	Elam, Matt	S	5-10	210	9/21/91	2	Florida	West Palm Beach, FL
5	Flacco, Joe	QB	6-6	245	1/16/85	7	Delaware	Audubon, NJ
29	Forsett, Justin	RB	5-8	194	10/14/85	7	California	Lakeland, FL
85	Furstenburg, Matt	TE	6-3	244	6/19/89	1	Maryland	Flemington, NJ
66	Gradkowski, Gino	G/C	6-3	300	11/5/88	3	Delaware	Pittsburgh, PA
54	Hamilton, Adrian	OLB	6-3	255	11/29/87	3	Prairie View A&M	Dallas, TX
25	Jackson, Asa	CB/RS	5-10	182	12/2/89	3	Cal Poly	Sacramento, CA
77	Jensen, Ryan	G/C	6-4	318	5/27/91	2	Colorado State-Pueblo	Fort Morgan, CO
12	Jones, Jacoby	WR/RS	6-2	215	7/11/84	8	Lane	New Orleans, LA
40	Juszczyk, Kyle	FB	6-1	245	4/23/91	2	Harvard	Medina, OH
4	Koch, Sam	P	6-1	218	8/13/82	9	Nebraska	Seward, NE
69	Larsen, Cody	DT	6-4	300	12/31/87	1	Southern Utah	Draper, UT
41	Levine, Anthony	S	5-11	203	3/27/87	3	Tennessee State	Winston Salem, NC
95	Lewis-Moore, Kapron	DE	6-4	310	1/24/90	2	Notre Dame	Weatherford, TX
50	McClellan, Albert	ILB	6-2	245	6/4/86	4	Marshall	Lakeland, FL
90	McPhee, Pernell	OLB	6-3	280	12/17/88	4	Mississippi State	Pahokee, FL
13	Mellette, Aaron	WR	6-2	217	12/28/89	2	Elon	Sanford, NC
36	Miles, Jeromy	S	6-2	214	7/20/87	5	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, NJ
70	Mims, David	T	6-8	350	5/18/88	1	Virginia Union	Charlotte, NC
60	Monroe, Eugene	T	6-5	306	4/18/87	6	Virginia	Plainfield, NJ
92	Ngata, Haloti	NT	6-4	340	1/21/84	9	Oregon	Salt Lake City, UT
72	Osemele, Kelechi	G/T	6-5	330	6/24/89	3	Iowa State	Houston, TX
86	Overbay, Nathan	TE	6-5	270	1/4/87	1	Eastern Washington	Lakewood, WA
30	Pierce, Bernard	RB	6-0	218	5/10/91	3	Temple	Ardmore, PA
88	Pitta, Dennis	TE	6-4	245	6/29/85	5	BYU	Moorpark, CA
76	Reid, Jah	G/T	6-7	340	7/21/88	4	Central Florida	Haines City, FL
27	Rice, Ray	RB	5-8	212	1/22/87	7	Rutgers	New Rochelle, NY
7	Sheppard, Gerrard	WR	6-2	215	11/16/90	1	Towson	Baltimore, MD
68	Shipley, A.Q.	G/C	6-1	309	5/22/86	4	Penn State	Moon Township, PA
94	Simon, John	OLB	6-1	257	10/14/90	2	Ohio State	Youngstown, OH
51	Smith, Daryl	ILB	6-2	248	3/14/82	11	Georgia Tech	Albany, GA
22	Smith, Jimmy	CB	6-2	200	7/26/88	4	Colorado	Colton, CA
89	Smith, Sr., Steve	WR	5-9	185	5/12/79	14	Utah	Los Angeles, CA
82	Smith, Torrey	WR	6-0	205	1/26/89	4	Maryland	Falmouth, VA
3	Stephens, Nick	QB	6-3	221	5/19/87	1	Tarleton State	Flower Mound, TX
65	Stephens, Reggie	C	6-3	325	8/28/87	2	Iowa State	Rowlett, TX
24	Stewart, Darian	S	5-11	214	8/4/88	5	South Carolina	Huntsville, AL
55	Suggs, Terrell	OLB	6-3	260	10/11/82	12	Arizona State	Chandler, AZ
2	Taylor, Tyrod	QB	6-1	215	8/3/89	4	Virginia Tech	Hampton, VA
83	Thompson, Deonte	WR/RS	6-0	203	2/14/89	3	Florida	Belle Glade, FL
28	Trawick, Brynden	S	6-2	215	10/23/89	2	Troy	Marietta, GA
9	Tucker, Justin	K	6-0	180	11/21/89	3	Texas	Austin, TX
93	Tyson, DeAngelo	DE	6-2	315	4/12/89	3	Georgia	Statesboro, GA
91	Upshaw, Courtney	OLB	6-2	272	12/13/89	3	Alabama	Eufaula, AL
71	Wagner, Rick	G/T	6-6	310	10/21/89	2	Wisconsin	West Allis, WI
21	Webb, Lardarius	CB/RS	5-10	182	10/12/85	6	Nicholls State	Opelika, AL
98	Williams, Brandon	DT	6-1	335	2/21/89	2	Missouri Southern St.	Kirkwood, MO
15	Williams, LaQuan	WR	6-0	195	6/27/88	3	Maryland	Baltimore, MD
35	Wood, Cierre	RB	5-11	215	2/21/91	2	Notre Dame	Oxnard, CA
73	Yanda, Marshal	G/T	6-3	305	9/15/84	8	Iowa	Anamosa, IA
53	Zuttah, Jeremy	G/C	6-4	308	6/1/86	7	Rutgers	Edison, NJ

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31	Brown, Omar	S	5-11	195	6/6/88	3	Marshall	Moncks Corner, SC



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	How Acq.	2013 Games			
									P	S	DNP	INA
2	Tyrod Taylor	QB	6-1	215	8/3/89	4	Virginia Tech	D6 '11	3	0	13	0
3	Nick Stephens	QB	6-3	221	5/19/87	1	Tarleton State	FA '13	0	0	0	0
4	Sam Koch	P	6-1	218	8/13/82	9	Nebraska	D6a '06	16	0	0	0
5	Joe Flacco	QB	6-6	245	1/16/85	7	Delaware	D1 '08	16	16	0	0
7	Gerrard Sheppard	WR	6-2	215	11/16/90	1	Towson	RFA '13	0	0	0	0
9	Justin Tucker	K	6-0	180	11/21/89	3	Texas	FA '12	16	0	0	0
11	Kamar Aiken	WR	6-2	215	5/30/89	2	Central Florida	FA '13	0	0	0	0
12	Jacoby Jones	WR/RS	6-2	215	7/11/84	8	Lane	FA '12	12	9	0	4
13	Aaron Mellette	WR	6-2	217	12/28/89	2	Elon	D7a '13	0	0	0	1
14	Marlon Brown	WR	6-5	205	4/22/91	2	Georgia	RFA '13	14	12	0	2
15	LaQuan Williams	WR	6-0	195	6/27/88	3	Maryland	FA '14	0	0	0	0
21	Lardarius Webb	CB/RS	5-10	182	10/12/85	6	Nicholls State	D3 '09	16	16	0	0
22	Jimmy Smith	CB	6-2	200	7/26/88	4	Colorado	D1 '11	16	16	0	0
23	Chykie Brown	CB	5-11	190	12/26/86	4	Texas	D5a '11	16	0	0	0
24	Darian Stewart	S	5-11	214	8/4/88	5	South Carolina	UFA (STL) '14	14	6	0	2
25	Asa Jackson	CB/RS	5-10	182	12/2/89	3	Cal Poly	D5 '12	4	0	0	4
26	Matt Elam	S	5-10	210	9/21/91	2	Florida	D1 '13	16	15	0	0
27	Ray Rice	RB	5-8	212	1/22/87	7	Rutgers	D2 '08	15	15	0	1
28	Brynden Trawick	S	6-2	215	10/23/89	2	Troy	RFA '13	8	0	0	4
29	Justin Forsett	RB	5-8	194	10/14/85	7	California	FA '14	9	0	2	2
30	Bernard Pierce	RB	6-0	218	5/10/91	3	Temple	D3 '12	16	1	0	0
35	Cierre Wood	RB	5-11	215	2/21/91	2	Notre Dame	FA '14	3	0	1	3
36	Jerome Miles	S	6-2	214	7/20/87	5	Massachusetts	FA '13	12	0	0	1
40	Kyle Juszczyk	FB	6-1	245	4/23/91	2	Harvard	D4b '13	16	0	0	0
41	Anthony Levine	S	5-11	203	3/27/87	3	Tennessee State	FA '12	16	0	0	0
46	Morgan Cox	LS	6-4	241	4/26/86	5	Tennessee	FA '10	16	0	0	0
49	D.J. Bryant	OLB	6-3	248	3/3/89	2	James Madison	FA '12	0	0	0	0
50	Albert McClellan	ILB	6-2	245	6/4/86	4	Marshall	FA '10	15	0	0	1
51	Daryl Smith	ILB	6-2	248	3/14/82	11	Georgia Tech	UFA (JAX) '13	16	16	0	0
53	Jeremy Zuttah	G/C	6-4	308	6/1/86	6	Rutgers	TR (TB) '14	16	16	0	0
54	Adrian Hamilton	OLB	6-3	255	11/29/87	3	Prairie View A&M	FA '12	0	0	0	0
55	Terrell Suggs	OLB	6-3	260	10/11/82	12	Arizona State	D1a '03	16	16	0	0
56	Josh Byrnes	ILB	6-1	240	8/24/89	3	Auburn	FA '11	15	6	0	1
58	Elvis Dumervil	OLB	5-11	260	1/19/84	9	Louisville	FA '13	15	3	0	1
59	Arthur Brown	ILB	6-0	235	6/17/90	2	Kansas State	D2 '13	14	0	0	2
60	Eugene Monroe	T	6-5	306	4/18/87	6	Virginia	TR (JAX) '13	11	11	0	1
62	Terrence Cody	NT	6-4	340	6/28/88	5	Alabama	D2b '10	12	1	0	4
65	Reggie Stephens	C	6-3	325	8/28/87	2	Iowa State	FA '12	0	0	0	0
66	Gino Gradkowski	G/C	6-3	300	11/5/88	3	Delaware	D4a '12	16	16	0	0
68	A.Q. Shipley	G/C	6-1	309	5/22/86	3	Penn State	TR (IND) '13	16	9	0	0
69	Cody Larsen	DT	6-4	300	12/31/87	1	Southern Utah	RFA '13	0	0	0	0
70	David Mims	T	6-8	350	5/18/88	1	Virginia Union	RFA '13	0	0	0	0
71	Rick Wagner	G/T	6-6	310	10/21/89	2	Wisconsin	D5 '13	16	2	0	0
72	Kelechi Osemele	G/T	6-5	330	6/24/89	3	Iowa State	D2b '12	7	7	0	1
73	Marshal Yanda	G/T	6-3	305	9/15/84	8	Iowa	D3b '07	16	16	0	0
76	Jah Reid	G/T	6-7	340	7/21/88	4	Central Florida	D3 '11	10	0	0	6
77	Ryan Jensen	G/C	6-4	318	5/27/91	2	Colorado State-Pueblo	D6b '13	0	0	0	16
81	Owen Daniels	TE	6-3	249	11/9/82	9	Wisconsin	FA '14	5	5	0	0
82	Torrey Smith	WR	6-0	205	1/26/89	4	Maryland	D2 '11	16	16	0	0
83	Deonte Thompson	WR/RS	6-0	203	2/14/89	3	Florida	FA '12	7	0	0	9
85	Matt Furstenburg	TE	6-3	244	6/19/89	1	Maryland	RFA '13	0	0	0	0
86	Nathan Overbay	TE	6-5	270	1/4/87	1	Eastern Washington	FA '13	0	0	0	0
88	Dennis Pitta	TE	6-4	245	6/29/85	5	BYU	D4 '10	4	1	0	0
89	Steve Smith, Sr.	WR	5-9	185	5/12/79	14	Utah	FA '14	15	15	0	1
90	Pernell McPhee	OLB	6-3	280	12/17/88	4	Mississippi State	D5b '11	16	0	0	0
91	Courtney Upshaw	OLB	6-2	272	12/13/89	3	Alabama	D2a '12	16	13	0	0
92	Haloti Ngata	NT	6-4	340	1/21/84	9	Oregon	D1 '06	15	15	0	1
93	DeAngelo Tyson	DE	6-2	315	4/12/89	3	Georgia	D7 '12	13	0	0	3
94	John Simon	OLB	6-1	257	10/14/90	2	Ohio State	D4a '13	7	0	0	9
95	Kapron Lewis-Moore	DE	6-4	310	1/24/90	2	Notre Dame	D6a '13	0	0	0	0
98	Brandon Williams	DT	6-1	335	2/21/89	2	Missouri Southern St.	D3 '13	7	0	0	9
99	Chris Canty	DE	6-7	317	11/10/82	10	Virginia	FA '13	15	13	0	1

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	How Acq.	2013 Games			
									P	S	DNP	INA
31	Omar Brown	S	5-11	195	6/6/88	3	Marshall	FA '12	1	0	0	8

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By Mel Kiper (Last updated: April 24, 2014)

1. Houston Texans – Record: 2-14

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

I'm certain the debate about which player to take still exists, and whether the pick could be moved. I still think this could be a quarterback. But I believe that while more than one "safe" pick exists in this draft, it's hard to play it safer in terms of upside than selecting a generational physical talent, a guy who has exceptional physical skills and the ability to bring immediate impact and create consistent matchup problems up front as teams deal with the reality of how to block both Clowney and J.J. Watt. The questions on Clowney still aren't enough to diminish the potential impact. He's the top prospect in a draft full of very good ones, and I think Houston will feel the same.

2. St. Louis Rams (from Washington) – Record: 7-9

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

If I'm making the pick, I'm willing to consider Sammy Watkins here based on need, and would also certainly consider the option of moving down a few spots if the offer is rich enough. But Robinson is one of the better offensive linemen to enter the draft in years, with the upside of an All-Pro at left tackle, capable of neutralizing the best pass-rushers and absolutely mauling defenders in the run game. St. Louis can select him knowing an impact wide receiver is still going to be available at No. 13 (and even beyond that given the depth at the position).

3. Jacksonville Jaguars – Record: 4-12

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

The temptation to take a quarterback here may exist, but I look at the trajectory of this organization, both in performance and in personnel development, and I believe the Jaguars will look to take the best player available here, and in Watkins, they also add a dynamic talent at a position of need. Given the uncertain future of Justin Blackmon, the top two wide receivers on the roster are Cecil Shorts and Ace Sanders. Neither has the upside of Watkins, who will make the QB -- whoever that ends up being -- better.

4. Cleveland Browns – Record: 4-12

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

Manziel is not my top-rated QB, but he is the QB I believe (right now) is likeliest to go this high, as I believe a team like Cleveland, with a number of draft assets and a QB on the roster it feels can create a bridge to a young starter, is in a good scenario to take a chance on Manziel's ceiling. The Browns owning the No. 26 pick as well as an early second-rounder gives them a chance to take a player like Watkins here if available and consider a QB later, but this is how I see it as of right now.

5. Oakland Raiders – Record: 4-12

Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

Oakland's move to add Matt Schaub puts the Raiders back in position to take the best player available as opposed to making a slight reach at quarterback. Mack gives the Raiders a needed pass-rusher, even though they've already spent some money on the position in free agency, adding Lamarr Woodley and Justin Tuck. Mack would also provide them with another good building-block player on defense, along with fellow linebacker Sio Moore. I also think the Raiders should consider moving down and collecting additional pick assets.



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6. Atlanta Falcons – Record: 4-12

Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

I consider tackle a big need for Atlanta, a team that last year balanced an inability to consistently protect Matt Ryan with a consistent inability to open holes for anybody Ryan handed the ball off to. While Robinson and Jake Matthews are both very good players and should be at the next level, there's a case to be made that Lewan is the most ready tackle for NFL competition, with four good years under his belt. I think he could start at right or left tackle in Week 1.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Record: 4-12

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

The Bucs brought in a new QB and addressed some needs on defense in free agency, but I still see wide receiver as a pretty significant need, with Vincent Jackson 31 and entering what could be his final season in Tampa, and no depth behind him. And if you just want to be able to say you're drafting the best player available on the board at this slot, if you take Evans, you can do that too. Evans makes up for a lack of short-area burst (and thus the ability to separate underneath) by dominating at the catch point, particularly up high. The combination of him and Jackson will be a matchup nightmare, particularly in the red zone.

8. Minnesota Vikings – Record: 5-10-1

Blake Bortles, QB, Louisville

The combination of Matt Cassel and Christian Ponder will provide a bridge to Bortles, a player I believe would benefit from not starting early as he develops a familiarity with an offense that requires more downfield reads. I don't have Bortles rated as high as I do Bridgewater, but again, this is a projection of where players will be chosen, not my prospect rankings. What I will say is that I do believe Bortles has a high ceiling because he's a pretty special athlete with some really good instincts for the position; his pocket movement in particular is really impressive. When you consider his development trajectory, there's a lot to be excited about.

9. Buffalo Bills – Record: 6-10

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

I just really like this fit both in scheme and need, and Matthews is the best player left on the board at this point anyway. Despite my early belief that Cordy Glenn would be better on the right side, he's been a good player at left tackle, which means Matthews likely comes in as the needed solution on the right side. The transition from left tackle to right and vice versa tends to get tossed about as something that's no big deal, but it can be a tough one for players, which makes Matthews that much more valuable, because he's demonstrated an ability to, frankly, dominate on either side.

10. Detroit Lions – Record: 7-9

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

The addition of James Ihedigbo in free agency doesn't diminish Detroit's need for more help at safety. Getting the top free safety in the draft, a guy who will distinguish himself with his ability to cover with great range, fills a pretty big personnel void for Detroit, and this isn't much of a leap in terms of where Clinton-Dix's name is stacked on most draft boards. I do think Detroit could consider a corner here, I just see Clinton-Dix as a better player and a likelier early impact maker for a team that should feel like it can be in the playoff picture if it can be better in coverage. The depth at CB in this draft means the Lions can add one later.



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11. Tennessee Titans – Record: 7-9

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

If I'm Tennessee I'm taking a hard look at drafting Teddy Bridgewater right here, but this is a mock draft and not "Mel's draft." The Titans took a hit at cornerback with the departure of Alterraun Verner and Gilbert will come in as an experienced player -- he was great as a sophomore and added two more years on top of that -- who also offers some spark in the return game. Gilbert was exceptional in workouts, and offers good size to match up against the growing list of big NFL wide receivers.

12. New York Giants – Record: 7-9

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

Here's a case where you can accuse me of projecting a team to take the same player I would if it was my decision. Ebron is a potential difference-maker for the next stage of Eli Manning's career, a big target in the passing game who can create constant matchup problems with his size and quickness underneath, and down the field with his speed and catch radius (again, size). The Giants have had four different tight ends catch the most passes at that position over the past four years. They could use a really good one.

13. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

I'll get pilloried here for not making this a wide receiver, but do remember this is a very deep draft at that position, and getting the cornerback with the most diverse skill set in the draft would also really help this team. Dennard is ready to help an NFL team at a position where rookies tend to get beat up pretty bad early on as they adjust to the speed and talent level of NFL wide receivers. But Dennard can play on or off, attacks the backfield as a run defender, and can mirror routes as well as any CB in the draft. Yes, I think this could be Odell Beckham, too. We'll see.

14. Chicago Bears – Record: 8-8

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

The Bears added Lamarr Houston and Jared Allen in free agency, a big help to the defensive line. But by the end of last season -- with injuries to blame -- no defensive line was in worse shape than Chicago's, and the team still needs to stack some more sandbags up front or the Bears are going to be in trouble against any team with a decent run game. Donald is the most disruptive interior defender in this draft, and precisely with the Bears need, a play wrecker from the 3-technique role.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers – Record: 8-8

Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

Markus Wheaton, whom the Steelers got in last year's draft, can develop into a good player, but he's also the No. 2 wide receiver on this team as of today, and that can change if the Steelers grab Beckham. An explosive mover, Beckham can run by defenders, but also does a great job of creating space underneath. He's also the kind of player who becomes extremely dangerous and hard to cover when Ben Roethlisberger extends plays.

16. Dallas Cowboys – Record: 8-8

Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

Dallas fans might find this quizzical given the need along the defensive line, but consider what's available: Donald is out of the picture, I think Dallas should see this slot as too rich for a player like Anthony Barr, who is a questionable system fit anyway, and the top safety is also off the board. Martin makes sense as a player who can shore up the right tackle position, which is a problem area. I also think this is a place where the Cowboys could look to move if they don't see the value here at those bigger need positions. It's what they did last year.



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17. Baltimore Ravens – Record: 8-8

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

The Ravens have a pretty sizable void at safety, with no real starter-worthy player on the roster to pair with Matt Elam. Pryor represents a good solution, a player who can cover, and will come downhill and deliver hits with authority. Pryor isn't quite the ace in coverage that Clinton-Dix is, and if Clinton-Dix is available at this slot he could become the pick, but Pryor is hardly a consolation prize given his range and playmaking abilities, something the Ravens' defense needs.

18. New York Jets – Record: 8-8

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oregon State

No player was a tougher cover in college football last year, and we learned why once we got to see Cooks run at the combine. This is a player who is every bit the athlete last year's top wide receiver selection Tavon Austin is, and Cooks is also a little bit bigger. He's just the type of player the Jets need, a tough cover both underneath and running intermediate routes. The Jets need more than one pass-catcher out of this draft, but I also said that last year and they went defense with the first two picks.

19. Miami Dolphins – Record: 8-8

C.J. Mosley, ILB, Alabama

I don't consider this Miami's No. 1 need, but this is when "best player on the board" really comes into play. Mosley could be passed up until this range due to some injury concerns and positional value, but this is a big-time playmaker who can lead your defense and is worthy of going higher. The thing people need to remember about Mosley is he doesn't need to come off the field. The guy is a gifted player in coverage from his position.

20. Arizona Cardinals – Record: 10-6

Derek Carr, QB, Fresno State

My friend Todd McShay will cringe when he sees this -- he's been consistent in saying Carr is not worthy of being drafted remotely this high -- but this is a mock, not a player ranking. The Cardinals have a pretty good roster in place, will be getting an extra first-round pick when you consider that last year's first-rounder, Jonathan Cooper, will return from injury in 2014, and they don't have a worthy No. 2 behind Carson Palmer, who will turn 35 during the 2014 season. Carr is my fourth-ranked QB, and I can certainly see some other options here, including wide receiver, or right tackle.

21. Green Bay Packers – Record: 8-7-1

Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State

While Mosley would also be a good fit here, with him off the board the Packers nab a similarly special linebacker in Shazier. This is a player with great instincts and range, an ability to attack the backfield and chase down plays across the field. He's also going to cover underneath and stay on the field. Watch Ohio State tape over the past two seasons, and you'll see Shazier consistently playing faster than everyone else. He'll line up next to A.J. Hawk and solidify a need spot for the Packers.

22. Philadelphia Eagles – Record: 10-6

Kelvin Benjamin, WR, Florida State

I consider Benjamin a bit of a project, with his route running and consistency in need of development, but I can think of worse ideas than giving Chip Kelly the developmental keys to a player who stands a full 6-5 and at 240 pounds runs like guys 30 pounds lighter. The Eagles have Jeremy Maclin coming off a serious knee injury, and Riley Cooper remains, but minus DeSean Jackson they could use another matchup threat, and where it was speed for Jackson, it's size for Benjamin. Sometimes, there's not much you can do with him.



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23. Kansas City Chiefs – Record: 11-5

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

The Chiefs are a team I could see moving down, particularly since wide receiver is a need area. The Chiefs don't have their second-round pick due to the Alex Smith trade, and it's a deep draft at receiver. However, in this case I think they'd be walking away with a pretty nice fit in Lee, a player with the route-running and run-after-catch ability that could make him a great fit in this offense.

24. Cincinnati Bengals – Record: 11-5

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

We mentioned this on the First Draft podcast this week in breaking down the Bengals, but they're quietly pretty old in the secondary, with Terence Newman and Adam Jones both north of 30, and Leon Hall also close and coming off another injury-riddled season. In other words, corner could be a problem in a hurry in Cincy, and certainly the decision-makers there can see it and may not be content with just one cornerback from this draft. Roby can be a special player, with elite speed and change-of-direction quickness, he'll just need to clean up his fundamentals and avoid playing too physical.

25. San Diego Chargers – Record: 9-7

Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA

I also see cornerback as a possibility here, but the Chargers need another pass-rusher and Barr fits the scheme and offers the upside of a guy I once saw as a likely top-10 pick. Barr has dropped on my board and others because his senior tape didn't live up to the production, and I think he can often be too tentative in his reads and reactions. But we're still talking about a player who has shown the ability to disrupt in the passing game and his workouts didn't really disappoint, either. He's a good value here.

26. Cleveland Browns (from Indianapolis) – Record: 4-12

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

Depending on which game you're watching, you could walk away thinking Fuller is as good as or better than any cornerback in this draft, and the Browns can take him expecting a player who will contribute early at a position where they lack enough depth behind Joe Haden. Fuller has good size at 6 feet tall, and not only plays fast, but gets off the ground well to challenge high-point throws against taller pass-catchers. If Cleveland goes another route at No. 4, this is obviously a slot where the Browns could go with a QB.

27. New Orleans Saints – Record: 11-5

Cody Latimer, WR, Indiana

No player has risen faster on my board recently, and I'm not alone. I'll give McShay credit -- he was raving about Latimer after he got to take a closer look at Indiana tape. Latimer was a player I saw as a likelier second-day pick based on my earlier work on him, but he's always looked good in the size/speed equation, it's just that a closer look shows you a player who was extremely reliable as a pass-catcher. The Saints need depth at wide receiver after losing one of Drew Brees' favorite targets in Lance Moore, not to mention the departure of Darren Sproles in a pass-catching sense.



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28. Carolina Panthers – Record: 12-4

Morgan Moses, OT, Virginia

The additions of Jerricho Cotchery and Jason Avant aren't tantamount to a "fix" at wide receiver, and I could certainly see the Panthers going that direction. But if there's a run at the position as you have here, this may be a better place to take a possible starter at tackle, which is a pretty big deal considering they need a pair of them. Cam Newton's ability to run shouldn't be confused with a lack of need to even create a decent pocket, and I think that's a question mark. Carolina could also look at cornerback here, so the Panthers may just look for the best player available among a few positions where the need is pressing.

29. New England Patriots – Record: 12-4

Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota

The Patriots know their personnel and developmental plans better than I do, I have no doubts, but we both know the age of their best interior linemen is a concern, with Vince Wilfork 32 years old and Tommy Kelly 33. Hageman is the kind of player this coaching staff could turn into something special, and working in rotation this season he could provide some immediate impact as well. He has surprising athletic ability for a player of his size, with great initial quickness which can jolt blockers and disrupt plays from the inside. He also has a long frame and an impressive vertical and will disrupt passing lanes.

30. San Francisco 49ers – Record: 12-4

Jordan Matthews, WR, Vanderbilt

The return of Anquan Boldin isn't enough for me to consider the wide receiver depth chart in San Francisco complete, and an experienced, projectable, reliable pass-catcher with underrated explosiveness both before and after the catch could provide some early impact for the 49ers. Matthews had been maligned for his lack of top-end speed, but his senior tape combined with a 4.46 40-time in Indy tells a different story, and it's hard to get past the fact that everyone knew Vandy wanted to get Matthews the ball, and nobody could keep him covered -- even in the SEC.

31. Denver Broncos – Record: 13-3

Jason Verrett, CB, TCU

Even with the addition of Aqib Talib, Denver needs to add depth in the secondary, and while you like to simply take the best player on the board with a sense of a reasonably early role when looking in Round 1, I think this fits both a need and Denver's timeline. The Broncos know the Peyton Manning window, and targeting clear needs should be a little more of a conversation. Verrett is a capable corner who can make it look easy in coverage, and will also look for the big hit. He gives Denver needed depth. (You can't have enough corners, especially when you expect to play with the lead often.)

32. Seattle Seahawks – Record: 13-3

Stephon Tuitt, DE, Notre Dame

Seattle lost a little depth on the defensive interior, and I like the idea of Tuitt landing here not just because I think Pete Carroll and staff can maximize what I consider a significant level of talent, but because this is a team that can maximize players that aren't exactly a round peg in the traditional round holes we associate with classic schemes. Tuitt's the kind of defensive lineman who could work inside, or be a big body at defensive end, drive a tackle backward with a bull rush or help to create a formidable run-stopping front that frees up the linebackers to make plays. Seattle tends to surprise me, but this pick makes sense.



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By Todd McShay (Last updated: April 11, 2014)

1. Houston Texans – Record: 2-14

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

There has been some Johnny Manziel-to-Houston buzz in the last few days, but I think this pick will come down to Clowney and UCF quarterback Blake Bortles. The Texans really need a QB, and Bortles has the highest ceiling of any passer in this draft, but I just think it's going to be too difficult for the Texans to pass on Clowney. He is the best player in this class and the most naturally talented defensive lineman I've ever evaluated, and guys like him simply don't come around that often. The Texans will find a good fit for him in defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel's versatile scheme.

2. St. Louis Rams (from Washington) – Record: 7-9

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

If Clowney goes No. 1, I think this pick will come down to Robinson or Clemson WR Sammy Watkins. I'm going with Robinson because the Rams need to keep QB Sam Bradford upright (especially given the pass-rushers they'll see in the NFC West), and because I have Robinson rated as the slightly better player. But I could see how St. Louis coach Jeff Fisher might lean in Watkins' direction. You need playmakers to offset the defensive backs in that division, and historically, Fisher does not spend high picks on offensive linemen. If Clowney drops, he's definitely in play here, or the Rams could get a lucrative offer to trade back.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars – Record: 4-12

Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

The likeliest options for the Jaguars in this scenario are Mack, WR Sammy Watkins or QBs Blake Bortles and Johnny Manziel. Jacksonville really needs a QB, but in Mack the Jags would be getting the second-best defensive player in the draft and a guy who could play the "Leo" role in their defense -- the weakside edge player (something of a hybrid defensive end/outside linebacker) whose primary task is to disrupt opposing backfields as a pass-rusher and run defender. Mack is a tone-setter and a difference-maker, and he is versatile enough to hold up in pass coverage when asked.

4. Cleveland Browns – Record: 4-12

Blake Bortles, QB, UCF

I think this pick would come down to Bortles or WR Sammy Watkins. I'm going with Bortles. While he isn't a perfect prospect at QB, he has the highest ceiling of any quarterback in this class. He has some improving to do with his mechanics, but he showed clear progress in that area during his pro day workout, and he checks all the boxes in terms of his size (6-foot-5, 232 pounds), intangibles, character, mental makeup and leadership ability. He can also make plays with his legs and is more creative than he gets credit for.

5. Oakland Raiders – Record: 4-12

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

I'm told that if the Raiders are to select a QB at No. 5, it would be Blake Bortles. With him off the board in this scenario, I think they'd hold off on taking a QB and instead look to add a weapon for Matt Schaub in Watkins. They need help at wide receiver, and Watkins has an elite skill set with excellent acceleration as a vertical route runner and after the catch. He also has great competitiveness and body control on contested catches that allow him to play bigger than his 6-1, 211-pound frame.



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6. Atlanta Falcons – Record: 4-12

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

Jadeveon Clowney would be a prime target if the Falcons chose to trade up, and Greg Robinson and Khalil Mack would be tempting options if either slid to this spot. In this scenario, I think Matthews makes sense, as the Falcons need to do a better job of protecting QB Matt Ryan. Matthews is a very effective blocker in both the running game and passing game who has the versatility to play either left or right tackle. Atlanta can target a pass-rusher, safety and tight end in their next few picks.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Record: 4-12

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

The Bucs are doing their due diligence in looking at the top QBs in this draft, but I think it's much more likely that they'll take a quarterback on Day 2 rather than at No. 7 overall, given that they already have Josh McCown and Mike Glennon in house. There is a significant talent drop off after Vincent Jackson on Tampa Bay's wide receiver depth chart, and Evans would provide another big target for McCown, who had success last season with the Bears throwing to a pair of big receivers in Alshon Jeffery and Brandon Marshall. Evans is a proven downfield threat who is great at hauling in 50-50 balls.

8. Minnesota Vikings – Record: 5-10-1

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

Taking Manziel at this spot will require a leap of faith on the part of the Vikings' brain trust, as he presents a significant gamble because of his on-field decision-making and long-term injury risk. But if they hit on this move, it could turn things around for them in a hurry. New offensive coordinator Norv Turner has a strong track record of developing different types of QBs -- I've heard he likes both Manziel and Teddy Bridgewater -- and there's no doubting Manziel's physical tools. He has the strongest arm of the top three quarterbacks, and his ability to extend plays and improvise is second to none.

9. Buffalo Bills – Record: 6-10

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

This is something of an outside-the-box pick, and certainly doesn't fill a glaring need, but the more I think about it the more I like the selection. For one, there aren't many glaring holes on this team, opening things up for the Bills to take the best available player. Also, second-year QB EJ Manuel would really benefit from having an elite downfield threat with seam-stretching speed like Ebron at the tight end position, giving him another weapon alongside WRs Stevie Johnson, Robert Woods and Mike Williams and steady TE Scott Chandler.

10. Detroit Lions – Record: 7-9

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

This feels early to take a safety, but Clinton-Dix would give the Lions a premier young talent at the free safety position, and his range in coverage and run support would be welcomed. Between him and free-agent signee James Ihedigbo at strong safety, the Lions could quickly turn around the safety position, which was a glaring weakness last season. Taylor Lewan is the best available on my board at this point, but I obviously don't see the Lions drafting a left tackle. And while Detroit needs a corner, none of the cornerbacks in this year's class are worthy of a top-10 pick in my opinion.



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11. Tennessee Titans – Record: 7-9

Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville

Of all the picks in this mock draft, I'm least confident about this one, because the Titans do still have Jake Locker and they have needs at other positions. But it's not as though Locker has proved himself yet to be a franchise quarterback. I had concerns about him when he was coming out related to his accuracy, decision-making and durability, and those questions persist. Additionally, Bridgewater doesn't turn 22 until November, so sitting a year wouldn't be the worst thing for him. (If he slips past this point, the next likeliest landing spots are Arizona at No. 20 and Cleveland at No. 26 if it hasn't already taken a QB.) Lewan is worth consideration here, as Michael Roos has just one year left on his deal.

12. New York Giants – Record: 7-9

Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

Lewan would be a steal for the Giants at No. 12, as they need a left tackle and Lewan has the ability to be a very good one in the NFL if he can improve his strength. He has great experience and durability (started 48 of 50 career games), is a very good technician as a run-blocker and has quick feet and hands as a pass protector. He has an off-field issue that the Giants would have to be comfortable with (his arraignment for assault charges stemming from an alleged 2013 fight has been delayed until after the draft), but assuming they are, this pick is a no-brainer.

13. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

C.J. Mosley, ILB, Alabama

With the Rams having added a tackle in Greg Robinson with the No. 2 overall pick -- and there not being any great values at pass-catcher at this point in the draft order -- they can address a need and add another very good player by taking Mosley. The only concern with Mosley is his health, as he was banged up quite a bit during his Alabama career. But he possesses upper-echelon range versus the run with good change-of-direction ability and burst, and he is a disciplined, tough and relentless playmaker.

14. Chicago Bears – Record: 8-8

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

The Bears have already taken significant strides to upgrade their defensive line, signing Lamarr Houston, Willie Young and Jared Allen, but I still think Donald would be a great pick here. His addition would really solidify the line, as Donald is a perfect fit as the classic 3-technique defensive tackle in the Tampa 2 system, which is the most important position in that scheme. He has elite first-step quickness and is very disruptive as both a run defender and pass-rusher, and he is a great finisher when he does get into the backfield.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers – Record: 8-8

Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

The Steelers' No. 1 need is cornerback, and while Dennard isn't as fast as Oklahoma State's Justin Gilbert or Ohio State's Bradley Roby -- and doesn't have Gilbert's ball skills -- he is the best pure man-to-man cover corner in this draft. He's much more physical than Gilbert, which makes him a better fit in Pittsburgh's defense than those other two. Wide receiver and 3-4 defensive end are the Steelers' next-biggest needs, but there aren't great values at either position in this scenario.



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16. Dallas Cowboys – Record: 8-8

Timmy Jernigan, DT, Florida State

Jernigan would improve Dallas' defensive line depth, which is critical in defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli's defense, since he likes to rotate his D-linemen so that he can send four-man pressure on a high percentage of plays. Jernigan is a good fit for Marinelli's scheme, and in particular he's a good complement to free-agent addition Henry Melton, who is more of a 3-technique defensive tackle, as Jernigan can play either 3-technique or 1-technique. Other options here include offensive tackles Morgan Moses and Zack Martin and safety Calvin Pryor.

17. Baltimore Ravens – Record: 8-8

Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

Tight end and linebacker are also need positions, but with TE Eric Ebron and LB C.J. Mosley off the board, I have the Ravens addressing their need at right tackle in this scenario. I actually like Morgan Moses' potential more than Martin's, but Martin should be a good starter at right tackle and in a worst-case scenario can be kicked inside to guard. The Ravens could also be looking to add size in the secondary (Lardarius Webb and Matt Elam are both shorter defensive backs), so free safety and cornerback are Day 2 possibilities for them.

18. New York Jets – Record: 8-8

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oregon State

The Jets added Eric Decker and Jacoby Ford to go along with Jeremy Kerley and Stephen Hill this offseason, but this is still very much a need position. Specifically, New York needs a receiver who can stretch the field vertically, which is what makes Cooks a good fit here. I seem to be in the minority in liking Cooks more than LSU's Odell Beckham Jr. and USC's Marqise Lee. Even though he's smaller than Beckham, Cooks has more reliable hands and is a better route runner. Cooks is also faster than Lee both in 40 times and on tape and catches the ball better than him.

19. Miami Dolphins – Record: 8-8

Morgan Moses, OT, Virginia

The biggest concern I have with this pick is whether the Dolphins think that Moses can play at right tackle, because he really came into his own during the 2013 season when he played left tackle after playing right earlier in his career. If Miami takes him here, it will obviously want Moses to start opposite newly acquired left tackle Branden Albert, so the Dolphins need to be comfortable with Moses making the transition. If they are, this is a great pick and potentially a steal at No. 19. He possesses excellent size and length, and he played his best against his best individual competition this season.

20. Arizona Cardinals – Record: 10-6

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

Pryor is a hard-hitting, tone-setting safety with good range for his size and style of play. He'd be a plug-and-play starter at strong safety next to Tyrann Mathieu, and the two would complement each other well in a very talented secondary. Other possibilities at this spot include UCLA OLB Anthony Barr and WR Odell Beckham Jr. One more prospect to keep in mind for Arizona: If QB Teddy Bridgewater were to slip to this point, I think the Cardinals could consider taking him.

21. Green Bay Packers – Record: 8-7-1

Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

The Packers' needs include tight end, safety, inside linebacker and left tackle, but there aren't any players at those positions that are worth drafting at this spot in this scenario. I think it comes down to Beckham and CB Bradley Roby, and I'm going with Beckham because he's more of a proven commodity and he'd give QB Aaron Rodgers another weapon in the passing game. He would immediately push Jarrett Boykin for the Packers' No. 3 receiving job as a guy who can stretch the field vertically and create after the catch. He could also add some juice in the return game.



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22. Philadelphia Eagles – Record: 10-6

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

Lee would give the Eagles' receiving corps a shot in the arm. Right now it's Jeremy Maclin (who is coming off of a torn ACL), Riley Cooper and a few question marks. Lee isn't the burner that DeSean Jackson was for this offense, and he struggled with drops in 2013 much more so than he did his first two seasons, but he has good field speed and is a threat after the catch. Lee did some serious damage to Chip Kelly's Oregon teams in 2011 and 2012, with a combined 20 catches for 344 yards and three touchdowns.

23. Kansas City Chiefs – Record: 11-5

Cody Latimer, WR, Indiana

This is the big surprise pick of the first round. He might not go off the board quite this early, but I was blown away by his game when I finally got to study his tape recently. He does a great job of getting off the press, has extremely reliable hands and is a threat after the catch -- three things that make him a perfect fit for a West Coast-style offense. He is dealing with a foot injury but his healing is ahead of schedule, and he recently ran in the 4.4-range at 6-foot-2, 215 pounds. FSU's Kelvin Benjamin is another possibility here if the Chiefs are looking to go in a different direction at receiver.

24. Cincinnati Bengals – Record: 11-5

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

Roby provides both fit and value here -- cornerback is a position of need for Cincy, and he's the best available player on our board. He had focus issues this past season and needs to work on his technique, but he is the most talented all-around cornerback in this draft with very good size, speed and fluidity. He also has above-average ball skills and is physical in run support. In Cincinnati, he'd have time to develop behind a proven, but aging, group of cornerbacks in Leon Hall, Terence Newman, Adam Jones and former first-rounder Dre Kirkpatrick, who also needs to step up.

25. San Diego Chargers – Record: 9-7

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

I'm not as high on Gilbert as some other evaluators are, but I still think he's worth a first-round pick, and the Chargers have a need at corner. He gives up too much separation in coverage and isn't very physical, so he needs to be used properly. He's at his best when the play is in front of him and he can attack the ball, and he has elite ball skills and straight-line speed. He also is a huge playmaker with the ball in his hands (he had two interception returns for TDs in 2013 and had six career kickoff returns for TDs).

26. Cleveland Browns (from Indianapolis) – Record: 4-12

Kelvin Benjamin, WR, Florida State

In this projection, the Browns drafted UCF QB Blake Bortles at No. 4 overall, and now they've added a big-play threat at wide receiver in Benjamin opposite Josh Gordon. This pair of picks would give Cleveland a young and potentially explosive passing attack to develop (TE Jordan Cameron and WR Andrew Hawkins would help round out an impressive receiving corps). Benjamin has a lot of developing to do as a route-runner and is inconsistent catching the ball on tape, but he is a red zone nightmare who does a great job of coming down with 50-50 balls.



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27. New Orleans Saints – Record: 11-5

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

The Saints are in good shape at safety with the free-agent addition of Jairus Byrd and re-signing of Rafael Bush to go along with Kenny Vaccaro, but they could afford to add depth at cornerback. They signed Champ Bailey as a stopgap solution, but now is a good time to bring in a youngster like Fuller and have him learn from Bailey. Fuller battled injuries this season, but when healthy, his tape is impressive -- he all but silenced Alabama's standout WR Amari Cooper -- and he still finished his career with 41 starts.

28. Carolina Panthers – Record: 12-4

Joel Bitonio, OT, Nevada

The Panthers are in a tough spot in this scenario. Most of the best available prospects are defensive front-seven players, but where the Panthers really need help is at offensive line and wide receiver. Bitonio has the potential to fill the void at left tackle for Carolina, and worst-case scenario he could kick inside to guard and become an outstanding interior lineman. He is a bit top-heavy, but he has surprisingly good movement skills, plays with an edge and battles for a full four quarters every game (he completely shut down Anthony Barr, pushing him around most of the game).

29. New England Patriots – Record: 12-4

Louis Nix III, DT, Notre Dame

Any team that takes Nix has to be comfortable with his motivation level, as he is coming off an injury and a 2013 season in which he struggled a bit. But if you think he will return to his 2012 form, this is a steal. With the Patriots, he'd have a year to work behind and learn from Vince Wilfork before taking on a full-time role, and he'd immediately improve New England's depth along the defensive line, which is a need. Other possibilities for the Patriots here include Minnesota DT Ra'Shede Hageman, Ohio State LB Ryan Shazier and Missouri DE Kony Ealy.

30. San Francisco 49ers – Record: 12-4

Jason Verrett, CB, TCU

Verrett would be a really good match for San Francisco at No. 30. He is undersized (5-9, 189 pounds), which could hurt his value some given the current emphasis being placed on bigger corners in the NFL, but he plays bigger than his size. He is aggressive in run support and can really stick to receivers in man-to-man coverage. He also has excellent speed, quickness, ball skills and playmaking ability.

31. Denver Broncos – Record: 13-3

Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota

Hageman would provide the Broncos with good depth along the defensive line early on, and he has the physical tools to develop into a very good NFL defensive tackle. He has an elite combination of size (6-5, 310 pounds), speed, and initial burst and power, although there are some flaws in his technique and finishing ability. He's also previously dealt with some anger issues as a result of his challenging upbringing, but having a veteran leader like DeMarcus Ware around would help with Hageman's development.

32. Seattle Seahawks – Record: 13-3

Xavier Su'a-Filo, G, UCLA

The Seahawks could use some help along their offensive line, and Su'a-Filo has a chance to be a good guard in the NFL. He has good size and quickness for the position and shows really good fight at the point of attack. I've given him a second-round grade, but I wouldn't be surprised if he sneaks into the first round here based on the fit.



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By Pete Prisco (Last updated: April 23, 2014)

1. Atlanta Falcons (Mock trade with Houston Texans)

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

The Falcons need an elite pass rusher, so they make the big move.

2. St. Louis Rams

Greg Robinson, T, Auburn

He's a difference maker on the offensive line. He could play left guard for a year.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars

Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

As Gus Bradley says, you can never have enough pass rushers. Mack can be special.

4. Cleveland Browns

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

Speed kills. He has it. Some say he's the next Julio Jones.

5. Oakland Raiders

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

It just makes sense. They need a quarterback, and he will liven things up.

6. Houston Texans (Mock trade from Atlanta)

Blake Bortles, QB, Central Florida

They trade down and still land one of the top quarterbacks, plus extra picks.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

They lack a real threat opposite Vincent Jackson, who isn't a kid anyway.

8. Minnesota Vikings

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

They can wait to take a quarterback later in the draft.

9. Buffalo Bills

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

The vertical threat in the middle of the field will really help EJ Manuel.

10. Detroit Lions

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

He has amazing athletic ability and his 2012 tape was really good.

11. Tennessee Titans

Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA

He's an edge rusher who can help liven up a pass rush that needs it.



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12. New York Giants

Jake Matthews, T, Texas A&M

They need help on their line and the value would be good here.

13. St. Louis Rams

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

They need to get a third corner to go with Trumaine Johnson and Janoris Jenkins.

14. Chicago Bears

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

I will keep him in this spot for now.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers

Taylor Lewan, T, Michigan

The value would be good for a team that could use him.

16. Dallas Cowboys

Ha-Ha Clinton Dix, S, Alabama

He has a chance to be nice rangy free safety, which they need.

17. Baltimore Ravens

Zack Martin, G-T, Notre Dame

The versatility he would offer to the line would be a big plus.

18. New York Jets

Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

I still think they need help at corner in the worst way.

19. Miami Dolphins

C.J. Mosley, LB, Alabama

He can run, and they need that. This would be a heck of a pick.

20. Arizona Cardinals

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

He's a big hitter who would help their secondary.

21. Green Bay Packers

Ryan Shazier, LB, Ohio State

Speed is a must if the defense is to improve. He has it.

22. Philadelphia Eagles

Odell Beckham, WR, LSU

He can fly and the Eagles need that with Desean Jackson gone.

23. Kansas City Chiefs

Brandin Cooks, WR Oregon State

He would add much needed speed outside in the passing game.



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24. Cincinnati Bengals

Jason Verrett, CB, TCU

He is a shorter corner, but he might be the best cover guy of the group. Can be an instant help at nickel.

25. San Diego Chargers

Louis Nix, NT, Notre Dame

The inside of their line isn't very good. He is a big body who can move.

26. Cleveland

Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville

They pass on the quarterback earlier and take him in this spot.

27. New Orleans Saints

Demarcus Lawrence, OLB-DE, Boise State

He can help the pass rush in a big way. He is a riser on some boards.

28. Carolina Panthers

Morgan Moses, T, Virginia

The left tackle spot has to be a priority. This is a kid moving up boards.

29. New England Patriots

Xavier Su'a-Filo, G, UCLA

Logan Mankins isn't a kid and they could use an upgrade at right guard.

30. San Francisco 49ers

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

They need help at receiver and this kid is better than most think.

31. Denver Broncos

Kyle Van Noy, OLB, BYU

I will keep him here in this spot because it makes too much sense.

32. Seattle Seahawks

Cody Latimer, WR, Indiana

They need to get help outside with Golden Tate gone.



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By Pat Kirwan: (Last updated April 25, 2014)

1. Houston Texans

Jadeveon Clowney, OLB/DE, South Carolina

Clowney stays on top, which is tough in an environment full of rumors and speculation about the No. 1 selection. Clowney has elite skills, but it's too bad it didn't show much in the 2013 season. Getting Andrew Luck to the ground is the top priority in the AFC South and Clowney should help, but there is risk.

2. St. Louis Rams

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

No one in this draft changes field position like Watkins. He is terrific after the catch, can run deep routes well, and after watching the Ohio State game again I'm convinced he's the right guy for the Rams.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars

Khalil Mack, DE/OLB, Buffalo

Mack is a rare athlete who can play multiple spots and he loves football. He will be a factor in the pass rush right away as a pro and many are starting to believe he's better than Clowney.

4. Cleveland Browns

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

Both Phil Simms and Jon Gruden told me Manziel can make the transition to pro football. Cleveland needs a quarterback and a face of the organization.

5. Oakland Raiders

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

Robinson's upside is unlimited. He could be a 10-12 year starter in the NFL and the Raiders can put him at either tackle spot. Moving down and getting more picks is a possibility.

6. Atlanta Falcons

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

The Falcons are in a great spot to take a pass rusher or a 10-year starting left tackle. Today it's the pass protector and a guy who gives Matt Ryan the best chance to succeed.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

The Bucs traded away Mike Williams and they are too far down the draft board to get Sammy Watkins so it's the next best thing. Evans is a faster, more explosive version of Vincent Jackson. You better have big corners when you play Tampa.

8. Minnesota Vikings

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

Why take a quarterback here and ignore a position where the Vikings need a day one starter? They can come back in the second round for Zach Mettenberger.



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9. Buffalo Bills

Taylor Lewan, OT Michigan

Buffalo can't pass up a 6-foot-7 tackle with athletic ability and a nasty streak. Doug Marrone is a former offensive lineman and line coach and he knows how rare these guys are in the league.

10. Detroit Lions

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

I've said corner all along for the Lions and talks about trading up for Watkins is just that talk. Why would Detroit give away this year's first, next year's first, and a second to grab a receiver when they have to cover the great receivers in the NFC north?

11. Tennessee Titans

Anthony Barr, OLB/DE, UCLA

Barr is just an emerging pass rusher and solid defensive player with untapped potential after just two years on defense. He fits any scheme.

12. New York Giants

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

Donald is the best inside pass rusher in the draft and he has a chance to be a double-digit sack guy early in his career. He runs like a linebacker and can play end as well as tackle.

13. St. Louis Rams

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

The Rams already got their offensive tackle earlier in the draft and now plug in safety. Pryor hits like a strong safety and covers the deep middle like a free safety. Jeff Fisher gets a versatile back end guy to complement the rest of a pretty good defense.

14. Chicago Bears

Darqueze Dennard, CB Michigan State

The top two safeties are gone but a top corner in Dennard is still on the board. Charles Tillman isn't getting any younger.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

The more I watch Roby the more I like him. He can play off coverage and really close on receivers. He is a willing tackler and has range in coverage.

16. Dallas Cowboys

Tim Jernigan, DT, Florida State

The Cowboys are desperate for quality players in the defensive line and many believe Jernigan is the next best after Donald. Defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli could fool all of us with a different person in this spot, but for now all I can tell Jernigan is that he better be in great shape for his new coach.

17. Baltimore Ravens

Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

Martin had a very good pro day after a solid Senior Bowl. The Ravens have to do a better job of protecting Joe Flacco and Martin is pro ready now at guard or tackle.



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18. New York Jets

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

It doesn't matter if it's Michael Vick or Geno Smith under center, the Jets' quarterback needs more weapons. A flexed tight end like Ebron helps the running game as well.

19. Miami Dolphins

Cyrus Kouandjio, OT, Alabama

If Martin is gone and they are really interested in protecting Ryan Tannehill, Kouandjio could be the answer after a solid pro day showing. He's young, very talented and on the rise.

20. Arizona Cardinals

Kony Ealy, DE, Missouri

Ealy has the talent to play on the edge and the size to move inside when the Cardinals want to slide the front around. For now he's in a rotation with Darnell Dockett and a year from now he's the man.

21. Green Bay Packers

C.J. Mosley, LB, Alabama

A couple of good linebackers to choose from at this point in the draft. Mosley can line up at a number of spots in Dom Capers' scheme and be effective. Last week it was Ryan Shazier at this spot and it might very well be him again before May.

22. Philadelphia Eagles

Odell Beckham, WR, LSU

Beckham is a very solid citizen and a polished receiver. If the Eagles decide to hold off on receiver and go defense there are a number of solid defenders left on the board. The Eagles reportedly tried to trade for Dion Jordan last year and that should indicate their desire for defensive help at pass rusher.

23. Kansas City Chiefs

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oregon State

Here's a solid young man who handles himself like a pro already and he plays a position the Chiefs need to upgrade. Andy Reid will see the 'DeSean Jackson' model in Cooks.

24. Cincinnati Bengals

Ryan Shazier, LB, Ohio State

The in-state linebacker has speed, production and is a three-down player. He can play WLB on run downs, Mike in the nickel and he has pass rush skills. Cincinnati would be lucky if he's still on the board

25. San Diego Chargers

Louis Nix, NT, Notre Dame

The Chargers need a nose tackle and might believe Nix is the best. I'm not so sure but for now he's a Charger.

26. Cleveland Browns

Kelvin Benjamin, WR, Florida State

The Browns got their quarterback earlier and now the big receiver opposite Josh Gordon. Manziel has been throwing rebound balls to Mike Evans and now he has another 6-foot-5 guy.



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27. New Orleans Saints

Dee Ford, DE, Auburn

Ford is a versatile hybrid edge rusher who put on a show at the Senior Bowl. Rob Ryan will use him in many different ways. Some tell me Ford is fading from the first round.

28. Carolina Panthers

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

The Panthers might lose out on a left tackle in this draft if they stay in this spot, but since they need a big-time wide receiver as well there will be a player like Lee falling to them and they should take him. Forget 2013 and look at 2012. Lee had 118 receptions and 14 touchdowns.

29. New England Patriots

Ra'Shede Hageman, DL, Minnesota

Some feel Hageman has fallen out of the first round but Bill Belichick has a long history of taking big defensive linemen in the first round. Hageman's motor may run hot and cold but at 6-6 and 320 pounds, he's worth a shot for a team with an old front.

30. San Francisco 49ers

Stephon Tuitt, DL, Notre Dame

The 49ers could take a receiver like Benjamin, but there is depth at the position and the Niners have aging starters at the defensive five techniques. Tuitt is a big man who can run and has 41 plays behind the line of scrimmage in 35 games.

31. Denver Broncos

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

Fuller is a physical corner and the Broncos will get him on the field early. For a big corner he has good man-to-man skills and will look good in press technique.

32. Seattle Seahawks

Jace Amaro, TE, Texas Tech

I believe the Seahawks like Amaro and he brings a dimension their offense really doesn't have as a flex/slot tight end who creates matchup problems. Russell Wilson will love having a 6-5 guy with 106 receptions last year roaming the middle of the field.



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By Don Banks (Last updated: April 23, 2014)

1. Houston Texans – Record: 2-14

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

The Texans still have two-plus weeks to really fall in love with one of the top-rated quarterbacks, but if it hasn't happened yet -- and we don't believe it has -- why force the issue? It seems much easier to swoon over Clowney's difference-making pass-rush potential and then figure out the quarterback pick at a later point. It could mean Houston trades back into the lower third of the first round, or sits and waits for its guy at No. 33 to start things off with a bang on Friday night. You know the names: Garoppolo, Savage, Murray, etc. ...

2. St. Louis Rams (from Washington) – Record: 7-9

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

If Clowney somehow gets to No. 2, the Rams will put the pick up for auction and wait for Atlanta, Jacksonville or someone else to call and make an offer they'd be wise to not refuse. And while I like my SI.com colleague Chris Burke's mock scenario of the receiver-needy Bucs trading up to No. 2 to nab Watkins, I'm not sure Lovie Smith will get quite that daring in a top 10 that's pretty flush with quality options. St. Louis could still play it safe with either Jake Matthews or Greg Robinson at offensive tackle, but given the talented secondaries in the NFC West, a weapon like Watkins added to the Rams' passing game might give them their best shot to get over the seven-win hump.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars – Record: 4-12

Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

Don't get the idea this will feel like a consolation prize for the Jaguars, even if they miss out on the draft's best pass rusher and receiver with Clowney and Watkins gone. Mack is the kind of disruptive, playmaking force Gus Bradley's defense can make great use of, and he has the non-stop motor to chase the ballcarrier all over the field, with the versatility to play all three downs. Jacksonville will find its quarterback in the second or third round; it won't roll the dice on a passer at the expense of the draft's second-best defensive prospect.

4. Cleveland Browns – Record: 4-12

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

Well, whaddya know, the Browns reportedly are finally getting around to showing interest in Manziel, working him out in College Station over the weekend and scheduling a visit with him this week in Cleveland. I rest my case. Workouts and visits don't guarantee anything, of course, but it does seem like the Browns are getting serious about the former Heisman winner as April winds down. Cleveland could wait until No. 26 to find its quarterback, but how'd that strategy work out in 2007 (Brady Quinn, No. 22) and '12 (Brandon Weeden, No. 22)? The Browns are the most QB-desperate team in the league, so why not pick your guy when you have every possible choice at your disposal?

5. Oakland Raiders – Record: 4-12

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

The way this board falls, I would think the Raiders' selection comes down to either making a top-five pick out of reliable Texas A&M receiver Mike Evans, or going with one of the draft's highest-rated offensive tackles in Matthews. The Matt Schaub trade takes a first-round quarterback off the radar screen, because the Raiders are in obvious win- now mode. Matthews is considered more NFL-ready than Auburn offensive tackle Greg Robinson and that should carry some weight for a team facing Oakland's sense of urgency this season. Robinson's upside is considerable and he might be All-Pro material in time, but Matthews is the smartest and safest pick for the Raiders' situation.



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6. Atlanta Falcons – Record: 4-12

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

With Clowney, Mack and Matthews already selected, the Falcons will still find one of their most coveted targets waiting for them in Robinson. Protecting Matt Ryan better than last season is the highest priority in Atlanta, and there's nothing wrong with eschewing the sexier strategy of trying to trade up for Clowney or Mack if your fallback option meets this kind of need.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Record: 4-12

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

The vision of quarterback Josh McCown's success last season in Chicago throwing to the twin towers known as Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery should be on Tampa Bay's mind in the first round. Evans knows how to make the contested catch, and paired with veteran receiver Vincent Jackson, he'd instantly upgrade the thinnest position on the Bucs' depth chart.

8. Minnesota Vikings – Record: 5-10-1

Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville

How low will Teddy go? That's the popular question that seems to be sparking wide-ranging debate as this year's longer-than-usual draft season unfolds. While some mocks have him even falling out of the first round these days, I can't see how that worst-case scenario unfolds, and I'm pushing back against the anti-Bridgewater movement. The Vikings seem like a nice fit, with offensive coordinator Norv Turner's experience with young quarterbacks and Matt Cassel re-signed to be the franchise's 2014 starter. UCF's Blake Bortles is Minnesota's other option, but there's a chance he needs even more patience and polish than Bridgewater.

9. Buffalo Bills – Record: 6-10

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

As much sense as Michigan offensive tackle Taylor Lewan continues to make for the Bills, who need to improve their protection of second-year quarterback EJ Manuel, finding an explosive receiving weapon to exploit the middle of the field should also upgrade Manuel's game. The draft's top tight end prospect could pose matchup problems for defenses and give Buffalo a potent one-two punch at the position in tandem with the reliable Scott Chandler.

10. Detroit Lions – Record: 7-9

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

I had Detroit going for Pitt defensive tackle Aaron Donald in my last mock, but the Lions' need in the secondary is probably too great to ignore in the first round, even with Donald's talent, Nick Fairley's inconsistency and Ndamukong Suh carrying that massive salary cap number. Clinton-Dix is a rangy free safety who can cover up for a lot of mistakes as Detroit's center fielder, and given the ever-increasing importance of safeties in today's NFL, his value is probably higher than the two- or three-most highly regarded cornerbacks.

11. Tennessee Titans – Record: 7-9

Blake Bortles, QB, Central Florida

The Titans might be tempted to help their cause in 2014 and avoid a first-round quarterback who figures to need a redshirt-like experience this season. But with the injury-prone Jake Locker playing for his future this year as a still-unproven fourth-year veteran, the Titans would do well to take advantage of this lofty draft slot and secure a starting option for 2015 and beyond. Bortles may not fall out of the top 10, but if he does, Tennessee's first-year head coach Ken Whisenhunt could be the long-term benefactor.



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12. New York Giants – Record: 7-9

Aaron Donald, DT, Pitt

The Giants require help at left offensive tackle and Michigan's rough and ready Taylor Lewan is still on the board. But so is Donald, the draft's most disruptive and instinctive defensive tackle, and he's known for living in an opponent's backfield. New York's biggest loss this offseason was seeing a young and productive defensive tackle like Linval Joseph sign with Minnesota, but Donald's arrival would ease the pain of that free-agent departure.

13. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

Having greatly boosted their passing game with the pick of Watkins at No. 2, the Rams turn their attention to the pass defense at No. 13. Dennard's calling card is his superb man-to-man cover skills, and he plays with impressive physicality and a sense of fearlessness. Dennard would ideally provide the kind of tone-setting coverage the Rams were hoping to get from former Titans cornerback Cortland Finnegan when they signed him as a 2012 free agent.

14. Chicago Bears – Record: 8-8

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

The Bears are going to get help for their aging defense in the first round and there are some very good options at positions of need even if Pitt defensive tackle Aaron Donald doesn't make it to No. 14. Oklahoma State cornerback Justin Gilbert, Alabama inside linebacker C.J. Mosley or Florida State defensive tackle Timmy Jernigan all would be solid additions for the Bears, but the void at free safety is the most pressing piece of business in Chicago, and Pryor fills the bill nicely. At the moment, the Bears would have to rely on fourth-year safety Chris Conte, who is rehabbing from shoulder surgery. Pryor is known for his hard-hitting style of play, and both he and fellow first-round safety prospect Clinton-Dix are seeing their stock rise as the draft nears.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers – Record: 8-8

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

The Steelers could turn in the card for a receiver like LSU's Odell Beckham Jr. or Southern Cal's Marqise Lee, but that wouldn't be very Pittsburgh-like. The Steelers usually find their receivers after the first round. I presume the run on defensive backs continues with Pittsburgh getting a prospect who could immediately upgrade the secondary, and lend a hand as a dangerous kick return man. Gilbert has strong ball skills and he plays physically enough to fit into coordinator Dick LeBeau's scheme.

16. Dallas Cowboys – Record: 8-8

Timmy Jernigan, DT, Florida State

The Cowboys have looked locked in on first-round defensive tackles for obvious reasons, but with Aaron Donald long gone, you wonder if the presence of Michigan's Taylor Lewan or Notre Dame's Zack Martin could prompt Dallas to address its weakness at right offensive tackle. The Cowboys love to move around in the first round, but for now, we're sticking with Jernigan at No. 16 given the need for bodies on the defensive line. The addition of ex-Bears defensive tackle Henry Melton didn't solve all the problems up front.

17. Baltimore Ravens – Record: 8-8

Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

With both consensus first-round safeties already selected (Clinton-Dix and Pryor), the Ravens would rebound nicely by finding Lewan still available. He'd shore up the right offensive tackle slot that Michael Oher vacated and help Baltimore get back to running the ball consistently in the rough and tumble AFC North. If Lewan and the safeties are all gone, Alabama linebacker C.J. Mosley makes sense as a mid-round pick with proven playmaking ability.



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18. New York Jets – Record: 8-8

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

Let's switch it up and go defense for the Jets in the first round, because Rex Ryan is still Rex Ryan, and there are more quality options to be had at receiver in Rounds 2 and 3 than there are at cornerback. Roby had an underwhelming season in 2013, but he's a first-round talent who has the size, speed and playing style that will cut it in the pro game. He can excel in the press coverage that Ryan prefers and should have a fairly smooth transition to the starting lineup.

19. Miami Dolphins – Record: 8-8

Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

The Dolphins still continue to find the player many have had them zeroed in on for months now: Martin, the ex-Irish offensive lineman whose versatility at tackle or guard should make him very attractive to a Dolphins team with some rather well-known needs at those positions. If there's a defensive player that is beginning to be linked to Miami, it's Alabama inside linebacker C.J. Mosley, whose health seems to be his biggest question mark.

20. Arizona Cardinals – Record: 10-6

Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA

The Cardinals could put this pick on the block and see if anyone has the conviction to come after a quarterback via trade. Arizona might even consider taking a passer itself in this slot if Bridgewater should fall. Otherwise, pass-rush help continues to be the logical target, and Barr, while inexperienced on defense, figures to carry the highest grade among the available prospects who can generate heat on the quarterback.

21. Green Bay Packers – Record: 8-7-1

C.J. Mosley, ILB, Alabama

This time around we don't foresee the Packers getting the safety they covet, because the highly regarded Clinton-Dix and Pryor went in the upper half of the round. But Mosley is a talented and productive three-down linebacker that Green Bay defensive coordinator Dom Capers could make good use of. With Mosley and Julius Peppers both joining forces with Clay Matthews, the Packers' linebacking unit would look significantly improved in 2014.

22. Philadelphia Eagles – Record: 10-6

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oregon State

For those predicting Chip Kelly will live to regret the Eagles' divorce from DeSean Jackson, perhaps you had best wait to see who he replaces him with in the draft. If it's Cooks, Philly might be in for close to the same type of big-play production. Like Jackson, Cooks is a quick and elusive threat with the ball in his hands, and he's capable of stretching the field vertically and creating consistent matchup problems for a defense.

23. Kansas City Chiefs – Record: 11-5

Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

It's interesting that both Andy Reid and the current Eagles coach, Chip Kelly, are likely looking for the same kind of explosive receiving help at No. 22 and 23 in this year's draft. I have flopped Beckham and Cooks since my 3.0 mock, but it's obvious the Chiefs and Eagles are shopping in the same aisle in this particular market. Beckham should provide yards after the catch and his skills in the return game are a bonus.



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24. Cincinnati Bengals – Record: 11-5

Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State

Given the age the Bengals are showing at cornerback, that need might trump all and lead to either Virginia Tech's Kyle Fuller or TCU's Jason Verrett being Cincy's choice. But we're making a spot for the athletically gifted Shazier in the first round because his prospects are on the rise and he would provide the Bengals with three-down potential and some of the pass-rush production they lost when defensive end Michael Johnson jumped to Tampa Bay in free agency.

25. San Diego Chargers – Record: 9-7

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

If the Chargers are going to close the gap on the Broncos in the AFC West, they're going to need reinforcements at cornerback, and Fuller and TCU's Jason Verrett are likely to come off the board right in this mid-20s portion of the round. Fuller had an injury-plagued 2013 season, but he has the athleticism of a starting NFL cover man, and if San Diego passes on him, both No. 26 Cleveland and No. 27 New Orleans likely have him on their short list.

26. Cleveland Browns – Record: 4-12

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

With four first-round cornerbacks already taken, it may be smarter for Cleveland to take a dip in the deeper receiver pool and find a pass-catching weapon to grow with new franchise quarterback Johnny Manziel. Lee and Josh Gordon could make for a nice starting tandem, with tight end Jordan Cameron and third receiver Andrew Hawkins contributing to a much-improved Browns' air attack. Lee was once expected to go in the draft's top 10, but injuries and a sub-par 2013 derailed that hope. At the bottom of the first round, however, he represents great value and brings a solid and versatile skillset to Cleveland.

27. New Orleans Saints – Record: 11-5

Jason Verrett, CB, TCU

Verrett is undersized at 5-9, but he battles, competes and stays in a receiver's face, and that sounds like Rob Ryan's kind of defender. With Jarius Byrd joining standout 2013 rookie Kenny Vaccaro at safety, and Champ Bailey now on hand to join Kennan Lewis at cornerback, the addition of Verrett would complete the transformation of a Saints secondary from abysmal in 2012 to a potential force this season.

28. Carolina Panthers – Record: 12-4

Morgan Moses, OT, Virginia

Unfortunately for the Panthers, the first-round cornerback market has been picked clean at this point, and while wide receiver is a need, there are several quality wideouts who can be had in the second and third rounds. Carolina's best move is to find a starting offensive tackle at the bottom of the first round, and Moses' stock has been steadily on the rise thanks to an impressive 2013 and solid pre-draft work.

29. New England Patriots – Record: 12-4

Louis Nix III, DT, Notre Dame

We all know about the Patriots' penchant for bailing out of the bottom of the first round, so a team that has a quarterback in its sights and wants to get the jump on the competition could well wind up owning this slot. But if they stick, the Pats might be able to choose defensive tackle Vince Wilfork's heir apparent in the space-eating Nix.



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30. San Francisco 49ers – Record: 12-4

Cody Latimer, WR, Indiana

If the 49ers believe they're going to be without the troubled Aldon Smith for the majority of the season due to an impending league suspension, it could alter their first-round focus in favor of an edge pass rusher like Auburn's Dee Ford or Missouri's Kony Ealy. But San Francisco did go 5-0 while Smith was absent and undergoing substance abuse rehab last season, so maybe there won't be a major course correction even if Smith can't be counted on for all of 2014. Latimer is a name on the rise and there are teams in the lower-third of the first round said to be enamored with his blend of size, speed and ability to consistently find the seams in a defense. Perhaps the 49ers will at last find a reliable No. 3 receiver.

31. Denver Broncos – Record: 13-3

Xavier Su'a-Filo, G, UCLA

How could the Broncos not address an offensive line that got abused in the Super Bowl and lost guards Zane Beadles and Chris Kuper this offseason? Especially when that depleted line is all that stands between Peyton Manning and catastrophe, a scenario that would render moot all of Denver's Super Bowl dreams? The defense got its sizable upgrade in free agency, and now it's time for the Broncos to invest in some much-needed offensive line infrastructure.

32. Seattle Seahawks – Record: 13-3

Jace Amaro, TE, Texas Tech

The Seahawks are in the enviable position of being able to sit back and make a desperation-free pick, knowing they have some needs at receiver, defensive line, offensive line and tight end that jive well with the names that remain on the board. While the re-signing of Sidney Rice helps offset the loss of Golden Tate to some degree, Seattle clearly needs more firepower in its passing game given Percy Harvin's injury history. At 6-5, with a skillset that's more receiver than tight end, Amaro could develop into a nightmare matchup for defenses in the NFC West, especially in the red zone. Russell Wilson and a target of that size and athleticism should be able to make beautiful music together.



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By Chris Burke and Doug Farrar (Last updated: April 25, 2014)

1. Houston Texans

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

Quarterback is obviously a more pressing need for the Texans, but Clowney's talent is too much to ignore. Rather than reach for a QB here, Bill O'Brien adds the absolute best available player — potentially turning his defense into one of the league's most fearsome units. — Chris Burke

2. St. Louis Rams (via Washington)

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

Though he's not as polished as Jake Matthews, Robinson has no athletic equal in this class at his position. He can start at guard if need be and move outside. The upside over time is ridiculous. — Doug Farrar

3. Jacksonville Jaguars

Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville

Pick apart his game all you want, but the fact of the matter is that Teddy Bridgewater is the best quarterback in this draft class right now. As much as Gus Bradley might get out of Khalil Mack or as enticing as Sammy Watkins is at No. 3, the Jaguars are not in position to wait and hope a QB falls into their lap. They have a chance to add a franchise guy right now. Take it. — CB

4. Cleveland Browns

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

The Browns have done a lot to improve their team in the last two years, but the quarterback position is still a big void. Manziel brings an amazing improvisational ability and physical talent to the table, and his on-field deficits can be managed over time. A potential franchise-defining player. — DF

5. Oakland Raiders

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

Maybe Sammy Watkins does not put the Raiders over the top in 2014. What he does do, however, is give them a potential star No. 1 receiver — something that's been missing from the Black Hole for years. — CB

6. Atlanta Falcons

Anthony Barr, DE/OLB, UCLA

Barr is raw like sushi at his current position, but the former running back has as much talent and potential as you could want. On a Falcons defensive line that has become much bigger in the offseason, he'll be set free to bend the edge and scoot around blockers, which he can already do quite estimably. — DF

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Khalil Mack, DE/OLB, Buffalo

A surprising development early with Mack sliding out of the top six. He doesn't necessarily fill a pressing need for Tampa Bay, but Lovie Smith would be thrilled with Mack's ability to wreak havoc off the edge. Passing on Mike Evans would be tough, but the WR depth of this draft offers some leeway. — CB

8. Minnesota Vikings

Blake Bortles, QB, Central Florida

There isn't much to say about the Vikings' current quarterback situation, except that Christian Ponder and Matt Cassel have not combined to improve it. New offensive coordinator Norv Turner will have a field day with Bortles, who has the size (6-foot-5, 230) and arm Turner prefers, with surprising mobility thrown in. — DF



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9. Buffalo Bills

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

Jake Matthews? At No. 9? Even with Cordy Glenn in place at LT and Mike Evans available, this is a steal for the Bills. They would have their anchors set on both sides of the O-line. Matthews is arguably a top-three talent in this draft. — CB

10. Detroit Lions

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

Were it not for injuries in 2013, I'm convinced that Fuller would have been the top cornerback on most boards, and he may still be. Put simply, there's nothing on his tape that stands out as an obvious flaw, and there's a lot that flashes with All-Pro potential. — DF

11. Tennessee Titans

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

Before anyone makes a Matt Millen joke (Tennessee drafted Kendall Wright in 2012 and Justin Hunter last year), let's consider the value here. WR may not be Tennessee's No. 1 need, but Evans would become the top red-zone target immediately. Nate Washington's closer to the end of his glory days than the beginning, too, so this allows the Titans to get a jump on his eventual departure. Evans, Hunter and Wright on the field together? If Jake Locker can't get it done with that trio, he can't get it done. — CB

12. New York Giants

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

Yes, the G-Men need all kinds of offensive line help, but losing Linval Joseph to the Vikings leaves a major hole along the defensive line. Donald is a smaller player, so it's not a precise fit, but with his once-in-a-decade ability to penetrate and dominate blockers, he'll be a one-man wrecking machine for Big Blue's defense. — DF

13. St. Louis Rams

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

Really reluctant to call any draft pick a "no-brainer" but ... well, the Rams clearly have a gap at safety, and the No. 1 safety prospect sits available. Clinton-Dix is the type of playmaker this defense needs. — CB

14. Chicago Bears

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

If the Bears are interested in having a great defense again, there are two positions of obvious need — defensive tackle and safety. They can get pretty good tackles later, but a rare talent like Pryor is worth a high pick. He'll patrol Chicago's defensive backfield with demon-speed and bad intentions. —DF

15. Pittsburgh Steelers

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

As close to a dream board as the Steelers could hope for here — Gilbert, Taylor Lewan, Eric Ebron and Odell Beckham Jr. all there for the taking. A lack of depth at CB coupled with Ike Taylor's miserable 2013 season pushes Gilbert to the forefront. He's athletic and versatile, making him perfect for Dick Lebeau's system. — CB

16. Dallas Cowboys

Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota

Yes, the Cowboys need defensive end help as well, but let's take a break from the Jerry Jones philosophy and not reach for need here. Actually, there is a need here as well, with Jason Hatcher departing to Washington. Hatcher was that rare player who could consistently get quarterback pressure from inside and outside, and Hageman, though still learning the ropes, has that same potential. — DF



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17. Baltimore Ravens

Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

Consider the Ravens' RT problem solved. And a few years down the road, when Eugene Monroe has outstayed his usefulness, there won't be a need to rush out for a left tackle. Lewan will boost the Ravens' run game and make Joe Flacco's life a little easier. – CB

18. New York Jets

Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

The Jets need receivers, but they can get them later in a very deep class. Dennard is the last top-flight cornerback left on the board, and it's time for this team to solve the post-Revis mess at corner. Dennard, with his aggressive, physical style, is a great fit for Rex Ryan's defense. – DF

19. Miami Dolphins

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

Ryan Tannehill made a significant leap in 2013. A mismatch-creating tight end like Ebron would push him even further along. Ebron is a top-10 talent, who would draw plenty of attention away from Brian Hartline and Mike Wallace in Miami. – CB

20. Arizona Cardinals

Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

Arizona head coach and offensive mastermind Bruce Arians loves to set defenses on edge with formation diversity among his receivers. That said, sometimes, you want a really fast guy who can take the top off of coverage over and over, and Beckham can do it. Plus, he's got a mastery of the full route tree, and he can play outside or in the slot. – DF

21. Green Bay Packers

CJ Mosley, LB, Alabama

Too easy. Aside from maybe Clinton-Dix, Mosley is the ideal realistic addition to the Packers defense at No. 21. (Obviously, Clowney or Mack would be great, but they're not falling this far.) Mosley's injury history is worrisome, but it's being overblown. He's a 100-tackle guy waiting to happen. – CB

22. Philadelphia Eagles

Xavier Su'a-Filo, OG, UCLA

Chip Kelly will remember Su'a-Filo from his Pac-12 days, and no matter what happens with Evan Mathis, Kelly (whose offense is far more run-heavy than most believe) could always use a real mauler on the inside of the offensive line. Su'a-Filo fits the bill, and he's also agile enough to play tackle. A perfect fit for a Philly offense that strives to balance explosion and physicality. – DF

23. Kansas City Chiefs

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oregon State

Andy Reid likes to get the ball out of his quarterback's hands and into those of the Chiefs' playmakers. In Cooks, Kansas City adds one of the most lethal catch-and-run threats in this draft. — CB

24. Cincinnati Bengals

Jason Verrett, CB, TCU

Terence Newman and Adam Jones are on the wrong end of the age curve, and Leon Hall is on the wrong end of the Achilles tendon surgery curve. It's time to bring in a new franchise cornerback, and Verrett looks to be just that with a fast, aggressive style. – DF



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25. San Diego Chargers

Louis Nix III, DT, Notre Dame

Had my sights set on Verrett to help fix San Diego's abysmal CB situation. With Cincinnati taking him one pick earlier, the Chargers' focus shifts to their thin D-line. Nix would serve as an immediate upgrade at nose tackle, able to plug the middle and free up the team's pass-rushers. – CB

26. Cleveland Browns (via Indianapolis)

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

With Josh Gordon making chicken salad out of last year's quarterback soup, and Johnny Football already mocked to Cleveland, Lee would help the Browns complete an excellent passing game. Like Reggie Wayne, Lee doesn't blow you away with highlight moments on tape as much as he does everything right ... over and over. – DF

27. New Orleans Saints

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

The Saints will draft a WR at some point, but I'm not seeing any great value here. Roby is far better than he showed early in 2013, and the cornerback spot definitely could use an infusion of youth. – CB

28. Carolina Panthers

Cyrus Kouandjio, OT, Alabama

Jordan Gross' retirement leaves a hole in Carolina's offense that's just as prominent as the one left by all those departing receivers, and Kouandjio perfectly fits Carolina's longtime preference for a power front with pass-protection expertise. As long as his medicals check out, the mammoth Kouandjio isn't a reach here. – DF

29. New England Patriots

Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State

The key word here is "versatility." That relates both to Shazier — who can fly up against the run, drop in coverage or blitz on occasion — and to the Patriots defense, which could show a ton of different looks from its linebacking corps with Shazier, Jamie Collins and Dont'a Hightower all capable of moving around the formation. – CB

30. San Francisco 49ers

Dee Ford, DE, Auburn

The 49ers would love to go receiver or cornerback here, but with the board as it is — and Aldon Smith's future with the team in doubt — Ford would be a great get at 30. He's a special (though slightly undersized) athlete with the potential to get the same kind of sack production Smith did when he was on the straight and narrow. – DF

31. Denver Broncos

Zack Martin, G/T, Notre Dame

Martin's immediate future is likely at the guard spot, which just happens to be one of the trouble spots for Denver. That Martin is capable of serving as insurance for the tackle spot — LT Ryan Clady is coming back from a season-ending Lisfranc injury — seals the deal. — CB

32. Seattle Seahawks

Kelvin Benjamin, WR, Florida State

With Sidney Rice's long injury history and Golden Tate's departure to Detroit, the Seahawks are in clear need of a red-zone target who can dominate in the physical NFC West. Though Benjamin is still learning the NFL route tree, he'd be able to come in and win right away in the paint, taking Seattle's red-zone offense to a new level.



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By Bucky Brooks (Last updated: April 15, 2014)

1. Houston Texans – Record: 2-14

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

A frontline featuring Clowney, J.J. Watt and Whitney Mercilus would make AFC quarterbacks shake in their boots facing the Texans.

2. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

Greg Robinson is the better athlete and offers more upside, but it could be hard for Jeff Fisher to pass on the more polished Matthews, based on his relationship with the family.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars – Record: 4-12

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

Regardless of his flaws, there is no doubt Manziel would energize the Jags with his presence and spectacular playmaking ability.

4. Cleveland Browns – Record: 4-12

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

Adding Watkins to a lineup featuring Josh Gordon and Jordan Cameron would give the Browns the top receiving corps in the AFC North.

5. Oakland Raiders – Record: 4-12

Blake Bortles, QB, UCF

With Matt Schaub set to lead the team in 2014, the Raiders can afford take a patient approach with Bortles.

6. Atlanta Falcons – Record: 4-12

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

Protecting Matt Ryan is the team's priority after watching him pummeled in the pocket a season ago.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Record: 4-12

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

The Mike Williams' trade paves the way for the team to add Evans as a complement to Vincent Jackson in the passing game.

8. Minnesota Vikings – Record: 5-10-1

Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

Linebacker isn't an obvious need, but the Vikings could elect to take the best player available at this pick.

9. Buffalo Bills – Record: 6-10

Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA

The Bills have pretty good wide receivers, but tight end is a big need. Ebron would really help that offense and its young quarterback, EJ Manuel.



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10. Detroit Lions – Record: 7-9

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

Jim Caldwell's experience with Peyton Manning in Indianapolis could prompt him to surround Matthew Stafford with explosive weapons on the perimeter.

11. Tennessee Titans – Record: 7-9

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

Ray Horton's success with Patrick Peterson could persuade the Titans to take a rangy, athletic CB with superb ball skills.

12. New York Giants – Record: 7-9

C.J. Mosley, ILB, Alabama

Mosley's athleticism and versatility would bring another dimension to a defense that's struggled the past few seasons.

13. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

Jeff Fisher would be wise to give Gregg Williams an aggressive safety with playmaking skills based on Williams' past success.

14. Chicago Bears – Record: 8-8

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

Donald is an ideal 3-tech in the Bears' Tampa 2 scheme due to his speed, athleticism and quickness.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers – Record: 8-8

Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

The Steelers need a replacement for Ike Taylor as the designated No.1 corner; Dennard is an ideal fit with his grit, toughness and ball skills.

16. Dallas Cowboys – Record: 8-8

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

Pass rusher is a top priority, but Pryor is rated higher than any available DE at this point.

17. Baltimore Ravens – Record: 8-8

Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

Lewan has all of the tools to be a dominant player at his position, which makes him a no-brainer at this point.

18. New York Jets – Record: 8-8

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

Adding a dynamic weapon like Lee in the middle will help Geno Smith and Michael Vick become more efficient from the pocket.

19. Miami Dolphins – Record: 8-8

Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

Martin's versatility makes him an ideal fit for the Dolphins as a potential swing player along the offense line.



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20. Arizona Cardinals – Record: 10-6

Dee Ford, OLB, Auburn

John Abraham is on the backside of his career. Ford could serve as his apprentice for a season before taking over as the team's designated pass rusher.

21. Green Bay Packers – Record: 8-7-1

Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State

Shazier is a versatile playmaker with the ability to blitz, run or cover from multiple spots on the front seven.

22. Philadelphia Eagles – Record: 10-6

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

Roby is a talented cover man with the speed, athleticism and movement skills to thrive in an aggressive scheme.

23. Kansas City Chiefs – Record: 11-5

Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

Andy Reid desperately needs an explosive playmaker on the perimeter to make the Chiefs' version of the West Coast offense pop.

24. Cincinnati Bengals – Record: 11-5

Kony Ealy, DE, Missouri

Marvin Lewis fills Michael Johnson's void by taking a young, athletic rusher in Ealy.

25. San Diego Chargers – Record: 9-7

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

The Chargers need a long, rangy cover corner to match up with the big-bodied receivers that dominate the AFC West.

26. Cleveland Browns (from Indianapolis) – Record: 4-12

Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville

A franchise QB falls into Ray Farmer's lap. Bridgewater gives the Browns a legitimate signal caller to build their playoff aspirations around.

27. New Orleans Saints – Record: 11-5

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oklahoma State

Sean Payton's creative offensive mind won't allow him to bypass a talented playmaker like Cooks.

28. Carolina Panthers – Record: 12-4

Cyrus Kouandjio, OT, Alabama

Jordan Gross' departure could force GM Dave Gettleman to focus his efforts on a blindside protector for Cam Newton.

29. New England Patriots – Record: 12-4

Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota

Although effort and desire are huge concerns, it's hard to find big, athletic defenders with Hageman's physical tools.



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30. San Francisco 49ers – Record: 12-4

DeMarcus Lawrence, DE, Boise State

Aldon Smith's future is in question. Lawrence is a fluid athlete capable of rushing the passer from a three-point stance or upright position.

31. Denver Broncos – Record: 13-3

Xavier Su'a-Filo, G, UCLA

After his offensive line was bullied by the Seahawks, John Fox insists on adding a beefy blocker with a nasty disposition.

32. Seattle Seahawks – Record: 13-3

Morgan Moses, OT, Virginia

Moses addresses a void at right tackle and is a perfect fit in the 'Hawks' zone-based blocking scheme.



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By Brian Baldinger (Last updated: April 24, 2014)

1. Houston Texans – Record: 2-14

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

After all the talk and all the posturing, I think the Texans go with the best and most talented player in the draft. Romeo Crennel and J.J. Watt get the most out of his abilities. Watch out, Andrew Luck.

2. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

Matthews' Pro Football Hall of Fame dad was a teammate of Jeff Fisher's at USC. The Rams don't have to overthink this one; take what you know. Put him on the right side with Jake Long at left tackle and build Sam Bradford a wall.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars – Record: 4-12

Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

David Caldwell was in Atlanta when the Falcons took Matt Ryan, but Caldwell knows there is no Matt Ryan in this draft. Gus Bradley wants an edge rusher at OLB and Mack is the best one in this draft.

4. Cleveland Browns – Record: 4-12

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

Brian Hoyer's coming back as the quarterback and the Browns know they can win games with him. Give him Watkins to add with Jordan Cameron and Josh Gordon, and now you have some offensive weapons to compete in a defensive-minded division.

5. Oakland Raiders – Record: 4-12

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

They need a quarterback, but I think Matt Schaub can win them some games. And he can win a lot more games if he's protected. The best tackle available is Robinson.

6. Atlanta Falcons – Record: 4-12

Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

The Raiders' pick of Robinson really spoils things for Atlanta, which really needs a tackle. But Lewan is not bad. You can play him at right tackle and help protect Matt Ryan.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Record: 4-12

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

Outside of Vincent Jackson, there aren't a lot of offensive weapons for Josh McCown. Evans makes a lot of sense, especially when you think about the success McCown had in Chicago last year with Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery.

8. Minnesota Vikings – Record: 5-10-1

Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA

Mike Zimmer has always done it through defense everywhere he's been. As much as they need a quarterback, Barr would be a great fit for Zimmer. He's only played linebacker for two years, but I think his upside is all in the NFL. Two years from now I think he'll be a Pro Bowl player.



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9. Buffalo Bills – Record: 6-10

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

The Bills have pretty good wide receivers, but tight end is a big need. Ebron would really help that offense and its young quarterback, EJ Manuel.

10. Detroit Lions – Record: 7-9

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

It's never a draft unless the Lions look for a defensive back. Justin Gilbert is sitting there, but I have my reservations about what he's going to be in the NFL. Clinton-Dix fills a position of need.

11. Tennessee Titans – Record: 7-9

Blake Bortles, QB, UCF

The Jake Locker era is winding down and Ken Whisenhunt has shown an ability to work with quarterbacks and to protect them.

12. New York Giants – Record: 7-9

C.J. Mosley, ILB, Alabama

The Giants need a leader on defense. They acquired LB Jon Beason last year, but it's time to add a natural middle linebacker.

13. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

Defense defines the NFC West and the Rams are closing the gap on the Seahawks, 49ers and Cardinals. Add another fierce hitter to a fast, young, talented defense.

14. Chicago Bears – Record: 8-8

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

The Bears were last against the run in 2013 and tied for last in sacks. Donald helps in both areas.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers – Record: 8-8

Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

Dennard is a natural Steeler -- a lock-up man-to-man defender and the best tackling cornerback in the draft.

16. Dallas Cowboys – Record: 8-8

Timmy Jernigan, DT, Florida State

The Cowboys need to strengthen the trenches. Jernigan has violent hands and can help plug holes to free up the linebackers behind him.

17. Baltimore Ravens – Record: 8-8

Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

The Ravens were poor offensively last year and the biggest issue was the poor play of the line. Martin will be the consistent right tackle the Ravens were hoping Michael Oher would be.

18. New York Jets – Record: 8-8

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

Rex Ryan collects corners because his defense doesn't work if they can't lock up. The Jets have lost Antonio Cromartie and Darrelle Revis in back-to-back years. Wide receiver can wait until Round 2.



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19. Miami Dolphins – Record: 8-8

Cyrus Kouandjio, OT, Alabama

If the medicals on Kouandjio's knee check out, this is a good pick for Miami. He is a dominant player and a great run blocker when healthy. And he can start at right tackle immediately.

20. Arizona Cardinals – Record: 10-6

Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State

Todd Bowles has a good defense built on speed, and Shazier would make the Cardinals even faster. Bowles could play him in nickel with Daryl Washington.

21. Green Bay Packers – Record: 8-7-1

Austin Seferian-Jenkins, TE, Washington

Jermichael Finley is in doubt of ever returning. Aaron Rodgers needs a monster target to work the middle of field.

22. Philadelphia Eagles – Record: 10-6

Kelvin Benjamin, WR, Florida State

The Eagles replace DeSean Jackson with a much bigger target, and Chip Kelly wants to get bigger at that position.

23. Kansas City Chiefs – Record: 11-5

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

Andy Reid wants to throw the football and the Chiefs need better targets to throw to. They would be ecstatic if Lee were available.

24. Cincinnati Bengals – Record: 11-5

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

The Bengals scout Ohio State every weekend and loved what they saw from Roby. It's an area of need with the injury to Leon Hall and the age on Terence Newman and Adam Jones.

25. San Diego Chargers – Record: 9-7

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

The Chargers have to revamp this position especially in that division, where they are chasing the Broncos and all of their aerial weapons.

26. Cleveland Browns (from Indianapolis) – Record: 4-12

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

We all know the owner has been in love with Manziel from the very beginning. In this scenario he slips. On May 8?

27. New Orleans Saints – Record: 11-5

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oklahoma State

Keep the weapons coming for Drew Brees and Sean Peyton. Attack. Attack. Attack. The Saints can always get a cornerback in the second round.

28. Carolina Panthers – Record: 12-4

Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

Time to stock the shelves for Cam Newton at a weak position that was further depleted in the offseason.



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29. New England Patriots – Record: 12-4

Stephon Tuitt, DE, Notre Dame

Age up front and injuries made the Patriots vulnerable to the run a year ago. Tuitt would add size and some pass rush to a group that has to get younger and more talented.

30. San Francisco 49ers – Record: 12-4

Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota

Justin Smith can't keep doing this forever. It's time to add talent, size and potential. Defensive line coach Jim Tomsula can get the most out of this kid.

31. Denver Broncos – Record: 13-3

Xavier Su'a-Filo, G, UCLA

The Broncos lost left guard Zane Beadles in free agency. They have to make sure Peyton Manning gets all the protection he can. Su'a-Filo helps keep the wall strong.

32. Seattle Seahawks – Record: 13-3

Morgan Moses, OT, Virginia

The Seahawks lost Breno Giacomini in free agency, and right tackle is a huge hole. The massive Moses steps in and adds size and talent to a line that is so important to the Seahawks' style of play.



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By Daniel Jeremiah (Last updated: April 9, 2014)

1. Houston Texans – Record: 2-14

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

Clowney is the premier talent in this draft class and I will be surprised if he isn't the top pick.

2. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

I think the Rams will trade out of this spot, but if they are stuck then Robinson would provide a physical element to their offensive line.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars – Record: 4-12

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

Manziel's playmaking ability would fit nicely in Jedd Fisch's offense.

4. Cleveland Browns – Record: 4-12

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

The Browns wait on a quarterback and nab the top pass catcher in the draft to pair with Josh Gordon.

5. Oakland Raiders – Record: 4-12

Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

The Raiders solved a lot of needs in free agency, which will free them up to take the best available player.

6. Atlanta Falcons – Record: 4-12

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

Protecting Matt Ryan gets the nod over upgrading the pass rush.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Record: 4-12

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

Following the Mike Williams trade, the Bucs are very thin at receiver.

8. Minnesota Vikings – Record: 5-10-1

Blake Bortles, QB, UCF

Bortles showed massive improvement in his footwork during his pro day and that has teams excited.

9. Buffalo Bills – Record: 6-10

C.J. Mosley, ILB, Alabama

Mosley and Kiko Alonso would form one of the top young linebacker duos in the league.

10. Detroit Lions – Record: 7-9

Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

I could see the Lions grabbing a cornerback or safety, but protecting Matthew Stafford is always a top priority.

11. Tennessee Titans – Record: 7-9

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

The Titans lost Alterraun Verner in free agency and Gilbert would be a nice fit in Ray Horton's scheme.



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12. New York Giants – Record: 7-9

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

Ebron would be a perfect compliment to Victor Cruz and hopefully help Eli Manning return to form.

13. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

Clinton-Dix would put up big numbers roaming the middle of the field in this defense.

14. Chicago Bears – Record: 8-8

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

Donald is undersized, but he has rare explosiveness and instincts for the position.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers – Record: 8-8

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

Roby had an up-and-down season, but he has as much upside as any cornerback in the draft.

16. Dallas Cowboys – Record: 8-8

Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA

The Cowboys are desperate for edge rushers and Barr would be an excellent value at this spot.

17. Baltimore Ravens – Record: 8-8

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

The Ravens could look at the receiver position here, but safety is a higher priority.

18. New York Jets – Record: 8-8

Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

Beckham is a complete receiver and he is also one of the top returners in the draft.

19. Miami Dolphins – Record: 8-8

Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

I keep trying to come up with another player for the Dolphins, but I can't see them passing on a clean player like Martin.

20. Arizona Cardinals – Record: 10-6

Derek Carr, QB, Fresno State

This might be a bit of a surprise choice, but Carr has the skill set to fit nicely in Bruce Arians' offense.

21. Green Bay Packers – Record: 8-7-1

Austin Seferian-Jenkins, TE, Washington

Seferian-Jenkins needs more polish, but his combination of size, catch radius and high-point skills will make him an immediate impact player in the red zone.

22. Philadelphia Eagles – Record: 10-6

Kelvin Benjamin, WR, Florida State

The Eagles want to get bigger on the outside and Benjamin fits that description.



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23. Kansas City Chiefs – Record: 11-5

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oklahoma State

Andy Reid's offense is at its best when he has a vertical threat in the passing game.

24. Cincinnati Bengals – Record: 11-5

Timmy Jernigan, DT, Florida State

The Bengals have a loaded roster, which will allow them to take the top available talent.

25. San Diego Chargers – Record: 9-7

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

Marqise Lee would be tempting here, but the Chargers need to upgrade their secondary.

26. Cleveland Browns (from Indianapolis) – Record: 4-12

Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville

I wouldn't be shocked if the Browns chose Jimmy Garoppolo with this pick (there's a lot of chatter connecting the two), but I'll stick with Bridgewater right now.

27. New Orleans Saints – Record: 11-5

Marqise Lee, WR, USC

Lee is too good to pass up at this point in the draft.

28. Carolina Panthers – Record: 12-4

Davante Adams, WR, Fresno State

The Panthers are desperate for help at wideout and Adams is a smooth route runner that can also stretch the field.

29. New England Patriots – Record: 12-4

Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota

Tommy Kelly and Vince Wilfork are getting up in age, and Hageman would add some youth and athleticism to the Patriots' front.

30. San Francisco 49ers – Record: 12-4

Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

Dennard is a very physical player and he would fill an important need for the 49ers.

31. Denver Broncos – Record: 13-3

Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State

Keep an eye on Nevada guard Joel Bitonio with this pick, but Shazier's athleticism would be tough to pass up.

32. Seattle Seahawks – Record: 13-3

Xavier Su'a-Filo, G, UCLA

Su'a-Filo loves to get after defenders in the run game, and he'd fit nicely in Seattle's ground and pound offense.



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By Peter Schrager (Last updated: April 24, 2014)

1. Houston Texans – Record: 2-14

Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

As one source told me a few weeks back, "Is he a risk? Maybe. Is it a bigger risk to pass on him? Yes." The comparisons to Lawrence Taylor have been scoffed at, but Clowney is as good, if not better, than Taylor coming out of college. Pair him with J.J. Watt, and suddenly Andrew Luck isn't so comfortable in the AFC South for the next 10 years.

2. St. Louis Rams (from Washington) – Record: 7-9

Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

St. Louis is going to look to trade back in the draft. That's for certain. Whether they can find a suitor or not is another issue. It's worked before (they're still reaping the benefits of the RG3 trade) and they're going to be open to any and all suitors here. If they stay here, they'll go with Robinson. I think Larry Allen was arguably the greatest, most dominant offensive lineman to ever play the game of football. Multiple scouts have compared Greg Robinson to Larry Allen. How's that for high expectations? He can play tackle or guard and his potential's limitless.

3. Jacksonville Jaguars – Record: 4-12

Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

You'll hear a lot of talk around Khalil Mack, Johnny Manziel, and Blake Bortles the next few weeks, and I know Jacksonville likes all three players a lot. But I've got them going with Watkins, a player one AFC position coach described as 'a sure thing'. Jacksonville's got one of the best young coaching staffs in the league and in offensive coordinator Jedd Fisch, it has an innovative mind who did a lot with little-to-no weapons a year ago. Watkins does it all and could make an immediate impact in his first season comparable to Julio Jones or A.J. Green in 2011.

4. Cleveland Browns – Record: 4-12

Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

I've been doing my best to get a read on what the Browns will do fourth overall, and I can't stop ending up at Manziel. Browns owner Jimmy Haslam didn't buy the team for \$1 billion to not have them be relevant. If there's any fanbase in the NFL that needs a spark and a reason to be excited, it's that of the Browns. After another mess of a season and another coach and GM change, the Browns are in desperate need of someone and something to rally around. I've heard the same thing echoed from league personnel as former NFL quarterback Chris Simms said on my podcast last week -- Manziel isn't being grouped with the other quarterbacks in this draft on a big board. He's his own entity. He's the biggest wild card the NFL has seen in recent years -- because of his on-field style of play; not because of the off-the-field stuff -- and can't be placed on a list with more traditional quarterbacks like Bortles and Carr. Regardless of what first-year GM Ray Farmer and first-year head coach Mike Pettine feel is the wisest selection, this pick will be Manziel if the owner says it is. Plain and simple.

5. Oakland Raiders – Record: 4-12

Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

The Raiders loaded up on household names in free agency, adding veterans up and down the roster. The biggest move, however, was the trade for Matt Schaub. The Oakland brass believes he's got some good football left in him and could lead this team back to relevancy and I know offensive coordinator Greg Olson likes him. Most mocks have Oakland going quarterback or receiver, here, but if Mack's still on the board at five -- the Silver and Black can't pass him up.



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6. Atlanta Falcons – Record: 4-12

Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

The Falcons have to keep Matt Ryan upright if they want to stand a chance in the loaded NFC South. Matthews, the son of NFL great Bruce Matthews, is a 6-foot-5, 310-pound brick wall. He's so athletic and nimble on his feet that he looks like a tight end at times. Some NFL folks like Matthews as much, if not more, than Robinson. Great fit for the Falcons if they stay put at No. 6 overall.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Record: 4-12

Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

Greg Robinson and Jake Matthews might be higher on the Bucs' wish list, but they'd be awfully happy with Lewan falling to them at No. 7 overall. Recent free-agent addition Anthony Collins could easily move to guard, allowing Lewan to anchor one of the tackle spots. A lot of mocks have the Bucs going quarterback or wide receiver Mike Evans here. I see them working towards building the top offensive line in football with the addition of Lewan. A dominant force at Michigan, he's got a nasty streak, too. This is the first pick of the Jason Licht Era in Tampa Bay. It'd be a home run.

8. Minnesota Vikings – Record: 5-10-1

Blake Bortles, QB, Louisville

Matt Cassel just re-signed this offseason, Christian Ponder's still on the roster and there are other needs in Minnesota. New head coach Mike Zimmer is a defensive mind. And yet, I still think the Vikings go with Bortles if he slips to 8th overall. As one coach put it to me at the NFL League Meetings in March, 'People scoff at the Roethlisberger comparisons, but watch the way he escapes trouble in the pocket. There's one guy who does it like [Bortles] does, and it's Roethlisberger.'

9. Buffalo Bills – Record: 6-10

Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

Buffalo likes what they've got at quarterback in E.J. Manuel and feature one of the top front sevens in the entire league. Robert Woods and Marquise Goodwin -- two rookies from a season ago -- have promise at wide receiver along with Stevie Johnson. Doug Marrone and offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett's offense is obviously still a work in progress, but adding Evans would take it to new heights. The biggest need? Hardly. But what an addition this would be. As one position coach put it to me last week, 'You can't teach 6-foot-4. The sky is the limit with Evans.' There have been comparisons to both Alshon Jeffery and current Buccaneers No. 1 Vincent Jackson, but Brandon Marshall might be the more appropriate projection for Evans. He goes and gets the ball.

10. Detroit Lions – Record: 7-9

Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

Another year, and another draft in which I'll peg a cornerback going to the Lions. Gilbert does it at corner and offers instant impact on special teams. He'll be up against the likes of Alshon Jeffery, Jordy Nelson and Brandon Marshall in the NFC North, and should be up for the challenge. I know some NFL teams have Virginia Tech cornerback Kyle Fuller rated higher than Gilbert, but I like this fit for Detroit.

11. Tennessee Titans – Record: 7-9

Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA

Quarterback could be the move here, but I like Barr if he's still on the board. A pass-rushing OLB that fits in the Ray Horton coached 3-4 defense, Barr's worked out well with teams and had a good showing at the Combine. There are some promising young defenders on that Titans D; Barr would be a wonderful addition. If Bortles or Manziel are still on the board, Ken Whisenhunt could go QB, here, too. I'm just not sure I see the Titans grabbing Bridgewater, Carr, or Savage here.



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12. New York Giants – Record: 7-9

Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

The Giants were extremely active in free agency, but hated seeing up-and-coming DT Linval Joseph sign with Minnesota. Donald's somewhat undersized, but pops off film and his production at the college level was off the charts. He ran the fastest 40-yard-dash for defensive tackles at the Combine and was dominant at the Senior Bowl the entire week in Mobile. He'd be a great fit with what New York's got going on.

13. St. Louis Rams – Record: 7-9

Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

The Rams defense is on the cusp of being one of the league's very best, if they're not in the conversation already. Safety is a position they'd like to upgrade. Rodney McLeod and T.J. McDonald are the projected starters now. Pryor, who I have rated slightly higher than Alabama prospect 'Ha Ha' Clinton-Dix, is an explosive hitter with fantastic range. He fits the Rams' defensive style. He plays angry, aggressive and can make a difference right away.

14. Chicago Bears – Record: 8-8

C.J. Mosley, ILB, Alabama

In a conversation at the League Meetings back in March, Mosley was compared by one league personnel man to Patrick Willis and DeMeco Ryans. The Bears could use someone like that in the middle of their defense. Linebacker play is a tradition in Chicago. Butkus, Singletary, Urlacher ' big shoes to fill, but Mosley could be handed the torch. I like this fit for Chicago. Mosley could play inside or outside and should be a tackle machine at the next level.

15. Pittsburgh Steelers – Record: 8-8

Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota

In a conversation in December, one NFL scout compared Hageman's mix of physical build and athleticism to J.J. Watt's. High praise. The Steelers struggled against the run in 2013. Corner and safety could make sense here, too, but I can see them going with the big man up front. The adopted son of two Dartmouth grads, Hageman has the smarts and the physicality to sneak into the top 15.

16. Dallas Cowboys – Record: 8-8

Timmy Jernigan, DT, Florida State

Not the sexiest pick, but an area of need in Dallas. Recent free-agent signing Henry Melton will clog the middle at one DT spot, but Jernigan could be the perfect complement on Rod Marinelli's defensive line. Of course, if Johnny Manziel slips to the teens, watch out. I don't see that happening.

17. Baltimore Ravens – Record: 8-8

Morgan Moses, OT, Virginia

Who better to complement Eugene Monroe at right tackle than fellow Virginia alum, Morgan Moses? A 6-foot-6, 315 pound big body, Moses has surprisingly nimble feet and good technique. This is a guy who enrolled at UVA weighing close to 350 pounds. He's slimmed down and is only getting better. Good fit for Baltimore.

18. New York Jets – Record: 8-8

Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

Jets fans in Radio City would be thrilled to see the athletic Ebron slip all the way to 18. If Buffalo passes on him at 9, as we have them doing here, I could see him falling to New York. Compared to Jimmy Graham, he's the next in a recent outpouring of big bodied athletic pass-catching tight ends. The Jets need to give their quarterback -- whether it's Geno Smith or Michael Vick -- a go-to security blanket. Ebron would be just that.



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19. Miami Dolphins – Record: 8-8

Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

You may have heard, but the Dolphins had some issues on their offensive line last season. Martin can play either the tackle spot or the guard spot and can do it at a high level. Branden Albert will man the left tackle position in Miami. Slide Martin in somewhere and the unit's vastly improved from last year.

20. Arizona Cardinals – Record: 10-6

Derek Carr, QB, Fresno State

Teddy Bridgewater may get more love in other mock drafts, but I could see Bruce Arians rolling the dice on a strong-armed, big quarterback like Carr with the 20th pick. Carson Palmer's job isn't in danger, but having a player like Carr waiting in the wings could be awfully tempting.

21. Green Bay Packers – Record: 8-7-1

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

This is a lot lower than I've seen Clinton-Dix going in other mock drafts, but I'm not sure he goes in the top 10 or 15 as others see it. Compared favorably to Earl Thomas, he's a rangy safety who can lower the 'boom' but also make plays in coverage. Watching the film, he's overly aggressive at times. Either way, a nice fit in Green Bay, where the 49ers have eliminated the Packers through the air and on the ground in the past two postseasons.

22. Philadelphia Eagles – Record: 10-6

Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

Most mock drafts have the Eagles going with a receiver here, but with such a loaded class of wideouts, I think Chip Kelly can find a few gems in later rounds. Cornerback isn't as easy a position to fill. Fuller has rocketed up draft boards in recent weeks and could go as high as the top 15. A Virginia Tech standout, he's got good NFL size and can make an impact right off the bat. Comes from an NFL family (brothers Vincent and Corey) and can contribute on special teams.

23. Kansas City Chiefs – Record: 11-5

Brandin Cooks, WR, Oklahoma State

Cooks has been compared to DeSean Jackson. How's that for some high expectations? A 5-foot-10 burner blessed with joystick-like movements and burner speed, he'd be a wonderful addition to Andy Reid's West Coast offense. Dwayne Bowe's a No. 1 wide receiver of the highest order. Cooks is a wonderful, game-changing complementary piece.

24. Cincinnati Bengals – Record: 11-5

Xavier Su'a-Filo, G, UCLA

I've seen Su'a Filo, the 305-pound, road-paver slotted as a third- or fourth-round pick on some lists. Nonsense. If he's not the top offensive guard in this draft, he's right up there as No. 2. The man can run block. Toss in the tape. I can't get enough.

25. San Diego Chargers – Record: 9-7

DeMarcus Lawrence, DE, Boise State

Lawrence's draft stock has been rising since the end of the college football season. A 6-foot-3, 250 pound pass rush talent, Lawrence ran a 4.69 40-yard-dash at a recent workout. He recorded 20.5 tackles for a loss in 2013 and he's compared favorably to Seahawks pass rushing star Bruce Irvin. This could be a great fit at 25.



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26. Cleveland Browns (from Indianapolis) – Record: 4-12

Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

The Browns went out and signed one former Ohio State defensive back in Donte Whitner. Look for them to scoop up Roby if he's on the board at 26. Pair him with Joe Haden and that's a tough corner duo. Roby has 4.39 speed and can match up with bigger wideouts. If Manziel and Roby are the Browns' first round selections, I can't see Cleveland fans being too disappointed.

27. New Orleans Saints – Record: 11-5

Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State

Shazier's a good fit in Rob Ryan's 3-4 scheme. He'll play the OLB spot at the next level, an area where he excelled at Ohio State. He recorded back-to-back 115 tackle seasons and had a conference-best 143 tackles in 2013. Tremendous talent and a steal at 27th overall.

28. Carolina Panthers – Record: 12-4

Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

Steve Smith, Brandon LaFell, and Ted Ginn are all gone. Jason Avant and Tiquan Underwood aren't going to replace any of those three, but Beckham could be an immediate go-to guy for Cam Newton. He started all 13 games in 2013 and broke LSU's single-season all-purpose yardage record. He can play either the X or the Z, going deep or across the middle, and has terrific leaping ability. He could end up going as high as the top 15, but I like Beckham, Jr. going somewhere around here.

29. New England Patriots – Record: 12-4

Dee Ford, OLB, Auburn

Ford can play the edge or outside linebacker. The loss of Brandon Spikes will be felt in New England, at least somewhat, and Ford could provide some of the run stuffing Spikes provided.

30. San Francisco 49ers – Record: 12-4

Stanley Jean-Baptiste, CB, Nebraska

Who? Look for a run of tall, rangy cornerbacks in the Richard Sherman physical mold to go earlier than expected this year. Stanley Jean-Baptiste may be the first one to fly off the board. 6-foot-3, 220 pounds and a cerebral player, he could be an excellent fit in the already talented San Francisco defensive backfield.

31. Denver Broncos – Record: 13-3

Jason Verrett, CB, TCU

Verrett ran a 4.38 in the 40-yard-dash, and he registered a 39-inch vertical leap, which was one of the best verticals of all players at the combine. He also shows up on tape. His height could be a bit of an issue in the pros, but he's a playmaker. Denver's defensive backfield got by last season, but it's by no means the deepest part of the roster. Nice addition at No. 31 overall.

32. Seattle Seahawks – Record: 13-3

Kony Ealy, DE, Missouri

Mizzou has become a bit of a defensive line factory in recent years with Aldon Smith, Ziggy Hood, and Sheldon Richardson all going in the first round. Ealy's the next in line. A 6-5, 280-pound force on the edge, he could be a sound addition to one of the league's top defenses.

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2014 PLAYER RANKINGS



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(Asterisk denotes junior; two asterisks denotes sophomore)

1. ***Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina:** Question his raw productivity stats, but the tape tells another story. Not a lock at No. 1, but I think he belongs there.
2. ***Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson:** The more I watch him, the more I see a special difference-maker on Sundays.
3. **Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo:** Still wouldn't shock me if he went No. 1. His athleticism and versatility limit questions about his competition level.
4. ****Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn:** The top tackle prospect in a class that isn't short on them. If he continues to improve, he could be really special.
5. **Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan:** Long and athletic, he's also a good run-blocker. Would he have gone No. 1 last year? It's possible.
6. ****Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M:** As dominating in the air and at the (high) catch point as any receiver we've seen in recent years.
7. **Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M:** Over the past two seasons, he has mostly dominated at both left and right tackle. That's a high floor.
8. ***Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina:** Value is up in my opinion because this type of talent is so coveted, and he's clearly the best version in the draft.
9. **C.J. Mosley, ILB, Alabama:** Special in coverage with great instincts and range. Could dip a bit due to his injury history.
10. **Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame:** Lacks ideal length at left tackle, but his athleticism makes up for it.
11. **Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh:** Donald's ability to disrupt from the interior with quickness, power and violent hands is unmatched in this draft.
12. ***Brandin Cooks, WR, Oregon State:** Athletically, he's a mirror of Tavon Austin from last season, and he's a little bigger. Super productive.
13. ***Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU:** Explosive runner with short-area quickness and an ability to create space but also make plays in traffic.
14. **Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State:** Superior athlete with good size. He can allow too much separation at times, but he's fast enough that it rarely matters.
15. **Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State:** The most versatile cornerback in the draft, Dennard brings a physical edge.
16. ***Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville:** Just ahead of the other top quarterbacks because of his ability to anticipate and deliver with accuracy. Durability concerns are there, though.



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17. ***Blake Bortles, QB, Central Florida:** I certainly buy into his ceiling as a superior athlete with great pocket instincts, but will the ball accuracy improve?
18. ****Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M:** Electrifying playmaker who loves the game and competes. His game translates, but he'll need to protect himself better.
19. ***Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama:** A fluid mover with very good range, he can cover a lot of ground and should be the top safety taken.
20. ***Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State:** One of my favorite players in the draft, Shazier has superior instincts and is a perfect fit as a 4-3 WLB.
21. ***Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville:** A playmaker from the safety position, Pryor can cover but also come downhill with force and make the big hit.
22. **Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA:** Has dropped some because the instincts don't match the production, but hey, it's a lot of production.
23. ***Marqise Lee, WR, USC:** Hampered by a sore knee and inconsistency in catching the ball in 2013, but Lee is still a first-round talent.
24. **Kyle Van Noy, OLB, BYU:** Jumped up my board after I spent more time watching him on tape. Just looks like he's playing faster than everyone else.
25. **Chris Borland, ILB, Wisconsin:** He doesn't pass the eye test for some, but put a helmet on him and you see an immediate NFL starter.
26. **Derek Carr, QB, Fresno State:** A quick release and the ability to hit his targets quickly and accurately underneath and on intermediate throws stand out.
27. ****Kelvin Benjamin, WR, Florida State:** Still more of a physical talent than a refined football player, but Benjamin is a wide receiver in a tight end's body and can cause matchup problems.
28. ***Stephon Tuitt, DE, Notre Dame:** Inconsistency was an issue in 2013, but so was a nagging injury that slowed him down. When healthy, he can thrive.
29. ***Cody Latimer, WR, Indiana:** I'm with the rest of the market on Latimer, as I didn't have him high enough based on what he showed in 2013.
30. **Carlos Hyde, RB, Ohio State:** I don't think this reflects his draft position, but early in Round 2 wouldn't offend me for the best running back in the draft.
31. ****Davante Adams, WR, Fresno State:** A bigger frame than some realize, Adams does a good job of snatching the ball away from his body, and he wins battles for the ball.
32. ***Cyrus Kouandjio, OT, Alabama:** Has the potential to be great if he can be consistent, and consistently healthy.



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33. ***Timmy Jernigan, DT, Florida State:** I love Jernigan after he gets started, but he can be oddly slow off the snap. Very good and still developing.
34. **Gabe Jackson, G, Mississippi State:** Effective as both a run- and pass-blocker, and 52 starts offers plenty of certainty about what you're getting.
35. **Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota:** He can dominate and then disappear, but he's a high-end athlete at this size and can get better as a convert to defense.
36. ***David Yankey, G, Stanford:** Not a dominating guard but an effective one who moves well for his size and can pull effectively. Fit matters.
37. **Jason Verrett, CB, TCU:** An explosive mover who doesn't let a lack of length keep him from being consistently effective.
38. **Morgan Moses, OT, Virginia:** Has great length for the position and creates a long road around him, but only intermittently dominant.
39. ***Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State:** Explosive and feisty, Roby is a better athlete than he is a technician, but the potential is enticing.
40. **Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech:** Wouldn't surprise me at all if he goes in Round 1. A bigger player at a position seemingly every team needs.
41. ***Louis Nix III, DT, Notre Dame:** He's close to unique in this draft given his frame. Just hope he can put it all together consistently.
42. ***Xavier Su'a-Filo, G, UCLA:** Have seen him unfairly maligned as sluggish; he moves well and creates movement.
43. ***Kony Ealy, DE, Missouri:** Gains some value because of positional scarcity. Ealy has the frame to play 4-3 defensive end.
44. ***Marcus Martin, C, USC:** Have projected him as high as late Round 1, but likelier a Round 2 fit as the draft's top center on the board.
45. **Dee Ford, OLB, Auburn:** Explosive off the edge, Ford can turn the corner on some pretty good tackles. A first-round possibility.
46. **Jimmy Garoppolo, QB, Eastern Illinois:** I'd be shocked if he's around past Round 2. Not a certain starter, but he could develop into one.
47. **Jordan Matthews, WR, Vanderbilt:** More explosive than many believed, Matthews is a reliable hands-catcher who can hit another gear after the catch.
48. ***Bishop Sankey, RB, Washington:** A shifty runner who uses good vision to find small seams and keep his weight headed downhill. Good hands.



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49. ***Demarcus Lawrence, DE, Boise State:** One of the better pure pass-rushers in the class, but he's a tweener in terms of system fit.
50. **Jimmie Ward, S, Northern Illinois:** I'm not sure there's a better cover safety in the draft in terms of instincts and breaking quickly on the ball path.
51. **AJ McCarron, QB, Alabama:** Really accurate underneath with success in throwing the deep ball even if the big arm isn't there. Underrated mover outside the pocket too.
52. **Ja'Wuan James, OT, Tennessee:** His teammate got a lot of the press this season, but James was more consistent and was rarely beaten at right tackle.
53. **Jeremiah Attaochu, OLB, Georgia Tech:** He can really close when he gets a path to the passer. I see him as a second-round pick.
54. **Lamarcus Joyner, CB, Florida State:** A versatile defender, Joyner can handle the slot or drop to safety. What he lacks in size he makes up for with instincts.
55. ***Tre Mason, RB, Auburn:** Runs low, bounces off contact and has a good eye for the seam. Isn't afraid to protect his quarterback.
56. ***Bruce Ellington, WR, South Carolina:** Ellington isn't big at 5-foot-9, but he eats up space with his speed and will work through contact.
57. **Weston Richburg, C, Colorado State:** Could be the top center taken, as there's a split on him and Martin. Richburg also could be an effective guard. Moves very well.
58. **Trent Murphy, OLB, Stanford:** Has the full repertoire as a pass-rusher; the question is ceiling for this experienced edge rusher.
59. **Dri Archer, RB, Kent State:** The fastest player in the draft, the pint-sized Archer will get Darren Sproles comps, as he'll be used all over.
60. ***Jarvis Landry, WR, LSU:** He doesn't bring the speed element, but Landry has fantastic hands, makes contested catches and will throw a mean block.
61. ***Antonio Richardson, OT, Tennessee:** Still more of a physical specimen than a refined talent, Richardson can be sloppy, but he could be a steal if he cleans it up.
62. **Tom Savage, QB, Pittsburgh:** The onetime Rutgers starter had his ups and downs behind some bad blocking in 2013, but he has a strong arm and starting upside.
63. ***Austin Seferian-Jenkins, TE, Washington:** Huge at 6-5 and 260-plus pounds, he can make catches down the field but isn't explosive enough to separate consistently.
64. **Jack Mewhort, OT, Ohio State:** Could be a steal because he's a better player than he is an athlete at a position where measurables matter.



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65. ***Martavis Bryant, WR, Clemson:** Hidden somewhat behind the dominance of Watkins, Bryant has great length and has shined in workouts.
66. ***Troy Niklas, TE, Notre Dame:** Has the size to be an effective blocker, not merely a tight end who splits out and doesn't block much, but he needs work as a pass-catcher.
67. **Joel Bitonio, G, Nevada:** Moves up on versatility, as he can play pretty much anywhere you need, and has a mean streak as a run-blocker.
68. **Deone Bucannon, S, Washington State:** Has good instincts and will absolutely light up a ball carrier (legally). Not great in coverage, but doesn't get beat a lot.
69. ****Jeremy Hill, RB, LSU:** At 230-plus pounds, he can get up to speed quickly, bounce off contact and has a spin move to avoid tackles.
70. **Keith McGill, CB, Utah:** Could see a draft-day boost based on big size for a corner (6-3), but he needs work on the technique side.
71. **Charles Sims, RB, West Virginia:** A versatile performer, Sims may have the best hands in the draft coming out of the backfield. I'd put him in Round 3.
72. **Stanley Jean-Baptiste, CB, Nebraska:** The onetime receiver has elite length at 6-3 but could use work in his ability to mirror and move with receivers.
73. ***Brandon Coleman, WR, Rutgers:** Height/weight/speed alert: Coleman is a full 6-6 and 225-plus pounds and can still run away from people.
74. ***Jace Amaro, TE, Texas Tech:** A good athlete for the position, he's best used split out because there's no real experience as a blocker. Good length at 6-5.
75. **Josh Huff, WR, Oregon:** Not as explosive as some others in this draft, but Huff fights through contact and will make contested catches.
76. ***Donte Moncrief, WR, Mississippi:** He had an inconsistent year, but Moncrief is a major physical talent with 4.40 speed at 220-plus pounds.
77. **Billy Turner, OT, North Dakota State:** Was dominant on his level but will need technical work. Still, he's a potential steal on Day 3.
78. **Telvin Smith, OLB, Florida State:** His tape should have him higher, but Smith played linebacker at less than 220 pounds. Not quite a Lavonte David, but it's a fair size comp.
79. **Brandon Thomas, G, Clemson:** A knee injury during workouts could keep him from contributing in 2014. Could be a great guard, though he has good tape at tackle.
80. **Terrence Brooks, S, Florida State:** Reads the game well and has both good instincts and a quick route to the ball; he just needs to wrap up more consistently.



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81. ***De'Anthony Thomas, RB, Oregon:** Elite explosiveness when the pads are on; it's just a matter of how many touches a team can give him.
82. **Robert Herron, WR, Wyoming:** Lost a bit in a deep wide receiver class, Herron has a second gear with the ball in his hands, but he lacks size.
83. ***Allen Robinson, WR, Penn State:** Not explosive, but capable of going up and making the tough catch through defenders.
84. **Marcus Smith, DE, Louisville:** A nice third-down pass-rush option, Smith creates disruption with his quickness off the edge. Had 14.5 sacks last season.
85. **Lamin Barrow, OLB, LSU:** Isn't a big linebacker, but he moves well through traffic and has a good sense of spacing when he's in zone.
86. **Aaron Colvin, CB, Oklahoma:** He tore his ACL at the Senior Bowl but is already moving well and could be playing for someone late in 2014.
87. **Logan Thomas, QB, Virginia Tech:** Has the physical traits of an elite tight end prospect, but despite a couple of so-so years at quarterback, he's worth a look there.
88. **Kevin Norwood, WR, Alabama:** Could be a sleeper. Has good length and above-average speed.
89. **Brent Urban, DL, Virginia:** Has great length at 6-5 with 34-inch arms; he can jolt defenders and both penetrate and disrupt passing lanes.
90. **Jordan Tripp, OLB, Montana:** Explodes to the ball when he sees the route as the play develops in front of him. Lacks ideal size.
91. **Pierre Desir, CB, Lindenwood:** A small-college sleeper now quite well-known to most, Desir has good length in a time when that's coveted at cornerback.
92. **Andre Williams, RB, Boston College:** Highly productive and offers good size at 230-plus pounds, but doesn't do much to make people miss.
93. ***Paul Richardson, WR, Colorado:** A playmaker who can eat up space with his acceleration, he is just lacking in bulk and could struggle with the NFL's brand of corner.
94. ***Russell Bodine, C, North Carolina:** Isn't a great mover, but he has exceptional strength to turn defenders and get to the linebackers.
95. **DaQuan Jones, DT, Penn State:** A wide body who can hold up at the point and does a good job of flowing to the ball.
96. **Aaron Murray, QB, Georgia:** Accuracy and intangibles are there, even if arm strength and ceiling questions exist. Wouldn't surprise me if he finds a way to a starting job at some point.



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97. *Lache Seastrunk, RB, Baylor: An explosive athlete, he can spend too much time looking for the big play and needs to play more north and south.

98. *Dominique Easley, DT, Florida: Has the tape of a high first-round pick, but the injury history is too significant not to push him well down the board. He'll be tempting in Round 2 if you believe he can stay on the field. Special potential.

99. Zach Mettenberger, QB, LSU: Doesn't move well, but has maybe the best arm strength in the draft and could succeed in a good system (with good blocking).

100. Terrance Mitchell, CB, Oregon: Has good quickness and a playmaker's instincts; dropped a little due to average top-end speed. Now a potential steal.



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1

Jadeveon Clowney



COLLEGE: South Carolina | Class: Jr | HT: 6-5 | WT: 266 | POS: DE

Analysis: Clowney is in his own class among prospects in this class, and I think it's going to be really hard for the Texans to pass him up with the No. 1 pick. He has a rare blend of size, athleticism, strength and speed, and he can beat opponents with his speed rush or his bull rush. I also think he's capable of dropping into coverage when he's asked to do so. He is the most naturally talented defensive lineman I've ever evaluated.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 1 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

2

Greg Robinson



COLLEGE: Auburn | HT: 6-5 | WT: 332 | POS: OT

Analysis: Robinson will need time to develop as a pass-blocker, but, because he is so remarkably athletic for his big frame, he should be able to hold his own right away, with the potential to become a very good pass protector over time. And he projects as an excellent run blocker; he is the most dominant blocker at the point of attack that I've ever studied on tape.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 2 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

3

Khalil Mack



COLLEGE: Buffalo | HT: 6-2 | WT: 251 | POS: OLB

Analysis: Mack was an incredibly productive player in college, and he possesses an ideal combination of height, weight, hand size, arm length and speed. His versatility adds to his value, as not only is he an excellent pass-rusher but he can hold up in run defense and pass coverage, as well.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 3 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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4

Sammy Watkins



COLLEGE: Clemson Class: Jr HT: 6-0 WT: 211 POS: WR

2013 STATS

REC 85

YDS 1237

AVG 14.6

Analysis: Watkins has some learning to do in terms of reading coverages and running an NFL route tree, as he's coming from a spread offense (66 percent of his career receiving yards came after the catch, most of any WR prospect in this draft), but he has an elite pure skill set. His acceleration stands out the most, and he is a strong, instinctive and physical open-field runner.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 4 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

5

Jake Matthews



COLLEGE: Texas A&M HT: 6-5 WT: 308 POS: OT

Analysis: Matthews is just a shade below the four elite players ranked ahead of him on this list, but he has the durability, versatility, pedigree and overall productivity to be a very successful NFL tackle. He doesn't have the athleticism of Robinson or Taylor Lewan, but he is a very effective blocker in the running game and passing game.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 5 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

6

Taylor Lewan



COLLEGE: Michigan HT: 6-7 WT: 309 POS: OT

Analysis: Lewan has the ability to be a very good NFL left tackle if he can improve his strength. He has great experience and durability (started 48 of 50 career games), is a very good technician as a run-blocker and has quick feet and hands as a pass protector. He has an off-field issue that teams will have to look into (his arraignment for assault charges stemming from an alleged 2013 fight has been delayed until after the draft).

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 6 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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7

Mike Evans



COLLEGE: Texas A&M | Class: Soph | HT: 6-4 | WT: 231 | POS: WR

2013 STATS

REC 65

YDS 1322

AVG 20.3

Analysis: Evans is one of the best receivers I've ever seen at coming down with 50-50 balls, and he is very physical and competitive as a downfield blocker and after the catch. He is the most proven downfield threat in this class, as his 13 catches of 25 or more yards this season led all major-conference receivers. He is a long strider who takes a while to build speed and is slower than ideal getting in and out of breaks, but he doesn't need a ton of separation to make the catch.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 7 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

8

C.J. Mosley



COLLEGE: Alabama | Class: Sr | HT: 6-2 | WT: 234 | POS: ILB

Analysis: Mosley has a prototypical frame and above-average length (6-foot-2, 234 pounds with 33-inch arms) for the linebacker position, but what really sets him apart is his playmaking ability, along with his tremendous motor, upper-echelon range and really good closing burst. The only concern with Mosley is his health, as he was banged up quite a bit during his Alabama career.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 8 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

9

Blake Bortles



COLLEGE: UCF | Class: Jr | HT: 6-5 | WT: 232 | POS: QB

2013 STATS

YDS 3280

TD 22

INT 7

Analysis: Bortles has prototypical size at 6-5, 232 pounds, and, although he doesn't have a great arm, it is strong enough to make all the NFL throws. He has good pocket presence and playmaking ability and rates well in terms of his leadership and intangibles. He has some minor improvements to make in terms of his mechanics and accuracy, but showed progress in those areas at his pro day.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 9 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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10

Aaron Donald



COLLEGE: Pittsburgh HT: 6-0 WT: 285 POS: DT

Analysis: Even though Donald is shorter than prototype size, he is a perfect fit as a 3-technique defensive tackle because he has long arms and a powerful upper body. Additionally, he has elite first-step quickness and is very disruptive as both a run defender and pass-rusher, and he is a great finisher when he does get into the backfield.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 11 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

11

Eric Ebron



COLLEGE: North Carolina Class: Jr HT: 6-4 WT: 250 POS: TE

2013 STATS

REC 55

YDS 895

AVG 16.3

Analysis: Ebron is a big play waiting to happen, and is on a different level in terms of his athleticism and explosiveness off the line and after the catch compared to the other tight ends in this draft. He can be effective in-line, flexed out in the slot or split out wide, but 49 of his 62 catches this season came when he was lined up at the wide receiver position, according to Stats LLC

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 12 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

12

Ha Ha Clinton-Dix



COLLEGE: Alabama Class: Jr HT: 6-1 WT: 208 POS: S

Analysis: Clinton-Dix is the top defensive back prospect in this entire draft class, possessing really good range, instincts and playmaking ability from the safety position. He didn't run all that well at the combine (4.58 40), but he displays good speed on tape, and he can be effective against both the running and passing games.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 10 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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13

Morgan Moses



COLLEGE: Virginia HT: 6-6 WT: 314 POS: OT

Analysis: Moses continues to rise in these rankings. He is an effective run-blocker, with good quickness and finishing ability and only really needing to work on his balance, but where he really stands out is as a pass protector. He is quick to set, is light on his feet and shows very good upper-body power -- plus, defenders need to take a cab ride to get around him, given his 6-6 frame and 35 7/8-inch arms.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 14 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

14

Zack Martin



COLLEGE: Notre Dame HT: 6-4 WT: 308 POS: OT

Analysis: The knock on Martin is his lack of ideal length, which is why some believe he'll end up as a guard in the NFL. But whether he ends up as a solid tackle or an elite guard (my bet is he'll wind up as a tackle), he is a very good prospect with quick feet, good technique and a mean streak on the field. His ceiling isn't as high as that of Moses.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 15 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

15

Teddy Bridgewater



COLLEGE: Louisville Class: Jr HT: 6-2 WT: 214 POS: QB

2013 STATS

YDS 3523

TD 28

INT 4

Analysis: I still have concerns about Bridgewater's long-term durability because of his lean frame, and about his ability to drive the ball down the field with velocity and accuracy. He struggled with his downfield throws at his pro day, and from what I've heard he hasn't thrown well in private workouts for teams, either. But his short-to-intermediate accuracy and his ability to go through his progressions on tape are really impressive.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 13 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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16

Johnny Manziel



COLLEGE: Texas A&M | Class: Soph | HT: 5-11 | WT: 207 | POS: QB

2013 STATS

YDS 3732

TD 33

INT 13

Analysis: You can check out my full scouting report on Manziel [here](#); in short, he has a strong arm, quick release, poise and vision under pressure and a unique ability to create, but carries with him an injury risk because of his small frame and has work to do to overcome being a sub-6-foot quarterback with a three-quarter delivery and inconsistent college mechanics.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 20 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

17

Darqueze Dennard



COLLEGE: Michigan State | Class: Sr | HT: 5-10 | WT: 199 | POS: CB

Analysis: Dennard doesn't have elite speed or ball skills, but he is the best pure cover corner in this class because of his excellent recognition skills and instincts. He was a true shutdown corner at times last season for Michigan State. He is very physical and is at his best in press coverage.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 16 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

18

Brandin Cooks



COLLEGE: Oregon State | Class: Jr | HT: 5-9 | WT: 189 | POS: WR

2013 STATS

REC 120

YDS 1670

AVG 13.9

Analysis: Cooks is undersized but has great speed (he ran the fastest 40 time among combine WRs at 4.33 seconds), route running and ball skills. His acceleration up the field right after the catch is outstanding. He led the FBS with 32 receptions of 20 yards or longer last season.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 18 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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19

Odell Beckham Jr.



COLLEGE: LSU Class: Jr HT: 5-11 WT: 198 POS: WR

2013 STATS

REC 57

YDS 1117

AVG 19.6

Analysis: Beckham is a dynamic athlete with good size and playmaking ability. He can be a factor in the return game, he can create after the catch and he can also stretch the field vertically. His 26 catches of balls thrown 15 yards or longer downfield was the most among major-conference receivers last year.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 21 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

20

Calvin Pryor



COLLEGE: Louisville Class: Jr HT: 5-11 WT: 207 POS: S

Analysis: Pryor is a hard-hitting, tone-setting safety with very good instincts. He is at his best playing as an in-the-box safety, as he is a hammer in run support, but he also shows good range for his size and style of play.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 17 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

21

Justin Gilbert



COLLEGE: Oklahoma State Class: Sr HT: 6-0 WT: 202 POS: CB

Analysis: Gilbert gives up too much separation in coverage and isn't very physical, so he needs to be used properly. He's at his best when the play is in front of him and he can attack the ball, and he has elite ball skills and straight-line speed (4.37 40 time), which often makes up for the flaws in his game. He also is a huge playmaker with the ball in his hands (two interception returns for TDs in 2013 and six career kickoff returns for TDs).

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 24 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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22

Ra'Shede Hageman



COLLEGE: Minnesota HT: 6-5 WT: 310 POS: DT

Analysis: Hageman's pads get too high too often, he wasn't the best finisher in college and he's dealt with some anger issues as a result of a challenging upbringing, so he'd fit best in a locker room with good veteran leadership. But he has the physical tools to develop into a better pro than he was a college player, given his elite combination of size (6-5, 310 pounds), speed, and initial burst and power.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 25 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

23

Timmy Jernigan



COLLEGE: Florida State Class: Jr HT: 6-1 WT: 299 POS: DT

Analysis: Jernigan is very strong versus the run with good (but not elite) first-step quickness, and good awareness and motor. He is capable of playing the 3-technique, but I think he might fit better as a 1-technique D-tackle, which is the shaded nose tackle position in the 4-3 alignment.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 23 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

24

Louis Nix III



COLLEGE: Notre Dame HT: 6-2 WT: 331 POS: DT

Analysis: Nix is a massive nose tackle with surprisingly good short-area quickness for his size. When he is healthy (and he struggled in 2013 when he wasn't) and motivated, he can provide some pass-rushing ability and make more plays in the running game than you usually get from the nose tackle position.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 26 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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25

Marqise Lee



COLLEGE: USC | Class: Jr | HT: 5-11 | WT: 192 | POS: WR

2013 STATS

REC 50

YDS 673

AVG 13.5

Analysis: Lee's combine 40 time wasn't great (4.52 seconds), but he shows very good field speed on tape. He had too many drops in 2013 but displayed good ball skills in his freshman and sophomore seasons, and he was consistently a big-play threat both after the catch and as a vertical route-runner.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 22 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

26

Bradley Roby



COLLEGE: Ohio State | Class: Jr | HT: 5-11 | WT: 194 | POS: CB

Analysis: Roby is the most talented all-around cornerback in this draft with very good size, speed and fluidity, and he also has above-average ball skills and is physical in run support. He showed poor eye discipline and consistency at times during the 2013 season, but, for a team confident in its ability to coach defensive backs, he has all the raw tools to succeed.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 19 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

27

Jason Verrett



COLLEGE: TCU | Class: Sr | HT: 5-9 | WT: 189 | POS: CB

Analysis: Verrett is smaller than the rest of the cornerbacks on this list, but he plays bigger than his size and possesses excellent speed, quickness and ball skills. He is a playmaker, really sticks to receivers in man-to-man coverage, and doesn't shy away from helping out in run support.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 29 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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28

Kyle Fuller



COLLEGE: Virginia Tech | Class: Sr | HT: 5-11 | WT: 190 | POS: CB

Analysis: Fuller is an explosive athlete with good size and long arms. Fuller battled injuries this season, but when healthy, his tape is impressive -- he all but silenced Alabama's standout WR Amari Cooper -- and he still finished his career with 41 starts. He has checked out fine medically in meetings with teams, from what I've heard.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 28 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

29

Ryan Shazier



COLLEGE: Ohio State | HT: 6-1 | WT: 237 | POS: OLB

Analysis: Shazier is at his best playing in space, as he doesn't have great size for the linebacker position. But he is a big-time athlete and a big-time playmaker, and his lack of elite size is less of an issue in today's pass-happy NFL.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 30 | [PLAYER CARD](#)

30

Anthony Barr



COLLEGE: UCLA | Class: Sr | HT: 6-4 | WT: 255 | POS: OLB

Analysis: I don't have Barr rated as highly as some other evaluators do. He stalls out when attempting to convert speed to power, there is too much finesse to his game and he looks as if he's on skates when attempting to set the edge. But he has good upside as a speed-rusher, given his versatility, his speed and the fact that he's relatively new to the position (played H-back at UCLA his first two seasons).

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 27 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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31

Kony Ealy



COLLEGE: Missouri | HT: 6-4 | WT: 273 | POS: DE

Analysis: There is more finesse to Ealy's game than you'd like to see from a defensive lineman transitioning to the NFL, but his versatility, range versus the run, pass-rushing ability and closing burst all add to his value.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. NR | [PLAYER CARD](#)

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Kelvin Benjamin



COLLEGE: Florida State | Class: Soph | HT: 6-5 | WT: 240 | POS: WR

2013 STATS

REC 50

YDS 957

AVG 19.1

Analysis: Benjamin has a lot of developing to do as route runner; he is inconsistent catching the ball on tape; and he didn't run a great 40 time at the combine (although 4.61 isn't bad for a guy who is tight end-sized: 6-5, 240). But it becomes easier to overlook those concerns because Benjamin is a matchup nightmare in the red zone and delivers big plays on contested catches.

PREVIOUS RANK: No. 32 | [PLAYER CARD](#)



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Grading Scale

90-100 Rare Prospect

Player demonstrates rare abilities and can create mismatches that have an obvious impact on the game. Is a premier college player that has all the skill to take over a game and play at a championship level. He rates in the top 5 players in the nation at his position and is considered a first round draft prospect.

80-89 Outstanding Prospect

Player has abilities to create mismatches versus most opponents in the NFL. A feature player that has an impact on the outcome of the game. Cannot be shut down by a single player and plays on a consistent level week in and week out. He rates in the top 10 at his position and is considered a second round draft prospect.

70-79 Solid Prospect

Still a standout player at the college level that is close to being an elite player. He has no glaring weaknesses and will usually win his individual matchups, but does not dominate in every game, especially when matched up against the top players in the country. He will usually rate in the top third of players at his position and is considered a third round draft prospect.

60-69 Good Prospect

This player is an good starter that will give a solid effort week in and week out, but he is overmatched versus the better players in the nation. His weaknesses will be exposed against top competition. He is usually a prospect that is missing something from his game. For example, he has the size and skills to be an outstanding prospect, but lacks the speed. He will usually rate in the top half of the players at his position and is considered a middle round draft choice.

50-59 Adequate Prospect

These are usually players that play at a high level in college, but lack some measurables or skills to play at that same level in the NFL. He may be a player that has a lot of developmental qualities, or could be a player that will contribute right away on special teams or in a situational capacity. He will usually rate in the second-third at his position and is considered a fifth round draft choice.

21-49 Borderline Draft Prospect

These are players that teams like something about, but certainly do not have the full package in terms of NFL talent. A lot of times, teams will take chances on character players or developmental type athletes with this grade. And often, these are players that come from smaller schools or did not standout at the college level. NFL teams are looking for 'diamonds in the rough' with this type of prospect. He will usually rate in the bottom third of players at his position and will be considered a late round draft choice or un-drafted free agent.

20 Free Agent Prospect

These are players that did not make our original 'evaluation list' but are prospects that need to be monitored. Especially in the pre-season, these players will fluctuate up and down depending on performance in their final year of eligibility.

10 Not a legitimate Prospect

These are players that lack NFL measurables and/or skills. They are players that we feel would not even make a solid contribution as a training camp body.



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Ranked Players								
NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	DRAFTED BY	PK(OVR)	OVR RANK
Jadeveon Clowney*	DE	6'5¼"	266	South Carolina	98			1
Greg Robinson	OT	6'5"	332	Auburn	97			2
Khalil Mack	OLB	6'2⅞"	251	Buffalo	96			3
Sammy Watkins*	WR	6'0¾"	211	Clemson	96			4
Jake Matthews	OT	6'5½"	308	Texas A&M	95			5
Taylor Lewan	OT	6'7⅞"	309	Michigan	94			6
Mike Evans*	WR	6'4¾"	231	Texas A&M	94			7
C.J. Mosley	ILB	6'2"	234	Alabama	93			8
Ha Ha Clinton-Dix*	S	6'1⅜"	208	Alabama	93			9
Eric Ebron*	TE	6'4⅜"	250	North Carolina	93			10
Blake Bortles*	QB	6'5"	232	UCF	93			11
Aaron Donald	DT	6'0¾"	285	Pittsburgh	93			12
Morgan Moses	OT	6'6"	314	Virginia	92			13
Zack Martin	OT	6'4¼"	308	Notre Dame	91			14
Darqueze Dennard	CB	5'10⅞"	199	Michigan State	91			15
Odell Beckham Jr.*	WR	5'11¼"	198	LSU	91			16
Calvin Pryor*	S	5'11⅞"	207	Louisville	91			17
Teddy Bridgewater*	QB	6'2⅞"	214	Louisville	91			18
Johnny Manziel*	QB	5'11¾"	207	Texas A&M	91			19
Brandin Cooks*	WR	5'9¾"	189	Oregon State	90			20
Justin Gilbert	CB	6'0⅞"	202	Oklahoma State	90			21
Ra'Shede Hageman	DT	6'5⅞"	310	Minnesota	90			22
Timmy Jernigan*	DT	6'1⅞"	299	Florida State	90			23
Louis Nix III	DT	6'2⅞"	331	Notre Dame	90			24
Bradley Roby*	CB	5'11¼"	194	Ohio State	89			25
Kyle Fuller	CB	5'11¾"	190	Virginia Tech	89			26
Jason Verrett	CB	5'9½"	189	TCU	89			27
Ryan Shazier	OLB	6'1⅞"	237	Ohio State	89			28
Marqise Lee*	WR	5'11¾"	192	USC	89			29
Anthony Barr	OLB	6'4⅞"	255	UCLA	89			30
Kony Ealy	DE	6'4"	273	Missouri	88			31



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Stephon Tuitt	DE	6'5½"	304	Notre Dame	88			32
Cyrus Kouandjio	OT	6'6¾"	322	Alabama	88			33
Cody Latimer*	WR	6'2½"	215	Indiana	87			34
Dee Ford	DE	6'2⅞"	244	Auburn	87			35
Jerry Attaochu	OLB	6'3¾"	252	Georgia Tech	87			36
Joel Bitonio	OT	6'4¼"	302	Nevada	87			37
Chris Borland	ILB	5'11½"	248	Wisconsin	87			38
Kelvin Benjamin*	WR	6'5"	240	Florida State	86			39
Xavier Su'a-Filo*	OG	6'4⅞"	307	UCLA	86			40
Deone Bucannon	S	6'1"	211	Washington State	86			41
Carlos Hyde	RB	5'11⅞"	230	Ohio State	86			42
Demarcus Lawrence*	OLB	6'2⅞"	251	Boise State	85			43
Stan Jean-Baptiste	CB	6'2⅞"	218	Nebraska	84			44
Austin Seferian-Jenkins*	TE	6'5½"	262	Washington	84			45
Jimmie Ward	S	5'10⅞"	193	Northern Illinois	83			46
Lamarcus Joyner	CB	5'8"	184	Florida State	83			47
Jace Amaro*	TE	6'5⅜"	265	Texas Tech	83			48
Davante Adams*	WR	6'0⅞"	212	Fresno State	82			49
Bishop Sankey*	RB	5'9½"	209	Washington	82			50

Ranked Players

NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	DRAFTED BY	PK(OVR)	OVR RANK
Ja'Wuan James	OT	6'6"	311	Tennessee	82			51
Jarvis Landry*	WR	5'11½"	205	LSU	81			52
Scott Crichton*	DE	6'2⅞"	273	Oregon State	80			53
Jordan Matthews	WR	6'3⅞"	212	Vanderbilt	79			54
Jeremy Hill*	RB	6'0⅞"	233	LSU	79			55
Marcus Martin	OC	6'3⅜"	320	USC	79			56
Troy Niklas*	TE	6'6½"	270	Notre Dame	79			57
Tom Savage	QB	6'3⅞"	228	Pittsburgh	79			58
Antonio Richardson	OT	6'5¾"	336	Tennessee	79			59
Weston Richburg	OC	6'3⅜"	298	Colorado State	78			60
Bruce Ellington*	WR	5'9⅞"	197	South Carolina	78			61



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Dominique Easley	DT	6'1¾"	288	Florida	78			62
Kyle Van Noy	OLB	6'3⅝"	243	Brigham Young	78			63
Jimmy Garoppolo	QB	6'2¼"	226	Eastern Illinois	78			64
Jack Mewhort	OT	6'6"	309	Ohio State	78			65
Terrence Brooks	S	5'10⅞"	198	Florida State	77			66
Daquan Jones	DT	6'3¾"	322	Penn State	77			67
Brandon Thomas*	OG	6'3¼"	317	Clemson	77			68
Paul Richardson*	WR	6'0⅝"	175	Colorado	76			69
AJ McCarron	QB	6'3¼"	220	Alabama	76			70
Brent Urban	DT	6'6⅝"	295	Virginia	76			71
Bashaud Breeland	CB	5'11⅜"	197	Clemson	75			72
David Yankey	OG	6'5⅝"	315	Stanford	74			73
Keith McGill	CB	6'3⅝"	211	Utah	74			74
Martavis Bryant*	WR	6'3¾"	211	Clemson	73			75
Marcus Roberson	CB	6'0¼"	191	Florida	73			76
Tre Mason*	RB	5'8½"	207	Auburn	72			77
Brandon Coleman	WR	6'6"	225	RUTGERS	72			78
Vic Hampton*	CB	5'9"	197	South Carolina	72			79
Kareem Martin	DE	6'5⅝"	272	North Carolina	72			80
C.J. Fiedorowicz	TE	6'5½"	265	Iowa	72			81
Allen Robinson*	WR	6'2⅝"	220	Penn State	71			82
Gabe Jackson	OG	6'3¾"	336	Mississippi State	71			83
Caraun Reid	DT	6'2⅝"	302	Princeton	71			84
Phillip Gaines	CB	6'0⅝"	193	Rice	71			85
Jackson Jeffcoat	DE	6'3"	247	Texas	71			86
Pierre Desir	CB	6'1"	198	Lindenwood	70			87
Trai Turner*	OG	6'2⅝"	310	LSU	70			88
Robert Herron	WR	5'9⅝"	193	Wyoming	70			89
Shamar Stephen	DT	6'4⅞"	309	Connecticut	70			90
Charles Sims	RB	6'0"	214	West Virginia	70			91
Aaron Colvin	CB	5'11⅜"	177	Oklahoma	69			92
Chris Smith	DE	6'1"	266	Arkansas	69			93
Donte Moncrief*	WR	6'2⅝"	221	Mississippi	69			94
Kelcy Quarles*	DT	6'3¾"	297	South Carolina	69			95



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Russell Bodine*	OC	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	310	North Carolina	69			96
Adrian Hubbard	OLB	6'6"	257	Alabama	69			97
Devonta Freeman*	RB	5'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	206	Florida State	69			98
Jaylen Watkins	CB	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	194	Florida	68			99
Andre Williams	RB	5'11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	230	Boston College	68			100

Ranked Players

NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	DRAFTED BY	PK(OVR)	OVR RANK
Telvin Smith	OLB	6'3"	218	Florida State	68			101
Trent Murphy	OLB	6'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	250	Stanford	68			102
Kevin Norwood	WR	6'2"	198	Alabama	68			103
Dan McCullers	DT	6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	352	Tennessee	68			104
John Urschel	OG	6'3"	313	Penn State	68			105
Cyril Richardson	OG	6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	329	Baylor	67			106
Christian Jones	OLB	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	240	Florida State	67			107
Antone Exum	CB	5'11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	213	Virginia Tech	67			108
Will Sutton	DT	6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	303	Arizona State	67			109
Nevin Lawson	CB	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	190	Utah State	66			110
Brock Vereen	S	5'11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	199	Minnesota	66			111
De'Anthony Thomas*	RB	5'8 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	174	Oregon	66			112
Marcus Smith	DE	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	251	Louisville	66			113
Dri Archer	RB	5'7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	173	Kent State	65			114
Ego Ferguson*	DT	6'2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	315	LSU	65			115
Taylor Hart	DE	6'6 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	281	Oregon	65			116
Derek Carr	QB	6'2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	214	Fresno State	65			117
Cameron Fleming	OT	6'4 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	323	Stanford	64			118
Carl Bradford	OLB	6'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	250	Arizona State	64			119
Jeoffrey Pagan	DE	6'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	310	Alabama	64			120
Aaron Murray	QB	6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	207	Georgia	63			121
Zach Kerr	DT	6'1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	326	Delaware	62			122
Terrance West	RB	5'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	225	Towson	62			123
James Gayle	DE	6'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	259	Virginia Tech	62			124
Zach Mettenberger	QB	6'4 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	224	LSU	61			125
Ross Cockrell	CB	6'0"	191	Duke	61			126



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Chris Kirksey	OLB	6'1¾"	233	Iowa	61			127
Ed Stinson	DE	6'3¼"	287	Alabama	61			128
Ka'Deem Carey*	RB	5'9⅞"	207	Arizona	61			129
Jalen Saunders	WR	5'8⅞"	165	Oklahoma	61			130
Craig Loston	S	6'0⅞"	217	LSU	61			131
Logan Thomas	QB	6'6⅞"	248	Virginia Tech	60			132
Josh Huff	WR	5'11¼"	206	Oregon	60			133
Brandon Linder	OG	6'5⅞"	311	Miami (FL)	60			134
Storm Johnson*	RB	5'11⅞"	209	UCF	60			135
Preston Brown	ILB	6'1¼"	251	Louisville	60			136
Anthony Johnson*	DT	6'2½"	308	LSU	59			137
Seantrel Henderson	OT	6'7⅞"	331	Miami (FL)	59			138
Lache Seastrunk*	RB	5'9½"	201	Baylor	59			139
Marcel Jensen	TE	6'5¾"	259	Fresno State	59			140
Mike Davis	WR	6'0"	197	Texas	59			141
Dontae Johnson	CB	6'2⅞"	200	North Carolina State	58			142
Jordie Tripp	OLB	6'2¾"	234	Montana	58			143
Billy Turner	OT	6'4⅞"	315	North Dakota State	58			144
Shayne Skov	ILB	6'2¼"	245	Stanford	58			145
Ahmad Dixon	S	6'0"	212	Baylor	58			146
Khyri Thornton	DT	6'2⅞"	304	Southern Miss	57			147
Shaq Evans	WR	6'1¼"	213	UCLA	57			148
Tre Boston	S	5'11⅞"	204	North Carolina	57			149
Lamin Barrow	OLB	6'1⅞"	237	LSU	57			150



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* - denotes non-senior

■ - denotes player coming off an injury

RANK	PLAYER	POS.	POS. RANK	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT.	WT.	PROJ. ROUND
1	*Jadeveon Clowney	DE	1	South Carolina	Jr	6-5	266	1
2	*Greg Robinson	OT	1	Auburn	rSo	6-5	332	1
3	Khalil Mack	OLB	1	Buffalo	rSr	6-3	251	1
4	*Sammy Watkins	WR	1	Clemson	Jr	6-1	211	1
5	Jake Matthews	OT	2	Texas A&M	Sr	6-6	308	1
6	*Blake Bortles	QB	1	UCF	rJr	6-5	232	1
7	*Johnny Manziel	QB	2	Texas A&M	rSo	6-0	207	1
8	Taylor Lewan	OT	3	Michigan	rSr	6-7	309	1
9	*Mike Evans	WR	2	Texas A&M	rSo	6-5	231	1
10	Justin Gilbert	CB	1	Oklahoma State	Sr	6-0	202	1
11	*Eric Ebron	TE	1	North Carolina	Jr	6-4	250	1
12	Anthony Barr	OLB	2	UCLA	Sr	6-5	255	1
13	Aaron Donald	DT	1	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-1	285	1
14	Darqueze Dennard	CB	2	Michigan State	Sr	5-11	199	1



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15	*Teddy Bridgewater	QB	3	Louisville	Jr	6-2	214	1
16	Zack Martin	OG	1	Notre Dame	rSr	6-4	308	1
17	*Hasean Clinton-Dix	FS	1	Alabama	Jr	6-1	208	1
18	*Odell Beckham Jr.	WR	3	LSU	Jr	5-11	198	1
19	*Timmy Jernigan	DT	2	Florida State	Jr	6-2	299	1
20	*Brandin Cooks	WR	4	Oregon State	Jr	5-10	189	1
21	*Calvin Pryor	FS	2	Louisville	Jr	5-11	207	1
22	C.J. Mosley	ILB	1	Alabama	Sr	6-2	234	1
23	*Ryan Shazier	OLB	3	Ohio State	Jr	6-1	237	1
24	Dee Ford	DE	2	Auburn	rSr	6-2	252	1
25	*Louis Nix	DT	3	Notre Dame	rJr	6-2	331	1
26	Derek Carr	QB	4	Fresno State	rSr	6-2	214	1-2
27	Kyle Fuller	CB	3	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-0	190	1-2
28	*Marqise Lee	WR	5	Southern California	Jr	6-0	192	1-2
29	Jason Verrett	CB	4	TCU	Sr	5-10	189	1-2
30	*Allen Robinson	WR	6	Penn State	Jr	6-3	220	1-2



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31	Tom Savage	QB	5	Pittsburgh	rSr	6-4	228	1-2
32	*Bradley Roby	CB	5	Ohio State	rJr	5-11	194	1-2
33	RaShede Hageman	DT	4	Minnesota	rSr	6-6	310	1-2
34	*Cyrus Kouandjio	OT	4	Alabama	Jr	6-7	322	1-2
35	*Kony Ealy	DE	3	Missouri	rJr	6-4	273	1-2
36	*Xavier Su'a-Filo	OG	2	UCLA	rJr	6-4	307	1-2
37	Morgan Moses	OT	5	Virginia	Sr	6-6	314	1-2
38	*Jace Amaro	TE	2	Texas Tech	Jr	6-5	265	1-2
39	*Donte Moncrief	WR	7	Ole Miss	Jr	6-2	221	1-2
40	*Stephon Tuitt	DT	5	Notre Dame	Jr	6-6	304	1-2
41	Jimmie Ward	SS	1	Northern Illinois	Sr	5-11	193	2
42	Joel Bitonio	OG	3	Nevada	rSr	6-4	302	2
43	*Demarcus Lawrence	DE	4	Boise State	rJr	6-3	251	2
44	Kyle Van Noy	OLB	4	Brigham Young	rSr	6-3	243	2
45	*Tre Mason	RB	1	Auburn	Jr	5-9	207	2
46	JaWuan James	OT	6	Tennessee	Sr	6-6	311	2



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47	*Davante Adams	WR	8	Fresno State	rSo	6-1	212	2
48	Jeremiah Attaochu	OLB	5	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-3	252	2
49	*Scott Crichton	DE	5	Oregon State	rJr	6-3	273	2
50	*Martavis Bryant	WR	9	Clemson	Jr	6-4	211	2
51	*Austin Seferian-Jenkins	TE	3	Washington	Jr	6-6	262	2
52	Lamarcus Joyner	CB	6	Florida State	Sr	5-8	184	2
53	*Cameron Fleming	OT	7	Stanford	rJr	6-5	323	2
54	Carlos Hyde	RB	2	Ohio State	rSr	6-0	230	2
55	Kareem Martin	DE	6	North Carolina	Sr	6-6	272	2
56	*Kelvin Benjamin	WR	10	Florida State	rSo	6-5	240	2
57	Phillip Gaines	CB	7	Rice	rSr	6-0	193	2
58	*Bishop Sankey	RB	3	Washington	Jr	5-10	209	2
59	Weston Richburg	C	1	Colorado State	rSr	6-3	298	2
60	Dominique Easley	DT	6	Florida	Sr	6-2	288	2
61	*Paul Richardson	WR	11	Colorado	rJr	6-0	175	2
62	*Troy Niklas	TE	4	Notre Dame	rJr	6-7	270	2



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63	Will Sutton	DT	7	Arizona State	rSr	6-1	303	2
64	*Marcus Roberson	CB	8	Florida	Jr	6-0	191	2
65	*Jeremy Hill	RB	4	LSU	rSo	6-1	233	2-3
66	Jordan Matthews	WR	12	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-3	212	2-3
67	Trevor Reilly	OLB	6	Utah	rSr	6-5	245	2-3
68	Billy Turner	OT	8	North Dakota State	Sr	6-5	315	2-3
69	*Carl Bradford	OLB	7	Arizona State	rJr	6-1	250	2-3
70	*Cody Latimer	WR	13	Indiana	Jr	6-3	215	2-3
71	Trent Murphy	DE	7	Stanford	rSr	6-5	250	2-3
72	Terrence Brooks	FS	3	Florida State	Sr	5-11	198	2-3
73	Gabe Jackson	OG	4	Mississippi State	rSr	6-3	336	2-3
74	DaQuan Jones	DT	8	Penn State	Sr	6-4	322	2-3
75	Keith McGill	CB	9	Utah	rSr	6-3	211	2-3
76	*Marcus Martin	C	2	Southern California	Jr	6-3	320	2-3
77	Jimmy Garoppolo	QB	6	Eastern Illinois	Sr	6-2	226	2-3
78	*Bashaud Breeland	CB	10	Clemson	rJr	5-11	197	2-3



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79	Chris Borland	ILB	2	Wisconsin	rSr	6-0	248	2-3
80	*Ego Ferguson	DT	9	LSU	rJr	6-3	315	2-3
81	Marcus Smith	DE	8	Louisville	Sr	6-3	251	2-3
82	Deone Bucannon	SS	2	Washington State	Sr	6-1	211	2-3
83	Dakota Dozier	OG	5	Furman	rSr	6-4	313	2-3
84	Telvin Smith	OLB	8	Florida State	Sr	6-3	218	2-3
85	*Kelcy Quarles	DT	10	South Carolina	Jr	6-4	297	2-3
86	Stanley Jean-Baptiste	CB	11	Nebraska	Sr	6-3	218	2-3
87	Andre Williams	RB	5	Boston College	Sr	5-11	230	3
88	*Terrance West	RB	6	Towson	Jr	5-9	225	3
89	Jackson Jeffcoat	DE	9	Texas	Sr	6-3	247	3
90	*Bruce Ellington	WR	14	South Carolina	rJr	5-9	197	3
91	Jack Mewhort	OT	9	Ohio State	rSr	6-6	309	3
92	Jordan Tripp	OLB	9	Montana	rSr	6-3	234	3
93	Pierre Desir	CB	12	Lindenwood	rSr	6-1	198	3
94	Caraun Reid	DT	11	Princeton	rSr	6-2	302	3



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95	Jaylen Watkins	CB	13	Florida	Sr	6-0	194	3
96	Jared Abbrederis	WR	15	Wisconsin	rSr	6-1	195	3
97	Justin Ellis	DT	12	Louisiana Tech	rSr	6-2	334	3
98	Will Clarke	DE	10	West Virginia	rSr	6-6	271	3-4
99	Dri Archer	WR	16	Kent State	rSr	5-8	173	3-4
100	Zach Mettenberger	QB	7	LSU	rSr	6-5	224	3-4

TEAM REPORTS





2014 AFC NORTH DRAFT NEEDS



ESPN.com: Mel Kiper

Baltimore Ravens

Free safety: The Ravens believe Matt Elam will be the long-term answer at strong safety, but there are no clear impact solutions at free safety on the roster.



Tight end: The current options at tight end are Dennis Pitta and Owen Daniels, but neither is the matchup threat that teams now openly covet, and the Ravens could be looking for something more than a merely capable option at that position after adding Steve Smith at receiver.

Right tackle: The Ravens can feel pretty good about every other spot on the offensive line, but, if Ricky Wagner is your best option at right tackle, it could mean you're looking at tackles pretty closely in the draft.

Wide receiver: Smith is going to have an impact, but he's also 35, and neither he nor Torrey Smith gives you a jump-ball option. Echoing what I noted regarding the tight end position, this offense could use a size/speed weapon in the passing game.

Cincinnati Bengals

Cornerback: Terence Newman and Adam Jones are north of 30, and Leon Hall is nearly there and is coming off another season in which injuries limited him pretty significantly. They do have Dre Kirkpatrick, but he needs to be better, and any injuries here would be problematic.



Offensive line: They certainly aren't in bad shape up front, but Andrew Whitworth isn't young, at 32, and Marshall Newhouse is the only decent tackle depth they have on the roster.

Defensive end: A healthy Geno Atkins certainly helps the pass rush a great deal, but they took a hit with the departure of Michael Johnson, who left for Tampa in free agency.

Quarterback: Andy Dalton is facing a make-or-break year, and whether they lock him up to a big deal or not, they should find a developmental option, perhaps as early as Round 2.



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Cleveland Browns



Quarterback: Brian Hoyer played pretty well last year, but that's a very limited sample size, and ceiling is a significant question. Neither quarterback currently on the roster was drafted. I would be shocked if the Browns don't add a quarterback by the end of the first round.

Cornerback: The distance between Joe Haden and everyone else -- Buster Skrine, Leon McFadden et al. -- is pretty significant. The Browns could add more than one player here, given it's a deep position and they have a bounty of picks.

Wide receiver: Similar to the situation at cornerback, there's one really good option in Josh Gordon and then the drop-off is significant. Greg Little is still more potential than performance, and the depth chart is uninspiring thereafter.

Guard: A healthy Jason Pinkston changes the equation here, but Pinkston hasn't been healthy, and the Browns will suffer up front if they don't add some playable depth here.

Pittsburgh Steelers



Cornerback: William Gay was effective in 2013 and is underrated, but Ike Taylor struggled last season and will be 34 in early May. Dick LeBeau always finds ways to create pressure, but what could be a diminished pass rush in 2014 based on what he has to work with could spell trouble for the cornerbacks on this roster.

Wide receiver: The Steelers have been exceptional when it comes to finding value at wide receiver in recent years, getting the likes of Mike Wallace, Antonio Brown and Emmanuel Sanders well down the draft board. Hopefully Markus Wheaton can be the next breakthrough. But beyond him, Brown and hopefully a useful addition in veteran Lance Moore, this is a need area.

Defensive line: Defensive end is a clear need, and a nose tackle type would be a help, as the rotation up front is pretty thin.

Offensive line: Kelvin Beachum could be holding down the left tackle position, and, although Ramon Foster was pretty good last year at left guard, given the injuries the Steelers have dealt with up front the past couple of seasons, I could see an addition at tackle or guard to improve depth.



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1. Houston Texans: Jadeveon Clowney, DE, South Carolina

I've felt like I've been taking crazy pills lately in having to defend Clowney as the potential No. 1 overall pick. I understand the concerns over his effort, but I feel those have largely been overblown, and you simply don't get many opportunities to draft a player this good; he's the most naturally talented defensive lineman I've ever evaluated. The Texans need a quarterback, but even though I think Blake Bortles should develop into a good NFL starter -- and I think coach Bill O'Brien would be great for Bortles' development -- I can't justify passing on Clowney (or any of the top four elite prospects in this draft, for that matter) to take him.



2. St. Louis Rams (from WAS): Greg Robinson, OT, Auburn

The Rams have a lot of youth and depth at wide receiver, but they're void of a legit go-to target, so I thought long and hard about taking Clemson WR Sammy Watkins here. But they have a need at tackle as well, and Robinson has the potential to develop into a very good one at the NFL level. He is the most dominant lineman at the point of attack I've ever studied, and while he has some work to do with his balance and hand placement in pass protection, he's so naturally athletic that he should be able to hold his own right away and improve over time. The Rams need to keep Sam Bradford healthy this season, and Robinson would help them do that.



3. Jacksonville Jaguars: Khalil Mack, OLB, Buffalo

What I said about the Texans related to the QB prospects is true for the Jags as well: I don't have high-enough grades on any of the top three quarterbacks to take them over one of this draft's four elite talents in Mack. Moreover, Mack provides a good fit in Gus Bradley's defensive scheme in the "Leo" role -- a hybrid defensive end/outside linebacker whose primary responsibility is to rush the passer. Mack is an excellent athlete with outstanding upper-body strength and very good closing burst, and his versatility to hold up in run defense and pass coverage adds to his value.



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4. Cleveland Browns: Sammy Watkins, WR, Clemson

I'm beginning to sound like I'm on repeat here, but the Browns are another team that needs a quarterback that I have waiting until later to draft one, because I can't justify using a top-four pick on any of this year's QBs. Cleveland needs an upgrade at the No. 2 receiver spot opposite Josh Gordon, and if Watkins reaches his potential, the Browns will essentially have two No. 1s. He is an explosive and dynamic weapon both as a vertical route runner and after the catch, and he attacks the ball in the air, playing bigger than his size. He'll have some learning to do as a route runner, but he already knows how to separate from coverage.



5. Oakland Raiders: Jake Matthews, OT, Texas A&M

I thought about taking Matthews' teammate Mike Evans here, as Oakland could use a receiver and Evans is a big-time playmaker in the passing game. Watkins would have been a great choice, too, if he were still available. But the Raiders need help on their offensive line as well, and Matthews is a polished, effective blocker in the running and passing games who would bring good stability, effort and versatility to the line. He could play either tackle spot for Oakland. As was the case with the Texans, Jags and Browns, I don't like a QB enough here to take one over a top-five prospect in this draft.



6. Atlanta Falcons: Taylor Lewan, OT, Michigan

The tricky part with this pick is that Lewan is strictly a left tackle -- he isn't a mauler who would fit at right tackle and all his college experience (48 starts) came on the left side -- so the Falcons would need to be comfortable with converting either Lewan or existing left tackle Sam Baker to the right side. But they need to improve their pass protection for QB Matt Ryan, and adding Lewan would do just that. He has very good initial and lateral quickness, takes good angles and has very good recognition skills. But if the rumor that Oakland prefers Lewan over Matthews is true, my guess is Atlanta would be thrilled.



7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Mike Evans, WR, Texas A&M

This one is an easy match: Evans is the seventh-ranked player on my board, and the Bucs are selecting seventh overall and have a need at wide receiver opposite Vincent Jackson. Evans takes awhile to build up speed, but he can separate from defensive backs by drawing on his basketball background and boxing out and outleaping defenders with his 6-foot-5, 231-pound frame. He brings down a high percentage of 50-50 balls. New Tampa Bay QB Josh McCown succeeded with two big targets in Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery in Chicago, and Jackson and Evans would provide similar weaponry for him.



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8. Minnesota Vikings: Blake Bortles, QB, UCF

The Vikings are the fifth team drafting in the top eight that needs a quarterback, and I think this is the right time for them to take one. I don't know which of the QBs they prefer, but remember, these are my picks, and I have Bortles as the top-ranked QB in this draft class. Additionally, he's my 11th-ranked player overall, so this really isn't a reach at all. Bortles possesses great mobility and composure in the pocket, he has the right mental makeup to succeed as an NFL quarterback and he's a playmaker -- and I think that some of his mechanical issues are fixable with the right coaching.



9. Buffalo Bills: Eric Ebron, TE, North Carolina

The Bills need offensive line help, but there aren't any good values in this scenario, and I really think they need to add another pass-catcher to help second-year QB EJ Manuel. Ebron is a playmaker after the catch and as a seam-stretching vertical threat because of his outstanding movement skills and very good top-end speed. He also has the versatility to line up in-line, flexed out in the slot or split out wide. Ebron is the 10th-ranked prospect on my board, so he makes sense in terms of value, too.



10. Detroit Lions: Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, S, Alabama

Cornerback is the biggest need for the Lions, but I just don't have any of this year's corners rated high enough to take them in the top 10. This comes down to Clinton-Dix and his Alabama teammate linebacker C.J. Mosley here for me, and I'll go with Clinton-Dix. Detroit could use an upgrade at free safety, and I have Clinton-Dix rated as the ninth-best prospect in the draft. He brings really good range, instincts and playmaking ability to the free safety position.



11. Tennessee Titans: Darqueze Dennard, CB, Michigan State

This is the first really tough call I've had in this mock. I wouldn't be surprised if there's some booing from Titans fans at my GM news conference announcing this pick. But the bottom line is that Tennessee would be getting a really, really good football player in Dennard at a need position in cornerback, which makes up for the fact that this might be a little bit of a reach. Additionally, Dennard is a good fit for defensive coordinator Ray Horton's scheme in that he's a really physical corner who delivers hits in run support and does a good job of wrapping up after the catch.



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12. New York Giants: Morgan Moses, OT, Virginia

It feels like I'm the only guy who likes Moses this high in the draft, but these are my picks, so I'm taking him here. Guys who don't like him as much focus on the fact that he underachieved early in his career, but he has matured a lot and I thought his tape in 2013, when he played left tackle, was much more impressive than his 2012 tape, when he was playing right tackle. Pass-rushers need to take a cab ride to get around his length. If the Giants aren't going to get a pass-catcher here -- and I did seriously consider LSU's Odell Beckham Jr. -- I think they have to improve the pass protection for Eli Manning.



13. St. Louis Rams: C.J. Mosley, LB, Alabama

My dilemma for this pick was whether I was going to add a pass-catching weapon in Beckham Jr. or finish off an insanely talented defensive front seven by picking Mosley. I opted for the latter, giving the Rams six first- or second-round picks in their front seven. Mosley is a much better value here than Beckham (No. 8 on my board versus No. 16), and Mosley is a disciplined, relentless playmaker with great range. The only real concern with him is durability, but if I can make this pick as the pretend GM, then my pretend medical team can clear him.



14. Chicago Bears: Aaron Donald, DT, Pittsburgh

This is a sprint-to-the-podium pick. Donald is a great value, as he's my 12th-ranked prospect still available at No. 14, and he's a perfect fit for the Bears' Tampa 2 defensive scheme as a 3-technique defensive tackle (which is the most important position in that scheme). He has very good snap anticipation and first-step quickness. Not only is he disruptive against the run and as a pass-rusher, but he also shows great finishing ability once he reaches the backfield.



15. Pittsburgh Steelers: Odell Beckham Jr., WR, LSU

The Steelers really need a cornerback, but I'm not as high on any of the remaining corners as I am Beckham or even Oregon State's Brandin Cooks. Plus, I think Beckham is a great fit for Pittsburgh. The Steelers need to get QB Ben Roethlisberger to get the ball out quickly on a more regular basis, and Beckham has the ability to quickly shake press coverage due to his athletic ability. Beckham also has the top-end speed to be a deep threat for when Roethlisberger extends plays and is looking to throw deep.



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16. Dallas Cowboys: Brandin Cooks, WR, Oregon State

I'd be looking to trade back or up if I were put in this situation -- but remember, one of the rules of this exercise is that there are no trades. Louisville safety Calvin Pryor isn't the fit I'm looking for here, as the Cowboys need a safety with more range, and while Twitter might explode if the Cowboys took Johnny Manziel at No. 16, I'm not going to do that. Receiver is certainly down the line in terms of need, but I think Cooks could be a big-time playmaker alongside Dez Bryant and Terrance Williams because of his route-running ability and top-end speed. It's all about allowing Tony Romo to succeed for Dallas, and drafting Cooks would serve that purpose.



17. Baltimore Ravens: Zack Martin, OT, Notre Dame

This is an easier one for me. I have Martin ranked as the 14th overall player in this draft class, and the Ravens have a need at right tackle, the position for which I think Martin is best suited. He lacks ideal length for the position, which is why some have projected him to be a guard, but I really like his effort, awareness, lateral quickness and mobility. I think that Baltimore should consider a pass-catcher at this spot, but in this scenario, there aren't any good values available.



18. New York Jets: Justin Gilbert, CB, Oklahoma State

If I thought the Titans fans would boo me for my pick at No. 11, things could get downright ugly with Jets fans after this pick. Not just another defensive player in the first round, but a corner? I get it, but let me explain my reasoning. I think it's too early to take Marqise Lee, and all the top remaining players on my board in this scenario are either quarterbacks or defensive players. Moreover, the Jets could certainly afford to improve at cornerback, and Gilbert could provide some much-needed playmaking ability from the defensive backfield (two interception returns for TDs in 2013, six career kick return TDs). They'll wish he was more physical, however.



19. Miami Dolphins: Marqise Lee, WR, USC

I felt a bit stuck with this one, as trades aren't allowed and there aren't any offensive linemen worthy of being selected here in this scenario. So in the absence of addressing the team's biggest need, I opted to help young quarterback Ryan Tannehill in another way, by adding a weapon in the passing game who could play alongside Mike Wallace and Brian Hartline. This might be a bit of a reach, but Lee is an excellent route runner with big-play ability.



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20. Arizona Cardinals: Teddy Bridgewater, QB, Louisville

There aren't many landing spots that make sense for Bridgewater if he gets past the No. 8 overall pick, but Arizona is one of them. The Cardinals could also consider Calvin Pryor here as a strong safety to plug in next to Tyrann Mathieu, but I feel as though Bridgewater presents good value here. He has not done well during the postseason draft process, but he shows excellent poise, footwork and accuracy on short to intermediate throws on tape. Carson Palmer will turn 35 years old this season, so having a succession plan at QB is important, and Bridgewater could benefit from some extra time to acclimate to the pro game (just as Palmer did after being drafted first overall by Cincinnati).



21. Green Bay Packers: Calvin Pryor, S, Louisville

The Packers could use some help at the safety position, and Pryor is a good value here as the 17th-ranked player on my board. He is a tone-setter and intimidating presence in the defensive backfield, capable of delivering knockout blows in coverage and filling alleys with reckless abandon. He also exhibits very good closing burst in the running game. He has above-average range in zone coverage, but where he really excels is as an in-the-box safety.



22. Philadelphia Eagles: Cody Latimer, WR, Indiana

This is a bit of a reach based on where I have Latimer ranked on my board -- 34th overall -- but the Eagles need a receiver and I'm a big fan of Latimer's game. He has very good size, toughness and instincts in addition to good straight-line speed, strong run-after-catch ability and a big catching radius. He also has reliable hands -- in the five game tapes I watched of his, he didn't drop a single pass. I think he could be a very good fit in Chip Kelly's offense.



23. Kansas City Chiefs: Ra'Shede Hageman, DT, Minnesota

This is a tough scenario for the Chiefs, and were trades allowed in this exercise, I would try desperately to trade out. I really don't want to spend another Chiefs first-round pick on a 3-4 defensive lineman, and Kansas City just signed Vance Walker. But if confronted with this situation, I'd take the best player on my board, and that is Hageman. It's too early to spend a pick on Kelvin Benjamin or any of the other remaining receivers, and Hageman has the potential to develop into a very good pro. He is an outstanding athlete for his size.



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24. Cincinnati Bengals: Kyle Fuller, CB, Virginia Tech

The Bengals are in a really good position in terms of their roster, so they don't have to address a need here and will be freed up to take the best player available. But in this situation, it just so happens that several cornerbacks are among the top remaining prospects on my board, making Fuller an easy choice. He is simply a really good football player, with good size and playmaking ability, and he is very good in run support. The Bengals have some depth issues at corner, and Fuller's presence would help shore things up.



25. San Diego Chargers: Bradley Roby, CB, Ohio State

Cornerback is the Chargers' top need, and defensive coordinator John Pagano's system requires good corners who can match up man-to-man and get physical with receivers and in run support. I had a tough time choosing between Roby and TCU's Jason Verrett, but I went with the potential of Roby, as he might be the most naturally talented corner in this class, with a very good combination of length, fluidity and straight-line speed. He'll need to improve his recognition skills and eye discipline to succeed as a pro.



26. Cleveland Browns (from IND): Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M

This pick made sense to me because Manziel is the 19th-ranked prospect on my board, and the Browns need to address the quarterback position. Additionally, I already addressed a need position with an elite player at the No. 4 pick in Sammy Watkins, and having five total picks in the top 83 frees the Browns up to take a chance here. All of those factors make Manziel worth the risk, because the potential payoff with him -- if he can make the necessary adjustments to his game to consistently win from the pocket and protect his body, while still utilizing his rare improvisation skills -- is significant. If Manziel gets past the top eight picks on draft night, I think there could be a good trade market to get in place to draft him.



27. New Orleans Saints: Jason Verrett, CB, TCU

The Saints really need to upgrade the cornerback position, which works out well for them in this year's draft because there are several good corner prospects who could come off the board in this late first-round range. Verrett is undersized, which can be limiting at times in coverage, but he makes up for it by playing big -- he reminds me of Antoine Winfield. He has the football instincts, explosive movement skills and elite top-end speed to stick with even the fastest NFL burners in the vertical game.



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28. Carolina Panthers: Kelvin Benjamin, WR, Florida State

Benjamin is a little bit of a reach here (he's 39th on my board), but in picking for the Panthers I know that I need to address either the offensive line or the receiving corps, and neither position offers great value in this scenario. Benjamin has the potential to develop into an Alshon Jeffery-type matchup nightmare because of his size, body control and catch radius. He'd be a great red zone target for Cam Newton, and a threat when Newton extends plays and looks to throw down the field.



29. New England Patriots: Timmy Jernigan, DT, Florida State

This is partially a value pick, as Jernigan is the best remaining player on my board, but the Patriots also need to add depth along their defensive line. Jernigan is a quick, stout and productive one-gap defensive tackle who lacks ideal height and bulk but is surprisingly athletic, flexible and explosive for his body type. Additionally, he has good awareness and flashes the strength to split double-teams. The Pats can look to add a skill-position player on Day 2.



30. San Francisco 49ers: Anthony Barr, OLB, UCLA

If I could make a trade, I would strongly consider packaging some of the Niners' many picks to move up to grab one of the first-round-caliber cornerbacks or wide receivers. But since trades aren't an option here, I like the idea of adding Barr. He doesn't fill a need, but the 49ers can afford to make a luxury pick with three picks in the top 61 and six in the top 100. Barr would also have time to develop his game while playing to his strengths as a situational speed rusher. I've dropped him on my board over the past few months, but he has good upside and is a solid value at this point in the draft. Barr would also provide insurance in the event that Aldon Smith is not with the team after the 2014 season.



31. Denver Broncos: Kony Ealy, DE, Missouri

I considered taking Notre Dame defensive tackle Louis Nix III here, as Terrance Knighton's contract is up after this season and Nix is the highest-ranked player left on my board. But the Broncos' title window will remain open for only so long, meaning I need to choose a player who will have an impact during the 2014 season. Depth at the defensive end position is a concern, given the health issues that limited DeMarcus Ware and Derek Wolfe last season, which is why I'm going with Ealy, who would bring pass-rushing ability and versatility to the Broncos' defense.



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32. Seattle Seahawks: Stephon Tuitt, DE, Notre Dame

I really like the fit of Tuitt to the Seahawks. Pete Carroll has a good track record of getting the most out of guys of whom other teams are skeptical, and if Tuitt plays to his potential, he's a top-15 player in this class given his combination of size and athleticism. He'd also fit a need as the 5-technique defensive end in Seattle's defense, with Red Bryant having moved on to the Jaguars this offseason. The value makes sense, too, as he's the No. 32 player on my board.

Best remaining prospects:

Louis Nix III, DT, Notre Dame
Ryan Shazier, OLB, Ohio State
Cyrus Kouandjio, OT, Alabama
Dee Ford, OLB/DE, Auburn
Jeremiah Attaochu, OLB, Georgia Tech



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Baltimore Ravens' draft needs: The Joe Flacco factor looms large



I spent four years scouting for the Baltimore Ravens. And while you hear a lot of lip service from different NFL organizations about "taking the best player available," that's truly the draft approach for general manager Ozzie Newsome and Co.

This roster has seen a lot of turnover over the past two offseasons, but I believe the Ravens will enter this draft with a simple thought in mind: getting Joe Flacco back on track. Year 1 of Flacco's \$120 million contract certainly didn't go as planned, as the signal-caller posted a career low in quarterback rating (73.1) and a career high in interceptions (22). Baltimore needs the guy who led this franchise to its second Lombardi Trophy with an 11:0 touchdown-to-interception ratio in the 2012 playoffs. Additionally, the Ravens will look to shore up a few holes on the defensive side of the ball.

With some retooling, this team could get right back in the mix to recapture the AFC North from the Cincinnati Bengals.

1) Offensive tackle

Like I said, the Ravens will keep Flacco in mind this May. While they re-signed left tackle Eugene Monroe, they lost Michael Oher in free agency, so the team needs another edge protector on the right side. The versatile Kelechi Osemele could kick out to tackle if need be, but he's much better at guard.

Picking 17th overall, the Ravens will miss out on the top three offensive tackles (Greg Robinson, Jake Matthews and Taylor Lewan). But Notre Dame product Zack Martin could come into play. Ironically, Martin is reminiscent of Marshal Yanda when the current Raven was coming out of college, possessing the ability to play any of the five spots along the offensive line.

2) Center

Stalwart center Matt Birk walked off into the sunset following the championship run, and Baltimore handed the starting job to Gino Gradkowski. Unfortunately, the second-year man struggled mightily last season. The Ravens need to get bigger and stronger at the pivot, allowing Flacco to operate within a cleaner pocket.

No center prospect is worthy of selection in the first round; in fact, the Ravens could wait until Round 3 to address this need. USC's Marcus Martin could be available at that point. Another guy to keep an eye on: Nevada's Joel Bitonio. Although he played tackle in college, Bitonio worked out at center during his pro day, impressing a number of teams with his efforts at the position.

3) Safety

Yes, Baltimore selected a safety (Matt Elam) in the first round of last year's draft, but the Ravens just lost James Ihedigbo in free agency. I would not be surprised if they went back to the position in Round 1 come May.

Alabama's Ha Ha Clinton-Dix and Louisville's Calvin Pryor would both fit nicely into Baltimore's defensive scheme. Clinton-Dix has more range, while Pryor brings a toughness/physicality to the secondary. I have Pryor rated slightly higher than Clinton-Dix, but the latter could be a better fit with Elam, who's more effective as a box safety.



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4) Pass catcher

I love the addition of Steve Smith, but he turns 35 in May, so the Ravens still have to add a receiver. Florida State's Kelvin Benjamin could be tempting in the first round, given the need for size at the position, but Baltimore could also find value in the second or third round of an exceedingly deep receiver draft. How about the SEC's all-time leading receiver, Vanderbilt's Jordan Matthews? Or Allen Robinson, who just set Penn State's single-season records for receptions (97) and receiving yards (1,432)?

In my last mock draft, published in late February, I had the Ravens taking North Carolina tight end Eric Ebron. If this athletic specimen were available at No. 17, he'd be very tough to pass on, especially considering how well he'd fit in the offensive scheme of new coordinator Gary Kubiak.

Projections

So what will the Ravens do with their first-round pick (No. 17 overall)? Here's what NFL Media's analysts see happening according to their mock draft projections ([click here for Mock Draft Central](#)):

Daniel Jeremiah: Calvin Pryor

Bucky Brooks: Zack Martin

Charles Davis: Eric Ebron

Matt Smith: Ha Ha Clinton-Dix

Chase Goodbread: Timmy Jernigan



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Cincinnati Bengals' draft needs: Dee Ford has burst to boost D



After making three consecutive one-and-done playoff appearances, the Cincinnati Bengals are facing a lot of pressure to mount a deeper run in 2014. The Bengals have thus far abstained from the free agency arms race taking place between the Denver Broncos and New England Patriots, which means that Cincinnati will have to hit a home run in the draft to compete in the AFC.

The team has a lot of depth across the board, but key losses along the offensive and defensive lines will have to be addressed in May. To repeat as AFC North champs -- and to keep Joe Flacco and Ben Roethlisberger at bay -- look for Cincinnati to add playmakers to the secondary.

Here are four positions of need for the Bengals -- and four prospects who could fill them.

1) Defensive end

Michael Johnson, who started 15 games for Cincinnati last season, signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week. The Bengals do have some young talent at the position, but I could see them taking another end in the early rounds. Missouri's Kony Ealy and Auburn's Dee Ford both stand out as players who could give new defensive coordinator Paul Guenther's unit a reliable edge presence. Ealy has the versatility to play multiple positions along the line, while Ford's burst would make him a nice complement to All-Pro defensive tackle Geno Atkins.

2) Cornerback

With Leon Hall returning from a torn Achilles suffered in October, former first-round pick Dre Kirkpatrick still a question mark and Adam "Pacman" Jones turning 31 in September, Cincinnati certainly has need at cornerback. If Darqueze Dennard is available when the Bengals select at No. 24 overall, he would be tough to pass up. If the Michigan State product is off the board, though, the Bengals could opt for either Bradley Roby (Ohio State) or Kyle Fuller (Virginia Tech). I'd lean toward Roby because of his explosiveness.

3) Safety

Cincinnati lacks a reliable playmaker in the back end of its defense. Starting free safety Reggie Nelson can make impact plays, but he's inconsistent. The chance that either Ha Ha Clinton-Dix (Alabama) or Calvin Pryor (Louisville) falls to the Bengals in Round 1 is slim, so Cincinnati might look to address this position in the second round. Washington State product Deone Bucannon (6-foot-1) has outstanding size, brings a physical presence against the run and has a history of producing in the Pac 12. And he could still be on the board when the Bengals pick at No. 55 overall.

4) Offensive line

Andrew Whitworth will likely slide back out to left tackle now that Anthony Collins has joined Johnson in Tampa Bay. But Whitworth's versatility affords the Bengals some flexibility along the O-line, so they could take an offensive tackle in the later rounds and maintain the option of playing Whitworth at guard. The big three -- Greg Robinson, Jake Matthews and Taylor Lewan -- will likely be off the board at No. 24. Rather than go with guys like Morgan Moses (Virginia) or Cyrus Kouandjio (Alabama) -- who have holes in their games -- the Bengals could look for Ja'Wuan James (Tennessee) in the second round.



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Projections

So what will the Bengals do with their first-round pick (No. 24 overall)? Here's what NFL Media's analysts see happening according to their mock draft projections ([click here for full mock drafts](#)):

Daniel Jeremiah: Dee Ford

Bucky Brooks: Dee Ford

Charles Davis: Kony Ealy

Matt Smith: Dee Ford

Chase Goodbread: Bradley Roby



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Cleveland Browns' draft needs: Derek Carr could fit new offense



This is a make-or-break offseason for the Cleveland Browns, a franchise that hasn't reached the playoffs in a dozen years. The Browns made several key additions in free agency -- headlined by Ben Tate, Donte Whitner, Andrew Hawkins and Karlos Dansby -- and now they possess three of the top 35 picks in the 2014 NFL Draft, and 10 selections overall. If they hit on these picks -- particularly the early ones -- I could see this team making a legitimate playoff push in the coming season. Seriously.

Ray Farmer is a first-time general manager, but with Cleveland's considerable draft capital, he doesn't have time to ease into the role. Farmer certainly has a lot on his plate, but nothing looms larger than the quarterback question: Are the Browns comfortable rolling with Brian Hoyer for the time being, or do they feel the need to immediately add a young prospect to build around? We'll find out in May.

1) Quarterback

The Browns have been looking for a quarterback since the franchise reboot in 1999. Hoyer is capable of handling the position in the short term -- don't forget that he sparked the offense last September before tearing his ACL -- but long-term questions remain.

In talks with personnel executives around the league, excitement about this quarterback class is dwindling by the day. I wouldn't be surprised if the Browns passed on taking a quarterback with the No. 4 overall pick and instead looked to address the position at No. 26 or No. 35. In that scenario, Derek Carr could be a fine option for the franchise. In addition to his outstanding production at Fresno State, Carr boasts quick feet and a live arm. He'd be a great fit in coordinator Kyle Shanahan's offense.

2) Wide receiver

Cleveland swiped Hawkins away from the Cincinnati Bengals -- giving the Browns an explosive slot receiver to pair with first-team All-Pro Josh Gordon -- but the offense still needs an upgrade at the WR2 slot. Sammy Watkins will be very tough to pass on if he's still around at No. 4. League evaluators had some concerns about Watkins' maturity early in his career at Clemson, but that's no longer an issue. He's the unanimous No. 1 receiver in this class, a complete player with size, strength, explosiveness and strong hands.

And if Cleveland doesn't snag Watkins? Not to fret: This is an extremely deep receiver class, and plenty of enticing options should be available for the Browns at Nos. 26 and 35.

3) Offensive line

If the transition tag sticks to Alex Mack, the Browns will have two of the best offensive linemen in football at their respective positions: Mack at center and Joe Thomas at left tackle. Unfortunately, any of the remaining three spots on the O-line could stand to be upgraded.

Cleveland's No. 4 pick could land Auburn product Greg Robinson, who would be an ideal bookend opposite Thomas. The Browns obviously are looking to jump-start a stagnant ground game, given the Tate signing, so why not nab a true road grader to lead the way? Notre Dame's Zack Martin would make a lot of sense at No. 26 -- with his ability to play inside and outside -- but I'm not sure he'll still be available there.



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4) Inside linebacker

After releasing D'Qwell Jackson, Cleveland spent big money to bring in the 32-year-old Dansby as a replacement. Still, the defense needs another inside linebacker for coach Mike Pettine's 3-4 defense.

If C.J. Mosley fell to 26, he'd be a slam-dunk fit. Mosley, who offers outstanding instincts and versatility, produced at a high level while winning a pair of national championships at Alabama. An option in the second round: Chris Borland. The Wisconsin product lacks ideal size, but he makes up for it with toughness, quickness and football savvy.

Projections

So what will the Browns do with their two first-round picks (Nos. 4 and 26 overall)? Here's what NFL Media's analysts see happening according to their mock draft projections ([click here for Mock Draft Central](#)):

Daniel Jeremiah: Sammy Watkins, Derek Carr

Bucky Brooks: Sammy Watkins, Carlos Hyde

Charles Davis: Teddy Bridgewater, Xavier Su'a-Filo

Matt Smith: Khalil Mack, Derek Carr

Chase Goodbread: Khalil Mack, Derek Carr



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Pittsburgh Steelers' draft needs: Kyle Fuller adds youth at corner



The AFC North boasts some of the NFL's most talented teams. The Cincinnati Bengals (reigning division champs) are loaded with young playmakers, and the Baltimore Ravens are only one season removed from a Super Bowl win. The Cleveland Browns, who have already had an active offseason, still have 10 picks in the 2014 NFL Draft with which to upgrade their roster.

To keep pace with a rapidly improving division, the Steelers need to address concerns on both sides of the ball; the defense fell off last season, dropping to No. 13 in yards allowed from No. 1 in 2013, and the offense saw its second and third most targeted receivers walk in free agency.

Although the Steelers still have one of the game's best quarterbacks in Ben Roethlisberger, his window to return to the Super Bowl is closing. But by focusing their attention on strengthening the defense, and adding a playmaker to team with wideout Antonio Brown, the Steelers could find themselves back in a familiar place -- atop the AFC North.

Here are four positions of need for Pittsburgh -- and four prospects who could fill them.

1) Cornerback

The Steelers need to get younger and more athletic in their secondary. Fortunately for them, the 2014 class has a number of quality cornerbacks. With Oklahoma State product Justin Gilbert likely to be off the board when Pittsburgh selects at No. 15 overall, the Steelers could opt for Darqueze Dennard, Bradley Roby or Kyle Fuller, all of whom fit what defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau does on defense.

Dennard's physical style and press coverage skills would be a welcome sight in Steel City, while Roby's explosiveness and ability to cover both slot and perimeter receivers would afford LeBeau the opportunity to be more aggressive. Questions about Fuller's speed surfaced while he was at Virginia Tech, but the technically sound corner quieted those concerns by running a 4.49-second 40-yard time at the NFL Scouting Combine.

2) Wide receiver

Choosing not to re-sign Emmanuel Sanders and Jericho Cotchery opened the door for former second-rounder Markus Wheaton to step up. I do think the second-year pro will be a key contributor this season, but neither he nor the Steelers' No. 1 receiver, Antonio Brown, crack the 6-foot mark, so I could see the Steelers in the market for a big-body receiver. Kelvin Benjamin (6-foot-5), who hauled in 15 touchdown catches for Florida State last season, would provide Big Ben with a legitimate red-zone target, which he hasn't had since Plaxico Burress' first run in Pittsburgh.

Odell Beckham is another guy who could fit into offensive coordinator Todd Haley's system. Although he doesn't have Benjamin's size, Beckham is explosive with the ball in his hands and has a history of production in the return game. Once viewed as a fringe first-rounder, the former LSU receiver has a lot of NFL executives excited. I now believe Beckham will go in the top 20 picks.

3) Defensive line

For the Steelers' defense to return to form, it needs to get better up front. Timmy Jernigan is a great player, but I'm not sure the former Florida State defensive tackle is the right fit in the Steelers' 3-4 scheme. Ra'Shede Hageman has



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incredible upside, but his Minnesota game tape is very inconsistent. With such a deep class, it'd be hard to justify selecting him with the 15th overall pick.

The Steelers could wait to address their D-line needs in the second round, where they could select Penn State product DaQuan Jones with the No. 46 overall pick. Daniel McCullers from Tennessee is an intriguing prospect who might be available in the middle rounds. He doesn't offer much as a pass rusher, but he has rare size (6-foot-7, 352 pounds) and strength (27 reps on the bench press), which allows him to hold the point of attack against the run.

4) Offensive line

Improving the offensive line through the draft has been a focal point for Pittsburgh in recent years. And while the group up front has shown signs of improvement, I think the Steelers will add more depth with all of the talent available in May. Big Ben has taken a lot of hits during his 10-year career, so you won't see him complaining if the Steelers nab a lineman early. Ja'Wuan James (Tennessee) and Jack Mewhort (Ohio State) are two second-round tackles who could land with Pittsburgh. Both prospects are steady, reliable players who have a lot of experience in big-time programs.

One wild card to keep an eye on: Seantrel Henderson. The tackle arrived at Miami as one of the country's highest-recruited players, but he never lived up to the hype and had off-the-field issues. If he's able to stay on the right track, Henderson has the potential to emerge as one of the best offensive linemen in this year's class.

Projections

So what will the Steelers do with their first-round pick (No. 15 overall)? Here's what NFL Media's analysts see happening, according to their mock draft projections ([click here for full mock drafts](#)):

Daniel Jeremiah: Odell Beckham
Bucky Brooks: Ha Ha Clinton-Dix
Charles Davis: Darqueze Dennard
Matt Smith: Calvin Pryor
Chase Goodbread: Taylor Lewan



BALTIMORE RAVENS DRAFT NEEDS



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Of the Ravens' eight draft picks in 2014, four are compensatory selections: one third-rounder (No. 99), two fourth-rounders (Nos. 134, 138) and one fifth-rounder (No. 175). The compensatory picks were awarded for the Ravens' 2013 free agent losses, which included outside linebacker Paul Kruger and inside linebacker Dannell Ellerbe.

Kruger was a 2009 second-round pick of Baltimore, with Ellerbe an undrafted free agent in the same class. By their fifth NFL campaigns, both were key members of a Ravens club that won Super Bowl XLVII. In that Super Bowl, Ellerbe played every defensive snap for Baltimore, while Kruger added two sacks off the bench.

Less than two months later, Ellerbe and Kruger departed in free agency. They had earned their paydays. And in the end, the Ravens had earned some 2014 draft picks to find the next wave of young contributors to a team that rarely lacks for talent.

Here are the Ravens' top needs entering the 2014 NFL Draft:

Offensive tackle: The Ravens are set at left tackle after re-signing Eugene Monroe. Also, the Ravens might be able to cobble together a workable solution at right tackle with the personnel on the roster. Second-year player Ricky Wagner and fourth-year pro Jah Reid are among the options for the job, and third-year left guard Kelechi Osemele could probably swing outside and hold up well up enough (though the club tentatively plans to keep him at his current spot, per coach John Harbaugh). However, if the Ravens find a plug-and-play starting right tackle in Round One, they would have plenty of reason to consider addressing the offensive line right off the bat in the 2014 draft.

Safety: Safety Matt Elam doesn't turn 23 until September and could be a fixture in the secondary for years to come. However, the Ravens could use a long-term solution opposite of Elam, who played free safety a season ago. Were the Ravens to add a free safety, it's believed Elam could slide to strong safety.

Cornerback: The Ravens have an above-average starting CB tandem in Jimmy Smith and Lardarius Webb, and the club has both players under contract beyond 2014. Still, the Ravens are not especially deep at cornerback, with Corey Graham's departure to Buffalo leaving the club a little thin. The Ravens have drafted at least one cornerback in each of the last three years.

Running back: Ray Rice could face NFL discipline if he is found guilty or pleads guilty or no contest to aggravated assault stemming from a February incident with his fiancée. Also, Rice's 2013 play left much to be desired, as did the play of third-year back Bernard Pierce. On their best, Rice and Pierce comprise a very good backfield duo. However, the Ravens might want to add another back just to be safe.

Wide receiver: Multiple other positions were considered for the final spot in our rankings. The Ravens probably could stand to add a young defensive lineman in the draft. Also, bringing in a quarterback to compete with Tyrod Taylor would make sense. The Ravens might also want to add a young tight end behind ex-Texan Owen Daniels.

In the end, though, wide receiver gets the nod as the Ravens' fifth-most pressing need. With Torrey Smith and Steve Smith as the starters and Marlon Brown and Jacoby Jones in reserve, the Ravens have a solid core at wide receiver. However, Steve Smith turns 35 in May, and Torrey Smith can test unrestricted free agency after the 2014 season. In short, the Ravens probably have just enough at wide receiver for the time being, but they could stand to add a prospect at the position.



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