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2023 DRAFT PREVIEW

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the fifth annual UK & Irish Packers Draft Preview.

As in previous years, we have had a lot of fun putting this Preview together. Lots of film has been watched and re-watched, lots of notes written and re-written and an extraordinary amount of time has been spent grading players. Most of all we've just enjoyed having another excuse just to watch and talk about football.

The combine in conjunction with pro days throughout March and April provide us with a last look at players before the draft itself and provide insight – hopefully confirming what we thought we already knew.

Like all football fans at this time of the year, we've been able to imagine what it would be like if our team drafted player "x" or player "y". For many fans, the excitement leading up to the draft provides an optimism about the future of their team.

After the great feedback that we received regarding last year's Draft Preview, we resolved to try and make this 2023 edition even better. We like to think that we have achieved that – but only you, the reader, will be judge of that! We have made some very minor additions and changes this year which we hope will add to your NFL Draft experience.

As in previous years, our intention in producing this preview is to help inform all of the UK & Irish Packers fans as we head into the NFL Draft – whilst in the process having some fun and most importantly, generating discussion. We know that there are many other Draft Guides and Previews out there – many, many superb publications – so we really appreciate your time in reading our efforts.

The views and opinions expressed in this Preview are simply just that – opinions. We know that not everybody will agree us, but that's ok! If we are able to generate good and constructive discussions, then we will be happy.

We look forward to hearing your feedback. In the meantime we hope that our efforts will go a little way toward enriching your enjoyment of the 2023 NFL Draft. Go Pack Go!!

Note: At the time of writing this guide, the expected Aaron Rodgers trade to the New York Jets hadn't yet happened.

A PACKERS' PRECIPICE

For the first time in your fandom, you may be looking ahead to the season and wondering what might unfold with no real marker to set your sights on. When Aaron Rodgers was at the helm, the view of the fans, and seemingly of the organisation, was that the Packers were only a player or two, or a play or two, away from the ultimate prize: the Super Bowl. Now with Rodgers' departure all but decided, the stakes have never been higher for front office and coaching staff alike.

Brian Gutekunst knew when accepting the role of General Manager for the Green Bay Packers that ultimately his legacy would boil down to one singular event: can he transition to a new quarterback in a seamless way and still achieve success? The transition, it seems, has been anything but seamless and the jury will be out for some time whether it will be deemed a success.

To be frank, we still do not quite know if Jordan Love is the man to carry this franchise forward and we likely won't know for some years. Whether Gutekunst also sees Love as the long time starter is unknown. It might also be a case that Rodgers under center simply wasn't sustainable or acceptable for the Packers' front office. Nuance aside, when you draft a quarterback in the first round who pundits at the time remarked would have a bigger upside than Justin Herbert, it is a good a chance as any to take a gamble on a young talent who sat behind a first ballot hall of famer for three years. There comes a time when the training wheels just have to come off.

"JORDAN LOVE WILL BE THE
THIRD QUARTERBACK DRAFTED.
AHEAD OF JUSTIN HERBERT"

TODD MCSHAY, ESPN, 2020

Adding to the complexity of the situation is the pressure to also build around the new quarterback in a way that lessens the burden whilst he finds his feet and also prevents him from taking the field to overcome deficits too often. This means investing in an offensive line that can keep him upright, a backfield that can act as a pressure release and a defense that can prevent the opposing offense from racking up a score that would take the running game off the table.

When it comes down to it though, the ultimate responsibility will come down to Aaron Rodgers' successor to develop quickly and execute the game plan effectively. Championships are not won regularly in spite of your quarterback, just like they aren't won solely because of him either. In a world where reactions are required rapidly, the 24 year old Love will be under pressure to perform immediately.

We need to cast our attention back to Aaron Rodgers' first year as a starter when the team racked up a 6-10 record and Rodgers posted 13 interceptions. It would be only the third time in his long Packers' tenure that he would finish the season with double digit interceptions. If you are curious as to when the other two seasons were, it was the Super Bowl winning season of 2010 and last year when he finished the regular season with 12.

The eyes of the media and fandom also fix now on Matt LaFleur. Just as was remarked when the Belichick and Brady partnership concluded, can LaFleur prove that his success wasn't largely attributable to having Rodgers under center? It is extremely difficult to parse the success of a franchise from its quarterback until it actually happens and even then, it is a largely futile exercise. We saw just how difficult it was to diagnose deficiencies last year when the team took somewhat of a nose dive and Gutekunst was sighing in the Lambeau lift.

Was the departure of Davante Adams too much for the Packers to handle? Was Co-Ordinator Nathaniel Hackett, who led a doomed campaign as head coach of the Denver Broncos, irreplaceable to the LaFleur/Rodgers offense? In reality, it is impossible to know. The truth probably lies that it was a culmination of all of these factors plus a plethora of others. There were new wide receivers, new plays, seriously hampering injuries to Rodgers throwing hand and ribs etc.

All things considered, the responsibility now falls to LaFleur to etch out a winning record after Aaron Rodgers or see his record in Green Bay reduced to a trope: LaFleur can only win games when he has a HOF QB on the field - for a coach who has one of the greatest starts to his career in NFL history, winning 13 games a season in his first three seasons, that would be wholeheartedly unfair. After all, this was a team that posted dismal back to back 9 loss seasons under Mike McCarthy before he was unceremoniously fired during the 2018 season even ended.

**MOST WINS BY AN NFL
HEAD COACH – FIRST 3
SEASONS**

1. Matt LaFleur 39
2. George Seifert 38
3. Jim Harbaugh 36

So here we are, standing at a precipice in Packers' history with the reputations of the GM, head coach and president on the cliff edge. Can the franchise navigate through these uncertain times and build a team that can contest the NFC North? It goes without saying that the draft strategy would have always been based on building a team to continue after the Rodgers era came to a close, irrespective of whether he would have been donning the uniform again this year. The question is, if they aren't building around Rodgers, who are they building around? Maybe that player is Jordan Love.

Maybe we are at the beginning of a glorious new chapter in an already storied franchise. Or maybe we aren't. Only time can put ink to paper and all we can do is go along for the ride.

**PACKERS STARTING QUARTERBACKS SINCE
1992 (regular season)**

1. Brett Favre – 253 starts
2. Aaron Rodgers – 223 starts
3. Brett Hundley – 9 starts
4. Matt Flynn – 6 starts
5. Don Majkowski – 3 starts
6. Scott Tolzien – 2 starts
7. Seneca Wallace – 1 start
8. Jordan Love – 1 start

DRAFT PICKS & SCHEDULE

PACKER PICKS IN 2023 DRAFT

1. 1st Round, Pick 15 (#15 overall)
2. 2nd Round, Pick 14 (#45 overall)
3. 3rd Round, Pick 15 (#78 overall)
4. 4th Round, Pick 14 (#116 overall)
5. 5th Round, Pick 14 (#149 overall)
6. 5th Round, Pick 35 (#170 overall) - *Comp Pick (Marquez Valdes-Scantling)*
7. 7th Round, Pick 15 (#232 overall)
8. 7th Round, Pick 18 (#235 overall) - *From LA Rams (Corey Bojorquez trade)*
9. 7th Round, Pick 25 (#242 overall) - *From Jax (Cole Van Lanen trade)*
10. 7th Round, Pick 39 (#256 overall) - *Comp Pick (Chandon Sullivan)*

**** The Packers traded their 6th round pick to LA Rams in exchange for Corey Bojorquez & a 2023 7th round pick.**

2023 DRAFT SCHEDULE

- Day 1 (Rd 1) - Thursday 27th April at 8pm EST / 1am (28th April) UK Time
- Day 2 (Rd 2-3) - Friday 28th April at 7pm EST / Midnight UK Time
- Day 3 (Rd 4-7) - Saturday 29th April at Noon EST / 5pm UK Time

NFL DRAFT - 1ST ROUND ORDER

1. Carolina Panthers (from Chicago Bears)
2. Houston Texans
3. Arizona Cardinals
4. Indianapolis Colts
5. Seattle Seahawks (from Denver Broncos in Russell Wilson trade)
6. Detroit Lions (from LA Rams in Matthew Stafford trade)
7. Las Vegas Raiders
8. Atlanta Falcons
9. Chicago Bears (from Carolina Panthers)
10. Philadelphia Eagles (from New Orleans Saints)
11. Tennessee Titans
12. Houston Texans (from Cleveland Browns in Deshaun Watson trade)
13. New York Jets
14. New England Patriots
- 15. Green Bay Packers**
16. Washington Commanders
17. Pittsburgh Steelers
18. Detroit Lions
19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
20. Seattle Seahawks
21. Los Angeles Chargers
22. Baltimore Ravens
23. Minnesota Vikings
24. Jacksonville Jaguars
25. New York Giants
26. Dallas Cowboys
27. Buffalo Bills
28. Cincinnati Bengals
29. New Orleans Saints (from San Francisco 49ers via Miami Dolphins and Denver Broncos)
30. Philadelphia Eagles
31. Kansas City Chiefs

Note

Miami Dolphins would have had the 21st pick in the 1st round (and therefore each of the teams listed from 21-31, above, would have picked 1 position lower), however Miami forfeited the pick for violation of certain league policies.

BEST PLAYER AVAILABLE?

As the Packers enter the 2023 draft, they are yet again in an interesting position draft position - they can pretty much select the best player available (BPA) at any position and it has the potential to immediately improve the football team, with one or two exceptions of course – they are not likely to draft a quarterback or running back early.

Selecting the best player available has long been the ideal draft approach (understandably) for many (most) NFL teams - The Packers, going back to Gutekunst's immediate predecessors, Ted Thompson and Ron Wolf, are no different in this regard. And there's no reason to believe that things will change any time soon.

That said, the Best Player Available (BPA) approach is in itself subject to some questions and provisos:

- The BPA may be at a position where the team is already set e.g. quarterback or running back. Rather than reaching for a player, this may be the time to consider a trade.
- There may be “equal bests” – two or more players equally rated when it's a team's time to pick - so determining a secondary criteria (e.g. position of need) may yet be important.
- Who the BPA is always in the eye of the beholder - or in this case, the mind of Gutey and his staff. His Best Player Available may not be the same as yours or mine.
- Is the BPA the player who is best right now (but may have peaked) or the player who might not be quite as effective right now but whose best is yet to come?
- How do you rate a player whose ceiling may be extremely high, but his floor may be extremely low – a real boom or bust type?
- How is the approach impacted by off-the-field questions? Some NFL teams have been known to completely remove potential draftees from their boards when off-the-field concerns have arisen – even though the player may be one of the very best when it comes to his play on the field.
- The BPA may be at a position where there is a lot of depth in the draft. This may indicate a time to slightly move from the pure BPA approach – because the GM “knows” that he can get a similar player later - or maybe a time to consider a trade down.
- There may not be a player available who is considered value at the pick – again, this looks like trade down time.
- The overall BPA philosophy may change as a draft goes on. Teams may be more willing to “risk” a pick on a certain type of player or position further down the draft, where the reward may be high, but the risk is lower.

Yes, it's generally Best Player Available, but don't be completely surprised if/when the Packers diverge a little from the approach in the coming draft.

“GUTEY THE BOLD”

Not everybody will always like or agree with Gutey’s approach to the draft, but it can’t be denied that he has been bold in some of his draft day moves. In fact, bolder than many current and past General Managers around the league have been.

And what should be remembered when we wonder if even more boldness in terms of trading up and down may be appropriate – it takes two teams to make a trade, and nobody is going to give players or draft picks away.

History shows that Gutey has made early (round 1 or 2) moves in 4 of his 5 drafts:

2018

Gutey’s boldness began with his very first draft choice for the Packers.

Sitting with the 14th overall selection in the 2018 draft, Gutey engineered a trade down (with the New Orleans Saints) to the 27th overall selection. For moving down 13 spots in the 1st round Gutey picked up an extra 2018 5th round pick and most significantly an extra 1st round pick in the 2019 draft.

Very quickly afterwards, Gutey engineered a second trade (with the Seattle Seahawks), moving back up from that 27th spot back to the 18th spot. To move up those 9 spots, the Packers traded away their 3rd and 6th round selections and picked up an additional 7th rounder.

All in all, the Packers had moved down 4 spots (14th to 18th) and traded away their 3rd and 6th round picks. In return, the Packers had picked up an extra 1st round pick in 2019, a 5th round pick and a 7th round pick. And to cap it all, the Packers then selected **Jaire Alexander** – who may well have been the player that they would have selected had they stayed at their original spot. All in all, it worked out fantastically.

To this day, Jaire Alexander has surely been the best overall player and value pick that Gutey has made in 4 drafts.

2019

With their own selection (overall pick no.12) in the 2019 draft, the Packers selected Rshan Gary, however, they also had the 30th pick in the 1st round – that extra selection that they gained when trading with the Saints in the previous year’s draft.

This time around, Gutey clearly had his sights set on safety **Darnell Savage** but obviously had no guarantee that the safety he coveted would drop as far as pick 30. So rather than potentially lose the player he wanted, Gutey traded away two 4th round selections and moved up 9 spots to select Savage.

2020

Gutey's approach to the 1st round of the 2020 draft will probably be forever shrouded in questions. Many of those questions, of course, are driven by the subsequent outcome rather than the approach or process itself.

Sitting with the 30th overall selection, the Packers moved up 4 spots (by trading away a 4th round pick) and selected **Jordan Love** - in the process startling many football analysts and Packers fans.

How the selection will turn out only time will tell – heading into the 2023 season it seems we are about to start that “finding out” process. Whatever the thoughts about the selection of Jordan Love are, it would be difficult to deny that it was a bold move, especially in a draft that was full of potential at the wide receiver position.

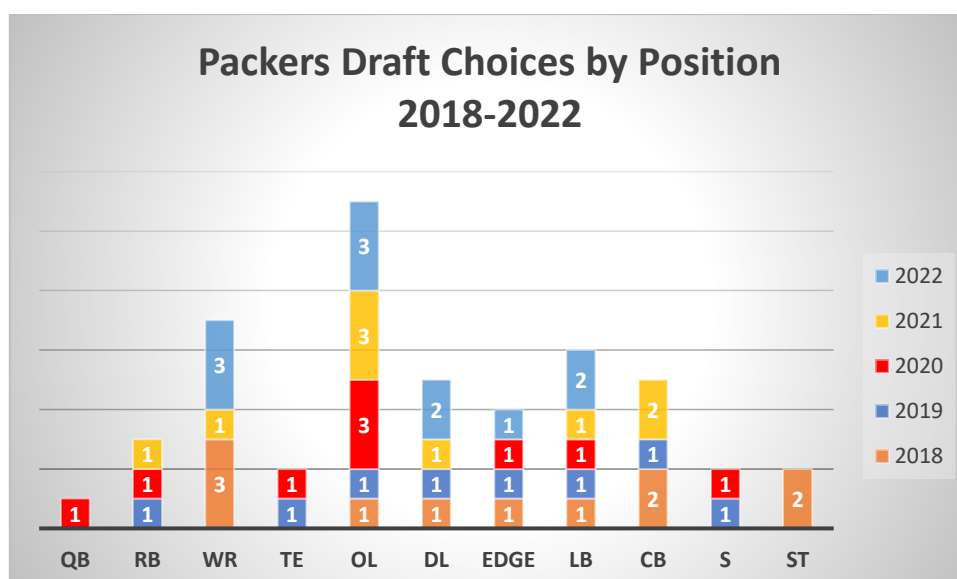
2022

Many people thought that wide receiver would be high on the Packers list of priorities heading into the 2022 draft, especially after the trade of Davante Adams just beforehand. So it was somewhat of a surprise that the Packers didn't select a wideout with either of their 1st round picks (they decided on Quay Walker at 22 and Devonte Wyatt at 28).

But the expectations and hopes of getting a wide receiver prospect were not completely dashed. The Packers also held two 2nd round selections (picks 53 and 59 overall) after the Adams trade, and still looking to get his man, Gutey knew that he needed to get his hands on a selection early in that 2nd round. And that's exactly what he did.

Gutey packaged together the 53rd and 59th picks and sent them to Minnesota in exchange for the 34th overall pick. With that selection the Packers chose North Dakota State's wide receiver **Christian Watson**.

PICKS BY POSITION



HIT OR MISS?

Since Brian Gutekunst became the General Manager of the Packers:

- Green Bay has selected **48** players in the NFL Draft.
- **44** of those players have played at least 1 game for the Packers
- **41** of those players have played at least 10 games for the Packers
- **27** of those players are still with the Packers
- **12** of those players have at least 1 quarterback sack
- **11** of those players have scored touchdowns
- **11** of those players have caught at least 1 pass
- **9** of those players have scored offensive touchdowns
- **9** of those players have at least 1 rushing attempt
- **3** of those players have intercepted at least 1 pass
- **3** of those players made the PFWA All-Rookie Team
- **2** of those players have been Pro Bowlers
- **2** of those players have attempted at least 1 pass
- **1** of those players has scored a defensive touchdown
- **1** of those players has scored a special teams touchdown
- **1** of those players has scored a safety
- **1** of those players has scored a two-point conversion
- **1** of those players has been a 2nd Team All-Pro
- **0** of those players have been a 1st Team AP All-Pro

Brian Gutekunst's Drafts Players still with the Packers



PACKERS 1st ROUND DRAFT MOCKERY

Just for fun, we took a look at **186** recent Packers mock drafts that had been posted on social media, to see what fans, analysts and journalists were predicting/guessing what the Packers may do with pick 15 in the 1st round of the upcoming draft.

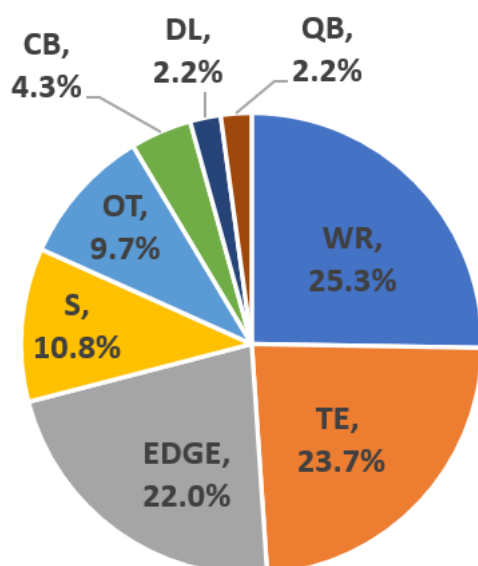
Nb. We ignored those mocks which included trades that gave the Packers additional 1st round picks or moved the Packers from pick 15.

The following tries to summarise, as best we can, what we discovered about which players and which positions were mocked:

Most frequently players and players by position

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the three most represented position groups were wide receiver (25.3%), tight end (23.7%) and edge (22.0%). Perhaps also not surprisingly, Michael Mayer (TE, Notre Dame) was the single most frequently mocked player in the 1st round - appearing in 14.5% of those mocks. Close behind was Jaxson Smith-Njigba (WR, Ohio State) with 12.4%.

Split of all players by position
in Packers mocks (1st Rd)



Most frequently chosen 1st Rd
players (Packers mock drafts)

1. Michael Mayer, TE, 14.5%
2. Jaxson Smith-Njigba, WR, 12.4%
3. Brian Branch, S, 9.7%
4. Quentin Johnson, 8.6%
5. Lukas Van Ness, Edge, 8.1%
6. Dalton Kincaid, TE, 7.5%
7. Myles Murphy, Edge, 7.0%
8. Paris Johnson Jr., OT, 4.8%
9. Broderick Jones, OT, 3.2%
10. 4 Players Tied at 2.7%



SOME PACKERS DRAFT HISTORY

LOOKING BACK TO 2021

Just for fun we thought we'd take a look back at a recent Packers draft and re-visit what we said, BEFORE the draft, about some of the players that the Packers selected. 2021 was picked at random. Here's what we had to say...

ERIC STOKES – 1st Round Pick

"Is a player who is developing and has improved in each successive year – that will impress pro scouts. The hope is that the progression will continue, and that Stokes has a big upside. Is versatile and able to play in multiple schemes. Super athlete. Needs some work on making sure he gets a little less grabby with his hands, which is a fault that he won't get away with in the NFL...Stokes should be able to enter the NFL and contribute immediately, even if he's not an opening day starter. Is likely to be a Day 2 selection in this draft – with the outside possibility of being taken late in Round 1"

AMARI RODGERS – 3rd Round Pick

"Looks like a solid slot receiver in the NFL who will also do a job returning punts. Teams will want to be absolutely certain that there are no residual issues from his 2019 ACL injury...assuming that there are no issues identified with regard to his medical status, we should assume Rodgers to be off the board at some point either late on day 2 or early on day 3."

T.J. SLATON – 5th Round Pick

"Huge guy. Likely 3-4 NT in the NFL but may also be able to play as a 4-3 DT...expect him to be selected by a team that is looking for an early down, tough, stout, run-stuffer. May yet develop as a decent pass rusher with pro coaching, development, and time. Needs to get more consistent, disciplined and play with a motor all of the time. Likely off the board late on day 3."

KYLIN HILL – 2021 7th Round Pick

"Looks like a really solid all-round back who could play in most offensive systems. Brings a lot of excitement and dynamism when he gets in the open field as a receiver in the passing game. Teams will want to be satisfied that there are no ongoing discipline issues (related to his 2020 suspension). Likely day 3 selection."

JOSH MYERS – 2nd Round Pick

"Impressive size for an interior lineman. Potentially versatile - having previous experience at guard as well as more recently playing at center helps his pro cause. Will do a job for whichever team selects him – probably initially as a back-up but should develop into a solid starter in the NFL. Will be best playing in a system which features a straight ahead, power running game. Probably needs a little time learning to snap with a QB under center (as opposed to in the shotgun formation). Likely a day 3 selection."

ROYCE NEWMAN – 4th Round Pick

"Newman has a nice combination of speed and size...has quick feet which enable him to retreat and set an anchor in pass protection before linemen can get heavy hands on him. However when defensive linemen have superior athleticism and strength they currently give Newman some serious problems. Likely selected late on day 3."

ISAIAH McDUFFIE – 6th Round Pick

"McDuffie lacks the ideal size to play linebacker in the NFL, and in fact could be best suited to the safety spot – which is where he actually began his college career. Likely late day 3 selection."

THE LAST TIME...

Here is the last time that the Packers picked at each position in the draft – in the 1st round and at any point.

POS.	1ST ROUND	ANY ROUND
QB	Jordan Love (2020)	Jordan Love (2020)
RB	Darrell Thompson (1990)	Kylin Hill (2021)
WR	Javon Walker (2002)	Christian Watson, Romeo Doubs, Samouri Touri (all 2022)
TE	Bubba Franks (2000)	Josiah Deguara (2020)
OL	Derek Sherrod (2011)	Sean Rhyan, Zach Tom, Rasheed Walker (all 2022)
DL	Devonte Wyatt (2022)	Devonte Wyatt, Jonathan Ford (both 2022)
Edge	Rashan Gary (2019)	Kingsley Enagbare (2022)
LB	Quay Walker (2022)	Quay Walker (2022)
CB	Eric Stokes (2021)	Eric Stokes, Shemar Jean-Charles (both 2021)
S	Darnell Savage Jr. (2019)	Tariq Carpenter (2022)
K	None	Mason Crosby (2007)
P	None	J.K. Scott (2018)
LSN	None	Hunter Bradley (2018)

Pick 15

The Packers select at pick 15 in the 1st round of this draft – assuming that there are no trades that change this between now (the time of writing) and the point at which they run the card up to the podium.

The last time that the Packers selected at the 15th spot was 1993. That selection was:

- Wayne Simmons, LB, Clemson

In addition to 1993, the Packers have had the 15th overall pick 5 more times. The players taken at those picks were:

- Dan Dworsky, LB, Michigan – 1949
- Billy Howton, E, Rice – 1952
- Bon Fleck, T, Syracuse – 1954
- Jim Taylor, FB, LSU – 1958
- Eddie Lee Ivery, RB, Georgia Tech - 1979

PACKERS DRAFT DAY STEALS

High draft picks come with the expectation that they are going to be long time NFL players, All-Pros and possibly Hall of Famers. But as you get further down the draft those expectations are tempered – perhaps you’ll find a player who will be a part-time starter, or a back-up for a while. But every now again one of these players will buck the trend, surprise and become a star in the NFL – a true draft day steal.

The Packers have made 1,401 selections in the 87 drafts that have taken place since the NFL made the decision in early in 1936 to have, what was then called, The Annual Players Selection Meeting. In amongst those selections, the Packers have chosen a number of players who have turned out to be far more successful than their draft position suggested that they should have been. Here we take a look at some of them.

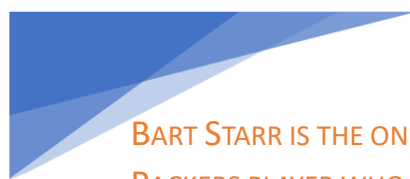
Note: No players who were taken in the first 75 selections of a draft were considered for inclusion.

1. BART STARR, QB, 17TH ROUND, 1956

The only place to start with a list of Packers draft day steals is with perhaps the greatest draft day steal ever in the NFL – Bart Starr’s selection in the 17th round in 1956. Starr was the 200th overall selection in 1956 and would go on to have a Hall of Fame career, winning 5 NFL titles along the way. Starr became one of the greatest of all Green Bay Packers players, but nobody had any idea that would happen as team after team bypassed him and looked elsewhere for their next star player.

Bart threw only 285 passes in his four college years. He had earned the starting quarterback role for the Crimson Tide in 1953, but when he injured his back in the summer of 1954, his last two college years were blighted by ongoing back issues. Those issues were so bad that the military determined that Starr was unfit for service. In retrospect it was perhaps no surprise that he was overlooked for more than 16 rounds.

It is possible that Starr would have gone undrafted altogether had he not received interest from the great Packers scout Jack Vainisi and like many of the great players who would be drafted by the Packers in 1950s, it was thanks to Vainisi that Green Bay selected Starr. Even once he arrived in Wisconsin, it would be a slow burn before Starr would finally secure the Packers starting quarterback position for good in 1960. The rest, as they say, is history.



BART STARR IS THE ONLY GREEN BAY PACKERS PLAYER WHO IS IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME HAVING BEEN SELECTED WITH A DRAFT PICK WHOSE NUMBER WAS OVER 100.

2. JIM RINGO, C, 7TH ROUND, 1953

Having played his college ball at Syracuse, Ringo was the 80th overall selection in the 1953 draft and would go on to be a 6-time AP 1st Team All-Pro, a 2-time AP 2nd Team All-Pro and a 7-time Pro Bowler for the Packers. Ringo was a member of the NFL's All-Decade team of the 1960s and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1981.

And yet, Ringo nearly didn't make it to the NFL at all. Firstly, he was undersized – weighing just a reported 211 pounds around the time that he was drafted. Yes, players were much smaller back then, but he was still a few pounds lighter than the average interior lineman in his day. And secondly, he nearly gave up football after spending a little bit of time in the Packers summer camp in 1953.



WHEN THE PACKERS ALL-CENTURY TEAM WAS SELECTED BY THE GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE IN 1999, RINGO WAS NAMED AS THE CENTER.

But Ringo stuck around, becoming an All-Pro prior to Vince Lombardi's arrival in Green Bay and then blossoming in Lombardi's run based scheme - where his speed and quickness made him a perfect fit. Ringo would be a part of the Packers NFL Championship teams in 1961 and 1962, before being traded to the Eagles in 1964 (often reported as being due to Ringo using an agent in contract negotiations, although the details around that story are disputed).

3. DAVID BAKHTIARI, OT, 4TH ROUND, 2013

From the 1950s, we jump all the forward to the modern era and to a player who is still a Green Bay Packer today. David Bakhtiari was the 109th player to be selected in the 2013 NFL draft and would go on to develop into one of the finest left tackles in the NFL in recent years. Whether he will end up in the Pro Football Hall of Fame remains to be seen – although he will, at the very least, garner serious consideration when his day comes – Bakhtiari is one of the most honoured tackles of the last few years, earning 2 AP 1st Team All-Pro selections, 3 AP 2nd Team All-Pro selections and 3 Pro Bowl selections.

Bakhtiari had opted to enter the draft after his junior season at Colorado where he had an impressive career, but opinion was divided whether he should have remained in school for another year. There were also differing views as to whether he was most likely to play left tackle or right tackle in the NFL, with some even considering that his best position would be inside at guard. Undoubtedly, all of these may have been factors as to why Bakhtiari was still on the board in the 4th round and available for Ted Thompson to make the selection.

Bakhtiari moved to the starting left tackle spot on the Packers depth chart in camp in his rookie season, initially due to injuries – but it was a spot that he solidified quickly, and he never looked back. Barring his own injuries, Bakhtiari has been the Packers starting left tackle ever since – starting every game that he has played in.

A modern day draft day steal.

4. DONALD DRIVER, WR, 7TH ROUND, 2012

Donald Driver wasn't expected to be an NFL star. He played his college ball at Alcorn State, which was then a Division 1-AA football school and despite a 1,000 yard receiving season in his senior year there, he was way down most boards when it came to draft day. Late in the day, the Packers selected Driver with the 213th overall pick – making him the 25th wide receiver to be chosen in 1999.

Of course, what nobody knew at the time was that Driver would play for the Packers for 14 seasons, becoming the team's all-time leader in receptions (743) and receiving yards (10,137) and earning 5 trips to the Pro Bowl (3 original selections). He would be a key member of an outstanding receiving corps that helped the Packers win Super Bowl XLV. Driver was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 2017.

All of this for a player whose draft selection position was 13 spots lower even than Bart Starr's was.

5. TONY CANADEO, RB, 9TH ROUND, 1941

Tony Canadeo's number is one of just six numbers retired by the Packers. He was the team's first 1,000 yard rusher (in 1949), only the third 1,000 yard rusher in NFL history and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1974. When he retired in 1952 Canadeo was the franchise's all-time leading rusher (4,197 yards). He also was an all-round performer, playing some quarterback, defensive back and returning kicks as well as his primary role at halfback. Canadeo would go on to serve on the Packers Executive Committee for more than 44 years.

So despite only just qualifying for this list (he was the 77th overall selection in 1941), the above brief resume shows that "The Gray Ghost of Gonzaga" is truly one of the Packers top draft day steals.

6. JOSH SITTON, OG, 4TH ROUND, 2008

Sitton played multiple positions on the offensive line in college (at Central Florida), including right tackle, right guard left guard. Heading into the 2008 draft it wasn't clear what position NFL teams though was his best, but his experience and versatility meant that Sitton was likely to be selected in the middle rounds. And so it proved when Sitton was selected by the Packers in the 4th round with the 135th overall selection.

Sitton would go on to have an outstanding career, earning the starting right guard spot in his second season with the team and later being the starter at left guard. He was a Green Bay Packer for 8 seasons (2008-15), playing in 121 games, starting in 112. Sitton was a starter on the Super Bowl XLV winning team and earned 3 Pro Bowl selections and 3 2nd Team AP All-Pro selections.

Although his Packers career came to a surprising end when he was cut before the 2016 season, Sitton had already done more than enough to earn a place on this list.

7. LARRY MCCARREN, C, 12TH ROUND, 1973

For the last 2+ decades we have come to know Larry McCarren as an analyst on live game broadcasts on the Packers Radio Network. But years earlier, McCarren was an outstanding center for the Green Bay Packers. He played for the Packers from 1973 to 1984, earning himself the nickname “The Rock” after starting 162 consecutive games during that time. He was also selected to the Pro Bowl twice and was once a 2nd Team AP All-Pro.

McCarren was selected by the Packers in the 12th round of the 1973 draft and it was by no means certain that he would make the roster. But by the following year, he had become the starting center taking over from long-time pivot man Ken Bowman.

In 1992, McCarren was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame – pretty good for the 308th selection in a draft.

8. MARCO RIVERA, OG, 6TH ROUND, 1996

When he was playing for the Scottish Claymores in 1997 in the World League of American Football, it was probably difficult to envisage Marco Rivera having an outstanding NFL career. But having an outstanding NFL career was exactly what Marco Rivera did.

He was the 6th round selection by the Packers – 208th overall – in the 1996 draft. Clearly seeing Rivera as a developmental player, he was on the inactive list throughout his rookie season and then allocated to the WLAF in 1997. But by 1998, Rivera was the starting left guard, switching in 1999 to be the starting right guard – a role he remained in until the end of his Packers career in 2004.

Rivera was a 1 time 1st Team AP All-Pro, 1 time 2nd Team AP All-Pro and a 3 time Pro Bowler.

9. MIKE DOUGLASS, LB, 5TH ROUND, 1978

The Packer selected both James Lofton and John Anderson in the 1st round of the 1978 draft. But just a little further down the draft, we find Mike Douglass – the Packers 5th round choice, the 116th player selected overall. His college performance had somehow gone a little under the radar, despite being San Diego State’s all-time leading sack leader, perhaps it was his lack of size that put teams off. But Douglass was an outstanding athlete with physicality, toughness and a nose for the football.

Nicknamed “Mad Dog”, Douglass had an 8 season (1978-85) career with the Packers and was a star at right outside linebacker, often on teams that struggled. He could rush the passer, stop the run and drop into pass coverage. In his Green Bay career, Douglass notched up an incredible 967 total tackles including 766 solos, 10 interceptions, 30.5 sacks, 16 fumble recoveries and 14 forced fumbles. He also scored 3 defensive touchdowns. If you wanted to know where the football was on the field, just find the Packers number 53 and the football was invariably near him.

Somehow, Douglass missed out on Pro Bowl honours during his career, but he was good enough to be named All-Pro by Sports Illustrated for 3 consecutive years (1981-83).

10. MARK TAUSCHER, OT, 7TH ROUND, 2000

Coming into the 2000 NFL draft, Mark Tauscher had played his entire football career in Wisconsin – high school and college – so perhaps it was inevitable that he would end up as a Green Bay Packer. Tauscher was a solid right tackle in college but wasn't regarded as a top level prospect so the expectations for his NFL career weren't necessarily high. However, Tauscher was determined to prove the doubters wrong.

When the Packers selected him in the 7th round of the 2000 draft with the 224th overall pick, it was expected that if he made the roster that it would be as a back-up. But starting right tackle Earl Dotson was injured early and Tauscher took over. He would go on to have a fine 11 season career for the Packers, playing in 134 games, starting in 126.

Tauscher was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 2018.

11. DON MAJKOWSKI, QB, 10TH ROUND, 1987

Don Majkowski's star shone all too briefly for the Packers in the late 80s and early 90s, but he will always be fondly remembered for his outstanding 1989 season, which for a short time re-invigorated a failing Packers franchise. Perhaps more than anything, the manner in which the Packers won games in 1989 – taking part in may nail-baiters and four 1-point victories – was what was exciting and led to Majkowski becoming a star. That season earned him a Pro Bowl and a 2nd Team AP All-Pro selection, as well as runners-up spot in the voting for NFL MVP.

The "Majik Man" was the Packers 10th round selection out of Virginia – the 225th overall pick in the 1987 draft. His reputation was as a mobile quarterback with a decent arm. But nobody foresaw the level of ability, toughness and swagger that Majkowski would bring to the team that drafted him. He quickly competed for, and won, and lost, and won again, the starting quarterback role, only finally securing the position in 1989.

Sadly, his 1990 and 1991 seasons were badly impacted by injury. But Don was tough and kept coming back. In the end, another injury in 1992 coupled with the emergence of Brett Favre saw him Packers career come to an end. He ended his Green Bay career with 10,870 yards passing (at the time 4th on the Packers all-time list, now 6th) and 56 touchdown passes – production that more than justifies a spot on this list.

12. AARON JONES, RB, 5TH ROUND, 2017

When the Packers selected Aaron Jones in the 5th round of the 2017 draft (182nd overall), nobody can surely have expected the small running back out of UTEP to develop into the player that he has become. Remember that he wasn't even the first running back that the Packers selected in that draft (Jamaal Williams was chosen a round earlier). But in his 6 year Packers career, Jones has put up numbers which have lifted him close to the top of the franchise's all-time lists – he is the 3rd on the team's rushing list with 5,284 yards and 43 rushing touchdowns. How high Jones will end up climbing remains to be seen, but he already qualifies as one of the Packers greatest draft day steals.

13. MARK CHMURA, TE, 6TH ROUND, 1992

The Packers 1992 draft was dominated by the trade of a 1st round pick to Atlanta by Brett Favre and by the selection of an undersized corner from Florida State – Terrell Buckley. Hidden down the draft, in the 6th round, was the choice of Mark Chmura with the 157th overall pick. The Packers already had long-time favourite Ed West and speedy Jackie Harris on the roster, so Chmura wasn't expected to come in and make an immediate impact.

But by 1994, Chmura was the starter, and he took Packers play at the tight end spot to a level not seen for at least a decade (when Paul Coffman was the starter). Chmura would earn 3 Pro Bowl appearances and be an integral part of the Super Bowl XXXI winning roster. He finished his Packers career in 3rd place (now 5th) in receptions by a tight end (188) and in 5th place (now 7th) for receiving yards by a tight end (2,253).

Chmura was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 2010.

14. PHILLIP EPPS, WR, 12TH ROUND, 1982

Epps appearing on this list may be a surprise to many, but considering he was the 321st selection in the 1982 draft, his level of play and statistics in an uncertain era of Packers history more than justify his appearance.

Epps was a small, speedy and shifty receiver out of TCU, who played 7 seasons for the Packers (1982-88), notching up 192 receptions for 2,884 yards and 14 touchdowns. He was also a return man of some prowess, which included returning a punt 90 yards for touchdown. While Epps was never a Pro Bowl player he was a good football player who heavily outweighed the expectations of a player selected with the 321st pick. Those 192 receptions still place him in 13th place amongst Packers wide receivers all-time and make him a worthy member of this list.

15. SCOTT WELLS, C/G, 7TH ROUND, 2004

I'm not certain that Wells should even qualify for this list – he was drafted by the Packers out of Tennessee in the 7th round of the 2004 draft, being the 251st overall pick but he was waived by Green Bay just prior to the 2004 season before being re-signed (originally to the Practice Squad and then the active roster). So, for all intense and purposes, Wells became a street free agent before the Packers re-signed him – nonetheless, this our list, with our rules (!) and he makes it.

Wells lacked some size and especially height for a modern day offensive lineman, and this is one of the reasons that he remained on the draft board until the 7th round. He became an underrated center and guard for the Packers from 2004 through to 2011 – playing in 111 games and starting exactly 100, the vast majority of which came at the center position. Wells was a solid force in the middle of the Packers line, being a key member of the Super Bowl XLV winning team and was good enough to earn a Pro Bowl selection after the 2011 season.



OUR BIG
BOARD
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350

INTRODUCING OUR BIG BOARD

This year, our Big Board has increased in size again to incorporate our Top 350 players eligible for the draft.

Here are some things to know about our Top 350:

It's our Top 350 – not a prediction of the draft order

Our Top 350 isn't necessarily the order in which we think players will be picked - teams will have reasons for (e.g. positional need) to select players in a different order to how we see it – but it does reflect our view of the relative strength of the players available in this draft regardless of position.

A great example of the above point is **Will Levis** (QB, Kentucky) who we have ranked 16th overall, but we actually expect that he'll probably get selected higher than this - perhaps as high as the top 5 overall.

Creating the Top 350

To create our Top 350 players (and our Position-by-Position Rankings), we ranked players as follows:

- Watching and compiling notes on players during their college career. This is done over a number of years, by watching game film and other film that may be widely available.
- Film that we watched since the conclusion of the college football season, zeroing in on players on our draft watch list.
- The combine / pro days - these tend not to change too much what our view already is but may reinforce what we already know or indeed encourage us to re-visit film.
- Confirmed injury reports and/or off-the-field concerns reports from reputable public domain sources – making our best judgement as to what impact, if any, this may have on a player's draft chances or status.
- We look at players from a general view and a Packers perspective

Note: Rankings by other draft analysts and fans don't in themselves change our rankings or our view of players – we prefer what we see on film. However, they may encourage us to re-visit film where appropriate.



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Experience

Games played, games started, level of opposition



Athletic Ability

40 time, 10 split, 20 split, vertical jump, bench press, broad jump, shuttle, 3-cone, position relationship



Injury History

Major Injuries, Minor Injuries, Re-occurrence, Recency, Unresolved



Physical Make-up

Height, weight, ratio, arm length, hand size, position relationship,



Traits & Skills

All traits and skills as they relate to the specific position



Production

Stats, Big game performance, level of opposition



Character

Attitude, Leadership, Discipline, Suspensions, Transfers



Ceiling & Floor

How big is the upside? Has the player peaked? Is there year on year improvement? How low is the floor?



Intelligence

Football smarts, IQ, Ability to learn, Wonderlic, Academic Honours



Versatility

Play multiple positions well, perform multiple roles well, have traits & skills that may be relevant to another position/role



PLAYER EVALUATION

Player Info Card

For each of the players that we have created a one page profile for there is a Player Info Card which provides some basic information pertaining to that player and their position in this draft. Here is an example, with an explanation.

There will be one of 3 icons here or often no icon at all.

The 3 icons that may be found here are listed below

There may be a position listed here. This is usually to differentiate players in the same group e.g. centers and guards in the interior offensive line group.

The player's spot on our draft board as it relates to his position group and the overall board is shown here.

The round in which we think the player should be selected is here.

The player's school class year is shown here.

The player's age as of the first day of the draft (April 28th) is shown here.

The player's height, weight and 40 time are shown here. These will be the measurements from the combine unless indicated otherwise.

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IOL #4

Overall #63

Round 2-3

Class: Junior

Age: 22.09

Ht: 6-6

Wt: 313

40: n/a

List of Icons



Indicates that a player has been on the rise in the last few weeks - usually due to an outstanding combine, pro day, or positive clarification over a previous injury concern.



Indicates that a player has been falling in the last few weeks - usually due to a poor combine, pro day, or perhaps a new injury or negative news over a previous injury concern.



Indicates that a player currently has, or has had, a significant injury concern such that he appears in our "Injury Watchlist" section which can be found later in this Draft Guide.

Packers Watchlist

We've included our **Packers Watchlist** again this year, however this year we've changed it slightly, creating two lists – in essence a primary list and a secondary list. The players in these lists can be seen in our Position-by-Position Player Profiles, as follows:

- On their profile page, players whose name is in a **GREEN** box, rather than red, are part of the primary watch list
- On their profile page, players whose name is in a **GOLD** box, rather than red, are part of the secondary watch list.

Players appear on our Packers Watchlist because they may have a special interest for the Packers. These are players who generally meet one or more of the following criteria:

- There's a decent chance they'll be available when the Packers pick.
- They meet some/all of the criteria the Packers are likely to use e.g. outstanding athletic ability
- We like them either because they are just good players or perhaps because they bring something that the Packers don't already have
- It's possibly a position of need for the Packers at that point in the draft

For ease and to help with the Packers Watchlist, we've also included the complete watchlist on the following page.

Round by Round Board (Rounds 1 to Round 3-4)

Leading up to previous drafts we have posted our Round by Round Draft Boards – Offense and Defense - as pictures on Social Media (Facebook and twitter). This year, for the first time, we have included them in this draft guide.

We hope you enjoy them. We use them all the time on draft day to more easily track the best players still available by position. They may be useful to print off as a guide.

And finally...

We do our best! We do not have access to all of the information that many larger organisations have. Nor do we have the resources to be able to keep on top of every change in a player's status or every piece of information that may be important. But we do our very best and are proud of generally how accurate we are.

We know that the Top 350 Big Board is one of the most eagerly awaited parts of this guide. We hope that you find it interesting and useful.

OUR PACKERS WATCHLIST

Again this year we have our Packers Watchlist – a list of players who we feel may be in play for the Packers in this draft. Of course, it's nowhere near being definitive – we never know what the team is really thinking, but it's fun to have a few players to watch extra closely. The list is split into two – our primary list and our secondary list. We've also tried to choose players across positions and throughout the draft.

Packers Primary Watchlist

- QB Clayton Tune (Houston) – Round 7 or UDFA
- RB Kenny McIntosh (Georgia) – Round 4-5
- FB Hunter Luepke (North Dakota State) – Round 6-7
- WR Jaxson Smith-Njigba (Ohio State) – Round 1
- WR Cedric Tillman (Tennessee) – Round 2-3
- WR Andrei Iosivas (Princeton) – Round 6-7
- TE Michael Mayer (Notre Dame) – Round 1
- TE Darnell Washington (Georgia) – Round 1-2
- OT Broderick Jones (Georgia) – Round 1
- DL Gervon Dexter (Florida) – Round 2-3
- Edge Isaiah Foskey (Notre Dame) – Round 2
- LB SirVocea Dennis (Pittsburgh) – Round 6-7
- CB Darius Rush (South Carolina) – Round 3
- S Jordan Battle (Alabama) – Round 3

Packers Secondary Watchlist

- RB Roschon Johnson (Texas) – Round 3-4
- RB Israel Abanikanda (Pittsburgh) – Round 4-5
- WR Michael Wilson (Stanford) – Round 4-5
- WR Jonathan Mingo (Mississippi) – Round 4-5
- TE Zack Kuntz (Old Dominion) – Round 4-5
- OG/OC Nick Saldiveri (Old Dominion) – Round 4-5
- OT/OG Cody Mauch (North Dakota State) – Round 2
- DL Bryan Bresee (Clemson) – Round 1
- LB Daiyan Henley (Washington State) – Round 2-3
- Edge Myles Murphy (Clemson) – Round 1
- Edge Andre Carter II (Army) – Round 3
- CB Kelee Ringo (Georgia) – Round 1-2
- S Brian Branch (Alabama) – Round 1

ROUND BY ROUND OFFENSIVE BOARDS

2023 Draft Board – Offense – Part 1

	Quarterbacks	Running Backs	Wide Receivers	Tight Ends	Interior OL	Offensive Tackles
Top 10 Overall	Bryce Young C.J. Stroud Anthony Richardson	Bijan Robinson				Peter Skoronski
1st Round	Will Levis		Jaxson Smith-Njigba Quentin Johnston Jordan Addison	Michael Mayer Dalton Kincaid		Paris Johnson Jr. Broderick Jones Darnell Wright
Late 1st Round/ Early 2nd Round		Jahmyr Gibbs	Zay Flowers Josh Downs	Darnell Washington	O'Cyrus Torrence	Anton Harrison Dawand Jones
2nd Round			Jalin Hyatt	Luke Musgrave	John Michael Schmitz Steve Avila	Cody Mauch
Late 2nd Round/ Early 3rd Round	Hendon Hooker	Devon Achane Zach Charbonnet	Rashee Rice Cedric Tillman Marvin Mims Jr.	Sam LaPorta Tucker Kraft	Joe Tippmann	Matthew Bergeron Jaelyn Duncan
3rd Round		Tyjae Spears Zach Evans	Kayshon Boutte Tyler Scott A.T. Perry		Luke Wypler	Blake Freeland
Late 3rd Round/ Early 4th Round	Tyler McKee	Tank Bigsby Roschon Johnson Kendre Miller	Nathaniel Dell	Luke Schoonmaker	Olusegun Oluwatimi	Tyler Steen Wanya Morris

2023 Draft Board – Offense – Part 2

	Quarterbacks	Running Backs	Wide Receivers	Tight Ends	Interior OL	Offensive Tackles
4th – 5th Round	Jake Haener Jaren Hall	DeWayne McBride Sean Tucker Kenny McIntosh Chase Brown Eric Gray Israel Abanikand Deuce Vaughn	Jonathan Mingo Trey Palmer Dontayvion Wicks Michael Wilson Parker Washington Xavier Hutchinson Charlie Jones Rakim Jarrett Andre Iosivas Puka Nacua	Luke Schoonmaker Cameron Latu Zack Kuntz Josh Whyle Davis Allen	Andrew Vorhees Emil Ekiyor Jr. Jarrett Patterson Nick Broeker Ryan Hayes Braeden Daniels Ricky Stromberg Nick Saldiveri McClendon Curtis	Warren McClendon Jaxson Kirkland
6th – 7th Round	Max Duggan Dorian Thompson-Robinson Aidan O'Connell Stetson Bennett	Evan Hull Mohamed Ibrahim Keaton Mitchell Chris Rodriguez Jr. Hunter Luepke (FB)	Bryce Ford-Wheaton Ronnie Bell Jalen Moreno-Cropper Dontay Demus Jr. Tre Tucker Elijah Higgins DeMario Douglas Jake Bobo Mitchell Tinsley Derius Davis	Wil Mallory Payne Durham Brenton Strange	T.J. Bass Juice Scruggs Atonio Mafi Henry Bainivalu Chandler Zavala Asim Richards Jon Gaines II Jake Andrews Anthony Bradford Sidy Sow Alex Forsyth	Richard Gouraige Carter Warren Jordan McFadden Connor Galvin
7th Round - UDFA	Clayton Tune	Camerun Peoples Tavion Thomas	Justin Shorter Jason Haselwood Michael Jefferson Antoine Green	Jarrick Bernard-Converse Avery Young Tiawan Mullen Travis Vokolek Leonard Taylor	Mark Evans Brett Neilon	Luke Haggard Earl Bostick Jr. Joey Fisher Trevor Reid

ROUND BY ROUND DEFENSIVE BOARDS

2023 Draft Board – Defense – Part 1

	Interior DL	Edge	Linebackers	Cornerbacks	Safeties	Special Teams
Top 10 Overall	Jalen Carter	Will Anderson Tyree Wilson		Christian Gonzalez Devon Witherspoon		
1st Round	Bryan Bresee	Lukas Van Ness Myles Murphy Nolan Smith		Joey Porter Jr.	Brian Branch	
Late 1st Round/ Early 2nd Round	Calijah Kancey	Drew Sanders B.J. Ojulari Will McDonald IV	Trenton Simpson	Deonte Banks Cam Smith Kelee Ringo Emmanuel Forbes		
2nd Round	Mazi Smith Adetomiwa Adebawore Tullu Tuipulotu	Keion White Isaiah Foskey Felix Anudike-Uzomah Derick Hall	Jack Campbell	Clark Phillips III	Antonio Johnson	
Late 2nd Round/ Early 3rd Round	Siaki Ika Keeanu Benton Gervon Dexter	Zach Harrison	Daiyan Henley	Tyrique Stevenson D.J. Turner II Julius Brents		
3rd Round	Zacch Pickens	Andre Carter II Byron Young (Ten)	Noah Sewell Henry To'o To'o	Eli Ricks Jaylon Jones Kyu Blu Kelly Garrett Williams Darius Rush	Sydney Brown Jordan Battle JL Skinner Christopher Smith II Jammie Robinson J'Ayir Brown	
Late 3rd Round/ Early 4th Round	Byron Young (Ala) Jaquelin Roy	Nick Herbig	DeMarvion Overshown Owen Pappoe	Jartavius Martin Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson		

2023 Draft Board – Defense – Part 2

	Interior DL	Edge	Linebackers	Cornerbacks	Safeties	Special Teams
4th – 5th Round	Colby Wooden Karl Brooks Moro Ojomo Keondre Coburn Jalen Redmond Kobie Turner Jose Ramirez	Mike Morris Isaiah McGuire K.J. Henry Nick Hampton Brenton Cox Jr. YaYa Diaby D.J. Johnson Dylan Horton Ali Gaye	Dorian Williams Ivan Pace Jr. Habakkuk Baldonado Mohamoud Diabate	Riley Moss Jakorian Bennett Carrington Valentine Cory Trice Kei'Trel Clark Cameron Mitchell Mekhi Garner	Brandon Joseph Daniel Scott Jay Ward Ronnie Hickman	
6th – 7th Round	Jerrod Clark Cameron Young Ochaun Mathis Neste Jade Silvera Dante Stills Tyler Lacy D.J. Dale	Thomas Incoom Tavius Robinson Viliani Fehoko Isaiah Land Robert Beal Jr. Eku Leota	Ventrell Miller SirVocea Dennis Cam Jones Dee Winters Anfernee Orji	Darrell Luter Jr. Terell Smith Rejzohn Wright Mekhi Blackmon Myles Brooks Anthony Johnson Chamarri Conner Arquon Bush Alex Austin Nic Jones Cameron Brown Keidron Smith Lance Boykin	Trey Dean III DeMarcco Hellams Kaevon Merriweather Gervarius Owens Jason Taylor II Marte Mapu Rashad Torrence II Quindell Johnson	
7th Round - UDFA	Corey Durden P.J. Mustipher	Yasir Abdullah Lonnie Phelps Jeremiah Martin M.J. Anderson Durell Nchami Charlie Thomas	Drake Thomas Aubrey Miller Jr. Jeremy Banks Isaiah Moore	Jarrick Bernard- Converse Avery Young Tiawan Mullen	Jordan Howden Christian Izien Anthony Johnson Jr. Tyreque Jones Brandon Hill	

THE TOP 350

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Will Anderson Jr.	Edge	Alabama	1
2.	Bryce Young	QB	Alabama	1
3.	C.J. Stroud	QB	Ohio State	1
4.	Tyree Wilson	Edge	Texas Tech	1
5.	Jalen Carter	DL	Georgia	1
6.	Anthony Richardson	QB	Florida	1
7.	Christian Gonzalez	CB	Oregon	1
8.	Bijan Robinson	RB	Texas	1
9.	Devon Witherspoon	CB	Illinois	1
10.	Peter Skoronski	OT	Northwestern	1
11.	Paris Johnson Jr.	OT	Ohio State	1
12.	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	WR	Ohio State	1
13.	Lukas Van Ness	Edge	Iowa	1
14.	Joey Porter Jr.	CB	Penn State	1
15.	Myles Murphy	Edge	Clemson	1
16.	Will Levis	QB	Kentucky	1
17.	Quentin Johnston	WR	TCU	1
18.	Nolan Smith	Edge	Georgia	1
19.	Jordan Addison	WR	USC	1
20.	Broderick Jones	OT	Georgia	1
21.	Michael Mayer	TE	Notre Dame	1
22.	Brian Branch	S	Alabama	1
23.	Dalton Kincaid	TE	Utah	1
24.	Bryan Bresee	DL	Clemson	1
25.	Darnell Wright	OT	Tennessee	1
26.	Deonte Banks	CB	Maryland	1-2
27.	Calijah Kancey	DL	Pittsburgh	1-2
28.	Zay Flowers	WR	Boston College	1-2
29.	Cam Smith	CB	South Carolina	1-2
30.	Jahmyr Gibbs	RB	Alabama	1-2
31.	O'Cyrus Torrence	IOL	Florida	1-2
32.	Anton Harrison	OT	Oklahoma	1-2
33.	Kelee Ringo	CB	Georgia	1-2
34.	Drew Sanders	Edge	Arkansas	1-2
35.	Darnell Washington	TE	Georgia	1-2
36.	Emmanuel Forbes	CB	Mississippi State	1-2
37.	Trenton Simpson	LB	Clemson	1-2
38.	B.J. Ojulari	Edge	LSU	1-2
39.	Will McDonald IV	Edge	Iowa State	1-2
40.	Dawand Jones	OT	Ohio State	1-2

List continues on the next page

Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Josh Downs	WR	North Carolina	1-2
42.	Keion White	Edge	Georgia Tech	2
43.	Mazi Smith	DL	Michigan	2
44.	Jalin Hyatt	WR	Tennessee	2
45.	Luke Musgrave	TE	Oregon State	2
46.	Isaiah Foskey	Edge	Notre Dame	2
47.	Felix Anudike-Uzomah	Edge	Kansas State	2
48.	Antonio Johnson	S	Texas A&M	2
49.	John Michael Schmitz	IOL	Minnesota	2
50.	Cody Mauch	OT	North Dakota State	2
51.	Clark Phillips III	CB	Utah	2
52.	Jack Campbell	LB	Iowa	2
53.	Adetomiwa Adebawore	DL	Northwestern	2
54.	Steve Avila	IOL	TCU	2
55.	Derick Hall	Edge	Auburn	2
56.	Tuli Tuipulotu	DL	USC	2
57.	Matthew Bergeron	OT	Syracuse	2-3
58.	Siaki Ika	DL	Baylor	2-3
59.	Devon Achane	RB	Texas A&M	2-3
60.	Sam LaPorta	TE	Iowa	2-3
61.	Zach Charbonnet	RB	UCLA	2-3
62.	Hendon Hooker	QB	Tennessee	2-3
63.	Joe Tippmann	IOL	Wisconsin	2-3
64.	Keeanu Benton	DL	Wisconsin	2-3
65.	Rashee Rice	WR	SMU	2-3
66.	Tucker Kraft	TE	South Dakota State	2-3
67.	Cedric Tillman	WR	Tennessee	2-3
68.	Tyrique Stevenson	CB	Miami, Fla	2-3
69.	Daiyan Henley	LB	Washington State	2-3
70.	Gervon Dexter	DL	Florida	2-3
71.	Zach Harrison	Edge	Ohio State	2-3
72.	Jaelyn Duncan	OT	Maryland	2-3
73.	Marvin Mims Jr.	WR	Oklahoma	2-3
74.	D.J. Turner II	CB	Michigan	2-3
75.	Julius Brents	CB	Kansas State	2-3
76.	Sydney Brown	S	Illinois	3
77.	Andre Carter II	Edge	Army	3
78.	Jordan Battle	S	Alabama	3
79.	Luke Wypler	IOL	Ohio State	3
80.	Kayshon Boutte	WR	LSU	3
81.	JL Skinner	S	Boise State	3
82.	Noah Sewell	LB	Oregon	3
83.	Christopher Smith II	S	Georgia	3
84.	Tyler Scott	WR	Cincinnati	3

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	Name	Pos	College	Round*
85.	Eli Ricks	CB	Alabama	3
86.	Jaylon Jones	CB	Texas A&M	3
87.	Blake Freeland	OT	BYU	3
88.	Tyjae Spears	RB	Tulane	3
89.	Kyu Blu Kelly	CB	Stanford	3
90.	Henry To'o To'o	LB	Alabama	3
91.	Jammie Robinson	S	FSU	3
92.	Garrett Williams	CB	Syracuse	3
93.	A.T. Perry	WR	Wake Forest	3
94.	Byron Young	Edge	Tennessee	3
95.	Darius Rush	CB	South Carolina	3
96.	Zacch Pickens	DL	South Carolina	3
97.	Ji' Ayir Brown	S	Penn State	3
98.	Zach Evans	RB	Mississippi	3
99.	Nathaniel Dell	WR	Houston	3-4
100.	Tyler Steen	OT	Alabama	3-4
101.	Jayden Reed	WR	Michigan State	3-4
102.	Jartavius Martin	CB	Illinois	3-4
103.	Byron Young	DL	Alabama	3-4
104.	Tank Bigsby	RB	Auburn	3-4
105.	Roschon Johnson	RB	Texas	3-4
106.	DeMarvion Overshown	LB	Texas	3-4
107.	Jaquelin Roy	DL	LSU	3-4
108.	Kendre Miller	RB	TCU	3-4
109.	Owen Pappoe	LB	Auburn	3-4
110.	Wanya Morris	OT	Oklahoma	3-4
111.	Tanner McKee	QB	Stanford	3-4
112.	Olusegun Oluwatimi	IOL	Michigan	3-4
113.	Nick Herbig	Edge	Wisconsin	3-4
114.	Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson	CB	TCU	3-4
115.	Mike Morris	Edge	Michigan	4-5
116.	Riley Moss	CB	Iowa	4-5
117.	Colby Wooden	DL	Auburn	4-5
118.	DeWayne McBride	RB	UAB	4-5
119.	Brandon Joseph	S	Notre Dame	4-5
120.	Luke Schoonmaker	TE	Michigan	4-5
121.	Andrew Vorhees	IOL	USC	4-5
122.	Jonathan Mingo	WR	Mississippi	4-5
123.	Emil Ekiyor Jr.	IOL	Alabama	4-5
124.	Karl Brooks	DL	Bowling Green	4-5
125.	Sean Tucker	RB	Syracuse	4-5
126.	Trey Palmer	WR	Nebraska	4-5
127.	Kenny McIntosh	RB	Georgia	4-5
128.	Daniel Scott	S	California	4-5

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129.	Dontayvion Wicks	WR	Virginia	4-5
130.	Jarrett Patterson	IOL	Notre Dame	4-5
131.	Chase Brown	RB	Illinois	4-5
132.	Michael Wilson	WR	Stanford	4-5
133.	Isaiah McGuire	Edge	Missouri	4-5
134.	K.J. Henry	Edge	Clemson	4-5
135.	Moro Ojomo	DL	Texas	4-5
136.	Dorian Williams	LB	Tulane	4-5
137.	Jakorian Bennett	CB	Maryland	4-5
138.	Nick Hampton	Edge	Appalachian State	4-5
139.	Eric Gray	RB	Oklahoma	4-5
140.	Brenton Cox Jr.	Edge	Florida	4-5
141.	Jay Ward	S	LSU	4-5
142.	Jake Haener	QB	Fresno State	4-5
143.	Parker Washington	WR	Penn State	4-5
144.	Xavier Hutchinson	WR	Iowa State	4-5
145.	YaYa Diaby	Edge	Louisville	4-5
146.	Carrington Valentine	CB	Kentucky	4-5
147.	Cameron Latu	TE	Alabama	4-5
148.	Nick Broeker	IOL	Mississippi	4-5
149.	Warren McClendon	OT	Georgia	4-5
150.	Zack Kuntz	TE	Old Dominion	4-5
151.	Cory Trice	CB	Purdue	4-5
152.	Jaren Hall	QB	BYU	4-5
153.	Ryan Hayes	IOL	Michigan	4-5
154.	Keondre Coburn	DL	Texas	4-5
155.	Ivan Pace Jr.	LB	Cincinnati	4-5
156.	Charlie Jones	WR	Purdue	4-5
157.	Braeden Daniels	IOL	Utah	4-5
158.	Israel Abanikanda	RB	Pittsburgh	4-5
159.	Rakim Jarrett	WR	Maryland	4-5
160.	Ronnie Hickman	S	Ohio State	4-5
161.	Jalen Redmond	DL	Oklahoma	4-5
162.	Ricky Stromberg	IOL	Arkansas	4-5
163.	Habakkuk Baldonado	Edge	Pittsburgh	4-5
164.	Nick Saldiveri	IOL	Old Dominion	4-5
165.	Kei'Trel Clark	CB	Louisville	4-5
166.	Andrei Iosivas	WR	Princeton	4-5
167.	Cameron Mitchell	CB	Northwestern	4-5
168.	Puka Nacua	WR	BYU	4-5
169.	Mohamoud Diabate	LB	Utah	4-5
170.	Josh Whyle	TE	Cincinnati	4-5
171.	Deuce Vaughn	RB	Kansas State	4-5
172.	Jaxson Kirkland	OT	Washington	4-5

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173.	McClendon Curtis	IOL	Chattanooga	4-5
174.	D.J. Johnson	Edge	Oregon	4-5
175.	Kobie Turner	DL	Wake Forest	4-5
176.	Mekhi Garner	CB	LSU	4-5
177.	Dylan Horton	Edge	TCU	4-5
178.	Ali Gaye	Edge	LSU	4-5
179.	Jose Ramirez	DL/Edge	Eastern Michigan	4-5
180.	Davis Allen	TE	Clemson	4-5
181.	Darrell Luter Jr.	CB	South Alabama	6-7
182.	Bryce Ford-Wheaton	WR	West Virginia	6-7
183.	Ronnie Bell	WR	Michigan	6-7
184.	Thomas Incoom	Edge	Central Michigan	6-7
185.	Terell Smith	CB	Minnesota	6-7
186.	Ventrell Miller	LB	Florida	6-7
187.	Jalen Mareno-Cropper	WR	Fresno State	6-7
188.	Evan Hull	RB	Northwestern	6-7
189.	Will Mallory	TE	Miami	6-7
190.	Trey Dean III	S	Florida	6-7
191.	DeMarcco Hellams	S	Alabama	6-7
192.	Tavius Robinson	Edge	Mississippi	6-7
193.	T.J. Bass	IOL	Oregon	6-7
194.	Juice Scruggs	IOL	Penn State	6-7
195.	Kaevon Merriweather	S	Iowa	6-7
196.	Rejzohn Wright	CB	Oregon State	6-7
197.	Viliami Fehoko	Edge	San Jose State	6-7
198.	Richard Gouraige	OT	Florida	6-7
199.	Atonio Mafi	IOL	UCLA	6-7
200.	Mekhi Blackmon	CB	USC	6-7
201.	Payne Durham	TE	Purdue	6-7
202.	Myles Brooks	CB	Louisiana Tech	6-7
203.	Gervarrius Owens	S	Houston	6-7
204.	Jerrold Clark	DL	Coastal Carolina	6-7
205.	Cameron Young	DL	Mississippi State	6-7
206.	Ochaun Mathis	DL	Nebraska	6-7
207.	Dontay Demus Jr.	WR	Maryland	6-7
208.	Isaiah Land	Edge	Florida A&M	6-7
209.	Henry Bainivalu	IOL	Washington	6-7
210.	Brenton Strange	TE	Penn State	6-7
211.	Jason Taylor II	S	Oklahoma State	6-7
212.	Chandler Zavala	IOL	North Carolina State	6-7
213.	Marte Mapu	S	Sacramento State	6-7
214.	Rashad Torrence II	S	Florida	6-7
215.	Mohamed Ibrahim	RB	Minnesota	6-7
216.	Keaton Mitchell	RB	East Carolina	6-7

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217.	Anthony Johnson	CB	Virginia	6-7
218.	Carter Warren	OT	Pittsburgh	6-7
219.	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	Kentucky	6-7
220.	Chamarri Conner	CB	Virginia Tech	6-7
221.	Neste Jade Silvera	DL	Arizona State	6-7
222.	Dante Stills	DL	West Virginia	6-7
223.	Arquon Bush	CB	Cincinnati	6-7
224.	Asim Richards	IOL	North Carolina	6-7
225.	Max Duggan	QB	TCU	6-7
226.	Dorian Thompson-Robinson	QB	UCLA	6-7
227.	Jordan McFadden	OT	Clemson	6-7
228.	Tre Tucker	WR	Cincinnati	6-7
229.	Alex Austin	CB	Oregon State	6-7
230.	Connor Galvin	OT	Baylor	6-7
231.	Jon Gaines II	IOL	UCLA	6-7
232.	Jake Andrews	IOL	Troy	6-7
233.	SirVocea Dennis	LB	Pittsburgh	6-7
234.	Anthony Bradford	IOL	LSU	6-7
235.	Cam Jones	LB	Indiana	6-7
236.	Robert Beal Jr.	Edge	Georgia	6-7
237.	Elijah Higgins	WR	Stanford	6-7
238.	Aidan O'Connell	QB	Purdue	6-7
239.	DeMario Douglas	WR	Liberty	6-7
240.	Jake Bobo	WR	UCLA	6-7
241.	Hunter Luepke	FB	North Dakota State	6-7
242.	Nic Jones	CB	Ball State	6-7
243.	Tyler Lacy	DL	Oklahoma State	6-7
244.	D.J. Dale	DL	Alabama	6-7
245.	Dee Winters	LB	TCU	6-7
246.	Stetson Bennett	QB	Georgia	6-7
247.	Cameron Brown	CB	Ohio State	6-7
248.	Keidron Smith	CB	Kentucky	6-7
249.	Anfernee Orji	LB	Vanderbilt	6-7
250.	Ekua Leota	Edge	Auburn	6-7
251.	Mitchell Tinsley	WR	Penn State	6-7
252.	Sidy Sow	IOL	Eastern Michigan	6-7
253.	Lance Boykin	CB	Coastal Carolina	6-7
254.	Derius Davis	WR	TCU	6-7
255.	Quindell Johnson	S	Memphis	6-7
256.	Alex Forsyth	IOL	Oregon	6-7
257.	Yasir Abdullah	Edge	Louisville	7-UDFA
258.	Clayton Tune	QB	Houston	7-UDFA
259.	Lonnie Phelps	Edge	Kansas	7-UDFA
260.	Mark Evans	IOL	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7-UDFA

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261.	Jarrick Bernard-Converse	CB	LSU	7-UDFA
262.	Luke Haggard	OT	Indiana	7-UDFA
263.	Jordan Howden	S	Minnesota	7-UDFA
264.	Christian Izien	S	Rutgers	7-UDFA
265.	Justin Shorter	WR	Florida	7-UDFA
266.	Camerun Peoples	RB	Appalachian State	7-UDFA
267.	Jadon Haselwood	WR	Arkansas	7-UDFA
268.	Drake Thomas	LB	NC State	7-UDFA
269.	Anthony Johnson Jr.	S	Iowa State	7-UDFA
270.	Jeremiah Martin	Edge	Washington	7-UDFA
271.	M.J. Anderson	Edge	Iowa State	7-UDFA
272.	Durell Nchami	Edge	Maryland	7-UDFA
273.	Travis Vokolek	TE	Nebraska	7-UDFA
274.	Earl Bostick Jr.	OT	Kansas	7-UDFA
275.	Aubrey Miller Jr.	LB	Jackson State	7-UDFA
276.	Tyreque Jones	S	Boise State	7-UDFA
277.	Jeremy Banks	LB	Tennessee	7-UDFA
278.	Tavion Thomas	RB	Utah	7-UDFA
279.	Joey Fisher	OT	Shepherd	7-UDFA
280.	Brandon Hill	S	Pittsburgh	7-UDFA
281.	Trevor Reid	OT	Louisville	7-UDFA
282.	Michael Jefferson	WR	Louisiana	7-UDFA
283.	Charlie Thomas	Edge	Georgia Tech	7-UDFA
284.	Avery Young	CB	Rutgers	7-UDFA
285.	Cory Durden	DL	NC State	7-UDFA
286.	P.J. Mustipher	DL	Penn State	7-UDFA
287.	Antoine Green	WR	North Carolina	7-UDFA
288.	Leonard Taylor	TE	Cincinnati	7-UDFA
289.	Tiawan Mullen	CB	Indiana	7-UDFA
290.	Brett Neilon	IOL	USC	7-UDFA
291.	Isaiah Moore	LB	NC State	7-UDFA
292.	Tyler Baker-Williams	CB	NC State	UDFA
293.	Xavier Gipson	WR	Stephen F. Austin	UDFA
294.	Andre Jones Jr.	Edge	Louisiana	UDFA
295.	Shaka Heyward	LB	Duke	UDFA
296.	Starling Thomas V	CB	UAB	UDFA
297.	Brayden Willis	TE	Oklahoma	UDFA
298.	Mike Jones Jr.	LB	LSU	UDFA
299.	Jalen Graham	LB	Purdue	UDFA
300.	Xazavian Valladay	RB	Arizona State	UDFA
301.	Spencer Anderson	OT	Maryland	UDFA
302.	Jalen Wayne	WR	South Alabama	UDFA
303.	Jason Brownlee	WR	Southern Mississippi	UDFA
304.	Jerome Carvin	IOL	Tennessee	UDFA

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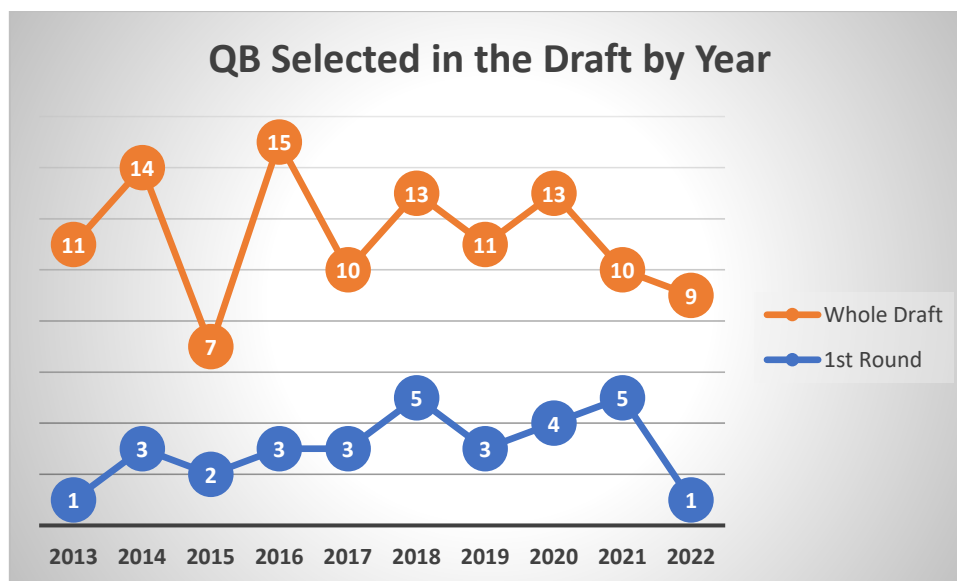
	Name	Pos	College	Round*
305.	John Ojukwu	OT	Boise State	UDFA
306.	Matt Landers	WR	Arkansas	UDFA
307.	Bryce Baringer	ST	Michigan State	UDFA
308.	Jovaughn Gwyn	IOL	South Carolina	UDFA
309.	Alex Ward	ST	UCF	UDFA
310.	Malik Knowles	WR	Kansas State	UDFA
311.	Ben VanSumeren	LB	Michigan State	UDFA
312.	Jake Moody	ST	Michigan	UDFA
313.	Chris Murray	IOL	Oklahoma	UDFA
314.	Noah Gindorff	TE	North Dakota State	UDFA
315.	Robert Cooper	DL	Eastern Washington	UDFA
316.	Joseph Ngata	WR	Clemson	UDFA
317.	Tyson Bagent	QB	Shepherd	UDFA
318.	Jacob Copeland	WR	Maryland	UDFA
319.	Malik Cunningham	QB	Louisville	UDFA
320.	B.J. Thompson	Edge	Stephen F. Austin	UDFA
321.	Christian Braswell	CB	Rutgers	UDFA
322.	Khoury Bethley	S	Arizona State	UDFA
323.	Justin Ford	CB	Montana	UDFA
324.	Merlin Robertson	LB	Arizona State	UDFA
325.	Jadakis Bonds	WR	Hampton	UDFA
326.	Lew Nichols	RB	Central Michigan	UDFA
327.	Tiyon Evans	RB	Louisville	UDFA
328.	Taron Vincent	DL	Ohio State	UDFA
329.	Kenderick Duncan Jr.	S	Louisville	UDFA
330.	Grant DuBose	WR	Charlotte	UDFA
331.	Jahleel Billingsley	TE	Texas	UDFA
332.	Caleb Chandler	IOL	Louisville	UDFA
333.	Malaesala Aumavae-Laulu	OT	Oregon	UDFA
334.	Brent Laing	IOL	Minnesota Duluth	UDFA
335.	Jacob Slade	DL	Michigan State	UDFA
336.	Micah Baskerville	LB	LSU	UDFA
337.	A.J. Finley	S	Mississippi	UDFA
338.	Kearis Jackson	WR	Georgia	UDFA
339.	Erick Hallett II	CB	Pittsburgh	UDFA
340.	Isaiah Bolden	CB	Jackson State	UDFA
341.	Tyrus Wheat	Edge	Mississippi State	UDFA
342.	Kadeem Telfort	OT	UAB	UDFA
343.	Carlton Martial	LB	Troy	UDFA
344.	Dalton Wagner	OT	Arkansas	UDFA
345.	Jacob Gall	IOL	Baylor	UDFA
346.	Travis Dye	RB	USC	UDFA
347.	Caleb Murphy	Edge	Ferris State	UDFA
348.	Noah Daniels	CB	TCU	UDFA
349.	Derek Parish	Edge	Houston	UDFA
350.	Brandon Kipper	OT	Oregon State	UDFA

QUARTERBACKS

2023 General Draft Outlook: Four QBs (Bryce Young, C.J. Stroud, Anthony Richardson and Will Levis) are likely to be taken in the first half of the 1st round, with perhaps the first three of them in that list going in the top 5. Quite which of them goes to which team will depend upon on each of the teams most likely to select them – Carolina, Houston and Indianapolis being three of the most likely teams – and what they specifically like in each one. The fifth QB, Hendon Hooker, will likely be off the board in round 2, but could yet sneak into round 1.

After the five QBs mentioned above, the next three who may be selected in the middle rounds are Tanner McKee, Jaren Hall and Jake Haener.

The next group of quarterbacks are likely to be selected in the second half of day 3, this group includes Max Duggan, 2 time National Champion Stetson Bennett, Aidan O’Connell and Dorian Thompson-Robinson. Thompson-Robinson divides opinion however, with some believing that he’ll be off the board somewhat earlier. Also watch out for Tyson Bagent of Division II Shepherd – a team may take a chance on the talented, record-breaking, passer.



Packers Outlook: Yet again, the QB position has been the main talking point in the Packers off-season, this time of course revolving around Aaron Rodgers’ proposed trade to the New York Jets. At the time of writing, the trade still hadn’t taken place, but we are assuming that it does. That being the case, Jordan Love, the team’s 2020 1st round draft choice, will finally get his shot to be nail down being the Packers future at the position.

This leaves the Packers currently with just one other QB on the roster – Danny Etling. Whilst it seems likely that the Packers will try and sign a veteran back-up before camp, it also seems highly possible that they will draft a developmental guy in the middle to late rounds – any of the likes of Clayton Tune, Jaren Hall or Jake Haener would not be a surprise choice for Green Bay.

TOP QUARTERBACKS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Bryce Young	QB	Alabama	1
2.	C.J. Stroud	QB	Ohio State	1
3.	Anthony Richardson	QB	Florida	1
4.	Will Levis	QB	Kentucky	1
5.	Hendon Hooker	QB	Tennessee	2-3
6.	Tanner McKee	QB	Stanford	3-4
7.	Jake Haener	QB	Fresno State	4-5
8.	Jaren Hall	QB	BYU	4-5
9.	Max Duggan	QB	TCU	6-7
10.	Dorian Thompson-Robinson	QB	UCLA	6-7
11.	Aidan O'Connell	QB	Purdue	6-7
12.	Stetson Bennett	QB	Georgia	6-7
13.	Clayton Tune	QB	Houston	7-UDFA
14.	Tyson Bagent	QB	Shepherd	UDFA
15.	Malik Cunningham	QB	Louisville	UDFA
16.	Tanner Morgan	QB	Minnesota	UDFA
17.	Tim DeMorat	QB	Fordham	UDFA
18.	Tommy DeVito	QB	Illinois	UDFA
19.	Sean Clifford	QB	Penn State	UDFA
20.	Todd Centeio	QB	James Madison	UDFA
21.	Holton Ahlers	QB	East Carolina	UDFA
22.	Chase Brice	QB	Appalachian State	UDFA
23.	Adrian Martinez	QB	Kansas State	UDFA
24.	Lindsey Scott	QB	Incarnate Word	UDFA
25.	Charlie Brewer	QB	Liberty	UDFA
26.	Dion Golatt Jr.	QB	Bowie State	UDFA
27.	Hunter Johnson	QB	Clemson	UDFA
28.	Jack Abraham	QB	Missouri	UDFA
29.	Jahkari Grant	QB	Virginia Union	UDFA
30.	Jalen Fowler	QB	North Carolina A&T	UDFA
31.	James Blackman	QB	Arkansas State	UDFA
32.	Larry Harrington	QB	Langston	UDFA
34.	Skyler Perry	QB	Arkansas Pine-Bluff	UDFA

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BRYCE YOUNG (Alabama)

High School: Had an outstanding high school career in California, capped by a senior season for which he was named USA Today High School Offensive Player of the Year.

College: Originally committed to USC before switching to Alabama. At Alabama, Young followed a season (2020) backing up now Patriots QB Mac Jones with a Heisman Trophy winning performance in 2021 – passing for more than 5,000 yards and 48 TDs with just 7 Ints. Followed up with a really good 2022, ending up in the top 10 in Heisman Voting. Understandably opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 36 games for Alabama, completing 66% of his passes for 8,356 yards with 80 TDs and 12 Ints. Had 15 career 300-yard passing games. Also ran for 162 yards (1.2 average) and 7 TDs.

Whilst not having an absolute cannon, Young has a nice arm being able to throw the ball down the field and short with touch. Has excellent accuracy and is super careful with the football. Makes really good decisions.

Deals with pass rush pressure really well, and is not afraid to stay in the pocket and go through his progressions in order to make the play. Isn't an outstanding runner, but is mobile enough to avoid the rush and get the pass off on the move. Will use his legs to run when he has to.

Has so much going for him but there is the question of his size - unfortunately, there's no getting away from the fact that he is undersized in comparison to the prototypical pro QB.

Suffered a shoulder injury which constrained him a little bit for a few weeks in 2022 and forced him to miss 1 game. However, there are no reported ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 6th in Heisman Trophy voting. PFF & USA Today 2nd Team All-American. 2nd Team All-SEC. Sugar Bowl MVP. Manning Award finalist. Walter Camp, Maxwell & O'Brien Awards semi-finalist. AAU James E. Sullivan Award finalist. Alabama Team MVP & Offensive Player of the Year Award co-winner. **2021** Winner: Heisman Trophy, Maxwell Award, O'Brien Award & Manning Award. TSN Player of the Year. SEC Offensive Player of the Year. SEC Championship Game MVP. Consensus 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-SEC.

QB #1

Overall #2

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.75

Ht: 5-10 ½

Wt: 204

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Young is an ultra-productive quarterback who knows how to win the big game. Although he doesn't have a huge arm, it's good enough and his football intelligence makes up for it – he knows when and where to throw the football and when to take off and make yards with his legs. Some teams will undoubtedly have an issue with his lack of size and that is a genuine concern, however in recent years NFL teams have been more prepared to look past that if the player has many of the other traits that they look for in an NFL passer – and Young does. Expect him to be off the board in the top 3 overall, quite possibly no.1 overall.

C.J. STROUD (Ohio State)

Misc: Fullname is Coleridge "C. J." Bernard Stroud IV.

High School: Had an outstanding high school career in California which included passing for 3,878 yards and 47 touchdowns in his senior season.

College: Stroud opted to attend college at Ohio State (over the likes of Michigan and Georgia). Redshirted his freshman season at OSU in 2020, before earning the starting job in 2021, when he had an excellent year after a slow start. Followed that up with another really good year in 2022, capped by an outstanding performance against Georgia (348 yards, 4 touchdowns) in the National Championship semi-final. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Stroud played in 27 games for the Buckeyes, completing 69.3% of his passes for 8,123 yards and 85 touchdowns with 12 interceptions. Had 15 career 300-yard passing games. He also rushed for 136 yards and 1 touchdown.

Stroud is an outstanding pro prospect with prototypical NFL QB size and a really nice arm and quick release. He is an excellent passer of the football with the capability to make every throw. Is extremely accurate with very good ball placement - and he is careful with the football not throwing many interceptions. Has good athletic ability, a little mobility and nice footwork in the pocket. However, he isn't as effective outside the pocket and throwing on the move.

Stroud isn't a Lamar Jackson type runner but can will pick up yards with his legs if needed. Interestingly he hangs onto the football waiting for plays to develop perhaps too long before taking off with the football – this is unusual in a pro prospect, as one of the normal criticisms would be that a quarterback prospect takes off too quickly.

Had a nagging shoulder injury in early 2021 season which caused him issues and forced him to miss 1 game. No reported ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 3rd in Heisman Trophy voting. Walter Camp, Unitas & O'Brien Awards finalist. Graham-George Big 10 Offensive Player of the Year. Griese-Brees Big 10 quarterback of the Year. Walter Camp Foundation, CBS & AFCA 2nd Team All-American. **2022 & 2021** 1st Team All-Big 10. **2021** 4th in Heisman Trophy voting. Graham-George Big 10 Offensive Player of the Year. Griese-Brees Big 10 quarterback of the Year. Thompson-Randle El Big 10 Freshman of the Year. AP 3rd Team All-American. The Athletic Freshman All-American.

QB #2

Overall #3

Round 1

Class: RS-Sophomore

Age*: 21.56

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 214

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Thanks to his skills and attributes (arm, release etc.), Stroud would almost certainly have been selected higher than any of the quarterbacks chosen in the 2022 draft. He should be off the board in the top 3 overall this time round, indeed he will likely vie with Bryce Young to be the first quarterback chosen in this draft– it probably will all depend on exactly what the selecting team is looking for as to whether they pick Stroud or Young.

ANTHONY RICHARDSON (Florida)

High School: Richardson had a really nice high school career as a dual-purpose quarterback – demonstrating his athletic ability, running for more touchdowns (41) than he passed for (37). Played that high school ball in Gainesville, Florida.

College: Opted to stay right at home to attend the University of Florida. Threw just 59 passes in his first two seasons as a Gator (2020-21) – redshirting the 2020 season - before earning the starting job for the 2022 season. Perhaps surprisingly, Richardson opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 24 games (13 starts) for the Gators, completing 54.7% of his passes for 3,105 yards, with 24 touchdowns and 15 interceptions. Had 2 career 300 yard passing games (both of them actually 400-yard games). Also ran for 654 yards (6.9 average) and 12 touchdowns.

Richardson has prototypical NFL quarterback size with a huge arm and a smooth, polished, and quick release. His throwing motion really is something to behold. However, he can also be an inconsistent thrower and particularly needs to work on his accuracy and ball placement – especially when passing on the move.

Richardson has outstanding physical presence coupled with the mobility to get outside the pocket and take off and run – picking up huge yardage with his legs. He truly is a dual threat to any defense that faces him.

Richardson is an all-round, dynamic, super exciting, big play maker who lacks experience – was only a one-year starter in college and hardly played in the two years previous to that.

An injured shoulder ended his senior season in high school (2019). No subsequent reported injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Named to Bruce Feldman’s Freak List. **2021** All-SEC Freshman team.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

The exciting Richardson’s decision to enter this draft with eligibility remaining may be surprising but given his skillset and the possible strength of the 2024 draft at the QB position he may have considered this year as the best year. Teams are going to be enamoured with the mixture of his arm, athleticism, size and strength - as he demonstrated at the combine. Having just a single year as a college starter will be of concern to some and will likely ensure that he is selected by a team that is looking for him to sit for a year (or two) before taking over as the starter. Teams are also likely to want to reign back on his propensity to run, which may in time increase his risk of getting injury. Richardson’s aforementioned skills and physical ability mean that Richardson has the potential to be an outstanding NFL QB. Whether he can develop into that will be question that potential suitors will have to ask themselves – nonetheless, he’s off the board in the first few picks overall.

QB #3

Overall #6

Round 1

Class: Sophomore

Age*: 21.93

Ht: 6-4 ¼

Wt: 244

40: 4.43

WILL LEVIS (Kentucky)

High School: Levis had a productive high school career in Massachusetts, playing football and baseball.

College: Levis opted to attend Penn State to play his college football. After redshirting in 2018, he was a back-up to fellow potential draftee Sean Clifford in 2019 (making 1 start) and again in 2020 (making another start). With his opportunities limited, Levis then opted to transfer from the Nittany Lions to Kentucky between the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Started every game for Kentucky in 2021, having a very nice season. Followed that up with a good, if sometimes inconsistent, 2022 – although that inconsistency is likely to have been caused by multiple injuries that he battled through for much of the season.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at Penn State, Levis played in 14 games (2 starts), completing 59.8% of his passes for 644 yards and 3 touchdowns, with 2 interceptions. He also rushed for 473 yards and 6 touchdowns.

In his 2 seasons at Kentucky, Levis played in 24 games (24 starts), completing 65.7% of his passes for 5,232 yards and 43 touchdowns, with 23 interceptions. Had 6 career 300-yard passing games (including 1 400-yard game). Levis also rushed for 443 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Levis has an extremely strong arm – probably the strongest of any QB in this draft – and is capable of making all of the throws. But isn't always as consistent and accurate as he could be. Ball placement needs some work.

Is big and strong and will challenge would be tacklers to bring him down. Couples this strength with good mobility and the ability to avoid the rush but sometimes this gets him into trouble when takes off too early without going through his progressions.

Suffered from foot (turf toe) and shoulder injuries throughout much of the 2022 season – although he continued to play before finally sitting out the season ending Motor City Bowl.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Unitas Award semi-finalist. SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2021** SEC First Year Academic Honour Roll. Walter Camp Connecticut Player of the Year. **2020** Academic All-Big 10. **2019** Academic All-Big 10.

QB #4

Overall #16

Round 1

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.83

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 229

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

First thing to say – Levis will be selected higher than we have him ranked. He has a huge arm, really good size, the strength to shake off defenders and the toughness to play through pain. And yet, question marks remain. In particular, the facts that his resume lacks the statement game against a big school and that his 2022 season wasn't the break-out exceptional year that many expected (although injuries didn't help). If Levis can develop then he has all of the physical traits to be a superstar quarterback in the NFL and because such players come around infrequently, he's likely to be off the board early in round 1.

HENDON HOOKER (Tennessee)

High School: Hooker was a dual threat QB in high school in North Carolina, passing for over 6,000 yards and rushing for nearly 3,000. Also had 48 passing TDs with a further 48 on the ground.

College: Opted to attend Virginia Tech, where he started 15 games across 2019 and 2020. Transferred to Tennessee for 2021, earning the starting job early in the season. Was excellent as the starter in both 2021 and 2022 and had an incredible 5 TD day against Alabama. Unfortunately suffered a season ending ACL injury late in the 2022 season.

College Stats: From 2018 to 2020 at Virginia Tech, Hooker played in 25 games (15 starts), completing 63.1% of his passes for 2,894 yards with 22 touchdowns and 7 interceptions. Had 1 career 300 yard passing game. Also rushed for 1,033 yards (4.2 average) and 15 touchdowns for the Hokies.

In 2 seasons at Tennessee (2021-22), Hooker played in 25 games (22 starts), completing 69% of his passes for 6,080 yards with 58 touchdowns and just 5 interceptions. Had 6 career 300 yard passing games. Also rushed for 1,046 yards (3.9 average) and 10 touchdowns.

Hooker is a fine athlete with prototypical size for a pro quarterback. He is tough and has the strength to shrug off would be tacklers both inside and outside the pocket. Is a nice runner who can pick up huge chunks of yardage with his legs.

Hooker has an outstanding arm with the ability to throw deep and with touch. Is also careful with the football, not throwing many interceptions. Does however need some work on his mechanics and his vision to see the whole field.

Unfortunately, Hooker suffered a torn ACL in November 2022, ending his season and possibly will keep him out for 9-12 months. Is also over 25 years old.

Honours & Awards: 2022 5th in Heisman Trophy voting. AP 3rd Team All-American. SEC Offensive Player of the Year. 1st Team All-SEC. Finalist for Walter Camp, Manning and Uitas Awards. O'Brien Award semi-finalist. Jason Witten Man of the Year Award semi-finalist. 2021 O'Brien Award semi-finalist. 1st Year SEC Academic Honor Roll.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hooker has many of the traits that NFL teams are looking for in an NFL quarterback, although there is a little work to do on certain mechanics. One of the Keys for him will obviously be the recovery schedule from the ACL injury – this injury (which kept him from taking part in the drills at the combine), coupled with his age, will likely see him drop into day 2 of the draft (even further if the ACL isn't recovering well). However if a team is prepared to be patient, then Hooker still has the potential to be a successful NFL starter a couple of years or so down the line.



QB #5

Overall #62

Round 2-3

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 25.28

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 217

40: n/a

TANNER McKEE (Stanford)

High School: McKee overcame melanoma to have a highly successful high school career in California.

College: Opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at Stanford. Following attendance at an LDS mission, he played in just 1 game in 2020 before winning the starting QB job in 2021 – performing excellently in the first half of the season before injuries saw him struggle down the stretch. However, he led a come from behind victory against then no.3 Oregon which brought McKee's name to the forefront of national observers. Came back again as the starter in 2022, again with up and down results. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: McKee played in 23 games for Stanford, completing 63% of his passes for 5,336 yards with 28 touchdowns and 15 interceptions. Also had 4 career 300 yard passing games. He also had 74 carries for -90 yards and 6 touchdowns.

McKee continues the Cardinal tradition of outstanding QBs that includes the likes of John Elway, Andrew Luck and Jim Plunkett.

McKee is strong and tough and has outstanding physical attributes, not least his combination of height and weight which is close to the ideal for an NFL QB. He couples these physical advantages with a super strong arm, a nice release and seemingly the ability to make all the throws from inside the pocket. When in rhythm, McKee can get on a roll during a game completing pass after pass.

He is a pure pocket passer without great mobility though and therefore can struggle if faced with a heavy pass rush or if flushed. And while this is generally true of many quarterbacks it seems exacerbated a little in McKee. Won't beat teams with his legs and this part of his game isn't likely to worry defenses.

Suffered a wrist injury that forced him to miss a couple of games in 2021. Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2021 Honorable Mention All-Pac12. Irving S. Zeimer MVP (team's MVP). Pac12 All-Academic Honor Roll.

QB #6

Overall #111

Round 3-4

Class: Junior

Age*: 23.00

Ht: 6-6

Wt: 231

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

McKee had the chance to return to school for the 2023 season and may be taking a little bit of a chance by declaring for the draft this time around – could probably have done with another year in college to hone his skills. McKee has lots of traits that the pros love including prototypical size and excellent arm strength – although some might see him as a little static. Despite the lack of consistent top-notch success at the college level coupled with not staying in school another year, we can expect McKee to be off the board probably on day 2 or early on day 3 – picked by a team who has time to develop his skills. Could develop into a long time NFL starter and even Pro Bowl level quarterback.

JAKE HAENER (Fresno State)

High School: Had a record setting high school career in California.

College: Haener opted to attend the Washington to play his college ball. Redshirted his freshman season for the Huskies (2017), before seeing minimal action as a backup in 2018. With his opportunities limited at Washington, he transferred to Fresno State prior to the 2019 season – although he had to sit out that season due to the NCAA transfer rules in place at the time. Finally became a starting college QB in the Covid-19 impacted 2020 season and had an excellent year. Followed that with another outstanding year as the starter in 2021 – playing through an injured hip. Considered transferring out of Fresno State between the 2021 and 2022 seasons before changing his mind and returning for another very good (2022) season.

College Stats: Played in just 3 games in his single season for Washington, completing 9 of 13 passes for 107 yards with 1 touchdown and 1 interception. Had 1 rushing attempt for -9 yards.

In 3 years at Fresno State, Haener played in 29 games, completing 68.2% of his passes for 9,013 yards with 67 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. Also rushed for -100 yards on 174 carries.

Haener is a productive passer who is consistent and extremely accurate – knowing how to find the open receiver and hit him early, thanks to good mechanics, a quick release and very decisive decision making. Makes the short and underneath throws well and with touch when needed.

He also has poise in the pocket, with footwork that enables him to move just enough to avoid the rush. Is also super tough and will hang in the pocket long enough to make a play. However, Haener doesn't have a huge arm and lacks the prototypical size that NFL scouts like.

He is also not overly mobile and won't beat you with his legs. At over 24 years old, his age probably counts against him also.

2022 Suffered an ankle injury which saw him miss 4 games early in the season. **2021** Had a hip injury in 2021 but played through it (even if perhaps he shouldn't have).

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Mountain West. Mountain West Championship Game Offensive MVP. Senior Bowl MVP. **2021** 2nd Team All-Mountain West. O'Brien Award semi-finalist. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Mountain West.

QB #7

Overall #142

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.13

Ht: 6-0

Wt: 207

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Was the outstanding quarterback at the Senior Bowl underlining his standing as one of the most underrated players at this position in this draft. However, his lack of arm strength, size and age will see him fall in the draft somewhere on day 3. Haener has the capability to be one of those passers who hangs around the league as a back-up for a decade, with the possibility to be a starter in the right system.

JAREN HALL (BYU)

High School: Had an effective high school career in Utah, playing both football and basketball. As a quarterback, he passed for more than 5,000 yards and 52 touchdowns.

College: Opted to attend college at BYU, to play both football and baseball – his father, mother, and brother all previously attended BYU. Jalen played sparingly at quarterback for BYU prior to 2021, having redshirted in 2018 and then receiving a medical redshirt for 2020. Started twice in 2019, before injury ended his season. Finally became the full-time starter in 2021 having a good season which he followed up with an even better 2022.

Is the latest in a long line of productive BYU quarterbacks that includes the likes of Jim McMahon, Steve Young, Marc Wilson, Robbie Bosco, Ty Detmer, Taysom Hill, and Zach Wilson.

College Stats: Played in 35 games for BYU (with 25 starts), completing 65.2% of his passes for 6,174 yards with 52 touchdowns and just 11 interceptions. He also rushed for 798 yards (4.4 average) and 9 touchdowns.

Hall is a super athlete, who has been able to beat teams at the college level with both his arm and legs. While his running ability is so good, that on occasion can work against him as he may take off and run too quickly - rather than hanging in the pocket, going through all of his progressions and letting the play develop.

His mobility helps him in the pockets and as a pure passer, Hall is consistent with a really good arm, a decent release and is an accurate thrower of the ball – doesn't make many mistakes. Is able to make most of the throws.

However, Hall is undersized and has an injury history. Is also one of the oldest quarterbacks in this draft at over 25 years of age. .

2022 Suffered an ankle injury **2021** Missed some playing time, including the season ending Bowl game, due to nagging injuries which included bruised ribs. **2020** Missed the whole season due to a hip injury. **2019** Suffered a couple of concussions, one of which ended his season.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Phil Steele & CFN All-Independent team. **2021** PFN Independent QB of the Year. Phil Steele All-Independent team.

QB #8

Overall #152

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 25.09

Ht: 6-0

Wt: 207

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hall's true dual threat ability and productivity as a passer and runner, coupled with his really nice arm will intrigue NFL teams. On his day he can beat teams with his arm or legs. However, his lack of size coupled with both his injury history and age will work against him. But it will just take one team to believe that he can be productive quickly or be used as a "special play" type QB (a la Taysom Hill) for him to be given a shot - and therefore expect him to be off the board in the first half of day 3.

MAX DUGGAN (TCU)

High School: Duggan had a very productive high school career in Iowa where he excelled as a dual threat quarterback.

College: Opted to play his college ball at TCU. Won the starting job at early in his freshman season (2019) and role that he kept in another sound season in 2020. Had a good season in 2021 but not enough to keep his job heading into 2022. Duggan was benched prior to the 2022 season but regained the starting QB role when Chandler Morris went down injured in the very first game – Duggan rebounded by having his best season – winning multiple honours along the way - and leading TCU to the CFP National Championship Game.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at TCU, Duggan played in 47 games (43 starts), completing 60.3% of his passes for 9, 618 yards and 73 touchdowns with 28 interceptions. Had 7 career 300-yard passing games. Also rushed 488 times for 1,856 yards (3.8 average) and 28 touchdowns. Had 5 career 100-yard rushing games. Also caught 2 passes for 1 yard.

Duggan lacks the prototypical size of an NFL quarterback but that doesn't hold him back in terms of competitiveness and character. Duggan is a tough operator who will hang in the pocket to try and make the play. Also has the athletic ability to take off and make plays with his legs.

He has a strong arm, without a hugely speedy release. Has decent accuracy on short and intermediate throws but needs to work on accuracy on the long ball. Wants to make plays and sometimes tries to force the ball.

2021 Played most of the season with multiple foot injuries – he had surgery after the season was complete. **2020** A heart condition (which he was born with) required surgery prior to the 2020 season.

Honours & Awards: **2022** TSN, FWAA & Phil Steele 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 12. Winner O'Brien & Uitas Awards. 2nd in Heisman Trophy voting. Walter Camp Award finalist. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award winner. Maxwell Award semi-finalist. AP Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. 2nd Team Academic All-Big 12. **2021 & 2020** 2nd Team Academic All-Big 12. **2019** Honorable Mention Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year. Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team.

QB #9

Overall #225

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.12

Ht: 6-1 ½

Wt: 207

40: 4.52

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Duggan's story is one of triumphing over adversity – he overcome illness, injury and being benched to deliver an outstanding 2022 and put himself into contention for this draft. Pro teams will love his toughness, competitiveness and attitude. They will also love his athleticism and ability to pick yardage with his legs as well as through the air. However, as a passer there are a number of areas that will be of concern – including his size, consistency, decision making and ability to throw long. Duggan clearly has some areas that will require development, but he has enough for teams to take a shot on him. Likely to be off the board late on day 3.

DORIAN THOMPSON-ROBINSON (UCLA)

Misc: Known as “DTR”.

High School: Was a dual-threat QB in high school in Nevada, at the same high school as CB Kyu Blu Kelly who is also likely to be selected in this draft.

College: Opted to play his college ball at UCLA. Started the majority of games in his freshman season (2018). In 2019 he became the permanent full-time starter under center – missing only 2 games due to injury in the remainder of his college career. 3 times he earned some all-conference notice (2020, 2021 and 2022), with his performance getting better each successive year.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at UCLA, DTR played in 50 games (48 starts), completing 63% of his passes for 10,710 yards and 88 touchdowns, with 36 interceptions. Had 7 career 300-yard passing games, including 1 over 500 yards. Also rushed for 1,826 yards on 471 attempts (3.9 average) and 28 touchdowns. Had 2 career 100-yard rushing games. Had 28 career fumbles.

DTR is very experienced at the college level, after just 1 year as a high school starter. He is a competitive, dynamic and exciting football player who will do what it takes to try and win – and this includes putting his body on the line.

DTR is an undersized dual threat QB who is a fine athlete. He is very tough and will take off and run and find the end zone with his legs, but he takes way more hits than you’d like to see. Unfortunately, with those hits has come a propensity to fumble – 28 during his UCLA career. His body isn’t really built to take huge amounts of punishment.

Has a decent arm and release. He is a solid passer when he makes quick decisions and gets the ball out equally quickly, However, when throwing under pressure he gets much less accurate and can get into trouble. Also, doesn’t throw long with consistent accuracy.

2022 Missed part of the Sun Bowl (he left the game) with a back injury. **2021** Missed 1 game due to an injured hand. **2019** Missed 1 game due to a lower leg injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Pac 12. O’Brien Award semi-finalist. **2021 & 2020** 2nd Team All-Pac 12.

QB #10

Overall #226

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.45

Ht: 6-1 5/8

Wt: 203

40: 4.56

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Thompson-Robinson is a dangerous dual threat QB who is capable of giving defenses fits. The big questions for NFL scouts will likely be does he fit the style of offense we are going to run and at his build, is he durable and secure enough with the football to be successful at the next level? He will divide opinion with many having him higher on their boards than we do. Right now, the questions outweigh the answers for us, and we think he’ll be a late round draft pick – but as we often say, it only takes 1 team to fall in with love his skills and potential, for him to go higher.

AIDAN O'CONNELL (Purdue)

High School: was a dual-sport athlete in high school in Illinois, playing basketball as well as football.

College: Didn't receive any scholarship offers from FBS schools (had an offer from Division II Davenport University) and flirted with Division III Wheaton College before finally deciding to walk on at Purdue. Didn't see the field in either 2017 (redshirted his true freshman season) or 2018 (back-up but didn't play). Started 3 games with some success in each of 2019 and 2020. Finally became the full-time starter early in 2021, having a 3,000 yard season and earning all-conference recognition. Had a similar season in 2022, again earning all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 6 seasons at Purdue (2017-22), O'Connell played in 33 games (27 games), completing 67% of his passes for 9,219 yards and 65 touchdowns, with 30 interceptions. Had 14 career 300-yard passing games, including 3 400-yard passing games and 2 500-yard passing games. Rushed for -274 yards on 95 attempts (-2.9 average) and 2 touchdowns.

O'Connell has good size for a quarterback and has some nice traits – he's smart, reportedly a great character and team leader. However, he doesn't have some of the attributes which ideally an NFL quarterback should have – his arm is the strongest, his release isn't the quickest and he isn't the most mobile of passers. He's not going to escape from the pocket and consistently trouble defenses.

However, O'Connell is tough. He will stand in the pocket, go through his progressions and take the hit in order to get the pass off. And while he's not overly mobile, his footwork will help him move and avoid some of the rush. Is an accurate passer on short and intermediate passes with good ball placement.

Missed 1 game in 2022 due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Burlsworth Trophy finalist. Wuerffel Trophy semi-finalist. **2022 & 2021** 2nd Team All-Big 10. **2021** NFF Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award winner. **2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 & 2018** Academic All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

O'Connell has developed during his time in college, improving some of his mechanics and the mental side of the game. His arm strength and release are not what teams would ideally look for in a prototypical NFL quarterback, but there are plenty of quarterbacks who hang around the league as back-ups for many years who have similar arms and release to O'Connell. O'Connell's lack of great mobility nor his age (he'll be 25 by the time the 2023 season) doesn't help his draft case either. On the plus side, he put up a good showing at the East-West Shrine Game, which helps his status. Will probably be a late pick on day 3 and will battle in camp for a no.3 or practice squad spot.

QB #11

Overall #238

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.65

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 214

40: n/a

STETSON BENNETT (Georgia)

Misc: Nicknamed “The Mailman”.

High School: Had a successful high school career in Georgia.

College: Bennett didn’t get any scholarship offers from FBS level schools and opted to walk on at the University of Georgia. Didn’t see any action for the Bulldogs in 2017 (redshirting) and looking for playing time, he transferred to Jones County Junior College (Mississippi) for the 2018 season. He went back to Georgia in 2019 and played a little that year, before starting half of the Bulldogs’ games in 2020. Became the full-time starter in 2021 and helped his team win back-to-back national titles.

College Stats: In his single season (2018) at Jones County Junior College, Bennett played in 12 games (12 starts), completing 56% of his passes for 1,840 yards and 16 touchdowns, with 14 interceptions. Also rushed 69 times for 148 yards (2.1 average) and 4 touchdowns.

In his 5 seasons (2017, 2019-22) at Georgia, Bennett played in 42 games (32 starts), completing 65% of his passes for 8,428 yards and 66 touchdowns, with 21 interceptions. Had 8 career 300-yard passing games. Also rushed 141 times for 530 yards (3.8 average) and 14 touchdowns.

Bennett is overage, lacks the prototypical size, arm strength and quick release and yet, he has been more than successful – leading Georgia to multiple big game wins, including two CFP National Championships. Simply put, he knows how to lead and win at the college level.

Bennett does some of the unnoticed things really well – goes through his progressions, doesn’t bail on plays and yet will avoid giving up sacks. He’s an accurate and consistent passer, who plays within the system – generally, plays within his limitations.

Has better than advertised athleticism and running ability.

Suffered a minor shoulder injury in early 2022 but missed very little playing time.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 4th in Heisman Trophy voting. 2nd Team All-SEC. Burlsworth Trophy winner. Uitas Award finalist. O’Brien Award semi-finalist. **2021** Burlsworth Trophy finalist. CFP National Championship Game Offensive MVP (played in early 2022). Capital One Orange Bowl Offensive MVP (played in early 2022).

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Bennett is one of the oldest players in the draft – he will be nearly 26 years old when the 2023 NFL season gets underway, this coupled with his small physical stature and lack of arm strength will be huge concerns for NFL scouts. Part of the counter to this is his high level experience in big games and his ability play well in those games. He certainly knows how to win. Expect Bennett to be selected at some point on day 3, by a team looking for a 3rd string quarterback to potentially develop into a long-term NFL back-up.

QB #12

Overall #246

Round 6-7

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 25.49

Ht: 5-11 ¾

Wt: 192

40: 4.67

CLAYTON TUNE (Houston)

High School: Tune had a fine high school career in Plano, Texas as a mobile quarterback who threw for nearly 7,000 yards while rushing for more than 1,000.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Kansas before changing that commitment to play at the University of Houston. As a true freshman for the Cougars (2018), Tune saw a little action early and started the final two games of the season. The following season he started the majority of games playing pretty well. Became the full-time starter in 2020, having a second straight good season. Starting earning some postseason honours after a fine 2021, which he followed with an outstandingly productive 2022 – both passing and rushing.

College Stats: In his 5 years at UH, Tune played in 44 games, completing 64% of his passes for 11,127 yards and 95 touchdowns, with 41 interceptions. Had 12 career 300-yard passing games, which includes 2 400-yard games and 1 500-yard game. Also rushed for 1,298 yards on 392 attempts (3.3 average) and 15 touchdowns. Had 3 career 100-yard rushing games.

Tune is a little under prototypical quarterback size but not majorly so, and is big enough. He is a tough player who isn't afraid to take a hit, both in the pocket and on the move, to make the play. He has developed into a fine team leader.

Tune has a decent arm and a nice release which is also helped by his decision making – he gets the ball out quickly with consistent accuracy, especially on short and intermediate routes. Isn't likely to beat teams deep however.

Is super mobile and is an excellent runner who will escape the pocket and pick up lots of yards with his legs. Perhaps sometimes may take off too early, not allowing time for the play to fully develop.

Is over 24 years of age.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-AAC. Independence Bowl Offensive MVP. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist. Dave Campbell's Texas Football 2nd Team. Manning Academic Nike Air-it-Out winner. **2021** Birmingham Bowl MVP. Dave Campbell's Texas Football 2nd Team. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Tune has kind of gone under the radar – but he's better than many give credit for. Hasn't played against many of the biggest schools in the FBS and isn't A1 in a number of the traits that NFL scouts look for in a quarterback, but he's a good leader on the field who generally makes good decisions and moves his football team. Notably, he's a consistent and reliable passer and can pick up crucial yards with his feet. Should be good enough to at least challenge for no.3 spot on an NFL roster. Will likely be off the board late on day 3.

QB #13

Overall #258

Round 7-UDFA

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.10

Ht: 6-2 ½

Wt: 220

40: 4.64

TYSON BAGENT (Shepherd)

Misc: Last name pronounced to rhyme agent. Bagent's father is a multiple time arm-wrestling world champion.

High School: Attended high school in West Virginia.

College: Opted to stay in his home state and play his college ball at Division II Shepherd U. Became an immediate starter in 2018, having a fine first year and earning all-conference recognition. Didn't miss a beat in 2019 as he notched up a 4,000 yard passing season. With 2020 all but cancelled due to the pandemic, Bagent came back in 2021 and topped all of his previous numbers as he passed for more than 5,000 yards and 53 scores. He earned the Harlon Hill Trophy (known as the Division II Heisman) for the his exploits. In 2022, Bagent through for "just" 4,580 yards and 41 touchdowns. In each of 2021 and 2022 he earned Division II All-American recognition.

College Stats: Bagent finished his college career as the NCAA all-time leader for TD passes with 159, with just 48 interceptions. Completed 68.6% of his passes for 17,304 yards. Started in 53 games, racking up a 43-10 record. Had 32 career 300-yard passing games (including 10 400-yard games). Also rushed for 179 yards on 224 carries (0.8 average) and 12 TDs.

Bagent has been a hugely productive college quarterback, albeit at the Division II level. He has good size (just under NFL prototypical numbers) and decent athletic ability which enables him to move and get outside the pocket to make plays with his arm. Doesn't pick up great yardage on the run. Is a fine team leader type.

Where he has difficulties are not consistently going through his progressions and also getting mechanically inconsistent when faced with a rush in his face.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team Division II All-American. **2022 & 2021** PSAC East Offensive Player of the Year. 1st Team All-PSAC East. D2CCA Super Region One Offensive Player of the Year. D2CCA Super Region One Offensive Player of the Year. **2021** Harlon Hill Trophy winner (Division II's best player). AP 1st Team Division II All-American. Don Hansen Division II, & D2Football.com Offensive Player of the Year. D2Football.com Elite 100 1st Team. Hardman Award winner (WV top amateur athlete). **2019 & 2018** Nominee for Harlon Hill Trophy. **2019** 2nd Team All-PSAC East. **2018** 1st Team All-MEC. 3rd Team Don Hansen All-Super Region One Team.

QB #14

Overall #317

UDFA

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 22.88

Ht: 6-3 ½

Wt: 213

40: 4.79

DRAFT OUTLOOK

What does being one of the most productive passers ever in college football history count for when it comes to the potential to play at the pro level? And especially when that production came at the Division II level. It remains to be seen. Bagent definitely has some transferrable attributes although he has also likely has some development on his mechanics to come. Bagent grades out as a likely undrafted free agent, but he may just intrigue NFL scouts enough to sneak into the back end of day 3.

The Next Best Quarterbacks...

15. Malik Cunningham (Louisville)

Likely undrafted free agent. True dual threat quarterback, whose running skills are at least a match for his passing. Cunningham is much smaller than the prototypical NFL quarterback. Across his Louisville career, Cunningham played completed 62.6% of his passes for 9,660 yards, with 70 touchdowns and 29 interceptions. Also rushed for 3,179 yards (5.2 average) and 50 touchdowns. Perhaps his best chance in the NFL would be as some kind of gadget player.

Age: 24.56. Ht: 5-11 $\frac{3}{4}$. Wt: 192. 40: 4.53. Is #319 overall on our draft board.

16. Tanner Morgan (Minnesota)

Likely undrafted free agent. Super experienced. Across his Minnesota career, Morgan played in 51 games (47 starts), completing 62.6% of his passes for 9,454 yards, with 65 touchdowns and 32 interceptions. Also had 8 rushing touchdowns. Has just enough mobility to generally avoid the rush. Not a long ball quarterback. Tanner was selected as the 8th overall pick in the 2023 USFL draft (by the Michigan Panthers) back in February.

Age 24.03. Ht: 6-2. Wt: 215. 40: 4.97 (Pro Day). Is #433 overall on our draft board.

17. Tim DeMorat (Fordham)

Likely undrafted free agent. Highly decorated quarterback who was a 4-time 1st Team All-Patriot League selection and a 3-time All-Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year. Was an FCS 2nd Team All-American and Walter Payton Award finalist in 2022. His 2022 season was outstanding, passing for 4,891 yards and 56 touchdowns. Across his Fordham career, DeMorat completed 61% of his passes for 13,461 yards, with 123 touchdowns and 39 interceptions. Also rushed for 17 touchdowns.

Age: n/a. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #504 overall on our draft board.

18. Tommy DeVito (Illinois)

Likely undrafted free agent. Was at Syracuse from 2017 to 2021 where he had a stop-start career, before transferring to Illinois for his Senior season. Across his whole college career DeVito completed 63.1% of his passes, with 43 touchdowns and 16 interceptions. Also rushed for 10 touchdowns.

Age 24.72. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #505 overall on our draft board

19. Sean Clifford (Penn State)

Likely undrafted free agent. Mobile quarterback. Across his college career, Clifford completed 61.4% of his passes, with 86 touchdowns and 31 interceptions. Also rushed for 1,073 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Age 24.79. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a.

20. Todd Centeio (James Madison)

Likely undrafted free agent. Was at Temple for 3 seasons (2017-19) and then at Colorado State for 2 seasons (2020-21) before transferring to James Madison for his final college career. Across his whole college career, Centeio completed 61.2% of his passes for 6,475 yards, with 48 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. Also rushed for 1,132 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Age 24.64. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a.

21. Holton Ahlers (East Carolina)

Likely undrafted free agent. Left handed quarterback. Ahlers had an excellent 2022 postseason, earning MVP honours in both the Hula Bowl and the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl. Across his East Carolina career, Ahlers played in 55 games, starting in 50. Completed 60.7% of his passes for 13,933 yards, with 97 touchdowns and 37 interceptions. Finished his career owning a number of school and AAC Conference passing records.

Age: 23.46. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a.

22. Chase Brice (Appalachian State)

Likely undrafted free agent. Transferred twice in his college career – firstly from Clemson to Duke and then from Duke to Appalachian State. Across his college career. Brice played in 60 games (37 starts), completing 60% of his passes for 9,451 yards, with 73 touchdowns and 36 interceptions.

Age: n/a. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #747 overall on our draft board

23. Adrian Martinez (Kansas State)

Likely undrafted free agent. Transferred from Nebraska to Kansas State. Across his whole college career, Martinez played in 45 games (44 starts), completing 63.4% of his passes for 9,391 yards, with 49 touchdowns and 30 interceptions.

Age: n/a. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a.

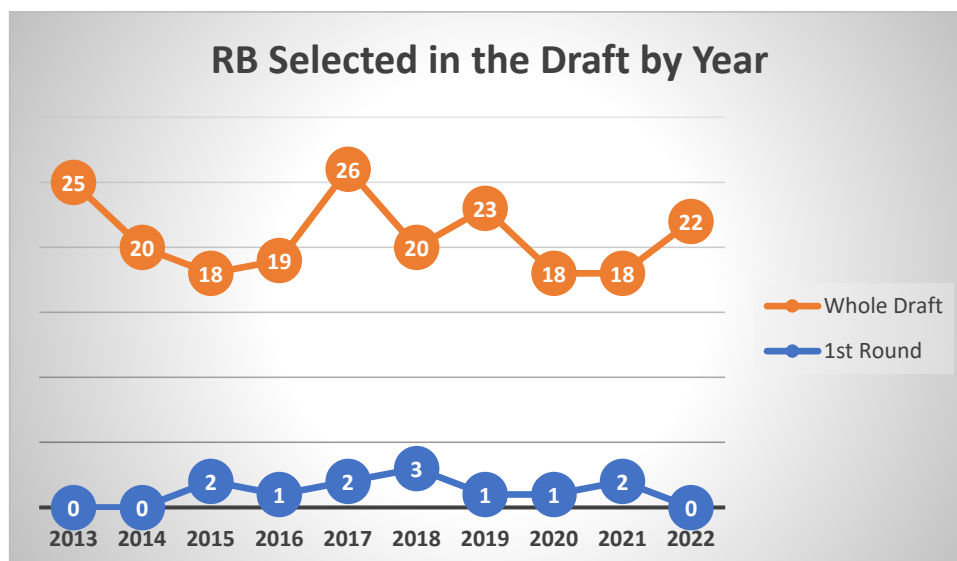
RUNNING BACKS

2023 General Draft Outlook: As has been the case in recent years, don't expect a plethora of running backs to be selected in the 1st round of this draft – teams no longer like to spend a premium pick at the position, with an average of only 1.2 being selected in the 1st round in each of the last 10 years. However, there is one running back in this draft that we should expect to go on day 1, and that's Bijan Robinson of Texas. Robinson is the best prospect at this position in a few years, at least since Saquon Barkley was drafted by the Giants in 2018.

The only other back with an outside chance of sneaking into round 1 is Alabama's speedster Jahmyr Gibbs, but it seems more likely that he'll get picked early in round 2.

This is a class of running backs that's quite deep in talent as we get into days 2 and 3. It's possible that we may see another 5-6 running backs taken on day 2, led by the likes of Zach Charbonnet, Devon Achane, Zach Evans and Tyjae Spears. For teams looking for a receiving back, Georgia's Kenny McIntosh may be the pick.

The later rounds will see a mixture of big backs and smaller shifty backs available. Some of the players we can expect to see drafted in round 3 include Roschon Johnson, Chase Brown and Eric Gray.



Packers Outlook: With Aaron Jones' contract having been restructured this off-season and with A.J. Dillon also on the roster there doesn't appear to be an immediate need for the Packers to be drafting at this position early. The current no.3 running back on the Packers roster is the intriguing Patrick Taylor, with Tyler Goodson also pushing for a spot.

Still, it wouldn't be a surprise to see Green Bay use one of the middle or late round picks at the position just to take a look and see. Somebody like the aforementioned Kenny McIntosh, Roschon Johnson or Israel Abanikanda could be a possibility here.

TOP RUNNING BACKS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Bijan Robinson	RB	Texas	1
2.	Jahmyr Gibbs	RB	Alabama	1-2
3.	Devon Achane	RB	Texas A&M	2-3
4.	Zach Charbonnet	RB	UCLA	2-3
5.	Tyjae Spears	RB	Tulane	3
6.	Zach Evans	RB	Mississippi	3
7.	Tank Bigsby	RB	Auburn	3-4
8.	Roschon Johnson	RB	Texas	3-4
9.	Kendre Miller	RB	TCU	3-4
10.	DeWayne McBride	RB	UAB	4-5
11.	Sean Tucker	RB	Syracuse	4-5
12.	Kenny McIntosh	RB	Georgia	4-5
13.	Chase Brown	RB	Illinois	4-5
14.	Eric Gray	RB	Oklahoma	4-5
15.	Israel Abanikanda	RB	Pittsburgh	4-5
16.	Deuce Vaughn	RB	Kansas State	4-5
17.	Evan Hull	RB	Northwestern	6-7
18.	Mohamed Ibrahim	RB	Minnesota	6-7
19.	Keaton Mitchell	RB	East Carolina	6-7
20.	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	Kentucky	6-7
21.	Camerun Peoples	RB	Appalachian State	7-UDFA
22.	Tavion Thomas	RB	Utah	7-UDFA
23.	Xazavian Valladay	RB	Arizona State	UDFA
24.	Lew Nichols	RB	Central Michigan	UDFA
25.	Tiyon Evans	RB	Louisville	UDFA
26.	Travis Dye	RB	USC	UDFA
27.	Deneric Prince	RB	Tulsa	UDFA
28.	SaRodorick Thompson	RB	Texas Tech	UDFA
29.	Trelon Smith	RB	UTSA	UDFA
30.	Chris Smith	RB	Louisiana	UDFA
31.	Khalan Laborn	RB	Marshall	UDFA
32.	Aidan Borguet	RB	Harvard	UDFA
33.	Jaleel McLaughlin	RB	Youngstown State	UDFA
34.	Jordan Mims	RB	Fresno State	UDFA
35.	Elijah Dotson	RB	Northern Colorado	UDFA
36.	Titus Swen	RB	Wyoming	UDFA
37.	Josh Davis	RB	Weber State	UDFA
38.	Christopher Brooks	RB	BYU	UDFA
39.	Charles McClelland	RB	Cincinnati	UDFA
40.	Emari Demercado	RB	TCU	UDFA

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Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Darius Hagans	RB	Virginia State	UDFA
42.	Shaun Shivers	RB	Indiana	UDFA
43.	Calvin Tyler Jr.	RB	Utah State	UDFA
44.	A.J. Davis	RB	Florida A&M	UDFA
45.	Alfonzo Graham	RB	Morgan State	UDFA
46.	Emanuel Wilson	RB	Fort Valley State	UDFA
47.	Isaiah Bowser	RB	UCF	UDFA
48.	Markel Scott	RB	Langston University	UDFA
49.	Maurice Washington	RB	Grambling State	UDFA
50.	Owen Wright	RB	Monmouth	UDFA
51.	Que'shaun Byrd	RB	Bethune-Cookman	UDFA
52.	Ronnie Brown	RB	Shepherd	UDFA
53.	Taurean Taylor	RB	Tuskagee	UDFA
54.	Toa Taua	RB	Nevada	UDFA
55.	Tyler King	RB	Edward Waters College	UDFA
56.	Kazmeir Allen	RB	UCLA	UDFA

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BIJAN ROBINSON (Texas)

Misc: Robinson's Great Uncle was a 2-time Pro Bowl RB with the Bengals.

High School: Bijan had an incredible high school career which saw him rush for more than 7,000 yards and score 114 TDs), including 2,235 rushing yards and 38 rushing TDs in his senior year alone. In that senior season, he ran for more than 200 yards per game at over 17 yards per carry.

College: Highly recruited, he opted to play his college ball for Texas. In his 3 years at UT, Robinson has been increasingly productive, rushing for 703, 1,127 and 1,580 yards in consecutive seasons. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school (sat out of the Longhorns Bowl Game to prepare for the draft).

College Stats: Robinson played in 31 career games for Texas, rushing for 3,410 yards (6.3 average) and 33 touchdowns. Had 18 career 100-yard rushing games. Also caught 60 passes for 805 yards (13.4 average) and 8 touchdowns. Had 1 kick return for 16 yards.

Robinson is an exceptional, highly productive, runner, both between the tackles and to the outside, with great feet – able to stop and start and make would be tacklers miss. Extremely elusive perhaps would best describe him.

He also has a good combination of speed, size, and strength, with the ability to bounce off tacklers who get their hands on him. Always seems to gain extra yardage even when hit.

Nice receiver coming out of the backfield, with good hands, who knows how to get open.

2022 Suffered a minor shoulder injury early in the season but missed minimal playing time.

2021 Missed the final game of the season due to a dislocated elbow.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 9th in Heisman Trophy voting. Doak Walker Award winner. Unanimous All-American. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award finalist. Walter Camp Player of the Year Award semi-finalist. Honorable Mention Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. Dave Campbell's Texas Best Running Back & 1st Team All-Texas. **2022 & 2021** 1st Team All-Big 12. **2021** Honorable Mention Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. Maxwell Award semi-finalist. Doak Walker Award semi-finalist. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist. 1st Team Academic All-Big 12. **2020** Valero Alamo Bowl Offensive MVP. Honorable Mention Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year

DRAFT OUTLOOK

As high first round draft picks go, running backs have fallen somewhat out of fashion in recent years, but Bijan Robinson is an exceptional talent – and certainly the most talented running back to enter the draft since Saquon Barkley. He will be an outstanding addition to any team that is prepared to use a high draft pick at the position. Having said all of that, he probably falls to about midway through round one – a lucky team is going to get a superstar.

RB #1

Overall #8

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.24

Ht: 5-11

Wt: 215

40: 4.46

JAHMYR GIBBS (Alabama)

High School: Gibbs exploded for more than 2,500 rushing yards as a senior in high school in Georgia, earning multiple honours.

College: Opted to attend Georgia Tech over the likes of Georgia and Alabama. Gibbs then spent 2 seasons playing for the Yellowjackets – including an all-star 2021 season - before transferring to Alabama for the 2022 season. Had a really good 2022 as an all-round back. Declared for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In 2 seasons for Georgia Tech (2020-21), Gibbs played in 19 games (19 starts), rushing for 1,206 yards (5.2 average), with 8 touchdowns. He also had 59 receptions for 768 yards and 5 scores. Averaged 25.6 yards per kick return (on 31 returns), including 1 returned for a touchdown.

In his one season at Alabama, Gibbs started in all 12 games, rushing for 926 yards (6.1 average) and 7 touchdowns. Had 44 receptions for 444 yards (10.1 average) and 3 touchdowns. Returned 13 kick-offs at 23.1 yard average.

Gibbs is a dynamic player with athleticism, speed, and acceleration through the line. He has good instincts and vision coupled with really quick feet – he can stop and start on a dime. Once he gets into space, Gibbs a home run threat every time. Probably most effective running outside.

Gibbs may lack some durability - hasn't carried the ball an excessive number of times per game – quality over quantity. He also doesn't add huge yards after contact.

Is a truly outstanding receiver coming out of the backfield. He gets open and has really good hands. Knows how to be patient and wait for his blockers on screen passes. He is perhaps the best receiving back in this entire draft. Is also a fine kick returner.

2022 Missed 1 game due to an ankle injury. **2020** Missed 3 games due to a hamstring injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 3rd Team All-American. 2nd Team All-SEC. Hornung Award finalist. Maxwell Award semi-finalist. Alabama Team Offensive Player of the Year Award co-winner.

2021 1st Team All-ACC. 2nd Team All-American. **2020** Honorable Mention All-ACC. The Athletic 2nd Team Freshman All-American.

RB/KR

RB #2

Overall #30

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.10

Ht: 5-9 ½

Wt: 199

40: 4.36

DRAFT OUTLOOK

For a Packers comparison, Jahmyr Gibbs is somewhat reminiscent of Aaron Jones. Gibbs' versatility as a runner, receiver and return man is going to appeal to NFL teams – especially when you couple that with his exceptional athletic ability. He's likely to be a back whose carries are limited to around 15 times a game because of durability concerns – however, he can be expected to have many more than the average of quality carries. Simply put – he's a really good back. Should be the second running back off the board – probably late in Round 1 or perhaps early in Round 2.

DEVON ACHANE (Texas A&M)

High School: Achane was a super dual-sport athlete in high school in Texas, excelling at both track (100m up to 800m) and football.

College: Opted to stay in state and play his college ball at Texas A&M. Contributed as a back-up and return man as a freshman (2020) before getting the opportunity to up his contribution which he did as a sophomore. Went over 1,000 yards rushing as a junior in 2022. Decided to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 30 games for Texas A&M, rushing for 2,376 yards (6.4 average) and 21 touchdowns. Had 10 career 100-yard rushing games (including 1 200-yard game). Had 65 receptions for 554 yards (8.5 average) and 5 touchdowns. Returned 20 kick-offs at 30.6 average with 2 touchdowns.

One of the first things you notice with Achane (before you see him play) is how small he is when compared to many other backs.

However, when you see Achane play you soon see a big play, explosive runner with outstanding speed and athleticism. Will run to the outside and actually appears to like running inside between the tackles – despite his small stature.

Achane is a good receiver coming out of the backfield and uses his speed and athleticism to make big plays. However, he does have a few too many drops, so a little work here is required. Also needs some work in pass protection, although his size may be part of the issue here.

Achane is also an outstanding kick-off return guy, who looks like he could take almost every kick-off the whole way.

Lack of size will be a continuing concern when it comes to durability.

2022 Missed 2 games due to a foot injury but came back with no apparent aftereffects.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-SEC. Phil Steele Honorable Mention All-American. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist. Texas A&M Offensive MVP. **2022 & 2021** Texas A&M Special Teams Most Impactful Player Award winner. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** Texas A&M Most Explosive Player, and Offensive Skill Awards winner.

RB/KR

RB #3

Overall #59

Round 2-3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.54

Ht: 5-8 ½

Wt: 188

40: 4.32

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Explosive, dynamic, athletic, speedy, and exciting are just a few of the adjectives that you could use to describe Devon Achane. For most teams, he is going to be difficult to pass up. His ability to turn any open field play into a huge gain will be so tempting. Add his versatility and you have a potential NFL superstar. Some teams will, of course, be put off by his lack of size, particularly those that want an every down, tough and powerful runner – however, even for those teams a change of pace back with Achane's skills is surely still a must have. If he were bigger, Achane would likely be a 1st round candidate - even in the days of teams shying away from 1st round RBs. At his size, we should expect Achane to be selected on Day 2.

ZACH CHARBONNET (UCLA)

High School: Rushed for 4,741 yards and scored 62 touchdowns in high school in California.

College: Was highly recruited, opting to attend the University of Michigan. Played well in 2019, albeit having recovered from spring knee surgery which may have slowed him a little. Like many players/teams, his 2020 season was disrupted and reduced by the pandemic. Opted to transfer from Michigan to UCLA between the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Had an excellent 2021 season for the Bruins and followed it up with an even better 2022.

College Stats: In 2 seasons at Michigan, Charbonnet played in 18 games (9 starts), rushing for 850 yards (5.1 average) and 12 touchdowns. Had 2 100-yard rushing games. Also caught 14 passes for 71 yards (5.1 average) and 0 touchdowns.

In 2 seasons at UCLA, Charbonnet played in 22 games (19 starts), rushing for 2,496 yards (6.3 average) and 27 touchdowns. Had 16 100-yard rushing games. Also caught 61 passes for 518 yards (8.5 average) and 0 touchdowns.

Charbonnet is a strong back with a good sized frame, who runs with power proving difficult for a single tackler to bring him down. He secures the football well and rarely fumbles. Has the capability to carry the football 20+ times a game and appears to get stronger as his carries increase.

Wasn't utilised much as a receiver out of the backfield early in his college career but demonstrated some solid skills in this area as his career progressed. Has good hands.

Has above average pass blocking skills.

2022 Missed a game early in the season for an undisclosed reason (possibly rested). Later Missed 1 game due to an apparent calf injury. **2019** Had knee surgery early in the year – came back to play the season, but perhaps was slightly slowed.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Pac12. Doak Walker Award semi-finalist. Walter Camp Award semi-finalist. **2021** 2nd Team All-Pac12. AP Pac12 Newcomer of the Year. Henry R. Red Sanders Award winner (UCLA MVP). **2020** Academic All-Big 10. **2019** 3rd Team All-Big10. University of Michigan Offensive Rookie of the Year.

RB #4

Overall #61

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.30

Ht: 6-0 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 214

40: 4.54

DRAFT OUTLOOK

If teams are looking for a year in-year-out solid 1,000-yard rusher, then Charbonnet could be the back that they are looking for. Is the type of back who will keep coming at defenses all day, wearing them out (has 20+ carries in a single game 13 times at UCLA). Some had concerns about this receiving ability, but there's little doubt that he has been developing in this regard as he is utilised more, to the point where he is an asset in this area. Expect Charbonnet to be selected on Day 2.

TYJAE SPEARS (Tulane)

High School: Spears had a fine high school career in Louisiana as an all-round rushing and receiving threat.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Tulane over other offers. Spears played sparingly in his first two seasons at Tulane – he redshirted in 2019 playing in just 5 games, and then he appeared in just 3 games in 2020 as an injury cut his season short. In 2021, Spears had a really good year starting to demonstrate some of his dynamic skillset. He followed this up with a 1,000-yard rushing season in 2022 – earning all-conference honours along the way. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Tulane (2019-22), Spears played in 33 games, carrying 411 times for 2,857 yards (7.0 average) and 31 touchdowns. Had 15 career 100-yard rushing games (including 2 200-yard games). Recorded 46 receptions for 560 yards (12.2 average) and 3 touchdowns. Also returned 2 kick-offs at a 18.0 average.

Spears is slightly smaller than ideally you'd like to see, but he is hugely athletic and once in the open field he is a dynamic runner with explosive breakaway speed – defenders aren't likely to run him down from behind. Couples this speed with a patient running style which allows blocks to develop – this could make him a fit for a zone blocking style running game. And he knows how to find the end zone.

Doesn't yet break too many tackles – could perhaps do with adding a little bulk and strength to help in this area.

Is a really nice-looking receiver coming out of the backfield, although wasn't utilised as much in this role in college as much as he perhaps could have been – had been outstanding doing this in high school.

Appears to have been developing each successive year in college.

Missed all but 3 games in 2020 due to a torn ACL. Returned in 2021, with no apparent ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: **2023** Cotton Bowl Offensive MVP (2022 season). **2022** AAC Offensive Player of the Year. 1st Team All-AAC. **2021** Phil Steele 2nd Team All-AAC.

RB #5

Overall #88

Round 3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.86

Ht: 5-11

Wt: 201

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Spears helped his draft chances as much as anybody with an outstanding Senior Bowl week, which he then followed up with a nice showing at the combine. Whether Spears has the durability to be an every down back in the NFL remains to be seen, but at the very least he can be expected to be very effective as part of a dual-headed running back room – he will bring excitement and dynamism to the backfield and should be both a running and receiving threat. Expect Spears to be off the board around round 3.

ZACH EVANS (Mississippi)

High School: Helped his school in Houston, Texas win consecutive state championships.

College: Evans opted to stay in state and attend TCU. Had 2 good seasons (2020-21) at TCU without having a huge year. Demonstrated really good quality when utilised but didn't see as much of the football as he would have wanted – was especially hampered by injury in 2021. Transferred to Mississippi prior to the 2022 season and turned in another good season. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 15 games (8 starts) for TCU in 2 seasons (2020-21), rushing for 1,063 yards (7.3 average) and 9 TDs. Had 6 100-yard rushing games. Also had 18 pass receptions for 206 yards (13.0 average) and 1 TD.

In his single season at Ole Miss (2022), Evans played in 12 games, rushing for 936 yards (6.5 average) and 9 TDs. Had 4 100-yard rushing games (including 1 200-yard game). Caught 12 passes for 119 yards and 1 TD.

With a nice combination of size and speed, Evans is explosive through the hole and is a big play back. Will make defenders miss thanks to his really quick footwork and the ability to cut at speed. Doesn't yet make great yardage after contact.

Seemingly has good receiving skills coming out of the backfield, although he wasn't overly used in this capacity at either TCU or Ole Miss – so some questions remain. Needs work in pass protection.

Has had some discipline issues – broke team cell phone rules in high school, meaning he missed a state championship game. Was also benched for a couple of series' for violating team rules in his sophomore season at TCU.

2022 Sat out the physical drills at the combine due to a reported minor hamstring problem, which is not expected to be long term issue. Suffered a minor undisclosed injury missing 1 game. **2021** Played only the first 6 games of the season – missing the remainder (5 games) due to a turf toe injury.

Honours & Awards: **2021** 2nd Team Academic All-Big12. Academic All-Big12 rookie team.

RB #6

Overall #98

Round 3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.91

Ht: 5-11

Wt: 202

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Evans' decision to enter the draft this year is an interesting one. There's little doubt that he'll come off the board probably on Day 2, but the feeling persists that he could have gone higher had he returned to school for another year and put in a productive season. Evans' high school days raised his profile so much that there is little doubt that if he can consistently recapture that form and production that he'll be a very fine back in the NFL – but until he does it, the nagging question marks will remain. Hence the Round 3 grade.

TANK BIGSBY (Auburn)

Misc: Real first name is “Cartavious” – Tank is a nickname.

High School: Had an outstanding high school career in Georgia, rushing for nearly 3,900 yards across his junior and senior seasons combined.

College: As one of the top high school players in the country, Bigsby was courted by a number of schools, eventually opting to attend Auburn. Became an immediate starter as a freshman (2020), earning lots of all-star recognition for his excellent season. Followed that up with a 1,000-yard rushing season in 2021 and nearly another 1,000 yards in 2022. Although he had eligibility remaining, Bigsby opted to enter this year’s draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 35 games at Auburn, rushing for 2,903 yards (5.4 average) and 25 touchdowns. Also caught 62 passes for 448 yards (7.2 average). Returned 13 kick-offs at a 23.5 yard average.

Bigsby is a nice physical specimen with good size and decent speed, and good acceleration. As a runner, he is a power running type who can run between the tackles and to the outside. He runs with physicality and will put the hit on would be tacklers. Shows vision, some cutting ability and can hit the hole quickly.

Is a solid, if unspectacular, pass receiver, who doesn’t really hurt teams with big plays in this area but can get the job done and move chains. Was also a solid kick-off returner in his freshman season.

Despite two decent seasons (2021-22), Bigsby perhaps hasn’t quite lived up to the expectations he set as a freshman and as a high school player – although it’s possible that offensive system changes may have had something to do with this.

2020 Missed a little playing time after suffering a minor hip injury. No reported ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: **2022** PFF 3rd Team All-SEC. **2021** PFF Honorable Mention All-SEC. SEC Academic Honor Roll. Pat Sullivan Award winner (Auburn Offensive Player of the Year). **2020** SEC Freshman of the Year. SEC 1st Team All-Freshman. 2nd Team All-SEC. The Athletic 2nd Team Freshman All-American. SEC Academic Honor Roll.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Bigsby’s decision to enter this draft rather than return to school is an interesting one given that his 2021 and 2022 seasons have been solid, but not outstanding. Perhaps another year at Auburn would have boosted his draft stock. Nonetheless, Bigsby brings a tough, power running style to the table and a physical approach that will be loved by NFL scouts. Also there will be the view that Bigsby still has untapped talent and that an NFL team can develop that. Likely to be off the board around round 3 or round 4.

RB #7

Overall #104

Round 3-4

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.66

Ht: 5-11 ½

Wt: 210

40: 4.56

ROSCHON JOHNSON (Texas)

High School: The versatile Johnson played both running back and safety in youth football before becoming a highly successful dual-threat quarterback during his high school career in Texas.

College: Opted to stay in his home state, travelling to Austin to play his college ball at the University of Texas (over the likes of Ohio State and Oklahoma). During Johnson's freshman season at UT, the team suffered multiple injuries at the running back spot and Johnson switched roles from quarterback – and he never looked back. Had multiple very nice years, including 2022 when he earned all-conference recognition. Johnson spent much of his college career backing up Bijan Robinson (the #1 running back in this draft) which is why his production number aren't as high as some.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Texas, Johnson played in 47 games (5 starts), carrying the football 392 times for 2,190 yards (5.6 average) and 23 touchdowns. Had 5 career 100-yard rushing games. Also had 56 receptions for 420 yards (7.5 average) and 3 touchdowns. Returned 8 kick-offs at a 17.9 yard average. Attempted 2 passes, with 1 completion for 2 yards.

Is known as a high character, real team guy who works extremely hard. Johnson has excellent size for a running back and while he lacks outstanding speed and acceleration, he runs with strength and power being extremely tough to tackle and bring down. He's a punishing runner who is most effective between the tackles.

Is an accomplished receiver, with good hands, coming out of the backfield although he wasn't overly used in this respect. Has demonstrated decent capability in pass protection.

2023 Suffered a broken hand during practices for the Senior Bowl, forcing him out for the week and to miss the game itself.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Big 12. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freaks List. William V. Campbell Trophy semi-finalist. Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. **2022, 2021 & 2020** 1st Team Academic All-Big 12. **2021** Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. **2020** Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. **2019** Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Considering his limited playing time, backing up Bijan Robinson, Johnson's college production was very good. Unfortunately, an injury early in the Senior Bowl practice week deprived him of the opportunity to show what he could do measured up against his peers. But make no mistake, Johnson is a really fine back, who could be going somewhat under the radar. While he is unlikely to be a starter in his early days in the NFL, he could easily become an important part of a team's rotation at running back. Expect him to be selected sometime in round 3 or 4.

RB #8

Overall #105

Round 3-4

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.23

Ht: 6-0 ¼

Wt: 219

40: 4.59

KENDRE MILLER (TCU)

High School: Miller was a multi-position football player in high school in Texas, predominantly playing RB and QB.

College: Had a number of offers from FBS school to play at the college level, eventually opting to stay in state and attend TCU. Was a solid contributor as a true freshman at TCU in 2020 and added to that with a nice level of output in 2021. It wasn't until 2022 however, that Miller became the every down featured back and he responded with an outstanding year clocking up nearly 1,400 yards on the ground. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at TCU, Miller played in 33 games, rushing for 2,410 yards on 361 carries (6.7 average) and 26 touchdowns. Had 11 career 100-yard rushing games. Also had 29 receptions for 229 yards (7.9 average) and 1 touchdown.

Miller is a nice sized running back with athleticism, agility and some speed and he runs with the vision to see and hit the hole. Even where there isn't much of hole, he has elusiveness to find a small gap and strength to carry tacklers to pick up extra yardage. Deals with contact well and very rarely seems to take a big direct hit. Lacks some acceleration through the hole but does have some long speed. Not as productive when running to the outside as compared to the inside. Miller is one of those backs that has a knack for finding the extra yard to get into the end zone.

Miller wasn't utilised very much as a receiver in the passing game, catching an average of less than 1 pass per game throughout his college career. Although when used it looked like his hands were pretty good. Also needs more reps and development as a pass blocker.

2022 Suffered a knee injury (sprained MCL) in the CFP National Championship Play-off semi-final which knocked him out of that game and the whole of CFP National Championship Game itself. Was unable to take part in the drills at the combine because of the injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 12. Doak Walker Award semi-finalist. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist.



RB #9

Overall #108

Round 3-4

Class: Junior

Age*: 20.88

Ht: 5-11

Wt: 215

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Miller is a sound runner with the football in his hands who looks like a back who can pick up consistent yardage in the NFL, without giving teams that dynamic, breakaway threat. Appears to be a player who is improving each year as he gets more snaps – this will encourage pro scouts that there is more to come. Will suit a team that utilises a straight ahead, between the tackles, running game. Didn't have much production in the passing game at the college level and this is something that will need to be developed in the pros. Also, Miller's recovery from the sprained MCL he suffered late in the 2022 season will be a factor in his draft status. Likely to be selected in the middle rounds – round 3 or 4.

DeWAYNE McBRIDE (UAB)

Misc: Nicknamed “Debo”.

High School: Took part in track and field (shot put, discus, sprint relay) and football in high school in Florida.

College: McBride had multiple scholarship offers before opting to play his college ball at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Had a solid true freshman season in 2020, before breaking out with a 1,000 yard rushing season in 2021 – earning all-conference recognition. McBride finished his college career rushing for more than 1,700 yards in 2022, leading the nation in rushing and earning himself some All-American recognition. Opted to declare for this draft with eligibility remaining rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at UAB, McBride played in 31 games, carrying the football 484 times for 3,523 yards (7.3 average) and 36 touchdowns. Had 18 career 100-yard rushing games (including 4 200-yard games). Had 5 receptions for 29 yards (5.8 average).

McBride is a little shorter than the ideal height for a RB, although he has some bulk and a well-built frame. He is athletic and agile and runs with power.

As a runner, McBride has really good stop-start and cutting ability which enables him to make defenders miss. And when they do tackle him, he doesn't go down easily. McBride has long speed which makes him almost difficult to catch from behind once he's in the open field. Knows how to find the end zone. Unfortunately, he has had some problems fumbling the football – this will need to be put right.

Has just about zero experience in the passing game, with just 5 catches in his 3 seasons at UAB. This will be a big development area for McBride.

2023 Missed UAB's pro-day in March due to a hamstring injury. **2022** Missed the opening game of the season due to an undisclosed injury

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-CUSA. CUSA Offensive Player of the Year. Doak Walker Award semi-finalist. Maxwell Award semi-finalist. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 2nd Team All-CUSA.

RB #10

Overall #118

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.80

Ht: 5-10

Wt: 209

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

McBride was a super productive college back, albeit at a “lower” level of FBS football than many backs on this draft list – some may question whether he can repeat his production at the pro level. This, coupled with his virtual non-existence in the passing game will likely see him drop down many draft boards. Missing the opportunity to show what he can do at his pro day (due to a hamstring injury) was unfortunate. Nonetheless, he is going to get a shot to be a back-up initially in the NFL – his long term future is likely to depend upon him developing some pass catching skills. Should be off the board on early on day 3.

SEAN TUCKER (Syracuse)

High School: Tucker was a dual sport athlete in high school in Maryland, competing in track and field (100m, 200m) as well as football.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Syracuse. Had a good freshman season (2020) as a part-time starter before truly breaking out the following year – breaking the school’s all-time single season rushing mark (Tucket had 1,496 rushing yards). Returned in 2022 with another 1,000-yard season, although wasn’t quite as productive as the previous year. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school (had 2 years of college eligibility remaining), sitting out the Pinstripe Bowl at the end of the 2022 season in order to commence his draft preparation.

College Stats: Played in 30 games at Syracuse, rushing for 3,182 yards (5.4 average) and 27 touchdowns. Had 17 100-yard career rushing games (including 2 200-yard games). Also had 64 pass receptions for 622 yards (9.7 average) and 4 touchdowns. Had 1 career 100-yard receiving game.

Tucker is an undersized back height wise, but he has a sturdy frame which enables him to fight off tacklers, keep his legs churning and gains extra yardage after contact. Excellent contact balance.

As a runner, Tucker has outstanding speed, with nice instincts and vision which give him the ability to find and hit the hole. Despite his lack of size, Tucker is just as happy running between the tackles as he is to the outside.

In the passing game, Tucker is able to get open as a receiver coming out of the backfield, and has some nice skills in this area, although he has had some problems with dropped passes. Also has been inconsistent in pass protection. This is a development area.

Has no major reported injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-ACC. Mark Hoffman Award winner (team’s outstanding back). **2021** AP 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-ACC. Doak Walker Award semi-finalist. Maxwell Award semi-finalist. All-ECAC Team. Mark Hoffman Award winner (team’s outstanding back). **2020** Mark Hoffman Award winner (team’s outstanding back).

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Tucker is a running back who should be a consistent yard gainer in the NFL. He can run between the tackles and to the outside, so is versatile scheme wise. Has the potential to also be adequate as a pass receiver, although his skills can be developed (too many dropped passes) and as a pass blocker.

Expect Tucker to be off the board on day 2 of this draft, selected by a team that is looking for a long-time starter.

RB #11

Overall #125

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.50

Ht: 5-9

Wt: 207

40: n/a

KENNY McINTOSH (Georgia)

Misc: Nicknamed “The Blueprint”.

High School: Kenny was a multi-sport athlete in high school in Florida playing baseball and basketball as well as football.

College: He was highly recruited out of high school, opting to attend Georgia over the likes of Alabama and Miami. Played mainly on special teams in his first two seasons for the Bulldogs. Played more in the backfield in his junior year (2021), earning his first start. Became a fulltime starter in 2022 having his best college season as a rusher and receiving out of the backfield.

If drafted, McIntosh will become the latest in a recent line of Georgia running backs to make it to the NFL, which includes the likes of Nick Chubb, Sony Michel, D’Andre Swift and James Cook.

College Stats: In his 4 years at Georgia, McIntosh played in 49 games (15 starts), rushing for 1,582 yards on 280 carries (5.7 average) and 16 touchdowns. Had 1 career 100-yard rushing game. had 76 receptions for 860 yards (11.3 average) and 4 touchdowns. Had 1 career 100-yard receiving game. Returned 14 kick-offs at 26.8-yard average. Threw an 18-yard touchdown pass in the 2021 CFP National Championships Play-off semi-final.

Whilst McIntosh hasn’t been as prolific carrying the football as some of the aforementioned running backs from Georgia, it’s as a pass receiver coming out of the backfield, where he’s possibly the best of the lot. Runs excellent routes and is uncanny in the ways he finds space and gets open. Has outstanding hands.

RB #12

Overall #127

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.15

Ht: 6-0 ¼

Wt: 204

40: 4.62

Packer Connection:

McIntosh is the brother of former Giant R.J. McIntosh, who was also a former Packers Practice Squad player.

McIntosh has decent size which he uses in the running game to avoid being easily brought down – he fights through contact and has agility and good balance. Will lay a hit on the defender. Doesn’t have great speed or burst and perhaps because of this, he isn’t as patient a runner as he could be.

McIntosh is also a decent kick-off returner and good special teams player on coverage units.

2021 Suffered a dislocated elbow in the spring of 2021 but recovered in time for the season.

2020 Missed 2 games with a minor knee injury.

Honours & Awards: None

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Because he hasn’t put up huge rushing numbers, McIntosh may be underrated by some heading into this draft. He may be as good a pass receiver as any back available this time around. In today’s NFL, that skill alone will go a long way towards ensuring that he will find a role as a 3rd down back (at least). Add in his solid running ability, we should expect McIntosh to be selected early on day 3, with the possibility that he could sneak into day 2.

CHASE BROWN (Illinois)

Misc: Born in London, Ontario, Canada. Twin brother of fellow potential 2023 draftee Sydney Brown.

High School: Started his football career in Canada before moving to Florida, while also being a track and field (sprint) star.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Western Michigan University. Contributed as a RB and KR in his true freshman season (2018), before transferring to Illinois prior to the 2019 season. Redshirted in 2019 before becoming a big contributor in 2020, earning all-conference notice. Broke out with a 1,000 yard rushing year in 2021, which he followed with an outstanding 1,643 yard rushing season in 2022. Earned all-conference notice in both years and some All-American recognition in the latter.

College Stats: In his single season at Western Michigan, Brown played in 13 games, rushing 71 times for 352 yards (5.0 average). Had 10 receptions for 75 yards (7.5 average). Returned 12 kick-offs at an 18.9 average.

In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Illinois, Brown played in 34 games, rushing 605 times for 3,206 yards (5.3 average) and 18 touchdowns. Had 16 100-yard rushing games (including 2 200-yard games). Had 48 receptions for 446 yards (9.3 average) and 3 touchdowns. Returned 5 kick-offs at a 15.4 average. Also had 1 passing attempt which was incomplete.

Brown is a short, stocky back who runs with toughness, strength and some quickness. He is a between the tackle runner who keeps going all day as demonstrated by the fact that 11 times he had 25 or more carries in a single game at Illinois, including 6 over 30 and 1 over 40. Has had some problems with fumbles.

Is a decent receiver coming out of the backfield although he wasn't overly utilised in this regard.

Missed 1 game during the 2021 season due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team All-American. 2nd Team All-Big 10. Jon Cornish Trophy (top Canadian in NCAA football) winner. Doak Walker Award finalist. Maxwell & Walter Camp Awards semi-finalist. Illinois Wright Commitment to Excellence Award winner. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 3rd Team All-Big 10. Jon Cornish Trophy (top Canadian in NCAA football) finalist. **2020** 3rd Team All-Big 10.

RB #13

Overall #131

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.42

Ht: 5-9 ½

Wt: 209

40: 4.43

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Brown's small stature will put off some teams from looking his way, but he has been a productive runner at the college level and in the right offense he can also be productive at the next level. His strength and toughness is impressive and will mean that a team that drafts him will get a back who keeps pounding the football inside all day, albeit somewhat one-dimensional. Is likely to be selected at some point on day 3.

ERIC GRAY (Oklahoma)

High School: Scored more touchdowns in Tennessee high school history than any other player in history. Twice named state Gatorade Player of the Year.

College: After originally committing to Michigan, Gray changed his mind and opted to stay in his home state and play at the University of Tennessee. Had two solid seasons for the Volunteers before transferring to Oklahoma prior to the 2021 season. His first season with the Sooners was again another solid year before he truly broke out in 2022 – rushing for more than 1,300 yards and earned some all-conference recognition.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at Tennessee, Gray played in 22 games (6 starts), rushing 258 times for 1,311 yards (5.1 average) and 8 TDs. Had 5 100-yard rushing games, including 1 200-yard game. Had 43 receptions for 369 yards (8.6 average) and 3 TDs. Returned 7 punts at a 6.7 yard average.

In his 2 seasons at Oklahoma, Gray played in 25 games (18 starts), rushing 291 times for 1,778 yards (6.1 average) and 13 TDs. Had 8 100-yard rushing games, including 1 200-yard game. Had 56 receptions for 458 yards (8.2 average) and 2 TDs. Returned 4 kick-offs at an 18.0 average. Had 2 punt returns at a 0.0 average. Threw 2 passes, with 1 completion for 0 yards, with 1 interception.

Gray is a short back, but he has some bulk and a sturdy frame. He brings some speed and acceleration to the table.

Gray is a nice runner with quick feet and vision which enable him to find the hole. He's not a punishing runner in that he doesn't make great yardage after contact, but he will keep going all day. When he gets into the open field, Gray's agility can make defenders miss. Versatile runner who is effective both between the tackles and to the outside, although he could sometimes do with being more decisive on outside runs.

Gray is a good receiver coming out of the backfield, knowing how to get open and demonstrating excellent hands. Needs work as a pass blocker.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-Big 12. Academic All-Big 12. Oklahoma's Don Key Award co-winner. 2020 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl MVP. 2019 PFF Honorable Mention Freshman All-American. SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. First Year SEC Academic Honor Roll.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Gray is a sound back who is a consistent accumulator of yards, play after play, both on the ground and in the passing game – scouts will really like his all-round skills. He had a really good Senior Bowl week, helping his draft status. Will make an NFL roster and may challenge for a starting role in time. Should be selected early on day 3.

RB #14

Overall #139

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.48

Ht: 5-9 ½

Wt: 207

40: n/a

ISRAEL ABANIKANDA (Pittsburgh)

Misc: Nicknamed "Izzy". Last name is pronounced "Ah-Banner-Can-Dar"

High School: Attended high school ball in New York state, where he starred in track and field (sprints) as well as earning state Gatorade Player of the Year honours for his exploits on the football field.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Pittsburgh. Played mainly as a back-up in 2020, seeing little time on offense. Had a solid 2021 as he saw more time in the backfield. Abanikanda broke out in the 2022 season with more than 1,400 yards rushing, earning some All-American recognition. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 years at Pittsburgh, Abanikanda played in 30 games, rushing for 2,177 yards (5.6 average) and 28 touchdowns. Had 38 receptions for 354 yards (9.3 average) and 3 touchdowns. Returned 19 kick-offs at a 22.8 average, with 1 touchdown. His rushing totals included an incredible 320 yards in a single game against Virginia Tech in 2022.

Abanikanda is a young, solidly built back with athletic ability. He can be an explosive runner, especially to the outside where he makes a decisive cut to head upfield. Once in the open field, Abanikanda is difficult to catch from behind and will make big plays. But Abanikanda isn't a power back. Hasn't yet demonstrated great ability to break free from tackles and make extra yardage.

Abanikanda is a decent receiver but wasn't greatly used in this capacity and had the occasional issue with drops. Needs some work in pass protection

Has good experience returning kick-offs.

2023 Couldn't take part in the drills at the combine due to a hamstring injury. However, he had sufficiently recovered a few weeks later and was able to take part in Pitt's pro day. **2022** Missed 1 game due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-ACC. Maxwell Award semi-finalist. Walter Camp Award semi-finalist.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Abanikanda has only 1 year of big production, so that will be a question mark for NFL scouts – can he do it, year in, year out? The converse, good news is of course it means that he enters the draft with a body that has not taken a huge beating. Will still be under 21 years of age when the 2023 NFL season starts, so has time on his side. Could do with developing as a receiver, where he hasn't been utilised much, if he is to become an every down back at the next level. Expect Abanikanda to be selected early on day 3, but it wouldn't be a surprised if he were taken earlier.

RB #15

Overall #158

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 20.56

Ht: 5-10

Wt: 216

40: 4.40 (Pro Day)

DEUCE VAUGHN (Kansas State)

Misc: Full name is Christopher Matthew Vaughn – Deuce is a nickname. His father works in the scouting department for the Dallas Cowboys.

High School: Played his high school football in Texas.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Kansas State. Had over 1,000 total scrimmage yards as a freshman (2020) earning freshman All-American honours. Followed that up with over 1,400 yards on the ground (plus nearly 500 receiving) in 2021, as he earned All-American recognition. 2022 was a very similar season to the previous year. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 years at Kansas State, Vaughn played in 37 games, rushing for 3,604 yards (5.5 average) and 34 touchdowns. Had 21 career 100-yard rushing games. Had 116 receptions for 1,280 yards (11.0 average) and 9 touchdowns. Had 2 career 100-yard receiving games. Returned 7 kick-offs at a 20.7 yard average.

Vaughn is extremely small (perhaps the shortest player in this draft). For a player of his size you might expect that he will struggle to run inside between the tackles, but that's not the case. Has quick feet which makes tacklers miss and even when hit, he makes a surprising number of extra yards as he is difficult to bring down unless wrapped. He is tough and doesn't give up on a play. Sometimes, isn't as decisive finding the hole as you'd ideally like.

Vaughn is an outstanding receiver both running routes coming out of the backfield and lining up in the slot. Knows how to get open, is patient on screens and has excellent hands. Not great in pass protection, where his lack of size is a problem.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Unanimous All-American. Honorable Mention Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. 2nd Team Academic All-Big 12. **2022, 2021 & 2020** 2nd Team All-Big 12. **2022 & 2021** Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award finalist. Doak Walker Award semi-finalist. **2021** Consensus All-American. PFF Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. CoSIDA First Team Academic All-District. 1st Team Academic All-Big 12. **2020** FWAA & The Athletic Freshman All-American. Phil Steele & PFF Honorable Mention All-American. 247Sports True Freshman of the Year. Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Lack of size is going to be a huge concern to NFL scouts – if he were 5 inches taller, he would probably get selected much higher in this draft than he likely will be. Vaughn is an exciting and dynamic playmaker capable of bringing the crowd to its feet every time he gets the ball in his hands. In addition to his rushing skills, Vaughn is one of the premier receiving backs in this draft. Despite the size concerns, we suspect that teams will be queuing up for his talent early on day 3.

RB #16

Overall #171

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.48

Ht: 5-5

Wt: 179

40: n/a

EVAN HULL (Northwestern)

High School: Hull was a multi-sport athlete in high school in Minnesota, running track (100m, 200m) and competing in wrestling as well as playing football.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Northwestern. Redshirted his true freshman season (playing 4 games, one of which was a 200 yard rushing game) and then played mainly as a back-up the following year (2020). Broke out in his third college season (2021) going over 1,000 yards rushing and earning some all-conference notice. Earned all-conference notice again in 2022, when he rushed for more than 900 yards and had 55 receptions. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 4 years at Northwestern (2019-22), Hull played in 37 games, recording 488 rushing attempts for 2,417 yards (5.0) average and 18 touchdowns. Had 11 career 100-yard rushing games (including 2 200-yard games). Also had 94 receptions for 851 yards (9.1 average) and 4 touchdowns. Had 1 career 100-yard receiving game (213 yards on 14 receptions against Duke in 2022), Returned 9 kick-offs at a 20.1 yard average. Had 1 punt return for 3 yards.

Hull is a slightly short, but well-built running back. He has some athleticism, speed and acceleration. Will hit the hole quickly between the tackles thanks to a quick first step and some vision to hit the hole. Also runs with some power straight ahead.

Hull won't break or cut quickly and therefore isn't suited to an outside running game, especially an outside zone game which requires quick, sudden cuts up the field.

Hull is an excellent runner in space – capable of making big plays once he's in the open field, being difficult to chase down from behind.

Hull is a hugely prolific and very versatile receiver. Finds the open spaces coming out of the backfield but can also line up as a wideout and in the slot – creating a match-up nightmare for defenses.

Also has a little bit of experience as a kick returner.

Honours & Awards: 2022 Honorable Mention All-Big 10. 2021 Honorable Mention All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hull is a sound and reliable runner who runs with consistency between the tackles. Can be used to pound the football if required. Is an outstanding receiver both coming out of the backfield and split out (in the slot and wide) – which can create match-up difficulties for defenses. Hull probably needs to be drafted by a team that runs the right style of offense or he could be one of those guys that rapidly falls off the scene. But in that right system being fed the football, Hull could be a good back at the NFL level. Probably will be selected late in the draft – rounds 6 or 7 seem the most likely.

RB #17

Overall #188

Round 6-7

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.50

Ht: 5-10 ½

Wt: 209

40: 4.47

The Next Best Running Backs...

18. Mohamed Ibrahim (Minnesota)

Likely late round draft choice. Small back. Suffered an achilles injury early in the 2021 season. Bounced back with an outstanding 2022 in which he rushed for 1,6594 yards. Across his career with the Gophers, Ibrahim rushed for 4,957 yards (5.4 average) and 52 touchdowns. In contrast, he caught only 22 passes in the whole of his college career. While be around 25 years old when the 2023 NFL season starts.

Age: 24.63. Ht: 5-8. Wt: 203. 40: n/a. Is #215 overall on our board.

19. Keaton Mitchell (East Carolina)

Likely late round draft choice. Very small and speedy back. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List in 2022. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school. Had over 1,000 yards rushing in each of 2021 and 2022 and was selected 1st Team All-AAC in each of those seasons. Finished his East Carolina career with 3,027 rushing yards (6.5 average) and 25 touchdowns. Also had 60 career receptions. Was used occasionally on kick-off returns.

Age: 21.27. Ht: 5-7 7/8. Wt: 179. 40: 4.38. Is #216 overall on our board.

20. Chris Rodriguez Jr. (Kentucky)

Likely late round draft choice. Excellent between the tackles runner. Has had problems with fumbles, this is something that he needs to clear up at the pro level or he won't last as long as his talent otherwise suggests he should. Rushed for 3,644 yards (6.2 average) and 32 touchdowns in his Kentucky career. Can pound the football, averaging nearly 22 carries per game in 2022. Is a little bit one dimensional as he wasn't used much as a receiver – catching only 20 passes while in college.

Age: 22.58. Ht: 6-0. Wt: 217. 40: n/a. Is #219 overall on our board.

21. Camerun Peoples (Appalachian State)

Likely either a 7th round pick or undrafted free agent. Had a torn ACL in 2019 which forced him to miss the majority of the season. Is a ground and pound type back who can be physically imposing but lacks great speed and acceleration. Finished his career at Appalachian State with 2,830 rushing yards (6.2 average) and 33 touchdowns. Wasn't used as a receiver, catching only 11 career passes.

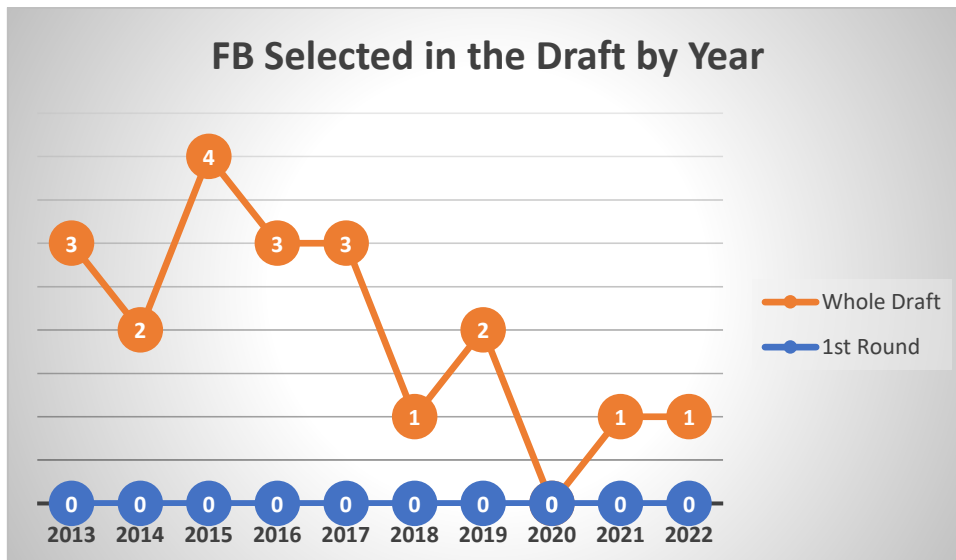
Age: 23.62. Ht: 6-1 3/8. Wt: 217. 40: 4.61. Is #266 overall on our board.

FULLBACKS

The Fullback position which has, in recent years, often seen itself bundled in with tight ends and H-backs when it comes to the draft, makes a welcome return to our guide this year. While there are not that many true fullbacks to discuss, it seemed appropriate to separate the position back out again. It least for this year.

2023 General Draft Outlook: The outstanding performer at the fullback spot in this draft is North Dakota State’s Hunter Luepke. Luepke is an all-round fullback who is an excellent runner with the football. At the next level he may become more of a blocking h-back type, but we’ll see. He’s going to be a day 3 pick as the overall value that teams give to fullbacks generally isn’t high, but he could turn out to be a steal for somebody.

The other true fullbacks available in this draft, but likely not to be selected, are Javon Williams Jr., Monte Pottebaum and Jack Colletto.



Packers Outlook: The Packers have a history over the past decade or more of utilising the “blocking” fullback in their offense. Remember the contributions of John Kuhn, Korey Hall and Aaron Ripkowski to the team’s success? (some may also point to the outstanding William Henderson in the 90s and early 2000s).

The current Packers regime also seems to like the position, if they can get right the guy to fit the mould – a very recent Packers fullback who comes to mind is Danny Vitale.

So having established that the Packers may be prepared to go down the fullback route, who might it be?

And the answer is simple, the only fullback worth a selection in this draft is Hunter Luepke. He’s a more of a ball carrier than some of the names mentioned above, however he’s also an all-rounder who can catch and block as well. He may just pique the interest of the Packers.

TOP FULLBACKS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Hunter Luepke	FB	North Dakota State	6-7
2.	Javon Williams Jr.	FB	Southern Illinois	UDFA
3.	Monte Pottebaum	FB	Iowa	UDFA
4.	Jack Colletto	FB	Oregon State	UDFA

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HUNTER LUEPKE (North Dakota State)

High School: Luepke is from Spencer, Wisconsin – the same home town as Packers Hall of Famer Ted Fritsch. Luepke played his high school football nearby to Spencer, having a highly productive career there both as a fullback and linebacker. Was also a highly successful wrestler.

College: Opted to play his college ball at North Dakota State (at the FCS level, the same school that Packer Christian Watson attended) as a fullback. Luepke redshirted his true freshman season (2018) at NDSU and played little on offense in 2019. He followed this with 3 highly successful seasons in which he earned multiple honours.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at North Dakota State, Luepke played in 43 games, rushing 274 times for 1,665 yards (6.1 average) and 24 touchdowns. Had 4 career 100-yard rushing games. Had 38 receptions for 494 yards (13.0 average) and 9 touchdowns.

Luepke is a well-built back who performed a range of roles for NDSU. Most notably he was a pulverising inside runner who hit defenders as hard as they hit him. But as well as carrying the football, Luepke also lined up as a tight end, fullback and H-Back spots.

Will catch the ball coming out of the backfield – he has good hands and knows how to get open. Is also a willing blocker in the running game. Has lots of excellent special teams experience.

2022 Missed the last 5 games of the season, including the FCS Championship Game - due to a torn labrum (right shoulder) – this injury also forced him to miss the 2023 Senior Bowl and the drills at the 2023 Combine. **2020** Had right shoulder surgery which forced him out of the first 2 games of the 2020 season (played in the spring of 2021 due to the pandemic).

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team FCS All-American. 1st Team All-MVFC. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** Phil Steele, Hero Sports & Stats Perform 1st Team FCS All-American. 1st Team All-MVFC. MVFC All-Academic 2nd Team. **2021, 2020 & 2018** MVFC Academic Honor Roll. **2021 & 2020** MVFC Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award. CoSIDA Academic All-District. **2020 (Spring 2021)** Phil Steele & Stats Perform 1st Team FCS All-American. 1st Team All-MVFC. Hero Sports Sophomore All-American. MVFC All-Academic Honorable Mention. **2019** Honorable Mention All-MVFC.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Luepke was used as a multi-purpose ball carrier at NDSU; however, he is likely to need to develop as a blocker if NFL teams intend to use him as a multi-purpose blocking full-back and H-Back type. The good news is that he already has nice receiving skills and will contribute on special teams immediately. His second shoulder injury (which kept him out of the Senior Bowl and combine drills) will undoubtedly be of concern to NFL medical staff, but assuming all is ok we can expect Luepke to be selected somewhere towards the back-end of day 3.

FB/H-Back

FB #1

Overall #241

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.16

Ht: 6-1

Wt: 230

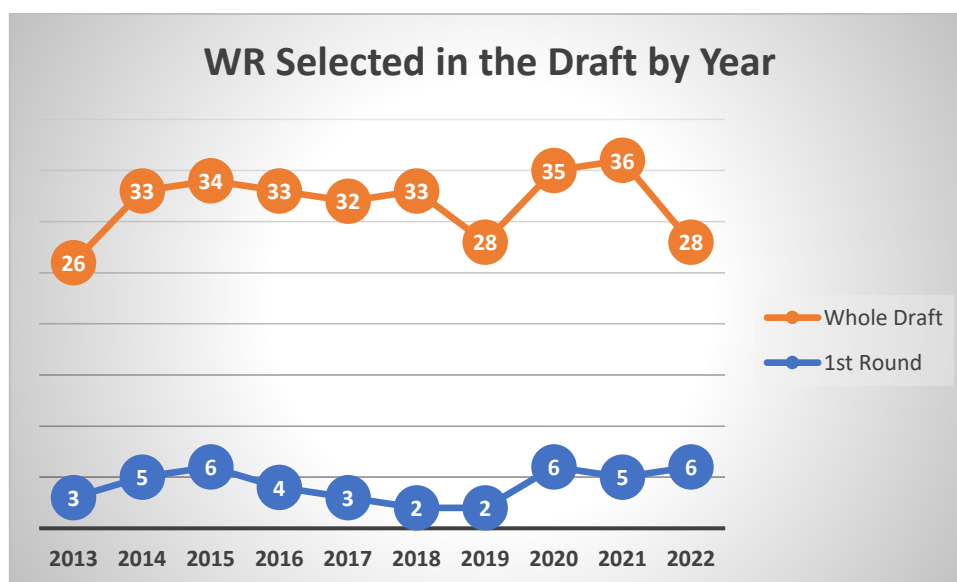
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WIDE RECEIVERS

2023 General Draft Outlook: We have been spoiled in the last 3 years when it comes to the quality of wide receivers being available in the draft. 17 have been selected in the last three 1st rounds, an average of 5.67 each year. But that's not likely to be the case this year – while the 2023 class is still pretty deep, it isn't as strong at the very top.

There are three wide receivers who seem very likely to be selected in the 1st round this time around – Jaxson Smith Njigba, Jordan Addison and Quentin Johnston – although in which order they get picked is anybody's guess. Certainly, it's not likely that any of them are off the board until about the middle of the round.

The next couple of receivers – Zay Flowers and Jalin Hyatt – should be chosen early in round 2, with a chance that one of them could sneak into the back end of round 1, if there is a team looking for a wideout at that spot. They are followed by a group that most likely will go on day 2 – including Josh Downs, Rashee Rice, Cedric Tillman and A.T. Perry.



Packers Outlook: The Packers enter this draft with only two spots definitely solidified at the position – Christian Watson and Romeo Doubs – and another spot probably taken, by Samori Toure. But all three of these guys are heading into just their second years in the NFL. The only other receivers on the off-season roster are Bo Melton and Jeff Cotton. Veteran help would be really useful here.

In addition to veteran help, the Packers seem certain to turn to this draft to get more help. That could happen as early as the 1st round – if so, any of the aforementioned Smith-Njigba, Addison or Johnston could be the pick here. If they don't go wideout in round 1 but come to the position in the following couple of rounds then a Rashee Rice or Cedric Tillman could be a nice pick. Later in the draft, Jonathan Mingo, Michael Wilson or Andrei Iosivas may fit the profile of a Packers' type receiver.

TOP WIDE RECEIVERS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	WR	Ohio State	1
2.	Quentin Johnston	WR	TCU	1
3.	Jordan Addison	WR	USC	1
4.	Zay Flowers	WR	Boston College	1-2
5.	Josh Downs	WR	North Carolina	1-2
6.	Jalin Hyatt	WR	Tennessee	2
7.	Rashee Rice	WR	SMU	2-3
8.	Cedric Tillman	WR	Tennessee	2-3
9.	Marvin Mims Jr.	WR	Oklahoma	2-3
10.	Kayshon Boutte	WR	LSU	3
11.	Tyler Scott	WR	Cincinnati	3
12.	A.T. Perry	WR	Wake Forest	3
13.	Nathaniel Dell	WR	Houston	3-4
14.	Jayden Reed	WR	Michigan State	3-4
15.	Jonathan Mingo	WR	Mississippi	4-5
16.	Trey Palmer	WR	Nebraska	4-5
17.	Dontayvion Wicks	WR	Virginia	4-5
18.	Michael Wilson	WR	Stanford	4-5
19.	Parker Washington	WR	Penn State	4-5
20.	Xavier Hutchinson	WR	Iowa State	4-5
21.	Charlie Jones	WR	Purdue	4-5
22.	Rakim Jarrett	WR	Maryland	4-5
23.	Andrei Iosivas	WR	Princeton	4-5
24.	Puka Nacua	WR	BYU	4-5
25.	Bryce Ford-Wheaton	WR	West Virginia	6-7
26.	Ronnie Bell	WR	Michigan	6-7
27.	Jalen Mareno-Cropper	WR	Fresno State	6-7
28.	Dontay Demus Jr.	WR	Maryland	6-7
29.	Tre Tucker	WR	Cincinnati	6-7
30.	Elijah Higgins	WR	Stanford	6-7
31.	DeMario Douglas	WR	Liberty	6-7
32.	Jake Bobo	WR	UCLA	6-7
33.	Mitchell Tinsley	WR	Penn State	6-7
34.	Derius Davis	WR	TCU	6-7
35.	Justin Shorter	WR	Florida	7-UDFA
36.	Jadon Haselwood	WR	Arkansas	7-UDFA
37.	Michael Jefferson	WR	Louisiana	7-UDFA
38.	Antoine Green	WR	North Carolina	7-UDFA
39.	Xavier Gipson	WR	Stephen F. Austin	UDFA
40.	Jalen Wayne	WR	South Alabama	UDFA

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	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Jason Brownlee	WR	Southern Mississippi	UDFA
42.	Matt Landers	WR	Arkansas	UDFA
43.	Malik Knowles	WR	Kansas State	UDFA
44.	Joseph Ngata	WR	Clemson	UDFA
45.	Jacob Copeland	WR	Maryland	UDFA
46.	Jadakis Bonds	WR	Hampton	UDFA
47.	Grant DuBose	WR	Charlotte	UDFA
48.	Kearis Jackson	WR	Georgia	UDFA
49.	Dallas Daniels	WR	Jackson State	UDFA
50.	Malik Heath	WR	Mississippi	UDFA
51.	Keytaon Thompson	WR	Virginia	UDFA
52.	Shaquan Davis	WR	South Carolina State	UDFA
53.	Josh Vann	WR	South Carolina	UDFA
54.	Keylon Stokes	WR	Tulsa	UDFA
55.	Jaray Jenkins	WR	LSU	UDFA
56.	C.J. Johnson	WR	East Carolina	UDFA
57.	Jalen Brooks	WR	South Carolina	UDFA
58.	Jared Wayne	WR	Pittsburgh	UDFA
59.	Nikko Remigio	WR	Fresno State	UDFA
60.	Brendan Beaulieu	WR	Bemidji State	UDFA
61.	Justin Marshall	WR	Buffalo	UDFA
62.	Tyler Hudson	WR	Louisville	UDFA
63.	Trea Shropshire	WR	UAB	UDFA
64.	Taye Barber	WR	TCU	UDFA
65.	Fotis Kokosioulis	WR	Fordham	UDFA
66.	Gavin Holmes	WR	Baylor	UDFA
67.	Sam James	WR	West Virginia	UDFA
68.	Duece Watts	WR	Tulane	UDFA
69.	Keilahn Harris	WR	Oklahoma Baptist	UDFA
70.	Elijah Cooks	WR	San Jose State	UDFA
71.	Daniel Arias	WR	Colorado	UDFA
72.	Devon McCoy	WR	Clark Atlanta University	UDFA
73.	E.J. Hicks	WR	North Carolina Central	UDFA
74.	Ed Lee	WR	Rhode Island	UDFA
75.	Isiah Cox	WR	Alabama A&M	UDFA
76.	Jacory Rankin	WR	Mississippi Valley State	UDFA
77.	Jerrish Halsey	WR	Delaware State	UDFA
78.	Kade Warner	WR	Kansas State	UDFA
79.	Malachi Carter	WR	Georgia Tech	UDFA
80.	Mikito Itokawa	WR	Kwansei Gakuin (Japan)	UDFA
81.	Morgan Scroggins	WR	Bowie State University	UDFA
82.	R.J. Sneed II	WR	Colorado	UDFA
83.	Taylor Grimes	WR	Incarnate Word	UDFA
84.	Tre'Shaun Harrison	WR	Oregon State	UDFA

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	Name	Pos	College	Round*
85.	Victor Tucker	WR	Charlotte	UDFA
86.	Xavier Smith	WR	Florida A&M	UDFA
87.	Zach Leslie	WR	North Carolina A&T	UDFA
88.	Jesse Matthews	WR	San Diego State	UDFA
89.	Je'Quan Burton	WR	FAU	UDFA
90.	Amare Jones	WR	Georgia Southern	UDFA
91.	Antoine Murray	WR	Howard	UDFA
92.	Bailey Edwards	WR	Albion College	UDFA
93.	Braydon Johnson	WR	Oklahoma State	UDFA
94.	Brycen Tremayne	WR	Stanford	UDFA
95.	C.J. Bolar	WR	Alcorn State	UDFA

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JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA (Ohio State)

Misc: Brother Canaan is an MLB player (Pittsburgh Pirates)

High School: Caught more than 200 passes for over 3,800 yards and 55 touchdowns in his final two seasons combined in high school in Texas.

College: Opted to attend Ohio State in preference to other offers. His freshman season (2020) was curtailed by the pandemic, but he exploded in 2021 with a Big 10 single season record for receiving yardage (1,606), which was capped by an incredible Rose Bowl in which he caught 15 passes for 347 yards and 3 touchdowns. However, his 2022 season pretty much wiped out by injury. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at USC, Smith-Njigba played in 23 games (15 starts). Recorded 109 receptions for 1,691 yards (15.5 average) and 9 touchdowns. Had 7 career 100-yard receiving games (including 2 200-yard games which also included 1 300-yard game). Also returned 11 punts for 71 yards (6.5 average).

Smith-Njigba played first and foremost in the slot at OSU and demonstrated really good feet, explosion, and an excellent release off the line of scrimmage. He coupled this with the ability to run really good routes in the short and underneath areas – he knows how to get open. Doesn't have blazing speed but is sneaky fast and couples this with those route running skills to get deep more often than you might expect.

Has really good hands and a nice catch radius with the ability to pull in off target passes. Will also fight and make the contested catch. Is excellent with the ball in his hands and will make good yardage after the catch.

Concerns about Smith-Njigba will whether he can be more than a slot guy at the next level, and his lack of experience, mainly caused by his injury history - had a hamstring injury which meant that he played just 3 games in 2022.

Honours & Awards: 2021 3rd Team All-American. 3rd Team All-Big 10. Rose Bowl Offensive MVP (2022 Rose Bowl, 2021 season).



WR #1

Overall #12

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.20

Ht: 6-01 ½

Wt: 196

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

In essence, only had 1 season (2021) in which he had the full opportunity to show what he could do. Played the first 2 years of his college career as part of the OSU receiving corps which also included Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave (both 2022 1st round picks) – and yet he didn't play second fiddle to those guys. Played much of his time in the slot, but also played some on the outside. Teams will like his skills, athletic ability and especially the way he simply makes plays – providing they can see past the question about playing just 1 full year and also whether they see him only as a slot guy. But make no mistake, Smith-Njigba is a very talented receiver, and we should expect him to be off the board midway through the 1st round.

QUENTIN JOHNSTON (TCU)

High School: Johnston was a star high school player in Texas.

College: Opted to play his college ball in-state at TCU having switched his commitment from the University of Texas. Made a big splash in his freshman season (2020) at TCU as a deep threat. Followed that up with another good year, again demonstrating his deep threat capability. Had an outstanding 2022, which included a huge game in the National Championship Playoff Semi-final against Michigan. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 32 games for TCU. Caught 115 passes for 2,190 yards (19.0 average) and 14 touchdowns. Had 9 career 100-yard receiving games. Also rushed 8 times for 8 yards (1.0 average) and 2 touchdowns.

Johnston is fine physical specimen, with a great combination of speed, acceleration, size, and length – with a nice catch radius. Although utilising his strength and power hasn't been the forte of his game as a receiver to this point. However, he has demonstrated that strength when breaking tackles and adding yards after the catch on crossing routes.

Johnston has been an outstanding, explosive, deep threat, making the most of his speed and his long striding acceleration enabling him to get open and make big plays. For a big man, Johnston has nice feet and some release skills at the line of scrimmage, although he isn't yet the most refined of route runners (small route tree) particularly short and underneath.

Johnston hasn't yet been quite as productive as his undoubted talents suggest that he should be, and his hands are not yet as consistent as need to be.

2022 Missed 1 game due to an ankle injury. **2021** Missed 3 games due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 12. Phil Steele 4th Team All-American. Biletnikoff Award semi-finalist. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist. FBS Play-off Semi-final Offensive MVP. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 1st Team All-Big 12. **2020** Honorable Mention 1st Team All-Big 12.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Johnston brings size and length to the wide receiver class in this draft – a draft that, generally speaking, lacks those attributes amongst wideouts. Whilst he doesn't always appear to fully utilise those physical advantages, this can be developed in Johnston. NFL scouts will love his speed, acceleration and ability to get open – he is a true deep threat who will make huge plays and open up the underneath routes for his fellow receivers by stretching the field. For such a great athlete with his skills, there is the feeling with Johnston that his productivity has only just scratched the surface of what it could be. Expect him to be selected somewhere in the middle of the 1st round, by a team that believes they can develop him. He will challenge Jaxson Smith-Njigba and Jordan Addison to be the first receiver off the board.

WR #2

Overall #17

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.64

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 208

40: n/a

JORDAN ADDISON (USC)

High School: Played multiple positions in high school in Maryland.

College: Chose Pittsburgh over a number of interested schools including Notre Dame. Had a productive freshman season (2020), before truly breaking out with a huge 1,500-yard receiving season in 2021, winning the Biletnikoff Award. Transferred to USC prior to the 2022 seasons and recorded a nice year, without reaching the heights of the previous season – partly because of injury. Declared for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In 2 years at Pitt, Addison played in 24 games (22 starts), notching up 160 receptions for 2,259 yards (14.1 average) and 21 TDs. Had 10 100-yard receiving games (including 1 200-yard game). Rushed 16 times for 114 yards (7.1 average) and 1 TD. Returned 14 punts at a 14.3 average. Returned 2 kick-offs at a 19.5 average.

In 1 year at USC (2022), Addison played in 11 games (11 starts), recording 59 receptions for 875 yards and 8 TDs. Had 4 100-yard receiving games. Rushed 4 times for 33 yards (8.3 average). Returned 4 punts at a 4.8 average.

Addison will play both from the outside and from the slot. He is a fine athlete with multi-gear speed. Whilst he wouldn't be described as a speedster, he can still beat teams deep thanks to his sneaky ability going through those gears.

Addison lacks some size and physicality, which means that he may have some struggles against press man and with physical corners. However, he is an excellent route runner which helps overcome some of this and he is a master at getting open against soft/off coverages.

He has excellent hands, with a nice catch radius, although he needs work on making contested catches. Nonetheless, he is really good at making extra yards after the catch – isn't afraid to run crossing routes which will take him over the middle and deliver big plays. Has some experience running jet sweeps and reverses.

Missed 3 games during the 2022 season due to a nagging lower leg/ankle injury. There is no indication of any long-term issue.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Pac 12. **2021** Consensus All-American. Biletnikoff Award winner. 1st Team All-ACC. **2020** Honorable Mention All-ACC. ACC Rookie of the Year runner-up. The Athletic, 247 Sports & Rivals Freshman All-American.

WR #3

Overall #19

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.25

Ht: 5-11 ½

Wt: 173

40: 4.49

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Addison has already developed many of the skills that NFL teams are looking for in a no.1 wide receiver. And being team's no.1 receiver is what he has the potential to be. There are some areas that need work, in particular becoming more physical but you would expect that NFL level coaching will develop that. Expect him to be selected in the middle of Round 1 and could potentially be the first receiver chosen.

ZAY FLOWERS (Boston College)

Misc: Full name is Xavien Kevonn Flowers.

High School: Played his high school career in Florida.

College: Flowers opted to attend Boston College over the likes of North Carolina State, Nebraska, and Kansas State. Had a solid freshman season (2019) for BC before breaking out in 2020, earning some all-conference honours. Followed that with another good year before finishing his college career with a 1,000 yard receiving season in 2022.

College Stats: Flowers played in 48 games for Boston College, recording 200 receptions for 3,056 yards (15.3 average) and 29 touchdowns. Had 10 career 100-yard games. Also had 57 rushing attempts for 345 yards (6.1 average) and 2 touchdowns. Had 7 punt returns for 43 yards (6.1 average).

Flowers is a very experienced and hugely consistent receiver, although like many wideouts in this draft he is a little undersized. Is versatile – can line up on the outside and in the slot.

Flowers is a really good athlete with speed and acceleration. He has really quick feet being able to change direction at speed. Is also super smart with his speed having multiple gears which he uses intelligently to fool covering defensive backs.

One of the attributes that really stands out with Flowers is his quick first step and release at the line of scrimmage, which he then doubles up on by running excellent routes. He has the knack for being able to get open at all levels. Has really good hands and the ability to catch all of the passes while on the move, not breaking stride even if the pass is not perfect.

Outstanding with the football after the catch, making defenders miss with his quickness and movement skills. Also has good experience running with the football – can be used on jet sweeps and reverses.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-ACC. Biletnikoff Award semi-finalist. Bulger Lowe Award winner. **2021** 3rd Team All-ACC. New England Football Writers All-New England Team. **2020** 1st Team All-ACC.

WR #4

Overall #28

Round 1-2

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.62

Ht: 5-9

Wt: 182

40: 4.42

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Somehow, Flowers had been flying under the radar of some observers, but they may have changed after he had a really nice week at the East-West Shrine Game. Despite the concerns over his lack of size, Flowers should be off the board towards the end of the 1st round, but if he drops far into Day 2 of this draft then a team is going to get a steal. His long-term production may depend on whether a team is comfortable utilising him on the outside or as a slot guy, but he has the potential to be a long-term starter in the NFL.

JOSH DOWNS (North Carolina)

Misc: Son of former NFL RB Gary Downs (6 years in the NFL) and nephew of former Super Bowl winning CB Dre Bly (11 years in the NFL).

High School: Played his high school football in Georgia.

College: Opted to play his college ball at North Carolina. Didn't see much of the field in his freshman season (2020), but followed that with a 101 catch, 1,335 yard receiving year in 2021. Doubled down on his 2021 season in 2022, with another 1,000-yard season, which included an 11-catch game against Clemson in the ACC Championship Game. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Downs played in 34 games (23 starts) for North Carolina, recording 202 receptions for 2,483 yards (12.3 average) and 22 touchdowns. Had 11 100-yard receiving games (including 1 200-yard game). Also had 1 rushing attempt for -3 yards. Returned 26 punts for 289 yards (11.1 average). Scored 1 2-point conversion.

Downs may be undersized, but he is an explosive athlete with quick feet and the speed to give defenders fits. Makes big plays, but isn't just a deep threat, as he can beat defenses short and intermediate as well.

Downs' lack of size can cause him issues with physical, press man corners who can jam him at the line of scrimmage. He runs really good routes and has a great feel for finding the open space, making him a quarterback's friend. Is also excellent after the catch – will consistently add extra yards.

Has nice hands and will fight for the football in the air. Makes more contested catches than his size ought to allow.

Is able to double up as a punt returner where he has demonstrated some nice ability.

Missed 2 early season games in 2022 due to a reported lower body or knee injury. Came back showing no ill-effects of the injury.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-ACC. Biletnikoff Award semi-finalist. 2021 1st Team All-ACC. Biletnikoff Award semi-finalist.

WR/PR

WR #5

Overall #41

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.71

Ht: 5-9

Wt: 171

40: 4.48

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Downs' lack of size will be an issue for some NFL scouts but with so many teams playing zone and off-man coverages as a staple of their defenses, Downs' challenges being jammed at the line of scrimmage may not be as pronounced as in other eras. On the plus side, he has so much going for him – speed, quickness, hands, route running etc. that he should be off the board at some point early on Day 2, with an outside chance that he sneaks into round 1. He is going to be a fine NFL receiver.

JALIN HYATT (Tennessee)

High School: Had a record-breaking high school career in South Carolina.

College: Eventually opted to attend Tennessee to play his college ball after previously committing to Virginia Tech. After 2 perhaps disappointing seasons to start his college career, Hyatt broke out with a huge 2022 season, earning the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver. Had an incredible game in the upset over Alabama – catching 6 passes for 207 yards and 5 touchdowns. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 35 games (14 starts) for Tennessee, recording 108 receptions for 1,769 yards (16.4 average) and 15 TDs. Had 5 career 100-yard games (including 1 200-yard game). Also rushed 3 times a 4.3 average.

Hyatt may lack A1 size, but he's not small and has a frame that could yet add a little bit more bulk – providing of course that doesn't impact any of his athletic skills, because he is a dynamic, super athlete with good speed and exceptional quickness. Uses his explosive first step to get an excellent release off the line of scrimmage.

Forces defenses into double coverage or deep zone coverages because once he is an explosive deep threat - once he is in the open field with the football, Hyatt is not going to be caught from behind.

Hyatt has very good hands, large catch radius and the ability to adjust his routes midway through in order to find the football in the air.

Will make the spectacular catch if needed.

His route running has some question marks at this time, predominantly because he often ran a limited number of routes in college. Is he a one-dimensional deep threat or a receiver that can deliver at all 3 levels?

Honours & Awards: 2022 Biletnikoff Award winner. Unanimous All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. Maxwell Award semi-finalist. Walter Camp Player of the Year semi-finalist.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Having just one productive season in college will be of concern to some teams. However, Hyatt is improving and appears to be a player on the rise, which will encourage NFL scouts to believe that there is untapped potential. Whether he should have returned to school for his senior season is a question - however, losing his QB Hendon Hooker may have been what swayed his decision. What Hyatt already brings is outstanding speed and quickness which can blow defenses away – that big play threat is always in vogue in the NFL. Expect Hyatt to be selected round 2 (he could even sneak into round 1).

WR #6

Overall #44

Round 2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.59

Ht: 6-0 ½

Wt: 176

40: 4.41

RASHEE RICE (SMU)

High School: Rice was a 1,000-yard receiver in high school just outside Fort Worth, Texas, earning all-district honours.

College: Opted to stay close to home and play his college ball just down the road near Dallas at SMU – choosing SMU over a number of FBS schools. Played mainly as a back-up in his freshman college season (2019) but contributed well. Started the majority of games in 2020, before becoming the full-time starter in 2021 – having two solid years. Truly broke out in 2022 with an outstanding record-breaking season (school record receiving yards) earning all-conference recognition. When drafted, Rice will be the latest in a line of SMU receivers to become NFL players – a line that goes back to Raymond Berry in the 1950s.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at SMU, Rice played in 44 games (33 starts) recording 233 receptions for 3,111 yards (13.4 average) and 25 touchdowns. Had 10 career 100-yard receiving games. Also had 1 rushing attempt for 0 yards and 1 kick-off return for 10 yards.

Rice is a very productive receiver with a good combination of size, length speed and athleticism. Has some versatility with experience lining up on the outside and in the slot – although he doesn't have an explosive first step or release which means that he may be best as a Z receiver in the NFL.

Can be a real threat running deep routes where he excels. Uses his speed deceptively to lull corners into a false sense of coverage security before using a burst to create separation. Perhaps could do with some work on refining some of his route running on shorter and underneath routes, although he will use his physicality to create some space.

Rice has good hands but occasionally will have the odd inexplicable drop. Has a large catch radius and will fight for the contested pass.

Suffered from a nagging foot/turf toe injury during the 2022 season which may have slowed him – although he showed toughness playing through it, only missing the end of season Bowl game.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-AAC. Biletnikoff Award semi-finalist. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist. 1st Team Dave Campbell's All-Texas College Team. **2021** Honorable Mention All-AAC. 2nd Team Dave Campbell's All-Texas College Team. **2020** 2nd Team Dave Campbell's All-Texas College Team.

WR #7

Overall #65

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.01

Ht: 6-1

Wt: 204

40: 4.51

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Perhaps because he played his college ball at a school outside the Power 5, Rice has maybe gone a little under the radar of some. Provided that his nagging foot injury in 2022 completely heals with no long-term problems, we can expect Rice to be selected amongst the top 10 receivers and probably be off the board on day 2. He is a developing player who appears to have some upside.

CEDRIC TILLMAN (Tennessee)

Misc: Son of former 4-year NFL receiver WR Cedric Tillman (Broncos and Jaguars).

High School: Cedric Jr. played his high school ball in Las Vegas.

College: Received a number of offers to play football at the college level. Opted to attend Tennessee. After being a minor contributor for 3 seasons (including a redshirt year) with the Volunteers, Tillman had a huge break-out year in 2021 becoming a 1,000-yard receiver in the nation's most competitive conference – the SEC. He started 2022 in a similar fashion before suffering an ankle injury which severely limited his season.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at Tennessee, Tillman played in 44 games (22 starts). He recorded 109 receptions for 1,622 yards (14.9 average) and 17 touchdowns. Had 6 career 100-yard receiving games (including 1 200-yard game).

Tillman is a big receiver with length who plays with physicality and strength. Doesn't have great speed but is very shifty for a man of his size, with the ability to change gears – can be very deceptive to defensive backs in this regard.

Tillman won't often hurt teams on go routes, but that doesn't completely prevent him from being used on deep routes because of his strength and ability to fight for the football – he will fight for the contested pass and can be used as a jump ball receiver.

Tillman runs nice routes underneath and isn't afraid to make plays over the middles in traffic if he has to. He has really nice hands and a huge catch radius. Runs well with the football in his hands, making extra yards after the catch and being difficult to bring down.

Has demonstrated the ability to play big in the big games.

Suffered an ankle injury that required surgery midway through the 2022 season – reducing his season to just 6 games. Demonstrated his toughness by fighting back to return towards the end of the year.

Honours & Awards: **2021** Phil Steele 2nd Team All-SEC. **2020** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2019** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2018** First Year SEC Academic Honor Roll.

WR #8

Overall #67

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.02

Ht: 6-3 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 213

40: 4.55

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Perhaps surprisingly, after a big 2021, Tillman returned to Tennessee for the 2022 season rather than enter the NFL draft, but an injury impacted year may have prevented him getting the draft boost he may have hoped for. Nonetheless, Tillman's physical attributes already make him look like an NFL receiver with the size to potentially dominate defenses. His 2022 injury will of course be of concern, but Tillman appears to have a lot of untapped potential and upside, making him a really intriguing prospect to NFL scouts. Should be off the board on day 2.

MARVIN MIMS Jr. (Oklahoma)

High School: Mims had a record-breaking high school career in Texas – notching up over 1,000 yards receiving as a junior and more than 2,000 yards receiving as a senior. Ended his high school career as the all-time Texas high school leader in a number of receiving categories.

College: Not surprisingly, Mims received scholarship offers from a large number of schools before opting to attend Oklahoma. Despite only starting a single game in his freshman season for the Sooners, Mims had a very good year – earning freshman All-American honours. Followed that up with two outstanding seasons as a starter, including a 1000-yard receiving year in 2022, garnering all-conference recognition. Opted to declare for this draft while still having college eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Oklahoma Mims played in 37 games (24 starts), recording 123 receptions for 2,398 yards (19.5 average) and 20 touchdowns. Also rushed 5 times for 35 yards (7.0 average). Returned 33 punts at a 11.8 average. Returned 3 kick-offs at a 36.0 average.

Mims is a slightly undersized receiver but is versatile and has the outstanding speed, athleticism and quickness which make him a big play receiving threat. Those big plays can come from running deep routes and also from getting the ball in his hands underneath and letting him make yardage.

Is a nice route runner, being able to create some separation. Plays with a little physicality when running routes and when competing for the football, although you wouldn't call him a master of the contested catch at this stage. Mims is a consistent catcher of the football with really good hands and a decent catch radius considering his size.

In addition to his receiving skills, Mims is also an experienced punt returner, utilising his quickness and agility to make a success of the role.

Mims has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 12. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 12. 2nd Team Academic All-Big 12. **2020** 2nd Team All-Big 12. FWAA, ESPN & The Athletic Freshman All-American.

WR/PR

WR #9

Overall #73

Round 2-3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.11

Ht: 5-10 $\frac{7}{8}$

Wt: 183

40: 4.38

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Is slightly shorter than the ideal height for an NFL receiver, which, when coupled with a lack of some bulk will likely be of concern to NFL scouts. However, Mims' speed, athleticism and big play ability will also excite those same scouts. It will be interesting to see how NFL teams perceive him – as an outside receiver or as a bigger slot guy. His ability to return punts also helps Mims' draft stock. It's not clear that Mims will develop into a no.1 receiver at the NFL level, but there's little doubt that he could develop into a versatile receiver – and therefore he should be off the board in round 2 or 3.

KAYSHON BOUTTE (LSU)

High School: Boutte was a fine dual sport athlete in high school in Louisiana.

College: Was highly recruited but eventually opted to stay close to home and attend LSU. Had an outstanding freshman season in 2020, which included an incredible 308 yard receiving game (14 receptions) against Ole Miss. Started well in 2021 before an ankle injury curtailed his season. Returned for a full year in 2022 but wasn't overly productive. Originally announced that he would return to school for the 2023 season before changing his mind and opting to declare for the draft.

College Stats: Boutte played in 27 games (21 starts) for LSU, recording 131 receptions for 1,782 yards (13.6 average) and 16 touchdowns. Had 7 career 100-yard receiving games. Also had 1 rushing attempt for 41 yards.

Boutte is fine athlete, with good speed, quickness and acceleration. Coupling these attributes with an exceptional release (he gets off the line really well against press man) and strength, means that he can line up in any receiver spot.

Uses that aforementioned strength and toughness to go over the middle – he is not afraid to take a hit. Boutte has nice hands and this helps in making those difficult catches in traffic. He has the potential to make every catch – although he has had some problems with drops..

Uses great running ability to make extra yards after the catch. His strength enables him to break tackles whilst his speed and acceleration help him run away from defenders with the ball in his hands.

Isn't yet a consistent route runner and could do with some development in this area. Also hasn't been as productive in the last 2 seasons as he was in his freshman year.

Played in just 6 games in 2021 before missing the remainder of the year due to an ankle injury.

Honours & Awards: 2020 FWAA Freshman All-American. Freshman All-SEC.

WR #10

Overall #80

Round 3

Class: Junior

Age*: 20.94

Ht: 5-11 ¼

Wt: 195

40: 4.50

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Boutte's decision to enter the draft after previously having announced that he would go back to school for the 2023 season may raise some question marks with NFL teams as to how bought in he is to playing in the pros right now or whether there is an unknown underlying reason for his decision. However, on the field, Boutte has demonstrated some really good skills and ability and despite never matching the production of his freshman season, he will have some teams chomping at the bit to see how he can develop in the coming years. Conversely, there will also unquestionably be some teams that will be scared off by his dropping production – so he is likely to split opinion. However, it only takes one team to really like him for Boutte to be picked relatively early – and therefore he may be off the board on Day 2.

TYLER SCOTT (Cincinnati)

High School: Scott was an outstanding multi-sport athlete in high school in Ohio – taking part in track and field as well as playing basketball and football. In track and field, Scott was a highly rated runner (distances from 100m up to 800m) who competed at the Junior Olympics. He played primarily as a RB in high school, notching consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. Oh, and to add to his versatility he was also an excellent kick returner.

College: Opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at Cincinnati, choosing the Bearcats over offers from a number of other schools. Scott played sparingly as a freshman for Cincinnati, converting to wide receiver, before becoming a starter and having a solid season in 2021. Was very good in 2022, earning some all-conference recognition. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22), Scott played in 36 games (20 starts) recording 87 receptions for 1,439 yards (16.5 average) and 14 touchdowns. Had 4 100-yard receiving games. Rushed 1 time for 20 yards. Returned 6 kick-offs at a 17.0 average.

During his college career, Scott demonstrated his ability on multiple routes – short, intermediate and deep.

Scott is slightly undersized but is a highly athletic and speedy receiver who can stretch defenses, being a real deep threat. On deep routes, he utilises his impressive all-out speed to simply fly past all but the fastest of defensive backs. Tracks the football in the air and appears to catch the long pass with some ease.

Knows how to get open and get separation on the shorter routes but sometimes has problems with drops. These are probably concentration rather than technique based – an area for development.

Scott is not yet the most physical of receivers especially when competing for the contested ball – this is an area where he can develop further.

He is super versatile with high school experience of playing out of the backfield and returning kicks.

Suffered a minor ankle injury in 2022 missing 1 game.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-AAC. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freaks List.

WR #11

Overall #84

Round 3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.54

Ht: 5-10

Wt: 177

40: 4.44

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Scott looks like a player who will continue to improve and develop – a classic “upside” type player. While he is developing, we should expect the team that drafts him to use him returning kick-offs and perhaps as a gadget player – lining up all over the field, including the backfield. Scott's skills, potential and versatility should see him selected around round 3.

A.T. PERRY (Wake Forest)

Misc: Perry's first name is Atorian – shortened to A.T.

High School: Was a multi-sport athlete in high school in Florida playing basketball and taking part in track and field (long jump) as well as playing football.

College: Had a good high school football career but didn't garner the multitude of offers from Power 5 schools that he probably deserved. In the end, Perry opted to play his college ball at Wake Forest. In his first 3 years (2018-20), including a redshirt year, for the Deacons, Perry's receiving output was minimal, but all of that changed when he had a huge 2021. He notched up more than 1,000 yards receiving in 2021 (and a school record 15 touchdowns) and then followed that up with a second 1,000-yard season in 2022. Earned all-conference honours in both years.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at Wake Forest, Perry recorded 171 receptions for 2,662 yards (15.6 average) and 28 touchdowns. Had 12 100-yard receiving games. His 15 touchdown receptions in 2021 broke the Wake Forest school record.

Perry is a tall, thin receiver with athleticism, agility and good speed. Has long legs which enable him to vary his speed and get deep – will threaten defenses over the top, getting separation on deep routes and making catches in stride.

Is a decent route runner underneath and short, but those long legs probably make it more difficult for the cuts and breaks to be made at speed.

Perry has the ability to make huge, highlight reel catches but will also drop the occasional pass he ought to catch. Needs to improve his catching consistency. Has a huge catch radius.

Has the smarts and ability to break off his routes and come back for the football when his quarterback is in trouble. Uses his body extremely well to shield the football.

Turns into a good runner when he has the ball in his hands.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-ACC. 2021 1st Team All-ACC. Biletnikoff Award semi-finalist.

WR #12

Overall #93

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.50

Ht: 6-3 ½

Wt: 198

40: 4.47

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Perry brings physical ability, speed and athleticism to the receiver position which will be of interest to NFL scouts. Has proven production – the only question is, can he repeat that at the next level? Has areas of development need but it certainly seems like there is upside and a relatively high ceiling - it feels like there is more to come when he can iron out some of the inconsistencies in his game. Will likely be selected in round 3.

NATHANIEL DELL (Houston)

Misc: Nicknamed "Tank".

High School: Solid high school career in Florida.

College: Dell didn't get college offers from FBS schools and he opted to attend Alabama A&M. Redshirted 2018 (playing 4 games) at Alabama A&M. Dell transferred to junior college level Independence Community College for the 2019 season where he excelled as a multi-purpose receiver and kick/punt returner. Transferred again prior to the 2020 season, enrolling at Houston. Had 3 fine years for the Cougars, including two 1000-yard seasons, earning all-conference and some All-American recognition along the way.

College Stats: In 4 games at Alabama A&M in 2018, Dell had 12 receptions for 364 yards and 3 TDs, including 204 yards receiving against Alabama State.

In 10 games for Independence Community College in 2019, Dell had 52 receptions for 766 yards and 8 TDs. Also averaged 32.8 yards per kick-off return (1 touchdown) and 35.0 yards per punt return (on just 3 returns).

Dell played 3 seasons at Houston (2020-22), playing in 32 games and recording 211 receptions for 2,904 yards (13.8 average) and 28 touchdowns. Had 12 100-yard receiving games. Also rushed 5 times for 14 yards (2.8 average). Averaged 18.4 yards per kick-off return (17 returns) and 16.0 yards per punt return (10 returns) with 1 touchdown.

Dell is a very small but gifted wide receiver with good athletic ability, quick feet and speed. His explosive first step enables Dell to get open almost immediately on short routes from the slot. Those quick feet also enable him to break sharply when running routes, enabling him to create separation. May struggle with physical defensive backs and when in heavy traffic.

Is excellent after the catch, making defenders miss when he has the ball in his hands.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-AAC. Dave Campbell 1st Team All-State (Texas). Biletnikoff Award semi-finalist. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist. Best WR – Dave Campbell's Texas football. **2021** 1st Team All-AAC. Dave Campbell 1st Team All-State (Texas).

WR #13

Overall #99

Round 3-4

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.49

Ht: 5-8 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 165

40: 4.49

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Dell reportedly had a really good Senior Bowl week which helped his draft prospects. But there can be little doubt that NFL teams are going to be concerned by his lack of size. That size question mark will surely mean that he will be utilised primarily as a slot receiver in the NFL, who will also likely be used as a punt returner and perhaps as a kick-off returner. His mixture of productivity and potential should see Dell selected in round 3 or 4, despite those size concerns.

JAYDEN REED (Michigan State)

High School: Earned all-state honours in high school in Illinois.

College: Opted to head to Kalamazoo and play his college ball at Western Michigan University. Reed earned Freshman All-American honours for his outstanding 2018 season at WMU but decided to transfer to Michigan State after the year. Sat out his first season at MSU (due to the NCAA transfer rules at the time), before earning a starting role in 2020 – having a fine year as both a receiver and kick returner.

College Stats: In his single season at WMU (2018), Reed played in 13 games (12 starts), recording 56 receptions for 797 yards (14.2 average) and 8 TDs. Had 4 100-yard receiving games. Returned 9 kick-offs at a 12.9 average. Also returned 17 punts at a 17.9 average with 1 TD. Had 1 rushing attempt for -9 yards. Also scored 2 2-point conversions.

In 4 seasons at MSU, Reed played in 31 games (31 starts), recording 147 receptions for 2,069 yards (14.1 average) and 18 TDs. Had 5 100-yard receiving games. Had 17 rushing attempts for 62 yards (3.6 average) and 1 TD. Returned 33 kick-offs at a 22.0 average. Returned 27 punts at a 13.6 average with 2 TDs. Attempted and completed 1 pass for a 25 yard TD.

Reed doesn't have great size but is a versatile player with experience (and ability) returning kick-offs and punts as well as playing receiver from both the outside and in the slot. Was also used on jet sweeps/reverses.

As a receiver Reed can be inconsistent. He has a quick first step and good speed which troubles corners. He'll fight for the football in the air and makes a lot of contested catches. Will make yards after the catch, as he'll make defenders miss, thanks to his speed and agility.

However, Reed doesn't always get great separation, and this may be because he needs to work on his route running (and the number of different routes he runs). He has also had some problems with drops.

Missed 1 game in 2022 due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-Big 10. **2021** AFCA 1st Team All-American. 2nd Team All-Big 10. Peach Bowl Offensive MVP. Hornung Award finalist. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. **2018** FWAA Freshman All-American. 2nd Team All-MAC.

WR/KR/PR

WR #14

Overall #101

Round 3-4

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.00

Ht: 5-11

Wt: 187

40: 4.45

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Reed is an exciting, dynamic playmaking wide receiver, with experience and game versatility – also having good kick-off and punt return ability (he returned 3 punts for touchdowns during his college career). Will need to develop his route running, route tree and work on his hands to become a full-time starter at receiver. Nonetheless, the team that drafts him is getting a good football player. Should be off the board in round 3 or 4.

JONATHAN MINGO (Mississippi)

High School: Was a highly prolific wide receiver in high school in Mississippi.

College: Opted to stay in state to play his college football at Ole Miss (over offers from a number of other Power 5 schools). Started every game at wideout as a true freshman (2019) and all but 2 games in his sophomore season (2020), although he didn't receive a huge amount of targets in those two years. In 2021, he started and ended the season more productively than in previous years but unfortunately missed 7 games in midseason due to injury. Bounced back in 2022 with the most production of his college career (including a single game school record 247 receiving yards), earning some all-conference notice for the first time.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Ole Miss, Mingo played in 41 games, recording 112 receptions for 1,758 yards (15.7 average) and 12 TDs. Had 4 career 100-yard receiving games (including 1 200-yard game). Rushed 4 times for -7 yards, with 1 TD. Returned 2 punts at a 13.0 average.

Mingo has good height, a well-built body and sturdy frame. He has lots of experience as a big slot receiver, with the strength and surprisingly quick feet to beat the jam from press coverage at the line of scrimmage. Has good hands and a large catch radius.

Mingo's physical presence is of a guy that you want to get the ball to and let him make extra yards. He's a really good runner with the ball in his hands and is tough for defenders to bring down.

Mingo generally doesn't stretch defenses deep and can struggle getting some separation but uses his physical assets (hands and arms) well in the passing game and will fight and battle to make the contested catch. Will use his body to shield off the defender.

Has some experience being used on jet sweeps.

Missed 7 games in 2021 due to a broken foot suffered in a midweek practice.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-SEC. **2021** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Ole Miss Athletic Director's Spring Honor Roll. **2020** Ole Miss Athletic Director's Fall Honor Roll. Ole Miss Chancellor's Honor Roll. **2019** SEC Fall Academic Fall Honor Roll. Ole Miss Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

WR #15

Overall #122

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.02

Ht: 6-1 $\frac{3}{4}$

Wt: 220

40: 4.46

DRAFT OUTLOOK

"Get the ball in his hands and let him run" should be the mantra of any team that is looking at Mingo. He is such a physical specimen and an absolute load for defenses to deal with in the short and intermediate areas. Will also suit a team that uses their wide receivers as blockers in the running game. Mingo won't appeal to every team, but in the right system he has a chance of being a no.3 or no.4 receiver. Should be off the board on day 3.

TREY PALMER (Nebraska)

High School: Played both wide receiver and safety during his high school career in Louisiana, where he was also a track and field star (100, 200m).

College: Highly recruited, Palmer opted to stay in his home state and play his college ball at LSU, over the likes of Alabama and Florida. Played mainly on special teams and a little as a return man in his true freshman season (2019). In 2020, Palmer played as a back-up wide receiver as well as on multiple special teams units, including as a kick returner and punt returner. Saw his first action as a starting wideout for LSU in 2021 (5 starts) putting in a solid performance. Transferred to Nebraska prior to the 2022 season, in the hope of seeing more action as a wide receiver and this happened as he responded with a 1,000 yard season, earning all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2019-21) at LSU, Palmer played in 28 games (5 starts), recording 41 receptions for 458 yards (11.2 average) and 3 TDs. Also had 2 rushing attempts for 0 yards. Had 15 kick-off returns at a 26.3 average and 1 TD. Had 23 punt returns at an 8.2 average and 1 TD.

In his single season at Nebraska, Palmer played in 12 games (11 starts), recording 71 receptions for 1,043 yards (14.7 average) and 9 TDs. Had 3 100-yard receiving games (including 1 200-yard game). Also had 5 rushing attempts for 75 yards (15.0 average). Had 3 kick-off returns at a 20.7 average. Had 4 punt returns at a 9.0 average.

Palmer is a an exciting, dynamic wide receiver who has great speed and decent size. Lacks ideal experience having played just 1 (very productive) season as a full-time starter.

Isn't yet a refined route runner, but Palmer gets some separation through his velocity and agility. May tip his hand with defensive backs while he is still this raw. Can high point the football and make the spectacular catch but his hands aren't yet consistent.

Palmer is a fine kick and punt returner.

Suffered a hairline fracture late in his high school career., but other than that appears to have no major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-Big 10.

WR #16

Overall #126

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.07

Ht: 6-0

Wt: 192

40: 4.33

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Unfortunately, spent time stuck behind the likes of Justin Jefferson, Jamar Chase and Terrace Marshall on the LSU depth chart, which limited his opportunities and meant that he had only 1 big year of college production (2022). The good news is that there could be a lot of upside for a player who has blazing speed. May take a little while to develop, but in the meantime a team could utilise his skills and experience as a return man. Should be selected early on day 3.

DONTAYVION WICKS (Virginia)

High School: Wicks was a dual-sport (basketball and football) and multi-position football player in high school in Louisiana, playing both quarterback and wide receiver.

College: Opted to play his college ball as a receiver at Virginia. Hardly played for the Cavaliers as a true freshman in 2019 and then missed the entire 2020 season due to a foot injury. Wicks bounced back with a huge, record breaking, year in 2021 – earning all-conference honours along the way.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Virginia, Wicks played in 30 games (19 starts), recording 90 receptions for 1,694 yards (18.8 average) and 12 touchdowns. Had 6 career 100-yard receiving games. Also attempted 3 passes, with completion for 18 yards.

Wicks is well built receiver with good length. He has acceleration and the speed to stretch defenses deep (note: his 40 time at the combine was likely impacted by the hip injury he suffered there). Wicks brings some versatility to the position with experience lining up both on the outside and in the slot.

He has large catch radius, however he had real problems with dropping passes in 2022. Unfortunately, Wicks has also suffered some injuries which is a concern.

Previously, Wicks proved himself to a big play receiver, making the deep pass a staple of Virginia's offense. He has the speed and a deceptive extra gear to smoothly glide past cornerbacks. Wicks has a knack for creating separation on go routes.

Although he is a good runner with the football in his hands – will make extra yards after the catch – his route tree is somewhat small, running a limited number of routes underneath. Will need to work on extending this at the next level.

2023 Suffered a minor hip injury at the combine in March, which forced him out of some of the drills. **2022** Missed the final two games of the season due to an undisclosed injury. **2020** Missed the entire season due to a foot injury.

Honours & Awards: **2021** PFN Honorable Mention All-American. 1st Team All-ACC. Richmond Touchdown Club Offensive End of the Year.

WR #17

Overall #129

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: Unknown (born 2001)

Ht: 6-1 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 206

40: 4.62

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Will the real Dontayvion Wicks please stand up? Is it the receiver who broke Virginia receiving records during the 2021 season? Or is the often injured receiver who also suffers from dropping passes? Wicks has a lot of talent and has the speed (forget the injury affected combine time) to cause NFL defenses real headaches – he's therefore going to get a shot at developing and becoming a consistent threat at the pro level. Expect him to be selected sometime around the middle rounds.

MICHAEL WILSON (Stanford)

High School: Wilson played basketball as well as football in high school in California. Was all-state as a wideout and twice a 1,000 yard receiver.

College: Was highly recruited by FBS schools - opted to stay in California and play his college ball at Stanford. As a true freshman (2018), Wilson started just 1 game, spending most of the year as a back-up and on special teams. Became the full-time starter in 2019, having a very nice year. His following two seasons were limited to just 4 games each, mainly due to injury. 2022 was a similar season, Wilson played in just 6 games due to injury. Twice earned honourable mention all-conference honours.

College Stats: In his 5 years at Stanford, Wilson played in 39 games, recording 134 receptions for 1,662 yards (12.4 average) and 11TDs. Rushed 6 times for 55 yards (9.2 average). Had 4 kick-off returns at a 13.8 average. Had 22 punt returns at a 6.9 average.

Wilson is a big bodied wide receiver who brings versatility to the position. Also has experience returning punts and kicks and playing special teams.

Despite lacking great speed, Wilson brings a nice combination of athletic ability and physicality to the wideout spot. Wilson is a smart football player who knows how to beat press coverage at the line of scrimmage and to get open quickly – using his physicality when necessary.

Runs good routes short and underneath. Doesn't have the speed to threaten defenses deep. Is also a powerful blocker in the running game. Good after the catch, using his agility and elusiveness to make extra yards.

2022 Played in just 6 games – missing the final 6 games of the season due to an undisclosed injury. **2021** Played in just 4 games - missing the first 8 games of the season due to the foot injury he suffered the previous season. **2020** Suffered a foot injury which limited his season to just 4 games.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Pac 12. Stanford Jim Reynolds Award winner. **2022, 2021, 2020 & 2019** Pac 12 All-Academic Honor Roll. **2021** Stanford AI Masters Award winner. Stanford Jim Reynolds Award winner. **2020** Stanford Team Technician Award winner. Stanford Frank Rehm Award winner. **2019** Stanford Frank Rehm Award winner..

WR #18

Overall #133

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.17

Ht: 6-1 $\frac{7}{8}$

Wt: 213

40: 4.58

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Wilson's college career was stop-start due to injuries and he never achieved the level of production he talent suggests he should have done. He has the physical presence to be a load underneath as a yard gainer on short routes. Can be used as a blocker in the run game. Wilson had a really good Senior Bowl week which really helped his draft cause. Has the potential to initially challenge for a back-up wide receiver spot – contributing on special teams while he develops. However, his injury history is going to be of real concern to NFL teams. Should be selected on day 3.

PARKER WASHINGTON (Penn State)

Misc: Washington is the cousin of current NFL QB Joshua Dobbs (Browns).

High School: Washington played basketball and baseball as well as football during his high school days in Texas. On the gridiron he was an outstanding wide receiver who earned all-region and all-state honours.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Penn State, accepting the Nittany Lions offer over those from the likes of other Big 10 schools, Wisconsin and Nebraska. Became an immediate starter at WR in his true freshman season (2020) and played well enough to earn some freshman All-American notice. Started the majority of games in each of the following two seasons (2021-22), earning some all-conference notice in both years. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Penn State, Parker played in 32 games (24 starts), recording 146 receptions for 1,920 yards (13.2 average) and 12 touchdowns. Had 3 career 100-yard receiving games. Also rushed 4 times for 20 yards (5.0 average). Returned 5 kick-offs at a 20.0 average. Returned 20 punts at a 6.0 average.

Washington is a short but well-built wideout who spent much of his time at Penn State lined up as a slot receiver. Has an initial quick burst which gets him off the line of scrimmage but generally isn't a threat to beat defenses deep.

Washington doesn't get wide open very often, but he isn't afraid to mix it up physically and go over the middle. Will fight for the football and make the contested catch. Has good hands and a surprisingly large catch radius for a short receiver. Fine runner with the ball in his hands, making lots of yards after the catch.

Has a little experience returning both punts and kick-offs.

Suffered a foot/ankle injury that forced him to miss the last 3 games of the 2022 season. Was still recovering from the injury in early April.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. **2021** PFF 3rd Team All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. **2020** The Athletic 2nd Team Freshman All-American.



WR #19

Overall #143

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.10

Ht: 5-10

Wt: 204

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Washington's decision to declare for this draft was somewhat surprising given that he has two seasons of eligibility remaining, that he finished the year injured and at the time of writing was still recovering from that injury – this surely will add question marks to NFL scouts' evaluation of him. Nonetheless, Washington is likely to generate a high level of interest from teams looking for a slot receiver who will make catches in traffic and move the chains. Should be selected on day 3.

XAVIER HUTCHINSON (Iowa State)

High School: Dual-sport athlete in high school in Florida, playing basketball as well as football. Earned all-region honours on the gridiron in his senior year.

College: Hutchinson spent two seasons (2018-19) at Blinn College in Brenham Texas, playing at the junior college level (this was the same school that Cam Newton played a year at prior to leading Auburn to the National Championship the following year). Transferred to Iowa State for the 2020 season, where he started every game and earned all-conference honours. Started all but 1 game the following season and again was outstanding earning all-conference honours for the second time. Finished his college career with a 1,000 yard All-American season in 2022.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at Blinn College, Hutchinson played in 19 games, recording 62 receptions for 958 yards (15.5 average) and 7 TDs.

In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Iowa State, Hutchinson played in 37 games (36 starts), recording 254 receptions for 2,929 yards (11.5 average) and 15 TDs. Also had 2 rushing attempts for 18 yards (9.0 average). Returned 2 kick-offs at a 10.5 average. Had 2 passing attempts, with 1 completion for 49 yards and 1 TD.

Hutchinson has good size and physical presence and while he lacks speed, his forte is catching shorter passes and slants, going over the middle in traffic and turning those plays into big gainers. Despite the lack of speed, Hutchinson will use his agility to make would-be tacklers miss to get those extra yards after the catch.

Hutchinson won't beat teams deep, but he runs good routes in short to intermediate areas and is able to beat the jam at the line of scrimmage thanks to strength and a nice first step.

Hutchinson will fight for the football and will use his physicality to win a lot of contested catches. Has the occasional, almost unaccountable, drop.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 12. Biletnikoff Award finalist. PFN Big 12 Receiver of the Year. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist. **2021** 1st Team All-Big 12. **2020** 1st Team All-Big 12. Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

WR #20

Overall #144

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 22.90

Ht: 6-1 $\frac{7}{8}$

Wt: 203

40: 4.53

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hutchinson will suit a team who are looking for a tough possession receiver type who will pick up solid gains and keep the chains moving, but also with the possibility to make the occasional big play with the ball in his hands. Defenses won't be threatened by his speed though and may be able to sit on his routes if the offense is not careful. Expect Hutchinson to be off the board on day 3.

CHARLIE JONES (Purdue)

High School: Was a WR, DB and return specialist at his high school in Illinois.

College: Opted to attend college at Buffalo. Redshirted his true freshman season (2017), before seeing action mainly as a KR and back-up WR in 2018. Decided to transfer to Iowa prior to the 2019 season (sat out due to NCAA transfer rules). After a season (2020) returning punts for Iowa, Jones played more in 2021, starting in 10 games – but wasn't targeted extensively on offense. Earned all-conference honours as a return man in both years at Iowa. Prior to 2022, Jones transferred again – this time to Purdue, where he had lots of receiving opportunities, started every game, and parlayed those into a school record breaking receiving season. Was an All-American.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons (2017-18) at Buffalo, Jones played in 12 games (1 start), recording 18 receptions for 395 yards (21.9 average) and 3 TDs. Had 15 kick-off returns at a 19.3 yard average.

In 3 seasons at Iowa, Jones played in 21 games (10 starts), recording 21 receptions for 323 yards (15.4 average) and 3 TDs. Also rushed 7 times for 8 yards (1.1 average). Returned 25 kick-offs at a 25.4 average, with 1 TD. Returned 37 punts at a 15.4 average.

In his single season (2022) at Purdue, Jones played in 13 games (13 starts), recording 110 receptions for 1,361 yards (12.4 average) and 12 TDs. Had 8 100-yard receiving games. Also rushed 2 times for 3 yards (1.5 average). Returned 5 kick-offs at a 15.6 average. Returned 18 punts at a 6.3 average.

Jones has a combination of decent size and speed and brings great versatility to the table with his returning skills. Jones isn't a dynamic athlete like some in this draft, but he runs really nice routes, knowing how to get open, and is an elusive runner with the football in his hands – making yards after the catch and making defenders miss. Demonstrated excellent hands during his single season of extensive play at the receiver spot.

Has no reported major injury history but will be nearly 25 years old when the 2023 season starts.

Honours & Awards: **2022** All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. **2021** 1st Team All-Big 10. Rodgers-Dwight Big 10 Return Specialist of the Year. Winner of Iowa Awards - Brett Greenwood & Reggie Roby Awards (Special Teams). **2020** 2nd Team All-Big 10.

WR/KR/PR

WR #21

Overall #156

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.49

Ht: 5-11 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 175

40: 4.44

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Jones is a good football player, who despite being nearly 25 years old, may yet have some more development to come – but his age will certainly be a factor that may deter teams and see him drop down draft boards. His ability as a return man will likely ensure that he sticks on an NFL roster while he develops as WR5 or WR6. Likely off the board early on day 3.

RAKIM JARRETT (Maryland)

Misc: Nicknamed “Rak”.

High School: Played his high school ball in Maryland and was the 2019 DC Gatorade Player of the Year.

College: Opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at the University of Maryland (changing his commitment from LSU). Played and started 4 games in his true freshman year (2020) in a season that was truncated by the pandemic. Started every game in 2021 putting in a solid performance. Followed that with a 2022 season in which he started the majority of games and again had a nice season without being prolific. Earned honourable mention all-conference notice each year at Maryland. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Maryland, Jarrett played in 28 games (23 starts), recording 119 receptions for 1,552 yards (13.0 average) and 10 TDs. Had 5 career 100-yard receiving games. Also had 8 rushes for 22 yards (2.8 average). Returned 10 kick-offs for a 17.7 yard average.

Jarrett is slightly undersized as compared to the A1 proportioned wide receiver, but he’s not small. Has athletic ability and speed and has been utilised in variety of ways – as an outside receiver, lined up in the slot, in motion and on special plays like jet sweeps.

Jarrett has a quick first step and has sneaky speed, being able to vary his pace to deceive defensive backs. Is a really nice route runner who knows how to get open on short passes. Not afraid to go over the middle and some of his most effective plays are on slants where he can make big yardage after the catch.

Isn’t a physical receiver and doesn’t win many contested catches and can get re-routed by physically dominant defensive backs. Hasn’t yet shown himself to be a consistent deep threat, which is somewhat surprising as he has good enough speed to do that.

Missed the final game of the 2022 season due to a knee injury, but other than that has no reported injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Named to Bruce Feldman’s Freak List. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Big 10.

WR #22

Overall #159

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.25

Ht: 5-11 7/8

Wt: 192

40: 4.44

DRAFT OUTLOOK

If drafted, Jarrett will become the latest in a recent line of Maryland receivers that have made it to the NFL, that includes Stefon Diggs and D.J. Moore. Jarrett has a shot at becoming a long time NFL player if he’s in the right system – a system that runs some short, quick passes and slants that allow him to get the ball in his hands and make plays. Expect Jarrett to be selected on day 3.

ANDREI IOSIVAS (Princeton)

High School: Attended high school in Hawaii, where he played basketball and took part in track and field as well as playing football.

College: Walked on at Princeton in 2018, where he has demonstrated what an excellent athlete he is - taking part in track and field (sprints, heptathlon) as well as football. Was on the JV team in 2018, before making his debut as a sophomore in 2019, playing as a back-up wide receiver. There was no football at Princeton in 2020 due to the pandemic, but Iosivas broke out in 2021 with more than 700 yards receiving, earning some all-conference notice. Was even better in 2022, finishing just short of a 1,000 yard season and earning 1st team all-conference honours.

College Stats: Iosivas played in 29 games at Princeton, recording 125 receptions for 1,909 yards (15.3 average) and 16 touchdowns. Also rushed 5 times for 17 yards (3.4 average).

Iosivas improved each year in college, developing into a productive and dynamic wide receiver, although it should be noted that the production came at the Ivy League level – not the highest level of college football these days.

Iosivas has an outstanding combination of size and speed, meaning that he can both threaten defenses deep and use his physicality to get open. But his speed isn't just long speed – he has an explosive first step which enables him to get open quickly off the line of scrimmage. Is also tough, being prepared to run routes over the middle and take a big hit. Doesn't as yet make the huge yards after the catch that you would expect of a player with his speed.

Iosivas' length gives him a very large catch radius, but his hands can be inconsistent – he doesn't always look like a natural pass catcher. There's some work to be done here.

Had surgery on a fractured foot between the 2021 and 2022 seasons. Appears to have no ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team FCS All-American. 1st Team All-Ivy League. Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year. Walter Payton Award finalist. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 2nd Team All-Ivy League.



WR #23

Overall #166

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.53

Ht: 6-3 ½

Wt: 205

40: 4.43

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Playing at a "lower" level of FBS football at Princeton will raise questions about Iosivas' level of opposition and whether he can be productive at a much higher level, however his excellent performance at the Senior Bowl week would have helped here somewhat. Iosivas' combination of outstanding size and sprinter speed is surely going to endear him to NFL scouts. No Princeton player has been drafted since 2016, but that wait will end this year – Iosivas will be off the board early on day 3 and could yet be one of those players whose stock suddenly rises amongst teams extremely late in the draft process, which could see him sneak into round 3.

PUKA NACUA (BYU)

Misc: Name is pronounced Poo-Kah Nar-Koo-Ah.

High School: Nacua was a record setting wide receiver in high school in Utah. Nacua broke a number of single season and career state records in Utah for the high school level. Once had 321 receiving yards in a single game.

College: Nacua opted to play his college ball at the University of Washington. Nacua played mainly as a back-up in both 2019 and 2020 and didn't put up huge numbers. Prior to the 2021 season, Nacua transferred back to his home state to play at BYU. Started the majority of games in 2021 notching up more than 800 yards receiving and earning a number of accolades. Wasn't quite as productive in the passing game in 2022 due to some nagging injuries, nonetheless he again received post season recognition.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at Washington, Nacua played in 11 games (3 starts), recording 16 receptions for 319 yards (19.9 average) and 3 TDs.

In his 2 seasons at BYU, Nacua played in 21 games (14 starts), recording 91 receptions for 1,430 yards (15.7 average) and 11 TDs. Had 7 career 100-yard receiving games. Rushed for 357 yards on 39 carries (9.2 average) and 5 TDs.

Nacua has good size but lacks the speed to hurt defenses deep. He is a very reliable pass catcher underneath who runs nice routes, has good hands and will fight for the football, making the contested catch. Will also make good yards after the catch.

Can struggle against close man coverage where he lacks the quickness to consistently get open.

Has been used very effectively out of the backfield and on reverses and jet sweeps during his college career. He is a real threat to make big yardage on these plays thanks to his elusiveness.

2022 Suffered a sprained ankle early in the season which forced him to miss 2 games. Missed a further game due to a undisclosed injury. **2019** Suffered a broken foot in which limited his season to just 8 games.

Honours & Awards: **2022** CFN All-Independent Wide Receiver of the Year. Phil Steele & CFN 1st Team All-Independent. **2021** Phil Steele & PFN 1st Team All-Independent. PFN Independent Wide Receiver of the Year. PFN Independent Newcomer of the Year. **2020** UW Don James Perseverance Award winner.

WR #24

Overall #168

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.91

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 201

40: 4.55 (Pro Day)

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Nacua is more of a consistent and reliable receiver than he is dynamic and exciting. Nacua has the opportunity to compete to be a no.3 or no.4 possession type wide receiver in the NFL, who will turn misplaced passes into catches and will make extra yards after the catch. Had a very nice Senior Bowl week, which helped his draft status. Is likely to be a day 3 selection.

The Next Best Wide Receivers...

25. Bryce Ford-Wheaton (West Virginia)

Likely late round draft choice. Really big receiver with outstanding speed. Twice named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List (2021 and 2022). Doesn't dominate week in, week out, but appears to fit the physical profile of wide receiver that the Packers have chosen over recent years. Had 131 career receptions for 1,666 yards (12.7 average) and 13 touchdowns

Age: 23.13. Ht: 6-4. Wt: 221. 40: 4.38. Is #182 overall on our board.

26. Ronnie Bell (Michigan)

Likely late round draft choice. Wide receiver who also brings return skills to the table. Excellent athlete who was a star basketball player in high school. Receiving forte is on short and underneath where he can use his route running skills, large catch radius and his elusiveness to add extra yards after the catch. Works well in space. Won't stretch defenses deep. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school. Earned 3rd Team all-Big 10 honours in 2022. Had 145 career receptions for 2,269 yards (15.6 average) and 9 touchdowns.

Age: 23.24. Ht: 5-11 ½. Wt: 191. 40: 4.54. Is #183 overall on our board.

27. Jalen Moreno-Cropper (Fresno State)

Likely late round draft choice. Still under 22 years of age on the first day of the draft. Has excellent speed to stretch the field but currently makes most of his plays short and underneath as he mainly operates from the slot. 2022 was his best season as he notched up more than 1,000 yards receiving. Had 220 career receptions for 2,701 yards (12.3 average) and 21 touchdowns.

Age: 21.98. Ht: 5-11 ½. Wt: 172. 40: 4.40. Is #187 overall on our board.

28. Dontay Demus Jr. (Maryland)

Likely late round draft choice. Had a torn ACL in 2021, missing more than half of the season, but came back to play throughout the 2022 season. Ranks in the top 10 in most major receiving categories in Maryland school history. Had 128 career receptions for 2,008 yards (15.7 average) and 14 touchdowns. Multiple times Honorable Mention All-Big 10 selection.

Age: 22.58. Ht: 6-3. Wt: 212. 40: 4.57. Is #207 overall on our board.

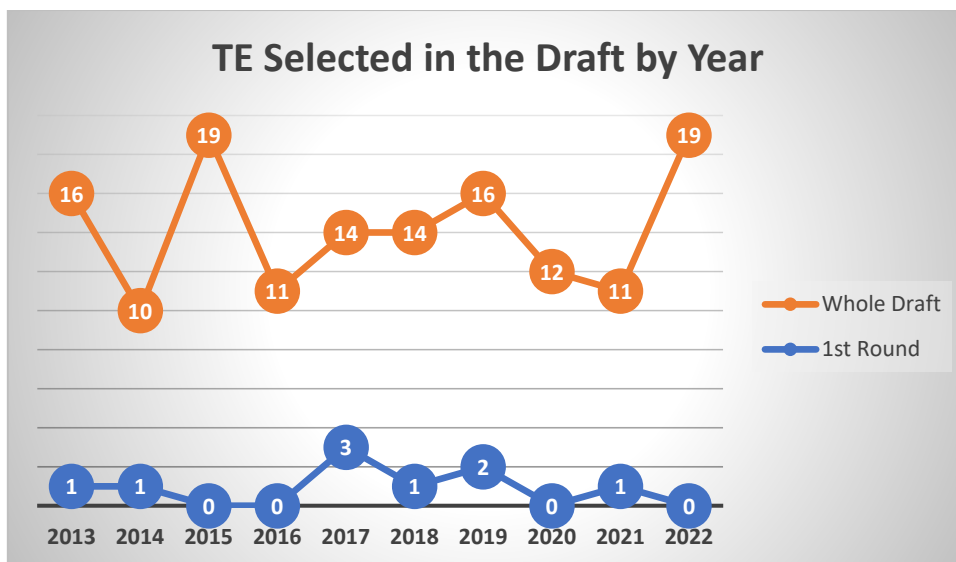
TIGHT ENDS

2023 General Draft Outlook: The tight end spot has become another of those positions (like running back) where 1st round picks at the position are infrequent - over the last 10 years, an average of slightly less than 1 tight end per draft has been taken in the 1st round. This time around, we can likely expect more (2 or 3) as we have a very nice group at the position.

The first tight end off the board, around the middle of round 1, is likely to be Notre Dame's Michael Mayer - proficient as a receiver and a blocker. For teams looking for more of a receiving threat, then Dalton Kincaid would be the pick – he'll likely also go in the 1st round.

The rising player, who may also be off the board on day 1, is the huge Georgia tight end Darnell Washington. Washington's combination of size and developing receiving skills is really intriguing. Luke Musgrave is the fourth tight end this year – he's likely to be a 2nd round pick but if there's a run at the position, he could sneak into round 1.

After these top 4, there is another nice group of tight ends for day 2 or early day 3, which include Tucker Kraft, Sam LaPorta and Luke Schoonmaker.



Packers Outlook: Heading into the off-season, the tight end position was an area of need for the Packers. That need has only been exaggerated following the loss in free agency of Robert Tonyan and the probable loss of Mercedes Lewis (also to free agency). Remaining on the depth chart for the Packers are Josiah Deguara, Tyler Davis, Nick Guggemos and Austin Allen.

It wouldn't be a surprise to see the Packers finally dip into the tight end position early in this draft, even in round 1, as unlikely as that may sound. If round 1 is in play for the Packers than any of Mayer, Kincaid or even Washington could be the pick. If any of them were to somehow slip to pick 45, then they are definitely in play along with Luke Musgrave. A late round chance on somebody like the physically imposing Zack Kuntz (Old Dominion) is not out of the question.

TOP TIGHT ENDS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Michael Mayer	TE	Notre Dame	1
2.	Dalton Kincaid	TE	Utah	1
3.	Darnell Washington	TE	Georgia	1-2
4.	Luke Musgrave	TE	Oregon State	2
5.	Sam LaPorta	TE	Iowa	2-3
6.	Tucker Kraft	TE	South Dakota State	2-3
7.	Luke Schoonmaker	TE	Michigan	4-5
8.	Cameron Latu	TE	Alabama	4-5
9.	Zack Kuntz	TE	Old Dominion	4-5
10.	Josh Whyle	TE	Cincinnati	4-5
11.	Davis Allen	TE	Clemson	4-5
12.	Will Mallory	TE	Miami	6-7
13.	Payne Durham	TE	Purdue	6-7
14.	Brenton Strange	TE	Penn State	6-7
15.	Travis Vokolek	TE	Nebraska	7-UDFA
16.	Leonard Taylor	TE	Cincinnati	7-UDFA
17.	Brayden Willis	TE	Oklahoma	UDFA
18.	Noah Gindorff	TE	North Dakota State	UDFA
19.	Jahleel Billingsley	TE	Texas	UDFA
20.	E.J. Jenkins	TE	Georgia Tech	UDFA
21.	Marshon Ford	TE	Louisville	UDFA
22.	Ben Sims	TE	Baylor	UDFA
23.	Blake Whiteheart	TE	Wake Forest	UDFA
24.	Kyle Patterson	TE	Air Force	UDFA
25.	Thomas Greaney	TE	Albany	UDFA
26.	Ryan Jones	TE	East Carolina	UDFA
27.	Kemore Gamble	TE	UCF	UDFA
28.	Josh Falo	TE	USC	UDFA
29.	Brevin Allen	TE	Campbell	UDFA
30.	Ryan Miller	TE	Furman	UDFA
31.	Daniel Barker	TE	Michigan State	UDFA
32.	Joel Wilson	TE	Central Michigan	UDFA
33.	Kemari Averett	TE	Bethune-Cookman	UDFA
34.	Michael Ezeike	TE	UCLA	UDFA
35.	Julian Hill	TE	Campbell	UDFA
36.	George Takacs	TE	Boston College	UDFA
37.	Princeton Fant	TE	Tennessee	UDFA
38.	Brady Russell	TE	Colorado	UDFA
39.	Caleb Warren	TE	Rhode Island	UDFA
40.	Camren McDonald	TE	FSU	UDFA

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Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Case Hatch	FB/TE	Arizona State	UDFA
42.	Christian Sims	TE	Bowling Green State	UDFA
43.	Jamal Turner	TE	Toledo	UDFA
44.	Johnny Lumpkin	TE	Louisiana	UDFA
45.	Lachlan Pitts	TE	William & Mary	UDFA
46.	Luke Ford	TE	Illinois	UDFA
47.	Myles Wright	TE	Morgan State	UDFA
48.	Trent Thompson	FB/TE	UTEP	UDFA
49.	Tyler Barnes	TE	North Carolina Central	UDFA

Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

MICHAEL MAYER (Notre Dame)

Misc: Cousin of MLB catcher Luke Maile.

High School: Played both TE and KB in high school in Kentucky. Had an outstanding senior season, in which he had close to 1,000 yards receiving and 15 touchdowns as well as notching up 4 interceptions.

College: As one of the very best TEs in high school, Mayer was highly recruited, eventually opting to attend Notre Dame. Mayer was productive as a part-time starter in his freshman season (2020) for the Fighting Irish, following that up by starting every game in two outstanding (800+ yards each) seasons. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 36 games (28 starts) for the Fighting Irish, catching a 180 passes for 2,099 yards (11.7 average) and 18 touchdowns – all 3 marks are school records for a tight end. Had 5 career 100-yard receiving games.

Mayer is a good-sized, versatile, all-round tight end who is both a good blocker and receiver and can be used lined up in-line, in the slot and even out wide.

On the receiving front, he doesn't have the great athleticism or all-out long speed to consistently stretch defenses down the seam, but he is excellent route runner in the short to intermediate areas and will keep the chains moving – he knows how to get open. Is also a real threat in the red zone.

Mayer has good hands although he does have the occasional problem with dropped passes. His strength helps him make the contest catch and break free from tacklers to add yards after the catch.

Mayer has quick reactions off the snap which often enables him to get a step on the defender he is blocking and also to release from the line when running pass patterns.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Consensus All-American. John Mackey Award finalist. Notre Dame Team MVP. Notre Dame Team Offensive Player of the Year. **2021** AP 3rd Team All-American. Phil Steele 1st Team All-Independent. Mackey Award semi-finalist. **2020** 3rd Team All-ACC. The Athletic Freshman All-American Team. All-ACC Academic Team.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Opted to declare for this draft rather than spend another year in college – that seems like a wise decision as he may well be the first tight end off the board this year. His all-round skills will excite NFL teams looking for a tight end, and although he's not a stretch the field receiving tight end like a Kyle Pitts, he is still has enough to be a mid-1st Round draft pick. A team is going to get a really good player.

TE #1

Overall #21

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.81

Ht: 6-4 ½

Wt: 249

40: 4.70

DALTON KINCAID (Utah)

High School: Kincaid was a fine high school basketball player in Nevada who played just a single season of football while there.

College: Kincaid walked on at San Diego and had two very nice years (2018-19) there, gaining FCS level All-American notice – before transferring to Utah prior to the 2020 season. Played sparingly on offense for in 2020, before becoming the starter and having a solid 2021. Broke out with an outstanding 2022 season which included an incredible 16 catch, 234 yard receiving game against USC.

College Stats: In 2 years at San Diego, Kincaid played in 24 games, recording 68 receptions for 1,209 yards (17.8 average) and 19 TDs. Had 4 100-yard receiving games. Also fielded 2 kick-offs (0 yards).

In 3 years at Utah, Kincaid played in 31 games (23 starts), recording 107 receptions for 1,414 yards (13.2 average) and 16 TDs. Had 3 100-yard receiving games (including 1 200-yard game). Rushed 1 time for 4 yards.

Is very slightly undersized for a tight end, so could do with adding a little bulk. This should help him with his blocking, which requires some development (lacks some strength and power) and technique work. Inexperienced – has only been playing football for a short period of time in comparison to others in this draft.

Kincaid is a super dynamic athlete with speed and acceleration which can help him be a dominant tight end as a pass receiver. Has the athletic tools to stretch a defense down the seam but is also a good route runner and has an explosive release. He knows how to get open short and underneath. Is also a red zone threat.

Has really good hands and can make the acrobatic, spectacular catch. Will also fight for the contested ball. Has a large catch radius.

Suffered what is described as a small fracture in his back late in the 2022 season, forcing him to sit out the Rose Bowl. The injury is not expected to cause any long-term issues, but he did not take part in any of the physical activities at the combine.

Honours & Awards: 2022 AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-PAC 12. 2021 Honorable Mention All-PAC 12. 2019 AP 3rd Team FCS All-American. 2nd Team All-PFL. HERO Sports FCS Sophomore All-American.

TE #2

Overall #23

Round 1

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.52

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 246

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Kincaid lacks long term football experience but is developing quickly as a receiving tight end. His lack of experience may mean that he has to spend his rookie season continuing to learn and progress rather than jumping in as an immediate starter. Having said that, he should still be an early threat in the passing game. With time, Kincaid should become a long-time NFL starter who has Pro Bowl potential. Expect him to be selected in round 1, probably around pick 20 overall - probably as the second tight end off the board.

DARNELL WASHINGTON (Georgia)

High School: Washington was a successful dual sport athlete in high school in Nevada – excelling at both basketball and football. Some organisations (including ESPN) named him as the nation’s no.1 TE prospect coming out of high school.

College: Opted to play his college football at the University of Georgia. Despite starting the majority of games, he was mostly utilised as a blocker as a freshman (2020) and sophomore (2021). In 2022, he saw more action as a pass catcher – demonstrating some nice skills in this area. Shared time with the outstanding Brock Bowers (a possible 2024 1st round draft choice). Washington opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 36 games (27 starts) for Georgia, catching 45 passes for 774 yards (17.2 average) and 3 touchdowns.

When looking at Washington, there really is only one place to start – his size. He is huge for the position and physically he looks more like an offensive lineman than a tight end. And he uses that size extremely well as a blocker (both for the run and pass), combining his strength and power with technique to be a dominant player in this phase of the game.

Having been used so much as an in-line blocker, Washington lacks experience as a pass catching threat – in particular, needs work on his route running. However he is improving in this area and of course his size gives him some pass catching advantages as well, including a large catch radius, being able to fight for the football on contested passes and being a big target for his quarterback.

Is a decent athlete for his size with surprisingly quick feet and a long stride that enables him to make yards after the catch.

2022 Suffered an ankle injury which forced him out of the National Championship Play-off semi-final game, but he returned to play in the finale the following week. **2021** Missed the first 4 games of the season due to a foot injury. Came back for game 5, seemingly with no lasting effects.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-SEC. Mackey Award semi-finalist.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

After being highly recruited out of high school and developing in college, Washington may be the most intriguing tight end in this whole class. Undoubtedly, he’s the best blocker at the position in this group, but his improving ability as a receiver, at his massive size, is surely going to lead to a number of NFL teams having him high on their list of players that they believe could develop into a star...that doesn’t mean he will – but the combination of his size and athletic ability could make him an almost unique weapon. Expect Washington to be off the board late in the 1st round or early in the 2nd.

TE #3

Overall #35

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.69

Ht: 6-6 ½

Wt: 264

40: 4.64

LUKE MUSGRAVE (Oregon State)

Misc: Nephew of former NFL Player and long-time coach Bill Musgrave (recently named as an offensive assistant for the Browns).

High School: Was a multi-sport athlete in high school in Oregon – playing lacrosse, running track and skiing as well as starring in football, where he played multiple positions – TE, WR and DE.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Oregon State over a number of teams, including Oregon where both his father and uncle went to college. Was an occasional starter in his first two seasons at OSU (2019-20) but wasn't utilised much in the passing game. Starting most of the games in 2021, Musgrave had a nice year before his 2022 was curtailed by injury.

College Stats: Musgrave played in 34 games for Oregon State, catching 47 passes for 633 yards and 2 touchdowns. Also blocked a punt which he returned 27 yards for a touchdown.

Despite being a 4-year player, Musgrave lacks some experience as a featured offensive player. There is room for development. He has a great combination of prototypical TE size and high end athletic attributes. Has speed and acceleration, giving him the ability to stretch the field down the seam and be a real deep threat from the TE spot.

He has really nice hands, quick release and he uses his length well in the passing game displaying a large catch radius. Makes yards after the catch. Could do with increasing his route tree.

Needs work as an in-line blocker, where Musgrave doesn't yet fully utilise his size and appears lacking in some strength and power.

Suffered an MCL injury in just second game of the 2022 season and unfortunately, missed the remainder of the season. However, he had recovered sufficiently to put up an impressive physical showing at the Senior Bowl week in early February – so it seems that there will be no lingering issues.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021 & 2020** PAC 12 Academic Honor Roll.

TE #4

Overall #45

Round 2

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.65

Ht: 6-5 7/8

Wt: 253

40: 4.61

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Musgrave had an excellent time at the Senior Bowl – this really helped his draft cause after he missed nearly the whole of the 2022 season. He is a dynamic athlete who will peak a lot of interest with NFL scouts because he looks like a player with a huge amount of upside – he appears to be barely have scratched the surface of his potential. Any team selecting Musgrave will be doing so based as much on that potential as production, and it may take a year or two for him to fully develop, but there's no doubt that he lots of the attributes to be a starting tight end in the NFL. Look for him to be selected on Day 2 of the draft with the outside chance that he could sneak into Round 1.

SAM LaPORTA (Iowa)

High School: LaPorta was a fine WR and DB back in high school in Illinois.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Iowa as a tight end. Became the latest in a line of tight ends from the University of Iowa that includes the likes of Dallas Clark, George Kittle, Noah Fant and T.J. Hockenson. LaPorta played as a reserve and part-time starter for his first two years at Iowa (2019-20), before becoming the full-time time starter and ending his career with consecutive 50+ catch seasons (2021-22). Earned all-conference recognition multiple times.

College Stats: LaPorta played in 46 games (32 starts), catching 153 passes for 1,786 yards (11.7 average) and 5 TDs. Had 2 career 100-yard receiving games. Also had 2 rushing attempts for 6 yards.

LaPorta is a very athletic TE who is a really good receiver having been utilised lined up in multiple spots over (in-line, in the slot and out wide) in order to create mismatches. He is a great route runner who is smart and knows how to get open. He is a chain mover. LaPorta is able to make all the catches and has nice sized catch radius. He does have the occasional drop, however, which may be caused by the odd lapse in concentration.

Is a willing blocker but needs to get more proficient in this area. Needs work on technique and positioning. Could also perhaps do with developing his strength – both for blocking and to help him get more more physical in contested catch situations

LaPorta is not small by any means but would be regarded as slightly undersized as compared to the prototypical NFL tight end.

Was Iowa's 3rd (emergency) quarterback for their 2022 Bowl game.

2022 Suffered a torn meniscus in his knee towards the end of the regular season, which required surgery. However, he missed just 1 game before coming back to play in Iowa's Bowl game. **2021** Missed 1 game during the 2021 season due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 10. Kwalick-Clark Big 10 Tight End of the Year. Mackey Award finalist. Roy Carver Award winner (Iowa team MVP, offense). Hayden Fry Award, offense, winner. Iowa Coaches Appreciation Award, offense. **2021** 3rd Team All-Big 10. Iowa Team Hustle Award winner. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Big 10.



TE #5

Overall #60

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.29

Ht: 6-3 ¼

Wt: 245

40: 4.59

DRAFT OUTLOOK

LaPorta is an excellent receiver who should fit immediately into an NFL offense which is looking for a pass catching tight end. He has good football intelligence and knows how to get open quickly and also find the soft spot in defenses. Needs to develop as a blocker if he is to be a full-time starting tight end in the NFL, but it's not difficult to see him as a 50+ catch a year guy. Should be off the board in round 2 or 3.

TUCKER KRAFT (South Dakota State)

High School: Kraft was an outstanding dual sport (basketball and football) athlete and all-round football player in high school in Florida, playing multiple positions, and rushing for over 1,000 yards in his senior season.

College: Somehow got overlooked by FBS level schools and opted to play his college ball at the FCS level at South Dakota State. Redshirted his freshman season (2019), before becoming a part time starter in the 2020 season (played in the spring of 2021 due to the pandemic). Broke out in 2021 with a 65-catch season. Was good again in 2022 without reaching the heights of the previous year – although he was slowed by injury. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Kraft played in 32 games for South Dakota State, recording 99 receptions for 1,211 yards (12.2 average) and 9 touchdowns. Had 2 career 100-yard receiving games. Carried the football 7 times for 21 yards (3.0 average). Returned 2 kick-offs for a 17.0-yard average.

Kraft is a versatile tight end who has lined up all over – in-line, outside and in the slot. Brings a really nice combination of size and athleticism to the table.

He has good receiving skills which start with a quick release at the line, acceleration and the ability to get open early. Catches most of his passes in the short to intermediate area. Kraft has a big catch radius, will make the contested and has good hands although he isn't always consistent. Is good with the football in his hands – will make good yards after the catch.

Willing and improving blocker but isn't overpowering - still needs further development on blocking technique and ensuring that he can bring all of his strength and power to bear.

Had just one really good season (2021).

2022 Suffered an ankle injury in game 1 of the season which required surgery and caused him to miss 6 games. **2020 (Spring 2021)** Slowed by an undisclosed injury in the 2020 season.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 3rd Team FCS All-American. 1st Team All-MVFC. **2021** AP 2nd Team FCS All-American. 1st Team All-MVFC.

TE #5

Overall #66

Round 2-3

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.48

Ht: 6-4 $\frac{3}{4}$

Wt: 254

40: 4.69

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Kraft is on his way to the NFL, following on from fellow South Dakota State tight end Dallas Goedert. Playing at the FCS level at SDSU and only having one really big season (2021) will raise some questions as to Kraft's production potential, but nonetheless, he is good football player with close to prototypical NFL size and athleticism. Will likely be selected by a team that has a little time to develop him and he should go on to be a good quality pro tight end – either as a starter or no.2, providing there are no long term affects from his 2022 ankle injury (there is no indication of any long-term issue). Should be off the board around round 2 or 3.

LUKE SCHOONMAKER (Michigan)

High School: Schoonmaker had a sound high school football career in Connecticut, playing multiple positions including QB and TE.

College: Opted to attend Michigan and play tight end over offers from multiple Big 10 (and other) schools. Played predominantly on special teams and as a blocking tight end in his first 3 seasons (2018-20) for the Wolverines before seeing more action in the passing game in 2021. Schoonmaker saw much more time as a pass receiving tight end in 2022 (due to the back injury to fellow TE Erick All, which required surgery) and came through with easily the most productive season of his college career.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at Michigan, Schoonmaker played in 43 games (20 starts) recording 54 receptions for 637 yards (11.8 average) and 7 TDs.

Schoonmaker has near prototypical size for an NFL TE. Has really bulked up since he first arrived at Ann Arbor and perhaps even has the body and frame to be able to add even a little more weight. For a man of his size, Schoonmaker is a nice athlete with agility and decent speed.

Schoonmaker is an improving in-line blocker especially in the running game where he uses really good technique to neutralise outside linebackers. Perhaps could get more physical if he wants to become a dominating blocker.

As a receiver, he has the speed to stretch defenses down the seam but needs to work on his physicality on shorter routes. Can be out-muscled for the football and doesn't yet gain much after the catch.

Has lots of special teams experience – having played on those units extensively throughout his college career.

Missed 2 games in 2022 due to an undisclosed injury. Also left the CFP National Championship Semi-final Game with a shoulder injury – which also forced him to miss the all-star East-West Shrine Game. However, he took part in the combine in March and there appear to be no reports of any outstanding ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: 2022 3rd Team All-Big 10. 2021 Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Michigan Team Co-Most Improved Player on Offense.

TE #7

Overall #120

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 24.58

Ht: 6-5 ¼

Wt: 251

40: 4.63

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Schoonmaker wasn't overly used in the passing game until 2022 when he showed a skill level that perhaps hadn't previously been on show – maybe it was hidden, or he is a player on the rise (even at his age – he'll turn 25 early in the 2023 NFL season). Has some areas where he could yet develop but has some good fundamentals and really nice physical traits. Likely to be a mid-round draft choice and should earn a spot as a back-up tight end and special teams player in his rookie year. Could become an NFL starter eventually.

CAMERON LATU (Alabama)

High School: Latu originally played rugby union in high school in Utah before finding football and excelling at the DE position.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Alabama. Redshirted his first season (2018), playing just 2 games at DE. Switched positions to TE for the 2019 season and spent that season and 2020 as a reserve and playing on special teams. Earned the starting role at tight end for the final 2 seasons of his college career becoming a really solid performer at the spot – earning some all-conference notice for 2022.

College Stats: Latu played in 51 games for Alabama, catching 56 passes for 787 yards (14.1 average) and 12 TDs. Had 1 career 100-yard receiving game. Returned 3 kick-offs for a 2.3-yard average. Also had 2 tackles (1 solo).

Latu has a good-sized, which could bear adding a little more bulk, specifically to help with his blocking where doesn't dominate. Also needs to work on that blocking technique – although he is improving in this area.

Latu has shown that he has nice receiving skills and although he hasn't appeared to have blazing speed or acceleration, at the Senior Bowl he looked better in this area than previously.

His route running is a bit of a mixed bag at this time. Has the ability to find soft spots and get open in zone coverage but will also sometimes seem out of synch with his QB. Needs to get more precise with his route running particularly on timing patterns. On the plus side though, Latu has demonstrated a really good feel in the red zone, having developed into a real threat to score every time his team is down there.

Lacks long term positional experience and has lots to learn but has the potential to grow and develop.

Missed the opening game of the 2022 season with a minor knee injury. Also missed 1 game in 2020 and 2 games in 2019 (for undisclosed reasons, but presumably for minor injuries). In each case, he returned for the remainder of the year with no apparent ill-effects.

Honours & Awards: 2022 3rd Team All-SEC. Alabama Team Offensive Achievement Award co-winner.

TE #8

Overall #147

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.17

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 242

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Having changed positions to the TE spot during his time in college, Latu has some catching up to do in terms of positional experience as compared to most of the other TEs in this draft. However, he has great potential and underlined this with a nice performance at the Senior Bowl where he was named a "Practice Player of the Week". Given the time to develop, he could be a sound no.2 NFL tight end, with the chance to become a starter. Will contribute early as a back-up and mainly on special teams while he continues to learn the position. Expect Latu to be selected at some point on the first half of Day 3.

ZACK KUNTZ (Old Dominion)

High School: Played football and basketball as well as taking part in track and field (hurdles, relays, high jump) in high school in Pennsylvania.

College: Was highly recruited by Power 5 schools, opting to play his college ball at Penn State. Redshirted his true freshman season (2018) at Penn State (played just 1 game). In 2019 and 2022, he played predominantly as a back-up TE and special teams contributor. Transferred to Old Dominion prior to 2021 and he responded with a prolific receiving year, earning all-conference honours. His 2022 season was unfortunately cut short due to injury.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2018-20) at Penn State, Kuntz played in 21 games, catching 3 passes for 26 yards.

In his 2 seasons (2021-22) at Old Dominion, Kuntz played in 18 games (15 starts), catching 85 passes for 836 yards (9.8 average) and 7 touchdowns. Had 2 career 100-yard receiving games.

Kuntz is a big man, even for the TE position, whose frame could probably handle adding even a little more bulk. However, would need to happen without compromising his speed. He has nice speed for a man of his size.

Kuntz is a physical receiver, who uses his size well. Has a huge catch radius. That physicality also helps him to create separation from defenders – he uses his hands and arm length well. Is intelligent and knows how sit down in between zones. Is a threat down near the goal-line

With all of his physical attributes, you would hope that Kuntz would be a dominating blocker, but this isn't yet the case. He seems to sometimes get off balance on contact rather than bringing power to bear. This is an area that requires development.

2022 Season was limited to just 5 games due to a dislocated kneecap (that required surgery) suffered in that fifth game of the season. Returned to perform well at the combine in March.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 1st Team All-Conference USA. CoSIDA Academic All-District. **2020 & 2019** Academic All-Big 10

TE #9

Overall #150

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.88

Ht: 6-7 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 255

40: 4.55

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Kuntz could immediately fall behind some others on this year's tight end list because he played the last two seasons at non-major college football power – however, we shouldn't let that fact overshadow or hide what a nice football player he is. Was able to put in a good athletic performance at the combine, which really helped his draft cause – this was very much needed after his 2022 season as cut short due to injury, meaning that he only had 1 real season (2021) as a full-time starter in college. Kuntz's size and potential is likely to intrigue NFL scouts and he could be one of those guys whose stock starts to rise in the days approaching the draft. We currently project that he'll be selected on day 3.

JOSH WHYLE (Cincinnati)

High School: Whyle played multiple positions (tight end, wide receiver, running back) in high school in Cincinnati.

College: Opted to stay home for his college career and become a Cincinnati Bearcat – choosing Cincinnati over the likes of Georgia, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. After spending his two seasons at Cincinnati mainly playing on special teams, Whyle became a productive player from the tight end spot in his 3rd year (2020) – earning some all-conference notice. Followed 2020, with a solid season in 2021, before having a fine 2022 for which he earned 1st Team all-conference recognition.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at Cincinnati, Whyle played in 53 games, recording 88 receptions for 1,062 yards (12.1 average) and 15 touchdowns. Also blocked a punt in 2021.

Whyle has really good size with the frame to add even more bulk. He is a fluid athlete with really good hands and the ability to make amazing catches. Is a very smart player who runs nice routes, knowing how to gain separation.

Whyle has a huge catch radius - his length enables him to catch the high pass and he can also stretch out for the diving catch. Has nice speed and will make yards after the catch.

As yet, Whyle's receiving production hasn't yet matched the potential he has in this area.

TE #10

Overall #170

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.63

Ht: 6-6 ½

Wt: 248

40: 4.69

Packer Connection:

Whyle is the latest in a line of tight ends out of Cincinnati that includes Travis Kelce and the current Packer Josiah Deguara.

Whyle isn't a physical blocker and although he has been improving in this area, there's still some development to be made. Is more of a positional and leverage blocker at this time.

Has good experience playing on all special teams coverage units, where he has played really well.

Suffered an undisclosed injury prior to the 2018 season – came back to play 4 games that year (but still redshirted). Has no further reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-AAC. **2021** Honorable Mention All-AAC. **2020** PFF 3rd Team All-American. 2nd Team All-AAC. John Mackey Award finalist. **2019** AAC All-Academic Team.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Whyle is a much more of a receiving tight end than he is a blocker at this stage of his career and therefore teams looking for a guy with immediate all-round skills are likely to look elsewhere. Nonetheless, his receiving ability is very good and he's a threat up and down the field, including the crucial red zone. Likely to earn a role initially as a back-up and on passing downs, contributing heavily on special teams. If he develops as a blocker, Whyle could become an NFL starter in time. Likely to be selected somewhere in the middle rounds.

DAVIS ALLEN (Clemson)

High School: Allen was a fine multi-sport athlete in high school career in Georgia, playing baseball and basketball as well as football. On the gridiron he performed on both sides of the ball - TE on offense and LB on defense.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Clemson, choosing the Tigers over the likes of Ole Miss and Wake Forest. Allen played mainly on special teams and as a back-up tight end in his first two seasons at Clemson (2019-20). In 2021, he became the starter, having a nice year and followed that up with the best season of his college career in 2022 – earning some all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Clemson, Allen played in 54 games (25 starts), recording 88 receptions for 951 yards (10.8 average) and 12 touchdowns.

Allen is a nice sized tight end who could stand to add a little extra bulk – especially if it gives him some additional strength and power. Doesn't have outstanding speed or acceleration. Allen provides versatility, being able to line up in multiple spots – in-line, in the slot, in the backfield and split out wide.

Allen is a nice receiver, with good hand and a large catch radius. With his height will high-point the football. Runs decent routes and knows how to get open short. Due to his lack of great speed, Allen won't often stretch defenses deep down the seam. Isn't a huge threat after the catch, but if he can add some strength, he may be able to develop and break more tackles than he does right now.

Allen isn't a dominant blocker, but he has good technique and generally at least holds his own. Can block well on the move from the h-back spot. Excellent special teams player, playing on multiple units.

2021 Suffered a shoulder injury late in the season, which would require surgery. **2019** Suffered a foot injury prior to the season.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 3rd Team All-ACC. All-ACC Academic Team. **2021** Honorable Mention All-ACC.

TE #11

Overall #180

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.23

Ht: 6-5 7/8

Wt: 245

40: 4.84

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Allen is an underrated tight end who may just find himself rising up boards as the draft gets closer. He may be flying under the radar because his production wasn't huge at Clemson – but part of that was because there simply weren't enough footballs to go around to all of the weapons on that high-powered offense. Allen has improved in each of his college years, and this will encourage NFL scouts that there may be much more to come – a big upside type guy. Allen should contribute as a special teams guy and back-up tight end early in his NFL career, with the possibility that he could develop into a starter. Will likely be selected on day 3 but he could be a steal there.

WILL MALLORY (Miami, Fla)

High School: Mallory had a good high school career in Florida that was interrupted by injuries in his senior season (2017).

College: Despite his HS senior year injuries, Mallory was still highly recruited by FBS schools - opting to attend Miami to play his college ball. Played mainly on special teams and as a back-up in his true freshman season (2018). Was a part-time starter in each of the next two seasons, becoming progressively more productive as a pass receiver. Won the starting role in 2021 having his best season to date. Came back for his super senior season in 2022, catching 42 passes and earning some all-conference recognition.

Mallory is the latest of a line of tight ends from Miami who have progressed to the NFL. This line includes Bubba Franks, Jeremy Shockey, Jimmy Graham, Kellen Winslow II, Greg Olsen and David Njoku.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at Miami, Mallory played in 58 games (37 starts), recording 115 receptions for 1,544 yards (13.4 average) and 14 touchdowns. Had 2 career 100-yard receiving games.

Mallory is slightly undersized as compared to the prototypical dimensions at the tight end spot – can stand adding a little extra bulk. Mallory brings versatility to the receiving aspect of the TE spot, with experience lining up tight, in the slot and on the perimeter. Has decent athleticism and speed.

Is a solid receiving threat all over the field, including being a load in the red zone. He has good hands. Mallory will compete physically for the football and wins the contested catch. Runs nice routes and creates some separation – although he can also be physically re-routed by aggressive defenders. Will make yards after the catch, with some agility to make tacklers miss.

Mallory is a willing positional type of blocker, but he lacks the strength and power to be dominant in this aspect of the game. At this time, this is not the forte of Mallory's game.

2022 Missed spring practice with another shoulder injury. **2021** Had a shoulder injury that required surgery – forcing him out of practice in spring. **2018** Missed 1 game due to a knee injury. Missed another game due to an eye infection. **2017** Undisclosed injuries during his final year in high school.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-ACC.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Mallory is a solid receiving tight end who won't blow you away with any single aspect of his game. He has the potential to be a sound NFL back-up tight end in a receiving role – and has demonstrated some line-up versatility. Isn't a great blocker and may need to work on this and add some bulk if he wants to be anything more than that specialised back-up. Also teams will be aware that he has a little bit of an injury history. Expect Mallory to be off the board on day 3.

TE #12

Overall #189

Round 6-7

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.90

Ht: 6-4 ½

Wt: 239

40: 4.54

PAYNE DURHAM (Purdue)

High School: Durham was a dual-sport athlete in high school in Georgia, playing lacrosse and football, although he played only 1 year on the gridiron.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Purdue. Redshirted his true freshman (2018) season with the Boilermakers, playing in just 2 games on special teams. Became a part-time starter in 2019 but saw little action as a pass receiver. Started every game in the pandemic shortened 2020. Had a break-out season in 2021 earning some all-conference notice as he caught 45 passes. Was even more productive in 2022, again earning all-conference recognition.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Purdue, Durham played in 45 games, recording 126 receptions for 1,275 yards (10.1 average) and 21 TDs. Had 3 career 100-yard receiving games. Also had 1 rushing attempt for 4 yards.

Durham is a physical presence on the end of the line, having close to prototypical size for the pro tight end spot. He worked on bringing his weight down in college to make him a fit for the position. Unfortunately, he doesn't have great speed or acceleration.

Durham's forte right now is as a blocker, both in-line in the running game and in pass protection. He is powerful and aggressive and uses his strength effectively to move defenders off the ball.

As a pass receiver, Durham has been developing. He isn't a threat to stretch defenses because of his lack of speed, so most of his work is done in the short and underneath areas. Durham doesn't run outstanding routes but will use his physical advantages to shield off defenders over the middle and to make the contested catch when necessary – he has decent hands and a large catch radius. Durham is not a threat to make many yards after the catch.

Durham is a good contributor on special teams.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-Big 10. Mackey Award semi-finalist. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. Big 10 Sportsmanship Honoree. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. **2019** Academic All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Durham is a sound blocking tight end who has been improving as a receiver year on year. Without a doubt he is a player who has been rising with regard to draft status – moving from a probable undrafted free agent into likely day 3 pick. A solid Senior Bowl week helped his cause. Durham's lack of speed is likely to prevent him becoming a starter in the NFL, but a career as a no.2 and on special teams is possible. Should be selected in round 6 or 7.

TE #13

Overall #201

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.86

Ht: 6-5 ½

Wt: 253

40: 4.87

BRENTON STRANGE (Penn State)

High School: Attended high school in West Virginia, where he was a dual-sport athlete (basketball as well as football). On the gridiron he played both tight end on offense and linebacker on defense.

College: Highly recruited, Strange opted to play his college ball at Penn State, choosing the Nittany Lions over offers from FBS schools including a number from the Big 10. Redshirted his freshman season (playing in just 2 games) in 2019, before becoming a part-time starter at tight end the following season. Became a full-time starter in 2021, having a solid year and earning some all-conference notice. Had the best year of his college career in 2022, again as the full-time starter and earning some all-conference notice. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school. If he plays in the NFL, Strange would be the latest in a recent line of tight ends from Penn State after Mike Gesicki and Pat Freiermuth.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Penn State, Strange played in 37 games (31 starts), recording 70 receptions for 755 yards (10.8 average) and 11 touchdowns. Also had 1 kick-off return for 8 yards.

Whilst Strange's combination of size and athletic ability aren't off the charts they are decent and suited to him being a versatile tight end. He has lined up in multiple spots during his college career, including as an in-line tight end, out wide and in the backfield (in a fullback spot).

As a receiver, Strange is sound in the short to intermediate areas, demonstrating good hands and the ability to make yards after the catch – he is tough to bring down. He isn't a downfield threat and needs work on his routes. His catch radius doesn't appear to be outstanding.

Is a solid blocker in both the running game and in pass protection – in fact at this stage he is probably a better blocker than pass receiver. Doesn't dominate but usually gets the job done.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 Honorable Mention All-Big 10. 2021 Honorable Mention All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Isn't as polished a receiver as the Packers Josiah Deguara was when he came out of college, but Deguara is the player that Strange is reminiscent of. Strange has improved each year in college as he has seen more playing time. But he still has more developing to do. Hasn't yet had an outstandingly productive season – has thus far been more sound than sensational. Was solid at the combine without blowing anybody away. If Strange can continue his improvement and work on his all-round game to add to the potential that he already has, then he could stick around at the next level as a utility tight end and special teams player. Will likely be a late round draft pick.

TE #14

Overall #210

Round 6-7

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.33

Ht: 6-3 7/8

Wt: 253

40: 4.70

The Next Best Tight Ends...

15. Travis Vokolek (Nebraska)

Likely a 7th round draft choice or an undrafted free agent. Played 2 years at Rutgers (2017-18) before transferring to Nebraska. Suffered a stress fracture in his foot late in the 2022 season. Across his whole college career, Vokolek had 57 receptions for 656 yards (11.5 average) and 4 touchdowns.

Age: 24.90. Ht: 6-6. Wt: 259. 40: n/a. Is #273 overall on our board.

16. Leonard Taylor (Cincinnati)

Likely undrafted free agent. Was the no.2 tight end at Cincinnati, playing behind potential fellow 2022 draftee Josh Whyle. Across his college career, Taylor had 69 receptions for 697 yards (10.1 average) and 8 touchdowns.

Age: 25.25. Ht: 6-5. Wt: 250. 40: n/a. Is #288 overall on our board.

17. Brayden Willis (Oklahoma)

Likely undrafted free agent. Good underneath receiver who will make yards after the catch. Doesn't have the speed to stretch defenses deep down the seam. Had 75 career receptions for 998 yards (13.3 average) and 13 touchdowns.

Age: 23.46. Ht: 6-3 ½. Wt: 241. 40: n/a. Is #297 overall on our board.

18. Noah Gindorff (North Dakota State)

Likely undrafted free agent. Excellent size. Earned multiple All-MVFC honours during his NDSU career. Had 44 career receptions for 552 yards (11.9 average) and 12 touchdowns.

Age: 24.20. Ht: 6-6. Wt: 263. 40: n/a. Is #314 overall on our board.

19. Jaheel Billingsley (Texas)

Likely undrafted free agent. Transferred from Alabama to Texas. Was never the no.1 tight end throughout his college career. Better receiver than blocker. Will line up in-line, in the slot and wide. Had 40 career receptions for 597 yards (14.9 average) and 6 touchdowns.

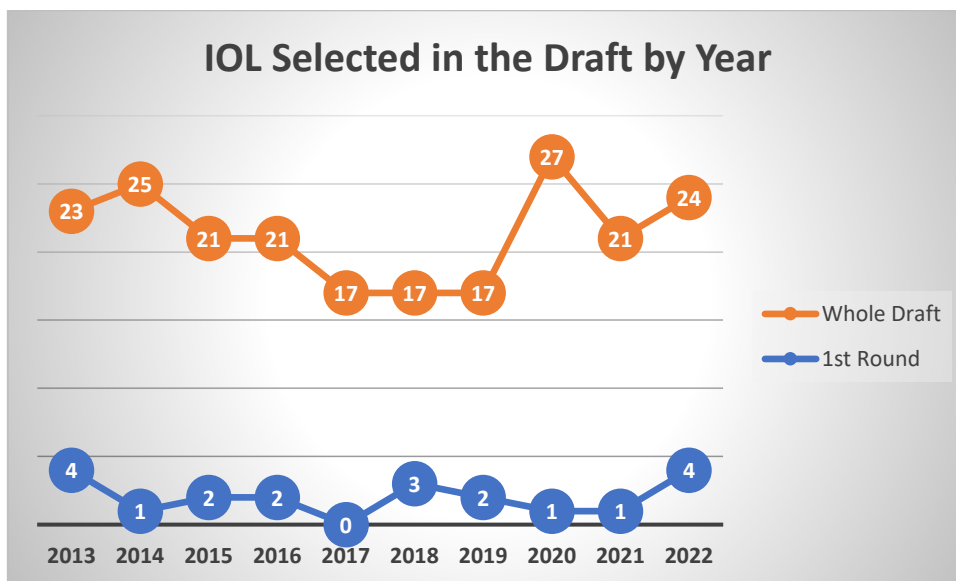
Age: 21.94. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #331 overall on our board.

INTERIOR OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

2023 General Draft Outlook: Although four interior offensive linemen were taken in the 1st round of the 2022 draft, this was not the norm and won't be the case this year – expect one or maybe two to be day 1 picks this time around.

One guard is likely to be selected in 1st round – Florida's excellent O'Cyrus Torrence. If there is a second interior lineman taken on day 1 it is likely to be by a team looking specifically for a center - Minnesota's John Michael Schmitz would be the pick.

After Torrence and Schmitz there is a group of guys that could be in play to be day 2 picks. This group includes the super-versatile Steve Avila who could play almost any spot on the line, Badgers center Joe Tippmann and the Buckeyes' Luke Wypler. USC's Andrew Vorhees would also probably be in this group, but he suffered an injury at the combine, so his status is uncertain.



Packers Outlook: The interior of the Packers offensive line looks pretty good, with Elgton Jenkins and Jon Runyan Jr. at the guard spots and Josh Myers at center. The versatile excellent Zach Tom will also likely challenge either Myers or Runyan for a starting spot. Added to this group are back-ups at center Jake Hanson and at guard Royce Newman and Sean Rhyan.

On the basis of such a strong group it seems unlikely that the Packers will pick early on this spot. But they do like to choose developmental linemen late in the draft to see what they have. If they do go down this route perhaps somebody like Juice Scruggs of Penn State or Nick Saldiveri of Old Dominion.

TOP INTERIOR OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	O'Cyrus Torrence	OG	Florida	1-2
2.	John Michael Schmitz	OC	Minnesota	2
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65.	Eric Abojei	OG/OT	Wyoming	UDFA
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68.	Owen Drexel	OC	Pittsburgh	UDFA
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71.	Samuel Jackson	OG	UCF	UDFA
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Players with asterisks after their name appear on both lists:

Those with one asterisk (*) appear as centers first, then guards

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O'CYRUS TORRENCE (Florida)

High School: Torrence was a solid player in high school in Louisiana.

College: Opted to stay in state and play his college ball at Louisiana-Lafayette. Became a 3-year (2019-21) starter at ULL earning all-conference honours along the way. Transferred to Florida prior to his senior season in 2022. Was outstanding in 2022, having his best college season and garnering All-American recognition.

College Stats: In his 3 years (2019-21) at Louisiana-Lafayette Torrence played in 37 games, with 36 starts. 23 of those starts came at right guard with 13 coming at left guard.

In his 1 year (2022) at Florida, Torrence played and started in 11 games. All of those games came at right guard.

Physically, Torrence looks like a prototypical NFL guard. He is a big man who has had some weight issues in the past – got up to as much as reported 420 pounds when in junior high school.

However, he got his weight under control and now plays at around 340.

Rough and tough run blocker who demonstrates both strength and quick nimble feet for a man of his size. He can both drive block with explosion and move with poise and lead block to the outside.

In pass protection, Torrence gets his hands up quickly, latches on and sets a strong anchor. Uses his surprisingly light feet to mirror pass rushers and is able to recover even when he gets in trouble.

Has improved his smarts when it comes to picking up defensive line games – something that has come as his experience has increased. This improvement should continue.

Has some nice guard position versatility, having started at both RG and LG.

Missed 2 games due to an undisclosed injury in 2021.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Consensus All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2021** 1st Team All-Sun Belt Conference. Joe Moore Award semi-finalist. **2020** 2nd Team All-Sun Belt Conference. Joe Moore Award semi-finalist. **2019** Shaun Alexander Freshman All-American.

OG

IOL #1

Overall #31

Round 1-2

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.27

Ht: 6-5

Wt: 330

40: 5.31

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Interior lineman are often not considered to be 1st round picks simply by virtue of their position. However in Torrence's case he is a super talented player at his spot, and he is absolutely a 1st round football player and should be selected there – provided teams are comfortable that he has his weight under control. Expect him to be off the board between picks 20-25 on day 1.

JOHN MICHAEL SCHMITZ (Minnesota)

High School: Schmitz was a fine lineman at high school in Illinois.

College: Opted to attend Western Michigan but later switched his commitment to play for the Minnesota Gophers. Having redshirted his freshman season and playing as a back-up in 2018, Schmitz earned the starting role at center for the Gophers which he kept for the remainder of his college career. Played the maximum amount of time in college (including the additional "Super Senior" year) rather than enter a draft early.

College Stats: In his 6 seasons (2017-22) at Minnesota, Schmitz played in 57 games, with 35 starts. All of the starts came at center.

Schmitz is an out and out center with a really good combination of size, athletic ability and strength. He had an exceptional level of playing and starting experience.

Schmitz is solid in pass protection. Gets his hands up quickly and with an initial punch. Can occasionally get his hands knocked away, particularly when required to hold his block for an extended period – therefore may need to work on hand strength.

In the running game, Schmitz will maul and hold up nose tackles. He takes excellent positions and angles, which enable him to make an initial block and then get out to the second level. Can also move really smoothly laterally to the line of scrimmage leading running backs to the outside. All in all, Schmitz is an outstanding run blocker.

His experience has made Schmitz very savvy, and he appears able to quickly recognise defensive alignments and diagnose dangers such as stunts, twists and defensive line games.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. Rimington Trophy finalist. Academic All-Big 10. **2021** 2nd Team All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. **2019** Academic All-Big 10. RTB Trust Award. **2018** Academic All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Schmitz is one of those players who gives the impression of improving year on year. He was also outstanding at the Senior Bowl, helping his draft ranking. Interestingly, opted to return to school in each of the last 3 years rather than declare for the draft at that point – in the process he has gained a huge amount of high-quality experience. Schmitz should be the first pure center selected in this draft (and the second interior offensive lineman overall) and is likely to be off the board in the 2nd round – although there is a decent chance that he could get picked in round 1 by a team looking for a center – that wouldn't be a surprise. Schmitz should quickly become a starter in the NFL.

OC

IOL #2

Overall #49

Round 2

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 24.11

Ht: 6-3 ½

Wt: 301

40: 5.35

STEVE AVILA (TCU)

Misc: Given first name is Esteban.

High School: Had a fine high school career in Texas.

College: After multiple offers he opted to stay in state and play his college ball at TCU. Avila didn't play much in his first two seasons (2018-19) at TCU, redshirting and then playing as a back-up. In the pandemic shortened 2020 season he finally got the chance to play, winning the starting role at center for most of the year, also starting games at RT and RG. Started again at center in 2021, before switching to the starting role at LG in 2022 – having an outstanding season and earning All-American honours.

College Stats: In his 5 years at TCU, Avila played in 46 games (34 starts). His starts came at 4 different positions – 16 at OC, 15 at LG, 2 at RT and 1 at RG.

Avila has a great combination of excellent size and bulk and athleticism and agility for playing on the interior of the line. He is strong and powerful. Also has the tough and aggressive demeanor which is ideal for an offensive lineman, playing every down hard and to the whistle. Non-stop motor type guy. Versatile, can play center, guard or tackle.

Avila is really good as a pass blocker. He has a quick first step and anchors extremely well. He gets his hands up quickly, with punch and positions them well. Appears to have really strong hands as when he gets a grip his hands don't get removed.

Is a strong straight ahead drive blocker who will shift defensive linemen in over him. Will then use his athletic ability to get to the linebacker at the second level. Can also move extremely well laterally along the line and lead ball carriers around the end.

Has some areas for development, including the need to improve his body control (perhaps caused by over aggressiveness) and positioning.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Consensus All-American. 1st Team All-Big 12. Outland Trophy semi-finalist. Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award semi-finalist. Honorable Mention Big 12 Offensive Lineman of the Year. **2021** 2nd Team All-Big 12. 1st Team Dave Campbell All-Texas College Football Team. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Big 12.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Avila had a really good Senior Bowl week, helping his draft ranking. He is very experienced and super versatile - In his college career he has taken snaps at every position on the line, including starts at 4 positions. Avila has all the potential to be a starter early in his NFL career – possibly even on day – either at guard or center. Should be selected at some point on day 2.

OC/OG/OT

IOL #3

Overall #54

Round 2-3

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.53

Ht: 6-3 ½

Wt: 332

40: 5.21

JOE TIPPMANN (Wisconsin)

High School: Tippmann was an outstanding all-state level performer at the offensive tackle spot in high school in Indiana.

College: Opted to become a Badger, turning down offers from a number of schools from the Midwest. After redshirting his freshman season (2019), Tippmann played minimally as a back-up in 2020 before moving inside and winning the starting center role for the Badgers in 2021. Played well as the starting center again in 2022, earning all-conference notice for the second straight year. Junior, who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In 4 seasons (2019-22) for the Badgers, Tippmann played in 25 games, starting in 22. All of those starts coming at the center position.

Tippmann has a nice combination of excellent size, strength and power, and athletic ability. In fact as far as size goes, he's taller with more length than we usually see from the center position.

Excels in pass protection. For such a tall pivot man, Tippman has a nice, quick first step which helps him get his hands up quickly on defensive linemen. Uses his length well, both at the point of attack and in recovery if needed. Sets a strong anchor. Can appear to get over aggressive which sees him lose ideal balance on occasion – will improve here with NFL development.

Tippmann quickly gets into linemen in the running game, using his strength to neutralise nose tackles lined up over him, although he doesn't always consistently move them. Will also use his agility to move laterally and lead block for runners. Uses his movement skills to get out to the second level.

Played in just 2 games in 2020 due to a labrum (shoulder) injury that required surgery. Came back the following year with no apparent residual issues from the injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Opting to enter this draft rather than returning to the Badgers was interesting decision by Tippmann. It is possible with another year at school that he would have moved up teams' draft boards towards the 1st round – however, it remains to be seen how the decision will work out for him. Wisconsin has the reputation for producing fine offensive linemen and Tippmann is certainly the latest in that line. It seems like he has gone somewhat under the radar, but that needs to stop right now. Tippmann is a good player at the center spot and seemingly has an upside which will surely encourage NFL scouts. We should expect Tippmann to be selected on day 2 of this draft, and he should go on to be a starting center in the NFL.



OC

IOL #4

Overall #63

Round 2-3

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.09

Ht: 6-6

Wt: 313

40: n/a

LUKE WYPLER (Ohio State)

High School: Wypler played his high school football in New Jersey, where he excelled playing offensive tackle.

College: Opted to attend Ohio State to play his college ball over offers from multiple Power 5 schools. Moved inside from his high school tackle position for the Buckeyes and redshirted his freshman season before becoming the starting center the following year (2021). Wypler continued in that role in 2022, earning some all-conference notice. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Played in 27 games (26 starts) in his Ohio State career, all at center.

Wypler is a solid as both a run blocker and in pass protection, without being an out and out dominator. Having said that, he rarely gets beaten or stays beaten, as he plays with all-out effort on every play. Has the shape and physical look of a center, but in fact lacks a little bit of size, bulk and length.

Wypler is a very nice athlete with light feet who has some explosion off the snap. Will use his movement ability and to climb out to the second level and pick off linebackers and safeties.

Packer Connection:

Wypler took over the starting center spot at Ohio State from the current Packers center Josh Myers. The Packers like their Buckeye centers - Corey Linsley also attended Ohio State.

Wypler is very solid at the point of attack and also sets a strong anchor. Get his hands up quickly and into a good position. Will fight and maul with defenders but could do with a little more strength.

Age is on Wypler's side – he will still be under 22 years of age on the first day of the draft.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 3rd Team All-Big 10. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. 2021 Honourable Mention All-Big 10.

OC

IOL #5

Overall #79

Round 3

Class: RS-Sophomore

Age*: 21.98

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 303

40: 5.14

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Wypler is a nice technician and a good athlete. Wypler opting to enter the draft early was perhaps a little bit of a surprise, especially when he had so much eligibility remaining (3 years, including the extra year allowed by the NCAA due to the pandemic) – however, it remains to be seen how the decision will work out for him. The decision may have been prompted by his fine performance up against Georgia (and Jalen Carter in particular) in the 2022 National Championship Play-off Semi-final – and that certainly will have helped his draft case with NFL teams. We should expect that Wypler will be a solid performer in the NFL who can certainly earn a back-up role and have a chance of being a starter. Expect him to be selected around rounds 3.

OLUSEGUN OLUWATIMI (Michigan)

High School: 2-time all-conference performer in high school in Maryland.

College: Enrolled at the Air Force Academy (2017) before transferring to Virginia, where he was initially a walk-on before being granted a scholarship. Had to sit out 2018 due to NCAA transfer rules. Was a 3-year starter for the Cavaliers (2019-21), earning all-conference notice in the third year. Transferred from Virginia to Michigan between the 2021 and 2022 seasons. Had an outstanding 2022 with the Wolverines, winning multiple end of season awards and being named a consensus All-American.

College Stats: Played in 36 games (35 starts) at center while at Virginia (2019-21), including 32 consecutive starts.

In his 1 year at Michigan, he played and started in 14 games at center.

Oluwatimi is a nice sized center with athletic ability, agility and quick feet. He is very experienced as a multi-year starter and team leader type, and that experience is demonstrated by his football smarts as he deals with defensive line games.

Oluwatimi's blocking forte is in the passing game, where he drops quickly into his pass protection set and has a solid anchor. He gets his hands up quickly with some punch. Can dominate in this aspect of the game.

As a run blocker, he works well moving straight ahead as a drive blocker but could add a little extra nastiness to consistently finish blocks. Is a good angle blocker and will get out to the second level. It doesn't seem like Oluwatimi is as smooth a mover along the line as some.

Has played very little at guard, so hasn't as yet demonstrated positional versatility.

Missed 1 start in 2019 due to a hand injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Consensus All-American. Rimington Trophy winner. Outland Trophy winner. 1st Team All-Big 10. **2021** 2nd Team All-ACC. Rimington Trophy finalist. FWAAs, Pro Football Network, Action Sports Network & Phil Steele 2nd Team All-American.

OC

IOL #6

Overall #112

Round 3-4

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.73

Ht: 6-2 ½

Wt: 309

40: 5.38

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Oluwatimi is a consistent and super experienced center who improved year on year throughout his college career, culminating in the 2022 season being his best. NFL scouts will like seeing that consistent improvement – perhaps indicating that there is more upside to come. Needs to continue his development in the running game, needing to get stronger and work on his movement ability. Should be a good back-up initially in the NFL and perhaps will develop into a starter over time. Will likely be selected somewhere around the middle rounds of this draft – perhaps round 3 or 4.

ANDREW VORHEES (USC)

High School: Vorhees had a highly successful high school career in California playing on both the offensive and defensive lines.

College: Opted to play his college ball at USC. After redshirting in 2017, Vorhees became a starter at guard in 2018 – a role that he kept through the 2020 season (although he missed much of 2019 due to injury). Had a really good season in 2021 playing both left guard and later left tackle. Perhaps surprisingly, Vorhees opted to return to USC for a 6th season (2022) – but in doing so, he had the best year of his fine career, earning some All-American recognition.

College Stats: In his 6 years at USC, Vorhees played in 55 games, starting in 48 of them.

Vorhees is a big man with prototypical size for an NFL tackle, although with his run blocking skills he may be best suited to guard at the next level. He is very strong and powerful. Vorhees is super experienced with a nice level of versatility having started at both guard spots and at left tackle for USC.

He is an excellent blocker in the running game, using his power straight ahead and coupling this with nice athletic ability and speed to be able to pull and lead block around the edge. Sustains his blocks, finishing them well.

In pass protection, Vorhees is consistently sound. Generally, doesn't dominate and has to battle and maul but will usually get the job done. Could work on his hand speed and punch a little.

Suffered a torn ACL at the combine in early March. Had previously missed 1 game midway through the 2022 season due to an undisclosed injury - battled through that injury for the majority of the season before missing the last 2 games. In 2019, he Suffered an ankle injury that saw him miss all but 2 games of the season.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-PAC 12. Morris Trophy winner (top offensive lineman in the PAC 12). Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** AP 3rd Team All-American. Honorable Mention All-PAC 12. USC Top Offensive Lineman Award winner.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Unfortunately, the place that you have to start with Vorhees is the ACL tear that he suffered at the combine in March, which clearly raises some huge questions about his draft status. Quite how far he will drop in the draft would require some guesswork at this time and will depend upon the medical reports that teams are getting. Regardless, it's probably safe to assume that he'll miss the whole of the 2023 NFL season. One thing that won't be questioned is Vorhees' toughness – even after tearing his ACL, he returned to the combine to complete an impressive 38 reps in the bench press. His skills, size, versatility and experience will likely still see him selected in this draft around the 4th of 5th rounds. He has the potential to be a fine back-up and potentially an NFL starter – that injury permitting.



OG/OT

IOL #7

Overall #121

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 24.26

Ht: 6-6

Wt: 310

40: n/a

EMIL EKIYOR Jr. (Alabama)

Misc: Father spent some time in the NFL with the Falcons.

High School: Emil Jr. was highly ranked at both center and guard coming out of high school in Indianapolis.

College: Opted to attend Alabama ahead of a number of other Power 5 schools. Redshirted his freshman season (2018) at the Crimson Tide, playing just 4 games, before playing as a back-up in 2019. Ekiyor became a starter in 2020.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at Alabama, Ekiyor played in 52 games, with 38 starts.

Ekiyor has the physical make-up of a prototypical NFL interior offensive lineman (be it guard or center). He has most of the size and the athletic ability that you'd like to see, with decent speed, balance and movement ability. Lacks the arm length to play tackle.

Ekiyor is a good run blocker who moves quickly off the snap and will lead plays laterally along the line demonstrating speed and he will angle block nicely to get out to linebackers at the second level. However he doesn't yet dominate physically not consistently driving defenders off the line – developing his strength in the future will be a need.

Ekiyor is decent in pass protection, although he has some areas that need development – including setting a stronger anchor and using his hands more consistently. However, Ekiyor is a battler and will maul to keep in front of pass rushers. Doesn't allow himself to get beaten without a fight.

Ekiyor is very experienced both in terms of the number games he played (and started) at the college level and because of the high profile nature of many of those games.

Potential positional versatility will help him in the future.

2022 Had an undisclosed injury leading up to the start of the season, forcing him to miss 1 start (although he did play in the game. **2021** Missed part of 1 game with a minor shoulder injury but returned to play in the following game. **2019** Suffered a minor knee injury forcing him to miss 1 game.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-SEC. Alabama. Alabama Team Up-Front Award co-winner (Outstanding Lineman).

OG

IOL #8

Overall #123

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.26

Ht: 6-2 5/8

Wt: 314

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Ekiyor is a solid, versatile and experienced interior offensive lineman who will compete for a role in the NFL – is perhaps on the cusp of being a starter or a long-term swing back-up at both guard and center. What his role ends up being will likely depend upon how much he develops in his first couple of years. Should be selected somewhere in the middle rounds.

JARRETT PATTERSON (Notre Dame)

High School: Played OT in HS in California, earning all-state honours.

College: Opted to attend Notre Dame, over a number of other FBS schools. At the Fighting Irish he redshirted his freshman season (2018) before switching to center and becoming the starter in 2019. Followed that up with two further very good seasons (2020-21) starting at center. Moved to start at left guard for the 2022 season.

College Stats: In his 5 years with Notre Dame, Patterson played in 49 games, starting in 46. 34 of those starts came at OC, with 12 at LG.

Patterson is an extremely versatile and experienced team-leader type who has good size for an interior lineman, although he lacks a little length. He is also very agile and athletic with good speed and quick feet. Plays with a great attitude and has a non-stop motor.

Patterson is very good in pass protection, where he uses his nimble and quick feet to keep in front of pass rushers. Has good, strong hands which he uses well. Is able to deal with speed rushers with moves, only getting in difficulty with power bull-rushers. Even then he battles and mauls well and has good recovery speed.

Improving as a run blocker – is much better blocking on the move laterally or in a zone type blocking scheme than he is drive blocking straight ahead. This is because his movement skills and agility are excellent, whereas he lacks some power and strength. Is able to use those movement skills well in getting to linebackers at the second level.

Patterson had some problems with penalties earlier in his career, but this appears to have been cleared up now.

2022 Suffered a sprained foot just prior to the season opener, forcing him to miss 1 game. **2020** Lisfranc fracture (left foot) kept him out of the CFP National Championship play-off semi-final.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AFCA 2nd Team All-American. Notre Dame Team Offensive Lineman of the Year. **2021** Phil Steele 3rd Team All-American. Phil Steele All-Independent Team. **2020** Phil Steele Honorable Mention All-American. 2019 Joe Moore midseason Honor Roll. Notre Dame Team Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

OC

IOL #9

Overall #130

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.65

Ht: 6-5 ½

Wt: 306

40: 5.33

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Patterson has nice versatility, having started games at center and at guard and it's also not impossible to envisage him at tackle – which is where he played in high school. Couple this versatility with outstanding experience and you have a player who has a good chance of making an NFL roster. Quite what his best position will be in the pros remains to be seen but expect a team to select him and try him out at center and guard – at the very worst, what a team gets is a swing player who can back-up multiple spots. Expect him to be selected probably early on day 3.

NICK BROEKER (Mississippi)

High School: Broeker was a very successful dual-sport athlete in Illinois – winning all-state honours in basketball as well as football. On the football field, he was an all-round star, playing on the offensive and defensive lines, as well as a little tight end.

Opted: Broeker opted to play his college ball at Ole Miss, choosing the Rebels over his home state University of Illinois amongst others. Didn't start in his freshman season (2019) but did get to play a lot at left tackle. Became the starting left tackle in 2020 having a solid year, which was repeated in 2021. Moved to left guard in 2022 and probably had the best year of his college career, earning postseason honours.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Ole Miss, Broeker played in 48 games, starting in 36. 23 of those starts came at LT, with 13 starts coming at LG.

Broeker has versatility having played both guard and left tackle. He has decent size to play inside as guard (like he did in 2022). For the tackle spot, though he is slightly undersized and has short arms. Broeker has been an effective player, even though he doesn't have ideal athleticism. He is an all-out effort type guy with a non-stop motor.

Broeker is probably at his best in the running game where he can utilise his power and leg drive as a straight ahead, move you off the ball type blocker. As that drive blocker he will keep moving and keep working, getting out to the second level if he can. Not really athletic enough to be overly effective as a mover in a lateral pulling type running system.

Broeker has generally delivered in pass protection at the college level, but his arm length will be a problem at the next level. Is going to struggle with defenders who can get their hands on him to create leverage and those that have speed. He is a mauler and battler however, who keeps going and won't give up even if he initially gets beaten.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** FWAA, Phil Steele & Walter Camp 2nd Team All-American. 2nd Team All-SEC. Kent Hull Trophy winner (Top Collegiate Offensive Lineman in Mississippi). **2020** Phil Steele 4th Team All-SEC. Ole Miss Dean's Honor Roll. Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2019-2020** First Year Honor Roll. **2019** 247Sports Freshman All-American.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Broeker opted to return last year to play his senior season at Ole Miss, rather than head for the NFL and this probably helped his draft chances as he got the opportunity to play guard for the first time – and he played pretty well. Lacking the ideal arm length to play tackle in the NFL, it's likely that Broeker projects to the guard spot at the next level. Expect him to be selected in round 4 or 5, and to make an NFL roster as a back-up who may develop into a starter down the road.

OG/OT

IOL #10

Overall #148

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.55

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 305

40: 5.27

RYAN HAYES (Michigan)

High School: Hayes was a multi-sport athlete in high school in Michigan, playing basketball and baseball as well as football. On the football field he played both TE and DE.

College: Opted to stay in his home state and play his college ball, as an offensive tackle, at the University of Michigan. Hayes redshirted his freshman (2018) season at Michigan and the following year he made just 2 starts, playing predominantly as a back-up and on special teams. In 2020, the season was cut short due to the pandemic and Hayes again made just 2 starts. Won the starting left tackle role in 2021 having a fine season and earning all-conference recognition. As the starting left tackle again in 2022, Hayes had his best college season again earning all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at Michigan, Hayes played in 40 games, with 29 starts – all at left tackle.

Hayes is a tall man (tackle type height) but could do with adding some bulk to a frame that can take it. Despite being very experienced at the left tackle spot, he doesn't have NFL tackle type arm length – meaning he may be more suited to play guard at the next level.

Good character, team leader type. Hard worker who plays with a non-stop motor. As a run blocker, he has a nice first step, and while he isn't an outstanding athlete, he can move well and will lead ball carriers on pulls. He won't overwhelm defensive linemen straight ahead but can hold his own.

Similarly as a pass blocker, Hayes doesn't dominate but fights and mauls and generally wins. But he is challenged by pass rushers with speed, acceleration and bend around the edge.

Also has experience playing on special teams units.

Missed 2 games (a game each on 2 separate occasions) during the 2022 season due to undisclosed injuries.

Honours & Awards: **2022 & 2021** 2nd Team All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. Part of the Offensive Line that won the Joe Moore Award. **2019** Academic All-Big 10.

OG/OT

IOL #11

Overall #153

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.16

Ht: 6-6 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 298

40: 5.18

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hayes has lots of experience playing tackle (mostly on the left side, with just a few snaps on the right side), but it's quite possible with his physical profile that he kicks inside to guard in the NFL (just like his former college teammate and now Packer, Jon Runyan Jr.). Despite that physical profile, players with Hayes' big game experience at a big school will always be somewhat attractive to NFL scouts and the fact that he may have a shot at two different positions will help his draft case. Looks like a player who has a chance to be a swing back-up in the NFL, while he develops, and so should be selected as some point on day 3.

BRAEDEN DANIELS (Utah)

High School: Daniels was a dual-sport athlete in high school in Texas, taking part in track and field (shot put) and well as playing football. Won all-district selection for his exploits on the gridiron.

College: Originally committed to play his college ball at Illinois, before changing his mind and finally settling on Utah. Redshirted his true freshman season (2018) with the Utes after playing just 2 games. Won the starting role at left guard in 2019 but was mainly a back-up in the pandemic shortened 2020 season. Was back starting again in 2021, splitting his time between left guard and right tackle – earning all-conference honours. Finished his Utah career by starting every game at left tackle in 2022, again earning all-conference honours.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Utah, Daniels played in 49 games, starting in 43. Started 18 games at left guard, 11 at right tackle and 14 at left tackle.

Daniels is very slightly undersized, although he has a frame which can bear adding around 10-15 pounds. Versatile, having started games at left tackle, right tackle and left guard during his time at Utah, although he physically fits the guard spot. Is a decent athlete with some agility and speed. Has an outstanding level of experience

Daniels works well in pass protection, where his light feet and athleticism enables him to mirror pass rushers and to move deal with speedier defenders. He also has decent arm length which means that he get his punch away and prevents rushers from getting their hands on him. Is most likely to get in trouble with strong power rushers who can overpower him and push him into the backfield.

In the running game Daniels is at his best where he can move laterally to lead ballcarriers around the edge or where he can angle block and get out to the second level, making best use of his speed and agility. Not as effective in the straight ahead, drive blocking, game.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Pac 12. **2021** 2nd Team All-Pac 12. **2020** Pac 12 All-Academic Honor Roll. **2019** Pac 12 All-Academic Honor Roll.

OG/OT

IOL #12

Overall #157

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.68

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 294

40: 4.99

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Daniels is a super experienced offensive linemen who brings the versatility to the table that NFL scouts will love. This is especially important in a guy who is likely to be a back-up in the NFL – that capability to cover multiple positions counts for a lot. Needs to add power and strength (and additional bulk) however in order to really compete for a spot long term. Expect Daniels to be selected midway through day 3.

RICKY STROMBERG (Arkansas)

High School: Stromberg played on both offensive and defensive lines in high school in Oklahoma, and he was ranked as one of the top players in the state by the time colleges were trying to recruit him.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Arkansas over the likes of Utah State and his home town Tulsa. Became a full-time starter (playing both guard spots) early in his true freshman (2019) season at Arkansas. Followed that up by becoming the starting center in 2020. Was again the starting center in 2021 when he played well enough to earn some all-conference recognition. Had the best season of his college career in 2022, earning numerous accolades. Opted out of the Bowl game at the end of the season in order to commence preparation for the draft.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22), Stromberg played in 46 games with 44 starts. 33 of his starts came at center, 9 at right guard and 2 at left guard.

Stromberg is a very slightly undersized, but strong interior offensive linemen who brings lots of experience and versatility to the table – he started games at center and at both guard spots during his time at Arkansas. Is a decent athlete who improved each year he played for the Razorbacks.

Is a good run blocker who can hold up defensive linemen at the line of scrimmage as a straight ahead drive blocker, even though he likely won't overpower them. Can angle block 1-technique linemen and then move to get out to the second level. Lacks A1 foot speed and quickness to always get to the outside as a lead blocker.

Can be challenged in pass protection when he doesn't get his hands up quickly or violently enough. He will however fight and mauls to extend the pass rush time. Stromberg is an intelligent player who will recognise stunts and blitzes.

Suffered a sprained MCL in the summer of 2021, but recovered to return in time for the start of the season (missing no playing time).

Honours & Awards: **2022** PFF Honorable Mention All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. Jacobs Blocking Trophy winner (best Offensive Lineman in SEC). **2021** 2nd Team All-SEC. **2020** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

OC/OG

IOL #13

Overall #162

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.46

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 306

40: 5.26

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Stromberg is improving every year, which NFL scouts will love – the question will be is how much more improvement is to come? How high is his ceiling? In the meantime, he brings good physicality to the interior of the line and although he has played both center and guard, he looks predominantly like a center at the next level. But that ability to be a swing interior offensive lineman in the NFL really helps his draft case and the likelihood that he will stick around on an NFL roster for a long time. Will likely be selected at some point in round 4 or 5.

NICK SALDIVERI (Old Dominion)

High School: Played his high school ball in North Carolina.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Old Dominion in Norfolk, Virginia. Redshirted his true freshman season (2018), playing in just 3 games. Won the starting job at right tackle in 2019. The 2020 FCS season was wiped out due to the pandemic, but after a year out Saldiveri raised his performance, starting every game at right tackle and having a fine 2021 season earning all-conference notice. Was the starter again in 2022 (10 at tackle, 1 at guard) whilst earning all-conference recognition.

College Stats: Played in 38 games (35 starts) in his four seasons at Old Dominion. 34 of his starts came at right tackle, with the other at right guard. Also scored a touchdown (in 2021) on a fumble recovery in the end zone.

Saldiveri is very experienced and has the outstanding size and length to play almost any position on the offensive line. He has decent speed, quickness and athletic ability for a man of his size. Saldiveri has demonstrated that level of versatility having played both tackle and guard and worked out at center.

In pass protection Saldiveri sets a solid anchor and has light feet which enable him to mirror pass rushers. His length allows him to keep defenders hands off him and to prevent them getting leverage. Is rarely knocked off balance. On the occasions, very few and far between, that he gets beaten, Saldiveri can recover and will not give up on the play.

In the running game, Saldiveri won't blow defenders away as a straight ahead drive blocker but is excellent on the move – will climb to the second level and make a pancake block. Saldiveri will also pull to the outside with fluidity and find a linebacker to hit.

Overall, Saldiveri is reliable and consistent rather than dominant. He quietly gets on with job at hand.

Missed 1 game in 2019 due to an undisclosed injury but has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-Sun Belt. 2021 Honorable Mention All-Conference USA.

OG/OC

IOL #14

Overall #164

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.70

Ht: 6-6 ¼

Wt: 318

40: 5.21

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Playing at one of the “smaller” football schools, Saldiveri needed a good week at the Senior Bowl to raise his draft profile – and he got it, playing and working mainly on the interior of the line (at both guard and center). And it seems likely that Saldiveri will kick inside permanently from tackle to guard or center, at the next level. Regardless of which spot ends up being his no.1, the versatility he brings will be sought after by NFL teams. Saldiveri has areas of his game that need to be developed but it seems that he has a good shot of making an NFL roster in 2023. Should be off the board on day 3.

McCLENDON CURTIS (Chattanooga)

High School: Dual-sport athlete in high school in Chattanooga, Tennessee, playing basketball as well as football – winning all-Region honours for his play on the gridiron.

College: Had a number of college offers but in the end opted to stay in his home city and play his college ball at Tennessee-Chattanooga. Redshirted in 2017, before playing as a back-up throughout 2018. Became the starter at guard in 2019. Started again at guard in the pandemic shortened 2020 season. Was all-conference for the first time in 2021 and then repeated that achievement in an even better 2022 – started at both guard and tackle.

If selected, Curtis would follow in the footsteps of fellow Chattanooga guard Cole Strange who was selected in the 1st round of last year's draft.

College Stats: In his 6 seasons at Chattanooga, McClendon played in 49 games, with 38 starts. 30 of his starts coming at RG, 1 at LG and 7 at RT.

Curtis is a big man for the guard position, and he has some length which is unusual for the spot. He has decent athleticism without great speed, but he is extremely strong and powerful.

For a man of his size, Curtis has surprisingly light feet in pass protection. He works well with his hands. Is a smart player who can pick up defensive games. Can get into difficulty with speedy and quick rushers.

Curtis uses his strength and power very effectively in the running game, being able to win at the point of attack and force defenders off the line of scrimmage in a straight ahead drive blocking offense. Will climb out to the second level to make a block. Is a block finisher who plays until the whistle on every down. However, he doesn't appear to have the speed and quickness to be a devastating lateral blocker.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team FCS All-American. SoCon Jacobs Blocking Trophy winner. FedEx Ground Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award finalist. Phil Steele SoCon Offensive Lineman of the Year. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. Nominee for Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. **2021, 2020, 2019 & 2018** A.D. Honor Roll. **2022, 2021 & 2020** 1st Team All-SoCon. **2021, 2020 & 2019** SoCon Honor Roll. Dean's List. **2021** Stats Perform Doris Robinson Award finalist. **2020** Academic All-SoCon. SoCon Commissioner's Medal.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Curtis had a nice week at the Senior Bowl, which was important for a player coming from outside the FBS. His experience and especially his versatility give him a decent chance at the next level to at least make an NFL roster as a swing back-up. Expect Curtis to be selected on day 3.

IOL #15

Overall #173

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.61

Ht: 6-6

Wt: 324

40: 5.24

T.J. BASS (Oregon)

School: Bass was an all-state performer in high school in Washington, playing on both the offensive and defensive lines.

College: Enrolled at Butte Community College, playing there for 2 seasons (2018-19). Earned junior college All-American honours both years. Prior to the 2020 season, Bass accepted a scholarship from the University of Oregon, choosing the Ducks over multiple other offers. Earned the starting LG spot immediately at Oregon, garnering some all-conference notice in 2020. Began the 2021 season starting at LG before switching to start at LT and again earning all-conference recognition. Started the whole of 2022 at LT, where he earned all-conference recognition for the third straight year.

Packer Connection:

Bass attended Butte Community College in California for 2 years. The same school that Aaron Rodgers famously played at before he transferred to Cal.

College Stats: Bass played 2 seasons (2018-19) at Butte Community College.

In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Oregon, Bass played in 34 games, starting all 34. 13 of the starts coming at left guard, the other 21 at left tackle.

Bass has close to prototypical size for an interior offensive lineman in the NFL. Conversely, he lacks the length to play tackle full-time. Uses his pluses – strength and power – well. Lacks some speed, acceleration and athleticism.

Bass is an excellent straight ahead drive blocker in the running game. He generates power which enables to deal with defensive linemen at the point of attack. Lacks the athleticism to be a dominate lead on wide pulling type plays.

In pass protection Bass doesn't get a quick punch and can struggle when rushers utilise their arms and hands to get leverage – he can be knocked off balance. However, he does fight, battle and scrap to try and avoid giving up the hurry or sack. He is a smart player who will look out for twists and stunts.

Is a high motor non-stop effort guy.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** The Athletic 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Pac 12. **2021** 1st Team All-Pac 12. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Pac 12. **2019** CCCFCA All-American. NorCal All-Conference Team. **2018** CCCFCA All-American. NorCal All-Conference Team.

OG/OT

IOL #16

Overall #261

Round 6-7

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 24.07

Ht: 6-4 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 317

40: 5.48

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Bass is a tough, physical and aggressive offensive lineman who brings experience and versatility to the table – all attributes which NFL scouts will find favourable. He spent the last season and a half at Oregon playing tackle but his best chance of making an NFL roster will be as a guard who can back-up other spots on the line. Expect him to be selected late on day 3.

The Next Best Interior Offensive Linemen...

17. Juice Scruggs (Penn State), OG/OC

Scruggs is a likely day 3 draft choice – that’s where we have him graded, but he may rise higher after nice showings in the post-season where he has worked out at both guard and center – so if he sneaked into day 2 it would be a surprise but not a total shock. His versatility may make him of interest to teams that really value that amongst their offensive linemen...a team such as the Green Bay Packers. Played in 33 career games with 26 starts.

Age: 23.27. Ht: 6-3 ¼. Wt: 301. 40: 5.22. Is #193 overall on our board.

18. Atonio Mafi (UCLA), OG/OC

Mafi is a likely day 3 draft choice. Former defensive lineman who switched to play on the offensive line for the 2020 season. Started at guard the last couple of years. Earned 2nd Team All-Pac 12 honours in 2022. Very experienced and durable player who made 56 appearances at the college level, tying UCLA’s school record in this regard. Also had 30 career stats. Has some power and movement skills.

Age: 22.52. Ht: 6-3. Wt: 329. 40: n/a. Is #199 overall on our board.

19. Henry Bainivalu (Washington), OG/OT

Bainivalu is a possible day 3 draft choice, although in contrast to some of the other players on this page, he may be falling after his combine showing, where he ran a pedestrian 5.50 in the 40. Despite playing the majority of his college career at guard, Bainivalu potentially may be better suited to tackle rather than guard at the next level. Played in 50 career games, with 31 starts.

Age: 24.33. Ht: 6-5 ¾. Wt: 306. 40: 5.50. Is #209 overall on our board.

20. Chandler Zavala (North Carolina State), OG

Zavala is a likely day 3 draft choice – but like Juice Scruggs (see no. 17 on this list, above) he’s a player who seemingly is on the rise after his pro day showing. Began his college career at Division II Fairmont State before transferring to North Carolina State. Is a 3-time 1st Team All-Conference selection (twice in the MEAC and once in the ACC). Started for 2 seasons at left guard for North Carolina State, although he missed 7 games in 2021 due to a back injury that required surgery.

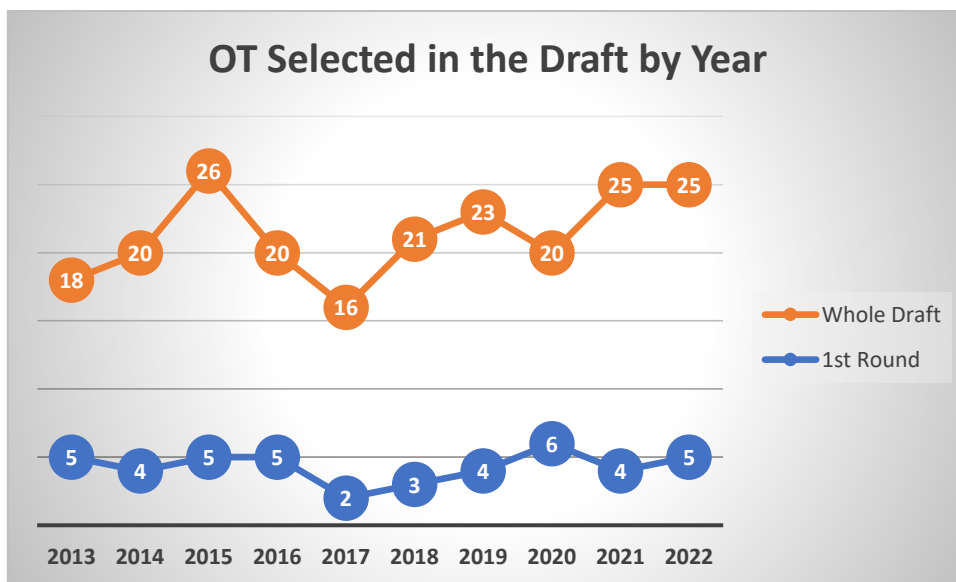
Age: 24.07. Ht: 6-3. Wt: 322. 40: 5.01 (Pro Day). Is #212 overall on our board.

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

2023 General Draft Outlook: Over the last 10 drafts an average of 4.3 offensive tackles have been selected in each 1st round. It seems likely that 4 or 5 players at the position will again be off the board on day 1 this time around. There isn't an offensive tackle that will go within the first 5 or so picks, but Northwestern's Peter Skoronski and Ohio State's Paris Johnson Jr. should be both be taken within the first 10-15 overall picks. Interestingly either or both of these players may be regarded as better guards than tackles by some teams (and those teams are not likely to take them as high). The third tackle who seems certain to be selected in round 1, somewhere around the middle of the round, is Georgia's Broderick Jones.

Darnell Wright, Anton Harrison and Dawand Jones are in the next group of tackles, one or more of whom may sneak into the bottom end of the 1st round.

Cody Mauch of North Dakota State heads up the next group of players who will likely be day 2 selections. Mauch is also another player who may well end up playing guard at the next level.



Packers Outlook: There are questions for the Packers at offensive tackle. David Bakhtiari and Yosh Nijman are an excellent pair of starters, but D-Bak's long injury recovery period and Nijman being a restricted free agent provide some uncertainty. The Packers fortunately have both Elgton Jenkins and Zach Tom, from the interior linemen group, who can play tackle if required – but that's probably not preferable over a long period. The other back-ups currently on the roster are all untried guys at the NFL level.

It seems highly likely that the Packers will select an offensive tackle early, possibly as early as their 1st round pick – in which case it would probably be Broderick Jones. If they were to go for a guy on day 2, the aforementioned Cody Mauch or Anton Harrison could be in play, as could BYU's huge Blake Freeland.

TOP OFFENSIVE TACKLES

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Peter Skoronski	OT/OG	Northwestern	1
2.	Paris Johnson Jr.	OT/OG	Ohio State	1
3.	Broderick Jones	OT	Georgia	1
4.	Darnell Wright	OT	Tennessee	1
5.	Anton Harrison	OT	Oklahoma	1-2
6.	Dawand Jones	OT	Ohio State	1-2
7.	Cody Mauch	OT/OG	North Dakota State	2
8.	Matthew Bergeron	OT	Syracuse	2-3
9.	Jaelyn Duncan	OT	Maryland	2-3
10.	Blake Freeland	OT	BYU	3
11.	Tyler Steen	OT	Alabama	3-4
12.	Wanya Morris	OT	Oklahoma	3-4
13.	Warren McClendon	OT	Georgia	4-5
14.	Jaxson Kirkland	OT/OG	Washington	4-5
15.	Richard Gouraige	OT/OG	Florida	6-7
16.	Carter Warren	OT	Pittsburgh	6-7
17.	Jordan McFadden	OT/OG	Clemson	6-7
18.	Connor Galvin	OT	Baylor	6-7
19.	Luke Haggard	OT	Indiana	7-UDFA
20.	Earl Bostick Jr.	OT	Kansas	7-UDFA
21.	Joey Fisher	OT	Shepherd	7-UDFA
22.	Trevor Reid	OT	Louisville	7-UDFA
23.	Spencer Anderson	OT	Maryland	UDFA
24.	John Ojukwu	OT	Boise State	UDFA
25.	Malaesala Aumavae-Laulu	OT/OG	Oregon	UDFA
26.	Kadeem Telfort	OT	UAB	UDFA
27.	Dalton Wagner	OT	Arkansas	UDFA
28.	Brandon Kipper	OT	Oregon State	UDFA
29.	Alex Palczewski	OT	Illinois	UDFA
30.	Jaylon Thomas	OT	SMU	UDFA
31.	Raiqwon O'Neal	OT/OG	UCLA	UDFA
32.	Cooper Hodges	OT/OG	Appalachian State	UDFA
33.	Jake Witt	OT	Northern Michigan	UDFA
34.	Colby Sorsdal	OT	William & Mary	UDFA
35.	Isaac Moore	OT	Temple	UDFA
36.	Ryan Swoboda	OT	UCF	UDFA
37.	Josh Lugg	OT	Notre Dame	UDFA
38.	Demontrey Jacobs	OT	South Florida	UDFA
39.	Theo Benedet	OT	British Columbia	UDFA
40.	Kilian Zierer	OT	Auburn	UDFA

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Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Jacky Chen	OT	Pace	UDFA
42.	Quinton Barrow	OT	Grand Valley	UDFA
43.	Lorenz Metz	OT	Cincinnati	UDFA
44.	Noah Henderson	OT	East Carolina	UDFA
45.	B.J. Wilson	OT	Quincy	UDFA
46.	Anderson Hardy	OT	Appalachian State	UDFA
47.	Alfred Edwards	OT	Utah State	UDFA
48.	Jarrett Horst	OT	Michigan State	UDFA
49.	Dylan Wonnum	OT	South Carolina	UDFA
50.	Harris LaChance	OT/OG	BYU	UDFA
51.	Adonis Boone	OT	Louisville	UDFA
52.	Alex Jensen	OT	South Dakota	UDFA
53.	Austin Stidham	OT	Troy	UDFA
54.	Chris Anthony	OT	Morgan State	UDFA
55.	Chris Simon	OT	South Carolina State	UDFA
56.	Chris Toth	OT	Aurora	UDFA
57.	Darian Bryant	OT	Virginia Union	UDFA
58.	Drake Centers	OT	Texas Southern	UDFA
59.	Gabe Houy	OT	Pittsburgh	UDFA
60.	Henry Mitchell	OT	Benedict College	UDFA
61.	J.D. DiRenzo	OT	Rutgers	UDFA
62.	Jermiah Stafford	OT	Southern	UDFA
63.	Khalil Keith	OT	Baylor	UDFA
64.	Maurice Campbell	OT	Benedict College	UDFA
65.	Robert Lacey	OT	Tennessee State	UDFA
66.	Silas Dzansi	OT	Virginia Tech	UDFA
67.	Tony Gray	OT	Jackson State	UDFA
68.	Tyler Pritchett	OT	Benedict College	UDFA

Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

LEFT or RIGHT? - TOP TACKLES by SIDE

TOP LEFT TACKLES

1. PETER SKORONSKI
2. PARIS JOHNSON JR.
3. BRODERICK JONES
4. ANTON HARRISON
5. CODY MAUCH
6. MATTHEW BERGERON
7. JAELYN DUNCAN
8. BLAKE FREELAND
9. TYLER STEEN
10. WANYA MORRIS
11. JAXSON KIRKLAND
12. RICHARD GOURAIGE
13. CARTER WARREN
14. CONNOR GALVIN
15. LUKE HAGGARD
16. EARL BOSTICK JR.
17. TREVOR REID
18. JOHN OJUKWU
19. KADEEM TELFORT
20. JAYLON THOMAS
21. RAIQWON O'NEAL
22. JAKE WITT
23. ISAAC MOORE
24. KILIAN ZIERER

TOP RIGHT TACKLES

1. DARNELL WRIGHT
2. DAWAND JONES
3. WARREN MCCLENDON
4. JORDAN MCFADDEN
5. JOEY FISHER
6. SPENCER ANDERSON
7. MALAESALA AUMAVAE-LAULU
8. DALTON WAGNER
9. BRANDON KIPPER
10. ALEX PALCZEWSKI
11. COOPER HODGES
12. COLBY SORSDAL
13. RYAN SWOBODA
14. JOSH LUGG
15. DEMONTREY JACOBS
16. THEO BENEDET

Note: A number of players on the lists may be able to play on both sides (most commonly Left Tackles playing on the right side). We have only listed players in their primary position above.

PETER SKORONSKI (Northwestern)

High School: Peter was an outstanding center and tackle in high school in Illinois.

College: Was highly recruited by multiple FBS schools – finally opted to stay in state and play his college ball at Northwestern. Skoronski became the starter at left tackle as a true freshman in 2020, taking over from NFL 1st round draft choice Rashawn Slater. Started again at left tackle in each of 2021 and 2022 earning all-conference recognition. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Northwestern, Skoronski played and started in 33 games – all at left tackle.

Skoronski has good size, but lacks some of the length that you would normally hope for in a tackle (only 32 ¼ inch arms), which is one of the reasons that he may be suited to play guard. However, Skoronski has great experience as a starter at tackle and this shows as he is a smart, intelligent football player who recognises and picks up stunts, blitzes and defensive line games.

Run blocking is probably his forte. He is very athletic, is really explosive off the snap and is a really nice mover who will get out to the second level in the running game. Can also move well laterally along the line. Will keep blocking until the whistle.

Packer Connection:

Skoronski is the grandson of Packers great offensive tackle Bob Skoronski, who was a star during the Lombardi years.

Skoronski doesn't dominate physically in pass protection due to his lack of length and initial power but he is a really good technician and will also battle hard and long to ensure he doesn't get beaten – does this by using his hands superbly well, getting an initial punch quickly on the defender and following this with good hand placement. Has quick enough feet to be able to mirror movement.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-Big 10. Rimington-Pace Big 10 Offensive Lineman of the Year Award winner. Outland Trophy finalist. 2021 1st Team All-Big 10. 2020 2nd Team All-Big 10. Freshman All-American.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Skoronski has had a proficient and very effective college career at left tackle but yet so much of him (size, length, movement ability) makes him look like a guard (or even center, where he played some in high school). Pro teams will probably have varying projections of him at the next level – some will see him at tackle, some at guard and probably some are undecided. Nonetheless, make no mistake, he is a fine football player who will find a long-time starting spot in the NFL. If he's off the board in the first 10-15 picks, which is what we should expect, then that will be to a team that sees him as a tackle first and as a guard second.

OT #1

Overall #10

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.74

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 313

40: 5.16

PARIS JOHNSON Jr. (Ohio State)

High School: One of the very best high school players in the nation, Johnson earned multiple honours in Ohio for his play on the offensive line.

College: Was a highly sought after recruit but opted to stay in state to play his college football, becoming an Ohio State Buckeye. Played as a back-up in 2020, before moving from tackle to guard and becoming the starter at RG for the 2021 season (earning some all-conference notice). Moved back to tackle for the 2022 season as the starter at LT and playing so well that he earned consensus All-American recognition. Opted to declare for this draft even though he had college eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Ohio State, Johnson played in 30 games, with 25 starts. 13 of those starts came at right guard, with 12 starts coming at left tackle.

Johnson is a great physical specimen with excellent size and length. He converts those physical attributes into strength and power. Johnson plays with attitude and all-out on every snap – going non-stop until the whistle. On the athletic front, Johnson is extremely agile for a man of his size, demonstrating speed and quick feet.

Johnson excels in pass protection, being strong at the point of attack – using his explosion to quickly get his punch on the pass rusher and place his hands consistently. Sets a really strong anchor but can then slide and move his feet to mirror pass rushers. Thanks to his length, Johnson has the ability to recover if he initially gets beaten. Plays with smarts – picking up blitzes and stunts.

Is also a really good run blocker with a quick first step. Can be used both as a straight ahead drive blocker demonstrating his strength and on the move laterally and block in space. Will also utilise excellent angles on his blocks to get out to the second level.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Consensus All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. **2021** 2nd Team All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. OSU Scholar-Athlete. **2020** OSU Scholar-Athlete

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Johnson has positional versatility having played multiple spots on the offensive line at Ohio State. Versatility always goes down well with NFL teams. However, Johnson is perfectly suited to be an NFL left tackle and his ability to play another spot is simply a bonus. Expect Johnson to be a 1st round draft choice – and possibly as high as the top 10 overall. He should be an immediate starter in the NFL and has all the signs of being an All-Pro player in the future.

OT/OG

OT #2

Overall #11

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.81

Ht: 6-6 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 313

40: n/a

BRODERICK JONES (Georgia)

High School: Jones is a Georgia man through and through, having grown up in the state, playing his high school football there and opted to play his college ball at the University of Georgia. Jones' time in high school in Lithonia was outstanding.

College: Turned down a number of offers from Power 5 schools in order to stay in state for his college years. Jones played in just 2 games in his freshman season (2020), which allowed him to redshirt. In 2021, he started as a back-up before becoming the starter at left tackle late in the season. Became the full-time starter for the whole of 2022 – earning all-conference honours. Redshirt Sophomore who opted to declare for this draft while still having multiple years of college eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Georgia, Jones played in 32 games, with 19 starts. All of the starts came at the left tackle spot.

Jones has good size, length and a frame that could handle adding a few extra pounds. He is strong and powerful with the demenour that you really like to see from an offensive lineman. Jones has super athleticism, with quick feet and speed. Moves really well.

Jones is really good in pass protection and can get better still. He is strong at the point of attack, getting his hands up quickly with a strong punch and he grabs with strength. Uses his quick feet and agility to mirror well. Will also keep battling and has recovery ability. Super savvy with the ability to quickly recognise and deal with blitzes and defensive line games.

As a run blocker, Jones fires off the snap quickly and with power and can move in either direction to lead the running back. Will also get out to the second level to block linebackers and safeties in the box.

Jones lacks great experience, having started for just 1 and a bit seasons at the college level.

2022 Suffered a lower leg injury in an off-season motorcycle accident but was able to return in time for the season with no apparent ill-effects.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-SEC. **2021** SEC All-Freshman Team.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Jones is young – still under 22 years of age at the time of the draft – and has a huge upside thanks to his physical traits and athletic ability. Had only 1 year as the full-time starter at Georgia and that will not surprisingly lead to some questions amongst NFL scouts. But for a team that is prepared to develop him, Jones has all of the look of a player who will become a starter (probably in his second year) with the potential to be a perennial Pro Bowler at left tackle. Should be selected in the middle of round 1.

OT #3

Overall #20

Round 1

Class: RS-Sophomore

Age*: 21.95

Ht: 6-5 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 311

40: 4.97

DARNELL WRIGHT (Tennessee)

High School: Wright had an outstanding high school career in West Virginia and was one of the highest rated players at any position at the high school level.

College: Opted to attend Tennessee over a number of other top notch college programmes, including staying at home in West Virginia. Started the majority of games as a true freshman (2019) before becoming a full-time starter for each of next three seasons (2020-22), whilst playing in multiple spots. Earned all-conference honours in the last of those years playing at right tackle.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) for the Volunteers, Wright played in 47 games with 42 starts. His starts came at 3 positions – 27 at right tackle, 13 at left tackle and 2 at right guard.

Wright has prototypical offensive tackle size and length. He has excellent high-level experience and good versatility – has started at both right and left tackle spots and at right guard, but physically he really looks like a tackle.

The rushing attack is really Wright's forte. With strength and power and a relatively quick first step for such a big man, Wright is a good blocker (and can be dominant) in the run game - particularly as a straight ahead blocker. He also has sufficient mobility to get out to the second level.

Wright is a decent technician and solid blocker in pass protection but doesn't, as yet, dominate. There are certain aspects that look like they may require some development - for example, he doesn't always get his punch away quickly or get his hands placed correctly and speed round the edge could also cause him some problems. Nonetheless, he typically sets a good anchor and won't get beaten by power rushers, utilising his physical attributes well.

Is an intelligent football player who does a good job picking up stunts and blitzes.

2019 Missed 2 games due to an ankle injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-SEC. Rotary Lombardi award semi-finalist. **2019** Freshman All-SEC team.

OT #4

Overall #25

Round 1

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.71

Ht: 6-5

Wt: 333

40: 5.01

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Wright looks like he has a big upside being one of those players who looks better each time you watch him play - therefore gives every indication of being someone who has just going to get better yet. Wright has excellent positional versatility but his combination of size and skill profile point to him playing right tackle in the NFL (although he could also play guard). Expect him to be selected late in the 1st round and to solidify the right side of an NFL team's line as a long-time starter.

ANTON HARRISON (Oklahoma)

High School: After a fine high school career in Washington D.C., Harrison fielded a number of offers from Power 5 football schools.

College: Decided to play his college ball at Oklahoma. Harrison played as a back-up as a freshman in 2020, before becoming the starting left tackle for the final two seasons of his college career (2021-22), with a single start on the right side. Earned all-conference honours for his fine 2022 season. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In 3 years (2020-22) at Oklahoma, Harrison played in 34 games, with 24 starts. 23 of those starts came at left tackle, with the other 1 coming at right tackle.

Harrison has good size (although he could add a few pounds) and is a really good athlete, with speed, quick feet and some first step explosion. Moves well for a man of his size.

Harrison is very good in pass protection. Gets his hands up quickly and positioned well, with a strong grip. Moves his feet well dropping to pass protection set and to mirror pass rushers. Knows how to deal with speed rushers and with moves and has the football smarts to recognise defensive line games and deal with stunts and blitzes. If there's an area that he needs to improve in pass protection, it's his ability to deal with powerful bull-rushers – could do with continuing to improve his anchor and power.

Harrison is a decent run blocker without being a dominant force – as in his pass protection he doesn't always demonstrate the power and strength that ideally, you'd like to see, in the running game. However, this is an area which already looks like it's improving. Moves well enough to get out to the second level and to lead runners to the outside.

Had demonstrated some positional versatility, which is always in vogue.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-Big 12.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Harrison opted to enter this draft with eligibility remaining. It's certainly quite possible that he could have raised his draft stock by staying in school for another year and perhaps moving into the top half of the 1st Round of the 2024 draft. But ultimately, only time will tell if he made the right decision. Nonetheless, Harrison has a great upside and is developing and improving already. Yes, he has some continuing development to undertake in order to become a run blocking force, but he has a great foundation of good pass protection skills. He's going to be a long-time starter in the NFL, perhaps after a year or so. Looks like that should be at left tackle. Expect Harrison to be taken late in Round 1 or early in Round 2.

OT #5

Overall #32

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.23

Ht: 6-4 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 315

40: 4.98

DAWAND JONES (Ohio State)

High School: Jones was an excellent dual sport athlete in high school in Indianapolis, excelling at both basketball and football. He was so good at both sports that he received scholarship offers for both from notable colleges.

College: Opted to utilise his enormous talent and size on the football field and play his college ball at Ohio State. Played as a back-up for the Buckeyes in 2019 and 2020, before being the starter at right tackle in 2021 and 2022 – earning some All-American and All-conference recognition.

College Stats: In 4 seasons (2019-22) at Ohio State, Jones played in 40 games, with 24 starts – all of those starts coming at right tackle.

When looking at Dawand Jones there's only one place to start – his size. Jones is a behemoth of a man lined up on the offensive line. He has a huge frame, height and extra long arms along with a massive wingspan – reportedly 89 ½ inches at the Senior Bowl – the largest ever recorded.

As you would hope for, and perhaps expect, of a man of his size, Jones is an outstanding run blocker who can simply overpower and dominate defenders in this aspect of the game. He has a nice first step off the snap for a man of his size when that step is driving forwards.

In pass protection if Jones gets his punch out early and then gets his hands gripped on the defender then it's over. However, he's not yet as effective as a pass blocker as he is in the running game, and this is mainly because if he can't win with power, he may have some challenges. Speed rushers round the edge and rushers with multiple moves can give him problems. This is an area of development need, however, on the positive front, he has already started improvement in this area – he was much better in pass protection in 2022 than he was in 2021.

2023 Suffered a possible undisclosed injury at the Senior Bowl in February which limited his participation. However, he took part in the combine, so seemingly has no ongoing injury concerns.

Honours & Awards: **2022** CBS 1st Team All-American. 2nd Team All-Big 10. **2021** PFF 3rd Team All-American. 2nd Team All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Opted to return to OSU for his senior season in 2022, when many thought he might declare for that year's draft. That may have proven to be the right decision as he had an excellent 2022 season, followed by a good (but limited) showing at the Senior Bowl raising his draft stock and becoming the second Ohio State player high on the list of offensive tackles in this draft (Paris Johnson Jr. being the other). Jones should be off the board early on day 2, with a chance that he sneaks into the bottom of Round 1. He should be a long-time starter at RT in the NFL.



OT #6

Overall #40

Round 1-2

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.72

Ht: 6-8 ¼

Wt: 374

40: 5.35

CODY MAUCH (North Dakota State)

High School: Mauch was a successful dual athlete in high school in North Dakota, starring on the basketball court as well as the football field. On the football team, Mauch played multiple positions most noticeably tight end.

College: Opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at the highly successful North Dakota State as walk on. Was initially a tight end at NDSU but after redshirting his freshman season (2017), Mauch switched to the offensive where he played as a back-up for two seasons (2018-19). Won a starting job at offensive tackle in 2020, then won some FCS All-American notice in both 2021 and 2022.

College Stats: In his 6 seasons (2017-22) at North Dakota State, Mauch played in 62 games, starting in 39 (37 at left tackle, 2 at right tackle).

Mauch has good height and frame, although he looks bulk – could do with adding some mass. Also perhaps lacks ideal arm length for tackle. However, he is good athlete with nice, quick feet and good movement skills (having played at tight end helps this).

On running downs, Mauch is a strong blocker with some power, who can drive block and move laterally. Has a quick first step and has good balance and control. Mauch will also get out to the second level. Blocks through to the end of the play.

In pass protection, Mauch is a good technician whose quick feet really help but he's also prepared to maul and fight to keep in front of defensive linemen. Sets a good anchor and has a nice punch, although his arm length may be an issue on the edge going forwards. Relentless, with a never give up attitude and good ability to recover. Is smart, with the knowledge to pick up stunts and blitzes.

Mauch has an outstanding level of experience (both playing and starting) at the FCS level.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Consensus 1st Team FCS All-American. 1st Team All-MVFC. Walter Payton Award finalist. **2021** FCS 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-MVFC. **2020** 2nd Team All-MVFC.

OT/OG

OT #7

Overall #50

Round 2

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 24.28

Ht: 6-5

Wt: 302

40: 5.08

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Mauch is super experienced, although having played his college ball at the FBS level, it was of extra importance that Mauch performed well at the all-star games - and he did exactly this at the Senior Bowl, having a really good week. Lacks a little bulk (although he has a good frame) and arm length as compared to the prototypical measurements for the offensive tackle and therefore he may project inside to guard at the pro level. Expect him to be selected on day 2 of this draft.

MATTHEW BERGERON (Syracuse)

High School: Bergeron is a Victoriaville, Quebec, Canada native who played his high school football in Quebec before being offered a scholarship to play his college ball at Syracuse.

College: Became a part-time starter at offensive tackle in his true freshman season for the Orangemen, earning some freshman All-American notice. Became the full-time starter in his sophomore year (2020) and never looked back. Was outstanding in each subsequent year, garnering multiple all-conference recognition. Could have returned to Syracuse for a Super Senior season but instead opted to enter this draft.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Syracuse, Bergeron played in 46 games, starting in 39. Those starts all came at offensive tackle – 31 at left tackle and 8 at right tackle.

Bergeron has great experience being a starter since his freshman season – this helps him to see and pick up games played by the defensive line. Nice football smarts. Has also spent time playing at both RT and LT spots so has some versatility. Appears to be a team leader type with great character.

Bergeron can be a devastating and dominant blocker in the running game. He is strong, tough and powerful and has the ability to blow defensive linemen off the line on straight ahead drive blocks, but Bergeron is also agile and athletic and can lead block around the end. Keeps going until the play is over.

Isn't yet an outstanding blocker when climbing to the second level.

In pass protection he has a good initial punch but doesn't always set a steady anchor and can lose balance on occasion. This is an area of development need for Bergeron.

Missed 1 game in 2022 due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-ACC. ECAC All-Star. Ben Schwartzwalder Award winner (Syracuse award for exemplary football player with leadership skills). **2021** Honorable Mention All-ACC. ECAC All-Star. Bill Maxwell Award winner (Syracuse Most Improved Player – offense). Syracuse AD Honor Roll. **2020 & 2019** All-ACC Academic Team. ACC Honor Roll. Syracuse AD Honor Roll. **2019** PFF 2nd Team All-Freshman Team.

OT #8

Overall #57

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.16

Ht: 6-5

Wt: 318

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

NFL teams will surely love Bergeron's versatility and experience coupled with the fact that he is still improving and developing – giving the appearance of a guy with more upside. A man of his size and talent will be given the opportunity to show it at his primary position – offensive tackle – first but may also get a look at the guard position given how dominant a run blocker he is. Expect Bergeron to be selected somewhere in the middle of day 2.

JAELYN DUNCAN (Maryland)

High School: Duncan played his high school football in Maryland, gaining lots of notice from FBS schools.

College: Eventually opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at the University of Maryland – choosing the Terrapins over the likes of Ohio State and Michigan. After redshirting his freshman (2019) season at Maryland, Duncan earned the starting left tackle spot for good in 2020. Was highly consistent throughout his college career and twice earned all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Maryland, Duncan played in 42 games, starting in 39. All of those starts came at left tackle.

As a 3-year starter, Duncan brings a good amount of experience to the table and importantly has played well in some big games.

Physically, he has good height and length, with a frame that could perhaps yet stand adding a little more bulk – especially to play tackle in the NFL. Duncan is a good athlete with nice speed and agility for a man of his size.

As a run blocker, where he is very good, Duncan uses his explosive first step to fire off the ball and move defenders off the line of scrimmage. He also moves well, being able to move laterally with good speed and fluidity. Will also use those skills to get out to the second level. Perhaps could stand with adding a little more nastiness and finishing to his run blocking but perhaps that's nit-picking a little bit.

In pass protection, he can be inconsistent. Duncan is light on his feet and sets a nice, quick anchor but he can still get overpowered by the more physical linemen and linebackers who use their strength against him. He has the capability to deal with speedy and athletic pass rushers well which does with the occasional exception.

Missed 1 game in the middle of the 2022 due to undisclosed personal reasons (possibly not injury related). Suffered a minor ankle injury at the combine but by then he had already put in a fine performance and the injury is not expected to cause any ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: 2022 Honorable Mention All-Big 10. 2020 Honorable Mention All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Duncan's experience at left tackle immediately puts him high on the interest list of any NFL team. Pro left tackles don't grow on trees. Now, it's possible that he's 15-20 pounds lighter than you'd ideally like to see in players at that position and if Duncan doesn't add that bulk (which he has the frame to do), he may kick inside to guard. But right now he's one of the top 10 offensive tackle prospects in this draft thanks to that aforementioned experience coupled with his skillset and athletic ability. And he demonstrated those with a fine showing at the combine in early March. Duncan should be a long-term NFL player, who we can expect to be selected around round 3.

OT #9

Overall #72

Round 2-3

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.80

Ht: 6-5 5/8

Wt: 306

40: 5.10

BLAKE FREELAND (BYU)

High School: Freeland was a multi-sport athlete in high school in Utah, played basketball and track and field (shot put, discus and javelin) as well as football. Played multiple positions on the gridiron in high school including defensive line, tight end and even some at quarterback.

College: Opted to stay in state and play his college ball at BYU (where his father also played). Earned a starting job at right tackle early in his true freshman season (2019) and was even better in the role in the pandemic truncated 2020. Moved to become the starting left tackle for 2021 and 2022 – earning some All-American recognition in his final year.

College Stats: In his 4 years (2019-22) at BYU, Freeland played in 44 games, starting in 41 at offensive tackle – 26 starts at left tackle and 15 starts at right tackle.

Freeland is really tall man who, despite adding some bulk while at BYU, could yet do with adding even more bulk – the good news is that he has the frame to take it. Is very athletic. Freeland has great experience as a starter with versatility – having started games at both left and right tackle. Good character guy who is a team leader type.

Freeland has good potential in pass protection, which all starts with his nice anchor and quick hands with a punch which can stop pass rushers in their tracks. He has nimble feet for his size and he can slide and mirror rushers with relative ease. Now needs to improve his consistency to ensure that he does all of these things on every snap.

Despite his size, Freeland appears to lack some power as a straight ahead drive blocker in the running game. However, his athleticism for such a big man comes to the fore when he's blocking on the move – moves well laterally leading runs and will climb out to the second level on straight ahead runs.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 AP 3rd Team All-American. Phil Steele & CFN 1st Team All-Independent. CFN Independent Offensive Lineman of the Year. 2021 Phil Steele & PFN 1st Team All-Independent.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

For a player who didn't play on the offensive line until he arrived at college, Freeland has developed at a rapid speed. He also demonstrated that he has a huge amount of athletic ability when he impressed at the combine, being near the top for offensive linemen in nearly every event – including setting a new record height (37") for the vertical jump by an offensive lineman. Still has work to do on areas of his technique and on improving his power and strength. Should become a good NFL swing tackle, with the possibility to develop into an NFL starter over time. Should be selected around round 3.

OT #10

Overall #87

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.98

Ht: 6-7 ⁷/₈

Wt: 302

40: 4.98

TYLER STEEN (Alabama)

High School: Steen was a dual-sport athlete in high school in Florida, taking part in track and field as well as playing football. On the football field, Steen played both offensive tackle and defensive end.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Vanderbilt after switching his commitment from Louisville. Played as a back-up defensive lineman in his true freshman season (2018), before becoming the starting right offensive tackle for the whole of the 2019 season. Moved to the left tackle spot for each of 2020 and 2021 – starting every game. Decided to transfer to Alabama prior to the 2022 season. Started every game at left tackle for the Crimson Tide in 2022, earning all-conference honours.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2018-21) at Vanderbilt, Steen played in 38 games, with 33 starts - the starts coming at both offensive tackle positions (21 at left tackle, 12 at right tackle)

In his single season (2022) at Alabama, Steen played and started in 13 games – all of the starts coming at left tackle.

Steen is a highly experienced lineman with some versatility having started games at both offensive tackle spots. He is a big man with height and bulk, but he lacks the prototypical arm length of an NFL left tackle. Perhaps could do with converting some of his size into extra power and strength. Has a surprisingly quick first step for such a big man.

In pass protection Steen is light on his feet which enables him to mirror pass rushers well. Uses his hands well however he can literally be beaten to the punch due to his arm length – rushers can get leverage on his upper body and force him off balance.

Whilst not being overly powerful, Steen's explosive first step in the running game allows him to get some momentum power to drive block straight ahead. Can also move well laterally pulling for the run.

Missed about half a game in 2022 due to a twisted ankle but returned to action the following week. Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-SEC. Alabama Team Up-Front Award co-winner (Outstanding Lineman).

OT #11

Overall #100

Round 3-4

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 22.84

Ht: 6-6

Wt: 321

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Steen has demonstrated offensive tackle versatility during his college days, and with an arm length that is borderline with regard to what NFL scouts really like (less than 33"), it could be that he'll also get a look at guard at the pro level. Steen has accrued a large amount of high level game experience over the last 4 years which helps his chances to at least contribute quickly in the NFL. Expect him to challenge to make an NFL roster as a swing back-up. Will likely be selected late on day 2 or early on day 3.

WANYA MORRIS (Oklahoma)

Misc: First name pronounced “Won-Yay”.

High School: Highly recruited offensive tackle out of high school in Georgia.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Tennessee, over the likes of Georgia and Alabama. Came onto the scene as the starting left tackle as a true freshman in 2019. After a second season as a starter in 2020, Morris decided that his career would move forward with a change of scenery, and he decided to transfer to Oklahoma. Didn't win a starting job for the Sooners in 2021, playing only as a back-up and on special teams. Bounced back in 2022 with the best season of his career – starting at right tackle all season (except when injured) and earning all-conference recognition. Opted out of the Bowl Game at the end of the 2022 season to start his preparation for the draft.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at Tennessee, Morris played in 22 games, with 19 starts – 17 at LT, the other 2 coming as the 6th offensive linemen (tackle eligible).

In his 2 seasons (2021-22) at Oklahoma, Morris played in 15 games, with 8 starts – all of those starts coming at right tackle.

Morris has good size and length and decent athletic ability. Perhaps he could add a little more bulk if his frame can bear it. He brings positional versatility to the table – having started at both right and left tackle.

As a run blocker, Morris brings a good combination of agility and power to bear. He can drive block with some success thanks to his explosive first step, while also being able to move and lead runners. Will get out to the second level to pick off linebackers and safeties.

In pass protection, is inconsistent. He has surprisingly light feet and uses them well to mirror pass rushers, however, he doesn't always consistently anchor, and this needs some work. Gets his hands up quickly and with some punch but doesn't always keep his grip.

2023 Suffered a pulled hamstring while running the 40 at the combine. **2022** Missed 3 games due to an undisclosed injury. **2020** Missed 1 game due to an ankle injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-Big 12. **2019** 247Sports True Freshman All-American. SEC All-Freshman Team.



OT #12

Overall #110

Round 3-4

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.54

Ht: 6-5 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 307

40: 5.10

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Morris is a talented player whose career has been somewhat up and down at times. However, his final college year was undoubtedly his best so this may yet indicate there is more upside to come – certainly, NFL scouts will be hoping that is the case. With his physical tools, it's likely Morris may get a shot at either tackle spot, and/or at guard. He certainly had a good opportunity to initially make an NFL roster as a swing back-up. Should be off the board early on day 3 or possibly late on day 2.

WARREN McCLENDON (Georgia)

High School: McClendon's uncle Willie was a running back for the Chicago Bears 1979-82). Warren McClendon was a dual-sport athlete in high school in Georgia, playing basketball as well as football (offensive tackle).

College: Highly recruited, Warren opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at the University of Georgia, ahead of offers from schools such as Ohio State and Clemson. Redshirted his freshman season for the Bulldogs after playing in 4 games. Became the starting right tackle early in the 2020 season, earning some freshman All-American honours. Started again at right tackle for the whole of 2021 and 2022, earning all-conference honours in the latter year. McClendon opted to declare for this draft while still having college eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Georgia, McClendon played in 43 games, with 38 starts. All of his starts coming at right tackle.

McClendon lacks some size and physicality to play tackle (at least at the next level), could perhaps do with a little extra bulk. Has a size and length profile that looks closer to the guard spot. Is a decent but not outstanding athlete.

In pass protection McClendon sets a strong anchor, gets a good initial punch and uses his hands effectively. Also has better than average arm length which helps him. Lacks a little agility to match up with athletic rushers.

McClendon isn't dominant physically in the running game but has improved year on year. He is a battler who keeps going full-on on every down – is the prototypical non-stop motor guy.

2022 Suffered a knee injury (sprained MCL) in the SEC Championship Game which forced him to miss the 2022 Peach Bowl. He came back for the National Championship Game (played in January 2023), although he did not start. Had recovered enough to take part in the Senior Bowl (February) but didn't do the drills at the combine or at Georgia's pro day (both in March).

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-SEC. **2020** FWAA Freshman All-American.

OT/OG

OT #13

Overall #149

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.04

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 306

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

While McClendon has played all of his time at Georgia at right tackle, it's possible that with his physical attributes he may be looked upon as a guard at the next level by some teams. McClendon continues to recover from the sprained MCL he suffered in December, but assuming that he checks out fine medically, we should expect him to win a roster spot in the NFL – probably initially as a back-up right tackle and/or right guard before challenging to be a starter down the road. Should be selected at some point early on day 3.

JAXSON KIRLAND (Washington)

Misc: Jaxson's father Dean was an 11th round draft choice of the Buffalo Bills in 1991.

High School: Jaxson was an all-state OT in high school in Oregon.

College: Originally opted to play his college ball at UCLA, before changing that commitment to play at the University of Washington. Redshirted his true freshman season (2017) with the Huskies before immediately earning the starting right guard position in 2018, earning some freshman All-American notice. Was again the starter at right guard in 2019, earning some all-conference recognition. Switched to start at left tackle in 2020, earning all-conference recognition at a second position. Was the starter again at left tackle in 2021 and for 1 game in 2022, before moving to left guard for the remainder of the season - earned all-conference honours both years and All-American recognition in the latter season.

College Stats: In his 6 seasons at Washington, Kirkland played in 49 games, with 49 starts. 25 of those starts came at RG, with 15 at LT and 9 at LG.

Kirkland is an extremely experienced and versatile offensive lineman who has started throughout his college career and played multiple positions. He is a huge man, with a large wingspan.

In the running game, Kirkland isn't as dominant as perhaps his size suggests he should be, but he can move and will climb out to the second level after the initial block.

In pass protection, Kirkland uses his hands well against rushers who try to beat him with inside moves and power. His anchor is adequate. However, he is challenged by speed, quickness and bend around the edge where he can be beaten.

2021 Missed 2 games in due to an ankle injury, that eventually required surgery – he originally declared for the 2022 NFL draft but then opted out due to the injury (the NCAA granted him a reinstatement for 2022). **2019** Missed 2 games due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 3rd Team All-American. **2022, 2021 & 2019** 1st Team All-Pac 12. **2021** CoSIDA Academic All-District 8. **2021, 2020 & 2019** Pac 12 Academic Honor Roll. **2019** 2nd Team All-Pac 12. **2018** The Athletic Freshman All-American. Academic 2nd Team All-Pac 12.

OT/OG

OT #14

Overall #172

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 24.74

Ht: 6-7

Wt: 321

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Kirkland has the size to play offensive tackle but lacks some of the attributes to be fully successful there at the pro level – so it's possible that he projects inside to guard or works as a multi-positional back-up. His experience gained at the college level coupled with his versatility will mean that he's likely to make an NFL roster, even if he doesn't become a starter. Expect Kirkland to be off the board on day 3.

RICHARD GOURAIGE (Florida)

High School: Gouraige had a successful high school career in Florida, playing on both the offensive line and defensive line.

College: Opted to stay close to home to play his college ball at the University of Florida – choosing the Gators over the likes of Alabama and Florida State. Redshirted his true freshman season (2018) as a Gator, playing in just 2 games, before becoming a part-time starter at left guard in 2019. Started again at left guard in 2020. Moved to left tackle for the 2021 and 2022 seasons, starting every game protecting the quarterback's blindside.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Florida, Gouraige played in 51 games, with 42 starts. 25 of those starts coming at left tackle with 17 coming at left guard.

As a four-year starter, Gouraige is highly experienced and has demonstrated versatility by starting many games at both tackle and guard. Perhaps lacks the A1 size and length to play tackle. His frame could probably handle add a little extra bulk. Gouraige is a decent athlete but doesn't have outstanding speed.

Is a sound run blocker without being a dominator. Has a quick first step which enables his hands to get up onto defensive linemen at speed, although he doesn't blow them away or pancake them. Will create running lanes in the straight ahead game, through technique and position. Is more effective in that straight ahead game than he is in an outside running game where has to move laterally and pull.

Gouraige is an intelligent player in pass protection who rarely outreaches himself and generally does what is necessary to finish his block, even if it isn't always pretty. Will struggle with pass rushers who can gain leverage on him and destroy his balance. Will also have challenges with speedy rushers around the edge.

2023 Was unable to take part in the drills at the combine due to a swollen ankle that somewhat bizarrely happened during the medical examinations at the combine according to various reports.

Honours & Awards: **2022** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2021** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2019** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.



OT/OG

OT #15

Overall #197

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.53

Ht: 6-5

Wt: 306

40: 5.38 (Pro Day)

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Whether teams see Gouraige primarily as a tackle or guard at the next level remains to be seen but regardless, his experience and versatility will certainly help him as he challenges for an NFL roster spot. Gouraige put on a nice performance at the Senior Bowl, helping his draft status but sadly he couldn't take part in the drills at the combine to enhance that further. As a potential back-up swing tackle and guard, Gouraige should be selected at some point late on day 3.

The Next Best Offensive Tackles...

16. Carter Warren (Pittsburgh)

Probable late round draft pick. Fine left tackle, with outstanding arm length. Played in 40 games, with 39 starts, across his college career. Suffered a torn meniscus which ended his 2022 season early – reportedly the recovery and rehab from the injury is going well.

Age: 24.27. Ht: 6-5 ½. Wt: 311. 40: n/a. Is #218 overall on our board.

17. Jordan McFadden (Clemson), OT/OG

Probable late round draft pick. Has played both tackle spots and may even kick inside to guard at the next level. At his best as a blocker in the running game. Played in 56 career games, starting in 39. Twice won All-ACC honours.

Age: 23.44. Ht: 6-2 ¼. Wt: 303. 40: 4.99. Is #227 overall on our board.

18. Connor Galvin (Baylor)

Probable late round draft pick. From Katy, Texas. Lacks some foot speed, as shown in his 40 time at the combine. Earned AP 3rd Team All-American honours in 2021, when he was also named the Big 12 Offensive Lineman of the Year. Won all-conference honours in both 2021 and 2022. Extremely high level of experience – played in 58 games, with 46 starts (all coming at left tackle).

Age: n/a. Ht: 6-6 ¾. Wt: 293. 40: 5.48. Is #230 overall on our board.

19. Luke Haggard (Indiana)

Possible late round pick or undrafted free agent. Solid all-round blocker who is reliable and consistent. Is more technique based than athletic or powerful. Started his college career at the JUCO level. Played in 29 games for Indiana, with 27 starts. All of his starts coming at left tackle.

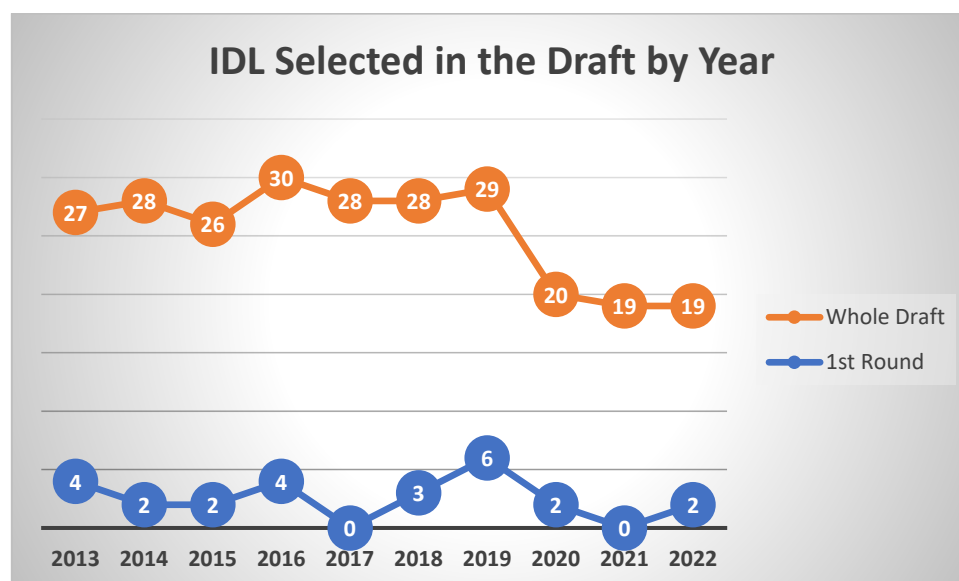
Age: 23.15. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #262 overall on our board.

INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

2023 General Draft Outlook: An average, we can normally expect 2-3 interior defensive linemen to be selected in the 1st round and that should be the case again this year. Right near the top of the 1st round Georgia's Jalen Carter is one of the very best players in this draft, regardless of position. However, recent off-the-field issues have seen his stock fall a little, but Carter should still be selected in the top 10 overall picks.

Also going in the 1st round is Bryan Bresee of Clemson, realistically anywhere from the middle of the round onwards. The third defensive linemen with a 1st round chance is Pittsburgh's Calijah Kancey. Kancey is undersized which will deter a number of teams, but he should be off the board by about the 40th pick – it just could be a number of picks before that.

After these three players there is large bunch of players (8 or 9) who have a chance of being selected on day 2. They probably won't all be off the board that early, but individually they each have a chance. In total, we can expect about 20 interior defensive linemen to be selected in the seven rounds of this year's draft.



Packers Outlook: The Packers defensive line is set at two spots, with the outstanding Kenny Clark and last year's 1st round pick Devonte Wyatt holding down starting positions. The third starting spot is up for grabs – currently the roster has T.J. Slaton, Jonathan Ford and Chris Slayton competing. The Packers lost Jarran Reed in free agency to the Seahawks.

An early defensive lineman is not out of the question for the Packers and if Bryan Bresee is on the board when the Packers pick that choice wouldn't be a surprise. If the wait until day 2, the Florida's Gervon Dexter seems to fit the profile of a Packers type player.

TOP DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Jalen Carter	DL	Georgia	1
2.	Bryan Bresee	DL	Clemson	1
3.	Calijah Kancey	DL	Pittsburgh	1-2
4.	Mazi Smith	DL	Michigan	2
5.	Adetomiwa Adebawore	DL	Northwestern	2
6.	Tuli Tuipulotu	DL	USC	2
7.	Siaki Ika	DL	Baylor	2-3
8.	Keanu Benton	DL	Wisconsin	2-3
9.	Gervon Dexter	DL	Florida	2-3
10.	Zacch Pickens	DL	South Carolina	3
11.	Byron Young	DL	Alabama	3-4
12.	Jaquelin Roy	DL	LSU	3-4
13.	Colby Wooden	DL	Auburn	4-5
14.	Karl Brooks	DL	Bowling Green	4-5
15.	Moro Ojomo	DL	Texas	4-5
16.	Keondre Coburn	DL	Texas	4-5
17.	Jalen Redmond	DL	Oklahoma	4-5
18.	Kobie Turner	DL	Wake Forest	4-5
19.	Jose Ramirez	DL/Edge	Eastern Michigan	4-5
20.	Jerrod Clark	DL	Coastal Carolina	6-7
21.	Cameron Young	DL	Mississippi State	6-7
22.	Ochaun Mathis	DL	Nebraska	6-7
23.	Neste Jade Silvera	DL	Arizona State	6-7
24.	Dante Stills	DL	West Virginia	6-7
25.	Tyler Lacy	DL	Oklahoma State	6-7
26.	D.J. Dale	DL	Alabama	6-7
27.	Cory Durden	DL	NC State	7-UDFA
28.	P.J. Mustipher	DL	Penn State	7-UDFA
29.	Robert Cooper	DL	Eastern Washington	UDFA
30.	Taron Vincent	DL	Ohio State	UDFA
31.	Jacob Slade	DL	Michigan State	UDFA
32.	Jerron Cage	DL	Ohio State	UDFA
33.	Devonsha Maxwell	DL	Chattanooga	UDFA
34.	Jonah Tavai	DL	San Diego State	UDFA
35.	Scott Matlock	DL	Boise State	UDFA
36.	Dion Bergan Jr.	DL	Wake Forest	UDFA
37.	Dom Peterson	DL	Nevada	UDFA
38.	Jaxon Player	DL	Baylor	UDFA
39.	Desjuan Johnson	DL	Toledo	UDFA
40.	Brodrick Martin	DL	Western Kentucky	UDFA

List continues on the next page

Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Jayson Ademilola	DL	Notre Dame	UDFA
42.	Deslin Alexandre	DL	Pittsburgh	UDFA
43.	Jeffery Johnson	DL	Oklahoma	UDFA
44.	Ami Finau	DL	Maryland	UDFA
45.	Brandon Gaddy	DL	Alabama State	UDFA
46.	Brandon Pili	DL	USC	UDFA
47.	Caleb Sampson	DL	Kansas	UDFA
48.	Caleb Sanders	DL	South Dakota State	UDFA
49.	Calvin Avery	DL	Illinois	UDFA
50.	Cameron Peterson	DL	Southern	UDFA
51.	Darrel Middleton	DL	Bethel (TN)	UDFA
52.	Devin Dourisseau	DL	Langston University	UDFA
53.	Devin Harrell	DL	North Carolina A&T	UDFA
54.	Eli Huggins	DL	Kansas State	UDFA
55.	Ellison Jordan	DL	Bowie State University	UDFA
56.	Ifeanyi Maijeh	DL	Rutgers	UDFA
57.	Isaiah Williams	DL	Delaware State	UDFA
58.	Jamal Dorsey	DL	Langston University	UDFA
59.	Jason Dumas	DL	Southern University	UDFA
60.	J-Min Pelley	DL	Calgary (Canada)	UDFA
61.	Jordan Riley	DL	Oregon	UDFA
62.	Joshua Pryor	DL	Bowie State University	UDFA
63.	Keshaun Moore	DL	Hampton	UDFA
64.	LaTrell Bumphus	DL	Tennessee	UDFA
65.	Reece Winkelman	DL	South Dakota State	UDFA
66.	Ronald Johnson	DL	Virginia Union	UDFA
67.	Ronnie Thomas	DL	Mississippi Valley State	UDFA
68.	Terrance Lang	DL	Colorado	UDFA
69.	Terry Hampton	DL	Arkansas	UDFA

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JALEN CARTER (Georgia)

High School: Carter was an excellent multi-sport athlete in high school in Florida, playing football (DT and TE), basketball and weightlifting. Had 12 sacks in is senior season.

College: Highly recruited by a number of major colleges before opting for Georgia. He was a big contributor for the Bulldogs in 2020 and 2021 – earning all SEC notice in the latter year. Was outstanding in 2022, being selected to every major All-American team. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Carter played in 38 games for Georgia, recording 6 sacks, 71 quarterback pressures, 83 tackles (44 solo), 18.5 tackles for a loss, 2 forced fumbles and 4 pass break-ups. Also had 3 blocked kicks (1 field goal and 2 PATs). Caught 1 pass for a 1-yard touchdown.

Carter is an explosive and athletic game changing force from the interior of the defensive line. He simply can disrupt an offense's passing and running games. He's not a player that you want to single block. Carter has a strong bull-rush, but it's not just about his pure power and strength - he is an outstanding all round pass rusher, with a quick first step, who has developed moves which include a hump move reminiscent of Reggie White.

Against the run, Carter's strength is huge – he'll hold the point of attack and make his area a no-go zone for running backs. But he also has the athletic ability to move laterally, along the line of scrimmage to make the play. Has some positional versatility being able to play any spot on the defensive line. Also has shown a knack for blocking kicks whilst playing special teams.

Weaknesses may relate to occasional question marks about his work ethic being inconsistent and his production not yet matching his talent. There is also now a question mark following recent misdemeanour charges.

Missed 2 games in 2022 due to a sprained MCL. But returned, seemingly with no ill-effects.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Unanimous All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. **2021** 2nd Team All-SEC.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

How good is Carter? Well, he may have been the best player on the Georgia 2021 defensive line – a line that included 3 2022 1st Round draft picks - Travon Walker, Jordan Davis, and Devonte Wyatt. Would almost certainly have been top 5 pick in last year's draft and should be off the board in the top 5 this year – probably ranks in the top 2 players overall. Should become a very fine player in the NFL and assuming he develops as expected, he ought to be a multi-time All-Pro. However, just as the combine started, Carter was charged with 2 misdemeanours in connection with a serious road accident – to which he has pleaded no contest. He later didn't blow scouts away with his performance at his pro day. Obviously, these both raise some question marks with regard to Carter's draft status and it's possible he slips a little bit on day 1.



DL #1

Overall #5

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.64

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 314

40: n/a

BRYAN BRESEE (Clemson)

High School: Bresee had a highly productive high school career in Maryland, leading to him being one of the most sought-after recruits in the country.

College: It wasn't surprising that nearly every major college was trying to get Bresee, before he opted to play his college ball at Clemson. Bresee had an outstanding freshman season for the Tigers in 2020. Followed that up with a 2021 that was cut short by a knee injury and 2022 where he was solid without being spectacular. Earned all-conference notice in each of his years at Clemson. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at Clemson (2020-22), Bresee played in 26 games (21 starts), recording 9 sacks, 15 tackles for a loss, 50 total tackles (27 solo), 1 forced fumble, 1 interception, 4 pass break-ups and 1 safety.

Bresee has really good size, physical attributes and athleticism. Bresee will flash on occasion but perhaps not as often as you'd like to see. Has versatility, having lined up in multiple spots on the defensive line – although looks at his best as a 4-3 defensive tackle.

Uses his power and strength to rush the passer, with some success – has pocket collapsing ability at times. However, he needs to develop more pass rush moves as he can be neutralised at times by strong offensive linemen.

Bresee stands up extremely well against the run utilising his big body to make it very difficult to pick up positive yardage running in his direction. He isn't often moved off the line of scrimmage unless he's double team blocked. Will use his hands well to knock down the hands of offensive linemen.

Suffered a torn ACL early in the 2021 season, limiting his season to just 4 games. Also underwent off-season shoulder surgery in early 2022. Came back from these injuries to play in 2022, although he missed 2 games during 2022 with a non-football injury/illness (reported as being a kidney infection).

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-ACC. Lott Impact Trophy quarter-finalist. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 3rd Team All-ACC. **2020** 1st Team All-ACC. ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Bresee declared for this year's draft with eligibility still remaining, but after a tough 2022 it's possible that he could have raised his draft stock had he gone back to school for another year. Certainly, he has great physical attributes, but his production hasn't entirely reflected that. Is a bit of a work in progress, but with pro coaching he should be able to develop quickly. Bresee will split analysts as to where he should be picked but will probably be selected in the middle to late 1st round by a team that has time to develop him.

DL #2

Overall #24

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.56

Ht: 6-5 ½

Wt: 298

40: 4.86

CALIJAH KANCEY (Pittsburgh)

High School: Had a fine high school career in Florida.

College: Kancey opted to play his college ball at Pittsburgh. Redshirted his true freshman year with the Panthers (2019). Followed that up with good seasons in 2020 and 2021. Was outstanding in 2022, earning All-American recognition. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 4 years at Pittsburgh (2019-22), Kancey played in 37 games (29 starts). Recorded 16 sacks, 16 quarterback hurries, 34.5 tackles for a loss, 92 tackles (51 solo), 3 pass break-ups and 1 forced fumble.

Kancey is undersized and extremely short for the position, but has really good athleticism and agility, with quickness and speed (as demonstrated at the combine). Is unquestionably improving year on year. Plays all-out on every down with a non-stop motor. Has lined up in multiple spots on the defensive line but looks most at home as a 4-3 defensive tackle.

Kancey is an outstanding pass rusher with an explosive first step and an ability to make himself seem even smaller than he is - which enables him to quickly shoot gaps and get pressure on the quarterback. Uses his hands really well to get leverage and can knock down offensive guards hands with speed.

Against the run, Kancey has some success shooting the gap due to his aforementioned speed and explosion (enabling him to make tackles for a loss) and he can run plays down from behind if unblocked. But when offensive linemen get their bodies and hands on him, he can be physically outmanned. Because of his lack of bulk, he's never going to be a dominant player in the running game.

Missed 2 games in 2022 due to a shoulder injury. Has no other reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Unanimous All-American. ACC Defensive Player of the Year. 1st Team All-ACC. CFN National Defensive Tackle of the Year. Outland Trophy finalist. Nagurski Trophy finalist. Bednarik Award semi-finalist. **2021** AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-ACC. FWAARivals & The Athletic Freshman All-American.

DL #3

Overall #27

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.15

Ht: 6-1

Wt: 281

40: 4.67

DRAFT OUTLOOK

With Kancey you have to start with his size, or rather lack of it, which will almost certainly put some NFL teams off selecting him early. But make no mistake, Kancey is a spectacular athlete as an interior defensive lineman and is an outstanding pass rusher. Really helped his draft case with an outstanding combine. It's probable that a team that doesn't require him to play every down but rather has the luxury to utilise him on passing downs will select Kancey and allow him to simply pin his ears back and rush. Will probably be selected late on day 1.

MAZI SMITH (Michigan)

High School: Smith had an outstanding high school career in Michigan, being rated as one of the top recruits at the defensive tackle spot.

College: He was of course highly recruited but, in the end, Smith decided to stay in his home state and attend the University of Michigan. He played sparingly in his first two seasons as a Wolverine (2019-20), before finally earning a starting role on the defensive line in 2021, earning some all-conference notice. Had a fine 2022 season, starting in every game and earning all-conference recognition. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school (for a Super Senior season).

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Michigan, Smith played in 35 games (28 starts). Recorded 88 tackles (39 solo), including 6 tackles for a loss. Also had 0.5 sack, 4 passes broken up, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Smith is a big man who brings lots of bulk to the defensive line. Along with that size, he brings excellent strength and power and surprisingly decent speed for such a big man. Also appears to have good stamina and an engine which is perhaps unusual for a man of his size. By all reports, he brings confidence and a team leader type attitude to his team.

Smith is outstanding against the run, using his bulk combined with his strength to make his area a no-go zone for running backs. Won't be easily single blocked in the running game, requiring offenses to account for him if they want their inside ground game to be effective.

In stark contrast to his ability against the run, Smith hasn't yet developed greatly as a pass rusher. Although in fairness, he probably got more pocket pressure in 2022 than in previous years. Doesn't have explosion off the snap and pass protectors will often get their hands up and gripped on him quickly. Keeps battling however and will get his hands up high to bat passes down at the line of scrimmage.

No reported injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 10. Michigan Team Defensive Player of the Year. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. Richard Katcher Award winner. **2020** Academic All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Right now, Smith is mainly a run stuffing 3-4 nose tackle type. May develop some more pass rushing ability, but until he does, Smith looks like a run down only type guy at the pro level. Although, he is a little one-dimensional, that dimension can be dominating and therefore it wouldn't be a surprise to see him selected in round 2, although teams will likely want to be comfortable following some off the field issues smith had in 2022.

DL #4

Overall #4

Round 2

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.86

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 323

40: n/a

ADETOMIWA ADEBAWORE (Northwestern)

Misc: Last name pronounced “Add-E-Bar-A”.

High School: Had a nice high school career in Kansas.

College: Adebawore received offers from multiple FBS schools before he opted to attend Northwestern. Played mainly as a back-up during his true freshman season (2019), before winning the starting job in 2020 and putting in a sound performance. Showed improvement in 2021, before being even better in 2022 – earned some all-conference notice in each of those last two seasons.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Northwestern, Adebawore played in 41 games (37 starts), recording 12.5 sacks, 24.5 tackles for a loss, 97 total tackles (68 solo), 6 pass break-ups and 4 forced fumbles.

Adebawore has an explosive first step and excellent speed for a man of his size. His size is ok (a little bit more may help, as long as he could it without losing any of that speed), but he lacks the ideal height and length – however, his outstanding athleticism helps make up for some of that. Also has good experience and some potential positional versatility which is a plus. Adebawore is a hard worker, playing with a non-stop motor.

When rushing the passer, Adebawore firstly will attack utilising his explosion and speed. But he also have some moves and decent hand strength which enables him to maul and unbalance offensive linemen. When his rush is stopped, Adebawore will get his hands up and knock passes down.

Is more of a neutralising player in the running game than he is a dominator. Isn't as powerful at the point of attack as you'd like to see and can be challenged by a straight-ahead running system. However, Adebawore does have the capability to use his quick first step and acceleration to shoot a gap and make a tackle in the backfield or to chase ball carriers down from behind.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 3rd Team All-Big 10. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 10.

DL/Edge

DL #5

Overall #53

Round 2

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.15

Ht: 6-1 ½

Wt: 282

40: 4.49

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Adebawore had a really nice Senior Bowl week which helped his draft status. It is going to be really interesting to see how NFL teams view him positionally – he has lined up both on the edge and on the inside, but his frame and size really makes him look like either a 3-4 defensive end or a 4-3 defensive tackle...but he has edge position speed. While finding his best spot in the pros may take time, he also brings flexibility and versatility which may enable him to be used in multiple ways. Expect Adebawore to be selected at some point on day 2.

TULI TUIPULOTU (USC)

Misc: Is the brother of current NFL player Marlon Tuipulotu (Philadelphia Eagles) and cousin of 49ers' Talanoa Hufanga.

High School: Tuli played his high school football in California.

College: Opted to stay in state and play his college ball at USC. Was a part-time starter in his freshman year (2020) at USC, a year shortened by the pandemic. Became the full-time starter in 2021, earning all-conference notice before having an outstanding 2022 in which he garnered unanimous All-American honour. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at USC, Tuipulotu played in 32 games (29 starts). He recorded 21 sacks, 32 tackles for a loss and 116 tackles (67 solo). Also had 5 pass break-ups, 4 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Tuipulotu is a developing lineman who has good size and strength and improving athletic ability. He is an aggressive and tough football player who has an all-out, non-stop motor. Will keep going on every play. He demonstrated good versatility in college, lining up all over the defensive line.

Has gone from being a decent college pass rusher to a highly productive player in this area (13.5 sacks in 2022). And yet, there may be even more improvement to come. Has good hand usage and will knock down the hands of offensive linemen in front of him.

Is solid against the run without being dominant. Uses some strength at the point of attack to hold up offensive linemen and make a play. Isn't going to destroy running plays with his quickness but will keep going in order to try and make the play.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Unanimous All-American. 1st Team All-Pac 12. Pat Tillman Defensive Player of the Year. Morris Trophy winner (Pac 12 Defensive Player of the Year). Bednarik Award finalist. Lott Impact Trophy finalist. Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award winner. **2021** 1st Team All-Pac 12. Bob Chandler Award winner (USC Scholarship award for underclassman). **2020** The Athletic 2nd Team Freshman All-American. PFF Honorable Mention All-Pac 12.

DL #6

Overall #56

Round 2

Class: Junior

Age*: 20.65

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 266

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Seems to be getting better year on year and yet he still may have untapped potential – he has a true upside. This potential get extra notice when you consider that Tuipulotu is still under 21 years of age. His biggest difficulty on the next level is what exactly his best spot on the line is – he may be a bit stuck between positions - inside and outside. Nonetheless, the right team will find the right role for a player with his traits and upside – should be selected on day 2, probably in the 2nd round.

SIAKI IKA (Baylor)

Misc: Nicknamed "Apu".

High School: Ika had a highly successful high school career in Utah.

College: Opted to stay in state and play his college ball at BYU, however, he later changed that commitment to attend LSU. Played as a back-up in his two seasons at LSU (2019-20), before deciding to transfer to Baylor. Became the starter inside on the defensive line in his first year at Baylor (2021), earning all-conference honours. Repeated that performance in 2022.

College Stats: In his 2 years at LSU, Ika played in 13 games, recording 1 sack, 2.5 tackles for a loss and 22 total tackles (9 solo).

In his 2 years (2021-22) at Baylor, Ika played in 25 games (23 starts). He recorded 4.5 sacks, 8.5 tackles for a loss, 9 QB hurries, 49 tackles (28 solo) and 3 pass break-ups.

Is a really big man with strength and power who looks like an out and out 3-4 nose tackle. Has somewhat surprising athleticism for a man of his size.

Ika is a decent pass rusher from the inside and while he very rarely gets home to the quarterback, he will use his physicality and short area quickness to create pressure, collapse the pocket and force the quarterback to scramble. Of course, it would be good if he could turn some of that pressure into sacks. When his pass rush is held up, Ika will get his hands up and knock passes down at the line of scrimmage.

Is extremely strong in the middle of the line and won't be moved by single blocks in the running game. His area is a no-go zone for a team's offense unless he's double teamed – which happened a lot in 2022, reducing his statistical output a little.

May need to work on his stamina as he can appear to wear down in games.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Phil Steele 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. Polynesian Player of the Year Award finalist. 2nd Team Dave Campbell's Texas College Football Team. **2021** 1st Team All-Big 10. Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year. 1st Team Dave Campbell's Texas College Football Team.

NT

DL #7

Overall #58

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.46

Ht: 6-2 7/8

Wt: 335

40: 5.39

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Ika is a big man with some upside, but being a pure nose tackle will limit the number of teams that are likely to have a sustained interest in him at the draft. The pure 3-4 nose tackle is one of the positions in modern drafts that doesn't often garner 1st round notice, and it seems like Ika won't buck that trend - he didn't appear to raise his chances with his performance at the combine. Still, it's likely that he'll be selected on day 2 by a team that's looking for that middle of the line plugger.

KEEANU BENTON (Wisconsin)

High School: Benton was a successful dual-sport athlete in high school in Wisconsin – wrestling as well as playing football (receiving all-state and all-region recognition on the gridiron).

College: Opted to stay close to home and accept an offer from the University of Wisconsin to play his college ball there. Started his time at the Badgers with two nice seasons (2019-20) as a part-time starter, before winning the starting nose tackle spot outright in 2021. 2021 and 2022 were really good years in which he earned some all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 4 years (2019-22) playing for the Badgers, Benton played in 45 games (36 starts), recording 9 sacks, 9 quarterback hurries, 19 tackles for a loss, 80 tackles (43 solo), 4 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble and 2 fumble recoveries.

Benton has much of the frame of an NFL interior defensive lineman, although he could add a little more bulk (provided he doesn't lose any of his quickness). He already has a good mix of strength, power and first step quickness. Very experienced as a 3-4 nose tackle with some experience playing as part of a 2 defensive lineman special package.

Benton's big value to the defensive line is as a run stuffer. He plays with strength, power and leverage that enables him to, at times, control the middle of the line and neutralise some running plays headed in his direction – undoubtedly bringing his wrestling prowess to bear. Isn't always as consistent as he could be, however. Can't knock his work ethic though – he plays hard and keeps going on every down.

That non-stop motor really helps him as a pass rusher, where he doesn't often beat linemen straight up and doesn't dominate but he does keep pressure on offensive linemen and gains the odd sack through stickability. Needs to develop some moves in this area.

Missed part of a game in 2022 due to a minor knee injury, but he returned the following week. Appears to have no major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 3rd Team All-Big 10. 2021 2nd Team All-Big 10. 2020 Academic All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Benton opted to return to the Badgers for the 2022 season, rather than enter last year's draft – and it would appear that this was probably a wise decision as his draft stock has steadily grown. He demonstrated this even more when he had a very strong week at the Senior Bowl. Nose tackles are generally not as in demand as 4-3 defensive tackles however, so that probably puts a ceiling on where he is likely to be picked as somewhere around the top of round 3.

DL #8

Overall #64

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.78

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 309

40: 5.08

GERVON DEXTER (Florida)

High School: Dexter was an outstanding multi-sport athlete in high school in Florida, excelling at basketball and track and field (discus) as well as football.

College: Was very highly regarded as a defensive lineman coming out of high school, being offered scholarships by a number of Power 5 schools. Ultimately opted to stay close to home however and play his college ball for the Florida Gators. Played extensively, primarily as a back-up, in his freshman season (2019), before becoming a full-time starter in 2021. Was again a starter in 2022, having his best college season. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at Florida (2020-22), Dexter played in 38 games (24 starts). He recorded 4.5 sacks, 11 quarterback hurries, 9.5 tackles for a loss and 125 total tackles (46 solo). Also had 2 interceptions, 2 passes broken up and 2 fumble recoveries.

Dexter is a tall man with good all-round size and the frame to add even more bulk than he already has (providing he does so without losing speed or quickness).

Dexter is particularly strong against the run. His power and strength allow him to win at the point of attack and make it extremely difficult for offensive linemen to shift him off the ball. Will use his length both to gain leverage and to pull ball carriers down from behind, although he won't move far laterally to make the play.

Doesn't yet have great production (at least in terms of statistics) against the pass, but he is an improving pass rusher from the inside. He has better than advertised speed and quickness off the edge, but as yet doesn't bring that to the fore when rushing the passer, but he will battle and use second effort to work his way towards the quarterback. When his pass rush is held up, Dexter will block passing lanes with his hands and on occasion will knock passes down at the line of scrimmage.

Has had no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 3rd Team All-SEC. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Dexter is first and foremost a running down defensive linemen, although he has been developing his pass rushing skills. Perhaps should have returned to school to fulfil his college eligibility and to continue to develop. Probably projects to be a 3-4 defensive end in the NFL. Teams are likely to see him as a great addition to their run defense even as a rotational player who has some upside and the chance to develop in the right system with pro level coaching. Will likely be selected at some point on day 2.

DL #9

Overall #70

Round 2-3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.56

Ht: 6-5 ½

Wt: 310

ZACCH PICKENS (South Carolina)

High School: Pickens had a fine high school career in South Carolina, earning Gatorade state Player of the Year honours in his final year.

College: Highly recruited, he chose to stay close to home to play his college ball at the University of South Carolina (choosing the Gamecocks over the likes of Alabama, Georgia and LSU). As a true freshman in 2019, Pickens played as back-up before becoming a starter at defensive tackle for the majority of 2020. Started every game in 2021, probably having his best season. Earned some all-conference notice for a solid 2022, when he again started every game.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at South Carolina, Pickens played in 47 games (32 starts), recording 131 total tackles (69 solo), 11.5 tackles for a loss, 7.5 sacks and 4 pass break-ups.

Pickens has good size and plays with some power and strength. Is versatile, being able to line-up at every spot on the defensive line.

Pickens is solid against the run, especially when his first step enables him to shoot a gap when lined up as a 3 technique 4-3 defensive tackle. Doesn't dominate when lined up directly opposite an offensive guard (or center) but has some strength to neutralise a single block.

Pickens isn't as productive as a pass rusher as you'd like to see. Has a decent first step, will on occasion demonstrate good hand speed and can create leverage - but this doesn't as yet, translate into statistical production. Could do with developing more moves. Will get his hands up to bat passes down when his pass rush is halted.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 3rd Team All-SEC. South Carolina Team Most Outstanding Senior Award winner. Steve Wadwak Team MVP. Joe Morrison Team Defensive MVP. SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Rex Enright South Carolina Team Defensive Co-Player of the Spring. **2021** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. South Carolina Team Most Improved Defensive Player of the Spring. Harold White GPA Award – Defense. **2020** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2019-20** SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll. **2019** PFF Honorable Mention Freshman All-American. SEC All-Freshman Team.

DL #10

Overall #96

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.14

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 291

40: 4.89

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Pickens opted to return to school for his senior season (2022) rather than declare for last year's draft but didn't take the leap forward in 2022 that perhaps his talent suggests that he would. There's the feeling that Pickens still has upside to be unlocked. At this time, NFL teams are likely to see him as a rotational defensive lineman who can fill in at all spots. If the potential can be unleashed, Pickens could develop into a starter. Will probably be off the board in around round 3.

BYRON YOUNG (Alabama)

High School: Had an outstanding high school career in Mississippi, where he notched up more than 40 sacks total in his final three years.

College: Highly sought after, Young eventually opted to attend the University of Alabama over the likes of Clemson and his home state schools Ole Miss and Mississippi State. Was a part time starter in each of his first two year (2019-20) with the Crimson Tide playing solidly mainly as a back-up. Progressed to start about half of Alabama's games in 2021 before becoming the fulltime starter in 2022. Earned all-conference honours in his final year.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Alabama, Young played in 54 games (26 starts), recording 7.5 sacks, 9 QB hurries, 22.5 tackles for a loss, 139 total tackles (56 solo), 3 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Young is slightly undersized for the defensive line, although he may be able to add a little bit of bulk to his frame. Doesn't have great speed or acceleration.

Despite all of his sacks in high school, Young has proven to be a better player in college against the run. Doesn't have the physicality to consistently beat offensive linemen with strength and power but will use his hands and create enough space to shoot the gap and make the play. Also doesn't give up on the play, using his hands to maul and battle.

As a pass rusher, Young appears to lack some of the physical traits to consistently challenge offensive linemen – in particular, explosion, speed and acceleration. Uses his hands well and is persistent, sometimes finishing off the play where coverage has forced the QB to hold the ball. Young will get his hands up to disrupt passing lanes when his pass rush is stopped.

Not to be confused with Tennessee's Byron Young who is also likely to be selected in this draft.

Suffered a sprained ankle during 2022 but missed part of just 1 game. Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 AFCA 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. Pat Trammel Award co-winner (Character and contribution to Alabama Football Team). Alabama Team Defensive Achievement Award co-winner.

DL #11

Overall #103

Round 3-4

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.46

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 294

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Young probably projects to be a 3-4 defensive end in the NFL, although he is slightly under the ideal the size for the position. Is a solid player against the run, but only occasionally being a factor in the passing game – this means that his role in the NFL is likely to be that of an early down player only, at least in his early days. Teams may view his pass rush success in high school as something that indicates that he may yet have potential in this area, but only time will tell. Expect Young to be selected somewhere around the middle of the draft.

JACQUELIN ROY (LSU)

High School: Good high school career in Louisiana.

College: Roy made the obvious choice and opted to accept the offer to play his college ball at LSU. Why so obvious? Because his high school is literally located on the LSU campus. Played progressively more in each of his first two years at LSU (2020-21) while being a rotational defensive lineman (just 1 start in that period). Became a full-time starter in 2022 and responded with his best year. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at LSU, Roy played in 35 games (13 starts), recording 97 total tackles (46 solo), 13.5 tackles for a loss, 4 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries and 1 forced fumble.

Roy has good size for playing on the defensive line - he has a nice combination of height and weight. Roy also has decent feet and speed for man of his size. Roy isn't dominant in any single aspect of the game and although he has certainly improved each year, he hasn't yet reached the heights. On the plus side, he plays with a non-stop motor on every down, in every game.

In the running game, Roy will make the odd play in the backfield when he can get off the line through the gap, but generally he is a neutraliser rather than a playmaker. For a man of his size he could add a little more power and strength.

Roy is a decent pass rusher from the inside. He can get some push on the center or guard when he gets his legs moving. Can also get leverage as he has some good hand usage.

Roy lacks overall experience – had just 1 year as a starter and doesn't have great production numbers as a foundation.

2023 Suffered a minor hamstring injury in preparation for the draft, forcing him to miss the combine drills.

Honours & Awards: None

DL #12

Overall #107

Round 3-4

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.51

Ht: 6-3

Wt: 305

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

After being a starter for a single year in college, Roy opted to enter the draft this time around with college eligibility remaining – whether this turns out to be a good decision only time will tell, but on the face of it, it feels like he would have had a better chance of being drafted higher had he returned to school. However, that being said, Roy is still a nice prospect for this draft – probably projecting to play as a 3-4 defensive end or even nose tackle. The minor hamstring tweak that he had prior to the combine is not expected to have any medium to long term impact and therefore is not of concern at this time. Out and out defensive line prospects are few and far between in the draft every year, so we can expect Roy to be off the board either in round 3 or round 4.

COLBY WOODEN (Auburn)

High School: Played on the defensive line in high school in the Atlanta, Georgia area, earning all-state honours.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Auburn. Redshirted his true freshman season (2019), after playing in just 4 games. Earned a starting role on the defensive line in 2020 was recognised with freshman all-conference honours. Started again in each of 2021 and 2022, playing solidly and picking up some all-conference notice. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Auburn, Wooden played in 40 games (35 starts), recording 15 sacks, 23 quarterback hurries, 29.5 tackles for a loss, 152 total tackles (91 solo), 6 pass break-ups, 3 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries and blocked 1 field goal.

Wooden is an athletic linemen with some speed and agility who has experience and some versatility born of playing in multiple spots on the defensive line at Auburn. He plays hard on every down – his engine keeps going all day.

Wooden has some explosion with a quick first step which enables him to shoot the gap in both the running game and in the pass rush. However it has been known for him to overrun the play. Has nice closing acceleration that enables him to chase down quarterbacks and running backs from behind.

Because his initial upfield burst is so good, Wooden can be a little predictable as a pass rusher and needs to develop some secondary moves. Also needs work on challenging tackles around the edge – he does have some length which should help him.

Against the run he will, on occasion, be powered off the line by straight ahead, drive blocking, offensive linemen. Needs to develop strength at the point of attack.

Missed all but 3 games of the 2019 season due to illness. However, Wooden has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Phil Steele 3rd Team All-SEC. Auburn Team Defensive Lineman of the Year. **2021** PFF Honorable Mention All-SEC. **2020** SEC All-Freshman Team.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

It was probably wise for Wooden to decide to return to school for the 2022 season rather than enter last year's draft. He has some potential both as a pass rusher and against the run, and his versatility and work ethic will help him with NFL scouts, however he is also inconsistent and doesn't have the production that those scouts would hope for. It's also unclear exactly what Wooden's best spot will be at the next level. He looks like a developmental project who will be selected around round 4 or 5.

DL #13

Overall #117

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.35

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 273

40: 4.79

KARL BROOKS (Bowling Green)

High School: Brooks attended high school in Michigan, playing both outside linebacker and wide receiver and earning all-conference honours.

College: Opted to attend Bowling Green to play his college ball. Started the majority of games as a true freshman in 2018 and then started every game in 2019. His 2020 season was severely truncated (3 games) due to the pandemic. Again started every game in 2021, having his best season to date and earning some all-conference notice. Was even better in 2022, having double figure sacks and earning All-American recognition.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons (2018-22) at Bowling Green, Brooks played in 52 games (48 starts), recording 27.5 sacks, 15 quarterback hurries, 46 tackles for a loss, 167 total tackles (77 solo), 1 interception, 5 pass break-ups, 6 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Brooks has good size for a player who could play in almost any spot on the defensive line. Has excellent experience to add to his versatility. He has some agility and decent speed along with power and strength. He has a quick first step.

Brooks is an improving pass rusher. Uses his strength and power to bull-rush linemen in front of him in order to collapse the pocket. But also has some pass rush moves and speed when used around the edge. Brooks uses his hands well to try to stop linemen getting a grip on him. Will get his hands up to knock passes down at the line of scrimmage.

Against the run, Brooks doesn't dominate but he is tough to move off the line of scrimmage and he plays non-stop and won't stay permanently blocked. Has some burst to chase ballcarriers downs from behind.

Has a knack for attacking the football and forcing fumbles.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 PFF 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-MAC. 2021 3rd Team All-MAC.

DL #14

Overall #124

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 22.97

Ht: 6-3 (pro day)

Wt: 296 (pro day)

40: 5.06 (pro day)

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Brooks put together an impressive week at the Senior Bowl, which makes his non-invite to the combine even stranger. Why Brooks wasn't invited to the combine is a bit of a mystery – he is certainly an intriguing enough prospect to have been there. Nevertheless, this won't prevent him from being drafted – he is way too good and has too much upside for a team not to spend a middle round pick on him. Put in a solid performance at BGSU's pro-day. One of the questions for NFL teams is exactly what role they see fitting into at the pro level – time will tell. Expect him to be selected around round 4 or 5, although it wouldn't be a surprise to see a team pick him a round or so higher than that.

MORO OJOMO (Texas)

Misc: Born in Lagos, Nigeria. Family moved initially to California and then to Texas.

High School: Attended high school in Katy (Houston area), Texas. Despite playing just 2 years of football in high school, Ojomo earned all-district honours (both years) for his play on the defensive line.

College: Had offers from multiple FBS schools, opting to stay in state and play his college ball at the University of Texas. Redshirted his true freshman year at UT (2018), playing in just 3 games. Played the majority of 2019 as a back-up (just 2 starts), seeing limited action. Took a huge leap forward starting every game in 2020 and having a very solid year. Improved again in 2021, starting every game and earning some all-conference notice. Started less than half the games in 2022, but still had a good year – again earning all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 5 years at Texas, Ojomo played in 50 games (30 starts), recording 5 sacks, 12 quarterback hurries, 13.5 tackles for a loss, 95 tackles (50 solo), 2 pass break-ups and 1 fumble recovery.

Lacks the A1 size for the defensive line but has decent athleticism and some power and strength. Works hard.

Ojomo's strength is in the running game where he plays really hard and doesn't get moved off the line of scrimmage. Even when he doesn't win, Ojomo keeps going and will fight and maul to neutralise a play. Not dominant but difficult to play against.

Ojomo hasn't developed as much in the passing game – could do with more moves. But he is persistent and will rebound when his initial pass rush is stopped.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Big 12. 1st Team Academic All-Big 12. Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (spring & fall). **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 12. 1st Team Academic All-Big 12. Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (spring & fall). **2020** 1st Team Academic All-Big 12. Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (spring & fall). **2019** Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (spring & fall).

DL #15

Overall #135

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.70

Ht: 6-2 ½

Wt: 292

40: 5.04

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Quite what Ojomo's best position at the next level is, remains to be seen, but he probably looks most like a 3-4 defensive end, with the possibility that he could be a 4-3 defensive tackle. He has continually improved throughout his college career and there could yet be more to come. Looks like he has a decent chance to be at the very least an early down player in the NFL while he develops more as a pass rusher. Should be off the board on day 3.

KEONDRE COBURN (Texas)

High School: Attended Westfield high school in Houston, Texas where he was an all-district selection on multiple occasions. Westfield is the same high school that Ed Oliver (Bills, 2019 1st round) attended.

College: Opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at Austin for the University of Texas. Redshirted his true freshman season (2018), after playing in 3 games. Became the starter in 2019. Started every game in 2020 earning some all-conference notice. Started all but one game in 2021, having another solid season, and again garnering some all-conference notice. Had the best year of his career in 2022, without being dominant Coburn put in a good performance earning all-conference recognition.

College Stats: In his 5 years at Texas, Coburn played in 51 games (45 starts), recording 5.5 sacks, 6 quarterback hurries, 14 tackles for a loss, 96 tackles (52 solo), 2 pass break-ups, 2 forced fumbles and 1 blocked extra point.

Coburn is a very experienced lineman at the college level. He has the size and body shape profile that makes him look like a prototypical NFL nose tackle. Doesn't have great speed or quickness but is strong and powerful.

In the running game, Coburn is tough to move off the line of scrimmage. He is strong at the point and while he won't provide too much of a threat behind the line, he will tie up the center or center and a guard to allow others to make the play. More of a neutraliser than dominant force in the middle of the line.

Coburn doesn't have the quick first step or outstanding range of moves to generate a huge pass rush. He can bullrush the center though if single blocked and force the passer to move. Coburn won't pick up many sacks but will get the odd one here and there thanks to his stickability and battling style, which enable him to get hits when the pass coverage at the back end stands up.

No reported major injuries.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-Big 12. Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (fall). **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 12. Academic 1st Team All-Big 12. Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (spring). **2020** Honorable Mention All-Big 12. Member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (spring & fall)

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Prototypical nose tackle who is powerful but lacks speed, whether a little less bulk would help him add a little quickness remains to be seen. Is tough against the run but doesn't make many plays rushing the passer, which means that he's likely to play only on early downs in the NFL (at least initially). Should be a day 3 selection.

3-4 NT

DL #16

Overall #154

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.93

Ht: 6-1 $\frac{5}{8}$

Wt: 332

40: 5.22

JALEN REDMOND (Oklahoma)

High School: Attended high school in Oklahoma, initially playing basketball before playing two years of football. Had 19.5 sacks in his senior season.

College: Opted to stay in his home state and play his college ball at Oklahoma. Played in just 3 games in his true freshman season (2018) due to a serious health issue. Became the starter in 2019, having a solid year. Then opted out in 2020 due to the pandemic. Came back with a fine season in 2021, although he missed 5 games due to injury. Was the starter for the majority of games in 2022.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Oklahoma, Redmond played in 36 games (19 starts), recording 14 sacks, 31.5 tackles for a loss, 71 tackles (39 solo), 6 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble and 2 fumble recoveries.

Redmond is a solid defensive linemen who lacks the A1 size, particularly for the next level. Has played multiple spots on the line during his time at Oklahoma but probably at this most effective when lined up in between the guard and tackle as a 4-3 defensive tackle (3 technique). Redmond works hard and will use his hands and keeps his legs driving to stay active throughout plays.

Redmond has really good speed and a quick first step which enables him to get into the B gap and get some penetration, although he can be nullified by quick and mobile guards and tackles. Has some pass rush moves although he could do with some development here. Will also stay active in the play long enough to pick up coverage sacks. Has decent closing speed on the quarterback.

Redmond can be overpowered in the running game, especially by powerful straight ahead drive blocking linemen. Is much better when he can move and make a play laterally, pursuing the ballcarrier from behind.

Has had problems with injury and illness, which include suffering a torn meniscus in his knee in 2019 which kept him out of 5 games. Back in 2018, Redmond suffered from blood clots which forced him to miss all but 3 games of the season.

Honours & Awards: None

4-3 DT

DL #17

Overall #161

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.13

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 291

40: 4.81

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Redmond had a solid college career without, perhaps, hitting the heights that may have been expected of him. The interruptions caused by injury, illness and the pandemic surely didn't help. Lack of size will be a concern to NFL scouts and perhaps mean that he will predominantly be seen as a rotational passing downs type of guy – probably inside as a 4-3 defensive tackle. Expect Redmond to be selected on day 3.

KOBIE TURNER (Wake Forest)

High School: Attended high school in Virginia.

College: Due to the lack of college offers, Turner walked on at Richmond, where he had a nice 4 year career twice earning some FCS All-American honours. Transferred to Wake Forest prior to the 2022 season. Had a good 2022, earning all-conference honours.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Richmond, Turner played in 37 games (27 starts), recording 15 sacks, 69 QB pressures, 33.5 tackles for a loss, 158 tackles (65 solo), 3 fumble recoveries and 4 forced fumbles.

In his single season at Wake Forest, Turner played in 13 games, recording 2 sacks, 9 quarterback hurries, 10 tackles for a loss, 38 tackles (21 solo), 2 pass break-ups, 1 fumble recovery and 3 forced fumbles.

Turner is an undersized interior lineman who does his best to make up for his lack of bulk and height by playing hard on every down. He has a non-stop motor. Works all the time, using his hands well.

Turner has some athleticism and good speed with an explosive first step which enables him to get through a gap as a 1-gap lineman. Against the run, he will also pursue along the line and drag the ballcarrier down from behind.

As well as shooting directly into the gap, Turner has also developed some moves to help him get into the backfield. Doesn't finish as many pass rushes as you'd like – needs to turn more pressures into sacks.

Turner likes to keep his pad level low at the snap – “lowest man wins” – but nonetheless, he can at times be dominated by strong and powerful offensive linemen. He lacks the strength to consistently remove them once their hands are gripped on him. However, he'll continue to work to impact a play – acts like he's never beaten.

Has a knack of Forcing fumbles.

Had no reported major injuries.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 3rd Team All-ACC. **2021** Stats Perform FCS 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-CAA. 1st Team CoSIDA Academic All-District. **2020 (Played in spring 2021)** AP 2nd Team FCS All-American. 1st Team All-CAA. CAA Co-Defensive Player of the Year. **2019** 3rd Team All-CAA.

DL #18

Overall #175

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.00

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 293

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Surprisingly wasn't invited to the combine, even after putting in a nice performance at the East-West Shrine game. Will be 24 on the day of the draft, so his age may be of concern to NFL scouts, as will his lack of ideal size. On the plus side, however, Turner put an impressive performance late in the draft process, surely catching the eye of more than 1 team. Should be selected on day 3.

The Next Best Interior Defensive Linemen...

19. Jose Ramirez (Eastern Michigan), DL/Edge

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Ramirez is really undersized and will surely convert to be an edge player – probably a specialist pass stand-up pass rusher. It's as a pass rusher where he excels, utilising his outstanding speed, acceleration and some bend around the edge. Across his college career, Ramirez played in 36 games, recording 156 tackles, 34 tackles for a loss, 20.5 sacks, 7 pass break-ups, 6 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Age: 23.97. Ht: 6-1 $\frac{7}{8}$. Wt: 242. 40: 4.73. Is #179 overall on our board.

20. Jerrod Clark (Coastal Carolina)

Likely late round draft choice. Former tight end who added lots of weight after switching to the defensive line. Probably projects to be a 3-4 nose tackle at the NFL level. Is a run-stuffing middle of the line guy who lacks long speed. Across his college career, Clark played in 38 games and recorded had 105 tackles, 18 tackles for a loss, 7.5 sacks and 3 pass break-ups.

Age: 23.44. Ht: 6-3 $\frac{5}{8}$. Wt: 334. 40: 5.25. Is #204 overall on our board.

21. Cameron Young (Mississippi State)

Likely late round draft choice. Still under 23 years old. Lined up at nose tackle for the majority of his time at Mississippi State. Young is excellent against the run. Has decent but not outstanding speed. Across his college career, Young played in 41 games recording 103 tackles, 8 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 1 interception, 4 pass break-ups and 1 blocked kick.

Age: 22.88. Ht: 6-3. Wt: 304. 40: 5.10. Is #205 overall on our board.

22. Ochaun Mathis (Nebraska)

Likely late round draft choice. Has really nice speed and athleticism. Started his college career at TCU before transferring to Nebraska for the 2022 season. Was twice (2020-21) a 2nd Team All-Big 12 selection. Across his whole college career Mathis played in 48 games, recording 181 tackles, 31 tackles for a loss, 16 sacks, 6 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery. Could project to be a 4-3 defensive end or 3-4 outside linebacker at the NFL level.

Age: 24.30. Ht: 6-4 $\frac{3}{4}$. Wt: 250. 40: 4.74. Is #206 overall on our board.

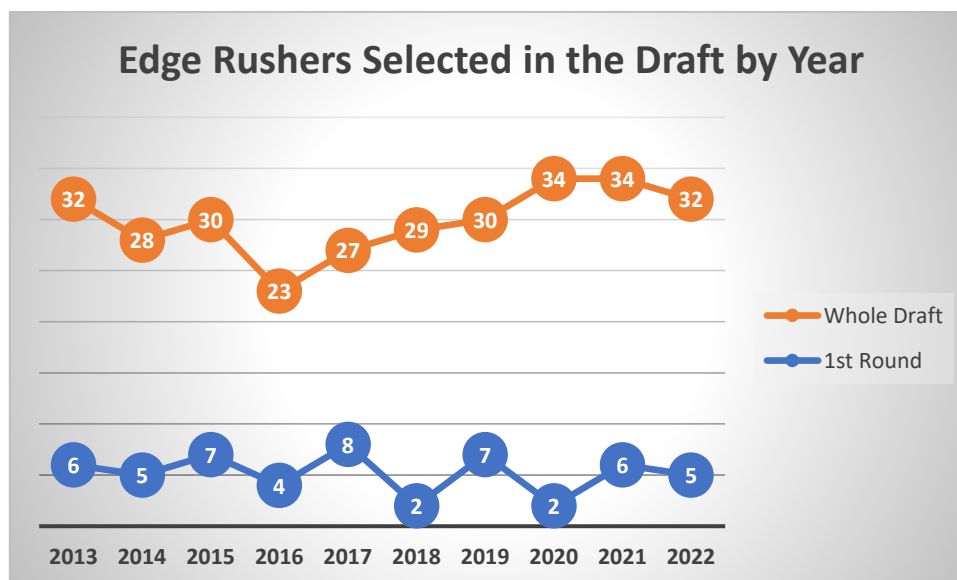
EDGE RUSHERS

2023 General Draft Outlook: Players who can get to the quarterback are always in fashion in the NFL, and recent drafts have just re-iterated this with an average of 5.2 1st round picks per year being used on edge rushers over the last 10 drafts. 2023 will be no different, with another deep group of players at this spot being available.

Right at the top of the board will be Alabama's Will Anderson Jr. who may be the best player in this draft regardless of position. But not that far behind Anderson is Texas Tech's Tyree Wilson who will surely be off the board in the first 5-7 picks overall (depending on how a run of quarterbacks may occur early). The 1st round list of edge players will continue with Myles Murphy and Lukas Van Ness, both of whom should be off the board in the top 15-20 picks. Georgia's Nolan Smith should also be a 1st round pick.

There follows another fine group of players who are likely to be day 2 picks – but one or two could sneak into the end of round 1 if there is a run on edge rushers. This group includes, but isn't limited to, the likes of Drew Sanders, Isaiah Foskey, B.J. Ojulari and Will McDonald IV.

The list goes on and on as we get deeper into the draft – it's easily possible to envisage around 30 edge rushers being selected in 2023.



Packers Outlook: The Packers edge position is a real mix: The experienced veteran (Preston Smith), the exciting developing talent (Rashan Gary), the second year guy looking to take a leap (Kingsley Enagbare), the underrated (Justin Hollins) and the guys competing to make the roster (Jonathan Garvin and Ladarius Hamilton).

The Packers could do with another high skilled player to complete this group, especially with the ACL injury to Gary, from which he is recovering. If they go this way in the 1st round, look for the pick to be Lukas Van Ness or Myles Murphy. Around round 3, Andre Carter of Army fits the profile and later in the draft perhaps somebody like Ali Gaye (LSU) or Dylan Horton (TCU) could be an interesting pick.

TOP EDGE RUSHERS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Will Anderson Jr.	Edge	Alabama	1
2.	Tyree Wilson	Edge	Texas Tech	1
3.	Lukas Van Ness	Edge	Iowa	1
4.	Myles Murphy	Edge	Clemson	1
5.	Nolan Smith	Edge	Georgia	1
6.	Drew Sanders	Edge	Arkansas	1-2
7.	B.J. Ojulari	Edge	LSU	1-2
8.	Will McDonald IV	Edge	Iowa State	1-2
9.	Keion White	Edge	Georgia Tech	2
10.	Isaiah Foskey	Edge	Notre Dame	2
11.	Felix Anudike-Uzomah	Edge	Kansas State	2
12.	Derick Hall	Edge	Auburn	2
13.	Zach Harrison	Edge	Ohio State	2-3
14.	Andre Carter II	Edge	Army	3
15.	Byron Young	Edge	Tennessee	3
16.	Nick Herbig	Edge	Wisconsin	3-4
17.	Mike Morris	Edge	Michigan	4-5
18.	Isaiah McGuire	Edge	Missouri	4-5
19.	K.J. Henry	Edge	Clemson	4-5
20.	Nick Hampton	Edge	Appalachian State	4-5
21.	Brenton Cox Jr.	Edge	Florida	4-5
22.	YaYa Diaby	Edge	Louisville	4-5
23.	Habakkuk Baldonado	Edge	Pittsburgh	4-5
24.	D.J. Johnson	Edge	Oregon	4-5
25.	Dylan Horton	Edge	TCU	4-5
26.	Ali Gaye	Edge	LSU	4-5
27.	Thomas Incoom	Edge	Central Michigan	6-7
28.	Tavius Robinson	Edge	Mississippi	6-7
29.	Viliami Fehoko	Edge	San Jose State	6-7
30.	Isaiah Land	Edge	Florida A&M	6-7
31.	Robert Beal Jr.	Edge	Georgia	6-7
32.	Ekuele Leota	Edge	Auburn	6-7
33.	Yasir Abdullah	Edge	Louisville	7-UDFA
34.	Lonnie Phelps	Edge	Kansas	7-UDFA
35.	Jeremiah Martin	Edge	Washington	7-UDFA
36.	M.J. Anderson	Edge	Iowa State	7-UDFA
37.	Durrell Nchami	Edge	Maryland	7-UDFA
38.	Charlie Thomas	Edge	Georgia Tech	7-UDFA
39.	Andre Jones Jr.	Edge	Louisiana	UDFA
40.	B.J. Thompson	Edge	Stephen F. Austin	UDFA

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Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Tyrus Wheat	Edge	Mississippi State	UDFA
42.	Caleb Murphy	Edge	Ferris State	UDFA
43.	Derek Parish	Edge	Houston	UDFA
44.	Ikenna Enechukwu	Edge	Rice	UDFA
45.	DeAndre Square	Edge	Kentucky	UDFA
46.	John Waggoner	Edge	Iowa	UDFA
47.	George Tarlas	Edge	Boise State	UDFA
48.	Brock Martin	Edge	Oklahoma State	UDFA
49.	D.J. Coleman	Edge	Missouri	UDFA
50.	Andrew Farmer II	Edge	Lane College	UDFA
51.	David Perales	Edge	Fresno State	UDFA
52.	Nick Anderson	Edge	Tulane	UDFA
53.	Kivon Bennett	Edge	Arkansas State	UDFA
54.	Titus Leo	Edge	Wagner College	UDFA
55.	Mitchell Agude	Edge	Miami, Fla	UDFA
56.	Antonio Moultrie	Edge	Miami, Fla	UDFA
57.	Keshawn Banks	Edge	San Diego State	UDFA
58.	Jamal Hines	Edge	Toledo	UDFA
59.	C.J. Onyechi	Edge	Colorado State	UDFA
60.	Marcus Valdez	Edge	Boston College	UDFA
61.	Garrett Nelson	Edge	Nebraska	UDFA
62.	Nick Tarburton	Edge	Penn State	UDFA
63.	Jalen Harris	Edge	Arizona	UDFA
64.	Jordan Lewis	Edge	Southern University	UDFA
65.	D'Anthony Jones	Edge	Houston	UDFA
66.	Liam Anderson	Edge	Holy Cross	UDFA
67.	Truman Jones	Edge	Harvard	UDFA
68.	Zeke Vandenburg	Edge	Illinois State	UDFA
69.	Jordan Ferguson	Edge	Middle Tennessee	UDFA
70.	Durrell Johnson	Edge	Liberty	UDFA
71.	Tyler Friday	Edge	Ohio State	UDFA
72.	Jermaine McDaniel Jr.	Edge	North Carolina A&T	UDFA
73.	Kelle Sanders	Edge	UAB	UDFA
74.	Kevin Victorian	Edge	Prairie View A&M	UDFA
75.	Nelson Jordan II	Edge	Alabama State	UDFA
76.	Randy Charlton	Edge	Mississippi State	UDFA
77.	Spence Waege	Edge	North Dakota State	UDFA
78.	T.K. McLendon Jr.	Edge	Eastern Kentucky	UDFA
79.	Thomas Rush	Edge	Oregon	UDFA

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WILL ANDERSON Jr. (Alabama)

High School: Had an outstanding high school career in Georgia, which was capped by an incredible 22 sack senior season.

College: With numerous college offers on the table, Anderson opted to attend Alabama. Earned a starting role for the Crimson Tide in his freshman season (2020) and earned 2nd team all-conference honours. Followed up with superb 2021 and 2022 seasons in which garnered unanimous All-American recognition and multiple other honours. Opted to declare for this draft with eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons for the Crimson Tide, Anderson played and started in 41 games, recording 34.5 sacks, 30 QB hurries, 62 tackles for a loss, 205 tackles (115 solo), 1 interception, 4 pass break-ups, 1 fumble recovery and 2 field goal blocks.

Anderson is an outstanding athlete and team leader with good size. He is a dynamic football player with the ability to dominate games as demonstrated by his production throughout his college career.

Anderson is an explosive pass rusher off the edge, with speed, quick feet and some bend. Also has some power and strength which enables him to shed blockers but will occasionally get tied up by the biggest and most powerful offensive tackles. Like most 3-4 OLB types, he's at his best in space. Whilst not used extensively in pass coverage, Anderson does have some experience dropping into zones and in man.

Is also good against the run, diagnosing plays and shooting into the offensive backfield to make the tackle. Has the change of direction ability coupled with the speed and acceleration to track ball carriers down from behind.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Lott Impact Trophy winner. Bednarik Award winner. Rotary Lombardi Award winner. Alabama Team Most Inspiring Player Award winner & Defensive Player of the Year Award co-winner. **2022 & 2021** Unanimous 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. Nagurski Trophy winner. **2021** 5th in Heisman Trophy voting. Bednarik Award finalist. Semi-finalist for Rotary Lombardi and Walter Camp Awards. SEC Defensive Player of the Year. Cotton Bowl MVP. **2020** 2nd Team All-SEC. Shaun Alexander-FWAA Freshman of the Year Award winner. FWAA, The Athletic & 247Sports Freshman All-American. SEC All-Freshman Team.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Edge guys with the potential of a Will Anderson come along very rarely. If he had been available for last year's draft, it seems extremely likely that Anderson would have been the very first player selected overall. He remains the top player on our draft board – that doesn't necessarily mean that he'll get selected first this time around (there will likely be a run on QBs at the top of the draft), but nonetheless he's the player that projects as the best for us. He'll be off the board somewhere in the top 5.

Edge #1

Overall #1

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.65

Ht: 6-3 ½

Wt: 253

40: 4.60

TYREE WILSON (Texas Tech)

High School: Earned all-district honours during his HS career in Texas.

College: Decided to stay in his home state and attend Texas A&M. Spent two years with the Aggies (one a redshirt year and one as a back-up) before deciding to transfer to Texas Tech. Was a part time starter at multiple positions in 2020, before winning a starting role in 2021. Followed that up with an outstanding All-American year in 2022.

College Stats: In 2 years at Texas A&M (2018-19), Wilson played in 12 games, recording 12 tackles (7 solo), 3 tackles for a loss and 1.5 sacks.

In 3 years at Texas Tech (2020-22), Wilson played in 32 games (28 starts), recording 109 tackles (69 solo), 29 tackles for a loss, 15.5 sacks, 17 QB hurries, 1 pass break-up, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Wilson is a dominating football player. He has a fine mix of physical stature and athletic ability. He brings outstanding power and strength, height and length to the table. Also has a fantastic attitude, bringing a non-stop motor to each play, all day long. Wilson has lined up in multiple spots in his college career, which can give offenses fits.

Wilson plays with strength against the run. Has a decent first step and the power and leverage to fight off blocks. Will use his speed and acceleration to pursue plays laterally along the line of scrimmage and snare ball carriers from behind.

When rushing the passer, Wilson is most effective when using his strength and power to bull rush linemen (collapsing the pocket) or when utilising his hands and arm length to create leverage. He is capable of beating some offensive tackles around the edge with a little, but wide edge rushing isn't his forte, as he perhaps lacks the bend that you see in some smaller or really agile edge rushers.

Suffered a fractured foot in November of 2022 which limited his season to 10 games. The recovery from this injury kept him out of the majority of the drills at the combine.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 12.

Edge #2

Overall #4

Round 1

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.93

Ht: 6-6

Wt: 271

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

One of the big questions surrounding Wilson will be "what is his best position?". Has the build to be a 4-3 DE or even a big 3-4 OLB (a la the Packers' Rashan Gary and Preston Smith). Can also move inside on passing downs and line up over the guard. Wilson has so many positive attributes and such a huge upside that, providing a team finds his best position, it's difficult to envisage him not being a hit very quickly in the NFL. Wilson should be off the board in the top 10 picks overall, perhaps as high as the top 5 – if he slips a little, because there is an early run on quarterbacks, then a team is going to get huge value.

LUKAS VAN NESS (Iowa)

Misc: Nicknamed "Hercules".

High School: Van Ness played on both the offensive and defensive lines during an outstanding high school career in Illinois.

College: Turned down offers from multiple FBS schools to play his college ball at Iowa. Van Ness redshirted his freshman season at Iowa (2020), before becoming a big contributor on the defensive line in 2021. Followed that up with another good year at defensive end in 2022. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school – had multiple years of college eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In 3 years at Iowa (2020-22), Van Ness played in 27 games (0 starts), recording 13.5 sacks, 19.5 tackles for a loss, 7+ QB pressures and 71 total tackles (34 solo). Also had 1 pass break-up and blocked 2 punts.

Van Ness has a fine combination of size and athletic ability. He has speed, acceleration and agility. Plays every down like his hair is on fire.

Van Ness appears to have many of the attributes that you look for in a pass rusher. He has the quick first step and burst to really trouble offensive linemen and couples these attributes with strength and power than enable him to bull-rush with some success. However, he isn't yet as productive in terms of sacks as all of his skills suggest he should be. Perhaps could do with adding some more pass rush moves.

Stands up well against the run, using his strength and power to hold up linemen firing out. Will pull running backs down from behind.

Van Ness can also deliver on special teams having displayed a skill for blocking punts which he did in college and high school.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-Big 10. Academic All-Big 10. Iowa Team Hustle Award winner – Defense. Iowa Coaches Appreciation Award winner – Special Teams. 2021 FWAA & Maxwell Football Club Freshman All-American. Academic All-Big 10.

Edge #3

Overall #14

Round 1

Class: RS-Sophomore

Age*: 21.81

Ht: 6-5

Wt: 272

40: 4.58

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Having entered this draft with a substantial amount of college eligibility remaining will raise questions of to whether Van Ness should have added more experience (by returning to school) before entering the NFL. Of course, only time will tell. Nonetheless, he really helped his cause with a fine showing at the combine. It will be interesting to see what position pro teams project him to play – it's certainly possible that he could be a either 4-3 defensive end or big 3-4 outside linebacker, with potential also to play inside. Perhaps the most exciting thing about Van Ness is that he appears to be just scratching the surface of what his production may become – i.e. has upside is huge. Expect him to be off the board somewhere around the middle of round 1.

MYLES MURPHY (Clemson)

High School: Born in Marietta, Georgia, Murphy was an outstanding defensive end in high school in Powder Springs - being rated as one of the very best players in both the state and the nation.

College: As you would expect, Murphy received multiple offers from Power 5 schools, before opting to play his college ball at Clemson. Became a part-time starter and huge contributor in his freshman season (2020), before becoming a full-time starter on the defensive line in 2021. Followed that up with another good year as a starter in 2022. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 years at Clemson, Murphy played in 36 games (27 starts). He recorded 17.5 sacks, 37 tackles for a loss and 119 tackles (61 solo). Also had 5 pass break-ups, 6 forced fumbles and he blocked 1 PAT.

Murphy has good size, bulk and is tall with really good length. Has positional versatility having lined up both as a down lineman and as a stand-up outside linebacker on the edge. Murphy has a non-stop motor and plays to the whistle on every down.

As a pass rusher Murphy has a really quick first step and good hands which he can get on offensive linemen at speed. Will beat those linemen with leverage, forcing them off balance and forcing his way through the gaps. Could still do with adding some more pass rushing moves.

Very good against the run, where he uses his strength and power at the point. Isn't going to get moved off the line. Will also run plays down from behind. Needs to improve his tackling.

Is a playmaker who has a knack for jarring the football loose from ball carriers, forcing turnovers.

Murphy has no reported major injury history; however he did suffer a minor hamstring injury at the combine in early March 2023, which forced him to sit out workouts.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-ACC. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 2nd Team All-ACC. Phil Steele 4th Team All-American. **2020** PFF 3rd Team All-ACC. FWAA, ESPN, The Athletic & Rivals Freshman All-American. AP ACC Co-Newcomer of the Year.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Different teams likely see Murphy in different roles in the NFL. It seems most likely that he plays as a 4-3 defensive end, although some may see him as oversized 3-4 outside linebacker (a la Rashan Gary) or even as a 4-3 defensive tackle. Wherever he ends up positionally, there's no doubt that Murphy has the traits and upside to be very successful at the pro level and perhaps even a day 1 starter in 2023. Will likely be the third edge player off the board (after Anderson and Wilson) at some point around the middle of round 1.

Edge #4

Overall #15

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.31

Ht: 6-5

Wt: 258

40: n/a

NOLAN SMITH (Georgia)

High School: Off the back of a fine high school career in Florida, Smith was one of the most highly rated players in the nation.

College: He was highly recruited by a number of FBS schools before opting to attend the University of Georgia. Smith won a starting job in 2021 after 2 seasons as a reserve – having an excellent season. Smith was having another outstanding season when he was injured midway through 2022.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Georgia (2019-22), Smith played in 46 games (23 starts). He recorded 11.5 sacks, 79 QB hurries, 21 tackles for a loss and 114 total tackles (66 solo). Also had 1 interception, 3 pass break-ups, 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery. Blocked 1 punt for a safety.

Smith is a dynamic athlete, with agility, speed and acceleration. He also plays with a nice level of physicality for a man of his size – he is slightly under the prototypical NFL outside linebacker size.

Smith is an explosive pass rusher – real threat from the outside, with a quick first step. Has that bend round the edge that most elite edge rushers have and the closing speed to pursue and chase down the quarterback. Needs to convert more of his many quarterback hurries into sacks.

Smith plays well against the run considering his size. He often will use his smarts and agility to avoid blocks to make the play. Can get tied up with blockers, but he plays stronger than his size and works hard to shed those blocks.

Used occasionally dropping into coverage but will need to develop more in this area.

Smith has some special teams ability in addition to his defensive skills. Speed off the edge helped him block a punt for Georgia, something that he also did on multiple occasions in high school.

2022 Suffered a torn pectoral muscle in October which required surgery and kept him out of the remainder of the season. Seemingly fully recovered by the time of the combine (early March), where has put on a show. **2021** Missed 1 game due to an elbow injury.

Honours & Awards: **2019** University of Georgia Co-Defensive Player of the Year Award winner.

3-4 OLB

Edge #5

Overall #18

Round 1

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.27

Ht: 6-2 ¼

Wt: 238

40: 4.39

DRAFT OUTLOOK

After an excellent 2021, Smith was reported as considering entering the 2022 draft, but finally opted instead to return to Georgia for another year. Coming back from midseason injury, Smith had an outstanding combine (40, vertical), in the process securing his position in the top 5 edge players in this draft and as a probable 1st round pick. Any team looking for an edge pass rusher from the 3-4 outside linebacker spot will be a possibility to draft him – likely in the top 20 or so picks overall.

DREW SANDERS (Arkansas)

High School: Played both quarterback and linebacker in HS in Texas.

College: Was highly ranked at the linebacker spot and had a lot of interest from major colleges before committing to play at Oklahoma. However, Sanders later switched his verbal commitment to then play at Alabama. Played mainly as a back-up in his two seasons for the Crimson Tide (2020-21), making just 3 starts. Decided to transfer to Arkansas between the 2021 and 2022 seasons. Had an excellent single season for the Razorbacks, earning All-American recognition. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at Alabama (2020-21), Sanders played in 24 games (3 starts). He recorded 33 tackles (16 solo), 1 sack, 2.5 tackles for a loss, 5 quarterback hurries and 2 pass break-ups.

In his single season at Arkansas (2022), Sanders played in 12 games (12 starts). He recorded 103 tackles (40 solo), 9.5 sacks, 13.6 tackles for a loss, 3 forced fumbles, 1 interception and 5 pass break-ups.

Sanders is a dynamic and exciting linebacker who has a great combination of size, strength and athletic ability. He played mainly on the inside at Arkansas, although he was also utilised as a pass rusher off the edge. Lacks some experience, having only been a starter for 1 full year.

Sanders has outstanding pass rush skills utilising his speed and acceleration - both from the outside (round the edge) and from the inside where he times up shooting the gap extremely well. Also has been decent when asked to drop into coverage.

Against the run, Sanders has demonstrated that he is able to use his strength to shed blocks from offensive linemen and make the play. Will also utilise his speed to get to the sideline. He has great range. However, Sanders misses or falls off a few too many tackles at this stage in his career – it's a development need.

2021 Suffered a hand injury that required midseason surgery, forced him to miss 3 games. Returned with no apparent ongoing problems.

Honours & Awards: 2022 AP All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. Butkus Award finalist. Bednarik Award semi-finalist.

Edge #6

Overall #34

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.37

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 235

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Sanders is an interesting player with versatility and the potential to play either on the edge as an outside linebacker in the 3-4 or as an inside linebacker. Was just a one-year starter in college, which will be of some concern to NFL teams, but Sanders has huge potential – an upside that will intrigue and excite scouts. Expect him to be selected near the top of round 2 – he may even sneak into the bottom part of round 1.

B.J. OJULARI (LSU)

Misc: Full name is Jamiu Bolaji Ojulari – BJ is a nickname. His brother Azeez is an OLB for the Giants (having been drafted in 2021).

High School: BJ was born in Marietta, Georgia and played his highly successful high school football career there (operating on both the offensive and defensive lines).

College: Was strongly recruited by multiple Power 5 schools before he opted to play his college ball at LSU. Had a fine season as a true freshman in 2020, playing mainly as a rotational player at defensive end. Became a starter in 2021 - having another good year - before having an all-conference season in 2022. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at LSU, Ojulari played in 34 games (24 starts), recording 16.5 sacks, 25 tackles for a loss, 129 tackles (79 solo), 2 pass break-ups and 2 forced fumbles.

Ojulari is a fine athlete with agility and speed, although he lacks the prototypical height for a 3-4 pro outside linebacker. Ojulari brings outstanding pass rushing skills, with an explosive first step, acceleration and the desired bend around the edge. Also has developed a number of pass rushing moves which, combined with the aforementioned speed, enable him to offensive tackles under immense pressure.

Against the run, he will his closing speed to track ball carriers down but will struggle when blockers get their hands gripped on him. The ability to fight off offensive linemen is an area of development need. Whilst it wasn't a primary part of his role, Ojulari does have a little experience dropping into coverage.

Missed 2 games due to a knee injury early in the 2022 season but has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-SEC. LSU's George M. Wallace Award winner (Defensive Leadership & Performance).

3-4 OLB

Edge #7

Overall #38

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.06

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 248

40: 4.84

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Ojulari opted to declare for this draft rather than return to LSU for the 2023 season – on the face of it this decision may be somewhat surprising, as a big 2023 may have helped his draft case. However, his lack of a little height and length, which may concern NFL scouts, is not going to change and therefore wouldn't be helped by another year in college. Ojulari will have to learn all of the nuances of playing outside linebacker in the pros so will have some developing to do, but he has outstanding athletic ability and traits with an upside that could be huge. A team that has a little time to help that development would get a standout pass rusher early in his career, who can become an all-round outside linebacker in time. Should be off the board on day 2, with a chance that he could be selected towards the end of round 1.

WILL McDONALD IV (Iowa State)

High School: Waukesha, Wisconsin native. McDonald started his high school career primarily playing basketball and then taking part in track and field before becoming a star football player at Waukesha North HS – earning all-state honours as a senior.

College: Chose to attend Iowa State early in the recruitment process. McDonald redshirted the 2018 season (playing just 4 games), before having a nice 2019. Broke out in 2020 (10.5 sacks) and continued that outstanding form in 2021 – earning some All-American notice. Was good in 2022, while not being quite as productive as in the previous 2 years. Earned 1st team all-conference recognition in each of 2020-22.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Iowa State, McDonald played in 54 games, recording 34 sacks, 19 quarterback hurries, 42 tackles for a loss, 123 tackles (79 solo), 4 pass break-ups, 10 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery.

McDonald is slightly undersized as compared to the prototypical outside linebacker. Despite this lack of size however, he had a highly productive college career rushing the passer from a defensive end/outside linebacker spot. He is a fine athlete with speed and agility.

As a pass rusher off the edge, McDonald has a really quick first step, speed and bend around the edge and the acceleration to close on the QB. While he isn't going to overpower linemen, McDonald has a number of moves to add to the aforementioned traits which allow him to challenge even the most athletic of tackles. Also has a penchant for forcing fumbles.

Struggles some in the running game as offensive linemen that get their hands and body on him will overpower him. Needs work in this area.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 12. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** AP 3rd Team All-American. Big12 Co-Defensive Lineman of the Year. 1st Team All-Big 12. **2021 & 2020** Hendricks Award Semi-finalist. **2020** 1st Team All-Big 12. 2nd Team Academic All-Big 12. **2019** 2nd Team Academic All-Big 12. **2018** Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team. Iowa State Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year.

Edge #8

Overall #39

Round 1-2

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.90

Ht: 6-3 ½

Wt: 239

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Whilst he played some DE and OLB in college, McDonald's size dictates that he'll be a 3-4 OLB in the NFL. He is probably a little one-dimensional for some NFL scouts right now, but when that one-dimension is as an excellent pass rusher there will be a number of teams who will still be very excited about his skills and upside. And while he is likely to play initially as an all-out rusher off the edge, McDonald can heavily contribute in his first season while learning the nuances of the pro outside linebacker position. Pass rushing skills are so good that he should be selected in round 2 or possibly sneak into the end of round 1.

KEION WHITE (Georgia Tech)

High School: White played both DE and TE in high school in North Carolina.

College: Opted to play his college ball in the state of Virginia at Old Dominion. Redshirted his true freshman season (2017) and then started the majority of games in 2018, playing at the TE spot. Switched positions to DE for 2019 and had a good year, earning some all-conference recognition. Didn't play in 2020 due to Old Dominion's season being cancelled due to the pandemic. Opted to transfer to Georgia Tech prior to the 2021 season. Unfortunately broke his ankle in the summer, reducing his season to just 4 games. Bounced back with an outstanding Senior year in 2022.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2017-20) at Old Dominion, White played in 20 games (20 starts) – 12 at DE and 8 at TE. He recorded 3.5 sacks, 19 tackles for a loss, 62 tackles (30 solo), 1 interception, 1 forced fumble and 2 fumble recoveries. Also caught 11 passes for 124 yards (11.3 average).

In his 2 seasons (2021-22) at Georgia Tech, White played in 16 games (13 starts), recording 7.5 sacks, 2 quarterback hurries, 14.5 tackles for a loss, 58 total tackles (31 solo) and 1 pass break-up.

Good size and athletic ability. Relentless football player, who plays with a non-stop motor and appears to get stronger as games progress. Is a really good pass rusher, utilising his quick first step and speed to challenge blockers. He also has a nice bend, which is unusual in a man of his size. Uses his hands well to create leverage and has strength and drive to bull-rush. Accelerates to close on QBs. Needs to turn his impressive skills into more production.

Can be knocked off balance in a straight-ahead running game. However on plays run away from him, he has the acceleration to run ball carriers down. Has Surprisingly been used on occasion dropping into coverage – and is pretty good at it - which for a man of his size is a special ability.

2023 Suffered a hamstring injury at his pro day in the middle of March. **2021** Missed much of the season due to a broken ankle suffered in the summer. Played in just the last 4 games of the season.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 3rd Team All-ACC. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freaks List. **2019** 2nd Team All-Conference USA

Edge #9

Overall #42

Round 2

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.27

Ht: 6-5

Wt: 285

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

The hamstring injury that he suffered at his pro day may raise a small question mark over White's draft status, especially when his 2021 ankle injury is also taken into account.

Nonetheless, White is a multi-skilled player who could play multiple positions in the pros – and his size/frame means that it's possible that he lines up at any spot on the line in the 4-3. With his height and length coupled with his pass rushing ability, it seems likely that teams will begin by utilising him on the edge (4-3 DE) of the line first. Expect him to be off the board in round 2.

ISAIAH FOSKEY (Notre Dame)

High School: Played multiple positions on the football field, including defensive end and tight end in a successful high school career in California.

College: Opted to attend Notre Dame over multiple other offers. After playing two seasons as a back-up (2019-20), Foskey won a starting role in 2021. In both 2021 and 2022, Foskey excelled, particularly as a pass rusher. Won All-American honours in 2022.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons for the Fighting Irish (2019-22), Foskey played in 41 games (25 starts). He recorded 26.5 sacks, 31.5 tackles for a loss and 122 total tackles (74 solo). Also 7 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries, 2 pass break-ups and blocked 4 punts.

Foskey has good combination of size, length and athletic ability. He plays with urgency and tenacity and keeps going all day. Is a team leader type, reportedly with a great attitude. Also has some positional versatility having been played the Notre Dame “Vyper” spot which combines some DE and OLB, while he also played some off-the-ball-linebacker.

Foskey is an outstanding speed pass rusher, where he uses his quickness and acceleration to make plays around the edge. Will also utilise his long arms to create leverage. However, he can, on occasion, be overpowered by big and physical offensive tackles – may need to develop moves to be able to shed these blocks.

Needs work playing the run. Like in the pass rush, Foskey can struggle with linemen who get their bodies on him. However once in space, he has the athletic ability to pursue and chase running plays down from behind.

Has a penchant for forcing fumbles. Is also an outstanding special teams player, with a knack for blocking punts – which he did in high school and college.

Had a shoulder injury that hampered him a little in 2022 – although he didn’t miss any games because of it. Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Consensus All-American. Notre Dame Team Defensive Lineman of the Year. **2021** Phil Steele 3rd Team All-American. Phil Steele 1st Team All-Independent. Named to Bruce Feldman’s Freak List.

Edge/DL

Edge #10

Overall #46

Round 2

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.49

Ht: 6-5 ¼

Wt: 264

40: 4.58

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Foskey has improved year on year, and he built on that by performing well at the Senior Bowl. Players with pass rushing ability like Foskey’s are always in fashion with NFL scouts and because of his ability to seal the deal in that crucial phase of the game, and while he has some development to undertake, we should expect to see him selected early in round 2 – with a chance that he sneaks into the bottom end of round 1. Could end up playing either as a 4-3 defensive end or 3-4 outside linebacker in the NFL.

FELIX ANUDIKE-UZOMAH (Kansas St)

High School: Anudike-Uzomah had a highly productive HS career in Missouri, earning all-state honours as a senior and multiple all-district honours. However, this didn't translate into a multitude of scholarship offers.

College: Eventually decided to attend Kansas State. Played mainly as a back-up in his true freshman season (2020) before becoming a starter in what was an excellent sophomore season. Followed that up with another outstanding season in 2022, earning a number of post-season honours. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Kansas State, Anudike-Uzomah played in 32 games (27 starts), recording 20.5 sacks, 7 quarterback hurries, 26.5 tackles for a loss, 100 total tackles (70 solo), 1 pass break-up and 8 forced fumbles. Also scored 1 safety.

Has good size for an OLB at the pro level. Plays with a non-stop motor and keeps going on every down, fighting and mauling, never giving up. Is the prototypical "plays with his hair on fire" type guy.

Excellent pass rusher who uses a mixture of explosion, power, moves and a little speed to challenge offensive linemen on the edge. Has terrific closing acceleration. Is prolific at stripping the football from quarterbacks. Sometimes may need to control his natural instincts however, as his aggressiveness can sometimes carry him beyond the QB and out of the play.

Against the run, he is better when playing in space rather than having to work through traffic. Has difficulties shrugging off blockers in the running game once they have their hands on him. Has minimal experience dropping into coverage.

Had minor surgery on a knee injury at the end of the 2021 season, but rehabbed during the off-season and came back in 2022 seemingly with no ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 12. Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year. Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year. Lott Impact Trophy finalist. Hendricks Award finalist. Bednarik Award semi-finalist. Rotary Lombardi Award semi-finalist. **2021** 1st Team All-Big 12. Big 12 Co-Defensive Lineman of the Year. Honorable Mention Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year. Phil Steele 3rd Team All-American.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Having played mainly on the defensive line in college, Anudike-Uzomah likely projects to 3-4 outside linebacker at the NFL level. He is a player that continues to improve as he develops more pass rush moves and skills. Will need to develop some in pass coverage if he is to be an all-round player in the NFL. Expect him to come into the pros initially as a 3rd down rusher but as he develops he'll become an every down player. His pass rush skills should see him selected in round 2.

Edge #11

Overall #47

Round 2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.25

Ht: 6-3 ½

Wt: 255

40: n/a

DERICK HALL (Auburn)

High School: Had a very successful high school career in Mississippi, earning all-state honours.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Auburn, over offers from a number of other schools. Played as a back-up in his freshman season (2019) for the Tigers. Earned a part-time starting role in 2020 before really breaking out in an excellent 2021 season in which he earned some All-Conference honours. Was even better in 2022, becoming 1st Team All-Conference.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Auburn, Hall played in 47 games (31 starts), recording 19.5 sacks, 12 quarterback hurries, 29.5 tackles for a loss, 146 total tackles (99 solo), 1 interception, 5 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Hall has a decent combination of size (is slightly shorter than you'd like) and athletic ability which appears to make him suited to the 3-4 outside linebacker spot. Also brings a nice level of physicality, strength and power to the role. Is a non-stop motor type of guy who plays hard on every down.

As a pass rusher, Hall can be highly productive especially when he's able to start in space and use his explosive first step to gain speed and acceleration around the edge. Also has a little bend around that edge. Utilises his strength and leverage well and has been developing pass rush moves, expanding the ways in which he can beat offensive linemen.

Hall has been improving against the run but is still far from dominant in this area. He tends to struggle to work through traffic and to shed blocks. However, he has the speed and acceleration to chase runners down from behind.

Has some experience in pass coverage, although can be inconsistent here. Needs to develop further in this area.

No reported major injury history

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-SEC. Freddie Solomon Community Spirit Award Winner (Premier Players Foundation of Tampa). Jason Witten Man of the Year Award semi-finalist. Auburn Team Defensive Player of the Year. **2021** 2nd Team All-SEC. Great Southern Wood Team Lineman of the Year.

Edge #12

Overall #55

Round 2

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.11

Ht: 6-2 $\frac{3}{4}$

Wt: 254

40: 4.55

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hall projects to play 3-4 outside linebacker in the NFL. Will need to get stronger against the run and become more consistent when dropping into coverage in order to become both a starter and every down player at the next level. However, Hall has been improving year on year which will impress NFL scouts and provides optimism that there is much more still to come – a classic higher ceiling type player. Should be selected in round 2.

ZACH HARRISON (Ohio State)

High School: Play defensive end in high school in Ohio, Harrison was rated as one of the very best players, regardless of position, in the entire country.

College: Not surprisingly, Harrison was highly recruited out of high school by many of the big Power 5 schools – he eventually opted to stay in state and play his college ball at Ohio State. In his first two seasons as a Buckeye, Harrison played the majority of time as a back-up. In his junior year (2021) he become the starting defensive end and had a solid season before having an all-conference year in 2022.

College Stats: In his 4 years (2019-22) at Ohio State, Harrison played in 46 games (28 starts), recording 13 sacks, 25.5 tackles for a loss, 106 total tackles (63 solo), 1 interception, 10 pass break-ups and 5 forced fumbles.

When he gets drafted and becomes an NFL player, Harrison will become the latest in a long line of Ohio State defensive linemen to make it to the NFL – a line that goes back to Viking Jim Marshall.

Harrison has a combination of great size and length, quickness and excellent speed – ideal for playing the 4-3 defensive end spot. Also has outstanding agility. Is regarded as a team leader type.

Harrison is a fine pass rusher who utilises his explosive first step and speed to challenge offensive tackles around the edge. He also has developed a number of pass rush moves. Harrison gets a good amount of pressure but doesn't always finish to get the sack. Needs to work on finishing the job.

Has the size and strength to hold up blockers at the point of attack in the running game – needs to do this more consistently. Developing his hand work will help here. Will pursue ball carriers and has the acceleration to run them down from behind.

Has a knack for forcing fumbles.

2023 Didn't take part in drills at the combine due to a hamstring injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 10. **2021** 2nd Team All-Big 10. **2020** 2nd Team All-Big 10. OSU Scholar-Athlete.

Edge #13

Overall #71

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.70

Ht: 6-5 ½

Wt: 274

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

When you watch Harrison on film he will demonstrate so many of the attributes and skills that you look for in a star 4-3 defensive end – now he just needs to become more consistent and increase the production to match that talent. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to help his draft status at the combine, as he had to sit out the drills due to a hamstring tweak. But make no mistake, Harrison has the potential to be an outstanding NFL player – he has a huge upside and ceiling. On that basis, expect him to be selected as some point on day 2.

ANDRE CARTER II (Army)

High School: Carter had a nice high school football career in Texas, playing multiple positions, before he missed much of his senior year through injury. Followed this by a playing a year at a prep school in Connecticut.

College: Opted to attend Army. Sat out most of his freshman season at Army (2019) before playing the majority of 2020 as a back-up. Had a huge breakout season in 2021 earning some All-American notice, before having a solid year in 2022.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Army, Carter played in 36 games (25 starts), recording 20 sacks, 6 quarterback hurries, 25.5 tackles for a loss, 99 total tackles (62 solo), 2 interceptions, 5 pass break-ups, 5 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery. Also blocked 2 kicks.

Carter is a big man with a large wingspan, who is super athletic. He is an every down, all-out, player who has a non-stop motor.

Carter is an outstanding pass rusher with great speed and agility. Really demonstrates his athleticism and body fluidity with an excellent bend around the edge. Has the acceleration to close on the quarterback. And he keeps going - if his initial pass rush is stopped, Carter will continue to hustle and make plays with his second effort.

In the running game, Carter isn't as effective as he is rushing the passer. He'll use his long arms to get leverage but also is perhaps not as strong as he could be, and he can get caught up in traffic. Doesn't shrug off those blockers as well as he might. Will use his speed to pursue ball carriers from behind.

Has some experience in pass coverage, which will help his case to play outside linebacker in the NFL. Also has a penchant for both ripping the football from ball carriers and for blocking kicks.

Missed much of his senior year in high school (2017) due to a back injury. As he has played a number of subsequent years, there are no reported issues from that injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Named to Bruce Feldman's Freaks List. **2021** AP 3rd Team All-American.

Edge #14

Overall #77

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.90

Ht: 6-6 ½

Wt: 256

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Let's start here – no player from Army has ever been drafted higher than the 7th round (twice, one of the being the Packers drafting QB Ronnie McAda in 1997), but that will change this year with Carter, especially now that a recent change will allow him to play pro football before completing his military commitment. Carter looks like he projects to 3-4 outside linebacker or 4-3 defensive end in the NFL, although given what he is good at and the areas where he needs to develop, it looks like the outside linebacker spot where he can operate in some space would be ideal. Expect him to be off the board at some point on day 2.

BYRON YOUNG (Tennessee)

Misc: Nicknamed "B.Y."

High School: Played his high school football in South Carolina but didn't receive any major scholarship offers.

College: Didn't play any football for over a year before walking on at Georgia Military College – playing there for a single outstanding season (2019). When the 2020 season at the junior college level was cancelled (due to the pandemic), Young received multiple offers from FBS schools and opted to transfer to the University of Tennessee. After a good first season (2021) for the Volunteers, he was even better in 2022 earning All-Conference honours.

College Stats: In his single season at Georgia Military College, Young played in 11 games, recording 7 sacks, 11 tackles for a loss and 31 tackles (25 solo).

In his 2 seasons (2021-22) at Tennessee, Young played in 24 games (21 starts), recording 12.5 sacks, 22 quarterback hurries, 23.5 tackles for a loss, 83 total tackles (42 solo), 1 interception and 1 pass break-up

Young has the athleticism, body and frame to play OLB, although a little bit more height would have been ideal. He plays with a non-stop engine, playing to the whistle on every down and is a tough, hard-hitting tackler who really appears to enjoy the physical aspect of the game.

Young is a fine pass rusher off the edge – he the explosion, speed, acceleration and bend round the edge to really trouble offensive tackles. Has also developed a number of highly effective pass rush moves. If there's one thing you'd like to see more of, it's converting pressures and hurries into sacks.

Against the run, Young is a solid player although he can struggle to slip blocks when faced with big, physical offensive linemen. Much better in space where he can pursue and run ball carriers down from behind. Has little experience dropping into pass coverage.

Not to be confused with Alabama's Byron Young who is also likely to be selected in this draft.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-SEC. 2021 Phil Steele 4th Team All-SEC.

Edge #15

Overall #94

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 25.12

Ht: 6-2 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 250

40: 4.43

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Young played DE for much of his college career, with a sprinkle of OLB thrown in, but due to his size he likely projects to a 3-4 OLB spot in the NFL. His age probably works against him with NFL teams – he'll be over 25 years old when the draft takes place. However, Young is an outstanding athlete as he showed at the combine and his skillset as a pass rusher will unquestionably counteract some of the aforementioned concerns – pass rushers off the edge are always in vogue. Should be selected around round 3.

NICK HERBIG (Wisconsin)

Misc: Brother Nate is an guard in the NFL for the Steelers (recently signed from the Eagles).

High School: Nick had a fine high school career in Hawaii, which was capped by his final game in which he returned an interception for a touchdown, also recording 5.5 tackles for a loss, 6 total tackles and 2.5 sacks.

College: Chose to play his college ball at Wisconsin, over his home state Hawaii and the likes of Nebraska and USC. Became an immediate starter as a freshman in the truncated 2020 season. Was the starter again in 2021 having a nice season. Took a leap in 2022 with the best season of his career, earning some All-American recognition. Declared for this draft with eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at Wisconsin, Herbig played in 31 games, recording 21 sacks, 6 quarterback hurries, 36 tackles for a loss, 137 total tackles (97 solo), 7 pass break-ups, 4 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries.

Herbig lacks the prototypical size for a 3-4 outside linebacker – in particular, he’s a little shorter than you’d ideally like. But he has all-out motor and plays every down in a relentless manner. Finds a way to make plays. Herbig has some versatility from edge. He can rush the , play the run and play some pass coverage.

Herbig is a good pass rusher who finds short speed around the edge, and he doesn’t let the quarterback escape once he has him in his sights. Also has developed some pass rush moves and the ability to create leverage utilising his hands. Can drop and play in coverage. Covers well short where his agility allows him to stay tight to backs. However, Herbig’s lack of A1 speed means that covering backs and receivers on a longer route is a challenge.

Is a solid tackler who makes plays in the running game when he is in space but can get tied up with bigger and stronger blockers.

Missed 1 game in 2022 due to a minor knee injury but has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. 2021 Academic All-Big 10.

3-4 OLB

Edge #16

Overall #113

Round 3-4

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.43

Ht: 6-2 ½

Wt: 240

40: 4.65

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Lacks some of physical tools that many of the top players at edge have, but he plays with a seemingly extra level of desire and has some athleticism and agility. Scouts will appreciate those traits as will the fact that he makes splash plays. We’ve projected Herbig to stay at 3-4 OLB at the next level – but because of his size and all-round playing versatility don’t rule out a move to weakside LB in the 4-3. Initially likely to find a role as a back-up and special teams player in the NFL, with a chance to become a starter as he develops. Could also be used as situational player on passing downs. Should be off the board in round 3 or 4.

MIKE MORRIS (Michigan)

High School: Good high school career in Florida, playing DE.

College: Morris accepted an offer from his home state Florida State Seminoles - before switching that verbal commitment to play his college ball at Michigan. Morris was pretty much non-existent (just 1 game) in his first 2 seasons for the Wolverines. In his third year (2021) he played in every game but started in just 4 – his playing time over those first 3 years being limited due to the likes of Aidan Hutchinson, Kwity Paye and David Ojabo being on the roster. Opted to declare for this draft with eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Michigan, Morris played in 26 games (15 starts), recording 7.5 sacks, 5 QB hurries, 11.5 tackles for a loss, 37 total tackles (21 solo), 1 interception, 4 pass break-ups and 1 forced fumble. Also blocked 1 field goal.

Morris is an interesting size that possibly puts him in between a number of positions. He has an explosive first step but doesn't have exceptional long speed. Is extremely powerful.

Morris uses that aforementioned power and strength to show up in the running game. He won't be easily single blocked and uses his long arms to create leverage and free himself to make the tackle or force the ballcarrier to re-route. Also uses that length to pull backs down from behind.

As a pass rusher, Morris has a nice first step, but doesn't have the great speed or acceleration to consistently challenge around the edge. Will keep battling as long as the play goes however and will be in on coverage sacks. Gets his hands up when his pass rush is halted, deflecting passes.

Has special teams experience, including a knack for blocking kicks from his high school days.

Missed 2 games in 2022 due to an ankle injury but has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** FWAA & AFCA 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. Big 10 Smith-Brown Defensive Lineman of the Year. Bednarik Award semi-finalist. Richard Katcher Award winner (Michigan's top DL or LB). **2022, 2021 & 2020** Academic All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Morris is close to being a prototypical NFL tweener, except normally tweeners are in between two positions – whereas in Morris' case he may well be stuck in between three spots – 4-3 DE, 4-3 DT and 3-4 OLB (in the mould of Rashan Gary). Has improved year on year for the Wolverines and looks like a player who may yet have more to come. Right now, his production hasn't yet been consistently outstanding, and he didn't have a great combine in March, so the question is – how high is his ceiling? There are a number of more refined, NFL ready, edge players in this draft and therefore Morris probably remains on the board until day 3.

4-3DL/3-4OLB

Edge #17

Overall #115

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.01

Ht: 6-5 ½

Wt: 275

40: 4.95

ISAIAH McGUIRE (Missouri)

High School: Played his high school football in Oklahoma.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Missouri. Played as a back-up during his true freshman season (2019), without seeing too much game action. Became a part-time starter the following season putting in a solid performance. Improved in his first full year as a starter in 2021, with nice production. Was the full-time starter again in 2022, again upping his performance from the previous year, this time earning some all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 4 years (2019-22) at Missouri, McGuire played in 41 games (30 starts), recording 16.5 sacks, 11 quarterback hurries, 31 tackles for a loss, 116 tackles (74 solo), 1 pass break-up, 3 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery and he blocked 1 kick.

Team leader type who plays with a non-stop motor, going all-out on every down.

McGuire has a combination of good size and decent athletic ability and speed to play the edge position. Has been productive playing in the toughest conference in the country (SEC), playing solidly against both the run and when rushing the passer.

Not the strongest of players, in the running game, McGuire can hold his own by avoiding straight ahead contact from the offensive tackle – not allowing those linemen to bring their full power to bear on him. Uses his arm length well to create leverage. Also has some short space burst to cut ballcarriers down from behind.

Is improving as a pass rusher where he uses that aforementioned arm length to help with his pass rush moves and leverage. He has the footspeed and explosion to get through the B gap or around the outside, although he doesn't really have great bend around edge and can be driven beyond the quarterback but when he gets the quarterback in his sights he is quick to close the gap and make the hit.

Has little experience dropping into pass coverage.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-SEC.

Edge #18

Overall #132

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.75

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 268

40: 4.76

DRAFT OUTLOOK

McGuire may project to be a 4-3 defensive end or 3-4 outside linebacker at the next level, although his speed and acceleration profile perhaps makes him best suited to the 4-3 defensive end spot. Has gradually developed and improved throughout his college career and therefore has the indications of a player who still has more to come – he has some upside. Playing at Missouri amongst some really talented players in the SEC means that McGuire could possibly have gone under the radar and be somewhat underrated. Expect him to be selected early on day 3.

K.J. HENRY (Clemson)

High School: Dual-sport athlete in high school in South Carolina playing basketball as well as football.

College: Highly recruited, Henry opted to stay in his home state and play his college ball at Clemson, turning down offers from the likes of Alabama and Georgia. Redshirted his true freshman season with the Tigers (2018), playing in just 4 games. Played mainly as a back-up in 2019, providing rotational support to Clemson's fine defense. Was a part-time starter in both 2020 and 2021. Finally became the full-time starter in 2022, putting in a really nice performance and earning some All-American recognition.

College Stats: In his 5 years at Clemson, Henry played in 58 games (24 starts), recording 13.5 sacks, 28 tackles for a loss, 122 tackles (63 solo), 11 pass break-ups, 4 fumble recoveries and 2 forced fumbles.

Henry is a decent sized edge player, with good athleticism and really nice speed. Plays smart and tough on every down with a non-stop motor. Has developed into a team leader type.

Is more effective playing the run than he currently is as a pass rusher. Henry uses his power to neutralise blockers at the point. He isn't easily moved from the line of scrimmage and knows how to use his hands well and with strength to get remove offensive linemen's grip.

Henry is a solid pass rusher, who has demonstrated good speed and a little bend around the edge. However, he isn't devastating on the outside and can be carried past the quarterback. Needs to develop some more effective pass rush moves to be really successful in this part of the game. Doesn't get as many sacks or hits on the quarterback as you'd like to see. When his pass rush is stopped, Henry will get his hands up into the passing lane and knock balls down at the line of scrimmage.

Has some experience dropping into pass coverage but can get a little lost and struggle when in man. Needs to develop here.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 PFF 3rd Team All-American. 2nd Team All-ACC. All-ACC Academic Team. 2021 All-ACC Academic Team.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Henry is a solid player without being dominating in any single area. Looks like he could do a job as a swing back-up and rotational type guy in either 4-3 or 3-4 defenses – that system versatility helps his draft cause. Is probably better as an early down player at this stage of his career. Played 58 games in his college career but was really only a full-time starter in 2022, easily putting in the best performance of his time at Clemson – time will tell if there's some untapped potential. Will likely be selected on day 3.

3-4OLB/4-3DE

Edge #19

Overall #134

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.25

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 251

40: 4.63

NICK HAMPTON (Appalachian State)

High School: Attended high school in South Carolina.

College: Chose to play his college ball at Appalachian State, turning down offers from multiple schools outside the Power 5. Redshirted his true freshman season (2018), playing in just 3 games. Played as back-up and rotational player, and on special teams, in 2019 – seeing increasing playing time as a pass rush specialist. Was a starter for just over half the games in 2020, becoming a more all-round player. Took another step forward with a good 2021 (11 sacks), starting every game and earning some all-conference notice. Continued his development with an all-conference performance (7 sacks) in 2022, starting all of the 9 games he played in.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Appalachian State, Hampton played in 50 games (30 starts), recording 26.5 sacks, 26 quarterback hurries, 40 tackles for a loss, 175 tackles (89 solo), 4 passes defensed, 6 forced fumbles and 3 fumble recoveries.

Hampton is under the prototypical size for a 3-4 outside linebacker, but he has outstanding athletic ability and speed. Also plays with a non-stop motor as he keeps going to the whistle all day long.

Hampton is a good pass rusher who utilises his speed, acceleration and good bend around the edge to put pressure on the quarterback. Has long arms and good hand usage, which enable him to also create leverage on offensive linemen. Has the burst to close on the passer. Hampton has nice knack of removing the football from ballcarriers and creating turnovers.

Against the run, Hampton has some strength but just isn't big enough to deal with offensive linemen drive blocking straight at him and he can't move off the line of scrimmage. Can also give up some contain in an effort to get into the backfield round the edge. If he can shoot a gap, then he can disrupt a running game in the backfield.

Hampton has some experience in pass coverage but needs to develop his in this area. Also has good special teams experience.

Missed 3 games in 2022 due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Sun Belt Conference. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 3rd Team All-Sun Belt Conference. **2020** PFF Honorable Mention All-Sun Belt Conference.

Edge #20

Overall #138

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.06

Ht: 6-2 ¼

Wt: 236

40: 4.58

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hampton is a real athlete with a nice level of starting experience – 30 starts – albeit gained outside the Power 5. However his lack of A1 size and how it impacts his play against the run, may lead to him being a pass rush specialist at the pro level. That's why he'll probably last until day 3.

BRENTON COX Jr. (Florida)

High School: Attended high school in Stockbridge, Georgia, just south-east of Atlanta – was an outstanding pass rusher off the edge.

College: Was highly recruited out of high school, opting to stay in his home state and play his college ball at the University of Georgia. In his true freshman season (2018) for the Bulldogs, played predominantly as a back-up. Unfortunately, Cox was reportedly dismissed from the team after some off the field issues in 2019 and he transferred to Florida. Had to sit out the 2019 season due to NCAA transfer rules, before starting every game for the Gators and earning all-conference recognition in 2020. Followed up with a nice 2021 season, starting every game. Cox was having another good year in 2022, when he was dismissed from the Florida team, reportedly again for off the field issues.

College Stats: In his single season at Georgia, Cox played in 13 games (1 start), recording 1 sack, 1 quarterback hurry, 2 tackles for a loss, 20 tackles (7 solo) and 3 pass break-ups.

In his 3 seasons at Florida, Cox played in 29 games, recording 12.5 sacks, 35 quarterback hurries, 28.5 tackles for a loss, 100 tackles (53 solo), 5 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Cox has a nice combination of good size and athletic ability. Has an explosive first step which helps his pass rush tremendously. Has the short speed, acceleration and bend to get round the edge, however he can be over aggressive and taken out of the play altogether. Perhaps needs to rush the passer with a little more discipline.

Cox has decent strength and smart positioning technique which helps him at the point in the running game. If offensive linemen can get straight on him with drive blocks then he can be moved off the line of scrimmage. Has the burst to pursue running backs from behind.

Cox has no reported major injury history but those off the field issues will surely be of concern.

Honours & Awards: **2021** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2020** AP 2nd Team All-SEC. SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2019** First Year Academic Honor Roll.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Cox has an excellent athletic profile and there's no doubt that he has lots of upside and the potential to develop into a fine NFL pass rusher. Quite whether he's best fitted to play as a 4-3 defensive end or 3-4 outside linebacker at the next level will probably be down to the preferences of individual teams. Either way, he's likely to be utilised predominantly as a third down pass rusher in his early days in the NFL – he can contribute in that role immediately. But, and it's a big but, Cox's reported off the field issues will certainly be of concern to NFL teams. Taking everything into account, it's likely that Cox will be selected on day 3, probably in round 4 or 5.

Edge #21

Overall #140

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.24

Ht: 6-3 7/8

Wt: 250

40: 4.82

YAYA DIABY (Louisville)

High School: Attended high school just south of Atlanta, Georgia.

College: Didn't get scholarship offers so Diaby enrolled at the junior college level at Georgia Military College, playing there for two seasons. Became a starter in his first year at Louisville (2020), having a solid year, although he missed time due to an ankle injury. Followed that up with another sound season in 2021. Really broke out with a very good 2022 (9 sacks), earned all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at Georgia Military College, Diaby had 7 sacks, 77 tackles and 20 tackles for a loss.

In his 3 seasons at Louisville, Diaby played in 34 games (32 starts), recording 10.5 sacks, 13 quarterback hurries, 19.5 tackles for a loss, 94 tackles (56 solo), 2 pass break-ups and 2 fumble recoveries.

Diaby played mostly on a 3 man line in college, but for the NFL he has decent size for a 4-3 defensive end coupled with outstanding speed which would suit the 3-4 outside linebacker spot. Has a quick first step and acceleration.

As a pass rusher, Diaby has some early power. That appears to come from a combination of his initial hand punch and his leg drive as he gets upward power on the bull-rush, to move the offensive linemen in front of him. Also has a quick first step and probably should challenge offensive tackles round the edge a little more than he does. Could do with developing some more pass rush moves and with adding a little more guile.

After the initial punch and contact at the point, Diaby can be overpowered and mauled off the line of scrimmage in the running game. But Diaby is persistent, he doesn't give up easily and will use his short speed to chase running backs down along the line of scrimmage.

Has no experience in pass coverage.

Missed some playing time in 2020 due to an ankle injury. However, has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 3rd Team All-ACC. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List.

4-3DE/3-4OLB

Edge #22

Overall #145

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.91

Ht: 6-3 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 263

40: 4.51

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Despite playing as a 3-4 defensive end in college, Diaby looks like he could be either a 4-3 defensive end or 3-4 outside linebacker in the NFL, with a mixture of attributes that appear to match one or the other spot. At this stage of his career, Diaby is much more of a pass rusher than he is of a run stopper and therefore it looks like his early days in the NFL will be spent as a specialist in that role. Diaby is a player on the rise, improving greatly over the last season or so. How high his upside will be remains to be seen but expect NFL teams to be intrigued by him. Should be selected at some point on day 3.

The Next Best Edge Rushers...

23. Habakkuk Baldonado (Pittsburgh)

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Native of Rome, Italy. Has decent speed, acceleration and bend around the edge. Can also be an effective rusher from the inside. Perhaps doesn't make as many plays as you'd like. Played in 41 career games with 23 starts, recording 99 tackles, 22.5 tackles for a loss, 15 sacks, 2 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 blocked kick.

Age: 23.64. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #163 overall on our board.

24. D.J. Johnson (Oregon)

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Johnson has an outstanding mix of athleticism and speed coupled with some strength and power. Was named to Bruce Feldman's Athletic Freaks list in 2022. Played in 33 career games, recording 64 tackles, 15.5 tackles for a loss, 9 sacks, 2 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery. Johnson is such a good athlete that he has played both defensive end and tight end (11 receptions for 124 yards and 3 touchdowns) during his college career. Johnson is also a fine special teams player.

Age: 24.51. Ht: 6-4. Wt: 260. 40: 4.59. Is #174 overall on our board.

25. Dylan Horton (TCU)

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Just like D.J. Johnson (above), Horton is an outstanding athlete who was named to Bruce Feldman's Athletic Freaks list in 2022. Effective pass rusher. Horton played in 47 games, recording 146 tackles, 29 tackles for a loss, 18 sacks, 5 pass break-ups, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Age: 22.68. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #177 overall on our board.

26. Ali Gaye (LSU)

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Really nice size and length off the edge which gives him leverage against offensive tackles when on the pass rush. Isn't overly physical, despite his size. Unfortunately, Gaye missed over half of the 2021 season due to an injury which required surgery but came back to play the whole of the 2022 season. Across his college career Gaye played in 27 games, recording 87 tackles, 18 tackles for a loss, 7 sacks, 1 interception, 8 pass break-ups, 3 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Age: 24.41. Ht: 6-6. Wt: 263. 40: n/a. Is #178 overall on our board.

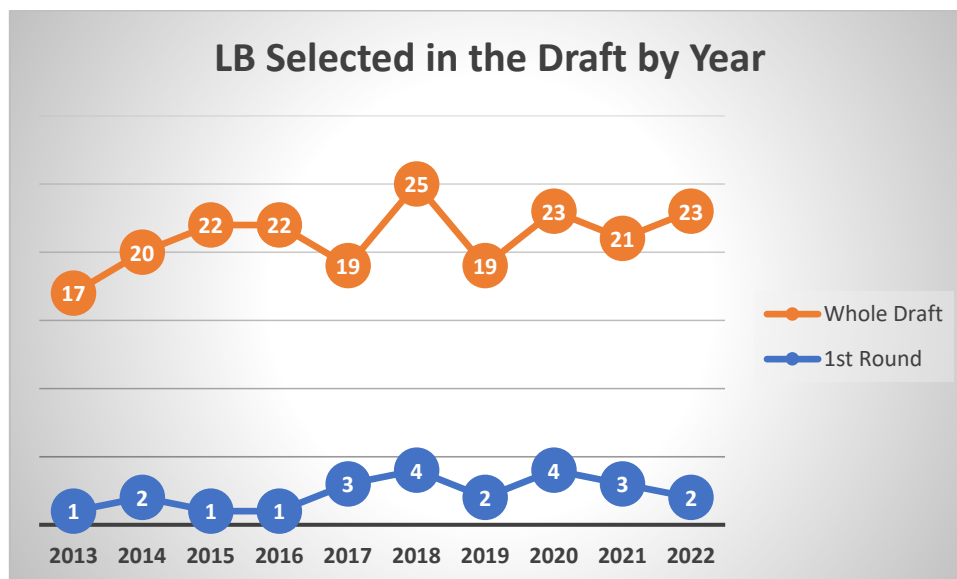
LINEBACKERS

2023 General Draft Outlook: The number of “off-the-ball” linebackers selected in the 1st round in any given year usually averages around 2, but this year it seems highly likely that only one will be off the board on day 1 – and it’s not beyond the realms of possibility that none are taken on the first day. This isn’t perhaps the strongest or deepest group of linebackers that we’ve seen in recent years.

The most likely player to go in the 1st round at this spot this year is Clemson’s Trenton Simpson, who, while being perhaps slightly undersized, is a fantastic athlete who plays great speed and dynamism.

For a team looking for help at this position, the real strength may be on day 2, starting with Iowa’s Jack Campbell. Campbell is followed by the likes of Daiyan Henley, Noah Sewell, Henry To’oto’o and DeMarvion Overshown.

On day 3 of the draft, the speedy but undersized Dorian Williams of Tulane may intrigue a number of teams.



Packers Outlook: The Packers appear to be well set at the linebacker position, at least at the starting spots, with last year’s 1st round pick Quay Walker and 2021 All-Pro De’Vondre Campbell manning the reigns. Behind them on the depth chart are Isaiah McDuffie and Eric Wilson – both guys who can fill in for short periods of time, but mainly will see special teams duty.

So perhaps a middle to late round pick on a guy that can play special teams and be developed as a defensive player may be the way to go here. The aforementioned Dorian Williams, or perhaps somebody like Pittsburgh’s SirVocea Dennis could be a worthwhile choice for the Packers.

TOP LINEBACKERS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Trenton Simpson	LB	Clemson	1-2
2.	Jack Campbell	LB	Iowa	2
3.	Daiyan Henley	LB	Washington State	2-3
4.	Noah Sewell	LB	Oregon	3
5.	Henry To'o To'o	LB	Alabama	3
6.	DeMarvion Overshown	LB	Texas	3-4
7.	Owen Pappoe	LB	Auburn	3-4
8.	Dorian Williams	LB	Tulane	4-5
9.	Ivan Pace Jr.	LB	Cincinnati	4-5
10.	Mohamoud Diabate	LB	Utah	4-5
11.	Ventrell Miller	LB	Florida	6-7
12.	SirVocea Dennis	LB	Pittsburgh	6-7
13.	Cam Jones	LB	Indiana	6-7
14.	Dee Winters	LB	TCU	6-7
15.	Anfernee Orji	LB	Vanderbilt	6-7
16.	Drake Thomas	LB	NC State	7-UDFA
17.	Aubrey Miller Jr.	LB	Jackson State	7-UDFA
18.	Jeremy Banks	LB	Tennessee	7-UDFA
19.	Isaiah Moore	LB	NC State	7-UDFA
20.	Shaka Heyward	LB	Duke	UDFA
21.	Mike Jones Jr.	LB	LSU	UDFA
22.	Jalen Graham	LB	Purdue	UDFA
23.	Ben VanSumeren	LB	Michigan State	UDFA
24.	Merlin Robertson	LB	Arizona State	UDFA
25.	Micah Baskerville	LB	LSU	UDFA
26.	Carlton Martial	LB	Troy	UDFA
27.	Mikel Jones	LB	Syracuse	UDFA
28.	Noah Taylor	LB	North Carolina	UDFA
29.	Bumper Pool	LB	Arkansas	UDFA
30.	Kyle Soelle	LB	Arizona State	UDFA
31.	Ryan Greenhagen	LB	Fordham	UDFA
32.	Troy Brown	LB	Mississippi	UDFA
33.	DaShaun White	LB	Oklahoma	UDFA
34.	Dillon Doyle	LB	Baylor	UDFA
35.	Amari Burney	LB	Florida	UDFA
36.	Palaie Gaoteote IV	LB	Texas	UDFA
37.	Zaire Barnes	LB	Western Michigan	UDFA
38.	Dax Hollifield	LB	Virginia Tech	UDFA
39.	James Patterson	LB	Buffalo	UDFA
40.	Seth Benson	LB	Iowa	UDFA

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Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Jacquez Jones	LB	Kentucky	UDFA
42.	Jimmy Phillips Jr.	LB	SMU	UDFA
43.	Jaylen Moody	LB	Alabama	UDFA
44.	Patrick O'Connell	LB	Montana	UDFA
45.	O'Rien Vance	LB	Iowa State	UDFA
46.	Colby Reeder	LB	Iowa State	UDFA
47.	Austin Ajiake	LB	UNLV	UDFA
48.	Malik Hamm	LB	Lafayette	UDFA
49.	Jordan Wright	LB	Kentucky	UDFA
50.	Ayinde Eley	LB	Georgia Tech	UDFA
51.	Brandon Bouyer-Randle	LB	Connecticut	UDFA
52.	Brooks Parker	LB	Delaware State	UDFA
53.	Caden McDonald	LB	San Diego State	UDFA
54.	Claudin Chereus	LB	Alcorn State	UDFA
55.	Damontay Rhem	LB	Virginia Union	UDFA
56.	Dre Terry	LB	Alabama A&M	UDFA
57.	Dyontae Johnson	LB	Toledo	UDFA
58.	Jahsun Bryant	LB	Tennessee State	UDFA
59.	Juanya' Majette	LB	Elizabeth City State	UDFA
60.	Krishon Merriweather	LB	Texas Tech	UDFA
61.	Michael Ayers	LB	Ashland University	UDFA
62.	Noah Wilder	LB	UAB	UDFA
63.	Robert Barnes	LB	Colorado	UDFA
64.	Ryan Smenda Jr.	LB	Wake Forest	UDFA
65.	Santrell Latham	LB	Southern Mississippi	UDFA
66.	Stephan Pierre	LB	Albany State	UDFA
67.	Tarik Cooper	LB	Texas Southern	UDFA
68.	Trevor Hamanson	LB	UTSA	UDFA
69.	Tyler Murray	LB	Memphis	UDFA
70.	Woodly Appolon	LB	Tuskagee	UDFA
71.	Zion Johnson	LB	Virginia State	UDFA

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TRENTON SIMPSON (Clemson)

High School: Simpson had an outstanding HS career in North Carolina. Began playing on the offensive side of the ball at running back before starting to play LB. Ended up being ranked as one of top high school players in the country at the position after notching up 20 sacks as a senior.

College: Committed to play his college ball at Auburn but switched that commitment to Clemson. Played predominantly as a back-up LB as a freshman in 2020 but had a very impressive year. Followed that up with two seasons as a starter in which he was excellent, garnering some all-conference notice. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Clemson, Simpson played in 37 games (27 starts), recording 187 total tackles, 22.5 tackles for a loss, 12.5 sacks, 3 forced fumbles and 5 pass break-ups.

Simpson is a fine athlete with particularly good speed and quickness. And these attributes combined with his football smarts have enabled him to be used in multiple roles – for example, as an outside pass rusher as well as an off the ball linebacker.

Against the run he appears to be most effective when he can use his speed and acceleration to run plays down. He has range and can get all over the field. Simpson is probably least effective when the play is run directly at him when he can get tied up with blockers getting to the second level – needs to learn how to shed.

Knows how to time up his pass rush – both off the edge and when shooting the gap. Has had success getting to the passer through his college career, and previously in high school.

Simpson also has experience being used in pass coverage where he excels when matched up one on one with a tight end or running back.

2022 Missed 1 game due to an ankle injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Butkus Award semi-finalist. Lott Impact Trophy semi-finalist. 3rd Team All-ACC. Academic All-ACC. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** PFF 2nd Team All-ACC. Academic All-ACC.

LB #1

Overall #37

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.28

Ht: 6-2 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 235

40: 4.43

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Off the ball linebacker is another of those positions that in recent years has become somewhat less valued on day 1 of the draft (like running back and tight end), however the top guys can still expect to get some Round 1 discussion – Simpson is one such player at the position who should be in the discussion to be a possible late 1st round pick. He brings good athleticism and versatility to the position and NFL teams should be excited about the multiple ways that they could use him.

JACK CAMPBELL (Iowa)

High School: Campbell was a multi-sport athlete in high school in Iowa – playing basketball, taking part in track and field as well as being an all-state linebacker on the football field.

College: Opted to stay in his home state and play his college ball for the Iowa Hawkeyes. Played as a back-up and special teams player in his first two seasons (2019-20) at Iowa. Won a starting role in 2021, earning all-conference honours. Campbell followed that up with an outstanding 2022 for which he garnered unanimous All-American recognition.

College Stats: In his 4 years at Iowa, Campbell played in 43 games (28 starts), recording 305 tackles (140 solo), 13.5 tackles for a loss, 10 QB pressures, 3 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, 5 interceptions (1 returned for a TD), 10 pass break-ups and 3 fumble recoveries (1 returned for a TD). Also scored on a safety.

Campbell has excellent overall size and length, coupled with athleticism and agility. Team leader type who plays with a great attitude and a non-stop motor.

From his middle linebacker spot, Campbell is an excellent tackler who plays with smarts – diagnosing and reacting well to the play unfolding in front of him. Is a long strider who can really move in space and get from sideline to sideline. Perhaps not as good in traffic. Is decent when dropping into zones in pass coverage.

Can play some special teams – played on kick coverage teams at Iowa and blocked multiple kicks while in high school.

Had a knee injury in the spring of 2022 but had recovered by the summer and missed no playing time.

Honours & Awards: 2022 Unanimous All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. Butkus Award winner. Nagurski-Wooden Big 10 Defensive Player of the Year. Butkus-Fitzgerald Big 10 Linebacker of the Year Award winner. William V. Campbell Award winner. Bednarik Award semi-finalist. Rotary Lombardi Award semi-finalist. Iowa Team Defensive MVP (Roy Carver Award). Hayden Fry Award winner – Defense. Iron Hawk Award winner. Iowa Team Hustle Award winner – Special Teams. Academic All-Big 10. **2021** FWAA & Phil Steele 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. Butkus Award semi-finalist. Iowa Team Defensive MVP (Roy Carver Award). Hayden Fry Award winner – Defense. Academic All-Big 10. **2020** Academic All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Campbell has been really good playing on the inside at Iowa, but with his height, length and long stride could it be that some NFL teams may see him playing on the outside at the next level. That remains to be seen, but he will certainly get a lot of attention because of his upside. He may not be an immediate starter at the next level, but that will come, in the meantime he will contribute as a fine special teams player. Should be selected at some point on day 2.

LB #2

Overall #52

Round 2

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.68

Ht: 6-4 ½

Wt: 249

40: 4.65

DAIYAN HENLEY (Washington State)

High School: Multi-position high school football player in California.

College: Was recruited to play WR at Nevada but the first few years of his college career were a bit of a stop-start affair. He played sparingly as a WR in his freshman season (2017). In his sophomore year, he played both offense and defense, seeing a little action at LB for the first time. In 2019, he played just 4 games before injury unfortunately ended his season (he was awarded a redshirt). Played more extensively in the pandemic shortened 2020, before having a break-out year in 2021 earning all-conference honours. Transferred from Nevada to Washington State prior to the 2022 season. Had an excellent 2022 again earning all-conference honours.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Nevada, Henley played in 50 games (18 starts), recording 160 tackles (96 solo), 3.5 tackles for a loss, 4 interceptions (including 1 returned for a TD), 4 pass break-ups and 3 fumble recoveries. When playing WR, Henley had 17 receptions for 232 yards (13.6 average) and 3 TDs. Returned 25 kick-offs at a 22.5-yard average.

In his single season at Washington State, Henley played in 12 games (12 starts), recording 106 tackles (54 solo), 12 tackles for a loss, 4 sacks, 1 interception, 1 pass break-up, 3 forced fumbles and 2 fumble.

Henley is an outstanding athlete who is slightly under the prototypical size for the linebacker spot. Plays with urgency and electricity and finds himself around the football a lot. Makes big plays.

Plays tough against the run. Tackling and hitting hard. Can get tied up with blockers. Is exceptional in pass coverage, with good drops in zone and fine man coverage underneath. Will find and play the football.

In addition to his defensive skills and production, Henley is a Special teams standout.

2020 Suffered a knee injury which limited his season to just 4 games.

Honours & Awards: **2022** CFN 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Pac 12. Butkus Award finalist. Lott Impact Trophy quarter-finalist. **2021** 2nd Team All-Mountain West.

LB #3

Overall #69

Round 2-3

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.44

Ht: 6-0 $\frac{7}{8}$

Wt: 225

40: 4.54

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Henley is a former wide receiver who converted to linebacker during his college career – this may lead to some questions amongst NFL scouts about his lack of overall experience at the position. There may also be question marks about size and age, as he will be approaching 24 by the time the 2023 regular season starts. However, there are lots of reasons why Henley should be firmly on the radar of teams looking to upgrade their linebacker position. Firstly, Henley had a really nice Senior Bowl week which helped his draft case. Secondly, he is a fine athlete with great agility. Thirdly, he should continue to develop and get even better than he was in his outstanding 2022 season. Expect him to be off the board on day 2.

NOAH SEWELL (Oregon)

High School: Born in Malaeimi, American Samoa. Brother of 2021 1st round draft pick Penei Sewell. The family moved to Utah in 2012 and Noah became an outstanding high school football player as both a running back and linebacker.

College: Was highly recruited and opted to attend the University of Oregon. Became a starter as a true freshman in 2020, earning a number of freshman honours. Followed up that first season with two further very good years, garnering all-conference honours in both. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: Sewell played in 33 games (31 starts) in 3 seasons at Oregon. He recorded 215 tackles (101 solo), 20.5 tackles for a loss, 7.5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 9 pass break-ups, 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Sewell has really good size for an inside linebacker and converts that size into play strength and power. He plays with attitude aggression, and a tough demeanour. Is a decent athlete without having great speed.

Sewell plays hard against the run, especially on those plays that are run between the tackles. He has the strength, power and skill to shrug off blockers and get to the ball carrier – and he isn't afraid to make the big hit. Can at times look like a tackling machine when he appears to make play after play.

In pass coverage, Sewell will drop into zones well, demonstrating good discipline. Not quite as good in man coverage, where athletic backs make it a challenge.

Sewell has good skill blitzing from the inside – knowing how to time up the pass rush, hit the A gap and stun the quarterback.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Butkus Award semi-finalist. Walter Camp Player of the Year Award semi-finalist. 2nd Team All-Pac 12. Finalist for Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award. Lott Impact Trophy quarter-finalist. **2021** 1st Team All-Pac 12. Butkus Award semi-finalist. Finalist for Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award. **2020** Pac 12 Freshman Defensive Player of the Year. 247Sports Freshman All-American. Rivals.com & The Athletic Freshman All-American Team. Honorable Mention All-Pac 12.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Sewell looks like an out and out inside linebacker at the pro level. He has many of the traits that we would normally associate with the inside role, particularly his play against the run. Expect Sewell to become a starter in the NFL reasonably quickly and perhaps contribute on special teams in the meantime. Likely to be off the board on day 2.

LB #4

Overall #82

Round 3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.00

Ht: 6-1 ½

Wt: 246

40: 4.64

HENRY TO'OTO'O (Alabama)

Misc: Last name is pronounced "Toe-o Toe-o".

High School: Played both LB and RB in high school in California.

College: After having a fine senior season he opted to play his college ball at Tennessee, over a number of other Power 5 schools. To'oto'o earned the starting job at linebacker in 2019 and had 2 good seasons before choosing to transfer between the 2020 and 2021 seasons - ironically to one of the schools that he originally turned down when he came out of high school, Alabama. Had 2 excellent seasons (2021-22) for the Crimson Tide, garnering all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 2 years at Tennessee, To'oTo'o played in 23 games (22 starts), recording 148 tackles (80 solo), 15 tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks and 4 QB hurries. Also had 1 interception (returned for a touchdown), 4 pass break-ups and 1 fumble recovery. Caught 1 pass for 31 yards on a fake punt.

In his 2 years at Alabama (2021-22), To'oTo'o played in 28 games, recording 206 tackles (98 solo), 16 tackles for a loss, 6.5 sacks and 3 quarterback hurries. Also had 2 pass break-ups and 1 forced fumble.

To'oto'o is a very experienced and smart, good tackling linebacker who has played both in the middle and on the outside. He diagnoses plays well but is a little undersized which is not ideal and lacks some strength when trying to deal with blockers in front of him – especially on plays run right at him.

To'oto'o is a decent athlete with some speed and acceleration without being "jump off the page" outstanding. He moves well laterally and will chase ball carriers down.

Against the pass, he works well when dropping into zone coverage which he does with good discipline. However, shifty receivers can beat him.

2023 Did not take part in the Senior Bowl in February due to an undisclosed injury, however he had recovered sufficiently to participate in the Combine a month later.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-SEC. Butkus Award semi-finalist. Pat Trammel Award co-winner (Character & Contribution to Alabama Football Team). Team Outstanding Defensive Performer Award co-winner. **2021** 2nd Team All-SEC. **2020** Phil Steele 4th Team All-SEC. **2019** 247Sports & The Athletic Freshman All-American. SEC All-Freshman Team.

LB #5

Overall #90

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.31

Ht: 6-1

Wt: 227

40: 4.62

DRAFT OUTLOOK

To'oto'o is a solid linebacker who brings positional versatility to the table. He has played in many big games in college – an experience level that pro scouts will love. is a player who will do a good job for the team that drafts him, and he should win a starting role, as well as having the potential to contribute on special teams. Expect him to be off the board on day 2.

DeMARVION OVERSHOWN (Texas)

High School: Overshown was an all-state performer in high school in Texas.

College: Opted to stay in his home state and play his college football at the University of Texas – choosing UT over the likes of Alabama and Clemson. At UT, he played his first two years (2018-19) primarily as a back-up at safety and on special teams before earning a starting spot at linebacker in 2020. Was the starter at linebacker for the remainder of his college career, putting in consecutive good seasons and earning all-conference notice each year.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Texas (2018-22), Overshown played in 50 games (33 starts), recording 249 tackles, 30.5 tackles for a loss, 9 sacks, 8+ quarterback hurries, 3 interceptions, 18 pass break-ups, 3 fumble recoveries, 3 forced fumbles and blocked 1 punt.

Overshown is a long legged, tall and athletic linebacker who perhaps lacks a little bit of bulk for the position. To a degree, he still has the look of an old fashioned, in the box, strong safety. Brings great versatility to the table.

Overshown plays the run well. He diagnoses and reacts really well to plays in front of him and likes to lay a lay hit on the ballcarrier. Plays with some speed and acceleration downhill. Has the athletic ability to get from sideline to sideline and can run plays down from behind. One of the downsides of his physique is that he will struggle disengaging from blockers who get their hands on him and also his long legs can be a target for those blockers.

Has some experience in pass coverage, demonstrating the ability to drop into zones. He also is solid when matched up in man coverage on short and intermediate routes.

Overshown can be a very effective blitz – can be utilised off edge or through the A gap, where he has the knack for timing that pass rush well.

Overshown has also been a good contributor on multiple special teams units.

2021 Suffered a concussion but missed only a part of 1 game. Missed 1 further game due to a leg injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 12. Butkus Award semi-finalist. **2021** Honourable Mention All-Big 12. Butkus Award semi-finalist **2020** Honourable Mention All-Big 12. Valero Alamo Bowl Defensive MVP.

LB/S

LB #6

Overall #106

Round 3-4

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 22.70

Ht: 6-2 5/8

Wt: 229

40: 4.56

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Having switched from safety to linebacker during his college career, different teams may look upon Overshown differently – safety, linebacker or hybrid safety/linebacker. This in turn may impact his draft position. Regardless, Overshown is an improving, productive player and has nice athleticism who will probably be a late day 2 or early day 3 draft choice.

OWEN PAPPOE (Auburn)

Misc: Nicknamed “The Freak”.

High School: Pappoe was a fine linebacker at the high school level in Georgia – ranking as one of the best players in the state.

College: He received interest from the likes of Tennessee and Georgia but opted to move one state west and attend Auburn. Won the starting middle linebacker role for the Tigers as a true freshman – a starting spot that he held for his 4 years at Auburn (except for the games that he missed due to injury in 2021).

College Stats: In his 4 seasons at Auburn (2019-22), Pappoe played in 41 games (41 starts) recording 256 tackles (145 solo) including 15 tackles for a loss. He also had 8 sacks, 10 quarterback hurries, 2 interceptions, 7 pass break-ups, 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble Recovery. Pappoe had 16 tackles in a single game against Ole Miss in 2022.

Pappoe lacks the prototypical size and height for a pro linebacker, although he did work hard to add some bulk while at Auburn. Team leader type who is a fine athlete.

Against the run, Pappoe makes lots of tackles and seems to enjoy making the big hit. Is better when he can play in space and use his speed and acceleration to its upmost. Perhaps lacks the strength at this time to shrug off blockers who get to his level.

In pass coverage, Pappoe works well in zone defenses making disciplined drops. Has speed to cover man to man but can be beaten by backs and tight ends who have more strength and physical ability.

Can be used as blitzer from the inside – he has had some success rushing through the A gap. Is also fine special teams contributor.

2023 Unable to take part in the Senior Bowl due to a shoulder injury (torn labrum). **2021** Hampered by an ankle injury during the 2021 season which forced him to miss 8 games.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Phil Steele 3rd Team All-SEC. Butkus Award semi-finalist. Team Linebacker of the Year. Named to Bruce Feldman’s Freak List. **2019** FWAA Freshman All-American.

ILB

LB #7

Overall #109

Round 3-4

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.57

Ht: 6-0 ¼

Wt: 225

40: 4.39

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Pappoe looks like a borderline starter/back-up when you watch him on film. However, his impressive showing at the combine (particularly in the 40, where run the fastest time amongst the linebacker group) will undoubtedly have turned some heads and helped to raise his draft chances. In his early days in the pros, he is most likely to contribute mainly on special teams while learning a defensive role. Likely to be selected early on day 3 or perhaps late on day 2.

DORIAN WILLIAMS (Tulane)

High School: Played safety in high school in South Carolina.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Tulane. Played mainly on special teams as a true freshman in 2019. The following season he became a part-time starter, having a good year and earning all-conference notice. 2021 was a solid year, without, perhaps, reaching the heights of the previous season. Bounced back with a super productive year in 2022, again garnering all-conference honours.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Tulane, Williams played in 48 games (26 starts), recording 306 total tackles (189 solo), 27 tackles for a loss, 9.5 sacks, 2 interceptions, 12 pass break-ups, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery. Had an incredible 17 tackles (9 solo) in the Cotton Bowl Classic at the end of the 2022 season.

Williams is a slightly undersized linebacker with good speed and athletic ability. He is a team leader type with great character.

Williams plays downhill against the run, diagnosing and reacting to what he sees. Not afraid to stick his head in and make the tackle – his tackle production is outstanding, and yet, he still misses the occasional tackle. These missed tackles are usually when he has overplayed his hand and overrun the play.

Williams drops well into zone coverage, utilising some of his safety skills and experience from high school and can cover smaller backs coming out of the backfield. Can struggle physically however with bigger backs or tight ends.

Has skill rushing the passer, both from the inside and as a stand-up rusher from the edge on pure passing downs.

In addition to his defensive ability, Williams has lots of excellent special teams experience playing on just about every unit.

No reported major injuries.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-AAC. Cotton Bowl Classic Defensive MVP (game played in 2023). **2021** Honorable Mention All-AAC. **2020** 2nd Team All-AAC.

LB/S

LB #8

Overall #136

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.83

Ht: 6-1

Wt: 228

40: 4.49

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Williams' lack of size, for the linebacker spot, certainly counts against him, but he wouldn't be the first player with less than ideal dimensions to make it in the NFL. And while he probably projects to be a weakside outside linebacker in the 4-3 at the pro level, it's not beyond the realms of possibility that he reverts back to his high school position of safety in the NFL – for which he may be a better physical fit. Given Williams' huge amount of production on defense and his special teams' prowess, teams have something to work with and he should be off the board on day 3.

IVAN PACE Jr. (Cincinnati)

High School: Was an outstanding high school player in Ohio, excelling at both LB and RB. Won state and districts Defensive Player of the Year awards in 2018. Was also a fine high school wrestler.

College: Opted to play his college ball close to home at Miami of Ohio. Was a big contributor in 2019, proving himself to be a fine all-round performer. Starter in the pandemic shortened 2020 season, before being the full-time starter again in a fine 2021, earning multiple honours. Pace transferred to Cincinnati for the 2022 season. Had an outstanding All-American year for the Bearcats.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at Miami, Ohio, Pace played in 29 games, recording 170 tackles (74 solo), 20.5 tackles for a loss, 11 sacks, 1 interception, 5 pass break-ups and 1 forced fumble. Had 6 sacks in a single game (tied NCAA record) against Akron in 2019.

In his one season at Cincinnati, Pace played in 13 games, recording 10 sacks, 7 QB hurries, 137 tackles (56 solo), 4 pass break-ups and 3 forced fumbles.

Pace is really short for a linebacker at the NFL level but has been able to overcome that in college to be super productive – is one of those guys who always seems to be around the football. Despite his lack of height, Pace has some bulk and plays with above average strength and power.

Is a team leader type who plays with attitude. He is very versatile being able to play the run, cover and be used to rush the passer. Against the run he is at his best playing downhill between the tackles, as he lacks the A1 speed and therefore some of the range to consistently make plays wide.

In the passing game, Pace is disciplined in zone coverage and has demonstrated skill as a sometime stand-up pass rusher.

Has special teams experience.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Unanimous All-American. AAC Defensive Player of the Year. 1st Team All-AAC. Butkus Award finalist. Bednarik Award finalist. **2021** 1st Team All-MAC. PFF MAC Defensive Player of the Year

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Pace is a super productive player, with good versatility. He brings an aggressive, playmaking attitude to the game and always seems to be making plays. There are perhaps some physical limitations, some areas that require development and a question about some of his level of competition but with all of his positives, there's little doubt that Pace has a good chance of at least becoming a sound back-up and special teams player in the NFL. Should be selected on day 3.

LB #9

Overall #155

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.36

Ht: 5-10 ½

Wt: 231

40: n/a

MOHAMOUD DIABATE (Utah)

High School: Was highly recruited after a fine high school career in Alabama.

College: Opted to attend Florida to play his college ball (also had offers from the likes of his home town Auburn, and home state Alabama). Played mainly as a back-up and on special teams in his freshman (2019) season. Started half of the games in 2020 as an OLB. Moved inside in 2021 and became the full-time starter. Transferred to Utah prior to the 2022 season, filling the spot left by Devin Lloyd when he was selected in the 1st round in last year's draft. Diabate earned all-conference honours in his single season at Utah.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2019-21) at Florida, Diabate played in 37 games (17 starts), recording 176 total tackles (73 solo), 14 tackles for a loss, 6 sacks, 1 interception, 1 pass break-up and 3 forced fumbles.

In his single season (2022) at Utah, Diabate played in 12 games (12 starts), recording 58 total tackles (32 solo), 13.5 tackles for a loss, 5 sacks, 1 quarterback hurry, 1 pass break-up and 1 forced fumble.

Has decent height for a linebacker but could do with adding a little more bulk. Diabate is a solid athlete with some speed, who plays with attitude and a non-stop motor.

Diabate is an aggressive player in the running game who loves to tackle and make the big hit. But will occasionally let the ballcarrier slip away. Diabate has a nice burst which enables him to shoot the gap and tackle the running back in the backfield. Like many players of his size, he is better in space as he struggles to detach from blockers who get their hands on him. Can also be over aggressive and will sometimes overrun plays.

In the passing game, Diabate can rush the passer off the edge where he has a little bend and will time up the blitz through the A gap. In coverage, he uses his agility to stay with backs and tight ends short and underneath with decent success. Can also drop into zone.

Experience playing special teams earlier in his career.

Missed 1 game in 2022 due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-Pac 12. 2021 Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List.

LB #10

Overall #169

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.94

Ht: 6-3 ½ (Pro Day)

Wt: 225 (Pro Day)

40: 4.52 (Pro Day)

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Diabate, who was surprisingly not invited to the combine, is a sound all-round linebacker who is able to perform consistently in a number of roles. Also brings some special teams experience, from earlier in his career, to the table. He doesn't stand out in any particular area and so has the look of a potential multi-position back-up and special teams player in the NFL. Expect him to be off the board on day 3.

VENTRELL MILLER (Florida)

High School: Attended high school in Florida.

College: Was perhaps no surprise when Miller opted to play his college ball at the University of Florida – choosing the Gators over offers from a number of other schools (including Ole Miss and Kentucky from the SEC). Missed the entire 2017 season (as one of a number of suspended players) – was given a redshirt. Came back in 2018 to play mainly as a reserve linebacker and on special teams. 2019 was Miller’s break-out year, earning a starting role. Started again in 2020, having his best year to date. Unfortunately, his 2021 season was limited to just 2 games due to injury. Bounced back in his final college season (2022) to have a very nice year.

College Stats: In his 6 seasons (2017-22) at Florida, Miller played in 49 games (33 starts), recording 240 tackles (124 solo), 23.5 tackles for a loss, 7.5 sacks, 9 quarterback hurries, 1 interception (returned for a touchdown), 7 pass break-ups, 2 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries.

Miller lacks the prototypical size for a linebacker and doesn’t have the ideal speed. But he plays with strength, power and his football smarts enable him to diagnose and react quickly, counteracting some of that lack of speed.

Against the run, Miller is a tough tackler on the inside, playing downhill and shedding blocks with his strength. Isn’t really a sideline to sideline player but plays with aggression and effort and a motor which keeps going until the whistle.

In the passing game, Miller has a disciplined drop into zone coverages but again doesn’t have the athleticism to consistently cover backs coming out of the backfield in man coverage.

Can contribute on special teams.

2023 Missed the Senior Bowl in February due to a fractured foot which required surgery (Dec 2021). **2022** Missed 1 game with the aforementioned foot injury. **2021** Played in just 2 games before a torn biceps injury forced him to miss the remainder of the season.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 3rd Team All-SEC. Wuerffel Award winner (Gators Man of the Year). **2020** SEC Academic Honor Roll. **2018** SEC Academic Honor Roll.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Miller is recovering from surgery on a fractured foot, but this should not be a factor with regard to his draft status. He attended the combine but didn’t take part in the drills. Miller’s college career has been a little stop-start and while it has been productive, there’s a feeling that it could have been better – whether there is room for him to develop at the NFL level remains to be seen. He certainly has a good chance to be a back-up and special teams player. Should be selected somewhere on day 3.

LB #11

Overall #186

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 24.28

Ht: 6-0

Wt: 232

40: n/a

SIRVOCEA DENNIS (Pittsburgh)

Misc: First name is pronounced “Sir-Voss-E-A”.

High School: Was a multi-sport athlete in HS in New York state, playing lacrosse and basketball as well as football (playing both QB and DB). Spent a year at prep school in New Jersey where he played LB.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Pittsburgh after originally committing to Air Force. Played mainly on special teams as a true freshman (2019), before seeing more time as a part time starter and defensive back-up in 2020. Earned a starting linebacker role in his junior season (2021), garnering all-conference notice. Had his best year in 2022 again being all-conference and earning some All-American recognition.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Pittsburgh, Dennis played in 42 games (27 starts), recording 233 total tackles (109 solo), 36 tackles for a loss, 15 sacks, 16 quarterback hurries, 2 interceptions, 3 pass break-ups, 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery and blocked a field goal.

Dennis is an undersized middle linebacker with decent, but not outstanding, athletic ability. He is a tackling machine, who seemingly is around the football all the time – using his football smarts to diagnose and react to plays in front of him.

Dennis is a sound defender against the run, who moves well in space to make the tackle. Doesn't have the physicality to be a huge hitter but is a sound and consistent tackler. At his best when operating in space. Not afraid to fly downfield and get to the ballcarrier behind the line of scrimmage.

In the passing game, Dennis is a disciplined dropper into zone coverage. Can also be utilised to rush the passer – he is excellent timing up the blitz through the A gap.

Has good special teams experience.

2023 Suffered a foot injury during the Senior Bowl practice week, forcing him to sit out the game. **2020** Missed 1 game due to injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** PFF 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-ACC. Butkus Award semi-finalist. **2021** 2nd Team All-ACC. All-ACC Academic Football Team. **2020** 3rd Team All-ACC.

LB #12

Overall #233

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.13

Ht: 6-0 ½

Wt: 226

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Dennis unfortunately had to miss the Senior Bowl due to injury, which deprived him of that opportunity to raise his draft stock. He is a consistent performer but perhaps lacks a single standout attribute to separate from the crowd. Being undersized also hurts his draft status. But he is a hardworking player who can contribute on special teams and as a swing back-up at the next level given the opportunity. He may end up on a practice squad initially. Look for Dennis to be selected towards the end of day 3.

The Next Best Linebackers...

13. Cam Jones (Indiana)

Likely late round draft choice. Decent speed and athleticism. Plays strong against the run, but lack of size and physicality can see him get tied up with blockers. Plays with a non-stop motor on every down and gets all over the field. Played in 43 games across his college career, recording 204 tackles, 13.5 tackles for a loss, 7 sacks, 2 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown), 7 pass break-ups, 3 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries.

Age: 23.52. Ht: 6-1. Wt: 226. 40: 4.69. Is #235 overall on our board.

14. Dee Winters (TCU)

Likely late round draft choice. Versatile and experienced linebacker. Is an all-round player who can play the run, drop into coverage and rush the passe. Has some nice speed and acceleration. Played in 45 games across his college career, recording 246 tackles, 33.5 tackles for a loss, 12.5 sacks, 3 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown), 4 passes defensed and 2 fumble recoveries (including 1 returned for a touchdown).

Age: 22.52. Ht: 5-11. Wt: 227. 40: 4.49. Is #245 overall on our board.

15. Anfernee Orji (Vanderbilt)

Likely late round draft choice. Experienced linebacker who is a tackling machine who seems to always be around the football. Has decent speed and athleticism. Orji had a solid 2022 season, earning 3rd Team All-SEC honours. Across his college career Orji played in 38 games, recording 269 tackles, 21 tackles for a loss, 3 sacks, 1 interception, 4 pass break-ups, 3 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries (including 1 returned for a touchdown).

Age: 22.55. Ht: 6-1. Wt: 230. 40: 4.53. Is #249 overall on our board.

16. Drake Thomas (North Carolina State)

Possible late round draft choice or undrafted free agent. Solid all-round player, who is probably at his best in pass coverage. Across his college career, Thomas played in 45 games, recording 292 tackles, 46 tackles for a loss, 19 sacks, 4 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown) and 4 pass break-ups.

Age: 23.17. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #268 overall on our board.

17. Aubrey Miller Jr. (Jackson State)

Possible late round draft choice or undrafted free agent. Played 3 seasons (2017-19) at Missouri before transferring to Jackson State. Miller had a fine 2022 season earning AP 2nd Team FCS All-American honours. Was one of those players who would have been disappointed not to have received an invitation to the combine – being denied the opportunity to show for NFL scouts, amongst his peers, what he can do. Miller plays with his hair on fire all the time and loves to make the tackle. Will be a big contributor on special teams coverage units. Across the whole of his college career, Miller played in 46 games, recording 277 tackles (147 solo) and 10 sacks. Once had 19 tackles in a single game against Delta State.

Age: n/a Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #275 overall on our board.

18. Jeremy Banks (Tennessee)

Possible late round draft choice or undrafted free agent. Former running back. Has had reported off-the-field issues (2019). Banks is a run stuffing inside linebacker and special teams contributor. Across his whole Tennessee career Banks played in 48 games, recording 219 tackles (109 solo), 18 tackles for a loss, 5.5 sacks, 3 interceptions, 7 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Age: 23.59. Ht: 6-1. Wt: 232. 40: 4.53. Is #277 overall on our board.

19. Isaiah Moore (North Carolina State)

Possible late round draft choice or undrafted free agent. Savvy, team leader type. Plays strong and smart against the run. Plays hard on every down with a non-stop motor. Had a knee injury in 2021 that ended his season and require surgery. Came back to play well in 2022. Is a tackling machine, particularly in the running game – always seems to be around the football.

Age: 23.56. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #291 overall on our board.

20. Shaka Heyward (Duke)

Probable undrafted free agent. Excellent against the run – makes lots and lots of tackles. Is a fine special teams player also. Across his whole career, Heyward played in 51 games, recording 340 tackles (175 solo), 32.5 tackles for a loss, 11.5 sacks, 4 interceptions, 7 pass break-ups and 5 fumble recoveries.

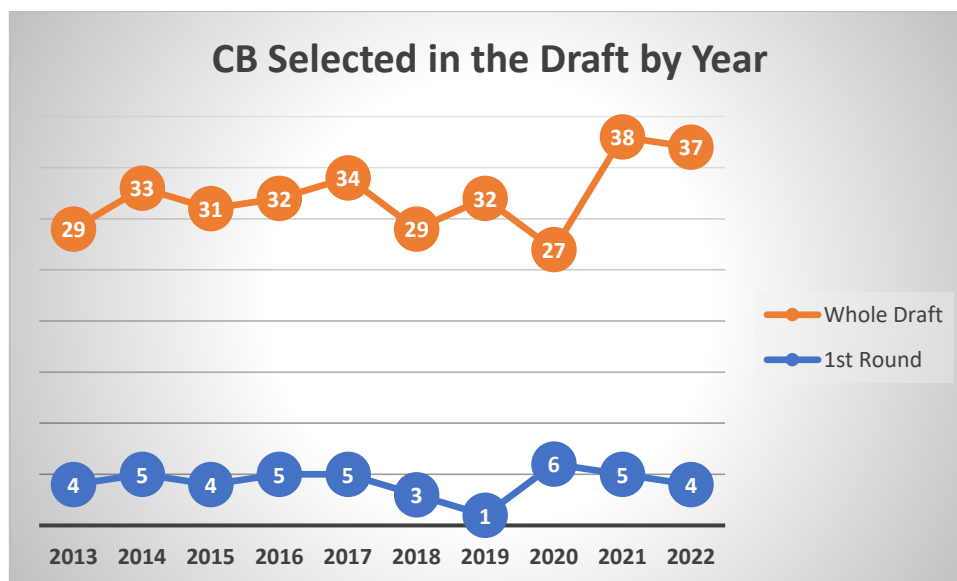
Age: n/a Ht: 6-3. Wt: 235. 40: 4.53. Is #295 overall on our board.

CORNERBACKS

2023 General Draft Outlook: Passing the football and stopping the pass are key to success in today's NFL. One of the keys to stopping the pass is skill at the cornerback position, hence the number of corners that are selected each year – between 4 and 5 in the 1st round on average and around 32 on average across the whole draft. This year doesn't look any different.

Two corners should go early in this year's draft, most likely in the top 10 overall – they are Christian Gonzalez of Oregon and Illinois' Devon Witherspoon. Penn State's Joey Porter should be next off the board somewhere between picks 11 and 20 and then Deonte Banks of Maryland should be the fourth corner selected in round 1.

Georgia's Kelee Ringo may be the fifth corner selected in round 1, although he fall into round 2. The same can be said about Cam Smith and Emmanuel Forbes. Even after these 3, there could be yet another 8 or 9 corners that are in contention to be picked on day 2 – this is a deep group. One of the players in this group who will garner a lot of attention is Michigan's D.J. Turner, thanks to the outstanding 4.26 he ran at the 40 in the combine.



Packers Outlook: The Packers are secure at one cornerback spot (Jaire Alexander) and at a second if Rasul Douglas isn't moved to safety. Eric Stokes is still recovering from last year's injury so remains a question mark, as is the depth at this position. The other corners on the roster are Keisean Nixon, Shemar Jean-Charles, Kiondre Thomas, Tyrell Ford, Corey Ballentine and Benjie Franklin. All of this means that corner is again a position that the Packers may turn to this time around.

If they pick at the position in the 1st round, again, then Joey Porter could be that guy who will be available. The aforementioned D.J. Turner could be of interest on day 2. If they give the position attention later in the draft, then somebody like Darius Rush of South Carolina could be of interest.

TOP CORNERBACKS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Christian Gonzalez	CB	Oregon	1
2.	Devon Witherspoon	CB	Illinois	1
3.	Joey Porter Jr.	CB	Penn State	1
4.	Deonte Banks	CB	Maryland	1-2
5.	Cam Smith	CB	South Carolina	1-2
6.	Kelee Ringo	CB	Georgia	1-2
7.	Emmanuel Forbes	CB	Mississippi State	1-2
8.	Clark Phillips III	CB	Utah	2
9.	Tyrique Stevenson	CB	Miami, Fla	2-3
10.	D.J. Turner II	CB	Michigan	2-3
11.	Julius Brents	CB	Kansas State	2-3
12.	Eli Ricks	CB	Alabama	3
13.	Jaylon Jones	CB	Texas A&M	3
14.	Kyu Blu Kelly	CB	Stanford	3
15.	Garrett Williams	CB	Syracuse	3
16.	Darius Rush	CB	South Carolina	3
17.	Jartavius Martin	CB	Illinois	3-4
18.	Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson	CB	TCU	3-4
19.	Riley Moss	CB	Iowa	4-5
20.	Jakorian Bennett	CB	Maryland	4-5
21.	Carrington Valentine	CB	Kentucky	4-5
22.	Cory Trice	CB	Purdue	4-5
23.	Kei'Trel Clark	CB	Louisville	4-5
24.	Cameron Mitchell	CB	Northwestern	4-5
25.	Mekhi Garner	CB	LSU	4-5
26.	Darrell Luter Jr.	CB	South Alabama	6-7
27.	Terrell Smith	CB	Minnesota	6-7
28.	Rejzohn Wright	CB	Oregon State	6-7
29.	Mekhi Blackmon	CB	USC	6-7
30.	Myles Brooks	CB	Louisiana Tech	6-7
31.	Anthony Johnson	CB	Virginia	6-7
32.	Chamarri Conner	CB	Virginia Tech	6-7
33.	Arquon Bush	CB	Cincinnati	6-7
34.	Alex Austin	CB	Oregon State	6-7
35.	Nic Jones	CB	Ball State	6-7
36.	Cameron Brown	CB	Ohio State	6-7
37.	Keidron Smith	CB	Kentucky	6-7
38.	Lance Boykin	CB	Coastal Carolina	6-7
39.	Jarrick Bernard-Converse	CB	LSU	7-UDFA
40.	Avery Young	CB	Rutgers	7-UDFA

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Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Tiawan Mullen	CB	Indiana	7-UDFA
42.	Tyler Baker-Williams	CB	NC State	UDFA
43.	Starling Thomas V	CB	UAB	UDFA
44.	Christian Braswell	CB	Rutgers	UDFA
45.	Justin Ford	CB	Montana	UDFA
46.	Erick Hallett II	CB	Pittsburgh	UDFA
47.	Isaiah Bolden	CB	Jackson State	UDFA
48.	Noah Daniels	CB	TCU	UDFA
49.	Nehemiah Shelton	CB	San Jose State	UDFA
50.	Kahlef Hailassie	CB	Western Kentucky	UDFA
51.	Bentlee Sanders	CB	Nevada	UDFA
52.	Steven Gilmore	CB	Marshall	UDFA
53.	Jalen Green	CB	Mississippi State	UDFA
54.	Amani Marsh	CB	Washington State	UDFA
55.	Ethan Bonner	CB	Stanford	UDFA
56.	Ekow Boye-Doe	CB	Kansas State	UDFA
57.	Kordell Rodgers	CB	Texas State	UDFA
58.	Azizi Hearn	CB	UCLA	UDFA
59.	D'Shawn Jamison	CB	Texas	UDFA
60.	Devodric Bynum	CB	UAB	UDFA
61.	Jaylin Williams	CB	Indiana	UDFA
62.	Steven Jones Jr.	CB	Appalachian State	UDFA
63.	D'Jordan Strong	CB	Coastal Carolina	UDFA
64.	Gemon Green	CB	Michigan	UDFA
65.	Jeremy Lucien	CB	Vanderbilt	UDFA
66.	Jaydon Grant	CB	Oregon State	UDFA
67.	D.J. Ivey	CB	Miami, Fla	UDFA
68.	Darrious Gaines	CB	Western Colorado	UDFA
69.	B.J. Bohler	CB	Florida A&M	UDFA
70.	Sevyn Banks	CB	LSU	UDFA
71.	Eric Scott Jr.	CB	Southern Mississippi	UDFA
72.	Keenan Isaac	CB	Alabama State	UDFA
73.	Quavian White	CB	Georgia State	UDFA
74.	Eric Garror	CB	Louisiana-Lafayette	UDFA
75.	Hugh Nelson II	CB	Hawaii	UDFA
76.	Ameer Speed	CB	Michigan State	UDFA
77.	Ali Shockley	CB	Hampton	UDFA
78.	Anthony Adams	CB	Portland State	UDFA
79.	Anthony Cook	CB	Texas	UDFA
80.	Brandon Barnes-Brown	CB	Fayetteville State	UDFA
81.	C.J. Coldon	CB	Oklahoma	UDFA
82.	Corey Mayfield	CB	UTSA	UDFA
83.	Corione Harris	CB	Southern University	UDFA
84.	Justin Clark	CB	Wisconsin	UDFA

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	Name	Pos	College	Round*
85.	De'jahn Warren	CB	Jackson State	UDFA
86.	Divaad Wilson	CB	UCF	UDFA
87.	Cedrick Dort Jr.	CB	Wisconsin	UDFA
88.	Jai Nunn-Liddell	CB	Kentucky State	UDFA
89.	James Hawkins	CB	Albany State	UDFA
90.	Jordan Jones	CB	Rhode Island	UDFA
91.	Kaleb Hayes	CB	BYU	UDFA
92.	Jay Shaw	CB	Wisconsin	UDFA
93.	Kento Ogushi	CB	Waseda (Japan)	UDFA
94.	Mark Milton	CB	Baylor	UDFA
95.	Roy Estes	CB	Grambling State	UDFA
96.	Tre Wortham	CB	Connecticut	UDFA
97.	Tyler Richardson	CB	Tiffin	UDFA
98.	Tyon Davis	CB	Tulsa	UDFA
99.	Malik Johnson	CB	Central State	UDFA

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CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ (Oregon)

Misc: Is the brother of 2020 (2021) Olympian Melissa Gonzalez (400m hurdles) and the brother-in-law of current NFL QB David Blough (Cardinals).

High School: Star wide receiver and cornerback in high school in Texas.

College: Opted to attend Colorado, switching his commitment from Purdue. Became a starter at Colorado for two seasons (2020-21), playing well. Transferred to Oregon prior to the 2022 season where he had the best season of his college career, earning all-conference recognition. Declared for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his two seasons at Colorado (2020-21), Gonzalez played in 18 games (18 starts) and had 9 pass break-ups. He also recorded 73 tackles (60 solo) and 5.5 tackles for a loss.

In his single season at Oregon (2022), Gonzalez played in 12 games (12 starts) and had 4 interceptions and 7 pass break-ups. He also recorded 50 tackles (35 solo) and 1 tackle for a loss. Blocked 1 field goal.

Gonzalez is a tall corner who is a super smooth athlete with speed and acceleration. He is a polished mover with fluid hips and the ability to transition quickly. In man coverage, he will match up well and closely track receivers down the field although he can get a little bit grabby at times. Has a good jam at the line of scrimmage.

Has the nice trait of being able to track the football and find it in the air and is improving his ability to play the ball and intercept it/knock it down. Will fight receivers for the ball, although will occasionally get out-muscled. When playing off-man or zone, he needs to work on his recognition as he can sometimes not quite close to the football quickly enough – which shouldn't be the case for a player with his athletic ability.

Gets up and play the run and isn't afraid to put his body on the line to make the tackle. Will still be under 21 years of age when the draft takes place – one of the youngest players in this draft. Is developing and improving rapidly.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-PAC 12. Phil Steele 4th Team All-American. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** Honorable Mention All-PAC 12.

CB #1

Overall #7

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 20.83

Ht: 6-1 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 197

40: 4.38

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Gonzalez is young, is one the fastest developing players in this draft and he has a huge upside. Gonzalez already has a lot of the skills and traits which teams look for in an NFL corner and all of the remaining areas appear like that can be improved with time and NFL level coaching. Expect Gonzalez to be off the board in the top 10 overall and perhaps as high as 6 or 7 overall.

DEVON WITHERSPOON (Illinois)

High School: Was an outstanding 3-sport athlete in high school in Florida, starring in basketball, track and field (high jump, 100m) as well as football. He didn't start playing football until his high school junior year but by the following year, he was already excelling.

College: Opted to attend Illinois. Was a part time starter in his freshman (2019) season, before winning the job full-time in 2020. Started for the remainder of his Illinois career, improving year on year, before winning All-American honours in 2022.

College Stats: Played in 42 games (32 starts) for Illinois, recording 5 interceptions, 25 pass break-ups, 159 tackles (116 solo), 11.5 tackles for a loss, 1 forced fumble, 3 fumble recoveries and 1 sack.

Tall cornerback with good length albeit he may lack a little bit of bulk and be a little skinny. Is a dynamic nice athlete and although he doesn't have out and out burner speed his speed is generally good enough for him to cover receivers down the field. Has a nice backpedal and fluid hips.

Plays with great smarts and demonstrates the ability to diagnose plays – this is really special given his relative lack of experience on the football field. These skills enable him to break on the football and disrupt plays. Can, on occasion, be over aggressive that may cause him some issues.

Carries the confidence and positive attitude that you hope to see in a corner. Is also a rah-rah kind of guy that lifts team mates around him. Is physical in man coverage, which he played the majority of the time at Illinois. Likes to get up and help the running game by applying the big hit to the ball carrier. Can sometimes fail to wrap - he needs to work on this.

2023 Didn't take part in the on the field workouts at the combine due to a minor hamstring injury. **2020** Missed the opening game of the season due to an undisclosed injury but returned to play the remainder of the season with no apparent ongoing issues.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Consensus All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. Jim Thorpe Award finalist. Bednarik Award semi-finalist. Tatum-Woodson Big 10 Defensive Back of the Year Award winner. Illinois Dick Butkus Defensive Player of the Year Award winner. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 10.

CB #2

Overall #9

Round 1

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.37

Ht: 5-11 ½

Wt: 181

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Witherspoon is a really nice athlete who carries himself like an NFL corner – with attitude and confidence, which he backs up with his play on the field. Has played a huge amount of man coverage, although with his ability to diagnose and break on the football it is possible that zone or off-man could be his scheme forte in the pros. Regardless, he'll likely need to curb some aggression against NFL WRs. But make no mistake, Witherspoon has the talent to be a starting corner quickly in the NFL and should be off the board around pick 10 (assuming that the combine hamstring injury doesn't prove to be a anything major).

JOEY PORTER Jr. (Penn State)

High School: Son of 13-year NFL player Joey Porter Sr. (Super Bowl winner with the Pittsburgh Steelers). Porter Jr. excelled at high school in Pennsylvania playing both defensive back and wide receiver.

College: Opted to stay in state to play his college ball with the Nittany Lions. Redshirted in 2019 (playing 4 games), before winning a starting CB role the following season – earning some all-conference notice in each of 2020 and 2021. Had his best season in his final year (2022), playing well enough to be named 2nd team All-American. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school – sat out the Rose Bowl in order to begin his draft preparation.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Penn State, Porter played in 35 games (31 starts), recording 1 interception and 18 pass break-ups. Also had 94 tackles (74 solo), 1 tackle for a loss, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Porter has a great combination of athletic ability and speed as well as the nice size and length that you ideally look for at the corner position. Improved each year in college.

Plays with the confidence and attitude that you hope to see in a top-level corner.

Porter works especially well in man coverage, where he has a strong jam at the line of scrimmage, and the physicality to consistently challenge receivers. Will run with receivers down the field and has the long speed to prevent him being beaten deep. Consistently, breaks up passes, although he perhaps needs work on his hands as he should probably pick off more passes than he does. Can be a little bit handsy on receivers at times.

Because he has long legs, Porter is a good, but not exceptional closer on the football when playing off-man or in zone.

Porter missed 2 games in 2022 due to illness. Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. Bednarik Award semi-finalist. Penn State Most Valuable Defensive Player Award winner. **2021** 3rd Team All-Big 10. **2020** 3rd Team All-Big 10.

CB #3

Overall #13

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.75

Ht: 6-2 ½

Wt: 193

40: 4.46

DRAFT OUTLOOK

One of the things that you like to see in potential draftees is year on year improvement – and that's exactly what the film on Porter shows. If his next stage of development includes work on his hands (intercepting more passes) then he is a potential superstar at the corner spot. Expect Porter to be selected around the middle of the 1st round, and perhaps closer to pick 10 overall than that. With his skills, Porter should be able to come in and compete to be an immediate starter in the NFL.

DEONTE BANKS (Maryland)

High School: Banks had a nice high school career in Maryland.

College: Opted to stay in his home state to play his college ball. As a true freshman, Banks started the majority of games in 2019. Followed this up as the starter again in the pandemic truncated 2020 season. Unfortunately, his 2021 was reduced to just 2 games due to a shoulder injury before he came back as the starter in 2022 – having the best season of his college career and earning some all-conference recognition. Opted out of the year end Bowl game in order to commence his preparation for the draft.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Maryland Banks played in 30 games (25 starts), recording 2 interceptions, 11 pass break-ups, 83 tackles (61 solo), 0.5 tackle for a loss, 0.5 sack and he blocked 1 PAT.

Banks has good size and height and very good length – all close to being prototypical for the NFL. He plays the corner spot with confidence and attitude. Is an every down, all-out effort, guy.

In pass coverage, Banks is a physical and feisty corner. He has a good jam at the line of scrimmage when in press man. Will provide tight coverage on deep passes and finds the football. Has decent hands – although he probably should pick off more passes than he does

Banks can struggle a little with short and underneath routes run by athletic and shifty receivers. Will close on the football when playing off, zone or when recovering, but off or zone coverages don't appear to be his forte. However, he was still better in this regard in 2022 than in previous years – which indicates development and an upside.

Will diagnose runs in his direction and not afraid to make the tackle.

Banks suffered a shoulder injury (that required surgery) in game 2 of the 2021 season which kept him out for the remainder of the year. Came back and played well in 2022 with no apparent ongoing issues from the injury.

Honours & Awards: 2022 Honorable Mention All-Big 10.

CB #4

Overall #26

Round 1-2

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.15

Ht: 6-0 ½

Wt: 197

40: 4.35

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Banks had gone a little under the radar until the 2022 season when showed nice improvement and development. That was then topped by his performance at the combine – moving him into the top 10 (perhaps top 5) of corners in this draft and into 1st round contention. He could be used in multiple schemes, but it seems like his traits and attributes would be best put to use in press man – look for Banks to interest those teams whose defenses play aggressive man coverage. Likely off the board somewhere towards the end of the 1st round.

CAM SMITH (South Carolina)

High School: Smith was highly rated player in high school in South Carolina.

College: Opted to stay home and play his college ball for the South Carolina Gamecocks. Redshirted in 2019 (playing 3 games), before earning a part-time starting spot at corner 2020. Followed that up with probably the best year of his college career in 2021, when he started the majority of games and earned some All-American notice. Played well for most of 2022, but perhaps wasn't quite as good as the previous year. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In 4 years (2019-22) at South Carolina, Smith played in 33 games (19 starts), recording 6 interceptions and 18 pass break-ups. Also recorded 91 tackles (69 solo), including 3.5 tackles for a loss. Blocked 1 field goal.

Smith brings a nice combination of decent size, length and great athleticism to the corner position. He possesses good speed, quick feet, nice backpedal and a really smooth transition, demonstrating really fluid hips. He uses all of these traits to closely cover receivers – he is excellent in coverage, with stickability. Importantly, he will find the football in the air and has excellent hands. Occasionally, can be beaten on double moves when he overplays the receiver.

Also has spent some time at corner playing both on the outside and inside covering in the slot – meaning that he brings positional versatility to the table.

Added to his physical attributes is Smith's attitude – he plays tough, with confidence and competitiveness. Is feisty and loud and the type of corner who lifts the confidence of those playing around him. Team leader type.

Also uses that physicality to get up and tackle in the running game. Is not afraid to hit the ball carrier – although he doesn't always wrap.

2022 Suffered a concussion that forced him to miss 1 whole game and a part of another game. Later had a minor hamstring injury which saw him leave a game. **2020** Missed 2 games due to a leg injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Phil Steele 2nd Team All-SEC. **2021** Honorable Mention All-American. 2nd Team All-SEC.

CB #5

Overall #29

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 23.26

Ht: 6-0 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 180

40: 4.43

DRAFT OUTLOOK

The fact that Smith was excellent in 2021, but perhaps not quite as good in 2022, which will be of some concern to NFL scouts – however, some of that can be put down to 2022 being a bit of stop-start season due to injuries. Overall, he is a really good football player who had a good college career and has a number of traits which teams will love – not least his physicality and confident attitude. His versatility also helps. Expect Smith to be off the board perhaps towards the end of the 1st round.

KELEE RINGO (Georgia)

High School: Dual sport athlete – football and track & field – in HS in Arizona.

College: Was highly recruited by many colleges as one of the nation's top cornerbacks, finally opting to attend the University of Georgia. Sat out his freshman season (2020) due to injury. Earned a starting cornerback role in each of 2021 and 2022 – garnering some all-conference recognition. Declared for this draft while still having multiple years of college eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 3 years at Georgia, Ringo played in 30 games (27 starts), recording 4 interceptions (1 returned for a TD), 15 pass break-ups, 76 tackles (63 solo), 3 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 1 QB hurry and 1 forced fumble.

Ringo is another CB in this draft who has a really nice combination of athletic skills, size and length. In fact, if we are really honest, his physical traits are somewhat beyond the norm – exceptional may be the appropriate description. Those attributes allow him to track and stay with speedy receivers down the field and play with feistiness and physicality. Although he sometimes loses the football in the air – meaning that he can be beaten deep.

Ringo can also be inconsistent in coverage on short to intermediate routes where precise route runners can beat him. He doesn't yet do a great job diagnosing and anticipating throws – but this should come with time and development. Can make up for some of this already with his outstanding speed that allows him to close quickly.

Uses his physicality and athleticism to get up and get involved defending the running game. Not afraid to hit the ball carrier.

Has shown he can play well in the big games – made big plays in the 2021 National Championship game.

Labrum (shoulder) injury meant that he redshirted in 2020. Came back to play in 2021 with no apparent ongoing issues from the injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 2nd Team All-SEC. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** Freshman All-SEC Team. **2020** J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Ringo is entering this draft with two years of starting experience and yet is still one of the youngest players available (under 21). He is improving each year and is a player on the rise – he looks like he has a great upside. Given his incredible physical attributes, coupled with some of the areas where he may need development, it could be that Ringo may be better suited to playing safety long-term rather than Corner – whether NFL teams see him that way remains to be seen of course, and that may in turn impact where in the draft that he gets picked. Nonetheless, expect him to be drafted somewhere towards the bottom-end of the 1st round.

CB #6

Overall #33

Round 1-2

Class: RS-Sophomore

Age*: 20.83

Ht: 6-1 $\frac{3}{4}$

Wt: 207

40: 4.36

EMMANUEL FORBES (Mississippi State)

High School: Forbes played both sides of the football – wide receiver on offense, cornerback on defense – at high school in Mississippi, having a highly successful career.

College: Opted to stay in state and play his college ball at Mississippi State. Became a starter early in his true freshman season (2020), having a dynamic big play laden year. Followed that up with two further seasons which can only be described as more of the same. Earned some All-American and all-conference notice in 2022. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at Mississippi State (2020-22), Forbes played in 36 games (34 starts). He recorded 14 interceptions (6 returned for touchdowns), 20 pass break-ups, 142 tackles (89 solo), 6.5 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 1 quarterback hurry, 1 forced fumble and he blocked 1 field goal. His 6 interceptions returned for touchdowns is the FBS all-time career record.

Forbes has height and long arms but lacks bulk – he’s really light and appears thin. However he is a super athlete with speed, acceleration and agility.

Forbes diagnoses plays well and does a good job of covering receivers’ routes. He has excellent instincts – will diagnose and jump on short routes while on longer routes he will locate the football in the air and break up or pick off passes. Forbes is a big play corner (that’s an understatement), with really good hands, and really good instincts with the ball in his hands turning the interception into huge returns. Can be beaten due to his aggressiveness by smart, savvy receivers. Will also struggle with physical and strong receivers.

Forbes isn’t the greatest of tacklers and due to his lack of strength he can be shrugged off too often by the ball carrier.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. **2021** 2nd Team All-SEC. Bednarik Award semi-finalist. **2020** 247Sports Freshman All-American. Phil Steele 2nd Team All-SEC. AP All-Bowl Team.

CB #7

Overall #36

Round 1-2

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.28

Ht: 6-0 $\frac{3}{4}$

Wt: 181

40: 4.35

DRAFT OUTLOOK

The first thing you have to talk about when describing Forbes is his big play ability. 14 interceptions in 36 games at MSU, including 6 interceptions returned for touchdowns, speaks for itself. And just to punctuate the point, Forbes had 8 interceptions in his senior season in high school. Now whether he can repeat that performance at the pro level is the question that scouts will be asking themselves. The areas of concern will be his lack of bulk and over-aggressiveness. Perhaps is a boom or bust type prospect. Nonetheless, expect Forbes to be selected on day 2 (although he could sneak into the end of the 1st round).

CLARK PHILLIPS III (Utah)

High School: Phillips had an outstanding high school career in California, where he earned multiple honours thanks to his play at cornerback – making many big plays.

College: Highly recruited, Phillips opted to attend Utah, after originally committing to Ohio State. Phillips became an immediate starter at Utah and remained a starter throughout what was an excellent college career. Ended his time with the Utes earning unanimous All-American honours in 2022. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school, also chose to sit out the 2023 Rose Bowl in order to commence his draft preparation.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at Utah (2020-22), Phillips played in 31 games (31 starts) recording 9 interceptions (returning 4 for touchdowns), 21 pass break-ups, 112 tackles (84 solo), 5 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Phillips is an intelligent, versatile, experienced and athletic corner who can play on the outside and on the inside covering the slot receiver. However he lacks size and length which can lead to limitations.

Phillips has speed, acceleration and quick feet, fluid hips and a nice transition. His athletic ability and quick change of direction skills allow him to closely mirror and stay with receivers. Phillips is aggressive, feisty and competitive but can be physically beaten by bigger receivers especially when fighting for the contested pass.

Phillips produces really big plays (including 4 touchdown returns) demonstrating excellent, almost receiver level, hands and elusiveness running with the ball in his hands. Has nice recovery capability and a quick closure to the football in the air.

Not afraid to get involved and play the run and is a very willing tackler, although he can lose out to physical receivers and backs, being shrugged off in the tackle.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Unanimous All-American. 1st Team All-Pac 12. Pac 12 Defensive Player of the Year. Jim Thorpe Award finalist. Bednarik Award semi-finalist. **2021** 2nd Team All-Pac 12.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Phillips is a player on the rise, demonstrating year on year development and improvement. He played both as the outside and slot corner in college and because of his size it may be that nickel (slot corner) is the best position for him in the NFL. Scouts will love his skills and especially his hands and big play ability – turnovers are always in vogue. Expect Phillips to be amongst the top 10 cornerbacks selected in this draft and to be off the board around the middle of the 2nd round.

CB #8

Overall #51

Round 2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.35

Ht: 5-9

Wt: 184

40: 4.51

TYRIQUE STEVENSON (Miami, Fla)

High School: Had a fine high school career in Miami earning national notice.

College: Was highly recruited, eventually opted to attend the University of Georgia. In his true freshman season at Georgia (2019), Stevenson was used in a variety of defensive roles without starting. Was a part time starter in 2020, splitting time between nickel corner and the outside. Transferred from Georgia to Miami prior to the 2021 season. Won a starting outside corner role at Miami in 2021, having a good year and earning all-conference notice. Followed this with another all-conference type season in 2022.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at Georgia, Stevenson played in 24 games (4 starts), recording 10 pass break-ups, 47 tackles (31 solo), 2 tackles for a loss, 1 sack and 7 QB hurries. Also returned 2 punts at an 18.5 yard average.

In his 2 seasons (2021-22) at Miami, Stevenson played in 22 games (20 starts), recording 3 interceptions, 11 pass break-ups, 68 total tackles (47 solo), 4 tackles for a loss and 0.5 sacks.

Stevenson has a good combination of decent size and athletic ability. He has nice speed and the agility to change direction quickly. Stevenson has experience with versatility - having played as a nickel/slot corner, safety and lined up on the perimeter.

Stevenson is at his best in press man coverage and in short to intermediate areas. Is physical in press man with a good jam at the line of scrimmage. Has the agility to shadow receivers and the ability to recover if required. However, despite his good speed, Stevenson can be challenged by fast receivers running deep routes or on double moves. Doesn't have the smoothest of transitions.

Stevenson will read and attempt to jump routes – this enables him to make the big play but also give some up. Likes to be aggressive and physical but can be a bit grabby and times with the potential to give up penalties.

Has been used to blitz off the edge and is a good tackler.

Missed 1 game in 2022 due to a groin injury, however Stevenson has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 3rd Team All-ACC. **2021** Honorable Mention All-ACC. **2019** Georgia Team Co-Defensive Newcomer of the Year Award winner.

CB #9

Overall #68

Round 2-3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.99

Ht: 6-0

Wt: 198

40: 4.45

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Stevenson has all the physical attributes to play cornerback in the NFL. He also plays with feistiness and aggression. Stevenson is an enigmatic corner who makes big plays but will also give them up – at the next level he will need to work on this. Looks like a player who can improve and develop with NFL coaching. Should be off the board on day 2.

D.J. TURNER II (Michigan)

High School: Started his high school career in Georgia (earning multiple honours) playing corner and safety, before moving to Florida where he was a fine cover corner.

College: Had multiple offers, eventually opting to play his college ball at Michigan (over the likes of Alabama, Georgia and Notre Dame). At Michigan he appeared in just 4 games on special teams in 2019, redshirting the season. Again spent the majority of his time playing special teams in the pandemic shortened 2020 season. Became the starter at CB part way through 2021, earning some all-conference notice. Was even better in 2022.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Michigan, Turner played in 36 games (22 starts), recording 3 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown), 17 passes defensed, 69 total tackles (53 solo), 2 tackles for a loss, 1 quarterback hurry and 1 fumble recovery (returned for a touchdown). Also returned 2 punts at a 14.0 average.

The place to start with Turner has to be his outstanding, off the charts, speed and explosion. Turner is also an intelligent football player, who plays with confidence and attitude. Add to all of these traits his athleticism and agility and you have many of the attributes needed for a fine cover corner.

Plays well in man coverage – lining up on the outside and as a nickel corner in the slot. His agility enables Turner to stay with shifty route runners and his ability to stop and start quickly enables him to recover when needed.

The area for development in Turner's game mostly centre around his strength and physicality. And that starts with competing for the football. Receivers make more catches against him than they should, as he will get outmuscled for the ball and beaten by tall receivers for high passes. Also could get more physical re-routing receivers and in the tackle.

Has lots of special teams experience.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-Big 10. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. 2021 Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Michigan Team Co-Most Improved Player (defense). Michigan Team Co-Defensive Skill Player of the Year.

CB #10

Overall #74

Round 2-3

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.46

Ht: 5-11 ¼

Wt: 178

40: 4.26

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Turner is a player on the rise, with 2022 being his best season – this will have NFL scouts thinking that there is more improvement to come. Couple this with the way he blew everybody away with his athletic performance at the combine (4.26 in the 40) and Turner is certainly one to watch on draft day. Expect him to be moving up draft boards. Should be off the board on day 2.

JULIUS BRENTS (Kansas State)

High School: Brents was a successful dual-sport athlete in HS in Indiana competing in track and field as well as playing football, earning multiple all-conference and all-county honours for his exploits on the gridiron.

College: Chose to play his college ball at Iowa over the likes of his home state Indiana Hoosiers. Started 5 games, playing solidly, in his true freshman season (2018) at Iowa. Redshirted the 2019 season after playing just 1 game due to an injury. Came back in 2020 as a back-up and on special teams. Transferred to Kansas State prior to the 2021 season, playing well as the starting CB for the Jayhawks which he then followed with the best year of his college career in 2022 – receiving all-conference recognition.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons at Iowa (2018-20), Brents played in 19 games (5 starts), recording 1 interception, 4 pass break-ups and 17 tackles (9 solo).

In his 2 seasons at Kansas State, Brents played in 27 games (27 starts), recording 5 interceptions, 6 pass break-ups, 94 tackles (69 solo), 6.5 tackles for a loss and 1 forced fumble.

Brents is tall for a cornerback and has a long and lanky frame. Is a nice athlete without having that single one outstanding athletic attribute that often defines a player. His lack of outstanding speed and acceleration means that Brents can be exposed when required to cover speedy receivers deep.

Brents has physicality which enables him to successfully play press man coverage in the short and intermediate areas. He also can re-route receivers through a jam at the line of scrimmage. Brents size and length enables him to fight for the football in the air and win or at least not lose the battle for the contested pass.

Brents will fight through blockers to get up and play the run – not afraid tackle the ballcarrier.

Missed the first 4 games of the 2019 season and despite coming back for 1 game he opted to redshirt the year to allow the injury to fully recover. Has had no further reported major injury issues.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-Big 12. 2nd Team Academic All-Big 12. 2021 Honorable Mention All-Big 12.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Brents is a good football player whose play on the field have improved tremendously in the last couple of years – perhaps living up to the potential he had when he first arrived in college. Brents will be most effective in a system which suits his skillset, one that generally doesn't put him in man coverage deep (because he doesn't required level of speed and acceleration). Could also get a try-out at safety. Teams will have options with him, so expect Brents to be selected on day 2.

CB #11

Overall #75

Round 2-3

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.27

Ht: 6-2 $\frac{3}{4}$

Wt: 198

40: 4.53

ELI RICKS (Alabama)

High School: Ricks finished a fine high school career, at CB, in Florida, having previously attended high school in California.

College: Highly recruited by Power 5 schools before choosing to attend LSU. Earned a starting CB role in his true freshman season (2020) at LSU, putting in a excellent performance and getting some All-American notice. Unfortunately, his 2021 was somewhat impacted by injury. Transferred to Alabama prior to the 2022 season. Disappointingly, injuries again slowed him for part of 2022. Junior who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons at LSU, Ricks played in 16 games (13 starts), recording 5 interceptions (3 returned for touchdowns), 6 pass break-ups, 31 total tackles (20 solo) and 0.5 tackle for a loss.

In his one season at Alabama, Ricks played in 10 games (5 starts), recording 4 pass break-ups, 13 tackles (8 solo) and 1 tackle for a loss.

Ricks has good size and length to play cornerback in the NFL. He is a nice athlete with some initial quickness and agility, although he lacks out and out speed. He is super confident and is known for making the big play – in high school he once returned 3 interceptions for scores in a single half of football.

Ricks is suited to playing man coverage underneath. He is physical at the line of scrimmage and will outmuscle even the biggest of receivers to play the football and win on the contested pass. Agility allows him to cover receivers on short routes. Can struggle if required to repeatedly cover speedy wideouts down the field if he doesn't get them jammed early.

Isn't, as yet, as active as you'd like in the run game.

2022 Had a back injury just prior to the 2022 season. **2021** Missed the final 7 games of the season due to a shoulder injury (he played in just 6 games), which required surgery. **2019** Played through a shoulder injury (torn labrum in his left shoulder) during his last year in high school which required off-season surgery.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Alabama Team Unsung Hero Award co-winner. **2020** AP 3rd Team All-American. FWAA Freshman All-American. 2nd Team All-SEC. All-SEC Freshman Team.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Eli Ricks is a little bit of an enigma. He has a number of excellent attributes and was outstanding in 2020, but seemingly has never reached that level since - although the unfortunate injury history probably had some impact on that. That injury history will be of concern to NFL scouts, particularly his past shoulder problems – the outcome of medical reports will surely be a big factor in where he is selected. Ricks' big play potential will always be in fashion, so (injuries permitting) he is likely to be a contributor quickly in NFL as eventually could become a starter. Expect him to be selected around round 3.



CB #12

Overall #85

Round 3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.58

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 188

40: n/a

JAYLON JONES (Texas A&M)

High School: Jones had a highly successful high school career in Cibolo, Texas (starting at wide receiver before switching positions to cornerback).

College: Opted to play his college ball (just down the road from his high school) at College Station for Texas A&M – over offers from the likes of Texas, Georgia and Alabama. Won a starting cornerback role in his true freshman (2020) season at the Aggies. Maintained that starting role throughout his college career. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Texas A&M, Jones played in 32 games (32 starts), recording 3 interceptions, 14 pass break-ups, 98 total tackles (72 solo), 2 tackles for a loss and 1 fumble recovery.

Jones is a big corner with good length. He is a feisty and hard-nosed football player. Has a great attitude, plays with lots of confidence. Is a nice athlete but lacks out and out speed.

In coverage, Jones can sometimes be a bit of a mixed bag, which means trying to assess exactly what his best role is can be difficult. He plays with physicality, has a strong jam at the line and can re-route receivers. However once into their routes, agile receivers will give him some trouble, as will real speed burners. So despite that physicality, Jones can look less vulnerable in off man or zone coverage schemes.

Has good anticipation and short area acceleration which enable him to close quickly and is able to knock passes down thanks to his long arms – will win on a lot of contested passes. However, for somebody who gets his hands on the football so much Jones doesn't get enough interceptions – there is some work to be done here, especially on his hands.

Jones diagnoses well in the running game – and he will fight off blocks and get up to make the tackle. He can be a hard-hitting defensive back.

Should be able to contribute on special teams coverage units.

2022 Missed 2 games due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2021** Team Defensive Attitude Award winner. **2022** Team Defensive Attitude Award winner.

CB #13

Overall #86

Round 3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.07

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 200

40: 4.57

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Jones brings the size that NFL scouts love in a corner. However, he doesn't have the A1 speed to go along with it which may concern some and will perhaps limit him to certain systems and types of defenses. Also nagging injuries may have slowed his development. Nonetheless, Jones is a nice athlete and it's not beyond the realms of possibility that he could be seen by some teams as a safety at the next level. Expect Jones to be off the board in round 3.

KYU BLU KELLY (Stanford)

Misc: Is the son of former 11-year NFL CB Brian Kelly (who was a Super Bowl winner with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers).

High School: Kyu Blu had a nice high school career in Nevada taking part in track and field (sprints, long jump) and football – winning all-state honours in both. Played both cornerback and receiver in high school.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Stanford. Kelly became the starter at Corner for the Cardinal early in his true freshman season (2019) and never looked back. Continued as the starter in each of the next two seasons – earning all-conference notice – before finishing his Stanford career in 2022 with his best year (again all-conference honours came his way).

College Stats: In his 4 years (2019-22) at Stanford, Kelly played in 38 games (35 starts), recording 3 interceptions, 23 pass break-ups, 148 total tackles (112 solo), 1.5 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 2 quarterback hurries, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Kelly is a tall cornerback, with good arm length. He has athleticism, agility and quickness. Kelly has lots of high level playing experience and positional versatility having lined up both on the perimeter and over the slot receiver.

Kelly plays well in press man coverage where he can jam the receiver at the line of scrimmage and physically re-route him. Is a fluid mover, but his transition can be inconsistent, and he sometimes loses sight of the football in the air. However, he still gets his hands on the ball a lot, including fighting for it on contested passes – knocking a lot of passes down - but probably should have more interceptions than he does. Needs to work on his hands.

Needs to work on getting through traffic to support against the run and perhaps isn't at this stage the most consistent or tacklers.

Special teams contributor who has a knack, from his high school days, of blocking field goals.

Missed 1 game in 2022 due to an undisclosed injury. Missed 1 game in 2020 due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-Pac 12. 2021 2nd Team All-Pac 12. Stanford's Gundelach Award winner. 2020 Honorable Mention All-Pac 12.

CB #14

Overall #89

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 21.93

Ht: 6-0

Wt: 191

40: 4.52

DRAFT OUTLOOK

While there are some areas that require development and improvement, Kelly has a nice set of skills to immediately contribute in the NFL in the right system. He is at his most effective in press man coverage and covering in the short and underneath areas and where he can get over the top help. Kelly's ability to cover the slot receiver as well as outside will help how teams perceive his value. Should be selected in round 3.

GARRETT WILLIAMS (Syracuse)

High School: Played 2 seasons at quarterback and 2 seasons at cornerback in high school in North Carolina, before being highly recruited as a cornerback.

College: Opted to attend Syracuse to play college ball, over a number of other FBS schools. Played in 4 games on special teams before redshirting his freshman year (2019) with the Orange. Earned a starting cornerback job in 2020, garnering some all-conference honours. Was the fulltime starter in 2021 and 2022 (although his 2022 was cut short due to injury), again earning all-conference notice each year. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Syracuse, Williams played in 32 games, recording 4 interceptions (1 returned for a touchdown), 23 pass break-ups, 152 total tackles (115 solo), 9.5 tackles for a loss, 2 sacks, 1 quarterback hurry, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Williams doesn't have great size but is a nice athlete with super agility – has quickness and the ability to cut and change direction on the move. Doesn't have out and out blazing speed, however. Plays with attitude and confidence. Team leader type.

Williams is a good cover corner, particularly in man on short and intermediate routes. His agility allows him to keep close with even the best of route runners. He is smart and isn't easily pulled out of position. Can struggle with the fastest of receivers and with those that are very physical. Tracks the football well and gets his hands on it a lot – needs to convert more of those into interceptions.

Diagnoses and reacts to running plays well – not afraid to get up, work his way through traffic and make the hit. Is a very sound tackler.

2022 Suffered a season ending injury – a torn ACL - in the 7th game of the season – missed the last 5 games and was unable to take part in the drills at the combine.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-ACC. **2021** Honorable Mention All-ACC. **2020** Honorable Mention All-ACC. The Athletic Freshman All-American.



CB #15

Overall #92

Round 3

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.90

Ht: 5-10

Wt: 192

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Prior to the torn ACL he suffered in October, Williams looked like a player who would come in and contribute in the NFL immediately – probably as a nickel or dime back, and on special teams, while he learned the pro game (eventually developing into a starter). But the injury will likely change the timescale on that and may see him slip a little further down the draft than would otherwise have been the case. His final draft position will depend upon the medical reports that teams get, but it would not be surprising to see Williams off the board around round 3.

DARIUS RUSH (South Carolina)

High School: Played running back, wide receiver and cornerback as well as returning kicks in high school in South Carolina.

College: Opted to stay in his home state and attend the University of South Carolina, initially as to play as a wide receiver. Redshirted his freshman year (2018) before switching to cornerback for 2019, playing mainly on special teams and a little bit as a reserve on defense. Rush saw more action in 2020, but again played as a back-up and on special teams. Became a starter at cornerback in 2021, having a sound season. Started again in 2022, playing well through injury.

College Stats: In his 5 years at South Carolina, Rush played in 43 games (21 starts), recording 3 interceptions, 15 pass break-ups, 74 tackles (60 solo), 4 tackles for a loss, 1 sack and 1 forced fumble.

Rush is a nice sized corner with good height and length and outstanding speed and decent athletic ability. Throw in some physicality and growing experience and you have the foundation for a fine corner.

Rush has great speed which enables him to cover receivers all over the field, but especially deep. A receiver's velocity is not likely to beat Rush over the top. He also has great length which enables him to get his hands on receivers and on the football.

He can struggle short and underneath with receivers who run good routes and break sharply. Rush is not a quick cutting guy, but what he does have is an outstanding closing burst on the football and those long arms again help him knock down balls when it looks like he may be beaten.

Has great experience on special teams, playing really well on multiple coverage units.

2022 Played much of the season with a hamstring injury which forced him to miss a couple of games. **2021** Underwent shoulder surgery in the Spring. **2020** Missed two games late in the season due to an undisclosed injury. **2018** Was injured (undisclosed) in the fall leading up to the 2018 season.

Honours & Awards: **2021** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2019** SEC Academic Honor Roll. **2018** SEC First Year Academic Honor Roll.

CB #16

Overall #95

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 23.18

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 198

40: 4.36

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Rush had multiple injuries during his college career which undoubtedly will be of concern to NFL scouts. But on the plus side, Rush is a corner with really nice athletic skills and looks like he may have lots of developmental potential (upside). Really helped his draft cause with an excellent Senior Bowl week and followed that up by testing well at the combine. Rush is a player on the rise, and assuming that he checks out medically, he should be selected on the second day of the draft.

JARTAVIUS MARTIN (Illinois)

Misc: Nicknamed "Quan".

High School: Played wide receiver and safety during his high school football career in Florida. Was also a good basketball player.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Illinois. Became the starter at cornerback in his true freshman season with the Fighting Illini. Was a part-time starter in 2019, playing some at corner at some at safety. Played mainly as a back-up in 2020. Earned a starting role again in 2021 and then had the best season of his career in 2022 – garnering some all-conference recognition.

College Stats: In 5 seasons at Illinois, Martin played in 55 games (33 starts), recording 7 interceptions, 23 pass break-ups, 222 tackles (148 solo), 10 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 4 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries.

Martin has really nice speed, athletic ability and decent size to play defensive back. Has experience and great versatility having lined up at outside corner, slot corner and safety.

Martin has a smooth transition which helps his case for playing corner. As does his speed – he can cover receivers down the field. Has a good first step and quick feet, plus physicality which enable him to cover the slot receiver early, but he can struggle at times with extended underneath routes where the really sharp route runners can get separation. Has the acceleration to recover and close on the football in the air.

Gets his hands on the football a lot. Could do with turning some of those plays into interceptions.

Quickly diagnoses running plays and gets up to make the hit. Is a very sound and physical tackler. This ability playing the run indicates that he may have some of the skills to play safety at the next level.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 2nd Team All-Big 10.

CB #17

Overall #102

Round 3-4

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.01

Ht: 5-11

Wt: 194

40: 4.46

DRAFT OUTLOOK

One of the biggest questions surrounding Martin is going to be what position NFL teams see as his best position at the next level. And there may be differing views amongst those teams - some will see him as an outside corner, some as more of a nickel (slot) corner, some as a safety and perhaps some even as a hybrid safety-linebacker type (especially on passing downs). Wherever he plays, Martin has really good speed and athletic ability to bring to the position. There are some areas where development is required but he should get the opportunity to learn in the pros while he backs up multiple positions and plays special teams. Should be selected early on day 3, although he could sneak into the end of day 2.

TRE'VIUS HODGES-TOMLINSON (TCU)

Misc: Is the nephew of Pro Football Hall of Famer running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

High School: Had a good HS career playing the safety spot in Waco, Texas.

College: Turned down an offer from his hometown Baylor and opted to play his college ball at his uncle's alma mater, TCU. Played mainly as a back-up (1 start) in his true freshman season before winning a starter cornerback role in 2020 and delivering an excellent year – earning All-American honours. Followed that with another all-conference year in 2021. Really good season in 2022, earning All-American Honours and winning the Thorpe Award.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at TCU, Hodges-Tomlinson played in 49 games, recording 5 interceptions, 36 pass break-ups, 125 total tackles (93 solo), 4 tackles for a loss, 1 quarterback hurry and 3 forced fumbles.

Hodges-Tomlinson had an outstanding college career, being super productive and playing extremely well in the big games. Played pretty much exclusively as an outside corner at TCU, although he has a little positional versatility having played safety in high school.

Is very small for a corner, although he is tough and physical. That lack of size can (and will) cause him problems matching with big receivers. Hodges-Tomlinson does have really good speed, acceleration and agility however, and these have enabled him to play to the level that he has. Despite his size, Hodges-Tomlinson plays man coverage with physicality. He uses his athletic skills to stay with receivers and his agility to recover when needed. Does a good job of tracking the football in the air and being able to knock it away.

Due to his lack of size and strength, he can struggle to fight off blocks to get up and play the run.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** AP 1st Team All-American. Jim Thorpe Award winner. Honorable Mention Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2022, 2021 & 2020** 1st Team All-Big 12. **2020** AP 2nd Team All-American.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hodges-Tomlinson is a highly regarded CB after a highly productive college career, but his lack of size is unfortunately going to be a real concern to NFL teams. This problem is accentuated due to his propensity to play with physicality – which is an issue when there are consistently more big-bodied receivers in the NFL than he saw in college. Nonetheless, Hodges-Tomlinson has a lot of talent and athleticism and likely will find a role in the NFL, perhaps as a slot corner – although he has no experience as yet in this role, so there would be a development period. Expect him to be selected either late on day 2 or early on day 3.

CB #18

Overall #114

Round 3-4

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.29

Ht: 5-8

Wt: 178

40: 4.41

RILEY MOSS (Iowa)

High School: Dual-sport athlete in high school in Iowa, taking part in track and field (hurdles) as well as playing WR, CB and KR on the football field.

College: Opted to stay in his home state and play his college ball at Iowa. Played immediately as a freshman in 2018, becoming a part-time starter at CB and contributing on special teams. In 2019, Moss missed time early due to injury and although he came back, he only started a single game (9 games played). Started every game at CB in 2020 and earning some all-conference notice. Continued as the starter in 2021, and had an outstanding year, despite missing some time through injury. Earned multiple honours including All-American recognition. As the starter again in his Super Senior season (2022), Moss had a nice year earning all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Iowa, Moss played in 54 games (40 starts), recording 11 interceptions (including 3 returned for TDs), 26 pass break-ups, 158 tackles (123 solo), 5.5 tackles for a loss, 1 fumble recovery and 2 forced fumbles. Also returned 4 kick-offs at a 23.3 yard average.

Moss has a nice combination of size and speed. He is a big play corner who plays with great anticipation, finds the football in the air and gets his hands on it a lot, making interceptions. Can be caught out in man coverage, where he doesn't consistently stick close enough to the receiver and wideouts who run good routes will give him problems. Looks much better in zone where he can keep the play in front of him.

Moss is a fine special teams player with good experience on coverage units. Also has excellent experience as a kick-off and punt return specialist from his high school days.

2021 Suffered a torn PCL, missing 3 games. The injury didn't require surgery. **2019** Missed 4 games due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Big 10. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. Team Hustle Award, Special Teams. **2022 & 2021** Team Hustle Award, Defense. **2021** AP 3rd Team All-American. Tatum-Woodson Big 10 Defensive Back of the Year. 1st Team All-Big 10. Thorpe Award semi-finalist. **2020** Honorable Mention All-Big 10.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Opted to return to Iowa for the 2022 season, rather than head for the NFL. The PCL injury that he suffered during 2021 may have been the reason for his return. Nonetheless, it doesn't appear that his extra year in college has affected his NFL stock too much, one way or the other. At the NFL level, Moss has the chance to be a solid player in the right system, especially if he can continue his big play ways. Will also be a contributor on special teams and as a return man. Teams will, of course, need to be satisfied that there are no long term issues from his 2021 knee injury. Likely to be selected early on day 3.

CB #19

Overall #116

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.15

Ht: 6-0 5/8

Wt: 193

40: 4.45

JAKORIAN BENNETT (Maryland)

High School: Dual-sport athlete in high school in Alabama, taking part in track and field as well as playing CB on the football field.

College: Played two seasons (2018-19) at the junior college level, at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas – earning all-conference honours in 2019. Transferred to Maryland where he played 5 games (2 starts) in his first year, 2020. Became the full-time starter in 2021, having a fine season and earning some all-conference notice. Followed that with another good season as the starter in 2022 – again earning some all-conference notice.

College Stats: In his 2 years at Hutchinson Community College, Bennett played in 15 games, recording 3 interceptions, 18 tackles for a loss and 2 forced fumbles.

In his 3 years at Maryland, Bennett played in 27 games, recording 4 interceptions, 25 pass break-ups, 69 tackles (55 solo), 4.5 tackles for a loss and blocked 1 field goal.

Bennett is a slightly undersized corner who has incredible straight line speed – he's one of the fastest players overall in this draft. For his size, he plays with a large amount of physicality, challenging receivers both in their routes and for the football. However, he can get a bit grabby with those wideouts and give up too many penalties.

When within range, Bennett will find the football in the air, knocking it down or making the pick – however, for the amount of times he gets his hands on the ball he should probably have more interceptions. Bennett can be beaten quickly by receivers who beat his jam at the line and good route runners can give him difficulties underneath.

Will get up and make the tackle in the running game, using his physicality to wrap up the ballcarrier.

Missed some playing time in 2018 due to an ankle injury but has no further reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. Duke's Mayo Bowl MVP. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. **2019** 1st Team All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference

CB #20

Overall #137

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.67

Ht: 5-10 5/8

Wt: 188

40: 4.30

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Opted to return to Iowa for the 2022 season, rather than head for the NFL. The PCL injury that he suffered during 2021 may have been the reason for his return. Nonetheless, it doesn't appear that his extra year in college has affected his NFL stock too much, one way or the other. At the NFL level, Moss has the chance to be a solid player in the right system, especially if he can continue his big play ways. Will also be a contributor on special teams and as a return man. Teams will, of course, need to be satisfied that there are no long term issues from his 2021 knee injury. Likely to be selected early on day 3.

CARRINGTON VALENTINE (Kentucky)

Misc: Nicknamed "Carri".

High School: Dual-sport athlete in high school in Ohio, playing basketball as well as football. On the football field, Valentine played both wide receiver and cornerback as well as returning kick-offs.

College: Was recruited to play cornerback at Kentucky. Played the majority of his true freshman season (2020) for the Wildcats as a back-up corner and on special teams. Became the full-time starting corner in 2021, having a solid season. Followed that up with a similar year in 2022. Underclassman who opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: In his 3 years at Kentucky, Valentine played in 35 games (25 starts), recording 1 interception, 16 pass break-ups, 119 tackles, 3 tackles for a loss, 2 sacks, 2 quarterback hurries, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Valentine has nice size and length for a corner and brings some solid athleticism to the position. He is a feisty and physical player who plays with plenty of confidence.

Likes to be aggressive in coverage, getting his hands on receivers. However, that aggression will work against him when he's up against shifty receivers or wideouts who make sharp breaks when running routes. However, when the play is in front of him, Valentine will burst to the football to make the play and his length helps in getting his hands on the ball. Probably should have more interceptions than he does.

On deep balls, Valentine can occasionally be beaten, sometimes because of his over aggression (double moves may get him in trouble) but he does very nice recovery ability and speed.

Will get up and play the run, although is an inconstant tackler.

Has really good special teams skills and lots of experience playing on multiple special teams units.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2021** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Dean's List Member. **2020** Dean's List member.

CB #21

Overall #146

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: Unknown

Ht: 6-0

Wt: 193

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Valentine opted to declare for the draft with college eligibility remaining. This was slightly surprising, as at this point he has proved to be a generally reliable cornerback but hasn't been outstanding and made a mark that would have moved him into the upper echelons of corners available in this draft. Valentine has some upside but may take a little while to develop. He should earn a role as a back-up and perhaps as a dime back early in the NFL, while also contributing on special teams. Should be selected on day 3.

The Next Best Cornerbacks...

22. Cory Trice (Purdue)

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Originally played safety before switching to cornerback. Trice is very tall for a corner with great length. Suffered a torn ACL in 2021, which more than likely made his mind up to return to school for the 2022 season rather than enter last year's draft. Across his college career Trice played in 30 games, recording 5 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown), 10 pass break-ups and 106 tackles.

Age: 22.91. Ht: 6-3 $\frac{3}{4}$. Wt: 206. 40: 4.47. Is #151 overall on our board.

23. Kei'Trel Clark (Louisville)

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Transferred to Louisville after a single season at Liberty. Suffered a torn ACL during the 2021 season but came back seemingly fully recovered in 2022. Helped his draft chances with a nice performance at the East-West Shrine Game. Across his college career Clark played in 43 games, with 35 starts, recording 5 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown), 29 pass break-ups, 165 tackles, 12.5 tackles for a loss and 2 sacks.

Age: 22.11. Ht: 5-10 $\frac{1}{4}$. Wt: 181. 40: 4.42. Is #165 overall on our board.

24. Cameron Mitchell (Northwestern)

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Still under 22 years of age. Has solid speed and athleticism. Is a physical corner who lets to hit and will get up and play the run. Underclassman who perhaps surprisingly opted to enter the 2023 draft with eligibility remaining. Across his college career Mitchell played in 29 games, recording 2 interceptions, 16 pass break-ups, 114 tackles (85 solo), 3 tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks, 1 forced fumble and 2 fumble recoveries.

Age: 21.63. Ht: 5-10 $\frac{3}{4}$. Wt: 198. 40: 4.47. Is #167 overall on our board.

25. Mekhi Garner (LSU)

Likely 4th or 5th round draft choice. Transferred from Louisiana to LSU. Tall, big-sized corner. Lacks ideal speed. Tracks the football well, knowing how to find it in the air, although he probably doesn't make as many interceptions as he should. Across his college career, Garner played in 38 games, recording 3 interceptions, 20 pass break-ups, 106 tackles (72 solo), 5 tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks and 3 forced fumbles.

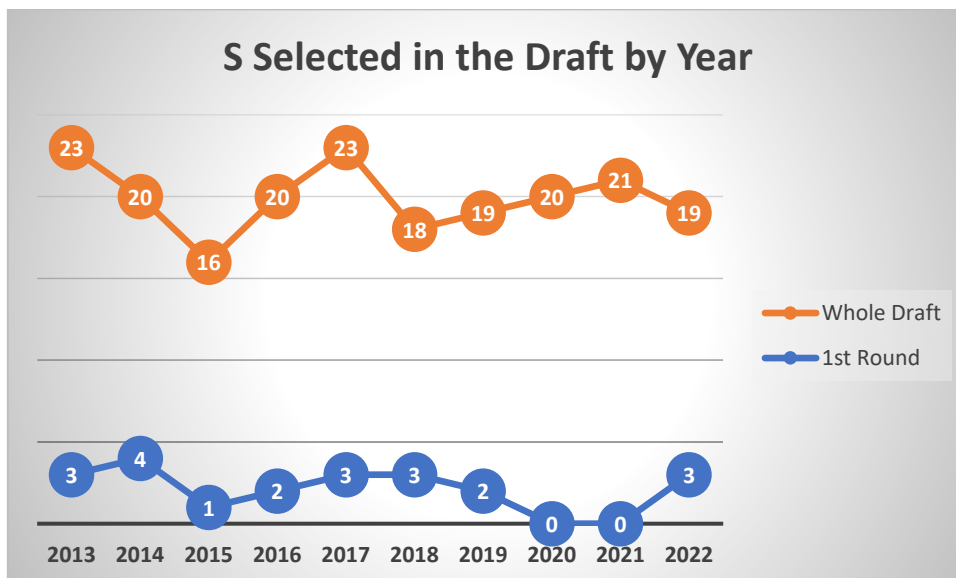
Age: 23.29. Ht: 6-2. Wt: 212. 40: 4.55. Is #176 overall on our board.

SAFETIES

2023 General Draft Outlook: The 2023 group of safeties is not the strongest or deepest group that we have seen. It includes a number of players whose forte has been as a nickel (slot) corner as much as it is playing the pure safety position. Top of this list is Alabama's Brian Branch. Branch is likely to be selected in the 1st round by a team that is looking for his specific set of skills – he may well be the only safety that comes off the board on day 1.

The second safety likely to be selected is Antonio Johnson, who is of a similar ilk to Branch. Johnson should be chosen in round 2. He will be followed by a number of players in the 2nd and 3rd rounds – these are likely to include Christopher Smith II, Jordan Battle, Jammie Robinson and JL Skinner (Skinner is currently injured which may impact his draft position).

As the draft goes on, we can expect about 20 safeties will be selected in total – this is about the average for recent years. The later safeties to be picked will include the third safety from Alabama, DeMarcco Hellams, and Brandon Joseph of Notre Dame.



Packers Outlook: This is a huge area of need for the Packers, having seemingly lost their best player at the position Adrian Amos (unrestricted free agent) from a group that wasn't deep to begin with. Barring further additions, Darnell Savage and Rudy Ford look like the starters going into 2023, being backed up the likes of Dallin Leavitt, Innes Gaines and Tariq Carpenter. The Packers have also signed Tarvarius Moore in free agency, although he's more of a special teams guy.

Expect the Packers to draft at least one safety this time around. If it's in round 1, then it will surely be Brian Branch, even though his skills don't fit the need of a deep safety. If it's round 2 or 3, then Antonio Johnson and Jordan Battle probably come closest to the athletic and physical fit for Green Bay. If they wait until later in the draft then any number of players could be a possibility on day 3.

TOP SAFETIES

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Brian Branch	S	Alabama	1
2.	Antonio Johnson	S	Texas A&M	2
3.	Sydney Brown	S	Illinois	3
4.	Jordan Battle	S	Alabama	3
5.	JL Skinner	S	Boise State	3
6.	Christopher Smith II	S	Georgia	3
7.	Jammie Robinson	S	FSU	3
8.	Ji'Ayir Brown	S	Penn State	3
9.	Brandon Joseph	S	Notre Dame	4-5
10.	Daniel Scott	S	California	4-5
11.	Jay Ward	S	LSU	4-5
12.	Ronnie Hickman	S	Ohio State	4-5
13.	Trey Dean III	S	Florida	6-7
14.	DeMarcco Hellams	S	Alabama	6-7
15.	Kaevon Merriweather	S	Iowa	6-7
16.	Gervarius Owens	S	Houston	6-7
17.	Jason Taylor II	S	Oklahoma State	6-7
18.	Marte Mapu	S	Sacramento State	6-7
19.	Rashad Torrence II	S	Florida	6-7
20.	Quindell Johnson	S	Memphis	6-7
21.	Jordan Howden	S	Minnesota	7-UDFA
22.	Christian Izien	S	Rutgers	7-UDFA
23.	Anthony Johnson Jr.	S	Iowa State	7-UDFA
24.	Tyreque Jones	S	Boise State	7-UDFA
25.	Brandon Hill	S	Pittsburgh	7-UDFA
26.	Khoury Bethley	S	Arizona State	UDFA
27.	Kenderick Duncan Jr.	S	Louisville	UDFA
28.	A.J. Finley	S	Mississippi	UDFA
29.	John Torchio	S	Wisconsin	UDFA
30.	Bennett Williams	S	Oregon	UDFA
31.	Trevon Flowers	S	Tennessee	UDFA
32.	Martez Manuel	S	Missouri	UDFA
33.	Christian Young	S	Arizona	UDFA
34.	Kendall Smith Jr.	S	Illinois	UDFA
35.	Benny Sapp III	S	Northern Iowa	UDFA
36.	Tanner McCallister	S	Ohio State	UDFA
37.	Hunter Reynolds	S	Utah State	UDFA
38.	Jaiden Woodbey	S	Boston College	UDFA
39.	Ja'von Hicks	S	Cincinnati	UDFA
40.	Darius Joiner	S	Duke	UDFA

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Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
41.	Kendell Brooks	S	Michigan State	UDFA
42.	Latavious Brini	S	Arkansas	UDFA
43.	Stephan Blaylock	S	UCLA	UDFA
44.	Otis Reese	S	Mississippi	UDFA
45.	Tre Hawkins III	S	Old Dominion	UDFA
46.	B.J. Foster	S	Sam Houston State	UDFA
47.	Justin Broiles	S	Oklahoma	UDFA
48.	Art Green	S	Houston	UDFA
49.	BeeJay Williamson	S	Louisiana Tech	UDFA
50.	Alex Cook	S	Washington	UDFA
51.	Bralen Trahan	S	Louisiana-Lafayette	UDFA
52.	Clifford Chattman	S	UTSA	UDFA
53.	Collin Duncan	S	Mississippi State	UDFA
54.	Demetrius Mann	S	Virginia Union	UDFA
55.	Derrick Tucker	S	Texas Southern	UDFA
56.	Devonni Reed	S	South Carolina	UDFA
57.	Grayson Cash	S	UAB	UDFA
58.	Isaiah Lewis	S	Colorado	UDFA
59.	Jaleel Scroggins	S	Shaw University	UDFA
60.	Kai Gray	S	Lincoln University	UDFA
61.	Kendall Williamson	S	Stanford	UDFA
62.	Keyron Kinsler Jr.	S	Alcorn State	UDFA
63.	Macon Clark	S	Tulane	UDFA
64.	Nico Bolden	S	Kent State	UDFA
65.	Olajuwone Smith	S	Benedict College	UDFA
66.	Raymond Boone	S	Bowie State University	UDFA
67.	Tyler Moore	S	Fort Valley State	UDFA
68.	Will Boler	S	UAB	UDFA
69.	William Poole III	S	Georgia	UDFA

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BRIAN BRANCH (Alabama)

High School: Had an excellent high school career in Georgia.

College: Highly recruited, Branch opted for Alabama over the likes of Ohio State and Tennessee. For Alabama he was a back-up (and occasional starter) in 2020 before increasing his number of starts in 2021 (splitting time with fellow safety and likely 2024 draftee Malachi Moore) and finishing as a full-time starter in 2022 – earning All-American honours. Opted to declare for the 2023 draft, rather than return to Alabama.

College Stats: Played in 40 games at Alabama, notching up 4 interceptions, 23 pass break-ups, 172 tackles (111 solos), 19.5 Tackles for a Loss, 4 sacks, 4 QB hurries, and 1 fumble recovery. Also returned 2 punts which included a 68-yard return for a TD. His defensive numbers included an outstanding 4 Tackles for a Loss (and 12 total tackles) against Kansas State in the 2022 Sugar Bowl.

Branch predominantly played the STAR position at Alabama – a position that requires the skills of a strongside linebacker, safety, and a little nickel (slot) corner. In this role, Branch demonstrated great physical strength and excellent ability against the run – he is a fine tackler, with the willingness to mix it up with bigger players. He is also accomplished in underneath short zone coverage and some man coverage short, with help behind.

Branch's play against the run showed up in the big plays he made behind the line of scrimmage, and he coupled this with excellent timing when used to blitz the passer off the edge.

The "downside" to Branch is that he wasn't used that much as a deep safety in deep zone coverage (cover 1 or cover 2) and so perhaps lacks some experience in that area.

Missed part of a single game in 2022 with an undisclosed minor injury but other than that, Branch has no reported injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 AP 2nd Team All-American. AP 2nd Team All-SEC. Alabama Team Outstanding Defensive Performer Award co-winner. Alabama Team Defensive Player of the Year Award co-winner.

S/Slot CB

S #1

Overall #22

Round 1

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.51

Ht: 5-11 $\frac{5}{8}$

Wt: 190

40: 4.58

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Branch opted to declare for this draft rather than return to the Crimson Tide for the 2023 season and this appears to be a wise decision. He played at an increasingly high level, improving year on year, at a programme that played in lots of high-profile games. At this stage in his career, Branch is much better playing close to the line of scrimmage rather than deep in coverage and would suit a team looking for a box safety type or nickel (slot) corner. Branch didn't exactly light things up at the combine, but nonetheless, Branch is still likely to be the first safety off the board in this draft – probably in the top 15 or so picks.

ANTONIO JOHNSON (Texas A&M)

High School: Johnson had a fine high school career in Illinois, playing both defensive back and wide receiver.

College: He eventually opted to play his college ball at College Station (having previously committed to Tennessee). Played predominantly as a back-up for A&M in 2020 as a freshman, before winning a starting spot in 2021. Johnson played exceptionally well as the starter again in 2022 earning all-conference honours - prompting him to declare for this draft as an underclassman rather than return to school for another year.

College Stats: Johnson played in 28 games for Texas A&M, notching up 1 interception, 6 pass break-ups, 4 forced fumbles and 164 tackles (96 solos), with 14 tackles for a loss. Had as many as 13 tackles in multiple career games.

Johnson is a nice athlete who played as a combo safety/nickel (slot) corner for much of his time at Texas A&M. He has good height and the frame to add just a little more weight. He has long legs which enable him to use decent range to get to ball carriers and receivers in the short to intermediate areas.

When playing close to the line of scrimmage, Johnson will provide teams with excellent versatility – covering well (slot receivers, tight ends and backs coming out of the backfield) and stepping up to play the run. He is a physical and feisty player who likes to put the big hit on ball carriers, and he makes a lot of tackles - although he needs to become a little bit more consistent wrapping up.

Perhaps lacks the out and out long speed to cover receivers long or play as a permanent deep safety (e.g. free safety in cover 1).

Could do with making more splash (turnover worthy) plays.

Missed 3 games in 2022 due to an undisclosed injury, however, has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 1st Team All-SEC. 2021 PFF 1st Team All-American. 2nd Team All-SEC. Texas A&M Defensive Playmaker of the Year and Defensive Mr. Dependable Skill Awards winner.

S/Slot CB

S #2

Overall #48

Round 2

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.49

Ht: 6-2

Wt: 198

40: 4.52

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Johnson is likely to be the second safety off the board. Like Brian Branch, Johnson is much more comfortable playing closer to the line of scrimmage and perhaps as the nickel/slot corner and therefore should also be selected by a team looking for that type of safety – if used correctly he's a guy who could play as a safety or slot corner on early downs and as the hybrid single linebacker on 3rd down. His versatility will surely appeal to NFL teams. Expect Johnson to be playing in the NFL a decade from now. Should be off the board in round 2.

SYDNEY BROWN (Illinois)

Misc: Born in London, Ontario, Canada. Twin brother of fellow potential 2023 draftee Chase Brown.

High School: Sydney was a fine dual sport athlete in high school in Florida, taking part in track and field (100m, 400m) as well as football.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Illinois, where he became an immediate starter – a role he maintained and flourished in throughout his 5-year college career. Improved each year before having his best season in 2022 – earning all-star recognition.

College Stats: In his 5 seasons at Illinois, Young played in 51 games (50 starts), recording 10 interceptions, 16 pass break-ups, 319 tackles (186 solo), 10 tackles for a loss, 2 sacks, 2 QB hurries, 4 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Brown is a decent athlete who lacks the prototypical size for a pro safety. However, despite this lack of size, Brown is a physical and tough player who hits hard. Plays all-out on every down.

Brown quickly diagnoses running plays and will play downhill to make the tackle, sometimes shooting the gap to make that tackle behind the line of scrimmage. However, can sometimes allow the ball carrier to slip away – so needs to sure up that part of his game.

Brown has improved in coverage. He can cover backs coming out of the backfield and tight ends in short to intermediate areas, although big tight ends will try to “out-muscle” him. Brown has demonstrated very good hands and he will make big, turnover plays.

Has some skill blitzing from the safety spot – timing up his pass rush really well.

2020 Missed the final 2 games of the season due to an undisclosed injury. **2019** Missed the first 2 games of the season due to a hamstring injury. **2018** Missed 2 games due to an undisclosed injury.

Honours & Awards: **2022** USA Today 2nd Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. Illinois Wright Commitment to Excellence Award winner. Named to Bruce Feldman’s Freak List. **2021** Honorable Mention All-Big 10. **2019** 3rd Team All-Big 10.

S #3

Overall #76

Round 3

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.10

Ht: 5-9 ¾

Wt: 211

40: 4.47

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Brown had a really good Senior Bowl week, where he was named as one of the “TDN Practice Players of the week” and followed this with a nice showing at the combine – helping his draft cause. His lack of size will undoubtedly be of concern to NFL scouts, but he has shown a penchant for making plays – particularly when playing close to the line of scrimmage. Expect Brown to be selected by a team predominantly looking for a box safety who can play a little cover 2 as well. Should be off the board on day 2.

JORDAN BATTLE (Alabama)

High School: Dual sport athlete in high school, playing basketball as well as football. Battle was highly recruited after a successful high school career.

College: After initially committing to Ohio State, he flipped that commitment to play at Alabama. Became a part time starter at safety as a true freshman in 2019. Won the full-time starting spot in 2020, having a really nice season. Followed that with an excellent 2021, when he was one of the very best safeties in the country. Opted to return to the Crimson Tide for his senior season in 2022 – earning some All-American notice and All-SEC honours for the second straight year.

College Stats: Played in 54 career games for Alabama, notching up 6 interceptions (3 of which he returned for touchdowns), 10 pass break-ups, 1 fumble recovery, 251 tackles (141 solo), 6.5 tackles for a loss, 3 quarterback hurries and 1 sack.

Battle is a very experienced, physical, instinctive, and versatile safety who has pretty good size. He is a team leader type who flies around the field, to make plays and plays tough and tackles well against the run, although he will occasionally get out of position when he over-pursues runners.

Battle is solid in coverage in the short to intermediate zones – covering the tight end or slot receiver. Can play deep in zones (in cover 1 and cover 2) and has had some success in this role, but at the next level he will likely be better closer to the line of scrimmage. Nonetheless, Battle makes plays and will create turnovers – and has demonstrated the ability to step up when his team really needs it.

In addition to his defensive prowess, Battle is also an experienced special teams player on multiple units.

Aside from suffering a minor lower body injury in 2022 (missing minimal playing time), Battle has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. Lott Impact Trophy Semi-finalist. Alabama Team Outstanding Defensive Performer Award co-winner. 2021 AP 3rd Team All-American. 1st Team All-SEC.

S #4

Overall #78

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.37

Ht: 6-1

Wt: 209

40: 4.55

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Surprisingly opted to return to college for the 2022 season rather than enter the draft and it's possible that he has slipped slightly in the positional rankings. Nonetheless, Battle is a good football player who will contribute immediately on both defense and special teams. Battle is a very experienced player who will likely be a solid starter at strong safety for a number of years in the NFL. Expect him to be one of the top 5 safeties taken in this draft and should be off the board on day 2.

JL SKINNER (Boise State)

Misc: Full name is JL Skinner III (JL is his given first name).

High School: Attended high school in California, where he starred as a multi-sport athlete – excelling at track and field and basketball as well as football (playing both wide receiver and defensive back).

College: Opted to play his college ball in Idaho at Boise State. Played as a back-up and on special teams in his freshman college season before earning a starting job for the 2020 season. Continued his growth in 2021, again as the starter, earning some all-conference notice. Opted to return to school for his senior season (2022), having his best season and again garnering all-conference recognition. Could have returned to Boise for a Super Senior season but this time opted to enter the draft.

College Stats: Played in 44 games (31 starts) for Boise State. Notched up 7 interceptions, 13 pass break-ups, 2 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries, 208 tackles (133 solo) and 9.5 tackles for a loss. His tackle total included 13 in a single game against UTEP in 2022.

Skinner doesn't have out and out explosion, possibly because of his long legs. But he does have really good size for a safety, which provides him with range enabling him to get all over the field and to be physical when he gets there. He shows up really well in the passing game, where he makes significant plays in coverage and has really good hands.

Skinner will get up to play the run and is a willing tackler - but can be inconsistent in this area.

Suffered a torn pectoral muscle injury just prior to the combine, while training preparing for the draft. The injury prevented him from taking part in the drills at the combine. Had previously missed the Frisco Bowl at the end of the season due to an undisclosed injury - however, he appeared to be completely recovered by the time of the Senior Bowl

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-Mountain West. **2021** 2nd Team All-Mountain West.



S #5

Overall #81

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.03

Ht: 6-4

Wt: 209

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Skinner opted to play his senior season at Boise State in 2022 rather than declare for the 2022 NFL draft - this appears to have been a wise decision with regard to his draft status. He has gradually moved up draft boards on the back of a very nice 2022 season, to the point that he is easily within the top 10 at his position available to the NFL this time around. Further helped his cause when he was voted one of the Practice Players of the Week at the Senior Bowl (although he missed the game itself due to a family bereavement). However, he suffered a pectoral injury, when preparing for the draft, just prior to the combine, which does cloud his draft status a little. Skinner should be off the board on day 2, assuming that teams are comfortable with his injury recovery schedule, and he should become an NFL starter sooner rather than later.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH II (Georgia)

High School: Smith had a highly successful dual sport high school career in Georgia, excelling at track and field (100m) as well as on the football field.

College: Opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at the University of Georgia. Played as a back-up DB and special teams guy in his true freshman and sophomore seasons before stepping into the starting job midway through his junior (2020) season. Took a big leap in 2021 as a fulltime starter and followed this up with another outstanding year as a Super Senior in 2022 – earning All-American honours as one of the nation’s premier safeties.

College Stats: Played in 58 games for the Bulldogs, recording 6 interceptions, 10 pass break-ups, 133 tackles (87 solo), 5 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 6 quarterback pressures, 1 fumble recovery and 1 forced fumble. Also scored a touchdown on a 96-yard return of a blocked field goal in the 2022 SEC Championship Game.

Smith is an extremely versatile player, who plays solidly with few mistakes in most areas asked of him at the safety position – i.e. diagnosing plays in front of him, coverage, playing the run.

He is slightly undersized, and isn’t regarded as a big hitting safety, but Smith wraps up nicely as a tackler and generally gets the job done in this respect. Is also one of those guys who always appears to be around the football.

Thanks to his instincts and athleticism, Smith is good in pass coverage (improving in 2021 and 2022) being able to anticipate routes and make plays on the football or receiver. He also has good hands, being able to turn pass break-ups into interceptions.

Smith has good experience playing on multiple special teams coverage units.

Suffered a minor shoulder separation in 2021, missing playing time in a couple of games. Also had a minor shoulder injury early in the 2022 season but didn’t miss any games. Has no other reported injury history.

Honours & Awards: 2022 AP 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-SEC. Nagurski Award finalist. Bednarik Award semi-finalist.

S #6

Overall #83

Round 3

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 22.99

Ht: 5-10 5/8

Wt: 192

40: 4.62

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Smith is a super experienced player, who has played in lots of big games, and has improved over the last two seasons. He is capable of making the big play but would better be described as an all-round solid, rather than spectacular, player who will contribute on defense and special teams. Assuming that there are no problems caused by the minor shoulder injuries (and there currently are no indications of any ongoing issues), Smith should be one of the top 5 safeties selected in this draft and be off the board on Day 2 and will likely develop into a long time NFL starter.

JAMMIE ROBINSON (FSU)

High School: First name is pronounced “Jamie”. Robinson played his high school ball in Georgia as a defensive back and return man.

College: Opted to attend college at South Carolina (over offers from a number of SEC schools). Was an occasional starter in his true freshman season (2019) for the Gamecocks and was impressive, earning all-freshman honours. Earned the starting role at South Carolina in 2020. Entered the transfer portal and switched to Florida State between the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Immediately became a starter for the Seminoles, earning all-star recognition for 2021. Continued to play at a high level in 2022 again earning all-conference honours.

College Stats: In 2 seasons at South Carolina, Robinson played in 22 games (13 starts) and notched up 2 interceptions, 8 pass break-ups, 136 tackles (3 solo), 3.5 tackles for a loss and 1 forced fumble.

In 2 seasons at FSU, Robinson played in 25 games (24 starts), recording 5 interceptions, 8 pass break-ups, 183 tackles (88 solo), 12 tackles for a loss, 1 sack and 2 forced fumbles.

Robinson is versatile and able to play some safety and some slot corner. Whatever role he has played, Robinson is a playmaker with the ability to make game changing plays.

Robinson is slightly undersized which can cause him some physical challenges when stepping up to stop the run. But he is tough and competitive and doesn't lack in attitude – plays every down like it's the most important in the game. His aggressiveness will cause him to overrun ball carriers on occasion.

Brings his competitive nature to pass coverage where he is physical, particularly in the short area. But can be beaten deep and by good route runners – although he has closing speed which makes up for some difficulties here.

Has no reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** 1st Team All-ACC. **2021** Phil Steele Honorable Mention All-American. 1st Team All-ACC. **2019** PFF 2nd Team Freshman All-American team. SEC All-Freshman team.

S #7

Overall #91

Round 3

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.25

Ht: 5-10 ½

Wt: 191

40: 4.59

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Robinson had a nice week of practice at the Senior Bowl which helped his draft chances. Robinson is an all-round productive football player who simply makes plays – this will endear him to NFL scouts. The difficulty perhaps is where does Robinson play in the pros? It's quite possible that he ends up as a starting free safety or even a swing safety or nickel/dime back. Where teams see him, will determine how high he is selected. Around the 3rd round seems likely.

JI'AYIR BROWN (Penn State)

Misc: Nicknamed "Tig".

High School: Played both basketball and football in high school in New Jersey.

College: Lacking offers from FBS colleges, Brown enrolled in junior college at Lackawanna Community College (Pennsylvania) where he spent 2 outstanding years (2018-19). Transferred to Penn State prior to the 2020 season. Played primarily as a back-up and on special teams in his first Nittany Lions' season before becoming a starter in 2021 – having a very good year. Followed that up with a similar season in 2022.

College Stats: In his 2 seasons (2018-19) at Lackawanna Community College, Brown recorded 8 interceptions, 8 pass break-ups, 75 tackles and 1 fumble recovery.

In his 3 seasons (2020-22) at Penn State, Brown played in 35 games (25 starts), recording 10 interceptions (returning 1 for a touchdown), 9 pass break-ups, 153 tackles (122 solo), 9 tackles for a loss, 4.5 sacks, 5 quarterback hurries, 3 forced fumbles and 3 fumble recoveries (including 1 returned for a touchdown).

Brown lacks the ideal height for an NFL safety, but he brings good instincts, experience and versatility to the position – can play free safety, closer to the line of scrimmage or as a nickel corner covering the slot receiver. Plays with a non-stop motor.

Brown tracks the football in the air extremely well both from the deep safety spot and when in man coverage, and couples this with excellent hands. Makes big turnover plays.

Is a decent but not outstanding athlete, who will get up and play the run well.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2023** Rose Bowl MVP (played at end of 2022 season). **2022** 3rd Team All-Big 10. Penn State Team MVP. Penn State Iron Lion (Strength & Conditioning) Award winner. Named to Bruce Feldman's Freak List. **2021** 3rd Team All-Big 10.

S #8

Overall #97

Round 3

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.25

Ht: 5-11 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 203

40: 4.65

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Like a number of other safeties in this draft, Brown lacks the prototypical safety size. He does come with excellent versatility being able to play about safety role, including as a nickel corner – however the danger is that he could be seen by NFL scouts as a kind of "jack of all trades, master of none" type player. It remains to be seen if he can carve a niche position. Working in Brown's favour are the big plays that he makes – he has been a turnover machine, and that is always in vogue amongst NFL teams. Has the look of a long time NFL player because of his versatility, with the potential to become a starter. Should be selected around round 3.

BRANDON JOSEPH (Notre Dame)

High School: Won all-state honours in high school career in Texas.

College: After receiving a number of college offers, Joseph opted to attend Northwestern. Redshirted his true freshman season (2019) after playing just 4 games and 13 snaps. Earned a starting role in 2020 and stepped up to have an outstanding year (6 interceptions) and earn All-American honours – was likely the best safety in the whole of college football. Didn't have the same impact in 2021 and followed that by opting to transfer to Notre Dame, in essence taking over from 2022 draftee Kyle Hamilton. Started 10 games in 2022. Opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school.

College Stats: At Northwestern, he played in 25 games (21 starts), recording 9 interceptions, 6 pass break-ups, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery, 136 tackles (86 solo) and 2.5 tackles for a loss. Also returned 4 punts (28.5 average).

In his single year for the Fighting Irish, he played in 10 games (10 starts), notching up 1 interception (returned for a touchdown), 1 pass break-up. 1 forced fumble and 30 tackles (15 solo).

Joseph has played multiple roles including deep safety, up in the box and covering the slot receiver. Probably at his best as a deep safety (cover-1, cover-2) – not as effective when being asked to step up as a run defender.

Joseph has been excellent in coverage and has demonstrated the ability to make the big play with great hands. Elevated his national recognition with an incredible one-handed interception of a Justin Fields pass in the 2020 Big10 Championship Game.

Multi-skilled special teams player – excelling in coverage and was an outstanding punt returner in high school.

Hasn't been as good in either of the last two seasons as he was in 2020, raising some concerns.

Missed 2 games in 2022 with a high ankle sprain. There is no other reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2021** 2nd Team All-Big 10. **2020** Consensus 1st Team All-American. 1st Team All-Big 10. AP Big 10 Newcomer of the Year. Big 10 Freshman of the Year. Jim Thorpe Award semi-finalist. Thompson-Randle El Big 10 Freshman of the Year Award winner

S #9

Overall #119

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 22.22

Ht: 6-0 $\frac{3}{8}$

Wt: 202

40: 4.62

DRAFT OUTLOOK

The big question marks with Joseph are whether he peaked in 2020 and whether his apparent regression since then is permanent? Or has the way he has been utilised since that season been the major cause of any drop off? Because of these questions, Joseph is likely to be an early day 3 selection. But if he can build on 2020, then he has the capability to be a long-time starter.

DANIEL SCOTT (California)

High School: Scott was a triple-sport athlete in high school in California, playing baseball and basketball as well as football. On the gridiron he was a fine multi-position player – starring at WR, DB and as a punt returner.

College: Opted to stay close to home and play his college ball at California. Redshirted his true freshman season (2017) before spending 2 seasons on special teams and as a back-up safety. Became the starter in 2020 in the severely truncated season (due to the pandemic). Started again at safety in 2021 and earned all-conference recognition. Perhaps wasn't as good in 2022 as he had been the previous year, while again being the full-time starter.

College Stats: In his 6 seasons (2017-22) at California, Scott played in 49 games (28 starts), recording 7 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown), 7 pass break-ups, 207 total tackles (137 solo), 7 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 4 quarterback hurries, 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery. Had an incredible 16 tackles in a single game against UCLA in 2022.

Scott is a versatile safety with good size and excellent speed. He is athletic and agile and is a fluid mover.

Scott can play various roles in the passing game, most notably as the deep free safety where he use his athletic ability to roam and get to sideline, while keeping everything in front of him. Scott can also be used as a nickel corner and cover the slot guy or to cover the tight end short – although tight ends can cause him physical challenges.

Scott is a willing player against the run but there are areas for improvement here. He will play downhill at speed but can overrun plays if he gets over aggressive. Scott isn't the most physical of safeties, struggles to shake off blockers and doesn't always wrap in the tackle.

Scott has lots of good special teams experience.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2022** Honorable Mention All-Pac 12. **2021** PFF 1st Team All-Pac 12. **2019** J. Scott Duncan Award winner (California's team Special Teams MVP).

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Scott is a solid football player who doesn't make many splash plays. Scott's versatility will help him as he challenges for an NFL roster spot but being nearly 25 years old when the 2023 NFL season starts probably works against him in terms of the possibility to develop – at least in the eyes of scouts. Having a good Senior Bowl would have helped Scott, but unfortunately he didn't have the greatest of weeks. He did show up well at the combine. It seems likely that Scott's NFL career will be as a back-up to both safety spots and as a special teams coverage guy. Should be off the board on day 3.

S #10

Overall #128

Round 4-5

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 24.50

Ht: 6-0 7/8

Wt: 208

40: 4.45

JAY WARD (LSU)

High School: Ward was a fine high school defensive back in Georgia with a penchant for making big plays, including 10 interceptions across his final two high school seasons.

College: Opted to play his college ball at LSU. Played mainly on special teams and as a back-up in his true freshman season (2019). The first part of 2020 was similar to the previous season before he became a starting corner towards the end of the year. Ward became a full-time starter (mainly at safety) in a fine 2021, which then followed up with another good year in 2022, playing some free safety and then nickel corner.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at LSU, Ward played in 46 games (23 starts), recording 6 interceptions (1 of which returned for a touchdown), 17 pass break-ups, 164 total tackles (109 solo), 3.5 tackles for a loss, 1 fumble recovery (which he returned for a touchdown), 2 forced fumbles and blocked 2 field goals. Also returned 1 punt for 3 yards.

Ward has decent height and length for an NFL DB, although could perhaps add a little extra bulk (as long as it's not at the expense of any athleticism). He is athletic and while he doesn't have outstanding speed, he does have a little burst and some quickness. Plays hard on every down. Team leader type.

Ward is a very smart and super versatile player who played in just about every spot in the Tigers' defensive backfield during his time at LSU.

Ward plays better either in short underneath coverage (nickel) where he can win with initial physicality or deep in space (cover 1 or cover 2). Sustained man coverage is not his forte as his speed and agility won't consistently keep him close enough.

Good tackler who likes to hit the ball carrier in the running game. Will also contribute on all special teams units and has demonstrated a knack for blocking field goals.

2022 Missed 2 games due to an undisclosed minor injury. **2020** Suffered a torn meniscus in his knee which required surgery just prior to the season but showed his extreme toughness by playing through it.

Honours & Awards: **2020** SEC Academic Honor Roll.

S #11

Overall #141

Round 4-5

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.79

Ht: 6-0 $\frac{3}{4}$

Wt: 188

40: 4.55

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Ward's versatility on defense coupled with his special teams ability will appeal to NFL teams and gives him a really good chance of being drafted in the middle rounds and sticking around on an NFL roster. If a team can develop a full-time role for him (perhaps as a nickel/slot guy), then Ward could turn out to be somewhat of a steal. Should be selected during the first half of day 3.

RONNIE HICKMAN (Ohio State)

Misc: Nicknamed "Rocket."

High School: High quality, dual sport athlete in high school in New Jersey – starring in lacrosse and on the gridiron at WR and safety.

College: Opted to attend Ohio State over the likes of Nebraska, Florida State and Purdue. Redshirted his true freshman season (2019) due to injury. In shortened 2020 season, Hickman played mainly on special teams before finally becoming the starting strong safety at OSU in 2021 – making an impact, winning some all-conference honours. Started every game again in 2022, garnering all-conference notice for the second straight year. Opted to declare for this draft with eligibility remaining.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Ohio State, Hickman played in 31 games (26 starts), recording 3 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown), 7 passes defensed, 157 total tackles (82 solo), 2.5 tackles for a loss, 1 sack and 2 forced fumbles.

Hickman is a slightly undersized safety who lacks the ideal speed for the position, but he does have some short area quickness and plays with physicality and aggression.

Hickman's forte is playing the run. He diagnoses running plays and reacts quickly to make the tackle. Despite his lack of A1 positional size, Hickman will fight through blocks and make the tackle – he likes to make the hit.

Against the pass, Hickman doesn't make enough plays. He is challenged when in man coverage, where receivers and tight ends will beat him with their route running and agility - and he doesn't have a huge amount of experience of playing as a deep safety.

Can contribute on special teams.

Suffered a torn ACL which cut short his high school senior year (2018) and then kept him out of the whole of his freshman season (2019). 2020 season was also shortened due to injury.

Honours & Awards: 2022 3rd Team All-Big 10. 2021 2nd Team All-Big 10.

S #12

Overall #160

Round 4-5

Class: Junior

Age*: 21.54

Ht: 6-0 ½

Wt: 203

40: n/a

DRAFT OUTLOOK

When it comes to Ronnie Hickman, one of the first things NFL teams are going to have to ask themselves is exactly what is he at the next level – is he really a true safety or is he one of those hybrid linebacker-safeties that have come to the fore in the last few years? Hickman doesn't make many huge, game changing plays, but what he does do well is get up in the box, close to the line of scrimmage, and play tough against the run. In fairness, Hickman may have looked better in the passing game in 2022 than he had previously, but then had some struggles at the Senior Bowl, which re-raised questions. Expect Hickman to be selected on day 3.

TREY DEAN III (Florida)

Misc: Dean's cousin Ahmad Black played safety in the NFL for 3 seasons (2011-13) with the Buccaneers.

High School: Highly rated safety in high school just south of Atlanta, Georgia.

College: Opted to play his college ball at Florida after previously committing to Tennessee. Became a starter during his true freshman season (2018) and followed that up with a season where he started about half of the games. Spent most of 2020 as a back-up and on special teams. Bounced back to start all but 1 game in 2021, before being the full-time starter at safety in 2022 and probably having his best year.

College Stats: In his 5 years at Florida, Dean played in 62 games (40 starts), recording 4 interceptions, 20 pass break-ups, 259 total tackles (141 solo), 13.5 tackles for a loss, 5 sacks, 1 forced fumble and 3 fumble recoveries.

Dean is super experienced and very versatile having played multiple positions including strong & free safety, outside corner, nickel (slot) corner and the STAR position (hybrid safety/linebacker/corner). Dean is big for a safety, bringing physicality to the role. Plays with his hair on fire all the time.

Dean is probably at this best playing in the box, close the line of scrimmage and against the run. Makes lots of tackles, and misses some, and likes to fly to the runner to lay a hit on him. downfield to lay a hit on the runner. Can be over aggressive and caught out by play fakes.

In the passing game, Dean can cover short and underneath (e.g. tight end). Not as effective when deep, as he can be deceived and dragged out of position. Needs to work on his hands – doesn't have enough picks for the amount of times he get his hands on the football.

Is an excellent, very experienced, special teams player.

No reported major injury history.

Honours & Awards: **2023** Defensive MVP of the East-West Shrine Game. **2022** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2021** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2020** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2019** SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. **2018** SEC All-Freshman Team. SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Dean put up a fine showing in the East-West Shrine Game (earning the game's Defensive MVP award), which helped his draft status. Dean has played in so many positions that his versatility is unquestionable, however the question it does beg is what is his best position? The early favourite would likely be as a strong safety, where he can use his size and physicality in the box. Has a decent chance of sticking on an NFL roster as a back-up for multiple secondary spots and to play on special teams units. Expect him to be off the board around round 6 or 7.

S #13

Overall #190

Round 6-7

Class: Super Senior

Age*: 23.16

Ht: 6-2 ½

Wt: 200

40: 4.75

DeMARCCO HELLAMS (Alabama)

High School: Nicknamed “Hitman Hellams” or simply “Hitman”. Hellams had a highly successful high school career in Maryland playing both wide receiver (1,469 yards as a senior) and defensive back (12 interceptions as a senior).

College: Was highly recruited by a number of the “biggest” football colleges in the country, some to play wide receiver and some to play safety. Finally opted to play his college ball at Alabama – playing at the safety spot. As a true freshman in 2019, Hellams played extensively on special teams while playing little as a back-up on defense. In 2020, Hellams was again extensively used on special teams units while also making his first 3 starts at safety.

College Stats: In his 4 seasons (2019-22) at Alabama, Hellams played in 54 games (28 starts), recording 4 interceptions, 13 pass break-ups, 261 total tackles (160 solo), 7.5 tackles for a loss, 2.5 sacks, 2 quarterback hurries, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery.

Hellams has decent size to play safety and is a very experienced player who is at his best playing in the box as a strong safety type - where he can make an impact playing the run and covering receivers / tight ends in short and underneath areas. When playing close to the line of scrimmage, Hellams plays all-out on every play with a non-stop motor. He loves to tackle the ballcarrier and put the big hit on him when he can.

When playing in deep zones, he doesn't make as many plays as he should, sometimes appearing to be too patient allowing plays to develop in front of him. Also doesn't have the outstanding speed required to play deep on a consistent basis. Generally needs to make more big (turnover worthy) plays.

Has extensive high level special teams experience.

2023 Suffered an undisclosed injury which prevented him from playing in the Senior Bowl, however he did take part in some of the combine drills. **2021** Suffered a sprained ankle just prior to the start of the season. Forced him to miss starting the opening game of the season (although he did play during the game).

Honours & Awards: **2022** Pat Trammel Award co-winner (Character and contribution to Alabama Football Team). Alabama Team Outstanding Defensive Performer Award co-winner.

DRAFT OUTLOOK

Hellams is a sound football player who contributes well when used in the role(s) that suit his attributes. At his best as a disruptor in amongst traffic close to the line of scrimmage – it is in this role where he can best challenge for an NFL roster spot coupled with his ability as an outstanding special teams performer. He has lots of experience on special teams coverage units. With these skills, Hellams has a decent chance of making a roster or practice squad as a rookie. Expect him to be off the board late on day 3.

S #14

Overall #192

Round 6-7

Class: Senior

Age*: 22.89

Ht: 6-0 ½

Wt: 203

40: 4.57

The Next Best Safeties...

15. **Kaevon Merriweather (Iowa)**

Likely a late round draft choice. Across his college career Merriweather played in 33 games, recording 4 interceptions, 5 pass break-ups, 117 tackles, 2 tackles for a loss, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery (returned for a touchdown).

Age: 23.35. Ht: 6-0. Wt: 205. 40: 4.62. Is #195 overall on our board.

16. **Gervarrius Owens (Houston)**

Likely a late round draft choice. Across his college career, Owens played in 43 games, recording 4 interceptions (returning 1 for a touchdown), 11 pass break-ups, 208 tackles, 7.5 tackles for a loss, 0.5 sacks, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

Age: 23.53. Ht: 6-0. Wt: 195. 40: n/a. Is #203 overall on our board.

17. **Jason Taylor II (Oklahoma State)**

Likely a late round draft choice. Had an outstanding 2022 season, notching up 6 interceptions. Across his college career Taylor played in 38 games, recording 8 interceptions (including 1 returned for a touchdown), 11 pass break-ups, 159 tackles (126 solo), 10 tackles for a loss, 2.5 sacks, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery and 1 kick blocked.

Age: 23.32. Ht: 5-11 $\frac{5}{8}$. Wt: 204. 40: 4.50. Is #211 overall on our board.

18. **Marte Mapu (Sacramento State), S/LB**

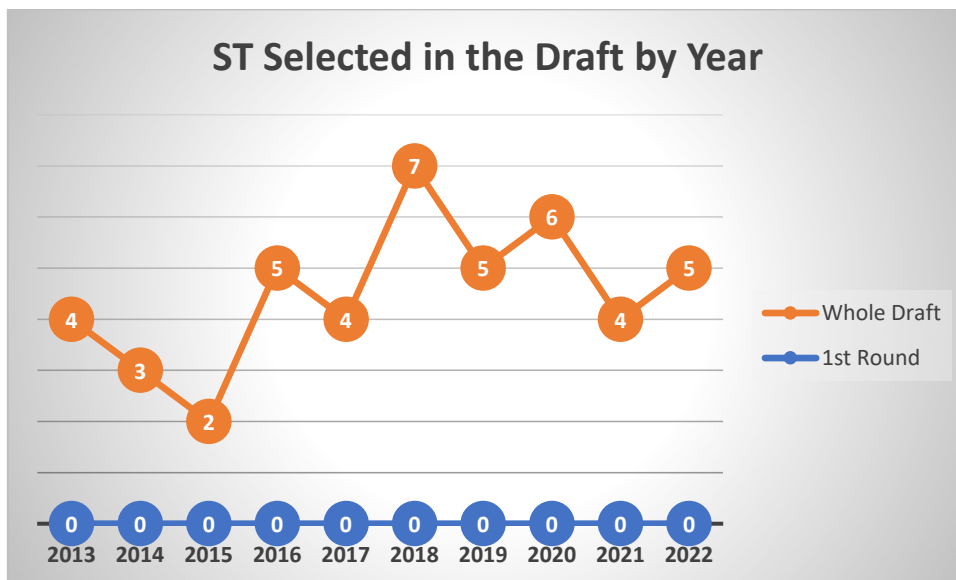
Likely a late round draft choice, however Mapu is a player on the rise following fine performances at the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl and the Senior Bowl, and it's possible that he could end up in the middle rounds. However, despite that Senior Bowl performance, wasn't invited to the combine. Had really good size and plays especially well when close to the line of scrimmage. Could be a hybrid safety-linebacker at the next level. Had a fine 2022 season being named AP 1st Team FCS All-American and was a Buck Buchanan Award finalist. Across his college career Mapu played in 41 games, recording 7 interceptions, 15 pass break-ups, 165 tackles (94 solo), 13 tackles for a loss, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble and 1 kick block.

Age: 23.47. Ht: n/a. Wt: n/a. 40: n/a. Is #213 overall on our board.

SPECIAL TEAMS SPECIALISTS

2023 General Draft Outlook: The average number of special teams specialists (kickers, punters and long-snappers) that are selected in each draft is 4.5. It goes without saying that none get taken in the first round, well not since the Raiders took kicker Sebastian Janikowski in the 1st round in 2000 – and it was the Raiders once took a punter in the 1st round also (Ray Guy, 1973).

The top special teams players this time around are kicker Jake Moody, punter Bryce Baringer and long-snapper Alex Ward, although trying to predict where in the draft they will be taken is extremely difficult – since these will be selections of need for specific teams.



Packers Outlook: For the first time in many, many, years the Packers head into the draft without Mason Crosby on the roster. We shouldn't completely rule out his return (the contract would need to be right) but right now he's not there. The only kicker currently on the Packers roster is Parker White. It's therefore a distinct possibility that the Packers could look to draft a kicker – and if that happens, the best one out there is Michigan's Jake Moody.

At punter, the Packers appear to be secure moving forward with Pat O'Donnell, so a draft pick at this spot would be unexpected.

At long-snapper, the Packers recently signed unrestricted free agent Matt Orzech and already have incumbent Jack Coco on the roster. There would appear to be no reason for the Packers to look to this position in this draft.

The Packers re-signed Keisean Nixon to return kick-offs, punts and play cornerback, so there is no expectation that they will draft a kick return specialist this time around.

TOP SPECIAL TEAMS SPECIALISTS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Bryce Baringer	P	Michigan State	UDFA
2.	Alex Ward	LSN	UCF	UDFA
3.	Jake Moody	K	Michigan	UDFA
4.	Christopher Dunn	K	North Carolina State	UDFA
5.	Jack Podlesny	K	Georgia	UDFA
6.	Noah Ruggles	K	Ohio State	UDFA
7.	Michael Turk	P	Oklahoma	UDFA
8.	Chad Ryland	K	Maryland	UDFA
9.	Ty Zentner	P	Kansas State	UDFA
10.	Adam Korsak	P	Rutgers	UDFA
11.	Ethan Mooney	K	North Texas	UDFA
12.	Andre Szmyt	K	Syracuse	UDFA
13.	Paxton Brooks	P	Tennessee	UDFA
14.	Gavin Baechle	K	UTEP	UDFA
15.	B.T. Potter	K	Clemson	UDFA
16.	Brad Robbins	P	Michigan	UDFA
17.	Anders Carlson	K	Auburn	UDFA
18.	Robert Soderholm	LSN	VMI	UDFA
19.	Zack Long	K	Tulsa	UDFA
20.	Ethan Evans	P	Wingate	UDFA
21.	Dalton Godfrey	LSN	South Dakota	UDFA
22.	Aarion Hartman	LSN	Jackson State	UDFA
23.	Andy Vujnovich	P	Wisconsin	UDFA
24.	Bijan Nichols	K	Navy	UDFA
25.	Chris Stoll	LSN	Penn State	UDFA
26.	Eddie Ogamba	K	South Dakota	UDFA
27.	Elton Andrew	K/P	Fayetteville State	UDFA
28.	Evan Deckers	LSN	Duke	UDFA
29.	Jacob Young	P	Fayetteville State	UDFA
30.	Jake Oldroyd	K	BYU	UDFA
31.	Joe Doyle	P	Memphis	UDFA
32.	Jonathan Cruz	K	Mississippi	UDFA
33.	Jose Romo-Martinez	K	Florida A&M	UDFA
34.	Louis Hedley	P	Miami, Fla	UDFA
35.	Matt Hembrough	LSN	Oklahoma State	UDFA
36.	Shane McDonagh	P	North Carolina State	UDFA
37.	Tanner Brown	P	Oklahoma State	UDFA

Round* = Projected round of selection in this draft (UDFA = Undrafted Free Agent)

BRYCE BARINGER (Michigan State)

Punter

Baringer is coming off the best year of his career in 2022 when he earned numerous honours including Consensus All-American, All-Big 10 and winning the Eddleman-Fields Big 10 Punter of the Year Award. Led the nation in both gross (49.0) and net punting average. Finished his career owning a number of school and conference records.

Baringer has an absolutely booming leg. He will fire off 60+ yard punts seemingly with ease. But with that huge leg has come some problems, particularly earlier in his career, when he had a habit of outkicking his coverage. However, he has been improving in this regard. Baringer graded out as an undrafted free agent, but as probably the best player at this position in this draft, we should expect a team looking for a punter to draft him somewhere in the later rounds.

ALEX WARD (UCF)

LSN

Ward is a highly experienced long snapper who has been doing the job going back to his high school days. He played in 50 consecutive games for UCF (2019-22). Earned some All-American and all-conference recognition in each of the last two seasons, as well as being a finalist for the Pat Mannelly Award (given to the nation's top long snapper).

Like Baringer (above), Ward graded out as an undrafted free agent, but again as he is probably the best player at his position in this draft, we should expect a team looking for a long snapper to select him somewhere in the later rounds.

JAKE MOODY (Michigan)

Kicker

Over the last couple of seasons, Jake Moody has been one of the very best kickers in the whole of college football. He earned All-American recognition in both 2021 (consensus) and 2022 (2nd Team) as well being All-Big 10 both years. Also earned the Lou Groza Award in 2021 and the Bakken-Andersen Award in 2021 and 2022.

Moody is a career 82.1% field goal kicker with real expertise from inside the 40 yard line – hitting 91.2% of those field goals. However, the drop off on kicks over 40 yards is pronounced – Moody has a career 76.5% mark from 40-49 yards and a 40.% mark from 50+ yards. However he did kick the longest field goal in school history this past year (59 yards against TCU).

Moody also took care of kick-off duty while at Michigan, with 393 kick-offs at a 56.4% touchback rate.

The concern about Moody's leg strength is the reason that we have him graded as undrafted free agent, even though he may be the best kicker in this draft. That being said, it's quite possible that a team will use a late round draft choice to select him.

CHRISTOPHER DUNN (North Carolina St.)

Kicker

Dunn played a full five seasons as the placekicker at North Carolina State, ending his career owning numerous records. In 2022, he made an outstanding 28 of 29 field goal attempts and earned the Lou Groza Award as the nation's top placekicker. Was also a consensus All-American this past season.

Over his NC State career, Dunn made 84.3% of his field goal attempts, which included a slightly disappointing 67.6% when the attempt was 40 yards or more. His longest successful field goal was 53 yards. Dunn made 100% of his 200 extra points. He wasn't utilised as a kick-off man during his college career (just 1 kick-off).

Dunn is a fine placekicker from inside the 40 yard line but hasn't demonstrated the leg strength and distance consistency that is required in the NFL. Expect him to go undrafted and wind up competing for a job in camp. Perhaps will be a practice squad guy.

JACK PODLESNY (Georgia)

Kicker

Podlesny had the tough task of following in the footsteps of outstanding kicker and folk hero Rodrigo Blankenship for the Bulldogs. But Podlesny did a good job of it, making 82.4% of his field goal attempts (including 4 of 6 on 50+ yard attempts) and 98.9% of his extra points while at Georgia. Podlesny was twice a semi-finalist for the Lou Groza Award and would be named the 2022 SEC Special Teams Player of the Year as well as being named 1st Team All-SEC - made 26 of 31 field goals (83.9%) in 2022.

As a kick-off guy he had a 63.4% touchback rate.

Podlesny was a highly consistent kicker throughout his college career. He has a decent leg and while he likely won't be drafted, Podlesny has a chance to compete for a job as an unrestricted free agent.

NOAH RUGGLES (Ohio State)

Kicker

Ruggles had a Six year college career (including a redshirt year). He spent the first for years at North Carolina before transferring to Ohio State for the last two seasons. Earned 3rd Team All-Big 10 honours for his 2022 season (17 of 20 on field goal attempts), which followed his 2021 season in which he earned 2nd Team All-Big 10 honours and was a finalist for the Lou Groza Award. He went 20 for 21 on field goals in 2021.

Over his college career, Ruggles made 82.4% of his field goal attempts. However he has never been successful on a field goal attempt of 50 yards or more (his career long is 49 yards), going 0 for 5 on kicks of that distance. He made 99.5% of his extra points. Was only used as kick-off man in one of his seasons and had just a 21.2% touchback rate.

Ruggles is a consistent kicker but doesn't have a booming leg and unfortunately that won't work in today's NFL. He won't get drafted. He may compete for a practice squad spot.

MICHAEL TURK (Oklahoma)

Punter

Turk declared for the 2020 draft, but then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and many pre-draft activities such as pro days were cancelled (although the combine went ahead). Turk went undrafted, but because of the unique circumstances, he was granted a special waiver to return to school (Arizona State). Oh, and if the last name is familiar, Michael is the nephew of former NFL Players Dan Turk and Matt Turk – Matt punted in the NFL for 17 seasons (and also spent a little time in camp with the Packers in 1993).

Michael had a fine college career, twice being named 1st Team All-Pac 12 (2019-20 when with Arizona State) and twice being named 1st Team All-Big 12 (2021-22 with Oklahoma). He finished his 4 year FBS career with a 47.2 punting average (gross). Was twice a Ray Guy Award semi-finalist.

Just like in 2020, we should expect him to go undrafted again. Turk will likely be signed as an undrafted free agent and compete for a roster spot (or practice squad role) in training camp.

CHAD RYLAND (Maryland)

Kicker

Ryland played at the FBS level in college for 5 seasons, having 4 seasons at Eastern Michigan (2018-21) – twice being named 2nd Team All-MAC - before transferring to Maryland for his senior season (2022) where he was named 2nd Team All-Big 10.

Ryland made 77.3% of his career field goals – including making 73.0% of his attempts of 40 yards and over. Kicked 9 field goals of 50 yards and over in his career, with a 55 yard long. Ryland was also the primary kick-off man for 4 of his 5 college seasons, ending with a 52.5% touchback rate.

Ryland currently lacks the consistency on field goals to really compete at the NFL level and therefore will go undrafted. Will likely be in camp somewhere during the summer.

TY ZENTNER (Kansas State)

Punter

Zentner is (correctly) listed as a punter, but he has some skill versatility – as well as his punting duties, Zentner also kicked off and in his final college season (2022), kicked field goals and extra points. In his primary role as a punter, Zentner earned 2nd Team All-Big 12 honours in 2022 and was also a semi-finalist for the Ray Guy Award. He finished his college career with a 43.4 yard average (gross), including a longest of 72 yards.

On his single season as a placekicker (he took on the role midway through 2022), Zentner made all 11 of his field goal attempts, including a long of 53, while also being successful on every one of his 31 extra points. For his career, Zentner kick-offs came with a 59.5% touchback rate.

Zentner is likely to be an undrafted free agent who competes for a roster spot in the summer. His versatility likely gives him a decent chance of sticking around at least on a practice squad.



DRAFT EXTRAS

INJURY WATCHLIST

Each year there are a number of players who head into the NFL draft with injury questions. Often, they fit into one of the following three categories:

- Players whose injury occurs so late in the draft “process” that it is difficult to truly know how their draft stock will be impacted.*
- Players who may not have a current injury but have a history of multiple injuries over a number of seasons, which may impact their prospects of having a long NFL career.*
- Players who have made a recovery from an extremely serious injury*

Here we take a quick look at some of the players in this year’s draft who fall into one of the categories above.

JAXSON SMITH-NJIGBA, WR, OHIO STATE

Jaxson Smith-Njigba is a highly talented wide receiver who plays predominantly from the slot who unfortunately missed all but 3 games in 2022 due to a hamstring injury.

How good is Smith-Njigba? Remember last year’s draft when two of the highest rated receivers were the Ohio State pairing of Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave – both of whom would be taken in the 1st round. The third wideout on that 2021 Ohio State team was Jaxson Smith-Njigba...except...he wasn’t the third wide receiver. A quick look at the stats for that 2021 Buckeyes team will show Wilson (70 catches for 1,058 yards) and Olave (65 catches for 936 yards) in second and third places respectively in the receiving list. Top of that list was Smith-Njigba with 95 catches for 1,606 yards.

Smith-Njigba’s talent was never better demonstrated than in the January 2022 Rose Bowl game, where he put up incredible numbers – 15 receptions for 347 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Like every player there are some question marks with regard to Smith-Njigba – some question his lack of blazing speed, others his speed, but he’s been outstanding where it matters most – on the field. But his 2022 hamstring injury limited that ability to actually get on the field.

That injury originally occurred during the season opener against Notre Dame, forcing him off the field for a while in that game before returning. He missed the following game before playing the week after that. But his return was brief, and it would then be another 4 weeks before Smith-Njigba played again. Again, his return was just for a single game. At that point, his season was done – 3 games, 5 catches.

Heading into this draft, Smith-Njigba didn’t run the 40 at the combine, but reports appear to indicate that he is fit and raring to get into camp with the team that selects him. NFL teams will have done their medical due diligence on him – assuming all is ok going forwards, one team is going to get a fine football player.

HENDON HOOKER, QB, TENNESSEE

Hendon Hooker was having an outstanding 2022 when he suffered a torn ACL in his left knee, immediately ending his season and putting his 2023 draft status into some jeopardy. As we have seen with other players the recovery time for an ACL tear can be 8-12 months and can be even longer.

Hooker had probably moved himself into contention to be a 1st round pick in this draft and was certainly a Heisman Trophy candidate at the time of the injury – he still finished in fifth place in the trophy voting. About a month prior, Hooker had played an amazing game against big-time opposition, Alabama, as he passed for 385 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Hooker spent his first 4 years (including a redshirt year) in college at Virginia Tech, before transferring to the SEC to play for the Tennessee Volunteers. He passed for 2,945 yards and 31 touchdowns in his first year (2021) at Tennessee before passing for 3,135 yards and 27 touchdowns in his second year (2022). What is equally impressive was the fact that he threw a total of just 5 interceptions across those two seasons. And that low interception total shows how careful and accurate Hooker is with the football. His completion rate over 69% in his two years with Tennessee also points to that.

Hooker is excellent on the move, using his mobility to make plays outside the pocket and to take off and run with the football, picking up key yardage with his legs. Of course, having a knee injury will raise question marks as to whether that mobility remains after his recovery. Only time will tell.

It's worth noting here that Hooker will be closer to 26 than 25 years old when the 2023 season commences, so any time that may be lost due to injury / injury recovery is on top of him already being around 2-3 years older than many QBs when they start their NFL career.

At this stage, all indications appear to be that Hooker's recovery from the ACL tear is progressing without issue and that we should expect to see him on the field later this year. On the assumptions that Hooker's recovery continues on schedule, without issue, and NFL teams' medical staffs are comfortable, then Hooker's position as a probable 2nd round pick in the forthcoming draft is secure and he may yet sneak into the bottom end of round 1 – if there's a team looking for a quarterback at that stage.

RICHARD GOURAIGE, OT, FLORIDA

Gouraiage is a solid offensive tackle who is likely to be a late round selection in this forthcoming draft. But at the combine in early March, he suffered one of the strangest of injuries. Apparently all fit and well heading into the Indianapolis event, Gouraiage, like all players underwent medical testing and physical testing at the combine but he then woke up the very next day with a swollen ankle – severe enough to keep him out of the combine drills.

Reports were somewhat sketchy as to how exactly the injury may have come about, but it surely is a somewhat of a first. Missing the combine drills clearly won't have helped Gouraiage's draft chances, but he was able to take part, and perform well, in Florida's Pro Day, so the injury appears to be behind him.

JL SKINNER, S, BOISE STATE

Skinner is high amongst the safeties available in this draft and likely to be a day 2 selection. Unfortunately, just before the combine in early March, Skinner suffered a torn pectoral muscle which required surgery. The injury and subsequent surgery obviously kept him out of drills at the combine and also out of the Boise State Pro Day at the end of March.

Skinner's recovery appears to be on schedule and the expectation is that he'll be able to begin physical activity towards the end of June, which should allow him to be ready for the start of the NFL season. Whilst it will be a disappointment to Skinner and to NFL teams that he couldn't take part in any of the pre-draft physical activities it seems unlikely that Skinner's draft stock will be unduly affected.

KENDRE MILLER, RB, TCU

Kendre Miller is in the top 10 of running backs available in this draft and will be chosen either in round 3 or round 4. He was one of the driving forces behind TCU's meteoric path to the 2022 CFP National Championship Game – rushing for more than 1,300 yards along the way.

Sadly though, Miller was unable to part in that huge game due to a sprained MCL injury that he suffered in the semi-final game against Michigan on 31st December 2022. That injury took him out of that Michigan game and while at first there were some hopes that he may be able to return for the Championship Game that wasn't to be as it became clear that the recovery time would be longer.

Due to the injury, Miller was unable to take part in the combine in early March nor in the TCU Pro Day later in the month. This means that chances for him to improve his draft stock or for teams to get some questions answered were taken away. One area teams may have wanted to look at were Miller's pass catching skills – he wasn't used much as a receiver at TCU.

The good news is that Miller's recovery appears to be going well and that should allay some fears that teams may have had with that regard. NFL Network's Ian Rapoport recently reported that Miller was "ahead of schedule".

WANYA MORRIS, OT, OKLAHOMA

Whenever players get injured, it's always unfortunate and disappointing. Somehow it seems worse when they get injured in non-game situations – like when running the 40 at the combine. Such is the case with tackle Wanya Morris of Oklahoma who suffered a hamstring injury about three-quarters of the way through running his second 40 in Indianapolis. It meant that he'd take no further part in the event.

Fortunately, the injury doesn't appear to be too bad and Morris is reportedly going to carry out a private Pro Day for NFL teams in April. He still looks like a 3rd or 4th round pick.

ANDREW VORHEES, OG/OT, USC

Having discussed how unfortunate and disappointing combine injuries can be – see Wanya Morris on the previous page – here we look at another player who had such an injury, only this time the early injury prognosis is not as positive as it seems to be for Morris.

Heading into the combine in March, Andrew Vorhees looked like he would probably be a 3rd round pick in the upcoming draft. He started 48 games at USC, spending time at both tackle and guard, and has many of the physical tools required to have a NFL good career.

Disappointingly though, it looks like Vorhees' active NFL career won't begin until the 2024 season. He suffered a torn ACL at the combine, which probably has a recovery time of around 8-12 months (perhaps longer) which means that the end of 2023 would be the earliest possible date for him to be ready and realistically, it's probably not until 2024.

Vorhees is a talented football player and will still be selected in this draft. The injury will probably mean that he drops a round or two lower than he otherwise would have done. But assuming that his recovery and rehab goes without glitches then an NFL team could end up with a nice bargain down the line.

PARKER WASHINGTON, WR, PENN STATE

Parker Washington is a tough, hard running wide receiver who makes life difficult for defenders once he gets the ball in his hands. In another draft stocked full of receivers, particularly from day 2 onwards, Washington will probably be selected early on day 3.

However, that draft position will likely depend on how teams view Washington's recovery from the ankle injury that he suffered in 2022, which forced him to miss the last 3 games of the season. Unfortunately for Washington, not only did the injury keep him off the field but it also meant that he was unable to take part in the combine or at Penn State's Pro Day.

Interestingly, despite the injury, Washington opted to declare for this draft rather than return to school, which may well indicate that he is very confident that the injury wasn't overly serious and wouldn't affect his draft case adversely. Indeed, reports appear to indicate that his recovery may be complete in April, or possibly May, so it seems possible that he could take part in NFL mini-camp in May.

GARRETT WILLIAMS, CB, SYRACUSE

Another player who unfortunately suffered an ACL tear was Garrett Williams, a really good cornerback out of Syracuse. Williams' injury came towards the end of October 2022, which means that, assuming there are no issues with his rehab, that there is the potential for him to perhaps play some part – even a large part – in the 2023 NFL Season.

On that basis, Williams' draft stock hasn't fallen that due to the injury and he'll likely still be selected on day 2, probably in the 3rd round.

BADGER WATCH

This article, which appeared in our draft guide for the first time last year, proved popular and so thanks to your feedback is back again this year: Many readers of this draft guide will also be fans of the Wisconsin Badgers, so we thought it may be a good idea to take a very quick look at all of the Badgers who could gain some notice in the upcoming draft.

Players likely to be drafted in round 1 (day 1)

Our expectation is that there are no Badgers who will get selected in the 1st round in 2023, although for completeness it is worth mentioning that the odd mock draft here and there has seen Joe Tippmann (see below) sneak into round 1.

Players likely to be drafted in rounds 2-3 (day 2)

Center **Joe Tippmann (round 2-3)** is a player on the rise and is likely to be the first Badger selected in this draft. He is a two-year starter at the pivot spot and is the no.4 interior offensive lineman on our draft board (and no.2 pure center, behind John Michael Schmitz). Tippmann is tall for a center but expect him to develop into an NFL starter sooner rather than later. He's the no.63 player overall on our board.

Former high school wrestler **Keeanu Benton (round 2-3)** is in the top 10 of defensive linemen available in this draft (no.8 on our board). Benton is a Wisconsinite through and through coming from Janesville, WI. He is a tough run stuffer on the inside of the defensive line who works hard. Benton should be the second Badgers player taken in this draft – he is the no.64 player on our board (just a single spot below Joe Tippmann).

Players likely to be drafted in rounds 3-4 (day 2 or day 3)

Nick Herbig (round 3-4) is part of an extremely deep class at the edge position and he will probably be around the middle of the pack (he's the no.16 edge guy on our board) when it comes to the number of edge players who will be drafted in 2023. He ran a solid 4.65 in the 40 at the combine. Is a little bit under the ideal size for an NFL 3-4 OLB. Herbig should be the third (and possibly last) Badger drafted this time around, perhaps in the 3rd or 4th round. Is the 113th player overall on our board.

Players likely to be drafted in rounds 4-7 (day 3)

Other than Nick Herbig (see above), if he were to slip out of round 3 and into round 4, it is our expectation that there will be no Badgers selected between rounds 5 and 7 of this draft. There is a remote possibility that John Torchio (see next page) has a chance to sneak into round 7 but we think that would be quite a big reach.

Players likely to go undrafted who are probable free agent signings

Sitting only just outside of our top 350 players on our big board (at no.363 overall) is safety **John Torchio**. Torchio has risen from well down the draft board to much closer to the draft slots thanks to a 2022 season in which he had 5 interceptions and what was the best season of his career. However, Torchio lacks the ideal speed to play the safety spot at the pro level, having run a reported 4.83 in the 40 at the Badgers Pro Day. Look for Torchio to be in camp with an NFL team this summer – it would be a surprise if he made a final roster, but not so much of a surprise if he ended up on a practice squad.

Players likely to go undrafted who are possible free agent signings

Tyler Beach is a little way down our list of offensive lineman in this draft. Beach has versatility having played both tackle spots and left guard for the Badgers, but we think he's most likely to get his shot at the next level at the guard position. We expect that Beach will wind up as an undrafted free agent who gets signed to an off-season roster and has a chance of winding up on a practice squad. Beach is a Wisconsinite through and through, hailing from Grafton and attending Port Washington High School. Ran a reported 5.33 in the 40 at the Badgers Pro Day.

Usually no more than a couple of punters get drafted every year and **Andy Vujnovich** likely won't be in that group this time around. He is yet another native Wisconsinite coming from Columbus, WI. Spent 2 seasons at Dubuque University before playing 3 years for the Badgers, where he averaged a very sound 44.3 yards per punt. We can expect to see Vujnovich in training camp with a team somewhere and has an outside chance of making a practice squad.

Players likely to go undrafted who are less likely free agent signings

It seems unlikely that any of the three Badgers at cornerback will get drafted and it also seems quite possible that one or more of them won't get signed as an undrafted free agent.

First up is **Justin Clark** who will be nearly 25 years old on draft day. Clark spent 6 years at Toledo (including 2 redshirt years) before transferring to Wisconsin for the 2022 season. Had 4 career interceptions, 12 pass break-ups, 1 forced fumble, 2 fumble recoveries and 125 tackles. Clark lacks the speed to play cornerback in the NFL – he ran 4.72 in the 40 at the Badgers Pro Day. Also measured in at 5-10 ½ and 181 pounds at that Pro Day.

Next up is **Cedrick Dort Jr.** who played a single year for the Badgers after being at Kentucky for 5 seasons (including a redshirt year). Despite starting 32 games across his entire college career, Dort took part in only 2 turnover plays - 1 interception and 1 forced fumble. Also had 63 tackles and 10 pass break-ups. Doesn't have the speed to play defensive back in the NFL. Measured in at 5-10 ½ and 189 pounds and ran 4.90 in the 40 at the Wisconsin Pro Day.

Jay Shaw played 1 year for the Badgers after being at UCLA for 4 seasons. He had 7 career interceptions, 9 pass break-ups, 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery and 120 tackles. Measured in at 5-11 and 186 pounds at the Badgers Pro Day and ran a disappointing 4.73 in the 40, putting him well outside the ideal speed range for an NFL corner.

DOUBLES & TRIPLES

When putting together our Top 350 Big Board, it's always interesting to see how many times there are multiple players at the same position from the same school entering the draft in the same year. Such is the case again this year – here is a list of some of those players and schools “doubling up” in the 2023 NFL Draft, and in a couple of cases “tripling up”, including in brackets the round that we think each player may be selected:

Tripling Up:

Offensive Linemen

Ohio State - Paris Johnson Jr. (round 1), Dawand Jones (round 1-2) & Luke Wypler (round 3)

Safeties

Alabama - Brian Branch (round 1) , Jordan Battle (round 3) & DeMarcco Hellams (round 6-7)

Doubling Up:

Running Backs

Texas - Bijan Robinson (round 1) & Roschon Johnson (round 3-4)

Wide Receivers

TCU - Quentin Johnston (round 1) & Derius Davis (round 6-7)

North Carolina - Josh Downs (round 1-2) & Antoine Greene (round 7-udfa)

Tennessee - Jalin Hyatt (round 2) & Cedric Tillman (round 2-3)

Cincinnati - Tyler Scott (round 3) & Tre Tucker (round 6-7)

Maryland - Rakim Jarrett (round 4-5) & Dontay Demus Jr. (round 6-7)

Penn State - Parker Washington (round 4-5) & Mitchell Tinsley (round 6-7)

Stanford - Michael Wilson (round 4-5) & Elijah Higgins (round 6-7)

Tight Ends

Cincinnati - Josh Whyle (round 4-5) & Leonard Taylor (round 7-udfa)

Offensive Linemen

Georgia - Broderick Jones (round 1) & Warren McClendon (round 4-5)

Oklahoma - Anton Harrison (round 1-2) & Wanya Morris (round 3-4)

Florida - O’Cyrus Torrence (round 1-2) & Richard Gouraige (round 6-7)

Offensive Linemen (continued)

Michigan - Olusegun Oluwatimi (round 3-4) & Ryan Hayes (round 4-5)

Washington - Jaxson Kirkland (round 4-5) & Henry Bainivalu (round 6-7)

USC Offensive Linemen - Andrew Vorhees (round 4-5) & Brett Neilon (round 7-udfa)

UCLA Offensive Linemen - Atonio Mafi (round 6-7) & Jon Gaines II (round 6-7)

Oregon Offensive Linemen - Alex Forsyth (round 6-7) & T.J. Bass (round 7-udfa)

Defensive Linemen

Alabama - Byron Young (round 3-4) & D.J. Dale (round 6-7)

Texas - Moro Ojomo (round 4-5) & Keondre Coburn (round 4-5)

Edge Rushers

Clemson - Myles Murphy (round 1) & K.J. Henry (round 4-5)

Georgia - Nolan Smith (round 1) & Robert Beal Jr. (round 6-7)

LSU - B.J. Ojulari (round 1-2) & Ali Gaye (round 4-5)

Iowa State - Will McDonald IV (round 1-2) & M.J. Anderson (round 7-udfa)

Auburn - Derick Hall (round 2) & Eku Leota (round 6-7)

Georgia Tech - Keion White (round 2) & Charlie Thomas (round 7-udfa)

Louisville - YaYa Diaby (round 4-5) & Yasir Abdullah (round 7-udfa)

Linebackers

North Carolina St. Linebackers - Drake Thomas (round 7-udfa) & Isaiah Moore (round 7-udfa)

Cornerbacks

Illinois - Devon Witherspoon (round 1) & Jartavius Martin (round 3-4)

South Carolina - Cam Smith (round 1-2) & Darius Rush (round 3)

Maryland - Deonte Banks (round 1-2) & Jakorian Bennett (round 4-5)

Kentucky - Carrington Valentine (round 4-5) & Keidron Smith (round 6-7)

LSU - Mekhi Garner (round 4-5) & Jarrick Bernard-Converse (round 7-udfa)

Oregon State - Rejzohn Wright (round 6-7) & Alex Austin (round 6-7)

Safeties

Boise State - JL Skinner (round 3) & Tyreque Jones (round 7-udfa)

Florida - Trey Dean III (round 6-7) & Rashad Torrence II (round 6-7)

BEST PLAYERS FROM OUTSIDE THE FBS

	Name	Pos	College	Round*
1.	Cody Mauch	OT	North Dakota State	2
2.	Tucker Kraft	TE	South Dakota State	2-3
3.	Marte Mapu	S	Sacramento State	6-7
4.	Hunter Luepke	FB	North Dakota State	6-7
5.	Mark Evans	IOL	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7-UDFA
6.	Aubrey Miller Jr.	LB	Jackson State	7-UDFA
7.	Joey Fisher	OT	Shepherd	7-UDFA
8.	Xavier Gipson	WR	Stephen F. Austin	UDFA
9.	Noah Gindorff	TE	North Dakota State	UDFA
10.	Tyson Bagent	QB	Shepherd	UDFA
11.	B.J. Thompson	Edge	Stephen F. Austin	UDFA
12.	Justin Ford	CB	Montana	UDFA
13.	Jadakis Bonds	WR	Hampton	UDFA
14.	Brent Laing	IOL	Minnesota Duluth	UDFA
15.	Isaiah Bolden	CB	Jackson State	UDFA
16.	Caleb Murphy	Edge	Ferris State	UDFA
17.	Dallas Daniels	WR	Jackson State	UDFA
18.	Benny Sapp III	S	Northern Iowa	UDFA
19.	Javon Williams Jr.	FB	Southern Illinois	UDFA
20.	Ryan Greenhagen	LB	Fordham	UDFA
21.	Shaquan Davis	WR	South Carolina State	UDFA
22.	Robert Soderholm	LSN	VMI	UDFA
23.	Andrew Farmer II	Edge	Lane College	UDFA
24.	Thomas Greaney	TE	Albany	UDFA
25.	Titus Leo	Edge	Wagner College	UDFA
26.	Jake Witt	OT	Northern Michigan	UDFA
27.	Jaleel McLaughlin	RB	Youngstown State	UDFA
28.	Brevin Allen	TE	Campbell	UDFA
29.	Ryan Miller	TE	Furman	UDFA
30.	Brendan Beaulieu	WR	Bemidji State	UDFA
31.	Tim DeMorat	QB	Fordham	UDFA
32.	Kemari Averett	TE	Bethune-Cookman	UDFA
33.	Theo Benedet	OT	British Columbia	UDFA
34.	Darrious Gaines	CB	Western Colorado	UDFA
35.	Patrick O'Connell	LB	Montana	UDFA
36.	Elijah Dotson	RB	Northern Colorado	UDFA
37.	Fotis Kokosioulis	WR	Fordham	UDFA
38.	Jordan Lewis	Edge	Southern University	UDFA
39.	B.J. Foster	S	Sam Houston State	UDFA
40.	B.J. Bohler	CB	Florida A&M	UDFA

SOME OF THE YOUNGEST PLAYERS IN THE 2023 DRAFT*

*The following is a list of some of the youngest players in this draft – WHERE THE PLAYER’S AGE WAS AVAILABLE.

In some cases, the exact age/birthdate of a player wasn’t available and therefore they couldn’t be included in this list. It’s therefore not definitive, but rather a guide.

*Age = Age on the first day of the 2023 draft

	Name	Pos	College	AGE*
1.	Nic Jones	CB	Ball State	20.53
2.	Israel Abanikanda	RB	Pittsburgh	20.56
3.	Tuli Tuipulotu	DL	USC	20.65
4.	Christian Gonzalez	CB	Oregon	20.83
5.	Kelee Ringo	CB	Georgia	20.83
6.	Kendre Miller	RB	TCU	20.88
7.	Kayshon Boutte	WR	LSU	20.94
8.	Noah Sewell	LB	Oregon	21.00
9.	B.J. Ojulari	Edge	LSU	21.06
10.	Jaylon Jones	CB	Texas A&M	21.07
11.	Parker Washington	WR	Penn State	21.10
12.	Jahmyr Gibbs	RB	Alabama	21.10
13.	Rashad Torrence II	S	Florida	21.10
14.	Marvin Mims Jr.	WR	Oklahoma	21.11
15.	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	WR	Ohio State	21.20
16.	Anton Harrison	OT	Oklahoma	21.23
17.	Bijan Robinson	RB	Texas	21.24
18.	Jordan Addison	WR	USC	21.25
19.	Felix Anudike-Uzomah	Edge	Kansas State	21.25
20.	Keaton Mitchell	RB	East Carolina	21.27
21.	Myles Murphy	Edge	Clemson	21.31
22.	Clark Phillips III	CB	Utah	21.35
23.	Drew Sanders	Edge	Arkansas	21.37
24.	Nick Herbig	Edge	Wisconsin	21.43
25.	Deuce Vaughn	RB	Kansas State	21.48
26.	Antonio Johnson	S	Texas A&M	21.49
27.	Sean Tucker	RB	Syracuse	21.50
28.	Brian Branch	S	Alabama	21.51
29.	Devon Achane	RB	Texas A&M	21.54
30.	Tyler Scott	WR	Cincinnati	21.54

SOME OF THE FASTEST PLAYERS IN THE 2023 DRAFT*

*The following is a list of some of the fastest players in this draft – based on their 40 time from the combine.

(40 times from Pro Days were not included as conditions for Pro Days vary)

*40 = 40 time at the combine.

	Name	Pos	College	40*
1.	D.J. Turner	CB	Michigan	4.26
2.	Jakorian Bennett	CB	Maryland	4.30
3.	Devon Achane	RB	Texas A&M	4.32
4.	Trey Palmer	WR	Nebraska	4.33
5=	Deonte Banks	CB	Maryland	4.35
5=	Emmanuel Forbes	CB	Mississippi State	4.35
7=	Jahmyr Gibbs	RB	Alabama	4.36
7=	Kelee Ringo	CB	Georgia	4.36
7=	Darius Rush	CB	South Carolina	4.36
10=	Bryce Ford-Wheaton	WR	West Virginia	4.38
10=	Christian Gonzalez	CB	Oregon	4.38
10=	Marvin Mims Jr.	WR	Oklahoma	4.38
10=	Keaton Mitchell	RB	East Carolina	4.38
14=	Owen Pappoe	LB	Auburn	4.39
14=	Nolan Smith	Edge	Georgia	4.39

COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDS

After last year's draft guide was produced we had a request to include some information about the major individual college football awards that we refer to in the player profiles section of the guide. Here we attempt to fulfil that request.

Heisman Memorial Trophy - Outstanding Player			
<i>Awarded annually to the most outstanding player in college football. Winners epitomize great ability combined with diligence, perseverance, and hard work.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Caleb Williams	USC
	2021	Bryce Young	ALA
	2020	DeVonta Smith	ALA
Maxwell Award - Outstanding Player			
<i>Presented annually to the college football player judged to be the best all-around by a panel of sportscasters, sportswriters, and National Collegiate Athletic Association head coaches and the membership of the Maxwell Football Club.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Caleb Williams	USC
	2021	Bryce Young	ALA
	2020	DeVonta Smith	ALA
Walter Camp Award - Player of the Year Award			
<i>Presented annually to the collegiate football player of the year, as decided by a group of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I FBS head coaches and sports information directors under the auspices of the Walter Camp Football Foundation.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Caleb Williams	USC
	2021	Kenneth Walker III	MSU
	2020	DeVonta Smith	ALA
Doak Walker Award - National Running Back Award			
<i>Honors the top running back in college football, selected by the award's National Selection Committee, which consists of notable sportswriters, television commentators, analysts, radio sports personalities and former All-America and NFL All-Pro football players.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Bijan Robinson	TEX
	2021	Kenneth Walker III	MSU
	2020	Najee Harris	ALA

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Davey O'Brien Award - National Quarterback Award

Presented annually to the collegiate football player judged to be the best of all National Collegiate Athletic Association quarterbacks by the Davey O'Brien Foundation.

Last three winners

2022	Max Duggan	TCU
2021	Bryce Young	ALA
2020	Mac Jones	ALA

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award - Outstanding Sr. QB

Given annually to the nation's top upperclassmen quarterback in college football. Candidates are judged on accomplishments on the field as well as on their character, scholastic achievement, and leadership qualities.

Last three winners

2022	Max Duggan	TCU
2021	Kenny Pickett	PITTSBURGH
2020	Mac Jones	ALA

Fred Biletnikoff Award - Outstanding Receiver

Presented annually to the most outstanding receiver. Any NCAA Division I FBS player who catches the football through the forward pass is eligible to be selected as the award winner, although every winner thus far has been a wide receiver. A national selection committee consisting of over 630 journalists, commentators, broadcasters, and former players selects the award winner.

Last three winners

2022	Jalin Hyatt	TENN
2021	Jordan Addison	PITTSBURGH
2020	DeVonta Smith	ALA

John Mackey Award - Outstanding Tight End

Award is given annually to the tight end who best exemplifies the play, sportsmanship, academics, and community values of Pro Football Hall of Fame tight end John Mackey. Presented and chosen by a selection committee comprising sportswriters and former players.

Last three winners

2022	Brock Bowers	UGA
2021	Trey McBride	CSU
2020	Kyle Pitts	FLA

Outland Trophy - Outstanding Interior Lineman

Selected from three finalists who are a part of the annual FWAA All-America Team, awarded annually to the best college football interior linemen as judged by the Football Writers Association of America.

Last three winners

2022	Olusegun Oluwatimi	MICH
2021	Jordan Davis	UGA
2020	Alex Leatherwood	ALA

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Lombardi Award - Nation's Top Player			
<i>Awarded annually to the college football player "who best embodies the values and spirit of NFL's legendary coach Vince Lombardi" by the Rotary Club of Houston, Texas.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Will Anderson Jr.	ALA
	2021	Aidan Hutchinson	MICH
	2020	Zaven Collins	TLSA
Rimington Trophy - Outstanding Center			
<i>Awarded annually to the player considered to be the best center in college football (selected by determining the consensus All-American center pick from four existing All-America Teams).</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Olusegun Oluwatimi	MICH
	2021	Tyler Linderbaum	IOWA
	2020	Landon Dickerson	ALA
Chuck Bednarik Award - Defensive Player of the Year			
<i>Presented annually to the best defensive player in college football as judged by the Maxwell Football Club. Voters for the Maxwell College Awards are NCAA head college football coaches, members of the Maxwell Football Club, and sportswriters and sportscasters from across the country.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Will Anderson Jr.	ALA
	2021	Jordan Davis	UGA
	2020	Zaven Collins	TLSA
Bronko Nagurski Award - Defensive Player of the Year			
<i>Awarded annually to the collegiate football defensive player judged to be the best in the National Collegiate Athletic Association by the membership of the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA).</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Will Anderson Jr.	ALA
	2021	Will Anderson Jr.	ALA
	2020	Zaven Collins	TLSA
Dick Butkus Award - Outstanding Linebacker			
<i>Given annually to the top linebackers and presented by the Butkus Foundation.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Jack Campbell	IOWA
	2021	Nakobe Dean	UGA
	2020	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	ND

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Jim Thorpe Award - Outstanding Defensive Back			
<i>Awarded annually to the top defensive back in college football as voted on by the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson	TCU
	2021	Coby Bryant	CINCINNATI
	2020	Tre'von Moehrig	TCU
Lou Groza Award - Collegiate Place-kicker Award			
<i>Presented annually to the top college football placekicker by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Christopher Dunn	NCSTATE
	2021	Jake Moody	MICH
	2020	Jose Borregales	MIAMI
Ray Guy Award - Outstanding Punter			
<i>Presented annually to college football's most outstanding punter as adjudged by the Augusta Sports Council. Nominees are evaluated on their overall statistics and contribution to the team. Particular emphasis is placed on the following statistics: net average, percentage of total punts inside the 20-yard line, and percentage of punts not returned.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Adam Korsak	RUTG
	2021	Matt Araiza	SDSU
	2020	Pressley Harvin III	GATECH
Ted Hendricks Award - Defensive End of the Year Award			
<i>Given annually to college football's top defensive end.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Caleb Murphy	FRST
	2021	Aidan Hutchinson	MICH
	2020	Chase Young	OSU
Campbell Trophy - Top-scholar Athlete			
<i>Awarded by the National Football Foundation to the college football player with the best combination of academics, community service, and on-field performance. It is considered by many to be the "Academic Heisman" and nicknamed as such.</i>	Last three winners		
	2022	Jack Campbell	IOWA
	2021	Charlie Kolar	ISU
	2020	Brady White	MEM

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Lott IMPACT Trophy - Outstanding Defensive Player

Presented annually to the college football defensive IMPACT player of the year. IMPACT is an acronym for: Integrity, Maturity, Performance, Academics, Community, and Tenacity. The award selection is voted on by members of the national media, previous finalists, the board of directors of the Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation.

Last three winners

2022	Will Anderson Jr.	ALA
2021	Aidan Hutchinson	MICH
2020	Paddy Fisher	NU

Paul Hornung Award - Most Versatile Player

Awarded to recognize and reward versatile, high-level performers in major college football; to help preserve the legacy of Hornung, one of Louisville's native sons and sports icons; and to promote Louisville as a great sports town

Last three winners

2022	Jack Colletto	ORST
2021	Marcus Jones	HOUSTON
2020	DeVonta Smith	ALA

Manning Award - Best Quarterback

Presented annually to the collegiate American football quarterback as judged by the Sugar Bowl Committee to be the best in the United States. It is the only quarterback award that includes each candidate's postseason-bowl performance in its balloting.

Last three winners

2022	Stetson Bennett	GEORGIA
2021	Bryce Young	ALA
2020	Mac Jones	ALA

Harlon Hill Trophy - MVP, Division II

Given to the individual selected as the most valuable player in NCAA Division II. It is often considered to be the Division II equivalent of the Heisman Trophy.

Last three winners

2022	John Matocha	Colorado Mines
2021	Tyson Bagent	Shepherd
2020	N/A	N/A

2024 DRAFT WATCHLIST

There's nothing like looking ahead and trying to work out - did somebody say guess - just who is going to be high in the draft a year from now. To paraphrase a famous saying "A week is a long time in the draft process".

Nonetheless, as always, we've got the crystal ball out and had a look at which players are in contention for the top of the draft come April 2024.

It looks like the 2024 draft will yet again feature a quarterback at the very top, with the 2022 Heisman Trophy winner **Caleb Williams** looking like the odds-on favourite to be the 2024 number 1 overall pick when he becomes draft eligible after the 2023 season. Indeed, barring injury or something strange happening, it's difficult to foresee a circumstance where Williams doesn't go first.

The first round may also feature 4 or 5 more quarterbacks, including the likes of **Drake Maye** (North Carolina), who may push himself up to number 2 on the board when all is said and done. Also amongst the group may also be **Michael Penix Jr.** (Washington), **Bo Nix** (Oregon) and **Quinn Ewers** (Texas).

Players from other positions who may be in next year's top 5 include WR **Marvin Harrison Jr.** (Ohio State) (son of Hall of Fame WR Marvin Harrison) and edge guys **Dallas Turner** (Alabama) and **Jared Verse** (Florida State).

Here's our very early – make that way too early - watchlist for the 2024 Draft:

	Name	Pos	College
1.	Caleb Williams	QB	USC
2.	Marvin Harrison Jr.	WR	Ohio State
3.	Dallas Turner	Edge	Alabama
4.	Jared Verse	Edge	Florida State
5.	Kool-Aid McKinstry	CB	Alabama
6.	Olumuyiwa Fashanu	OT	Penn State
7.	Brock Bowers	TE	Georgia
8.	Drake Maye	QB	North Carolina
9.	Michael Hall Jr.	DL	Ohio State
10.	J.T. Tuimoloau	Edge	Ohio State
11.	Joe Alt	OT	Notre Dame
12.	Emeka Egbuka	WR	Ohio State
13.	Jack Sawyer	Edge	Ohio State
14.	Jeremiah Trotter Jr.	LB	Clemson
15.	J.C. Latham	OT	Alabama
16.	Denzel Burke	CB	Ohio State
17.	Ja'Tavion Sanders	TE	Texas
18.	Andrew Mukuba	S	Clemson

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	Name	Pos	College
19.	Javon Bullard	S	Georgia
20.	Calen Bullock	S	USC
21.	TreVeyon Henderson	RB	Ohio State
22.	Michael Penix Jr.	QB	Washington
23.	Xavier Worthy	WR	Texas
24.	Kingsley Suamataia	OT	BYU
25.	Bo Nix	QB	Oregon
26.	Zion Tupuola-Fetui	Edge	Washington
27.	Connor Colby	OT	Iowa
28.	Leonard Taylor III	DL	Miami, Fla
29.	Quinn Ewers	QB	Texas
30.	Maason Smith	DL	LSU
31.	Raheim Sanders	RB	Arkansas
32.	Sedrick Van Pran	IOL	Georgia
33.	Donovan Jackson	IOL	Ohio State
34.	Tyleik Williams	DL	Ohio State
35.	Bryce Foster	IOL	Texas A&M
36.	James Williams	S	Miami, Fla
37.	Korey Foreman	LB	USC
38.	Troy Franklin	WR	Oregon
39.	Bralen Trice	Edge	Washington
40.	Reuben Fatheree II	OT	Texas A&M
41.	Shedeur Sanders	QB	Colorado
42.	Tyler Davis	DL	Clemson
43.	Shemar Turner	DL	Texas A&M
44.	Zakhari Franklin	WR	UTSA
45.	Brandon Dorlus	DL	Oregon
46.	Laiatu Latu	Edge	UCLA
47.	Tommy Eichenberg	LB	Ohio State
48.	Zion Nelson	OT	Miami, Fla
49.	Cooper Beebe	OT	Kansas State
50.	Javion Cohen	IOL	Miami (transfer from Alabama)
51.	Josh Proctor	S	Ohio State
52.	Xavier Thomas	Edge	Clemson
53.	Jason Marshall Jr.	CB	Florida
54.	Malachi Moore	S	Alabama
55.	Demani Richardson	S	Texas A&M
56.	Ja'Corey Brooks	WR	Alabama
57.	Tyler Nubin	S	Minnesota
58.	Blake Corum	RB	Michigan
59.	K.J. Jefferson	QB	Arkansas
60.	Jer'Zhan Newton	DL	Illinois
61.	Deshawn Pace	LB	Cincinnati
62.	Will Shipley	RB	Clemson
63.	Sheridan Jones	CB	Clemson

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	Name	Pos	College
64.	Damon Payne	DL	Alabama
65.	Aki Ogunbiyi	IOL	Texas A&M
66.	Andrew Raym	IOL	Oklahoma
67.	Cole Bishop	S	Utah
68.	Rome Odunze	WR	Washington
69.	Mario Williams	WR	USC
70.	Ainias Smith	WR	Texas A&M
71.	Quavian White	CB	Georgia State
72.	Xavian Sorey Jr.	LB	Georgia
73.	Blake Fisher	OT	Notre Dame
74.	Kingsley Eguakun	IOL	Florida
75.	Jojo Earle	WR	TCU
76.	Tommy Brockermeier	OT	Alabama
77.	Keeshawn Silver	DL	North Carolina
78.	Terrence Lewis	LB	UCF
79.	James Brockermeier	IOL	Alabama
80.	Barrett Carter	LB	Clemson
81.	Jakailin "JK" Johnson	CB	Ohio State
82.	Jaxson Dart	QB	Mississippi
83.	Smael Mondon Jr.	LB	Georgia
84.	Sage Ryan	S	LSU
85.	Amarius Mims	OT	Georgia
86.	Gabriel Murphy	Edge	UCLA
87.	Payton Wilson	LB	NC State
88.	Jason Henderson	LB	Old Dominion
89.	Donovan Edwards	RB	Michigan
90.	Gabe Hall	DL	Baylor
91.	Kris Abrams-Draine	S	Missouri
92.	Cedric Johnson	Edge	Mississippi
93.	Nolan Rucci	OT	Wisconsin
94.	Tyler Buchner	QB	Notre Dame
95.	Eli Cox	IOL	Kentucky
96.	L.J. Johnson Jr.	RB	Texas A&M
97.	Johnny Wilson	WR	Florida State
98.	Terrion Arnold	S	Alabama
99.	Braelon Allen	RB	Wisconsin
100.	Billy Bowman	S	Oklahoma
101.	Tyler Van Dyke	QB	Miami
102.	Collin Oliver	Edge	Oklahoma State
103.	Jaylon Carlies	S	Missouri
104.	Nate Wiggins	CB	Clemson
105.	Eric Gentry	LB	USC
106.	Jaheim Bell	TE	FSU
107.	Tyreek Chappell	CB	Texas A&M
108.	Michael Trigg	TE	Mississippi

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	Name	Pos	College
109.	Jaden Bray	WR	Oklahoma State
110.	Gavin Bartholomew	TE	Pittsburgh
111.	Camar Wheaton	RB	SMU
112.	Darian "Duce" Chestnut	CB	Syracuse
113.	Jordan Morgan	OT	Arizona
114.	Rocco Spindler	IOL	Notre Dame
115.	Tory Taylor	ST	Iowa
116.	Junior Colson	LB	Michigan
117.	Sam Huard	QB	Washington
118.	J.J. McCarthy	QB	Michigan
119.	Zak Zinter	IOL	Michigan
120.	Cade Stover	TE	Cincinnati
121.	Jarquez Hunter	RB	Auburn
122.	Cameron Ward	QB	Washington St.
123.	Jack Bech	TE	LSU
124.	Elliot Donald	DL	Pittsburgh
125.	Chris Hilton	WR	LSU
126.	Jordan Hancock	CB	Ohio State
127.	Dylan Fairchild	IOL	Georgia
128.	Damarius McGhee	CB	LSU
129.	Alton McCaskill IV	RB	Houston
130.	Matthew Jones	IOL	Ohio State
131.	Deontae Lawson	LB	Alabama
132.	Ruke Orhorhoro	DL	Clemson
133.	Drew Kendall	IOL	Boston College
134.	Storm Duck	CB	Penn State
135.	Lorenzo Styles Jr.	WR	Notre Dame
136.	Cedric Gray	LB	North Carolina
137.	Akeem Dent	CB/S	Florida State
138.	Terrence Ferguson II	IOL	Alabama
139.	Corey Collier Jr.	S	Florida
140.	Brock Vandagriff	QB	Georgia
141.	Antwane Wells Jr.	WR	South Carolina
142.	Derrick Davis Jr.	S	LSU
143.	Beaux Collins	WR	Clemson
144.	Justin Walley	CB	Minnesota
145.	Brevyn Spann-Ford	TE	Minnesota
146.	Layden Robinson	IOL	Texas A&M
147.	Patrick Paul	OT	Houston
148.	Roderick Brown	DL	North Texas
149.	Donovan McMillon	S	Florida
150.	Graham Barton	OT	Duke
151.	Jalen Milroe	QB	Alabama
152.	Princely Umanmielen	Edge	Florida
153.	Christian Haynes	IOL	Connecticut

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	Name	Pos	College
154.	Payton Page	DL	Clemson
155.	J.J. Pegues	DL	Mississippi
156.	Cade Zimmerly	IOL	Bowling Green
157.	Jack Howell	S	Colorado State
158.	Dacari Collins	WR	Clemson
159.	Cam Hart	CB	Notre Dame
160.	Nyland Green	CB	Georgia
161.	Austin Stogner	TE	Oklahoma
162.	Montrell Johnson	RB	Florida
163.	Jacob Cowing	WR	Arizona
164.	Lathan Ransom	CB	Ohio State
165.	Nate Rutchena	LB	California
166.	De'Corian Clark	WR	UTSA
167.	Kaden Prather	WR	West Virginia
168.	LaDarius Henderson	IOL	Michigan
169.	Malik Nabers	WR	LSU
170.	Trevion Cooley	RB	Louisville
171.	Grayson McCall	QB	Coastal Carolina
172.	Devin Neal	RB	Kansas
173.	Byron Cardwell	RB	Oregon
174.	Jacolby George	WR	Miami, Fla
175.	Seth Henigan	QB	Memphis
176.	Kamari Lassiter	CB	Georgia
177.	Jack Nelson	OT	Wisconsin
178.	Kyle McCord	QB	Ohio State
179.	Tristan Leigh	OT	Clemson
180.	Chico Bennett Jr.	DL	Virginia
181.	Agiye Hall	WR	Texas
182.	Clayton Smith	Edge	Arizona State
183.	Nehemiah Pritchett	CB	Auburn
184.	Jeremiah Williams	Edge	Florida
185.	Spencer Rattler	QB	South Carolina
186.	Deion Smith	WR	LSU
187.	Tate Ratledge	IOL	Georgia
188.	Armoni Goodwin	RB	LSU
189.	Avante Dickerson	CB	Oregon
190.	Eyabi Okie	Edge	Michigan
191.	Ben Christman	IOL	Ohio State
192.	Ceyair Wright	CB	USC
193.	Jack Kiser	LB	Notre Dame
194.	Corey Kiner	RB	Cincinnati
195.	Demeioun Robinson	Edge	Penn State
196.	Erick All	TE	Iowa (transfer from Michigan)
197.	Devonta Smith	CB	Alabama
198.	D.J. James	CB	Auburn
199.	Jahmal Banks	WR	Wake Forest
200.	Dylan Brooks	Edge	Auburn

DRAFT VALUE CHART

Around 30 years ago, Cowboy's coach Jimmy Johnson developed a chart that assigned numerical values (points) to each slot in the draft. Those numerical values allowed the team to assess the value of trades which involved draft choices.

The Draft Value Chart below is not Johnson's but is based on the same principle – with the values updated to reflect many years of subsequent trades. A number of people have developed their own chart. This one is ours.

Pick	Value	Pick	Value	Pick	Value	Pick	Value	Pick	Value	Pick	Value	Pick	Value
1	1000	37	233	73	131	109	80	145	54	181	37	217	24
2	766	38	230	74	129	110	79	146	53	182	37	218	23
3	667	39	226	75	127	111	78	147	53	183	36	219	23
4	610	40	223	76	126	112	77	148	52	184	36	220	23
5	575	41	219	77	124	113	76	149	52	185	35	221	22
6	545	42	216	78	122	114	76	150	51	186	35	222	22
7	516	43	213	79	121	115	75	151	51	187	35	223	22
8	491	44	209	80	119	116	74	152	50	188	34	224	21
9	470	45	206	81	117	117	73	153	50	189	34	225	21
10	453	46	203	82	116	118	72	154	49	190	33	226	21
11	439	47	200	83	114	119	71	155	49	191	33	227	20
12	425	48	197	84	113	120	70	156	48	192	33	228	20
13	615	49	194	85	111	121	69	157	48	193	32	229	20
14	398	50	191	86	109	122	69	158	47	194	32	230	19
15	387	51	188	87	108	123	68	159	47	195	31	231	19
16	376	52	185	88	106	124	67	160	46	196	31	232	19
17	366	53	182	89	105	125	66	161	46	197	31	233	18
18	356	54	179	90	103	126	66	162	45	198	30	234	18
19	348	55	176	91	102	127	65	163	45	199	30	235	18
20	340	56	173	92	100	128	64	164	44	200	30	236	17
21	330	57	170	93	99	129	63	165	44	201	29	237	17
22	323	58	168	94	98	130	63	166	44	202	29	238	17
23	316	59	165	95	96	131	62	167	43	203	29	239	16
24	309	60	162	96	95	132	61	168	43	204	28	240	16
25	303	61	160	97	93	133	61	169	42	205	28	241	16
26	296	62	157	98	92	134	60	170	42	206	27	242	16
27	290	63	154	99	91	135	59	171	41	207	27	243	15
28	284	64	152	100	89	136	59	172	41	208	27	244	15
29	278	65	145	101	88	137	58	173	40	209	26	245	15
30	272	66	143	102	87	138	58	174	40	210	26	246	14
31	266	67	142	103	86	139	57	175	40	211	26	247	14
32	261	68	140	104	85	140	57	176	39	212	25	248	14
33	249	69	138	105	84	141	56	177	39	213	25	249	14
34	244	70	136	106	83	142	55	178	38	214	25	250	13
35	241	71	134	107	82	143	55	179	38	215	24	251	13
36	237	72	133	108	81	144	54	180	37	216	24	252	13



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